

Ch 7 & 8: Blood and Cardiac Physiology *PowerPoint updated 1/5/25*

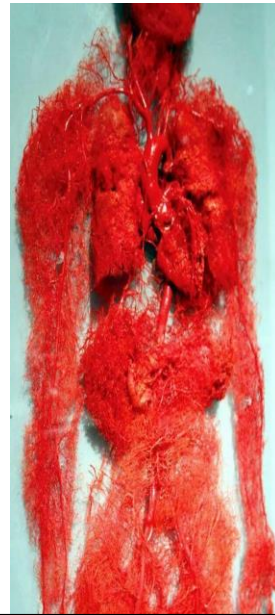
Objectives

Ch 8:

1. Review: Heart Anatomy, and Systemic & Pulmonary circuits.
2. The Cardiac Cycle and Heart Sounds
3. The Heart's Conduction Cycle & the ECG
4. Regulation of Heart's Pacemaker (heart rate)
5. Blood Pressure
6. Cardiac output and its Regulation
7. Three Ways the Body Regulates Blood Pressure
8. Abnormal Blood Pressure
9. Cardiovascular terms you need to know

Ch 7:

10. Blood Physiology



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1. Review of Heart Anatomy and Circulatory System

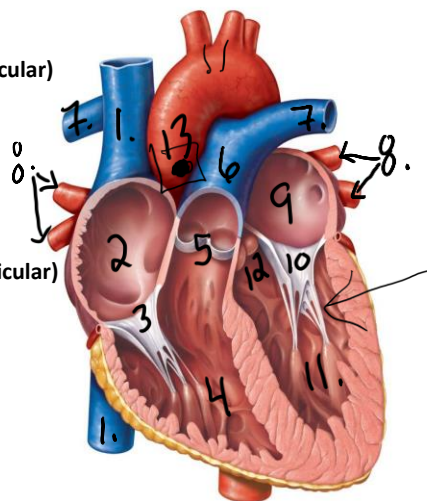
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ANATOMY REVIEW!

Other vessels attached to heart:

- Brachiocephalic a.
- L common carotid a.
- L subclavian a.

1. Superior & inferior vena cava
2. Right atrium
 3. tricuspid valve (R atrioventricular)
4. Right ventricle
 5. pulmonary semilunar valve
6. Pulmonary trunk
7. Pulmonary arteries (**O₂-poor**) to lungs
8. Pulmonary veins (**O₂-rich**)
9. Left atrium
 10. bicuspid valve (L atrioventricular)
11. Left ventricle
 12. aortic semilunar valve
13. Aorta
 - > ascending
 - > arch
 - > descending



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Circulatory Systems REVIEW!

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Systemic Circuit

> From left atrium, arteries, tissues, veins, to vena cava.

> Systemic Arteries = always travel away from heart, carry O₂-rich blood

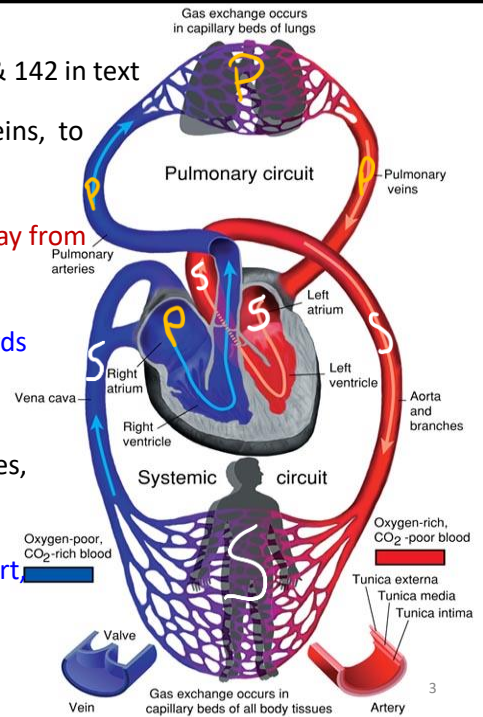
> Systemic Veins = always travel towards heart, carry O₂-poor blood.

Pulmonary Circuit

> From right atrium, pulmonary arteries, lungs, and pulmonary veins.

> Pulmonary arteries = away from heart, towards lungs w/O₂-poor blood.

> Pulmonary veins = towards heart, w/O₂-rich blood.



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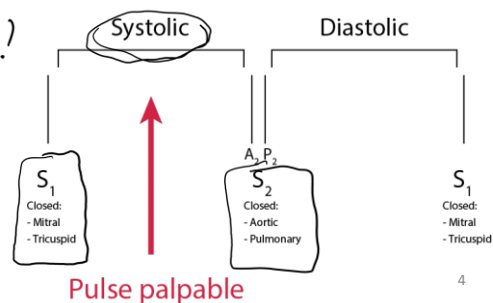
S1 or Lub sound = simultaneous closure of tricuspid & bicuspid valves.

> Ventricular systole = ventricles contract simultaneously.

S2 or Dub sound = simultaneous closure of semilunar valves.

> Ventricular diastole = ventricles relaxed & fill w/blood from atria.

Asystole = no heart sounds!



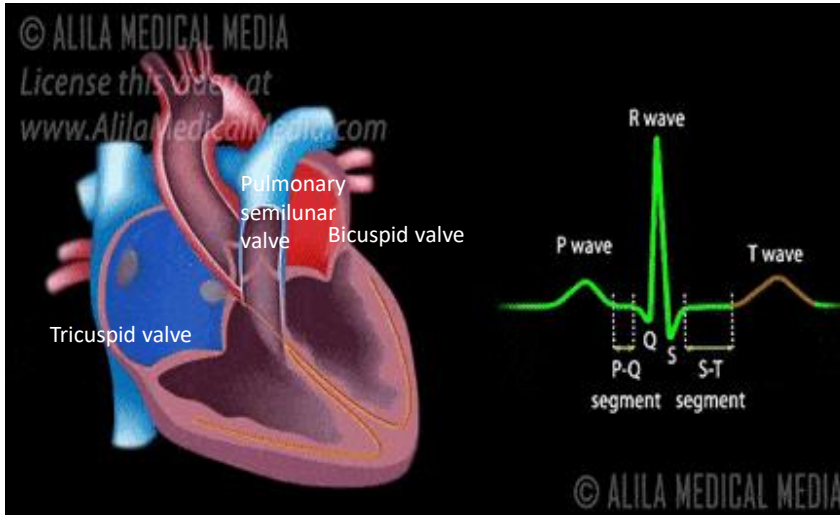
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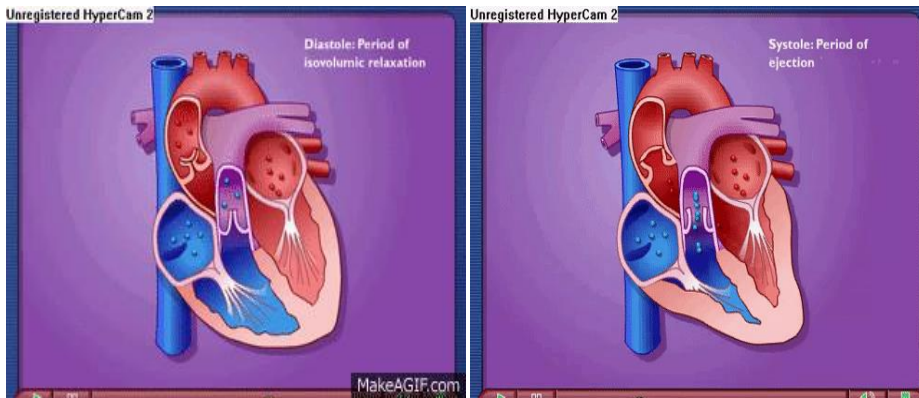


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Ventricular Diastole

Ventricular Systole



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Click [HERE](#) for Normal heart sounds

Heart Murmurs: unusual sound(s) during heart during cycle

- > **Innocent (benign) murmur** = quiet whoosh sound in between the lub (S₁) and dub (S₂). Can be normal in children, who typically outgrow it.
- > **Pathologic murmur** = loud whoosh sound between S₁ & S₂
Abnormal if murmur develops in an adult.

Murmurs typically caused by valve disease:

E.g.

- valve prolapse = Valve (often bicuspid or mitral) bulges into ventricle

- stenosis = stiffening valve(s) in heart.

- rheumatic heart disease = autoimmune attack on valves (bicuspid)

Chronic inflammation leads to scar tissue & stiffening.

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Click [HERE](#) for Normal heart sounds

Heart Murmurs: unusual sound(s) during heart during cycle

Click links below to hear normal & abnormal heart sounds. (Works best with ear buds)

Click [HERE](#) for innocent (benign) murmur sound

Click [HERE](#) for aortic stenosis sound

Click [HERE](#) for split S₂ (split dub) sound

Click [HERE](#) for bicuspid (mitral) valve regurgitant flow sound.

These, and more, heart sounds can be found [HERE](#)

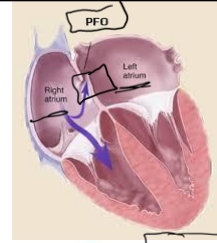
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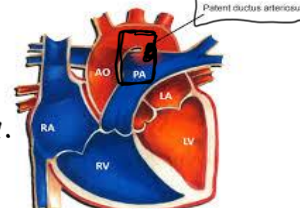
Heart defects: Clinical App

Septal Defects:

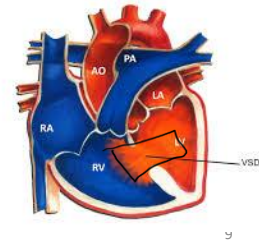
1. Patent foramen ovale = ^{open hole} fetal hole in between (R) and (L) atria.



2. Patent ductus arteriosus = fetal hole in ^{artery} between pulmonary trunk & Aorta.



3. Ventricular septal defect = fetal hole in inter ventricular septum.



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Review

- The cardiovascular system (pulmonary & systemic circuits)
- Cardiac cycle & heart sounds
 - ventricular diastole Vs systole
 - Lub / Dub or S1 / S2 sounds (normal sounds & innocent murmur)
 - Abnormal heart sounds (pathological murmurs)
- Heart defects
 - Patent foramen ovale
 - Patent ductus arteriosus
 - Ventricular septal defect

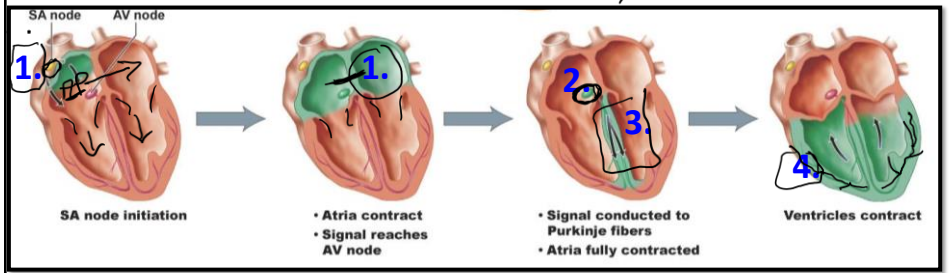
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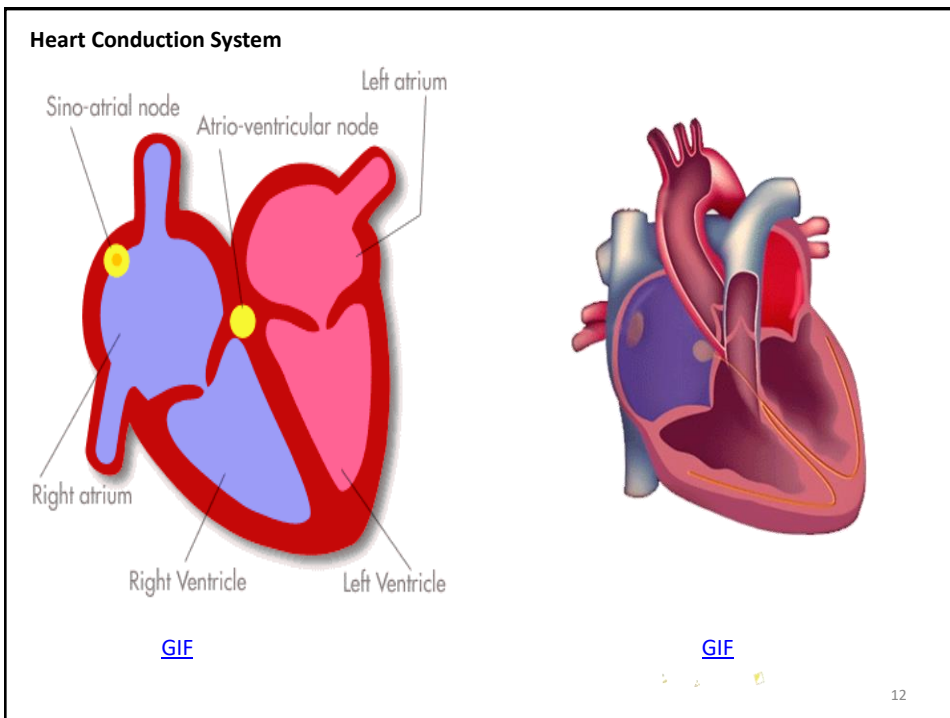
3: The Heart's Conduction System & ECGs

Heart is "autorhythmic" = starts its own signal for contraction.

- sino atria)*
- 1. SA node** = "pacemaker" where AP starts. AP jumps to $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ atria & atria contract.
 - 2. AV node** = *atrio ventricular* where the AP pauses briefly to allow ventricular filling.
 - 3. Bundle of HIS** = AP is in the interventricular septum.
 - 4. Purkinje fibers** = AP is in outer walls of ventricles & they contract.
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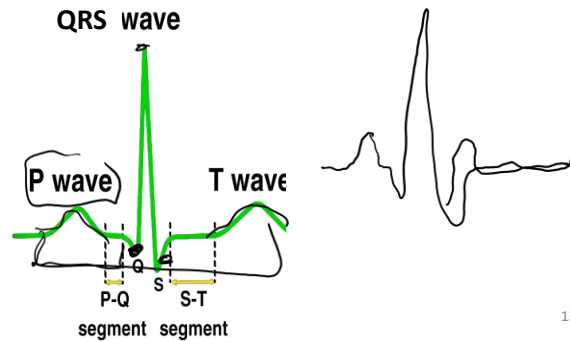
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Electrocardiogram (ECG or EKG) =

P-wave = atrial contraction.

QRS wave = ventricles contract

T-wave = ventricles relaxed & filling with blood.



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4: The Heart's Pacemaker & Its Regulation

Regulated by cardiac center in medulla oblongata!

Sympathetic innervation with thoracic & cardiac nerves:

- Neurotransmitter = Epinephrine.
- Receptor = β_1 adrenergic
- Heart rate \uparrow

Parasympathetic innervation with vagus nerves:

- Neurotransmitter = ACh
- Receptor = muscarinic cholinergic
- Heart rate \downarrow

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4: The Heart's Pacemaker & Its Regulation

Spontaneous APs start in pacemaker myocardial cells

- 1. Heart pacemaker cell depolarization (stimulation):** *Epinephrine binding to β_1 adrenergic receptors on pacemaker increase rate of depolarization*
 - > opening of Na^+ & Ca^{2+} channels
 - > causes AP (or EPSP)
 - > Myocardial cells contract! (Signal started!)
- 2. Heart pacemaker cell repolarization (rest):** *ACh binding to muscarinic cholinergic receptors on pacemaker decrease rate of depolarization*
 - > opening of K^+ channels
 - > Myocardial cells relax!

APs started in SA node pacemaker muscle cells travel through rest of conduction system (i.e. AV node, Bundle of HIS, & Purkinje fibers).

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Arrhythmias = abnormal heart rate

Clinical App

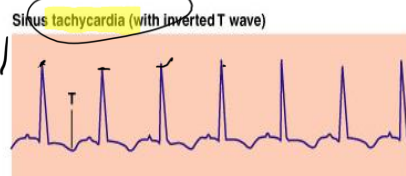
Tachycardia = higher than normal HR

Treatments: for tachycardia also treat high BP

- > Na^+ channel blockers (*quinidine, lidocaine*)
- > Ca^{2+} channel blockers (*verapamil*)

> Beta blockers

ex. β_1, β_2
Review { General beta blocker = Propranolol
 B1-specific blocker = Atenolol.



Bradycardia = lower than normal HR

Treatments: for bradycardia also treat low BP

- > Digitalis – increases Ca^{2+} available to increase contractile strength.

> β_1 -agonist = Dobutamine

> MAO-I A = makes more epinephrine available



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Hypertension Drugs

Can you think of any drugs (especially ones we've covered) that can lower BP?

Propranolol
Atenolol
Nat⁺ & Ca²⁺ blockers

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Beta blockers – have specific indications, contraindications, and side effects that must be considered.

*You DO NOT need to memorize the extra beta blockers shown here.
This just gives you a preview of nursing pharmacology. 😊*

First generation beta blocker drugs were non-selective - Sotalol and **propranolol**. Propranolol is the first of its class used in clinical practice. Can block both B1 and B2 adrenergic receptors.

Second generation beta blocker drugs were selective (specific to the B1 receptor on heart muscle) – **atenolol**, metoprolol, and labetalol.

not memorize
Third generation drugs – can be non-selective or selective, BUT they also cause arterial vasodilation by stimulating NO and cGMP.


→ Non-selective for B1 receptor (blocks B2) – Carvedilol, Carteolol, and Labetalol.

> Selective for B1 receptor – **Betaxolol** and Nebivolol.

Click [HERE](#) for a good summary of beta blockers for hypertension

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Beta-Blockers Classification & Characteristics

By Generation¹

FIRST GENERATION		SECOND GENERATION	
Nonselective		β_1 Selective	
• Propranolol	• Pindolol	• Atenolol	• Acebutolol
• Timolol	• Nadolol	• Bisoprolol	• Esmolol
• Penbutolol	• Sotalol	• Metoprolol	

THIRD GENERATION			
Nonselective		β_1 Selective	
• Carvedilol	• Labetalol	• Betaxolol	• Nebivolol

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Review

- **Cardiac conduction system**
 - SA node, AV node, Bundle of HIS, Purkinje fibers
- **Monitoring electrical activity of the heart (EKG)**
 - P wave, QRS wave, T wave
- **The Heart's Pacemaker**
 - parasympathetic and sympathetic regulation
- **Arrhythmias (tachycardia & bradycardia)**
 - Drugs to treat arrhythmias

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5: Blood Pressure

Blood Pressure = pressure of arterial blood against vessel wall.

Systolic BP = pressure resulting from ventricular contraction.
- always the higher number.

Systolic arterial BP normal range = 80 – 160 mmHg

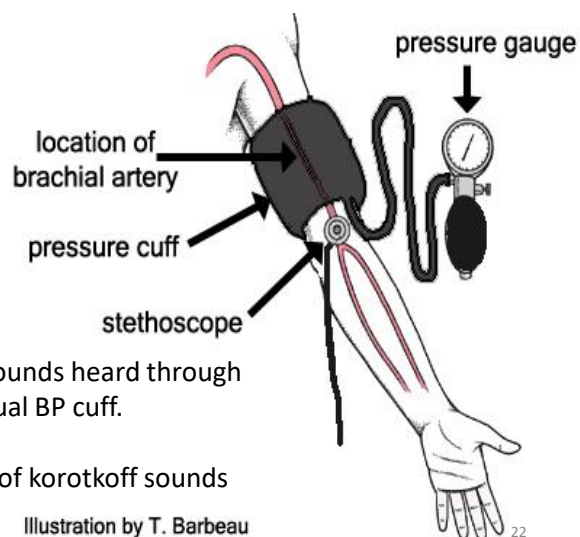
Diastolic BP = pressure with ventricular relaxation.
- always the lower number

S 120 mmHg
D 80

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Measuring Blood Pressure (Systolic & Diastolic) using a sphygmomanometer

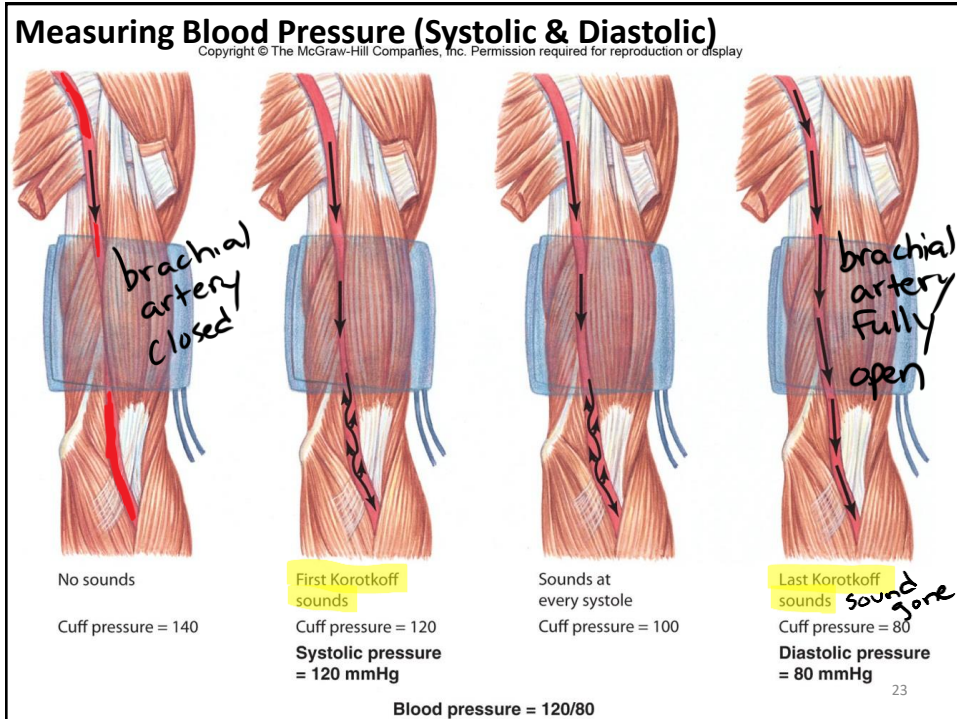


“**korotkoff sounds**” = blood sounds heard through stethoscope when using manual BP cuff.

Click [HERE](#) for YouTube video of korotkoff sounds

Illustration by T. Barbeau ²²

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6: Cardiac Output

Cardiac Output = ml of blood leaving heart in 1 min.

$$\text{Cardiac Output} = \frac{\text{Stroke Volume}}{\text{blood}} \times \text{Heart Rate}$$

(ml/min) (ml/beat) (bpm)

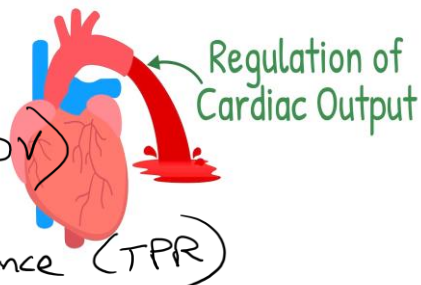
Average HR varies (~60 – 80 bpm)

AVG stroke volume = 70 – 80 ml/beat

AVG cardiac output = 5500 ml/min (5.5L/min)

Cardiac Output influenced by:

1. HR
2. Stroke volume
3. End diastolic volume (EDV)
4. Contractility of heart
5. Total Peripheral resistance (TPR)



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Things That Influence Cardiac Output:

1. Heart Rate – changes with sympathetic or parasympathetic stimulation by medulla's cardiac center.

As HR \uparrow , cardiac output \uparrow

As HR \downarrow , cardiac output \downarrow

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What are some drugs we've covered that can \uparrow HR, thus will \uparrow cardiac output? β_1 agonist Dobutamine

MAO-IA

Digitalis

What are some drugs we've covered that can \downarrow HR, thus will \downarrow cardiac output?

β_1 β_2 blocker Propranolol

β_1 blocker Atenolol.

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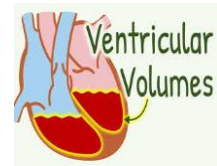
Things That Influence Cardiac Output:

2. End Diastolic Volume (EDV) – =

volume of blood in ventricles
at end of diastole.

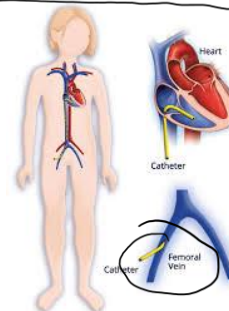
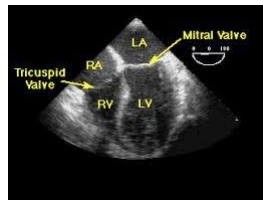
As EDV \uparrow , cardiac output \uparrow

As EDV \downarrow , cardiac output \downarrow



EDV is used to evaluate heart function in patients.

Can measure EDV using echocardiogram, or use catheterization of left ventricle.



Click [HERE](#) to read more about EDV, and how it is used to calculate stroke volume (SV), and ejection fraction.

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Things That Influence Cardiac Output:

3. Stroke Volume: Volume of blood leaving the heart with each cardiac cycle (Lub Dub)

As stroke volume ↑, cardiac output ↑
 As stroke volume ↓, cardiac output ↓

DO NOT NEED TO MEMORIZE info below! This just demonstrates how these things are used in clinical setting to evaluate patient's heart function.

Doctors use both **end-diastolic volume (EDV)** and **end-systolic volume (ESV)** to calculate **stroke volume**. End-systolic volume is the amount of blood remaining in the ventricle at the end of systole, after the heart has contracted

Stroke volume = end-diastolic volume – end systolic volume.

Ejection fraction = percentage of blood that the heart pumps out of the left ventricle during each beat. Used to evaluate how well a person's heart is functioning.

Ejection fraction = (stroke volume / end-diastolic volume) x 100.

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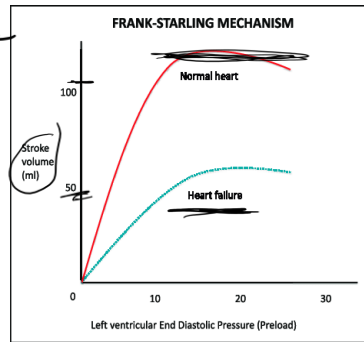
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Things That Influence Cardiac Output:

4. Heart contractility (influenced by how much ventricles stretched)

when ^{cardiac} muscle is stretched it contracts harder.

Contractility = measure of how strong heart muscles contract



Frank-Starling Law of the Heart

So....
 As EDV ↑, ^{more blood filling} ventricles stretch more, Contractility ↑, CO ↑.

As EDV ↓, ventricles stretch less, Contractility ↓, CO ↓.

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Things That Influence Cardiac Output:

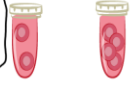
5) Total peripheral resistance (TPR) =

thickness (viscosity)
of blood influences
how hard heart
has to work to
pump blood through
vessels,

As TPR \uparrow , C.O. \downarrow
TPR \downarrow , C.O. \uparrow


Determinants of Vascular Resistance

A) Viscosity
Blood Viscosity (η) \propto Resistance
Hematocrit (RBC volume) is the primary determinant of blood viscosity.



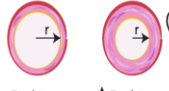
\downarrow Resistance \uparrow Resistance

B) Vessel Length
Vessel Length (l) \propto Resistance
Longer vessel creates more friction; more resistance.



\downarrow Resistance \uparrow Resistance

C) Vessel Radius
Vessel Radius (r) \propto Resistance
Inverse relationship is not linear:
When vessel radius decreases by x , resistance increases by x^4 .



\downarrow Resistance \uparrow Resistance

Poiseuille Equation

$$\text{Resistance (R)} = \frac{8 \eta l}{\pi r^4}$$

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Things That Influence Cardiac Output:

In summary:

As HR \uparrow , cardiac output \uparrow
As HR \downarrow , cardiac output \downarrow

As stroke volume \uparrow , cardiac output \uparrow
As stroke volume \downarrow , cardiac output \downarrow

As EDV \uparrow , cardiac output \uparrow
As EDV \downarrow , cardiac output \downarrow

\uparrow ventricular stretch, \uparrow heart contractility, so cardiac output \uparrow
 \downarrow ventricular stretch, \downarrow heart contractility, so cardiac output \downarrow

And

As TPR \uparrow , stroke volume and cardiac output \downarrow
As TPR \downarrow , stroke volume and cardiac output \uparrow

To re-cap:

Click [HERE](#) for a really good YouTube video explaining effect of HR, stroke volume, EDV, ventricular stretch, and TPR on cardiac output.

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Review

- **Blood pressure**
- **Factors that influence cardiac output:**
 - there are MANY factors, but we covered:**
 - Heart rate
 - EDV
 - Stroke volume
 - Heart contractility (Frank Starling's "stretching" Law)
 - TPR

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7: Three Ways the Body Regulates Blood Pressure

Blood pressure is directly influenced by blood volume:

The kidneys have the most important control of **blood volume**, by how much water they retain (keep in bloodstream) versus how much they excrete as urine.

Kidneys affected by sympathetic and parasympathetic control, AND by hormones.

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7: Three Ways the Body Regulates Blood Pressure

The Quick Fix to BP

vs

The Slow Fix to BP

for < 1 min of effect

Artery baroreceptors & medulla oblongata (cardiac and vasomotor centers)

Fixes BP quickly, but does not last long

Hormones that affect kidney water reabsorption.

Takes more time to fix BP, but its effect lasts longer (hours or days)

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7: Three Ways the Body Regulates Blood Pressure

1. Baroreceptor reflexes

"baroreceptors" = pressure/stretch receptors that detect stretching of arteries OR the heart chambers.

2. Hypothalamus

3. Kidney regulation

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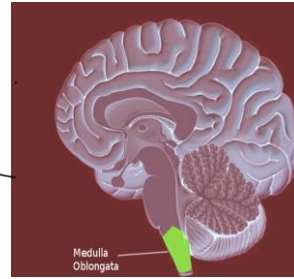
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1. Arterial baroreceptor reflex (the "Quick Fix")

Stimulus = change in arterial blood pressure outside \odot
80 - 160 mmHg

Sensor = aortic arch & carotid artery baroreceptors

Integrating center = medulla cardiac & vasomotor centers



A) If stimulus of \downarrow BP (below 80mmHg)

Autonomic response is sympathetic

- Neurotransmitter = Epinephrine
- Pacemaker muscle receptors = β_1 adrenergic, HR \uparrow
- arterial vasoconstriction
- BP \uparrow

B) If stimulus of \uparrow BP (above 160 mmHg)

Autonomic response is parasympathetic

- neurotransmitter = Ach
- pacemaker muscle receptors = muscarinic cholinergic, HR \downarrow
- arterial vasodilation
- BP \downarrow

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2. Heart baroreceptors reflex (hormonal response & "Long Fix")

Stimulus = \uparrow blood pressure (heart chamber stretched) \sim

Sensor, integrating center, and effector = heart

Heart secretes ANP (atrial natriuretic peptide)



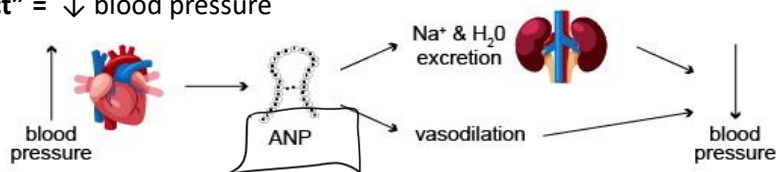
ANP functions to

Cause arterial vasodilation *

\uparrow filtration rate at kidneys, which

\downarrow salt & water reabsorption & \uparrow urine output (pee more) *losing body water*

"effect" = \downarrow blood pressure



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3. Hypothalamus – Blood Osmolarity Center setpoint of 280 – 290 mOsm

stimulus \leftarrow \uparrow **blood osmolarity** (above 290 mOsm) \leftarrow blood salt content.

sensor & integrating center, & effector = hypothalamus, which releases **ADH**.

effect of ADH =

- \uparrow water retention by kidneys
- urine output \downarrow , water returns to bloodstream
- \uparrow blood volume, \uparrow BP BUT
- \downarrow blood osmolarity (dilutes the salts)

Stimulus = \downarrow **blood osmolarity**
hypothalamus inhibits ADH release
opposite things happen

Fig. 20.3

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Diabetes insipidus = insufficient ADH release by hypothalamus.

You are always sipping water because you are dehydrated

- \downarrow water reabsorption at kidneys
- \uparrow urine output (pee more) pee out body water
- \downarrow blood volume and BP
- become chronically dehydrated

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4. Kidney –renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system (“long fix”)

Stimulus = low BP at renal artery of kidneys

Salt

Sensor, integration center, & effector = kidney juxtaglomerular apparatus (JGA)

“effect” = ultimately, an increase in BP

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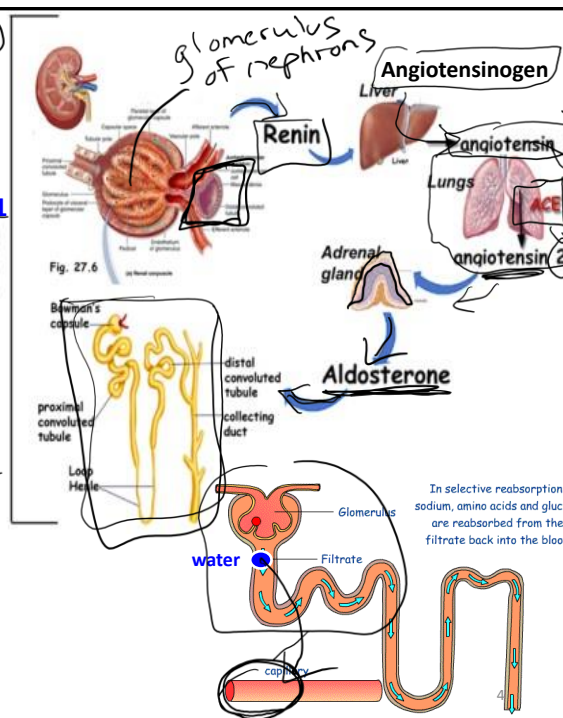
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IF blood volume & BP ↓:

- > Sensed by JGA
- > JGA releases Renin
- > Renin causes liver to convert angiotensinogen → angiotensin 1
- > Angiotensin 1 → angiotensin 2 by ACE in lungs
- > Angiotensin 2 stimulates Adrenal cortex make aldosterone
- > Aldosterone ↑ salt reabsorption
- > ↑ Water reabsorbed w/salt
- > ↑ blood volume, ↑ BP

IF blood volume & BP ↑:

- > Renin release is inhibited



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won't retain salt.
pee out salt.
pee out body water
Blood volume ↓
BP ↓

ACE = angiotensin converting enzyme

ACE inhibitors – Clinical App
↳ block lungs from converting Angiotensin I to angiotensin II.
No Aldosterone secretion

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Addison's Disease = low aldosterone production by adrenal cortex.
↓ salt (reabsorption by kidneys)
↓ water reabsorption by kidneys

Clinical presentation?
Hypnatremia = low blood salt (Na^+), peeing out salt.
Hyperkalemia = high blood potassium (K^+)
Bradycardia = low HR
Polyuria = pee a lot. Urine output ↑. peeing out body water.
Hypovolemia =
Hypotension =
Skin bronzing

Conn's Syndrome = "hyperaldosteronism" or excess aldosterone

Clinical presentation?
Hypernatremia = retain salt
Hypokalemia = pee out K^+
Oliguria = reduced urine output } retain water
Hypervolemia =
Hypertension =

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See blank and key flow diagrams on the online syllabus!

For the quick fix and long fix for [LOW BP](#) and the [KEY](#)
(This will involve a **quick fix** by the medulla, and a **long fix** by the renin angiotensin aldosterone system)

For the quick fix and long fix for [HIGH BP](#) and the [KEY](#)
(This will involve a **quick fix** by the medulla, and a **long fix** by the heart secreting ANP)

For the fix of [HIGH BLOOD OSMOLARITY](#) and the [KEY](#)
(This involves the hypothalamus and ADH)

And click [HERE](#) for a PDF outlining which systems engage when BP is too low or too high. These will each involve a **quick fix** by the medulla, and a **long fix** by a hormone. Also, this goes over blood osmolarity regulation by the hypothalamus and ADH.

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Review



- **Blood volume & blood pressure regulated by**
 - **Medulla baroreceptor response (Quick fix)**
 - Low BP causes sympathetic arteriole vasoconstriction and \uparrow in HR & BP
 - High BP causes parasympathetic arteriole vasodilation and \downarrow in HR & BP

Slow fixes

- **Heart baroreceptor response (ANP)**
- **Hypothalamus (ADH release)**
- **Kidney (renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system)**

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8: Abnormal Blood Pressure

Hypotension = low BP

Hypertension = high BP. Can be due to MANY factors.

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2 types of Hypertension:

1. Primary (idiopathic) Hypertension = exact cause unknown.

2. Secondary Hypertension = result of disease (i.e. kidney or cardiac problem) *Know cause of high BP*

Possible causes of 2° Hypertension

➤ Hypervolemia = high blood volume. *Drink excess water*

Can occur with:

- Excess ADH secretion
- "Conn's syndrome" (hyperaldosteronism) = Excess aldosterone secretion

➤ Stress

*too much salt retention
too much water retention*

➤ Pheochromocytoma = high epinephrine from adrenal medulla

➤ Atherosclerosis – narrowing of arteries from cholesterol deposits

➤ Renal artery disease (↑ renin or increased angiotensin 2 secretion)

➤ Pre-eclampsia (gestational hypertension) = vasoconstriction of maternal arteries or problems with placenta. Causes still largely unknown.

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Hypertension Drugs

Has ~~hyp~~ hypertension

Can you think of any drugs (especially ones we've covered) that can lower BP?

Propranolol (blocks β_1 & β_2 adrenergic receptors)

Atenolol (blocks β_1 adrenergic receptor)

Na^+ & Ca^{+2} channel blockers

ACE inhibitors.

water pill (Lasix)

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Circulatory Shock = inadequate blood flow to all body tissues

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Many types:

1. **Hypovolemic shock** = drop in blood volume and BP (blood loss, dehydration)

body response = \uparrow heart rate (compensatory to \uparrow BP)
= vasoconstriction (to \uparrow BP)

2. **Septic shock** = drop in blood volume and BP from infection (sepsis). Caused by bacterial toxins in blood. Causes vasodilation & \downarrow BP

body response = same as for #1.

3. **Anaphylactic shock** = drop in blood volume and BP due to massive histamine release which causes vasodilation and \downarrow BP.

body response = same as #1

4. **Congestive heart failure** = drop in blood volume and BP due to heart not working.

Body response = same as #1

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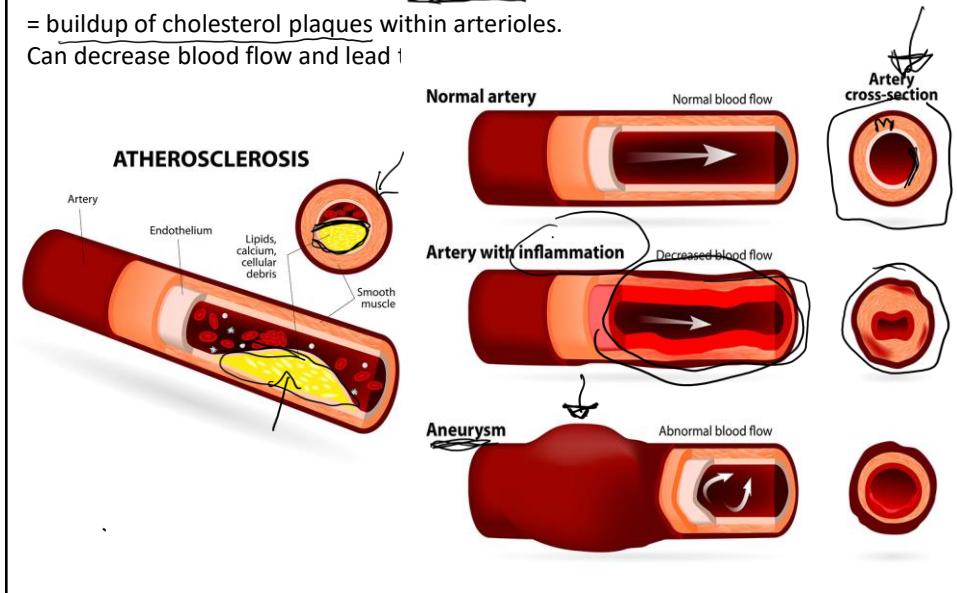
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9: Cardiovascular disease vocabulary you must know.

Cardiac Diseases: Atherosclerosis

= buildup of cholesterol plaques within arterioles.

Can decrease blood flow and lead to



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ATHEROSCLEROSIS

Artery

Endothelium

Lipids, calcium, cellular debris

Smooth muscle

Formation of **thrombus** = blood clots \uparrow risk of thrombus with narrowed artery.

Embolism = floating debris (often a thrombus) that in arteries.

Ischemia = blocked blood flow.

Ex. **Stroke** = blocked blood flow to brain.

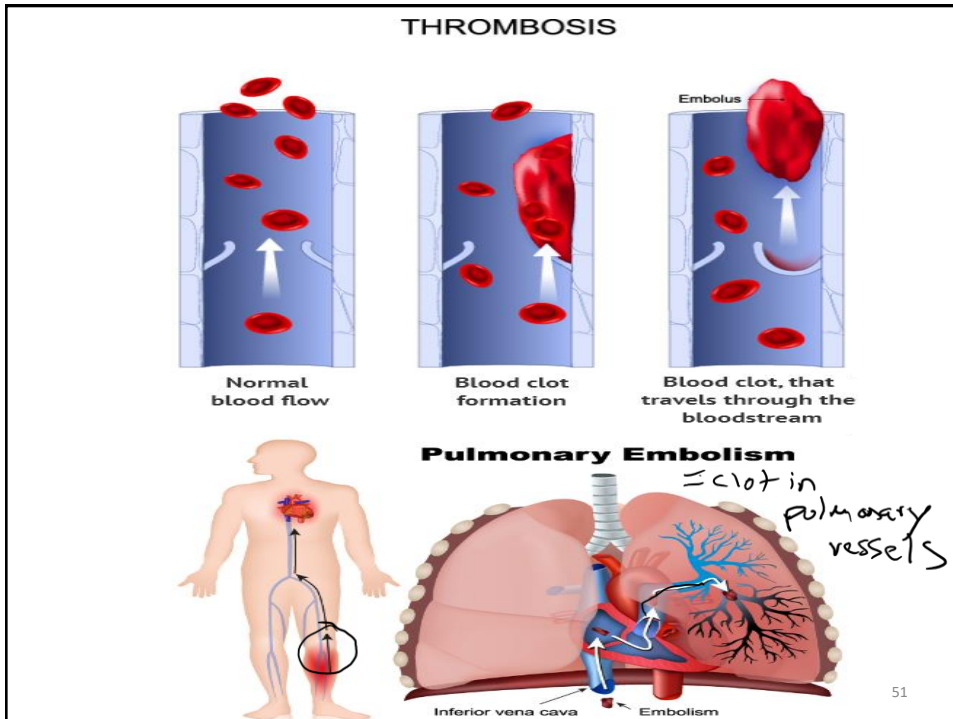
Ex. **Heart attack** = blocked blood flow to heart.

Arteriosclerosis = scarring of arteries (chronic inflammation)

Aneurysm = swollen artery (weakened by)

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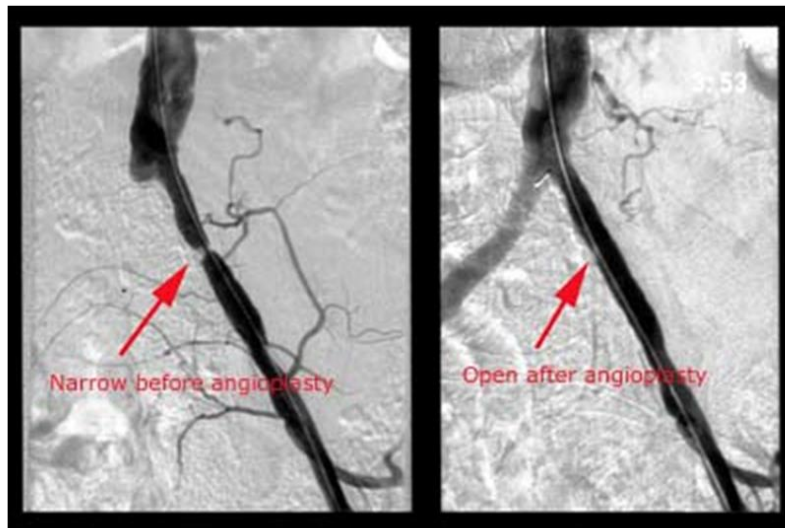
Click [HERE](#) for a brief YouTube diagrammatic explanation of an embolism.

Click [HERE](#) for YouTube video of an actual surgical removal of an embolism. (*Warning: graphic content*)

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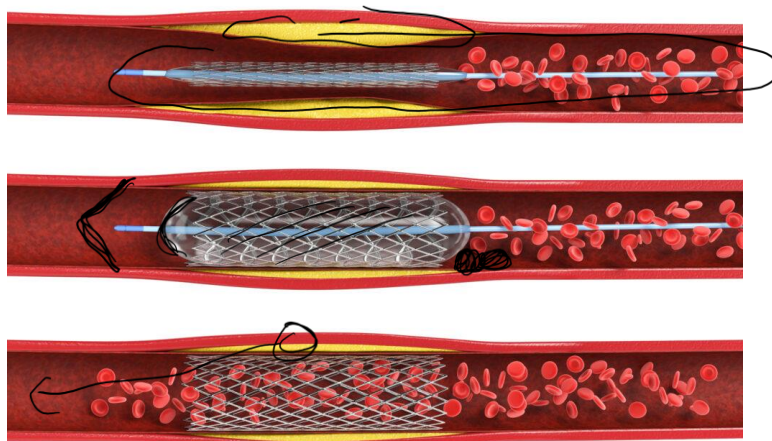
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Angiogram = diagnostic test that uses x-rays to take pictures of your blood vessels. A long flexible catheter is inserted through the blood stream to deliver dye (contrast agent) into the arteries making them visible on the x-ray



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Balloon Angioplasty with Stent = a catheter with inflatable “balloon”, surrounded by a metal mesh, is positioned at the blockage. The balloon squashes plaque to open artery, and then is deflated, leaving the stent in place behind.



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Review

- **Abnormal blood pressure**
 - Hypotension
 - Hypertension (1° and 2°)
 - Some causes of 2° hypertension
- **Circulatory shock**
 - Hypovolemic shock
 - Septic shock
 - Body's response to shock
- **Atherosclerosis leads to many other circulatory problems.**

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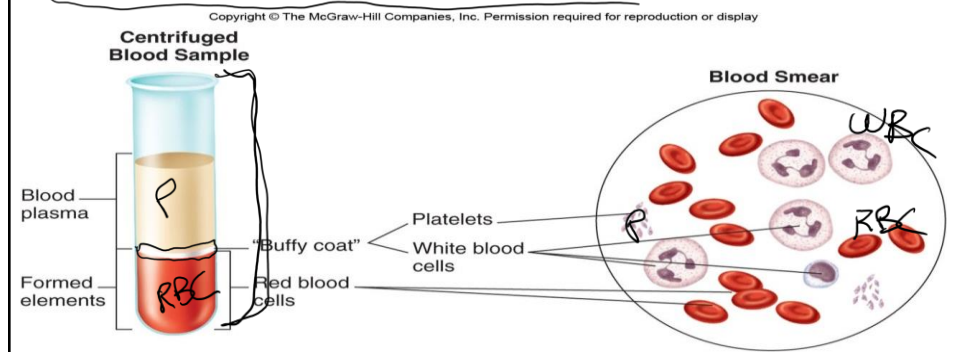
10: Blood Physiology

Blood Composition: Page 123 in text

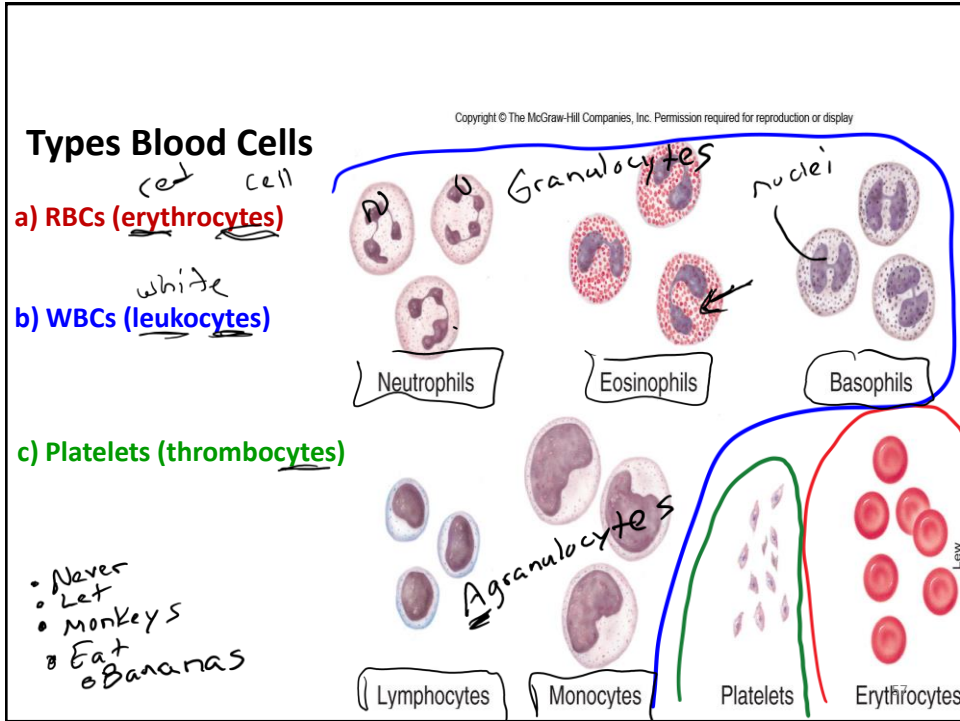
Whole blood = liquid portion of blood along with the cells.

Plasma = liquid portion of blood (with things dissolved in it like salts, hormones, proteins, etc...)

Cellular portion = RBCs, WBCs, and platelets.



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RBCs (Erythrocytes)

> Carry O₂ bound to hemoglobin (heme + iron).

> ~500 million new RBC each day!

> RBCs last ~120 days then removed by liver & spleen.

- Heme broken into bilirubin (yellow pigment), which liver removes.
- Iron in hemoglobin re-used in new RBCs.

- **jaundice** = yellowing of the skin & mucus membranes due to liver failure. *Because liver failing - not removing bilirubin.*

Hemoglobin

Oxygen molecule

Red blood cell

Hemoglobin carries oxygen throughout the body

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JAUNDICE SYMPTOMS, TREATMENT, CAUSES, AND TYPES

- **erythropoiesis** = process by which new RBCs are made (in bone marrow). Stimulated by hormone **erythropoietin** (released by liver & kidneys.)

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Polycythemia = higher than normal RBC count.

Anemia = lower than normal RBC count.

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Can be due to many factors:

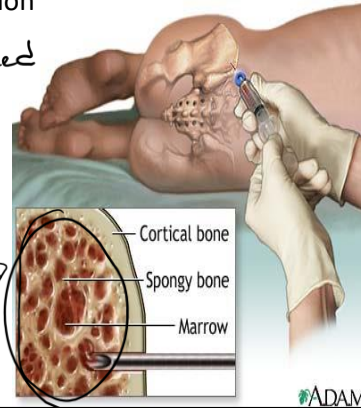
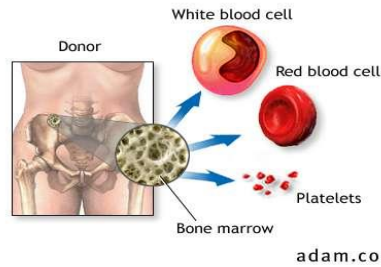
- **Iron deficiency anemia** = low iron in diet.

- **Pernicious anemia** = poor vitamin B12 absorption (need to make RBCs)

- **Aplastic anemia** = bone marrow defect (often from chemotherapy treatment).
 growth RBCs not being produced

- **Renal anemia** = low erythropoietin production by kidneys.

- **Autoimmune hemolytic anemia** = immune attack on RBCs (see with Rh disease).
 self blood cell lyse-destroy



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Blood Typing

2 Major RBC antigens:

- 1) ABO antigens
- 2) Rh antigen

1) ABO

Blood Type A – have A antigens & anti-B antibodies
– receives type A or O blood

Blood Type B – has B antigens & anti-A antibodies
– receives type B or O blood

Blood Type AB – has A & B antigens & no anti-A or anti-B antibodies
– “universal recipient”, can receive A, B, AB, O blood

Blood Type O – has No antigens & has anti-A and anti-B antibodies
– “universal donor”, but can receive only type O blood

2) Rh factor

Rh+ = have Rh antigen on RBCs
(~85% of population)

Rh- = not have Rh antigen
(~15% of population)

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Blood Type Test

You put blood sample into each of 3 wells, then add antibodies against the possible Antigenes.

If see clotting (**agglutination**)
The RBCs must have antigen to that antibody.

Add patient's blood to test card:

Add anti-A antibodies - if clots = **Type A**


Add anti-B antibodies – if clots = **Type B**

If no clots in either A or B = **Type O**

Add anti-Rh (D) antibodies

– if clots = Rh+

– no clot = Rh-



HOW TO READ YOUR RESULTS

BLOOD TYPE	ANTI-A	ANTI-B	ANTI-D	CONTROL
O-POSITIVE	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
O-NEGATIVE	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
A-POSITIVE	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
A-NEGATIVE	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
B-POSITIVE	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
B-NEGATIVE	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
AB-POSITIVE	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
AB-NEGATIVE	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
INVALID	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue

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Rh incompatibility in pregnancy

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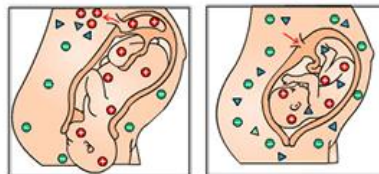
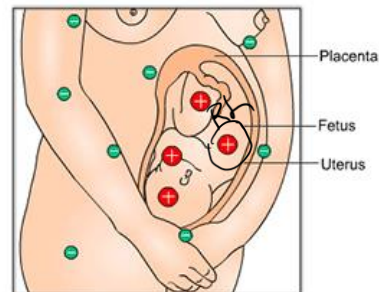
If Rh- woman pregnant from Rh+ man – 50% chance baby is Rh+

Risk of exposure of mom's blood stream to fetal RBCs with Rh+ antigens.

(Ex. During miscarriage or tissue tearing during birth or C-section)

Mom's immune system would develop anti-Rh antibodies within 2 weeks of exposure.

- During her next pregnancy if baby Rh+, maternal antibodies cross placenta
- Maternal antibodies attack (hemolyze) fetal RBCs *blood break low RBCs*
- "autoimmune hemolytic anemia" = immune destruction of RBCs in baby from mom's antibodies



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Rh incompatibility in pregnancy

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Prevention:

> If doctor suspects exposure to Rh+ blood in mom's first pregnancy.

> Give injection of anti-Rh antibodies to mom

> antibodies destroy and fetal Rh+ fetal RBCs in mom's body BEFORE her immune system detects & makes own antibodies.



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b) WBCs (Leukocytes)

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2 Groups:

1) Granulocytes = WBCs with granules in cytoplasm

50-70% - **Neutrophils** = 1st responders to infection/inflammation.

2-4% - **Eosinophils** = see w/chronic inflammation, infection, allergies, parasites (also known to play role in inflammation in asthma, and new treatments try to decrease these WBCs)

<1% - **Basophils** = non-phagocytes, produce histamine & heparin in allergic reaction.

2) Agranulocytes = lack granules.

2-8% - **Monocytes** = phagocytes that seek out, engulf, & destroy pathogens

20-30% - **Lymphocytes** = defense from pathogens

> T cells =

> B cells = become plasma cells to produce antibodies.



Never Let Monkeys Eat Bananas (neutrophils, lymphocytes, monocytes, eosinophils, basophils)

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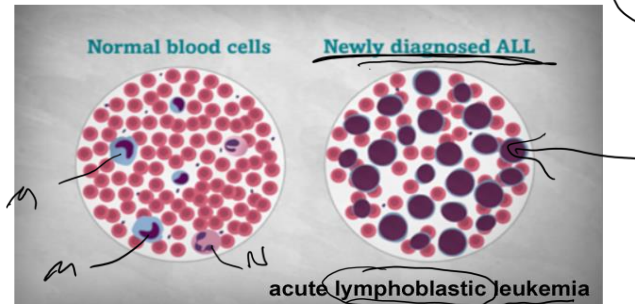
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Leukocyte disorders – Clinical App

> Leukocytosis = \uparrow WBC count (infections!)



> Leukemia = \uparrow in immature numbers of WBCs, especially lymphocytes. (immature cells not protective)



> Leukopenia = \downarrow WBC count (with immunosuppression, radiation, chemotherapy Tx)

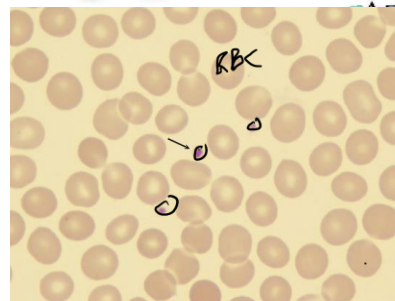
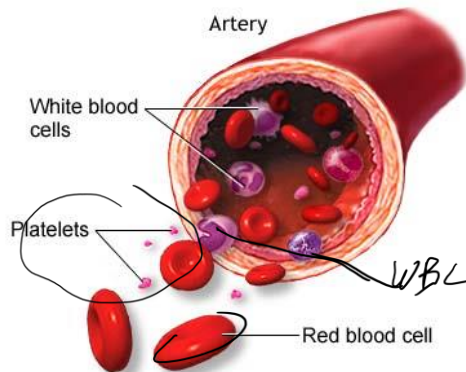
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c) Platelets (Thrombocytes)

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- > Circulate \sim 5-9 days
- > Function to start clot formation
- > "thrombopoietin" = hormone from liver & kidney that stimulates platelet production by bone marrow.



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"**Hemostasis**" = stopping bleeding from damaged blood vessel

> A blood vessel is damaged:

> arterioles constrict

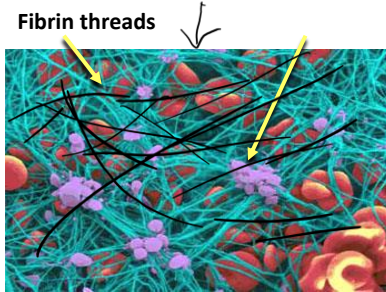
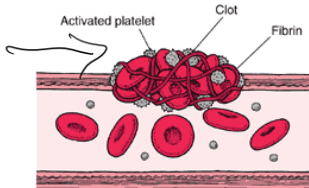
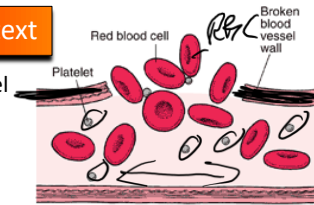
> Platelets form a "plug"

- Platelets convert **prothrombin to thrombin**

- **Thrombin** activates **fibrinogen**

- Fibrinogen converts into **fibrin threads**

- fibrin threads "knit" the wound closed.



Clotting Disorder Tests:

1. **Bleeding time** w/skin prick (< 1 – 3 min)

2. **Prothrombin time (PTT test)** – treat blood plasma w/citrate and thromboplastin, and add Ca²⁺ then measure time to clot (< than 12 sec OK, but longer (>35 sec) = prothrombin deficiency)

Clotting and Anticoagulants

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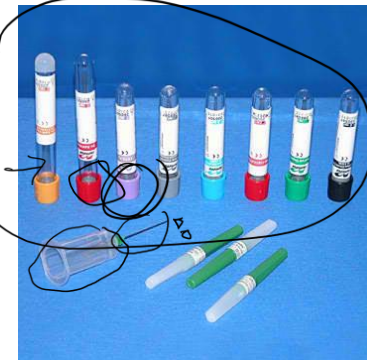
Collecting & Examining Blood Components:

Vacutainer tubes = use vacuum to draw blood into tube.

> **Red top** = no anticoagulant. After spin get serum as fluid portion (use in serological tests)

> **Purple top** = has EDTA anticoagulant. After spin get "plasma". No spin use for blood counts, combs test, disease testing.

Green = heparin anticoagulant. Chromosome testing, ammonia, lactate.



Click [HERE](#) for Wikipedia description & uses of various vacutainer tubes.

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Review

- **The 3 ways the body regulates blood volume and blood pressure**
 - Heart baroreceptors: heart secretes ANP when BP is too high (a long fix)
 - Arterial baroreceptors and the medulla's cardiac and vasomotor center (provides a quick fix to BP that is either too low or too high)
 - Hypothalamic ADH secretion when blood osmolarity rises too high.
 - Renin angiotensin aldosterone system, which engages when BP is too low
- **Blood composition**
 - Plasma
 - Erythrocytes, leukocytes, platelets
 - Granulocytes (basophils, eosinophils, neutrophils)
 - Agranulocytes (lymphocytes, monocytes)
- **Blood Typing**
- **Blood clotting with platelets**
- **Techniques for Collecting & Examining Blood**

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