

Respiratory system & exercise

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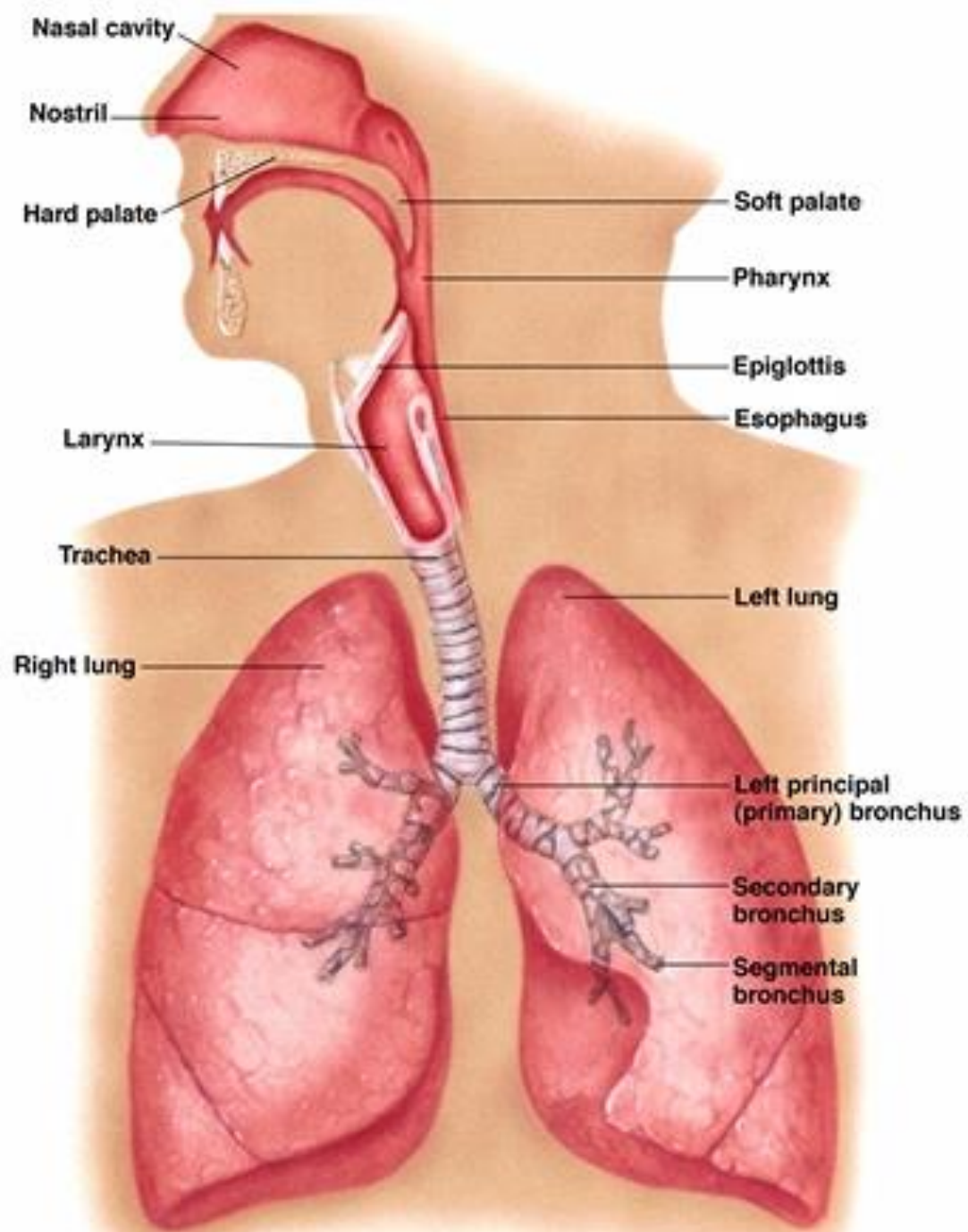
Objectives of lecture

- **Outline the major anatomical components & important functions of the respiratory system.**
- **Describe the mechanics of ventilation.**
- **List major muscles involved in inspiration and expiration, at rest and during exercise.**
- **Identify Lung volume and capacity.**
- **Describe pulmonary ventilation & its response to ex.**
- **Outline disruptions in normal breathing patterns during exercise.**
- **Describe Bohr effect and its importance in exercise .**
- **Outline O₂ & CO₂ Transport in the Blood**
- **Identify The Energy Cost of Breathing during rest & ex.**

Major function of respiratory system

- Supplies oxygen to cells and removes carbon dioxide.
- Regulate H⁺ ion to maintain acid-base balance.
- Ventilation refers to the mechanical process of moving air into and out of lungs.

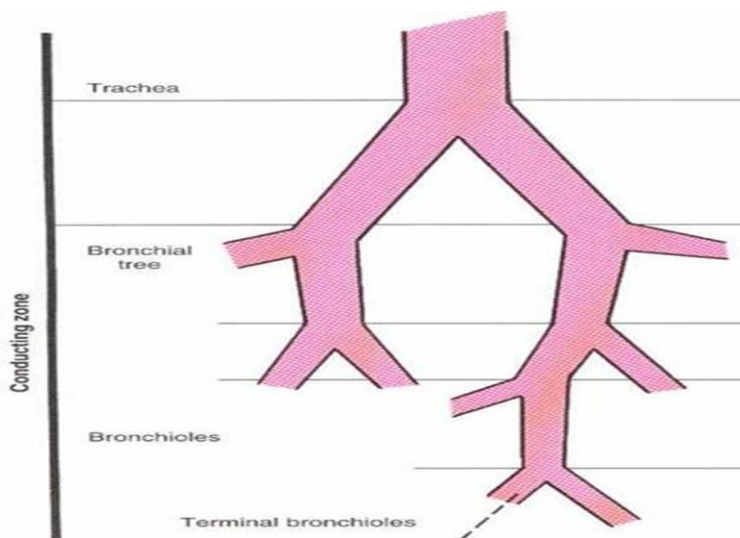
Major Organs of the Respiratory System



Conducting and Respiratory Zones

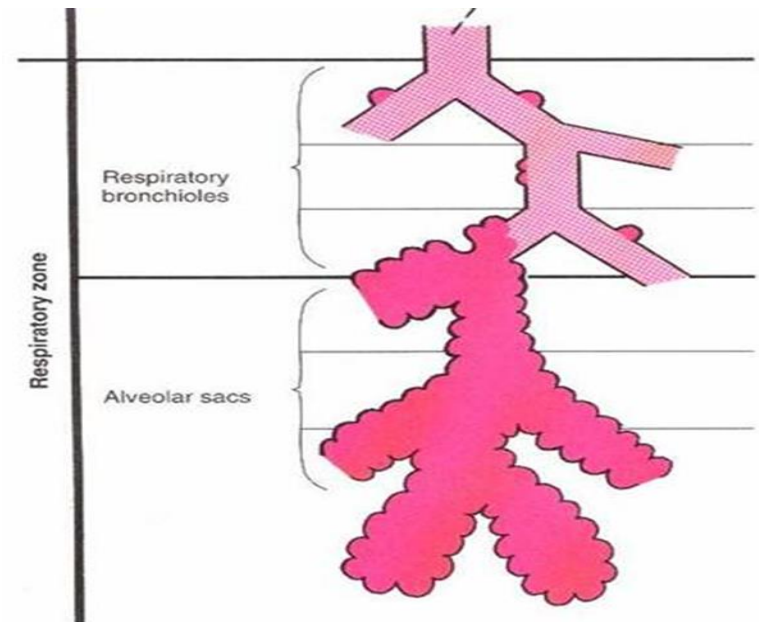
Conducting zone

- Conducts air to respiratory zone
- Humidifies, warms, and filters air
 - Components:(Trachea, Bronchial tree, Bronchioles)



Respiratory zone

- Exchange of gases between air and blood
- Components:(Respiratory bronchioles, Alveolar sacs)



Mechanics of Breathing

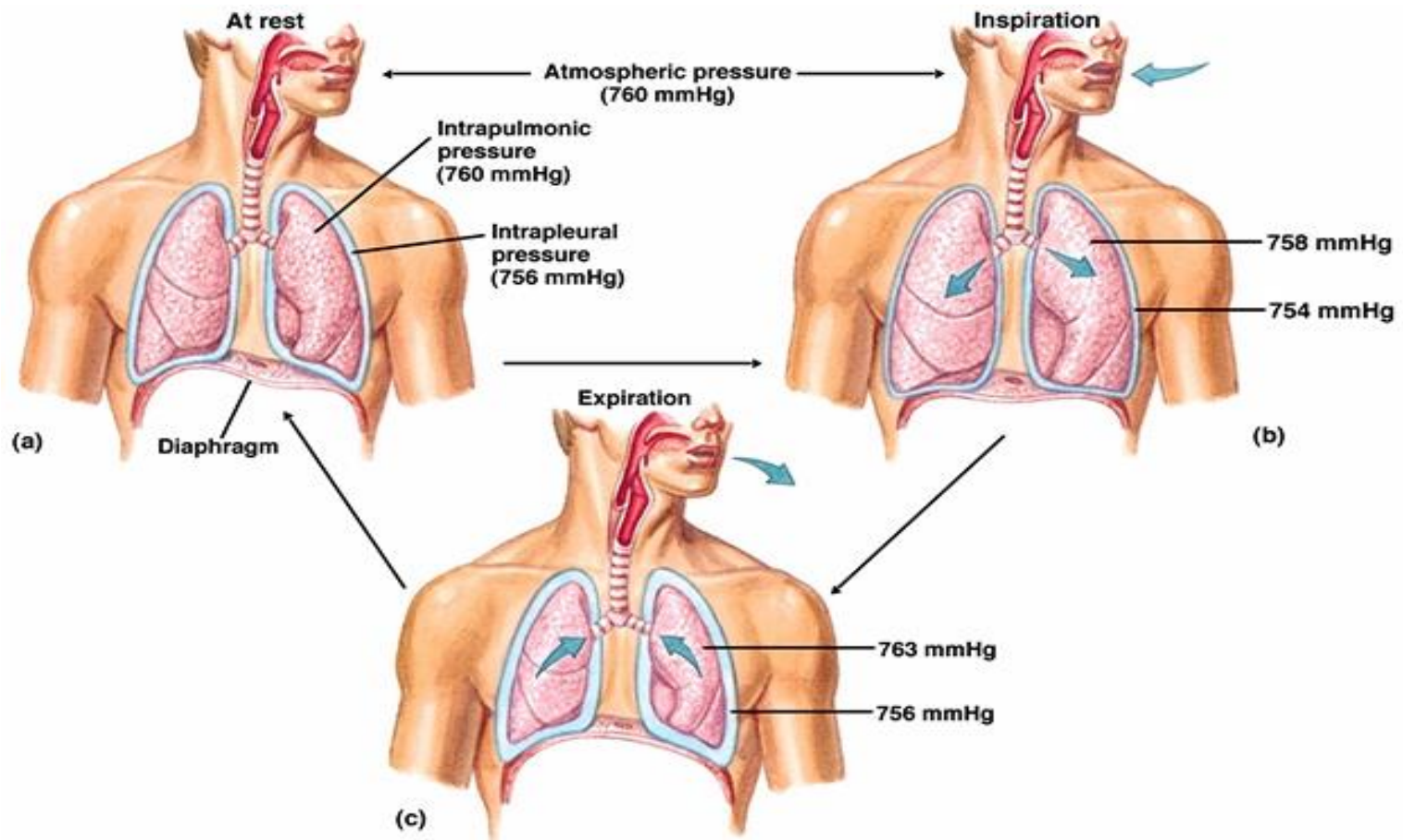
- **Inspiration**

- The chest cavity increase in size because ribs raise and diaphragm pushes downward, lowering intrapulmonary pressure

- **Expiration**

- the ribs swing down and diaphragm relaxes, reducing thoracic cavity volume , raising intrapulmonary pressure, and air rushes out .

The Mechanics of Inspiration and Expiration

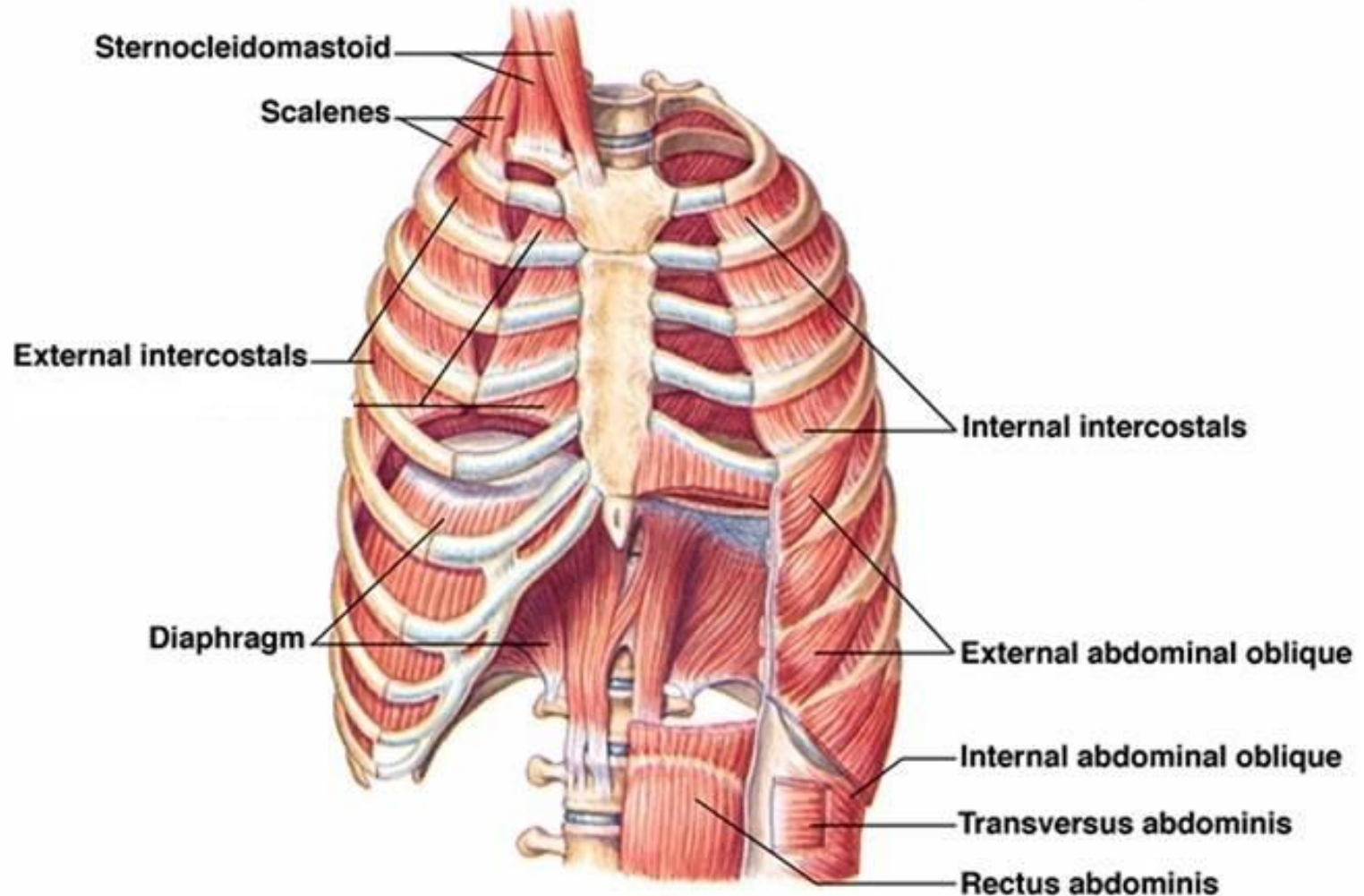


- ✓ Pulmonary airflow depends on pressure differences between ambient air and air within the lung.
- ✓ Action of respiratory muscles alters the dimension of the thoracic cavity, producing these pressure differences.

Muscles of Respiration

Muscles of inspiration

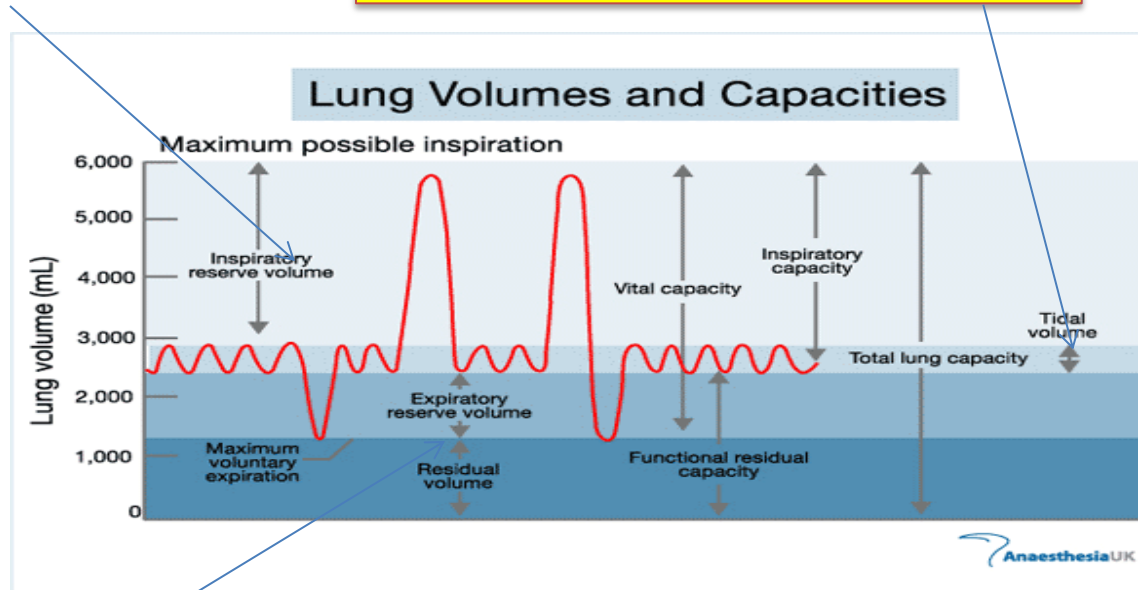
Muscles of expiration



Lung volume and capacity

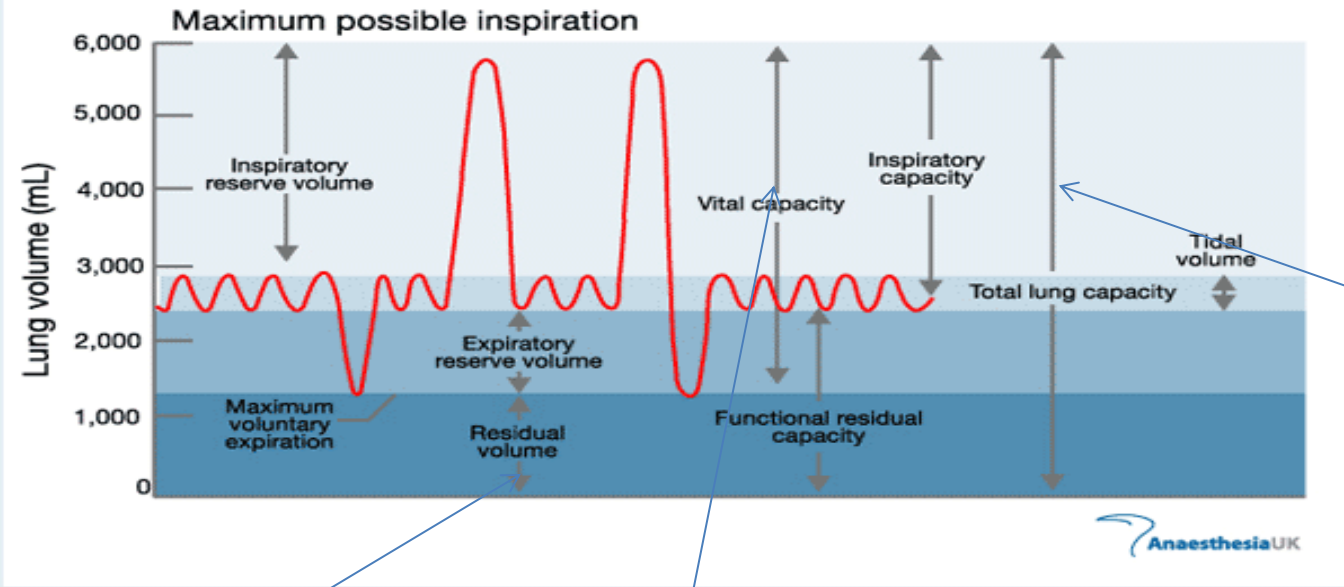
- **Tidal Volume (TV)**
 - The volume of air inspired or expired per breath (Approx 500ml at rest)

- **Inspiratory Reserve Volume**
 - Max. inspiration at end of TV
 - E.g; Breathe in normally, then breathe in more. This extra capacity is your IRV



- **Expiratory Reserve Volume**
 - Max. expiration at end of TV
 - Eg: Breathe out normally, then force out more air. This is your ERV.

Lung Volumes and Capacities



• Total Lung Capacity

- Volume in lung after max. insp.
- Take in as much breath as possible
- $=ERV+IRV+TV+RV$ (Approx 6000ml)

• Residual Volume

- Volume of air left in lung after max. expiration
- This is your RV (Approx 1200ml)

• Vital Capacity

- Max. volume expired after max. inspiration .
- Breathe in as much as you can, and then force as much air out of your lungs as possible.
 - This is your $IRV+ERV+TV$, and is your Vital Capacity

Pulmonary ventilation

Minute ventilation(VE)

- the total volume of gas entering the lungs per minute
- $=RR \times TV$
- $6000 = 12 \times 500$

Alveolar ventilation

- It portion of (VE)
- the volume of gas per unit time that reaches the alveoli, the respiratory portions of the lungs where gas exchange occurs:
- $VA = TV - \text{anatomical dead space} \times RR$

Dead space ventilation

- the volume of gas per unit time that does not reach these respiratory portions, but instead remains in the airways (trachea, bronchi, etc.).
- $=\text{dead space} \times RR$

Minute ventilation & exercise

- During exercise : An increase in the TV and rate of breathing increase minute ventilation .
- minute ventilation =6 L at rest may reach 200 L in athletes at max. ex.

Alveolar ventilation & ex.

- Adjustments in breathing rate & depth maintain alveolar ventilation as ex. intensity increases.

- In moderate exercise :

Trained endurance athletes maintain adequate alveolar ventilation by increasing TV & minimally by increasing in RR.

- With deeper breathing , alveolar ventilation increases from 70% of minutes ventilation at rest to more than 85% of total ventilation in ex. **This increase due to large TV enters alveoli with deep breathing .**

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- TV increases during ex. By encroachment on IRV & ERV.
- As ex. Intensity increase , TV plateaus at about 60% of vital capacity, further increases in VE result from increase in RR.
- This ventilator adjustment occur unconsciously.

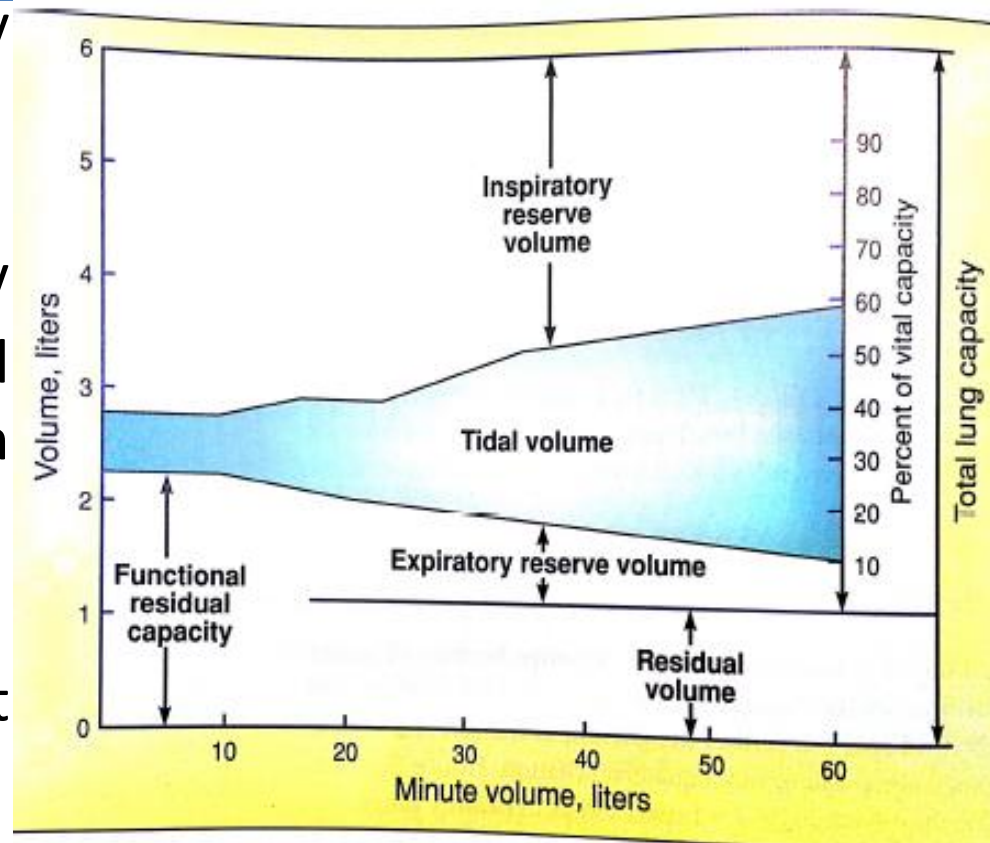


Figure 9.6 Tidal volume and subdivisions of pulmonary air during rest and exercise.

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Most individuals who perform rhythmical walking runningnaturally synchronize breathing frequency with limb movements. this breathing pattern termed **entrainment** , reduce the energy cost of activity .

How does pulmonary ventilation increase during exercise?

✓ During light exercise (walking)?

✓ It increase more By increasing the tidal volume (breathing deeper)

✓ During steady state exercise (jogging)?

✓ By increasing both the tidal volume and the frequency of breathing

✓ During intense exercise (sprinting)?

✓ It increase more By increasing the frequency of breathing

Disruptions in normal breathing patterns during exercise

Dyspnea

- Shortness of breath (accompanies  CO₂ & H⁺)
- Failure to adequately regulate CO₂ & H⁺ due to low aerobic fitness level & poorly conditioned respiratory musculatures

Hyperventilation

- Over breathing (remove of CO₂ &  H⁺)
- Prolonged hyperventilation can lead to unconscious

Valsalva maneuver

- Forcefully try to exhale against a closed glottis
- Increase intra thoracic and intra abdominal pressures
- Optimize force generating capacity of chest musculatures
- This occurs in wt. lifting .

Thought Question

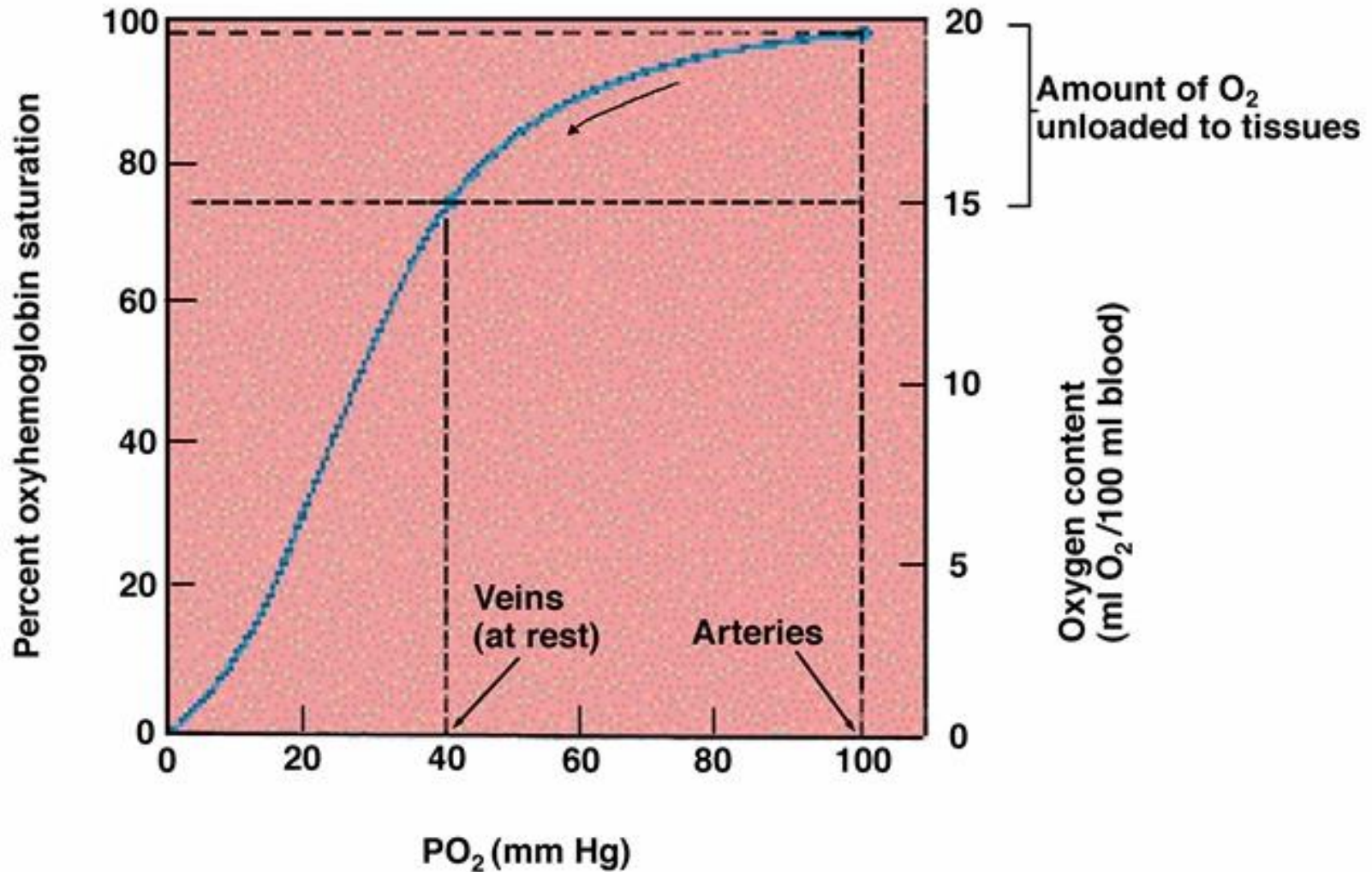
- Athletes frequently bend forward from the waist to facilitate breathing after intense ex, Discuss.

O₂ & CO₂ Transport in the Blood

O₂ Transport in the Blood

- Approximately 99% of O₂ is transported in the blood bound to hemoglobin (Hb)
 - Oxyhemoglobin: O₂ bound to Hb
 - Deoxyhemoglobin: O₂ not bound to Hb
- Amount of O₂ that can be transported per unit volume of blood is dependent on the **concentration of hemoglobin**

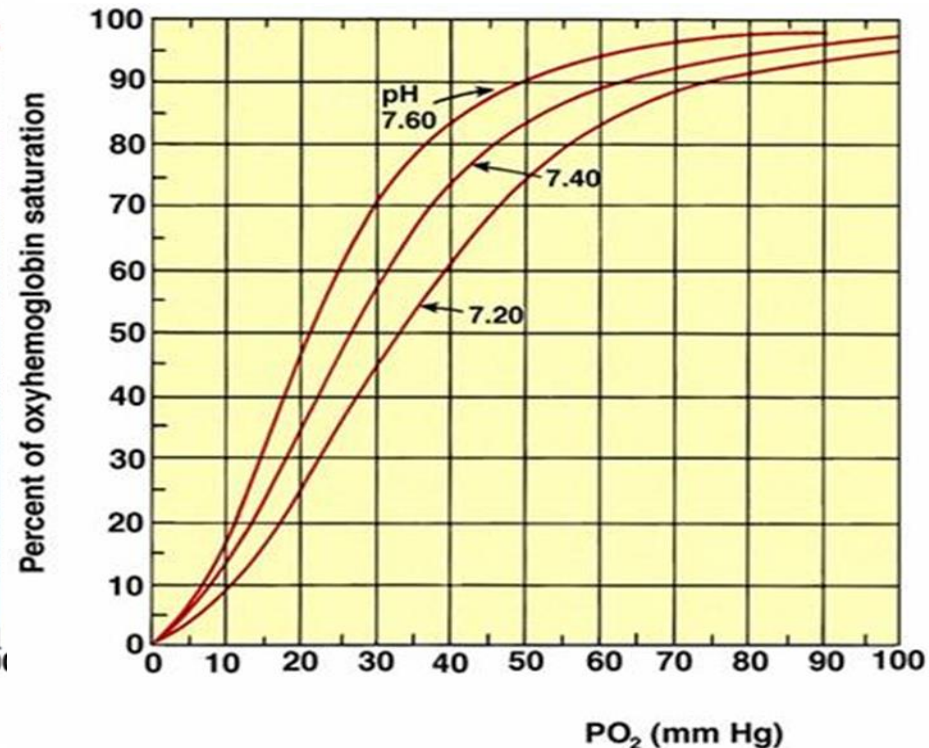
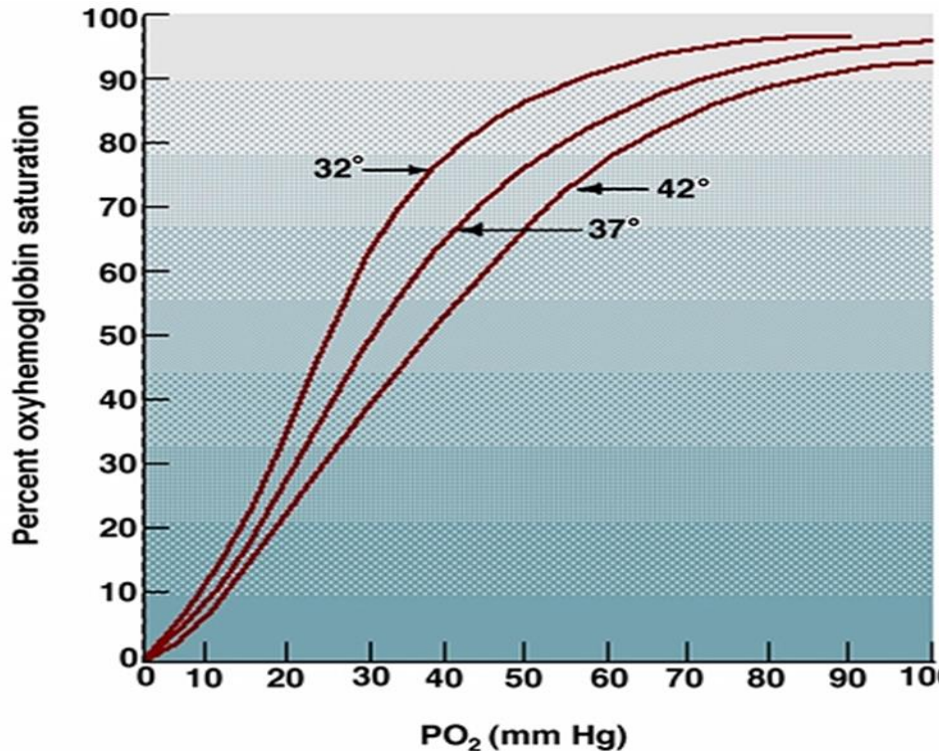
Oxyhemoglobin Dissociation Curve



Bohr effect

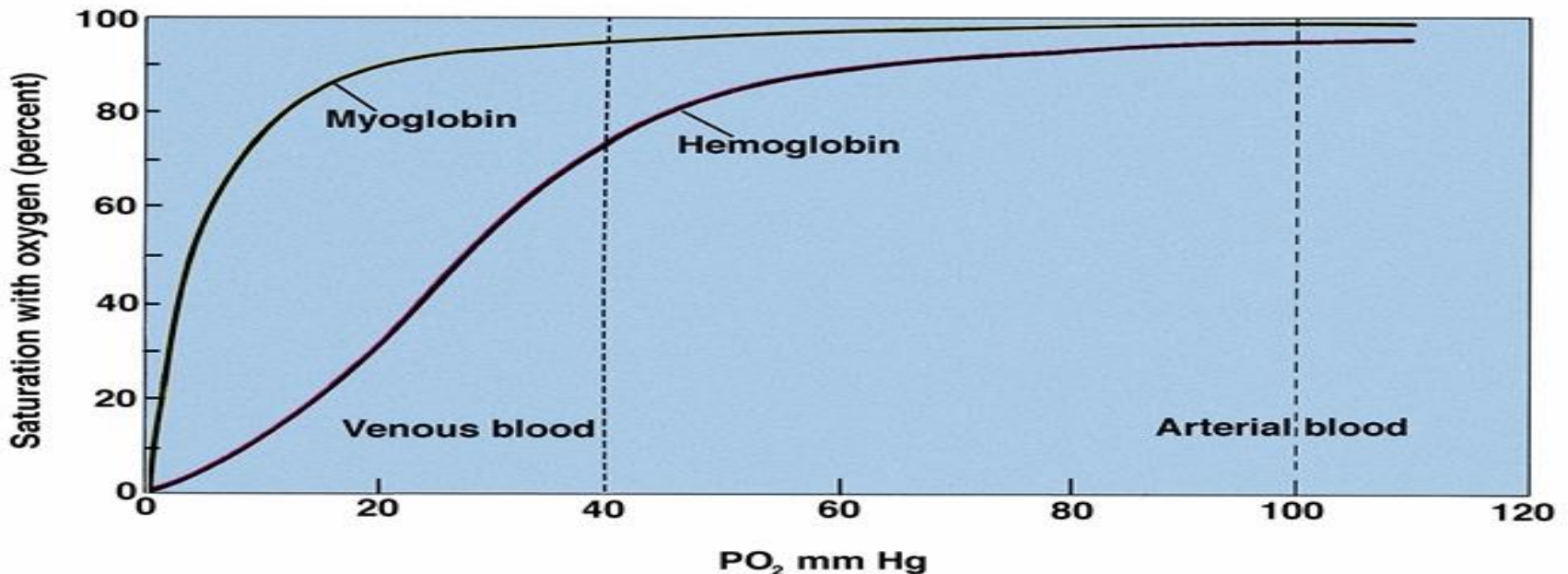
the effects of temp. & acidity in alteration Hb affinity for o2

- Blood pH declines & Increased blood temperature during heavy exercise result in :
- right \downward shift of the O₂-Hb curve
- Enhance unloading” of O₂ to the tissues.



O₂ Transport in Muscle

- Myoglobin (Mb) transfers O₂ from the cell membrane to the mitochondria during strenuous ex.
- It has Higher affinity for O₂ than hemoglobin(store o2 in skeletal &cardiac MS.)
 - Even at low PO₂ , Allows Mb to store O₂



CO₂ Transport in Blood

- Dissolved in plasma (7-10%)
- Bound to Hb (20%)
- Bicarbonate (70%)
 - $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \leftrightarrow \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 \leftrightarrow \text{H}^+ + \text{HCO}_3^-$
 - This reaction reverses in lung to allow CO₂ to leave blood and diffuse into alveoli.

The Energy Cost of Breathing

At rest and with light exercise

- the energy cost of breathing is minimal (4% of energy)



During intense exercise

- the energy use may increase from 10-20% of total energy expenditure





Thank you