

## RESPIRATORY MECHANICS

Respiration - The composite of the mechanisms used by the body to provide  $O_2$  to its component cells and to remove  $CO_2$  from them while at the same time maintaining constancy of the internal environment.

Ventilation - Mass movement of inspired air( $O_2$ ) into the body from the environment and expired air( $CO_2$ ) from the body into the environment.

Transport - Movement of respiratory gases ( $O_2$  and  $CO_2$ ) between the lungs and the blood and the carriage of those gases by the blood.

Cell Respiration - Exchange of respiratory gases between the cells and the blood and extracellular fluid. Involves mainly **diffusion**.

### VENTILATION

Because of the ribs the chest cannot expand or contract to any appreciable extent. Thus anything which increases the volume of the chest causes air to flow in, **inspiration**. Likewise anything which decreases the volume of the chest will cause air to flow out, **expiration**. In the body this is accomplished by muscles.

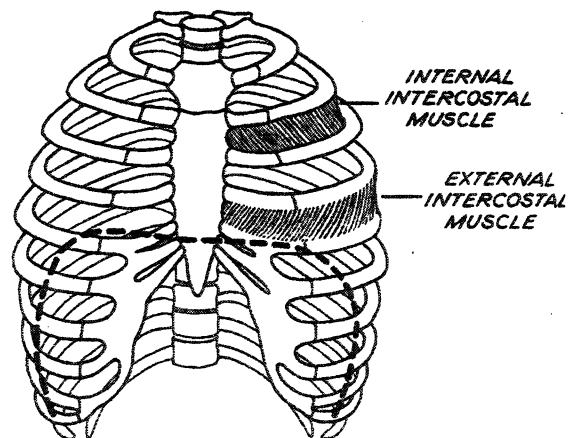
#### MUSCLES OF INSPIRATION

Diaphragm  
External intercostals

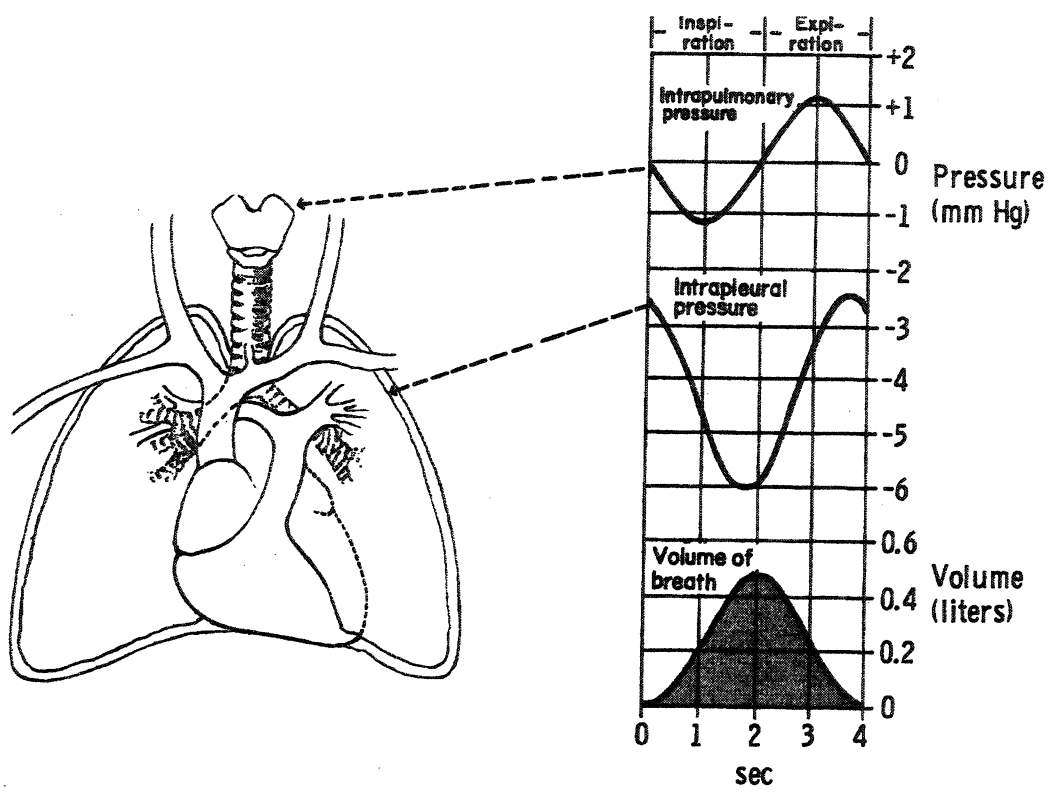
#### MUSCLES OF EXPIRATION \*

\*\*Expiration is usually  
passive\*\*

Internal intercostals  
Abdominal muscles



**PRESSURES IN THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM ASSOCIATED WITH VENTILATION.**



Intrapleural - pressure in pleural space between lung and chest wall.  
 Intrapulmonary - pressure inside of lung.

**FACTOR AFFECTING VENTILATION**

**STATIC**

Compliance =  $DV/DP$  of lungs  
 of chest

Surface Tension of water

Law of Laplace -  $P=2T/r$

Pulmonary Surfactant - reduces T and makes it proportional to r,  
 body's way around Laplace's Law.

## TYPES OF AIR FLOW

### DYNAMIC

Resistance to air flow -  $P = Q \times R$

for turbulent flow  $P = Q_1 R_1 + Q_2^2 R_2$

$$R = \frac{8\eta L}{\pi r^4}$$

where  $L$  = length

$\eta$  = viscosity

$r$  = radius

#### LAMINAR



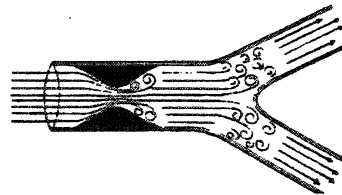
$$P = K_1 \dot{V}$$

#### TURBULENT



$$P = K_2 \dot{V}^2$$

#### TRACHEO-BRONCHIAL

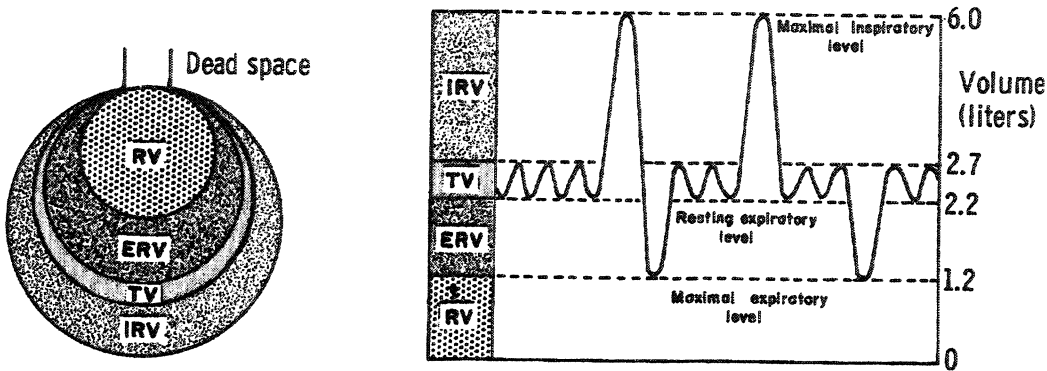


$$P = K_1 \dot{V} + K_2 \dot{V}^2$$

**WORK OF BREATHING** Work = Pressure x Volume

The body seeks to minimize the work of breathing, anything which increases the work of breathing (increased resistance or decreased compliance) will reduce the energy available to the rest of the body.

## PULMONARY VOLUMES AND CAPACITIES



IRV = Inspiratory reserve volume    TV = Tidal volume  
 ERV = Expiratory reserve volume    RV = Residual volume

		Volume (liters)		
		Men	Women	
Vital capacity	IRV	3.3	1.9	Inspiratory capacity
	TV	0.5	0.5	
	ERV	1.0	0.7	Functional residual capacity
	RV	1.2	1.1	
Total lung capacity		6.0	4.2	

Respiratory minute volume (rest): 6 liters/min  
 Alveolar ventilation (rest): 4.2 liters/min  
 Maximal voluntary ventilation (BTPS): 125-170 liters/min  
 Timed vital capacity: 83% of total in 1 sec; 97% in 3 sec  
 Work of quiet breathing: 0.5 kg-m/min  
 Maximal work of breathing: 10 kg-m/breath

**TIDAL VOLUME** - amount of air moved per breath.

**MINUTE VOLUME** - tidal volume x respiratory rate/min.

**DEAD SPACE** - volume of the parts of the respiratory system where gas does not interact with blood.

Anatomic - nose, trachea etc.

Physiologic - any area where air/blood interaction is not optimal.

**ALVEOLAR VENTILATION** - (tidal volume - dead space) x RR

**INSPIRATORY RESERVE VOLUME (IRV)**

**EXPIRATORY RESERVE VOLUME (ERV)**

**RESIDUAL VOLUME (RV)**

**VITAL CAPACITY**

**TOTAL LUNG VOLUME**

# TRANSPORT OF GAS BY THE BLOOD

Table 35-1. Gas content of blood.

Gas	ml/100 ml of blood containing 15 gm hemoglobin			
	Arterial Blood ( $PO_2$ 95 mm Hg; $PCO_2$ 40 mm Hg; Hb 97% saturated)		Venous Blood ( $PO_2$ 40 mm Hg; $PCO_2$ 46 mm Hg; Hb 75% saturated)	
	Dissolved	Combined	Dissolved	Combined
$O_2$	0.29	19.5	0.12	15.1
$CO_2$	3.0	47.0	3.5	51.5
$N_2$	1.04	0	1.04	0

## OXYGEN

$O_2$  dissolved in blood  
 $O_2$  bound to hemoglobin  
 Properties of

Hemoglobin

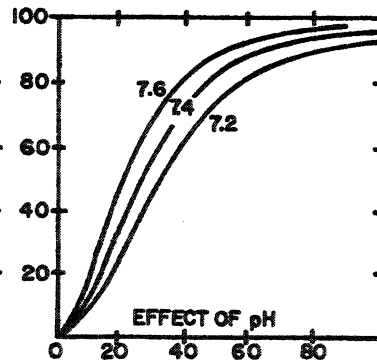
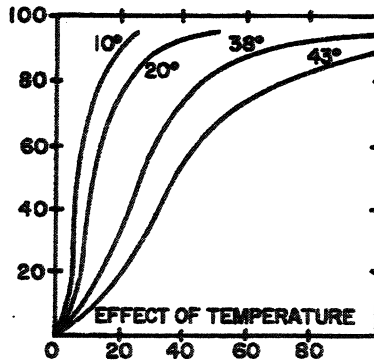
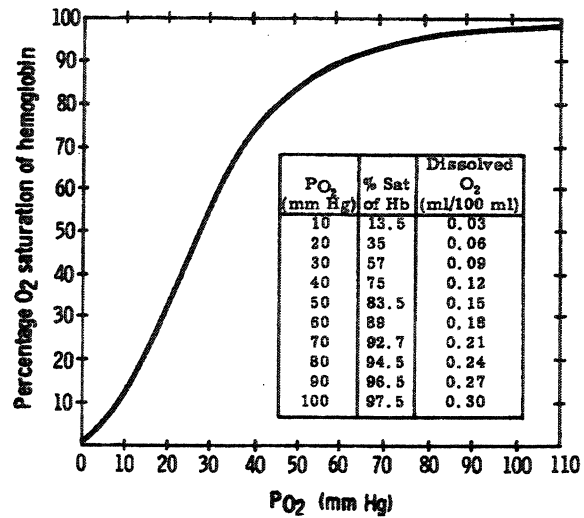
Reaction between  $O_2$   
 and hemoglobin

effect of  
 temperature

effect of

effect of  $CO_2$

effect of pH



# CARBON DIOXIDE (CO<sub>2</sub>)

Henderson-Hasselbach Equation-  $pH = pK_a + \log\left(\frac{HCO_3^-}{H_2CO_3}\right)$

CO<sub>2</sub> dissolved in plasma

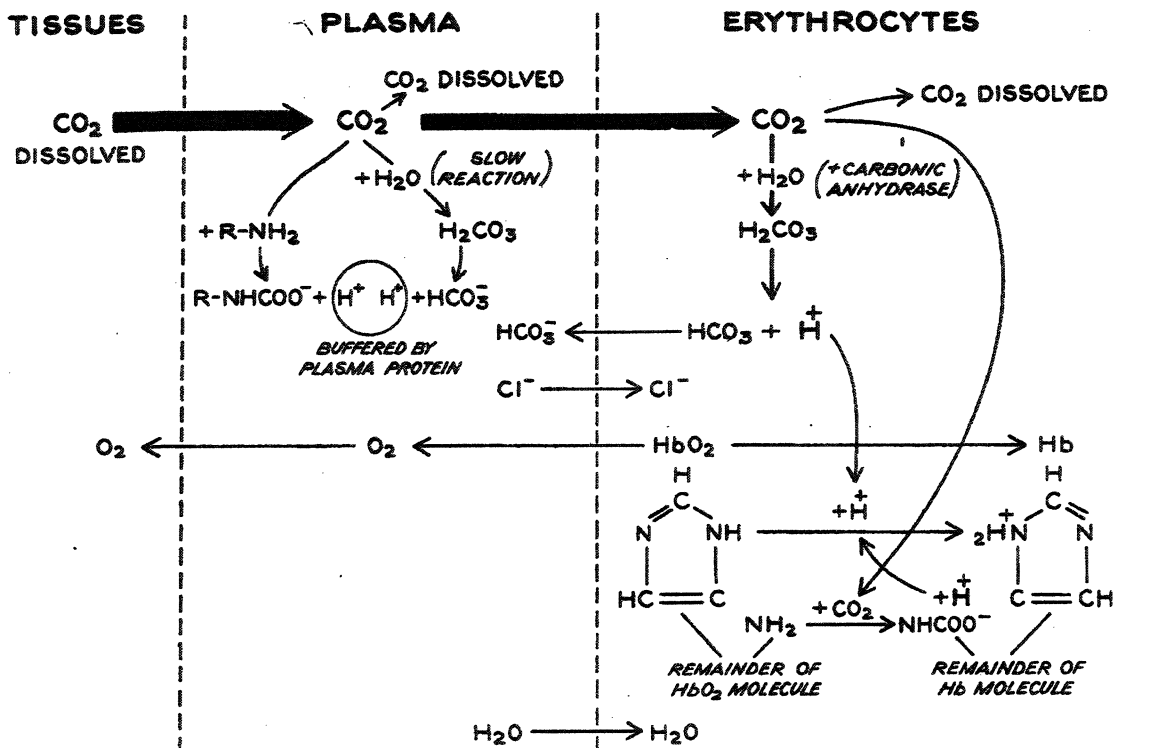
CO<sub>2</sub> bound to hemoglobin and other proteins

effect of carbonic anhydrase

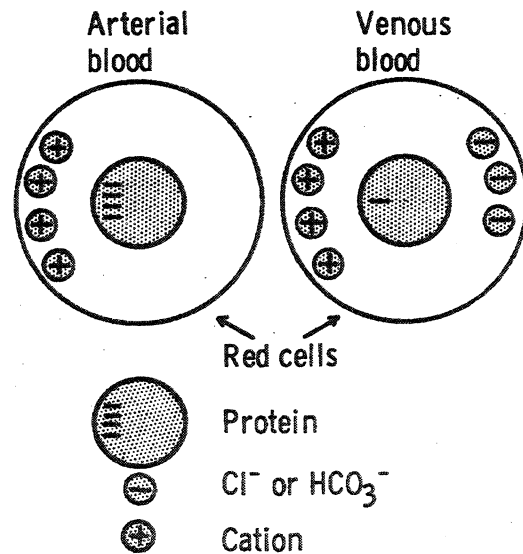
effect of O<sub>2</sub> - Haldane effect

effect of H<sup>+</sup> - Bohr effect

Chloride shift

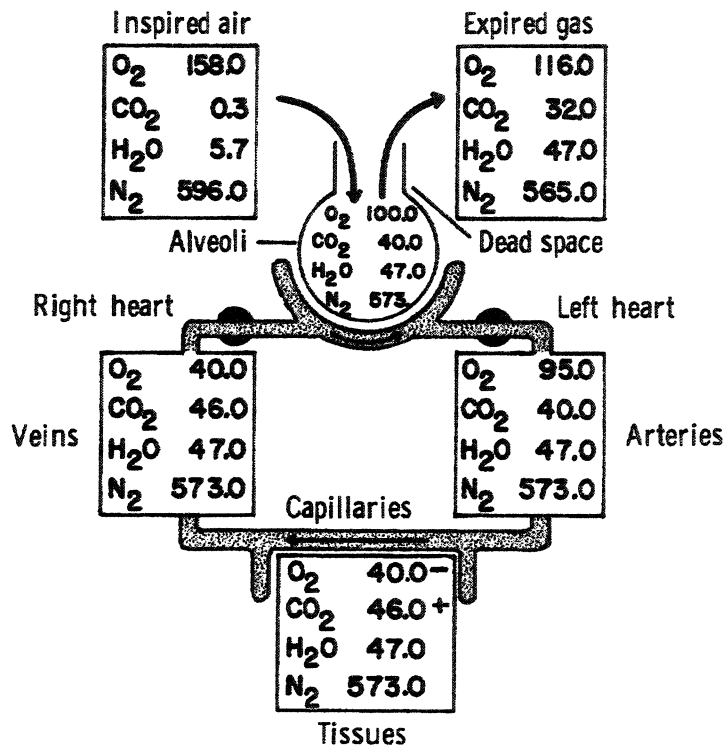


Osmotic effects



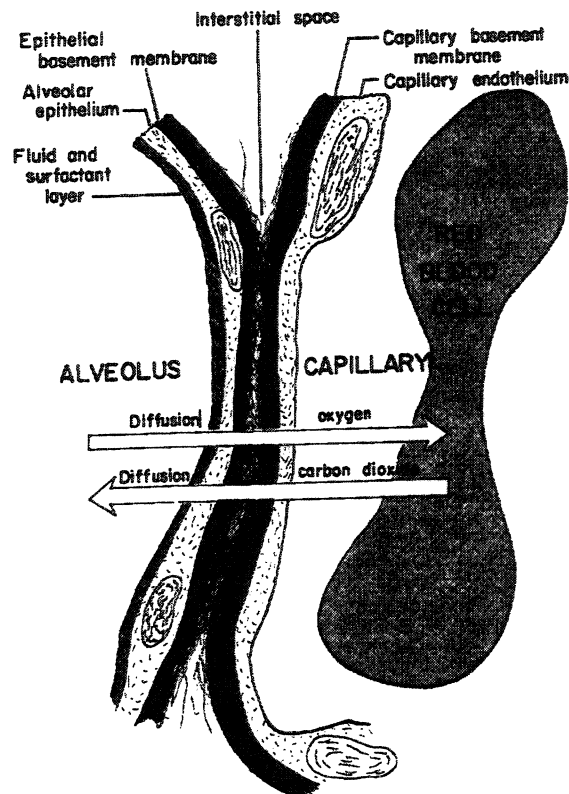
## EXCHANGE OF RESPIRATORY GASES

Factors influencing Gas Exchange in lungs.



Partial Pressure of Gases = %gas x total atm. pressure  
 Composition of alveolar air -  $pO_2 = 100$ ,  $pCO_2$

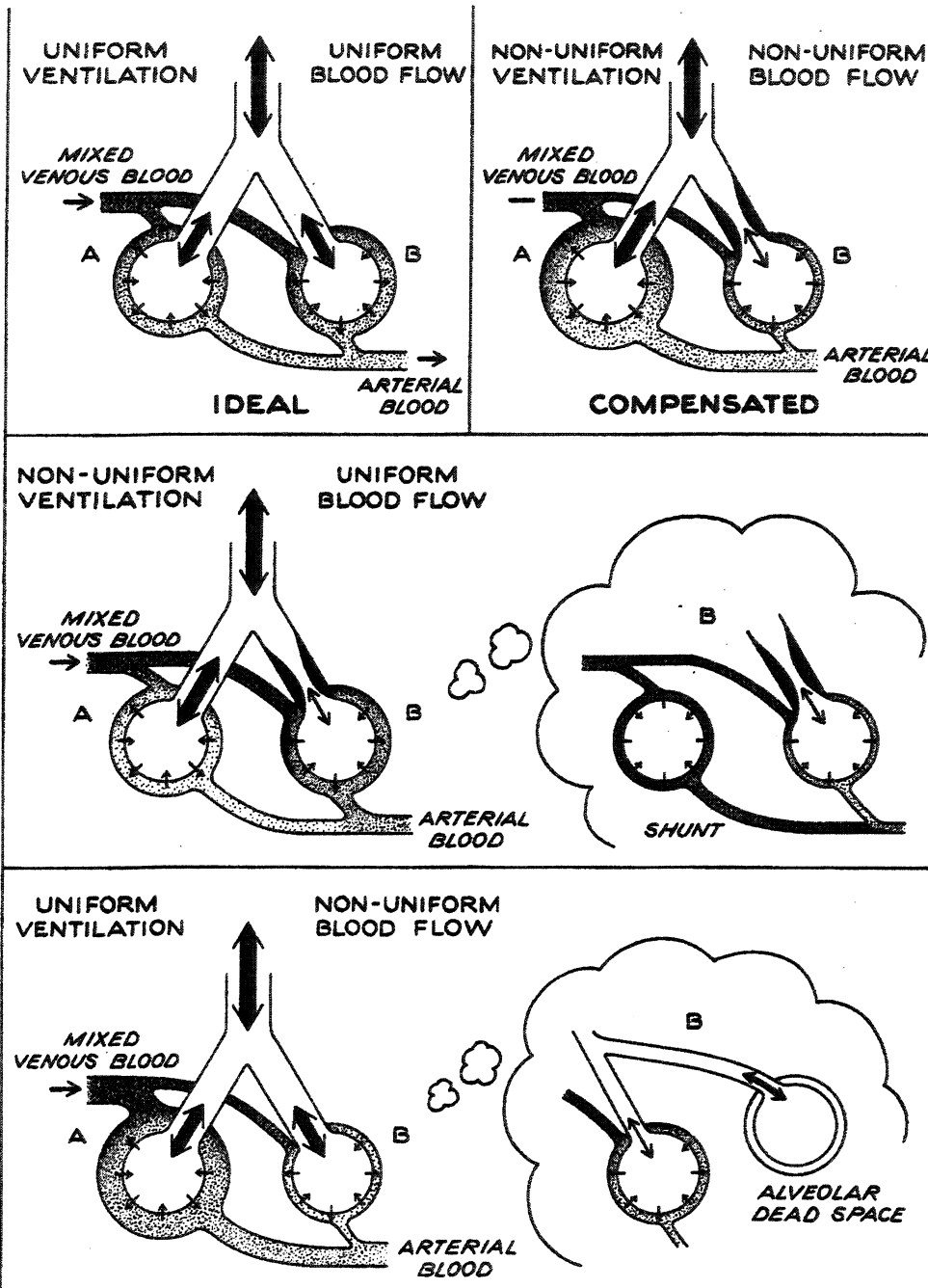
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Diffusion - alveolar-capillary membrane

$$Q = \frac{D_C \Delta P A}{L}$$

where  $D_C$  - diffusion constant  
 $\Delta P$  - partial pressure difference  
 $A$  - area for diffusion  
 $L$  - distance for diffusion



Ventilation-Perfusion Ratio -  $V/F = 4/5 = 0.8$

Increased  $V/F$  = dead space

Decreased  $V/F$  = shunt

## Factor influencing Gas Exchange in the Tissues

Partial Pressure difference - controlled by tissue

Diffusion distance (L) - controlled by vasculature

Area for diffusion (A) - controlled by vasculature

## Pulmonary Circulation

Low Pressure - Low Control - High Compliance

Non-Pulmonary Functions

Metabolism

Filtration

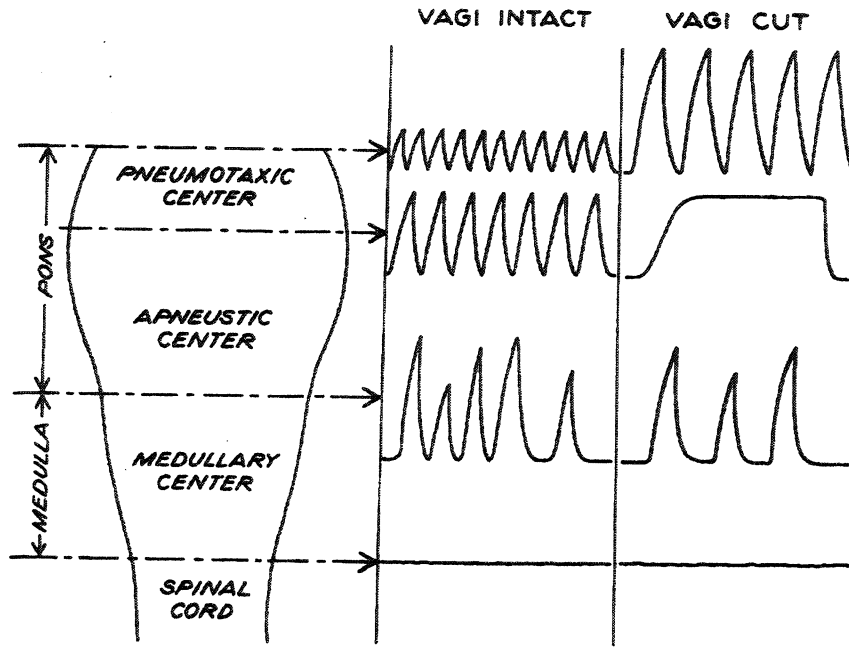
Heat Exchange

Communication

## CONTROL OF RESPIRATION

Central control of respiration

Respiratory Center - medulla oblongata



### FACTORS INFLUENCING RESPIRATORY CENTER

High CNS influences - speech, emotion

Pontine influences

Pneumotaxic center

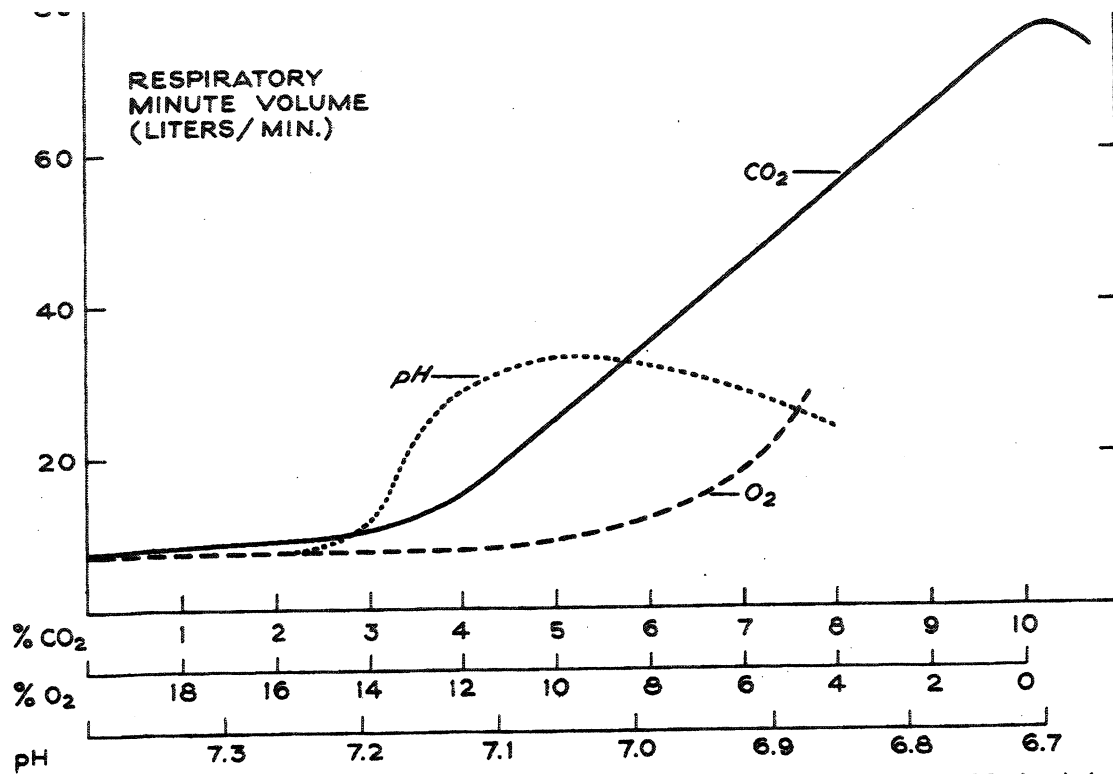
Apneustic center

Vagus Nerve (mechanoreceptors)

Hering-Breuer Reflex

Oxygen - (chemoreceptors)

carotid and aortic bodies



**Carbon Dioxide (chemoreceptors)**

peripheral

central

4th Ventricle

choroid plexus

Hydrogen ion

Baroreceptors

Thermoreceptors

Smell