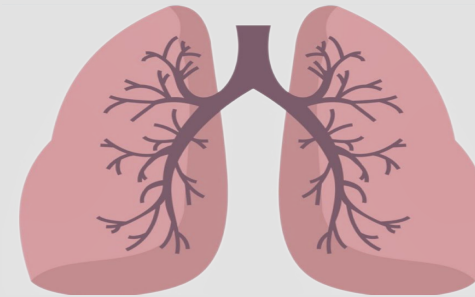


# Effects of exercises on the respiratory system



## Respiratory Block

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# Objectives :

01

Describe the effects of moderate and severe exercise on oxygen consumption, and ventilation volumes.

02

Interpret the effects of exercise on arterial ( $PO_2$ ,  $PCO_2$  and  $H^+$ ) ions.

03

Define the diffusing capacity of the respiratory membrane, and its typical values at rest, and explain its changes in exercise.

04

Explain causes of hyperventilation in exercise.

# Effect of Exercise on the respiratory system

-The blood gases do not always have to become abnormal for respiration to be stimulated in exercise.

-Instead, respiration is stimulated mainly by neurogenic mechanisms during exercise.

## Regulation of respiration during exercise

-In strenuous exercise  $O_2$  consumption and  $CO_2$  formation may increase 20 folds

-but alveolar ventilation increases almost exactly in step with the increased levels of metabolism.

-Therefore the arterial  $PO_2$ ,  $PCO_2$ ,  $PH$  all remain almost exactly normal.

Notice the increase of ventilation as well as  $O_2$  consumption

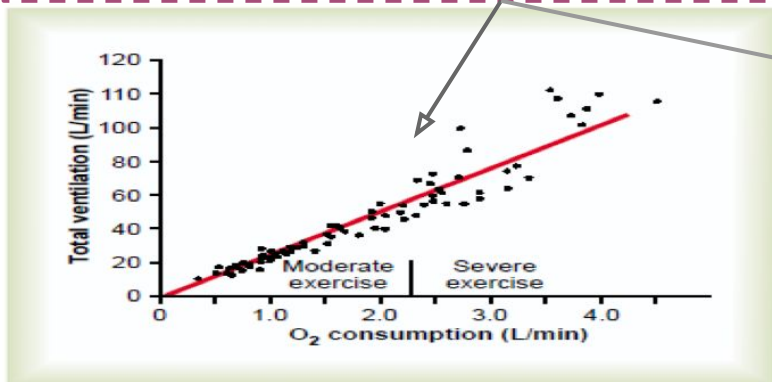


Figure 41-8

Effect of exercise on oxygen consumption and ventilatory rate. (From Gray JS: Pulmonary Ventilation and Its Physiological Regulation. Springfield, Ill: Charles C Thomas, 1950.)

Initial drop in arterial  $PCO_2$  due to the sudden increase in ventilation

The body trying to maintain the arterial  $PCO_2$  almost exactly normal

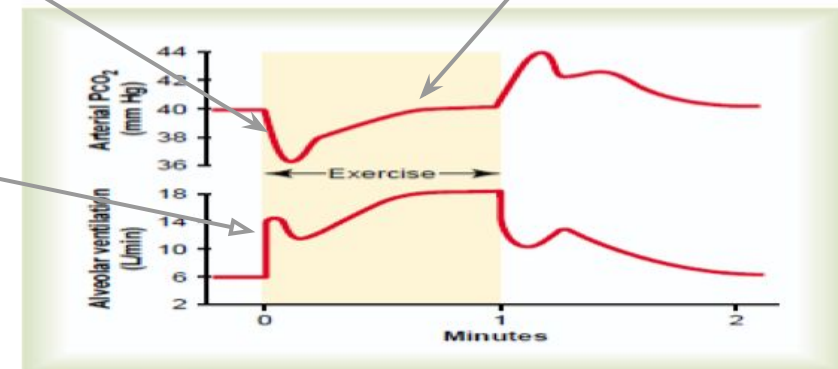


Figure 41-9

Changes in alveolar ventilation (*bottom curve*) and arterial  $PCO_2$  (*top curve*) during a 1-minute period of exercise and also after termination of exercise. (Extrapolated to the human being from data in dogs in Bainton CR: Effect of speed vs grade and shivering on ventilation in dogs during active exercise. J Appl Physiol 33:778, 1972.)

# What cause intense ventilation during exercise?

- The brain, on transmitting motor impulses to the exercising muscles, transmits at the same time collateral impulses into the brain stem to excite the respiratory center.
- A large share of the total increase in ventilation begins immediately on initiation of the exercise, before any blood chemicals have had time to change.
- This is mostly due to neurogenic signals

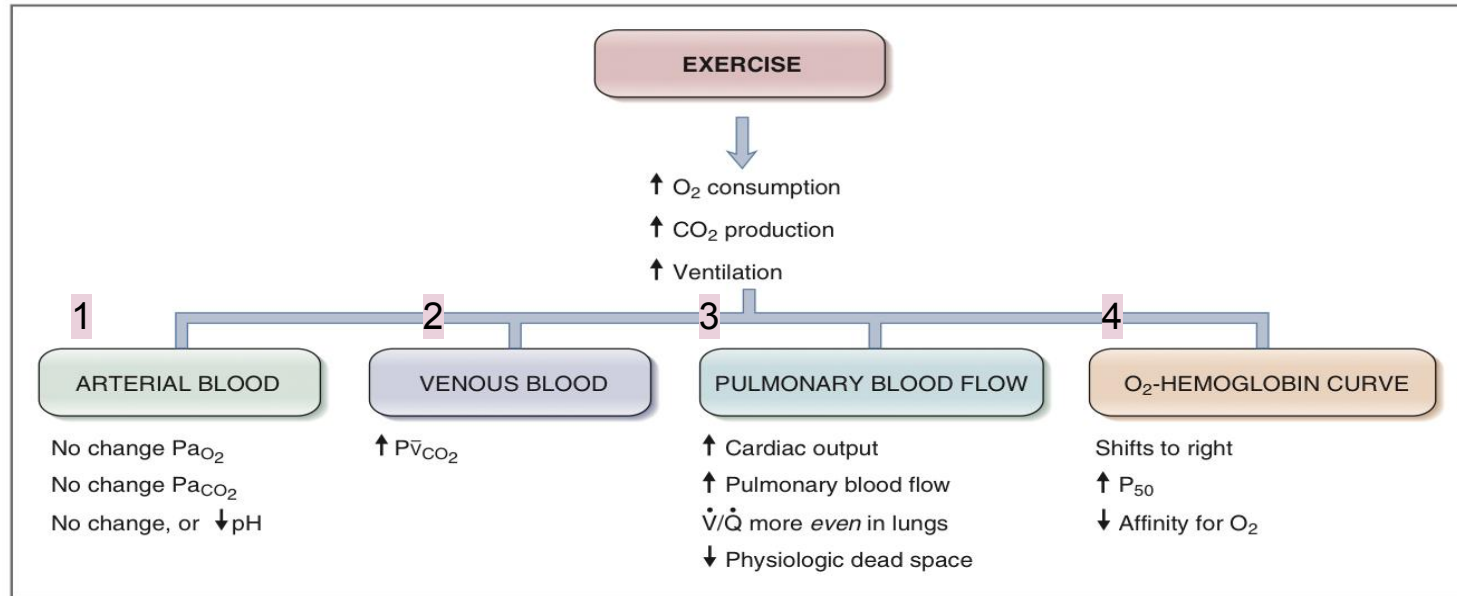
**1** Neural signals from the motor areas of the brain to the respiratory center (first cause)

**2** Possibility that the neurogenic factor for control of ventilation during exercise is a learned response

**3** Body temperature (hypothalamus)

**4** The joint proprioceptors

# Responses of the respiratory system to exercise



**Fig. 5.34** Responses of the respiratory system to exercise.

**1**

Remarkably, mean values for arterial PO<sub>2</sub> and PCO<sub>2</sub> do not change during exercise. An increased ventilation rate and increased efficiency of gas exchange ensure that there is neither a decrease in arterial PO<sub>2</sub> nor an increase in arterial PCO<sub>2</sub>. (The arterial pH may decrease, however, during strenuous exercise because the exercising muscle produces lactic acid.)

**2**

The PCO<sub>2</sub> of mixed venous blood must increase during exercise because skeletal muscle is adding more CO<sub>2</sub> than usual to venous blood

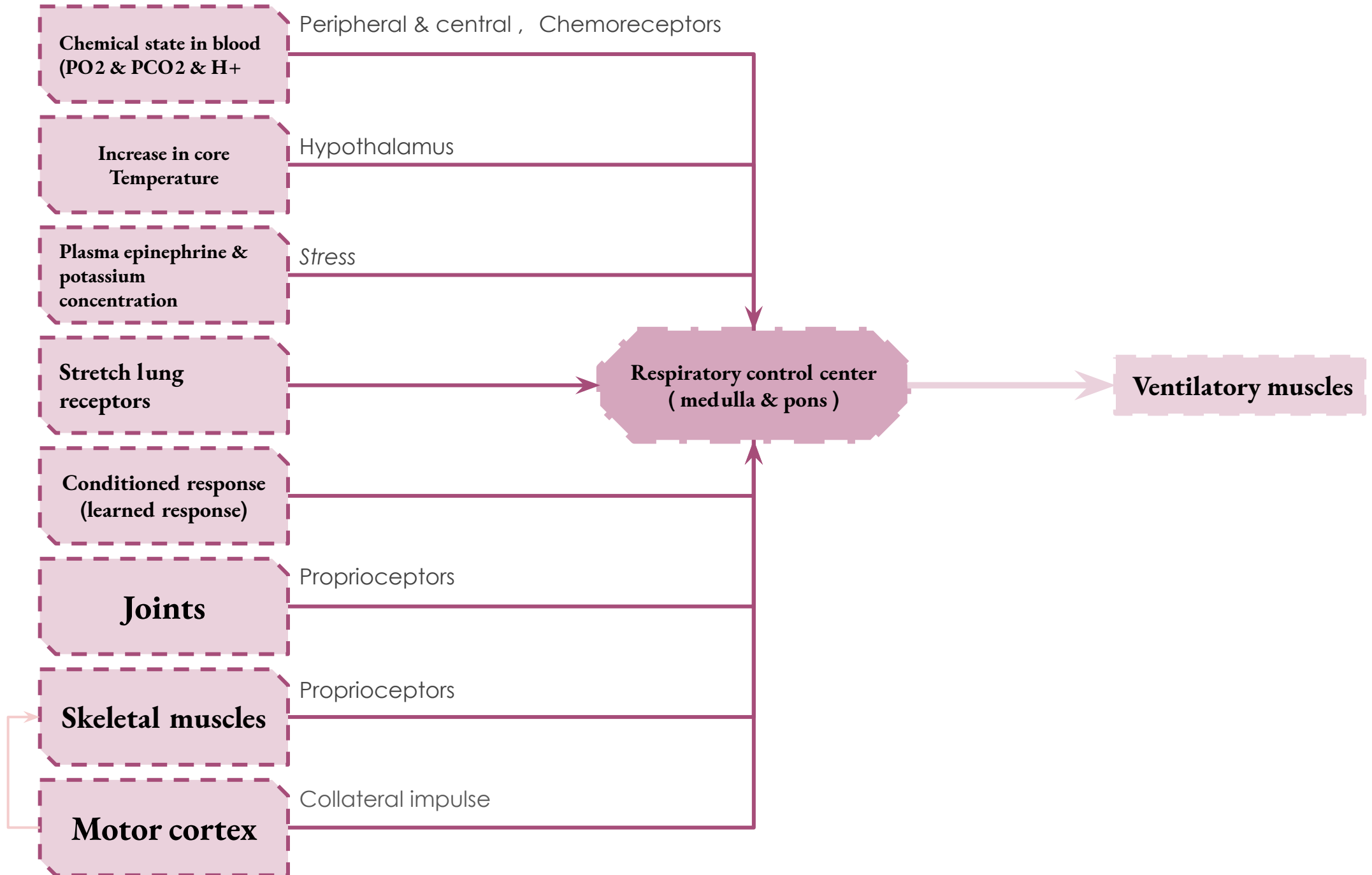
**3**

Cardiac output increases during exercise to meet the tissues' demand for O<sub>2</sub>. Because pulmonary blood flow is the cardiac output of the right heart, **pulmonary blood flow increases**. There is a decrease in pulmonary resistance associated with perfusion of more pulmonary capillary beds, which also improves gas exchange. As a result, pulmonary blood flow becomes more evenly distributed throughout the lungs, and the V/Q ratio becomes more "even," producing a decrease in the physiologic dead space.

**4**

During exercise, the O<sub>2</sub>-hemoglobin dissociation curve shifts to the right). There are multiple reasons for this shift, including increased tissue PCO<sub>2</sub>, decreased tissue pH, and increased temperature. The shift to the right is advantageous, of course, because it is associated with an increase in P<sub>50</sub> and decreased affinity of hemoglobin for O<sub>2</sub>, making it easier to unload O<sub>2</sub> in the exercising skeletal muscle.

# Summary of factors that stimulate ventilation during exercise



# Relation Between Chemical and Nervous Factors in Control of Respiration During Exercise

## Brain

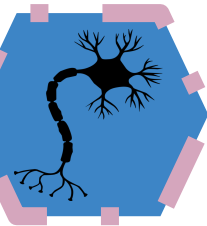
1



Direct nervous signal stimulate the respiratory center almost the proper amount to supply the extra oxygen required for exercise and to blow off extra carbon dioxide

## Nervous respiratory system

2



Occasionally, the nervous respiratory control signals are either too strong or too weak

## Chemical factors

3



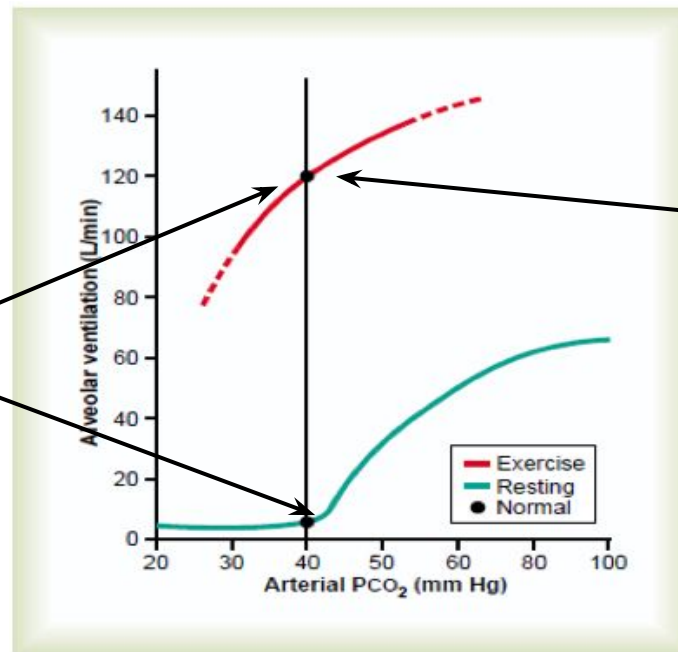
Then chemical factors play a significant role in bringing about the final adjustment of respiration required to keep the O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, and H<sup>+</sup> ion concentrations of the body fluids as nearly normal as possible

# The Neurogenic Factor for Control of Ventilation During Exercise Is a **Learned Response** (trained , skilled , gained etc...)

- The ventilatory response during exercise, is at least *partly* a learned response
- With repeated periods of exercise, the brain becomes more able to provide the proper signals required to keep the blood PCO<sub>2</sub> at its normal level
- The cerebral cortex is involved in this learning, because experiments that block only the cortex also block the learned response

Important figure

Arterial PCO<sub>2</sub> at a normal level of 40 mm Hg both in resting and during heavy exercise



Learned response

The alveolar ventilation increase to a level much higher than the normal to maintain arterial PCO<sub>2</sub> in the normal level

Sometimes we see weightlifters take few deep breaths unconsciously before even try to rise the load, so the ventilation rate increase immediately with the beginning of exercise . Also that might happen when we see exam's class, our heart rate increase even if we don't have exam

Figure 41-10

Approximate effect of maximum exercise in an athlete to shift the alveolar PCO<sub>2</sub>-ventilation response curve to a level much higher than normal. The shift, believed to be caused by neurogenic factors, is almost exactly the right amount to maintain arterial PCO<sub>2</sub> at the normal level of 40 mm Hg both in the resting state and during heavy exercise.



# Diffusion capacity of the respiratory membrane

Is the volume of gas that diffuses through the membrane each minute for a pressure difference of 1 mmHg

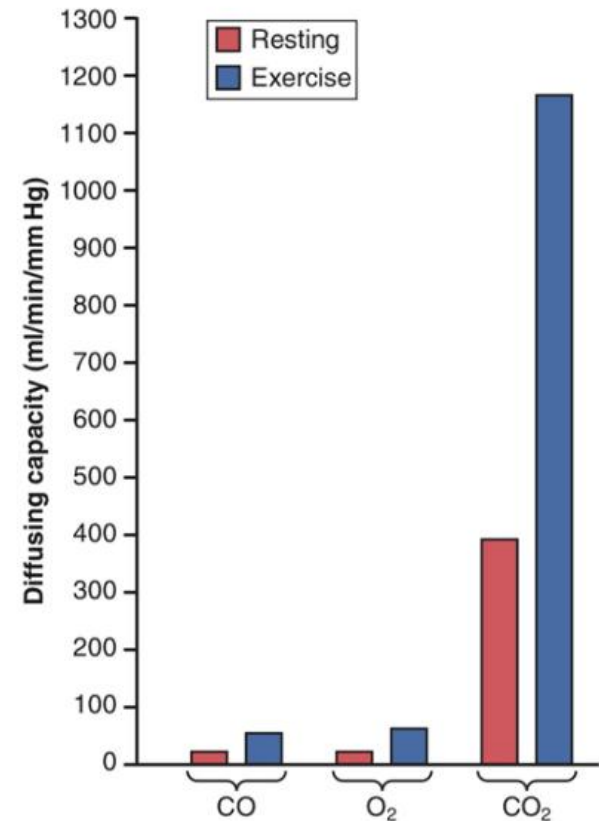
	O <sub>2</sub> diffusing capacity	CO <sub>2</sub> diffusing capacity
During rest	<p>21 ml/min/mmHg</p> <p>➤ Even if the oxygen pressure difference across the respiratory membrane is 11 mmHg → <math>11 \times 21 = 230</math> ml oxygen diffusing through the membrane each minute.</p> <p>يعني حجم الاكسجين الي يدخل من ال Alveoli للدم كل دقيقة هو 21ml لكل اختلاف 1 في الضغط. لكن الجسم يحتاج اقل شي 230ml من الاكسجين بالدقيقة؛ فنستنتج ان اختلاف الضغط ب 11mmHg هو اقل ضغط يكفيني عشان اخذ احتياجي من الاكسجين بهالدقيقة لان كل ضغط منهم بيعطيني 21ml من الاكسجين.</p> <p>➤ During rest tissues consume <b>250</b> , <b>230</b> ml O<sub>2</sub>/min</p>	<p>It diffuses 20 times greater than O<sub>2</sub> due to its diffusion coefficient which is 20 times that of O<sub>2</sub></p> <p>400 ml/min/mmHg <math>21 \times 20 = 400</math></p> <p>الأكسجين قلنا 21 و ال CO<sub>2</sub> Diffusion اكبر منه الأكسجين ب 20 مره يعني تقريبا بيكون 400</p>
During exercise (Increases 3 folds)	<p>65 ml/min/mmHg</p> <p>This is due to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increased number of open pulmonary capillaries which was dormant, thereby increasing the surface area for gas exchange.</li> <li>• In addition to increased alveolar ventilation.</li> </ul>	<p>Increase to 1200-1300 ml/min/mmHg</p> <p>نفس الشئ الأكسجين اثناء التمارين 65 ف يعني <math>1300 = 20 \times 65</math></p>

# How to measure the diffusion capacity of Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide

The diffusing capacity for  $\text{CO}_2$  has never been measured because  $\text{CO}_2$  diffuses through the respiratory membrane so rapidly that the average  $\text{PCO}_2$  in the pulmonary blood is not far different from the  $\text{PCO}_2$  in the alveoli—the average difference is less than 1 mm Hg

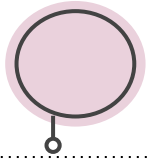
It is not practical to measure the  $\text{O}_2$ -diffusing capacity directly because it is not possible to measure accurately the  $\text{O}_2$  tension of the pulmonary capillary blood.

However, the diffusing capacity for CO can be measured accurately because the CO tension in pulmonary capillary blood is zero under normal conditions. So, we measure  $\text{O}_2$  capacity using CO

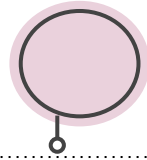


**Figure 40-10.** Diffusing capacities for carbon monoxide, oxygen, and carbon dioxide in the normal lungs under resting conditions and during exercise.

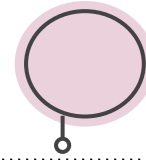
# During exercise :



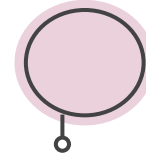
the oxygen requirement increased 20 times



cardiac output increased



Additional capillaries open up



The time blood remained in the pulmonary capillaries becomes less than half normal

But, the blood is almost completely saturated with oxygen when it leaves the pulmonary capillaries!

## How?

1- The diffusing capacity for oxygen increases almost three fold during exercise, this results mainly from increasing numbers of capillaries participating in the diffusion, and a more even V/Q ratio all over the lung.

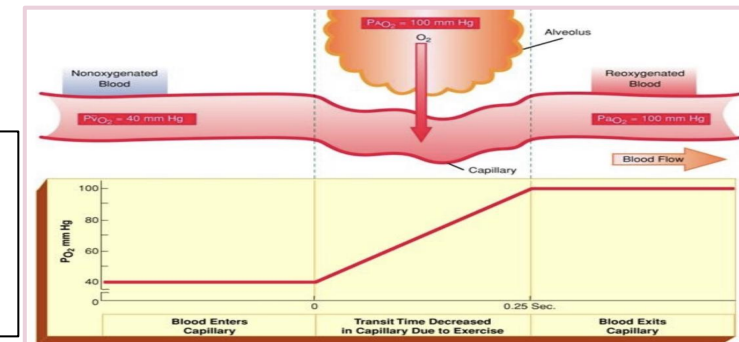
2- At rest the blood normally stays in the lung capillaries about three times as long as necessary to cause full oxygenation.

Therefore, even with shortened time of exposure in exercise, the blood is still fully oxygenated or nearly so.

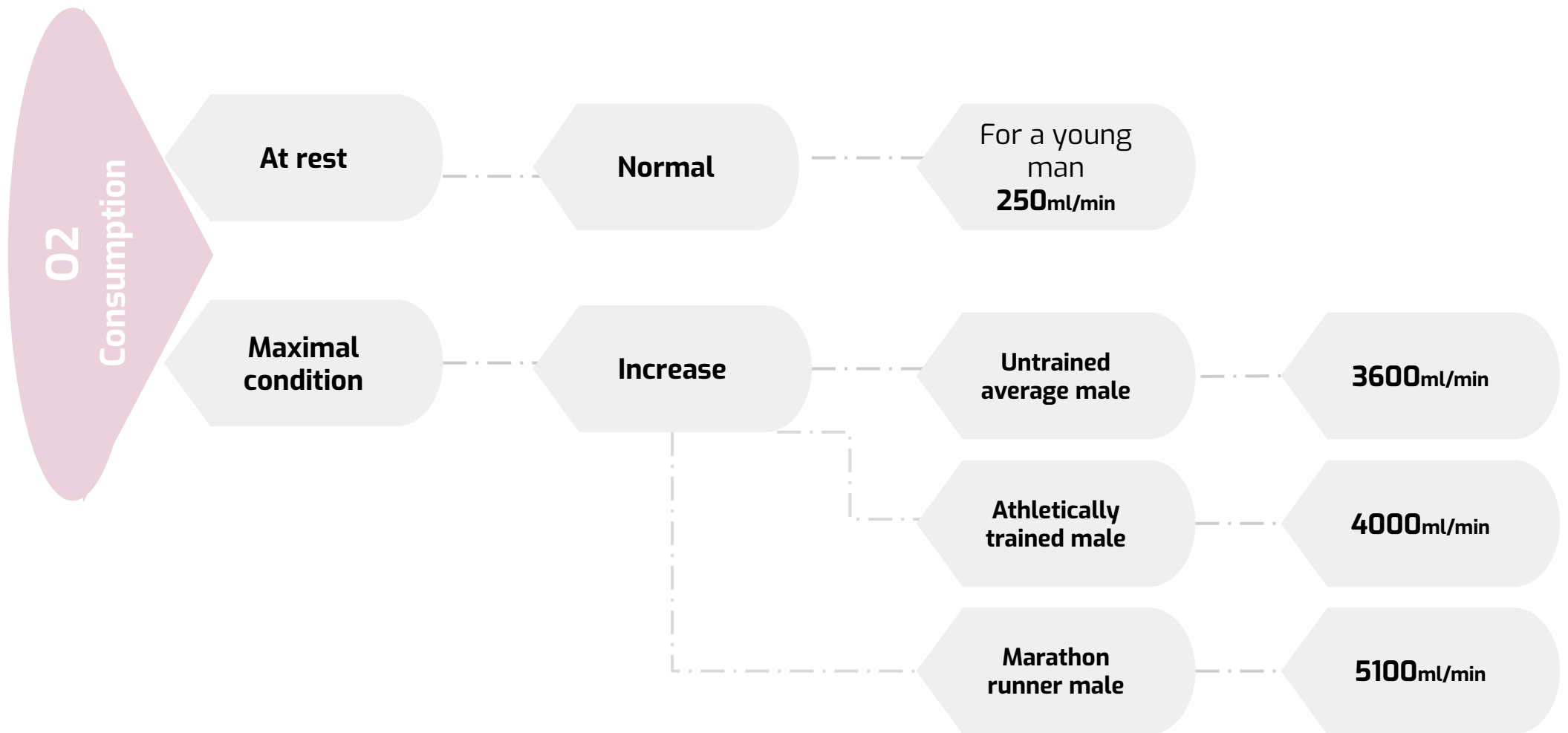
3- Dilatation of the other capillaries.

4- In addition to increased alveolar ventilation.

The curve show how the blood speed increase when it enter the pulmonary capillaries But that doesn't affect the saturation of  $O_2$  and the blood maintain normal  $PO_2$

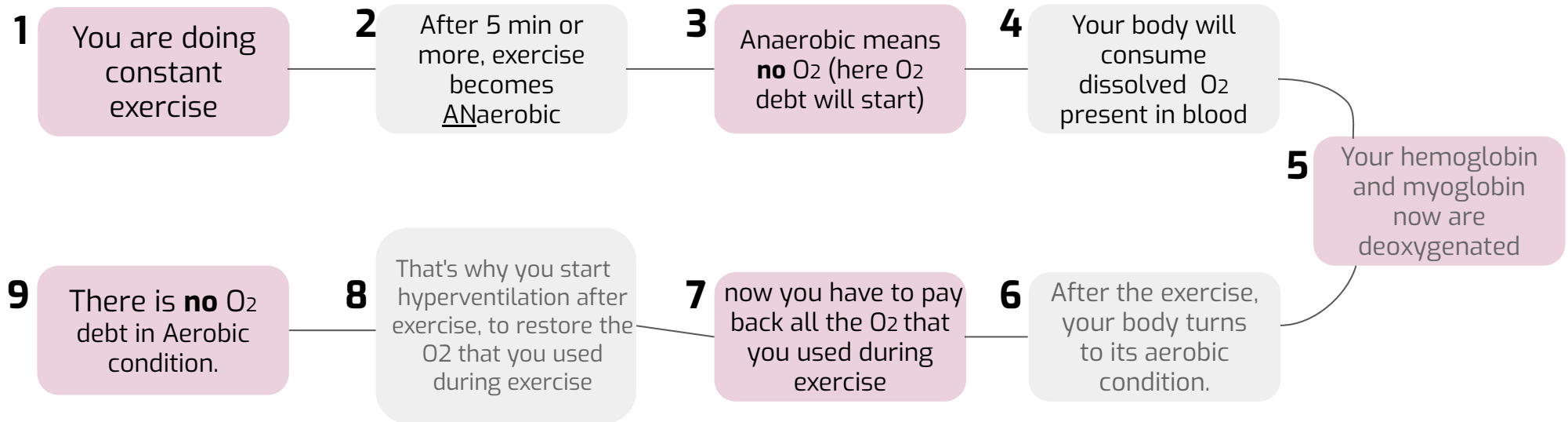


# Oxygen consumption and pulmonary ventilation in exercise



# Oxygen Debt

It's the extra consumption of oxygen after completion of strenuous exercise. And its amount= about **11.5** liters of **O<sub>2</sub>**.



After you finish the exercise, and paid back oxygen debt, you will still hyperventilated and consuming oxygen after exercise .. WHY? because When you were in anaerobic condition, you have used:

1. ATP, so you convert it to ADP.
2. Glucose, so you convert it to lactic acid.
3. Creatine phosphate.
4. High body temperature.

Excess post O<sub>2</sub> debt consumption is required to convert;

- ADP to ATP
- Lactic acid to glucose
- Creatine phosphate to its origin state
- Body temperature to its normal

Oxygen deficit:  
Cellular energy use exceeds O<sub>2</sub> uptake.

متى تحصل هذه الحالة؟ اذا كان استهلاك الانسجة لـ O<sub>2</sub> اكبر من الكمية التي يقدر الشخص انه يحصل عليها.

# Quiz

1- What happens during exercise?

- A. Blood flow is uniform throughout the lung
- B. Lung-diffusing capacity increases because blood flow is continuous in all pulmonary capillaries
- C. Pulmonary blood volume decreases
- D. The transit time of blood in the pulmonary capillaries does not change from rest

2-what is the main cause of intense ventilation during exercise ?

- A. Changes in  $PO_2$  and  $PCO_2$
- B. Changes in  $PCO_2$  only
- C. Brain cortex
- D. Who said there is intense ventilation during exercise ?

3- During strenuous exercise,  $O_2$  consumption and  $CO_2$  formation can increase as much as 20-fold.  $V_a$  increases almost exactly in step with the increase in  $O_2$  consumption. Which option best describes what happens to the mean arterial  $O_2$  tension ( $P_{O_2}$ ),  $CO_2$  tension ( $P_{CO_2}$ ), and pH in a healthy athlete during strenuous exercise?

	Arterial $P_{O_2}$	Arterial $P_{CO_2}$	Arterial pH
A)	Decreases	Decreases	Decreases
B)	Decreases	Increases	Decreases
C)	Increases	Decreases	Increases
D)	Increases	Increases	Increases
E)	No change	No change	No change

4-Which of the following describes diffusing capacity of  $O_2$  in the lung?

- A. Does not change during exercise
- B. Is greater than diffusing capacity for  $CO_2$
- C. Is greater in residents at sea level than in residents At 300 meter altitude
- D. Is directly related to alveolar capillary surface area

## Key Answers :

4: D

3: E

2: C

1: B

1- which part of brain is involved in the ventilatory learned response during exercise ?

2- why the blood leaving the pulmonary capillaries is fully saturated even that  $O_2$  consumption increase 20 folds during exercise ?

Answers: 1- cerebral cortex

2-

1- The diffusing capacity for oxygen increases almost three fold during exercise

2- at rest the blood in lung capillaries is 3 times as long as necessary

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