This unit was authored by a team of Colorado educators. The unit is intended to support teachers, schools, and districts as they make their own local decisions around the best instructional plans and practices for all students. To see the entire instructional unit sample with possible learning experiences, resources, differentiation, and assessments visit http://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/instructionalunitsamples.

**PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT:** You are a healthcare professional at the local hospital and throughout the day you see many patients. Select four patient cases that most interest you, identify the primary system and discuss the key functions and organs of that system impacted in each case. Then evaluate the impact of at least two other organ systems that are either compromised by or must compensate for loss of homeostasis. You must present your findings (formal written report, oral presentation, etc.) and defend your answers using text evidence and specifically address concerns around structure and function.