

Oxygen and Carbon dioxide Transport

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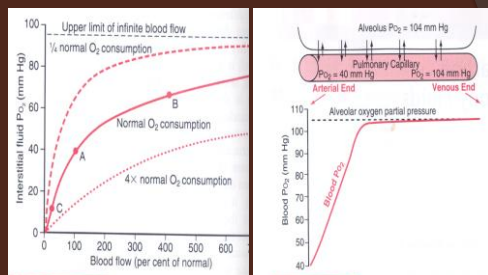
Objectives

- 1- Understand the **forms of oxygen transport** in the blood, the importance of each fo
- 2- Describe: **-(Oxygen- hemoglobin dissociation curve)**
 - a- How DPG, temperature, H^+ ions and PCO_2 affect affinity of O_2 for Hemoglobin and the physiological importance of these effects.
- 3- Differentiate between **O_2 capacity, O_2 content and O_2 saturation.**
- 4- Define the **P_{50}** and its significance.
- 5- Know the significance of **fetal Hb** and **adult myoglobin.**
- 6- Describe the **three forms of Carbon dioxide** that are transported in the blood, and the **chloride shift.**
- 7- Describe the role of the enzyme **carbonic anhydrase**, and the **CO_2 dissociation curve.**
- 8- Define **respiratory acidosis** and **respiratory alkalosis**, and explain how these are related to hypoventilation and hyperventilation respectively.

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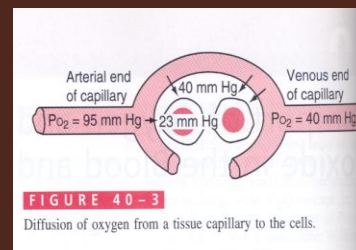
Oxygen uptake by pulmonary capillary blood



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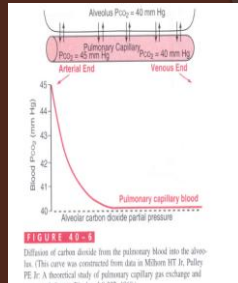
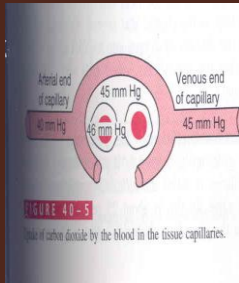
Diffusion of oxygen from the capillaries to the intestinal fluid



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Diffusion of CO₂ from the cells to the tissue capillaries, and from the pulmonary capillaries to the alveoli



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Transport of oxygen and carbon dioxide in the blood and body fluids

Key Concepts

- O₂ mostly transported in blood bound to hemoglobin
- If the P_{O₂} increases Hb binds O₂
- If P_{O₂} decreases Hb releases O₂
- CO₂ mostly transported in blood as HCO₃⁻
- Lesser amounts of CO₂ are bound to Hb or dissolved in plasma

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Terminology

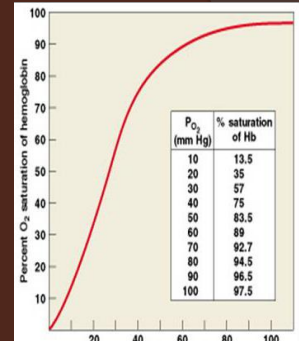
- **O₂ content:** Amount of O₂ in blood (mL O₂/100 mL blood)
- **O₂-binding capacity:** Maximum amount of O₂ bound to hemoglobin (mL O₂/100 mL blood) measured at 100% saturation
- **Percent saturation:** % of heme groups bound to O₂
- **Dissolved O₂:** Unbound O₂ in blood (mL O₂/100 mL blood)

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Oxygen transport in Blood

- **Oxygen transport**
 - 3% dissolved in plasma
 - 97% bound to hemoglobin (oxyhemoglobin)
- **Oxyhemoglobin Saturation Curve :**
 - higher P_{O₂} results in greater Hb saturation



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Function of hemoglobin to transport oxygen in arterial blood

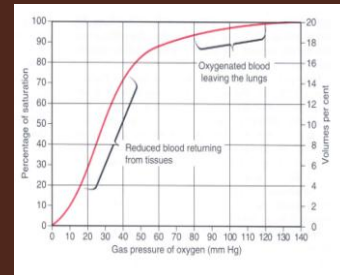
- **Oxygen content** (20 ml O₂ /dl blood) each ml of Hb carry 1.34 ml O₂ ($15 \times 1.34 = 20$) this is when Hb is 100% saturated with O₂.
- but when the blood is **only 97% saturated** with O₂ each 100 ml blood contain **19.4 ml O₂**.
- Amount of oxygen released from the hemoglobin in the tissues (5ml O₂ is given to the tissues per each 100ml blood ($19.4 - 14.4 = 5$ ml).
- **Transport of oxygen during strenuous exercise.**
The oxygen uptake by the tissue increases 3 folds so 15 ml O₂ is given /100 ml blood ($19.4 - 15 = 4.4$ ml O₂ /100ml blood).

Tissues consume 250 ml O₂ /min at rest and produce 200ml CO₂

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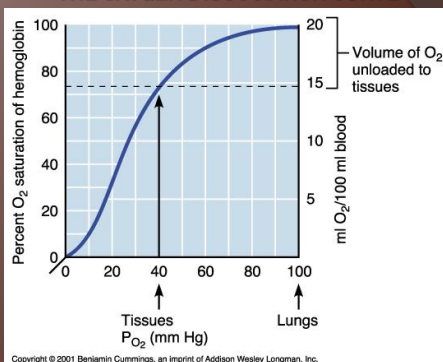
Oxygen-Hb dissociation curve



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THE OXYGEN DISSOCIATION CURVE



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Oxygen hemoglobin dissociation

- **Method:** blood is put in different tubes (tonometers) and exposed to oxygen at different pressures (PO₂) and let to rotate at body temp in water path).
- Then the **oxygen content** in each tonometer is measured.
- In a separate tonometer we expose the blood to very high PO₂ (600 mmHg), the amount of Hb that combines with oxygen at this very high O₂ tension is **called oxygen capacity**

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Cont.. O₂-Hb dissociation

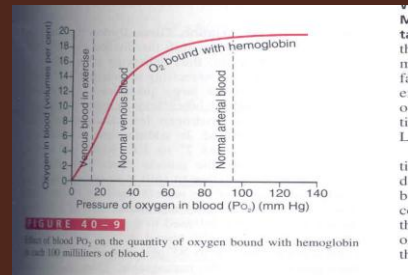
- % saturation of Hb

$$= \frac{\text{oxygen content}}{\text{oxygen capacity}} \times 100$$
- the relation between PO₂ and Hb-O₂ is not linear. The curve is S- shaped or sigmoid
- the presence of one molecule of oxygen on one hem group increases the affinity of the other oxygen binding sites to O₂.

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Effect of blood PO₂ on the amount of %HbO₂

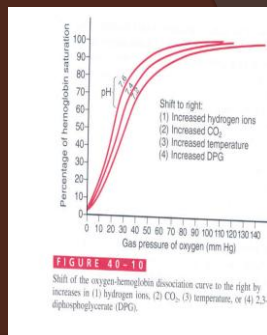


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Factors that shift the O₂- Hb dissociation curve

- The position of the dissociation curve can be determined by measuring the P₅₀
- **P₅₀**:- the arterial oxygen tension at which 50% of the Hb is saturated with O₂, normally P₅₀= 26.5
- decreased P₅₀ means increased affinity of Hb to O₂ or shift of the curve to left
- Increased P₅₀ means decreased affinity of the curve to right.



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The Rt and Lt shifts:

- **Rt shift means** the oxygen is unloaded to the tissues from Hb, while **Lt shift means** loading or attachment of oxygen to Hb.

Effect of 2,3DPG, effect of temperature↑ cause shift to Rt.

- **2,3DPG** is synthesized in RBCs from the glycolytic pathway, it binds tightly to **reduced Hb**. increased 2,3 DPG facilitate the oxygen release and shifts the dissociation curve to Rt.
- **2,3 DPG increases in the RBCs in anemia and hypoxemia**, and thus serves as an important adaptive response in maintaining tissue oxygenation
- **Fetal Hb**: has a P₅₀ of 20 mmHg in comparison to 27 mmHg of adult Hb.

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Effect of carbon dioxide and hydrogen ions on the curve (Bohr effect)

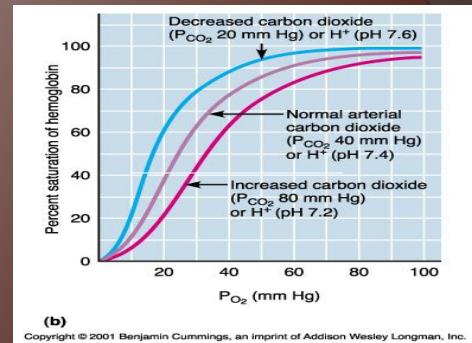
* At lung movement of CO₂ from blood to alveoli will decrease blood CO₂ & H⁺ → shift the curve to left and increase O₂ affinity to Hb allowing more O₂ transport to tissues

At tissues: the reverse occur

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BOHR EFFECT



Bohr
Shift
Curve

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Shift of dissociation curve during exercise

- Temp, H⁺, 2,3 DPG, increases and shift the curve to Rt.
- Utilization Coefficient.** The percentage of the blood that gives up its oxygen as it passes through the tissues capillaries is called *utilization coefficient*.
= $\frac{\text{O}_2 \text{ delivered to the tissues}}{\text{O}_2 \text{ content of arterial blood}}$
- Normally at rest = $\frac{5 \text{ ml}}{20 \text{ ml}} = 25\%$, during exercise it = $\frac{15 \text{ ml}}{20 \text{ ml}} = 75\%$ - 85%

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Transport of oxygen in the dissolved state.

- Only 3% of O₂ is transported in the dissolved state,
- at normal arterial PO₂ of 95 mmHg, about 0.29 ml of oxygen is dissolved in each 100ml of blood.
- When the PO₂ of the blood falls to 40 mmHg in tissue capillaries, only 0.12 of oxygen remains dissolved.
- i.e 0.17 ml of oxygen is normally transported in the dissolved state to the tissues per each 100 ml of blood

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Combination of Hb with CO — displacement of oxygen

- CO combines with Hb at the same point on the Hb molecule as does oxygen,
- it binds with Hb about 250 times as much as O₂ (affinity of Hb to CO is very high (250 times) that to O₂).
- It causes Lt shift of the O₂-Hb curve.

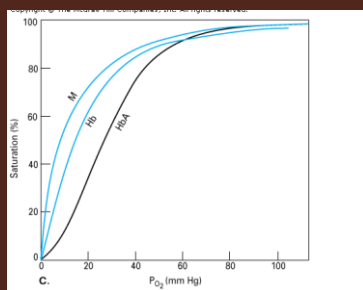
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Fetal Hb and methemoglobin

- **Fetal hemoglobin (hemoglobin F, Hb)**
- the two β chains are replaced by γ chains, giving it the designation of $\alpha_2\gamma_2$.
- hemoglobin F has a **higher affinity for O₂** than hemoglobin A, facilitating O₂ movement from the mother to the fetus.
- is replaced by hemoglobin A within the first year of life.
- **Myoglobin**: a heme protein that occurs naturally in muscle cells, consists of a single polypeptide chain attached to a heme group. It can therefore combine chemically with a single molecule of oxygen and is similar structurally to a single subunit of hemoglobin

Dissociation curve for fetal Hb, Myoglobin



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Cont.. Myoglobin

- the hyperbolic dissociation curve of myoglobin (which is similar to that of a single hemoglobin subunit) **is far to the left** of that of normal adult hemoglobin.
- That is, at lower P_{O₂}s, much more oxygen remains bound to myoglobin.
- Myoglobin can therefore act to transport and store oxygen in skeletal muscle. As blood passes through the muscle, **oxygen leaves hemoglobin and binds to myoglobin. It can be released from the myoglobin when conditions cause lower P_{O₂}s.**

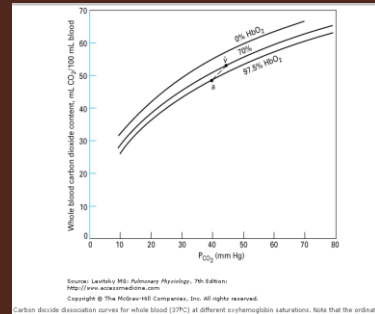
Transport of carbon dioxide in the blood.

- ****Chemical forms in which carbon dioxide transported.**
- **Dissolved CO₂ 7%**
- **bicarbonate ions 70 %**
- **Carbaminohemoglobin (with Hb).23%**
- **each 100 ml of blood carry 4 ml of CO₂ from the tissues/min .**

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CO₂ Dissociation curve for whole blood



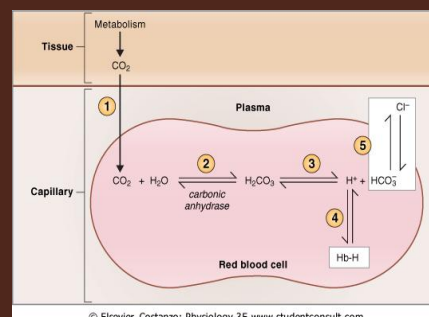
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How does the shape of the oxygen dissociation curve differ from the CO₂ dissociation curve?

- The CO₂ dissociation curve is *curvi-linear*
- The O₂ dissociation curve is *sigmoidal*
- That is, there is a greater change in CO₂ content per mm Hg change in P_{CO₂} than there is in oxygen content per mm Hg change in P_{O₂}

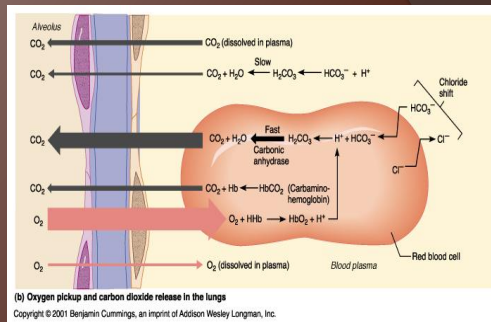
Formation of HCO₃⁻ & Chloride shift inside RBC



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CHLORIDE SHIFT IN PULMONARY CAPILLARIES



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H⁺ transport in the blood

- H⁺ must be buffered so that the pH of the red blood cells (and the blood) remains within the physiologic range.
- The H⁺ is buffered in the red blood cells by **deoxyhemoglobin** and is carried in the venous blood in this form.

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The Haldane effect

- When Oxygen binds with hemoglobin, carbon dioxide is released- to increase CO₂ transport
- Binding of Hb with O₂ at the lung causes the Hb to become more a stronger acid and, this in turn displaces CO₂ from the blood and into the alveoli
- ****change in blood acidity during CO₂ transport.**

Arterial blood has a PH of 7.41 that of venous blood with higher PCO₂ falls to 7.37 (i.e change of 0.04 unit takes place)

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**Respiratory Exchange ratio

$$R = \frac{\text{Rate of carbon dioxide output}}{\text{Rate of oxygen uptake}}$$

- Normally it is 4/5= 82%
- When Carbohydrate diet is used
R = 1
- When fats only is used R=0.7
- A person on normal diet R=0.825

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