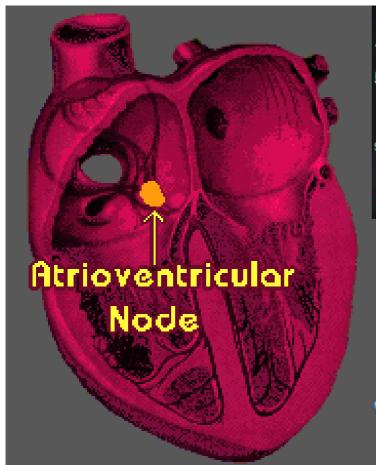


The Rhythm

The Heart is made up of <u>myogenic muscle</u> (muscle that has the ability to contract without external nerve stimulation). The <u>SA node</u> (sinoatrial) regulates the heartbeat. It is basically a pacemaker. It sets the beat. It causes the simultaneous contraction of the atria.



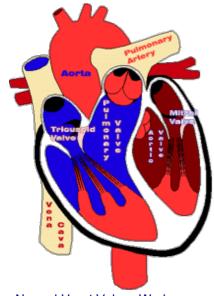


The <u>AV node</u> (Atrioventricular) causes the contraction of the ventricles. You can use <u>an Electro-cardiograph</u> to monitor the electrical activity of the heart.

Electrical system of the heart.

The Sound (Lubb-Dubb,
Lubb-Dubb, etc...)
The closing of heart
valves causes the sound.
When atria relax, they fill
with blood. Diastole is
when the heart relaxes
and Systole is when the
heart contracts. Both
together force the blood
out.





You can get a heart <u>murmur</u> when the valves do not close properly.

How Normal Heart Valves Work





Heart Valve Problems





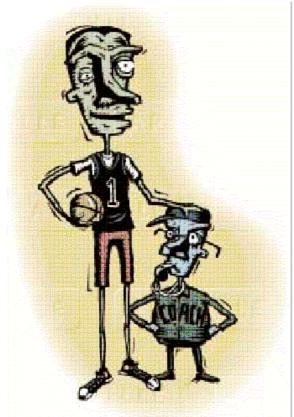
Cardiac Output

The <u>cardiac output</u> refers to the amount of blood that flows from each side of the heart per minute. The left and right side should pump the same amount. <u>Stroke volume</u> is the quantity of blood pumped with each beat of the heart. The stronger the contraction, the greater the stroke volume. The <u>heart rate</u> is the number of times the heart beats per minute.

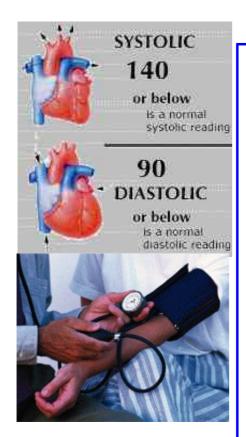
Check your heart rate.

By multiplying the heart rate by the stroke volume, you will find the cardiac output.

C.O.= H.R. X S.V.

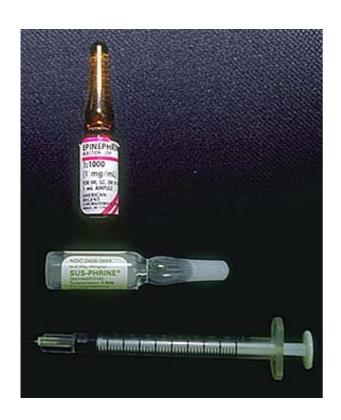


Small individuals require less blood and have lower cardiac output. During exercise, energy needs require the heart to pump faster in order to distribute more oxygen thus increasing the heart rate.



Blood Pressure

Blood travels through the arteries with every beat of the heart. The arteries expand and recoil like an elastic band to accommodate the increase in fluid pressure. Blood pressure can be measured using a sphygmomanometer. The systolic blood pressure is a measure of pressure exerted during ventricular contractions (120 mm Hg). The diastolic blood pressure measures the pressure as blood flows into the arteries during ventricular relaxation (80 mm Hg). Hg is Mercury and mm stands for millimeters. We refer to the optimum blood pressure as 120 over 80.



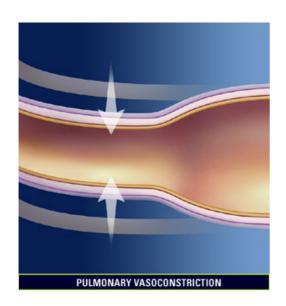


Nervous System and the Effect
on Circulation
Epinephrine is a hormone,
which is released from the
adrenal glands in times of stress.
It stimulates the release of red
blood cells from the spleen. This
release of red blood cells allows
for greater oxygen delivery.

Epinephrine causes increased heart rate and breathing rate. Increased heart rate leads to faster oxygen transport.

Increased breathing rate ensures high oxygen levels in the blood. Most of the active body tissues will require more oxygen. Epinephrine causes vessels leading to the heart, brain and muscles to vasodilate.

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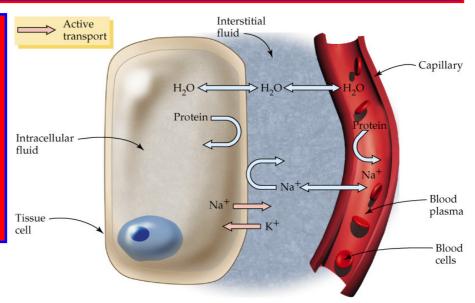
It also causes
vasoconstriction of
vessels leading to less
active tissues such as
the stomach, intestine
and kidneys. Active
tissues are the priority.



Capillary Fluid Exchange

Capillaries are associated with fluid exchange between blood and surrounding extracellular fluid (ECF). The capillary cell membranes are permeable to oxygen and carbon dioxide. Water and certain ions are thought to pass through the clefts between the cells of the capillary. Endocytosis or exocytosis exchanges larger molecules and proteins.

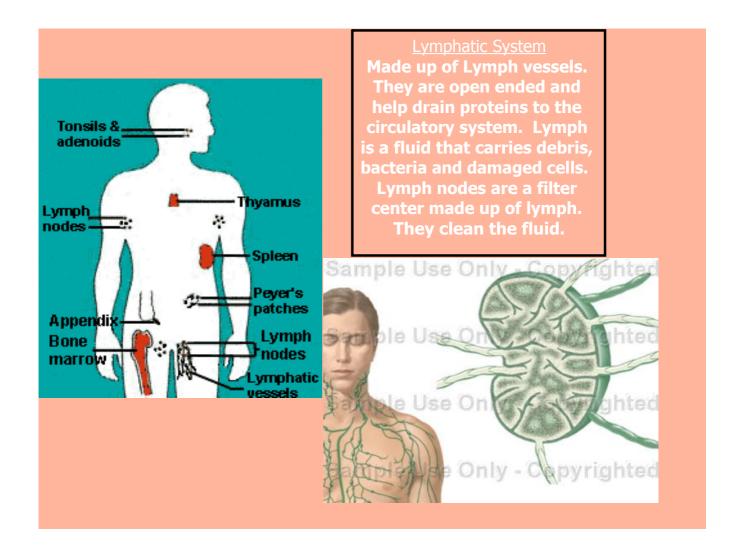
Fluid pressure and osmotic pressure regulate water movement. Pressure inside the vessels pushes the water to the ECF. Some water moves back due to osmosis.

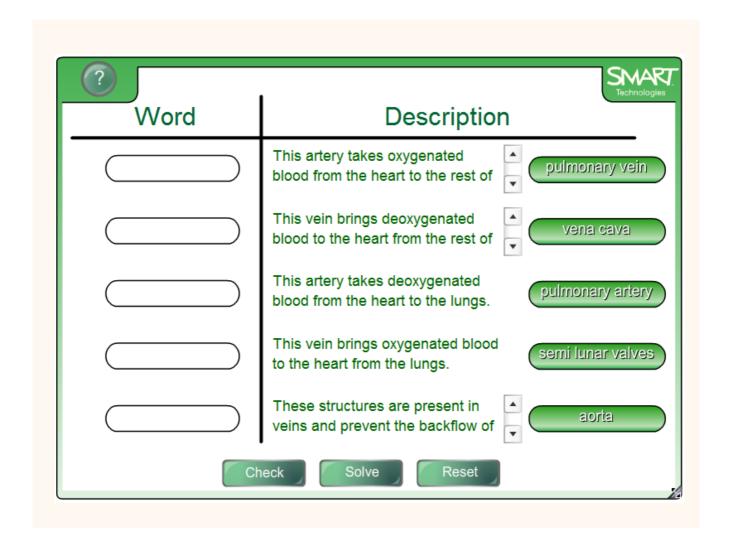


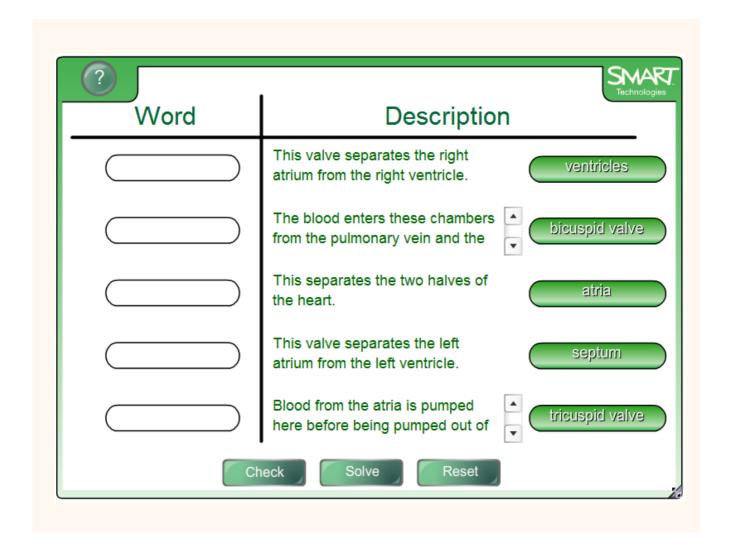


Swelling

Inflammation or Allergic Reaction
TISSUES SWELL AND REDDEN AS
A RESULT OF FOREIGN
MICROBES. PROTEINS AND
WHITE BLOOD CELLS LEAVE THE
CAPILLARIES TO COMBAT THE
INVADERS AND IN DOING SO
ALTER THE OSMOTIC BALANCE.
FLUIDS ARE NOT ABSORBED BY
CAPILLARIES AND THE TISSUE
SWELLS (FIG. 6.25).







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