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CHAPTER 21
The Cardiovascular System: Blood Vessels and Hemodynamics

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Introduction

The purpose of the chapter is to:

1. Discuss the development, structure, and function of our blood vessels
2. Examine the factors that affect blood flow
3. Discuss how the body controls blood pressure and blood flow
4. Compare and contrast the various circulatory routes in the body
5. Learn about shock, disorders, and disease associated with the blood vessels

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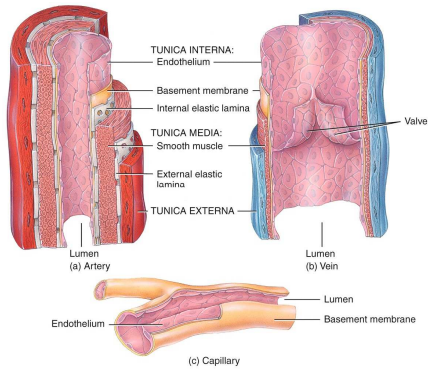
Blood Vessel Structure

In general a blood vessel has 3 layers:

1. Tunica interna (a.k.a. tunica intima)
 - Innermost layer, adjacent to lumen
2. Tunica media
 - Middle layer, smooth muscle and elastic fibers
3. Tunica externa
 - Outermost layer, adjacent to surrounding tissue

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Comparing Blood Vessel Structure



Vessels of the CV System

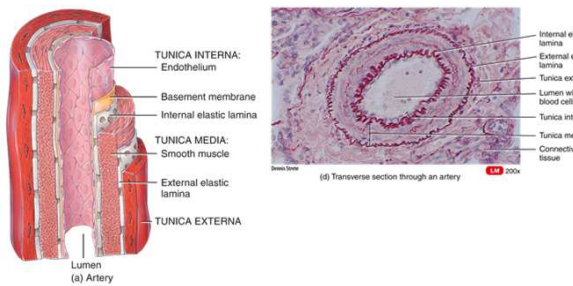
Anatomy Overview:

- The Cardiovascular System
Arteries, arterioles, capillaries, venules, and veins

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Arteries & Arterioles



Arteries

Arteries carry blood away from the heart to the tissues

- The walls of the arteries are elastic which allows them to absorb the pressure created by ventricles of the heart as they pump blood into the arteries
- Because of the smooth muscle in the tunica media, arteries can regulate their diameter

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Types of Arteries

Elastic arteries (conducting arteries)

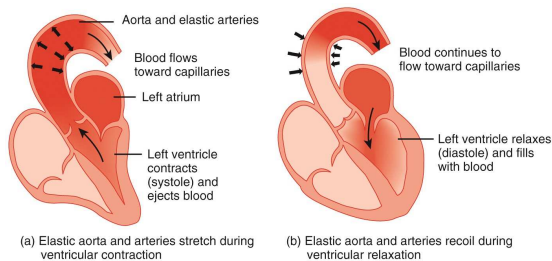
- Large diameter
- More elastic fibers, less smooth muscle
- Function as pressure reservoirs

Muscular arteries (distributing arteries)

- Medium diameter
- More smooth muscle, fewer elastic fibers
- Distribute blood to various parts of the body

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Arteries as Pressure Reservoirs



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Anastomoses

An anastomosis is the union of the branches of 2 or more arteries supplying the same region of the body

- This provides an alternate route for blood flow
- Arteries that do not form an anastomosis are called "end arteries"
- If an end artery is blocked, blood cannot get to that particular region of the body and necrosis can occur

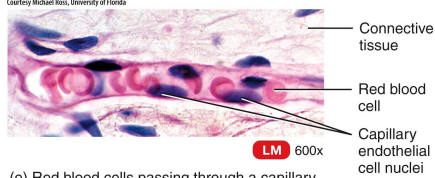
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Capillaries



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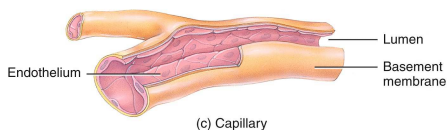


(e) Red blood cells passing through a capillary

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Capillaries

- Capillaries are microscopic vessels that usually connect arterioles and venules
- Capillary walls are composed of a single layer of cells and a basement membrane
 - Because their walls are so thin, capillaries permit the exchange of nutrients and wastes between blood and tissue cells

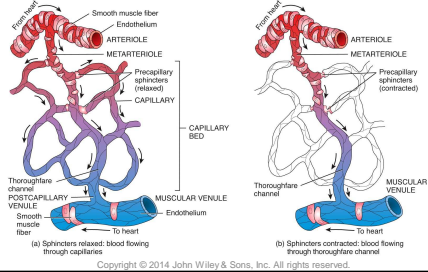


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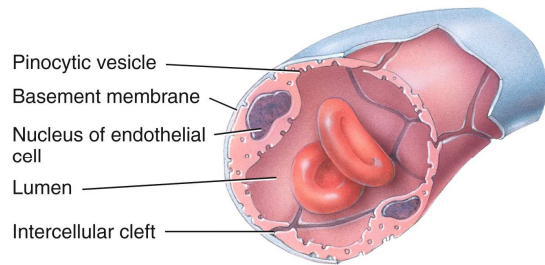
Blood Flow Through Capillaries

Capillaries branch to form an extensive capillary network throughout the tissues and are found near almost every cell in the body



Types of Capillaries

Continuous capillaries

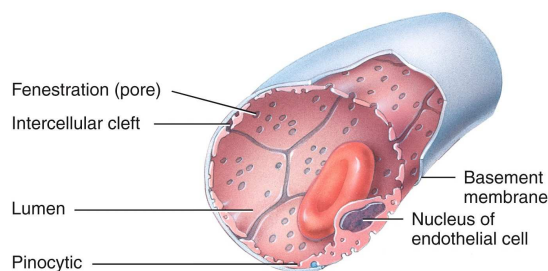


(a) Continuous capillary formed by endothelial cells

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Types of Capillaries

Fenestrated capillaries

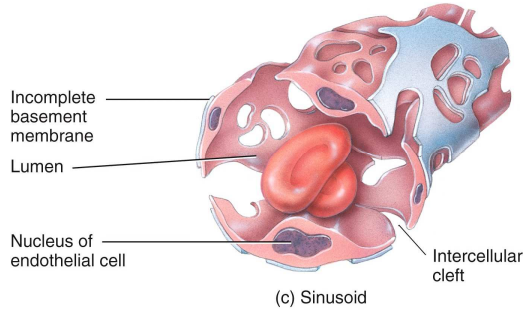


(b) Fenestrated capillary

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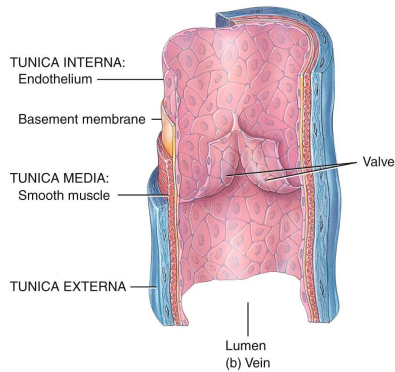
Types of Capillaries

Sinusoid capillaries



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Veins & Venules



Lumen
(b) Vein
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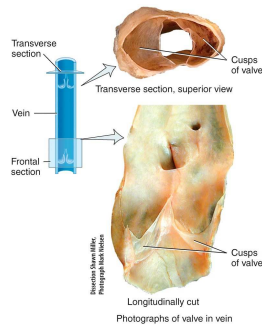
Venules

- Venules are small vessels that are formed by the union of several capillaries
- Venules drain blood from capillaries into veins

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Veins

- Veins are formed from the union of several venules
- Compared to arteries, veins have a thinner tunica interna and media and a thicker tunica externa
 - Veins have less elastic tissue and less smooth muscle than arteries
- Veins contain valves



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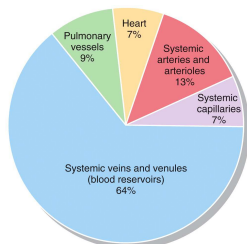
TABLE 21.1
Distinguishing Features of Blood Vessels

BLOOD VESSEL	SIZE	TUNICA INTERNA	TUNICA MEDIA	TUNICA EXTERNA	FUNCTION
Elastic arteries	Largest arteries in the body.	Well-defined internal elastic lamina.	Thick and dominated by elastic fibers; well-defined external elastic lamina.	Thinner than tunica media.	Conduct blood from heart to muscular arteries.
Muscular arteries	Medium-sized arteries.	Well-defined internal elastic lamina.	Thick and dominated by smooth muscle; thin external elastic lamina.	Thicker than tunica media.	Distribute blood to arterioles.
Arterioles	Microscopic (15–300 μm in diameter).	Thin with a fenestrated internal elastic lamina that disappears distally.	One or two layers of circularly oriented smooth muscle; distalmost smooth muscle cell forms a precapillary sphincter.	Loose collagenous connective tissue and sympathetic nerves.	Deliver blood to capillaries and help regulate blood flow from arteries to capillaries.
Capillaries	Microscopic; smallest blood vessels (5–10 μm in diameter).	Endothelium and basement membrane.	None.	None.	Permit exchange of nutrients and wastes between blood and interstitial fluid; distribute blood to postcapillary venules.
Postcapillary venules	Microscopic (10–50 μm in diameter).	Endothelium and basement membrane.	None.	Sparsely.	Pass blood into muscular venules; permit exchange of nutrients and wastes between blood and interstitial fluid and function in white blood cell emigration.
Muscular venules	Microscopic (50–200 μm in diameter).	Endothelium and basement membrane.	One or two layers of circularly oriented smooth muscle.	Sparsely.	Pass blood into veins; act as reservoirs for accumulating large volumes of blood (along with postcapillary venules).
Veins	Range from 0.5 mm to 3 cm in diameter.	Endothelium and basement membrane; no internal elastic lamina; contain valves; lumen much larger than in accompanying artery.	Much thinner than in arteries; no external elastic lamina.	Thickest of the three layers.	Return blood to heart, facilitated by valves in limb veins.

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Blood Distribution

At rest, the largest portion of the blood is in systemic veins and venules (blood reservoirs)



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Capillary Exchange

Substances cross capillary walls by:

- Diffusion
- Transcytosis
- Bulk flow

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Capillary Exchange

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Diffusion

Substances such as oxygen, carbon dioxide, glucose, amino acids, and some hormones cross capillary walls via *simple diffusion*

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Transcytosis

Large, lipid-insoluble molecules (like insulin) cross capillary walls in vesicles via transcytosis

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Bulk Flow

Bulk flow is a passive process in which large numbers of ions, molecules, or particles in a fluid move together in the same direction

- Bulk flow occurs from an area of higher pressure to an area of lower pressure, and it continues as long as a pressure difference exists

Bulk flow is more important for regulation of the relative volumes of blood and interstitial fluid

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Filtration and Reabsorption

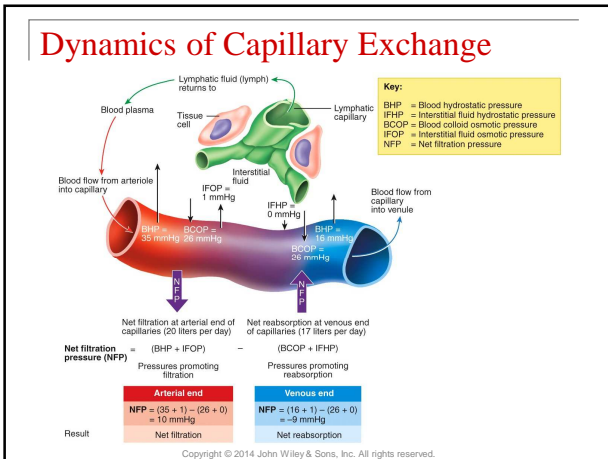
Filtration is pressure-driven movement of fluid and solutes from blood capillaries into interstitial fluid

- Blood hydrostatic pressure (BHP) and interstitial fluid osmotic pressure (IFOP) promote filtration

Reabsorption is pressure-driven movement of fluid and solutes from interstitial fluid into blood capillaries

- Interstitial fluid hydrostatic pressure (IFHP) and blood colloid osmotic pressure (BCOP) promote reabsorption

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Starling's Law of the Capillaries

Under normal conditions, the volume of fluid and solutes reabsorbed is almost as large as the volume filtered

- $NFP = (BHP + IFOP) - (BCOP + IFHP)$

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Factors Affecting Blood Flow

- Blood flow is the volume of blood that flows through any tissue in a given time period (in mL/min)
- Total blood flow is cardiac output (CO), the volume of blood that circulates through systemic (or pulmonary) blood vessels each minute
 - $CO = \text{heart rate (HR)} \times \text{stroke volume (SV)}$
 - $CO = \text{mean arterial pressure (MAP)} \div \text{resistance (R)}$

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Cardiac Output

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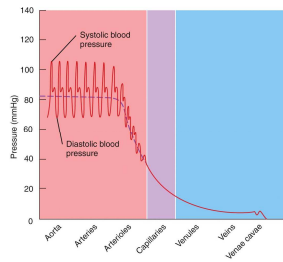
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Blood Pressure (BP)

- Contraction of the ventricles generates BP
- BP is determined by CO, blood volume, and vascular resistance
- The higher the BP, the greater the blood flow



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Vascular Regulation

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Vascular Resistance (R)

R is the opposition to blood flow due to friction between blood and the walls of blood vessels

- The higher the R, the smaller the blood flow

R depends on:

1. Size of the blood vessel lumen
2. Blood viscosity
3. Total blood vessel length

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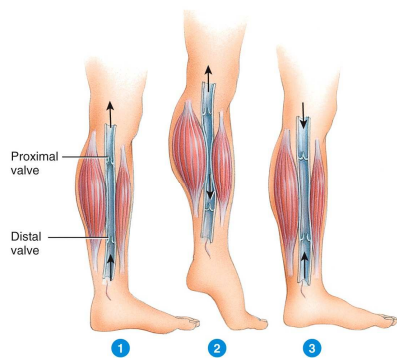
Venous Return

Venous return, the volume of blood flowing back to the heart through the systemic veins, occurs due to the pressure generated by contractions of the heart's left ventricle

- Venous return is assisted by:
 - Valves
 - Respiratory pump
 - Skeletal muscle pump

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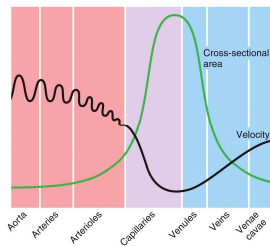
Skeletal Muscle Pump



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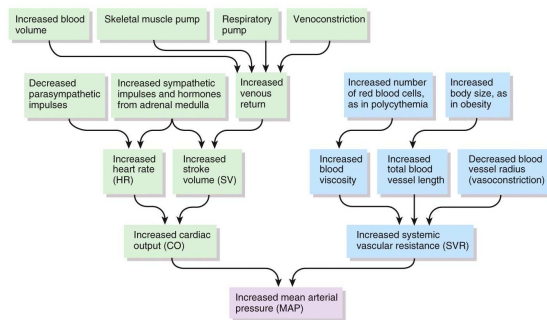
Velocity of Blood Flow

- Blood flow is the volume of blood that flows through a tissue in a given period of time
- Blood flow is inversely related to the cross-sectional area of blood vessels



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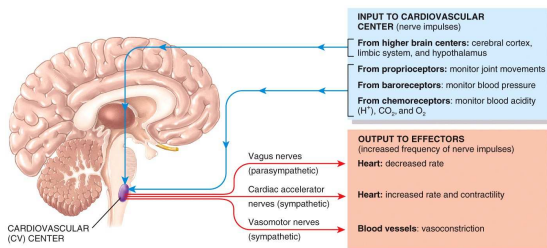
Factors That Affect BP



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Control of BP and Blood Flow

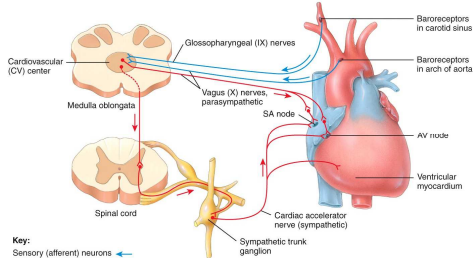
The medulla oblongata contains a *cardiovascular center*, which is a group of neurons that regulate heart rate, contractility, and blood vessel diameter



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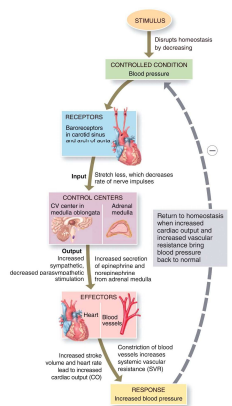
Control of BP and Blood Flow

Baroreceptors are important pressure-sensitive sensory neurons that monitor stretching of the walls of blood vessels and the atria



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Negative Feedback Regulation of BP



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Blood Pressure Regulation

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Hormonal Regulation of BP

TABLE 21.2
Blood Pressure Regulation by Hormones

FACTOR INFLUENCING BLOOD PRESSURE	HORMONE	EFFECT ON BLOOD PRESSURE
CARDIAC OUTPUT		
Increased heart rate and contractility	Norepinephrine, epinephrine	Increase
SYSTEMIC VASCULAR RESISTANCE		
Vasoconstriction	Angiotensin II, antidiuretic hormone (ADH), norepinephrine,* epinephrine. [†]	Increase
Vasodilation	Atrial natriuretic peptide (ANP), epinephrine, [‡] nitric oxide.	Decrease
BLOOD VOLUME		
Blood volume increase	Aldosterone, antidiuretic hormone.	Increase
Blood volume decrease	Atrial natriuretic peptide.	Decrease

*Acts at α_1 receptors in arterioles of abdomen and skin.
[†]Acts at β_1 receptors in arterioles of cardiac and skeletal muscle; norepinephrine has a much smaller vasodilating effect.

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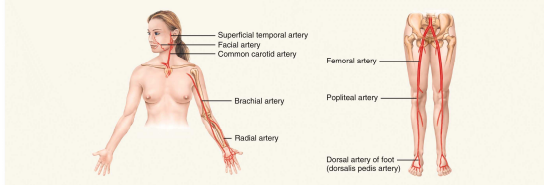
Autoregulation of BP

- Autoregulation is the ability of a tissue to automatically adjust its own blood flow to match its metabolic demand for delivery of oxygen and nutrients and removal of wastes
- Physical and chemical stimuli can lead to autoregulation

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Checking Circulation

Pulse Points			
STRUCTURE	LOCATION	STRUCTURE	LOCATION
Superficial temporal artery	Medial to ear.	femoral artery	Inferior to inguinal ligament.
Facial artery	Mandible (lower jawbone) on line with corners of mouth.	Popliteal artery	Posterior to knee.
Common carotid artery	Lateral to larynx (voice box).	Radial artery	Lateral aspect of wrist.
Brachial artery	Medial side of biceps brachii muscle.	Dorsal artery of foot (dorsalis pedis artery)	Superior to instep of foot.

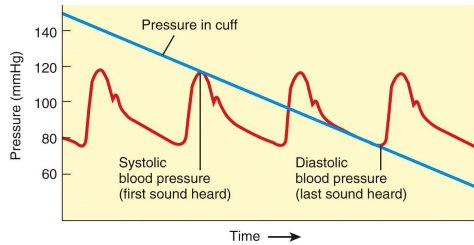


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Checking Circulation

Measurement of BP

- Systolic blood pressure (SBP)
- Diastolic blood pressure (DBP)



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Shock and Homeostasis

Shock is an inadequate CO that results in failure of the CV system to meet the metabolic demands of body cells

- Cell membranes dysfunction, cell metabolism is abnormal, and cell death may occur

Types of shock:

1. Hypovolemic
2. Cardiogenic
3. Vascular
4. Obstructive

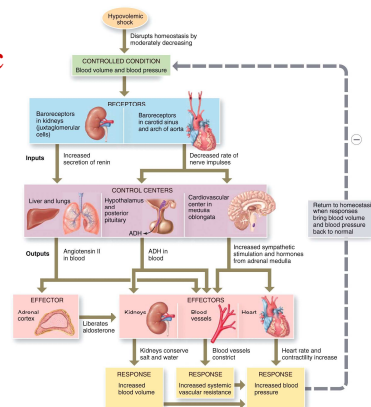
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Homeostatic Responses to Shock

- Activation of the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system
- Secretion of anti-diuretic hormone
- Activation of the sympathetic division of the autonomic nervous system
- Release of local vasodilators

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Responses to Hypovolemic Shock



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Signs and Symptoms of Shock

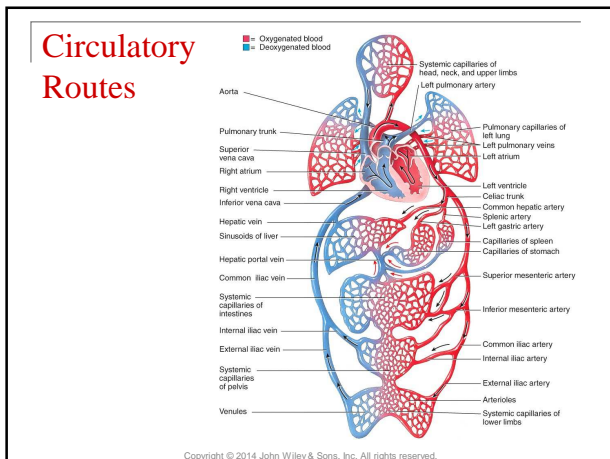
- Clammy, cool, pale skin
- Tachycardia
- Weak, rapid pulse
- Sweating
- Hypotension (SBP <90 mmHg)
- Altered mental status
- Decreased urinary output
- Thirst
- Acidosis

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Circulatory Routes

- Systemic circulation
- Pulmonary circulation
- Hepatic portal circulation
- Fetal circulation

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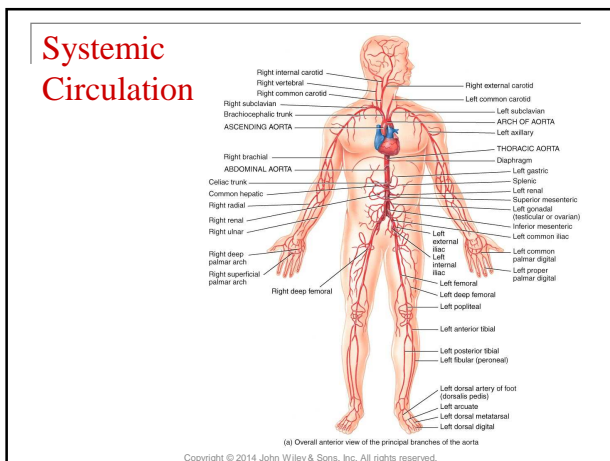
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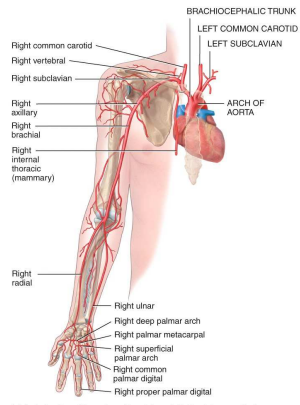
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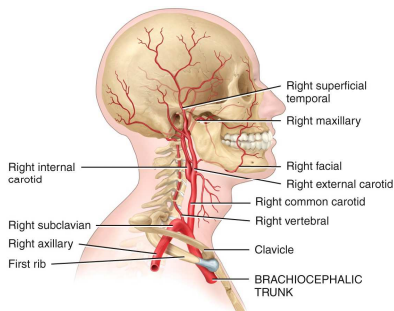
Systemic Circulation



(a) Anterior view of branches of brachiocephalic trunk in upper limb

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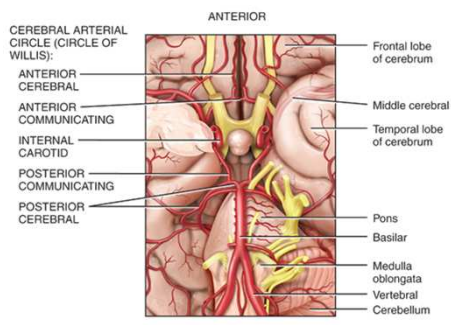
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(b) Right lateral view of branches of brachiocephalic trunk in neck and head

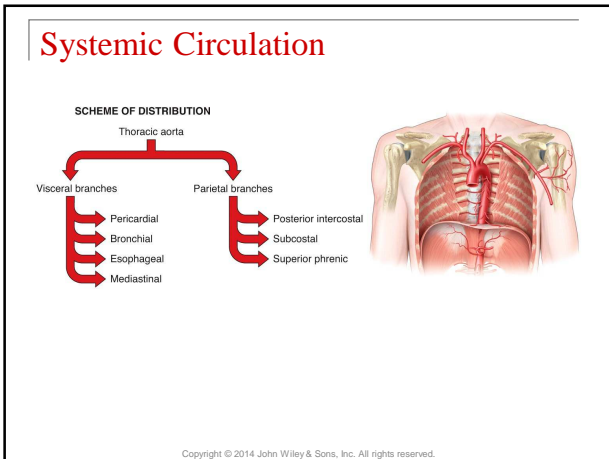
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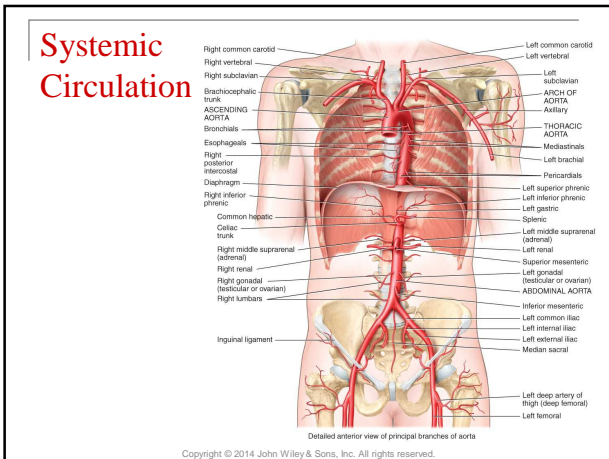
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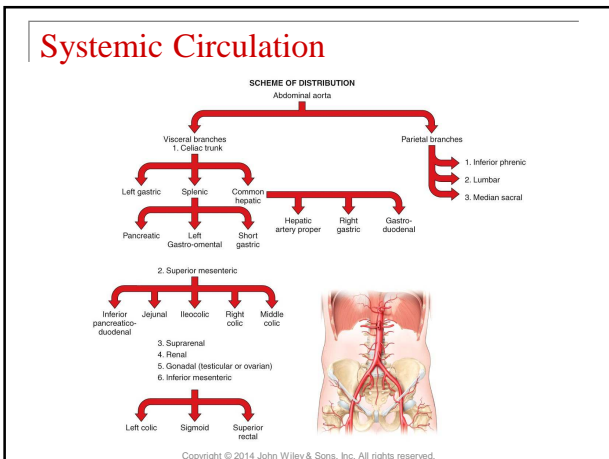


(c) Inferior view of base of brain showing cerebral arterial circle

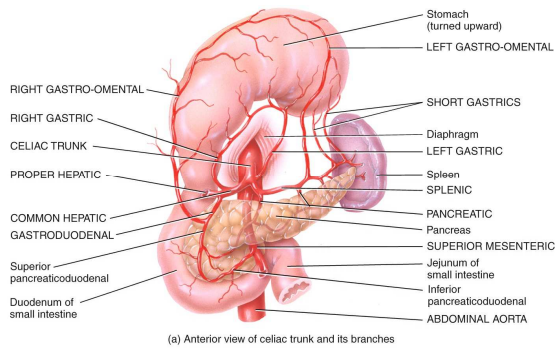
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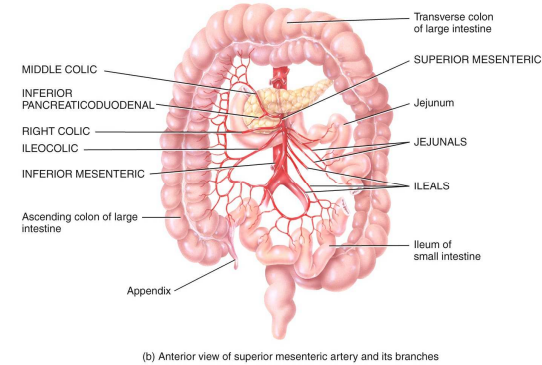


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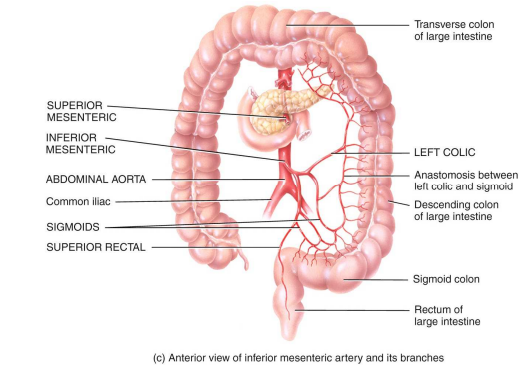
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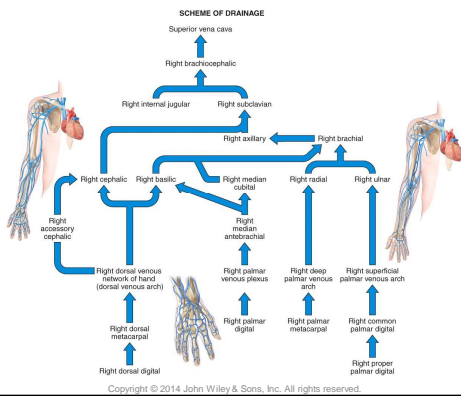
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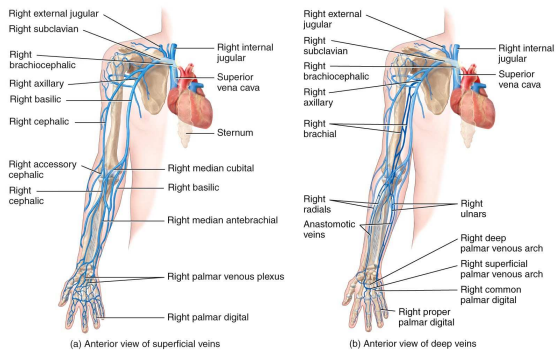


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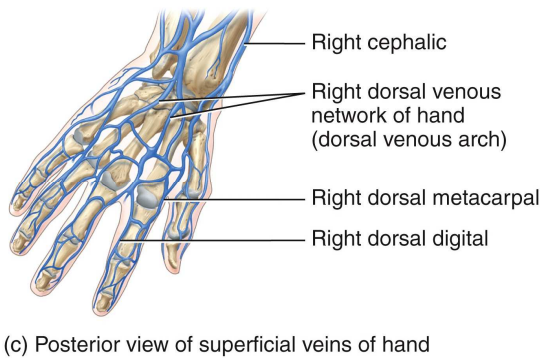
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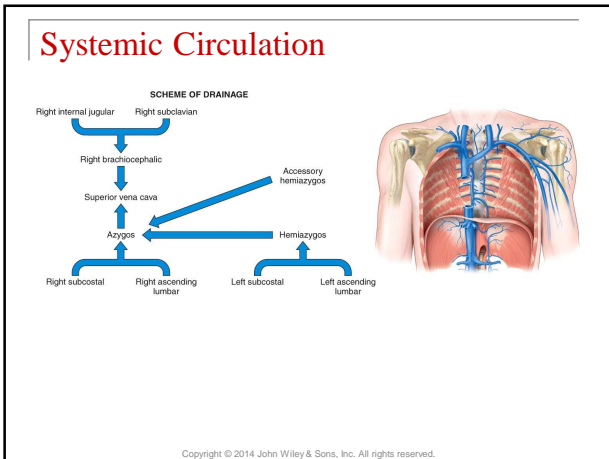


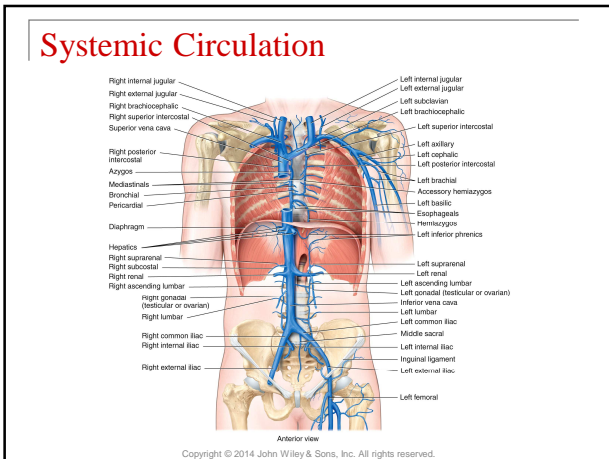
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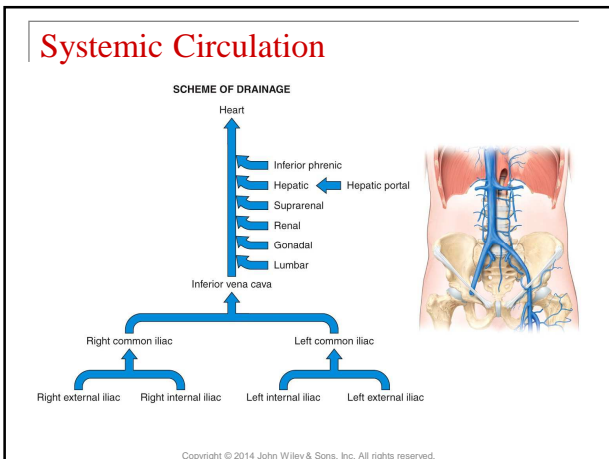


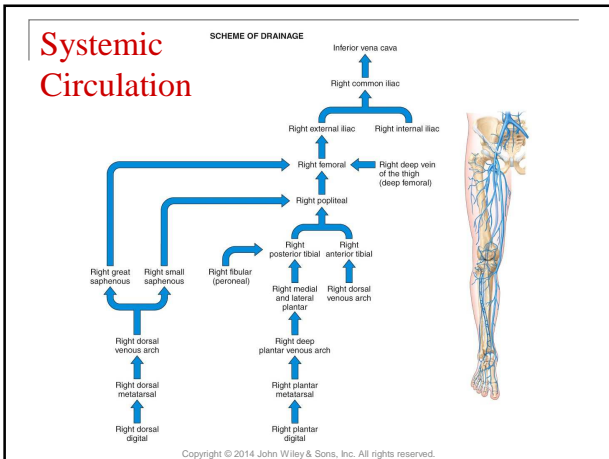
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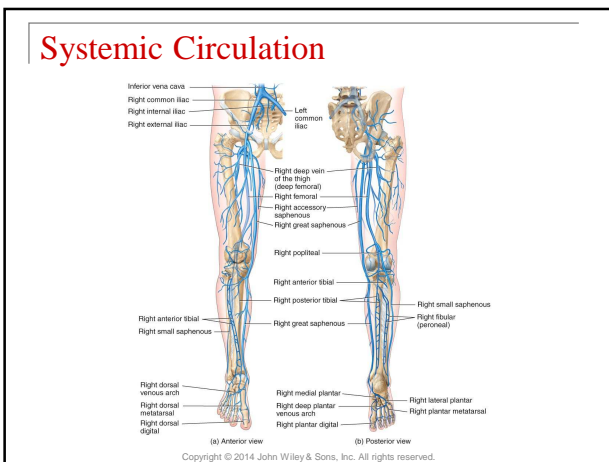


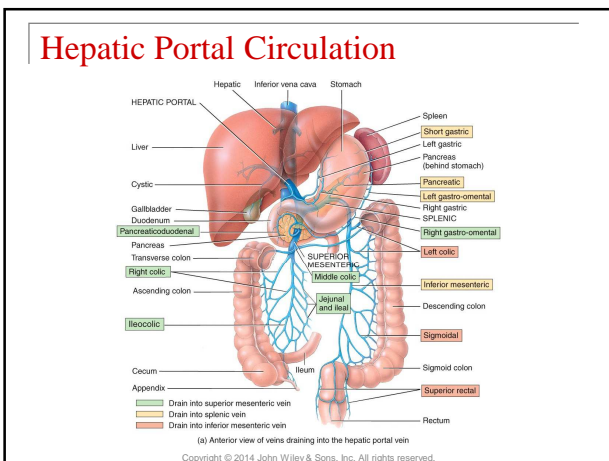


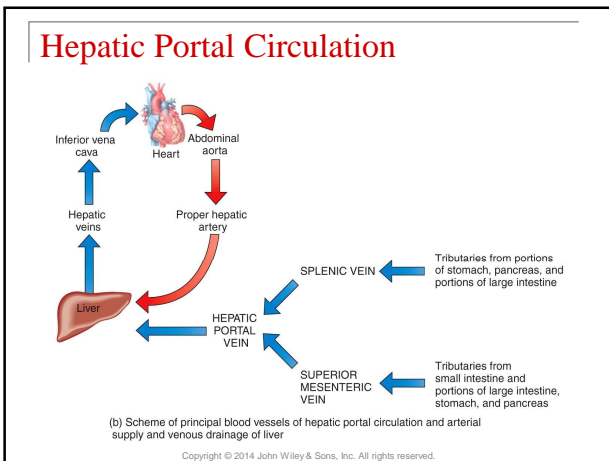


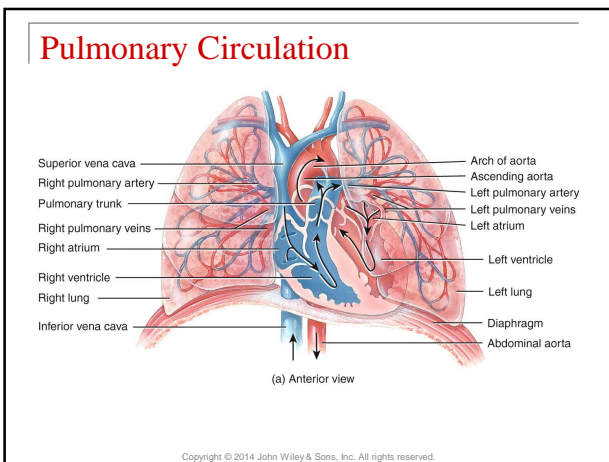


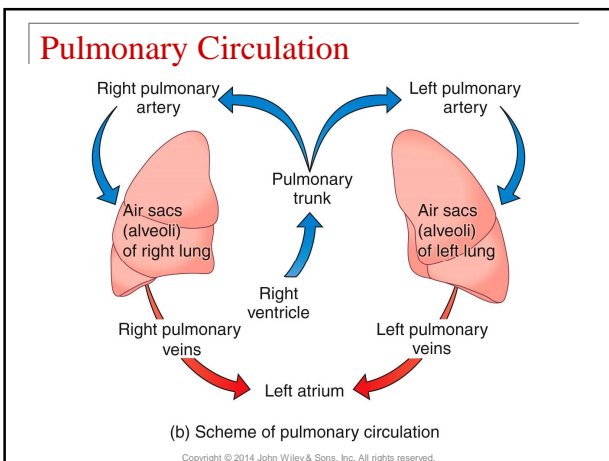


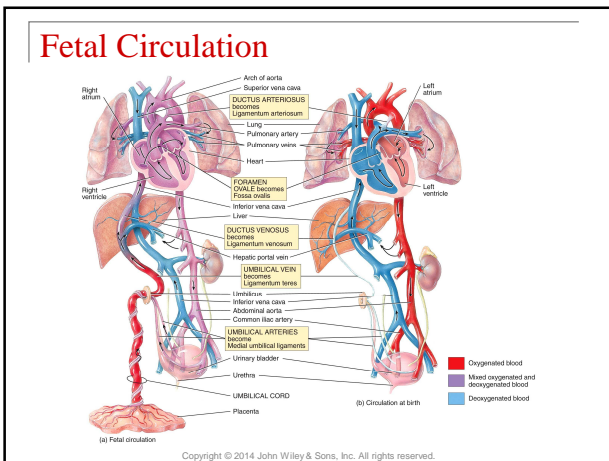


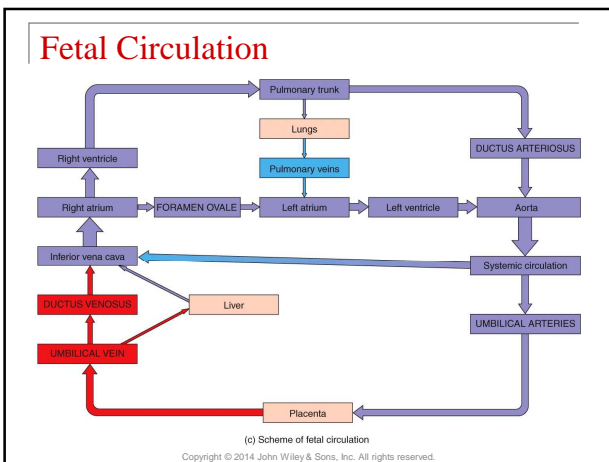


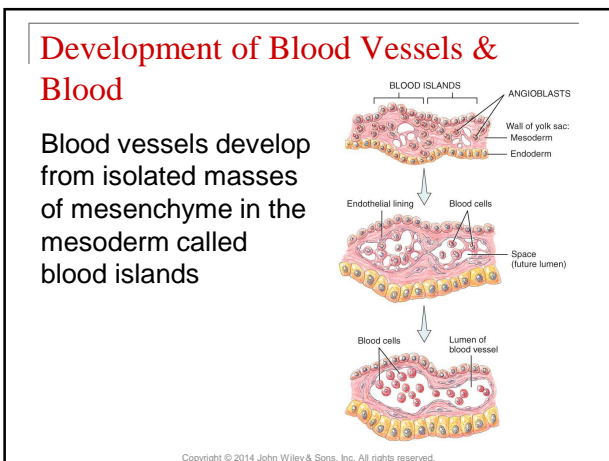












Aging and the CV System

Aging results in:

- Loss of compliance of the aorta
- Reduction in cardiac muscle fiber size
- Progressive loss of cardiac muscular strength
- Decline in maximum heart rate
- Increased systolic blood pressure

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Homeostasis

FOCUS on HOMEOSTASIS

CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM FOR ALL BODY SYSTEMS

- The heart pumps blood through blood vessels to body tissues, delivering oxygen and nutrients and removing wastes by means of capillary exchange
- Circulating blood keeps body tissues at a proper temperature

INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM

- Blood delivers clotting factors and white blood cells that aid in hemostasis when skin is damaged and contribute to repair of injured skin
- Keratin in the epidermis contributes to body temperature regulation by adjusting the amount of heat loss via the skin
- Blood flowing in skin may give skin a pink hue

SKELTAL SYSTEM

- Blood delivers calcium and phosphate ions that are needed for building bone, osteoblast matrix
- Blood-borne hormones that govern bone growth, bone maintenance or bone resorption, and osteoporosis that stimulates production of red blood cells by the bone marrow

MUSCULAR SYSTEM

- Blood circulating through exercising muscle removes heat and lactic acid

NERVOUS SYSTEM

- Interacts with brain chemical messengers in brain networks help produce cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) and contribute to the blood-brain barrier

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM

- Circulating blood delivers most hormones to their target tissues
- Androgens secrete androgenic peptide

LYMPHATIC SYSTEM and IMMUNITY

- Circulating blood distributes lymphocytes, antibodies, and macrophages that fight the immune response
- Lymph flows from veins essential fluid which flows from blood plasma, due to blood pressure generated by the heart

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

- Circulating blood transports oxygen from the lungs to body tissues and carbon dioxide to the lungs for exhalation

DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

- Blood carries newly absorbed nutrients and water to the liver
- Blood distributes hormones that aid digestion

URINARY SYSTEM

- Heart and blood vessels deliver 20% of the resting cardiac output to the kidneys, where blood is filtered, needed substances are reabsorbed, and unwanted substances are removed as part of urine, which is excreted

REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEMS

- Vasodilation of arterioles in penis and clitoris causes erection during sexual intercourse
- Blood carries hormones that regulate reproductive functions

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Homeostatic Imbalances

- Hypertension
 - SBP > 140 mmHg
 - DBP > 90 mmHg
- Primary hypertension
- Secondary hypertension

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