RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

RESPIRATORY FUNCTIONS MECHANICS OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM GAS TRANSPORT









STEPS IN THE DELIVERY OF O_2 TO THE CELLS



AIR PASSAGES

ANATOMICAL DEAD SPACE –CONDUCTING ZONE

- NASAL PASSAGES
- PHARYNX
- LARYNX
- TRACHEA
- **BRONCHI**
- **BRONCHIOLES**
- TERMINAL BRONCHIOLES

RESPIRATORY ZONE (GAS EXCHANGE)

Total alveolar area ~100 m²

Other physiological functions:

- air is warmed, cleaned and takes up water vapour
- respiratory reflex responses to the irritants
- speech and singing (function of larynx)





Cylindrical epithelium with cilia

DEAD SPACE

TOTAL GAS VOLUME NOT EQUILIBRATED WITH BLOOD (without exchange of gasses)

- ANATOMICAL dead space volume of air passages
- FUNCTIONAL (total) dead space

ANATOMICAL dead space + total VOLUME of ALVEOLI without functional capillary bed



both spaces are practically identical





SPIROMETRY

(measurements of lung volumes, capacities, functional investigations, ...)



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LUNG VOLUMES





FUNCTIONAL INVESTIGATION OF THE LUNGS

TIMED VITAL CAPACITY (FEV_1 - forced expiratory volume per 1 s)



Flow – volume curve



Propeller spirometer



- **PEF** peak expiratory flow
- MEF maximální maximal expiratory flow on the differential levels of FVC - 75 %, 50 % a 25 % FVC



PNEUMOGRAPHY

Principle

Pneumography – measurement of respiratory movements (via chest or abdomen)

 respiratory belt (piesoelectrical principle – is the ability of crystal to generate of electrical voltage during its deformation)

Record:

- Resting breathing
- Breathing after mild or intensive exercise
- Evaluation of record Ti, Te, BI a Am





PNEUMOTACHOGRAPHY

Principle

Pneumotachograph - the device consists of tubes of the same diameter arranged in parallel. One of the tubes has branches with tubes near both its ends (oral and external). These are connected to a pressure sensor that allows you to measure the differences in air pressure at the beginning and end of the pneumotachograph in proportion to the speed of the inhaled or exhaled air.







 $R_d = R_p \cdot \left(\frac{\Delta P_{alv}}{\Delta P_n} - 1 \right)$

Mechanics of breathing





FORCES PARTICIPATING IN RESPIRATION

ACTIVE FORCES performed by respiratory muscles

PASSIVE FORCES represented by:

lungs elasticitychest elasticity

QUIET RESPIRATION

INSPIRATION - active forces of inspiratory muscles prevail EXPIRATION - only passive (elastic) forces are in action **RESPIRATORY MUSCLES**

accessory muscles

external intercostals

INSPIRATORY

diaphragm (1997)

internal intercostals

EXPIRATORY

abdominal muscles

INSPIRATORY muscles

QUIET breathing

- *diaphragm* (> 80 %)
- external intercostals (< 20 %)

FORCED breathing in addition

• *accessory* inspiratory muscles (mm. scalene)

EXPIRATORY muscles

Only at FORCED breathing

- internal intercostals
- muscles of the anterior *abdominal* wall (abdominal recti, ...)



Forces acting on the lung

- 1. elasticity of lung (elastic recoil) (collapsing force)
- 2. Lung surface tension (collapsing force)
- 3. Chest wall recoil (opening force)
- 4. Intrapleural pressure-IPP (opening force)



Lung recoil and chest wall recoil

Lung Recoil

- Represents the inward force created by the elastic recoil properties of alveoli.
- As the lung expands, recoil increases; as the lung gets smaller, recoil decreases.
- Recoil, as a force, always acts to collapse the lung.

Chest Wall Recoil

- Outward force of the chest wall
- FRC represents the point where this outward recoil of the chest wall is counterbalanced by the inward recoil of the lung.



Intrapleural pressure

Intrapleural Pressure (IPP)

- Represents the pressure inside the thin film of fluid between the visceral pleura, which is attached to the lung, and the parietal pleura, which is attached to the chest wall.
- The outward recoil of the chest and inward recoil of the lung create a negative (subatmospheric) IPP.
- IPP is the outside pressure for all structures inside the chest wall.





PARTIAL PRESSURES OF GASSES IN DRY AIR AT SEA LEVEL

 $P_{O2} = 760 \text{ x } 0.21 = \sim 160 \text{ mm Hg}$ $P_{N2} = 760 \text{ x } 0.78 = \sim 593 \text{ mm Hg}$ $P_{CO2} = 760 \text{ x } 0.0004 = \sim 0.3 \text{ mm Hg}$

1 *kPa* = 7.5 *mm Hg (torr)*





O₂-HAEMOGLOBIN DISSOCIATION CURVE



physically dissolved O_2 (1.4%)







SURFACTANT

SURFACE TENSION LOWERING AGENT

EFFECT MAINLY IN THE EXPIRED POSITION




ALVEOLAR-CAPILLARY (RESPIRATORY) MEMBRANE

DIFFUSION OF GASES







Control of ventilation



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 Breathing is an automatic process that takes place unconsciously. Automaticity of breathing comes from regular (rhythmic) activity of groups of neurons anatomically localized in the medulla and its vicinity.

- They can be divided into three main groups:
 - dorsal respiratory group placed bilaterally on the dorsal side of the medulla oblongata, only inspiratory neurons, sending axons to motoneurons of inspiratory muscles (diaphragm, external intercostal muscles; their activation=inspiration, their relaxation=expiration; participates on inspiration at rest and forced inspiration
 - ventral respiratory group located on the ventrolateral part of the medulla oblongata, the upper part: neurons whose axons of motor neurons activate the main and auxiliary inspiratory muscles; the lower part: expiratory neurons which innervate expiratory muscles (internal intercostal muscles). Neurons in this group operate only during forced inspiration and forced expiration.
 - Pontine respiratory group pneumotaxic center dorsally placed on top of the pont, contributes to the frequency and depth of breathing; affects the activity of respiratory neurons in the medulla oblongata.

Chemical factors affecting the respiratory center:

Central chemoreceptors

- on the front side of the medulla
- sensitive only to increase of arterial pCO₂ (by increasing H⁺)



- ____Notice:
- central chemoreceptor are stimulated by other types of acidosis (lactate acidosis, ketoacidosis)





Peripheral chemoreceptors

located in the aortic and carotid bodies

-primarily sensitive to decrease in arterial pO_2 , particularly to decrease of O_2 under 10-13 kPa in the arterial blood.

They convey their sensory information to the medulla via the vagus nerve and glossopharyngeal nerve.

<u>Mechanism of action: Decreased ATP</u> production in mitochondria leads to depolarization of receptors membrane and to excitation of chemoreceptor

http://www.medicine.mcgill.ca/physio/resp-web/sect8.htm,

Modulation of respiratory output

Major parameters for feedback control – classical gases:pO2, pCO2, pH

In additin to these, the respiratory system receives input from two other major sources: **1. variety of stretch and chemical/irritant receptors** that monitor the size of airways and the presence of noxious agentsreceptors in respiratory system

2. Higher CNS centers that modulate respiratory activity for the sake of nonrespiratory activities

Irritants receptors on mucose of respiratory system – rapidly adapting Stimulus: agens - chemical substances (histamin, serotonin, prostaglandins, ammonia, cigarette smoke).

Respons: increase mucus secretion, constriction of larynx and brochus

C-fibre receptors (juxtacapillary=J receptors)– free nerve ending of n.vagus (unmyelinated axon) in intersticium of bronchus and alveolus; Stimulus: Mechanical irritans (pulmonary hypertension, pulmonary oedema)+chemical Response: hypopnoe, rapid shallow breathing, bronchoconstriction, cough

Stretch receptors slowly adapting (mechanoreceptors in tracheobronchial tree that detect the changes in lung volume by sensing the stretch receptors of the airway wall), inform to brain about the lung volume to optimize respiratory; its irritants triggered decrese activity of respiratory centre – **Hering-Breuer's reflexes**. (protecting the lungs from overinflation/deflation)

Baroreceptors – suppresses activity of respiratory centre

Irritants of **proprioreceptors of muscles, tendons** during active and pasive movements of limbs Influenced activity of respiratory neurons (increase minute ventilation during work load)

Limbic system, hypothalamus – strong pain, emotion Tractus corticospinalis =cortex – activated RC during work load

temperature

Hering – Breuer 's reflex in animal experimentH

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HERING-BREUER REFLEX REFLEX STOP BREATHING M ARTEFAKTS **ARTEFAKTS** 48

Changes of breathing after VAGOTOMY



Hypoxia, hypoxemia

- Hypoxia is a general name for a lack of oxygen in the body or individual tissues.
- Hypoxemia is lack of oxygen in arterial blood.
- Complete lack of oxygen is known as anoxia.

The most common types of hypoxia:

- 1. Hypoxic physiological: stay at higher altitudes, pathological: hypoventilation during lung or neuromuscular diseases
- 2. Transport (anemic) reduced transport capacity of blood for oxygen (anemia, blood loss, CO poisoning)
- 3. Ischemic (stagnation) restricted blood flow to tissue (heart failure, shock states, obstruction of an artery)
- 4. Histotoxic cells are unable to utilize oxygen (cyanide poisoning damage to the respiratory chain)

Hypercapnia

- Hypercapnia increase of concentration of carbon dioxide in the blood or in tissues that is caused by retention of CO₂ in the body
- possible causes: total alveolar hypoventilation (decreased respiration or extension of dead space)
- mild hypercapnia (5 -7 kPa) causes stimulation of the respiratory center (therapeutic use: pneumoxid = mixture of oxygen + 2-5% CO₂)
- hypercapnia around 10 kPa CO₂ narcosis respiratory depression (preceded by headache, confusion, disorientation, a feeling of breathlessness)
- hypercapnia over 12 kPa significant respiratory depression coma and death.

