HEART SOUNDS

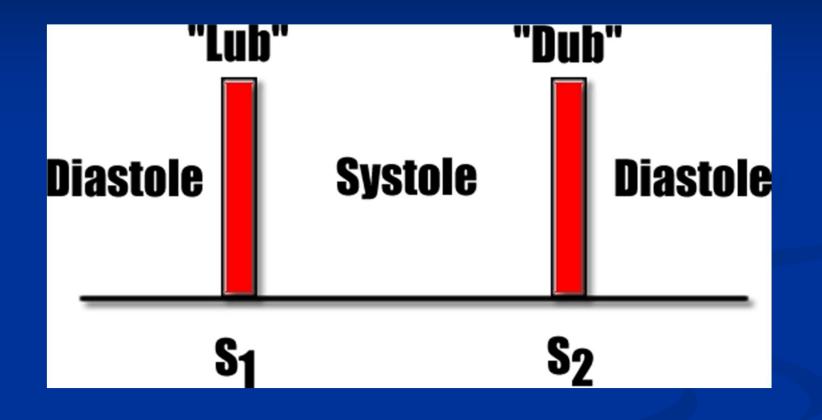
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Objectives

Causes of HS Sites at which HS are best recorded Value of phonocardiography

Causes of HS

Vibration of : the taut valves immediately after closure. Vibration of : the adjacent blood, the walls of the heart the major vessels around the heart.

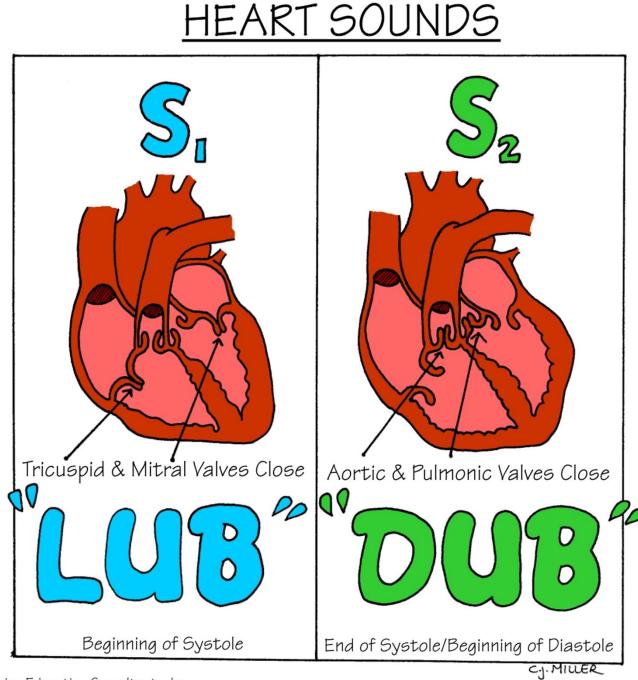


The 1st HS "Lub"

Low, slightly prolonged "lub" Cause: closure of the AV valves Time: start of ventricular systole Duration: 0.15 sec Frequency: 25 – 45 Hz Best heard at mitral & tricuspid areas.

The 2nd HS "Dub"

A shorter high-pitched "dub" Cause: closure of the semilunar valves Time: end of ventricular systole Duration: 0.12sec Frequency: 50 Hz Best heard at aortic & pulmonary areas



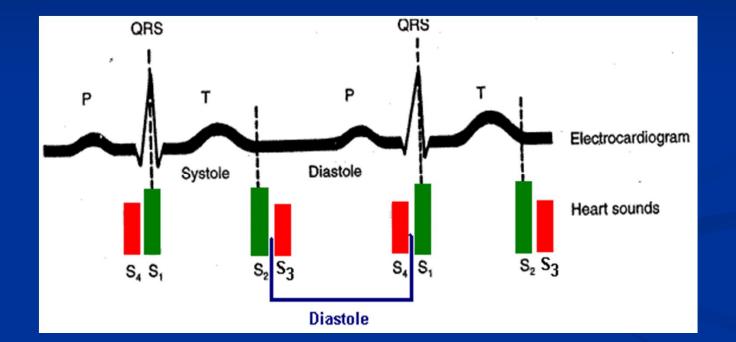
The 3rd HS

- A weak rumbling sound at the beginning of the middle third of diastole.
- Cause: inrush of blood during rapid ventricular filling.
 Can be physiological in children, young adults, third trimester of pregnancy.
- Is pathological if in : > 40 years, volume overload of a ventricle, myocardial failure
- The frequency is so low that it can't be heard, yet it can often be recorded in the phonocardiogram.

4th HS Cause: End of ventricular filling(when the atria contract).

Time: immediately before 1st HS when atrial pressure is high or the ventricle is stif in conditions such : ventricular hypertrohy, hypertensive disease, aortic stenosis.

Rarely heard in normal adults (trained athletic).



AUSCULTATION

Listening to HS using a stethoscope

Stethoscope:

Earpieces

Rubber tubing

Chest pieces:

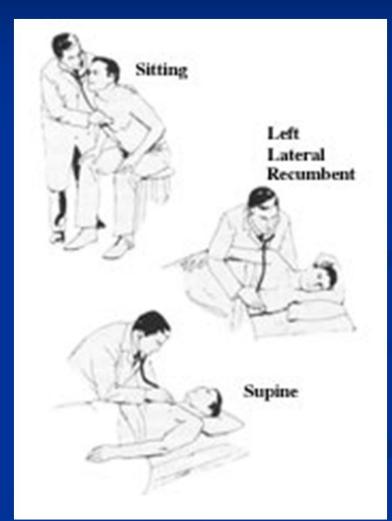
Diaphragm: high frequency sounds: S1,S2 Bell: low frequency sounds S3, S4

Position of the patient

Supine

Left lateral

Sitting



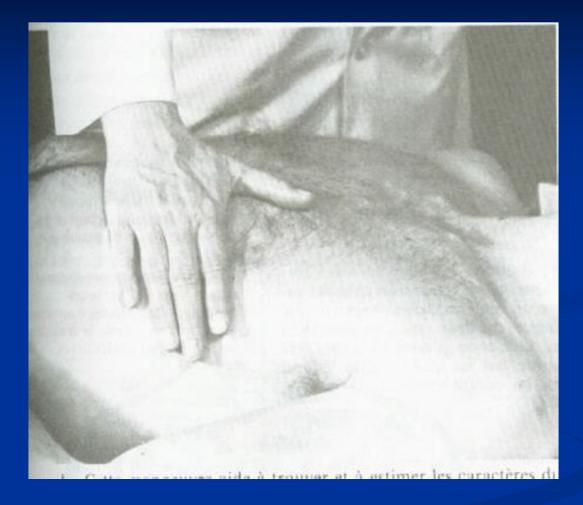
Clinical methods



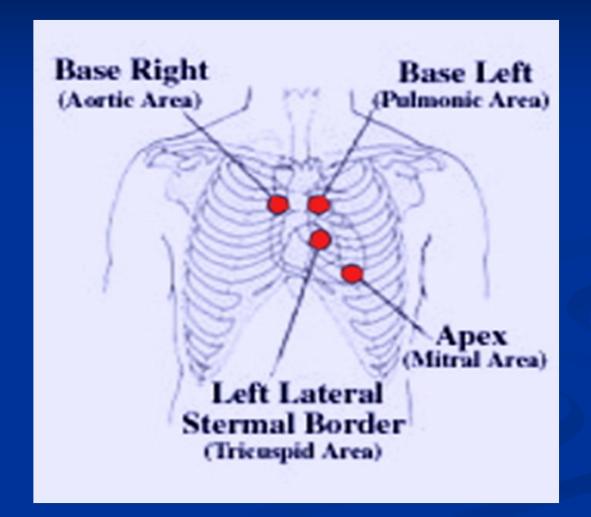
Inspection: Examine the chest wall for any visible pulsation.

Palpation:

Locate the apex beat (the outermost and lowermost distinct cardiac pulsation)



Sites of auscultation

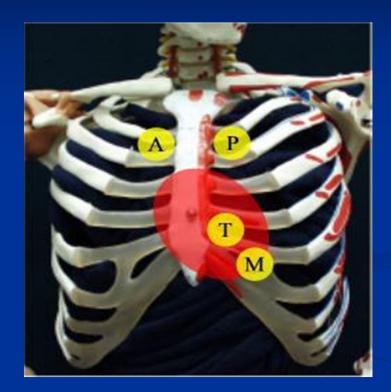


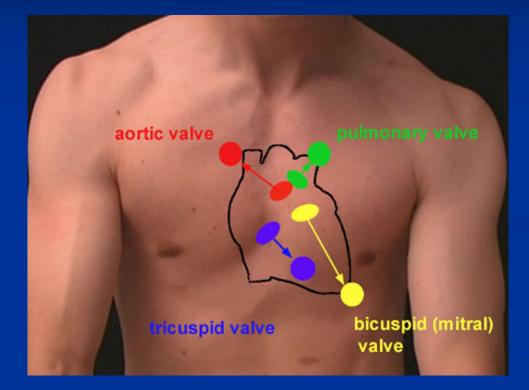
Mitral area: The site of the apex beat. In the 5th left intercostal space, approximately 1 cm inside the mid-clavicular line and 9 cm from the mid-line.

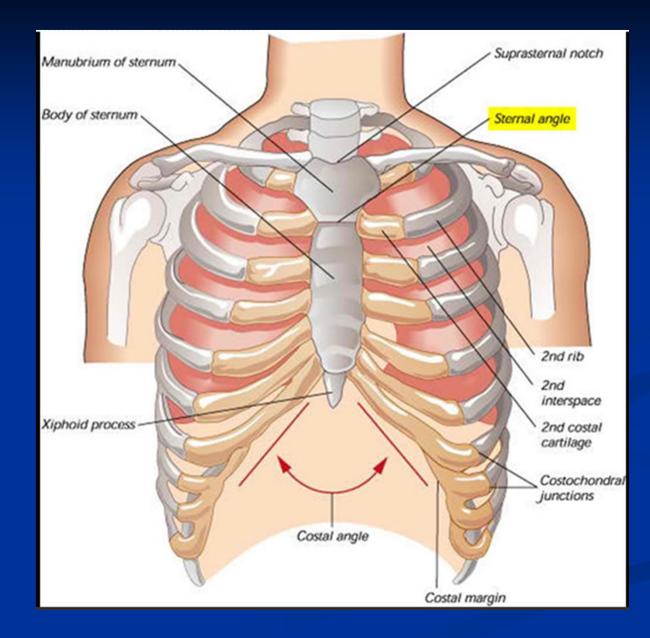
Pulmonary area: In the 2nd left intercostal space at the sternal border

Aortic area: In the 2nd right intercostal space at the sternal border

Tricuspid area: lies just to the left of the lower sternum







Cardiac Murmurs

Murmurs are caused by:

- a) Diseases that cause structural damage to the heart valves and/or
- b) Haemodynamic changes e.g. increased blood flow velocity, altered resistance or decreased blood viscosity

Examples:

Systolic murmurs: Aortic / pulmonary stenosis Tricuspid / mitral regurgitation

Diastolic murmurs: Aortic regurgitation Mitral stenosis



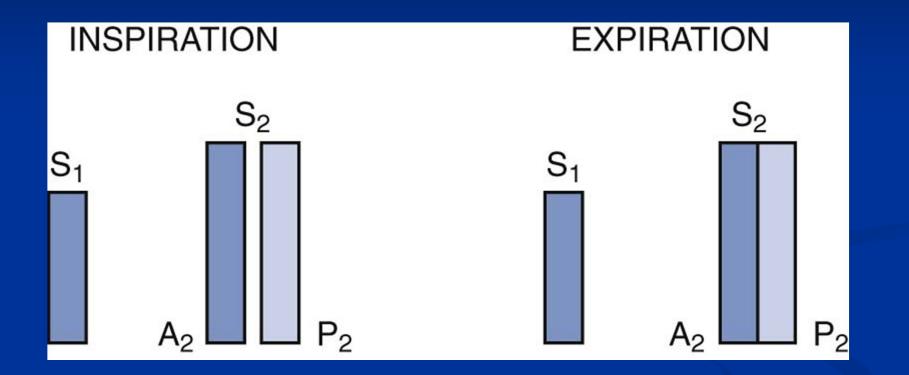
Splitting of the heart sounds

If either the 1st or 2nd heart sound has two distinct components they are said to be split. Such splitting can be recorded more frequently of the 2nd heart sound. Indeed, 2nd heart sound splitting is a normal physiological phenomenon, especially during inspiration.



Split second sound:

A physiological split occurs when both components of the 2nd sound are separately distinguishable. Normally, this split sound is heard on inspiration and becomes single on expiration. The A2 and P2 components of the physiological split are about .03 seconds apart. The physiological split is heard during inspiration where the intrathoracic pressure drops. This drop permits more blood to return to the right heart. The increased blood volume in the right ventricle results in a delayed pulmonic valve closure The net effect, therefore, of inspiration, is to cause aortic closure to occur earlier and pulmonary closure to occur later. Thus, a split second sound is heard during inspiration and a single second sound is heard during expiration



Phonocardiography

Recording of HS

Transducer :placed on auscultation areas

ECG: standard limb leads



