

Cardiac output and Venous Return

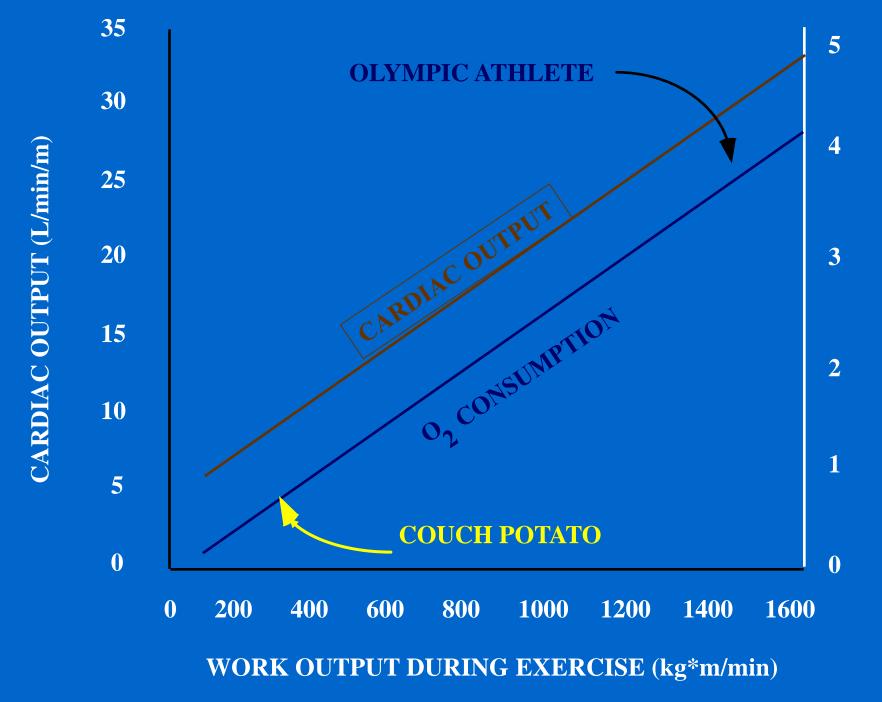
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Objectives

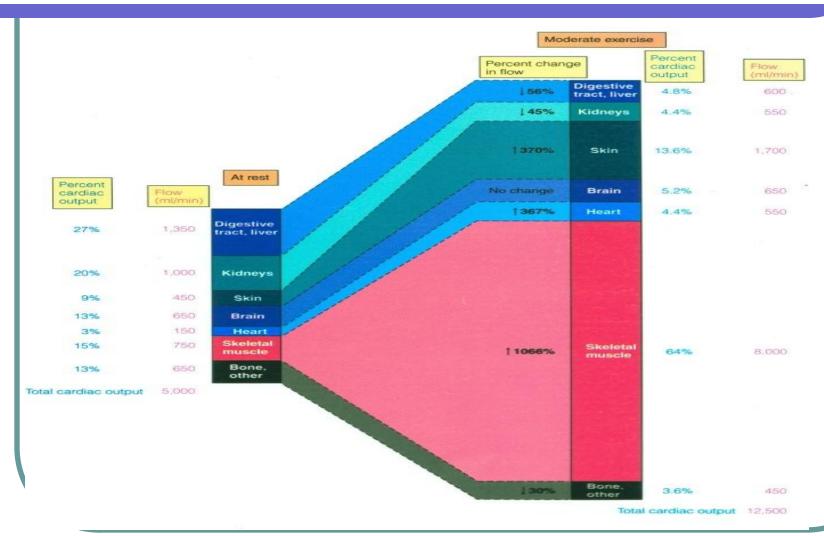
- Define cardiac output and venous return
- Describe the methods of measurement of CO
- Outline the factors that regulate cardiac output
- Follow up the cardiac output curves at different physiological states
- Define venous return and describe venous return curve
- Outline the factors that regulate venous return curve at different physiological states
- Inter-relate Cardiac output and venous return curves

Important Concepts About Cardiac Output (CO) Control

- Cardiac Output is the sum of all tissue flows and is affected by their regulation (CO = 5L/min, cardiac index = 3L/min/m²).
- CO is proportional to tissue O_2 use.
- CO is proportional to 1/TPR when AP is constant.
- $F = \Delta P/R$ (Ohm's law)
- CO = (MAP RAP) / TPR, (RAP=0) then
- CO=MAP/TPR; MAP=CO*TPR



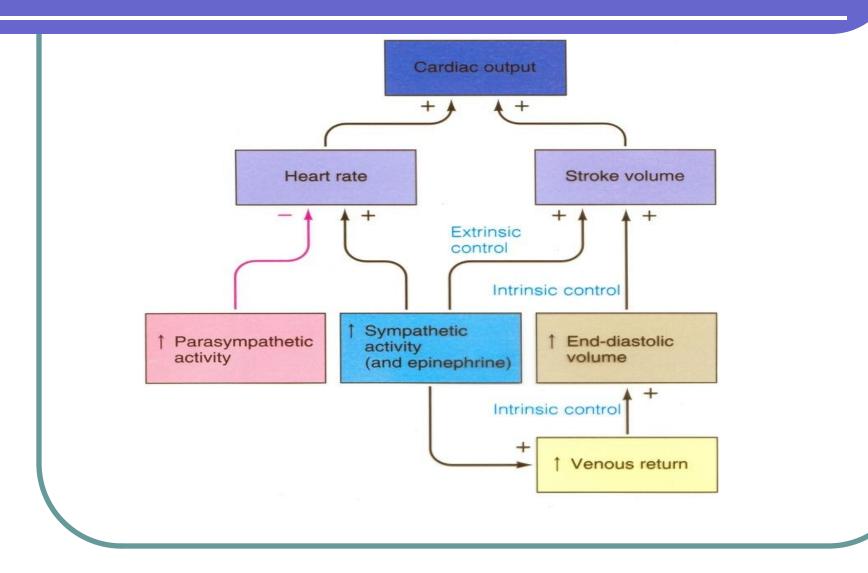
Magnitude & Distribution of CO at Rest & During Moderate Exercise



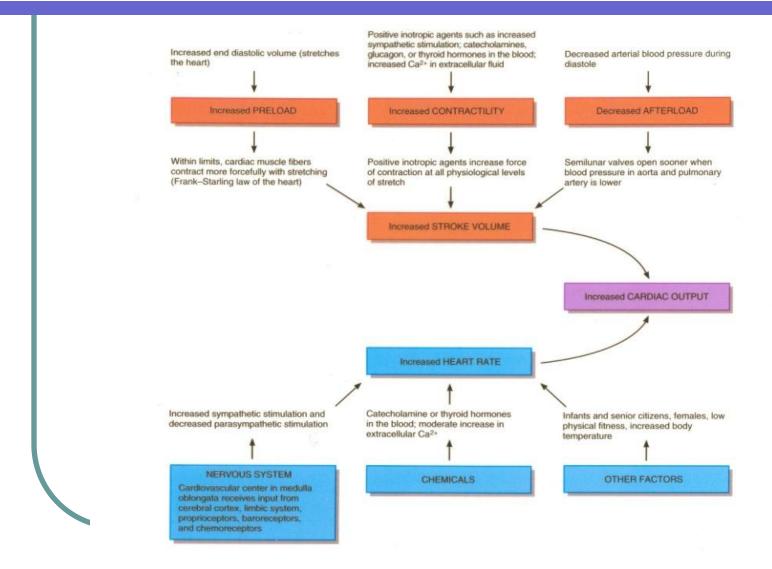
Variations in Tissue Blood Flow

			ml/min/
	Per cent	ml/min	100 gm
Brain	14	700	50
Heart	4	200	70
Bronchi	2	100	25
Kidneys	22	1100	360
Liver	27	1350	95
Portal	(21)	(1050)	
Arterial	(6)	(300)	
Muscle (inactive state)	15	750	4
Bone	5	250	3
Skin (cool weather)	6	300	3
Thyroid gland	1	50	160
Adrenal glands	0.5	25	300
Other tissues	3.5	175	1.3
Total	100.0	5000	

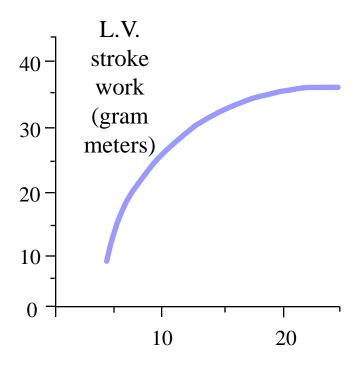
Control of Cardiac Output



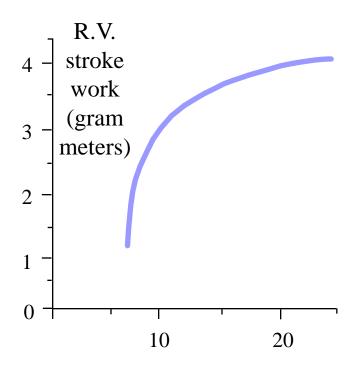
Factors that affect the Cardiac Output



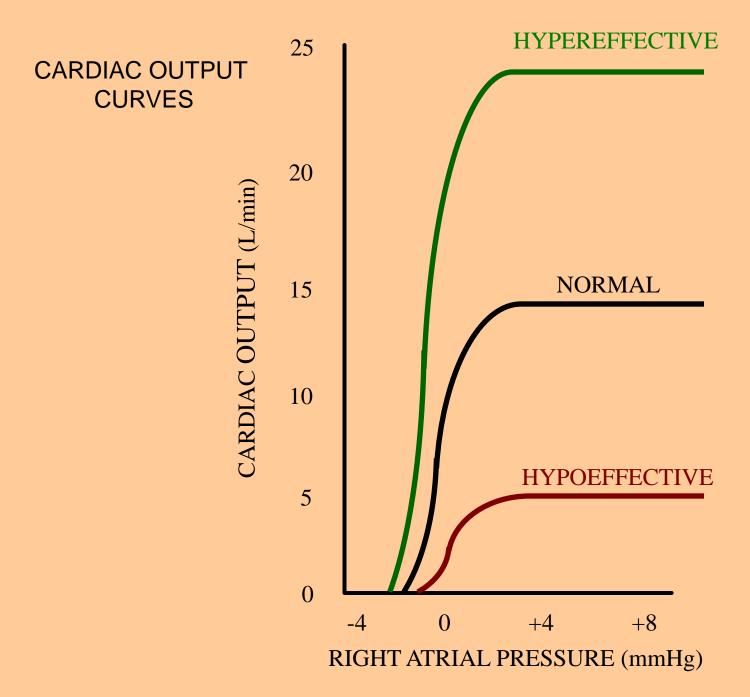
Ventricular Stroke Work Output



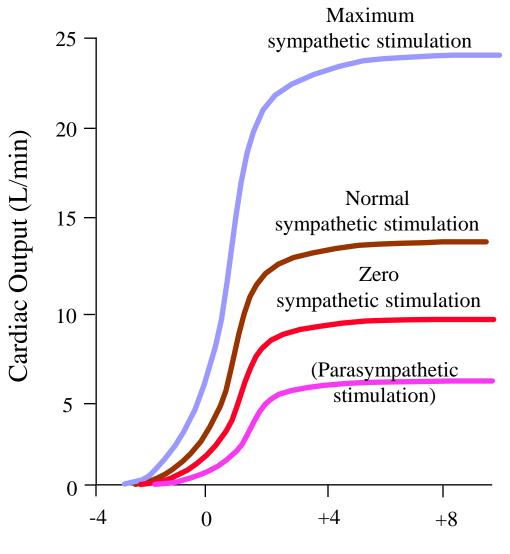
Left Atrial Mean Pressure (mm Hg)



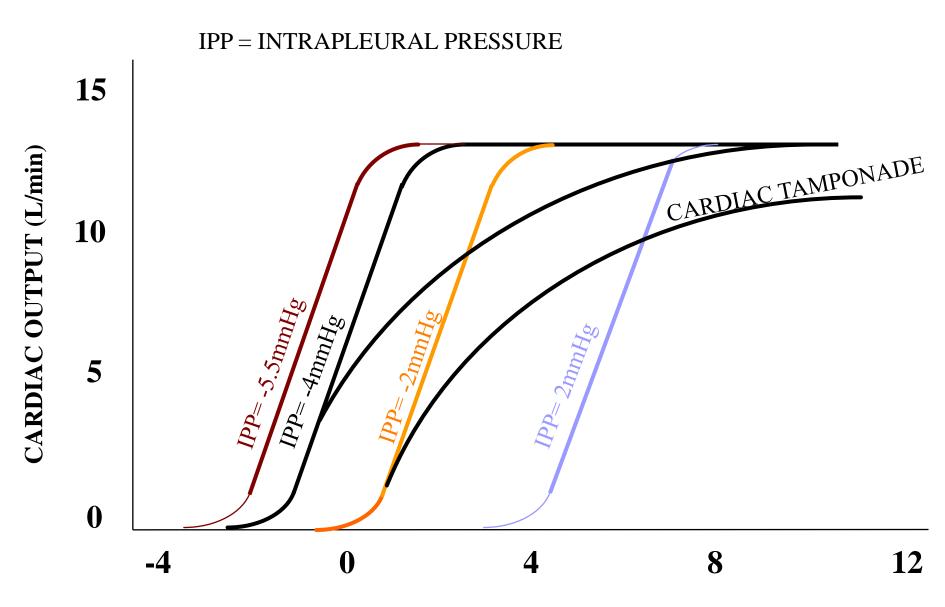
Right Atrial Mean Pressure (mm Hg)



Effect of Sympathetic and Parasympathetic Stimulation on Cardiac Output



Right Atrial Pressure (mmHg)



RIGHT ATRIAL PRESSURE (mmHg)

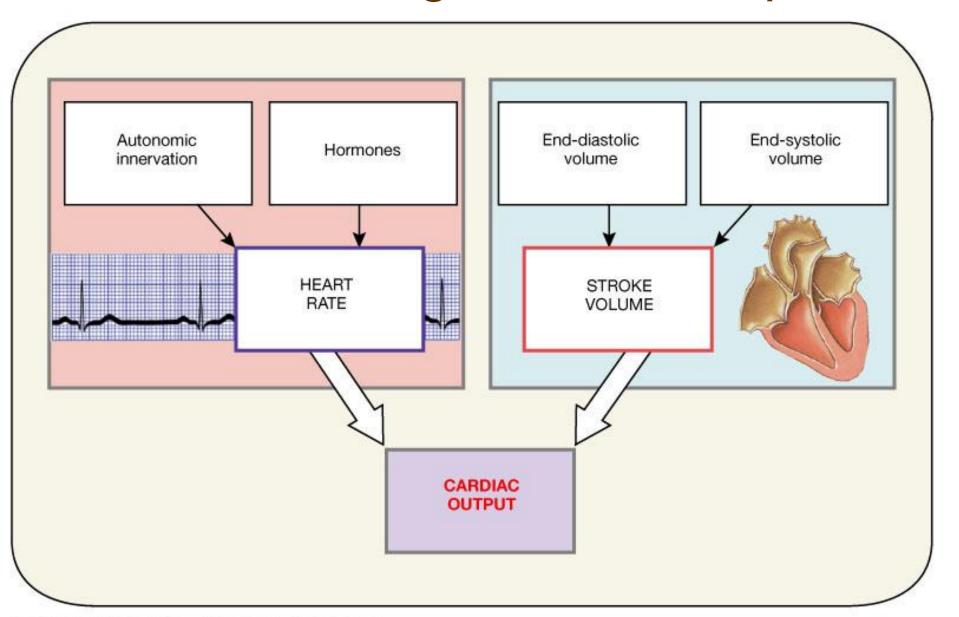
The Cardiac Output Curve

- Plateau of CO curve determined by heart strength (contractility + ↑HR)
- \uparrow Sympathetics $\Rightarrow \uparrow$ plateau
- \downarrow Parasympathetics (HR \uparrow) \Rightarrow (? plateau)
- ↑ Plateau
- Heart hypertrophy $\Rightarrow \uparrow$'s plateau
- Myocardial infarction \Rightarrow (? plateau)
- ↓ Plateau

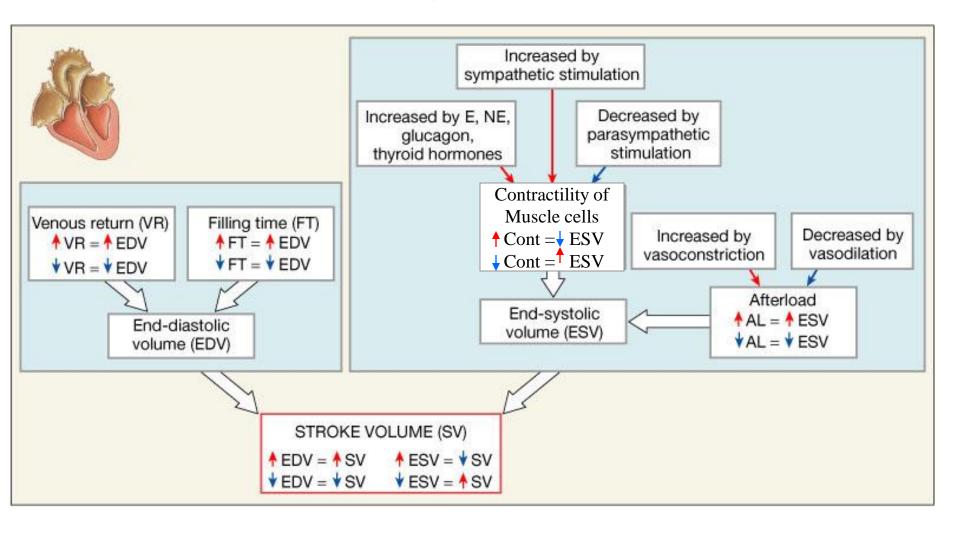
The Cardiac Output Curve (cont'd)

- Valvular disease ⇒ ↓ plateau (stenosis or regurgitation)
- Myocarditis ⇒ ↓ plateau
- Cardiac tamponade \Rightarrow (? plateau)
- ↓ Plateau
- Metabolic damage ⇒ ↓ plateau

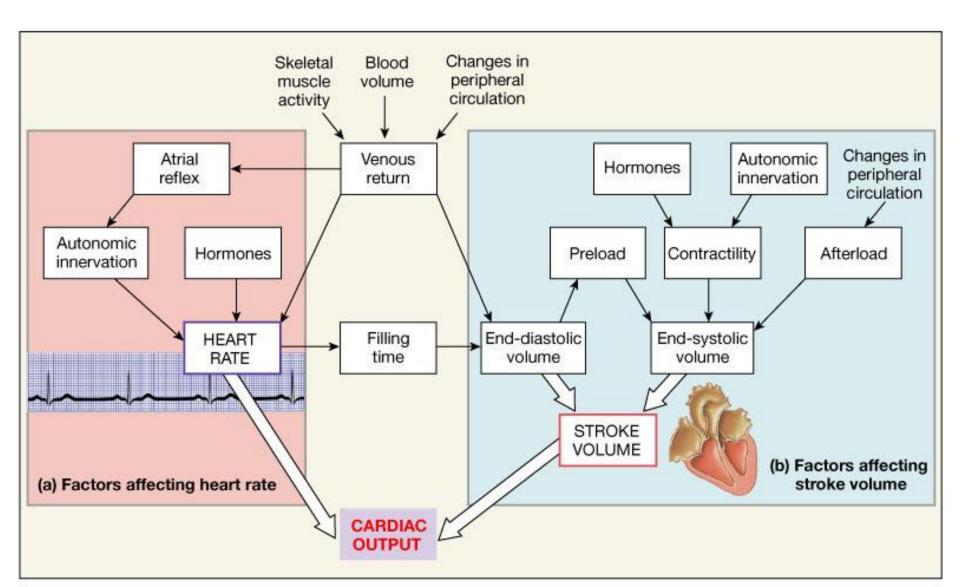
Factors Affecting Cardiac Output



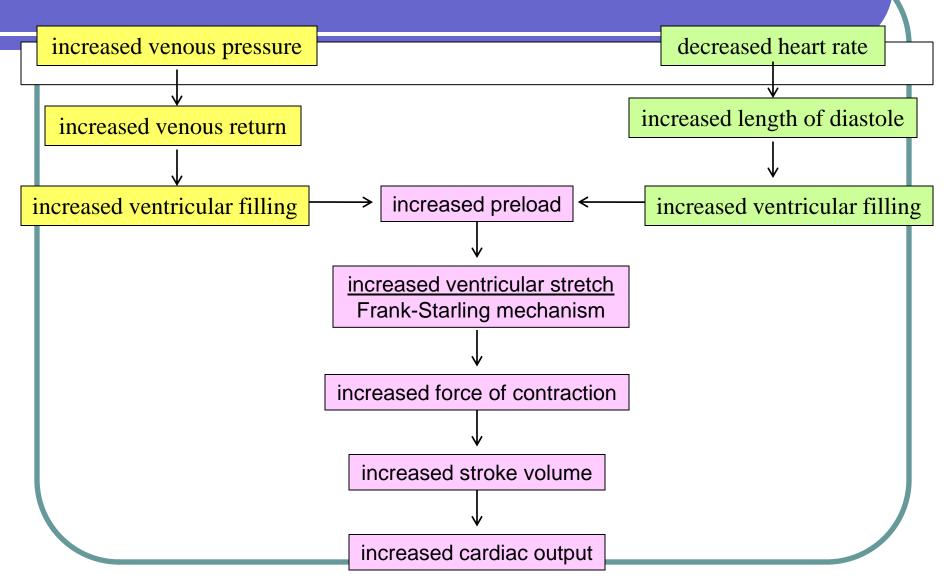
Factors Affecting Stroke Volume



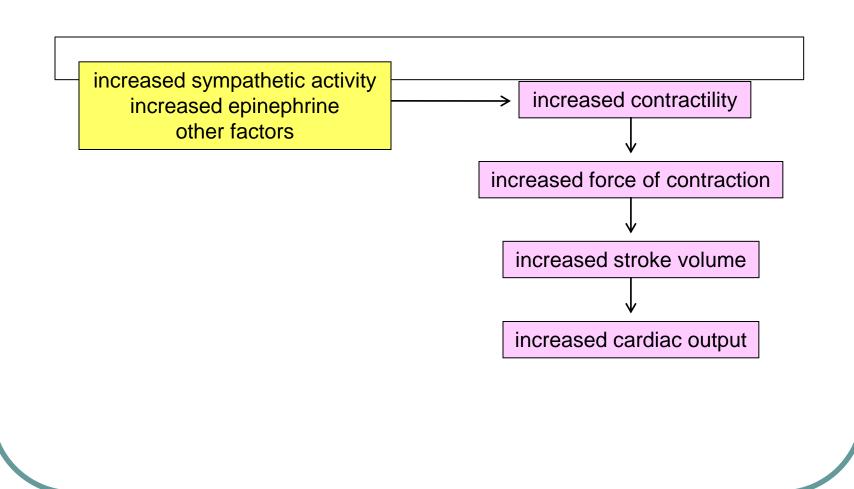
A Summary of the Factors Affecting Cardiac Output



REGULATION OF STROKE VOLUME: PRELOAD



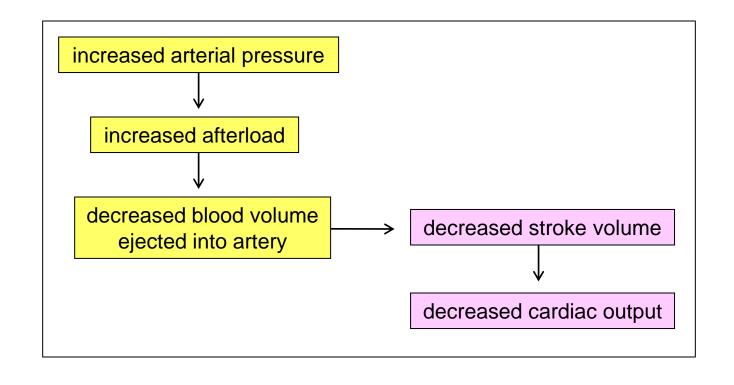
REGULATION OF STROKE VOLUME: CONTRACTILITY



Cardiac Contractility

- Best is to measure the C.O. curve, but this is nearly impossible in humans.
- dP/dt is not an accurate measure because this increases with increasing preload and afterload.
- (dP/dt)/P _{ventricle} is better. P _{ventricle} is instantaneous ventricular pressure.
- Excess K⁺ decreases contractility.
- Excess Ca⁺⁺ causes spastic contraction, and low Ca⁺⁺ causes cardiac dilation.

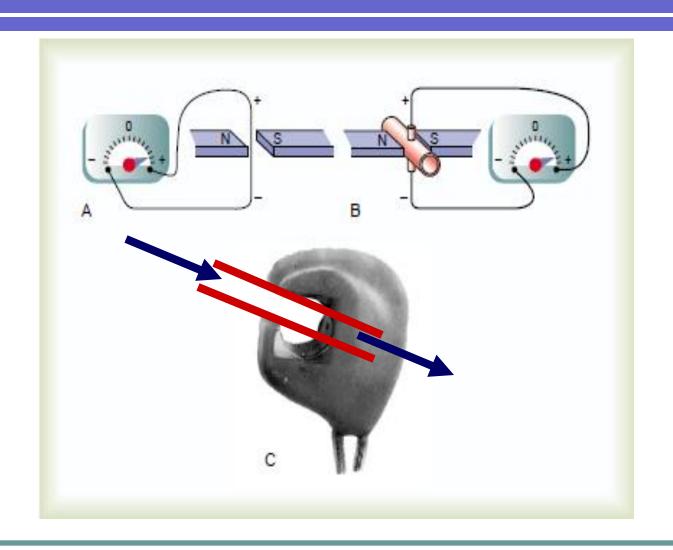
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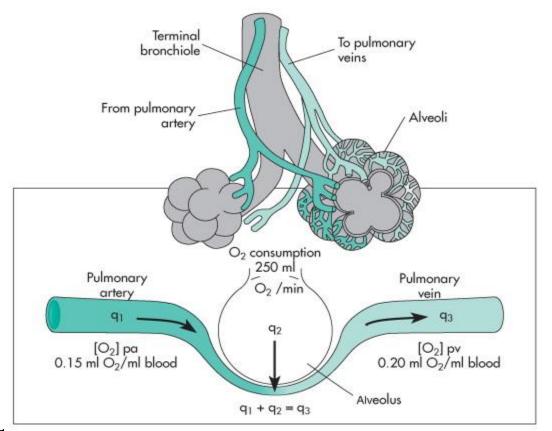


Measurement of Cardiac Output

- Electromagnetic flowmeter
- Indicator dilution (dye such as cardiogreen)
- Thermal dilution
- Oxygen Fick Method
- $CO = (O_2 consumption / (A-V O_2 difference)$

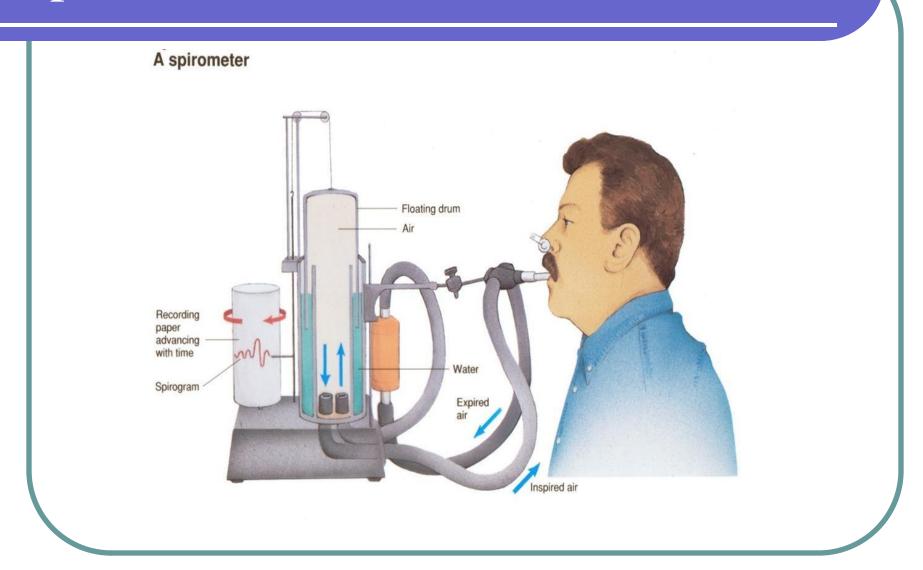
Electromagnetic flowmeter



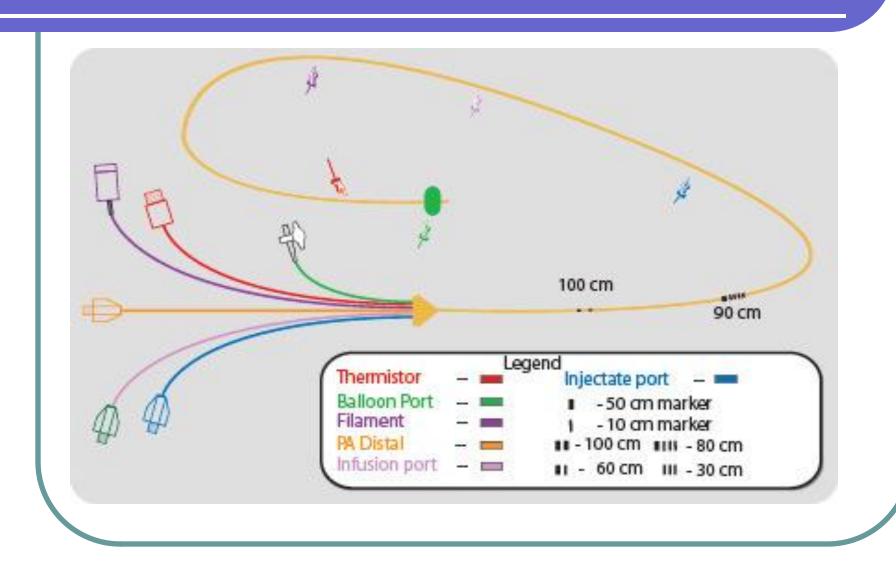


 $\begin{aligned} &q_1 = CQ^*C_{VO2} \\ &q_2 = \text{amount of Oxygen uptake by the lungs} \\ &q_3 = CO_-^* C_{AO2} \text{ and equals} = CQ^*C_{VO2} + O_2 \text{ uptake} \\ &Oxygen uptake = CQ\{C_{AO2} - C_{VO2}\} \\ &CO = Oxygen uptake / \{C_{AO2} - C_{VO2}\} \end{aligned}$

Spirometer



Swan-Ganz catheter



O₂ Fick Problem

- If pulmonary vein O_2 content = 200 ml O_2/L blood
- Pulmonary artery O_2 content = 160 ml O_2 /L blood
- Lungs add 400 ml O₂ /min
- What is cardiac output?
- Answer: 400/(200-160) = 10 L/min

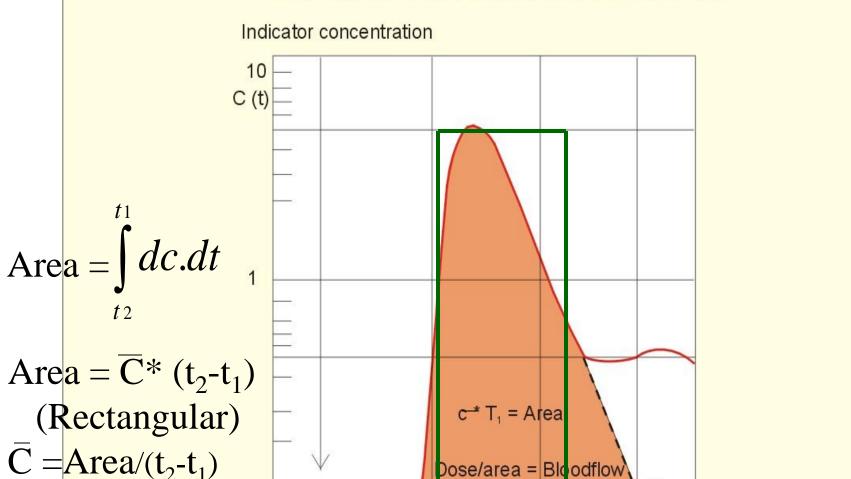
THE INDICATOR DILUTION PRINCIPLE

Dose/area = Bloodflow

Time

Seconds

KMc

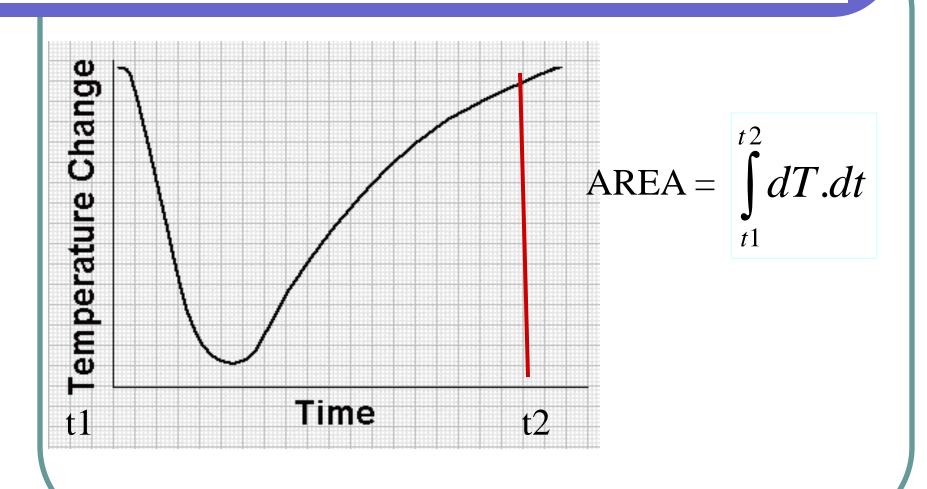


Cardiac output =
$$\frac{q}{C}X\frac{60}{\text{duration in seconds}}$$

Indicator dose

0.1

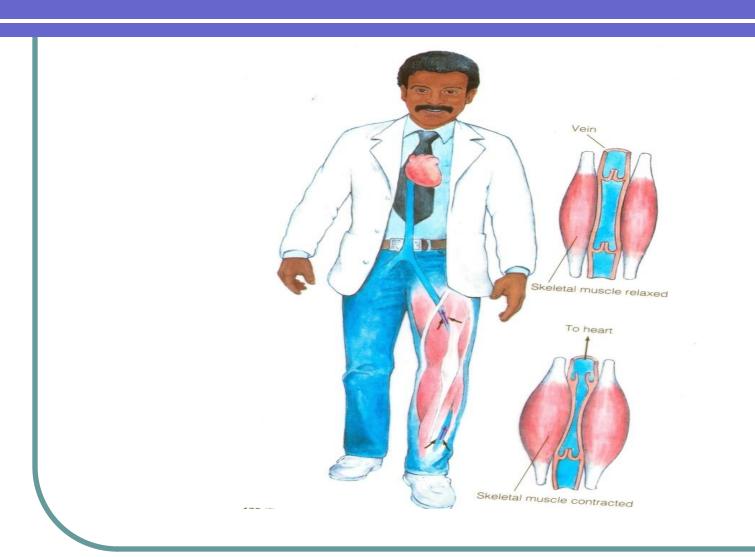
Thermodilution Method Curve



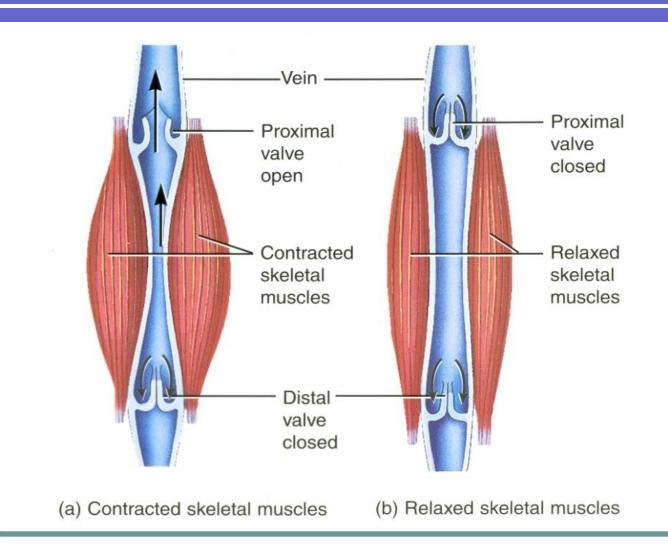
VENOUS RETURN

- Definition: Volume of blood returns to either the left side or right side of the heart per minute
- $VR = CO = \Delta P/R$
- VR = (Venous pressure –Rt. Atrial pressure)/ resistance to venous return

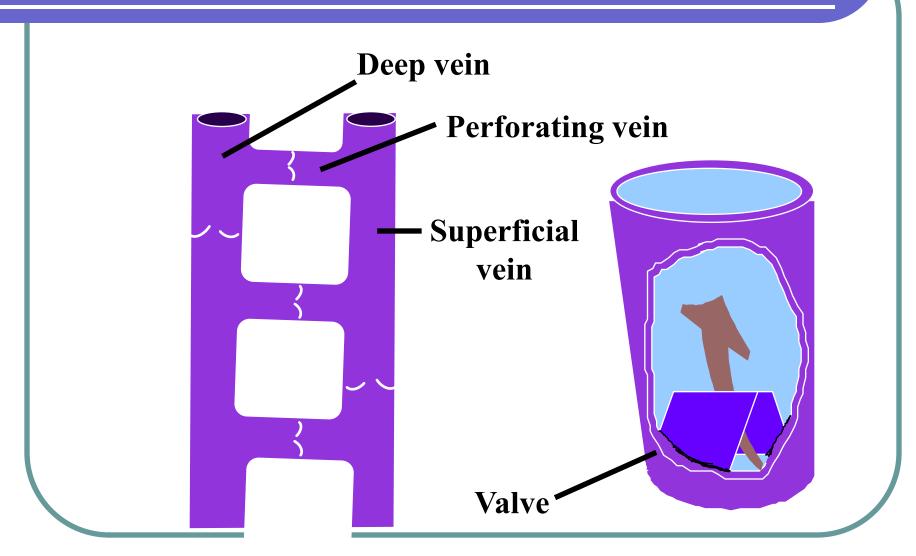
Effect of Venous Valves



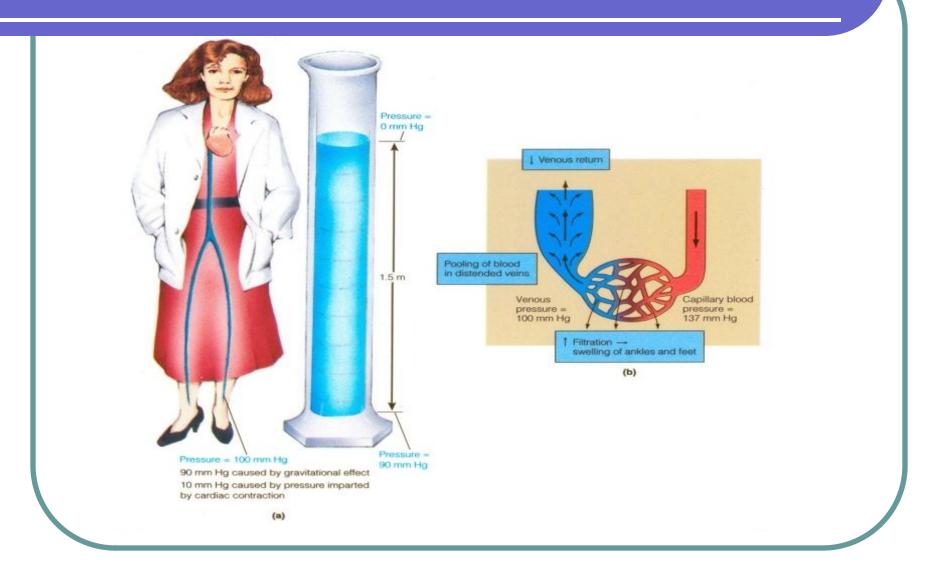
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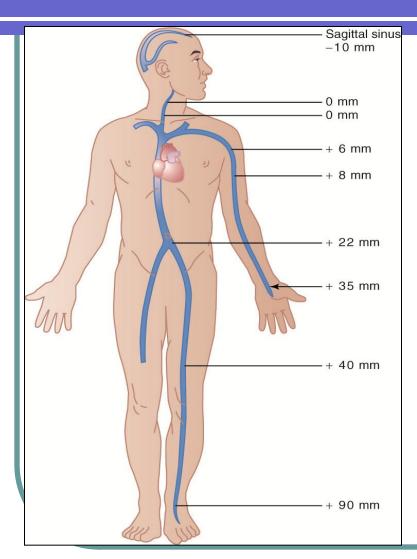
Venous Valves



Effect Of Gravity on Venous Pressure



Venous Pressure in the Body



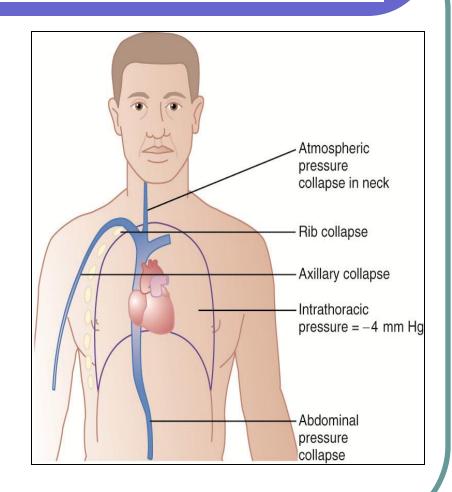
- Compressional factors tend to cause resistance to flow in large peripheral veins.
- Increases in right atrial pressure causes blood to back up into the venous system thereby increasing venous pressures.
- Abdominal pressures tend to increase venous pressures in the legs.

Central Venous Pressure

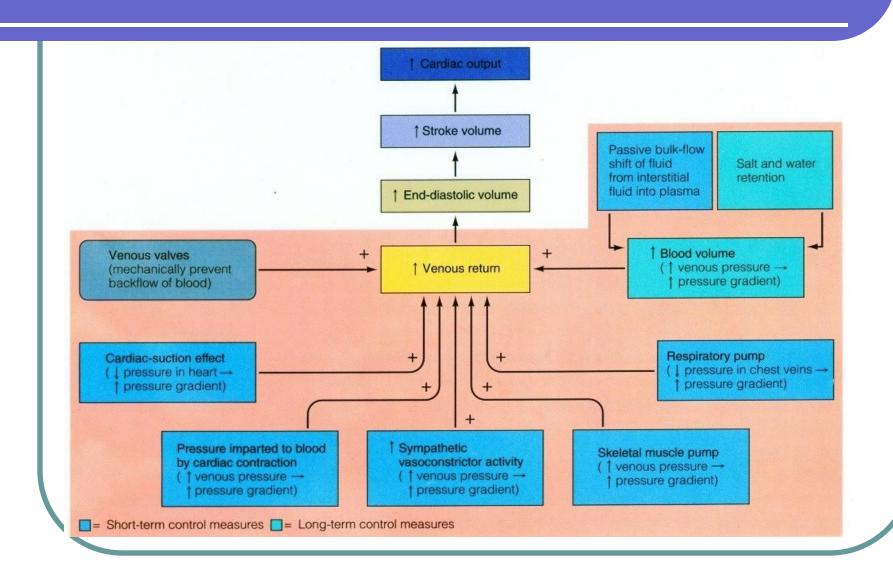
- * Pressure in the right atrium is called *central venous pressure*.
- * Right atrial pressure is determined by the balance of the heart pumping blood out of the right atrium and flow of blood from the large veins into the right atrium.
- * Central venous pressure is normally 0 mmHg, but can be as high as 20-30 mmHg.

Factors affecting Central Venous Pressure

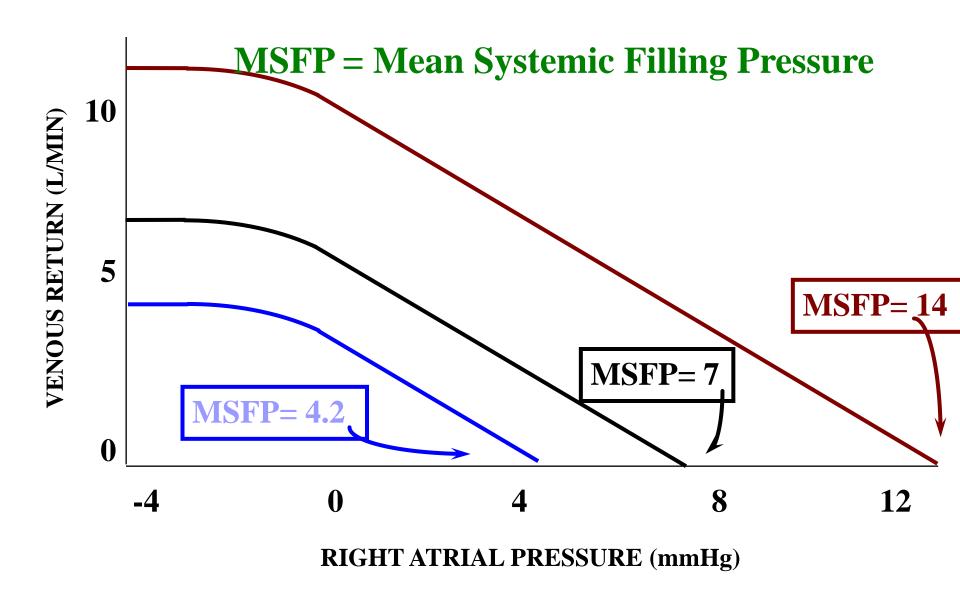
- Right atrial pressure (RAP) is regulated by a balance between the ability of the heart to pump blood out of the atrium and the rate of blood flowing into the atrium from peripheral veins.
 - Factors that increase RAP:
 - -increased blood volume
 - -increased venous tone
 - dilation of arterioles
 - -decreased cardiac function

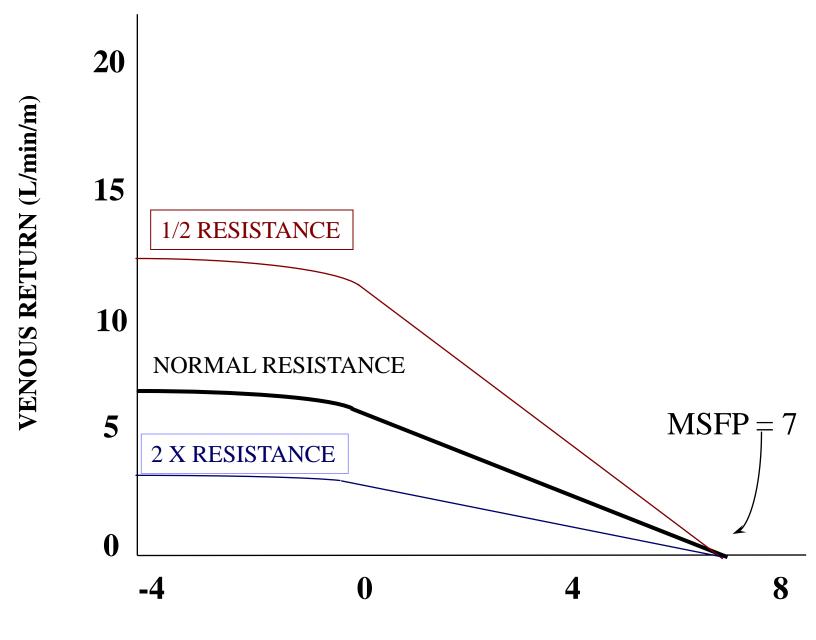


Factors that Facilitate Venous Return



The Venous Return Curve





RIGHT ATRIAL PRESSURE (mmHg)

Venous Return (VR)

- Beriberi thiamine deficiency \Rightarrow arteriolar dilatation $\Rightarrow \downarrow RVR$
- (RVR= resistance to venous return)
 because VR = (MSFP RAP) /RVR
 (good for positive RAP's)
- A-V fistula \Rightarrow (? RVR)
- ↓ RVR
- C. Hyperthyroidism \Rightarrow (? RVR)

Venous Return (VR) (cont'd)

- Anemia $\Rightarrow \downarrow RVR \text{ (why?)}$
- \uparrow Sympathetics $\Rightarrow \uparrow$ MSFP
- \uparrow Blood volume $\Rightarrow \uparrow$ MSFP + small
 - ↓ in RVR
- Venous compliance (muscle contraction or venous constriction)
 - \Rightarrow (? MSFP)
- ↑ MSFP

Factors Causing Venous Return

- \downarrow Blood volume $\Rightarrow \downarrow$ MSFP
- \downarrow Sympathetics \Rightarrow (? v. comp. and MSFP)
- ↑ Venous compliance and ↓MSFP
- Obstruction of veins \Rightarrow (? RVR)
- ↑ RVR

RIGHT ATRIAL PRESSURE (mmHg)

Thank You

