

Design of Circulatory Systems

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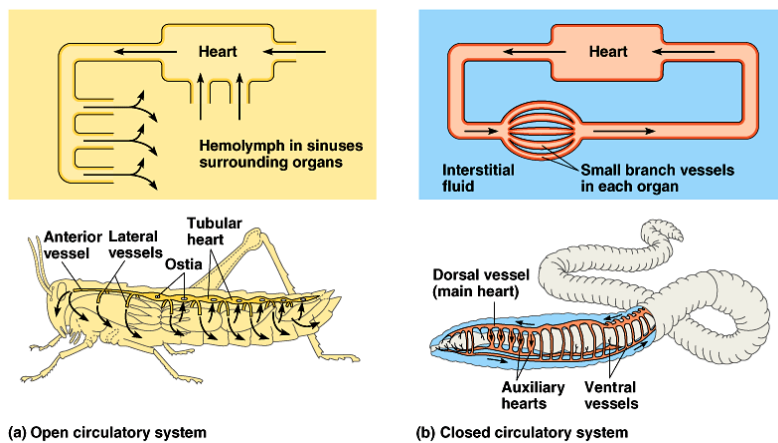
“Heart” (muscular tube) pumps blood through tubes that empty into general pool

2. Closed

Heart pumps blood through a closed system of tubes.

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Figure 42.2 Open and closed circulatory systems



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Hearts of Vertebrates (with backbones)

Fish

2-chamber heart, single circulation

Amphibian

3-chamber heart, semi-separate systemic and pulmocutaneous (lung/skin) circulation

Mammal

4-chamber heart, separate systemic and pulmonary (lung) circulation

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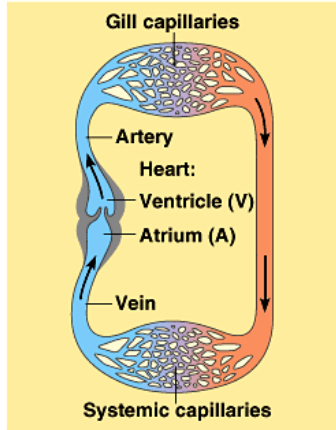
Atrium (entry way)
receives incoming blood, passes it to ventricle

Ventricle (chamber)
more muscular pump sending blood to rest of circulation.

Arteries (arterial blood)
vessels carrying blood from heart towards the capillaries. Thick muscular walls to keep pressure up. High in oxygen (except for pulmonary arteries).

Veins (venous blood)
vessels carrying blood from capillaries back to heart. Very thin flabby walls with low pressure, but have one-way valves to prevent blood from backing up. Low in oxygen (except for pulmonary veins).

Capillaries
very small vessels (one blood cell wide) that perfuse all the tissues.

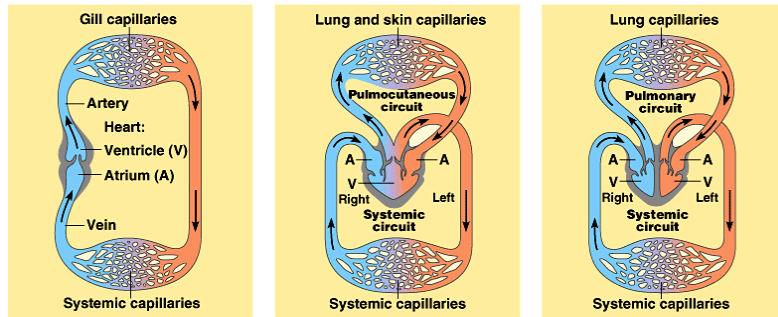


(a) Fish

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Figure 42.3 Generalized circulatory schemes of vertebrates



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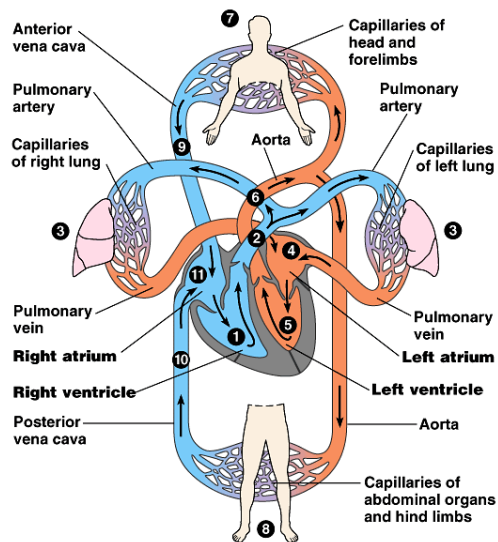
(b) Amphibian

(c) Mammal

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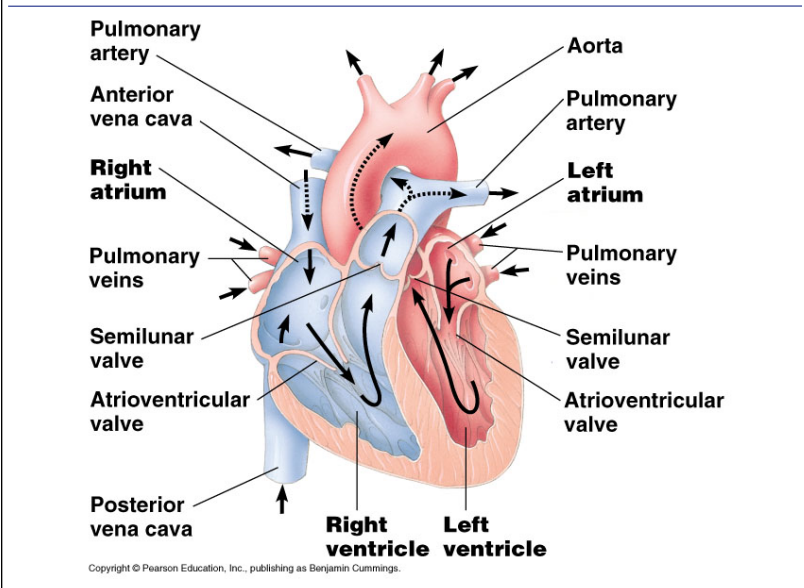
Figure 42.4 The mammalian cardiovascular system: an overview



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Figure 42.5 The mammalian heart: a closer look



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The Cardiac Cycle

Diastole

chambers are relaxed, blood can flow in

Atrial Systole

atria contract, pushing blood into ventricles

Ventricular Systole

ventricles contract with high pressure, pushing blood into the lungs and systemic circulation

Diastolic pressure (bottom number)

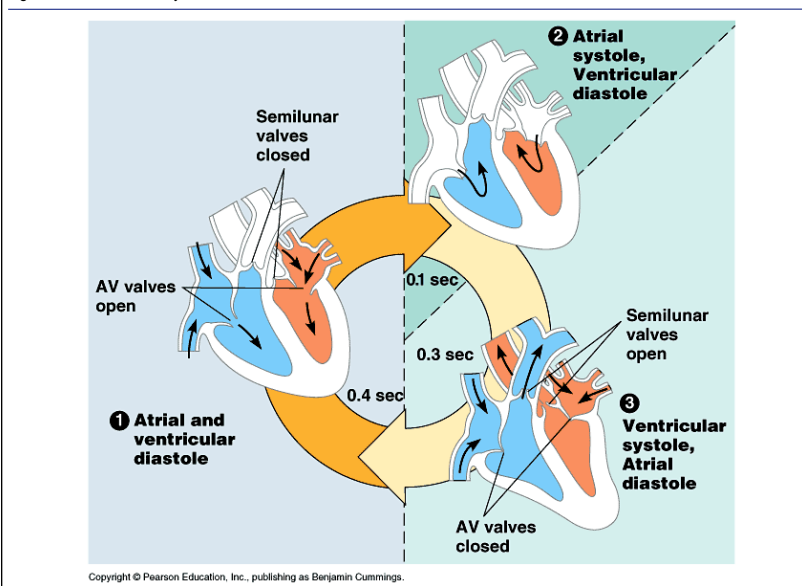
arterial pressure when ventricle is relaxed

Systolic pressure (top number)

arterial pressure when ventricle contracts and pumps

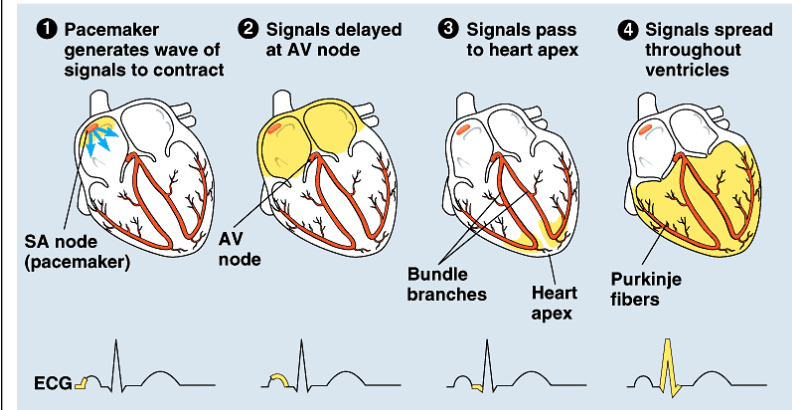
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Figure 42.6 The cardiac cycle



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Figure 42.7 The control of heart rhythm



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Events of the Cardiac Cycle

Electrical	Atria	AV valves	Ventricles	Semi-Lunar valves	Blood Flow
between beats	diastole	open	diastole	closed	into atria
SA node fires, spreads to AV node	systole	open	diastole	closed	into ventricles
spreads to Apex	systole	open	diastole	closed	
spreads thru Purkinje fibers	diastole	closed	systole	open	into lungs, systemic circ.

diastole = relaxed, systole = contracting.

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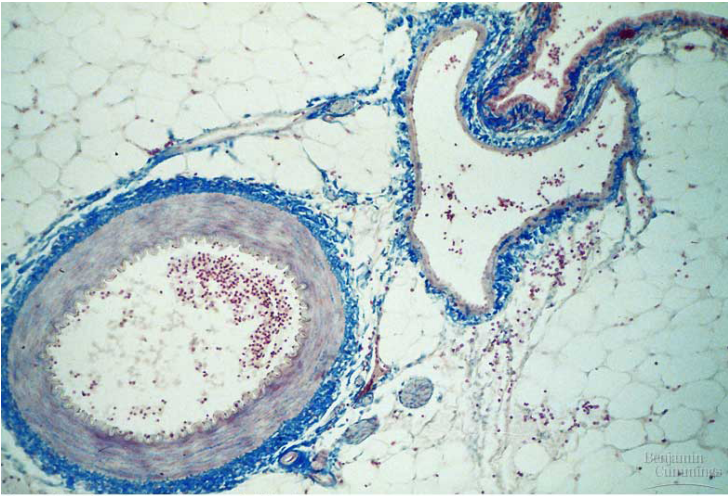
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Vein with thin floppy wall

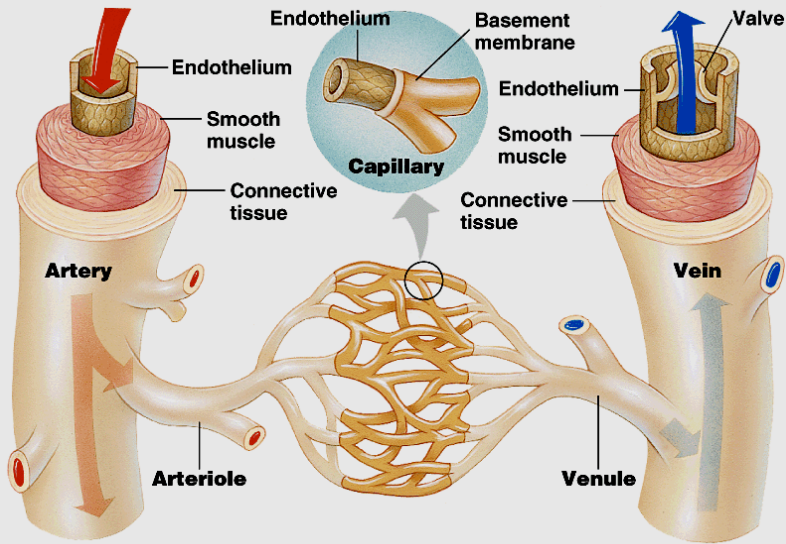


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Artery with thick, muscular elastic wall

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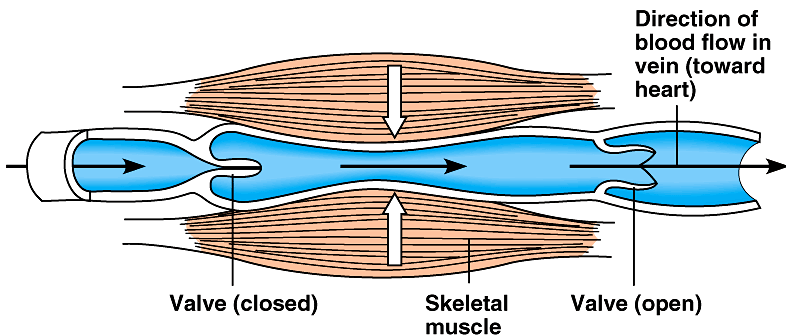
Figure 42.8 The structure of blood vessels



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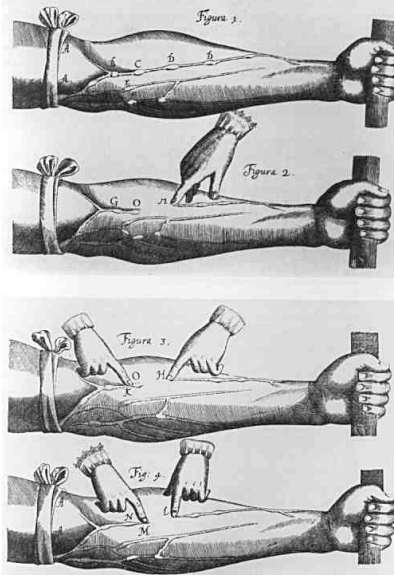
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Figure 42.9 Blood flow in veins



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Features of Capillaries

Capillaries are a way to increase surface area of circulation exposed to the tissues.

High Arterial pressure forces fluid out of capillaries at arterial end, but lower pressure pulls fluid into capillaries as they leave the tissue at venous end.

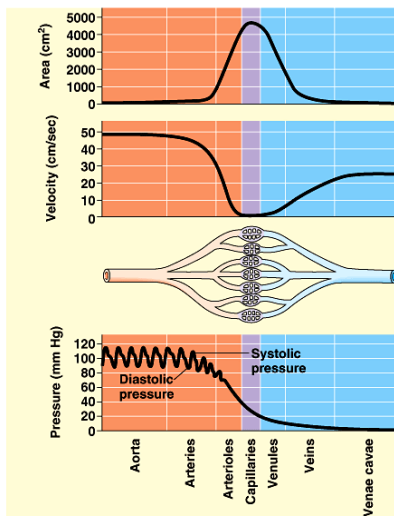
Walls are **fenestrated** (window-like holes) thus leaky; gases, nutrients etc. readily exchanged.

Except for capillaries in the brain, which have specialized endothelium cells that block most chemicals from entering, unless they are transported (e.g. glucose, amino acid transporters) or hydrophobic (steroids, drugs).

Blood flow into the tissues is controlled by hormones and nerves via sphincters at the arterioles feeding the capillary beds.

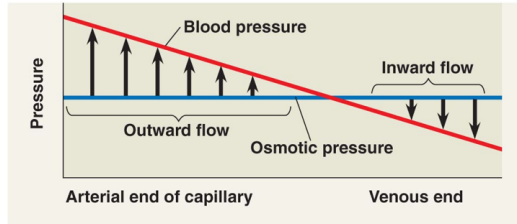
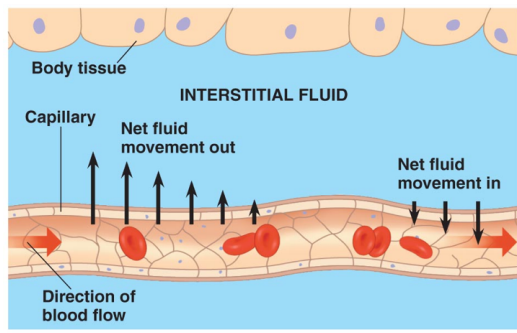
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Figure 42.10 The interrelationship of blood flow velocity, cross-sectional area of blood vessels, and blood pressure



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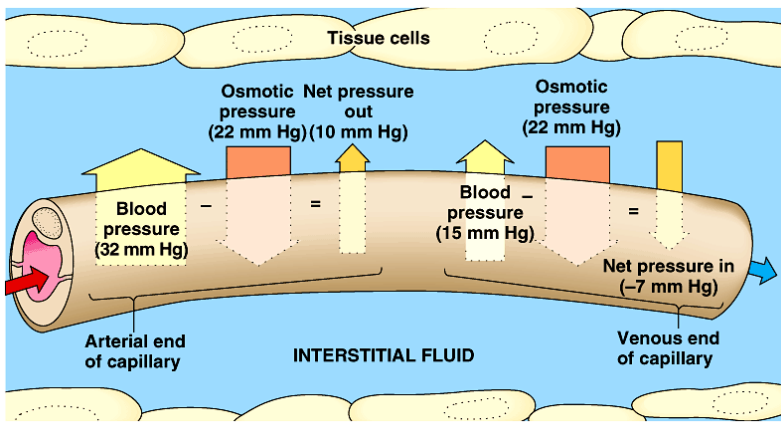
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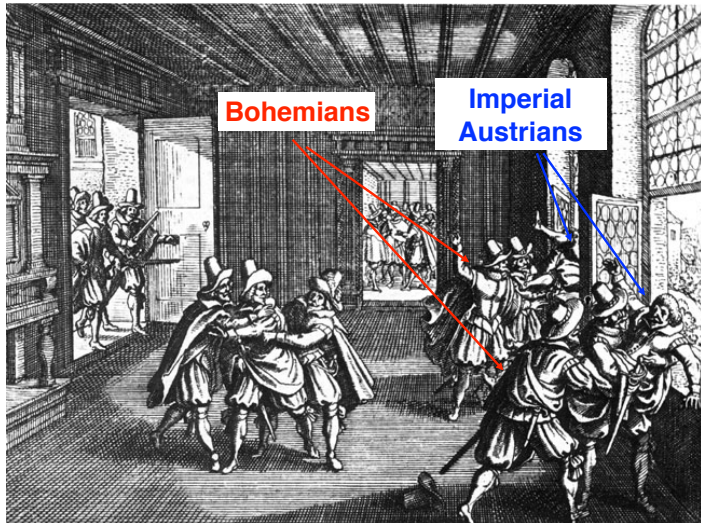
Figure 42.13 The movement of fluid between capillaries and the interstitial fluid



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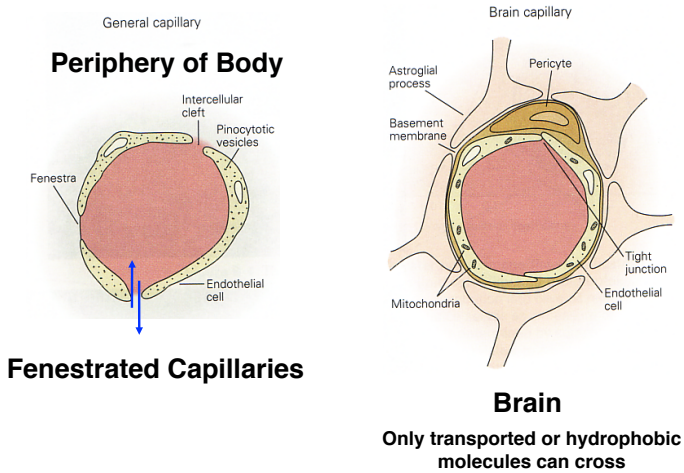
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Defenestration of Prague in 1618: started 30-years war



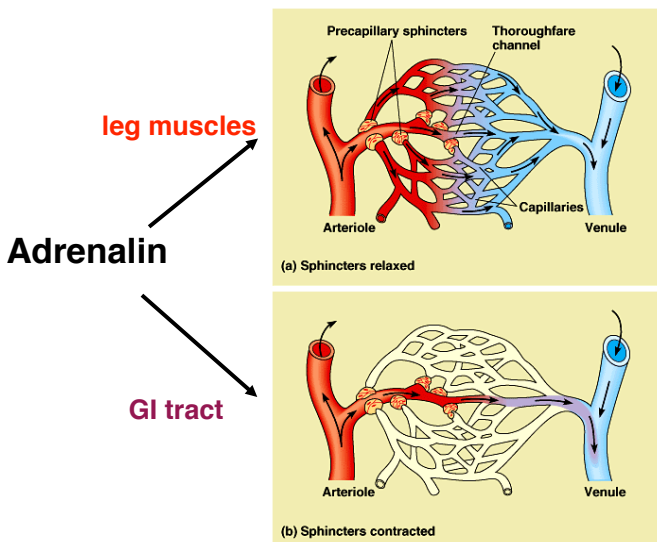
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Blood Brain Barrier



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Figure 42.12 Blood flow in capillary beds



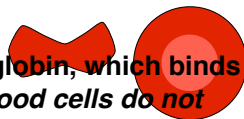
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Composition of Blood (see Figure 42.14)

Red Blood Cells

Biconcave discs. Contain hemoglobin, which binds O_2 and helps transport CO_2 . *Red blood cells do not have nuclei or mitochondria, so no DNA!*



White Blood Cells

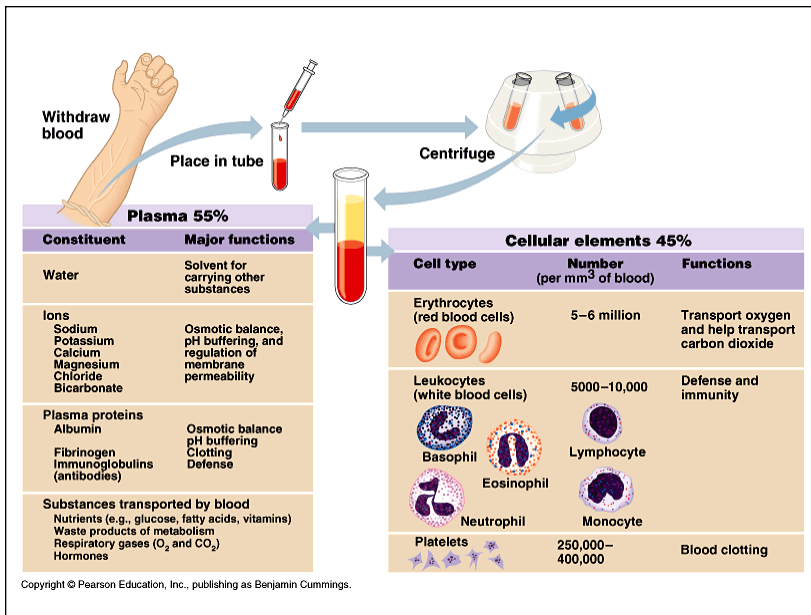
Immune system cells. Source of DNA for PCR fingerprinting studies using blood.

Platelets

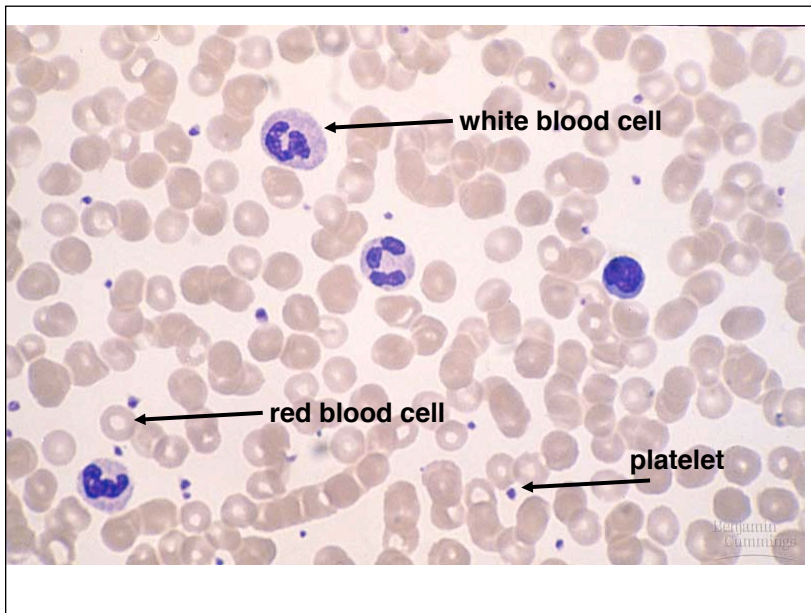
Very small fragments of cells which help in blood clotting.

All derived from bone marrow stem cells.

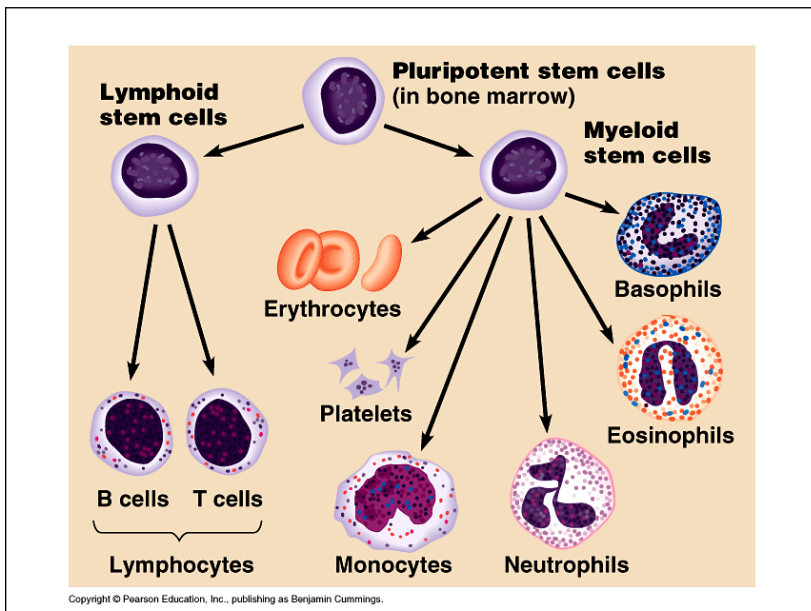
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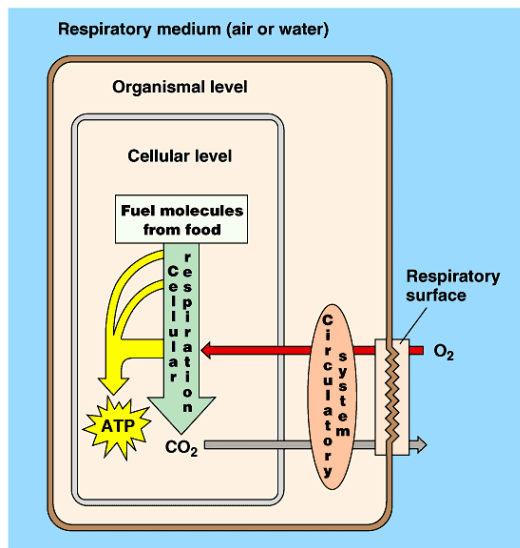
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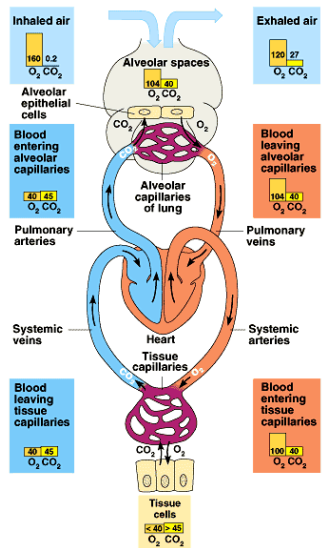
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Figure 42.27 Loading and unloading of respiratory gases



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Respiratory Pigments

Hemocyanin

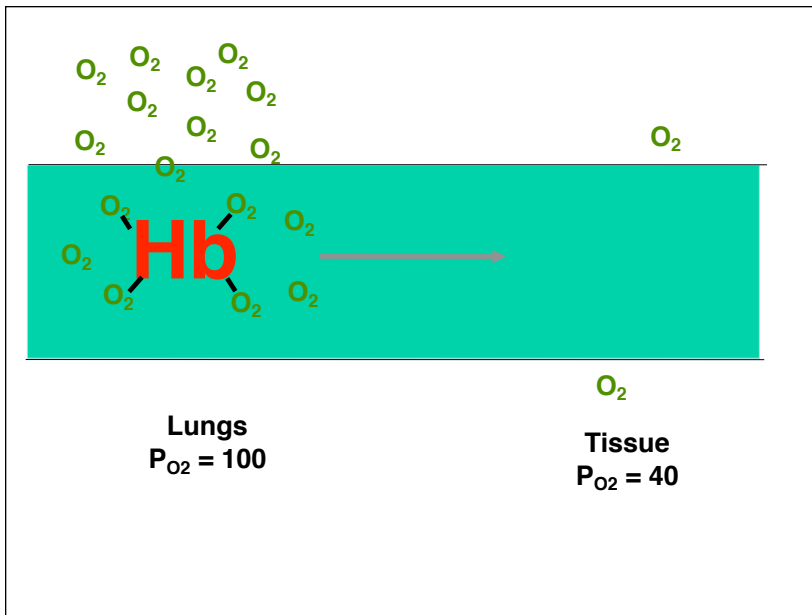
Copper-based O₂ binding protein in arthropods and mollusks, so bluish blood.

Hemoglobin

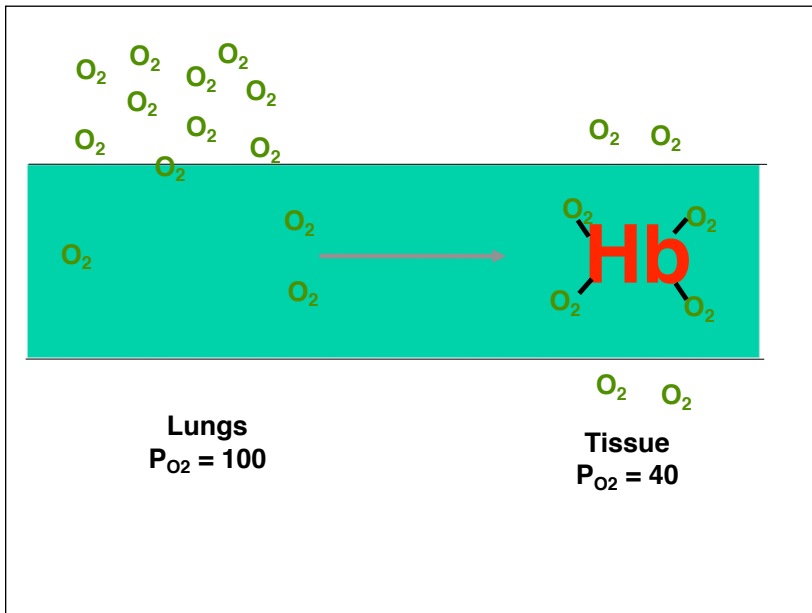
Iron-based O₂ binding protein in vertebrates, so reddish blood.

Each hemoglobin molecule binds four O₂ molecules; red blood cell has 250 million hemoglobin molecules, so 1 billion O₂ molecules per cell.

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Dissociation Curve for Hemoglobin

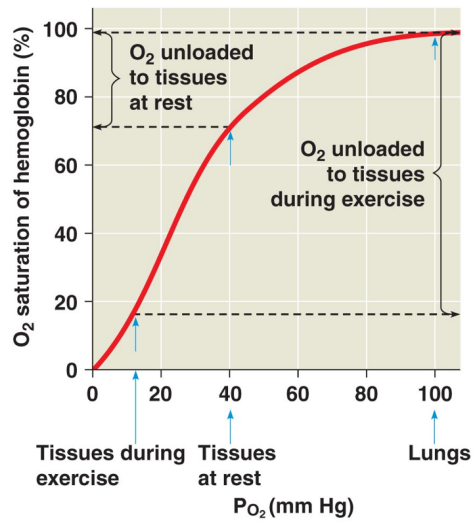
How to pick and deliver O_2 at the right places? Use chemistry of hemoglobin in response to O_2 and CO_2

- A. Hemoglobin **binds** O_2 very well when the O_2 concentration is **high** (e.g. lung)

Hemoglobin **releases** O_2 well when the O_2 concentration is **low** (i.e. tissues)

- B. Bohr Shift:
Hemoglobin releases O_2 even better when pH is low (i.e. high CO_2 -> high carbonic acid -> low pH)

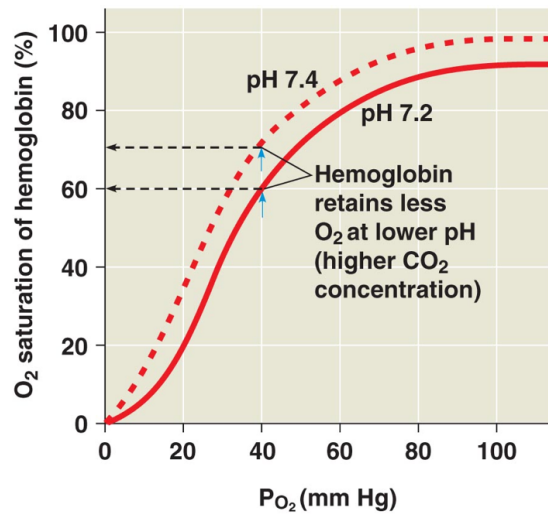
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(a) PO₂ and hemoglobin dissociation at pH 7.4

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(b) pH and hemoglobin dissociation

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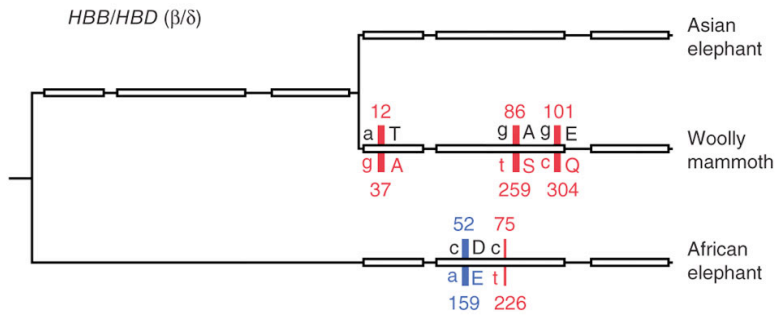
Mammoth Hemoglobin



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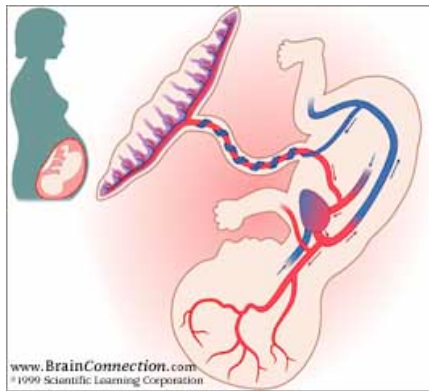
- Hemoglobin binds O₂ more strongly at low temperatures
- How to offload O₂ in extremities in arctic cold?
- Hb DNA amplified from 43,000 y.o. frozen Siberian mammoth
- 3 amino acid substitutions give mammoth Hb a lower affinity for O₂ at low temperatures

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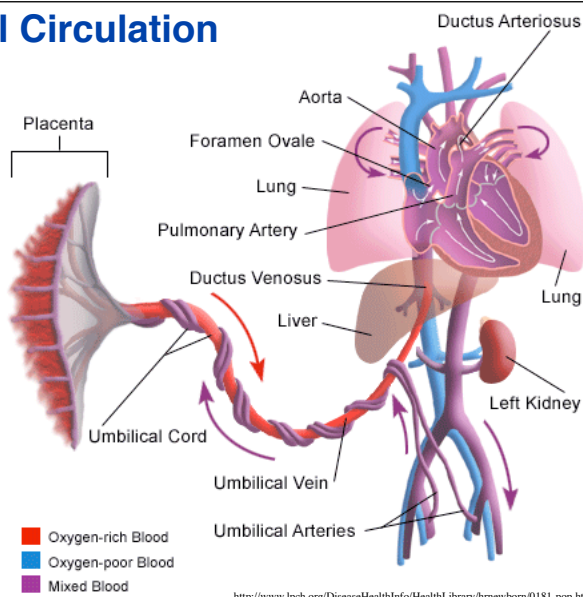
Fetal Circulation

- Placenta: Gas (and nutrient) exchange in high-surface area capillary bed
- Fetal Hemoglobin binds more O₂ in low-O₂ environment of placenta
- Shunts in fetal heart to send O₂ rich blood directly from vena cava to left side atrium (oval foramen) and to aorta (ductus arteriosus) so that lungs are bypassed



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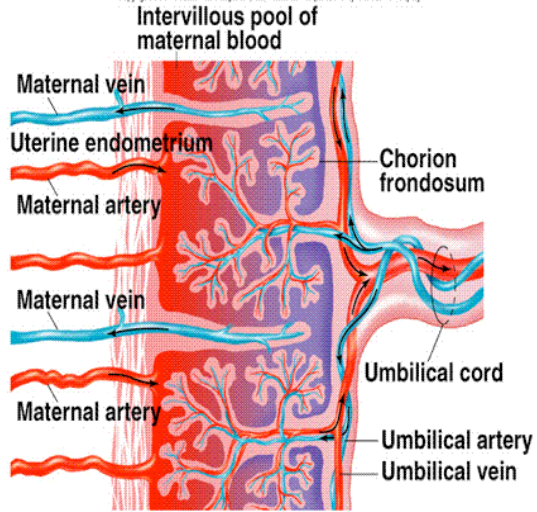
Fetal Circulation



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Placental Circulation

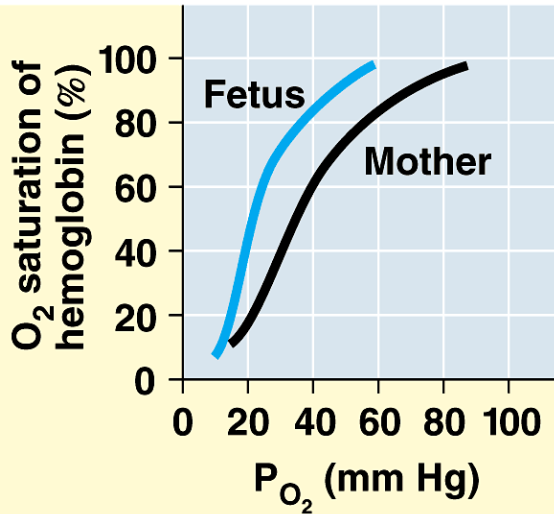
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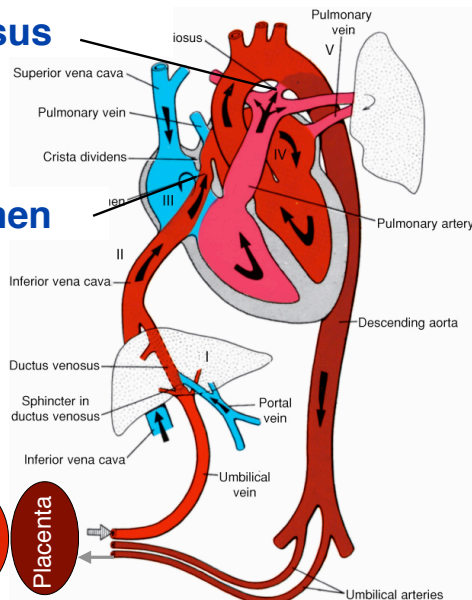
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Ductus Arteriosus

Shunt connects pulmonary artery to aorta (bypassing lungs)

Oval Foramen

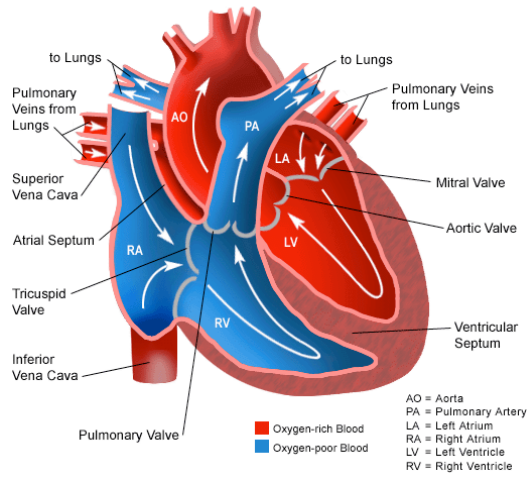
Shunt connects right atrium to left atrium (bypassing lungs)



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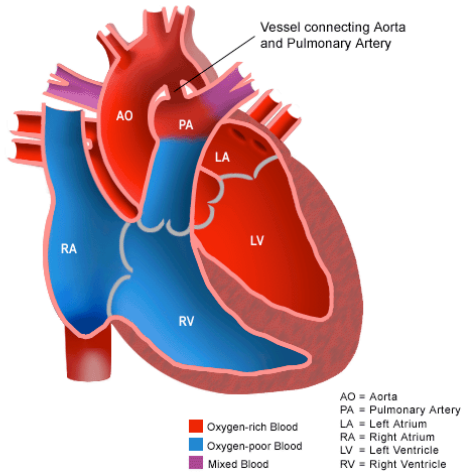
Normal Heart



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Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA)



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Hemoglobin and Carbon Dioxide

Hemoglobin also aids in the transport of CO₂:

7% CO₂ dissolves in plasma

23% binds to hemoglobin

70% dissociates into bicarbonate in plasma

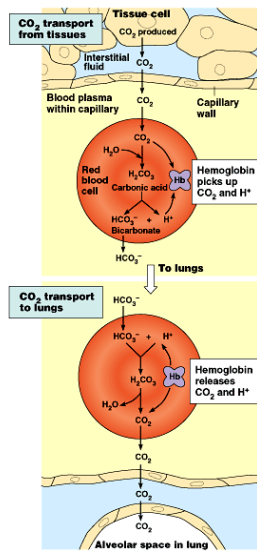
Carbon Monoxide also binds hemoglobin, but binding is irreversible (210x higher than O₂).

Binding of 50-80% of hemoglobin is fatal.

Victims of CO poisoning are cherry red, because of carboxyhemoglobin color.

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Figure 42.29 Carbon dioxide transport in the blood



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Compartments of the Body

The body can be divided up into conceptual “compartments” that are separated by physical barriers (e.g. linings of blood vessels, lining of lungs, lining of GI tract)

Circulatory system transports O₂ and water-soluble chemicals between compartments (e.g. from lungs to tissues, or from gut to tissues)

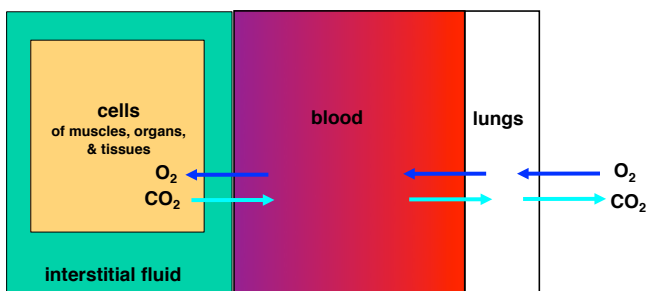
Other compounds may take different routes (e.g. fats travel from gut to tissues and fat depots through lymphatic vessels).

Different compartments have different permeabilities, so a compound or drug may be distributed unevenly through the body.

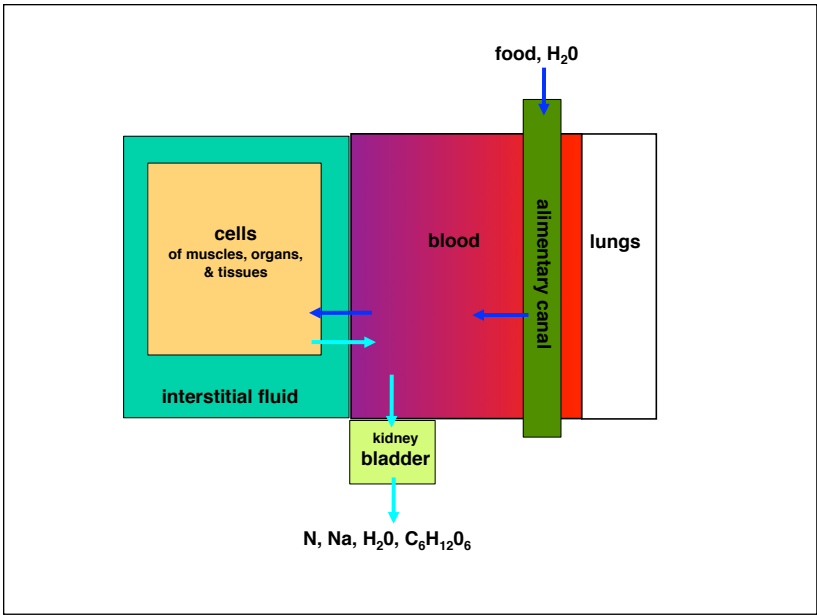
Two compartments have very tight barriers that block all chemicals except very small molecules (O₂, H₂O) or hydrophobic compounds (steroids, many drugs): the brain and the placenta.

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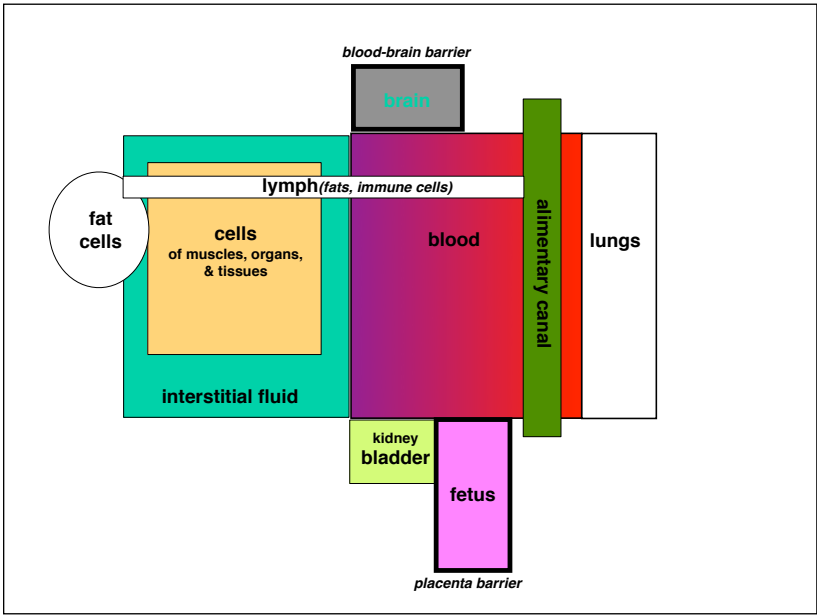
Movement between “Compartments”



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