

RS Physiology summary (final material)

Hemoglobin saturation curve:

Shifted to the right by:

Increased: CO₂, H⁺, temp, 2,3- BPG, exercise.

! Shifting to right means less affinity to oxygen, so P₅₀ increases.

Shifted to the left by:

1) Decreased: CO₂, H⁺, temp, 2,3- BPG

2) HbF

! Shifting to left means more affinity to oxygen, so P₅₀ decreases.

Pulmonary circulation compared to systemic circulation has:

Same flow, same oncotic pressure, lower resistance, lower pressure, lower hydrostatic pressure.

 **Oxygen content** (volume/ concentration) in mL/dL = $1.34 \times \text{hemoglobin concentration (g/dL)} \times \text{hemoglobin oxygen saturation (\%)}$

Important values regarding **oxygen saturation (SO₂)**

PO₂ = 100, SO₂ = 100%

PO₂ = 60, SO₂ = 90%

PO₂ = 40, SO₂ = 75%

PO₂ = 28, SO₂ = 50%

 **Anemia & hemorrhage** decrease oxygen content, but do NOT alter PaO₂ or oxygen saturation.

 **Polycythemia** increases oxygen content, but does NOT alter PaO₂ or oxygen saturation.

 **CO poisoning** decreases oxygen content and oxygen saturation, but does NOT alter PaO₂.

 Any increment in alveolar PO₂ above 100 increases arterial dissolved O₂ by the same proportion, increases PaO₂, but does NOT increase oxygen saturation.

 Increased ventilation increases alveolar O₂, PaO₂, pH, and decreases alveolar CO₂, PaCO₂, and blood H⁺ and vice versa in decreased ventilation

 Exercise does NOT change PaO₂, or PaCO₂.

When ascending to high altitudes:

- Decreased PaO₂, decreased O₂ saturation (if PaO₂ < 60), increased ventilation, PaO₂ returns normal, PaCO₂ decreases, H⁺ decreases (alkalosis), kidney compensates (it takes some time) by excreting more HCO₃⁻.

- So in people living at high altitudes we find: increased ventilation, normal PaO₂ and O₂ saturation, decreased PaCO₂, decreased HCO₃⁻, normal pH.

 **Normal HCO₃⁻ = (22-28) mEq/L**

 **Central chemoreceptors** are the main sensors for CO₂ and H⁺ levels, peripheral chemoreceptors are the main sensors for O₂ levels.

 **Descending order of organs regarding:**

1) Blood flow (ml/g/min):

carotid bodies (for ABGs regulation)

kidney (for filtration)

Heart (for pumping)

Liver

Brain

Skeletal muscles

2) Arteriovenous O₂ difference:

Heart

Brain

Skeletal muscles

Liver

Kidney

Carotid bodies

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