



# Chapter 4.

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## Circulation System

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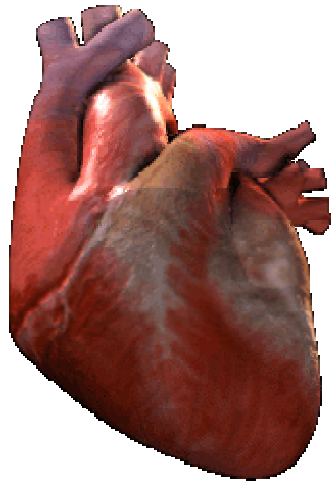
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# Section 2.

## The Heart as a Pump





# The heart as a pump

- **Cardiac Cycle**

- **Regulation OF Cardiac Output**

- Heart Rate via sympathetic & parasympathetic nerves

- Stroke Volume

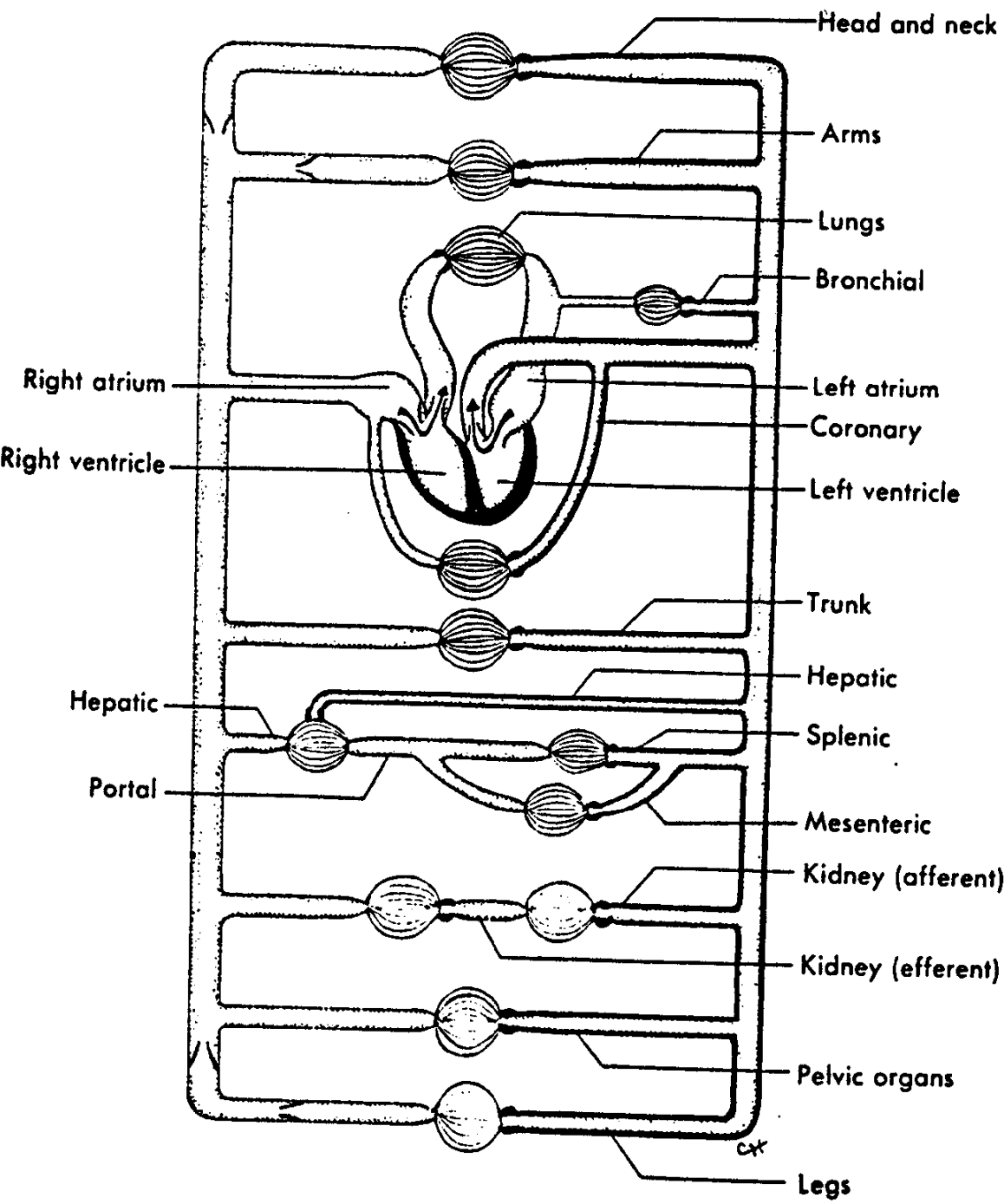
- **Frank-Starling “Law of the Heart”**

- **Changes in Contractility**

- **Myocardial Cells (Fibers)**

- **Regulation of Contractility**

- **Length-Tension and Volume-Pressure Curves**



## PULMONARY CIRCULATION

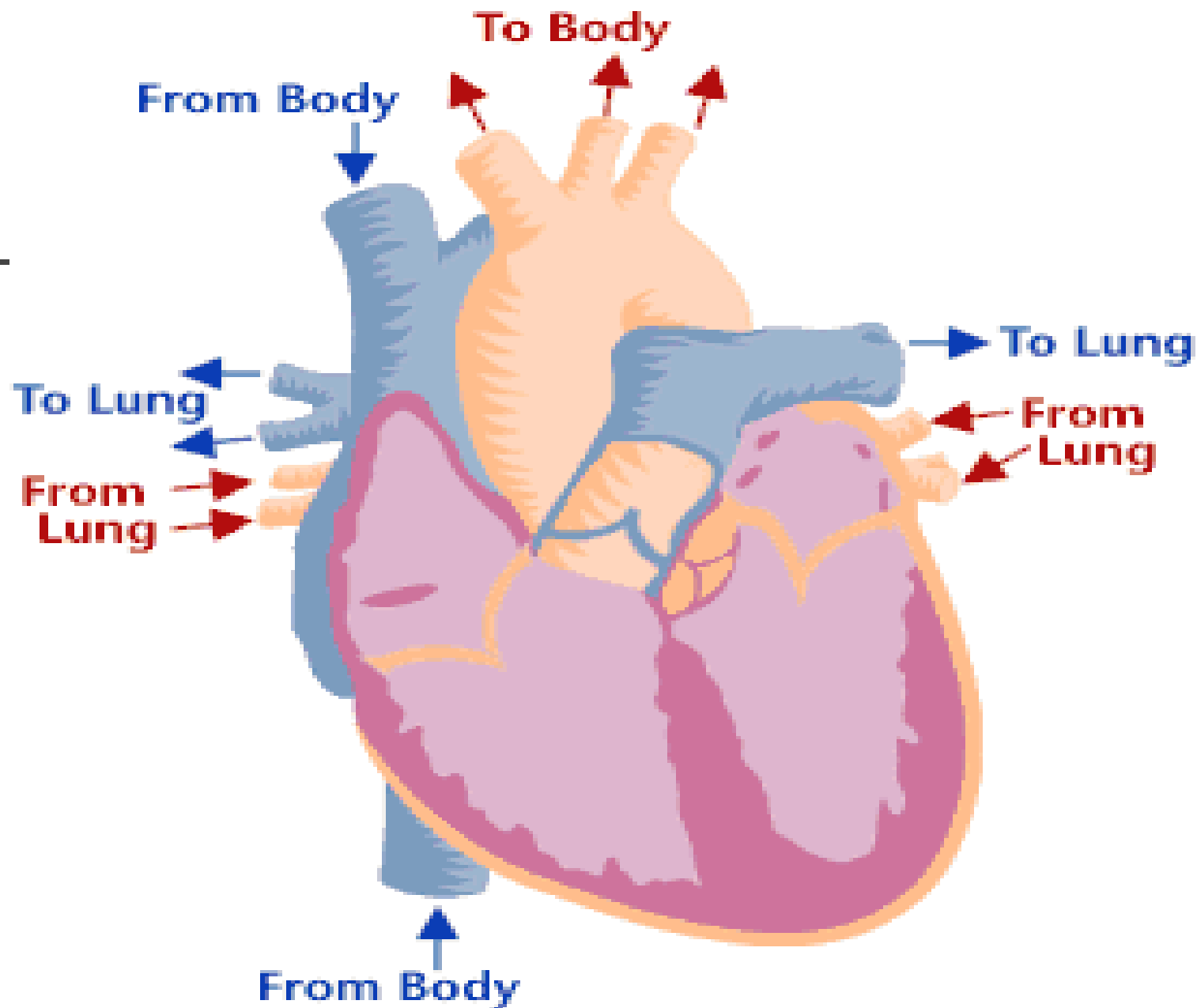
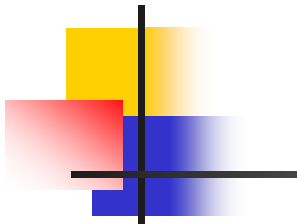
1. LOW RESISTANCE
2. LOW PRESSURE (25/10 mmHg)

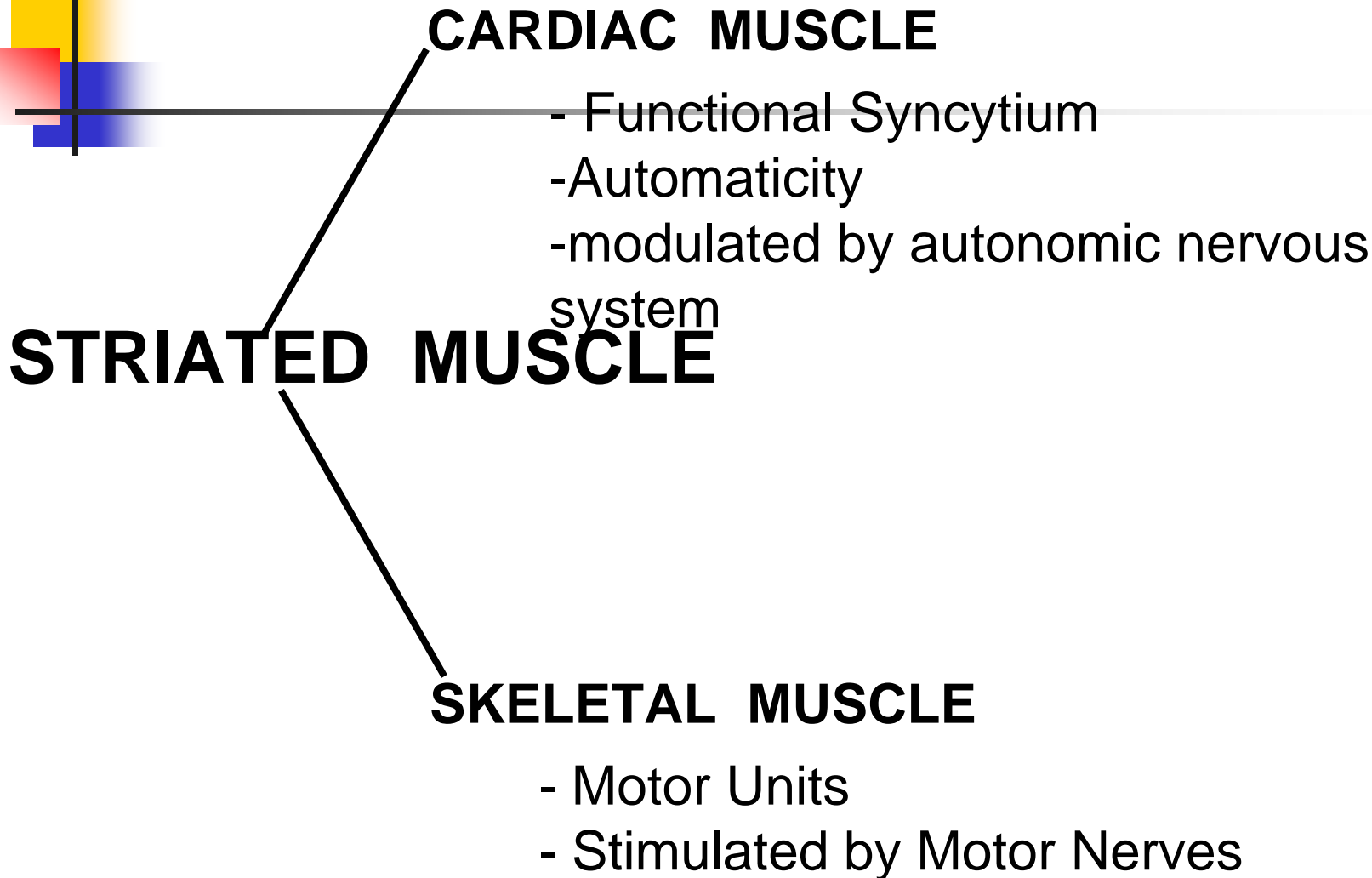
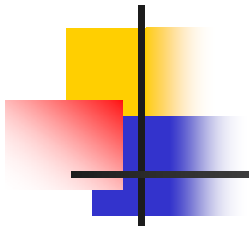
## SYSTEMIC CIRCULATION

1. HIGH RESISTANCE
2. HIGH PRESSURE (120/80 mmHg)

PARALLEL SUBCIRCUITS

UNIDIRECTIONAL FLOW



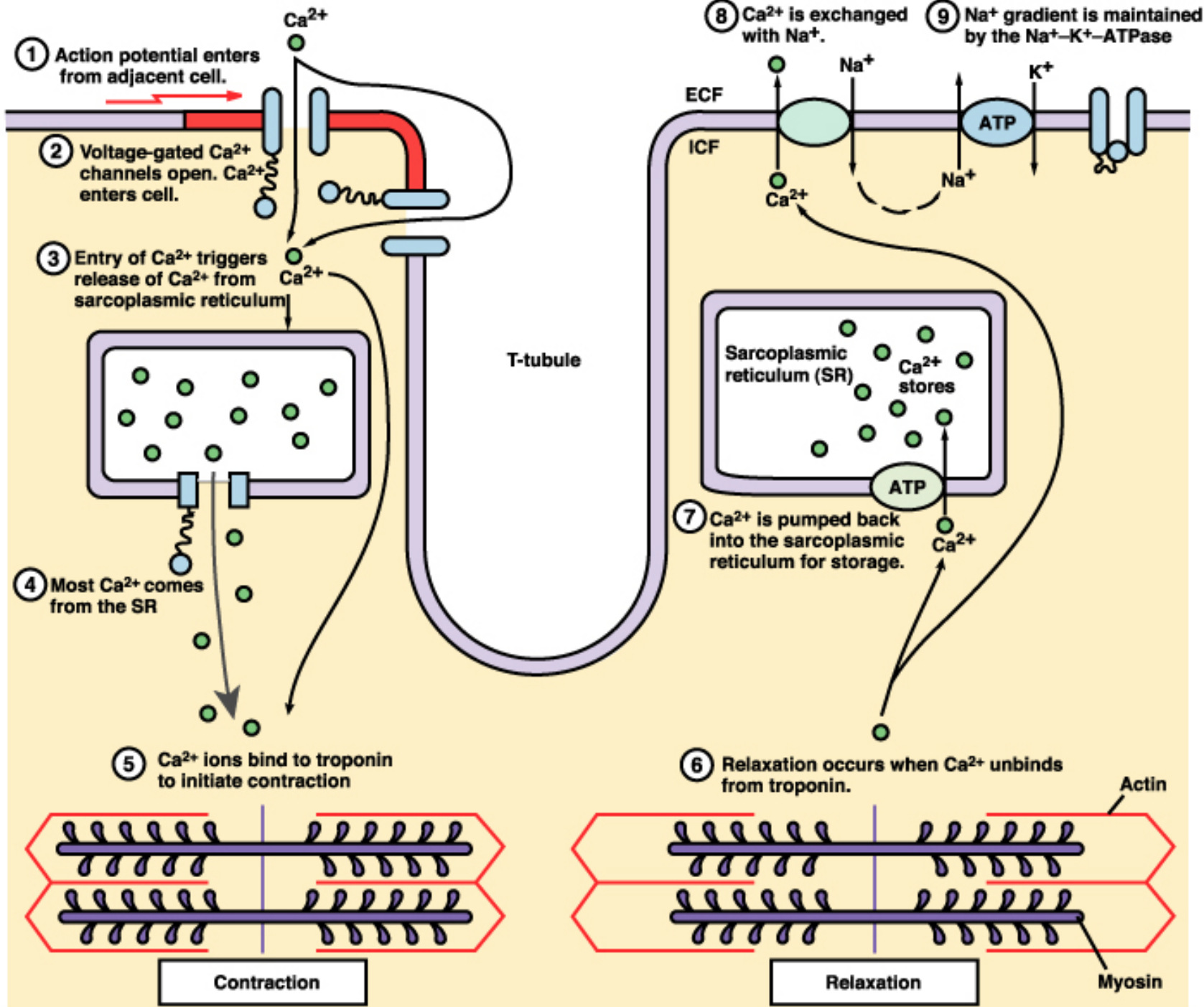




# Ca<sup>2+</sup>-induced Ca<sup>2+</sup> release

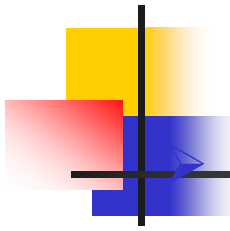
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- In cardiac M., Ca<sup>2+</sup> entry through L-type Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel is essential for raising [Ca<sup>2+</sup>]<sub>i</sub> in the vicinity of Ca<sup>2+</sup>-release channels (CRCs): ryanodine R on SR, this trigger activates an adjacent cluster of CRCs, causing them to release Ca<sup>2+</sup> into cytoplasm.





# The cardiac cycle



→ The sequence of mechanical and electrical events that repeat with every heartbeat is called the cardiac cycle.

What are the phases of the cardiac contraction?

- ✓ Diastole - Ventricles are relaxed.
- ✓ Systole - Ventricles contract

# The duration of the cardiac cycle is the reciprocal of heart rate:

$$\text{Cardiac cycle} = 60 \text{ sec} / 75 \\ = 0.8 \text{ sec}$$

## Diastole(0.5s)

Phase 1- Isovolumetric Relaxation

Phase 2- Rapid Filling

Phase 3 - Reduced Filling

Phase 4 - Atrial Contraction

Inflow  
phase

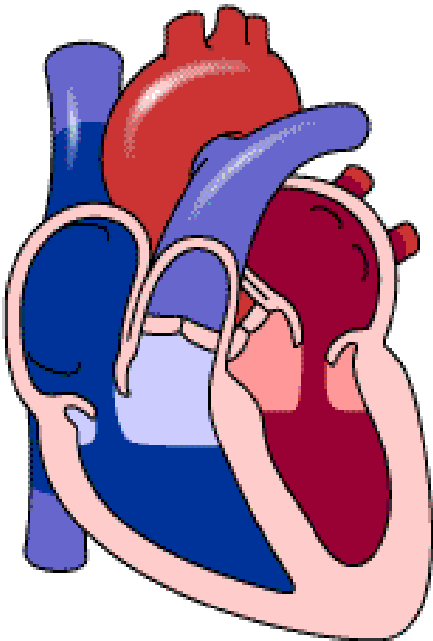
## Systole(0.3s)

Phase 5 - Isovolumetric Contraction

Phase 6- Rapid Ejection

Phase 7- Reduced Ejection

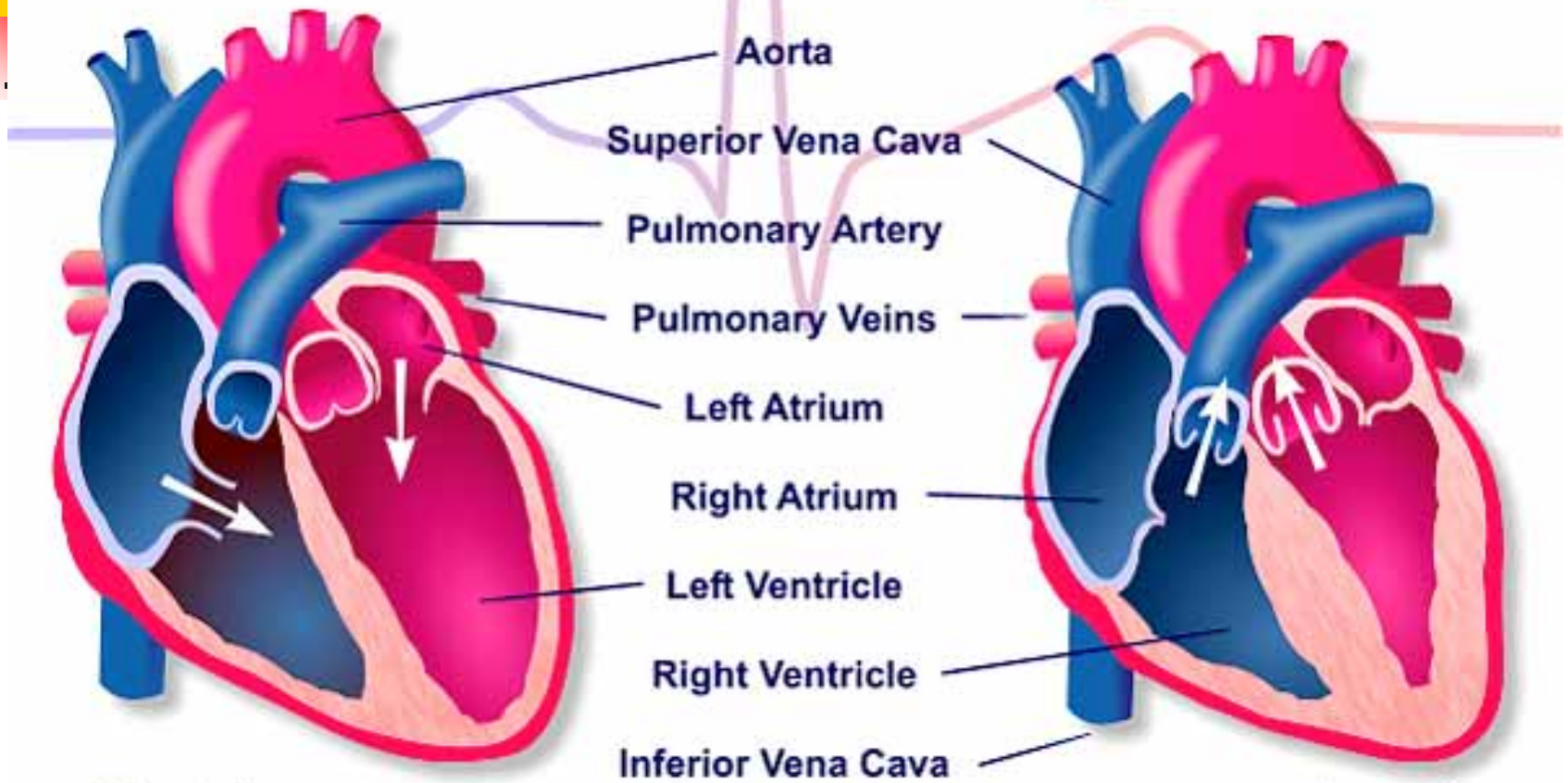
Outflow  
phase



# What happens during each cardiac cycle?

- An **impulse** arising from the SA node → Contraction/relaxation → changes in pressure → valves (open/close , **heart sounds**) → blood flow → changes in volume

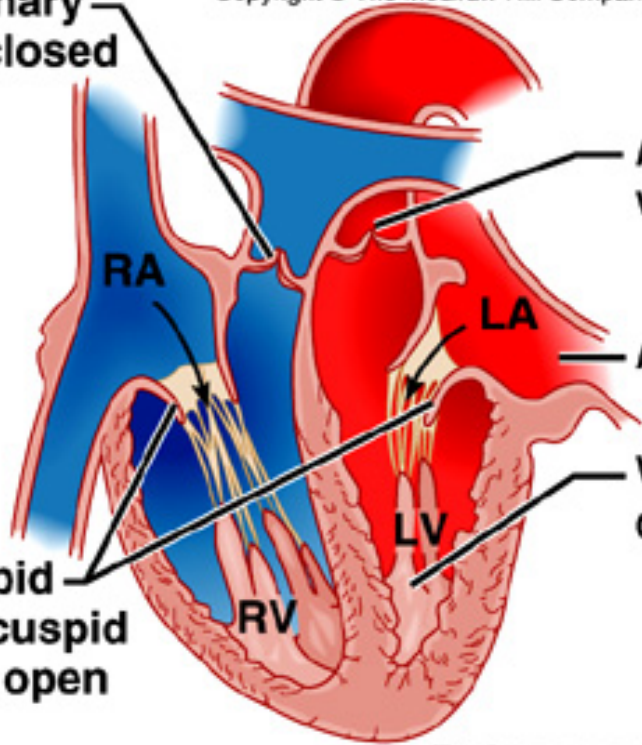
# The Cardiac Cycle



**Diastole**  
Ventricular Relaxation  
and Filling

**Systole**  
Ventricular Contraction  
and Ejection

**Pulmonary valve closed**



**Aortic valve closed**

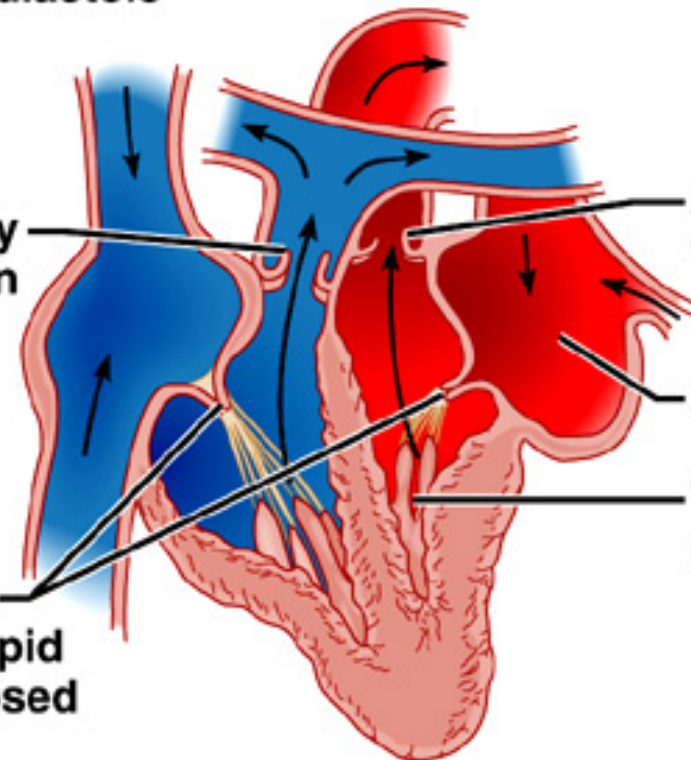
**Atrial systole**

**Ventricular diastole**

**Tricuspid and bicuspid valves open**

**A**

**Pulmonary valve open**



**Aortic valve open**

**Atrial diastole**

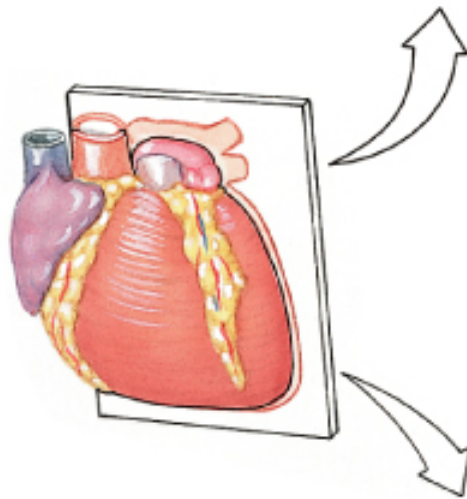
**Ventricular systole**

**Tricuspid and bicuspid valves closed**

**B**



# Ventricle Filling



Rapid Filling  
Reduced Filling  
= diastasis  
Atrial  
Contraction

Frontal section

Pulmonary veins

Atria operate as passive reservoirs

Aortic semilunar valve(closed)

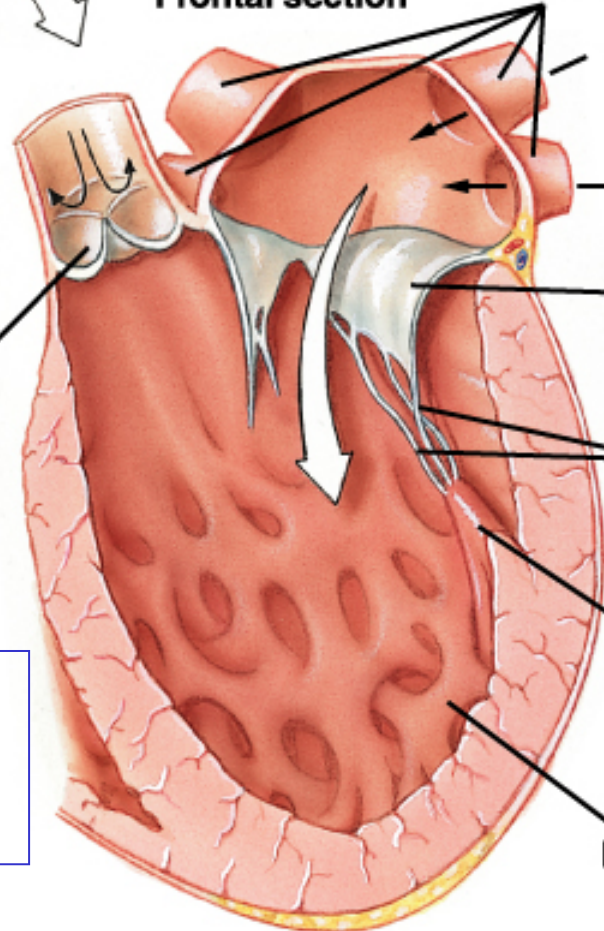
Mitral valve (open)

Chordae tendineae (relaxed)

Papillary muscles (relaxed)

Left ventricle (dilated)

Valves open/close passively, allow blood to flow in a single direction





# Diastasis, Atrial contraction, isovolumetric contraction

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- Atrial P. is only slightly higher above the ventricular P., P wave of ECG occurs at the end of this phase.
- **Atrial contraction** immediately following the ECG's P wave
- Left ventricle contracts with both mitral and aortic valves closed, causes the P. to rise rapidly, eventually exceeding the P. in the aorta

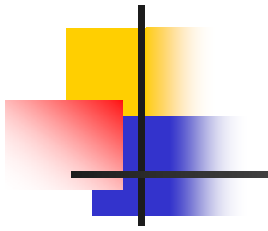


# Ejection

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- Aortic valve opens → ventricular and aortic P. continues to rise → aortic P. eventually exceeds ventricular P., **aortic valve do not immediately snap shut because of the inertia of blood flow** → decreased ejection.
- Stroke volume: 70 ml, ESV: 50ml





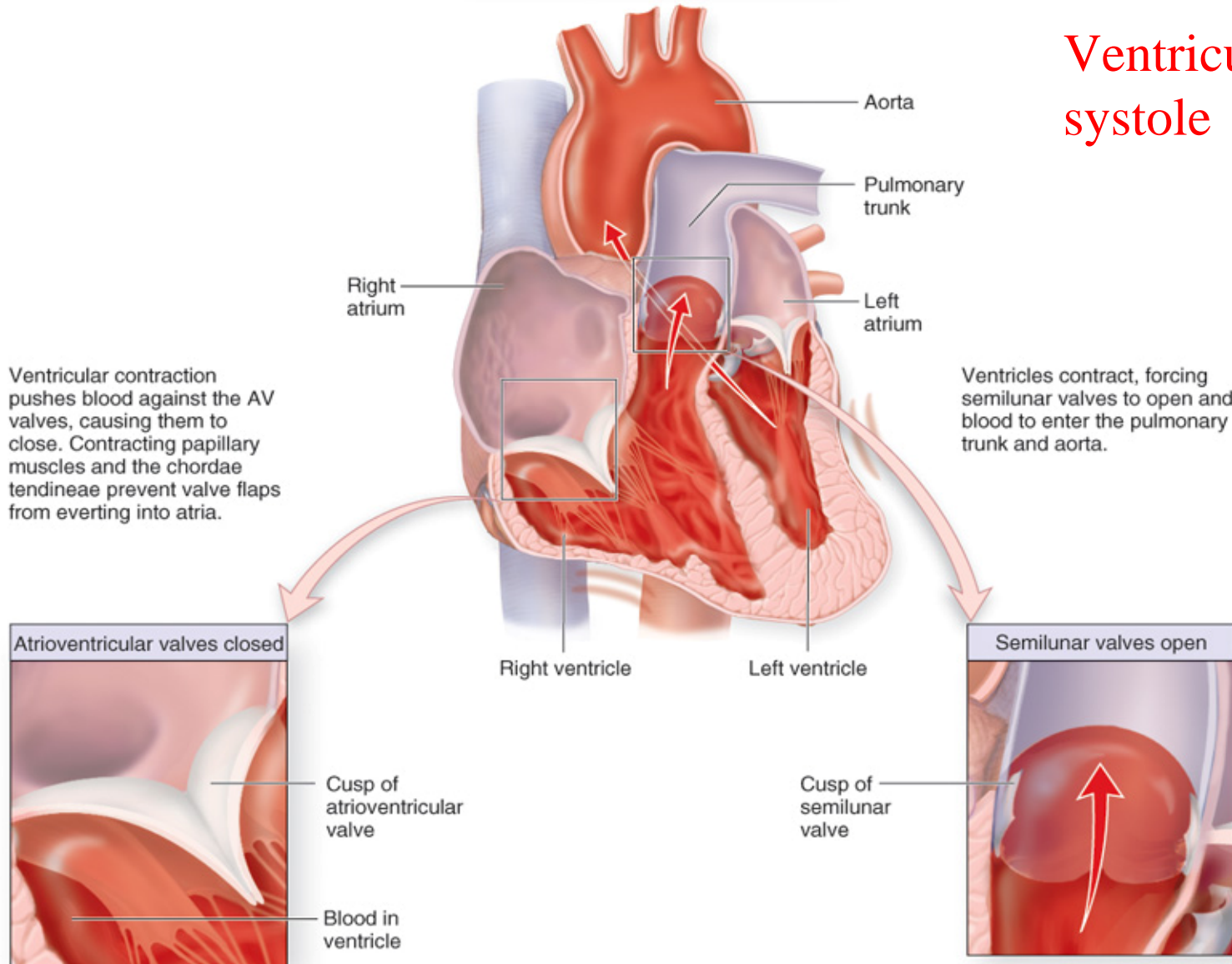
# Isovolumetric relaxation, rapid ventricular filling

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- Late in the ejection phase, blood flow across aortic valve reverses direction → aortic valve closes → **dicrotic notch or incisura** → P. falls rapidly
- P. in the left ventricle falls below that in the left atrium → mitral valve opens → rapid filling

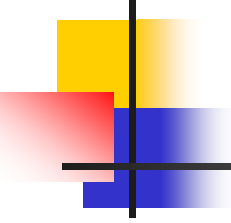
Ventricular Systole (Contraction)

# Ventricular systole



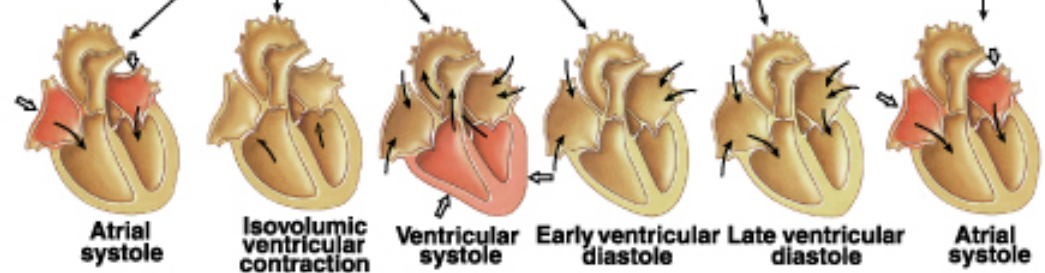
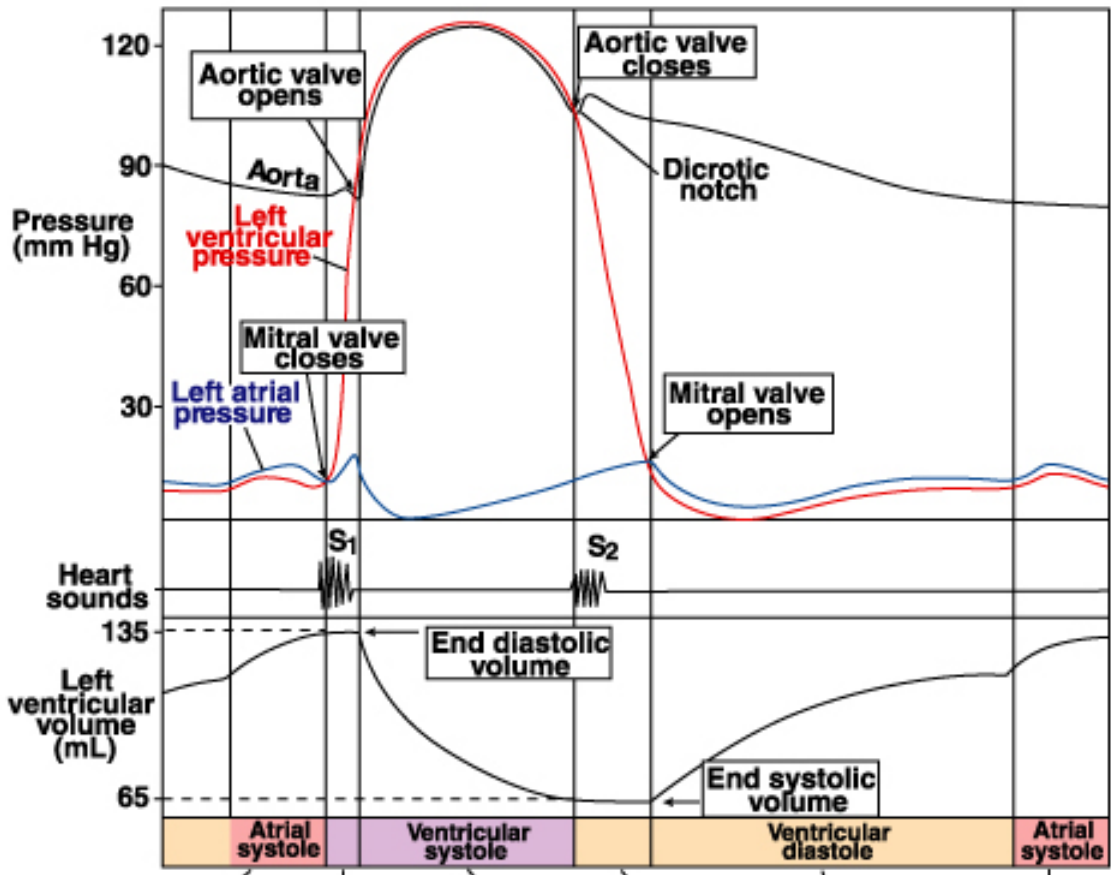
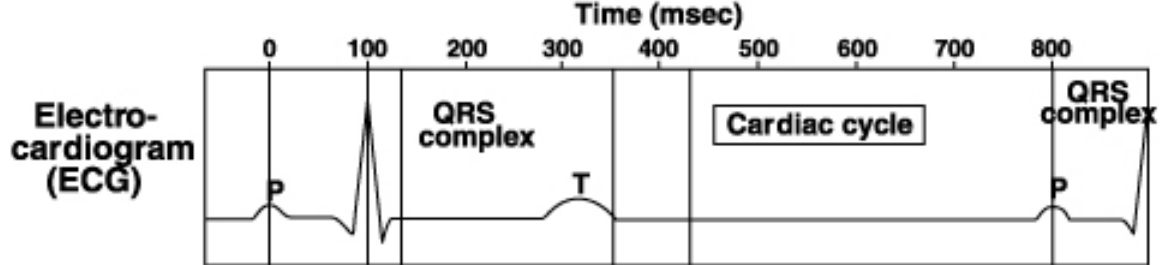
## Events in the cardiac cycle

Valvular Events	Cardiac chamber Events	Phase
Opening of AV valves	Rapid(0.11s) / (0.22s) reduced ventricular filling, Atrial contraction	Diastole, inflow phase
Closing of AV valves	Isovolumetric ventricular contraction(0.05s)	Systole
Opening of semilunar valves	Rapid(0.1s) / reduced ejection(0.15s)	Systole Outflow phase
Closing of semilunar valves	Isovolumetric ventricular relaxation (0.06-0.08s)	Diastole
Opening of AV valves	2 <sup>nd</sup> cardiac cycle	



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What are the key features of the cardiac cycle?



# CARDIAC CYCLE

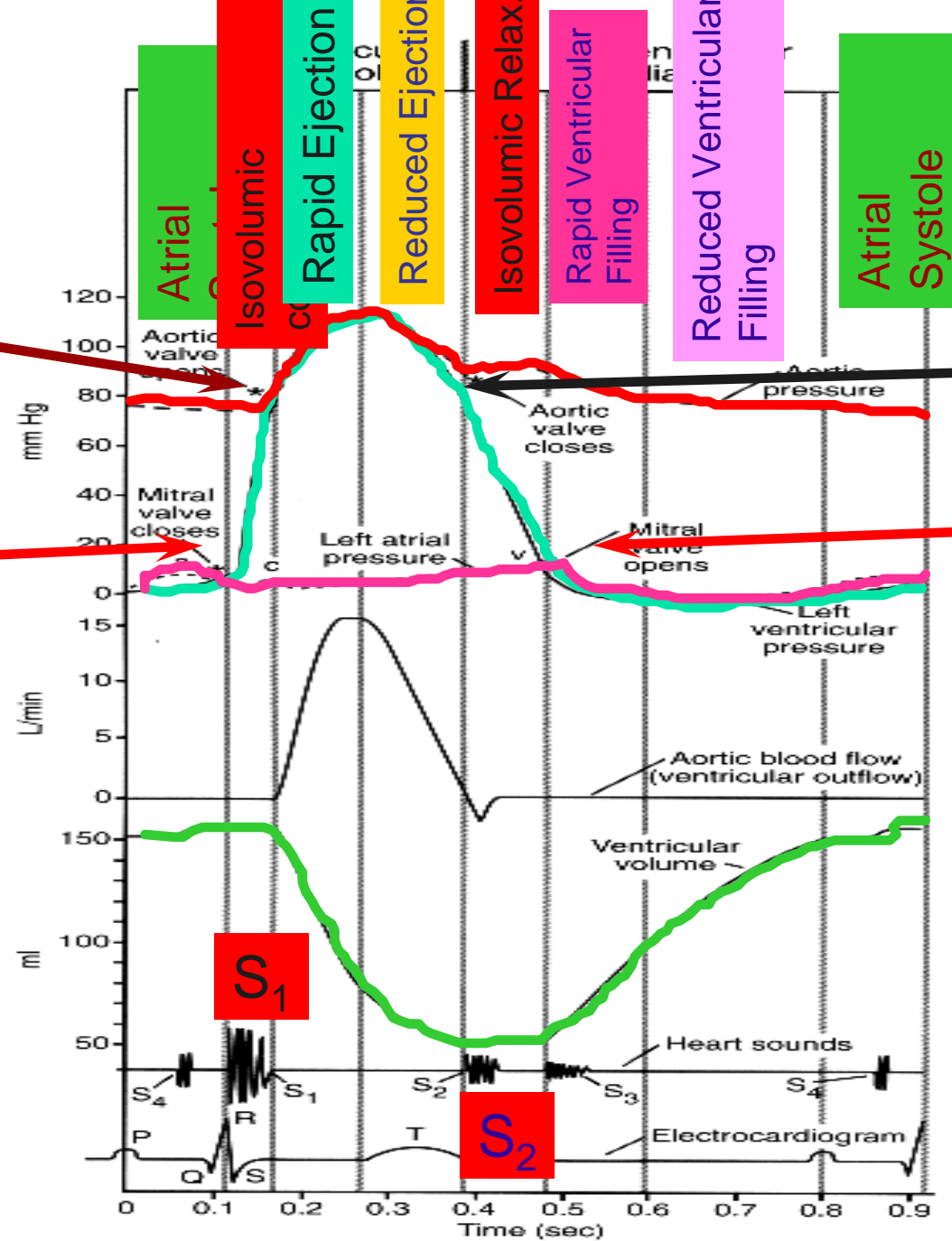


Aortic opens

Mitral Closes

Aortic closes

Mitral opens



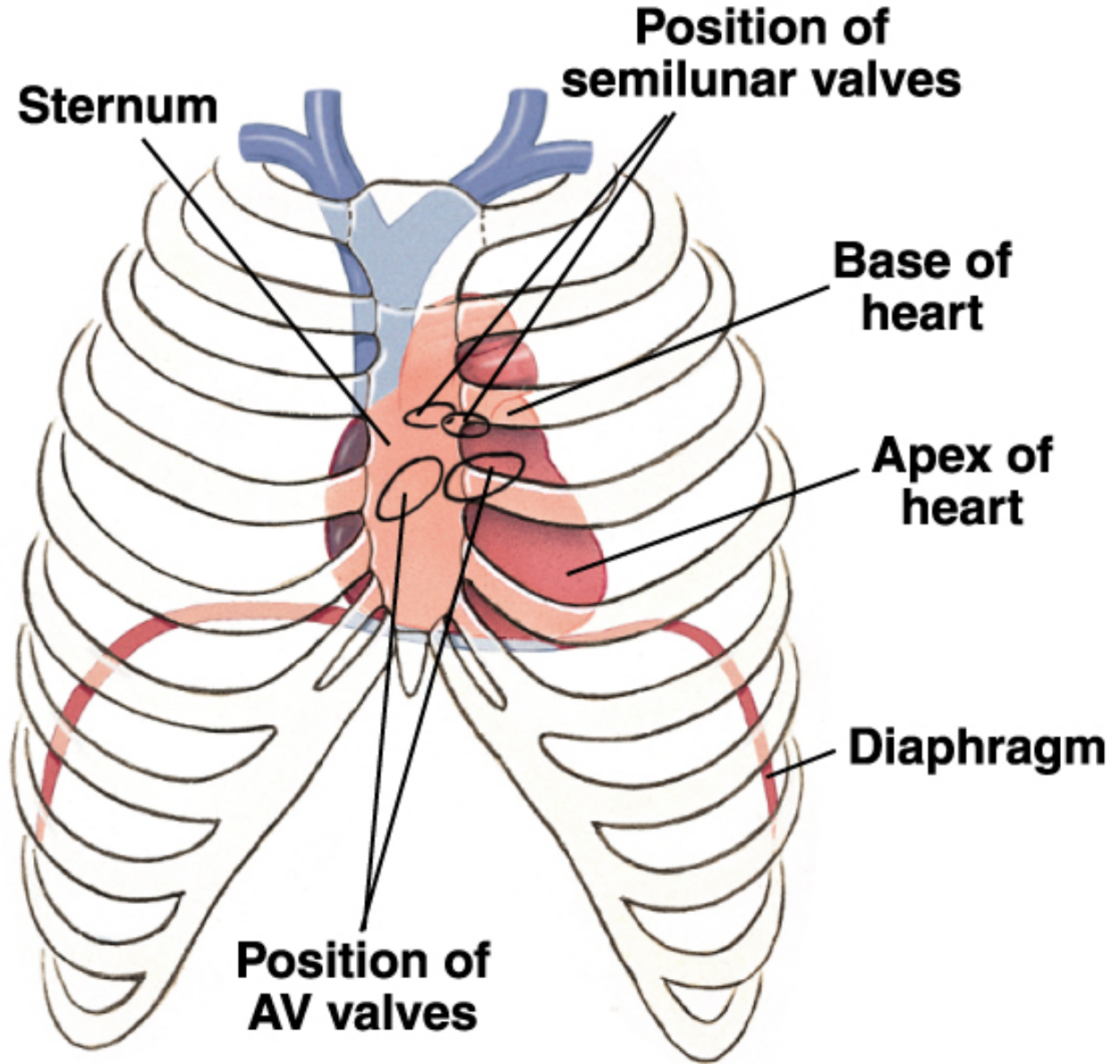
- the duration of systole is much more fixed than that of diastole, and when the heart rate is increased, diastole is shortened to a much greater degree.
- It is during diastole that the heart muscle rests, and coronary blood flow to the subendocardial portions of the left ventricle occurs only during diastole, most of the ventricular filling occurs in diastole.

	Heart Rate 75/min	Heart Rate 200/min	Skeletal Muscle
Duration, each cardiac cycle	0.80	0.30	...
Duration of systole	<u>0.27</u>	<u>0.16</u>	...
Duration of action potential	0.25	0.15	0.007
Duration of absolute refractory period	<u>0.20</u>	<u>0.13</u>	<u>0.004</u>
Duration of relative refractory period	0.05	0.02	0.003
Duration of diastole	<u>0.53</u>	<u>0.14</u>	...



**First sound**, caused by vibrations set up by the sudden closure of the mitral and tricuspid valves at the start of ventricular systole, is a low, slightly prolonged “lub”

**Second sound**, caused by vibrations associated with closure of the aortic and pulmonary valves just after the end of ventricular systole, is a shorter, high-pitched “dup”







# Cardiac Output

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- **Stroke volume(SV)**: the amount of blood pumped out of each ventricle per beat
- The **SV** in the left ventricle is exactly the same as those in the right ventricle
- **Cardiac output** :the total volume of blood pumped by each ventricle per min.  
 $CO=SV \cdot HR$



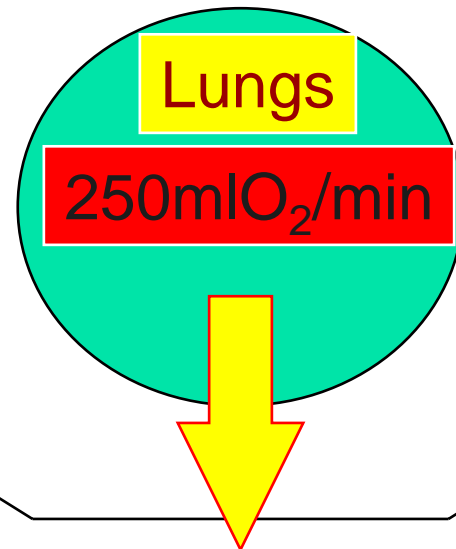
# Preload , Afterload

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- Preload: is the degree to which the myocardium is stretched before it contracts ( **EDV** )
- **Afterload**: is the resistance against which blood is expelled ( **aortic BP** )
- Ventricular contractility
- Heart rate

# Cardiac output and the fick

BODY O<sub>2</sub> CONSUMPTION



PULMONARY ARTERY

PULMONARY VEIN

PaO<sub>2</sub>

PvO<sub>2</sub>

0.15mlO<sub>2</sub>/ml blood

0.20mlO<sub>2</sub>/ml blood

Pulmonary capillaries

O<sub>2</sub> CONSUMPTION (ml/min)

CARDIAC OUTPUT =

PvO<sub>2</sub>

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PaO<sub>2</sub>

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## Parameter

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## Value

end-diastolic volume (EDV)

135 ml

end-systolic volume (ESV)

65 ml

stroke volume (SV)

70 ml

ejection fraction ( $E_f$ )

58%

heart rate (HR)

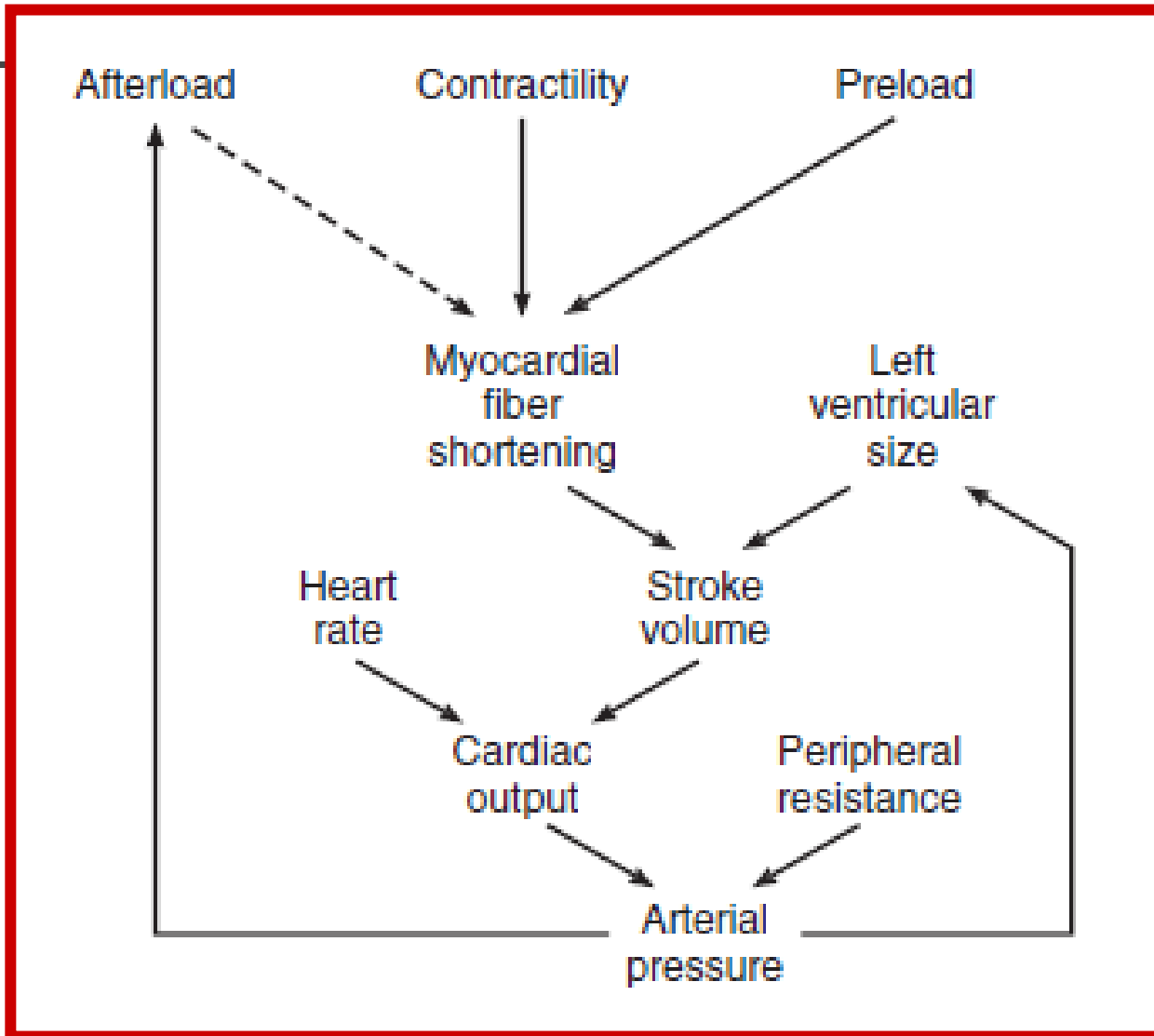
70 bpm

cardiac output (CO)

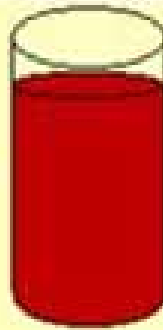
5.0 L/m

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# Factors Controlling Cardiac Output



**Stroke Volume**  
(End Diastolic Volume -  
End Systolic Volume)



$$\text{Ejection Fraction} = \frac{\text{SV}}{\text{EDV}} = \frac{\text{Stroke Volume}}{\text{End Diastolic Volume}}$$

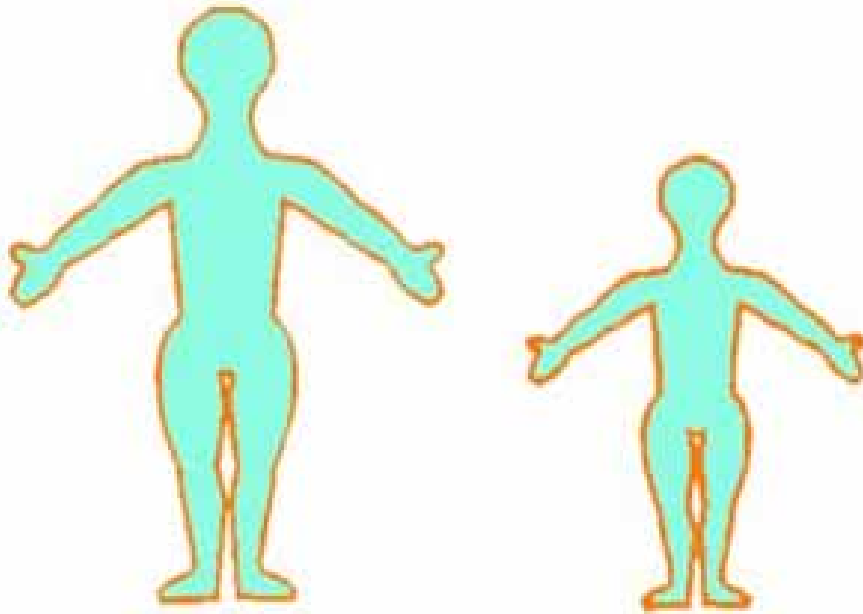
**End Diastolic Volume**  
(reached at end  
of ventricular filling)



**Calculation of Ejection Fraction**

$$\text{Ejection Fraction} = \frac{\text{SV}}{\text{EDV}} = 58\%$$

# Cardiac Index

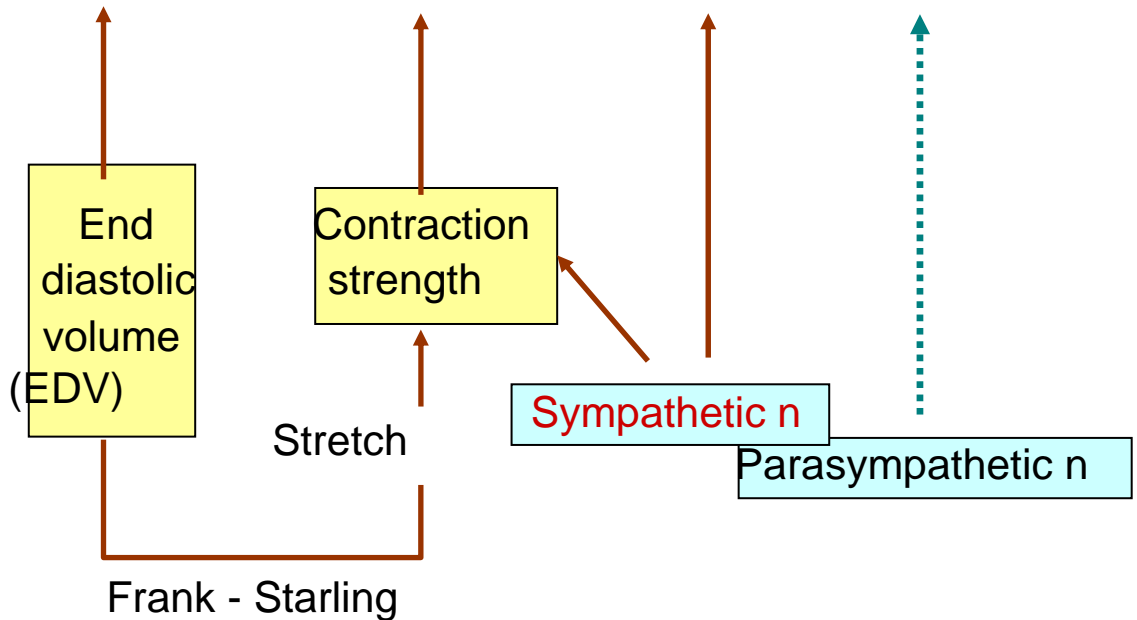


**Cardiac index** :The output per minute per square meter of body surface , averages  $3.2 \text{ L / min / m}^2$

# Regulation of the CO:

Mean arterial pressure

$$\text{Cardiac output} = \text{Stroke volume} \times \text{Heart rate}$$





- Relation between **SV** and **EDV** is called **Frank-Starling curve** i.e., **heterometric regulation (intrinsic control)**. Energy of contraction is proportional to the initial length of the cardiac muscle fiber.” **Ventricle stretch more, it'll contract with more force.**

**Increased venous return**

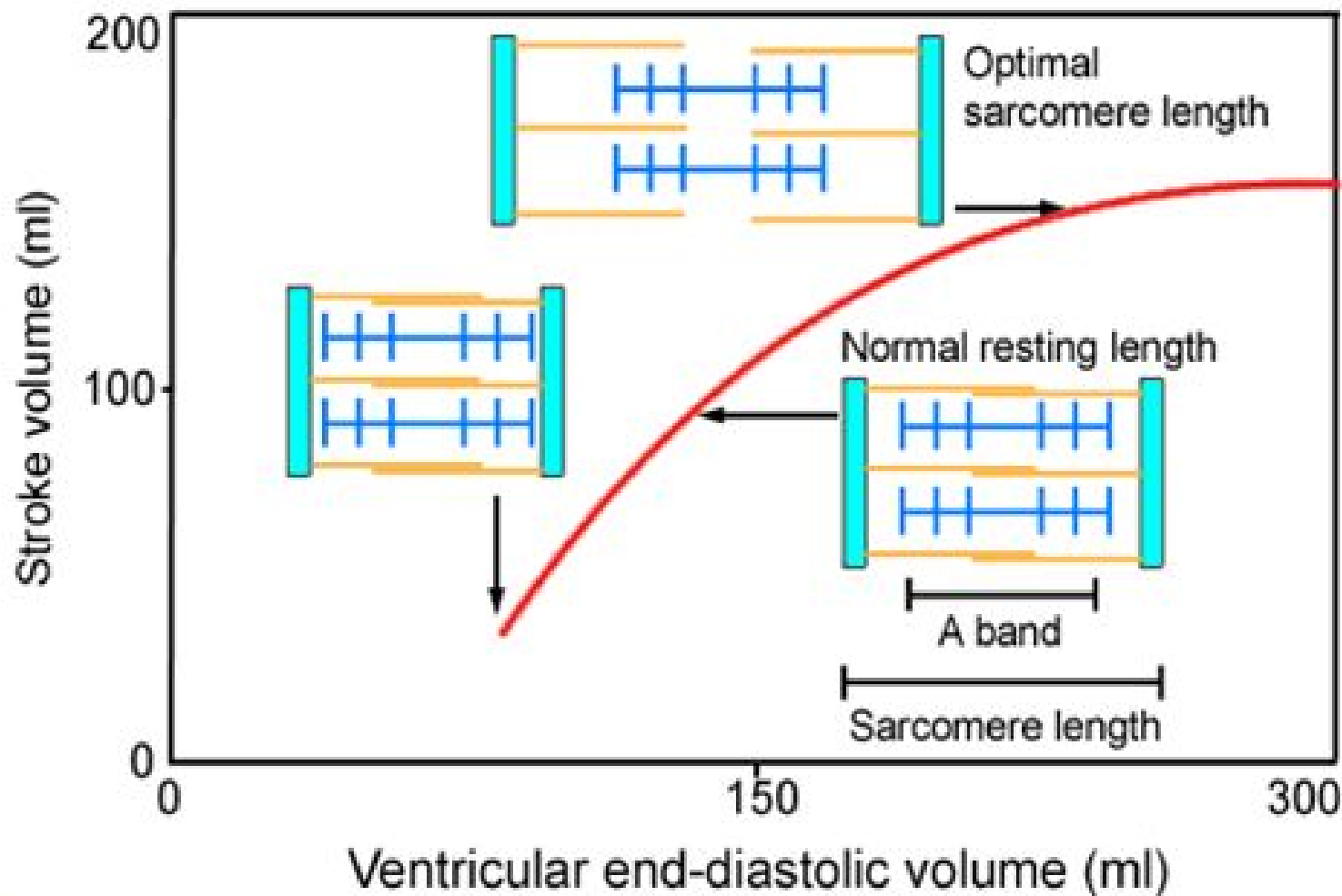


**Increased EDV**



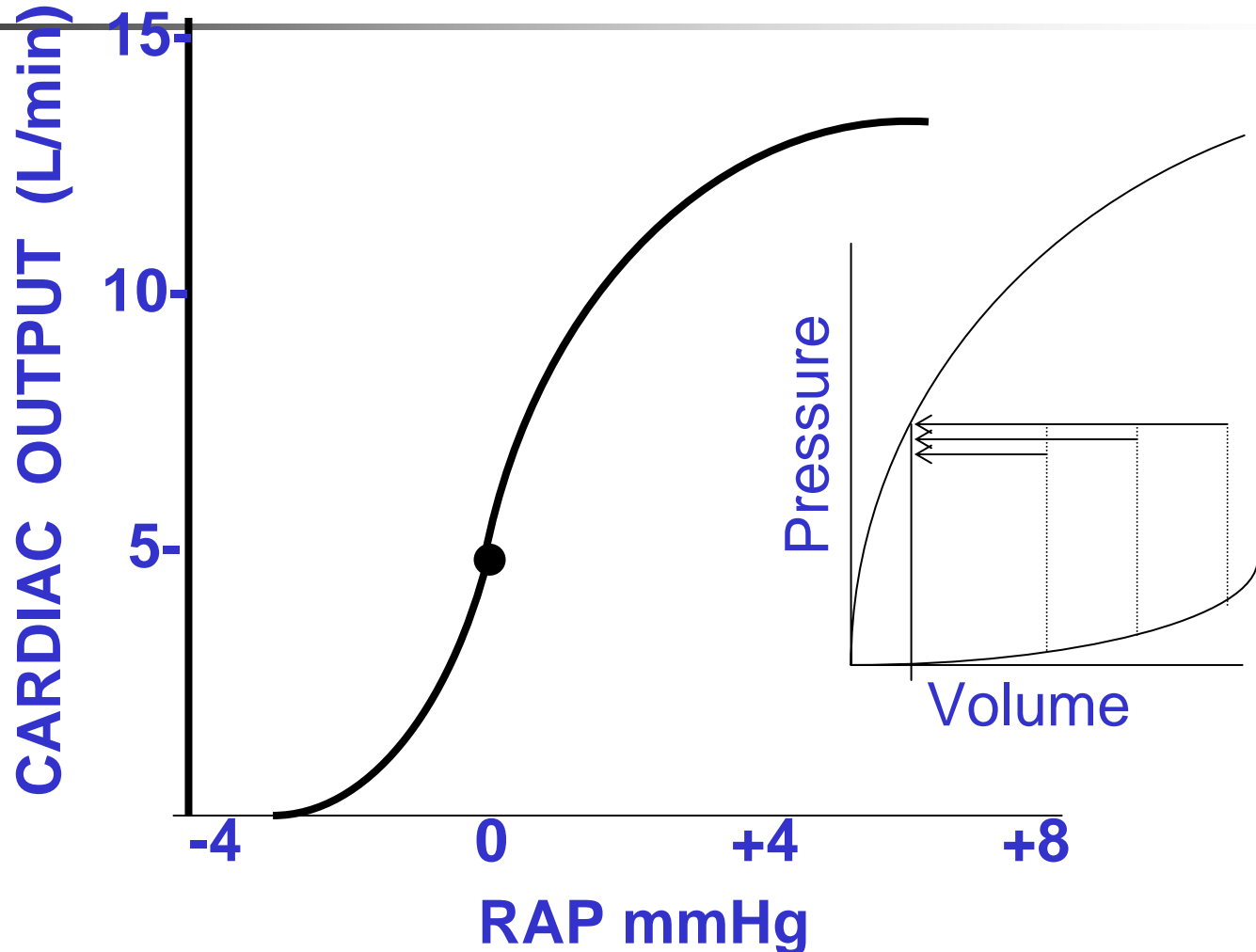
**Increased stretch and a greater force of contraction**

# Ventricular function curve (Frank-Starling curve)



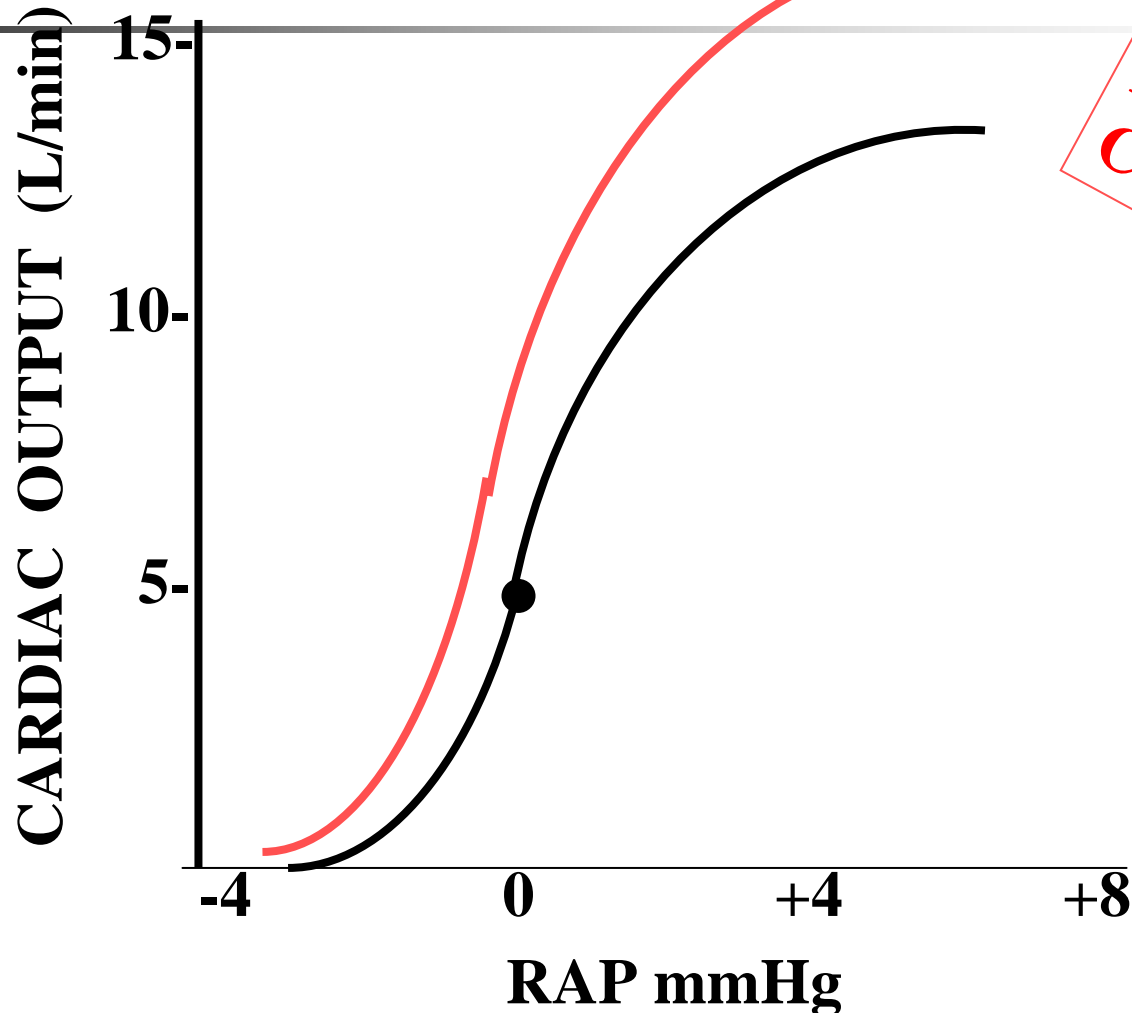
# Cardiac Function Curve

THE FRANK-STARLING "LAW OF THE HEART"



# Cardiac Function Curve

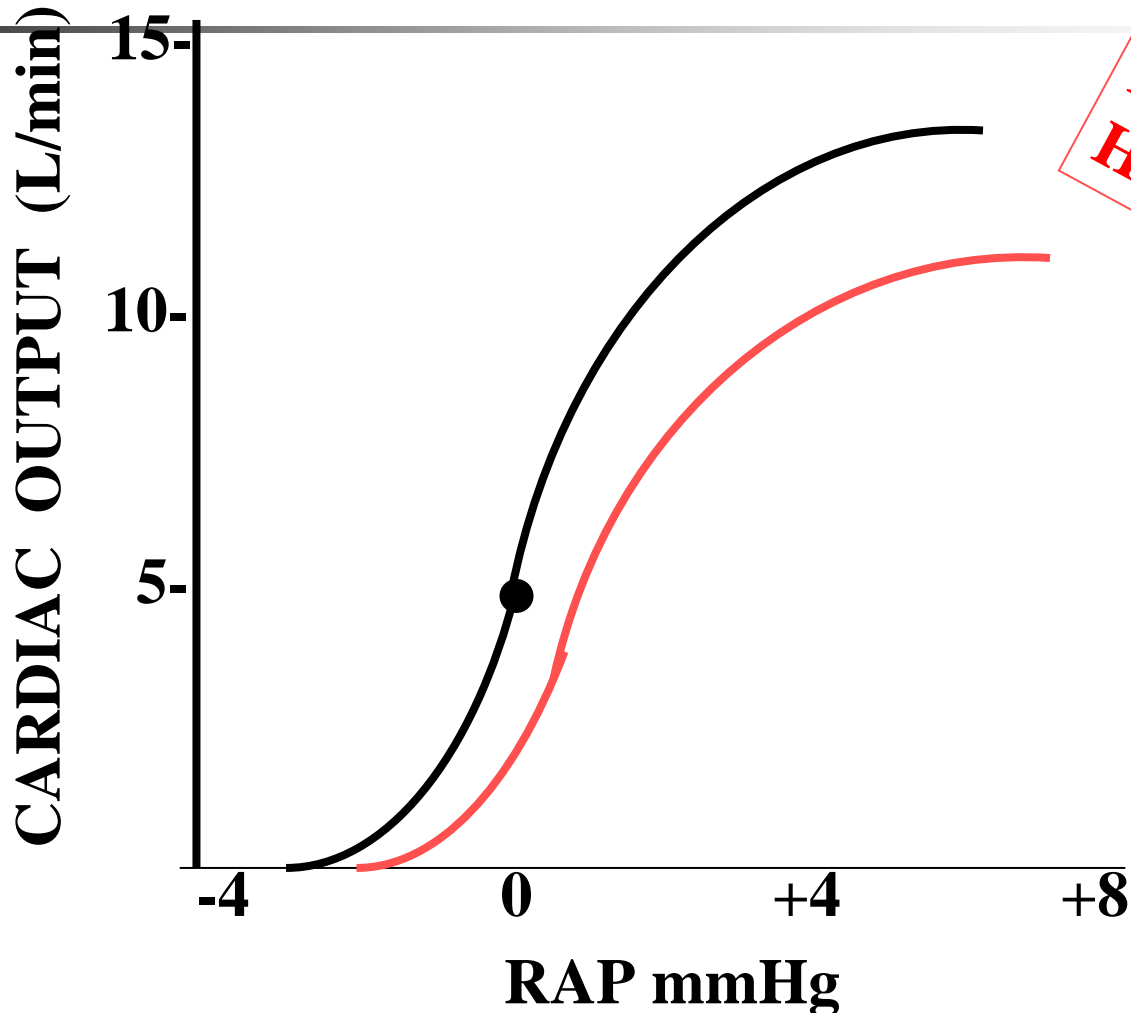
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**Increased  
Contractility**

# Cardiac Function Curve

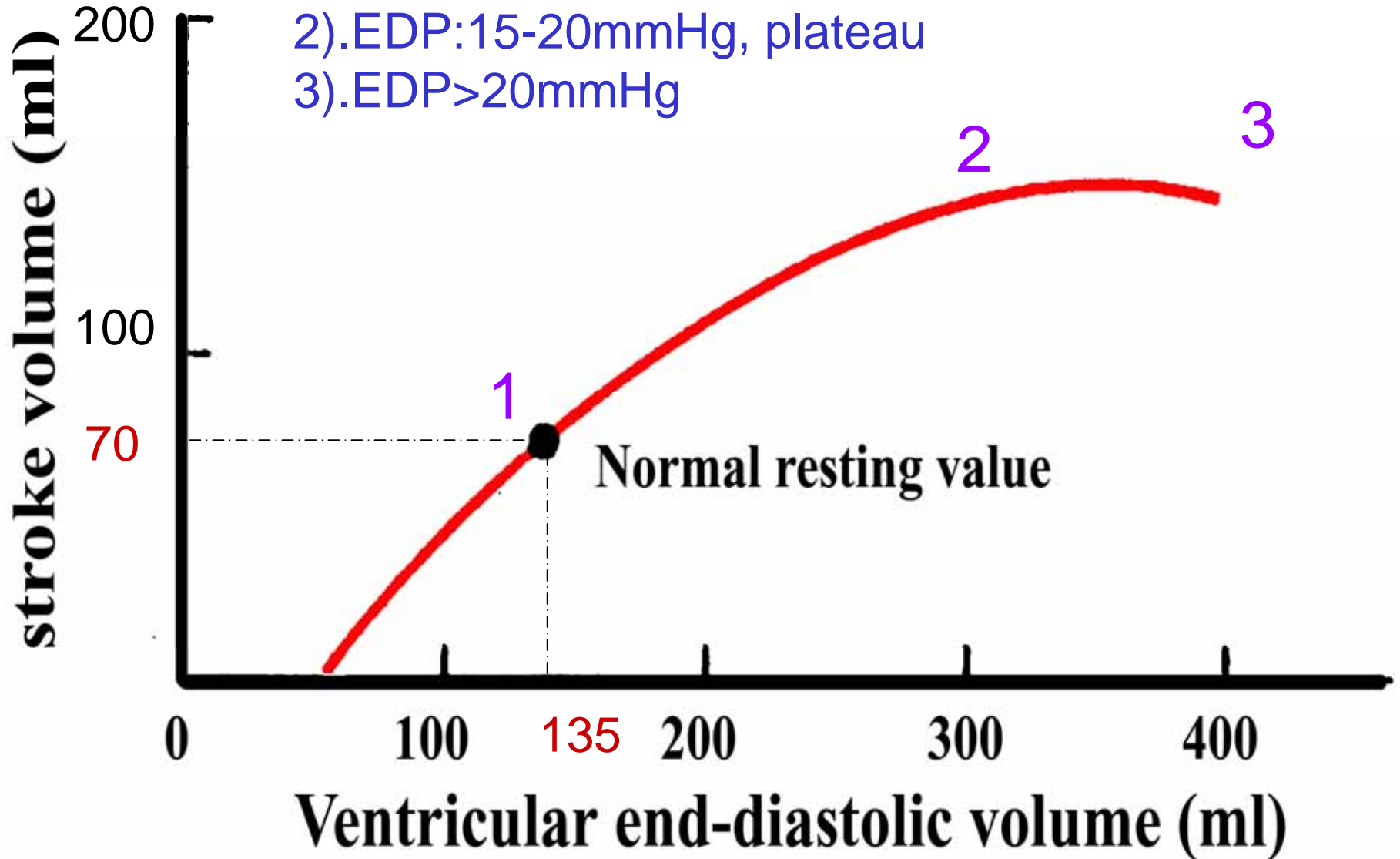
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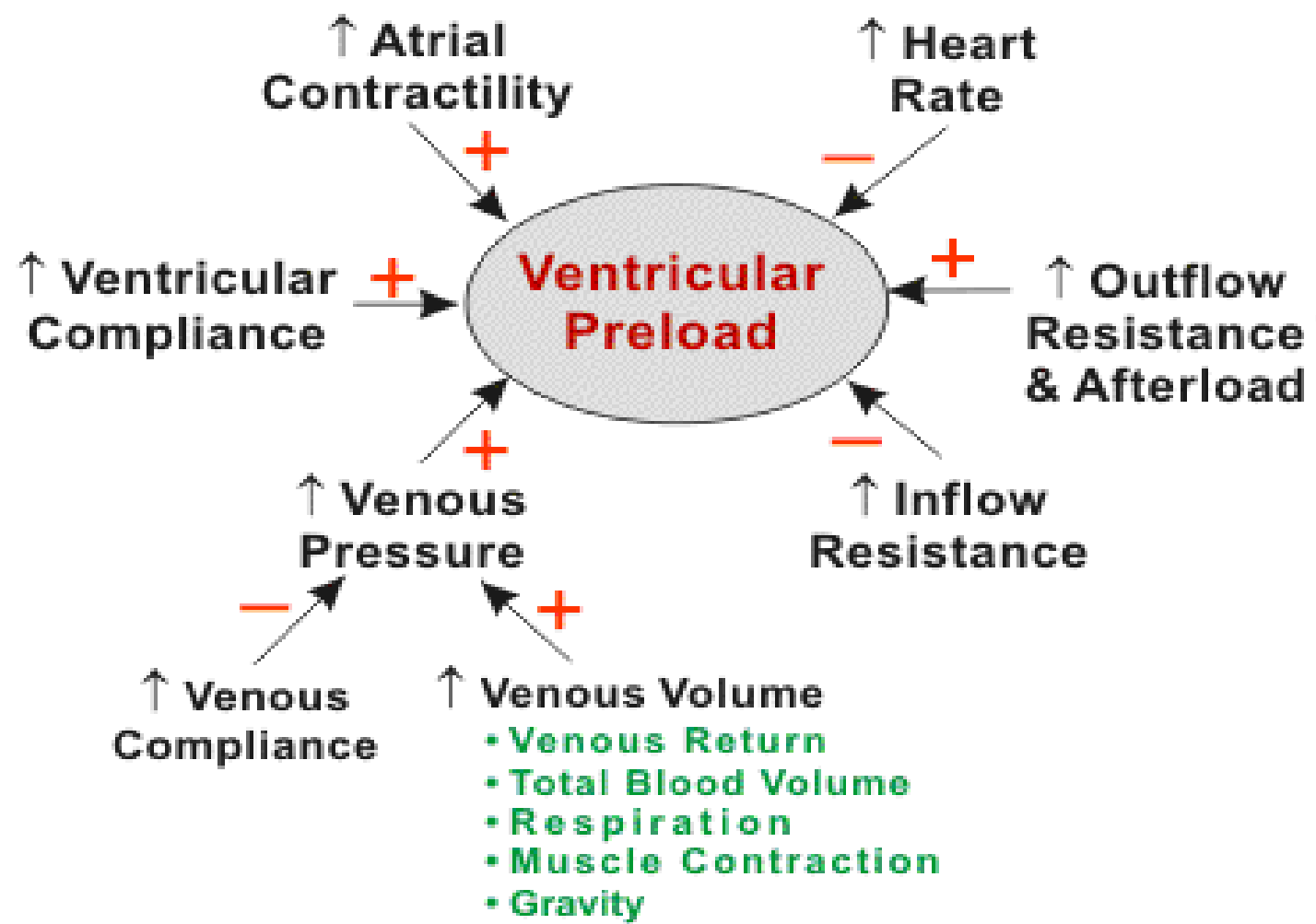
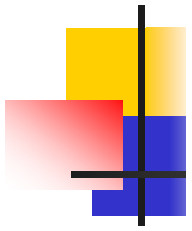


*Decreased  
Heart Rate*

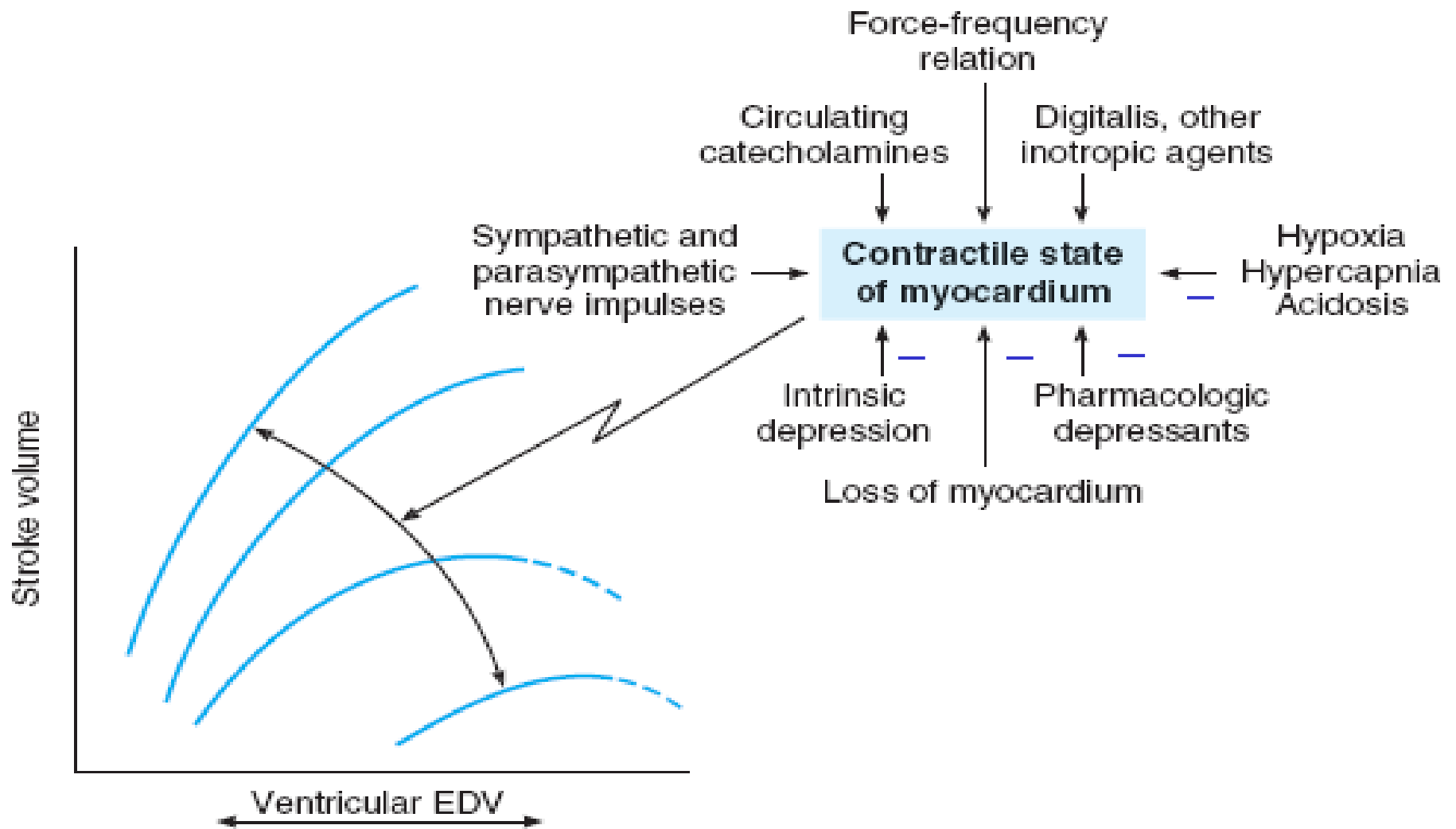
## Length-force relationship in the intact heart

- 1).EDP:5-6 mmHg,
- 2).EDP:15-20mmHg, plateau
- 3).EDP>20mmHg





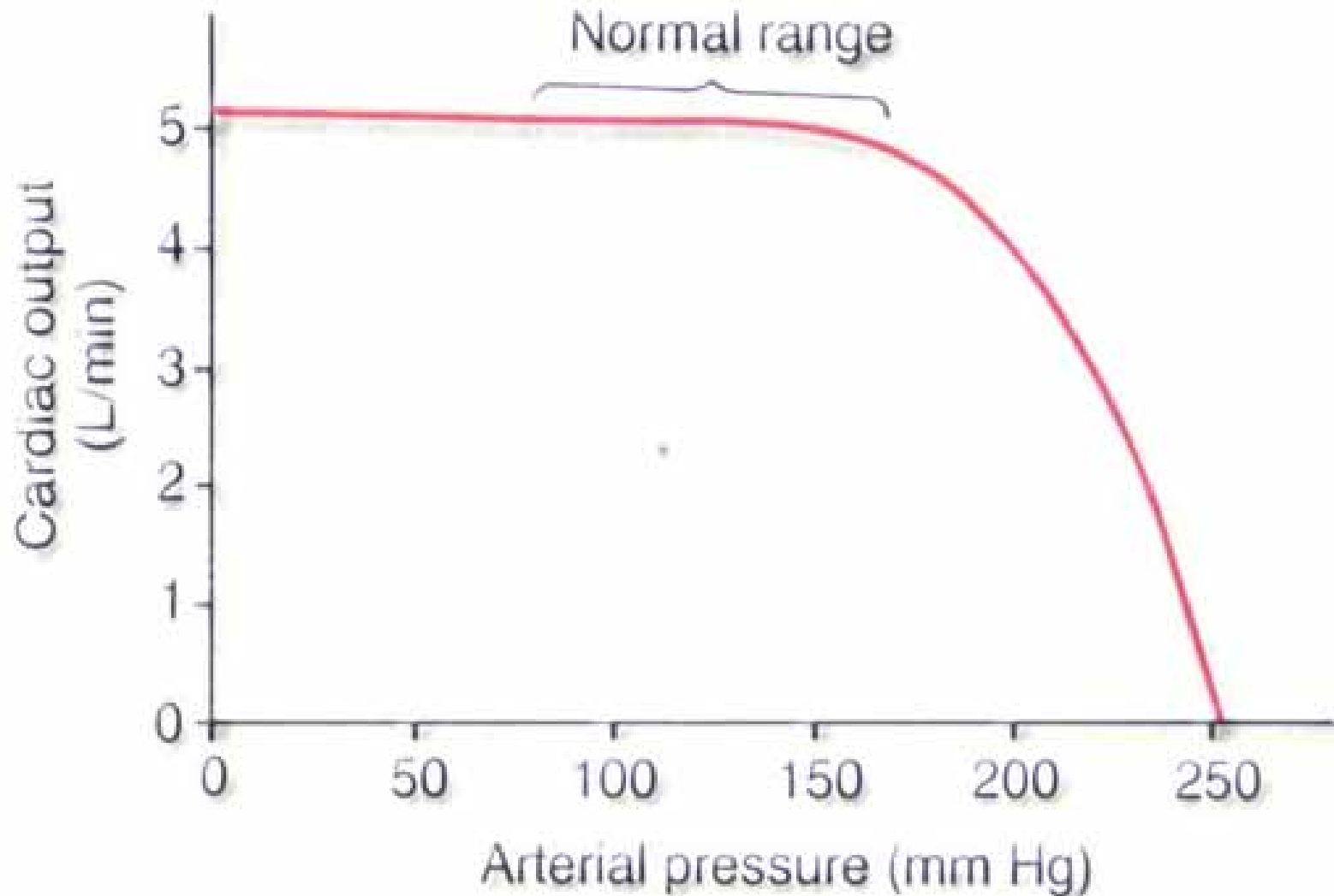
Factors determining ventricular preload. A "+" sign indicates that an increase in this particular variable increases ventricular end-diastolic volume, and therefore preload, while the "-" indicates that the variable decreases preload.

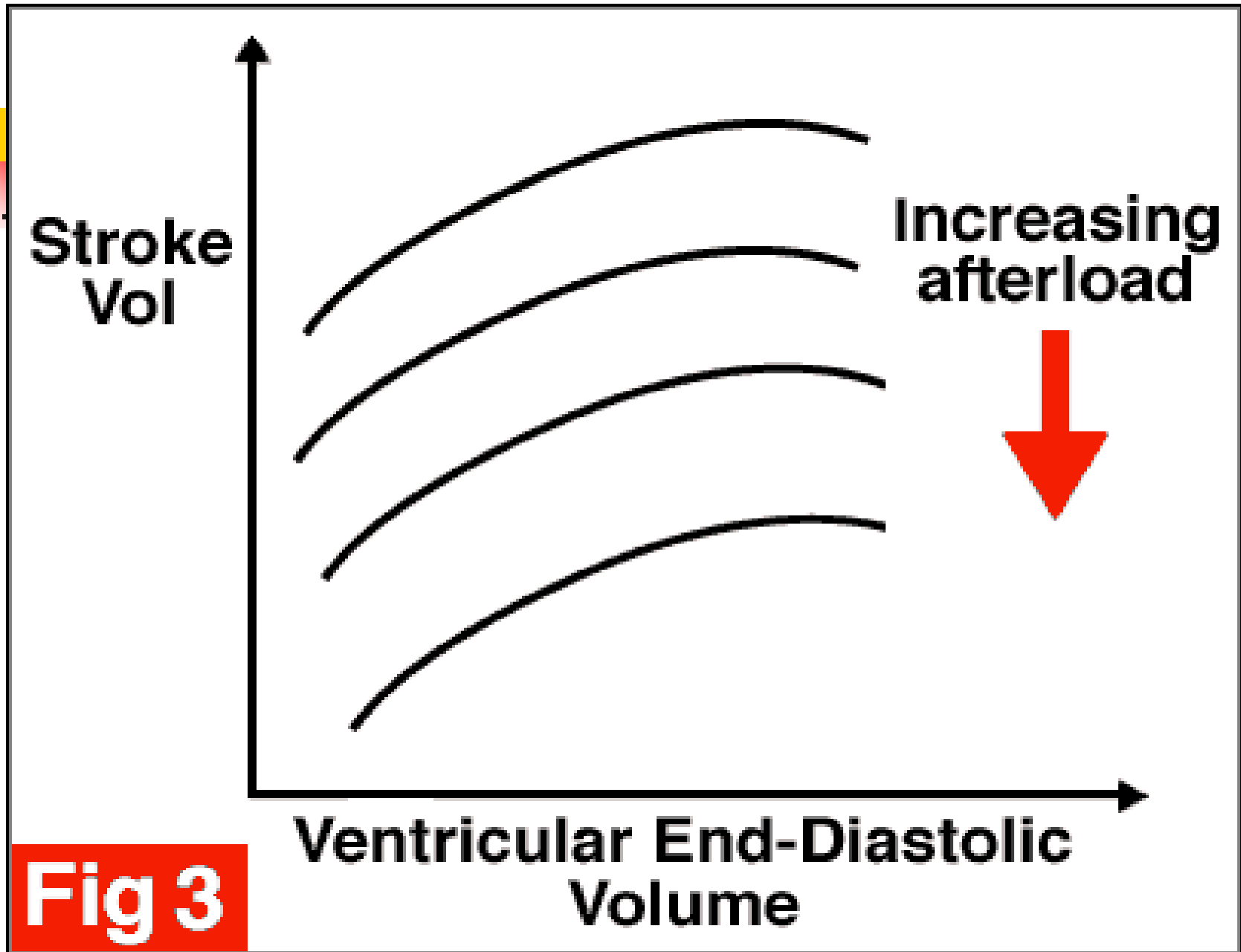


The dashed lines indicate portions of the ventricular function curves where maximum contractility has been exceeded; ie, they identify points on the “descending limb “of the Frank–Starling curve.



# After load: arterial pressure





# Regulation of contractility

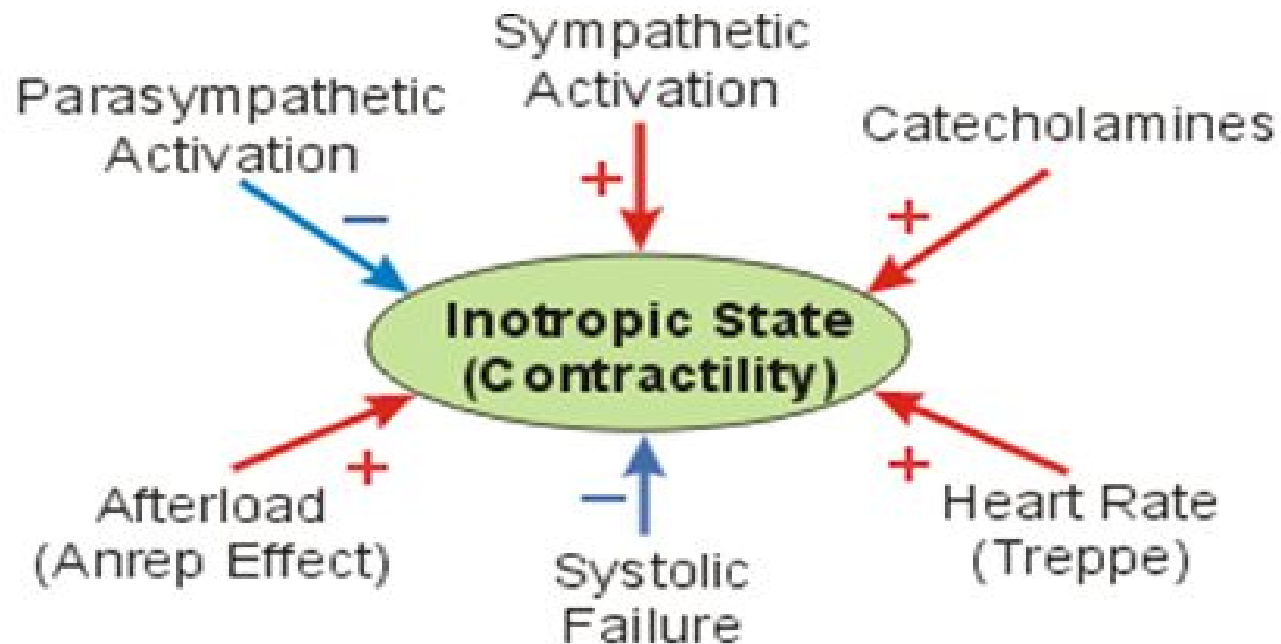


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- Recruitment of motor units
- Increase frequency of firing of motor nerves
- Calcium to trigger contraction

# Myocardial contractility (Inotropic state)

## Factors regulating contractility



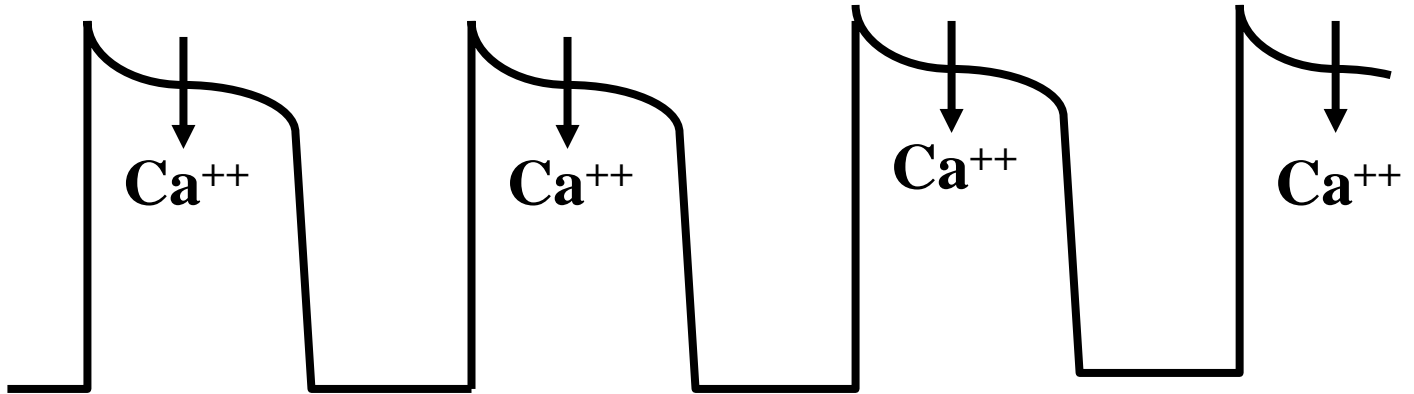
# Increasing heart rate increases contractility



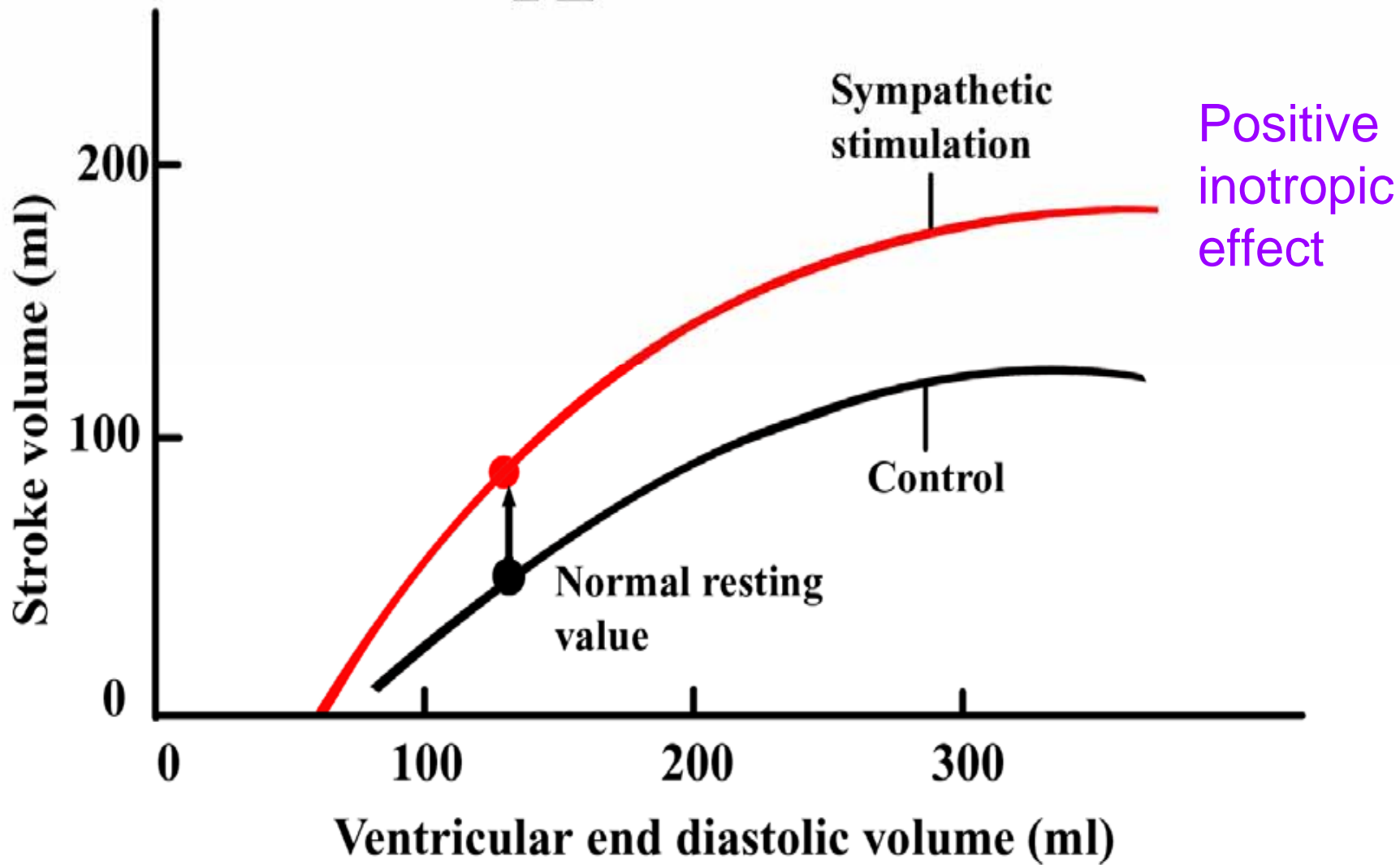
**Normal  
Heart Rate**



**Fast  
Heart Rate**



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# Regulation of the heart rate

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- $HR \uparrow \rightarrow CO \uparrow$
- $HR \uparrow \rightarrow \text{contractility} \uparrow$  (Treppe effect)
- $HR \uparrow \rightarrow \text{diastolic filling time} \downarrow$
- $HR > 180 / \text{min}, \text{ or } < 40 / \text{min}, CO \downarrow$
- $HR: 40 \sim 180 / \text{min}, HR \uparrow \quad CO \uparrow$



# Pumping Work

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- The product of the force applied to an object and the distance the object move:  
 $W = \text{force} \cdot \text{distance}$
- $W = P_a(EDV - ESV) = P_a \cdot SV$
- Pumping work of right ventricle :as one fifth as large.



