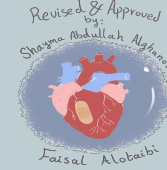


Cardiac Cycle I&II



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Objectives

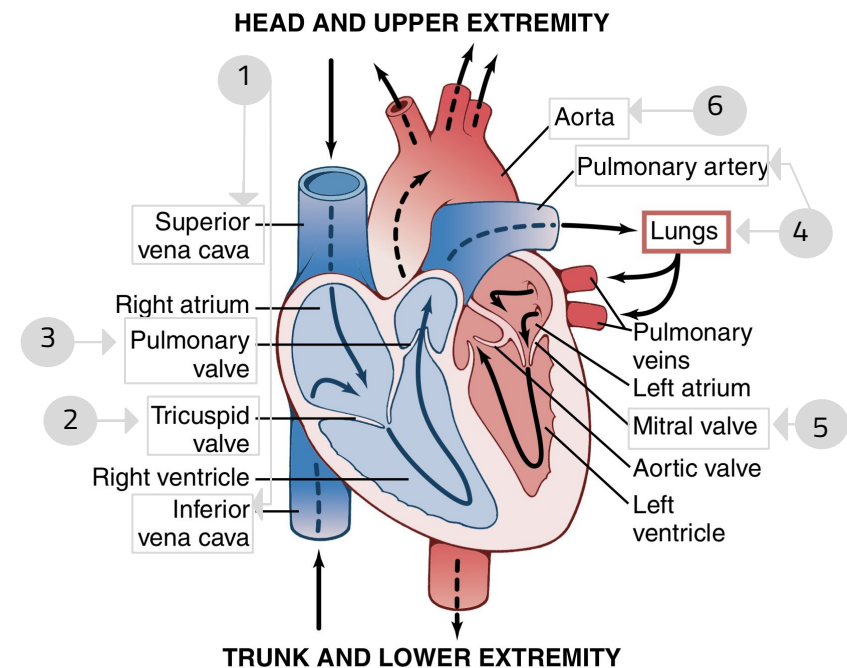
1. Enumerate the phases of cardiac cycle
2. Explain the effect of heart rate on duration of systole and diastole
3. Recognize the pressure, electrical, sound and volume changes during cardiac cycle
4. Correlate different phases of cardiac cycle with various changes in events
5. Compare and contrast left and right ventricular pressures and volumes during the normal cardiac cycle
6. Describe atrial pressure waves & their relationship to cardiac cycle
7. Describe the use of the pressure-volume loop in describing the phases of the cardiac cycle

Facts About Our Heart

- ❖ Pumping is the main function of the heart.
- ❖ It is the size of a fist and weighs about 250 grams.
- ❖ In a lifetime, it beats 3 billion times and pumps 110 million gallons of blood (2000 gallons/day.)
- ❖ Every day, your heart creates enough energy to drive a truck for 20 miles (32 km.) In a lifetime, that is equivalent to driving to the moon and back.
- ❖ Our heart has **its own electrical impulse**, it can continue to beat even when separated from the body, as long as it has an adequate supply of oxygen.
- ❖ Heart is a double pump (right & left) that work together
- ❖ It has two circulations: **systemic & pulmonary circulation** which work together.

Intracardiac Blood Circulation:

- 1- Oxygen-poor blood returns to the heart through superior vena cava & inferior vena cava to the right atrium
- 2-Then it flows from right atrium to the right ventricle (tricuspid valve open to allow for that)
- 3-The oxygen-poor blood pumped through pulmonary artery to the lung (pulmonary valve opened)
- 4-The lung refresh the blood which come from pulmonary artery with a new supply of oxygen then return it from the lung to the left atrium
- 5-The oxygen-rich blood now flows from left atrium to the left ventricle (mitral valve open to allow for that)
- 6-The oxygen-rich blood then pumped through the aorta to supply the tissues body (aortic valve opened)



Valves of The Hearts

Atrioventricular valves:

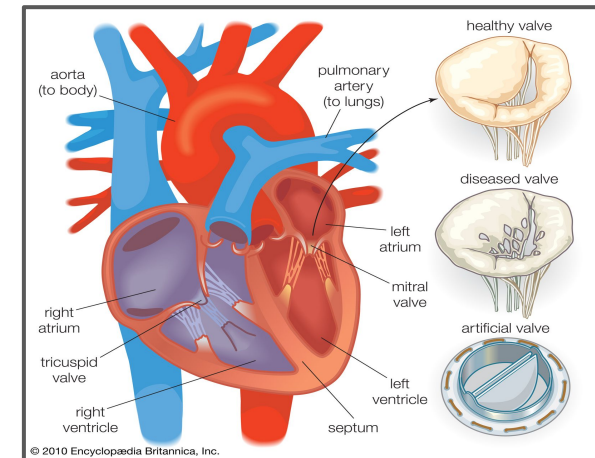
1. **Tricuspid valve:** between right atrium & right ventricle.
2. **Mitral valve:** between left atrium & left ventricle.

Semilunar valves:

1. **Pulmonary valve:** between right ventricle & pulmonary artery.
2. **Aortic valve:** between left ventricle & aorta.

Functions of The Valves

- ❖ Valves allow blood to flow in only ONE direction.
- ❖ Opening & closure of valves occur as a result of pressure gradient across the valve. (high pressure against the valve = opening of valve)
- ❖ When A-V valves open, semilunar valves close and vice versa. (They can never open at the same time, but can close at the same time like in Isovolumetric phases, This is to prevent backflow of blood from aorta or pulmonary artery to their perspective Ventricle)
- ❖ A-V cusps are held by chordae tendineae to muscular projections called "papillary muscles". This is to limit movements and eversions of the valves during ventricular systole. i.e. To hold it in place/prevent inversion prolapse during systole (يعني لما تسكر ما تفتح من جهة ثانية). Have no role in opening or closing the valves.



Definitions

End-Diastolic volume (EDV):

Volume of blood in each ventricles at the end of diastole = 110-130 mL.

End-Systolic Volume (ESV):

Amount of blood left in each ventricles at the end of systole = 40-60 mL.

Stroke Volume (SV):

Amount of blood ejected from ventricles during systole = 70 mL/beat.

It is Volume Of Blood Pumped out by each ventricle per beat.

$$SV = EDV - ESV$$

So when SV decreases the ESV increases, because there will be more blood left in the ventricle.

Ejection Fraction (EF):

The percentage of EDV which is ejected with each stroke. It is a good index of ventricular function.

Normal ejection fraction is about 60 – 65 %.

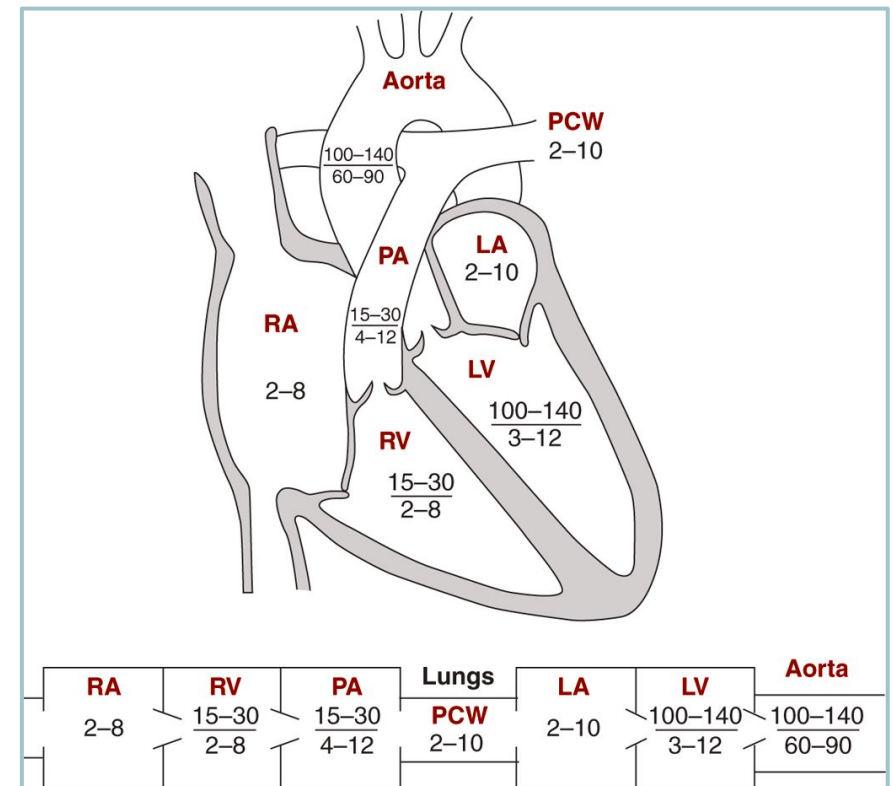
$$EF = \frac{SV \text{ or } EDV - ESV}{EDV} \times 100$$

$$EF = (75 / 120 * 100 = 62.5\%)$$

General Principles

- ❖ Contraction of the heart generates pressure changes & results in orderly blood movement.
- ❖ Blood flows from an area of high pressure to an area of low pressure.
- ❖ Events are the same in the right & left sides of the heart, **but with lower pressures in the right side**
 (pressure in the right side (ventricle)= to open pulmonary valve= 4-12mmhg , reaches 25mmhg)
 (pressure in the left side(ventricle) = to open the aortic valve = 80mmhg , reaches 120mmhg)
- ❖ **Atrial & ventricular systole do not occur at same time**, but their **relaxation occurs at same time** during diastole of whole heart which lasts for 0.4 sec.

- ❖ AV valves open when atrial pressure is higher than ventricular pressure, and it closes when the reverse happens.
- ❖ Semilunar valves open when ventricular pressure is higher than aortic and pulmonary pressure, and it closes when the reverse happens.
- ❖ The cycle is initiated with the firing of the SA node



The Cardiac cycle

- ❖ **Cardiac cycle:** the sequence of events that take place in the heart in each beat (from the beginning of one heart beat to beginning of the next one).
- ❖ Each cycle is initiated by depolarization of S-A node, followed by contraction of the atria.
- ❖ The signal is transmitted to ventricles through A-V node & A-V bundle to cause ventricular contraction.

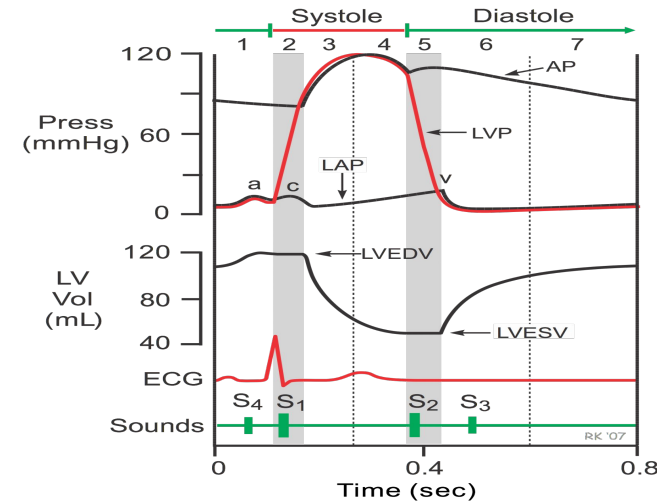
Events of the Cardiac Cycle

➤ Mechanical Events:

1. Pressure changes during cardiac cycle
2. Volume changes during cardiac cycle
3. Heart sounds

➤ Electrical Events:

Electrocardiogram (ECG)



The 7 Phases of the Cardiac cycle

- ❖ Considered '8' phases if including 1st phase of diastole

-isovolumetric contraction and relaxation have the shortest duration.
-reduced filling has the longest duration.

Ventricular Systole (0.3 sec)

*IVC: IsoVolumetric Contraction

Ventricular Diastole (0.5 sec)

*IVR: IsoVolumetric Relaxation

IVC* (0.05 s)	Rapid/Maximum Ejection (0.10 sec)	Reduced Ejection (0.15 sec)	IVR* (0.06 s)	Rapid Filling (0.11 sec)	Reduced Filling (0.22 sec)
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Atrial Diastole
(0.7 sec)

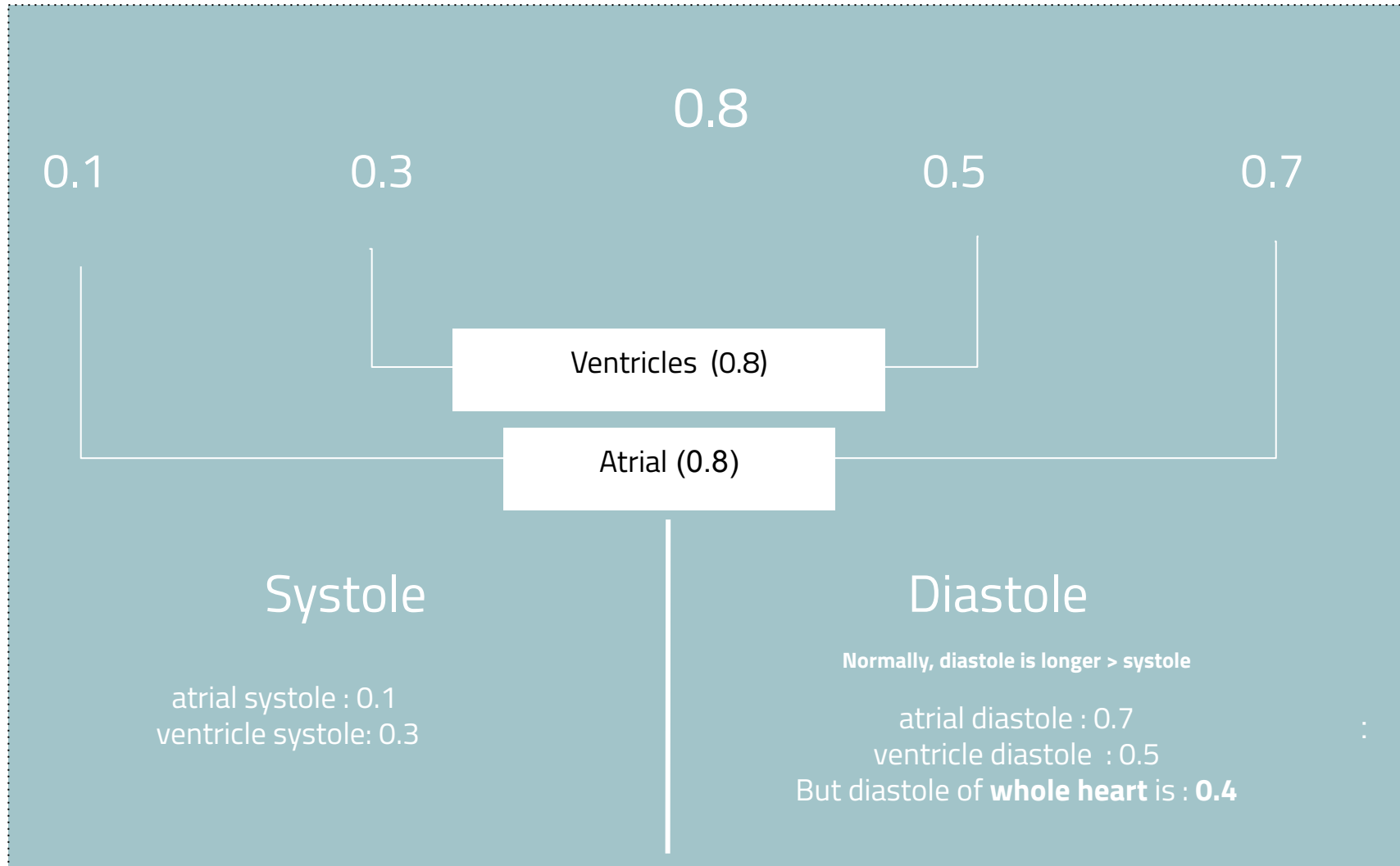
Atrial Systole
(0.11 sec)

ينسحب عليه من ناحية Phases
حتى ECG سحبت عليه
لأنه يصير في نفس وقت آخر مرحلتين

Diastole of whole heart (0.4 sec)

Might help you memorize the values from previous slide

Cardiac Cycle Duration

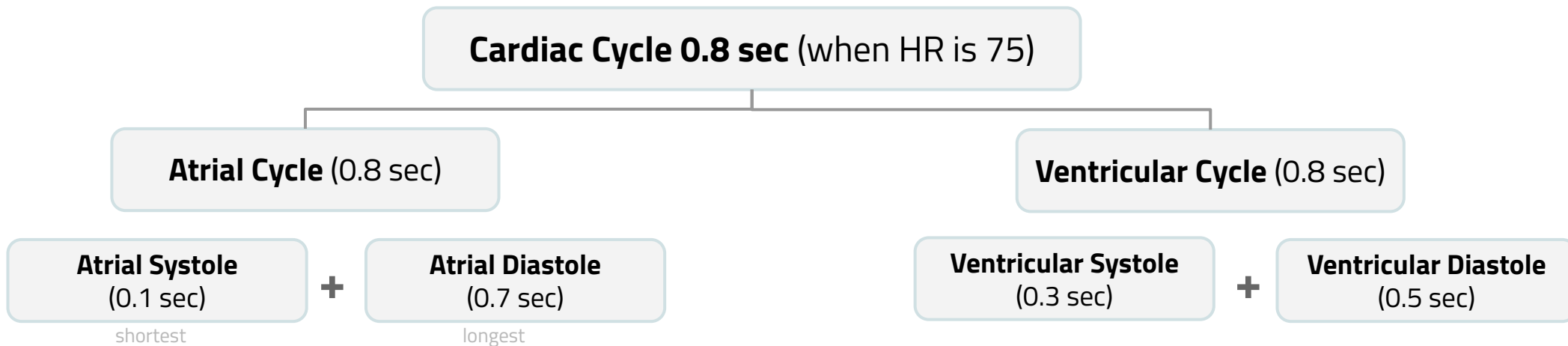


Cardiac Cycle Duration/Time

- ❖ **Cardiac Cycle Duration:** the time required for one complete cardiac cycle.
- ❖ When heart rate (HR) is 75 beats/min, the time will be **0.8 Sec**

$$\text{Cardiac Cycle Time} = \frac{\text{Minute}}{\text{HR}} = \frac{60}{75} = 0.8 \text{ sec}$$

Cardiac cycle time and heart rate are **inversely** proportional



- ❖ Cardiac cycle starts by systole of both atria (0.1 sec), then systole of both ventricles (0.3 sec), then diastole of whole heart
- ❖ Diastole of **whole heart** is **0.4 sec** (when ventricles and atria are in diastole **at the same time**; IVR+Rapid Filling+Half of Reduced Filling)
- ❖ **Normally, diastole is longer than systole**
Importance of long ventricular diastole:
 - 1-Ventricular filling
 - 2-Coronary blood flow (coronary blood flow is the blood supply to the heart; it is slowed by contraction)

Heart Rate & Cardiac Cycle

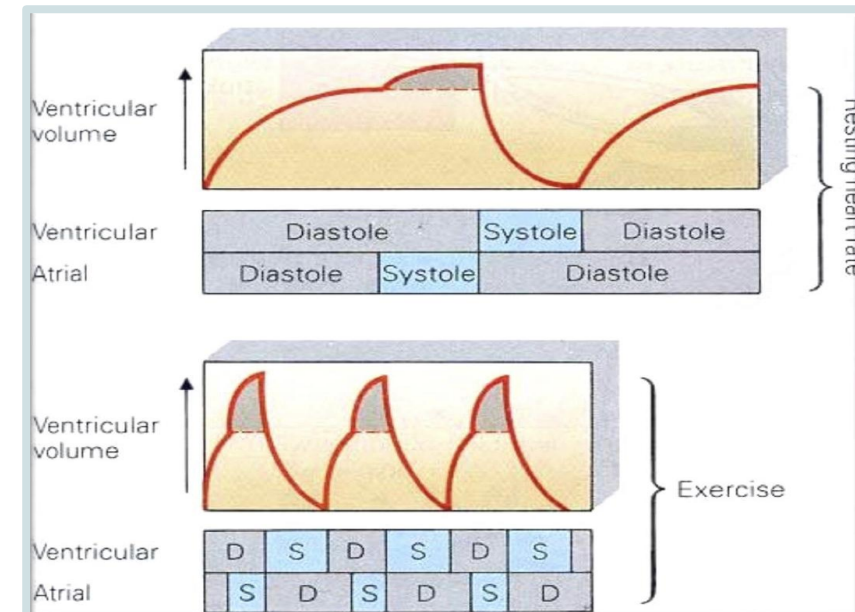
- ❖ The higher the heart rate, the lesser is duration of Cardiac cycle. However, the duration of systole is much more fixed than that of diastole.

Physiologic and clinical implications of shortened diastole:

- ❖ The heart muscle rests during diastole. Coronary blood flows to the subendocardial portions of the left ventricle only during diastole. Furthermore, most of the ventricular filling occurs in diastole.
- ❖ Up to about 180/min, filling is adequate as long as there is enough venous return, and cardiac output per minute is increased by an increase in rate. However, at very high heart rates, filling may be compromised to such a degree that cardiac output per minute falls.

Effect of Atrial Contraction on Ventricular Filling

At rest, atrial contraction adds little extra blood to the ventricles. When the heart rate is high, ventricle filling time is reduced. During exercise, atrial contraction adds a **larger** amount of blood to the ventricles.



1-Atrial Systole (0.11 sec)

Mechanical Events

It occurs at the end of ventricular diastole (last 1/3 of diastole)
 25 % of blood passes to the ventricles.
 Atria act as primer pumps & increase the ventricular pumping effectiveness as much as 20-25%
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 Because of the ventricles suction which responsible for 75% of blood movement.
Valves:
AV valves still open (semilunar valves still closed) AV valves opened during rapid filling phase of ventricles
 blood goes from atria to ventricles.

لذلك لما يمرض
 Atrium
 لأي سبب كان وتأثر انقباضه ما نعتبره
 Life threatening
 لأن الفنتريكلز يتأخذ ٧٥٪ من حاجتها
 بدون انقباضه عادي

Ventricular Volume Changes

↑ due to blood passage into ventricle.
 It reaches **EDV 130 ml** (remember the ventricle already filled with 75% passively during the ventricle diastole)

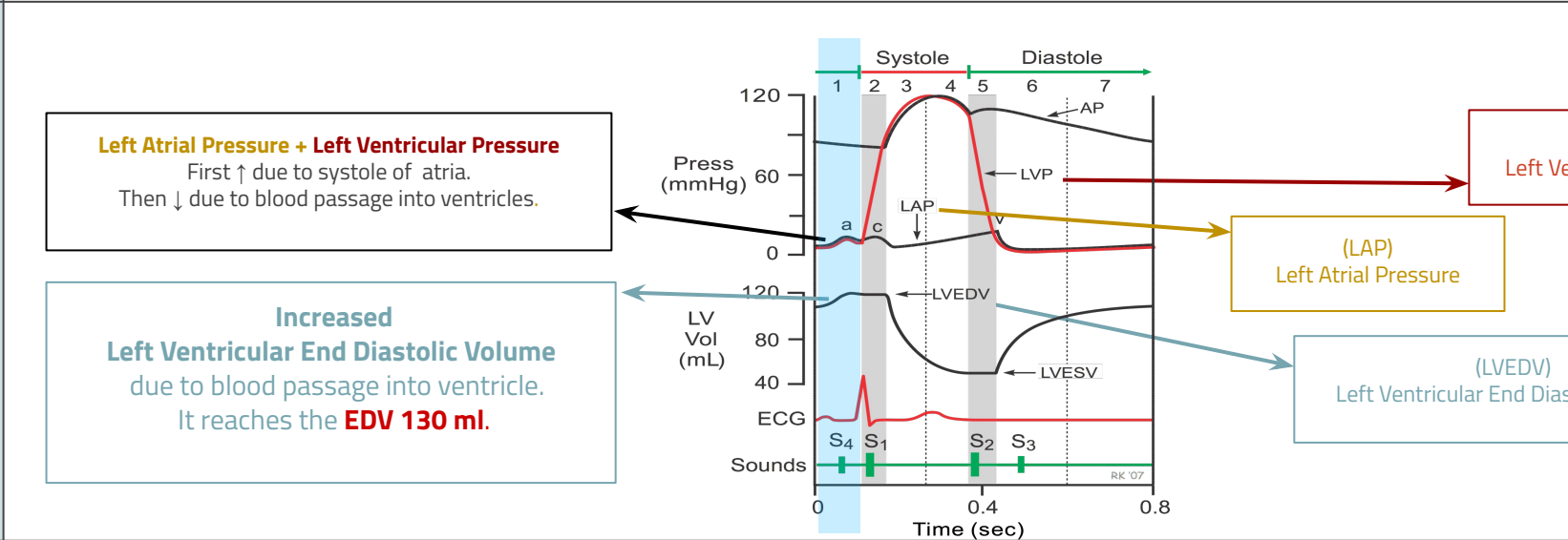
Pressure Changes

Atrial:
 First ↑ due to systole of atria.
 Then ↓ due to blood passage into ventricles
 As the atrial pressures fall, the AV valves close and left ventricular volume is now maximum → EDV (120 ml in LV)
Ventricular:
 First slightly ↑ due to entry of blood from atria.
 Then ↓ due to dilatation of ventricles (for accommodation)
 In both cases, it is less than atrial pressure (because once it's higher, AV valve will close)

Heart Sounds

4th heart sound heard due to **1-atrial contraction 2-Blood rush from atria to ventricles.**

Before you study this part, check the boxes on the right side.



Ventricular systole (3 phases)

cardiac cycle ثاني مرحلة من
الأولى من أصل الثلاث مراحل حقت
Ventricular systole

First one: 2- Isovolumetric Contraction Phase (0.05 sec)

<p>Mechanical Events</p>	<p>It occurs at beginning of ventricular systole.</p> <p>atrial pressure > ventricular pressure = AV OPENS + semilunar CLOSES atrial pressure < ventricular pressure = AV CLOSES + semilunar OPENS</p> <p>Starts with A-V valve closure (Semilunar valves still closed) → Ventricle is a closed chamber. → It contracts isometrically (tension develops without change in muscle length) (no shortening, no emptying) → Ventricle pressure increases, & becomes higher than atrial pressure. This causes the AV valves to close → Aortic valve (semilunar) opens (after 0.6) at the end of this phase when LV exceeds 80mmHg And RV > 8mmHg .</p>
<p>Ventricular Volume Changes</p>	<p>Volume in ventricle still EDV (both valves closed; constant volume)</p>
<p>Pressure Changes</p>	<p>Team 436: at the end of this phase, aortic (not atrial) pressure reaches its minimum value which is 80 mmHg.</p> <p>Atrial pressure: ↑ due to doming/bulging of closed AV cusps into atria. يوم تقفلت القاذف انتفخت على فوق زي البارشوت فقلت مساحة الاتريوم < زاد الضغط</p> <p>Ventricular pressure : ↑ suddenly (from 3 to 80 mmHg in LV).</p>
<p>Heart Sounds</p>	<p>1st heart sound heard due to 1- Sudden closure of A-V valves contraction, 2- Vibration of chordae tendinae of papillary muscles.</p>
	<p>Left ventricular pressure ↑ suddenly</p> <p>Constant! Left Ventricular end Diastolic volume "Isovolumetric"</p> <p>(LVP) Left Ventricular pressure</p> <p>(LAP) Left Atrial Pressure</p> <p>(LVEDV) Left Ventricular end Diastolic volume</p>

Ventricular systole (3 phases)

Second one: **3- Maximum (Rapid) Ejection Phase** (0.10 sec) [Duration 1/3] (2/3 or 70% blood is ejected)

<p>Mechanical Events</p>	<p>دائماً سواء في Contraction ejection / relaxation filling صمام مفتوح وصمام مقفل</p>	<p>when LV exceeds 80mmHg (which is the aortic pressure) And $RV > 8mmHg$. (AV valves still closed) Semilunar valves open at beginning of this phase لأن مثل ماقلنا الفنتركلز وصل أعلى من الاثريال The ventricles contract isotonically (with shortening) pushing or emptying most of blood (70%-75% of ventricular blood) into aorta & pulmonary artery passively.</p>
<p>Ventricular Volume Changes</p>		<p>↓ sharply due to shortening of ventricular wall and ejection of blood.</p>
<p>Pressure Changes</p>	<p>Team 436: -In this phase aortic (not atrial) pressure reaches its maximum value which is also 120 mmHg (like LV) after aortic valve opens. -IN THIS PHASE BLOOD GOING FROM LV TO AORTA > THAN BLOOD LEAVING AORTA TO TISSUES.</p>	<p>Atrial pressure: ↓ because when ventricles contract, they pull fibrous AV ring with AV valves downward thus ↓ atrial P. البارشوت اللي قلنا ارتفع قبل شوي، نزل الحين فانخفض الضغط Ventricular pressure: reaches 120 mmHg in left Ventricle.</p>
<p>Heart Sounds</p>		<p>No sound (Any sound occurs in ejection phases it will be pathological conditions)</p>
	<p>Left ventricular pressure (LVP) ↑ reaches 120 mmHg in left V</p> <p>Left atrial pressure (LAP) First ↓ because when ventricles contract, they pull fibrous AV ring with AV valves downward thus</p> <p>↓ sharply due to shortening of ventricular wall and ejection of blood.</p>	<p>The graph illustrates the cardiac cycle from 0 to 0.8 seconds. The Systole phase is divided into 7 numbered intervals. Key pressure values are shown: LVP reaches 120 mmHg, and LAP drops to 0 mmHg. Volume changes show a sharp decrease during the ejection phase. Heart sounds S1, S2, and S3 are marked, with S1 occurring at the start of the ejection phase.</p>

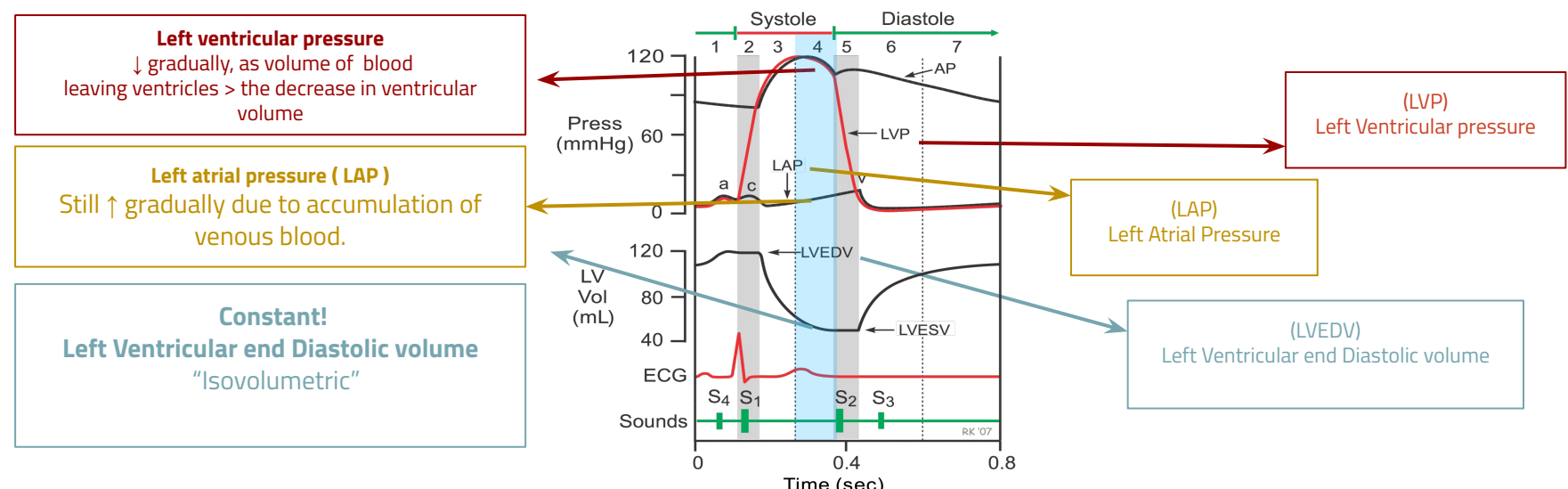
Ventricular systole (3 phases)

Third one: 4- Reduced (slow) Ejection Phase (0.15 sec)

[Duration 2/3] (1/3 or 30% blood is ejected)

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<p>Mechanical Events</p>	<p>The ventricles contract with less shortening than the previous phase and less blood is ejected (end of systole). Almost (25% of ventricular blood) is ejected, 25% of SV. (Semilunar valves still opened AV valves still closed)</p> <div data-bbox="1680 359 2228 462" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>That means the ejection of Stroke volume is: 75% of it ejected during maximum ejection 25% of it ejected during reduced ejection</p> </div>
<p>Ventricular Volume Changes</p>	<p>Continue ↓ gradually till it reaches the end systolic volume (ESV=60 ml). الدم قاعد يطلع لبرا فبيقل الضغط تدريجيًا</p>
<p>Pressure Changes</p>	<div data-bbox="448 654 784 790" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>ترا هنا يقصد مرحلة atrial diastole اللي قلنا انسحب عليها</p> </div> <p>Atrial pressure: Still ↑ gradually due to accumulation of venous blood.</p> <p>Ventricular pressure: ↓ gradually (from 120 to 80 mmHg in LV), as volume of blood leaving ventricles > the decrease in ventricular volume.</p> <p>The pressure in the ventricle keeps decreasing until it becomes lower than that of the great vessels</p>
<p>Heart Sounds</p>	<p>No sound</p>



Before Ventricular Diastole begins there is a phase called: **protodiastole**. **Once the ventricular muscle is fully contracted, the already falling ventricular pressures drop more rapidly (0.04 Sec)**
Then the ventricular relaxation (diastole) begins (4 phases).
First one: 5-Isovolumetric Relaxation Phase (0.06 sec)

<p>Mechanical Events</p>	<p>It occurs at the beginning of diastole. Semilunar valves close at the beginning of phase because When ventricle pressure < arterial pressure → backflow of blood → forces semilunar valves to close. (AV valves still closed) For 0.06s The ventricles relax without changing their volume. (iso-volumetric)</p> <div data-bbox="347 414 660 550" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>دائمًا سواء في Contraction/ relaxation Isovolumetric كل الصمامات مغلقة وهذا اللي مساعده في حجمه الثابت</p> </div>
<p>Ventricular Volume Changes</p>	<p>Ventricular volume is constant at the ESV (60 ml).</p>
<p>Pressure Changes</p>	<div data-bbox="347 678 683 805" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>ترا هنا يقصد مرحلة atrial diastole اللي قلنا انسحب عليها</p> </div> <p>→ Atrial pressure: Still ↑ gradually due to atria fill up because of accumulation and of venous blood. Ventricular pressure: ↓ rapidly (from 80 to 3-12 mmHg in LV), because the valves are closed & the relaxation is isometric.</p>
<p>Heart Sounds</p>	<p>2nd heart sound due to sudden closure of semilunar valves.</p>
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <div data-bbox="392 981 996 1157" style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Left ventricular pressure ↓ suddenly Pressure in ventricle keep falling till it is < atrial pressure</p> </div> <div data-bbox="392 1181 996 1300" style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Left Atrial Pressure Still ↑ gradually due to accumulation of venous blood.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="392 1324 996 1492" style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> <p>Constant! Left Ventricular end systolic volume = 60ml "Isovolumetric"</p> </div> </div> <div style="flex: 2; text-align: center;"> </div> <div style="flex: 1; margin-left: 20px;"> <div data-bbox="1747 1053 2072 1157" style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>(LVP) Left Ventricular pressure</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1747 1197 2072 1300" style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>(LAP) Left Atrial Pressure</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1747 1340 2072 1460" style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> <p>(LVEDV) Left Ventricular end Diastolic volume</p> </div> </div> </div>

Ventricular relaxation/diastole (3 phases)

Second one: Maximum (Rapid) Filling Phase

Mechanical Events

خذوها قاعدة، ماتنتفتح
AV valves
إلا إذا زاد ضغط الأترسيوم عن
الفنتركلز يعني باختصار فتحها وقلها
متحكم فيها ضغط الأترسيوم

Atrial pressure > ventricular pressure:
AV valves open.
(Semilunar valves still closed)
≈ **60-70%** of blood passes **passively** to the ventricles
along pressure gradient.

مثل ماقلنا في
Ejection or Filling
: واحد مفتوح وواحد مقل
المفتوح في AV < Filling
لأن الدم متوجه للفنتركلز
المفتوح في Semilunar < Ejection
لأن الدم متوجه لل Aorta or pulmonary

Why passive? Because the Normal suction by ventricles,
مثل ماقلنا قبل نعتمد على انقباض الأترسيوم بربع الدم او ٢٠٪
هنا فسروا الباقي كيف يجي؟
60-70% : by maximum filling
<5% : by reduced filling (next slide)

Ventricular Volume Changes

↑ because it is being filled with blood (remember AV valve opened!!)

Pressure Changes

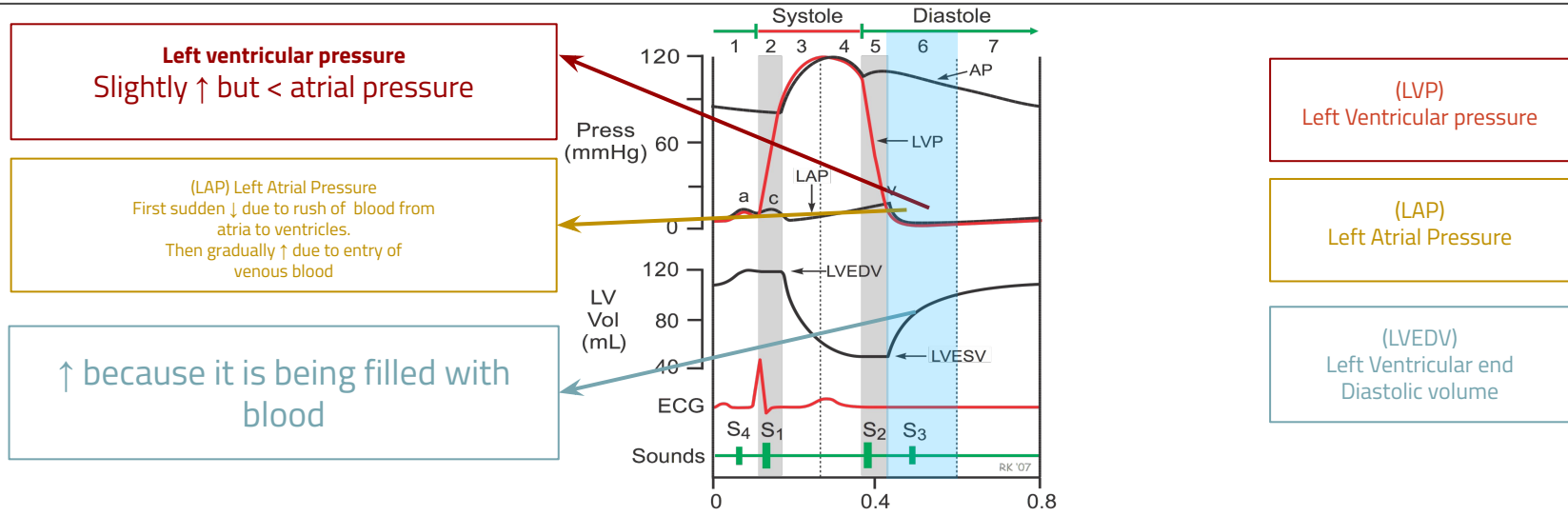
تخيلو بلونه فيها فتحتين وحدة كانت مقللة والثانية
فاتحة وقاعده تعبيها بماء فالضغط عالي جوا، اول
ما تفتح الفتحة الثانية الماء بيتدفق ويبطع منها
فالضغط بيقل بالأول بس بما ان الفتحة اللي تعبيها
ماء لسه مفتوحة بيرجع يرتفع

Atrial pressure:
First sudden ↓ due to rush of blood from atria to ventricles.
Then gradually ↑ due to entry of venous blood

Ventricular pressure:
Slightly ↑ but < atrial pressure (لو صار اعلى من الأترسيوم راح تقفل الفالف)

Heart Sounds

3rd heart sound heard due to rush of blood into ventricles and vibration in ventricular wall.

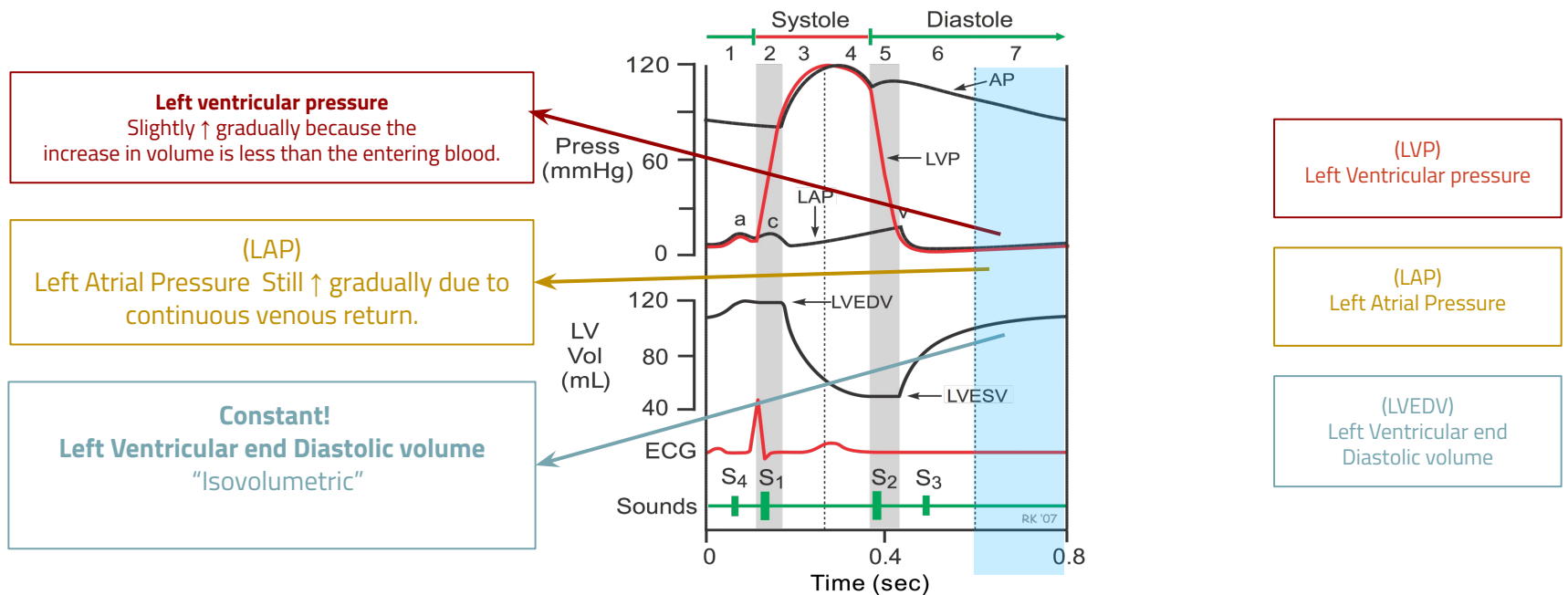


Ventricular relaxation/diastole (3 phases)

Third One: **Reduced (slow) Filling Phase (Diastasis)**

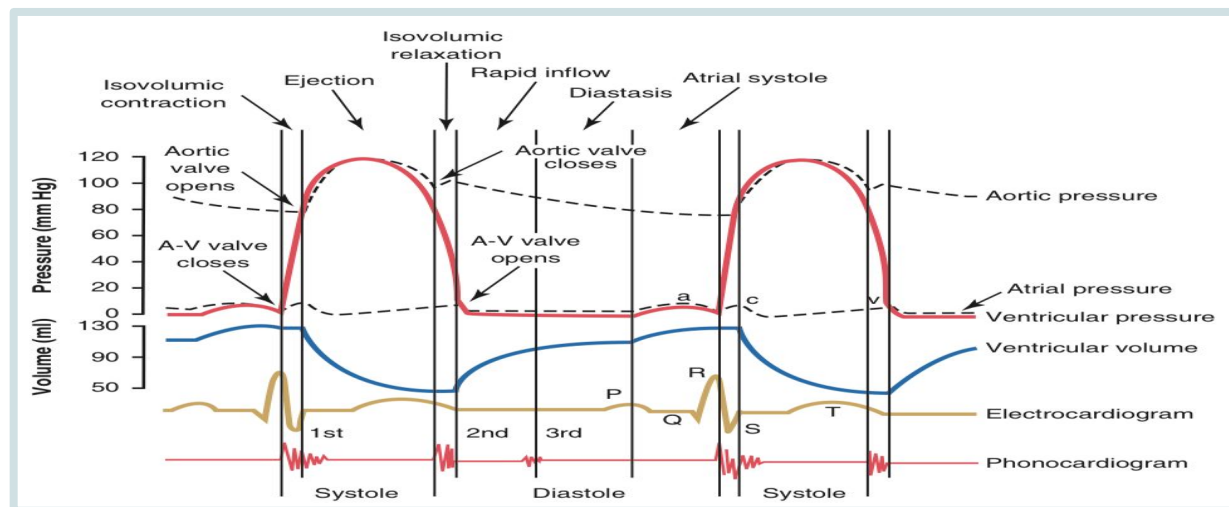
middle 1/3 of diastole

<p>Mechanical Events</p>	<p>Remaining atrial blood ($\approx <5\%$) passes passively & slowly to the ventricle by pressure gradient. (A-V valves still open) Semilunar valves: Still closed)</p>
<p>Ventricular Volume Changes</p>	<p>Still \uparrow due to entry of blood into ventricles.</p>
<p>Pressure Changes</p>	<p>Atrial pressure: Still \uparrow gradually due to continuous venous return. Ventricular pressure: Slightly \uparrow gradually because the increase in volume is less than the entering blood.</p>
<p>Heart Sounds</p>	<p>-</p>



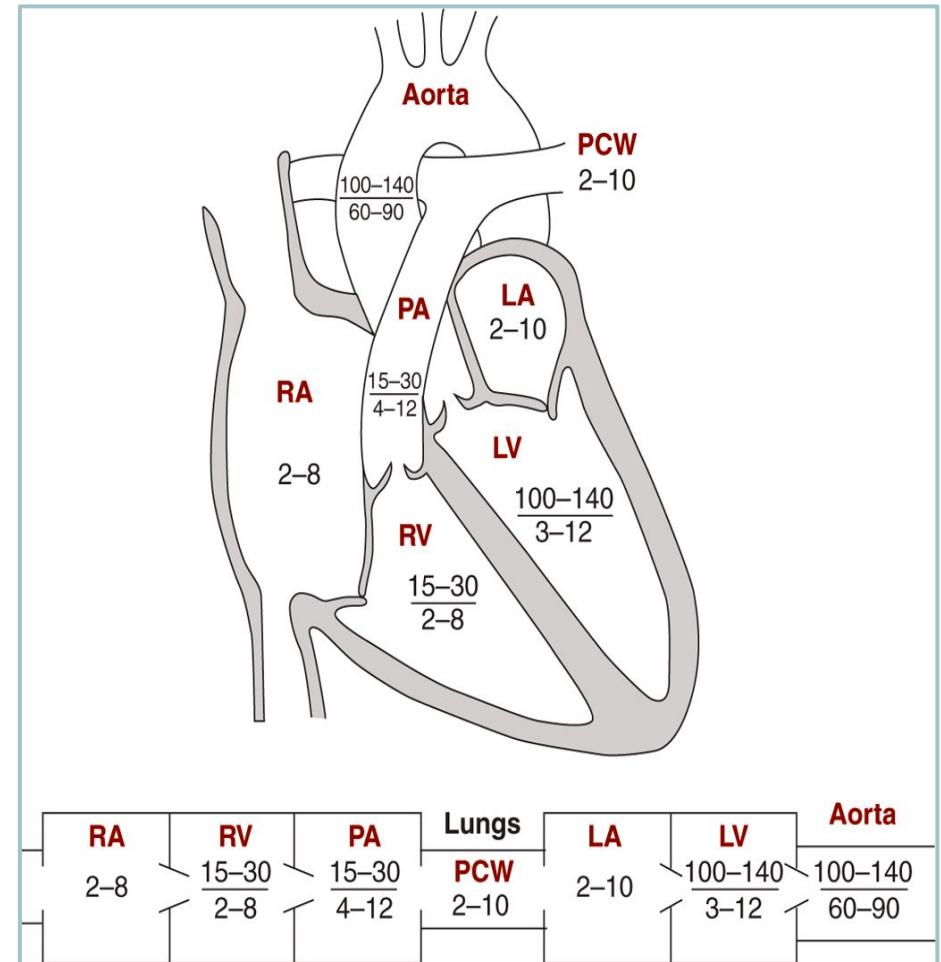
Pressure and Volume Changes During Cardiac Cycle

Phase	Ventricular Pressure	Cause	Ventricular Volume
1-Atrial systole	First slightly ↑ Then ↓	Entry of blood from atria Dilatation of ventricles	↑(EDV 130ml)
2-Isovolumetric Contraction	↑ Suddenly (80mmHg)	All valves are closed and contraction is isovolumetric	Constant
3-Maximum Ejection	↑ Sharply (120mmHg)	Shortening of the ventricular wall and ejection of blood	↓ Rapidly
4-Reduced Ejection	↓ Gradually (80mmHg)	Volume of blood leaving ventricles > the decrease in ventricular volume	↓ Slowly (ESV 60ml)
5-Isovolumic Relaxation	↓ Rapidly	All valves are closed and relaxation is isovolumetric	Constant
6-Rapid Filling	Slightly ↑ but < atrial pressure	Entry of blood from atria	↑ Rapidly
7-Reduced filling	slightly/gradually ↑	Entry of blood from atria	↑ Gradually



Pressure changes in cardiac cycle

Location	Normal range	
	Systole	Diastole
RT Atrium	2- 8,7 mmHg	
LT Atrium	2-10 mmHg	
Pulmonary Artery	25-30 mmHg	4-12 mmHg 10 mmHg
RT Ventricle	25-30 mmHg	2-8 mmHg
LT Ventricle	100-120 mmHg	3 or 2 -12 mmHg
Aorta	120 mmHg	80 mmHg



Aortic Pressure Changes (Curve)

A) Ascending or Anacrotic Limb

With the 'rapid ejection phase'

Aortic pressure ↑ up to 120 mmHg

(راح يزيد لان الدم اللي قاعد يدخل بسرعة اكثر من اللي ينضخ للجسم في هالوقت)

B) Descending or Catacrotic Limb

Passes in 4 stages:

1. ↓ Aortic Pressure

With 'reduced ejection phase'

Amount of blood amount leaves aorta > enters

2. Dicrotic Notch (Incisura)

Sudden drop in aortic pressure. Due to closure of aortic valve.

This notch is seen in the aortic pressure curve at end of ventricular systole

3. Dicrotic Wave

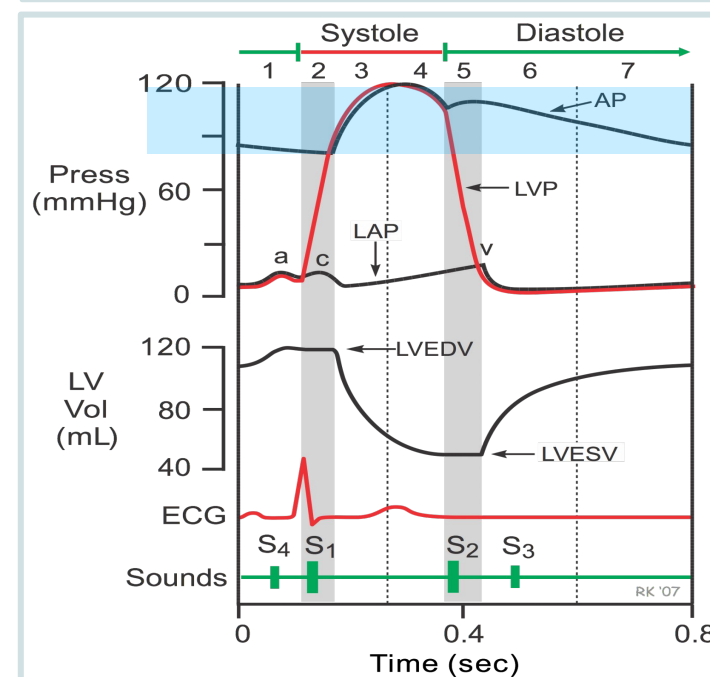
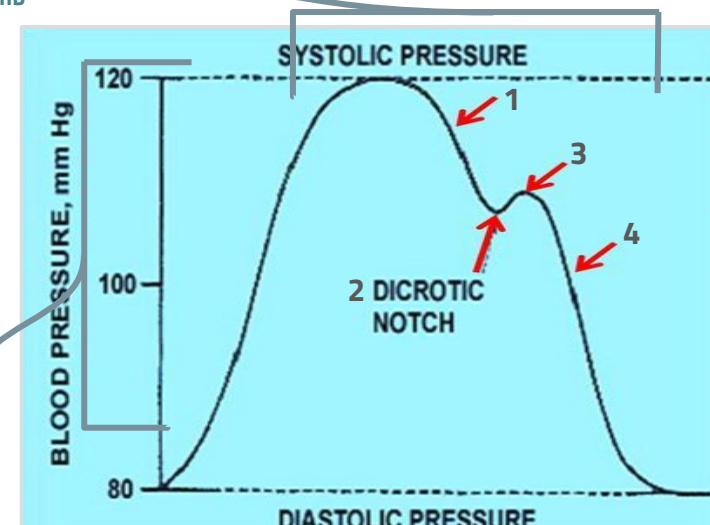
Slight ↑ in aortic pressure. Due to elastic recoil of the aorta.

4. Slow ↓ Aortic Pressure

Down to 80 mmHg. Due to continued flow of blood from aorta into systemic circulation

Descending /
Catacrotic Limb

Ascending
/Anacrotic Limb



Pulmonary artery pressure changes are similar to the aortic pressure changes [Magnitude 3-4 times Less].
Normal pulmonary artery pressure during the cardiac cycle ≈ 25-30/4-12 mmHg

Why is aortic pressure higher than ventricular pressure during diastole?

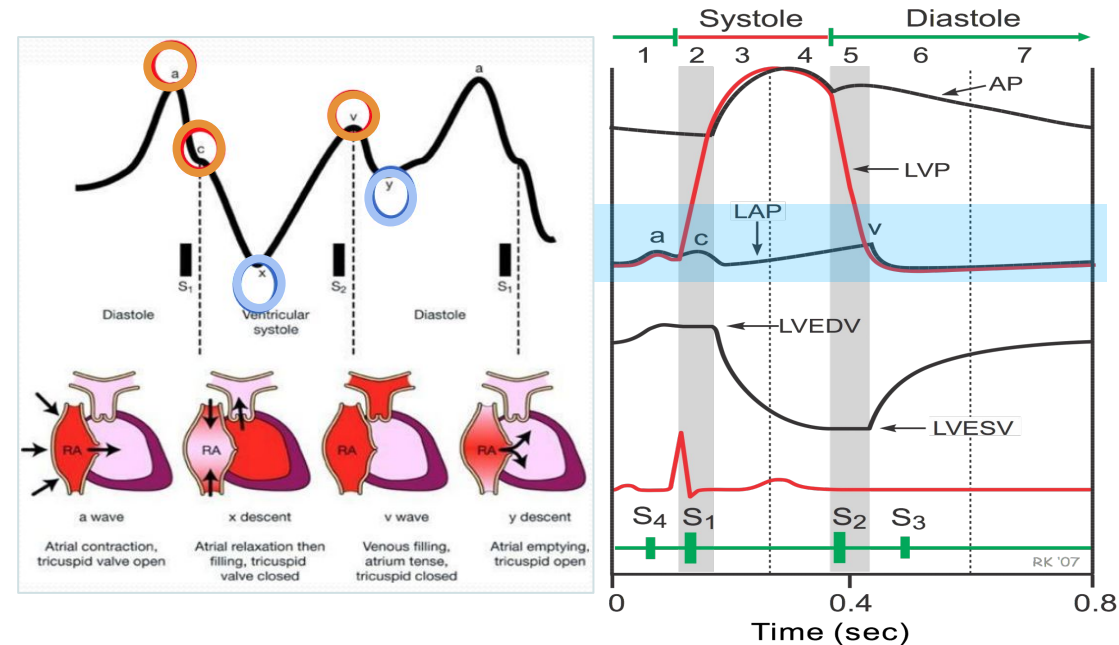
Because during ventricular contraction, the aorta stores energy by stretching (pressure reservoir).
During ventricular diastole, the aorta releases this pressure to maintain blood flow to the body.

Atrial Pressure Changes In The Cardiac Cycle

Atrial pressure results in:

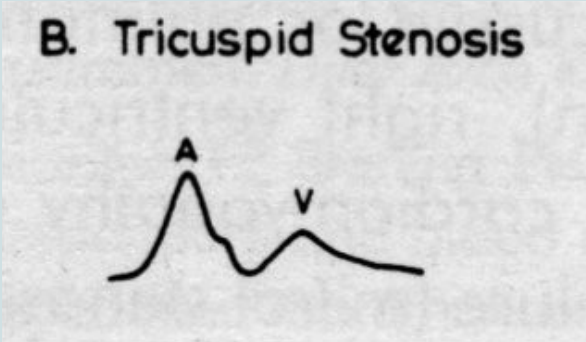
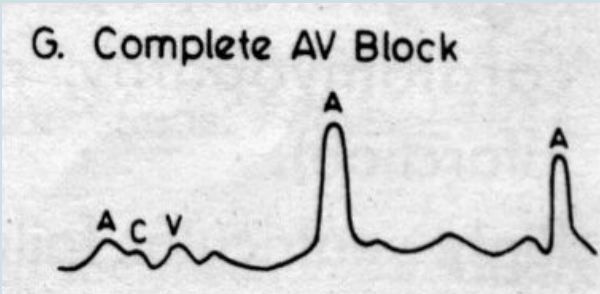
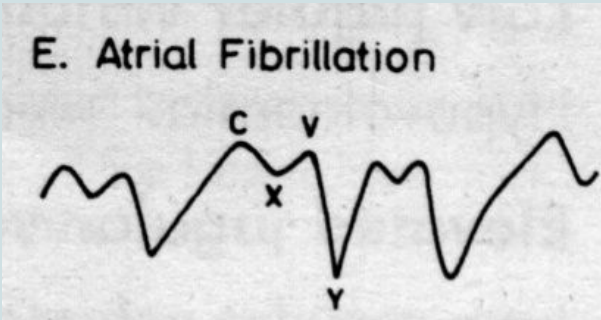
- ❖ **3 Upward Deflections(waves): a, c, & v waves**
2 components in each wave:
+ve (↑arterial pressure), -ve (arterial↓ pressure)
- ❖ **2 Downward deflections(waves): x & y waves**

The 3 wave (a, c, & v) are equal to ONE cardiac cycle = 0.8 sec



Atrial Pressure Wave	Cause
a wave Atrial systole	+ve due to atrial systole -ve due to blood passage into ventricles.
c wave (cusp) Ventricular systole	+ve: as a result of bulging of AV valve into the atria during 'isovolumetric contraction phase' -ve: as a result of pulling of the atrial muscle & AV cusps down during 'rapid ejection phase' , resulting in ↓ atrial pressure (when ventricles contract, they pull fibrous AV ring with AV valves downward)
'x' descent	Downward displacement of AV valves during 'reduced ejection phase'
v wave (venous return) Atrial diastole	+ve: due to venous return during atrial diastole. -ve: due to entry of blood into ventricles during 'rapid filling phase.'
'y' descent	↓↓ atrial pressure due to entry of blood into ventricles during 'reduced filling phase.'

Abnormalities of a wave

The abnormality	Description
<p>Elevated "a" wave (Tricuspid stenosis)</p> 	<p>Decreased ventricular compliance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ ventricular failure ❖ pulmonic valve stenosis ❖ pulmonary hypertension
<p>Cannon "a" wave Atria and the ventricle contract in irregular manner (لدرجة ان انقباضهم ممكن يصير في نفس الوقت)</p> 	<p>Atrial-ventricular asynchrony (atria contract against a closed tricuspid valve):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ complete heart block ❖ following premature ventricular contraction ❖ during ventricular tachycardia ❖ with ventricular pacemaker
<p>Absent "a" wave</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Atrial fibrillation ❖ Atria flutter

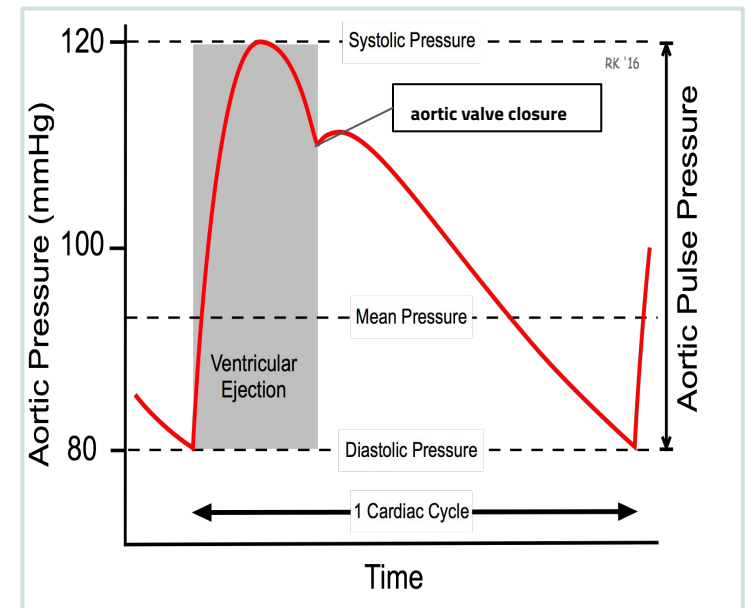
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Arterial Pressure Changes

Similar to aortic pressure waves, but sharper.

Reflects a systolic peak pressure of **110-130 mmHg** & a diastolic pressure of **70-85 mmHg**.

Pulse pressure = systolic P - Diastolic P

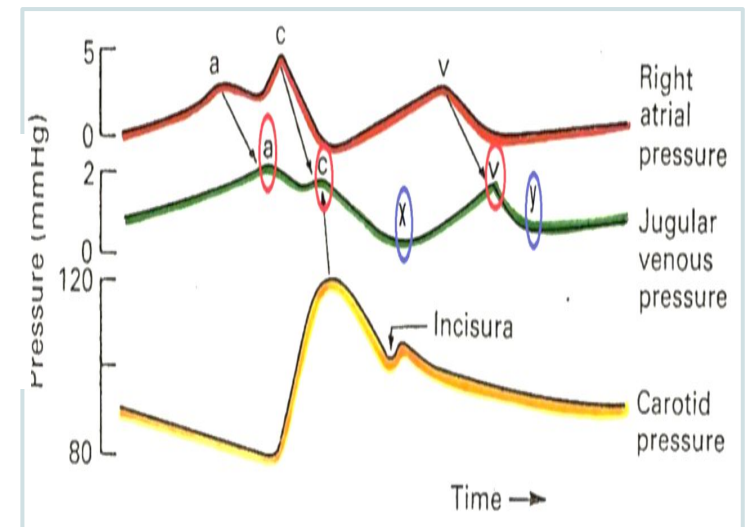


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Jugular Vein Pulse Changes

Similar recordings of transmitted delayed atrial waves:

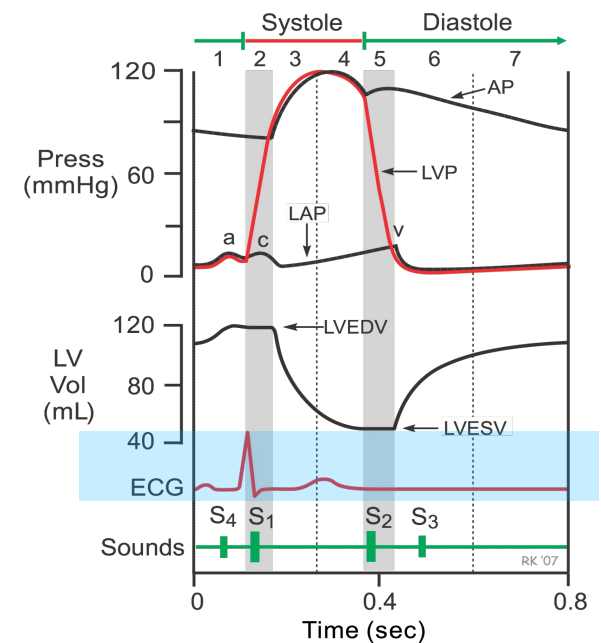
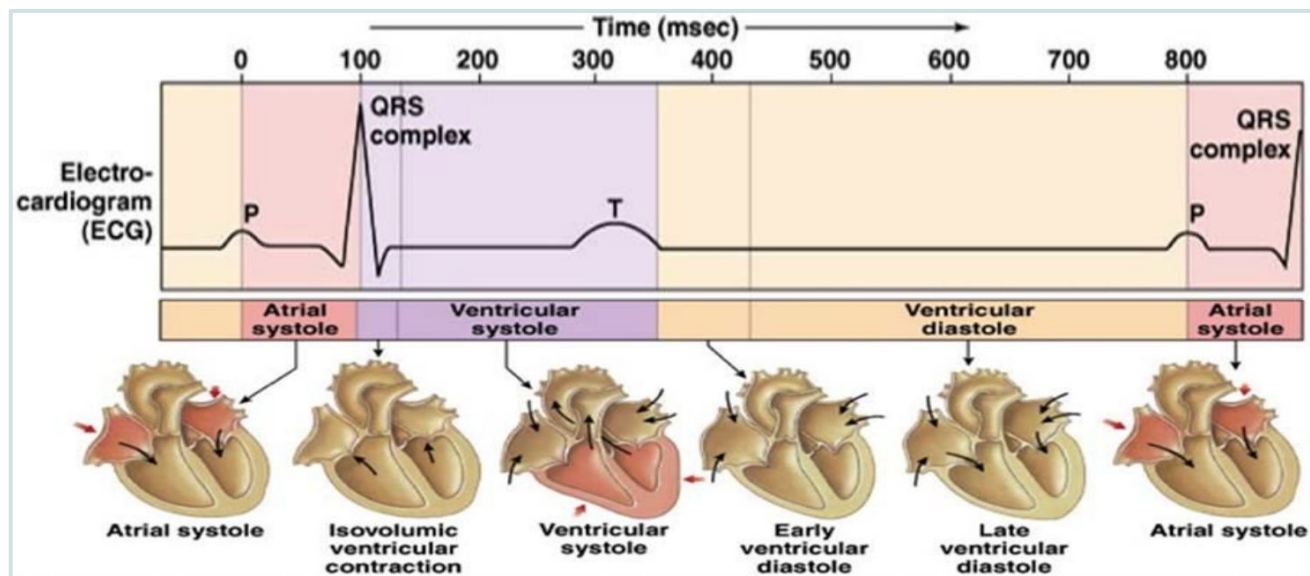
- **3 upward waves: a, c, & v**
- **2 downward waves: x & y**



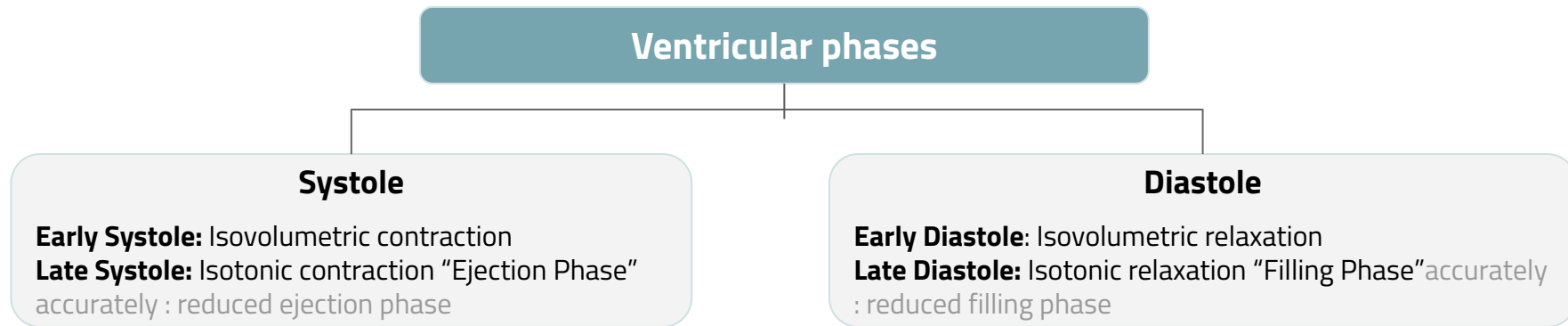
ECG Changes

Electrical impulse always shows before mechanical (contraction).

Phase	ECG Changes
1-Atrial Systole	P- wave starts 0.02 sec before atrial systole & continues. Q- wave occurs at the end of this phase .
2-Isovolumetric Contraction	Q- wave starts 0.02 sec. before this phase. R & S- waves occur during it .
3-Maximum Ejection	T- wave starts at the last part of it.
4-Reduced Ejection	T- wave continues
5-Isovolumic Relaxation	T- wave ends
6-Rapid filling	T-P segment.
7-Reduced filling	P- wave of the next cycle starts at the end of this phase.

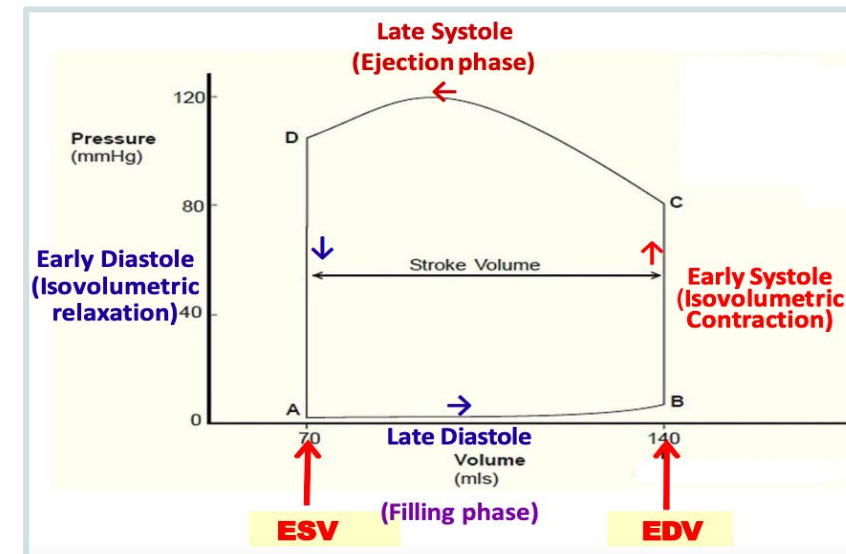
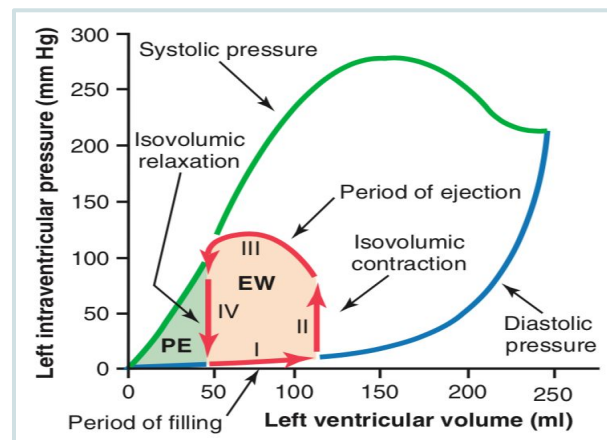


Basic Myocardial Muscle Mechanics



Left Ventricular Pressure - Volume Diagram (loop)

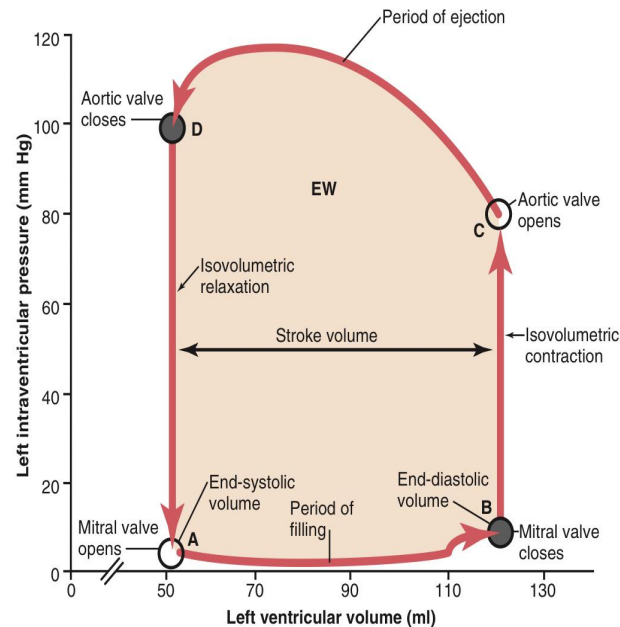
- ❖ The "volume-pressure diagram" demonstrate the relationship between changes in **intraventricular volume** and **pressure during the normal cardiac cycle** (diastole and systole).
- ❖ Can be used to determine EW = net external work and PE = potential energy
- ❖ Plots LV pressure against LV volume through one complete cardiac cycle
- ❖ It is divided into four phases **discussed in the next slide**



Left Ventricular Pressure - Volume Loop

Phase III (Ejection phase):

- Systolic pressure rises (from 80 to 120 mmHg). Maximum pressure is reached during this phase
- The volume of the ventricle decreases because blood flows out of the ventricle into the aorta.



Phase IV (Isovolumic relaxation phase):

- At the end of ejection period (point D), the aortic valve closes
 - Ventricular pressure falls back to the diastolic pressure level.
 - The ventricle returns to its starting point (point A).
- (all valves are closed)

Phase II (isovolumic contraction phase):

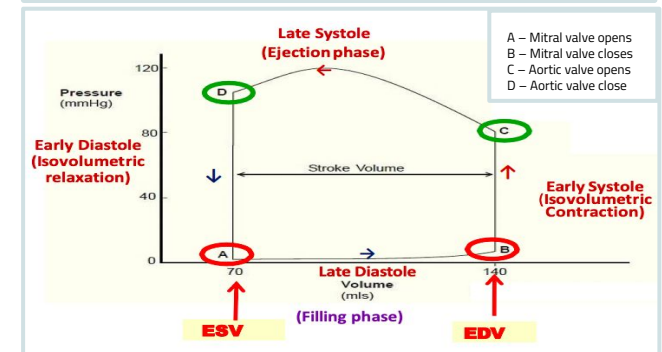
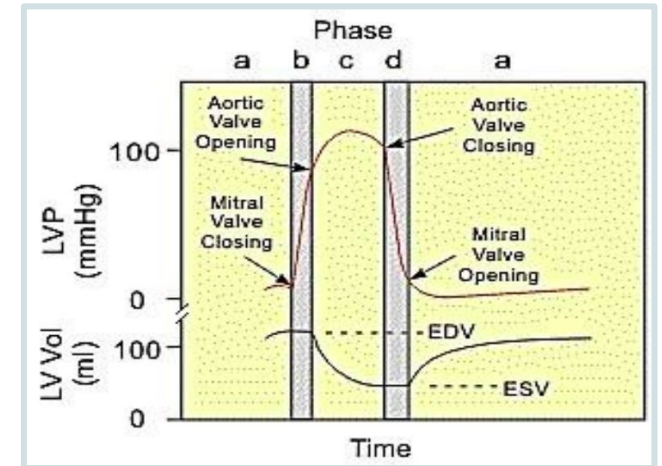
- The volume of the ventricle does not change.
- Ventricular pressure rises to about 80 mm Hg (point C).

Phase I (filling phase) (Late diastole):

- Begins at point A where: Ventricular volume is about 70 ml (the amount of blood that remains in the ventricle, the (ESV) Diastolic pressure is 2 to 3 mm Hg
 - Ends at point B where the ventricular volume normally increases to 140 milliliters (EDV)
- Stroke volume=EDV-ESV (B-A)

What you should remember about Pressure - Volume loop?

- ❖ **Diastolic filling** occurs between points A & B.
- ❖ **Ejection** occurs between points C & D.
- ❖ **Mitral valve open** at the beginning of filling phase (point A) and **close** at its end (point B)
- ❖ **Aortic valves open** at the beginning of ejection phase (point C) and **close** at its end (point D)



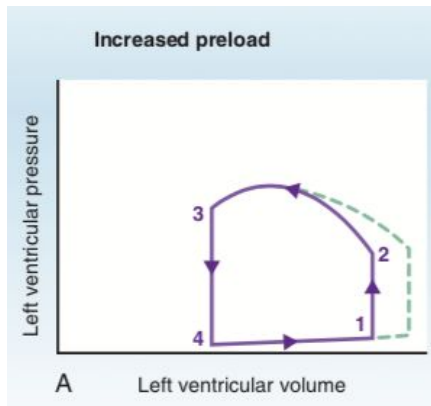
Importance of Ventricular Volume-Pressure Loop

- ❖ This diagram is used for calculating cardiac work output.

The shaded area, labeled "EW" represents the net external work output (not cardiac output) of the ventricle during cardiac cycle.

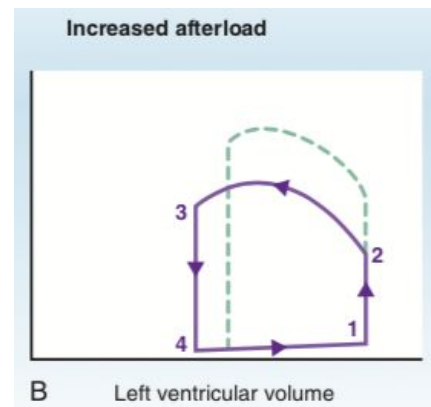
When the heart pumps large quantities of blood, the area of the work diagram becomes much larger. As during sympathetic stimulation.

Effects of changes in (A) preload, (B) afterload, and (C) contractility on the Ventricular Volume-Pressure Loop*



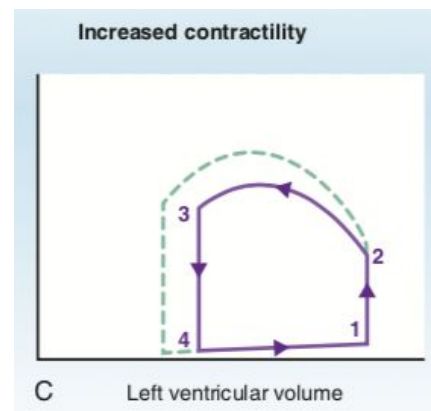
A. Increased preload: → increased width of the PV loop

- ❖ Refers to an \uparrow in EDV and is the result of \uparrow VR
- ❖ Causes an \uparrow in SV based on the Frank–Starling relationship.



B. Increased afterload: → decreased width & increased height of the PV loop

- ❖ Refers to an \uparrow in aortic pressure.
- ❖ The ventricle must eject blood against a higher pressure, resulting in \downarrow in SV, resulting in an \uparrow in ESV.



C. Increased contractility (ex: sympathetic stimulation): → increased width & height of the PV loop.

- ❖ The ventricle develops greater tension than usual during systole, causing an \uparrow in SV, resulting in a \downarrow in ESV.

Quiz:

1-in which of the cardiac cycle phases the ventricular volume doesn't remain constant?

- A) Atrial systole
- B) Protodiastolic
- C) Isometric Relaxation
- D) Isometric contraction

2-what is the reason of the mild elevation of aortic pressure during the dicrotic wave of catacrotic limb?

- A) blood flow to aorta
- B) elastic recoil of the aorta
- C) closure of aortic valve
- D) blood flow from aorta

3- At which phase of the cardiac cycle the Aortic notch appears?

- A) Isovolumetric contraction
- B) Isovolumetric relaxation
- C) Slow ejection
- D) B&C

4- In which Atrial pressure wave the systole starts?

- A) The beginning of c wave
- B) The end of a wave
- C) The beginning of v wave
- D) A&B

5- a wave is followed by which wave in ECG?

- A) p wave
- B) T wave
- C) QRS complex
- D) A&B

6- At which point of the PV loop does the aortic valve close?

- A) Point A
- B) Point B
- C) Point C
- D) Point D

7- What happens at point B → C of the PV loop?

- A) filling phase
- B) isovolumic contraction phase
- C) Ejection phase
- D) Isovolumic relaxation phase

8- what causes increased width & height of the PV loop?

- A) Increased preload
- B) Increased afterload
- C) Increased Contractility
- D) Increased Conduction

9-Which of the following events occurs at the end of the period of ventricular ejection?

- A) A-V valves close
- B) Aortic valve opens
- C) Aortic valve remains open
- D) Pulmonary valve closes

10- Which of the following phases of the cardiac cycle follows immediately after the beginning of the QRS

- A) Isovolumic contraction
- B) Ventricular ejection
- C) Atrial systole
- D) Diastasis

Answer Key: 1A - 2B - 3D - 4D - 5C
6D - 7B - 8C - 9D-A10

Quiz:

1- mention THREE conditions that can be associated with elevated 'a' wave .

2- what is the importance of the LV pressure - Volume loop?

3-mention the phase of each heart sound

A1: ventricular failure, pulmonic valve stenosis, or pulmonary hypertension

A2: it is used for calculating cardiac work output.

A3: **S1**> Isovolumetric contraction phase **S2**> Isovolumetric Relaxation Phase **S3**> MAXIMUM (rapid) filling phase **S4**> atrial systole phase

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