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- Overall function
- Movement of gases
- Gas exchange
- Transport of gas (oxygen and carbon dioxide).
- PULMONARY VENTILATION:
- BOYLE'S LAW
- Gas pressure in closed container is inversely proportional to volume of container.
- Pressure differences and Air flow.
- Pressures
- Atmospheric pressure 760 mm Hg, 630 mm Hg here
- Intrapleural pressure 756 mm Hg pressure between pleural layers
- Intrapulmonary pressure varies, pressure inside lungs



Inspiration/Inhalation

- Diaphragm & Intercostal muscles
- Increases volume in thoracic cavity as muscles contract
- Volume of lungs increases
- Intrapulmonary pressure decreases (758 mm Hg)

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Expiration/Exhalation

- Muscles relax
- Volume of thoracic cavity decreases
- Volume of lungs decreases
- Intrapulmonary pressure increases (763 mm Hg)
- Forced expiration is active



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- Factors that influence pulmonary air flow
- Diameter of airways, esp. bronchioles
- Sympathetic & Parasympathetic NS.
- Lung collapse.
- Surface Tension:
- Surface tension tends to oppose alveoli expansion
- Pulmonary surfactant reduces surface tension.
- Lung Volumes & Capacities
- Tidal Volume (500 mls)
- Respiratory Rate (12 breaths/minute)
- Minute Respiratory Volume (6000 mls/min).
- Inspiratory Reserve Volume (3000, 2100 mls)
- Inspiratory Capacity (TV + IRV).
- Expiratory Reserve Volume (1200, 800 mls)
- Residual Volume (1200 mls)
- Air left in lungs after exhaling the tidal volume quietly







Alveolar Ventilation Efficiency

- Matching Alveolar air flow with blood flow
- Pulmonary vessels
- Vessels can constrict in areas where oxygen flow is low
- Respiratory passageways
- Airways can dilate where carbon dioxide levels are high.
- Gas Exchange.
- Partial Pressure
- Each gas in atmosphere contributes to the entire atmospheric pressure, denoted as P
- Gases in liquid
- Gas enters liquid and dissolves in proportion to its partial pressure
- O2 and CO2 Exchange by DIFFUSION
- PO2 is 105 mmHg in alveoli and 40 in alveolar capillaries
- PCO2 is 45 in alveolar capillaries and 40 in alveoli



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Partial Pressures

- Oxygen is 21% of atmosphere
- 760 mmHg x .21 = 160 mmHg PO2
- This mixes with "old" air already in alveolus to arrive at PO2 of 105 mmHg
- Carbon dioxide is .04% of atmosphere
- 760 mmHg x .0004 = .3 mm Hg PCO2
- This mixes with high CO2 levels from residual volume in the alveoli to arrive at PCO2 of 40 mmHg



Macrophage

Alveolus

Air space

within

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Alveolar epithelium Basement membrane of

alveolar epithelium

Type II pneumocyte

Type I pneumocyte

Capillary endothelium (wall)

(surfactant-

Red blood cell

Alveolar fluid (with surfactant)

secreting cell)

Alveolar

(wall)

epithelium

Respiratory

Gas Transport

- O2 transport in blood
- Hemoglobin O2 binds to the heme group on hemoglobin, with 4 oxygens/Hb
- PO2
- PO2 is the most important factor determining whether O2 and Hb combine or dissociate
- O2-Hb Dissociation curve.
- pH
- CO2
- Temperature
- DPG
- CO2 transport
- 7% in plasma
- 23% in carbamino compounds (bound to globin part of Hb)
- 70% as Bicarbonate



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Hemoglobin saturated with oxygen in the lungs is like a nearly full glass.



(b) like partially emptying the glass.



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Carbon Dioxide

- CO2 + H2O <->H2CO3<->H+ + HCO3-
- Enzyme is Carbonic Anhydrase
- Chloride shift to compensate for bicarbonate moving in and out of RBC



Controls of Respiration

- Medullary Rhythmicity Area
- Medullary Inspiratory Neurons are main control of breathing
- Pons neurons influence inspiration, with Pneumotaxic area limiting inspiration and Apneustic area prolonging inspiration.
- Lung stretch receptors limit inspiration from being too deep.
- Medullary Rhythmicity Area
- Medullary Expiratory Neurons
- Only active with exercise and forced expiration

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Controls of rate and depth of respiration

- Arterial PO2
 - When PO2 is VERY low, ventilation increases
- Arterial PCO2
 - The most important regulator of ventilation, small increases in PCO2, greatly increases ventilation
- Arterial pH
 - As hydrogen ions increase, alveolar ventilation increases, but hydrogen ions cannot diffuse into CSF as well as CO2