

**Topic:** Poiseuille's law

**Question:** Use Poiseuille's law to find the flow of blood in the human artery in which  $n = 0.029$ ,  $R = 0.009$  cm,  $L = 4$  cm,  $P = 3,800$  dynes/cm<sup>2</sup>.

**Answer choices:**

- A  $8.44 \times 10^{-5}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/sec
- B  $8.44 \times 10^{-5}$  cm<sup>3</sup>/sec
- C  $8.44 \times 10^{-4}$  cm<sup>3</sup>/sec
- D  $8.44 \times 10^{-4}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/sec



**Solution: B**

To find blood flow using Poiseuille's law, you use the formula

$$F = \frac{\pi PR^4}{8nL}$$

where  $F$  is blood flow,  $P$  is the pressure difference in the artery between the beginning of the artery to the end of the artery,  $R$  is the radius of the artery,  $n$  is the viscosity of the blood, and  $L$  is the length of the artery.

Plugging everything we've been given into the Poiseuille's law formula gives

$$F = \frac{\pi(3,800)(0.009)^4}{8(0.029)(4)}$$

$$F = 8.44 \times 10^{-5}$$



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**Question:** Use Poiseuille's law to find the flow of blood in the human artery in which  $n = 0.031$ ,  $R = 0.011$  cm,  $L = 3.5$  cm,  $P = 3,900$  dynes/cm<sup>2</sup>.

**Answer choices:**

- A  $2.067 \times 10^{-4}$  cm<sup>3</sup>/sec
- B  $2.067 \times 10^{-4}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/sec
- C  $2.067 \times 10^{-5}$  cm<sup>3</sup>/sec
- D  $2.067 \times 10^{-5}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/sec



**Solution: A**

To find blood flow using Poiseuille's law, you use the formula

$$F = \frac{\pi PR^4}{8nL}$$

where  $F$  is blood flow,  $P$  is the pressure difference in the artery between the beginning of the artery to the end of the artery,  $R$  is the radius of the artery,  $n$  is the viscosity of the blood, and  $L$  is the length of the artery.

Plugging everything we've been given into the Poiseuille's law formula gives

$$F = \frac{\pi(3,900)(0.0011)^4}{8(0.031)(3.5)}$$

$$F = 2.067 \times 10^{-4}$$



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**Question:** Use Poiseuille's law to find the flow of blood in the human artery in which  $n = 0.0285$ ,  $R = 0.013$  cm,  $L = 4.5$  cm,  $P = 3,700$  dynes/cm<sup>2</sup>.

**Answer choices:**

- A  $3.236 \times 10^{-5}$  cm<sup>3</sup>/sec
- B  $3.236 \times 10^{-4}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/sec
- C  $3.236 \times 10^{-5}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/sec
- D  $3.236 \times 10^{-4}$  cm<sup>3</sup>/sec



**Solution: D**

To find blood flow using Poiseuille's law, you use the formula

$$F = \frac{\pi PR^4}{8nL}$$

where  $F$  is blood flow,  $P$  is the pressure difference in the artery between the beginning of the artery to the end of the artery,  $R$  is the radius of the artery,  $n$  is the viscosity of the blood, and  $L$  is the length of the artery.

Plugging everything we've been given into the Poiseuille's law formula gives

$$F = \frac{\pi(3,700)(0.013)^4}{8(0.0285)(4.5)}$$

$$F = 3.236 \times 10^{-4}$$

