



BASIC ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY OF HEART

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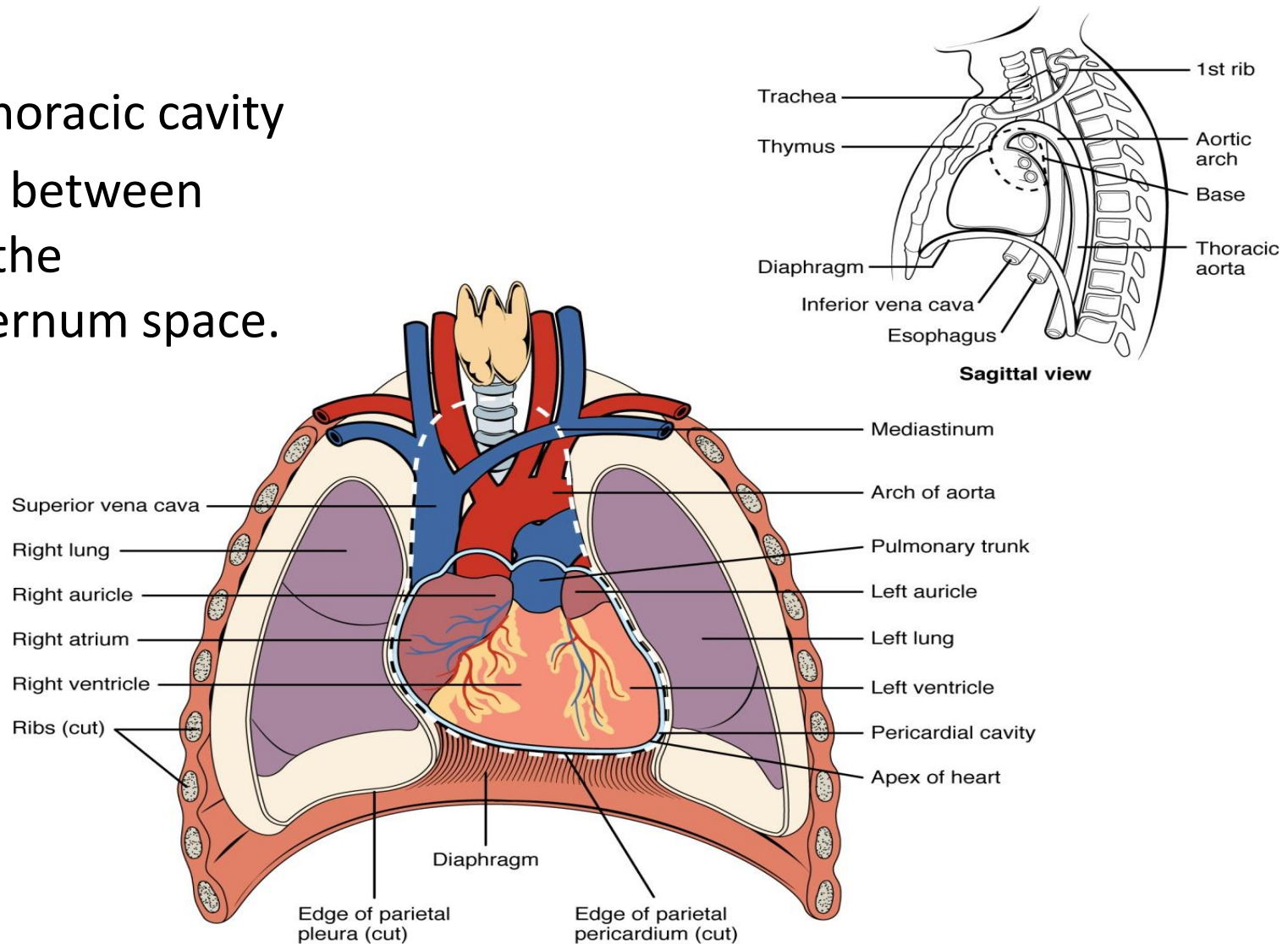
- Location of the human heart
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Interactive Info's

- If average rate of contraction is 75 beats per minute,
- A day will be approximately 108,000 times
- A year more than 39 million times
- For 75 year lifespan nearly 3,000,000,000 (3 billion times)
- Heart eject approximately 70 ml blood per contraction in a resting adult.
- 5.25 liters per minute.
- 14,000 liters per day.
- 10 million liters in a year of blood sent through roughly 60,000 miles of vessels.
- In order to understand how that happens, it is necessary to understand the anatomy and physiology of the heart.

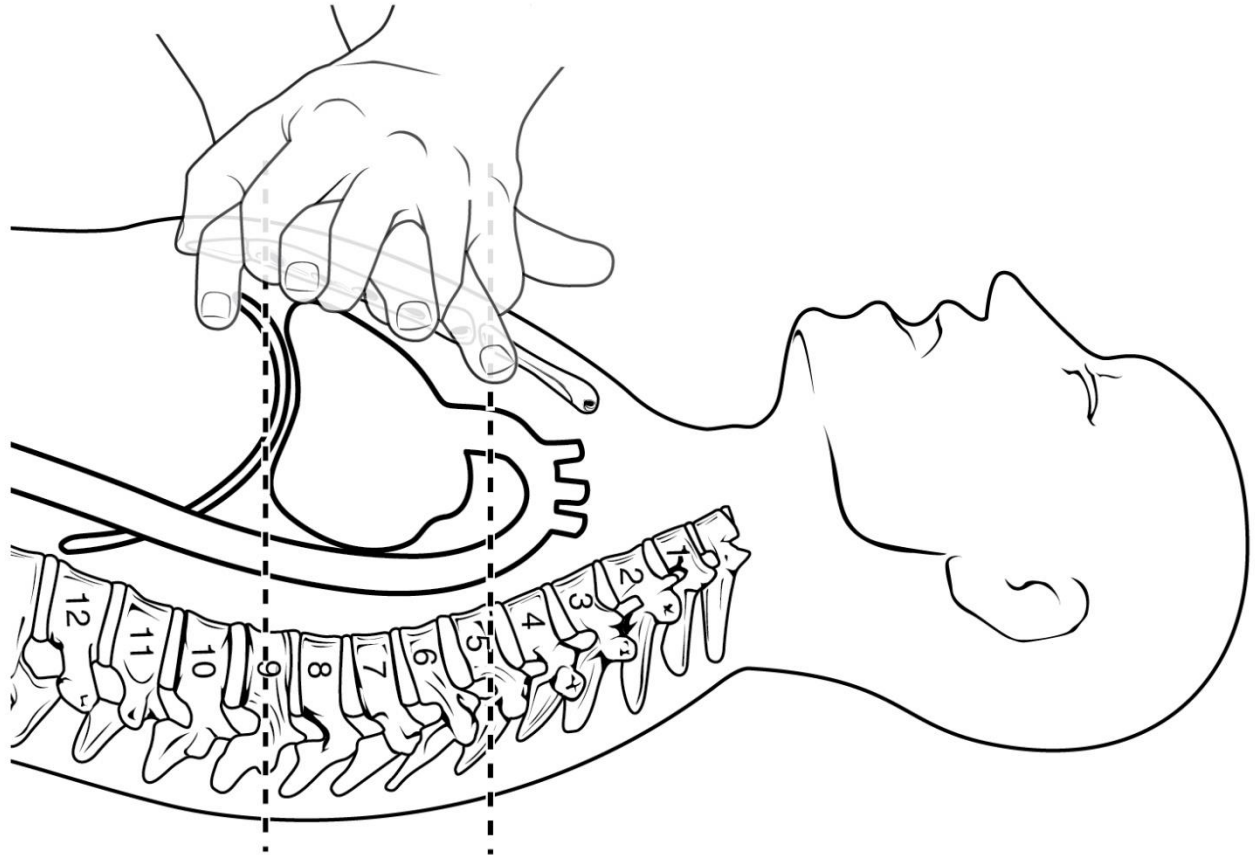
Location

- Within thoracic cavity
- Medially between lungs in the mediasternum space.



CPR Life-sustaining Technique

- If the heart should stop, CPR can maintain the flow of blood until the heart resumes beating.
- By applying pressure to the sternum, the blood within the heart will be squeezed out of the heart and into the circulation.
- Proper positioning of the hands on the sternum to perform CPR would be between the lines at T4 and T9.

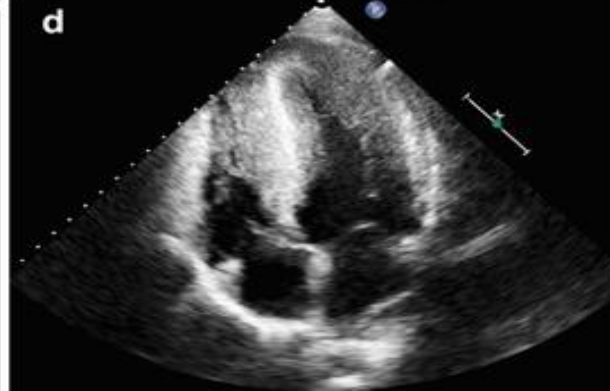
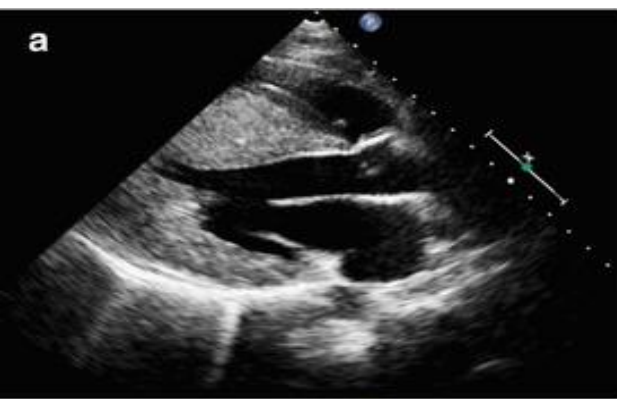
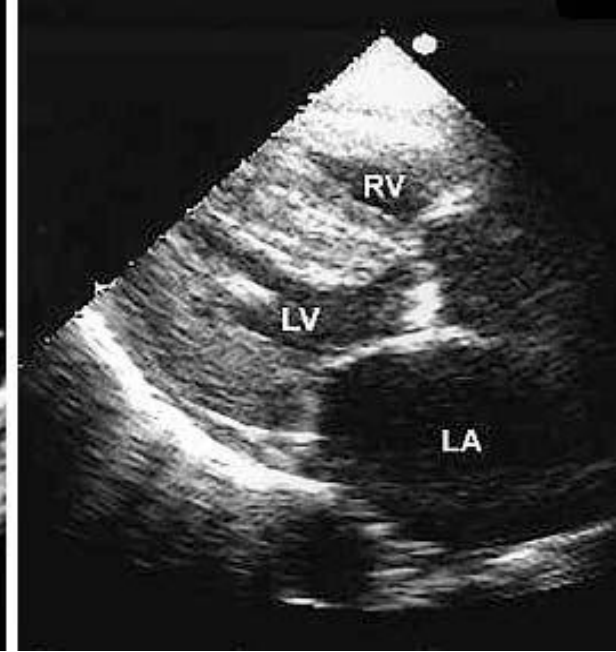


Shape and Size



- Similar to a pinecone
- Approximately the size of your fist (L:12cm x W:8cm x T:6cm)
- Weight
 - male: 300-350 grams
 - Female: 250-300 grams
- Well-trained athlete (specializing in aerobic sports) can be larger than this.
- Cardiac muscle responds to exercise in a manner similar to skeletal muscle-increase protein myofilaments individual cells size (not increase in numbers). –HYPERTROPHY-
- Not always a result in exercise, can be from pathologies such as HCM.

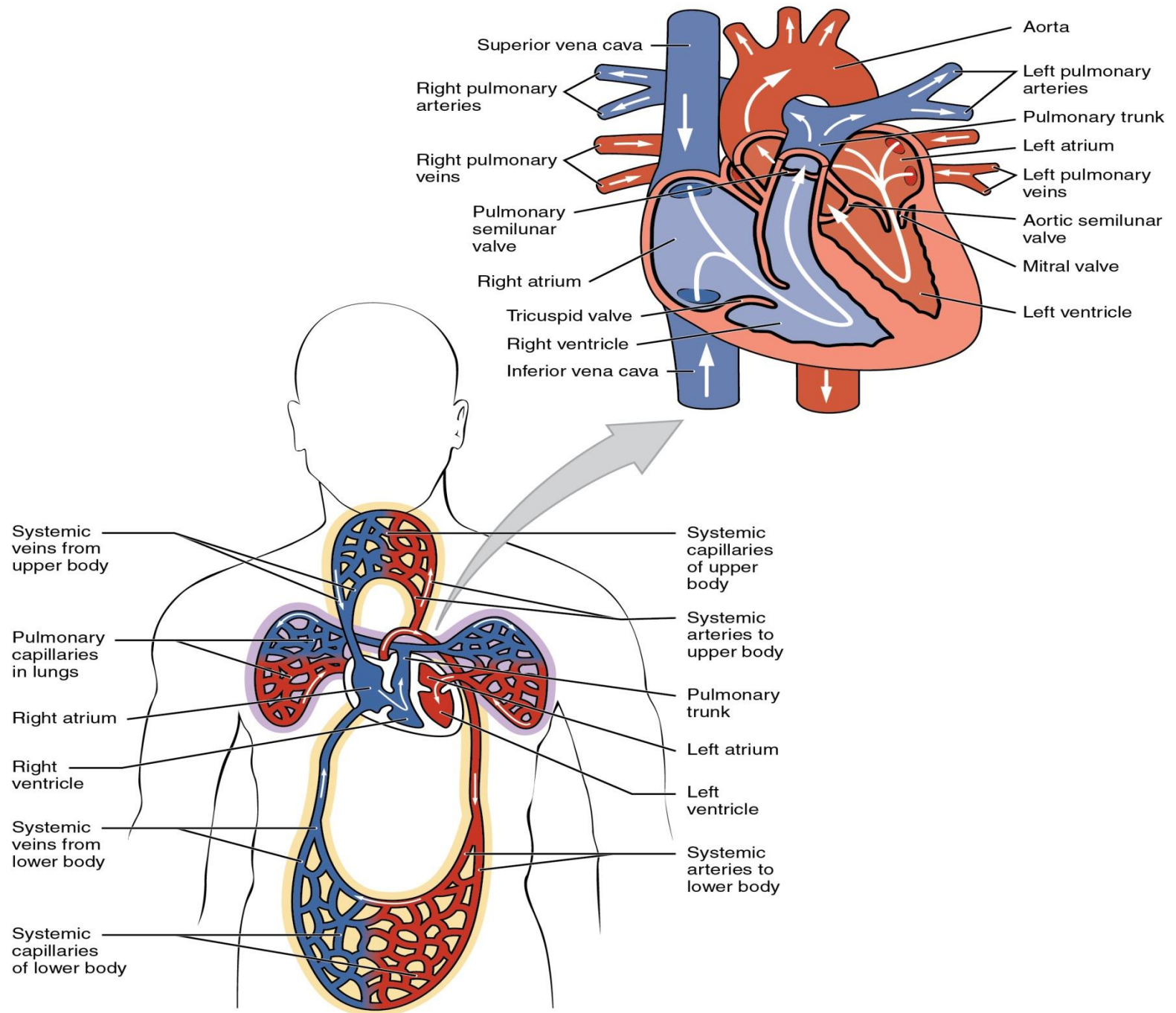
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy -HCM-



- Cause is UNKNOWN (idiopathic)
- Often undiagnosed
- Can cause sudden death in healthy young people.

Main Chambers

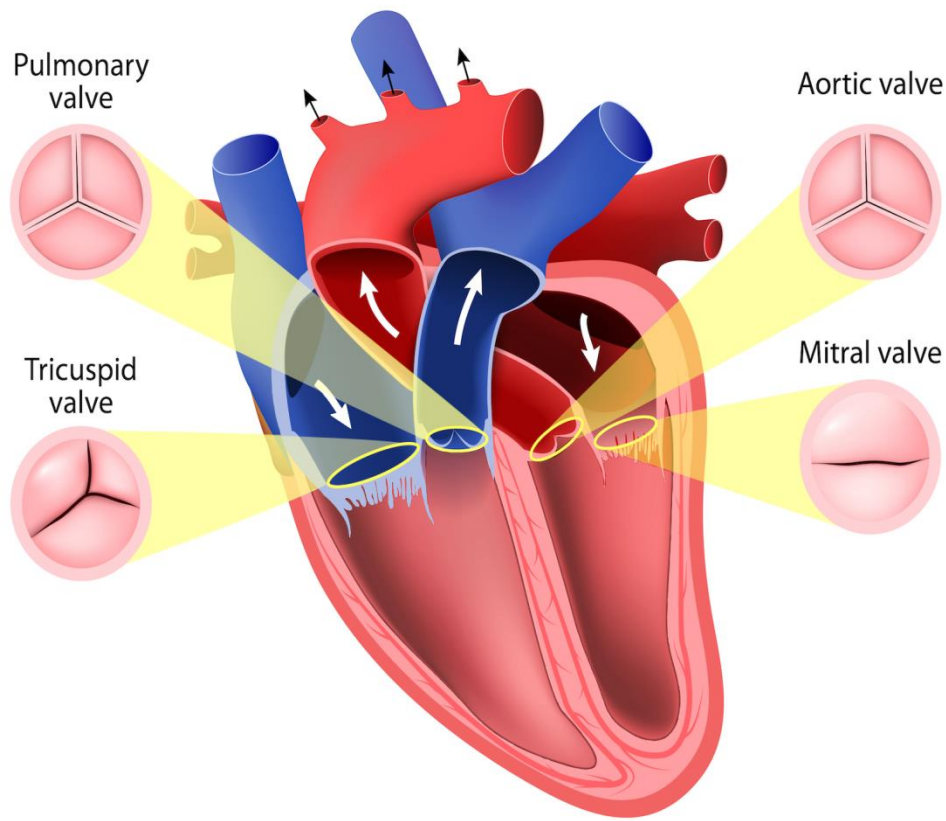
- Consists of four chambers:
 - 2 atrium (upper chamber):
 - Right atrium (RA)
 - Left atrium (LA)
 - 2 ventricle (lower chamber):
 - Right ventricle (RV)
 - Left ventricle (LV)



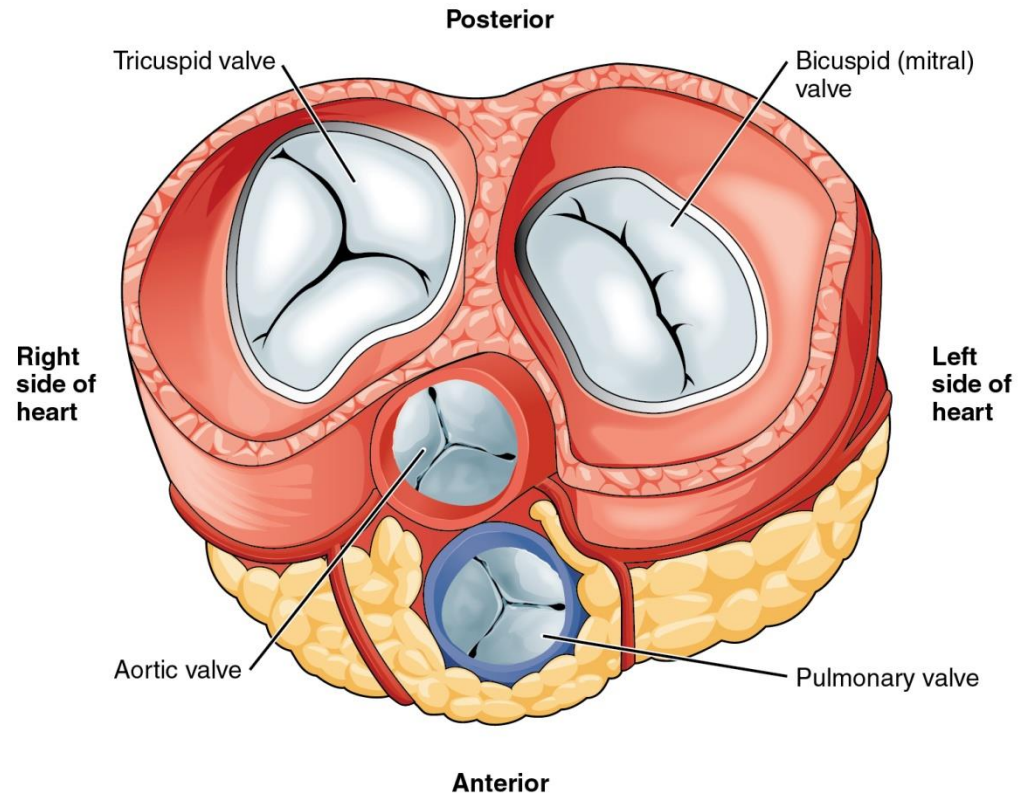
Valves

- Has **four** valves, which separate its chambers.
- One valve lies between each atrium and ventricle (**atrioventricular valve**)
- One valve rests at the exit of each ventricle (**semilunar valve**).

VALVE	NUMBER OF FLAPS/CUSPS	LOCATION	PREVENT BACKFLOW OF BLOOD
Atrioventricular valves	3 (right), 2 (left)		From the ventricles into the atria
Tricuspid valve	3	between the right atrium and right ventricle.	
Bicuspid or mitral valve	2	between the left atrium and left ventricle.	
Semilunar valves	3 (half-moon shaped) flaps		into the ventricle
Pulmonary semilunar valve	3 (half-moon shaped) flaps	at the opening between the right ventricle and the pulmonary trunk	
Aortic semilunar valve	3 (half-moon shaped) flaps	at the opening between the left ventricle and the aorta	

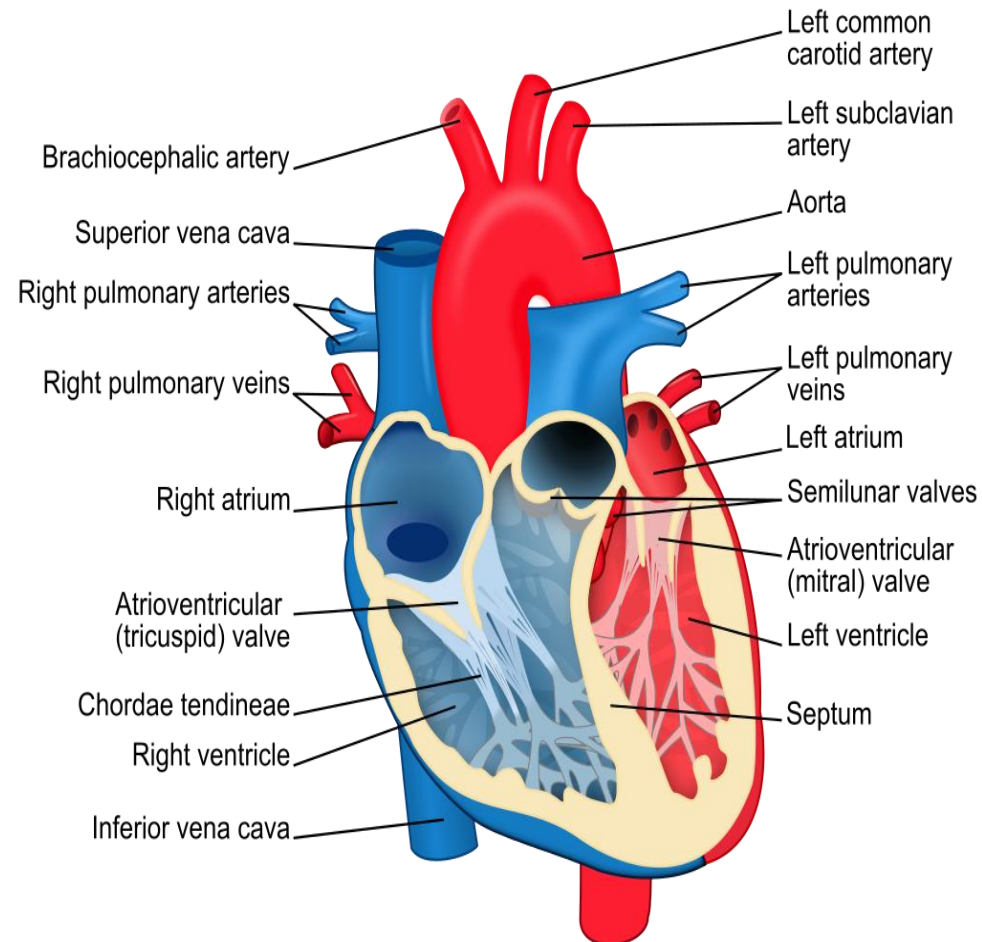
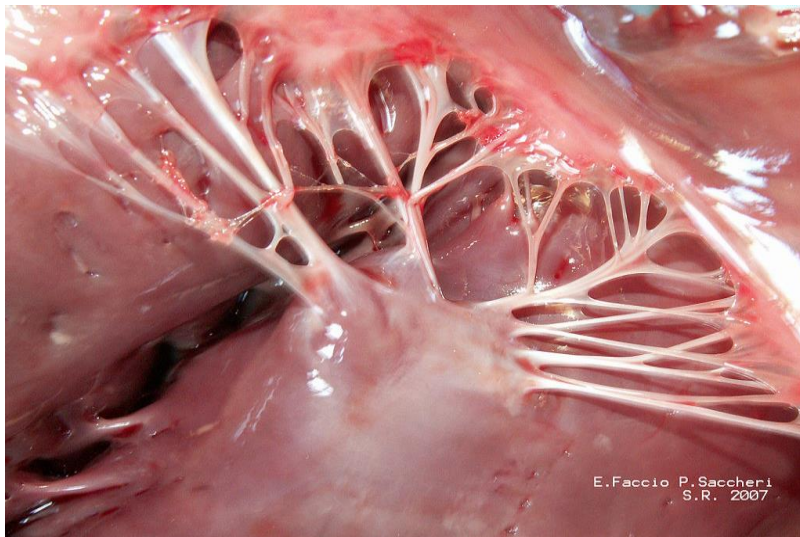


- With the atria and major vessels removed, all four valves are clearly visible.



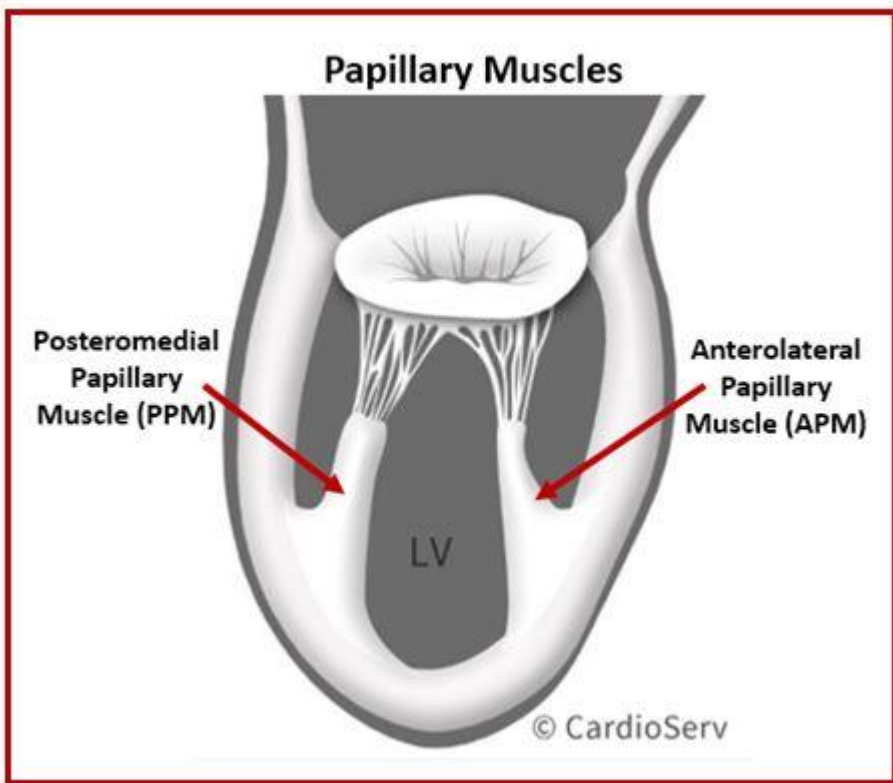
Other Structure Valve-related

- ***Chordae tendineae***
 - Known as Heart Strings
 - Inelastic cords of fibrous connective tissue
 - Connect papillary muscle to the atrioventricular valve.



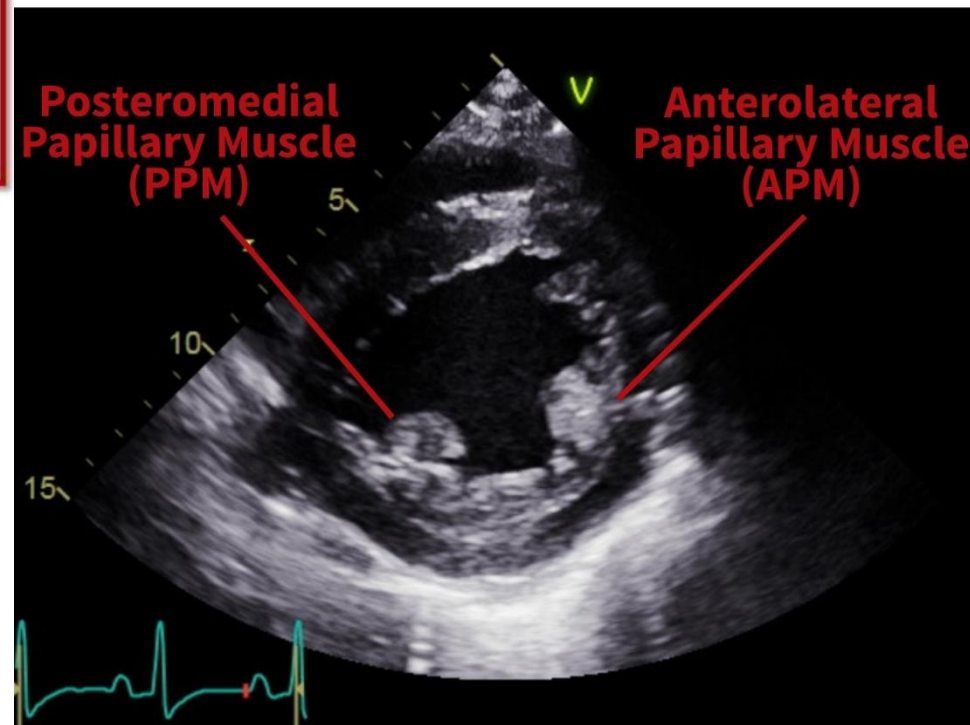
Other Structure Valve-related

- ***Papillary muscle***
 - Attach to the cups of atrioventricular valve via chordae tendineae.
 - Contract to prevent inversion or prolapse of these valves during ventricular systole.
 - Constitute about 10% of total heart mass.
 - Total are five papillary muscle
 - 3 in RV (anterior, posterior and septal)
 - 2 in LV (anterolateral and posteromedial)



Papillary Muscles

- Anterolateral PM:
 - LAD (Diagonal branch)
 - LCX (OM branch)
- Posteromedial PM:
 - RCA (Posterior interventricular artery)

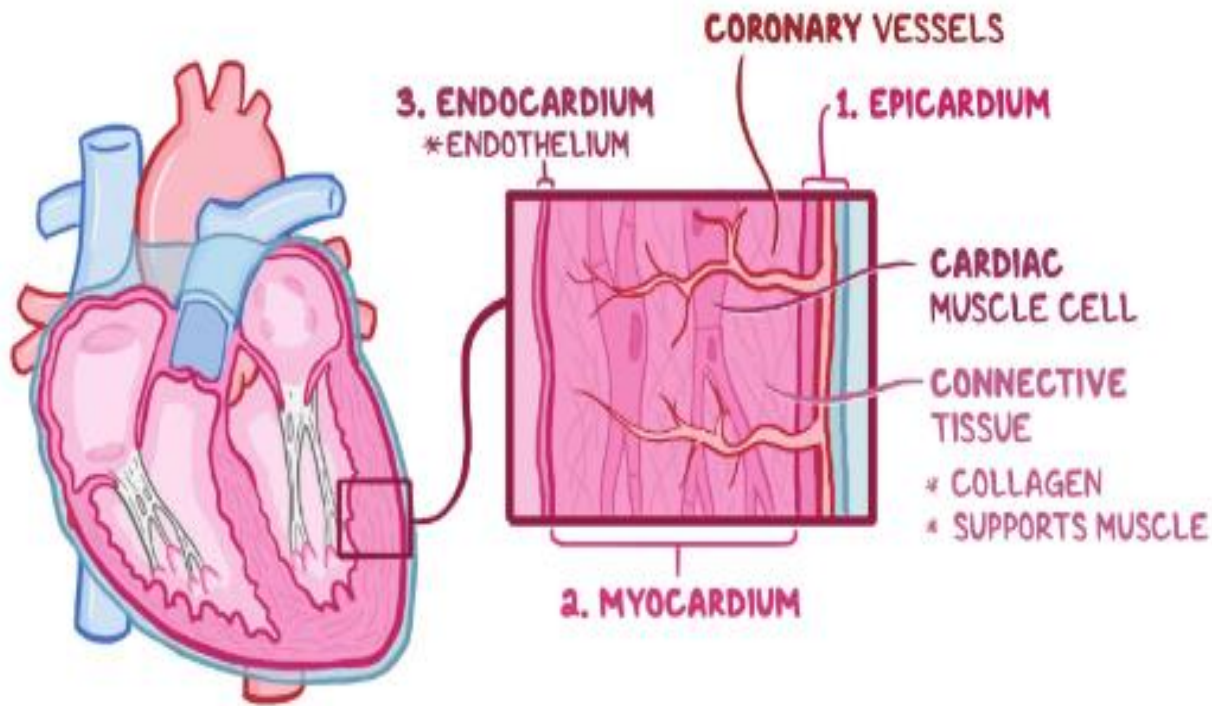


Heart Wall Layers

- ***Epicardium***
 - Covers surface, great vessels (aka visceral pericardium)
- ***Myocardium*** (muscular middle layer)
 - Cardiac muscle cells: striated, branching cells with **mitochondria, intercalated disks** for synchronous contraction.
 - Cardiac myocytes: striated, branching cells with **fibrous cardiac skeleton** (support muscle tissue, crisscrossing connective tissue collagen fibers), **coronary vessels** (lie on outside of the heart, penetrate into myocardium)

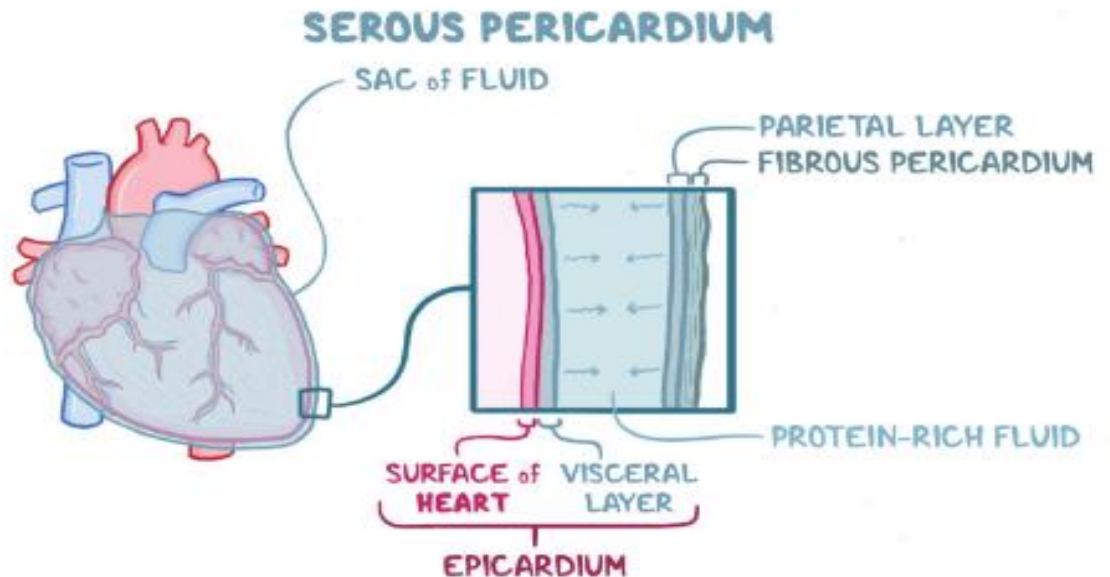
Heart Wall Layers

- ***Endocardium*** (innermost layer)
 - Made of thin epithelial layer, underlying connective tissue
 - Lines heart chamber and valve
- ***Pericardium*** (double-layered sac surrounding)
 - fibrous pericardium: outer layer, tough fibrous connective tissue anchors heart within mediasternum
 - Serous pericardium: simple squamous epithelium layer
 - Parietal pericardium: lines fibrous pericardium
 - Visceral pericardium: (epicardium) covers outer surface of the heart.
 - Cells of parietal, visceral pericardium secrete protein-rich fluid (pericardial fluid), fills space between layers (lubricant)



- Heart wall layers, superficial to deep

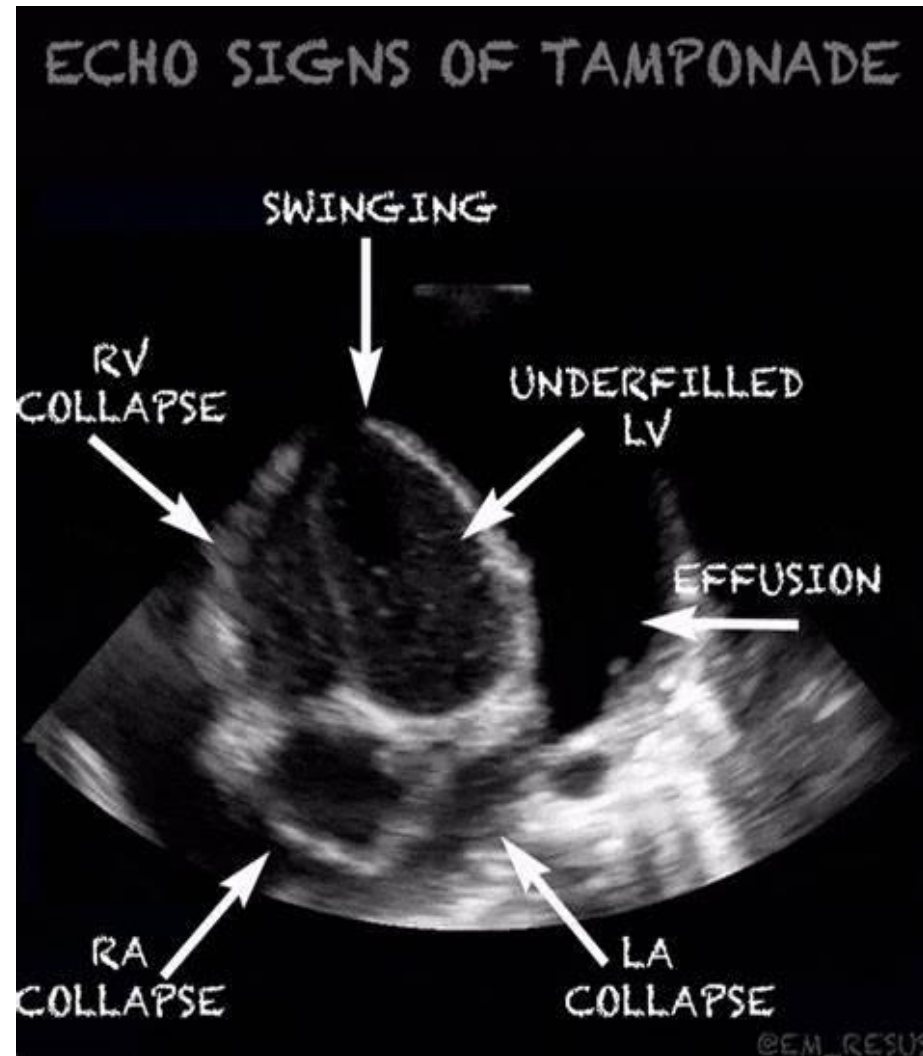
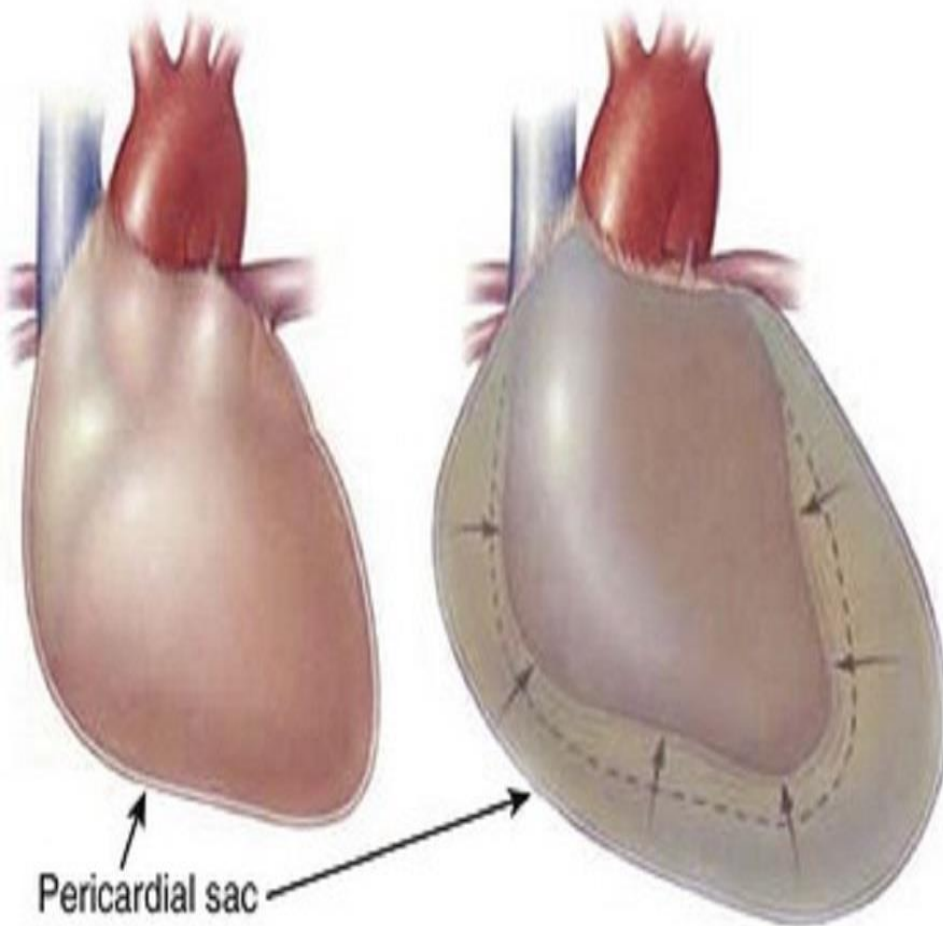
- Layers of pericardium (double-layered sac surrounding the heart)



Cardiac Tamponade

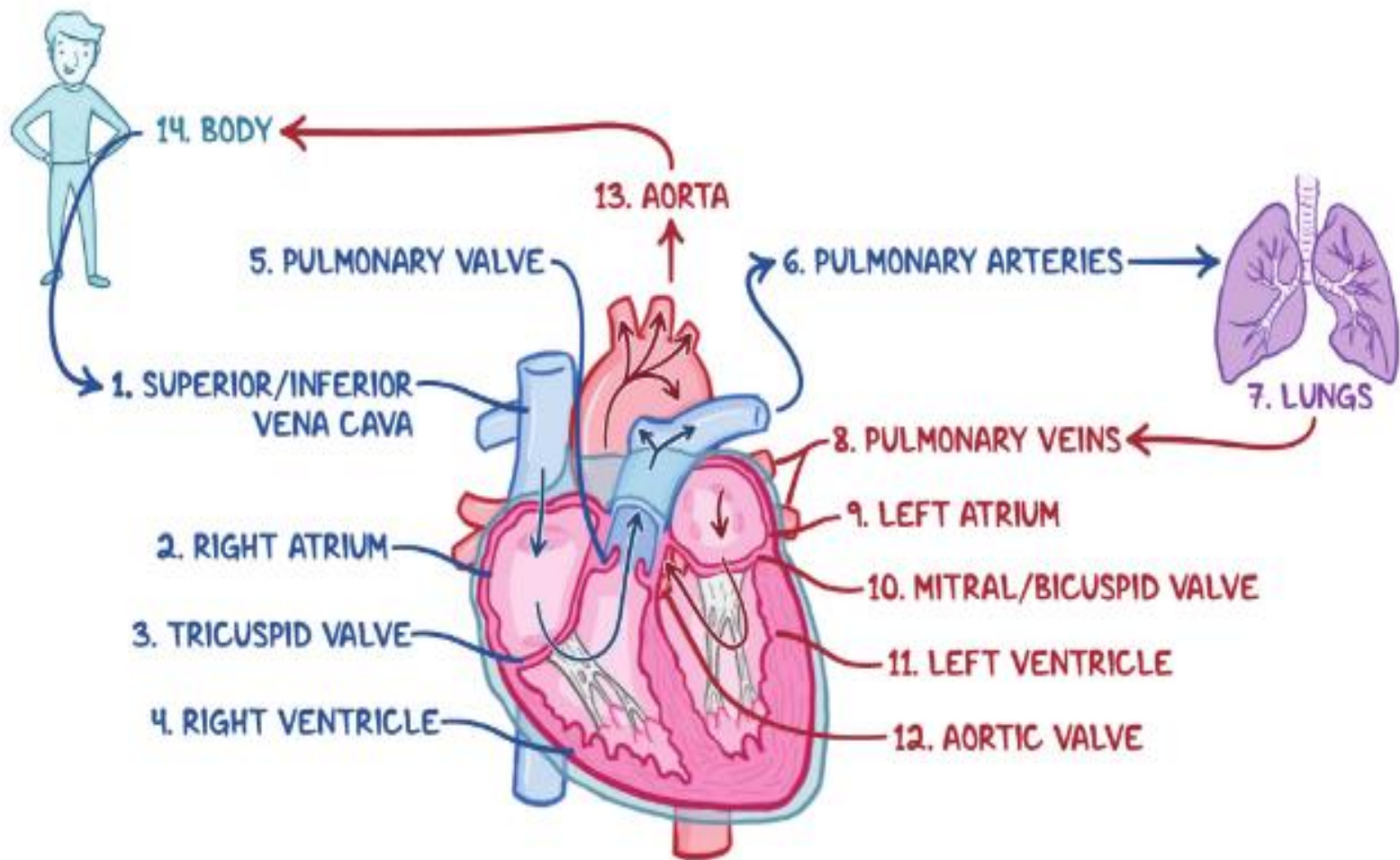
Normal pericardium

Pericardial effusion



Systemic VS Pulmonary Circulation

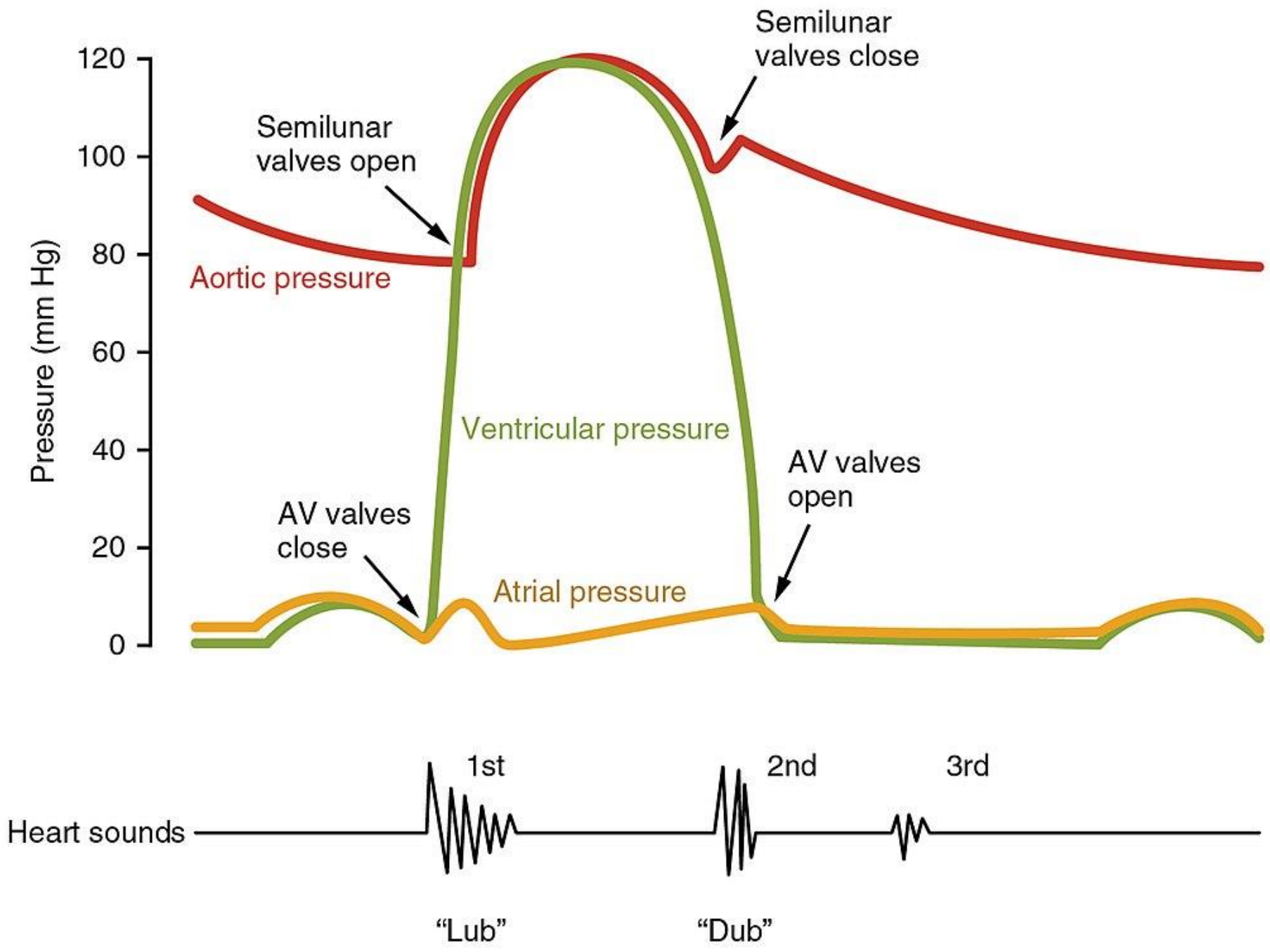
- Pulmonary and systemic circulation both pump same amount of blood.
- Pulmonary circulation:
 - Low pressure system
 - Right side of heart pump deoxygenated blood through pulmonic circulation to collect oxygen
 - RA -> RV -> Pulmonary artery -> lungs.
- Systemic circulation:
 - High pressure system
 - Left side pumps oxygenated blood to systemic circulation
 - Pulmonary veins -> LA -> LV -> Aorta -> body
 - LV 3 times thicker than RV (high systemic circulation resistance)



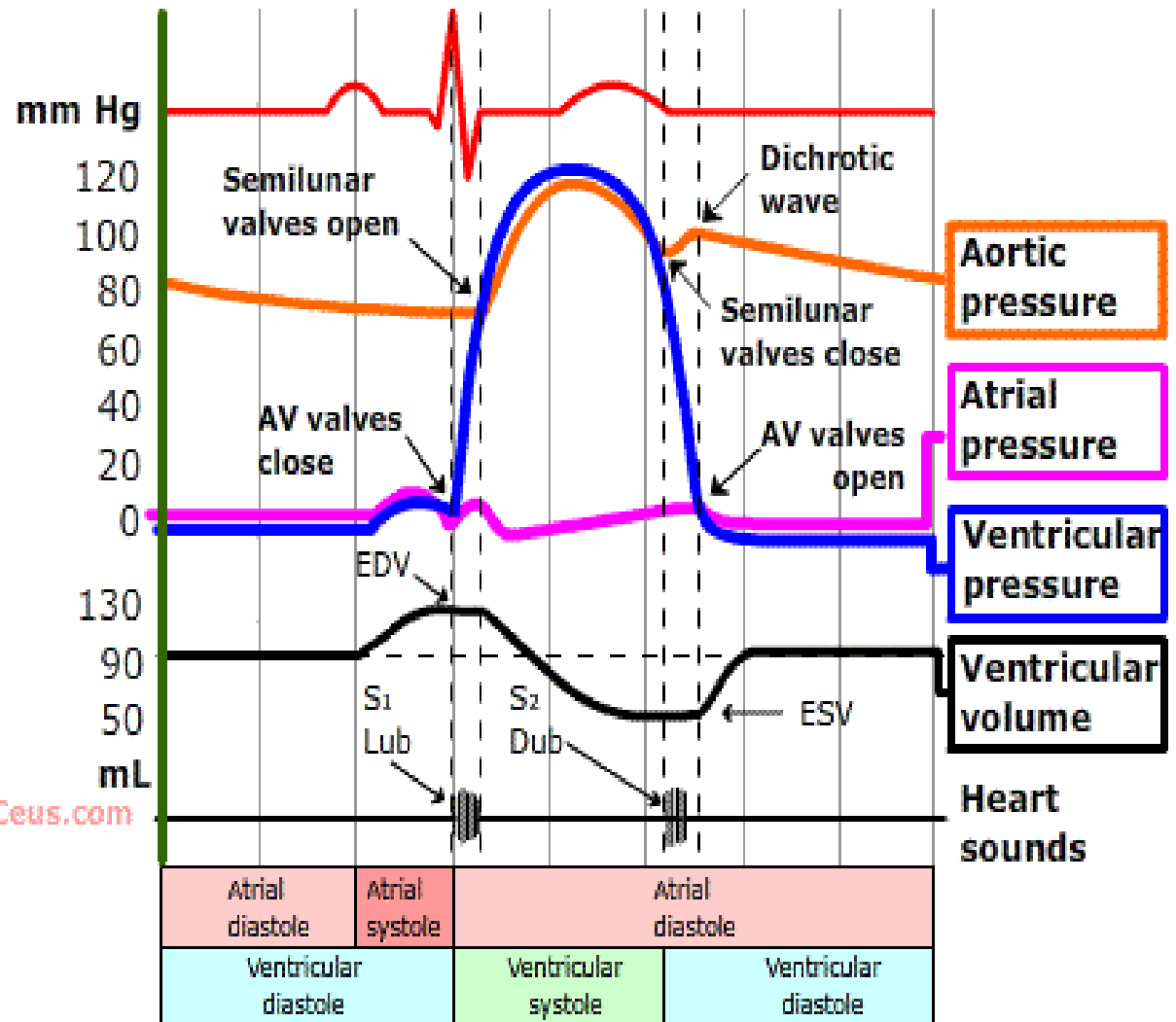
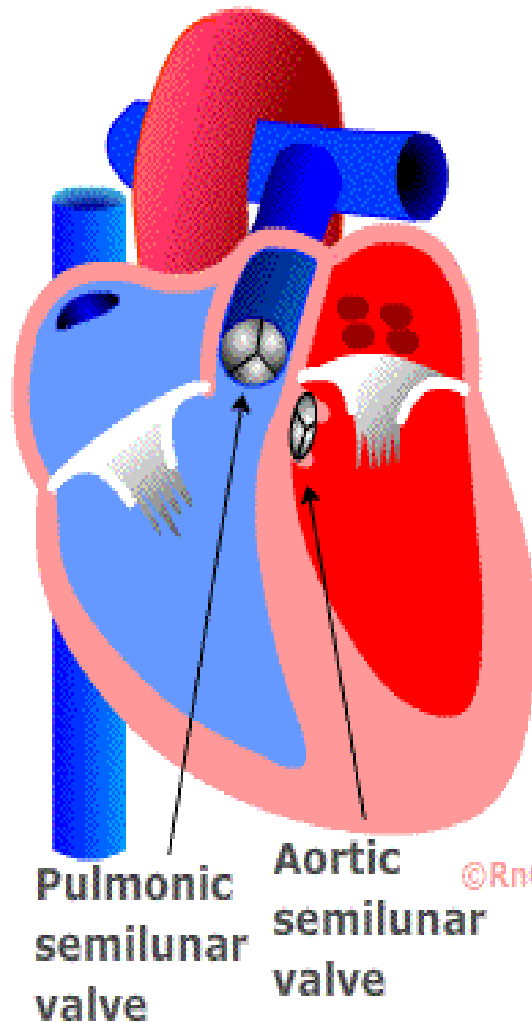
- Blood flow physiology starting with SVC and IVC bringing deoxygenated blood from body to the RA.

Ventricular Systole VS Diastole

- Systole:
 - Ventricular contraction (atrial relaxation at the same time)
 - Occurs during S1 sound
 - Aortic, pulmonic valves open -> blood pushed into aorta, pulmonary artery
 - Systolic blood pressure
 - Arterial pressure when ventricles squeeze out blood under high pressure
 - Peripheral pulse felt
- Diastole:
 - Ventricular relaxation (atrial contraction at the same time)
 - Occurs during S2 sound
 - Tricuspid, mitral valves open -> blood fills ventricles
 - Diastolic blood pressure
 - Ventricles fill with more blood (lower pressure)



Cardiac Cycle ©RnCeus



Blood Flow Terminology

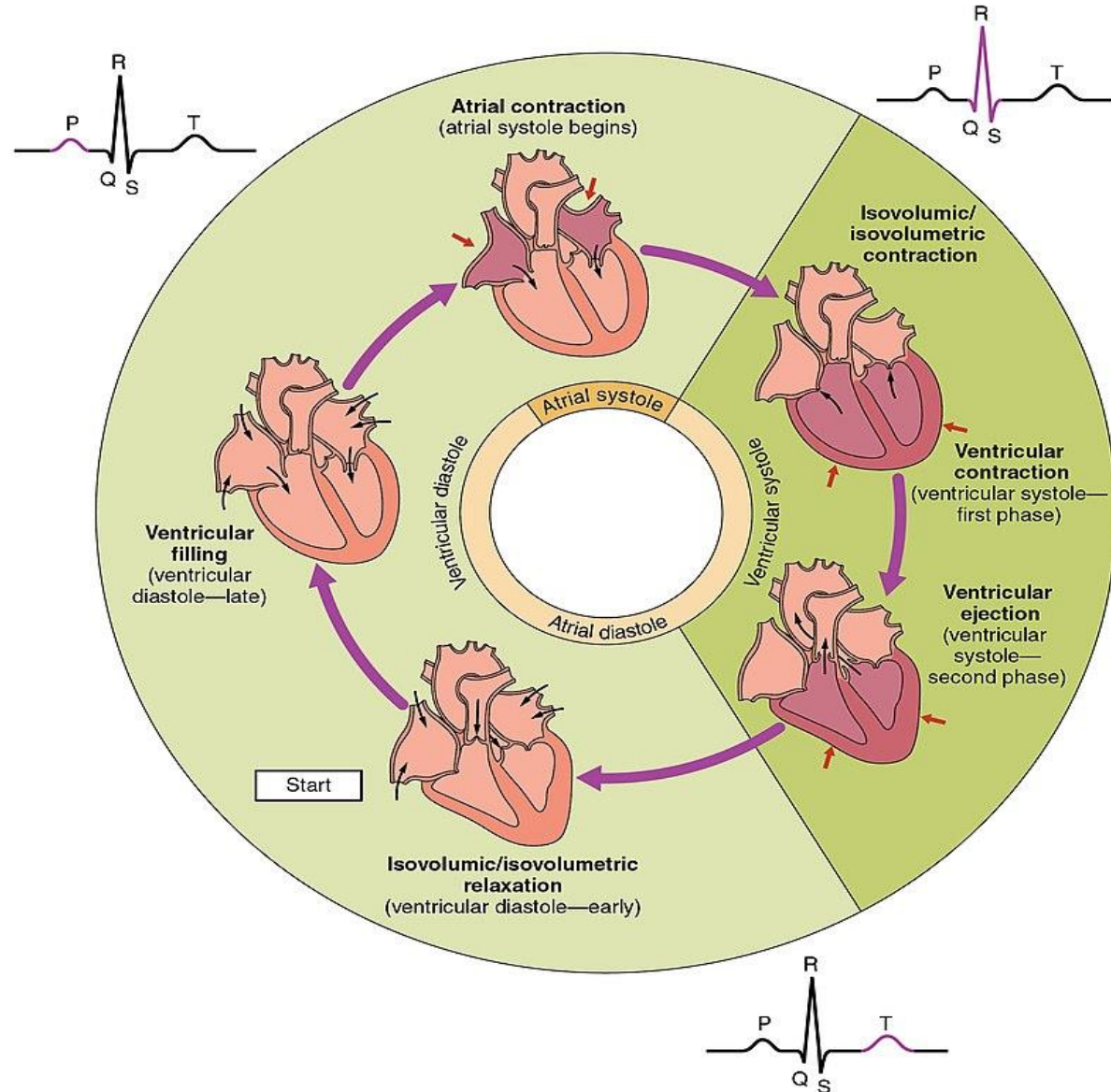
- Preload
 - Amount of blood in LV before contraction
 - Determined by filling pressure (end diastolic pressure)
 - “volume work” of heart
- Afterload
 - Resistance (load) LV needs to push against to eject blood during contraction
 - “tension work” of heart
 - Components include:
 - Amount of blood in systemic circulation
 - Degree of arterial vessel wall constriction (systemic arterial resistance for left side, Pulmonary arterial pressure for right side)
- Frank-Starling mechanism
 - Ventricular contraction strength related to amount of ventricular myocardial stretch
 - Maximum contraction force achieved when myocardial actin, myosin fibers are stretch about 2-2.5 times normal resting length

Blood Flow Terminology

- Stroke volume
 - Blood volume pump by heart per contracion
 - Determined by amount of blood filling ventricle, compliance of ventricular myocardium
 - $SV = EDV - ESV$
- Cardiac output
 - Blood volume pumped by heart per minute (L/min)
 - $CO = SV \times \text{heart rate}$
- Ejection fraction
 - Percentage of blood leaving heart during each contraction
 - $EF = SV / EDV \times 100$
- Venous return
 - Blood-flow from veins back to atrial

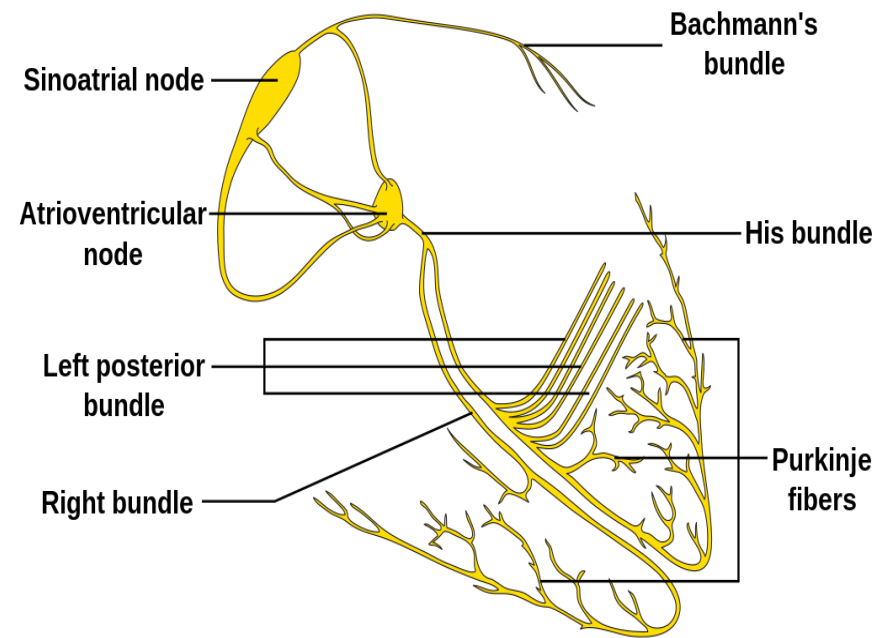
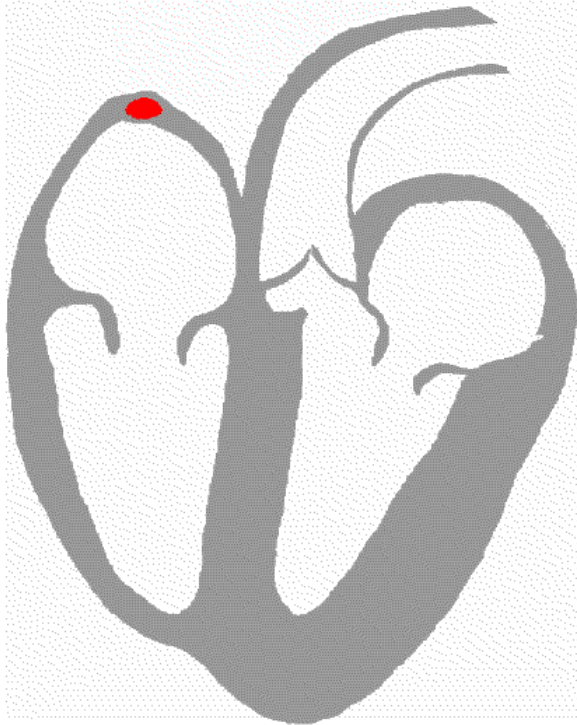
Cardiac Cycle

- Sequence of events (contract and relax) every heartbeat.
- Start with ventricle relax (early diastole), blood from atrial passing through open atrioventricular valve as high pressure (atrial) to low pressure (ventricle) until reached isovolumetric.



Electrical Conduction

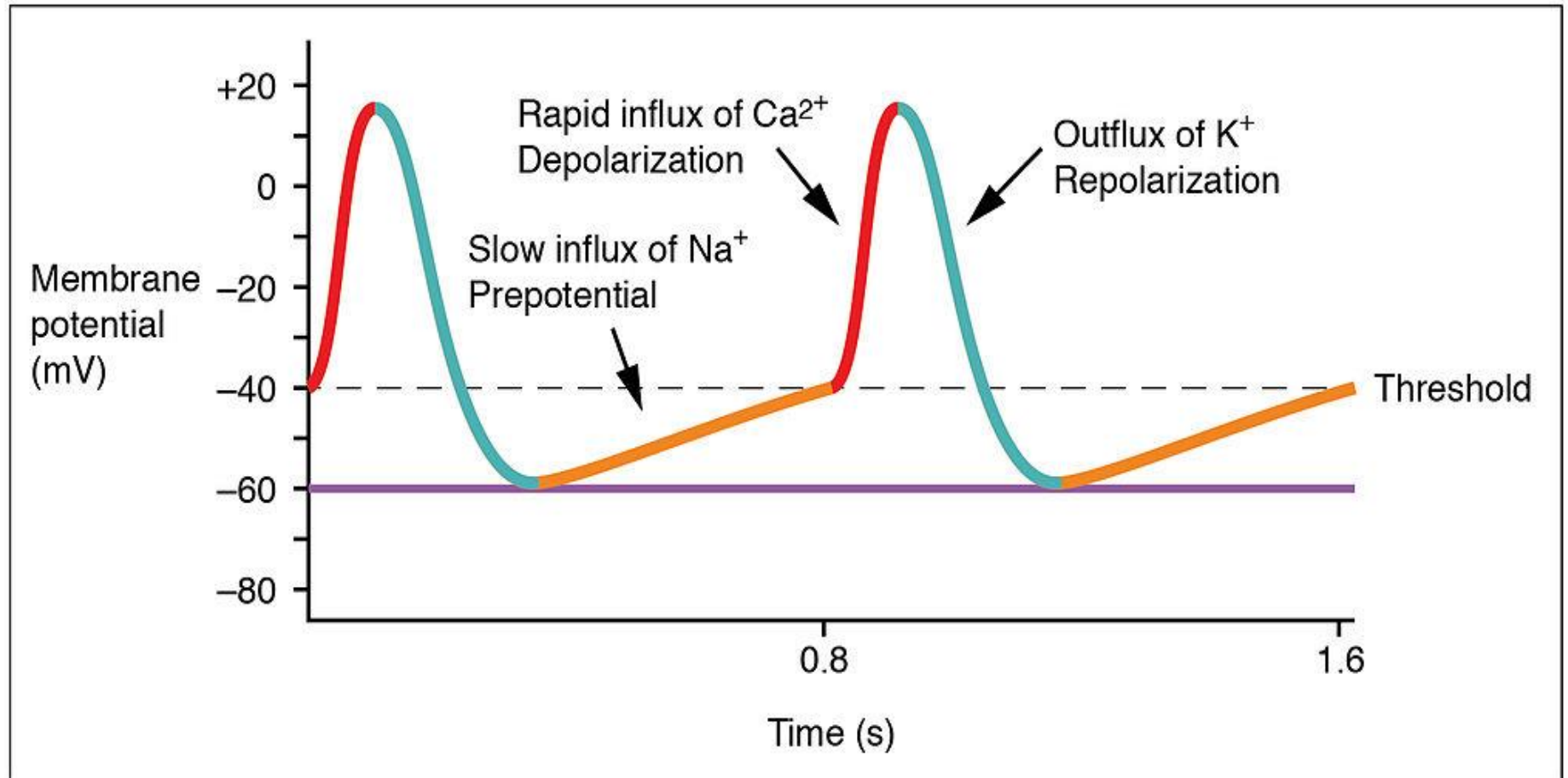
- Normal rhythmical heart beat called sinus rhythm
- Established by heart's own pacemaker: sinoatrial node (SA node)
- Travel through the heart muscle causing heart to contract
- Location of SA node: upper part of RA near to junction with SVC.
- Electrical signal generated by SA node travels through the RA in a radial way that is **not completely understood**.
- Travels to LA via Bachmann's bundle causing the left and right atrial muscles contract together.
- Reached atrioventricular node (AV node), boundary between RA and LV.
- Annulus fibrosis is part of cardiac skeleton, tissue within the heart that the electrical signal cannot pass through-forces the signal to pass through the AV node only.
- To Bundle of His the left and right bundle branches through to the ventricles of heart.
- In ventricles, the signal is carried by specialized tissue called Purkinje Fibers, then transmit the electrical charge to the heart muscle.



Action Potential and Heart Rate

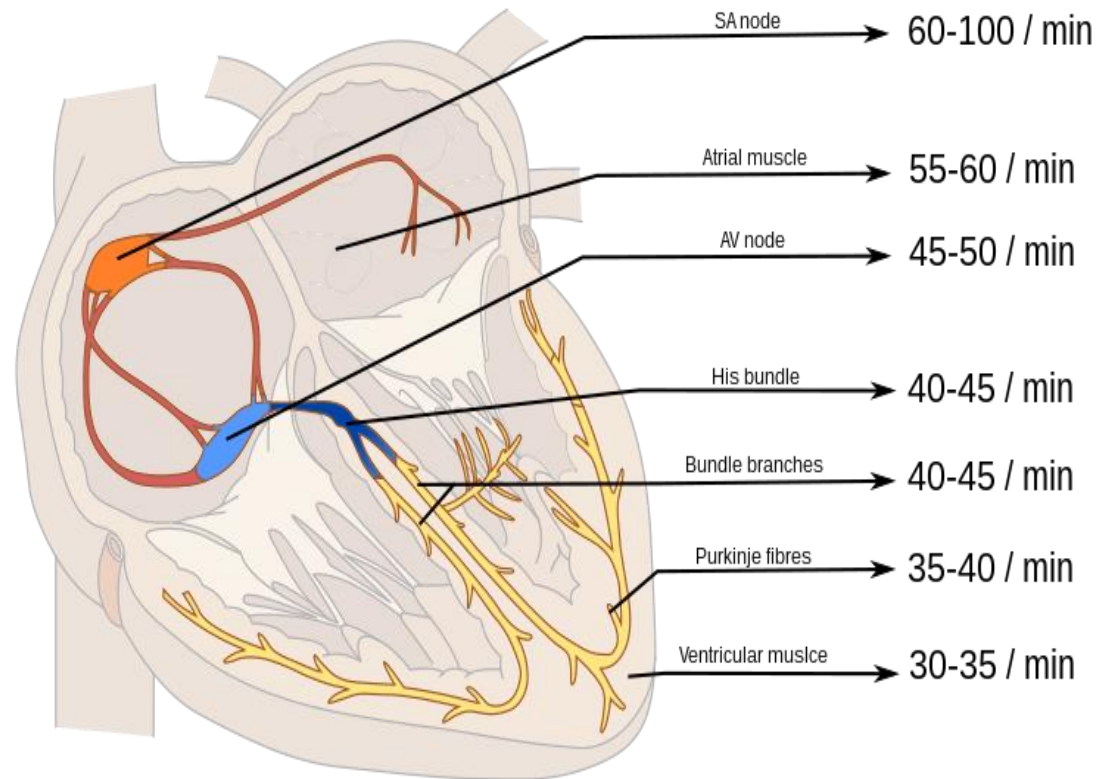
- Action potential created by movement of specific electrolytes into and out of pacemaker cells (SA node), then spread to nearby cells.
- When SA node cells are resting (negative charge inside membranes), a rapid influx of sodium ion cause the membranes charge to become positive: called depolarization, occurs spontaneously (prepotential).
- Once the cells has a sufficiently high charge (threshold), the sodium channels close and calcium ions begin to enter the cells until reached peak.
- Calcium channel then close, potassium channels open allowing potassium ions to leave the cell causing the cells to have negative resting charge: repolarization.
- When membrane potential reaches approximately -60mV, potassium channels close and the process may begin again.

Pacemaker Action Potential



Pacemakers

- The heart has several pacemakers, each fires at its own intrinsic rate

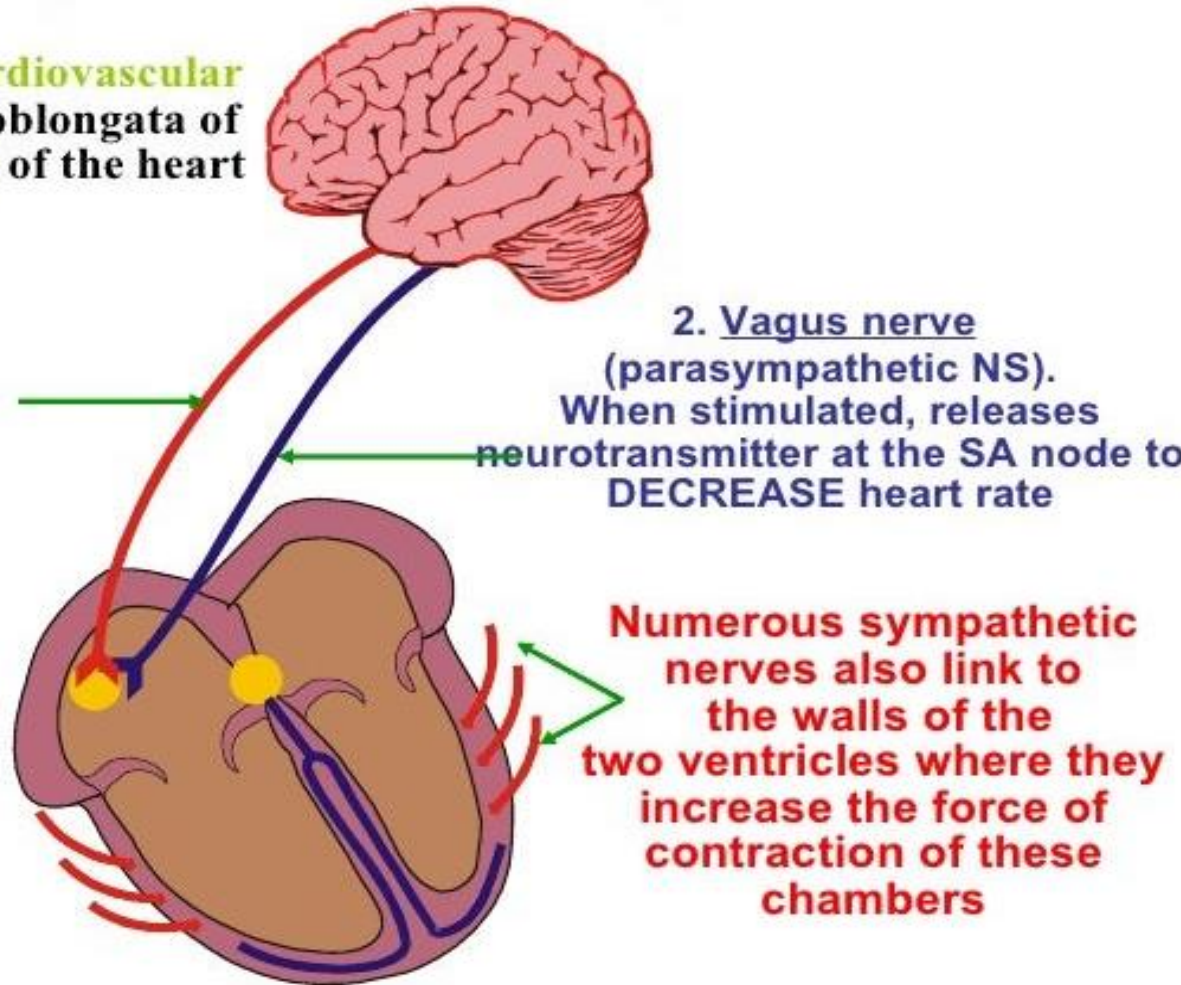


Nervous System Controlling Heart Rate

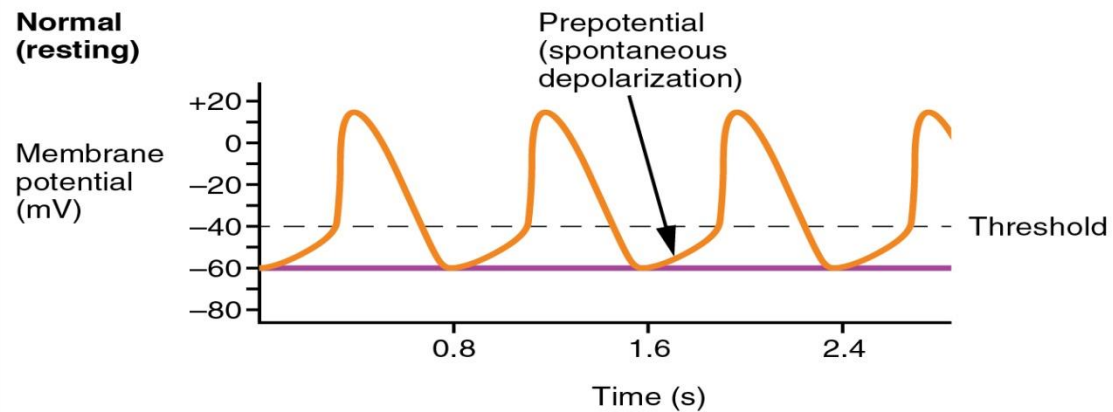
Two nerves link the **cardiovascular centre** in the medulla oblongata of brain with the **SA node** of the heart

1. Accelerator nerve (sympathetic NS). When stimulated, releases neurotransmitter at the SA node to **INCREASE** heart rate

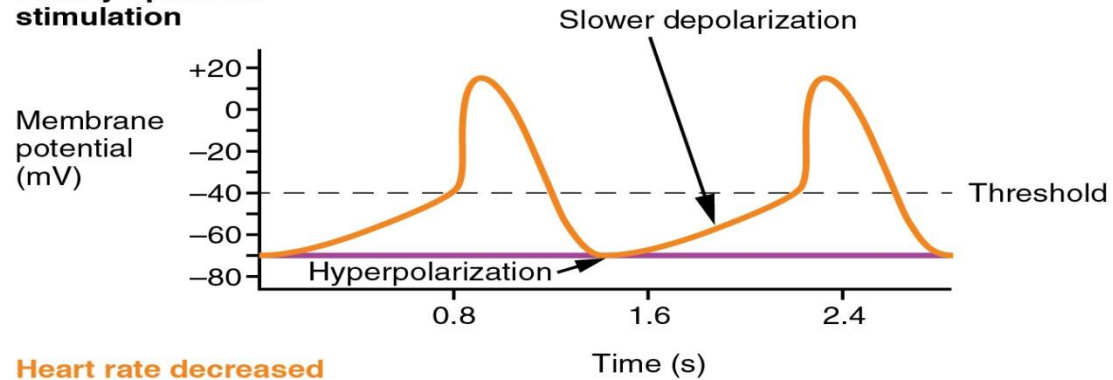
2. Vagus nerve (parasympathetic NS). When stimulated, releases neurotransmitter at the SA node to **DECREASE** heart rate



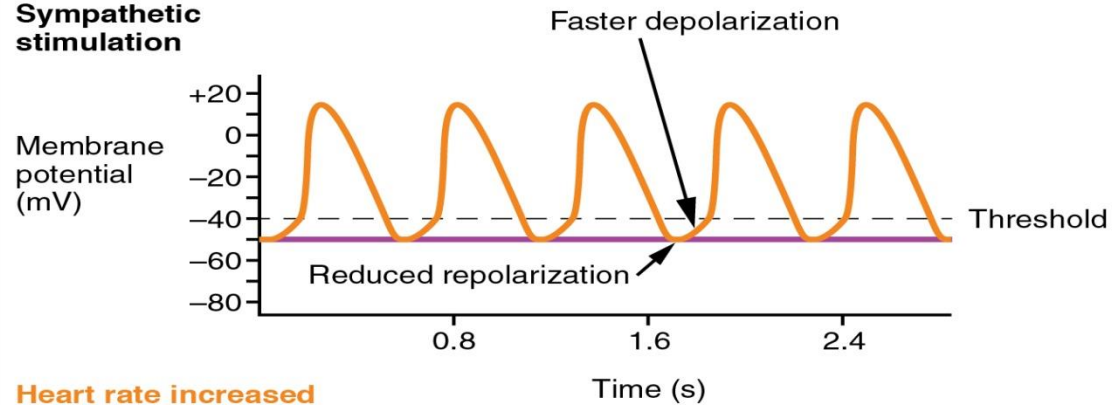
Normal (resting)



Parasympathetic stimulation



Sympathetic stimulation



Other Influences

- Baroreceptors
 - Sensing the stretching of blood vessels
 - Located in the aortic sinus, carotid bodies, vena cava.
- Chemoreceptors
 - Sensing pH of blood
 - Located in the carotid bodies or adjacent to the aorta in the aortic body.
- Exercise and fitness levels
- Age
- Body temperature
- Basal metabolic rate
- Emotional state
- Level of hormones: epinephrine, norepinephrine and thyroid hormones.
- Level of electrolytes: calcium, potassium and sodium
- Dehydration (low blood volume)

THANK YOU

