



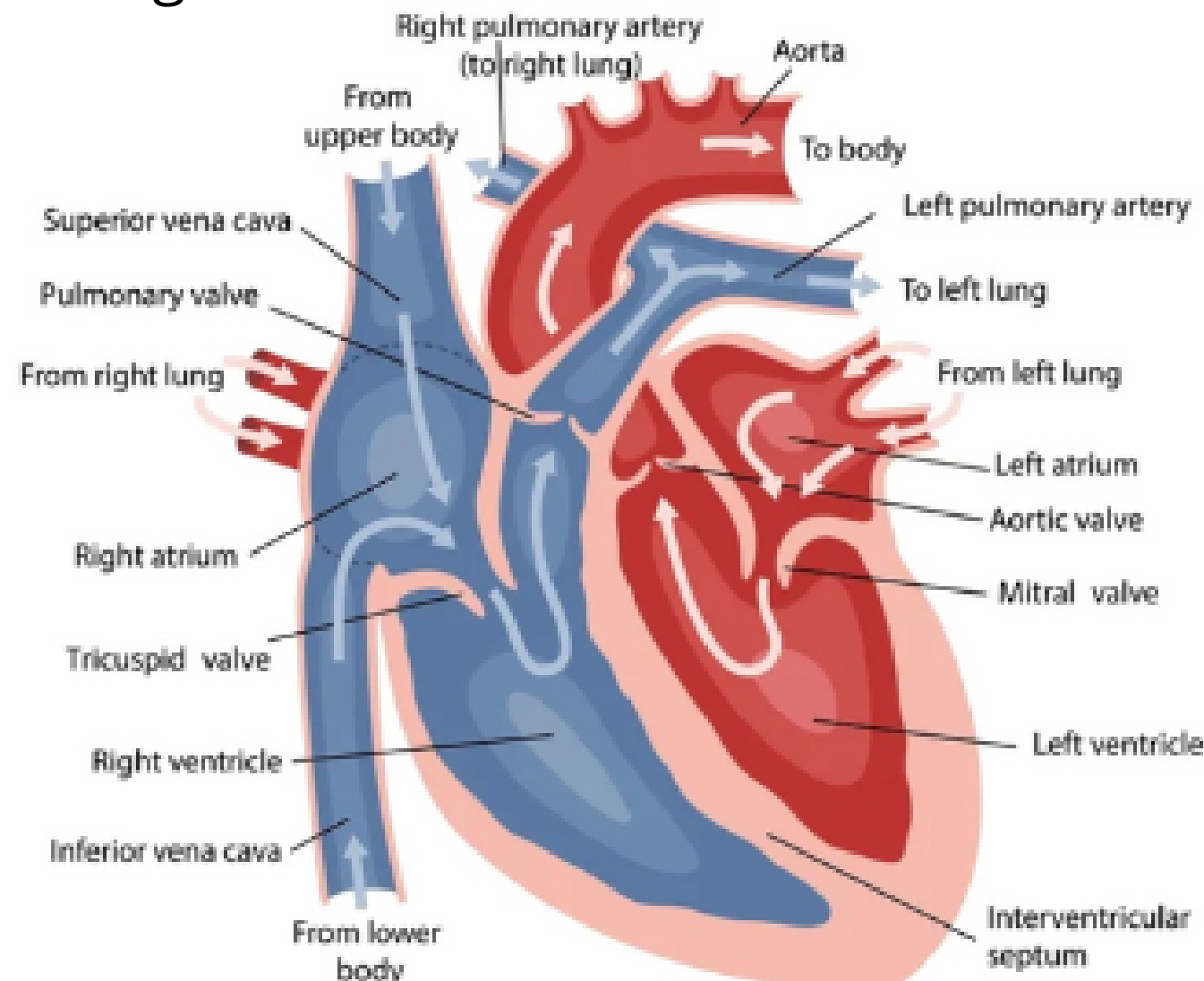
# MYOCARDIUM TISSUE

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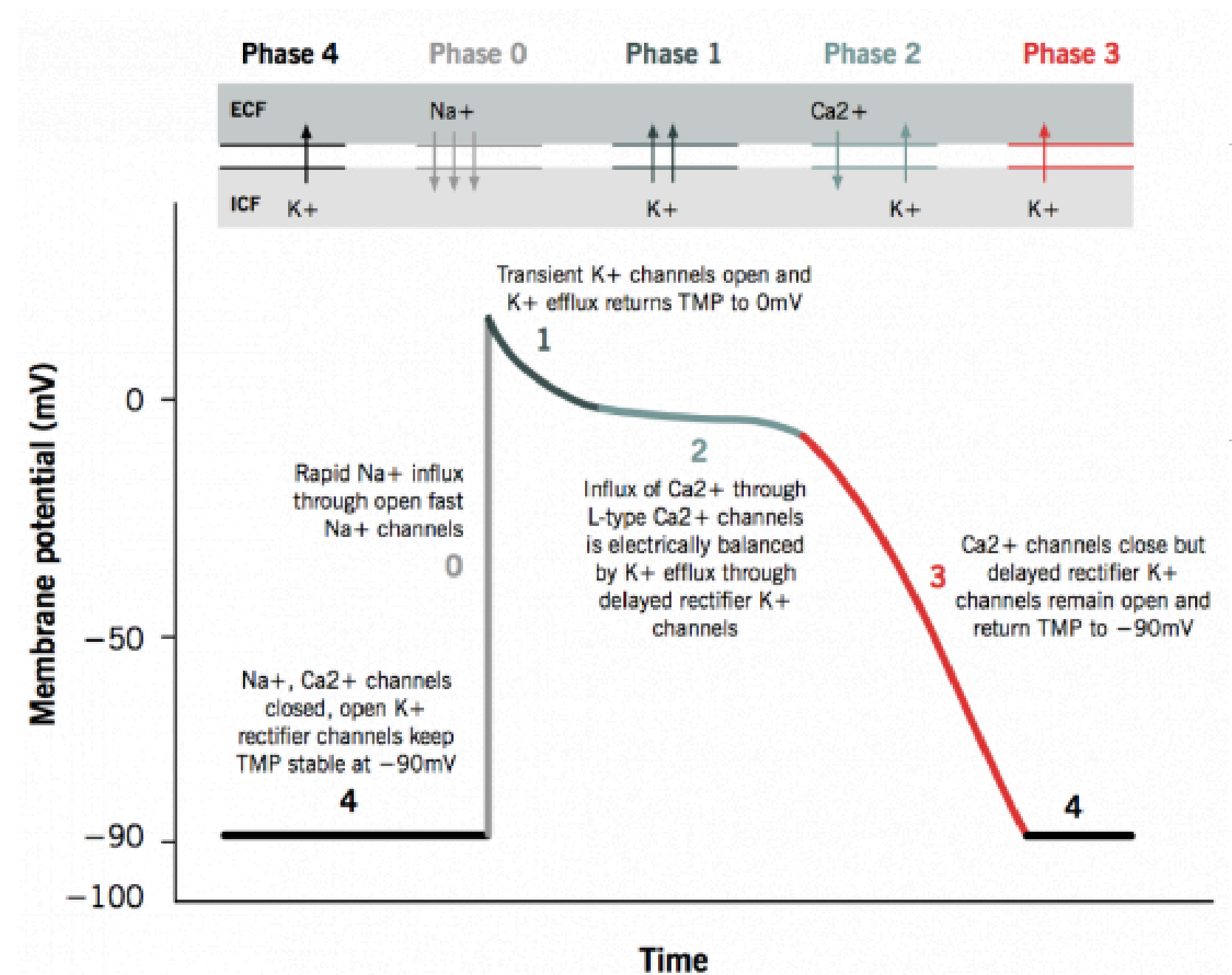
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# Tissue function

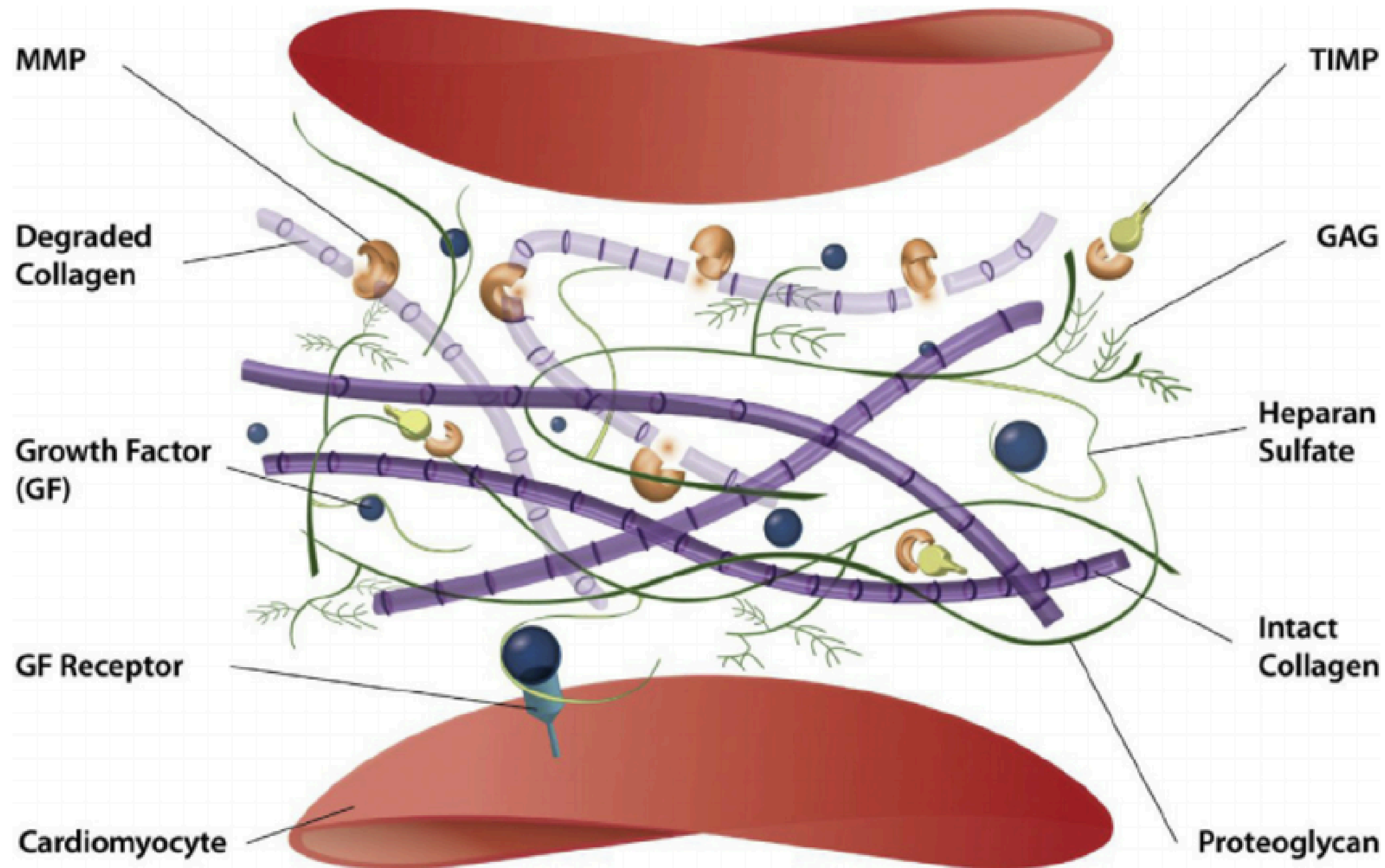
- **Pumps blood and transports oxygen and nutrients:** it generates the force to move blood through the heart and throughout the body.
- **Responds to hormonal and nervous stimuli:** it responds to various hormonal and nerve signals that regulate heart function



- **Regulates heart rhythm:** it generates and coordinates the electrical signals that control heart rhythm.



# ECM composition and structure



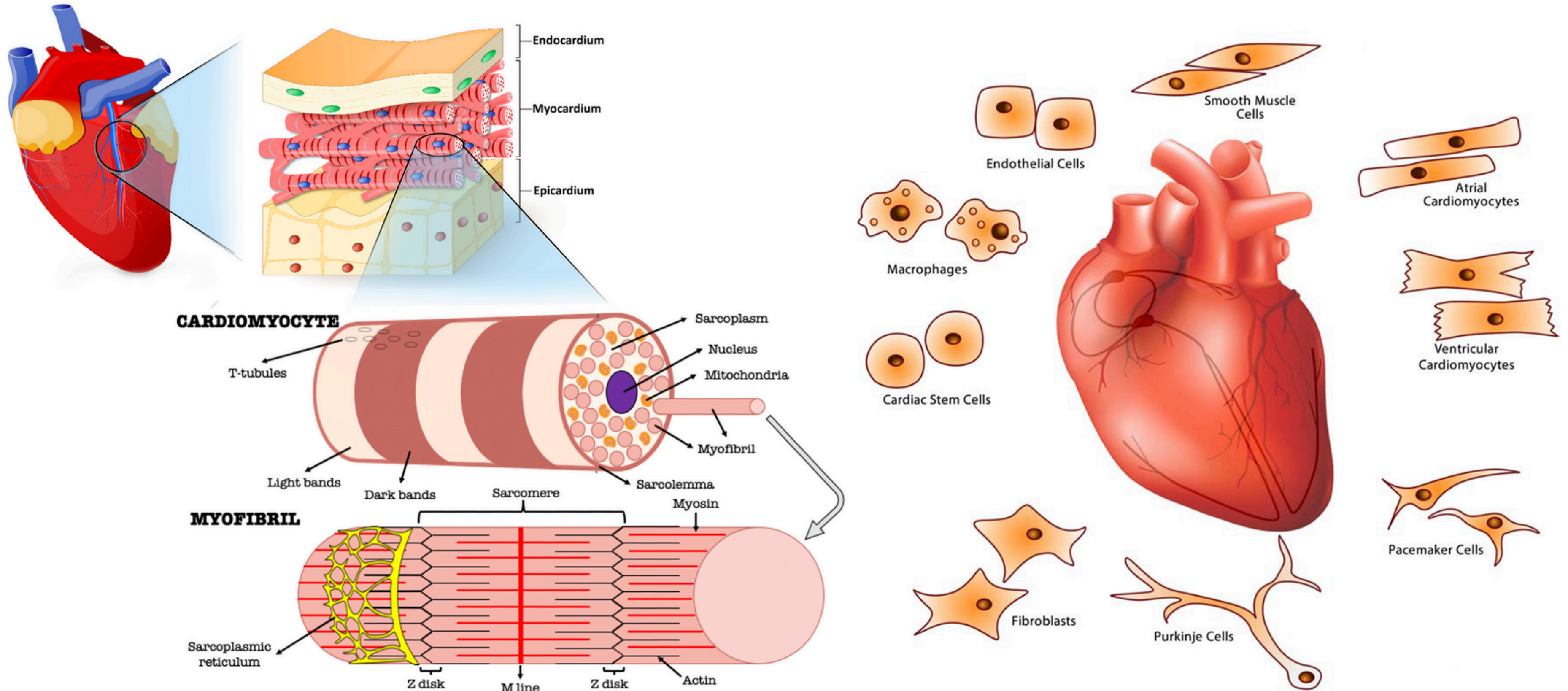
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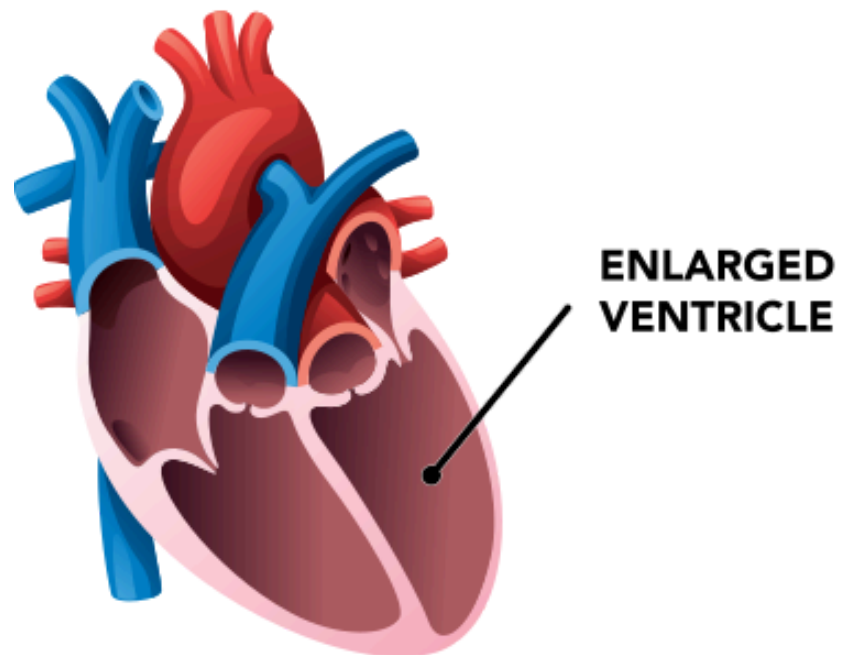
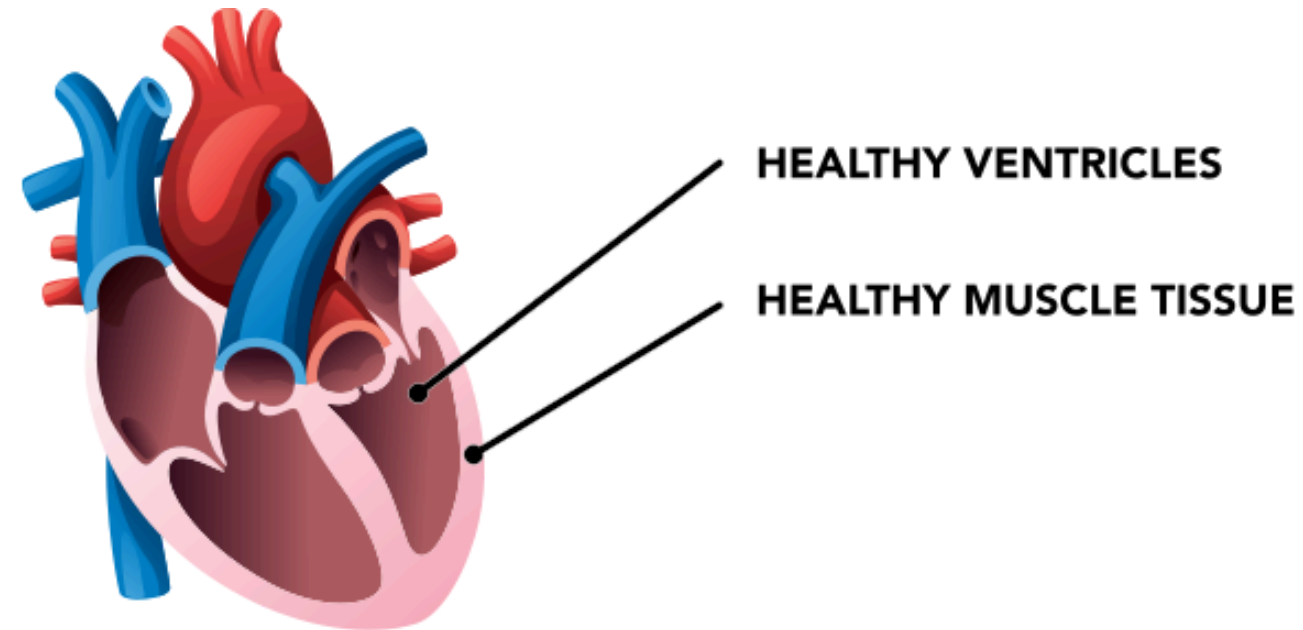


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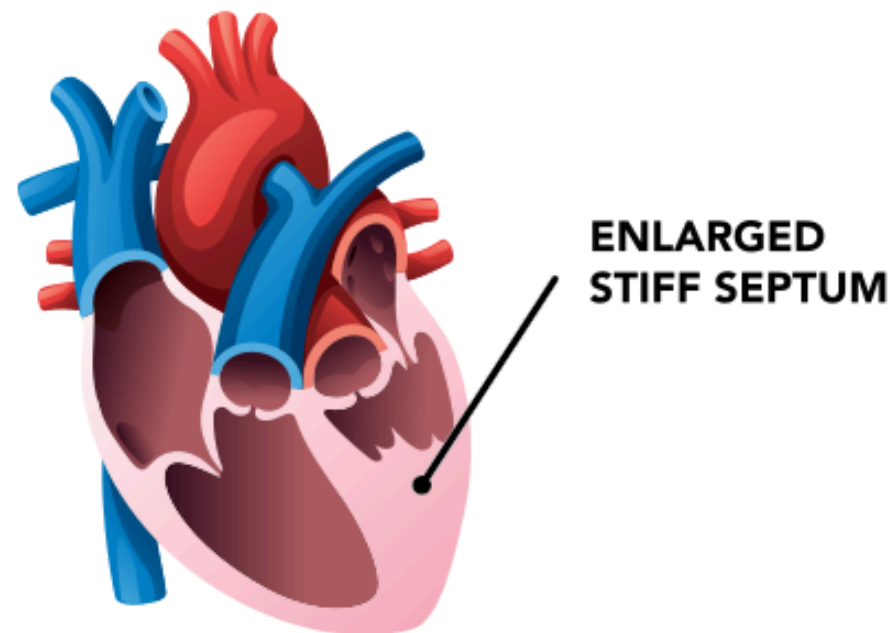
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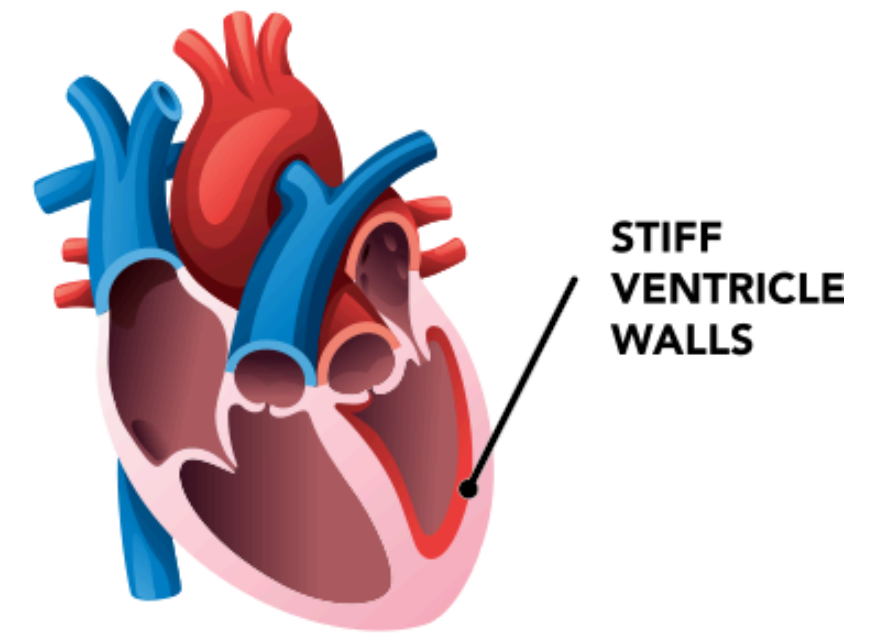
**HEALTHY  
HEART**



**DILATED**



**HYPERTROPHIC**



**RESTRICTIVE**

# FUTURE GOALS

- Support cells proliferation and adhesion
- Blood vessel formation
- Should not trigger immune cells to cause massive inflammation
- Flexibility with heart contraction
- Ensure synchronisation of electrical potential and heart rythm