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Respiratory system.

Questions for the oral exam

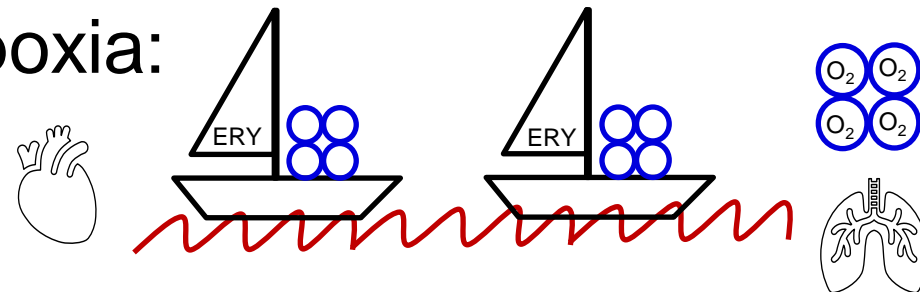
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A22: Hypoxia and ischemia

- Hypoxia is a general name for a lack of oxygen in the body or individual tissues
- Ischemia, meaning insufficient blood flow to a tissue, can also result in hypoxia

– The most common types of hypoxia:

- Hypoxic
- Transport (anemic)
- Ischemic (stagnation)
- Histotoxic



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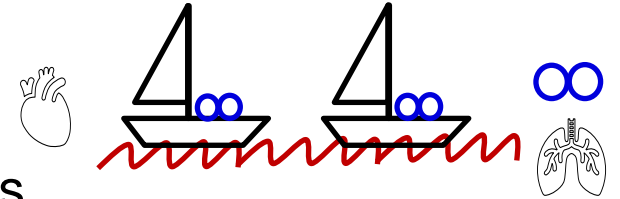
♂ $4.5 - 5.5 \cdot 10^{12}/l$

pO₂: 21kPa

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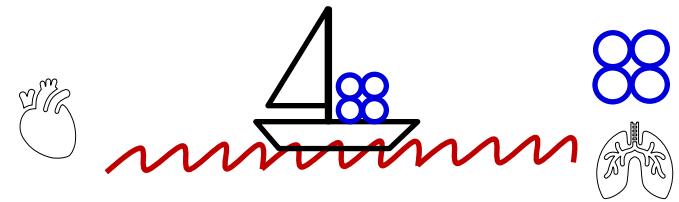
– Hypoxic:

- physiological: stay at higher altitudes
- $\downarrow pO_2$; \uparrow Ery
- pathological: hypoventilation during lung or neuromuscular diseases
- \downarrow ventilation; $\downarrow pO_2$; \uparrow Ery



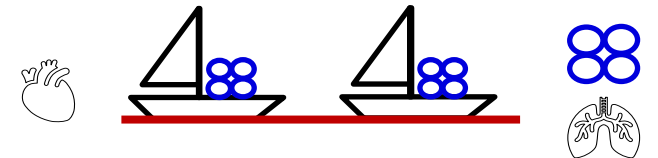
– Transport (anemic):

- reduced transport capacity of blood for oxygen (anemia, blood loss)
- $\downarrow pO_2$; \downarrow Ery/Hb



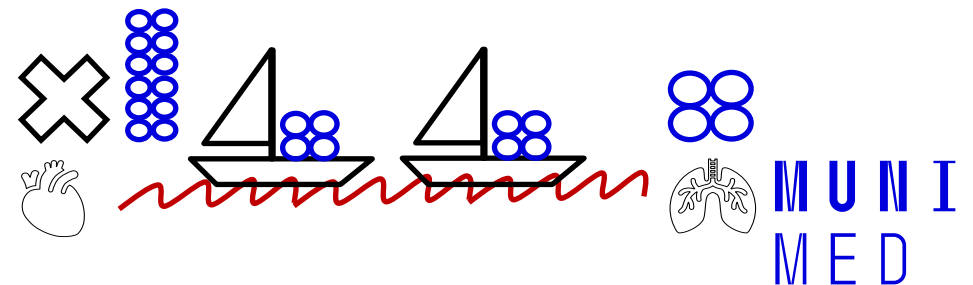
– Ischemic (stagnation):

- restricted blood flow to tissue (heart failure, obstruction of an artery)
- $\downarrow pO_2$; \uparrow Ery



– Histotoxic

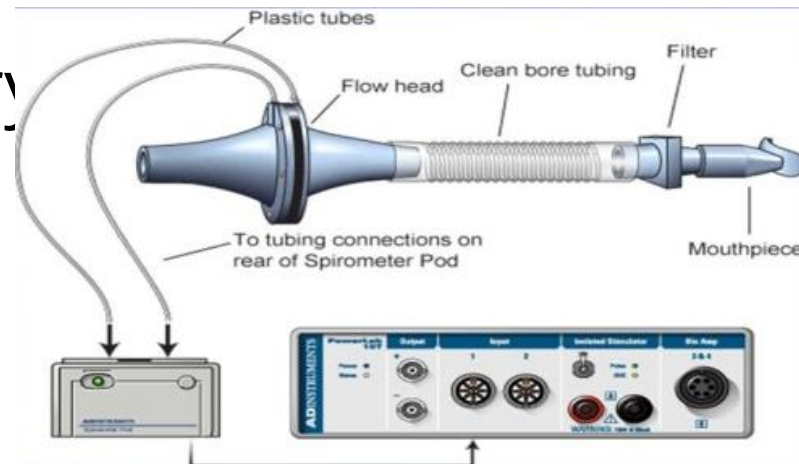
- cells are unable to utilize oxygen (cyanide poisoning)
- $\downarrow pO_2$; \uparrow Ery



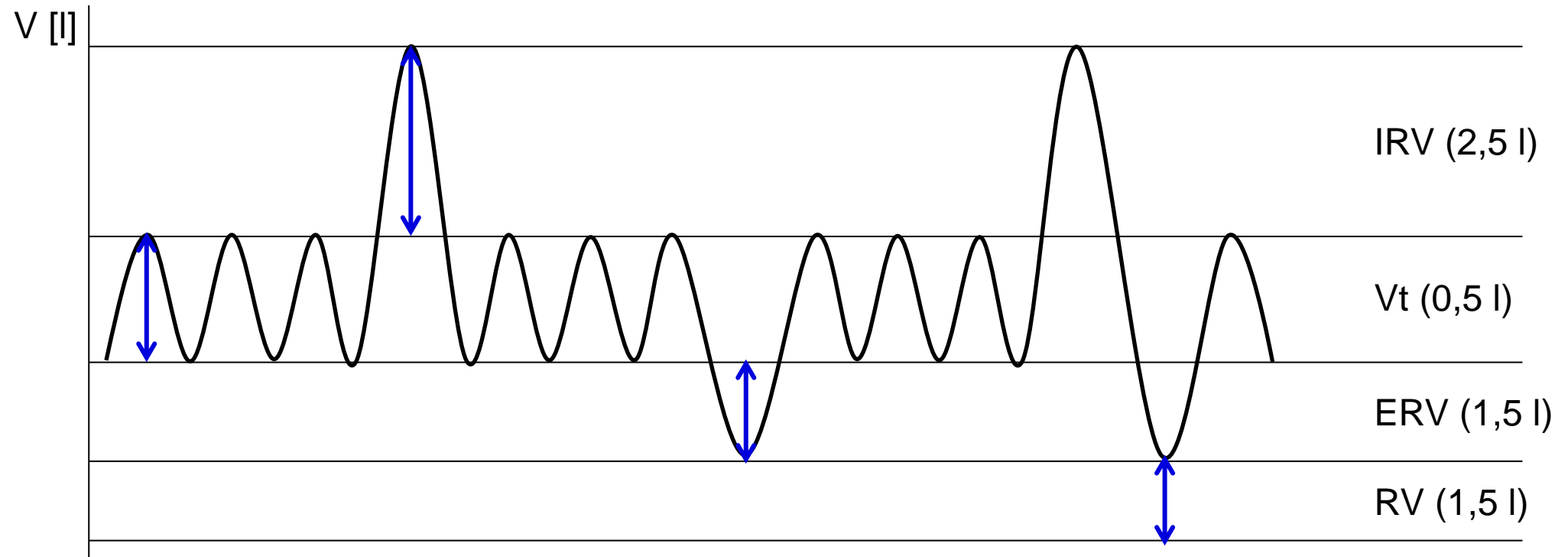
A25: Lung ventilation, volumes, measurement

- *Ventilation*, or breathing, is the movement of air through the conducting passages between the atmosphere and the lungs
- *Principle*: determination the air flow velocity from the measured pressure differences between the inner and outer spirometer membranes, the volumes being calculated

(PowerLab spirometry)

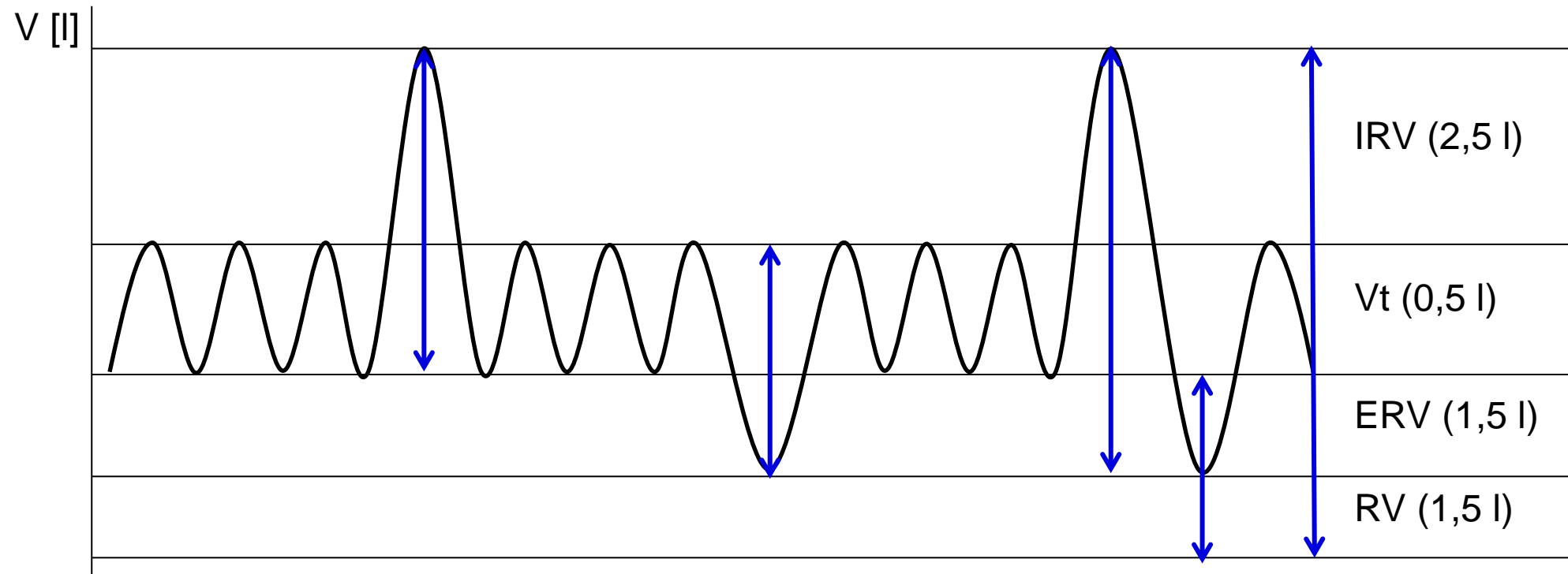


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- **Tidal volume (TV)** – the volume of air that enters the lungs during each inspiration (or the volume that is exhaled during every expiration).
- **Inspiratory reserve volume (IRV)** – the maximal amount of additional air that can be drawn into the lungs by determined effort after a normal inspiration at rest.
- **Expiratory reserve volume (ERV)** – the additional amount of air that can be exhaled from the lungs by determined effort after a normal expiration.
- **Residual volume (RV)** – the volume of air still remaining in the lungs after the most forcible expiration possible.

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Lung capacity:

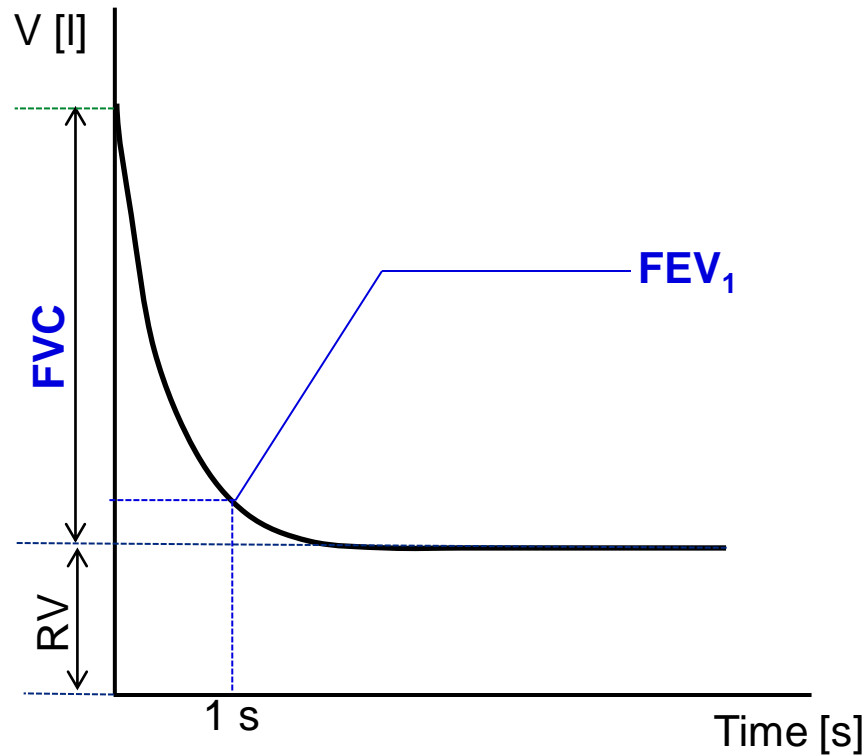
- $VC = VT + IRV + ERV$
- $TLC = VC + RV$
- $FRC = ERV + RV$
- $IC = IRV + VT$
- $EC = ERV + VT$

Dynamic lung volumes:

- VE
- MMV

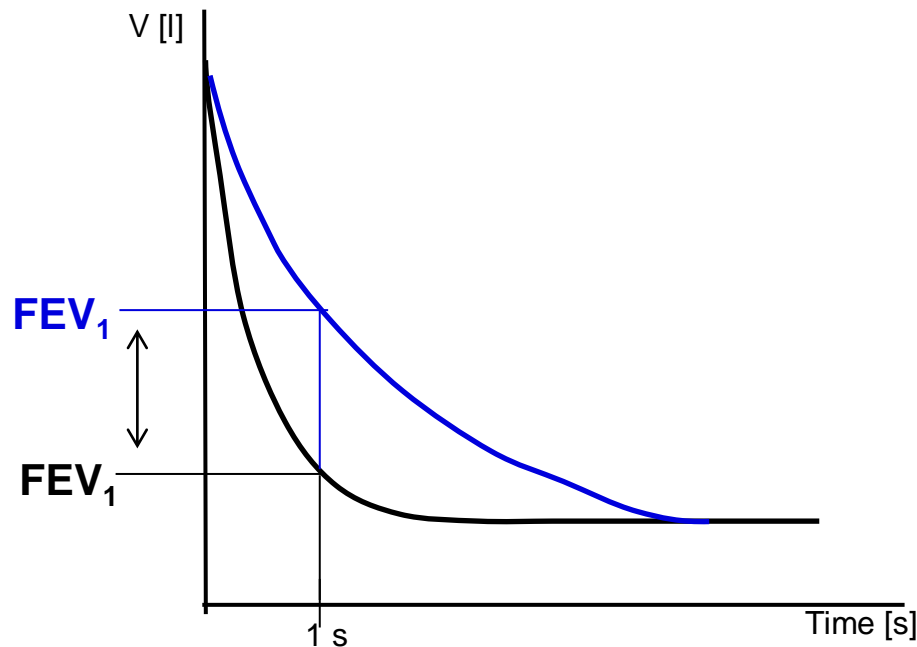
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Dynamic lung volumes



- **FVC** – the maximum volume of air that can be exhaled after maximum inhale
- **FEV₁** – the volume of air exhaled with the greatest effort in 1 second after maximum inhale
- **FEV₁/FVC (%)** – Tiffeneau index – around 0,8 (80 %)

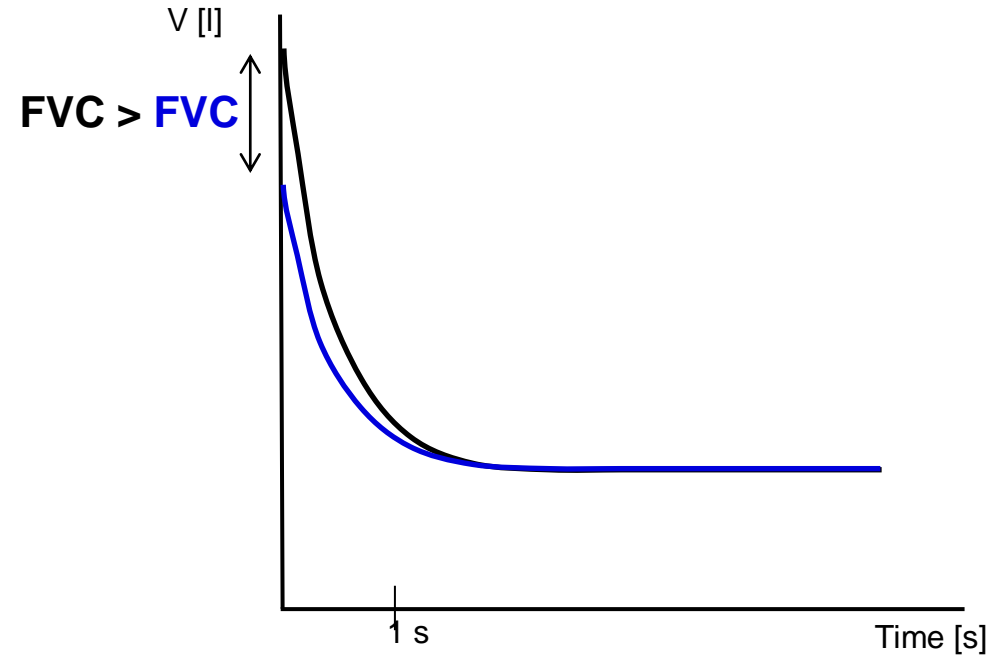
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Obstruction lung disease

(FVC=N; FEV₁=↓)

- tracheal stenosis
- asma bronchiale
- CHOPN
- tumor



Restrictive lung disease

(FVC=↓; FEV₁=N)

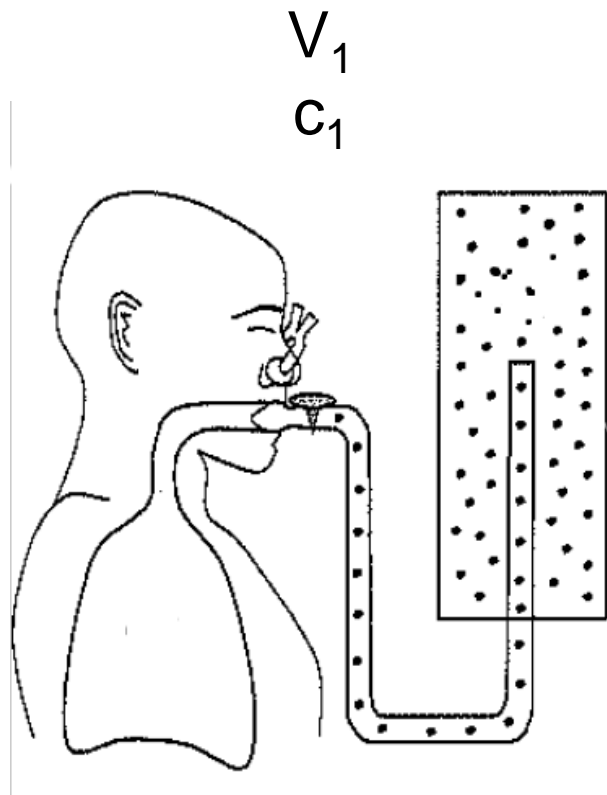
- Pulmonary etiology**
- pulmonary fibrosis
 - lung resection
 - pulmonary edema
 - pneumonia

Extrapulmonary etiology

- ascites
- kyphoscoliosis
- burns
- high diaphragm condition

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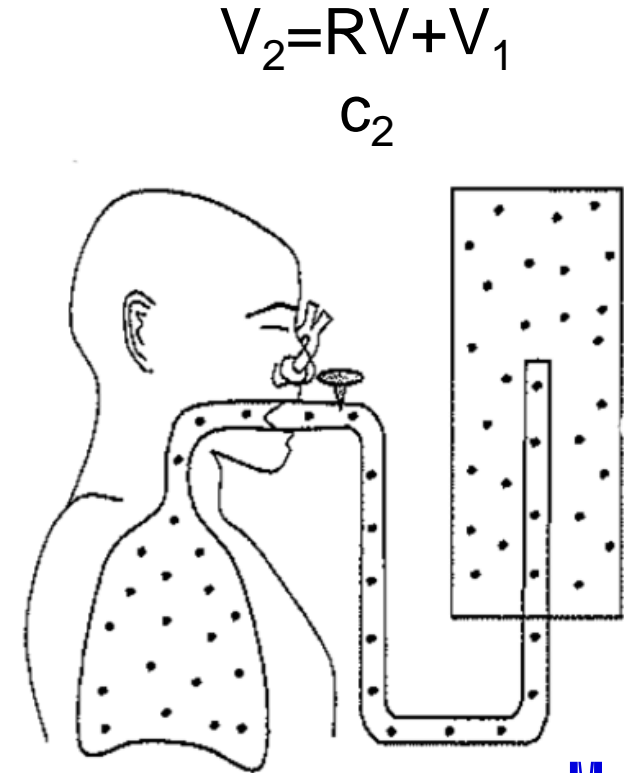
Helium dilution method – residual volume



$$C = \frac{n}{V}$$

$$V_1 \times c_1 = (RV + V_1) \times c_2$$

$$RV = \frac{V_1 \times c_1}{c_2} - V_1$$

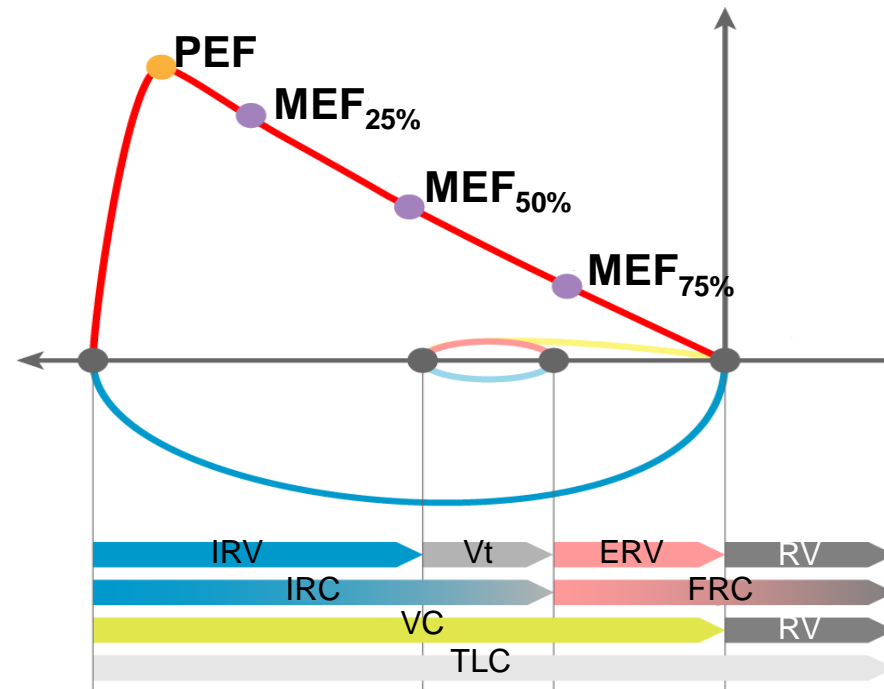


A28: Maximal respiratory flow - volume curve (spirogram)

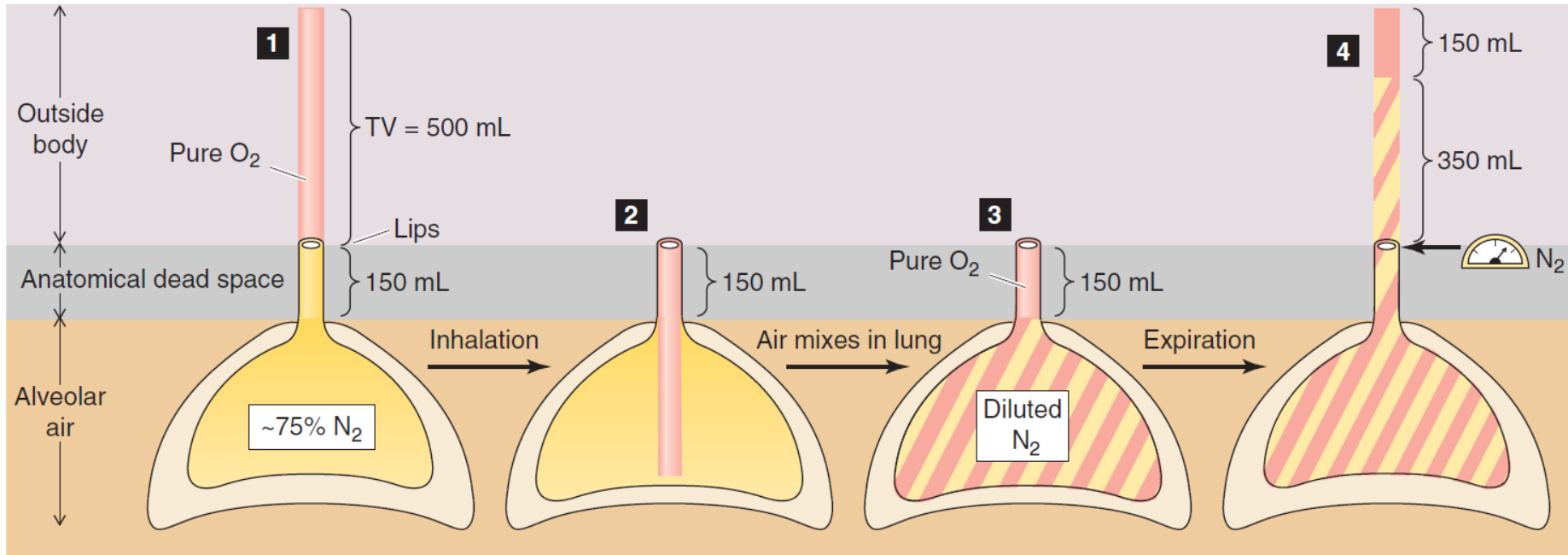
Principle: the measurement of the air flow velocity according to the speed of the turbine and the volumes are calculated (Cosmed).



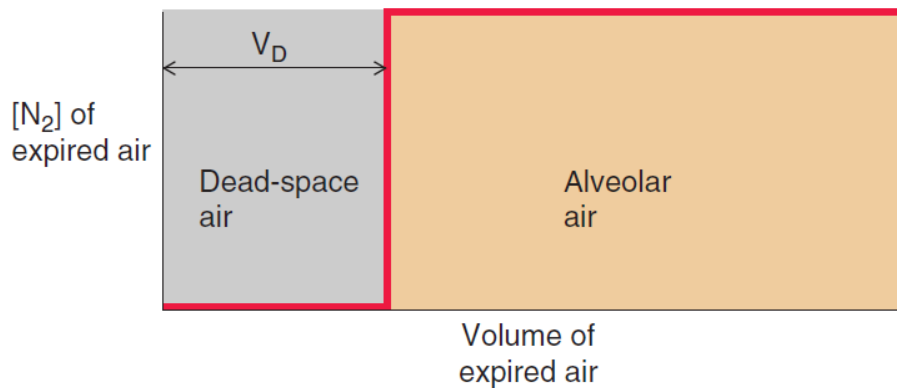
- **PEF** – peak expiratory flow; the highest speed of air flow at peak of exhale
- **MEF** – maximum expiratory flow rates at different FVC levels, which is still to be exhaled (75 %, 50 % and 25 % of FVC)



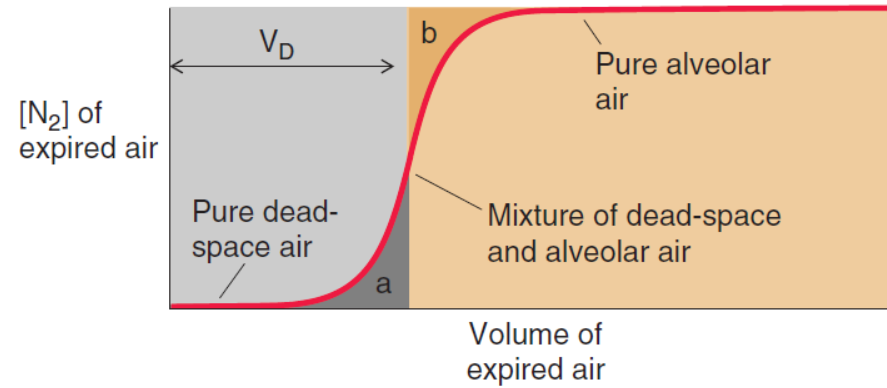
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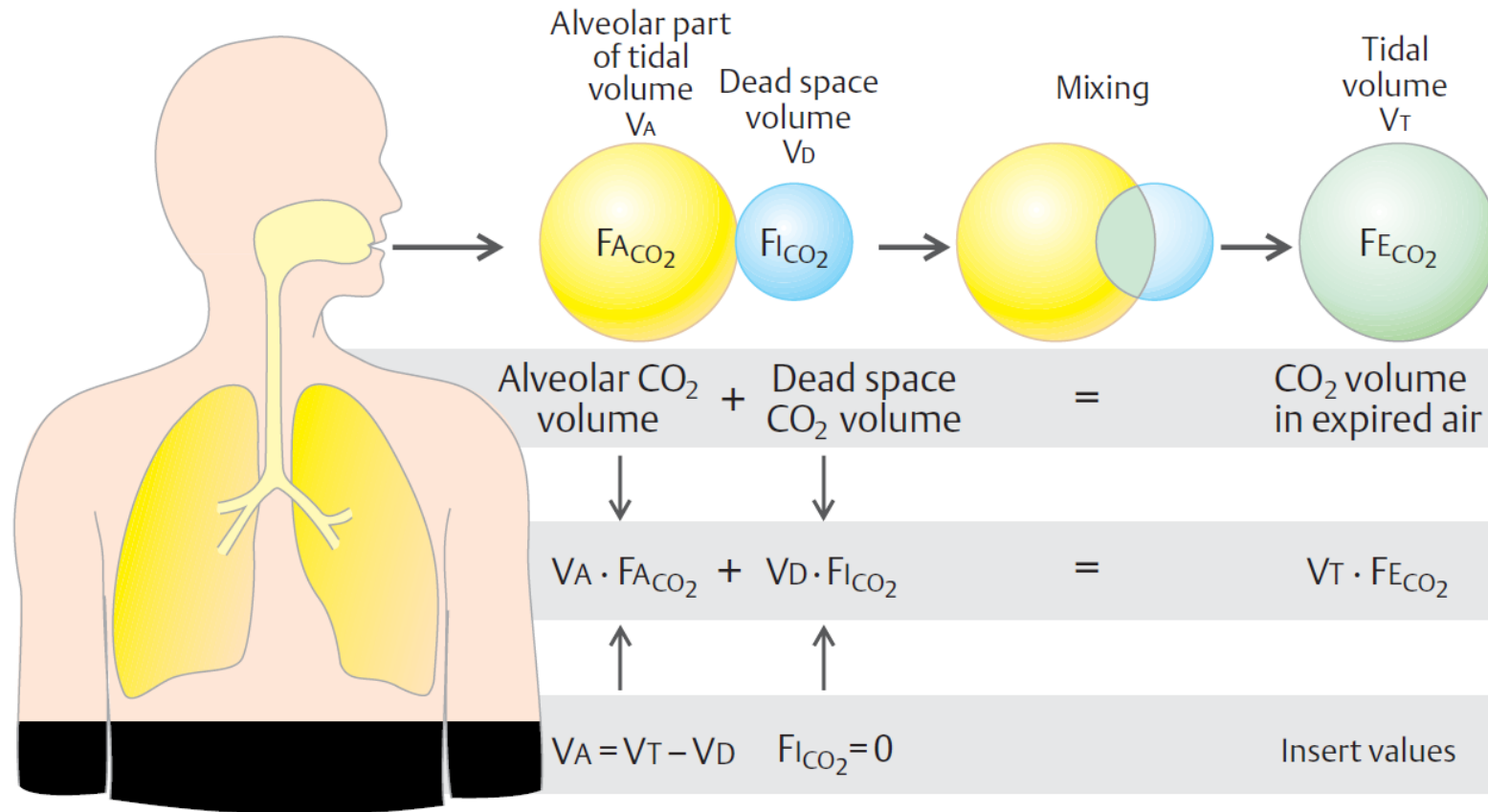
[N₂] PROFILE OF EXPIRED AIR WITH NO MIXING



MEASURED [N₂] PROFILE



A26: Dead space, measurement



Bohr equation

$$\text{Dead space } V_D = \frac{V_T (F_{A_{CO_2}} - F_{E_{CO_2}})}{F_{A_{CO_2}}}$$

Using normal values:

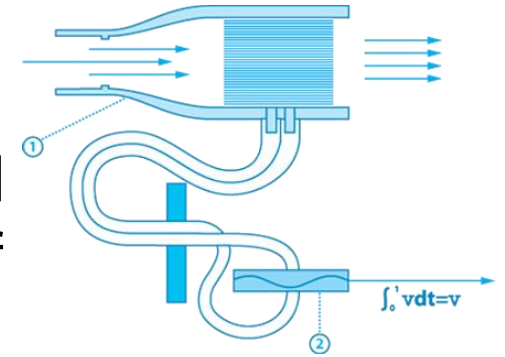
$$V_D = \frac{0.5 (0.056 - 0.040)}{0.056}$$

Dead space $V_D = 143 \text{ mL}$

A27: Resistance of airways, measurement

Pneumotachograph:

- tubes of the same diameter, parallel arranged
- measures the differences in air pressure at the beginning and end of the pneumotachograph in proportion to the velocity of the inhaled or exhaled air



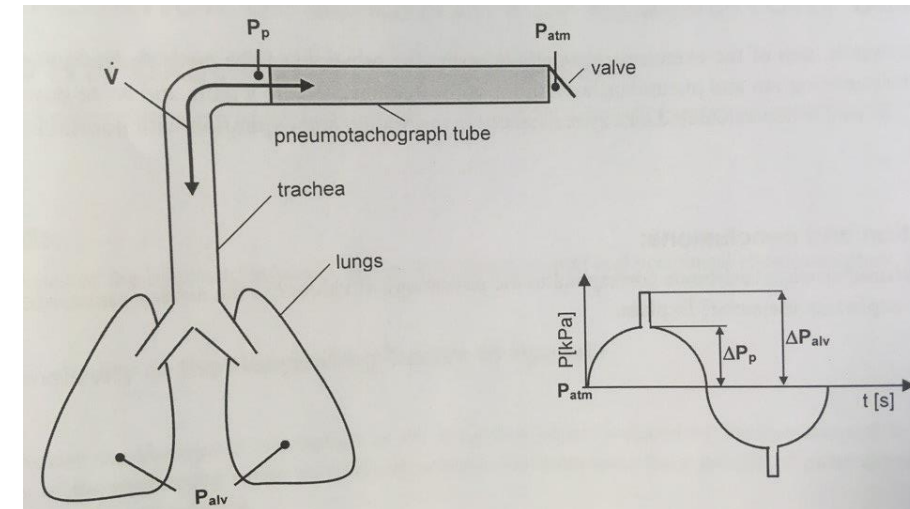
$$\dot{V} = \frac{\Delta P}{R}$$

$$\Delta P_p = P_p - P_{atm}$$

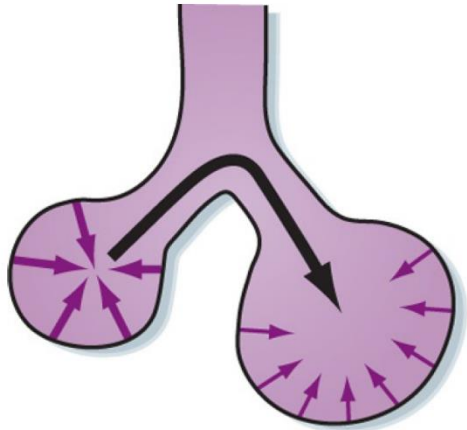
$$\Delta P_{alv} = P_{alv} - P_{atm}$$

$$R_d = R_p \cdot \left(\frac{\Delta P_{alv}}{\Delta P_p} - 1 \right)$$

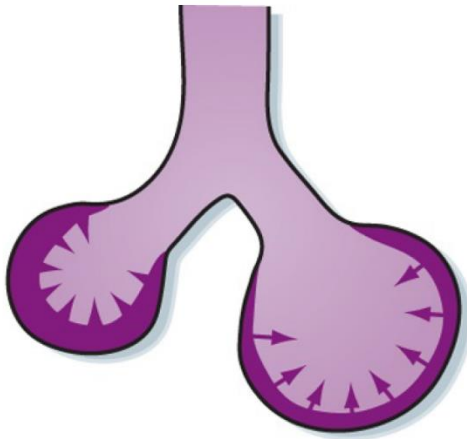
$$\frac{P_p - P_{atm}}{R_p} = \dot{V} = \frac{P_{alv} - P_p}{R_d}$$



A45: Alveolar surface tension. Surfactant



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- pneumocytes typ II
- reduces the surface tension depending on the size of the alveolus
- increases lung compliance, reduces breathing work

The Laplace law (in constant tension):

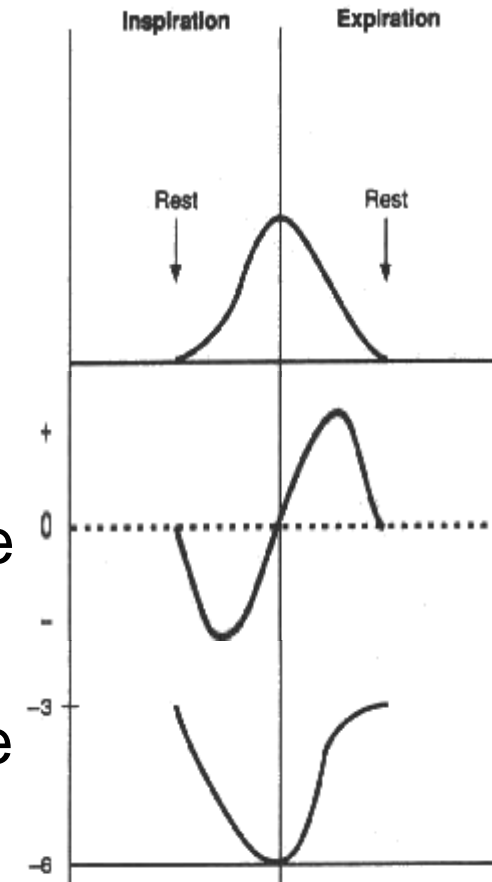
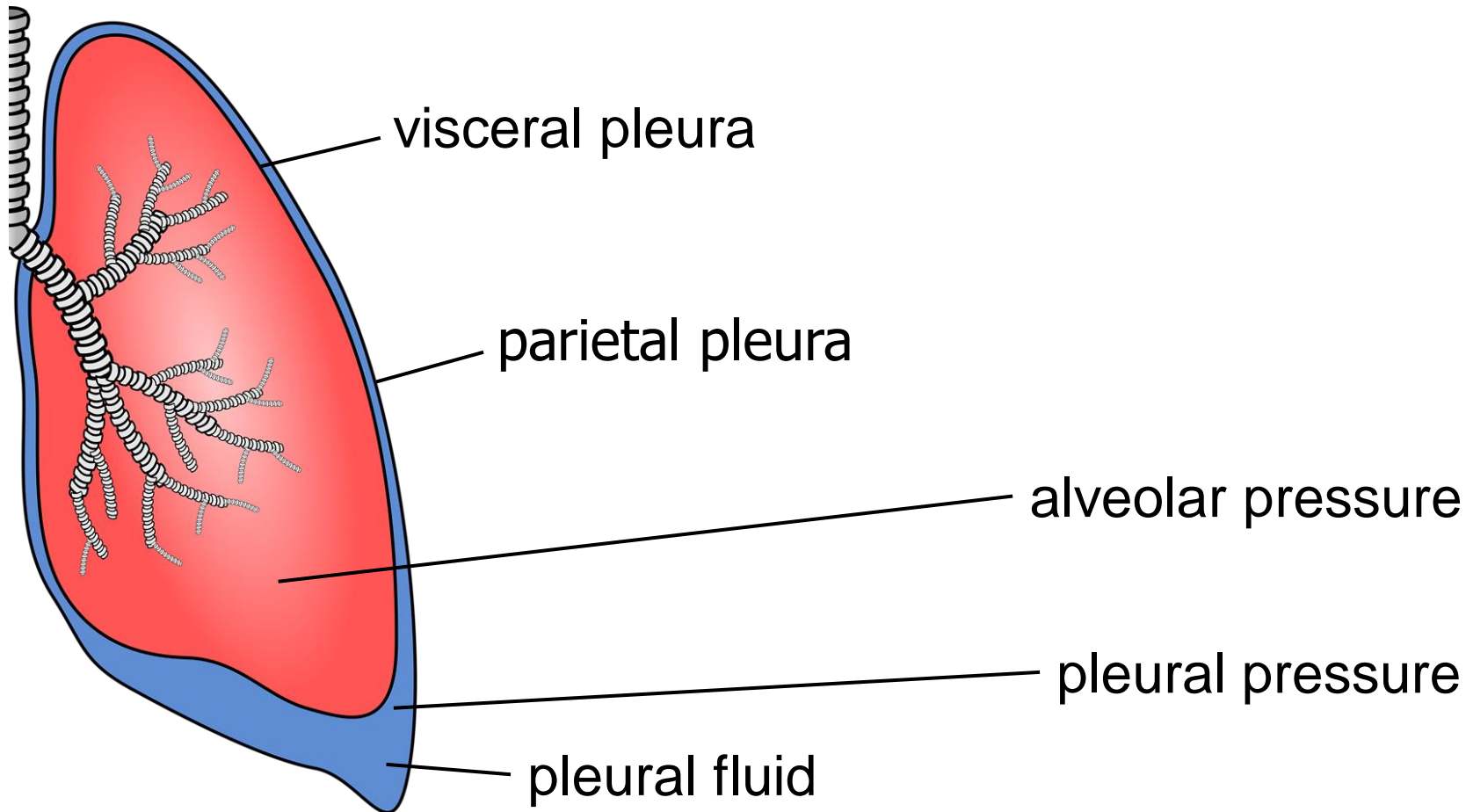
the alveolus with bigger radius has lower pressure

→ the air would move from a smaller alveolus to a bigger one

→ collapse of smaller alveoli

$$P = \frac{2T}{r}$$

A46: Compliance of lungs. Respiratory work. Pneumothorax



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– According to etiology:

- **traumatic** pneumothorax (due to an injury) occurs if the chest wall is perforated or during an injury of the esophagus, bronchi, and during rib fractures.
- **spontaneous** pneumothorax
- **primary** idiopathic pneumothorax (without any known cause) may occur in tall healthy young men with an incidence of pneumothoraxes in the family,
- **secondary** pneumothorax arises as a consequence of lung diseases (such as COPD or cystic fibrosis),
- **iatrogenic** pneumothorax (due to medical procedures) occurs during invasive medical examinations such as transparietal aspiration biopsy, subclavian vein catheterization, or mechanical ventilation with positive pressure.
- **artificially induced** (deliberate) pneumothorax is used during thoracoscopy, an endoscopic examination the thoracic cavity.

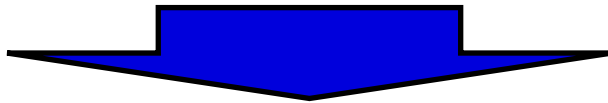
– According to the communication of the pleural space with its surroundings

- **open pneumothorax** (when the hole in the pleural space remains open, the air in the pleural cavity moves back and forth with each breath of the patient)
- **closed pneumothorax** (when a small opening through which air enters the pleural cavity closes)
- **valvular pneumothorax** (the tissue of the lungs or the chest wall covers the hole in such a way that a valve emerges, this valve allows air to flow inside during inspiration, but it prevents the air from leaving the pleural cavity during exhalation).

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Respiratory system resistance

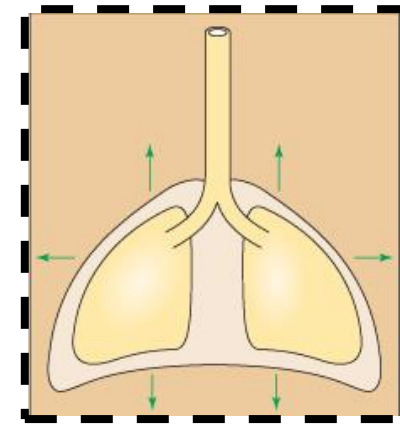
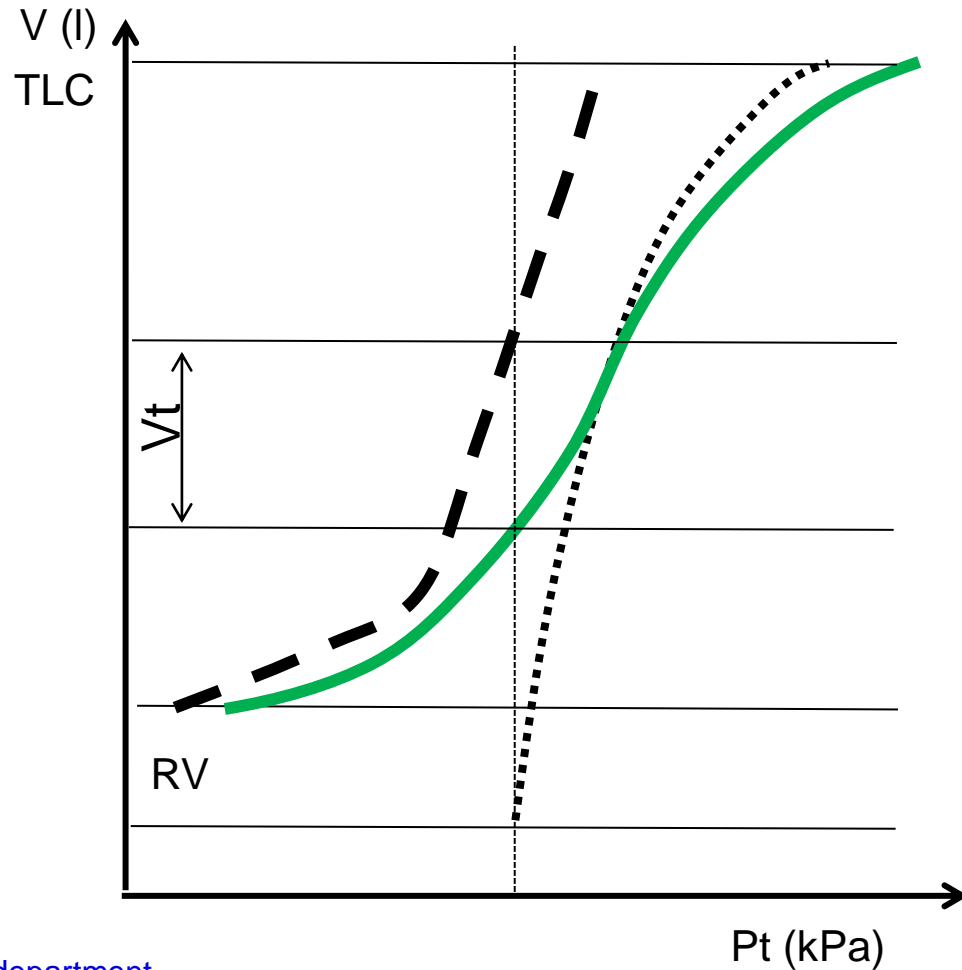
- Elastic resistance:
 - elastic fibers
 - alveolar surface tension
- Nonelastic resistance:
 - viskose resistance
 - airway resistance



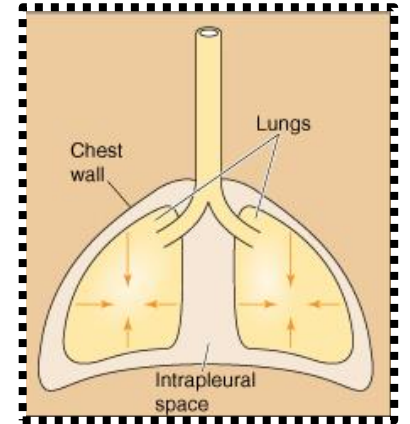
Respiratory work:

- Elastic
- Viskose
- Work of airway resistance

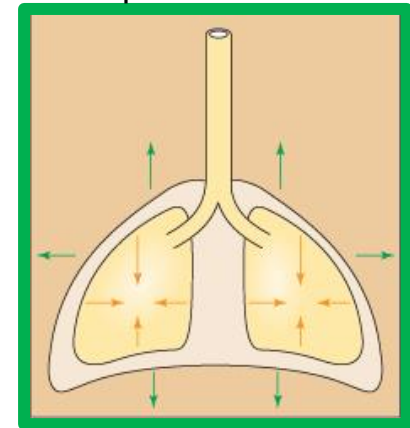
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Pt: P_{atm} and P_{pl}

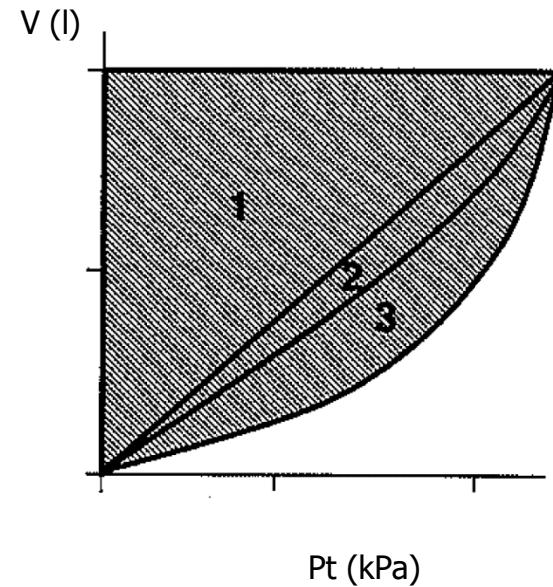
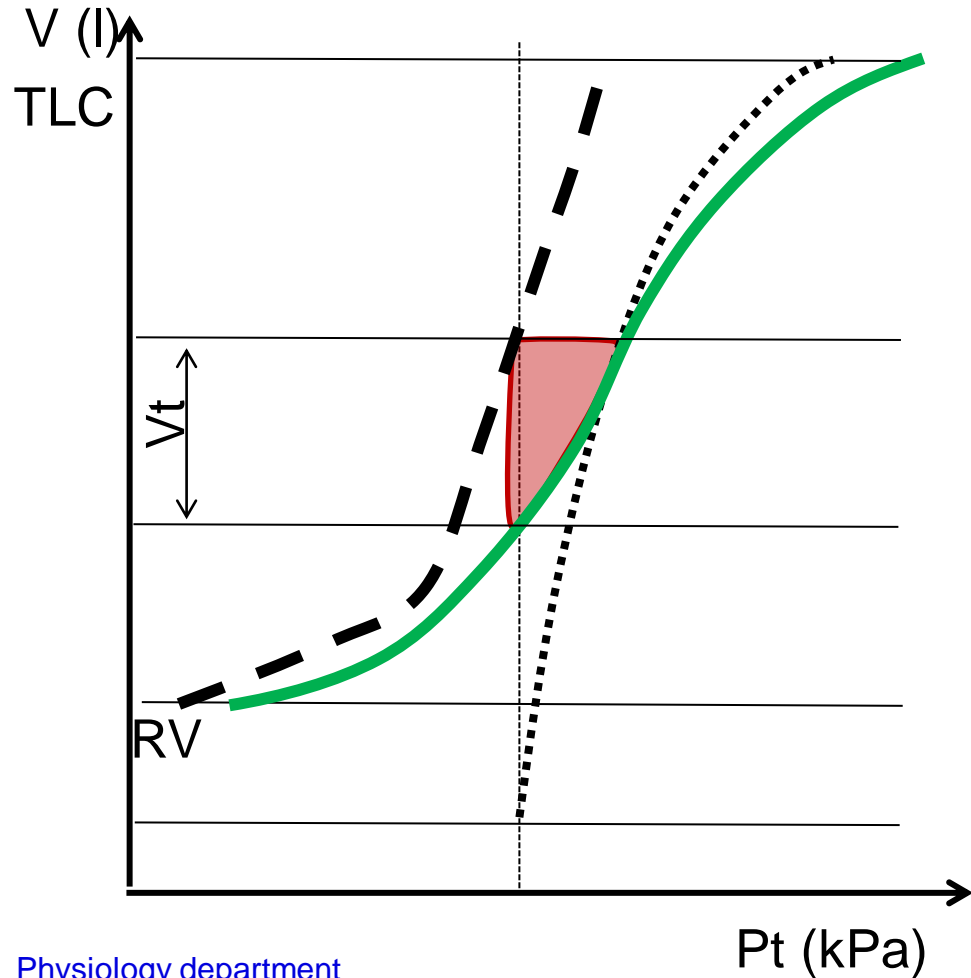


Pt: P_{alv} and P_{pl}



Pt: P_{atm} and P_{alv}

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Respiratory work:

- 1 – elastic
- 2 – viscos
- 3 – airway resistance

A47: Composition of atmospheric and alveolar air. Gas exchange in lungs and tissues.

COMPOSITION OF DRY ATMOSPHERIC AIR

O ₂	20.95 %	F _{O₂}	≈ 0,21
N ₂	78.09 %	F _{N₂}	≈ 0,78
CO ₂	0.03 %	F _{CO₂}	≈ 0,0004

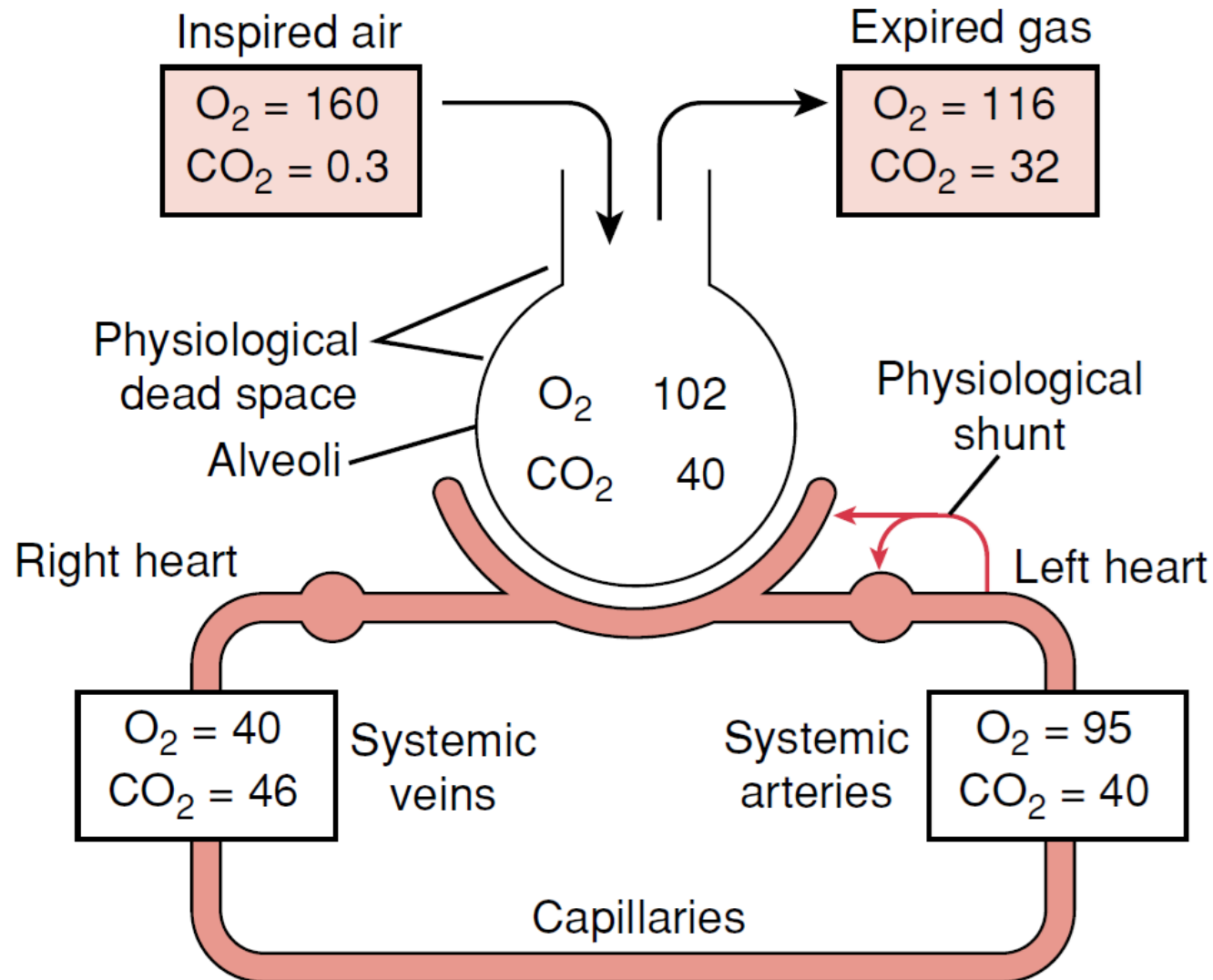
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE IN SEA LEVEL

1 atmosphere = 760 mm Hg

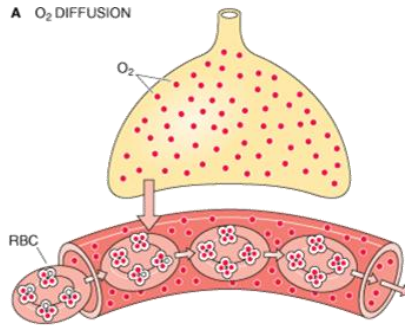
PARTIAL PRESSURE OF DRY AIR IN SEA LEVEL

$$\begin{aligned}P_{O_2} &= 760 \times 0,21 &= \sim 160 \text{ mm Hg} \\P_{N_2} &= 760 \times 0,78 &= \sim 593 \text{ mm Hg} \\P_{CO_2} &= 760 \times 0,0004 &= \sim 0,3 \text{ mm Hg}\end{aligned}$$

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A48: Transport of O₂. Oxygen - haemoglobin dissociation curve. Transport of CO₂

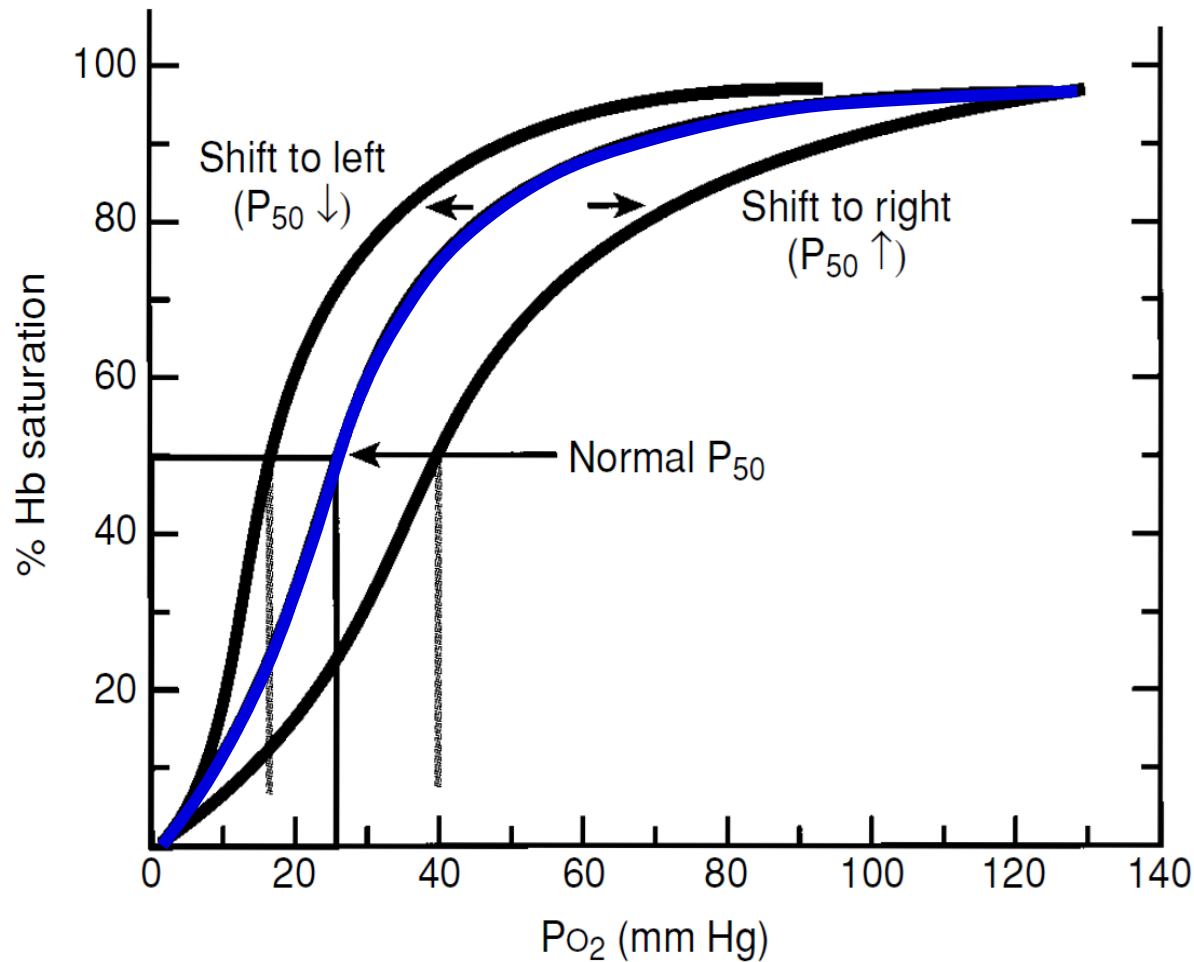


O₂ is transported in two forms :

- physically dissolved(1%)
- in chemical bond with Hb (99%)

- Fetal hemoglobin(2 α , 2 γ)
- Methemoglobin (Fe³⁺)
- Carboxyhemoglobin (CO)
- Carbaminohemoglobin (CO₂)
- Oxyhemoglobin (O₂)
- Deoxyhemoglobin (without any gases)

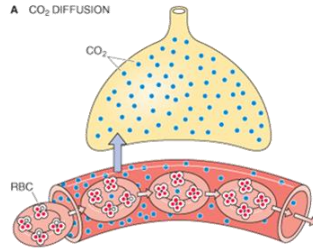
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Dissociation curve of Hb is influenced by:

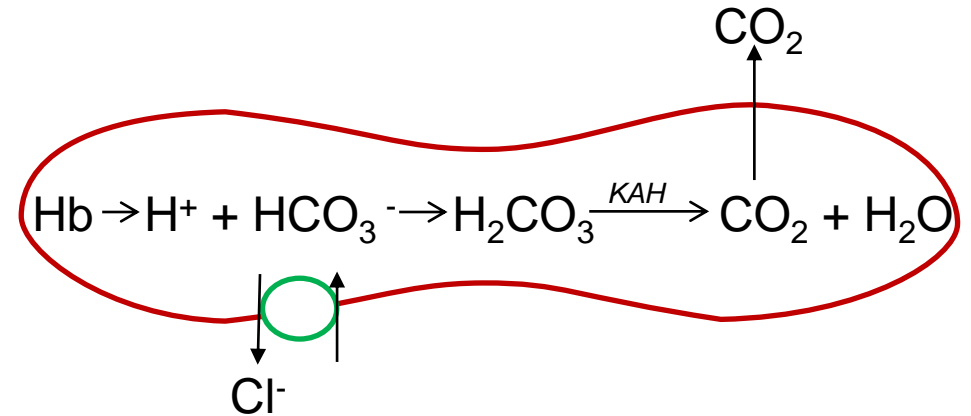
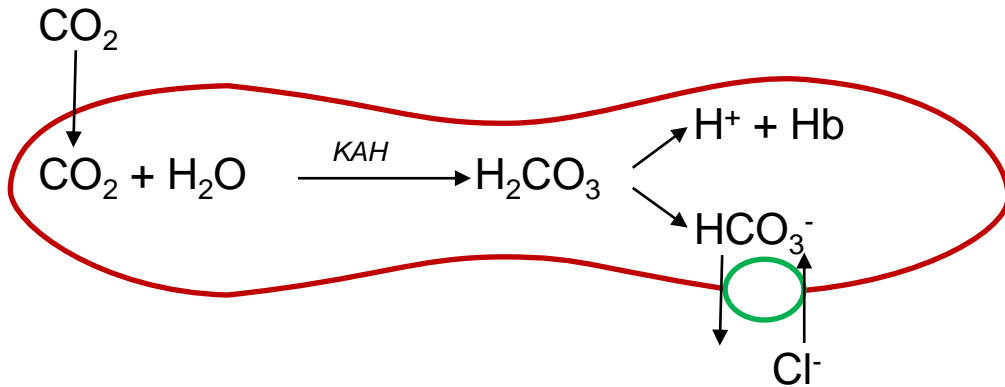
- pH of blood
- pCO₂ of blood
- Temperature
- Concentration of 2,3 - BPG

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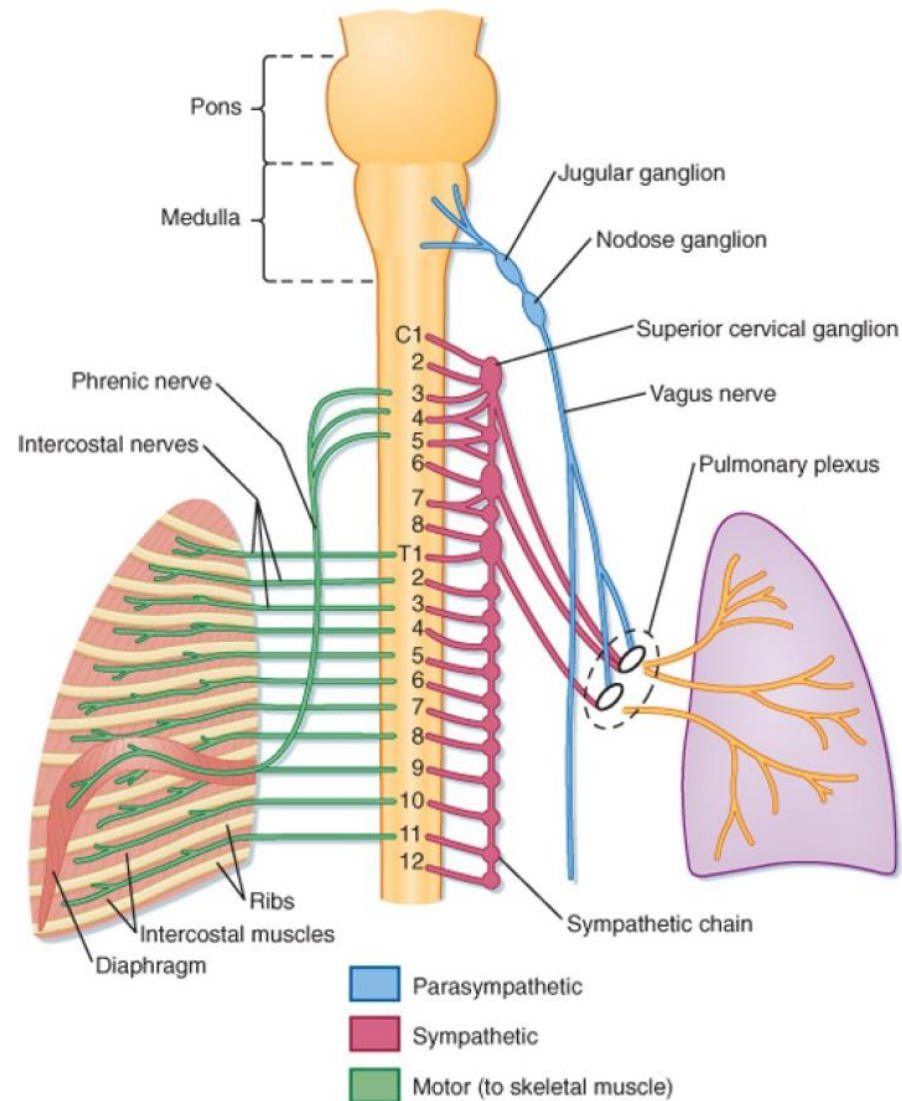


CO₂ is transported in next forms :

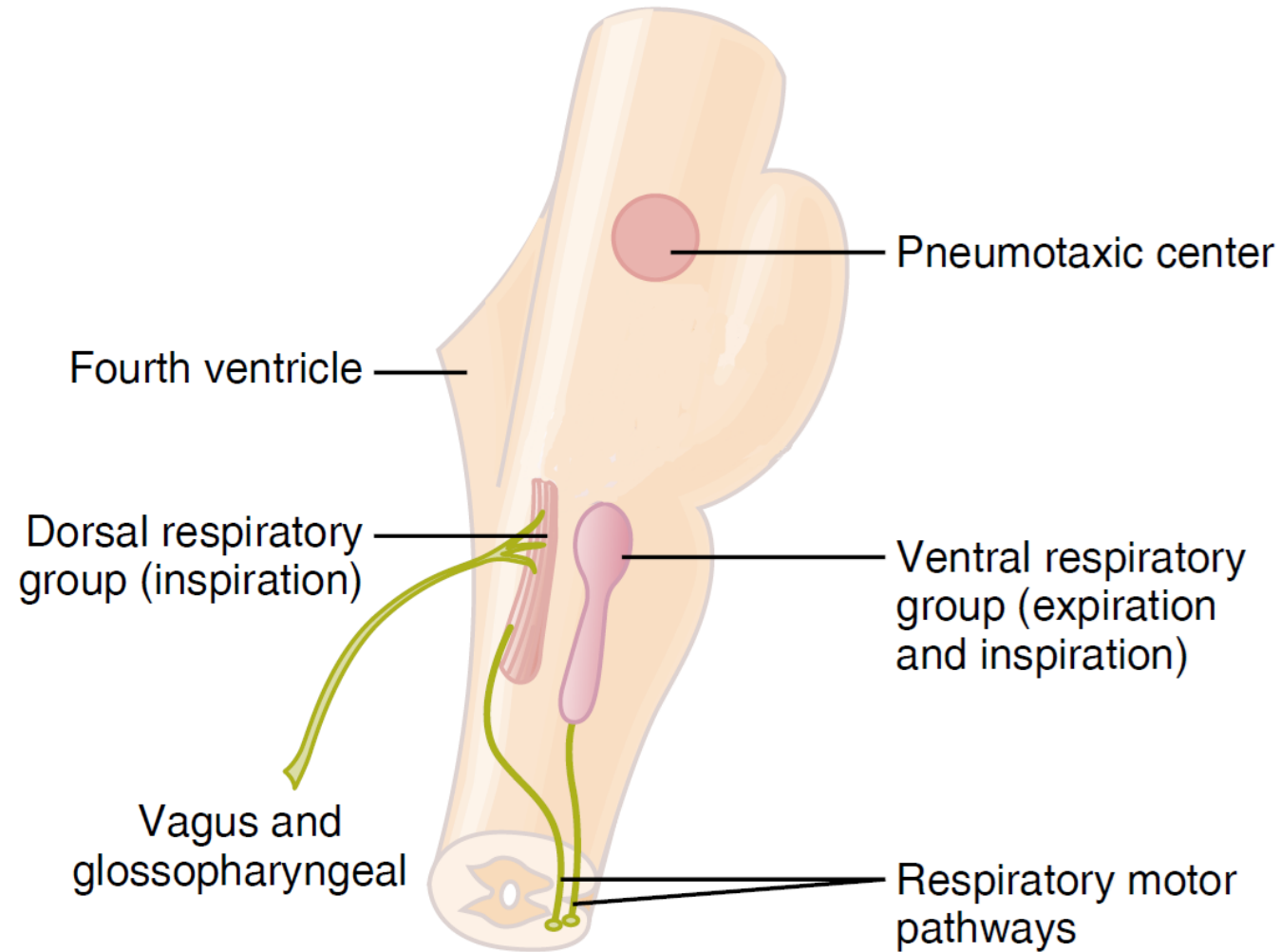
- physically dissolved (5 %)
- in the form of bicarbonate anions (85%)
- in chemical bond with Hb (10%)



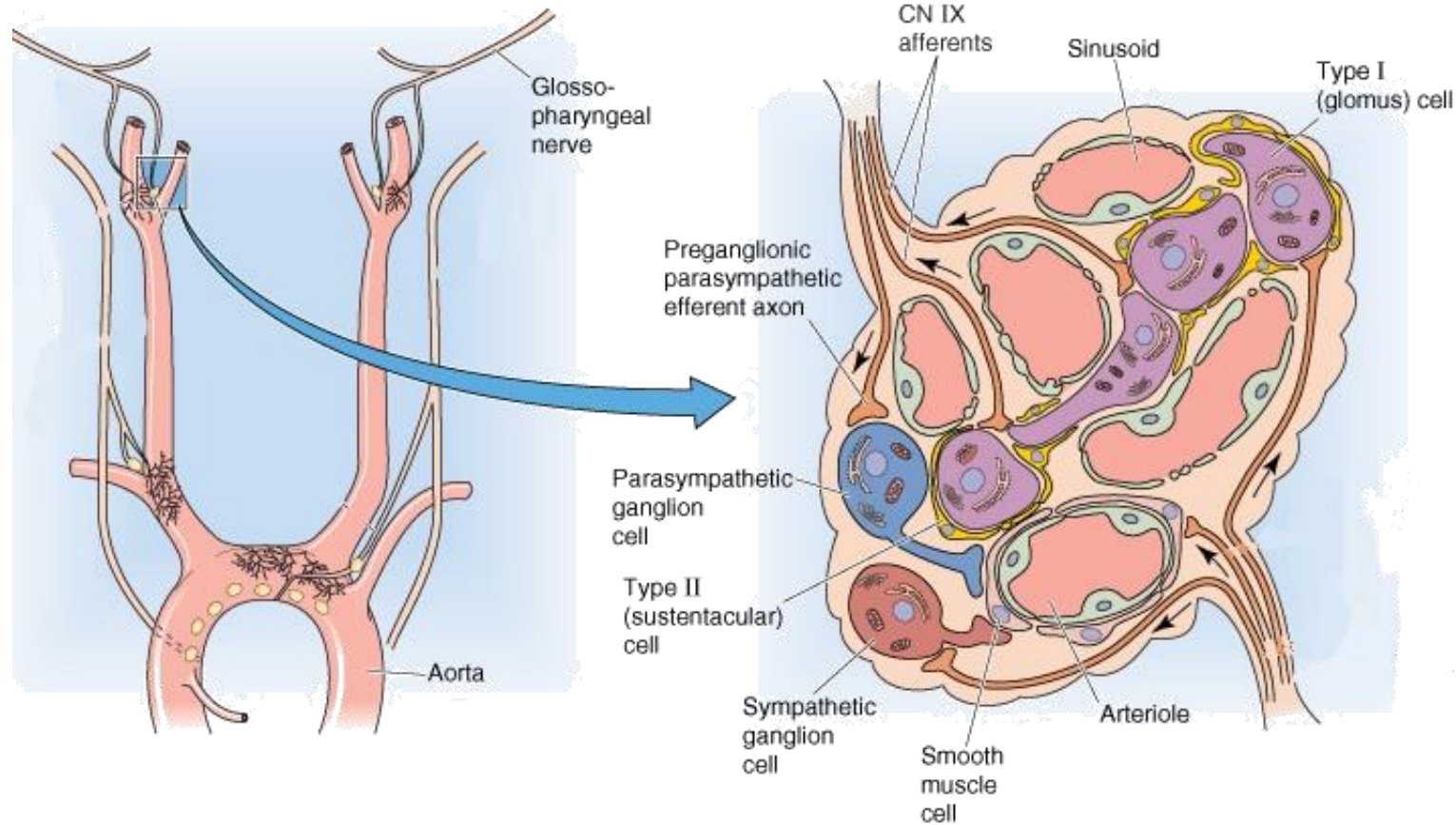
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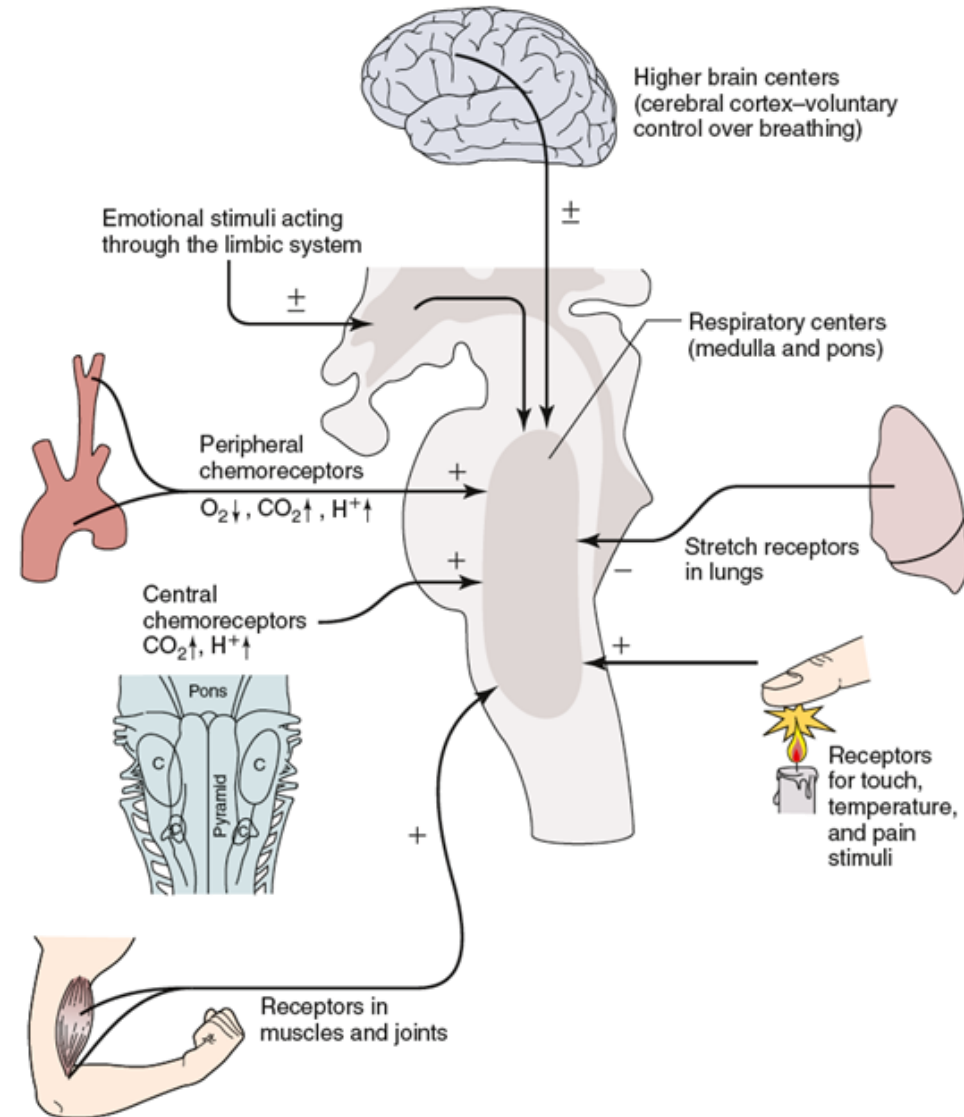
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A50: Respiratory responses to irritants

The lungs are protected from damage by:

- presence of hair (vibrissae) in the nasal cavity (traps dust particles)
- presence of ciliary epithelium covered with mucus (cilia moving mucus in one direction - into the pharynx)
- pulmonary alveolar macrophages
- presence of antibodies in bronchial secretion (IgA)

Reflexes:

- Herring-Breuer reflexes (inflation/deflation)
- Sneeze reflex
- Cough reflex
- Hiccup
- Yawn

A50: Respiratory responses to irritants

Cough Reflex

Cough is an expulsive reflex that protects the lungs and respiratory passage from foreign bodies.

Causes of cough:

- Irritants-smokes, fumes, dusts, etc.
- Diseased conditions like COPD, tumors of thorax, etc.

Pathway for cough reflex:

- Receptors in nose, paranasal sinuses, pharynx, trachea, pleura, diaphragm, perichondrium, stomach, ex.auditory canal and tympanic membrane
- V,IX,X cranial nerves and phrenic nerves
- medulla
- X cranial nerve, phrenic nerve, spinal motor nerve
- primary and accessory respiratory muscles

Sneeze Reflex

Sneeze is defined as the involuntary expulsion of air containing irritants from nose.

Causes of sneeze:

- Irritation of nasal mucosa
- Excess fluid in airway

Pathway for sneeze reflex:

- Olfactory receptors or V cranial nerve endings
- I and V cranial nerve
- medulla – nucleus solitarius and reticular formation
- V, VII, IX, X cranial nerves and intercostal muscles
- pharyngeal, tracheal and respiratory muscles

Hiccup

Hiccup is spasmodic contraction of the diaphragm which causes a sudden intake of breath that is involuntarily cut off by closure of the glottis, thus producing a characteristic sound.

Causes of hiccup:

- Eating too fast or too much
- Strokes, brain tumors, damage to the vagus or phrenic nerve
- Anxiety and stress

Pathway for sneeze reflex:

- Phrenic, vagus, and sympathetic nerves
- Midbrain
- Motor fibers of phrenic nerve and accessory nerves
- Diaphragm and intercostal muscles

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Herring-Breuer reflexes (inflation/deflation)

- *a. keeps the lungs from over-inflating with inspired air*
 - *pulmonary stretch R – vagus nerve – medulla – inhibition of inspiration and initiation of expiration*
- *b. serves to shorten exhalation when the lung is deflated*
 - *pulmonary stretch R – vagus nerve – the pontine center*