



**Cardiovascular Physiology**



# **Cardiac Cycle- 1**


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**At end of this lecture you should be able to know:**

- ✓ General principles of cardiac cycle
- ✓ Different events that occur during cardiac cycle: mechanical, electrical, volume/pressure changes & heart sounds
- ✓ Correlation of the different events that occur during cardiac cycle
- ✓ Various phases of mechanical events of cardiac cycle

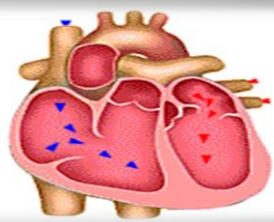
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## Cardiac Cycle ?


**Sequence of events that takes place in the heart in each beat**

- I:** Mechanical events
- II:** Volume changes
- III:** Pressure changes
- IV:** Heart sounds
- V:** Electrical events (ECG)



- **Cardiac cycle duration = 0.8 sec ...**
  - When HR 72 bpm
  - Shortened when HR ↑

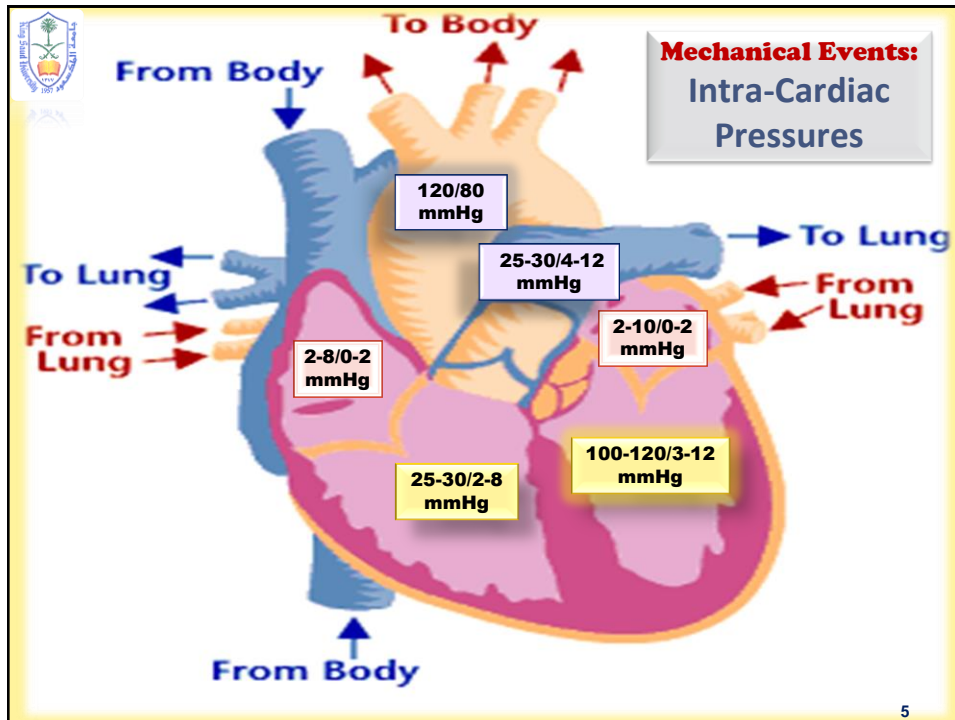
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## General Principles

- Contraction of the heart generates pressure changes, resulting in orderly blood movement
- Blood flows from an area of high pressure to an area of low pressure
- Heart is a double pump: right & left sides that work together
- Events in the right & left sides of the heart are the same, but with lower pressures in the right side


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## Definitions

- **End-diastolic volume (EDV):**
  - Volume of blood in ventricle at the end of diastole
  - $\approx 110-130$  mL
- **Stroke volume (SV):**
  - Amount of blood ejected from ventricle during systole
  - $\approx 70$  mL/beat
- **End-systolic volume (ESV):**
  - Amount of blood left in ventricle at the end of systole
  - $\approx 40-60$  mL
- **Ejection fraction (EF):**
  - Fraction of end-diastolic volume that is ejected
  - $\approx 60-65$  %


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## Events in the cardiac cycle ?


- I: Mechanical events**
- II: Volume changes**
- III: Pressure changes**
- IV: Heart sounds**
- V: Electrical events (ECG)**

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## Mechanical Events:


- Each heartbeat consists of 2 major periods:
  - Systole (Contraction)
  - Diastole (Relaxation)



Ventricular diastole (Relaxation) repeated in next beat Ventricular systole (Contraction)

- Atrial: systole & diastole
- Ventricular: systole & diastole


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## Mechanical Events' Periods:

- **Normally diastole is longer > systole:**
  - Ventricular systole = 0.3 sec
  - Ventricular diastole = 0.5 sec
  - Atrial systole = 0.1 sec
  - Atrial diastole = 0.7 sec
- **Importance of long ventricular diastole?**
  1. Coronary blood flow
  2. Ventricular filling

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## Mechanical Events: Mechanical Phases

**Consists of 7 phases**

- **Early ventricular diastole:**  
Protodiastole ????

  1. Isometric relaxation phase
  2. Rapid filling phase

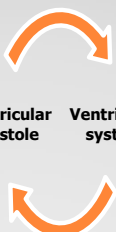
- **Mid ventricular diastole:**

  3. Reduced filling phase

- **Late ventricular diastole:**

  4. Atrial systole

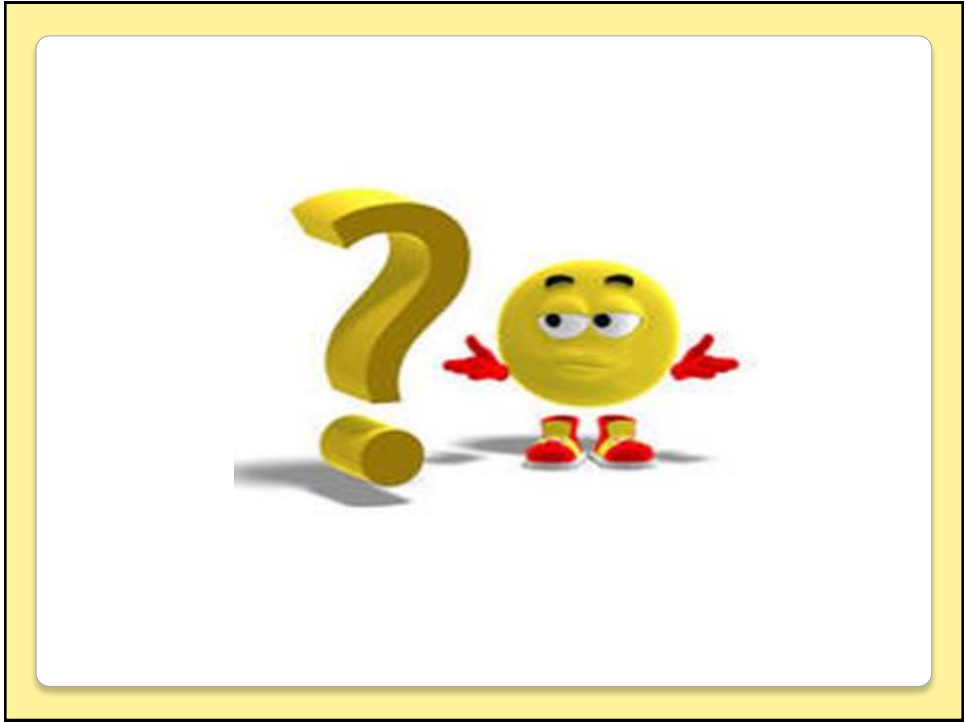
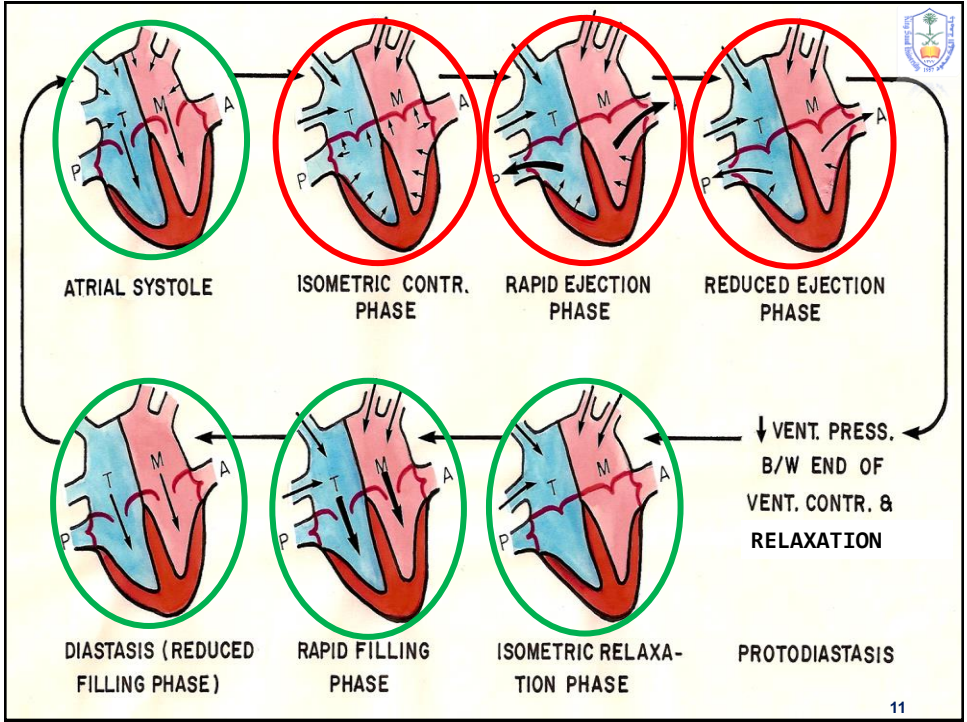
Ventricular diastole    Ventricular systole




- **Ventricular systole:**



  1. Isometric contraction phase
  2. Rapid ejection phase
  3. Reduced ejection phase

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# To Revise

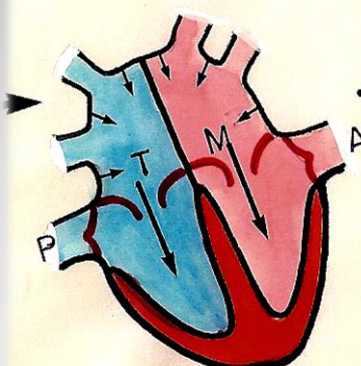
## To Revise:

- Blood flows from an area of  pressure to an area of  pressure
- Cardiac cycle duration is  when HR = 72bpm
- Normally  period is longer than  period
- EDV  $\approx$   mL
- SV  $\approx$   mL/beat
- ESV  $\approx$   mL
- EF  $\approx$   %

Mechanical Phases of cardiac cycle:

### Atrial Systole:

- At the end of ventricular diastole ... (lasts 0.1 sec)
- Preceded by atrial depolarization
- Valves:**  
AV- vs open (semilunar- vs closed)
- Volume changes:**  
Tops off last 27-30% of ventricular filling  
≈ 40 mL
- Pressure changes:**  
Atrial pressure ↑
- 4<sup>th</sup> Heart sound heard**
- Blood arriving the heart can't enter atria, it flows back up jugular vein



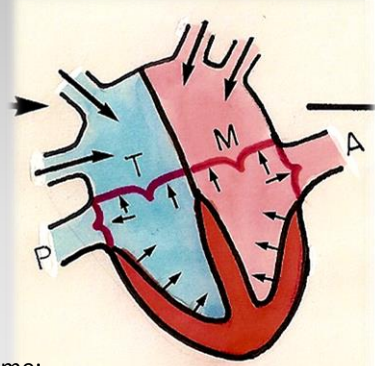
**ATRIAL SYSTOLE**

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Mechanical Phases of cardiac cycle:

### Isovolumetric Contraction Phase:

- At the beginning of systole ... (0.04 sec)
- Period b/w closure of AV- vs & opening of Semilunar- vs
- Preceded by ventricular depolarization
- Starts with closure of AV- vs:
  - Ventricular pressure > atrial pressure
  - Atrial diastole
- 1<sup>st</sup> Heart sound heard**
- Ventricle is a closed chamber:**
- Ventricle contracts w/out change in volume:
  - Volume in ventricle is the 'EDV'
- Ventricular pressure < aortic pressure
  - Aortic v opens at the end of this phase: (when LV = 80 mmHg)



**ISOMETRIC CONTR. PHASE**

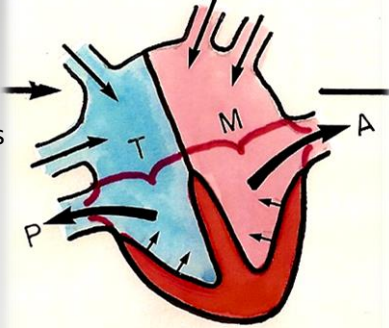
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Mechanical Phases of cardiac cycle:

### Maximum (Rapid) Ejection Phase:

- Semilunar- vs open at beginning of this phase:
  - when LV = 80 mmHg
- Contraction of the ventricle causes ventricular pressure > aortic pressure
- Almost 75% of ventricular blood is ejected:
  - Volume of ejected blood = SV
  - Ventricular volume ↓ rapidly
- Atrial diastole



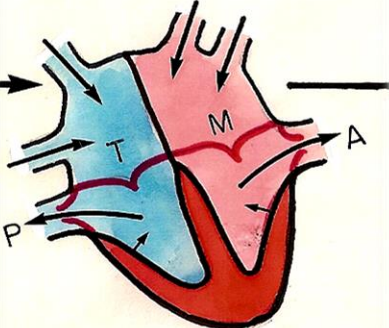
**RAPID EJECTION PHASE**

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Mechanical Phases of cardiac cycle:

### Reduced Ejection Phase:

- At the end of systole
- Almost 25% of ventricular blood is ejected:
  - Ventricular volume ↓ more slowly
- Aortic- v closes at the end of this phase, as a result of:
  - ↓ LV pressure 110 mmHg (Aortic back pressure)
- Atrial diastole



**REDUCED EJECTION PHASE**

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Mechanical Phases of cardiac cycle:

### Protodiastolic Phase ????

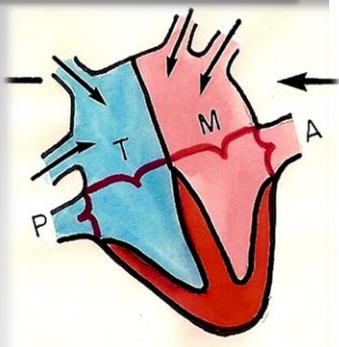
- Period b/w end of ventricular systole & ventricular diastole
- Very short ... (lasts 0.04 sec)
- Atrial diastole:
  - Atrial pressure still  $\uparrow$ , due to continuous VR

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Mechanical Phases of cardiac cycle:

### Isovolumetric Relaxation Phase:

- Quiescent period
- At beginning of diastole ... (0.04 sec)
- Period b/w closure of semilunar- vs & opening of AV- vs
- Preceded by ventricular repolarization
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Heart sound heard**
- **LV is a closed chamber**, i.e. relax w/out change in volume:
  - Volume of blood in ventricle = **ESV**
  - LV relaxes with  $\downarrow\downarrow$  pressure
- AV- vs open at the end of this phase



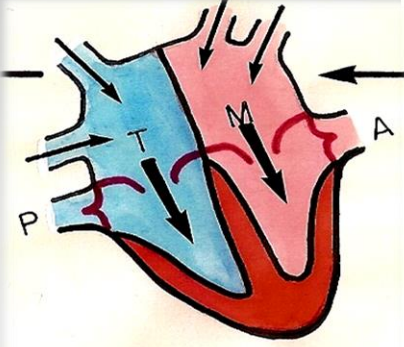
ISOMETRIC RELAXATION PHASE

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Mechanical Phases of cardiac cycle:

**Rapid Filling Phase:**

- Atrial pressure > ventricular pressure
- AV- vs open
- $\approx 60-70\%$  of blood passes passively to the ventricles along pressure gradient:
  - Ventricular volume  $\uparrow$  rapidly
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Heart sound heard



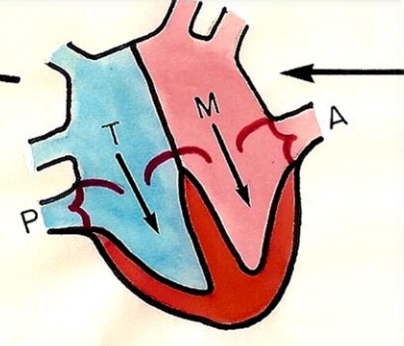
**RAPID FILLING PHASE**

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Mechanical Phases of cardiac cycle:

**Reduced Filling Phase (Diastasis):**

- Remaining atrial blood flows slowly into ventricles
- AV- vs still open
- LV volume  $\uparrow$  > slowly



**DIASTASIS (REDUCED FILLING PHASE)**

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