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# Structure and Function of Body Systems

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### Cardiovascular System

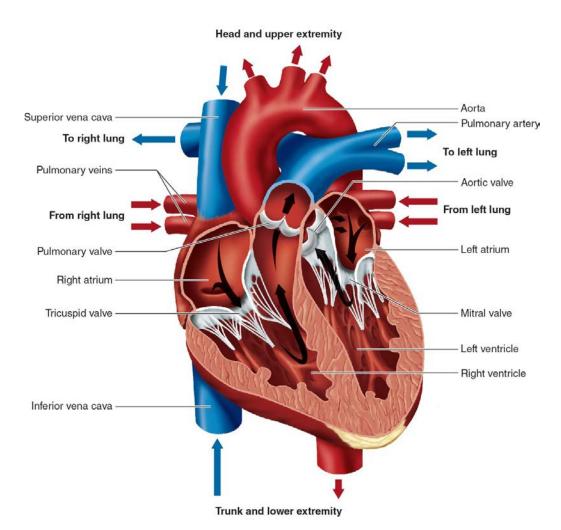
#### Heart

- The heart is a muscular organ made up of two interconnected but separate pumps.
  - The right ventricle pumps blood to the lungs.
  - The left ventricle pumps blood to the rest of the body.

#### **Heart and Blood Flow**

- Figure 1.11 (next slide)
  - Structure of the human heart and course of blood flow through its chambers

# **Figure 1.11**



## Cardiovascular System

#### Heart

- Valves
  - Tricuspid valve and mitral (bicuspid) valve
  - Aortic valve and pulmonary valve
  - Valves open and close passively, depending on the pressure gradient
- Conduction system
  - Controls the mechanical contraction of the heart

### **Cardiac Conduction**

- Rhythmicity and conduction properties of myocardium
  - Influenced by cardiovascular center of medulla
  - Signals transmitted through sympathetic and parasympathetic nervous systems
  - Bradycardia (<60 beats/min)</li>
  - Tachycardia (>100 beats/min)

### Cardiovascular System

#### Blood vessels

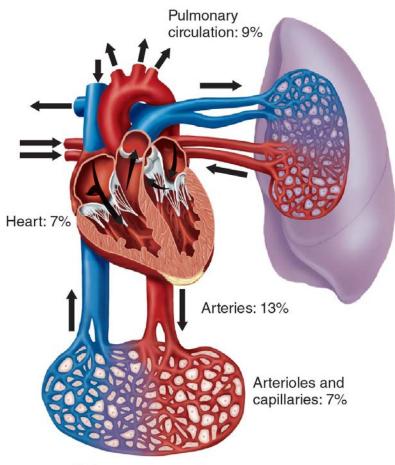
- Blood vessels operate in a closed-circuit system.
- The arterial system carries blood away from the heart.
- The venous system returns blood toward the heart.

### **Distribution of Blood**

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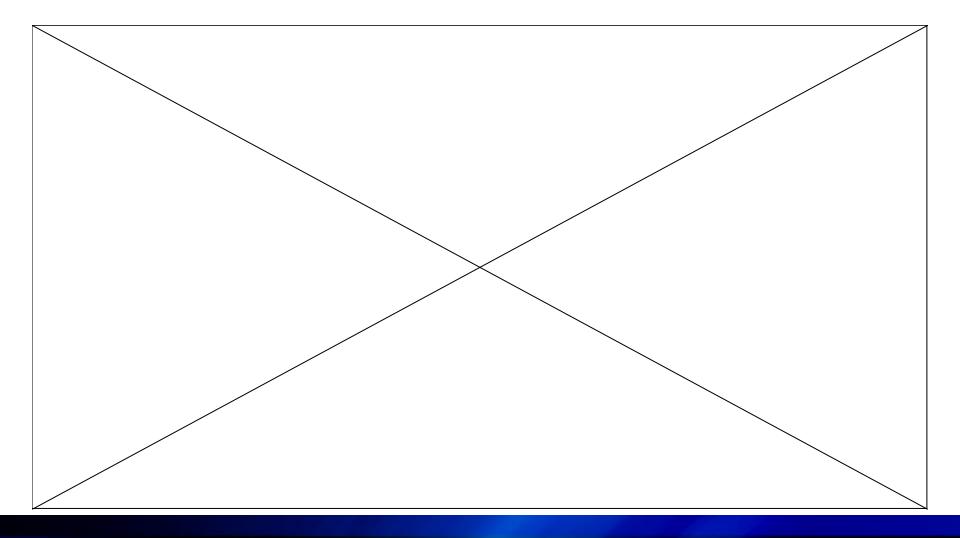
- The slide shows the arterial (right) and venous (left) components of the circulatory system.
- The percent values indicate the distribution of blood volume throughout the circulatory system at rest.

# **Figure 1.14**

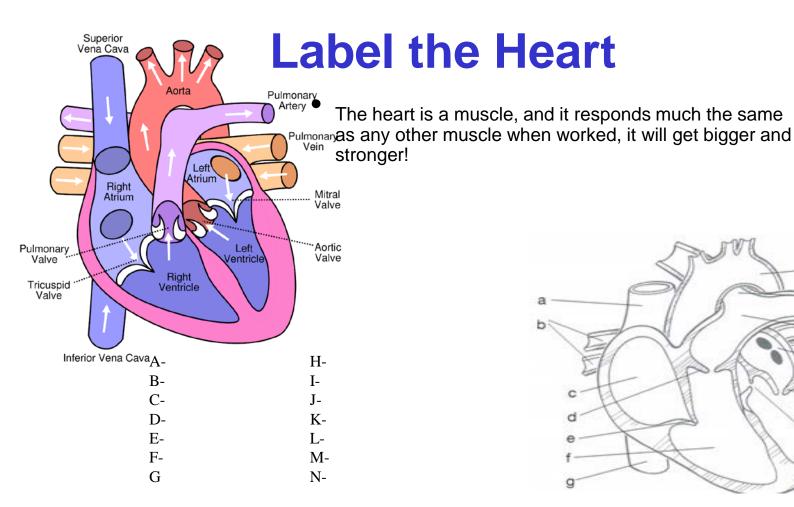


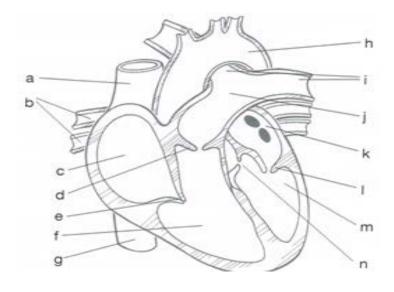
Veins, venules, and venous sinuses: 64%











### Size

 The adult heart is about the size of a closed fist and sits in the thorax on the left side of the chest in front of the lungs.

 This cardiovascular system is designed to transport oxygen and nutrients to the cells of the body and remove carbon dioxide and metabolic waste products from the body.

#### The chambers of the heart include the:

- right atrium which receives deoxygenated blood (low in oxygen) from all over the body
- right ventricle receives blood from the right atrium and sends it to the lungs via the pulmonary artery to become oxygenated and get rid of carbon dioxide
- left atrium receives oxygenated blood from the lungs and sends it to the left ventricle
- left ventricle receives blood from the left atrium and sends it out to the body via the aorta.

 The left ventricle is generally about twice as thick as the right ventricle because it needs to generate enough force to push blood through the entire body while the right ventricle only needs to generate enough force to push blood through the lungs

#### The major vessels that carry blood to and from the heart are:

- inferior vena cava conveys deoxygenated blood (blood low in oxygen) from the lower extremities of the body to the heart
- superior vena cava coveys deoxygenated blood from the upper extremities of the body to the heart
- aorta conveys oxygenated blood (blood high in oxygen) away from the heart

### 4 valves

- The *tricuspid valve* is between the right atrium and right ventricles.
- The *pulmonary valve* is between the right ventricle and the pulmonary artery.
- The *mitral valve* is between the left atrium and the left ventricle
- The aortic valve is between the left ventricle and the aorta.
  - The valves, under normal conditions, insure that blood only flows in one direction in the heart.



 During heavy exercise the demand may increase 15-25x greater than at rest

#### The primary purpose....

- Deliver adequate amounts of oxygen and remove wastes from body tissue.
  - Important to note that the respiratory system and circulatory system function together as a coupled unit

 Each pump or beat of the heart consists of two parts or phases - diastole and systole.

 During diastole the ventricles are filling and the atria contract. Then during systole, the ventricles contract while the atria are relaxed and filling.



#### **Blood Pressure**

 Blood pressure is the amount of force exerted against the walls of an artery by the blood. The heart muscle contracts and relaxes. The period of contraction is called systole and the period of relaxation is called diastole.

The normal blood pressure range for an adult is ......

### The purpose

#### The purpose of the CV system is

- 1. to transport 02 to tissues and removal of wastes
- 2. the transport of nutrients to tissues
- 3. the regulation of body temperature

# Cardiovascular System

#### Blood vessels

- Arteries
- Capillaries
- Veins

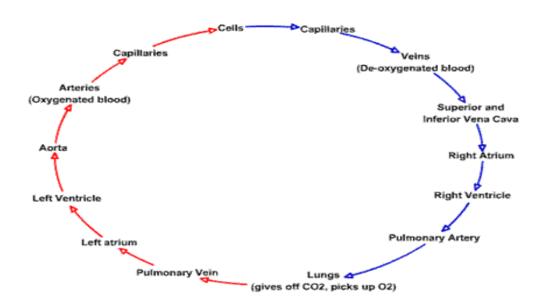
### **Arteries**

- Arteries are tubes that carry oxygenated blood (high in oxygen) away from the heart
- Arteries have thick, muscular, elastic walls.
   They branch off forming arterioles with thinner walls that then become capillaries.
   Arteries carry blood rich in oxygen and nutrients.

### **Veins**

 Veins are tubes that carry deoxygenated blood (low in oxygen) from the cells back to the heart where it is pumped to the lungs so that the blood can pick up more oxygen. The veins have one-way valves that help move the blood toward the heart.





### Cardiovascular System (continued)

#### Blood

- Hemoglobin transports oxygen and serves as an acid—base buffer.
- Red blood cells facilitate carbon dioxide removal.

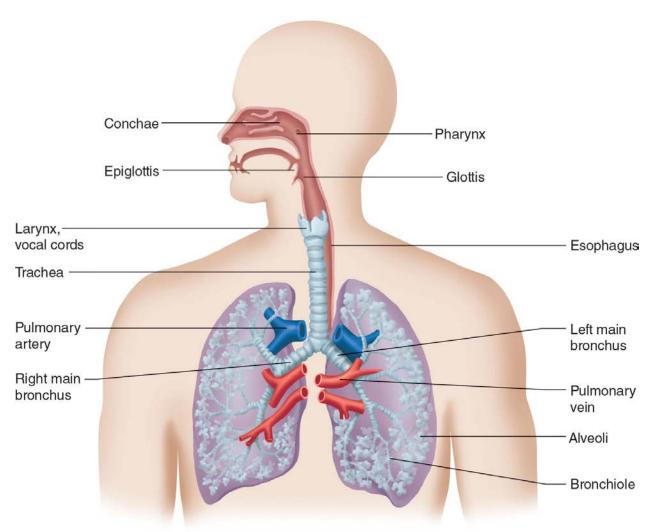
### **Key Point**

The cardiovascular system transports
 nutrients and removes waste products while
 helping to maintain the environment for all
 the body's functions. The blood transports
 oxygen from the lungs to the tissues for use
 in cellular metabolism; and it transports
 carbon dioxide from the tissues to the
 lungs, where it is removed from the body.

### **Respiratory System**

- Figure 1.15 (next slide)
  - Gross anatomy of the human respiratory system

# **Figure 1.15**



### **Respiratory System**

#### Exchange of respiratory gases

 The primary function of the respiratory system is the basic exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide.

#### Exchange of air

 The amount and movement of air and expired gases in and out of the lungs are controlled by expansion and recoil of the lungs.

#### Pleural pressure

- Pressure in the narrow space between the lung pleura and the chest wall pleura
  - Membranes enveloping the lungs and lining the chest walls

#### Alveolar pressure

- Pressure inside the alveoli when the glottis is open and no air is flowing into or out of the lungs
- To cause inward flow of air during inspiration, the pressure in the alveoli must fall to a value slightly below atmospheric pressure
- During expiration, alveolar pressure must rise above atmospheric pressure

#### • Diffusion:

 The process of diffusion is a simple random motion of molecules moving in opposite directions through the alveolar capillary membrane.