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LECTURE : 15 Capillary Circulation & Edema Formation

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A) Capillary Circulation

Functions of capillaries:

1- Exchange between blood tissues (Nutrients, Oxygen) ... and have additional function according to it's location :

- Lung => gas exchange
- Kidney => filtration
- Liver => detoxification
- 2- Drainage of waste products (from tissues to blood)

3- Capillary tone

- refers to the number of closed capillaries at rest. Normally about 80%-85% of the capillaries are closed and 20%-15% are open.
- If 50% of capillaries are opened, this leads to shock.
- Capillary tone is important because it maintain pressure for perfusion.
 - Only 5% of blood found in the capillaries.

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Types of capillary:

- 1) Continuous:
- muscles, lungs, adipose tissue, and central
- nervous system
- 2) Fenestrated:
- kidneys, endocrine glands and intestines
- 3) Discontinuous:

bone marrow, liver, and spleen



Structure of capillaries:



A) Structure that help in exchange materials:

1- Single layer of <u>squamous</u> endothelial Cells .

2- fenestrations (pores).

B) Structure that help in controlling blood amount that pass to the capillary network :

precapillary sphincter .

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... Role of precapillary sphincter:

-- It is a muscular ring that contact and relax according to the metabolic needs of the tissue

- -- Capillary doesn't have a vascular smooth muscle except the sphincter
- --The precapillary sphincter is sensitive to oxygen and carbon dioxide.

If the tissue contains low amount of Oxygen and high amount of Carbon Dioxide, the smooth muscles will relax and more blood will flow to the tissue. And vice versa



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Temperature regulation				
Blood v (vasodi	essel dilates lation)	BI (v	lood vessel constricts vasoconstriction)	
	B	Heat loss across epidermis		
Increase	Epidermis d heat loss		Epidermis Heat conservation	
(a)			(b)	
	(A)		(B)	
sphincter	relaxes		contracts	
blood flow	increase		decrease	
excess heat	get rid of excess h	eat	conserve heat	

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Movement across capillaries

-- Fluid, electrolytes, gases, small and large molecular weight substances can transverse the capillary endothelium by several <u>different mechanisms</u>: diffusion, bulk flow, vesicular transport, and active transport.

-- Interstitial fluid (Extracellular Fluid) is continuously exchanged, it never stays in stagnant state .



There are two type of materials diffuse through the capillary wall:

- 1- lipid-soluble → Through the Cell
 Membranes of the Capillary Endothelium
- 2- non-lipid-soluble (water-soluble)
 →Through Intercellular "Pores" in the Capillary Membrane

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Terms Definitions Image: Vasoconstrictor Agents Image: Norepinephrine and Epinephrine Angiotensin II. -Angiotensin II. -Vasopressin.Endothelin—A Powerful Vasoconstrictor in Damaged Blood Vessels	powerful vasodilation	 increase in magnesium ion concentrationinhibit smooth muscle contraction. 	
	-Angiotensin II. -Vasopressin.Endothelin—A Powerful Vasoconstrictor in Damaged Blood Vessels	dilation of the arterioles	increase in hydrogen ion concentration
Nasodilator Agents	Bradykinin	 arteriolar constriction. 	slight decrease in hydrogen ion
	histamine	Anions that have	acetate and citrate, both of which
Vascular Control by Ions and Other Chemical Factors	🜒 ca,k,mg,h	significant effects on blood vessels	cause mild degrees of vasodilation.
 vasoconstriction 	An increase in calcium ion concentrationThis results from the general effect of calcium to stimulate	An increase in carbon dioxide concentration causes	moderate vasodilation in most tissues.marked vasodilation in the brain
	smooth muscle contraction,	carbon	transmitted through the
vasodilation	increase in potassium ion concentrationThis results from the ability of potassium ions to inhibit smooth muscle	acting on the brain vasomotor center, has an extremely powerful indirect effect,	sympathetic nervous vasoconstrictor system, to cause widespread vasoconstriction throughout the body.
	contraction		Rahaf salem



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Forces determining tissue fluid formation(Starling's Forces)

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Forces determining tissue fluid formation Starling's Forces

There is a free exchange of water, electrolytes, and small molecules between the intravascular and extravascular compartments of the body.

The primary site of this exchange is capillaries and small post-capillary venules.

Several mechanisms are involved in this exchange; however, the most important are bulk flow and diffusion.

The rate of exchange, in either direction, is determined by Starling 's Forces..

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Forces determining tissue fluid formation Starling's Forces



Capillary Hydrostatic P (CHP) or (Pc):	pressure caused by blood flow in capillary.		
Tissue Hydrostatic P.:	pressure caused by intestinal fluid in interstitial space.		
Capillary plasma oncotic P	pressure caused by proteins in plasma.		
Tissue plasma oncotic P.	pressure caused by proteins in intestinal fluid		

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Continue....



Because ...

The hydrostatic pressure excluding blood, through the gaps (pores) between adjacent endothelial cells in capillaries to extra cellular fluid ECF (in interstetium) to reach cells Whereas the oncotic pressure it tend to drag fluids back to the center of capillaries.

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Arteriolar end		Venus end			
Forces tending to move	fluid outwar	d :			
Capillary hydrostatic pressure	30 mmHg			10 mmHg 🚽	
Negative interstitial fluid pressure	3 mmHg			3 mmHg	
Interstitial fluid colloidal osmotic pressure	8 mmHg			8mmHg	No change
Outward force	41 mmHg			21 mmHg	
Forces tending to move fluid inward: Plasma colloidal 28 mmHg					
osmotic pressure Net Force: 41- 28 = 13 mmHg Z8 - 21 = 7 mmHg This is an outward force beloing					
filtration at arteriolar end absorption at venular end.					
the hydrostatic pressure is more					
than the oncotic pressure in the The opposite 🙂					
arteriolar end => filtiratoin					
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Example:-



- 1- Constant exchange of fluid.
- 2- Accelerate distribution of substances.
- 3- Transport insoluble lipids & tissue proteins.
- 4- Carry bacterial toxins to lymphoid tissues \rightarrow provide immunity.

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B) Edema Formation

1.Edema: excessive amount of fluid in the interstitial spaces.

enous return

2.Factors Precipitating Edema:

- A) capillary hydrostatic pressure
- B) plasma oncotic pressure
- C) capillary permeability
- D) Lymphatic obstruction



Pooling of blood in distended veins

> Venous pressure = 100 mm Hg

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Capillary blood

3.Causes of Edema:

A. Increased capillary pressure:	Excess retention of salt and water by kidney	a. Renal failure b. Excess aldosterone. c. Heart failure.	
	Increased venous pressure	 a. Heart failure b. Venous obstruction. e.g. thrombus, pregnancy, tumor, etc c. Failure of venous pump e.g. varicose veins. 	
	Decreased arteriolar resistance	a. Vasodilator drugs. b. Excess body heat.	
B. Low plasma proteins:	 Loss of proteins in urine. Loss from the skin (burns) Failure to produce: (Liver diseases , Malnutrition). 		
C. Increased capillary permeability:	 Release of histamine in allergy. Toxins. 3. Infections 4. Vit. C deficiency 5. Burns 		
D. Lymphatic obstruction:	1. Cancer 2. Filari	a 3. congenital	

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LYMPHATIC SYSTEM:

Carry protein and large particulate matter can flow from the interstitial spaces into the blood Absorption of nutrients from the gastrointestinal tract, especially for absorption of virtually all fats in food.

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1.Functions of capillaries is => exchange the (Nutrients, Oxygen &waste products) between blood & tissues.

2. <u>fenestrations (pores)</u> <u>by precapillary sphincter</u> are play an important role in the capillaries .

3.Several mechanisms are involved in this exchange; however, the most important are bulk flow and diffusion.

4.Starling's Forces :

Capillary Hydrostatic P (CHP) or (Pc) ,Tissue Hydrostatic P,Capillary plasma oncotic P Tissue plasma oncotic P.

5.The <u>hydrostatic pressure</u> excluding blood, through the gaps (pores) between adjacent endothelial cells in capillaries to extra cellular fluid ECF (in interstetium) to reach cells whereas the <u>oncotic pressure</u> it tend to drag fluids back to the center of capillaries
6.High hydrostatic pressure = arterial end = filtration
7.High oncotic pressure = Venus end= Absorption

8.Edema caused by:

A. Increased capillary pressure:

- B. Low plasma proteins:
- C. Increased capillary permeability:
- D. Lymphatic obstruction:

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