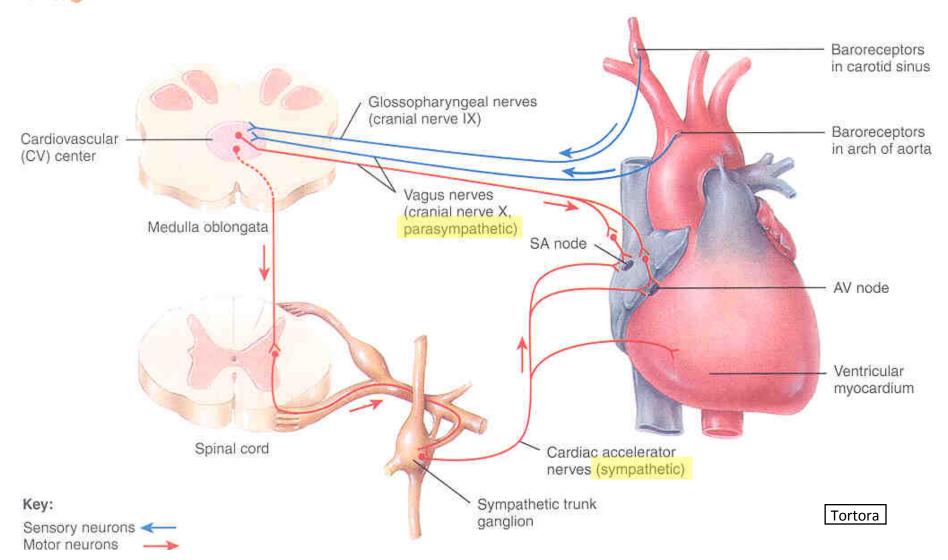
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Figure 15.9 Autonomic nervous system regulation of heart rate.

The cardiovascular center in the medulla oblongata controls both sympathetic and parasympathetic nerves that innervate the heart.



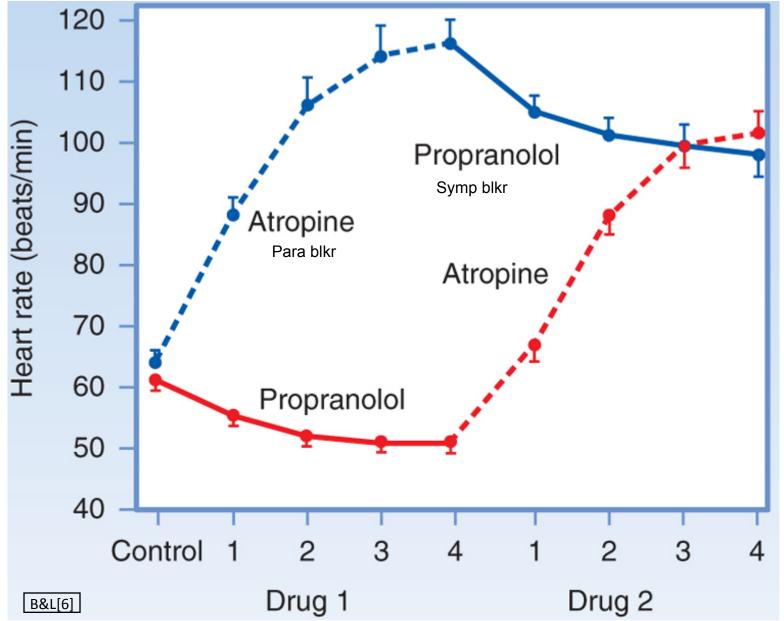
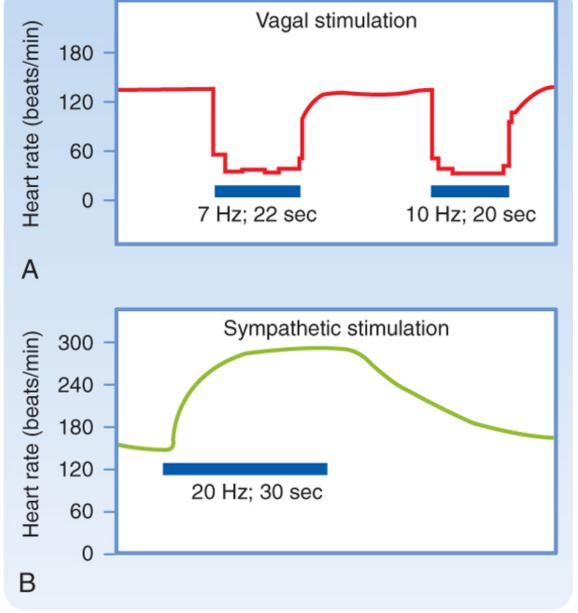


Figure 18-1 Effects of four equal doses of atropine (muscarinic receptor antagonist that blocks parasympathetic effects) and propranolol (β -adrenergic receptor antagonist that blocks sympathetic effects) on the heart rate of 10 healthy young men. In half of the trials, atropine was given first (top curve); in the other half, propranolol was given first (bottom curve).



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Figure 18-2 Changes in heart rate evoked by stimulation (horizontal bars) of the vagus (A) and sympathetic nerves (B). (Modified from Warner HR, Cox A: J Appl Physiol 17:349, 1962.)
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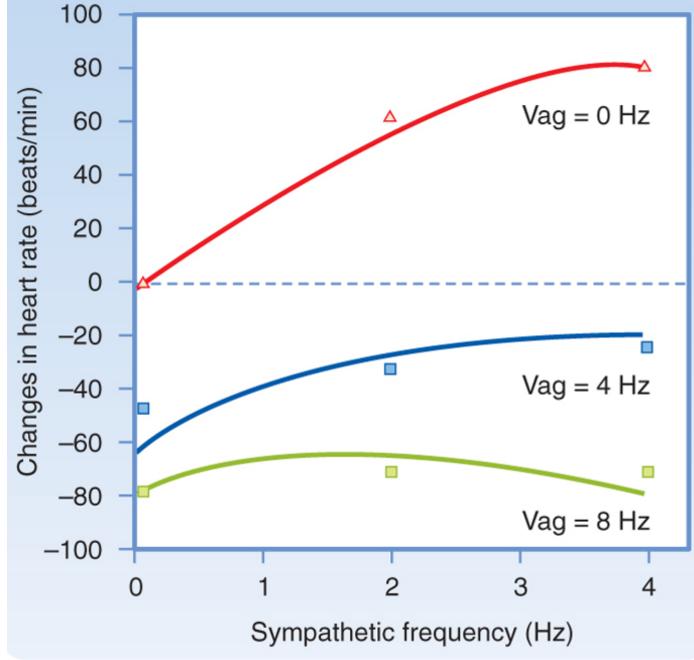


Figure 18-3 Changes in heart rate when the vagus and cardiac sympathetic nerves are stimulated simultaneously. The sympathetic nerves are stimulated at 0, 2, and 4 Hz and the vagus nerves at 0, 4, and 8 Hz. (Modified from Levy MN, Zieske H: J Appl Physiol 27:465, 1969.)

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