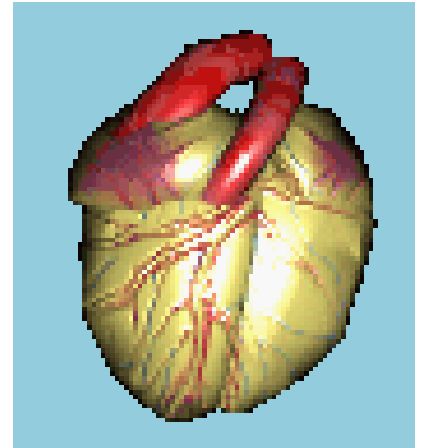


# CARDIAC OUTPUT

Dr Balapala



- **Cardiac output (CO) – is defined as the volume of blood ejected by each ventricle per minute.**
- **Cardiac output = stroke volume X HR**
- **Normal value = 5- 6 litre/min**

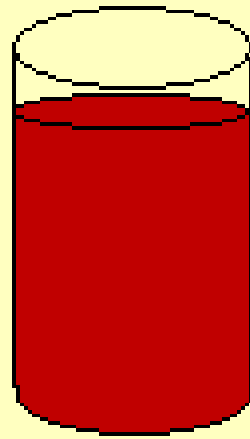
- **Stroke volume (SV)** – is defined as the volume of blood ejected by each ventricle per beat.
- Normal value = 70-80 ml.
- $CO = SV \times HR$   
 $= 70 \times 72$   
 $= 5.040 \text{ Lit/min}$

- **Cardiac index** – is CO divided by BSA (Body surface area).
- $$CI = \frac{\text{Cardiac output (5L/min)}}{\text{BSA (1.73m}^2\text{)}} \approx 3\text{L/min /m}^2$$
- Measures **myocardial performance**.

- **EDV (End diastolic volume) – the vol. of blood remaining in each ventricle at the end of diastole. ( = 130ml).**
- **ESV (End systolic volume) - the vol. of blood remaining in each ventricle at the end of systole. ( = 50ml).**
- **$SV = EDV - ESV$ .**

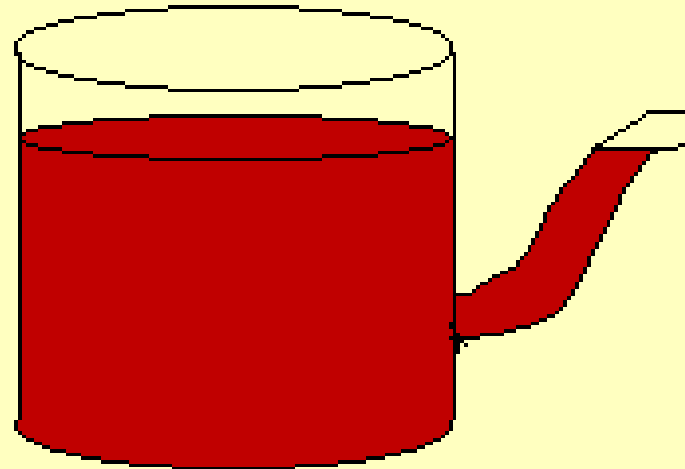
- Ejection Fraction – the percentage of EDV ejected **per beat**.
- $EF = SV / EDV$   
 $\approx 65\%$  (normal value 55 – 70% )
- Is an index of **myocardial performance**.

**Stroke Volume**  
(End Diastolic Volume -  
End Systolic Volume)



$$\text{Ejection Fraction} = \frac{\text{SV}}{\text{EDV}} = \frac{\text{Stroke Volume}}{\text{End Diastolic Volume}}$$

**End Diastolic Volume**  
(reached at end  
of ventricular filling)



**Calculation of Ejection Fraction**

# Physiological conditions that alter CO

- Increased CO
  - i. Exercise
  - ii. Anxiety
  - iii. Emotion & excitement
  - iv. Increased environmental temperature.
  - v. After eating
  - vi. pregnancy



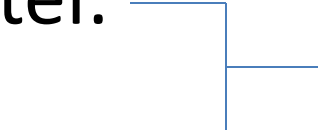
## Conditions that decrease CO

- i. Standing from lying position
- ii. Excessive sweating.

## Conditions that do not change CO

- i. Sleep
- ii. Mild to moderate change in environmental temp.

# MEASUREMENT OF CARDIAC OUTPUT

- Direct methods
    - i. Electromagnetic flow meter.
    - ii. Cardiometer.
    - iii. Doppler with echocardiography – in humans
- 

- **Indirect methods**

1. Fick method
2. Indicator dilution method.
3. Thermodilution method.
4. Ballistocardiography.
5. Echocardiography.

# Fick Method

- Fick principle is **defined** as - the amount of substance taken up by an organ or by the whole body per unit time is equal to the arterio-venous difference of the substance times blood flow.
- CO can be **measured** by measuring the amount of oxygen consumed by the body in a given period and dividing this value by A-V oxygen difference across the lungs.

- Output of **left ventricle (Bd flow)** (CO)=

**Oxygen consumption ( ml/min)**

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**Arterio-venous oxygen difference**

- Oxygen consumption at rest = 250 ml O<sub>2</sub> / min
- Arterial O<sub>2</sub> Content = 200 ml /lt
- Venous O<sub>2</sub> Content = 150 ml/lt
- A-V difference of O<sub>2</sub> = 50 ml /lt
- CARDIAC OUT PUT =

$$\frac{250 \text{ ml/min}}{50 \text{ ml/lt}}$$

$$= 5 \text{ L/min}$$

## Advantages

- Result is accurate.
- No chemicals injected.

## Disadvantages

- Catheterization should be done.
- Hospitalization is required.
- Patient may be apprehensive of catheterization that increase CO.
- Simultaneous measurement of O<sub>2</sub> consumption makes the process difficult.

# Indicator dilution method

- Principle - in this method a **known amount** of an indicator (a dye or a **radioactive isotope**) is injected into circulation through an arm vein and the concentration of the indicator is measured in serial samples of the arterial blood.
- The output of the heart is equal the **amount** of the **indicator injected** **divided** by its average **conc. in arterial blood** after a single circulation through the heart



Procedure - this method is popularly k/a Hamilton's dye dilution method.

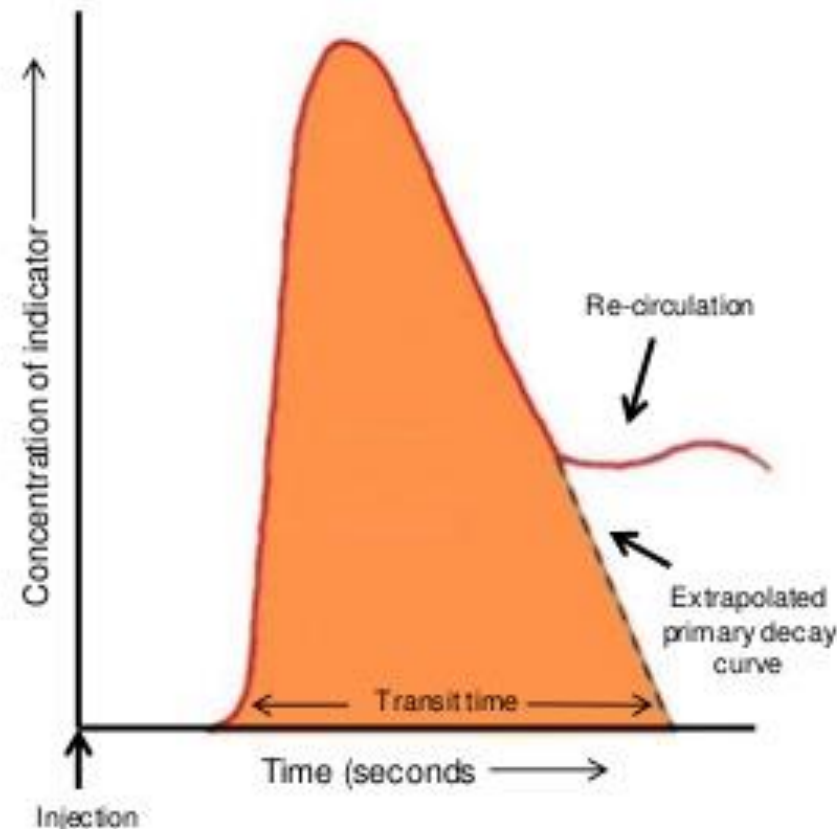
- Dye used – **Evans' Blue or Cardio-green.**
- After injecting the dye , the conc. of the dye is **recorded** as it passes through one of the peripheral arteries.( i.e by collecting serial arterial samples at regular intervals )

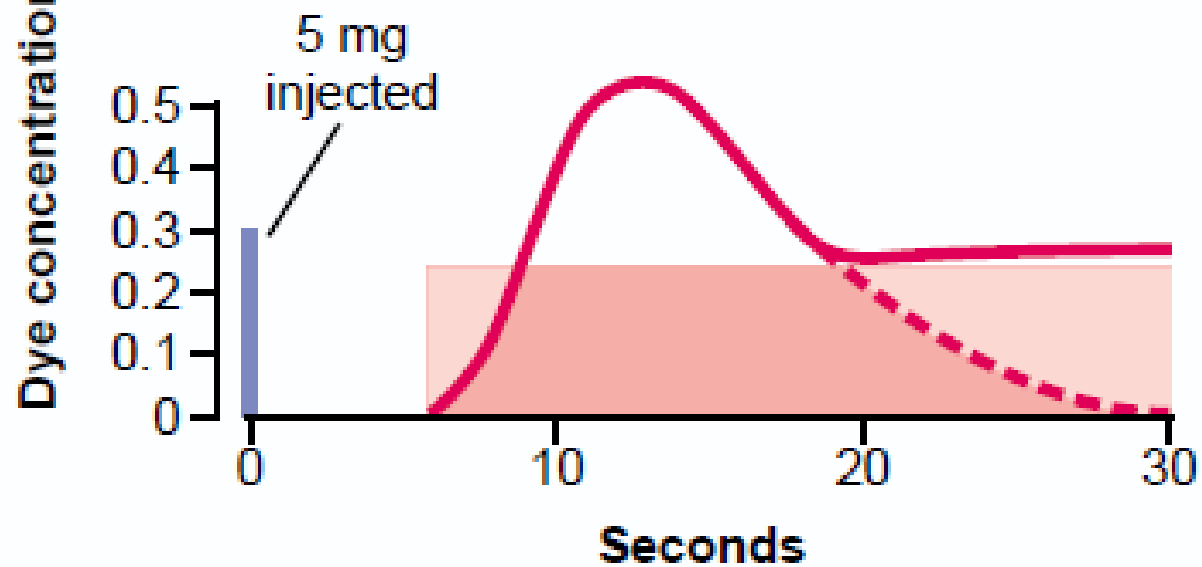
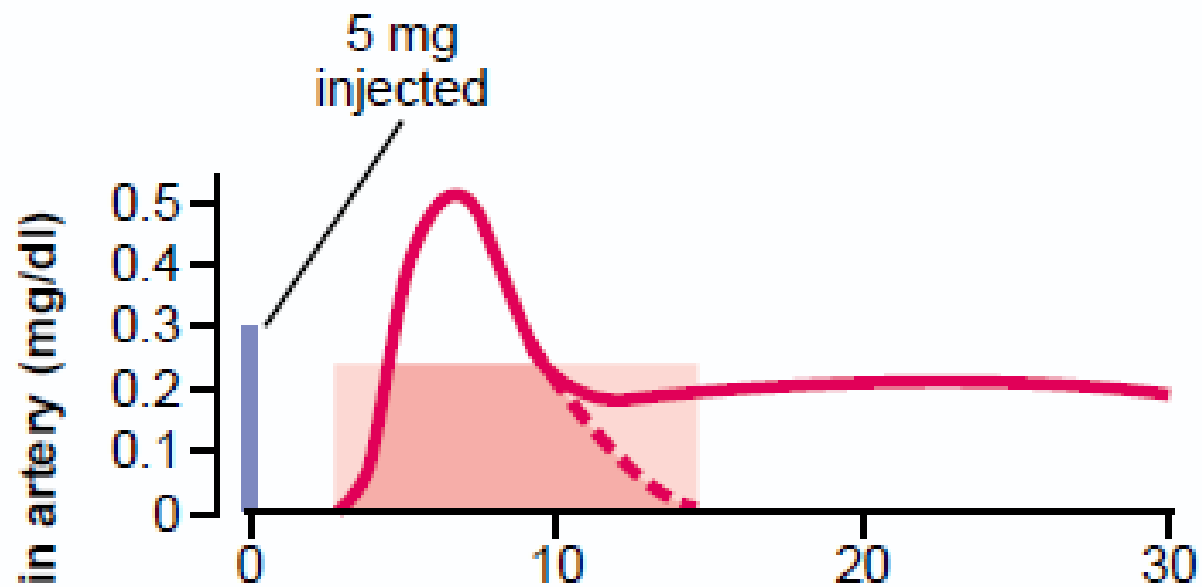
# Cardiac output measurement: Indicator-dilution

- Described initially by Stewart, later by Hamilton
- When an indicator is injected into the blood stream, its concentration at a downstream sampling site initially increases and then falls proportional to blood flow
- As the indicator re-circulates, its concentration rises briefly and then reaches a steady state if it is not excreted
- The area under the extrapolated primary decay curve (coloured area in the figure) is equal to blood flow (cardiac output):

$$Q = \frac{I}{\int_0^{\infty} C_t dt}$$

$Q$  = cardiac output;  $I$  = amount of indicator;  $C_t dt$ : integral of indicator concentration over time





# Indicator dilution method

$$F = \frac{Q}{C \times t}$$

where ,

F= blood flow (Lit /seconds)

Q = total amount of dye injected

C = mean concentration of dye

t= Duration in seconds of the **first passage** of dye

## Advantages

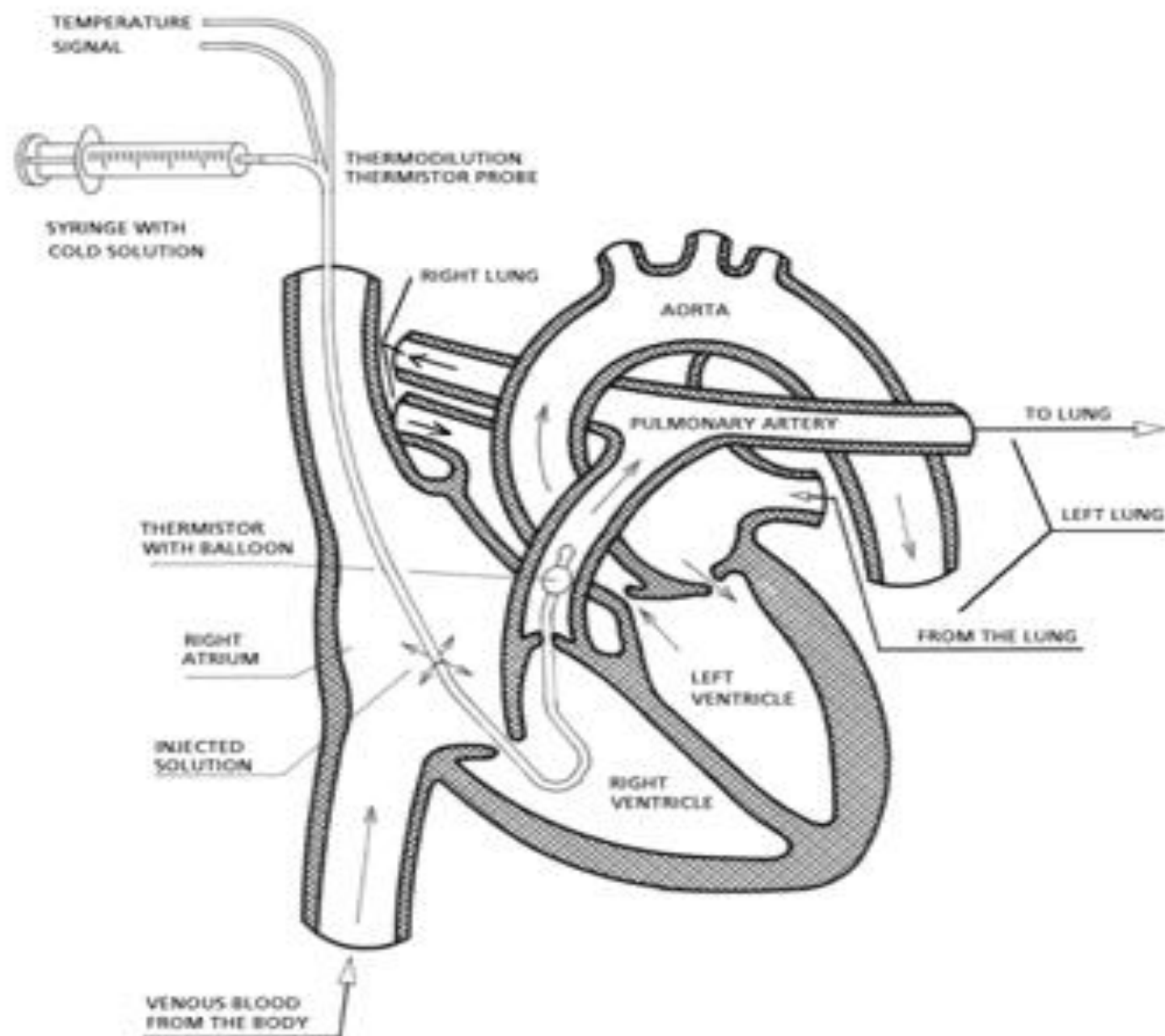
- Is an accurate method.

## Disadvantages

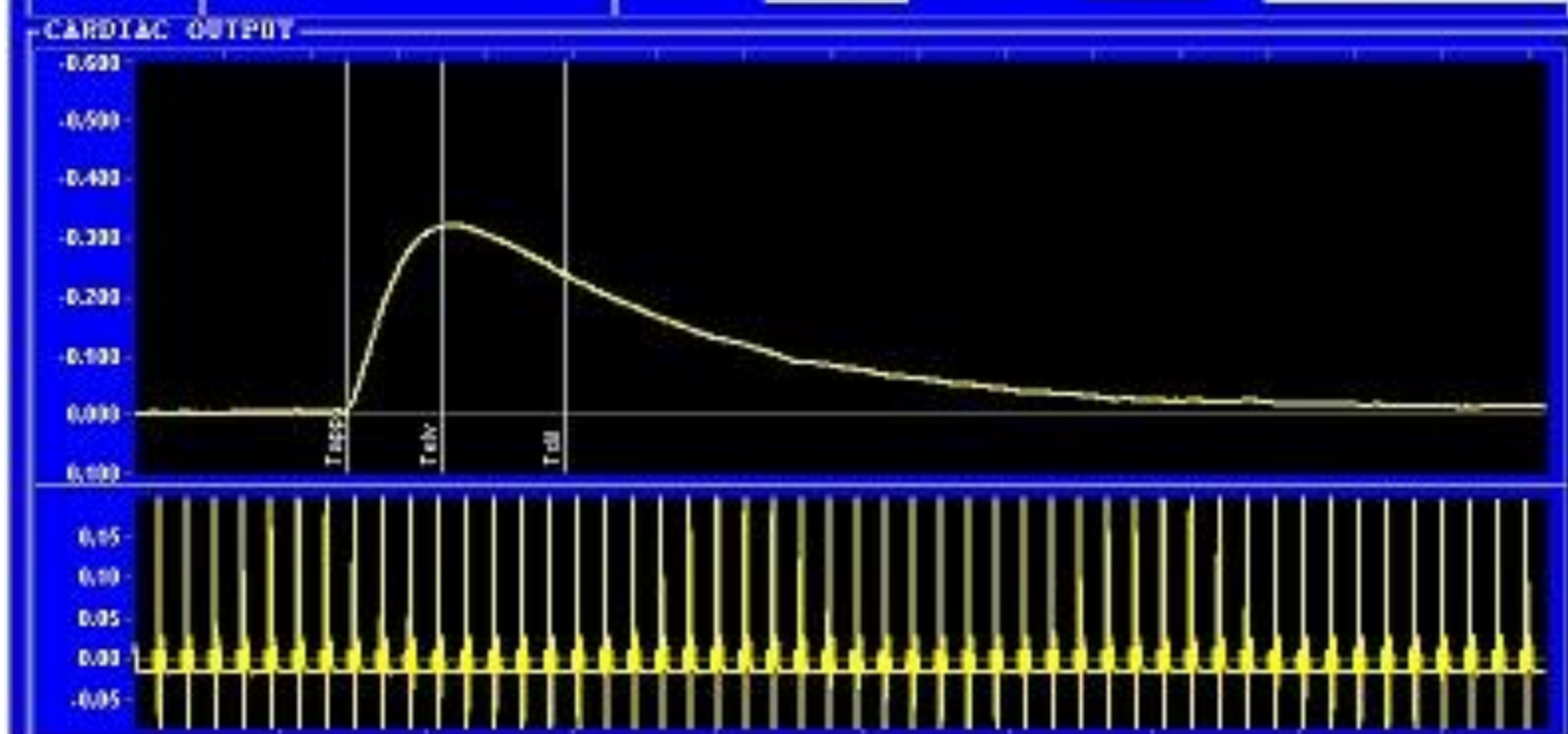
- **Shoudn't be repeated in short time** as the conc. of the dye of the earlier use may give errors

## Thermodilution method

- Cold saline is used.
- Change in blood temperature is measured by thermistor.
- The CO is measured by determining the resultant change in the blood temperature in the Pulmonary artery
- Other indirect methods
  - Echocardiography
  - Ballistocardiography etc.

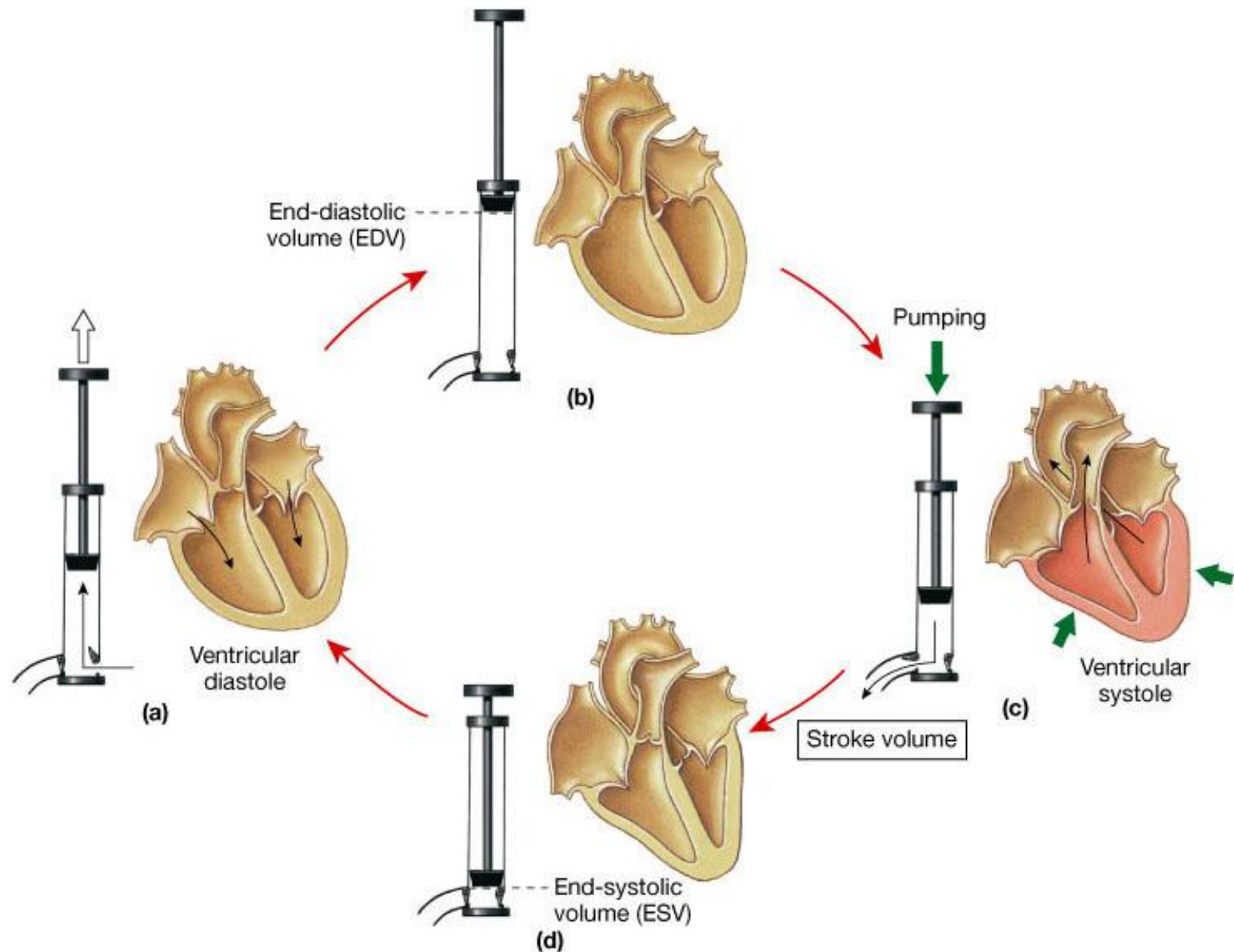


HR		BP 1		BP 2		CARDIAC OUTPUT							
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						BTEMP		<b>42.33</b>	°C	Tcon	<b>4.58</b>		sec
						INJTEMP		<b>17.91</b>	°C	SATR	<b>2.78</b>		sec





# A Simple Model of Stroke Volume



# Questions ?

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFRkSB46bl8>

# **Factors Affecting & Regulating Cardiac Output**

# Factors Affecting CO

- $CO = SV \times HR$
- So factors affecting SV and HR will affect CO.

# A. Factors affecting stroke volume

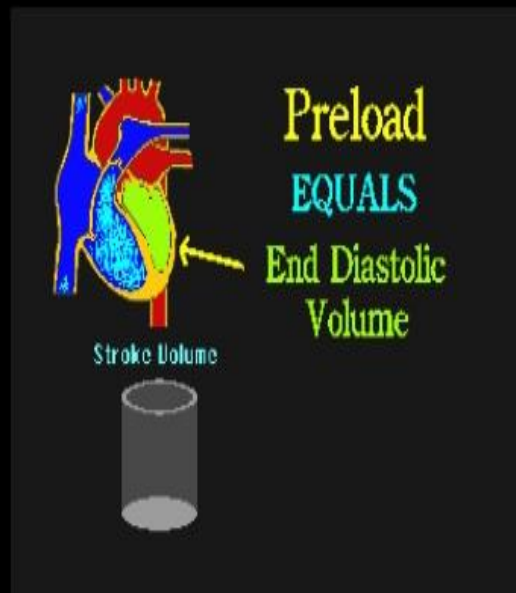
1. Preload.
2. Afterload.
3. Myocardial contractility.

# 1. Preload (EDV)

- EDV is considered as preload.
- $\uparrow$  in EDV  $\uparrow$ es stroke volume and viceversa.
- This can be explained by **Frank-Starling's Law-**

‘it states that within physiological limit, the force of contraction is directly proportional to initial length of muscle fiber’

load



afterload



- The initial length of muscle fiber means the fiber length prior to ventricular contraction(i.e just before the onset of systole).
- Initial length prior to contraction depends on the extend of ventricular stretch which in turn depend on degree of end diastolic filling of the ventricle.
- ↑ed ventricular filling ↑es the fiber length that inturn increases the force of contraction.
- So the ↑in SV due to ↑in initial length of muscle fiber is called as **Heterometric Autoregulation** of cardiac output.( i.e SV varies at various ventricular muscle length)

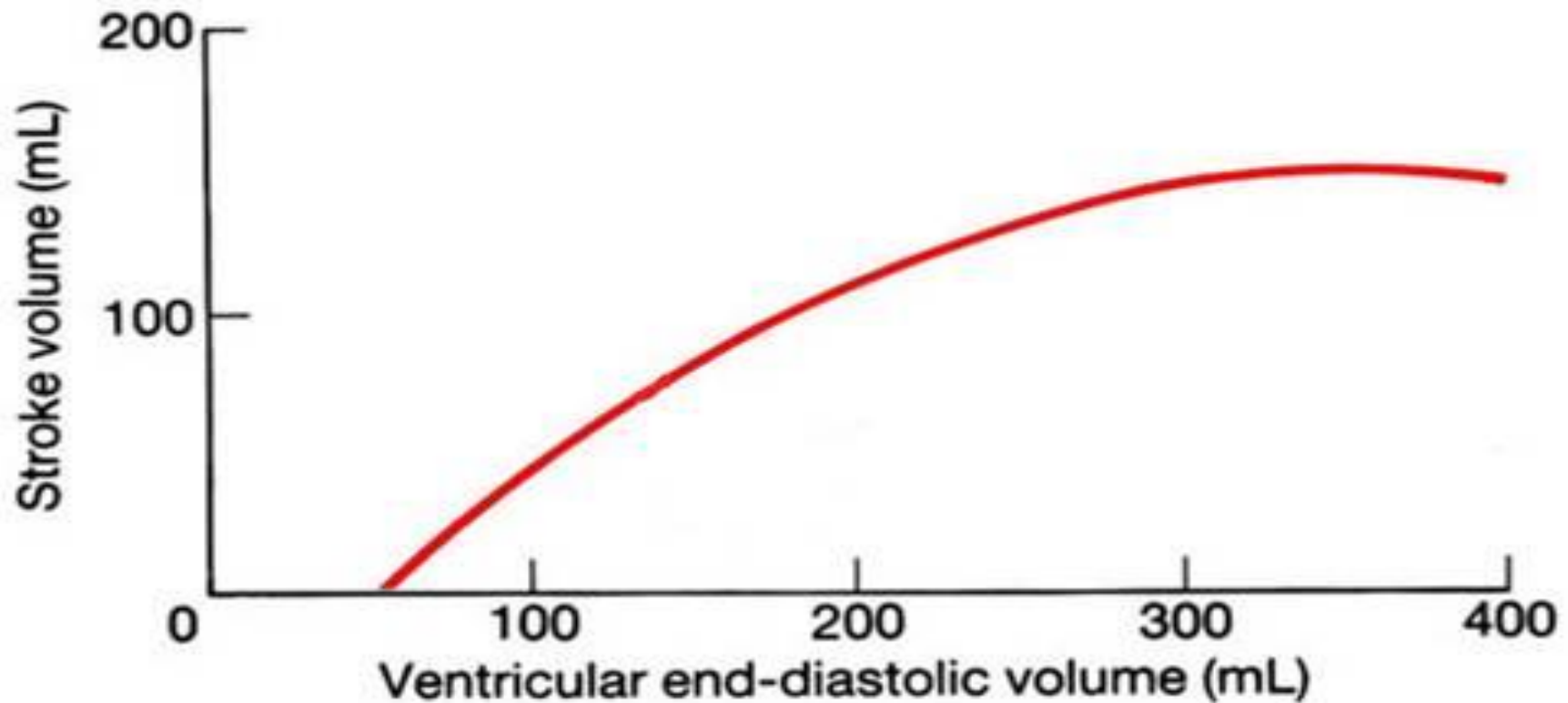


# Frank-Starling Law of Heart

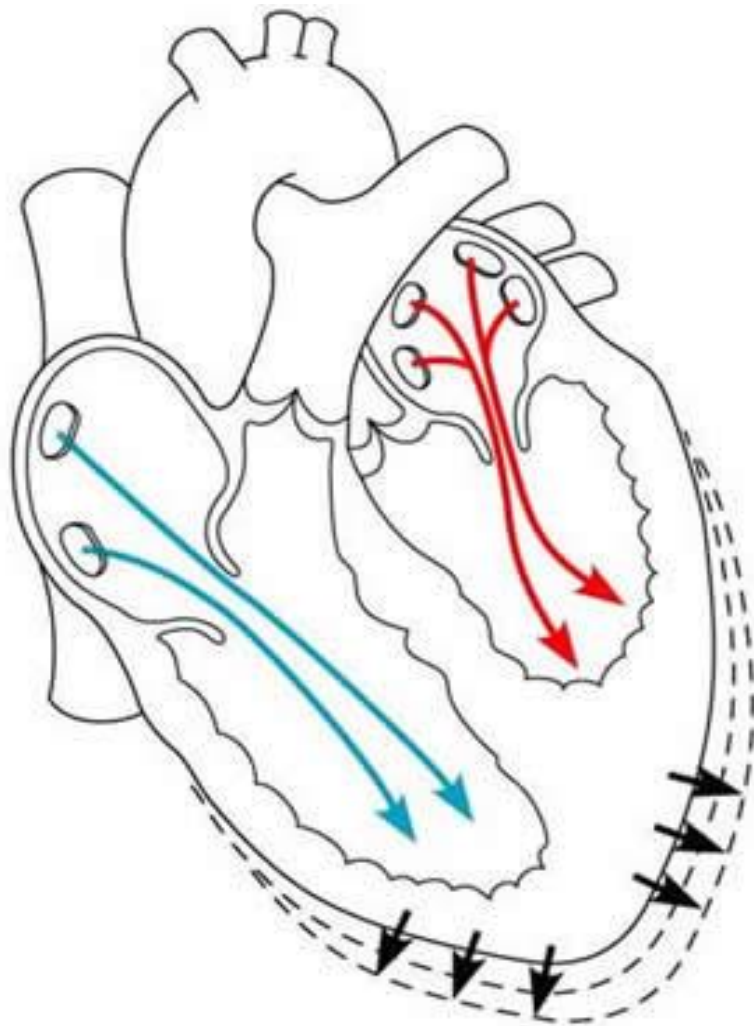
- Mechanism-

1. With ↑ed EDV, the initial length of the muscle fiber ↑es due to increase in chamber size that stretches the muscle fibers.
2. ↑ed stretch → ↑ed interaction b/w thick and thin filament → ↑ed force of contraction
3. Stretch → opens up the stretch sensitive  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  channels on muscle cell membrane →  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  influx into myocardial cells increases → ↑ed force of contraction.
4. Stretch → increases intracellular  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  ion conc. due to increased  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  influx from ECF which in turn causes  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  induced  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  release from sarcoplasmic reticulum.

Is the curve rising constantly ??

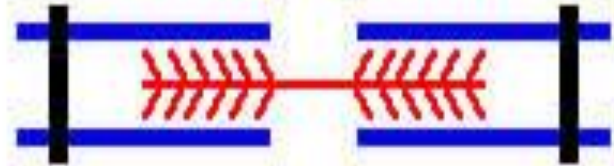


**The Frank-Starling Law of the Heart** refers to the length-tension relationship of cardiac muscle where length (stretch) is determined by EDV (end diastolic volume) and tension = contractile force at a given length will determine SV (stroke volume). As the ventricles become **overfilled** (to the right on the curve beyond EDV = ~250 mL), the heart becomes **inefficient** and stroke volume levels off and eventually declines.

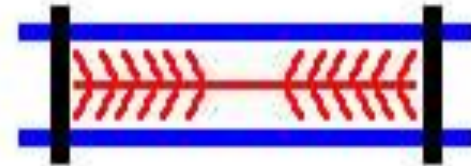


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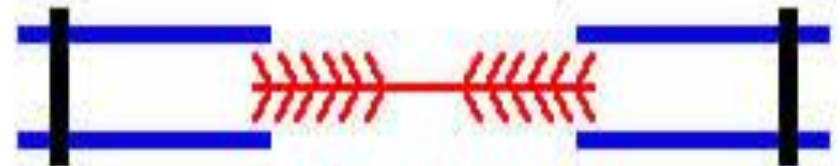
**Normal Sarcomere Resting Length**



**Contracted Sarcomere Length**



**Pre-loaded Sarcomere Length**



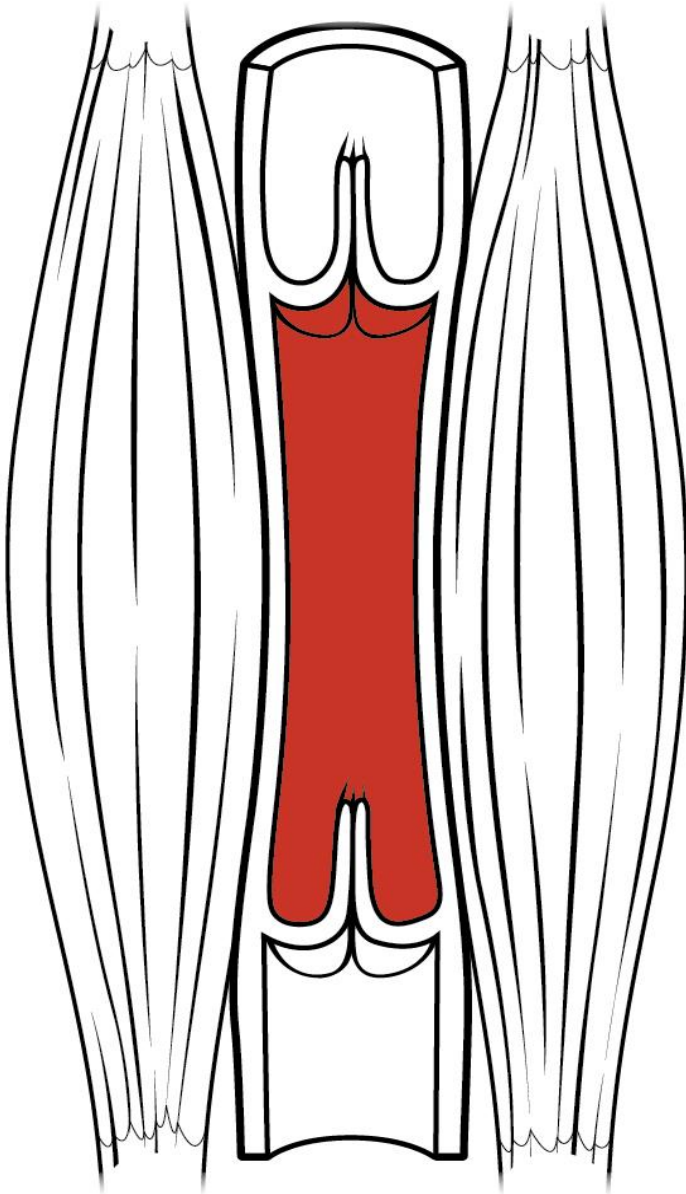
# Preload cont...

- The EDV( end diastolic filling pressure) depends on 3 major factors
  - I. Venous return
  - II. Atrial pump activity
  - III. Ventricular compliance.

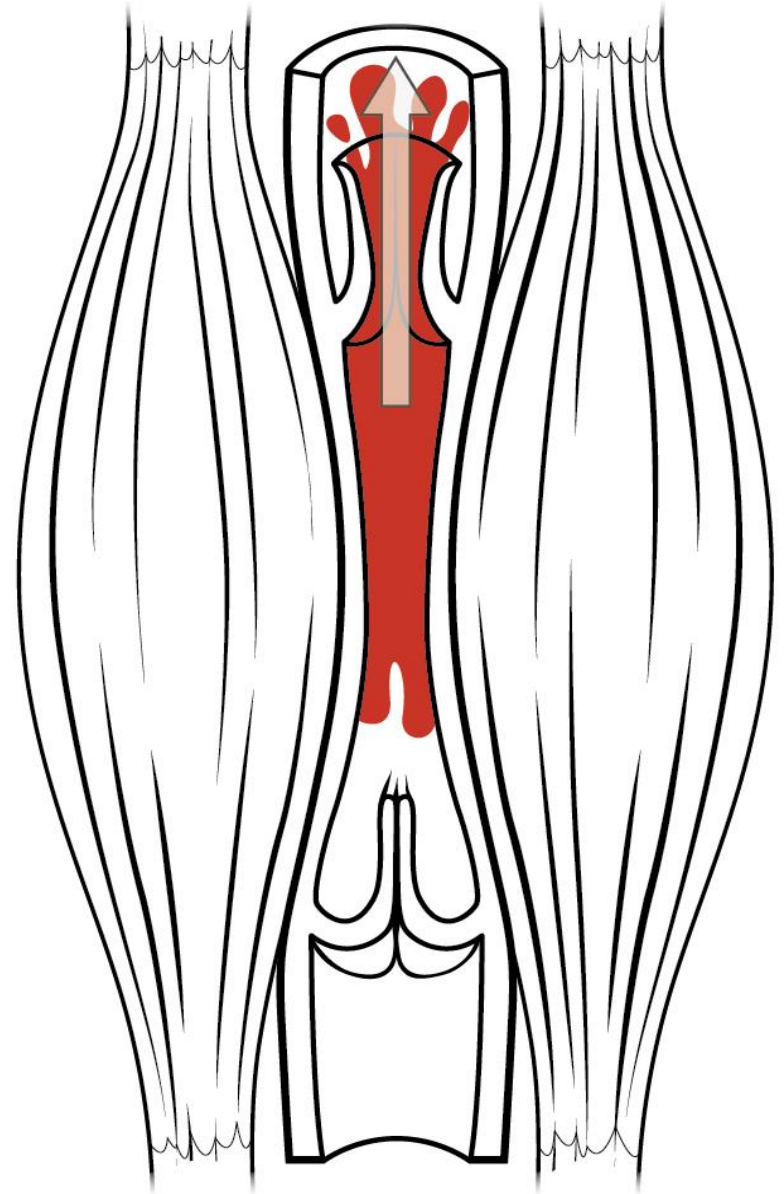
# I. Venous return(VR)

- VR- is the amount of blood that returns to the RA from systemic venous circulation.
- VR depends on the following factors
  - i. **Muscle pump -**
  - ii. **Cardiac pump –**
  - iii. **Thoracic pump –**
  - iv. **Abdominal pump –**
  - v. **ECF volume –**
  - vi. **Sympathetic activity (veno constriction)**

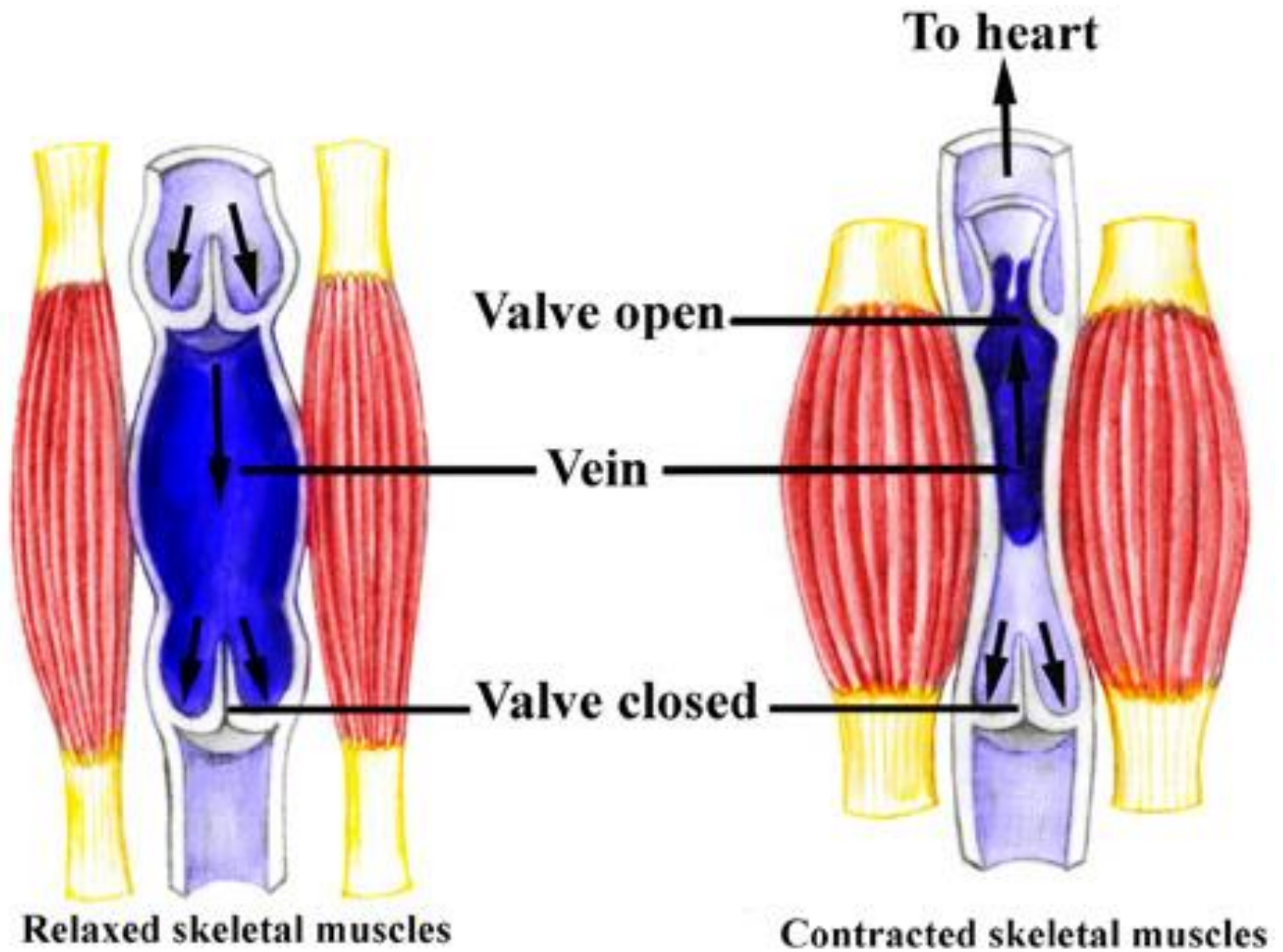
Muscles relaxed,  
valves closed



Muscles contracted,  
valve above muscle opens







# Cardiac pump

- The cardiac pump influences the VR by 2 types of forces- '**vis-a tergo**' and '**vis-a-fronte**'.
- **vis-a tergo**- refers to forward push from behind i.e the propelling force which pushes the blood from veins into Rt.atrium.
- vis-a tergo- results from myocardial contraction during systole + Elastic recoil of the arterial wall (**Windkessel Effect**)



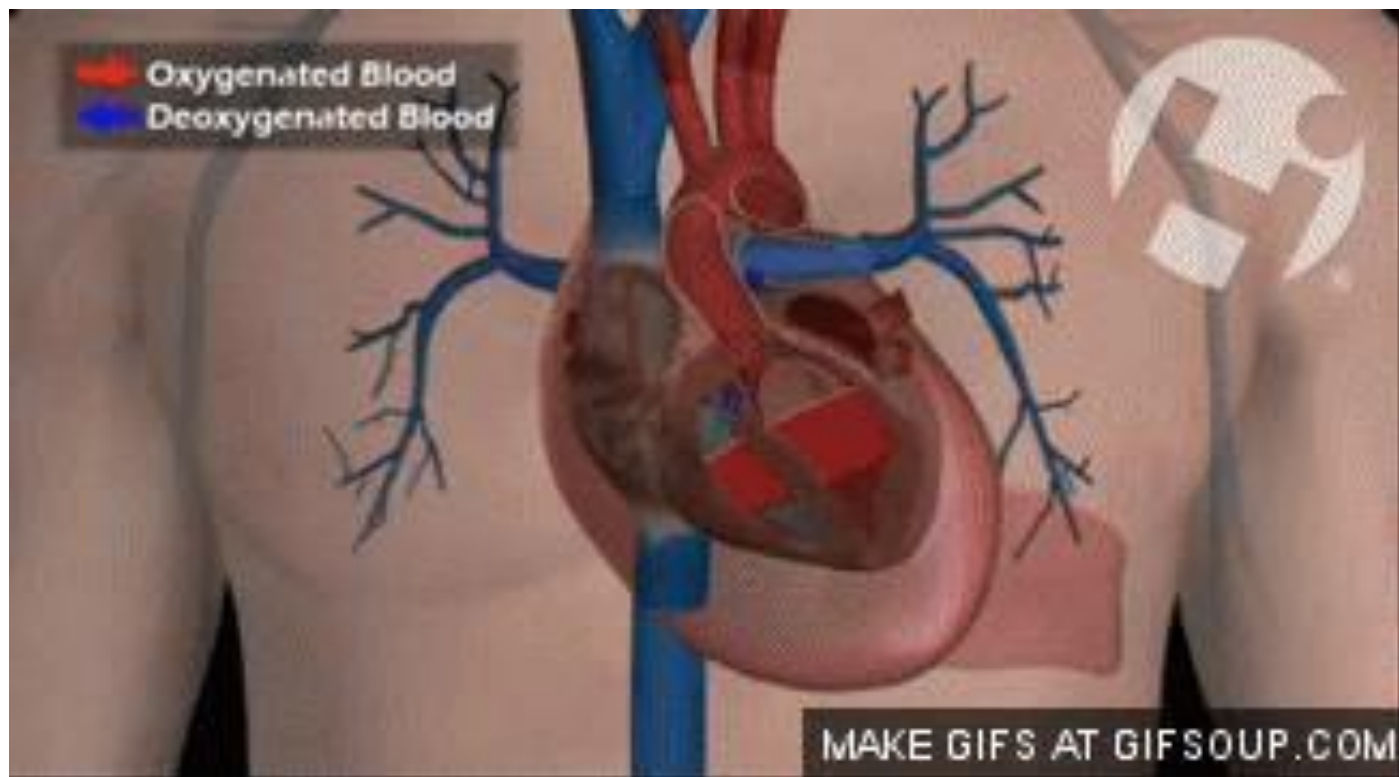
- **vis-a-fronte-** refers to suction force acting from the front , which pulls the blood from great veins towards Rt. Atrium.
- The suction force is created by ventricular contraction and has 2 components
  - i. Ventricular systolic suction
  - ii. Ventricular diastolic suction

## II. Atrial pump activity.

- Atrial contraction contributes to only 20-25 % of ventricular filling **at rest**.
- Atrial systole becomes important in situations which demand  $\uparrow$ ed CO **e.g Exercise**. In this case atrial systole contributes significantly to the end-diastolic filling of the ventricle.

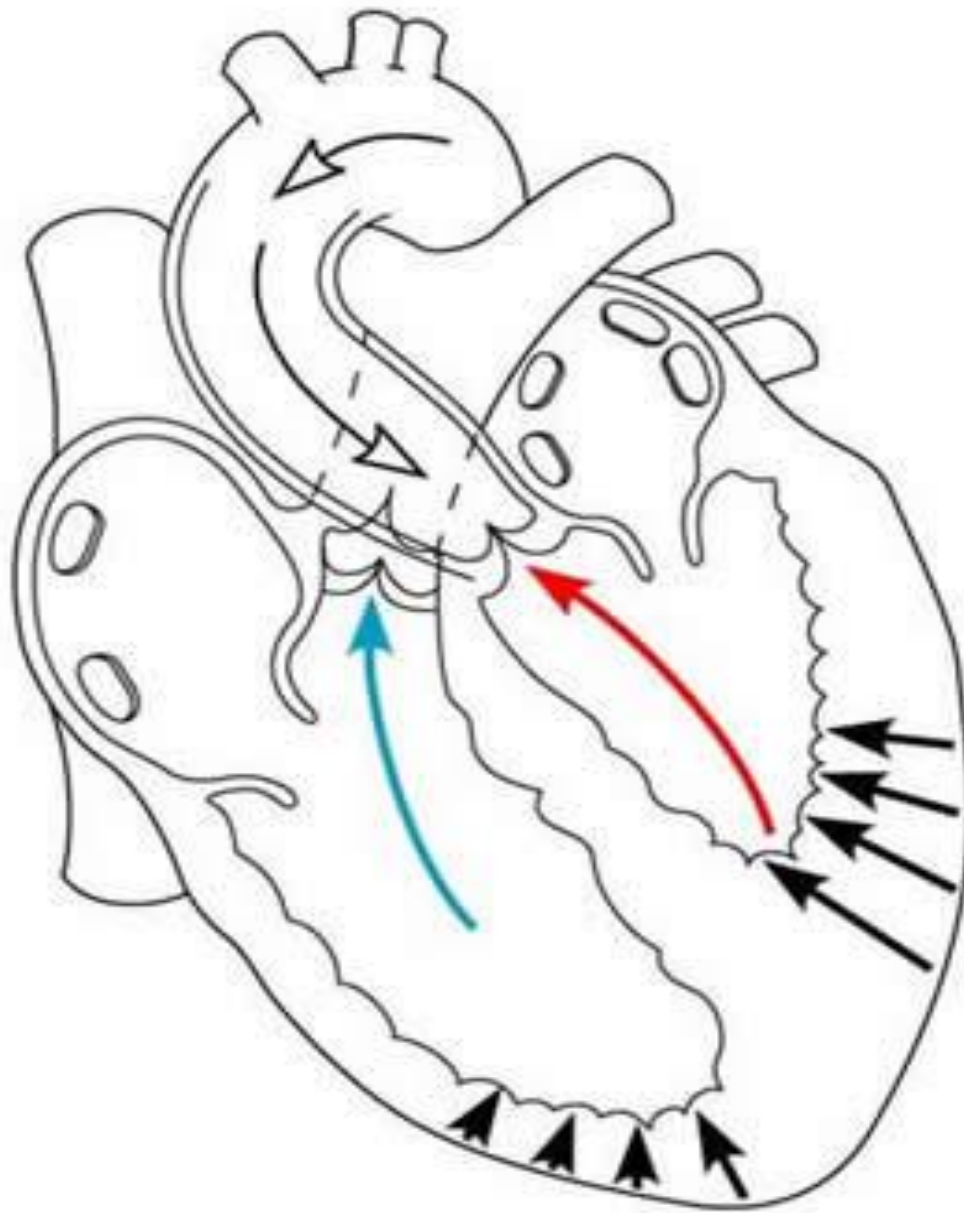
# III.Ventricular compliance.

- Normally ventricular muscles are compliant (stretchable), adequate to accommodate enough blood during diastole.(EDV =130 ml).
- Pathological conditions where ventricular **compliance decrease** –
  - pericardial effusion
  - cardiac tamponade = reduced ventricular filling and subsequent hemodynamic compromise due to effusion



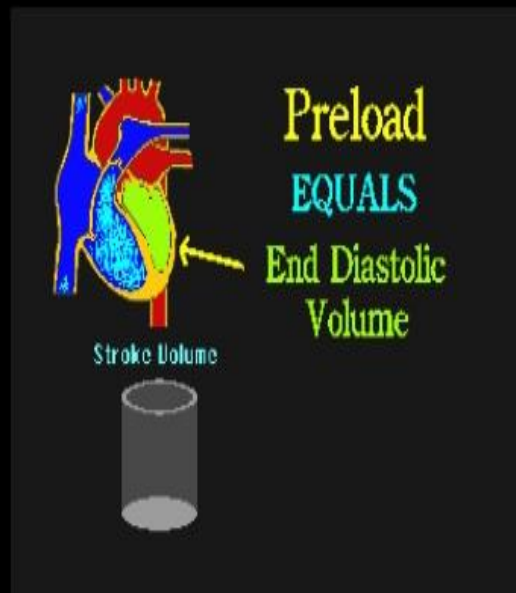
## 2. Afterload

- Afterload is the force against which ventricular muscle fibers contract.
- It is the resistance offered against the ejection of blood from ventricles.
- **Peripheral resistance is** considered as Afterload.
- Cardiac output is **inversely** proportional to afterload.

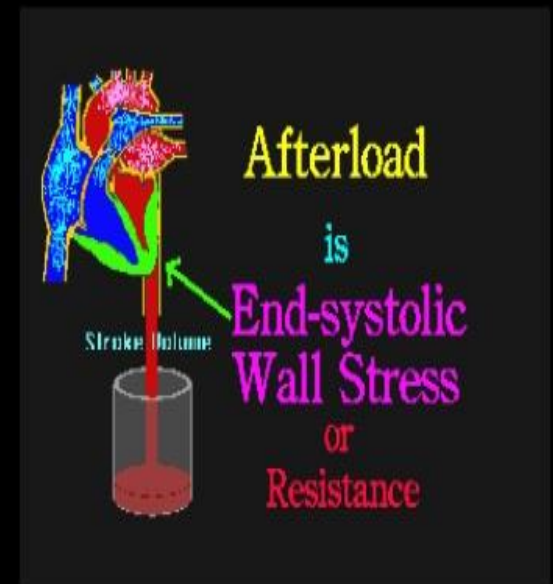


**(b) Afterload direction**

load



afterload



- $\uparrow$  in peripheral resistance  $\downarrow$  es cardiac output and viceversa.
- cardiac output ( or SV) changes **without change** in ventricular muscle **length**. This type of regulation of cardiac output is called as **Homometric Autoregulation** .
- This is also known as **Arnep effect** ( as described by Arnep in 1974)



- Afterload (peripheral resistance) depends on 2 factors-

- i. Vessel diameter-

- vasoconstriction  $\uparrow$ es peripheral resistance that  $\downarrow$ es SV.
- Vasodilatation  $\downarrow$ es peripheral resistance or afterload that  $\uparrow$ es SV

- ii. Viscosity of blood.

# 3. Myocardial contractility

- Has major influence on CO.
- Factors that ↑ myocardial contractility are k/a **positively inotropic**.
- Myocardial contractility depends on the following factors-
  - i. **Ventricular muscle mass-**
    - decreased in MI, Cardiomyopathies ( so CO is decreases)
    - increased in regular physical exercise (CO increases);physiological hypertrophy of myocardium.

## ii. **Autonomic activity** –

- ventricles are supplied by sympathetic fibers.
- Sympathetic stimulation ↑es myocardial contractility & sympathetic inhibition ↓es contractility.
- Ventricles are sparsely innervated by parasympathetic fibers(vagus)

### **iii. hormones**

- **+ vely inotropic**
  - **Catecholamines**
  - **Insulin**
  - **Glucagon**
  - **thyroxine**
- **negatively inotropic**
  - **Acetylcholine**

## iv. Chemical factors

### Xanthines

- Caffeine ,  
theophylline are  
+vely inotropic

### Inhibiting factors

- Hypoxia
- Hypercapnia
- Acidosis
- Toxins
- General anaesthetics

## V. Drugs –

- **Digitalis** - ↑es myocardial contractility by inhibiting Na-K ATPase activity on myocardial cell membrane..
- **Other drugs that inhibit contractility** –  
quinidine, barbiturates etc.

## B. Factors affecting Heart Rate(HR)

HR is normally influenced by autonomic activity.

- **Sympathetic** stimulation  $\uparrow$ es and **parasympathetic (Vagal)** stimulation  $\downarrow$ es HR.
- HR depends on the balance b/w symp.& para symp. activity.
- Normally  $\uparrow$  in HR should result in  $\uparrow$ in CO (as  $CO = SV \times HR$ )

- Unless associated with ↑ed venous return (EDV) , ↑ in HR may not ↑ CO proportionately.
- In **severe Tachyardia**- HR ↑ but EDV is ↓ed as duration of **diastole shortens** more than the duration of systole. (**incomplete relaxation** of ventricles) . So CO doesn't ↑ proportionately.



# Regulation of CO

## **1. Intrinsic regulation.**

**Frank-Starling Law**

## **2. Extrinsic regulation - After load**

- neural control**
- hormonal regulation**
- chemical regulation**

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

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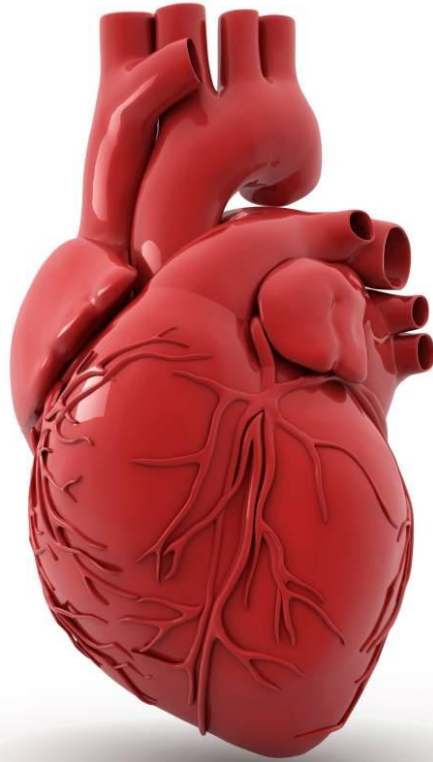
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# Learning outcomes

- Describe normal COP
- Discuss factors that affect SV
- Describe Frank starling law
- What happens to COP in exercise.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4jxZGInf0Q>

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