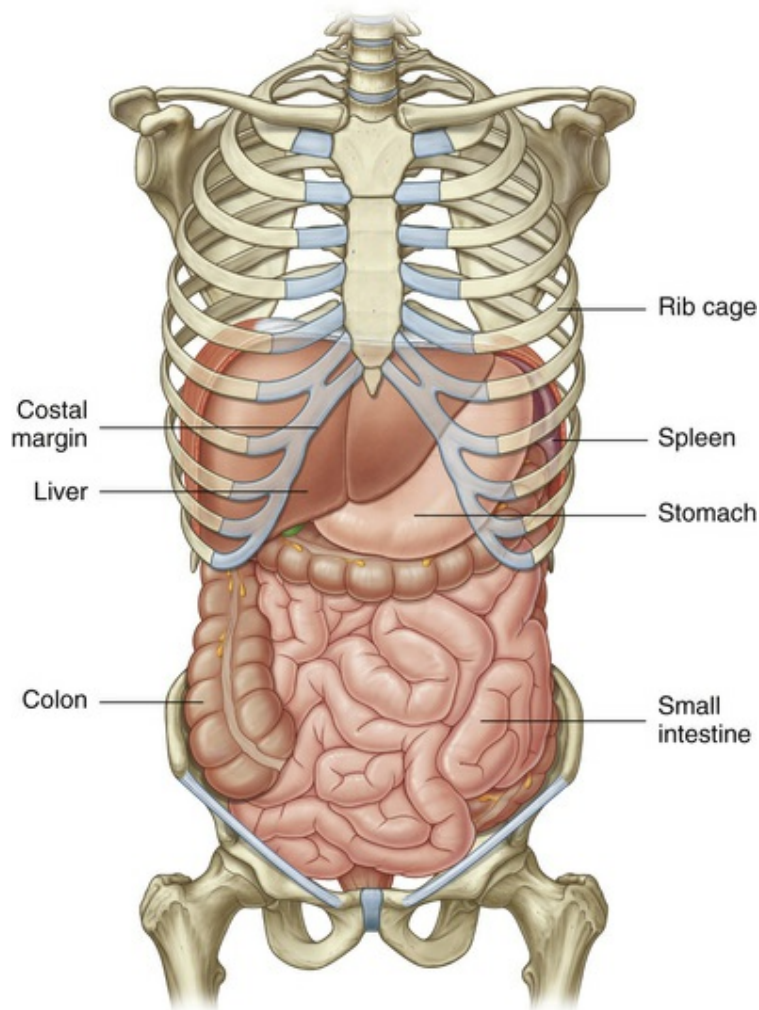


findings from abnormal ones (Fig. 4-35).



**FIG 4-35** Location of structures in the abdomen. (From Drake RL, Vogl W, Mitchell AWM: *Gray's anatomy for students*, ed 3, New York, 2015, Churchill Livingstone.)

For descriptive purposes, the abdominal cavity is divided into four quadrants by drawing a vertical line midway from the sternum to the symphysis pubis and a horizontal line across the abdomen through the umbilicus. The sections are named:

- Left upper quadrant
- Left lower quadrant
- Right upper quadrant
- Right lower quadrant