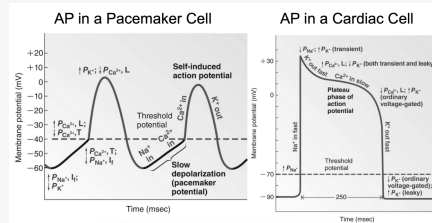


System Overview

The three principal components: Heart (the pump) Blood vessels (the pipes) Blood (the fluid to be moved) Functions: Supply oxygen/nutrients, remove waste, regulate temperature, distribute hormones, immuno-vigilance

Comparison: PM vs CC



Electrical Activity & Autorhythmicity

Autorhythmic Cells: 1% of heart, initiate APs

Contractile Cells: 99%, mechanical pumping

Pacemaker Activity:-

1. Funny channels: (Na⁺ in) and K⁺ channels close.
2. T-type Ca²⁺ channels open
3. Threshold: L-type Ca²⁺ channels open
4. Repolarization: K⁺ channels open

Note that : Long refractory period coincides with plateau (Prevents summation/tetanus)

Contractile Cell Action Potential

Type of Cell: Contractile (99% of cardiac cells)

Resting potential: -90 mV

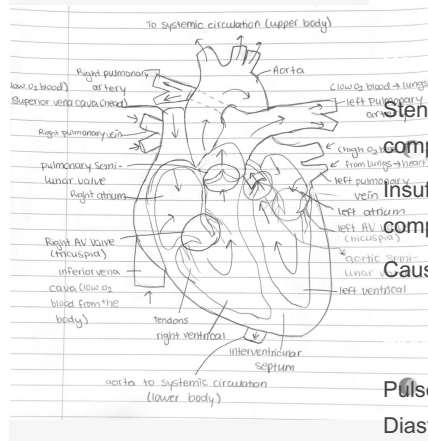
1. Depolarization: Fast Na⁺ channels open
2. Initial Repolarization: Transient K⁺ channels open
3. Plateau: L-type Ca²⁺ channels open, reduced K⁺ efflux
4. Repolarization: Regular K⁺ channels open

Return to Rest: Leaky K⁺ channels restore resting potential

Conduction Pathway

1. SA nodes
2. AV nodes
3. Bundle of his
4. Right/left bundle branches
5. Purkinje fibers

Structure of the Heart & bloodflow



Cardiac Cycle & Heart Sounds

Phases:

S1 ("lub") = AV valves close

S2 ("dub") = Aortic/pulmonary valves close

Murmur: Stenotic or insufficient valves → turbulence

Phases: Mid-to-late diastole → Ventricular systole → Early diastole

Valve Disorders

Stenotic = valve doesn't open completely

Insufficient = valve doesn't close completely

Causes murmurs (turbulent flow)

Pressure

Pulse Pressure = Systolic - Diastolic

Mean Arterial Pressure (MAP) = Diastolic + 1/3(Pulse Pressure)

Measured by: Sphygmomanometer (Korotkoff sounds)

Blood pressure during dynamic exercise

Systolic increases

Diastolic ~same

MAP increases progressively

Blood Flow

Cardiac Output

CO = Heart Rate × Stroke Volume

Stroke Volume = EDV - ESV

Regulation: 2 Types

Type 1: Intrinsic: Frank-Starling Law = Increased venous return increases ventricular filling (increased EDV), which results in a larger stroke volume due to the length-tension relationship.

Extrinsic: Sympathetic stimulation → ↑, contractility → ↑ SV

MAP Regulation

MAP = C.O x TPR

Contributors: Stroke vol., Heart rate, Blood Vol., Blood Viscosity, Arteriolar Radius, Sympathetic/Parasympathetic activity

ECG Components

P wave: Atrial depolarization

PR segment: AV node delay

QRS complex: Ventricular depolarization (atrial repolarization hidden)

T wave: Ventricular repolarization

TP interval: Ventricles relaxing/filling

ST segment: Ventricles contracting/emptying

Pacemaker vs. Cardiac cell

ECG wave

Pacemaker: gradual depolarization, no true resting potential, Ca²⁺-dependent spike

Contractile: stable resting potential, Na⁺-dependent spike, plateau from L-type Ca²⁺

Heart Wall Layers:

Endocardium: Inner layer, lines chambers

Myocardium: Cardiac muscle layer, responsible for contraction

Epicardium: Outer layer, also part of pericardium

Pericardium: Protective sac around the heart

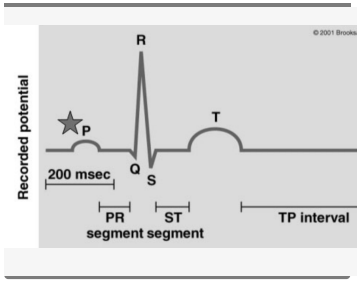
Valve Composition:

Connective tissue: Mostly collagen, provides structural support

Endothelium: Inner lining of heart and blood vessels

Flow influenced by: Radius (power of 4 effect), Length, Viscosity

Pressure gradient = Flow × Resistance



Heart Structure & Blood Flow

4 Heart Valves: Tricuspid, Pulmonary, Mitral, Aortic

Flow Sequence: Right atrium → Right ventricle → Lungs → Left atrium → Left ventricle → Body

Oxygenation: Pulmonary arteries = O₂-poor, Pulmonary veins = O₂-rich



By **tfayed**
cheatography.com/tfayed/

Published 27th May, 2025.
 Last updated 27th May, 2025.
 Page 2 of 3.

Sponsored by **ApolloPad.com**
 Everyone has a novel in them. Finish Yours!
<https://apollopad.com>

ECG Abnormalities

Rate: Tachycardia

Rhythm: Extrasystole, ventricular fibrillation

Conduction: Complete heart block

Myopathies: Myocardial infarction

Capillary exchange

Lipid-soluble substances: pass through endothelial cells

Small water-soluble substances: pass through pores

Exchangeable proteins: moved via vesicular transport

Plasma proteins: generally cannot cross capillary wall

Net Filtration Pressure (NFP)

$NFP = \text{Capillary Hydrostatic Pressure} - \text{Blood Colloid Osmotic Pressure}$

Affects direction of fluid movement (filtration vs. reabsorption)

Positive NFP = fluid pushed out (filtration)

Negative NFP = fluid pulled in (reabsorption)

Baroreceptor Reflex

Stimulus: \uparrow or \downarrow blood pressure

Sensors: Carotid sinus and aortic arch

2 effects can occur:

\uparrow BP = \uparrow afferent firing = \downarrow HR, \downarrow contractility & vasodilation

\downarrow BP = \downarrow afferent firing = \uparrow HR, \uparrow contractility & vasoconstriction

Veins & Venous Return

Valves prevent backflow

Factors that facilitate return:

Sympathetic stimulation, Skeletal muscle pump, Respiratory activity, Increased blood volume.

Exercise Physiology: Cardiovascular Response

Systole and diastole both decrease, but diastole decreases more

Systolic & MAP increase; diastolic remains about the same

Cardiac output shifts to muscles, heart, skin

