

# REVIEW OF FUNCTIONAL RESPIRATORY PHYSIOLOGY



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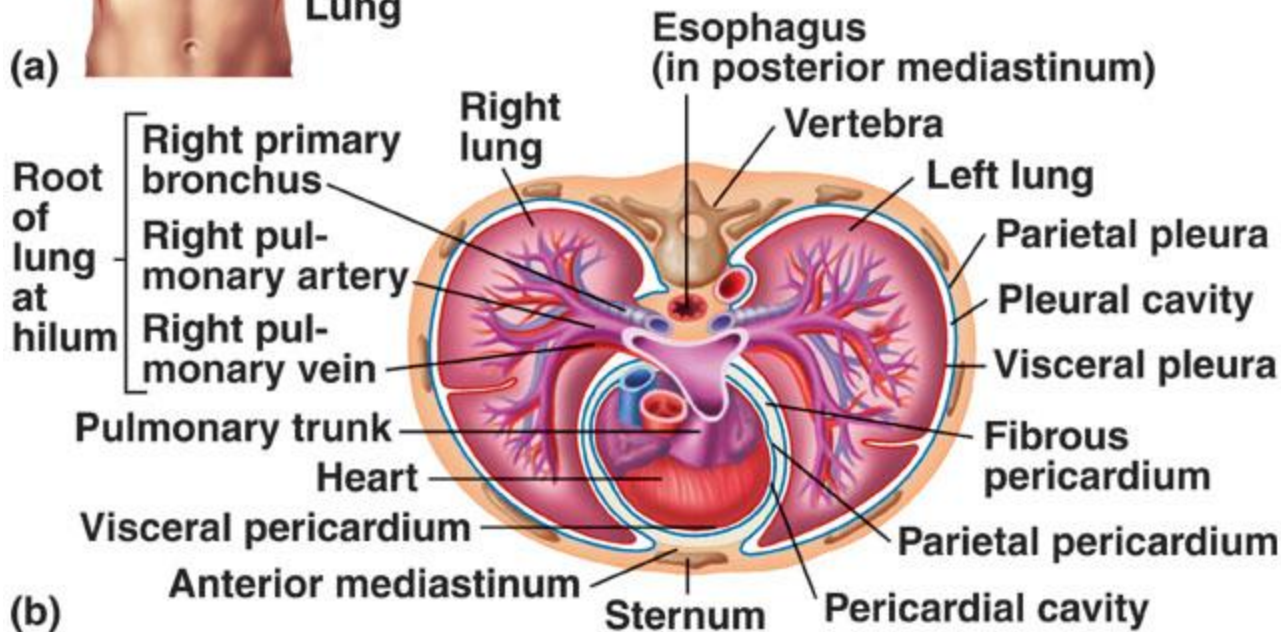
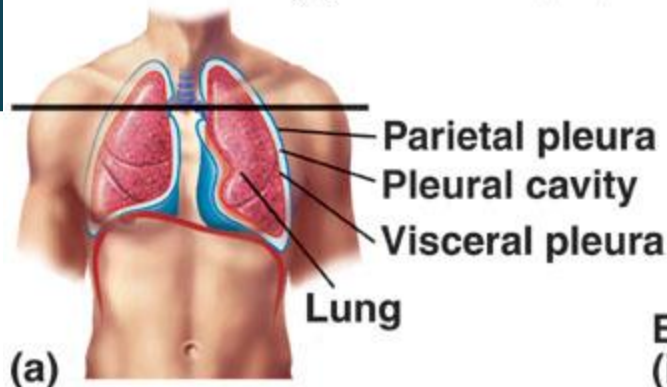




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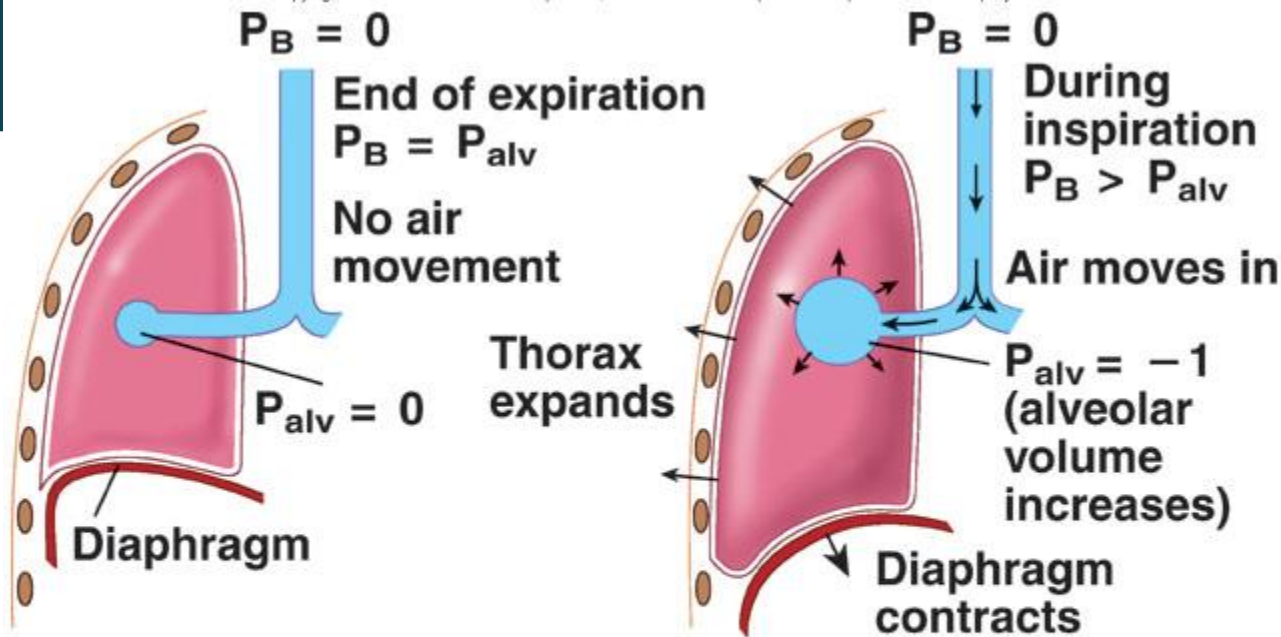




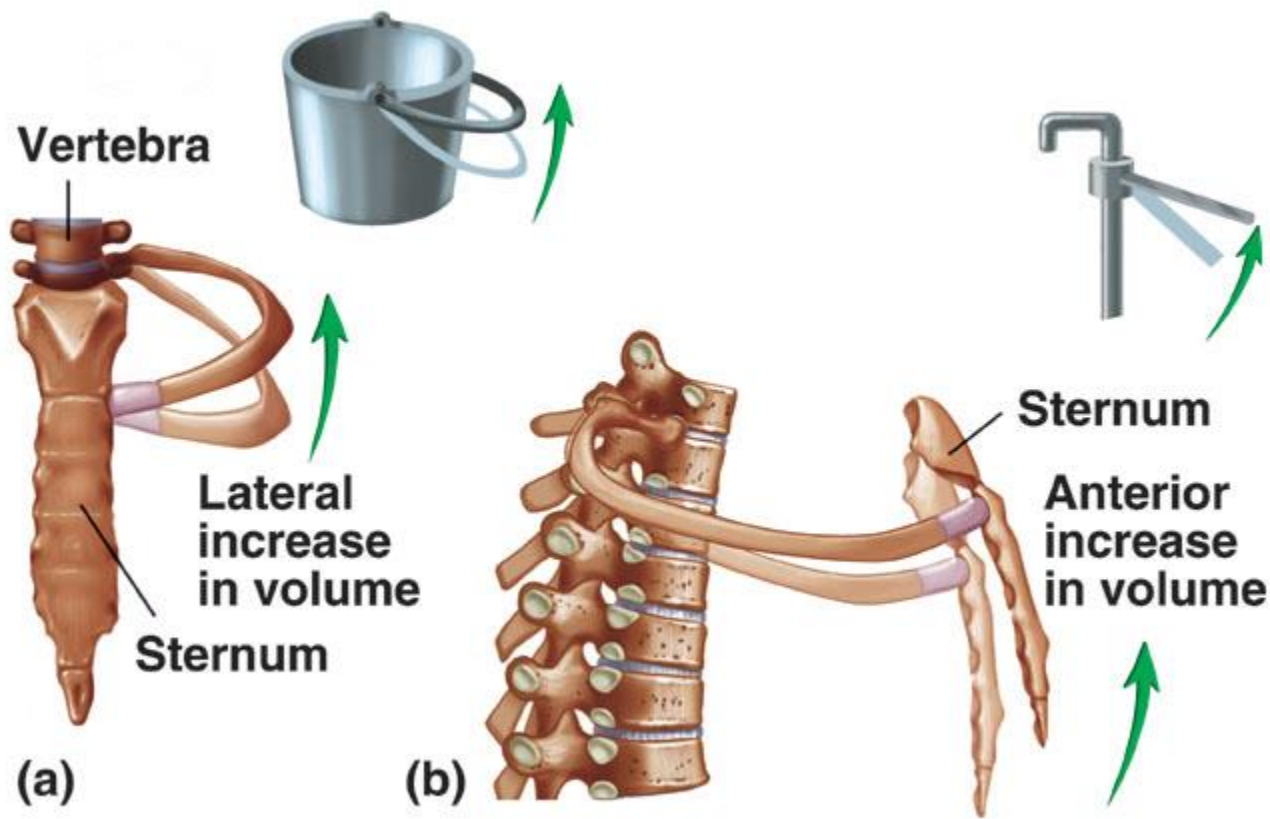


## Inspiration/Inhalation

- Diaphragm & Intercostal muscles
- Increases volume in thoracic cavity as muscles contract
- Volume of lungs increases
- Intrapulmonary pressure decreases (758 mm Hg)



1. Barometric air pressure ( $P_B$ ) is equal to alveolar pressure ( $P_{alv}$ ) and there is no air movement.
2. Increased thoracic volume results in increased alveolar volume and decreased alveolar pressure. Barometric air pressure is greater than alveolar pressure, and air moves into the lungs.

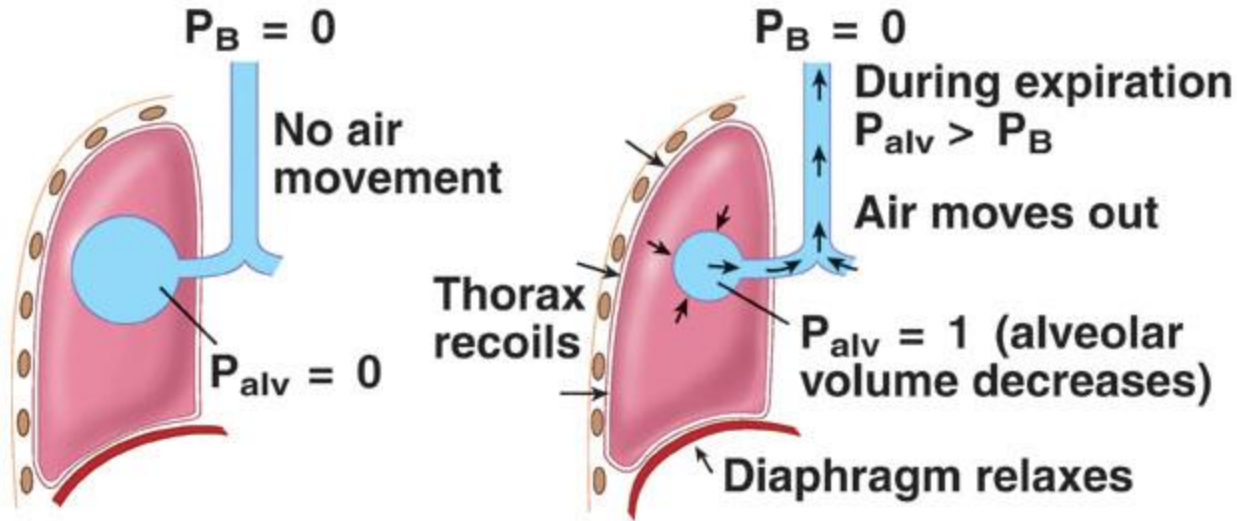




## Expiration/Exhalation

- Muscles relax
- Volume of thoracic cavity decreases
- Volume of lungs decreases
- Intrapulmonary pressure increases (763 mm Hg)
- Forced expiration is active

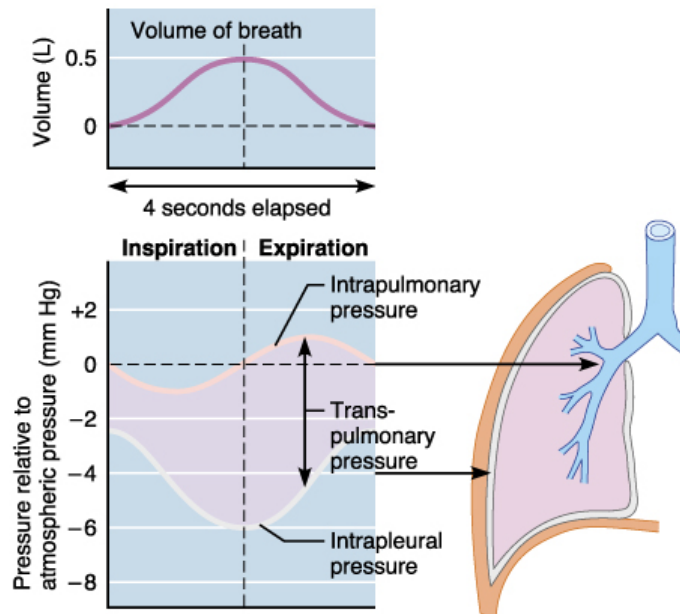




**3. End of inspiration.**

**4. Decreased thoracic volume results in decreased alveolar volume and increased alveolar pressure. Alveolar pressure is greater than barometric air pressure, and air moves out of the lungs.**

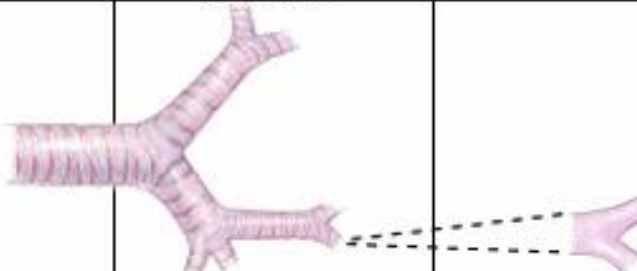
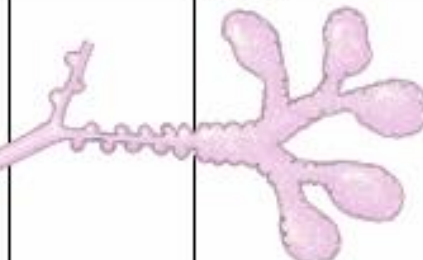




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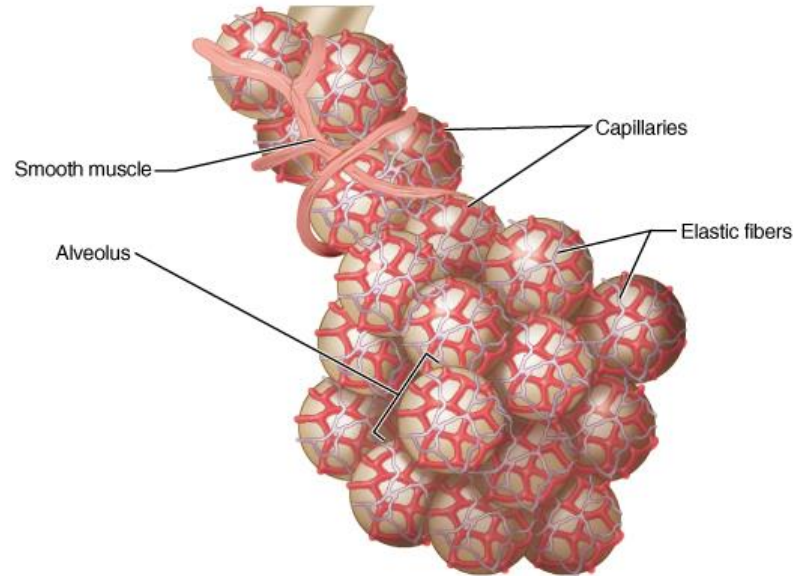


# Conductive and Gas Exchange Airways

Conducting Airways					Gas Exchange Airway					
Cartilaginous			Membranous		Terminal Respiratory Unit					
Trachea	Bronchi		Bronchioles		R. Bronchioles	A. Ducts	A. Sacs			
No alveoli					Alveoli					
										
Generation 0	1	2	→ 10	11-13	→ 16	17-19	20	22	23	24
Bronchial Circulation						Pulmonary Circulation				
Air volume - - - 150 ml						1500 ml		3000 ml		
Smooth muscle										



# Ventilation and Oxygenation



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**BASIC PHYSIOLOGY  
(PHYSICS)**

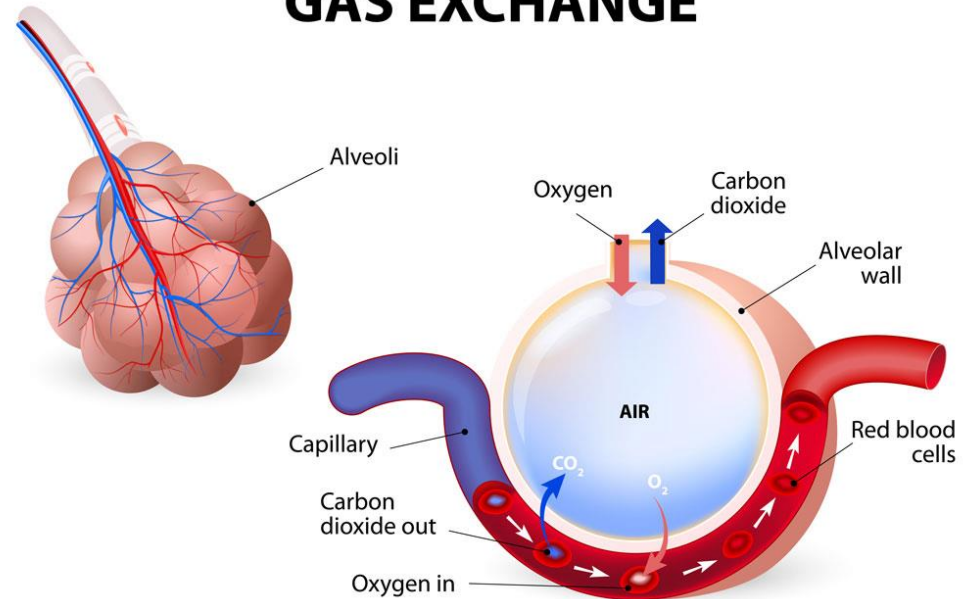


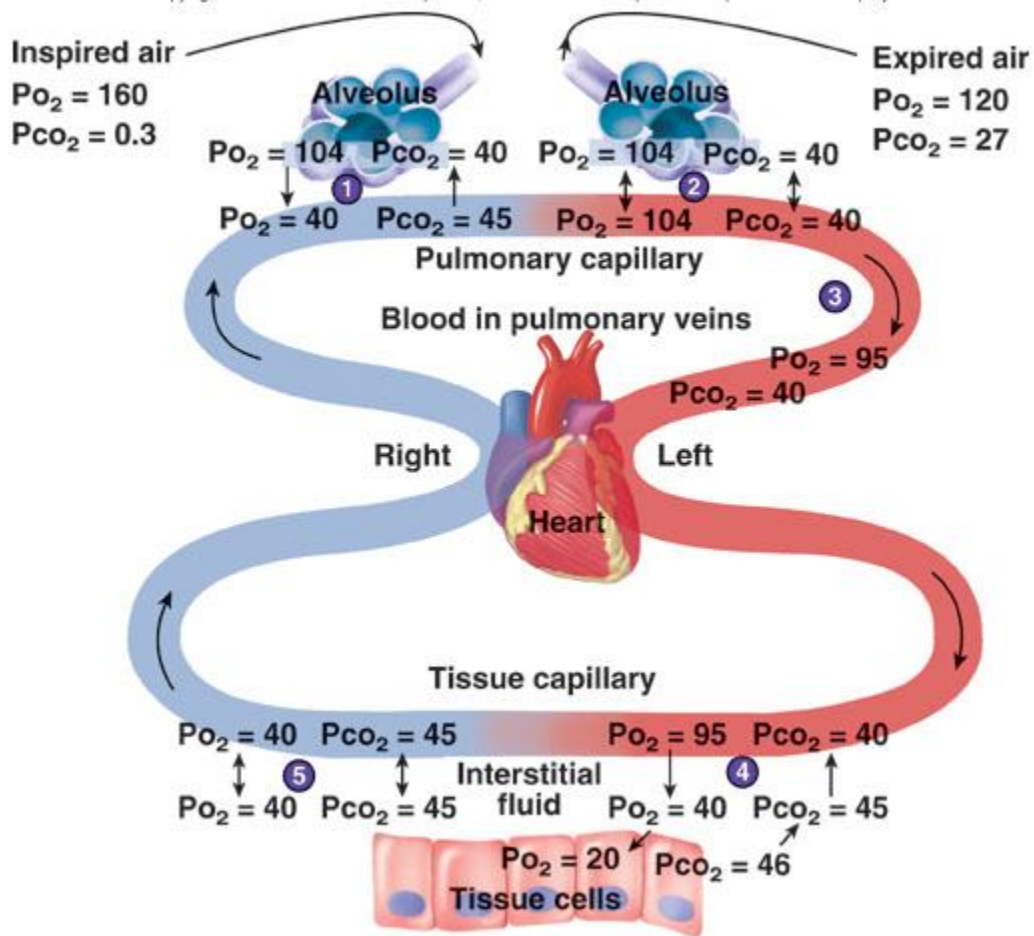


## Steady State

- Lung  $O_2$  Uptake rate  
= Cell  $O_2$  Utilization rate
- Cell  $CO_2$  Production rate  
= Lung  $CO_2$  Release rate

### ALVEOLUS GAS EXCHANGE







## Gaseous Environment

- Atmosphere: Nitrogen and Oxygen, negligible Carbon Dioxide.

- $$P_{I_{O_2}} = F_{I_{O_2}} \bullet (P_B - 47)$$

- Clinical Relevance of Environment
  - Altitude:  $PO_2$  depends on  $P_B$
  - Suffocation:  $PO_2$  depends on fractional  $O_2$
  - Oxygen therapy:  $PO_2$  depends on fractional  $O_2$





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**CLINICAL USE OF IDEAL  
ALVEOLAR GAS VALUES**





## USE #1

### Compare $P_AO_2$ to $P_aO_2$

- Healthy people:  $P_AO_2 = P_aO_2$
- Two Approaches to Comparison
  - $(P_AO_2 - P_aO_2)$  difference
  - $P_aO_2 / P_AO_2$  ratio

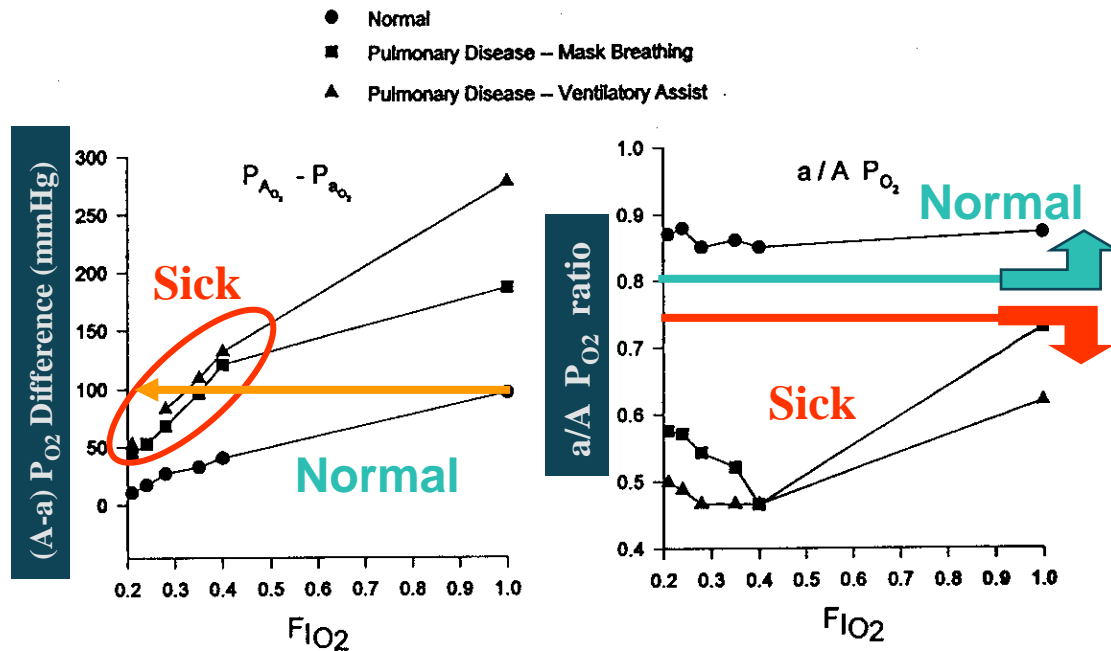


## A-a Difference

- $P_AO_2 - P_aO_2$
- Normally 5-20 mmHg
  - Because of normal anatomical shunt
  - Ventilation/Perfusion mismatching.
- A-a difference increases with pulmonary disease.
- **Problem:** Normal range changes on 100%  $O_2$ .



## (A-a) Difference vs. a/A Ratio





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# OXYGENATION





## Quiz

- Baby is on 40% O<sub>2</sub> , Saturation 90%
- Next day he is on 60% O<sub>2</sub> , Saturation 90%
- What can we tell about his oxygenation state?
  - Improved
  - Deteriorated
  - Same
  - Don't know

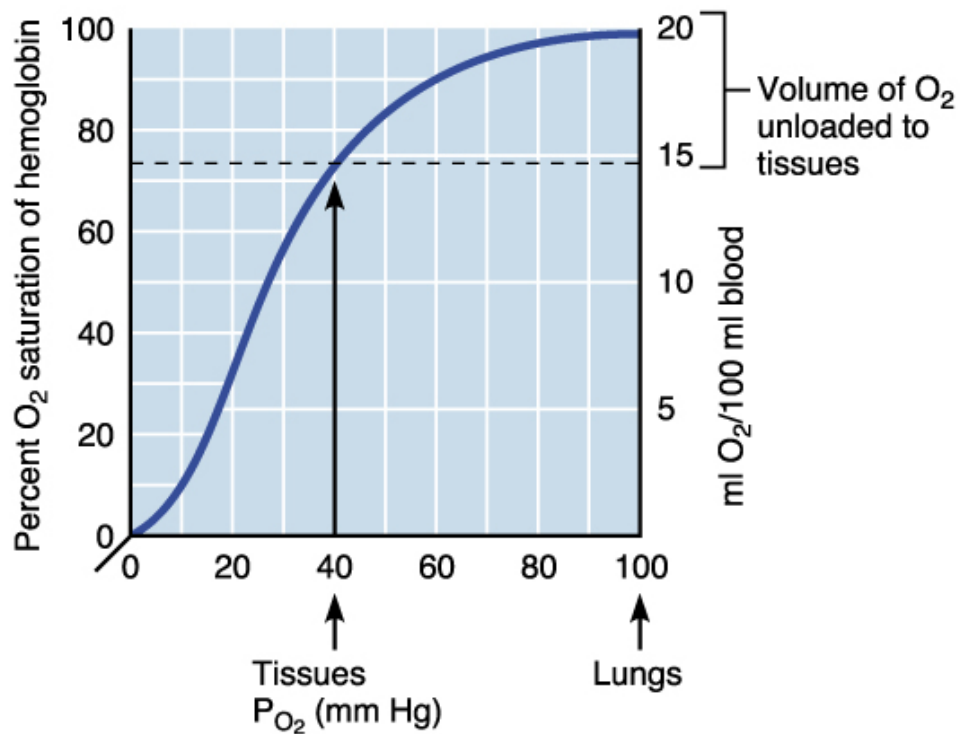


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SATURATION



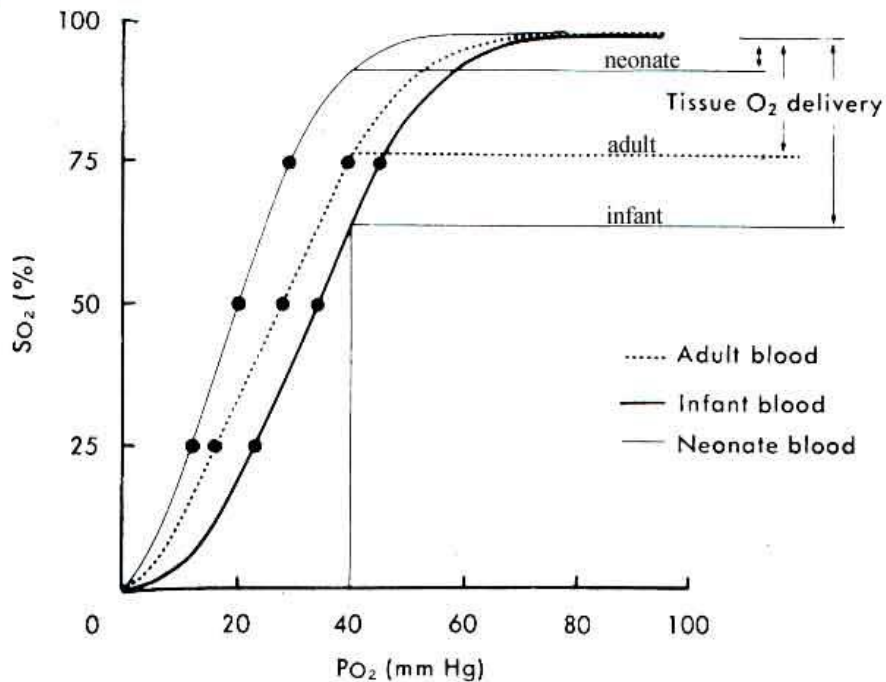




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# Oxygen transport



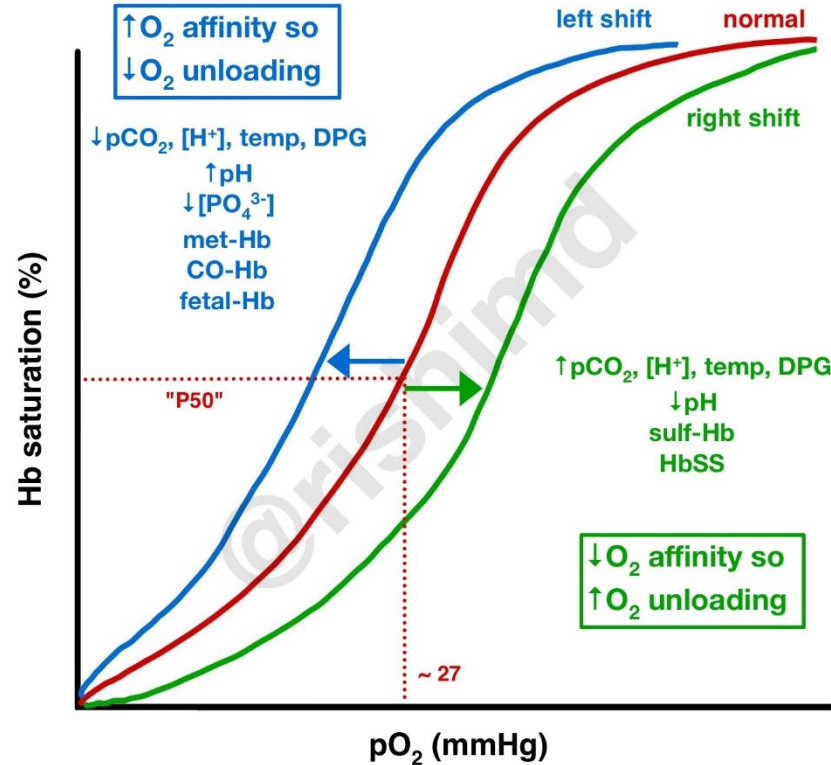
Schematic representation of oxygen-hemoglobin dissociation curves

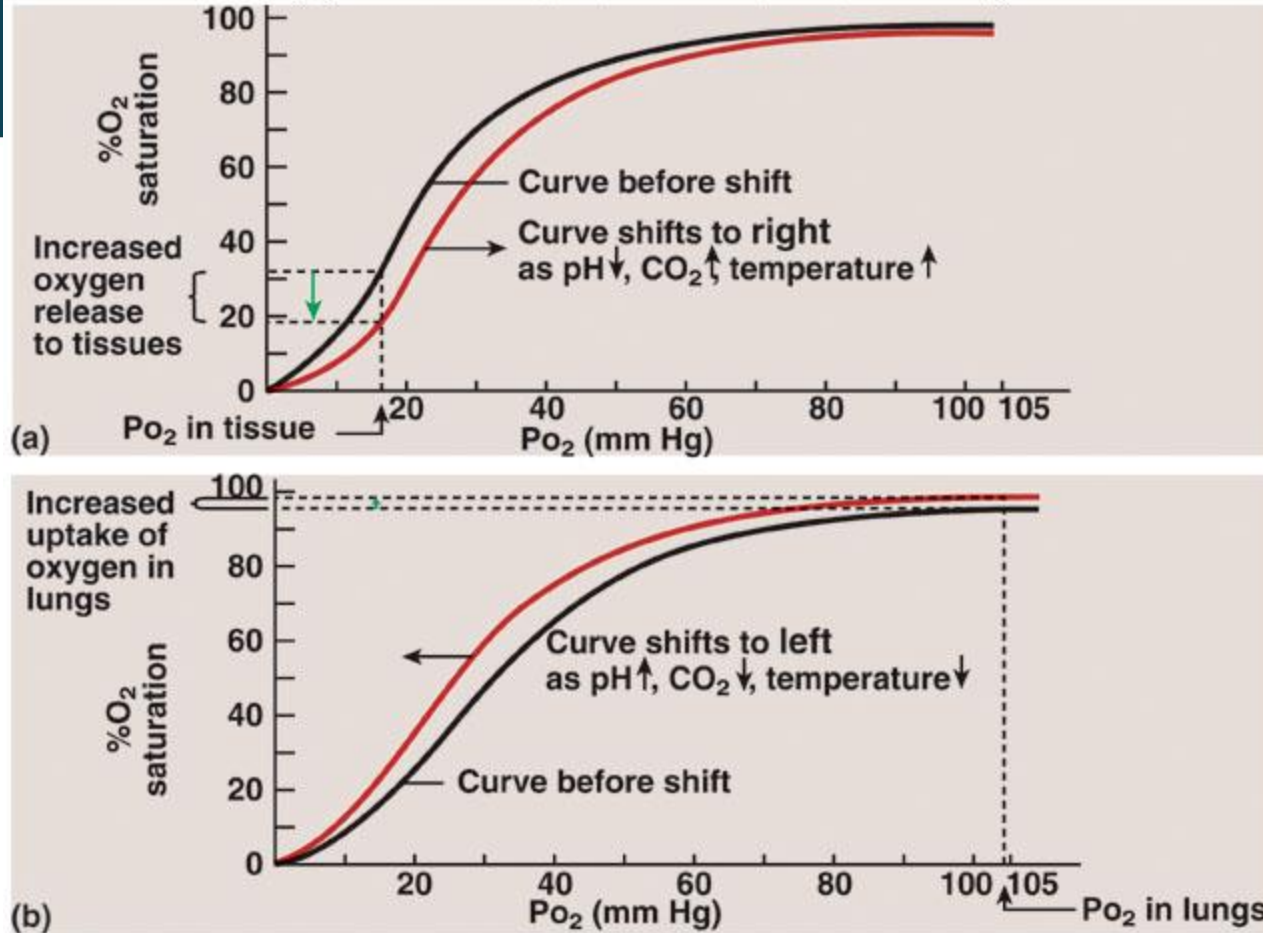
If  $SpO_2 = 91$   
then  $= PaO_2 =$

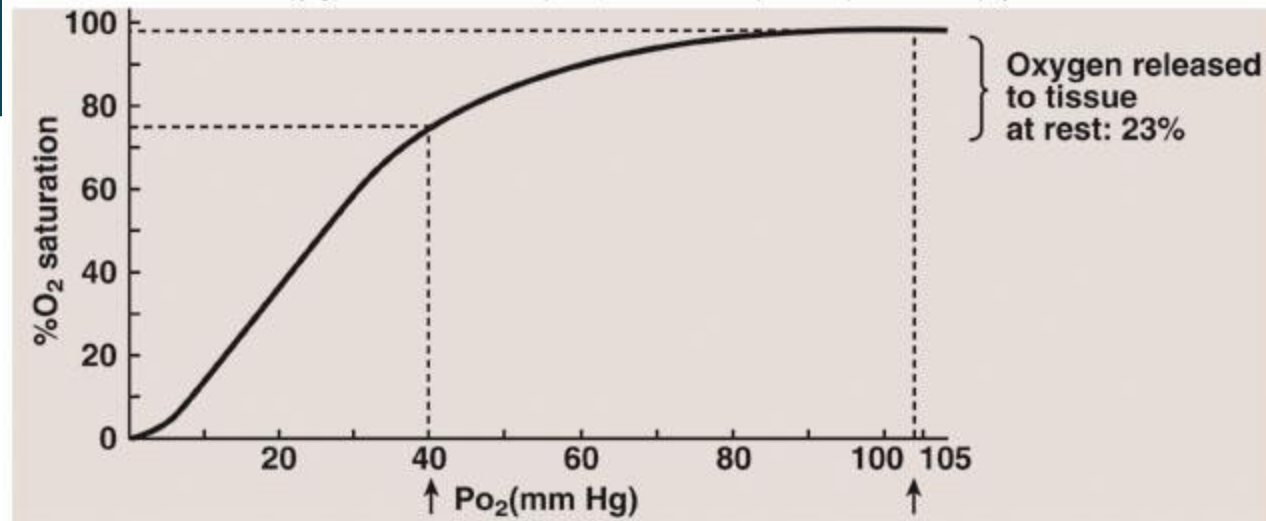
Adult	60
6 months	66
6 weeks	55
6 hours	41



# Hb Dissociation Curve







(b) In resting tissues, hemoglobin releases some oxygen, which is like partially emptying the glass.

Hemoglobin saturated with oxygen in the lungs is like a nearly full glass.



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HEMOGLOBIN





## Gas Transport

- O<sub>2</sub> transport in blood
- Hemoglobin – O<sub>2</sub> binds to the heme group on hemoglobin, with 4 oxygens/Hb
- PO<sub>2</sub>
- PO<sub>2</sub> is the most important factor determining whether O<sub>2</sub> and Hb combine or dissociate
- O<sub>2</sub>-Hb Dissociation curve





## Defining Content and Capacity

$$C_{O_2} = 1.36 \bullet [Hb] \bullet \frac{\% S_{O_2}}{100\%}$$



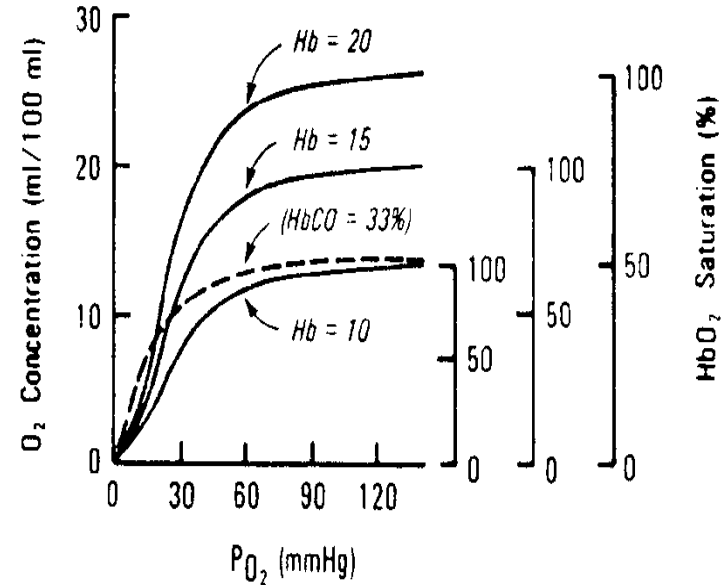
# Oxygen Blood Gas Quantities

- Partial Pressure
- Saturation
- Content
- Carrying Capacity:  $O_2$  content at 100% saturation.



## Three Things That Change O<sub>2</sub> Carrying Capacity

- Changes in Hb Concentration
- Presence of Carbon Monoxide
- Formation of Methemoglobin

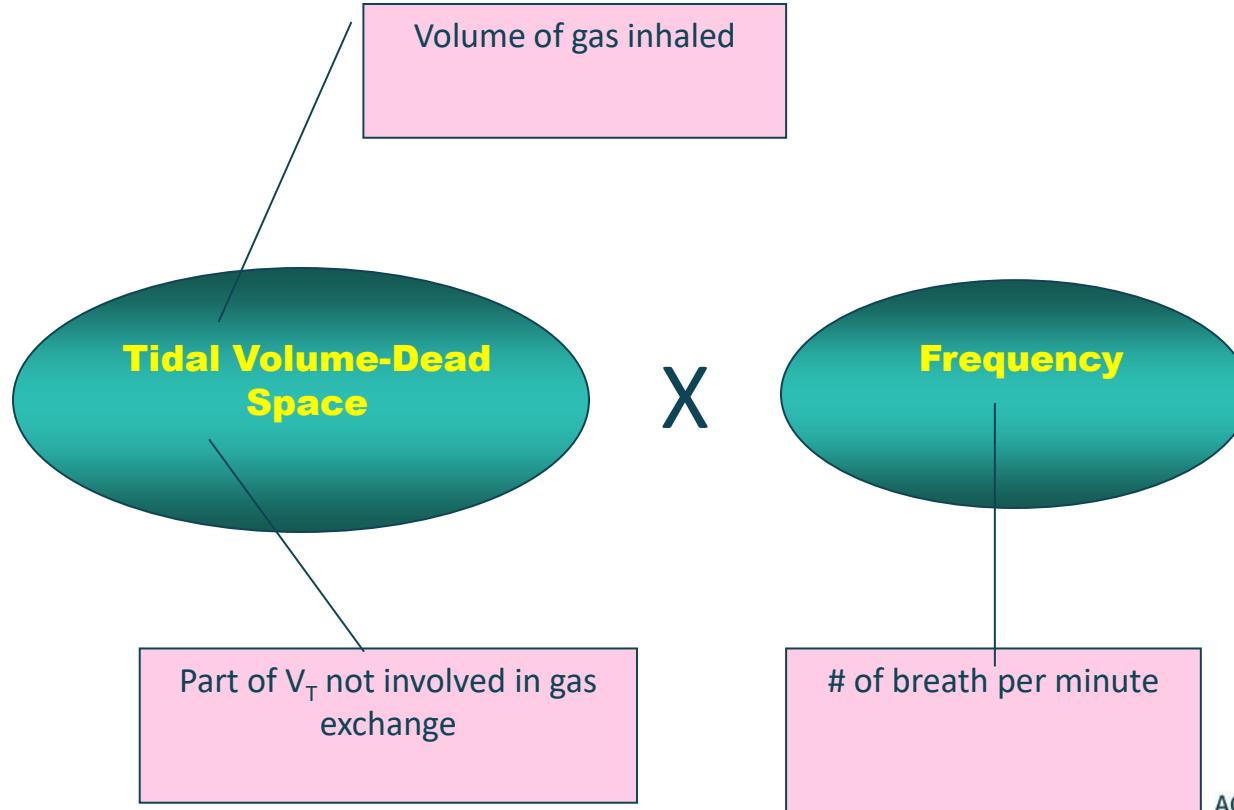




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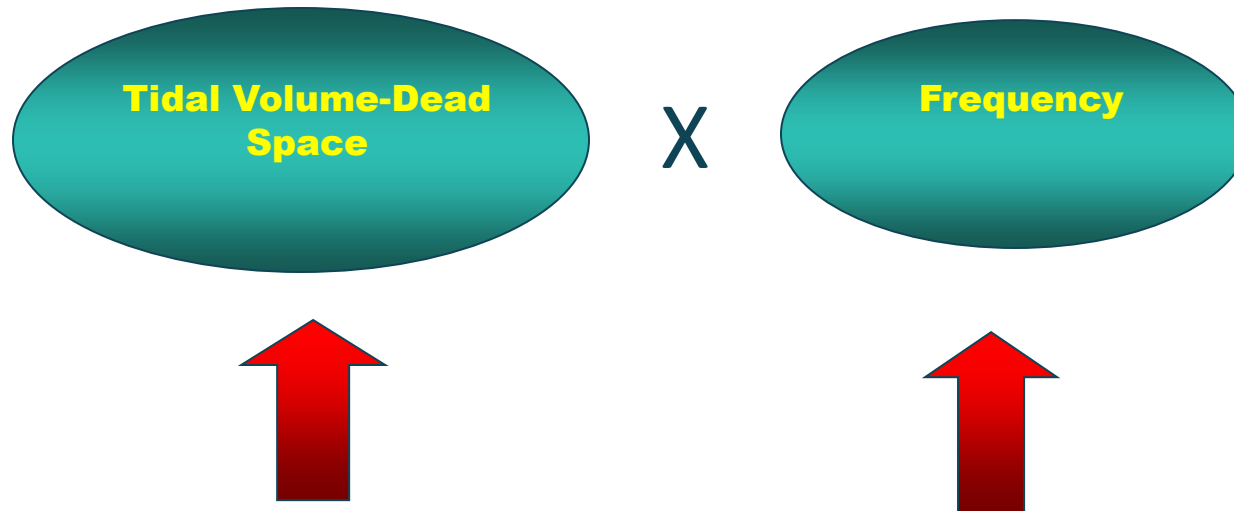
# VENTILATION







## Alveolar Minute Ventilation





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**COMPLIANCE**







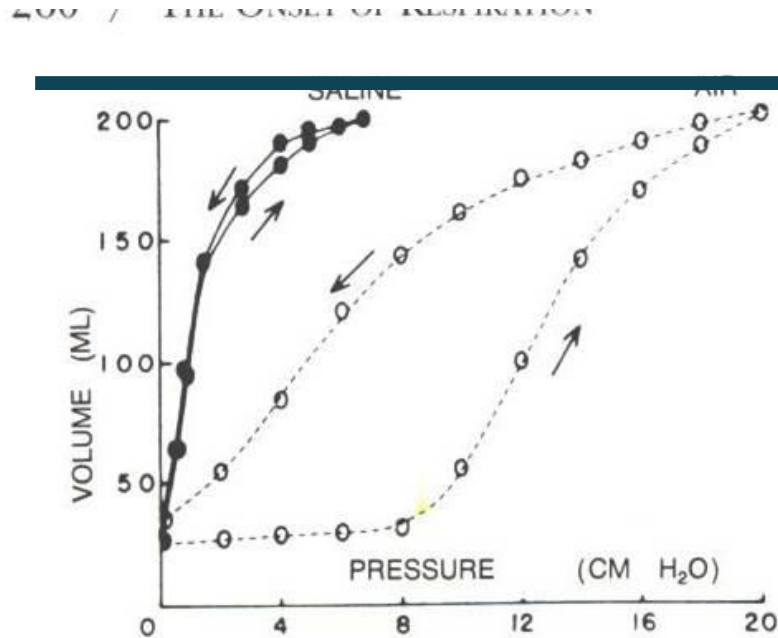
## Compliance

$$C = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta P}$$

$$C_{DYN} = \frac{V_T}{(\text{peak pressure} - PEEP)}$$



## Pressure-Volume Curves after Air v. Liquid Lung Expansion



**FIG. 17-3.** Pressure-volume curves after air versus liquid expansion of the lung. (From ref. 210.)



## Matching Alveolar air flow with blood flow

- Pulmonary vessels
  - Vessels can constrict in areas where oxygen flow is low
- Respiratory passageways
  - Airways can dilate where carbon dioxide levels are high



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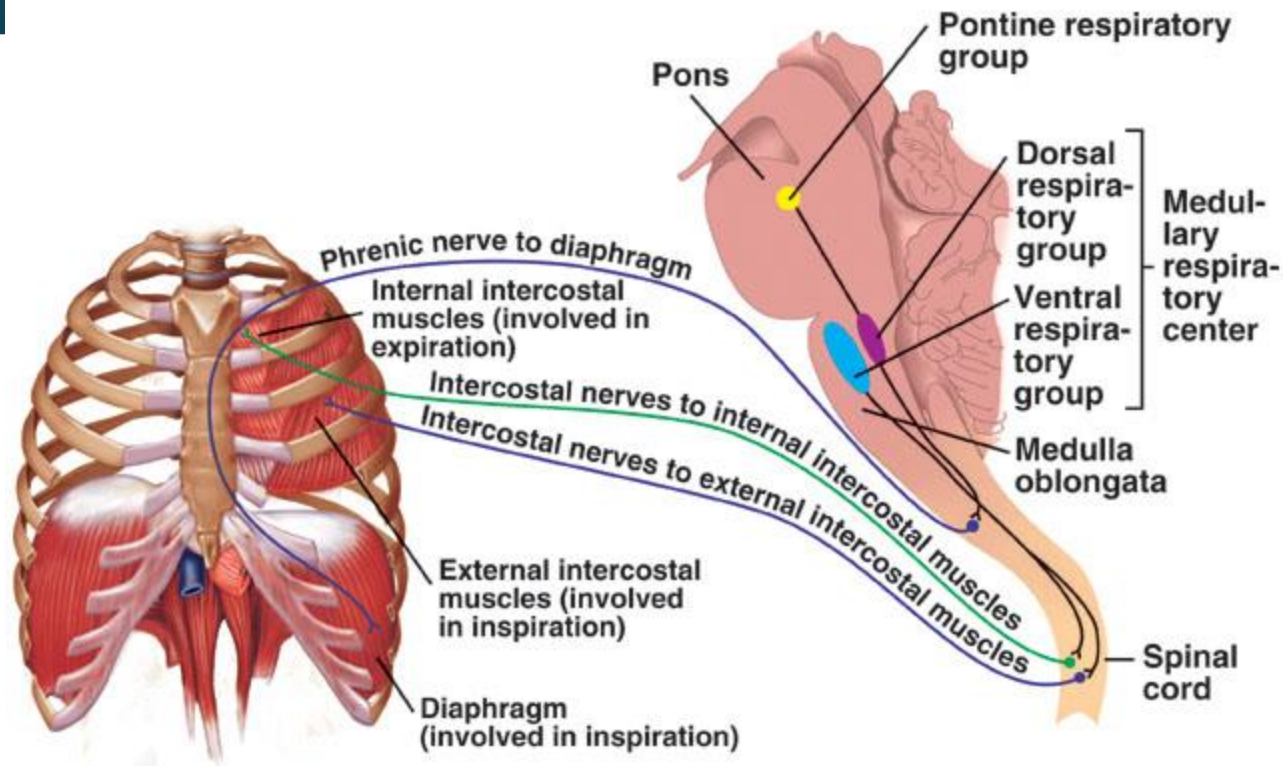
# RESPIRATION CONTROL





# Controls of Respiration

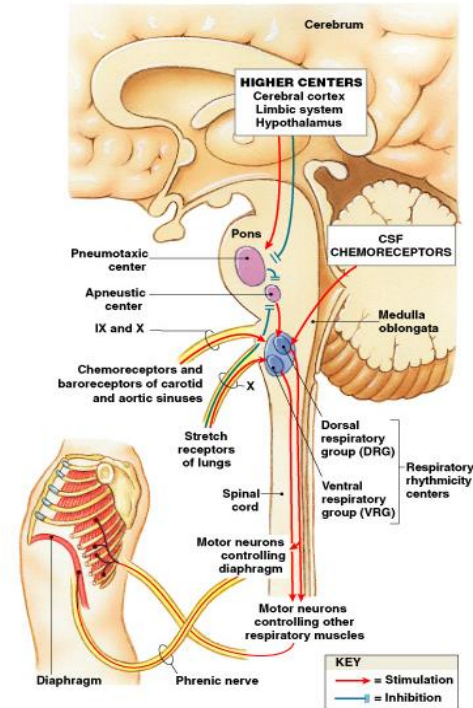
- Medullary Rhythmicity Area
  - Medullary Inspiratory Neurons are main control of breathing
    - Pons neurons influence inspiration, with Pneumotaxic area limiting inspiration and Apneustic area prolonging inspiration.
    - Lung stretch receptors limit inspiration from being too deep
- Medullary Rhythmicity Area
  - Medullary Expiratory Neurons
    - Only active with exercise and forced expiration





# Respiratory centers

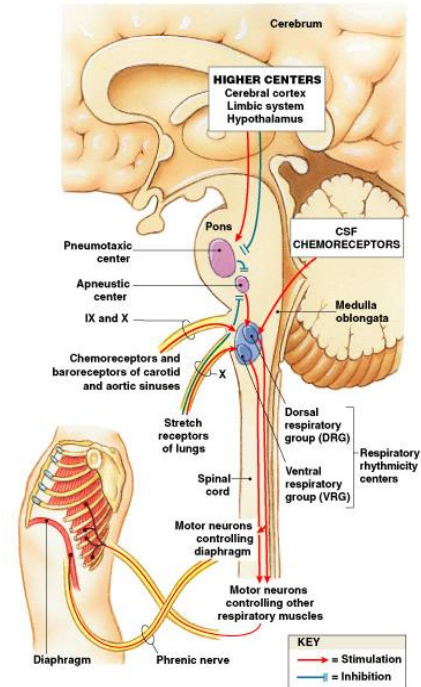
- Basic rhythm of ventilation controlled by **medullary rhythmicity area** (medulla oblongata)
- **Inspiratory area (Dorsal Resp.Group)**
  - determines basic rhythm of breathing
  - causes contraction of diaphragm and external intercostals
- **Expiratory area (Ventral Resp. Group)**
  - Inactive during normal quiet breathing
  - Activated by inspiratory area during forceful breathing
  - Causes contraction of internal intercostals and abdominal muscles





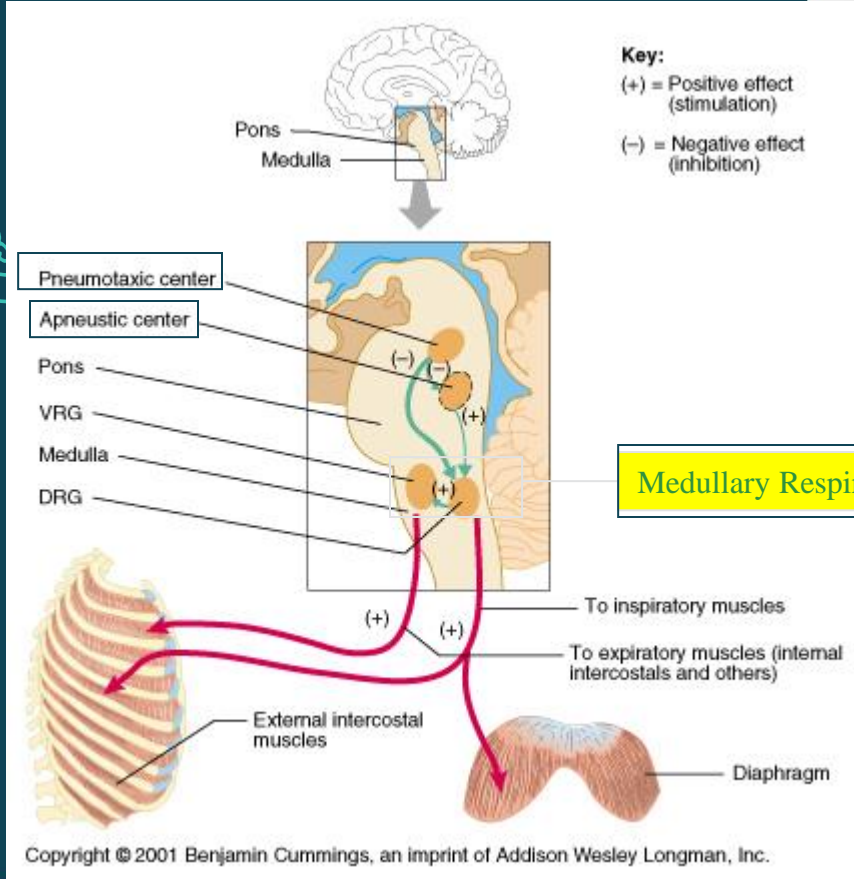
# Respiratory centers

- Transition between inhalation and exhalation controlled by:
  - **Pneumotaxic area**
    - located in pons
    - inhibits inspiratory area of medulla to stop inhalation
      - Breathing more rapid when pneumotaxic area active
  - **Apneustic area**
    - located in pons
    - stimulates inspiratory area of medulla to prolong inhalation





# RESPIRATORY CENTERS



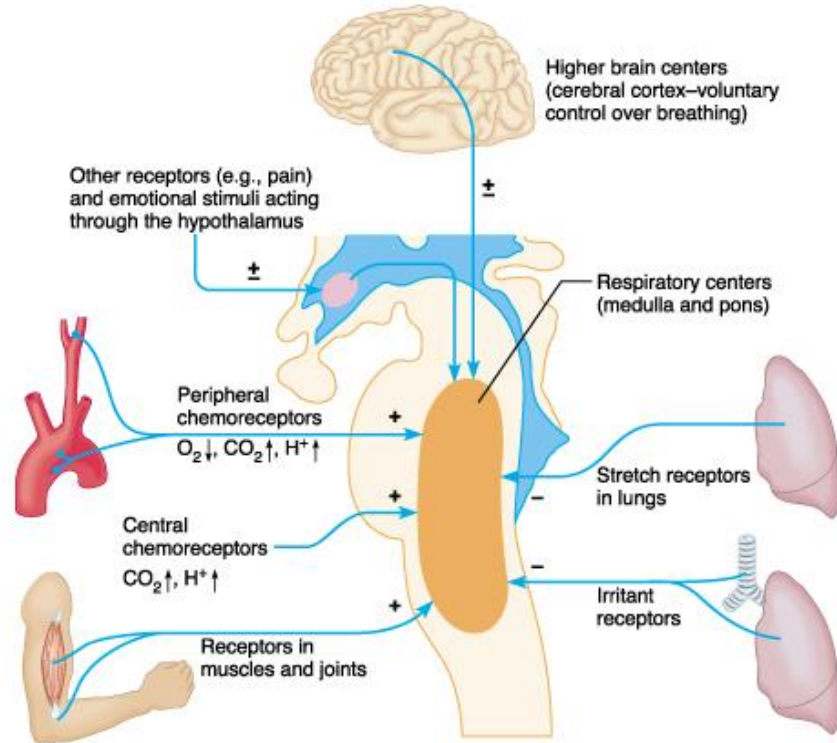


## Controls of rate and depth of respiration

- Arterial  $PO_2$ 
  - When  $PO_2$  is VERY low, ventilation increases
- Arterial  $PCO_2$ 
  - The most important regulator of ventilation, small increases in  $PCO_2$ , greatly increases ventilation
- Arterial pH
  - As hydrogen ions increase, alveolar ventilation increases, but hydrogen ions cannot diffuse into CSF as well as  $CO_2$



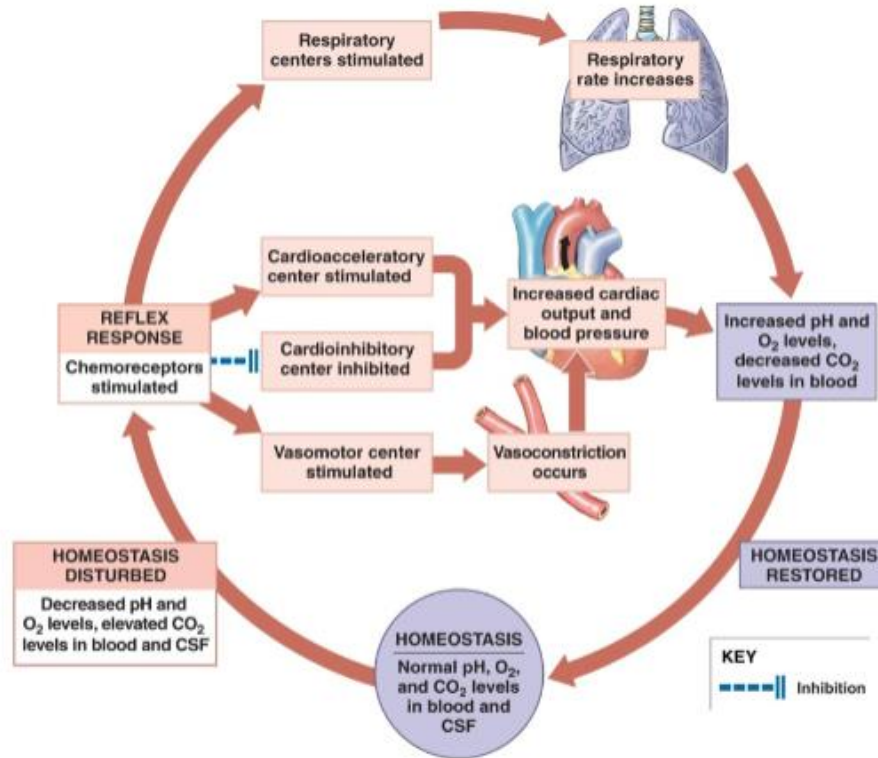
# Factors Influencing Respiration



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## All Together







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QUESTIONS?





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