

Acute respiratory failure

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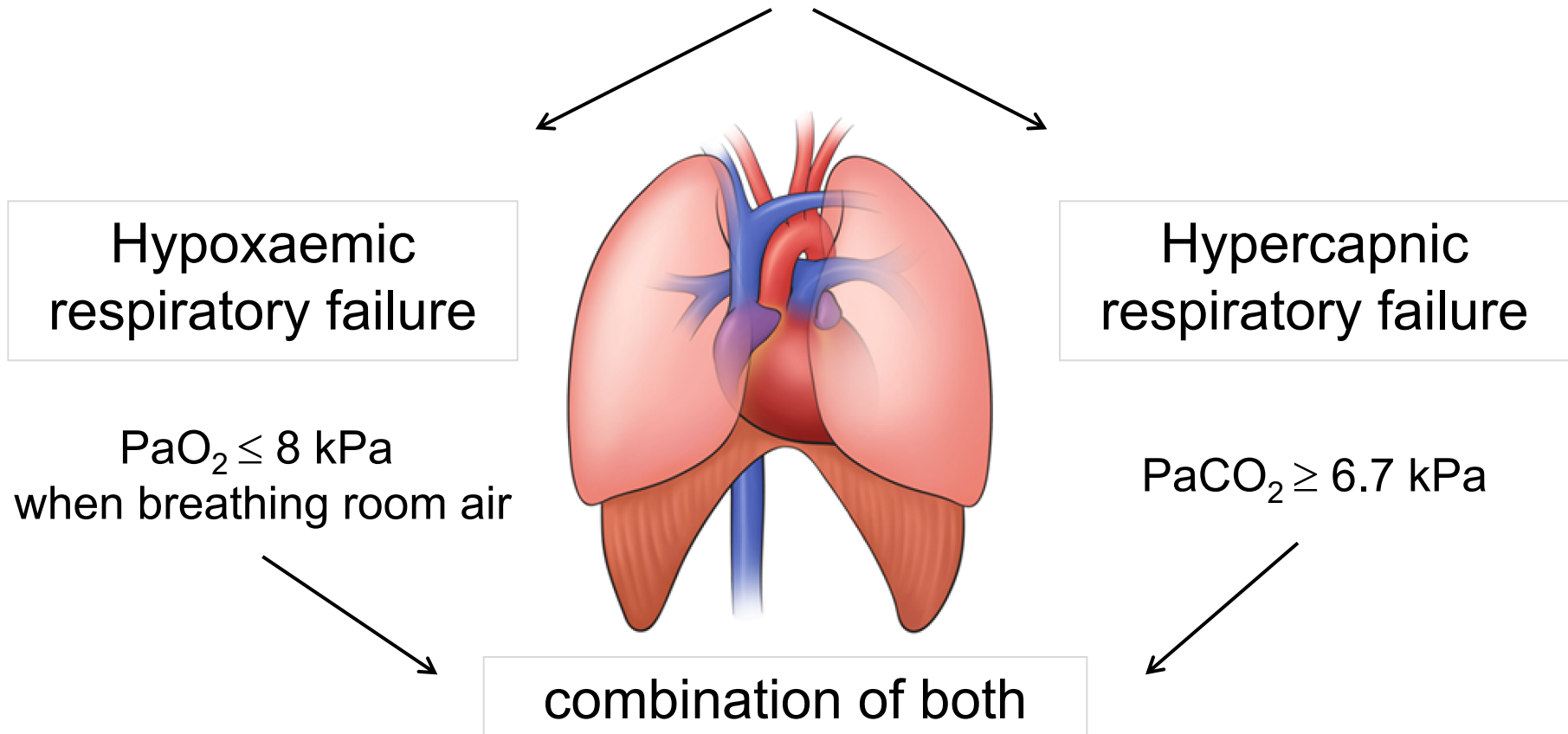
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Definition

Acute respiratory failure occurs when the pulmonary system is no longer able to meet the metabolic demands of the body



Basic physiology



Oxygen

Continuous delivery of oxygen from inspired air to tissue cells

3 sequential events

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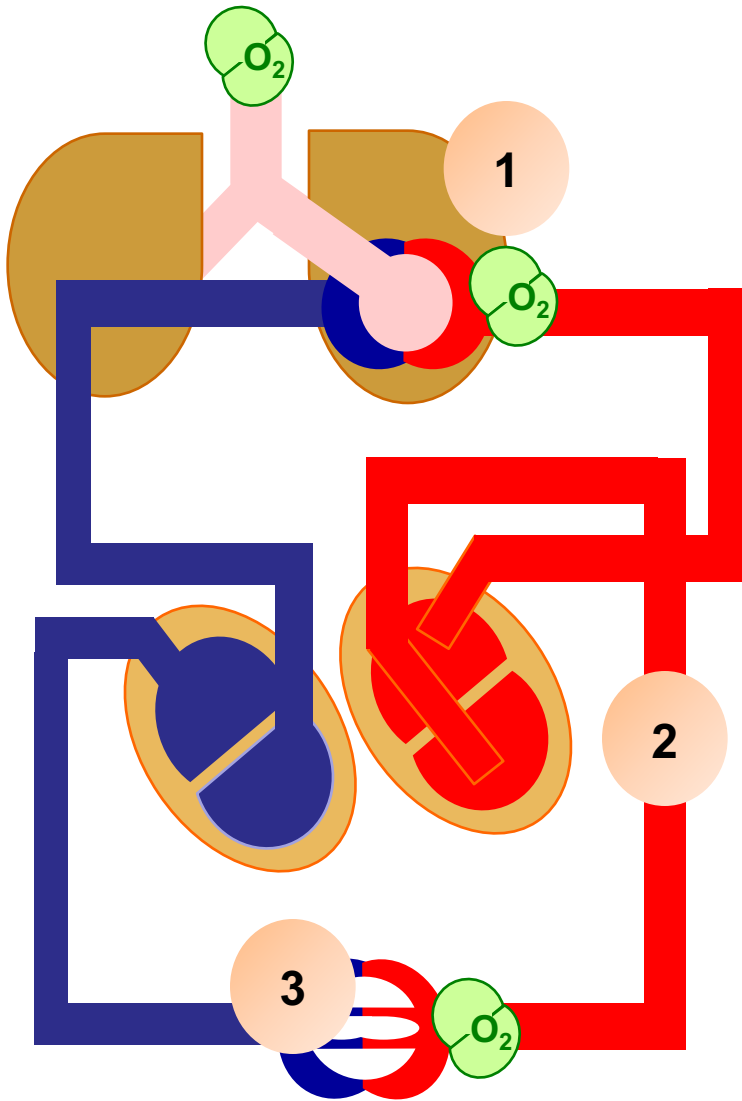
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Transport/delivery of oxygen in blood from lung to tissues

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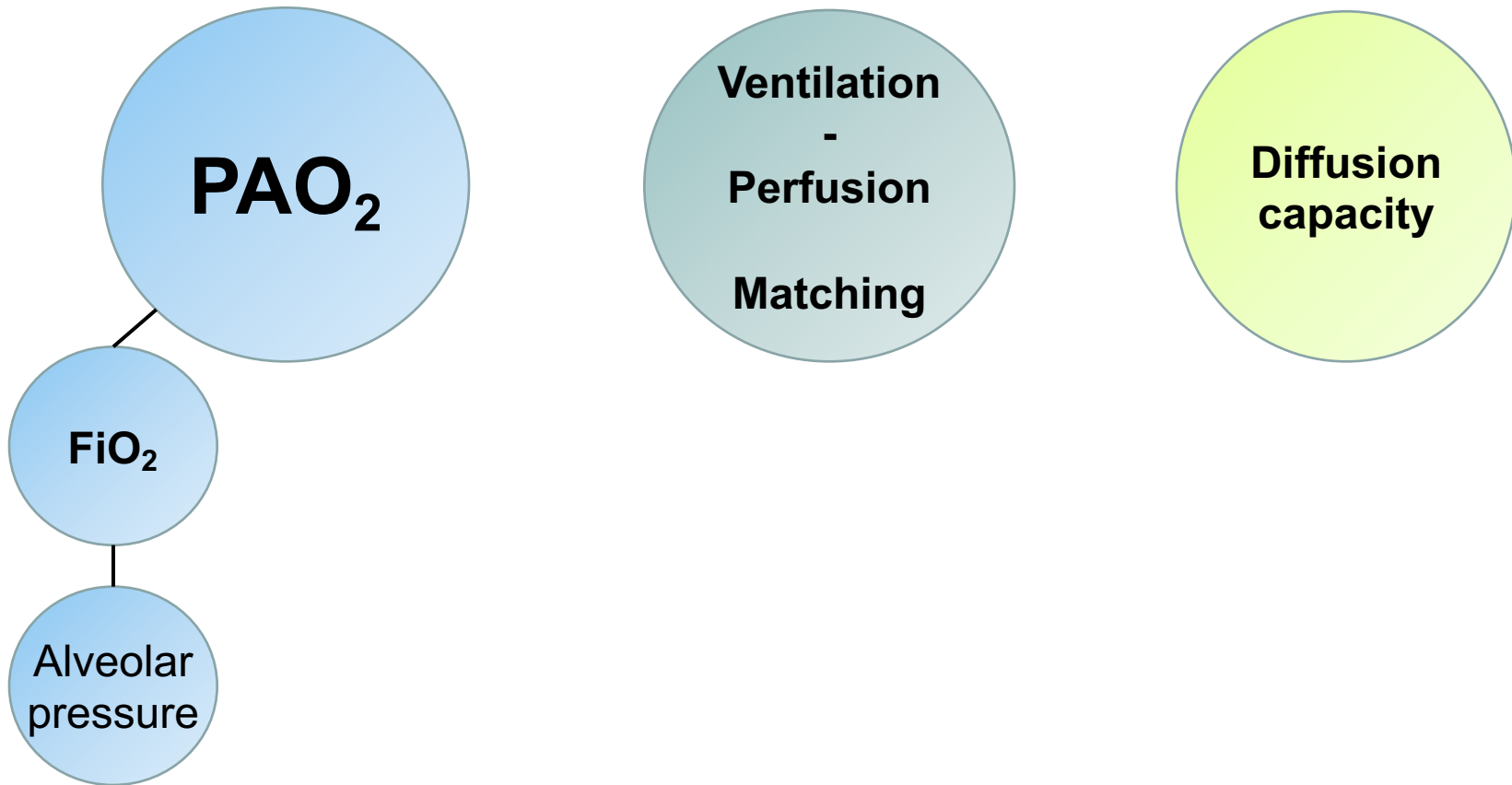
Release of oxygen from blood to tissues



Oxygen uptake

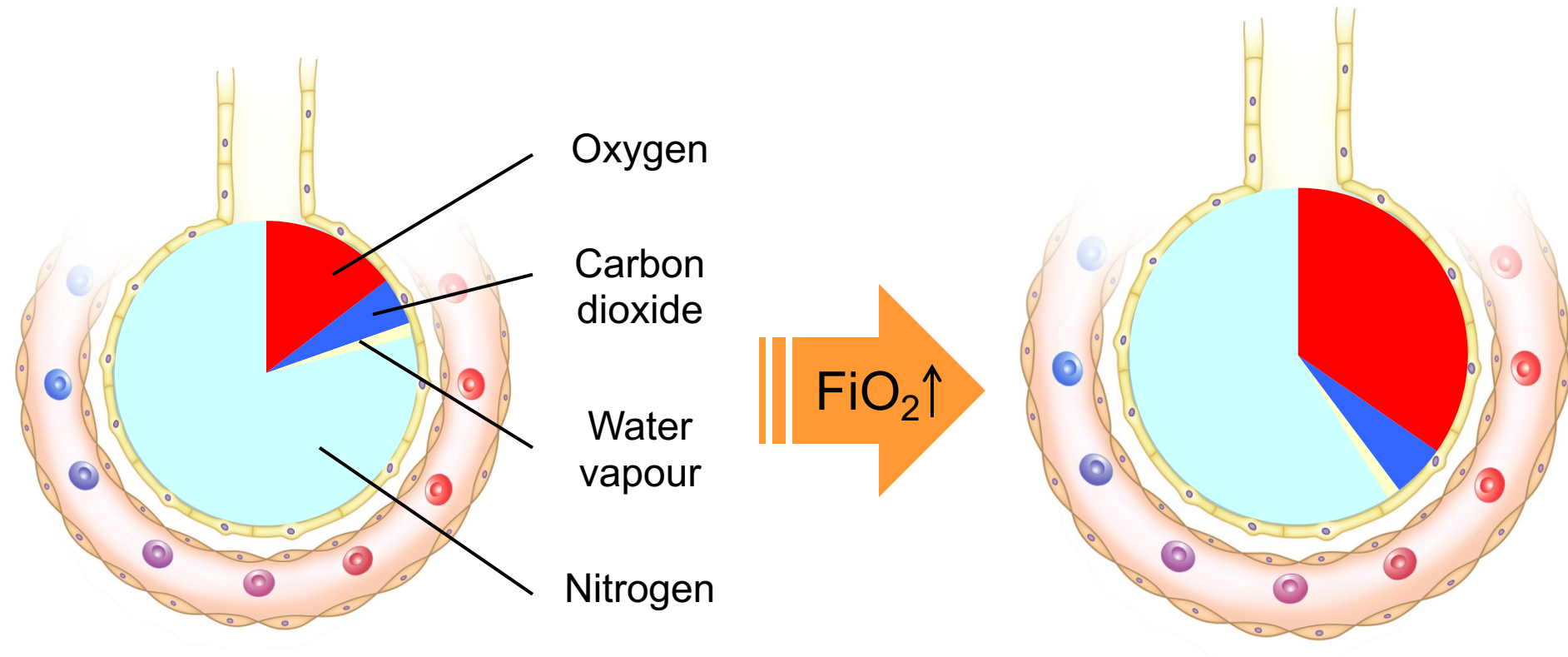
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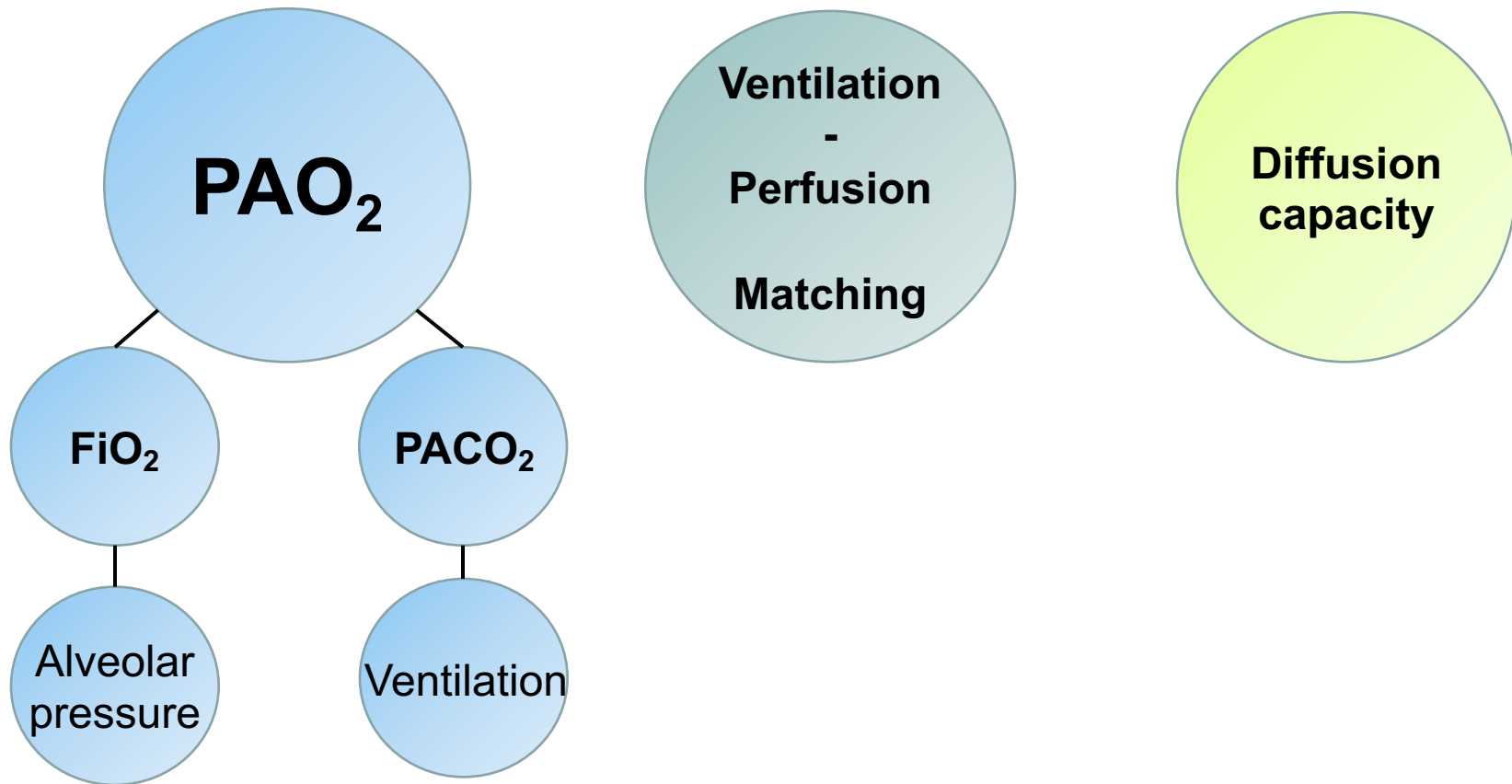
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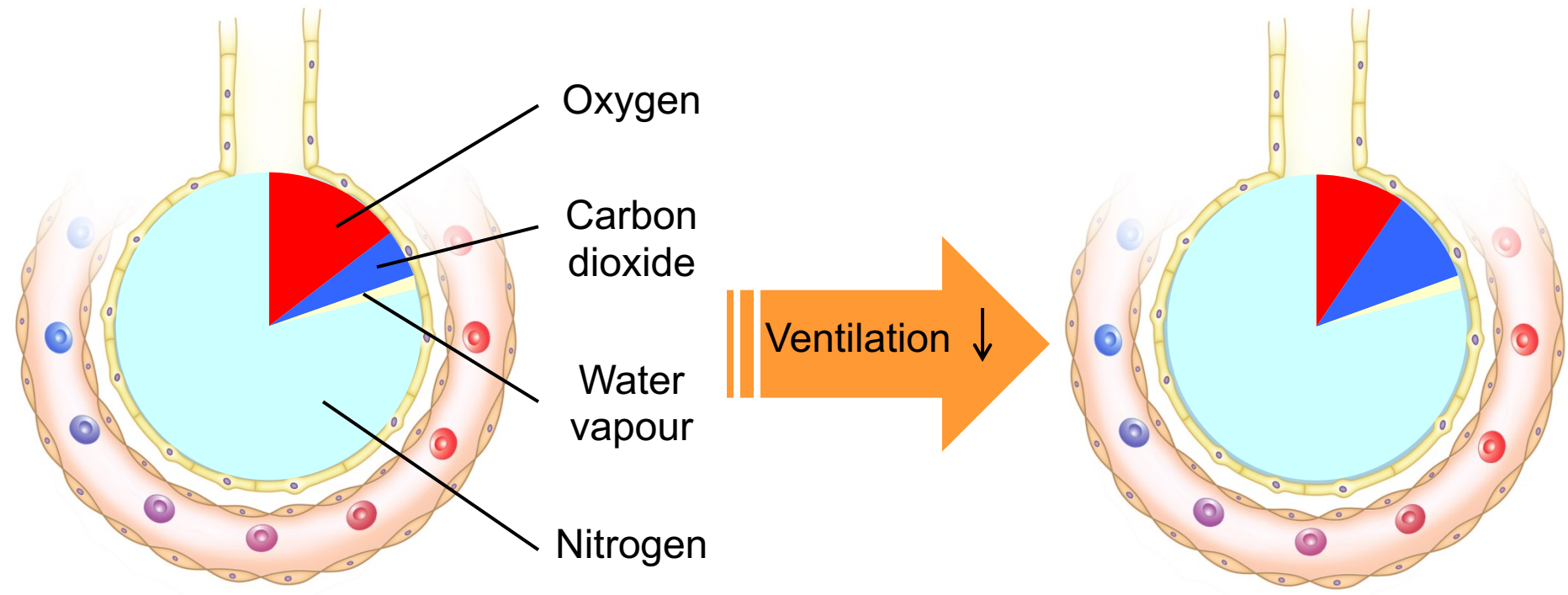
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A-a gradient

normal:

hypoxia due to hypercapnia

increased:

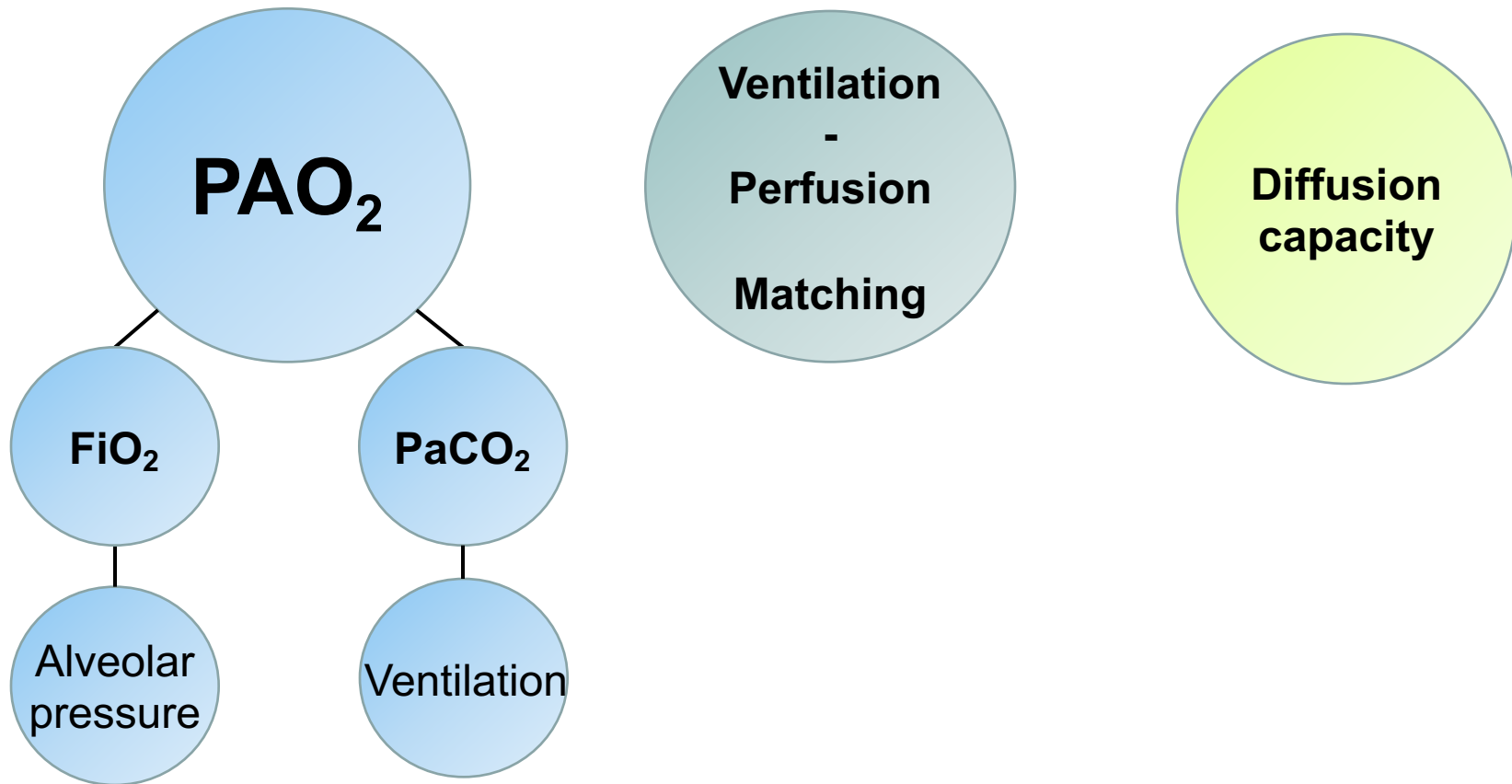
hypoxia due to shunt or diffusion abnormality



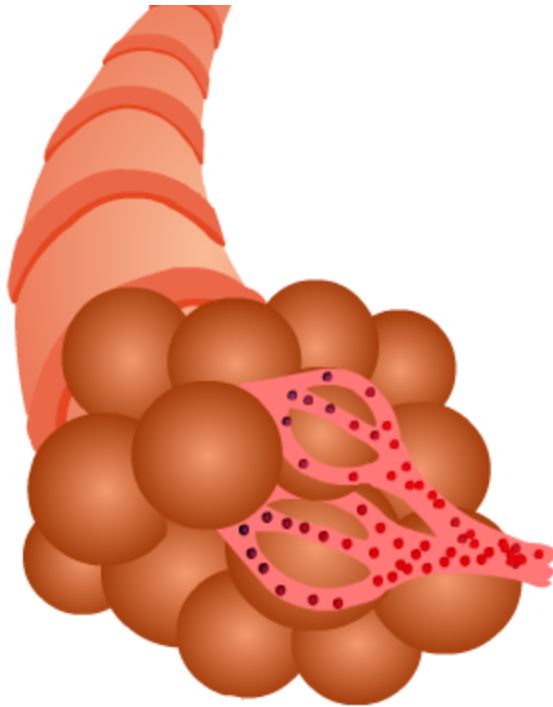
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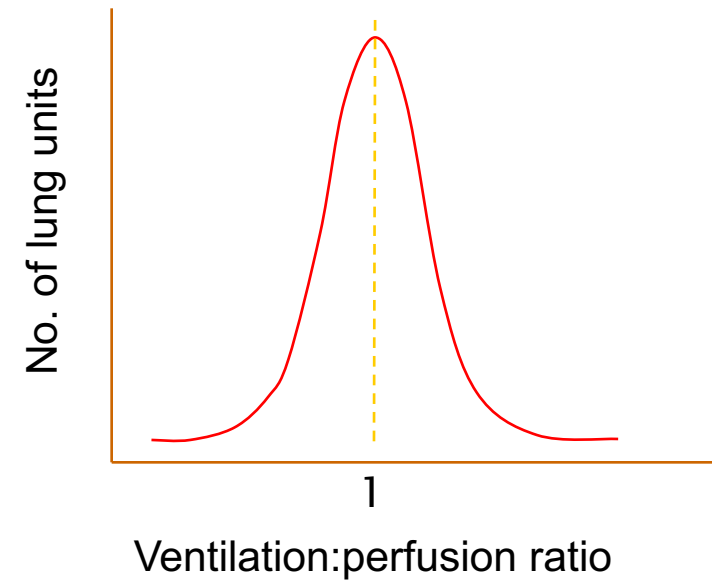
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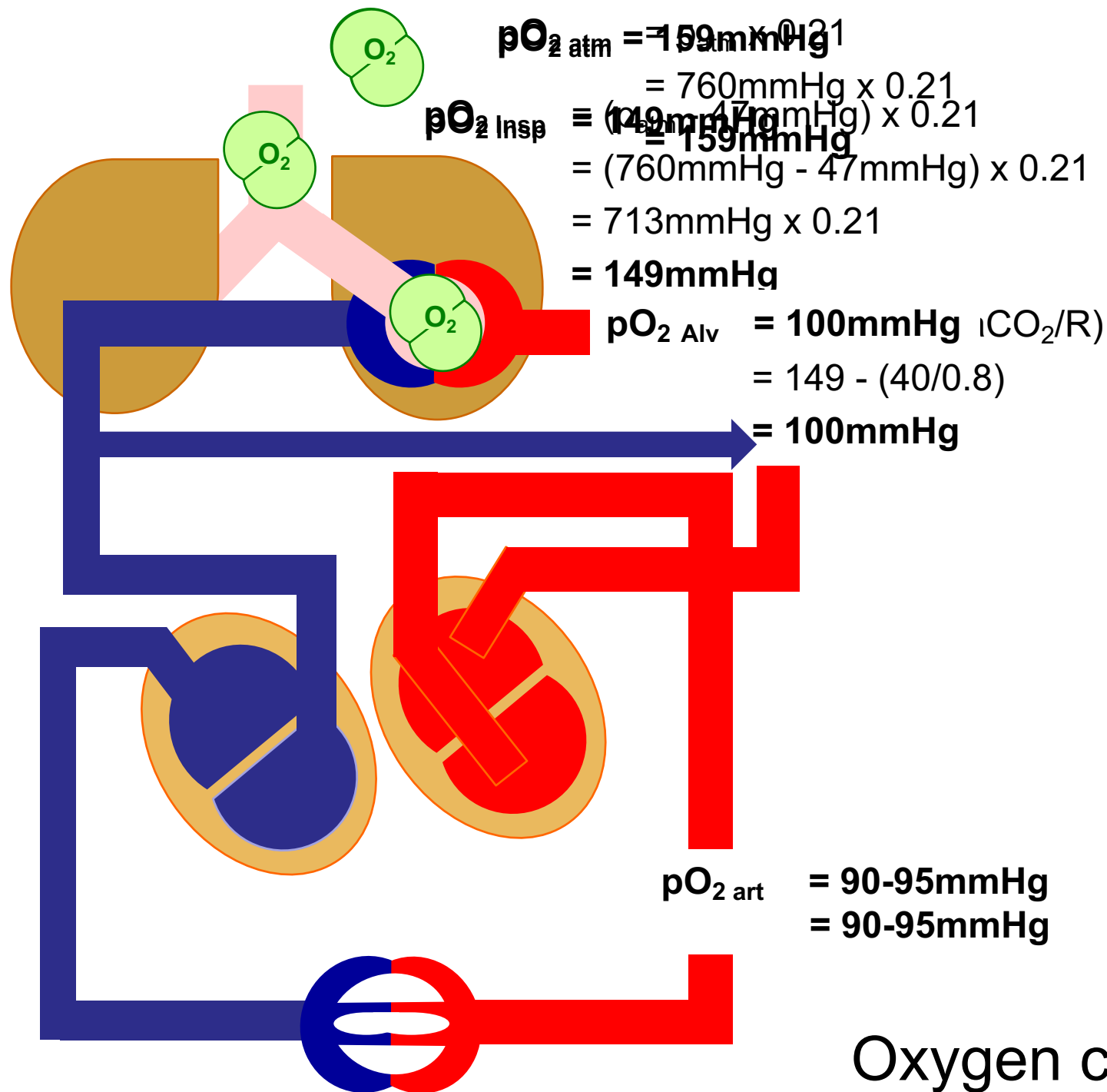


Oxygen uptake: Ventilation-perfusion matching



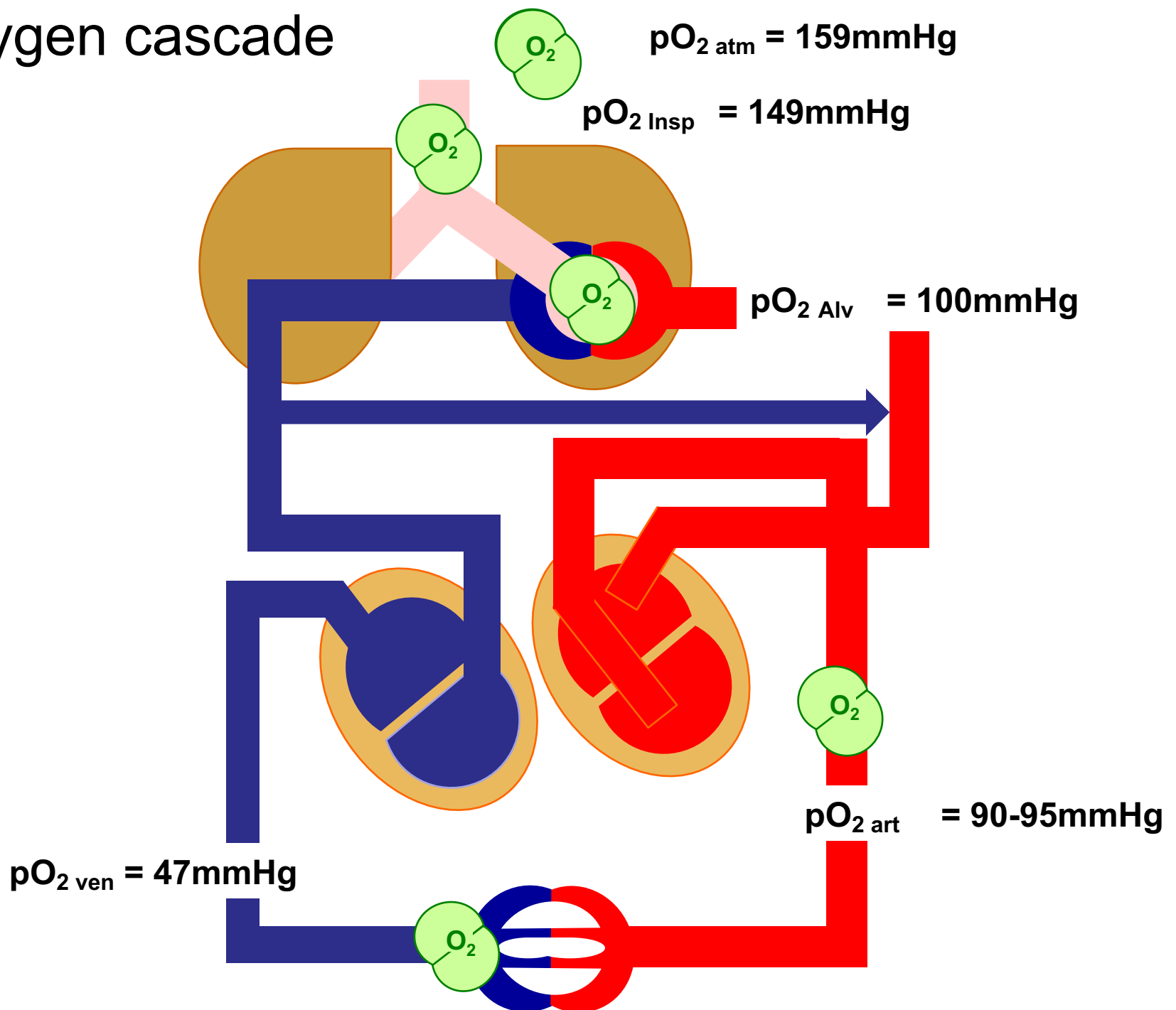
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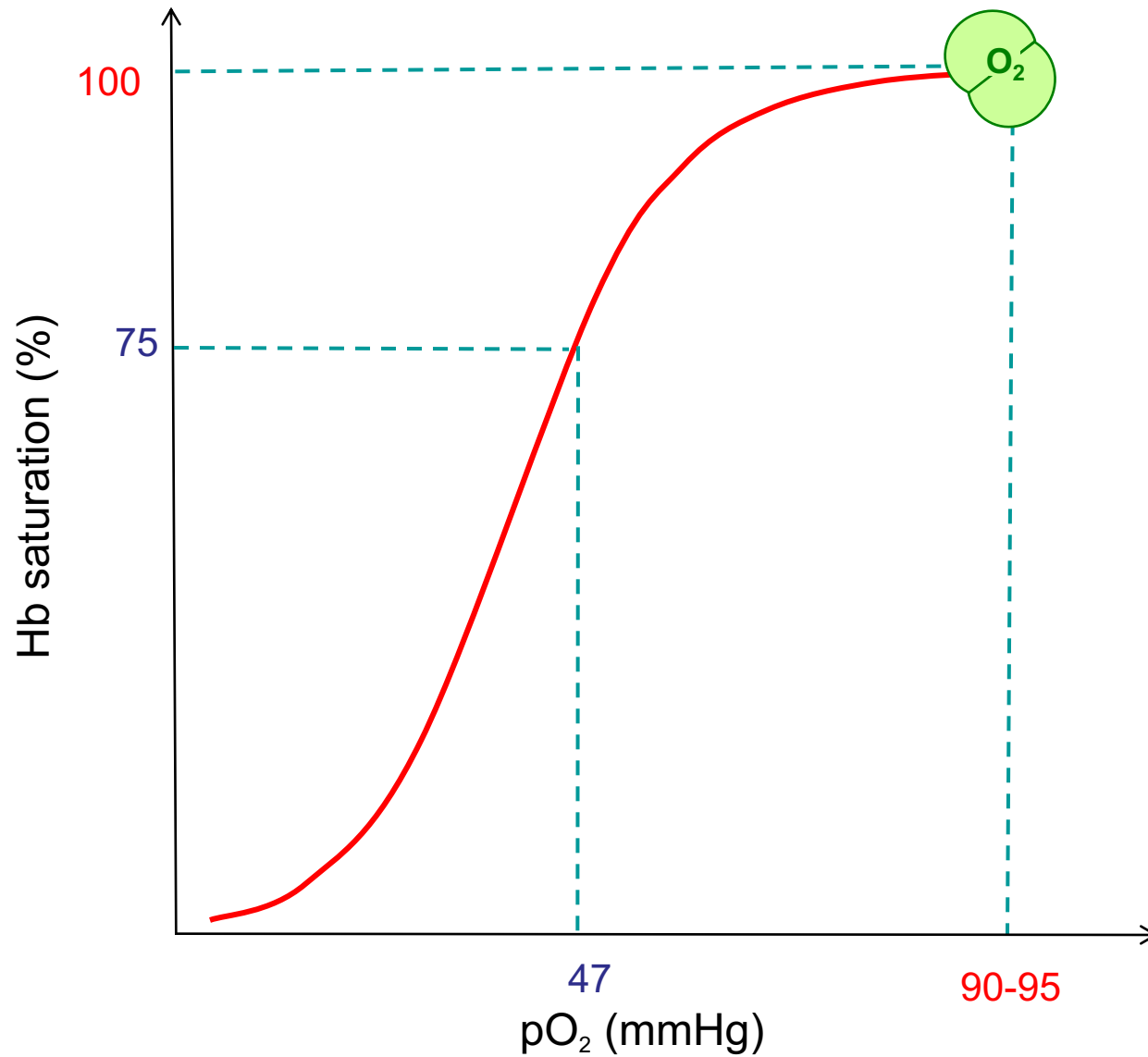


Oxygen cascade

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Pulse oximetry



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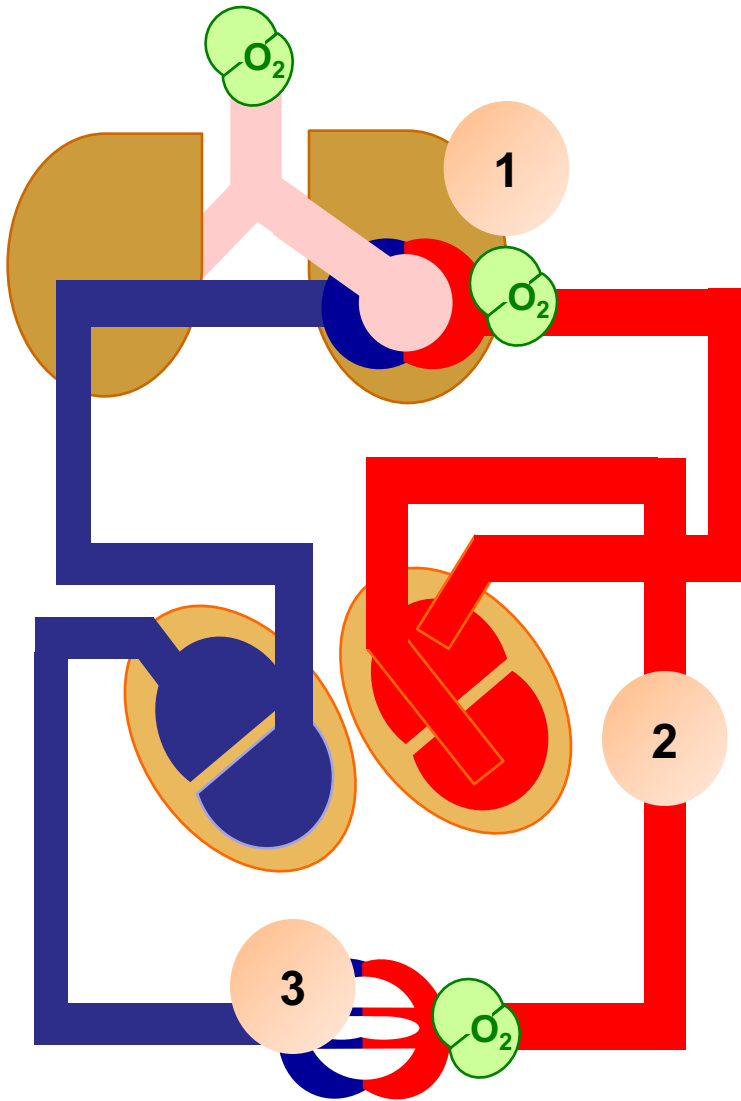
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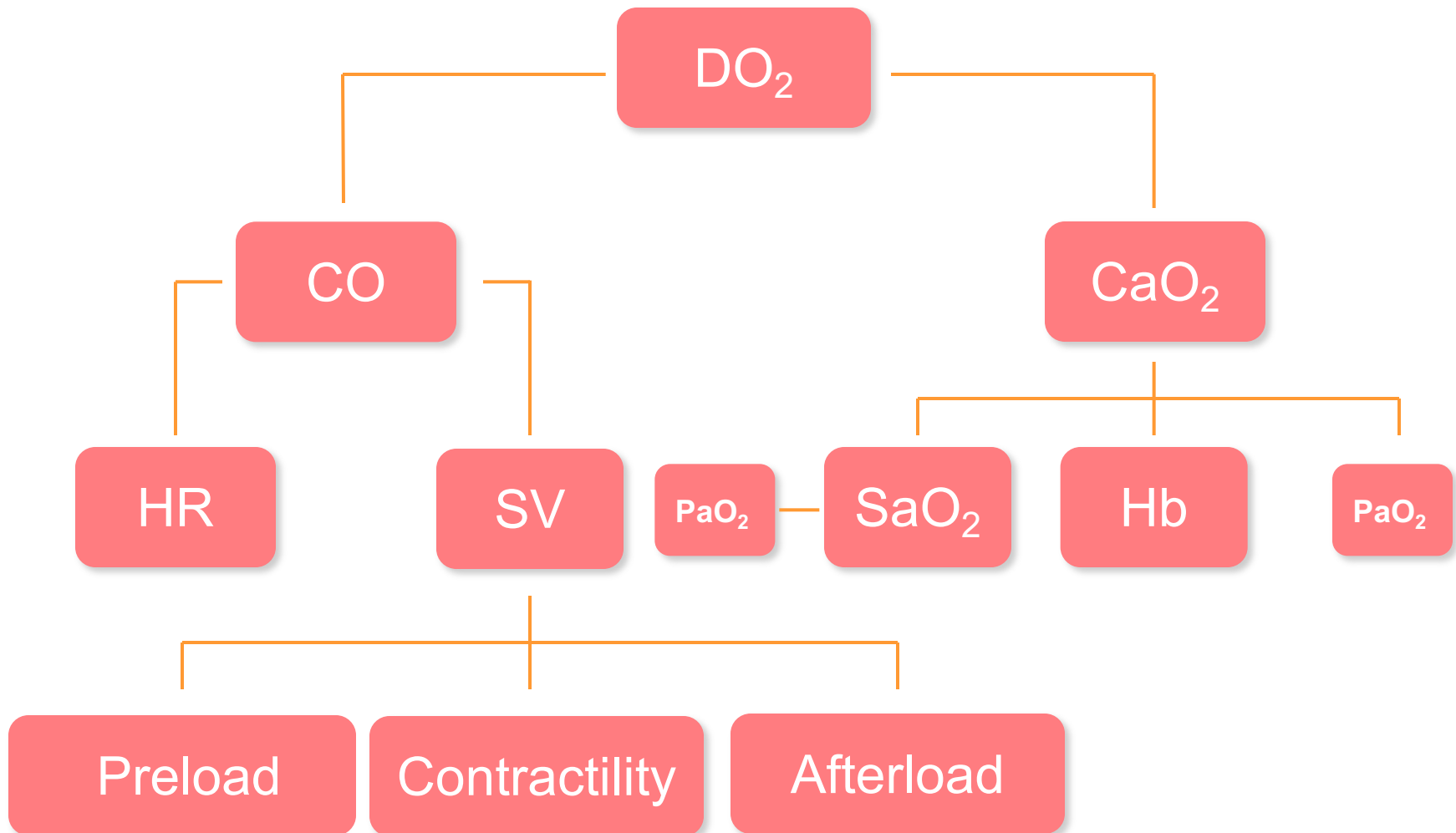
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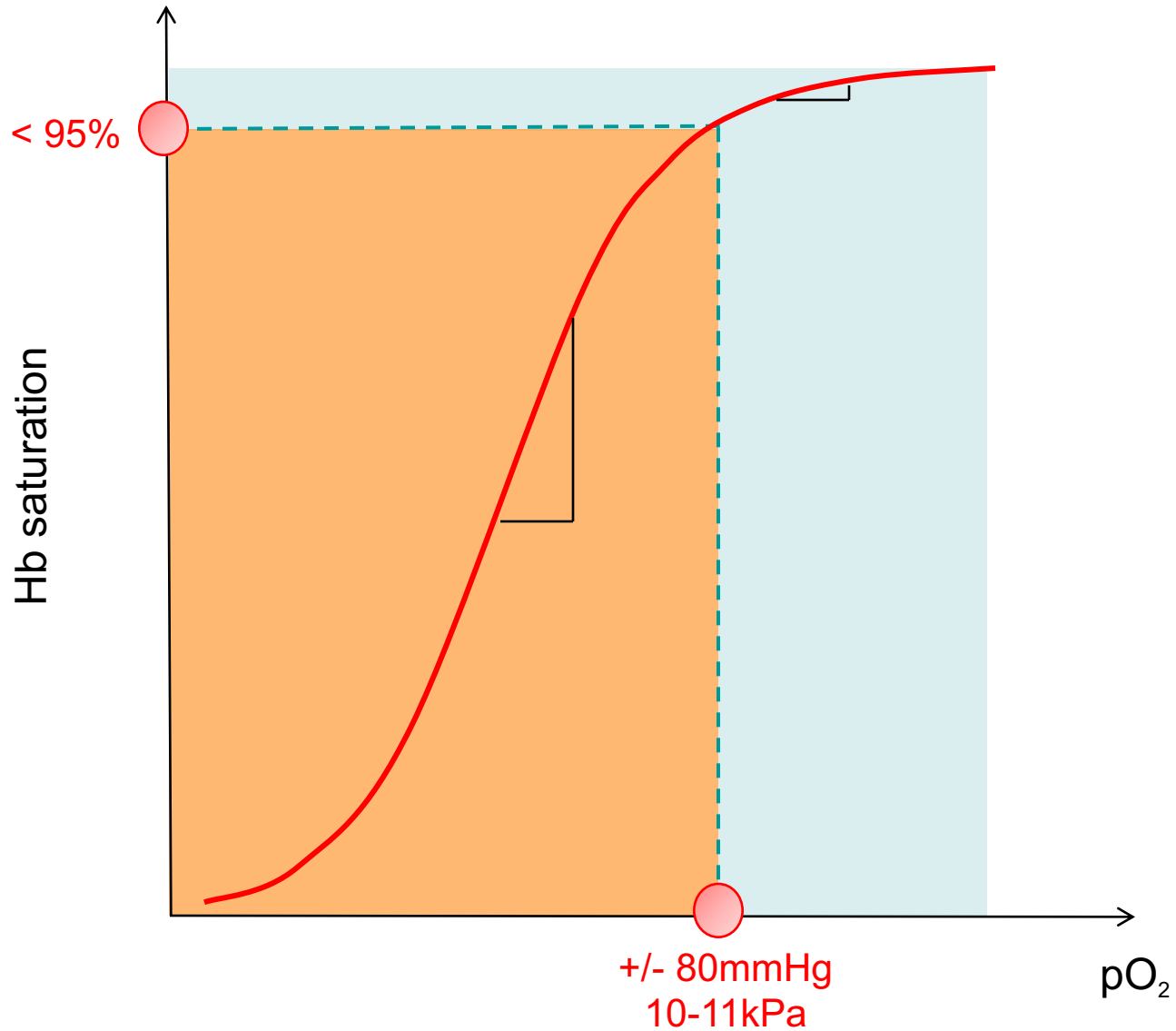
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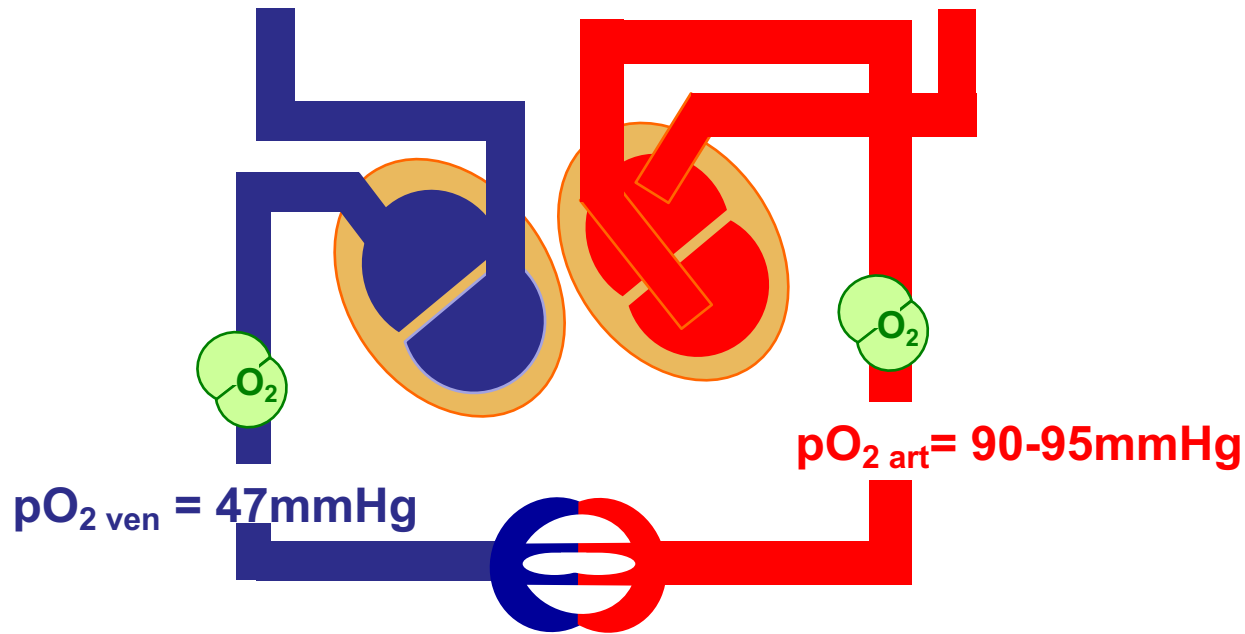
Determinants of oxygen delivery



Oxyhemoglobin dissociation curve



Oxygen delivery - oxygen consumption



$$\begin{aligned} \text{CaO}_{2\text{ven}} &= (\text{Hb} \times \text{SmvO}_2 \times 1.39) + (pO_{2\text{ven}} \times 0.0031) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CaO}_{2\text{art}} &= (\text{Hb} \times \text{SaO}_2 \times 1.39) + (pO_{2\text{art}} \times 0.0031) \end{aligned}$$

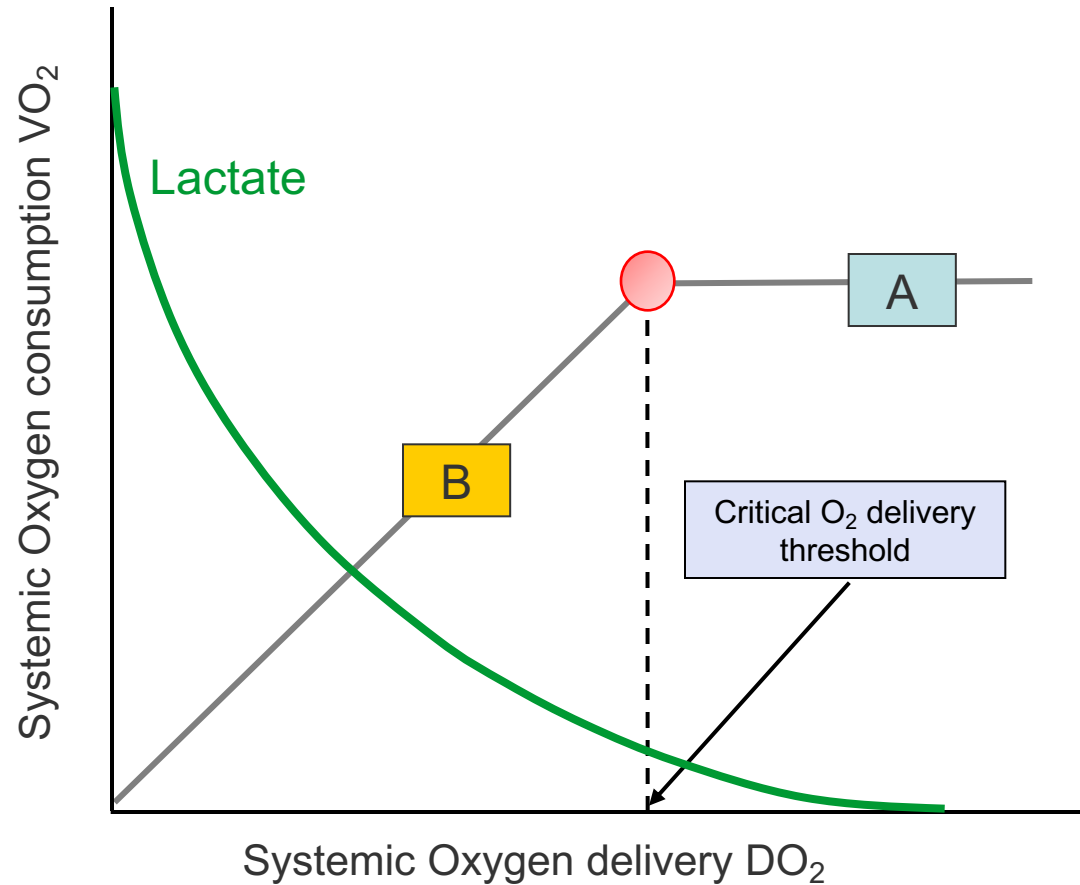
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$$\text{VO}_2 = 4.1\text{ml O}_2/\text{dL Blut} \times 50 = 205\text{mlO}_2/\text{min}$$

$$\text{DO}_2 = 19.8\text{ml O}_2/\text{dL Blut} \times 50 = 990\text{mlO}_2/\text{min}$$



Relationship between DO_2 and VO_2



A = delivery independent phase

B = delivery dependent phase



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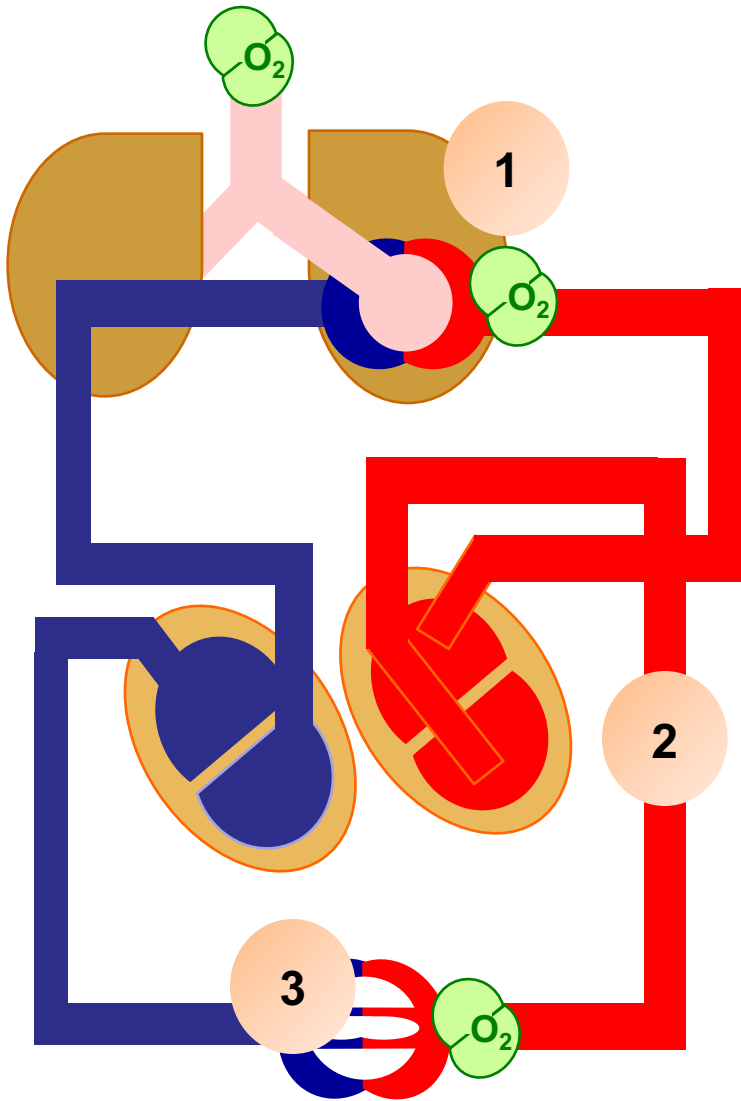
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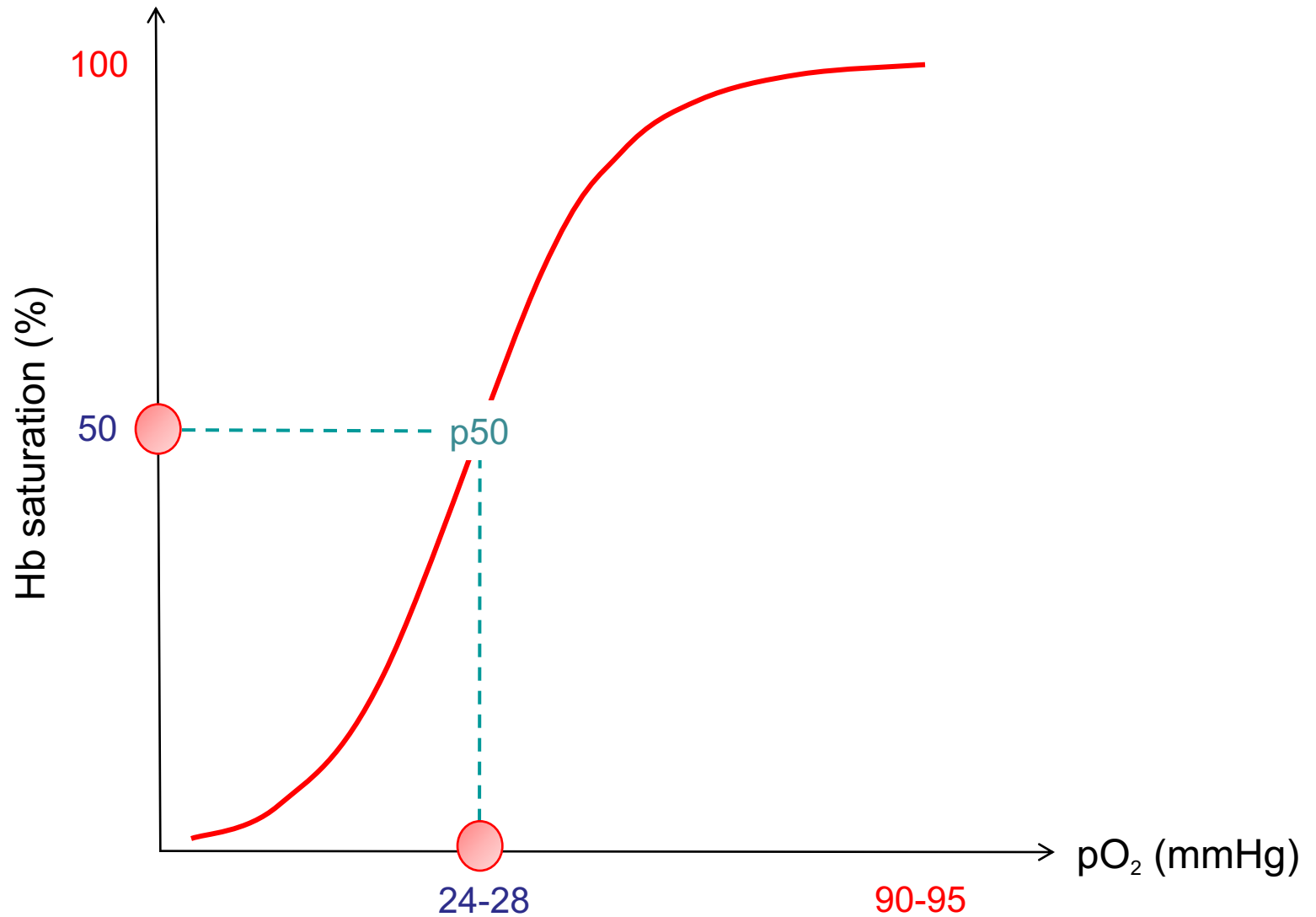
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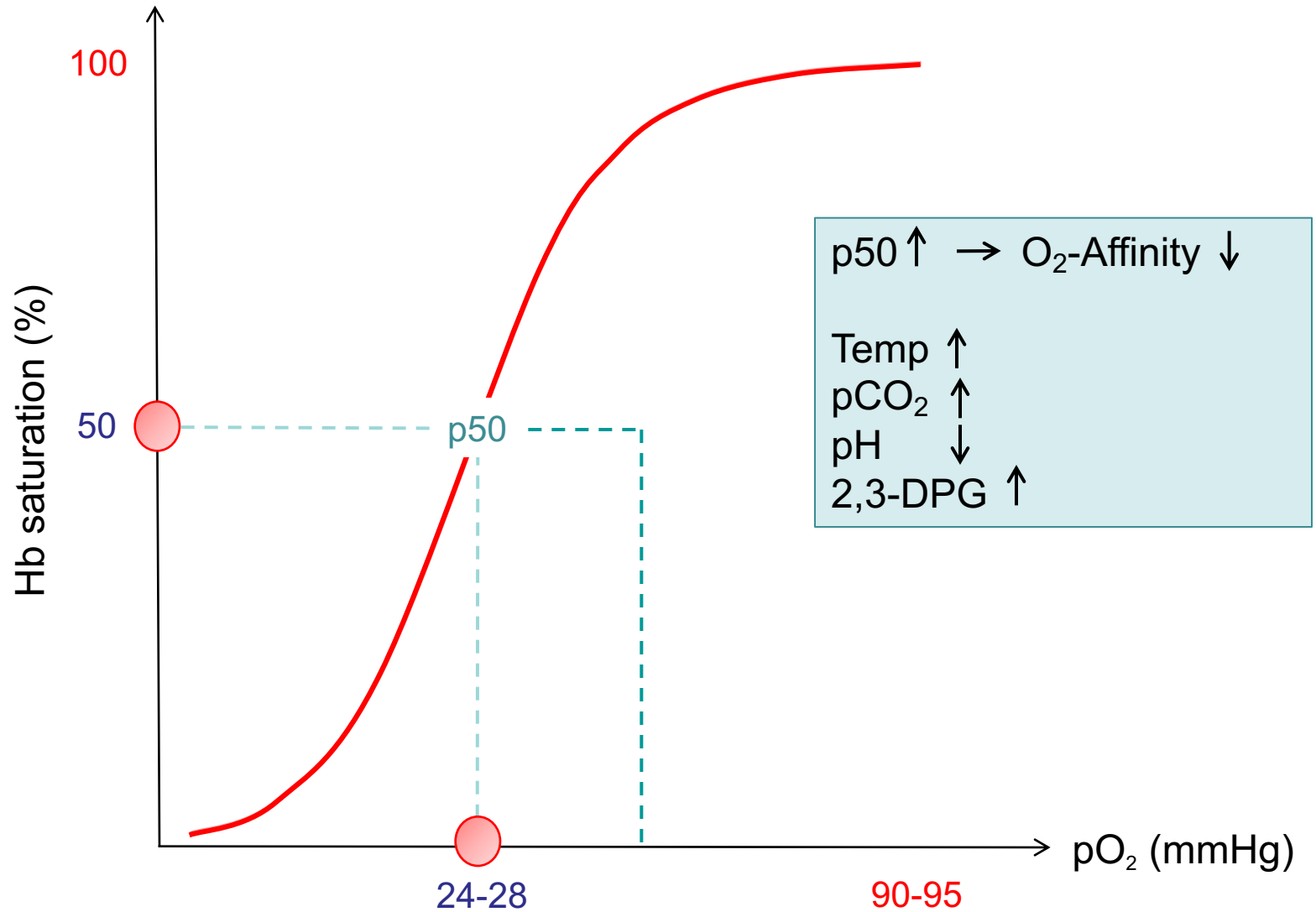
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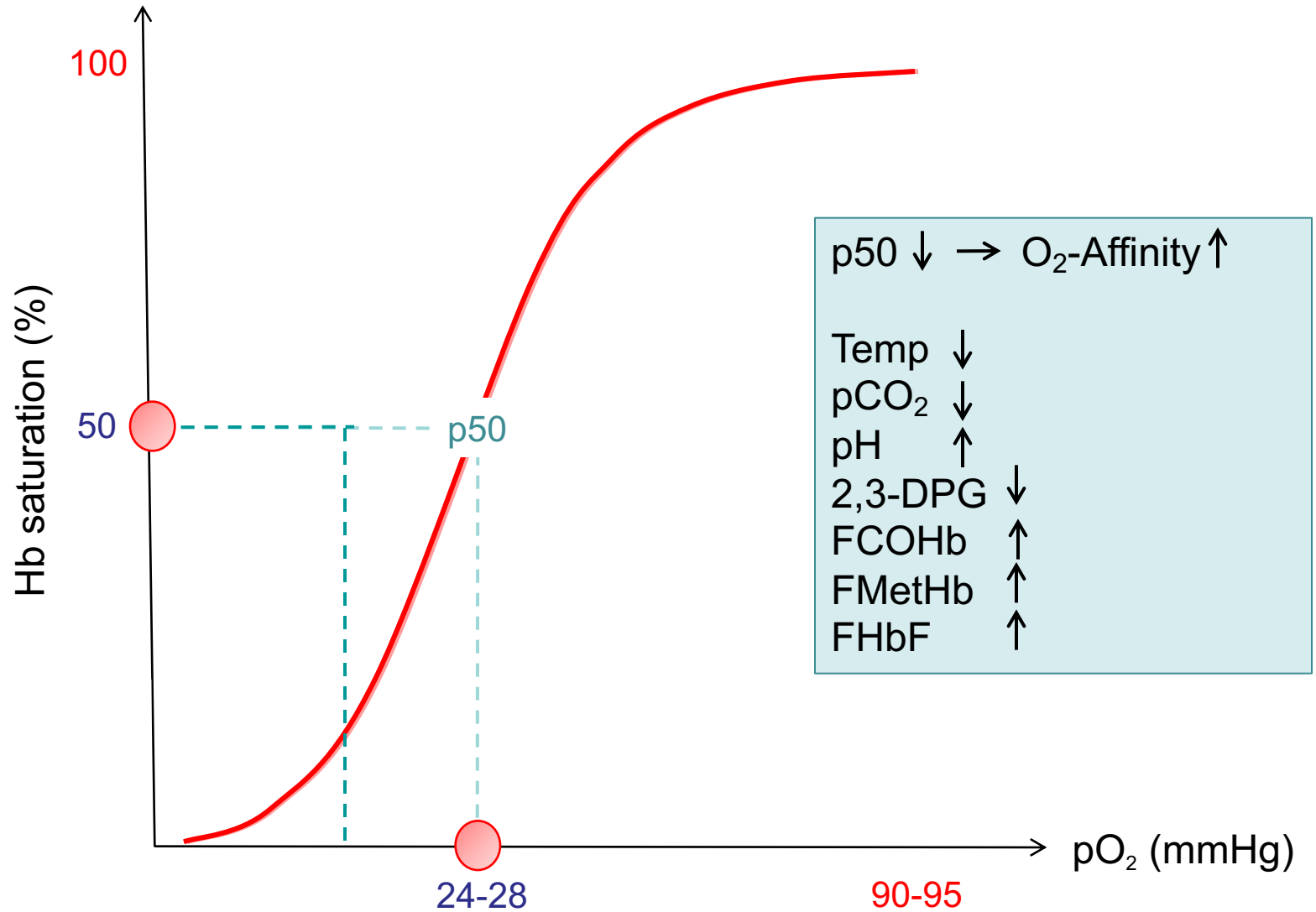
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Oxygen status and blood gas analysis

Bloodgas Ergebnis

pH	6.885	
pCO ₂	44.1	mmHg
pO ₂	319*	mmHg
cHCO ₃ ⁻ (Pst) _c	8.5	mmol/L
cBase(Ecf) _c	-24.8	mmol/L
sO ₂	98.3	%

Oxymetrie Ergebnis

ctHb	138	g/L
sO ₂	98.3	%

* 42.5kPa



Oxygen status and blood gas analysis

Blutgas Ergebnis

pH	7.385	
pCO ₂	44.1	mmHg
pO ₂	319	mmHg
cHCO ₃ ⁻ (Pst) _c	8.5	mmol/L
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Oxymetrie Ergebnis

ctHb	138	g/L
sO ₂	98.3	%
FO ₂ Hb	58.9	%
FCOHb	37.9	%
FHHb	1.0	%
FMetHb	2.2	%

Hemoglobin

Oxyhemoglobin

FO₂Hb

Carboxyhemoglobin

FCOHb

Deoxyhemoglobin

FHHb

Methemoglobin

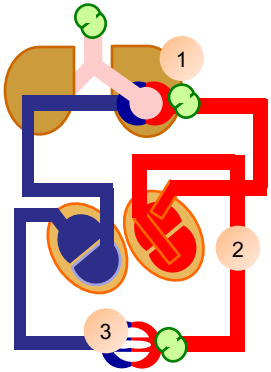
FMetHb

$$sO_2 (\%) = \frac{FO_2Hb}{FO_2Hb + FHHb} \times 100 = 98.3\%$$

$$O_2Hb (\%) = \frac{FO_2Hb}{FO_2Hb + FHHb + FCOHb + FMetHb} \times 100 = 58.9\%$$



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Surrogate marker

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CaO_2

Lactate

Hypoxaemia

Hypoxia

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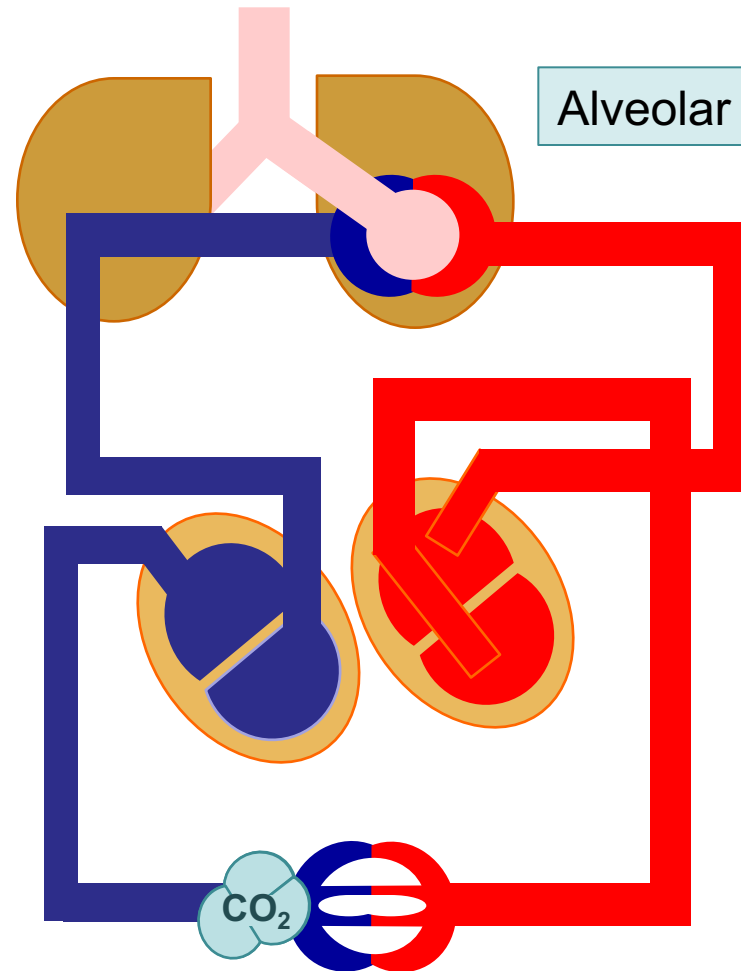
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p50

- hypoxemic
- ischemic
- anemic
- histotoxic



Carbon dioxide



$$\text{Alveolar ventilation} = \text{RR} \times (V_T - V_D)$$

- Largely dependent on alveolar ventilation
- Anatomical dead space constant but physiological dead space depends on ventilation-perfusion matching

55mlCO₂/100ml Blut

VCO₂ = 250ml/min

