

Respiratory System

Respiratory passages -

upper –

lower –

ventilation –

Gas exchange –

Panes of glass analogy –

Surfactant –

Intrapulmonary pressure –

Intralpleural pressure -

Why is this important? .

We breathe in by –

Exhaling-

Compliance –

Respiratory System

Respiratory passages -

upper – from the larynx up

lower – trachea, bronchi, bronchioles

ventilation – the movement of air through the respiratory passages.

Gas exchange – the actual movement of oxygen in and CO₂ out between the alveoli and the capillaries/blood.

Panes of glass analogy – put a drop of water between two planes of glass and they will stick together. Water itself is sticky. It will keep the alveoli from opening up.

Surfactant – substance that reduces the surface tension of water molecules in the alveoli and allows them to expand fully. (CF – surfactant is never developed)

Intrapulmonary pressure – pressure inside the lungs.

Intralpleural pressure - pressure inside the pleural sac.

Why is this important? Pleural space around the lungs has less than atmospheric pressure so they keep the lungs from collapsing.

We breathe in by – contracting the diaphragm

Exhaling- is totally passive. We relax and the air leaves...

Compliance – we relax and the lung cavity returns to it's normal size.

Terminology

Atmospheric pressure (1 ATM) -

Resting Intrapulmonary pressure –

Resting Intrapleural pressure –

Inspiration intrapulmonary pressure –

Inspiration intrapleural pressure –

Expiration intrapulmonary pressure –

Expiration intrapleural pressure –

Pressure facts:

1)

2)

Terminology

Atmospheric pressure (1 ATM) the pressure exerted at sea level by the atmosphere. This is equal to 760 mm of mercury.

Resting Intrapulmonary pressure – 760mm Hg

Resting Intrapleural pressure – 756mm Hg

Inspiration intrapulmonary pressure – 758mm Hg

Inspiration intrapleural pressure – 754mm Hg

Expiration intrapulmonary pressure – 763mm Hg

Expiration intrapleural pressure – 756mm Hg

Pressure Facts:

- 1) The pressure in the pleural sac is always less in the lungs – because this is what keeps the lungs open.
- 2) The pressure in the lungs drops below 760 mm Hg on inhalation and raises above 760mm Hg during expiration which means – The flow of air in and out of the lungs just follows the pressure gradient. It is purely passive.

Lung volumes to know

Tidal Volume –

Ratio between the following is:

Inspiratory reserve volume –

Expiratory reserve volume –

Residual volume –

Vital Capacity –

Dead Space –

Lung Volumes to Know

Tidal Volume – the air moved during normal breathing. 500mL

The important thing between these two is the ratio. (about 2.5 or 3 to 1)

Inspiratory reserve volume – The amount of additional air you can inhale at the end of a normal inhalation. 3100mL

Expiratory reserve volume – The amount of air you can exhale after the end of normal exhalation. 1200mL

Residual volume – At the end of forced exhalation, you still have air remaining in the lungs. 1200mL

Vital Capacity – The amount of air that can be forcefully removed from the lungs after maximum inspiration followed by maximum exhalation. 4800mL

Dead Space – The amount of air in the air passages that never make it to the alveoli. 150 mm Hg

Only 15% of the alveolar air gets replenished with each breath. This is good. Otherwise there would be too great an influx of oxygen on each breath and too great a fluctuation in physiology.

Calculated Lung Values

Minute ventilation –

Alveolar ventilation –

Inspiratory capacity –

Functional residual capacity –

Vital capacity -

Forced vital capacity –

Total Lung capacity –

Calculated Lung Values

Minute ventilation – tidal volume * breaths per minute

Alveolar ventilation – volume of fresh air entering the alveoli each minute. (Tidal volume – dead space) * breaths per minute.

Inspiratory capacity – sum of inspiratory reserve volume and tidal volume.

Functional residual capacity – volume of air left in the lung after normal end exhalation.

Vital capacity - The amount of air that can be forcefully removed from the lungs after maximum inspiration followed by maximum exhalation.

Forced vital capacity – A macho test of breathing plotted against time. (As quick as you can.)

Total Lung capacity – Total amount of air in the lungs after forced inhalation. **6000mL**

Partial Pressures of Note

Approximate percentages of gases in th air we breathe.

Nitrogen:

Oxygen:

Water Vapor:

Carbon dioxide:

By the time air has reached the alveolar spaces the percentages have changed.

N₂ –

O₂ –

CO₂ –

H₂O –

Now the air we breath out: Not important for class.

O₂ –

CO₂ –

Partial Pressures of Note

Approximate percentages of gases in th air we breathe.

Nitrogen: 79% PN₂ – 600mm Hg

Oxygen: 21% - PO₂ – 160mm Hg

Water Vapor: 0.5%

Carbon dioxide: 0.04% - PCO₂ 0.3 mm Hg

By the time air has reached the alveolar spaces the percentages have changed.

N₂ – 74.9%

O₂ – 13.6% - PO₂ 104 mm Hg

CO₂ – 5.3% - PCO₂ 40 mm Hg

H₂O – 6.2% - PH₂O 47 mm Hg

Now the air we breath out: Not important for class.

O₂ – 15.7 PO₂ – 120 mm Hg

CO₂ – 3.6 – PCO₂ – 30 mm Hg

Partial Pressures In Respiration

Resistance to air passage:

Inspired air

Venous blood

Air in the alveoli

Fresh arterial blood is

O₂ in the blood

x

x

Hemoglobin increases the O₂ carrying capacity

When the body needs more O₂

CO₂ is carried in the blood by three different methods:

x

x

x

Partial Pressures In Respiration

Resistance to air passage: There is no resistance to the passage of air in a normal person. Even minor changes in the air passageway can cause big differences in air exchange. (i.e. Various lung diseases)

Inspired air PO₂ 160, and a PCO₂ of 0.3

Venous blood - that is returned to the lungs by the right side of the heart has a PO₂ of 40mm Hg and a PCO₂ of 45mm Hg

Air in the alveoli PO₂ of 104mm Hg and PCO₂ of 40mm Hg

Fresh arterial blood is PO₂ of 97mm Hg and PCO₂ of 40mm Hg

O₂ in the blood is

x 3% dissolved

x 97% attached to the hemoglobin red blood cell.

Hemoglobin increases the O₂ carrying capacity by something like 70 folds.

When the body needs more O₂, it increases the rate of blood flow and rate of breathing. It does not change the amount of O₂ carried in the blood. It makes you breath faster and deeper.

CO₂ is carried in the blood by three different methods:

x A small amount is – dissolved in plasma

x Some is loosely combined with – hemoglobin (The CO₂ hemoglobin connection is different than O₂.)

x **Most of the CO₂ is converted into the bicarbonate ion (HCO₃⁻) inside the red blood cells. Without getting into details, just know that this is a major ion in acid/base balance in regulating the pH of the blood – a buffer.**

Control Of Respiration

Cells in the RCC directly monitor increased levels of –

with increased levels of these two products the RCC tells the body to breathe –

There are chemoreceptors in the aortic arch and in a sensing structure in the carotid artery called the carotid sinus. -

RCC is

Stretching of lung tissue -

Control of respiration.

Cells in the RCC directly monitor increased levels of – carbon dioxide and hydrogen ions. (too acidic an environment)

with increased levels of these two products the RCC tells the body to breathe – faster and more deeply.

There are chemoreceptors in the aortic arch and in a sensing structure in the carotid artery called the carotid sinus. These two receptors read concentrations of carbon dioxide, hydrogen and oxygen. It reads increases and decreases. In this case, the RCC tells the body to breath increase or decrease in respiration.

RCC is in the brain stem.

Stretching of lung tissue interrupts breathing, the RCC reads it up to a certain point, and then kicks off the stimulation of the diaphragm.

Circulatory System

Cardiovascular system –

Atria -

x

x

Ventricles

x

x

Four sets of valves

AV – atrioventricular

x

x

Ventricular

x

x

systemic – from the left heart to the body back to right heart

pulmonary –

Vena cava (superior and inferior)

Carotid –

Pulmonary trunks and arteries –

Pulmonary veins –

Aorta –

Circulatory System

Cardiovascular system – function is to move blood to tissues of the body, bring waste products from tissues of the body.

Atria -

x R. Atrium - receives used blood from the body

x L. Atrium – Receives fresh blood from the lungs

Ventricles

x R. Ventricles – from the r. atrium and then to the lungs.

x L. Ventricle – from the l atrium, to the body

Four sets of valves

AV – atrioventricular

x **Tricuspid** – Right AV

x **Mitral** – bicuspid – left AV

Ventricular

x **Pulmonic** – (R. semilunar) r. ventricles and pulmonary system/lung

x **Aortic** – (L. semilunar) l ventricles and the aorta

systemic – from the left heart to the body back to right heart

pulmonary – from the right heart, to the lungs, back to the left side of the heart

Vena cava (superior and inferior) (superior – above the diaphragm) returns blood to the heart.

Carotid – blood from the heart to the right ventricles

Pulmonary trunks and arteries – to the lungs from the right.

Pulmonary veins – back to the L heart from the lungs

Aorta – from the left heart to everything else.

Cardiac Terminology

SA Node –

AV Node –

Arteries –

Arterioles –

Capillaries –

Venules –

Veins –

Capillaries –

Polarization -

Right and left atria contract

The AV node

Then

New terms:

Systole –

Diastole –

Cardiac Cycle –

When are the right and left AV valves

Pulmonic and aortic valves

Cardiac Terminology

SA Node – sinoatrial node – right atrium. Serves the atria. Initiates the heartbeat.

AV Node – the atrioventricular node- sites between the right atrium and right ventricle. Momentarily stops the flow of stimulation, and then stimulates the right and left ventricles.

Arteries – carry blood away from the body.

Arterioles – contain smooth muscle in the walls and act like valves

Capillaries – microscopic in diameter (one cell wall thick) actual exchange of gases and nutrients takes place here.

Venules – the beginning of the return trip back to the heart. Not the equivalent of the arterioles.

Veins – Main tubing system back to the heart.

Capillaries – one cell thick to facilitate the passing of gases, liquids, and some solids.

Polarization - heart is at rest.

New terms:

Systole – cardiac muscle contraction (depolarization)

Diastole – cardiac muscle relaxation. (repolarization)

Cardiac Cycle – one complete cycle of systole/diastole

When are the right and left AV valves open – during atrial systole/closed during ventricular systole.

Pulmonic and aortic valves are open during ventricular systole. They are closed during ventricular diastole