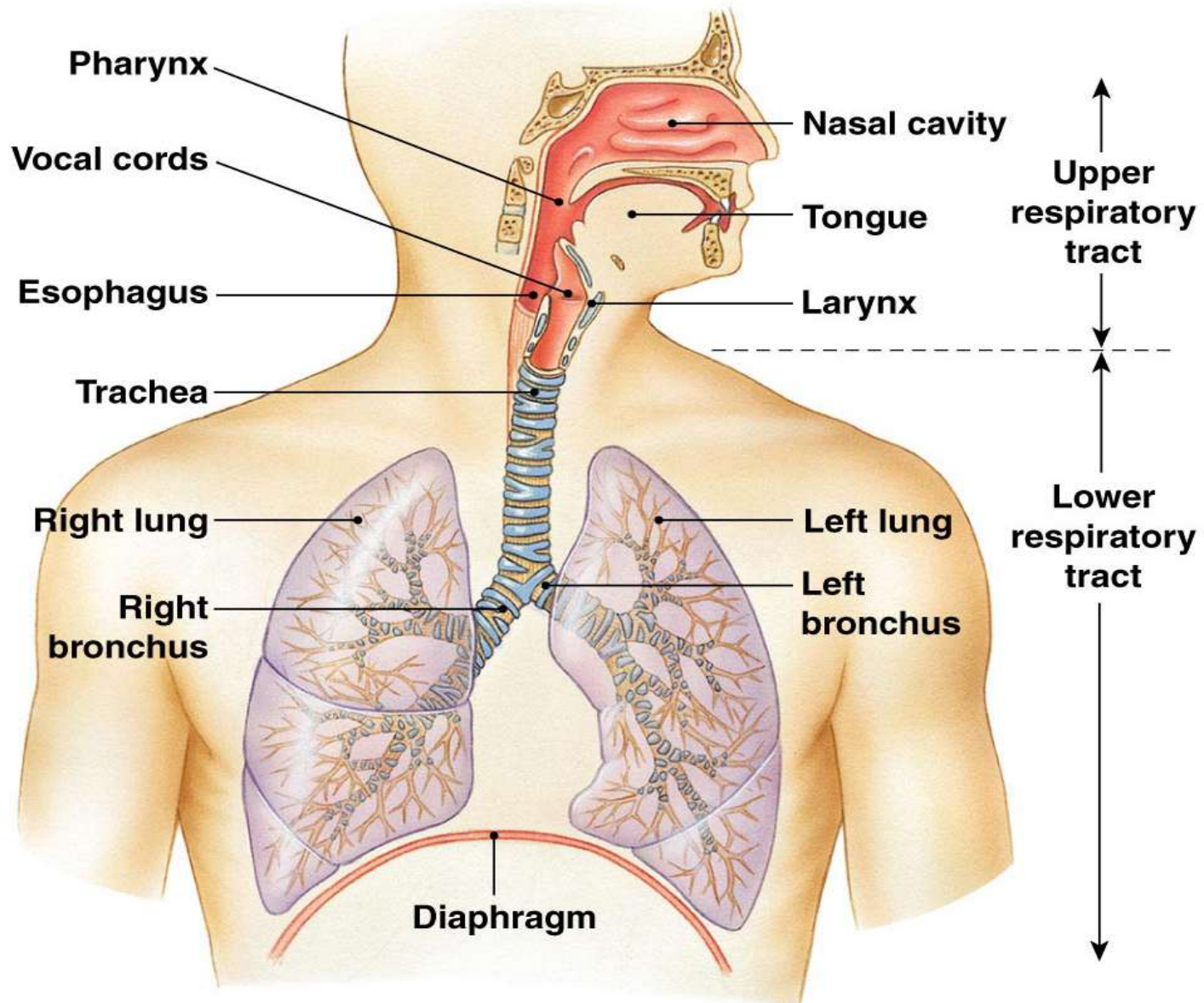


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# Respiratory System

- Consists of the respiratory and conducting zones
- Respiratory zone:
  - Site of gas exchange
  - Consists of bronchioles, alveolar ducts, and alveoli
- Conducting zone:
  - Conduits for air to reach the sites of gas exchange
  - Includes all other respiratory structures (e.g., nose, nasal cavity, pharynx, trachea)
- Respiratory muscles – diaphragm and other muscles that promote ventilation

# Respiratory System



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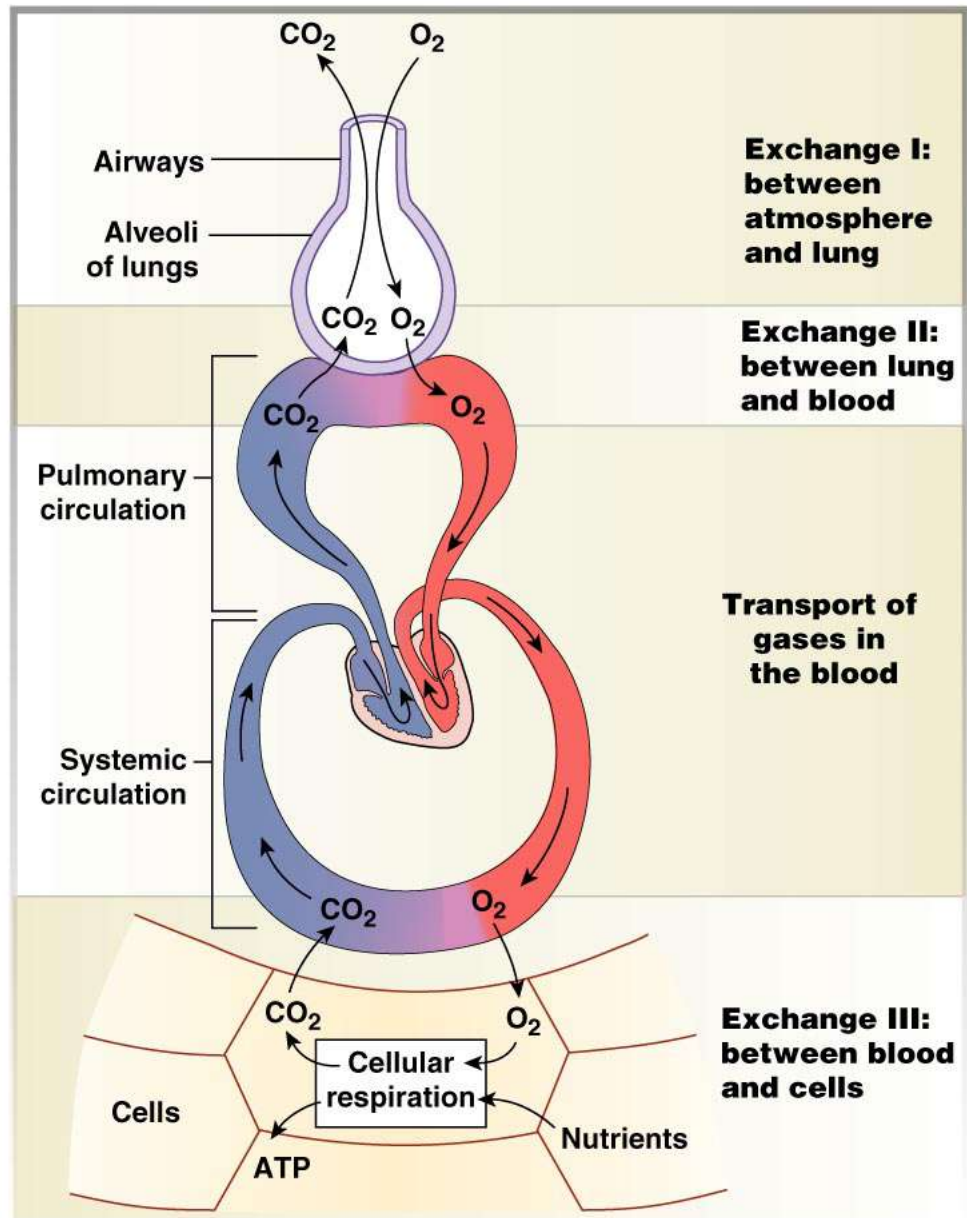
# Major Functions of the Respiratory System

- To supply the body with oxygen and dispose of carbon dioxide
- Respiration – four distinct processes must happen
  - Pulmonary ventilation – moving air into and out of the lungs
  - External respiration – gas exchange between the lungs and the blood

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# Major Functions of the Respiratory System

- Transport – transport of oxygen and carbon dioxide between the lungs and tissues
- Internal respiration – gas exchange between systemic blood vessels and tissues



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# Function of the Nose

- The only externally visible part of the respiratory system that functions by:
  - Providing an airway for respiration
  - Moistening and warming the entering air
  - Filtering inspired air and cleaning it of foreign matter
  - Serving as a resonating chamber for speech
  - Housing the olfactory receptors

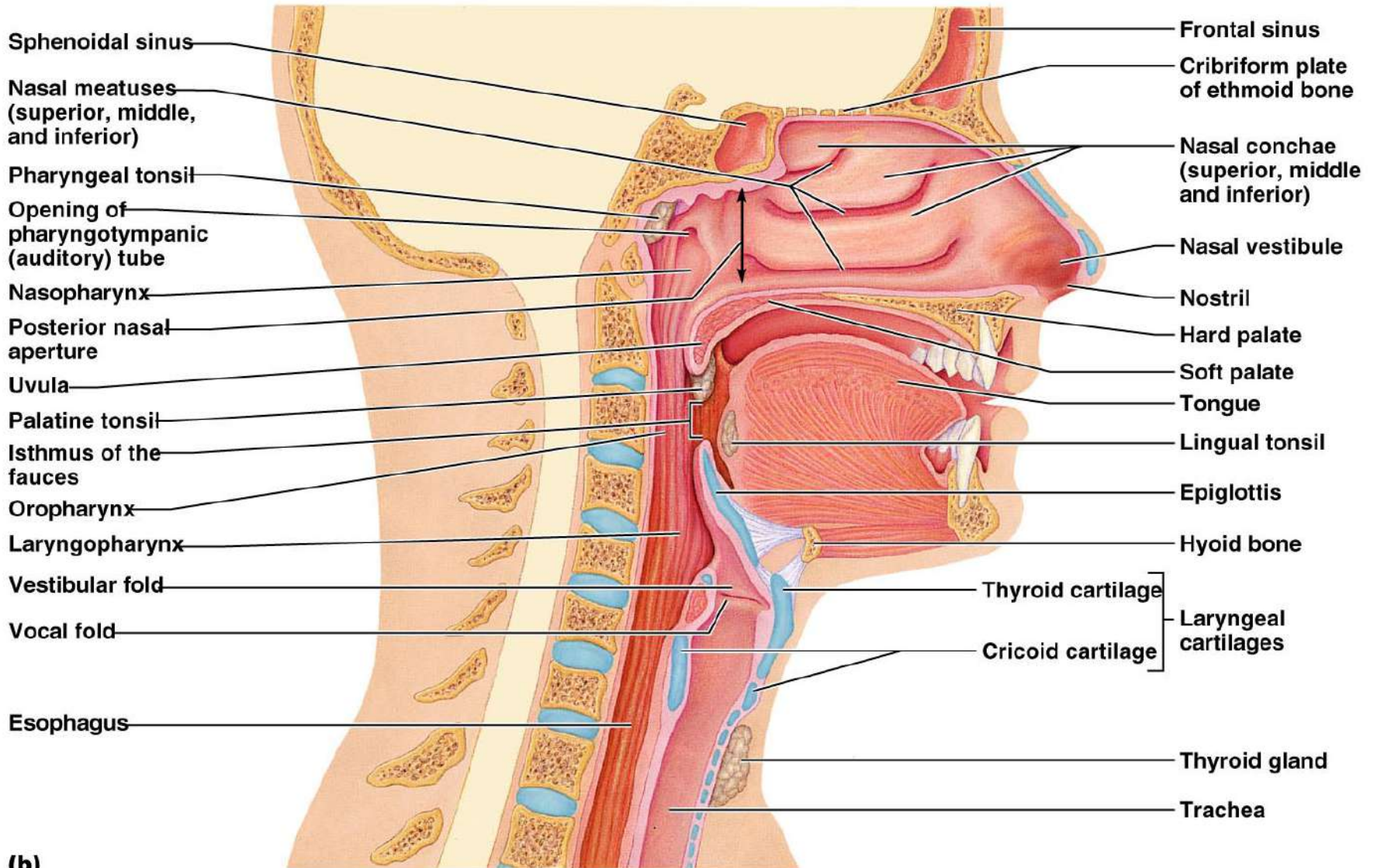
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# Nasal Cavity

- Vestibule – nasal cavity superior to the nares
  - Vibrissae – hairs that filter coarse particles from inspired air
- Olfactory mucosa
  - Lines the superior nasal cavity
  - Contains smell receptors
- Respiratory mucosa
  - Lines the balance of the nasal cavity
  - Glands secrete mucus containing lysozyme and defensins to help destroy bacteria



# Nasal Cavity



(b)



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# Functions of the Nasal Mucosa and Conchae

- During inhalation the conchae and nasal mucosa:
  - Filter, heat, and moisten air
- During exhalation these structures:
  - Reclaim heat and moisture
  - Minimize heat and moisture loss

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# Pharynx

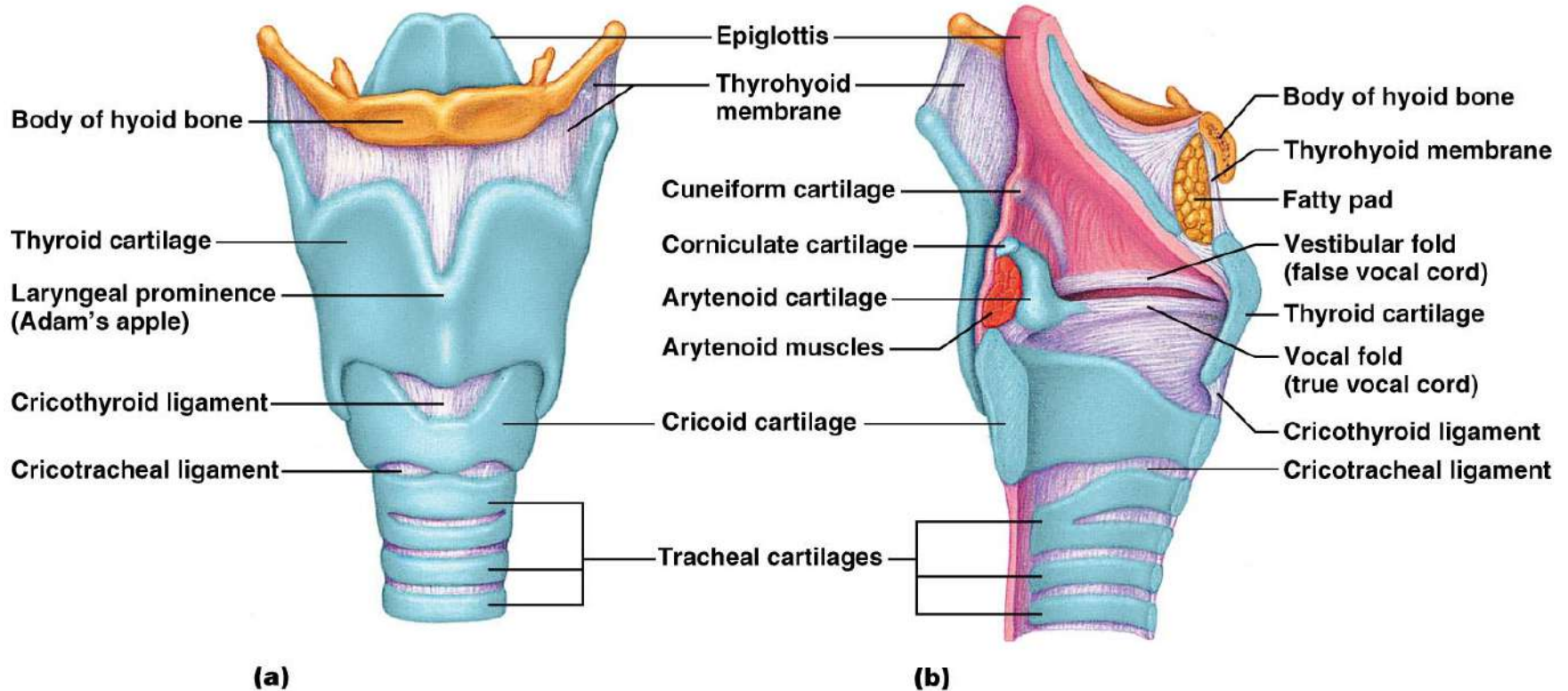
- It is divided into three regions
  - Nasopharynx
  - Oropharynx
  - Laryngopharynx

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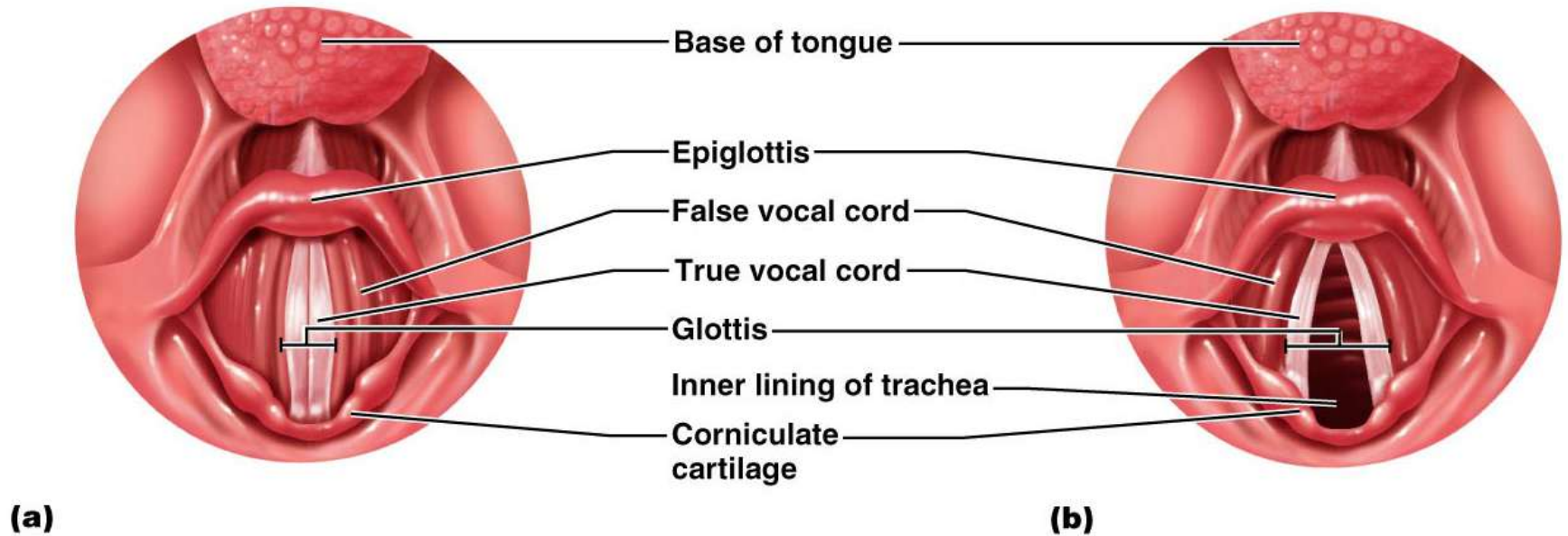
# Larynx (Voice Box)

- Attaches to the hyoid bone and opens into the laryngopharynx superiorly
- Continuous with the trachea posteriorly
- The three functions of the larynx are:
  - To provide a patent airway
  - To act as a switching mechanism to route air and food into the proper channels
  - To function in voice production

# Framework of the Larynx



# Movements of Vocal Cords



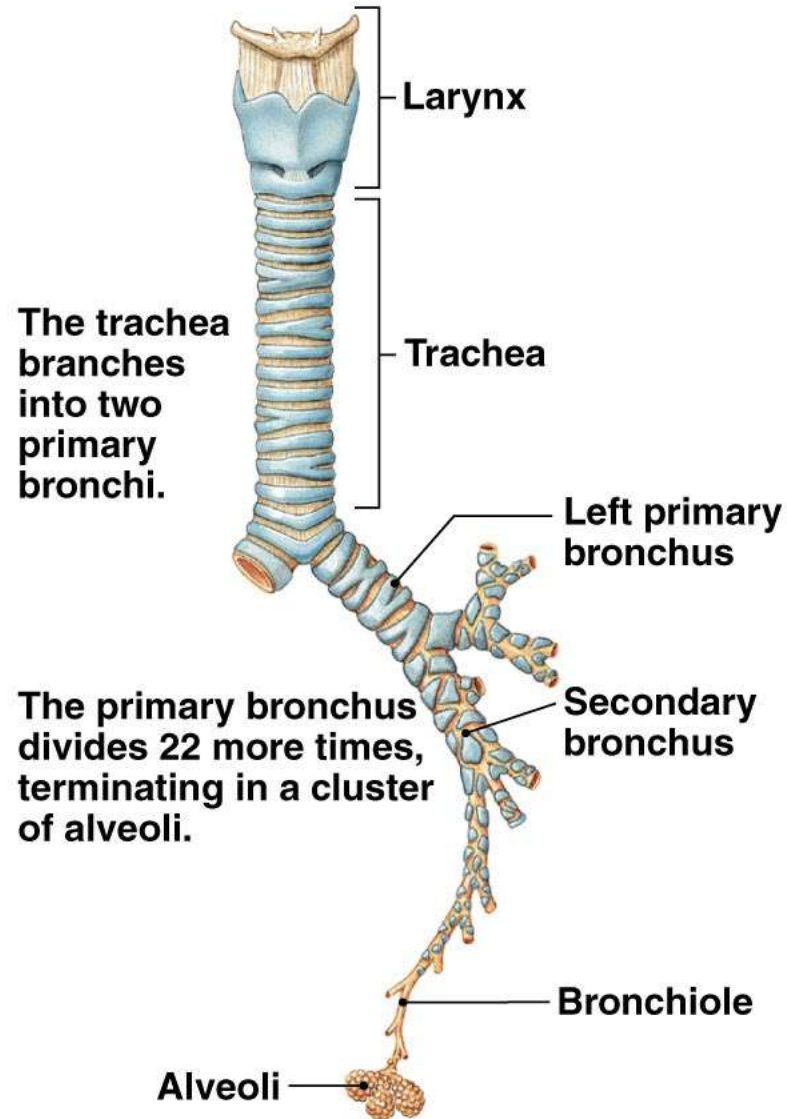
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# Trachea

- Flexible and mobile tube extending from the larynx into the mediastinum
- Composed of three layers
  - Mucosa – made up of goblet cells and ciliated epithelium
  - Submucosa – connective tissue deep to the mucosa
  - Adventitia – outermost layer made of C-shaped rings of hyaline cartilage

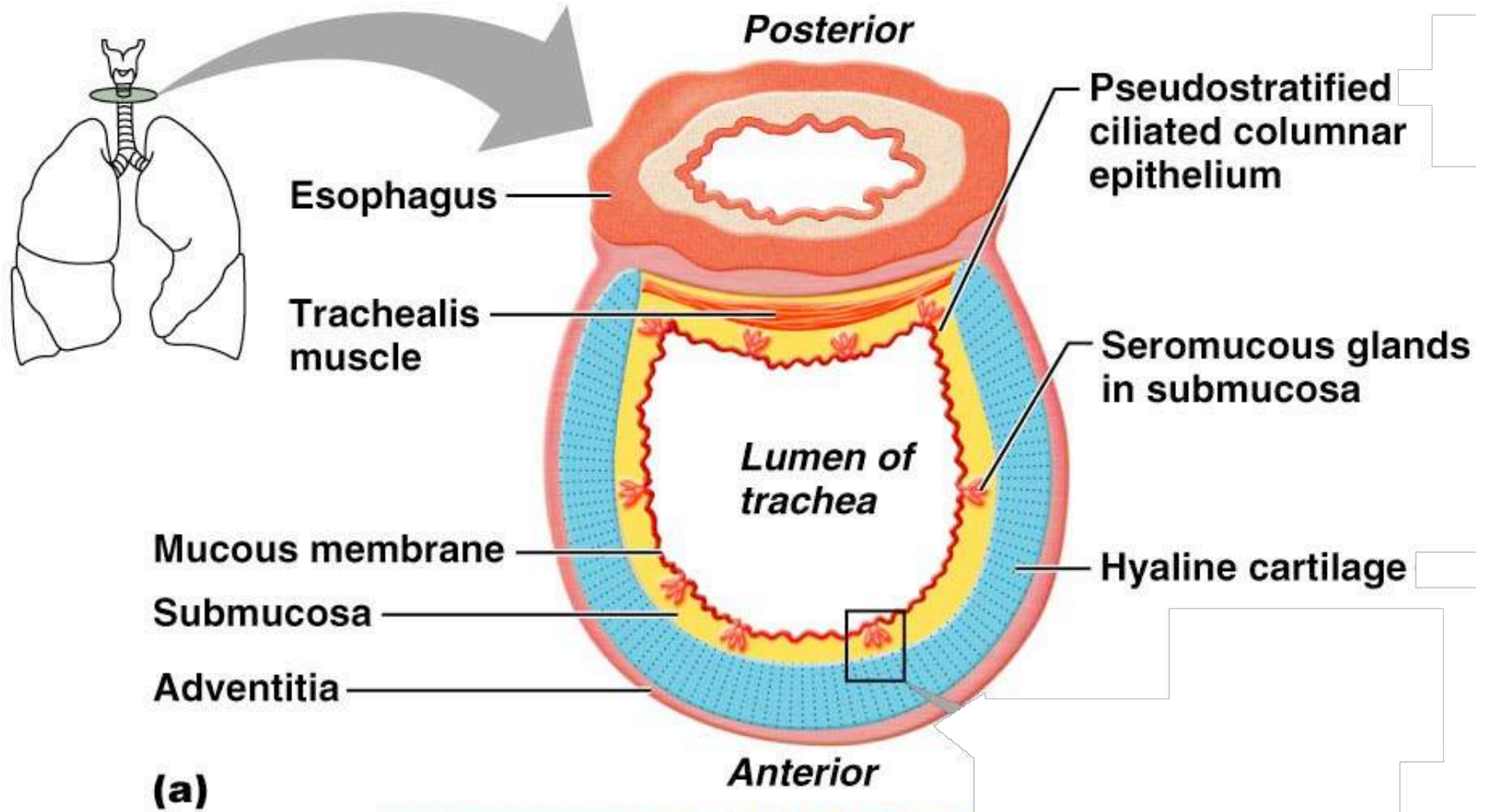


### (e) Branching of airways



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# Trachea

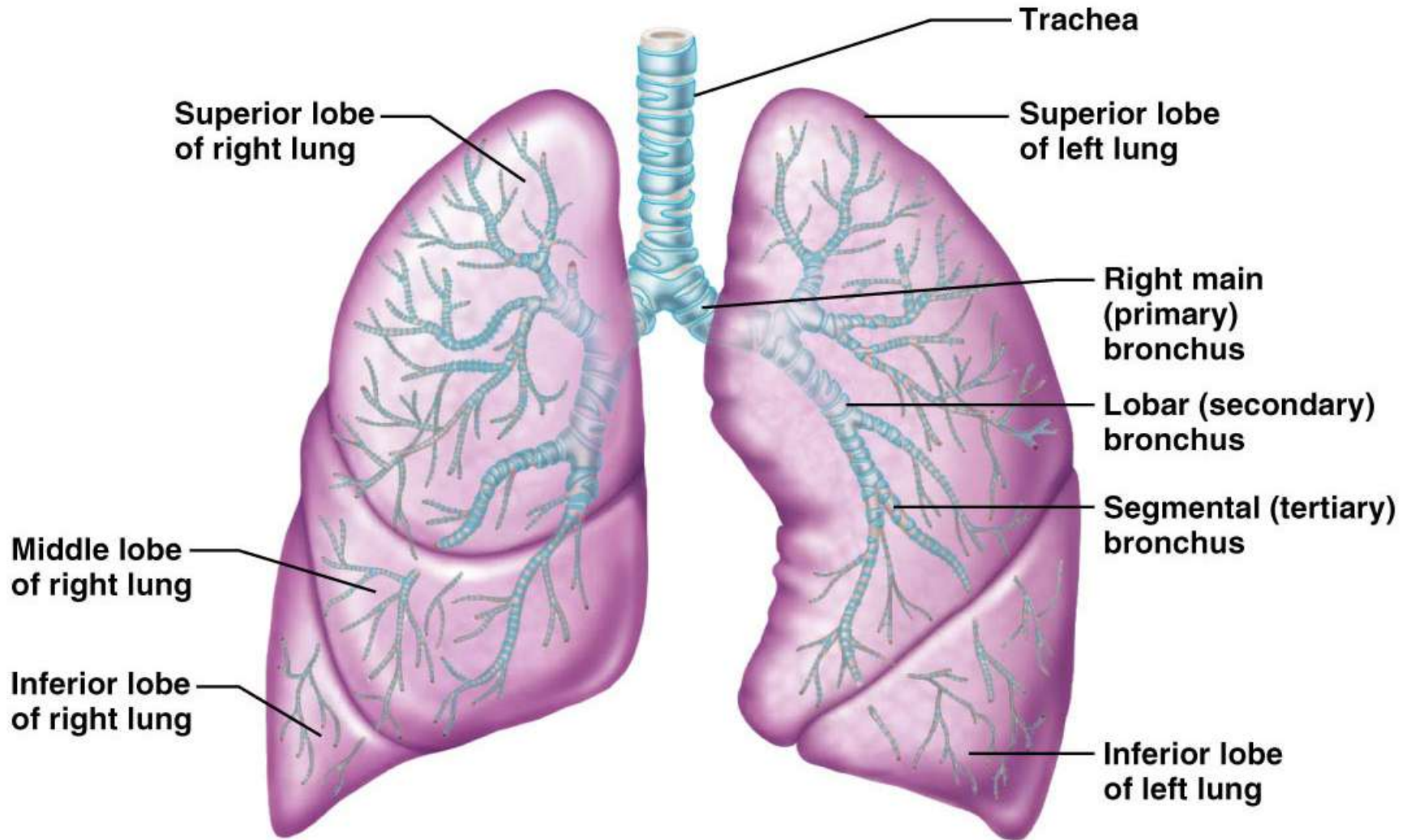


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# Conducting Zone: Bronchi

- Carina of the last tracheal cartilage marks the end of the trachea and the beginning of the bronchi
- Air reaching the bronchi is:
  - Warm and cleansed of impurities
  - Saturated with water vapor
- Bronchi subdivide into secondary bronchi, each supplying a lobe of the lungs
- Air passages undergo 23 orders of branching

# Conducting Zones



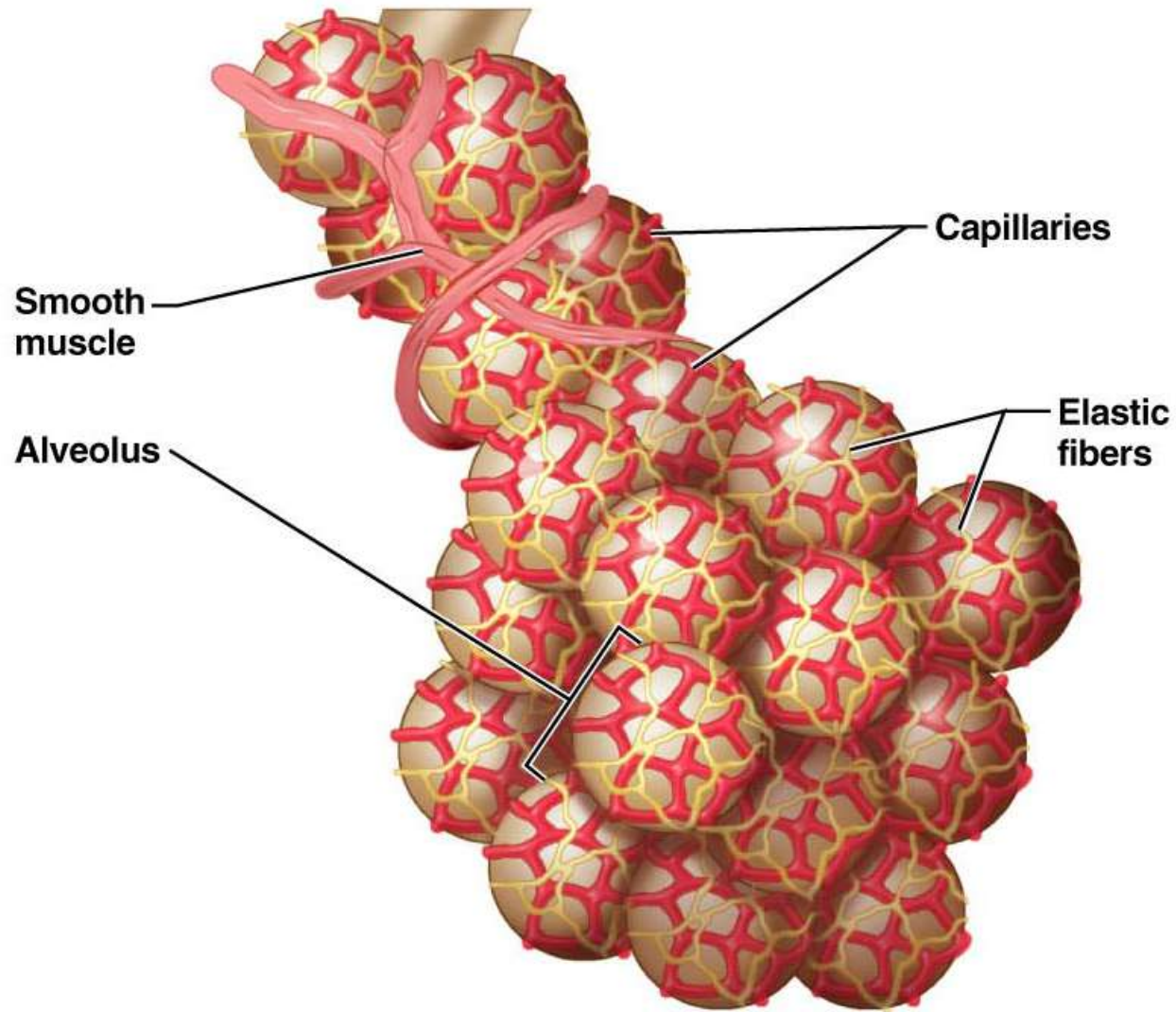
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# Respiratory Zone

- Defined by the presence of alveoli; begins as terminal bronchioles feed into respiratory bronchioles
- Respiratory bronchioles lead to alveolar ducts, then to terminal clusters of alveolar sacs composed of alveoli
- Approximately 300 million alveoli:
  - Account for most of the lungs' volume
  - Provide tremendous surface area for gas exchange



# Respiratory Membrane



**(b)**

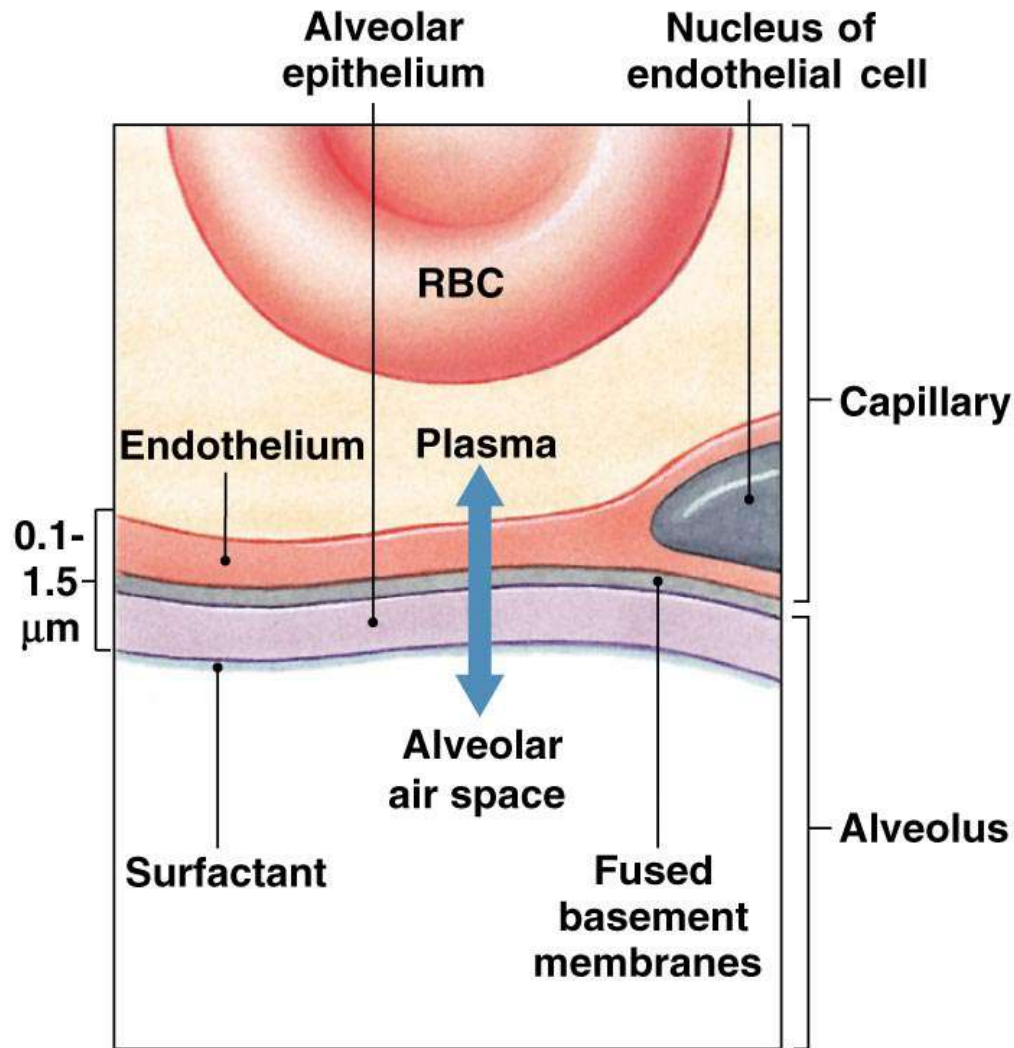


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# Respiratory Membrane

- This air-blood barrier is composed of:
  - Alveolar and capillary walls
  - Their fused basal laminas
- Alveolar walls:
  - Are a single layer of type I epithelial cells
  - Permit gas exchange by simple diffusion
  - Secrete angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE)
- Type II cells secrete surfactant

## (h) Exchange surface of alveoli



**Blue arrow represents gas exchange between alveolar air space and the plasma.**

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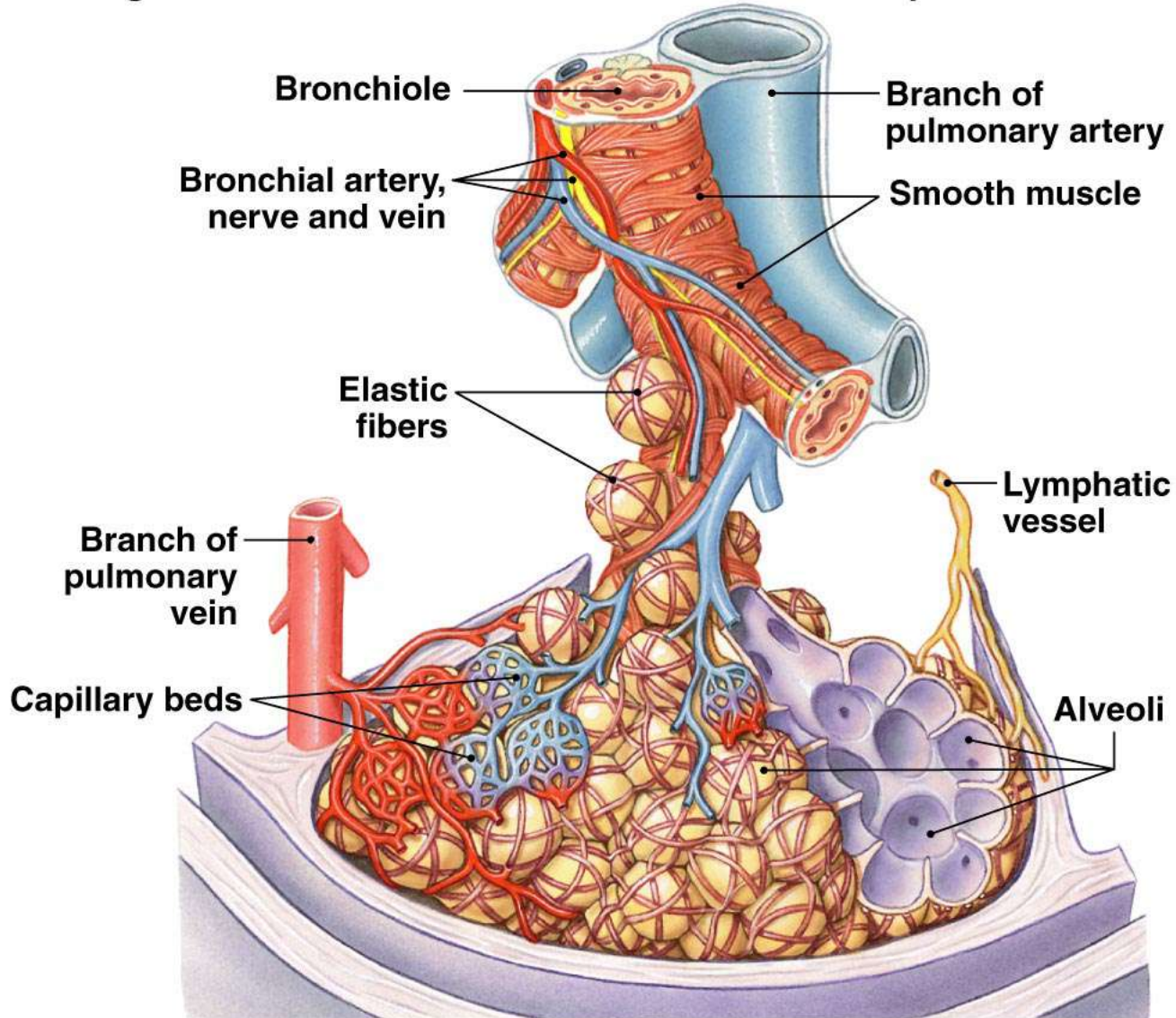
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# Alveoli

- Surrounded by fine elastic fibers
- Contain open pores that:
  - Connect adjacent alveoli
  - Allow air pressure throughout the lung to be equalized
- House macrophages that keep alveolar surfaces sterile

**(f) Structure of lung lobule**

Each cluster of alveoli is surrounded by elastic fibers and a network of capillaries.



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**(g) Alveolar structure**

**Capillary**

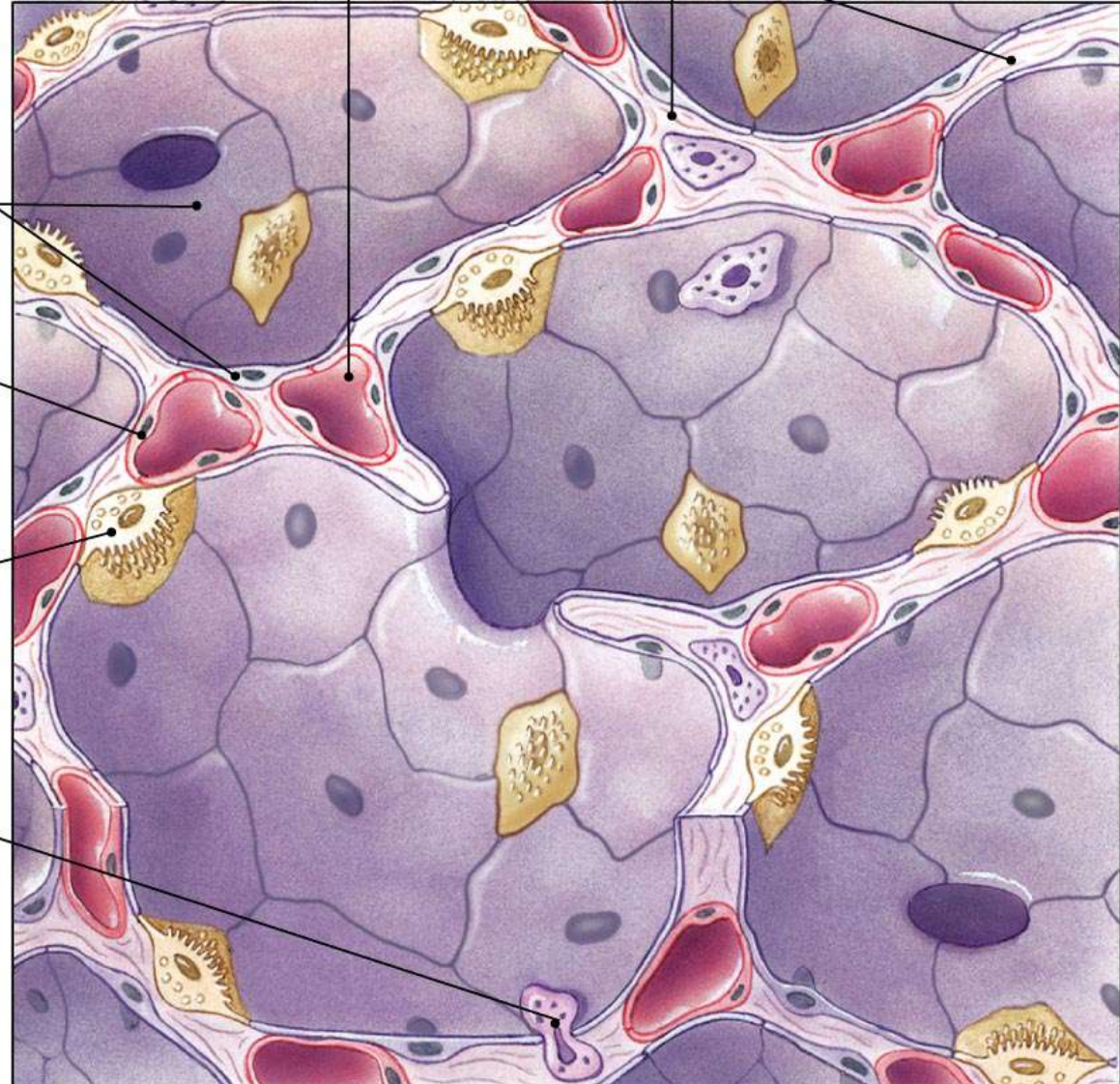
**Elastic fibers**

**Type I alveolar cells for gas exchange**

**Endothelial cell of capillary**

**Type II alveolar cell (surfactant cell) synthesizes surfactant.**

**Alveolar macrophage ingests foreign material.**



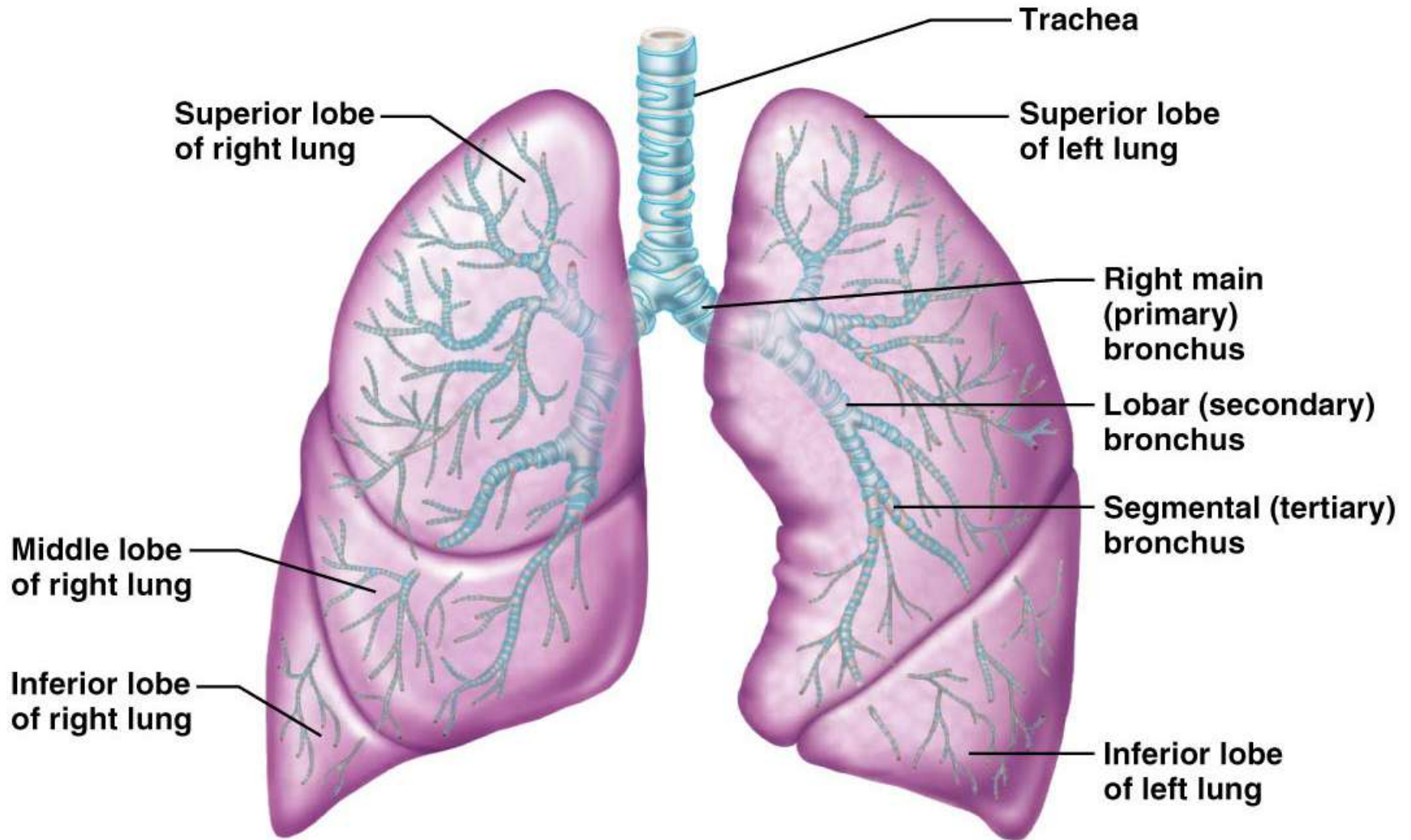
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# Gross Anatomy of the Lungs

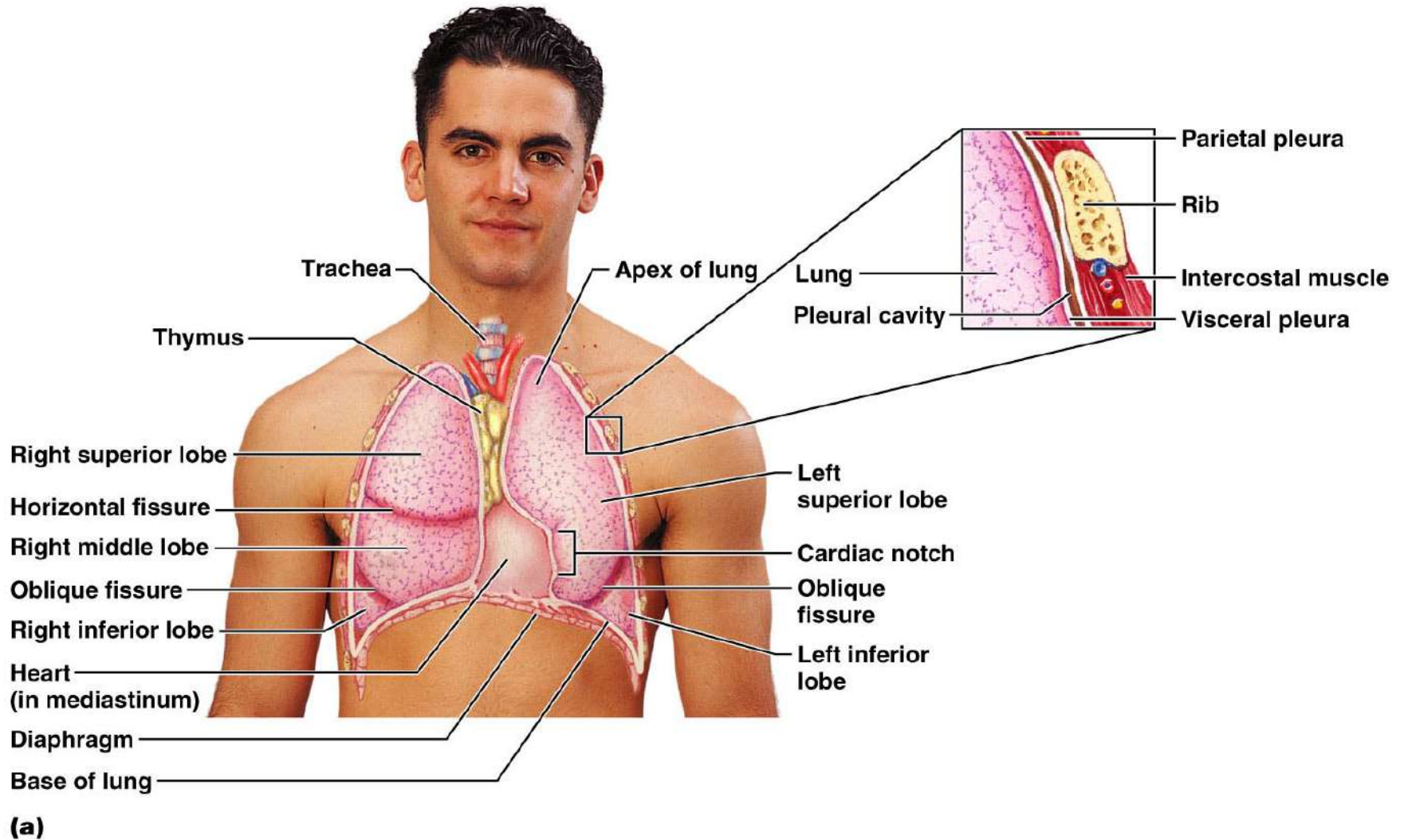
- Lungs occupy all of the thoracic cavity except the mediastinum
  - Root – site of vascular and bronchial attachments
  - Costal surface – anterior, lateral, and posterior surfaces in contact with the ribs
  - Apex – narrow superior tip
  - Base – inferior surface that rests on the diaphragm
  - Hilus – indentation that contains pulmonary and systemic blood vessels



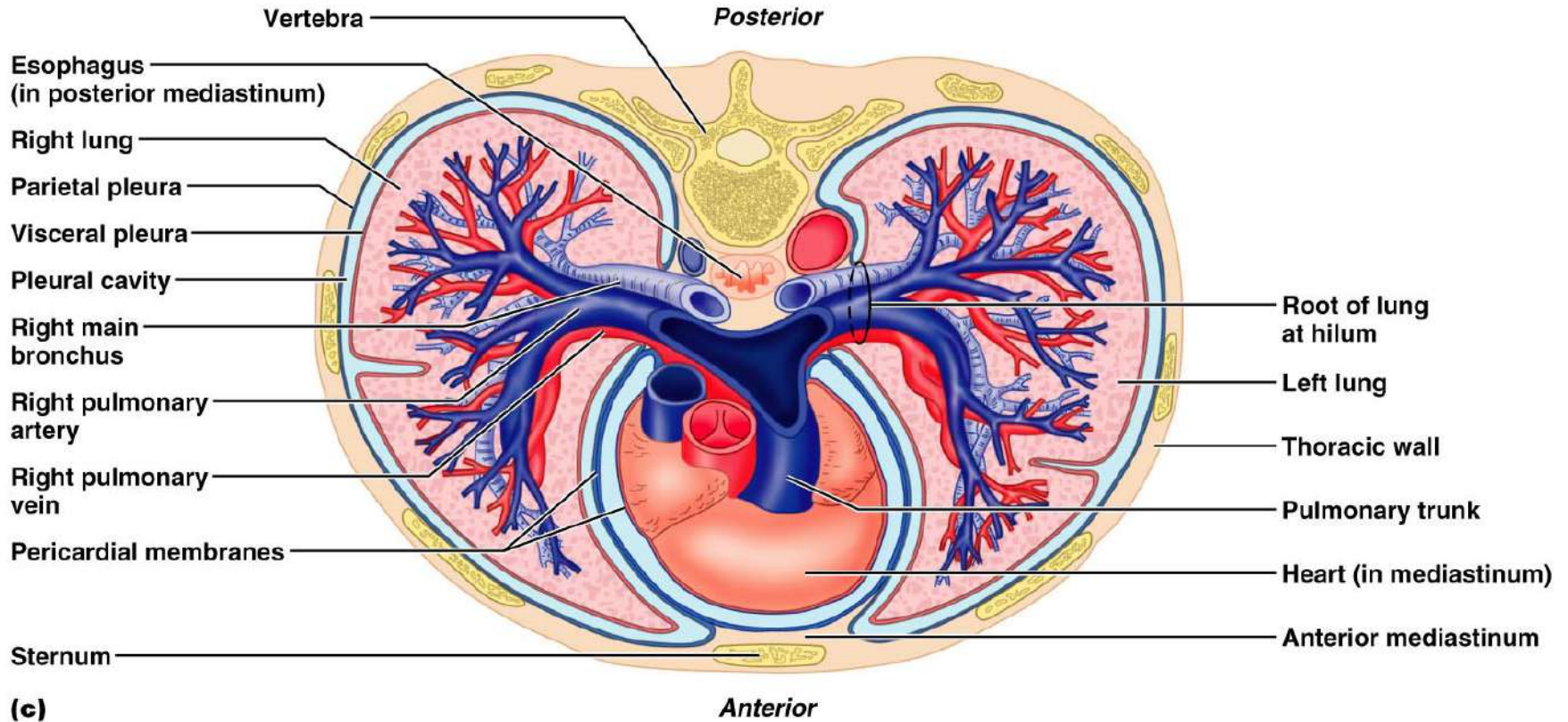
# Conducting Zones



# Organs in the Thoracic Cavity



# Transverse Thoracic Section



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# Blood Supply to Lungs

- Bronchial arteries – provide systemic blood to the lung tissue
  - Arise from aorta and enter the lungs at the hilus
  - Supply all lung tissue except the alveoli
- Bronchial veins anastomose with pulmonary veins
- Pulmonary veins carry most venous blood back to the heart

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# Pleurae

- Thin, double-layered serosa
- Parietal pleura
  - Covers the thoracic wall and superior face of the diaphragm
  - Continues around heart and between lungs
- Visceral pleura
- Covers the lungs



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# Pressure Relationships in the Thoracic Cavity

- Intrapulmonary pressure ( $P_{pul}$ ) – pressure within the alveoli
- Intrapleural pressure ( $P_{ip}$ ) – pressure within the pleural cavity

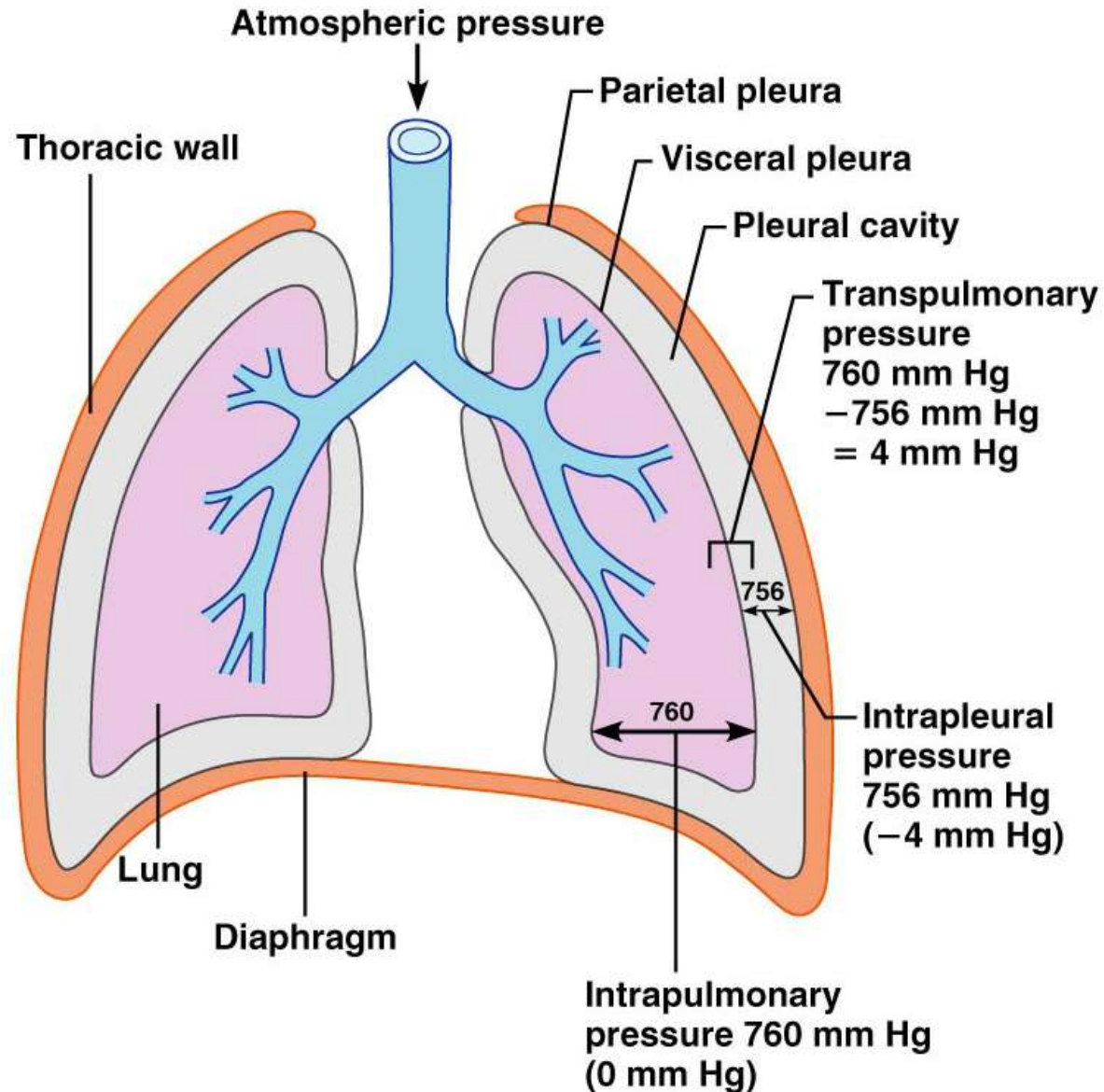


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# Pressure Relationships

- Two forces act to pull the lungs away from the thoracic wall, promoting lung collapse
  - Elasticity of lungs causes them to assume smallest possible size
  - Surface tension of alveolar fluid draws alveoli to their smallest possible size
- Opposing force – elasticity of the chest wall pulls the thorax outward to enlarge the lungs

# Pressure Relationships

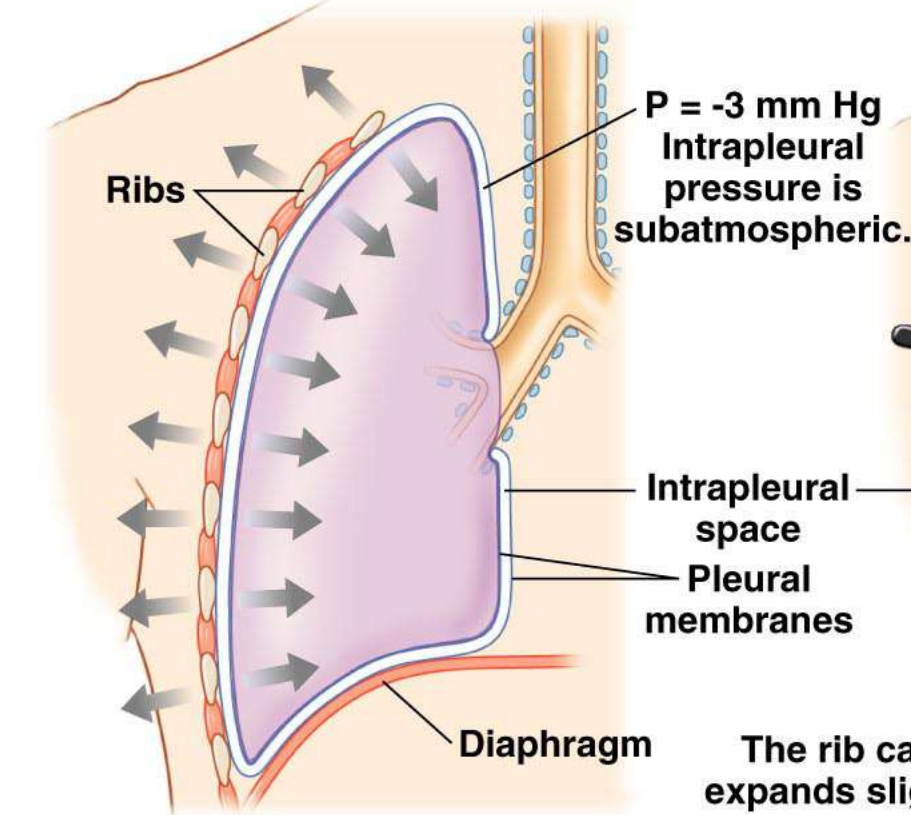


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# Lung Collapse

- Caused by equalization of the intrapleural pressure with the intrapulmonary pressure
- Transpulmonary pressure keeps the airways open
  - Transpulmonary pressure – difference between the intrapulmonary and intrapleural pressures  
( $P_{pul} - P_{ip}$ )

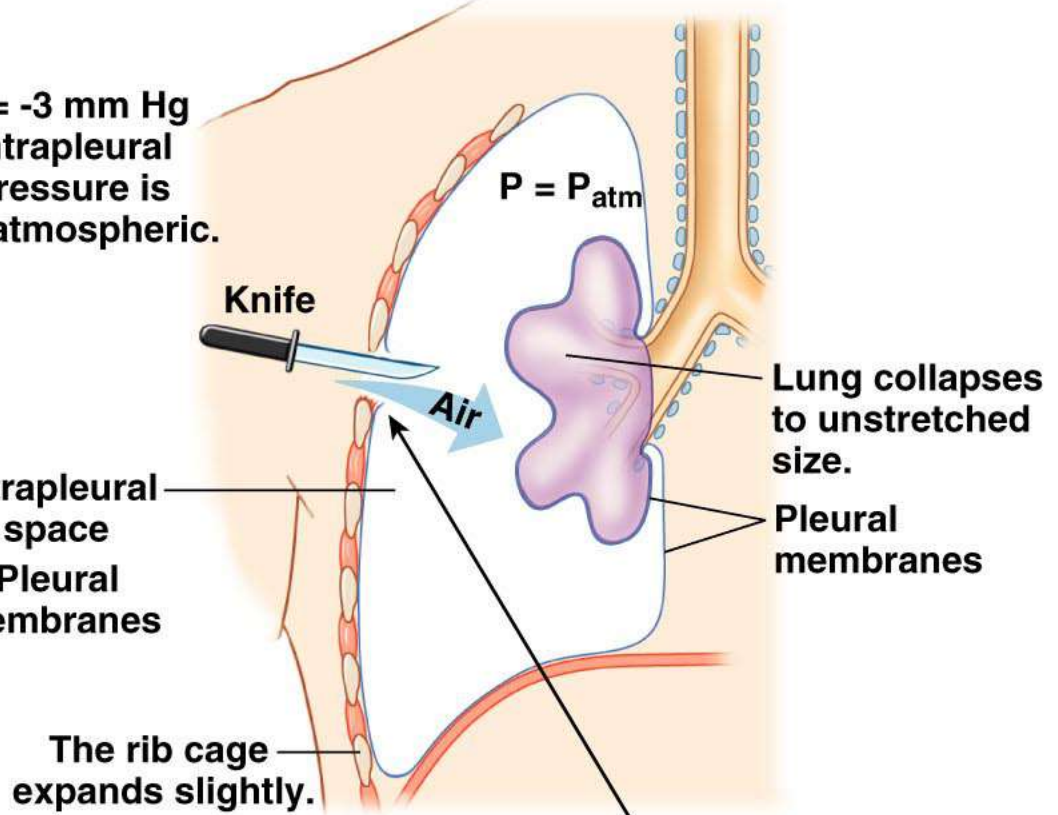
**(a) Normal lung at rest**



Elastic recoil of the chest wall tries to pull the chest wall outward.

Elastic recoil of lung creates an inward pull.

**(b) Pneumothorax**



If the sealed pleural cavity is opened to the atmosphere, air flows in.

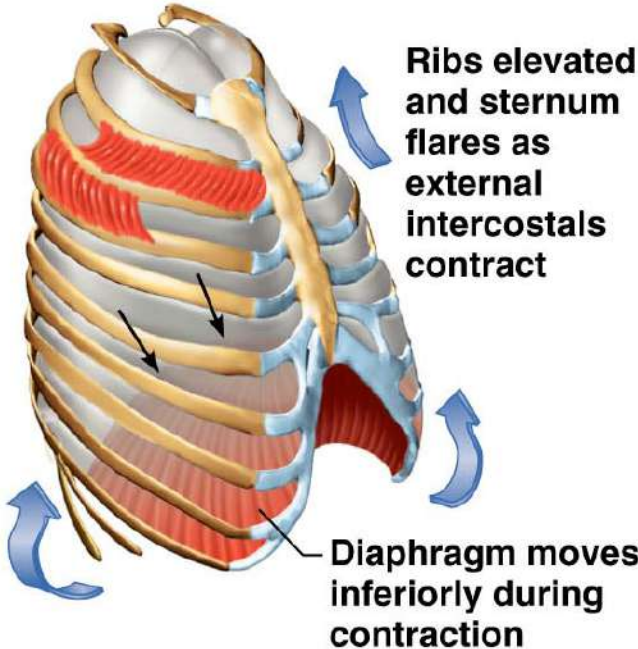
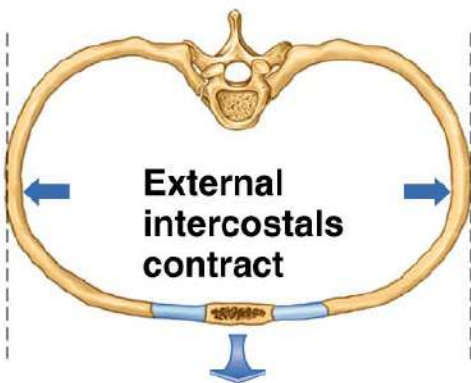
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# Inspiration

- The diaphragm and external intercostal muscles (inspiratory muscles) contract and the rib cage rises
- The lungs are stretched and intrapulmonary volume increases
- Intrapulmonary pressure drops below atmospheric pressure (-1 mm Hg)
- Air flows into the lungs, down its pressure gradient, until intrapleural pressure = atmospheric pressure

# Inspiration

	Sequence of events	Changes in anterior-posterior and superior-inferior dimensions	Changes in lateral dimensions
<b>Inspiration</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Inspiratory muscles contract (diaphragm descends; rib cage rises)</li> <li>↓</li> <li>② Thoracic cavity volume increases</li> <li>↓</li> <li>③ Lungs stretched; intrapulmonary volume increases</li> <li>↓</li> <li>④ Intrapulmonary pressure drops (to <math>-1</math> mm Hg)</li> <li>↓</li> <li>⑤ Air (gases) flows into lungs down its pressure gradient until intrapulmonary pressure is 0 (equal to atmospheric pressure)</li> </ol>	 <p>Ribs elevated and sternum flares as external intercostals contract</p> <p>Diaphragm moves inferiorly during contraction</p>	 <p>External intercostals contract</p>



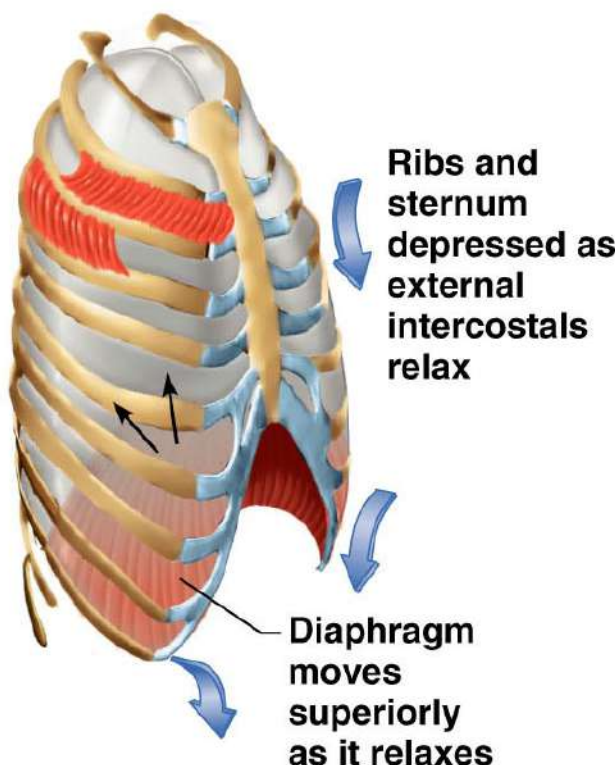
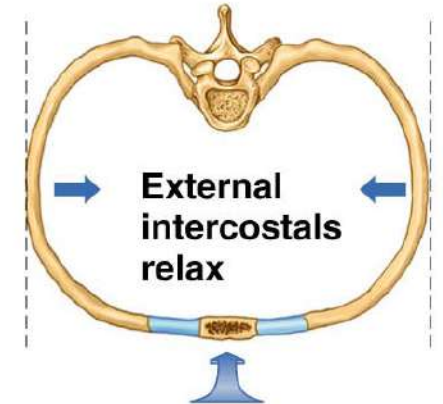
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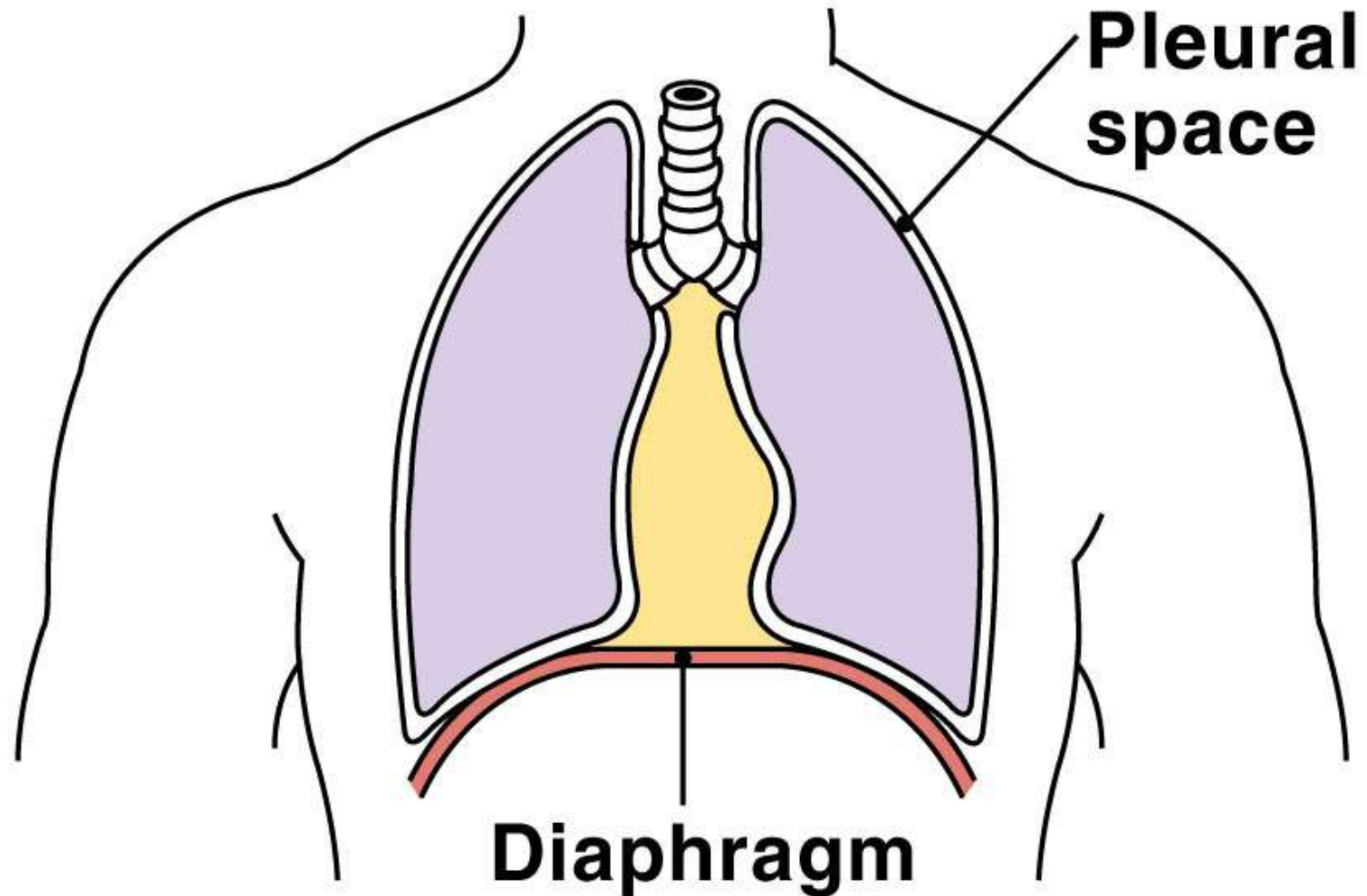
- Inspiratory muscles relax and the rib cage descends due to gravity
- Thoracic cavity volume decreases
- Elastic lungs recoil passively and intrapulmonary volume decreases
- Intrapulmonary pressure rises above atmospheric pressure (+1 mm Hg)
- Gases flow out of the lungs down the pressure gradient until intrapulmonary pressure is 0



# Expiration

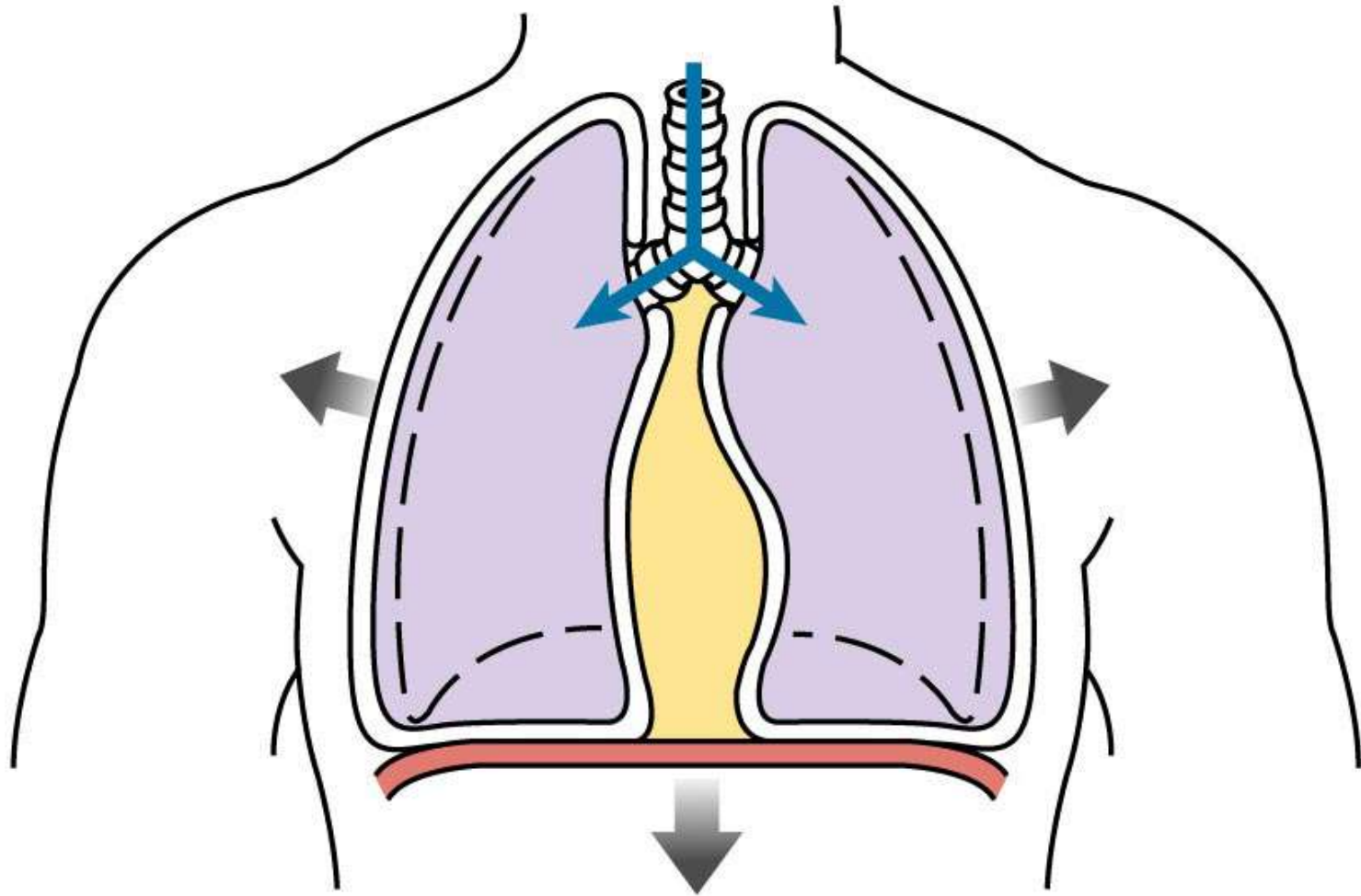
	Sequence of events	Changes in anterior-posterior and superior-inferior dimensions	Changes in lateral dimensions
<b>Expiration</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Inspiratory muscles relax (diaphragm rises; rib cage descends due to recoil of costal cartilages)</li> <li>↓</li> <li>② Thoracic cavity volume decreases</li> <li>↓</li> <li>③ Elastic lungs recoil passively; intrapulmonary volume decreases</li> <li>↓</li> <li>④ Intrapulmonary pressure rises (to +1 mm Hg)</li> <li>↓</li> <li>⑤ Air (gases) flows out of lungs down its pressure gradient until intrapulmonary pressure is 0</li> </ol>	 <p>Ribs and sternum depressed as external intercostals relax</p> <p>Diaphragm moves superiorly as it relaxes</p>	 <p>External intercostals relax</p>

**(a) At rest, diaphragm is relaxed.**



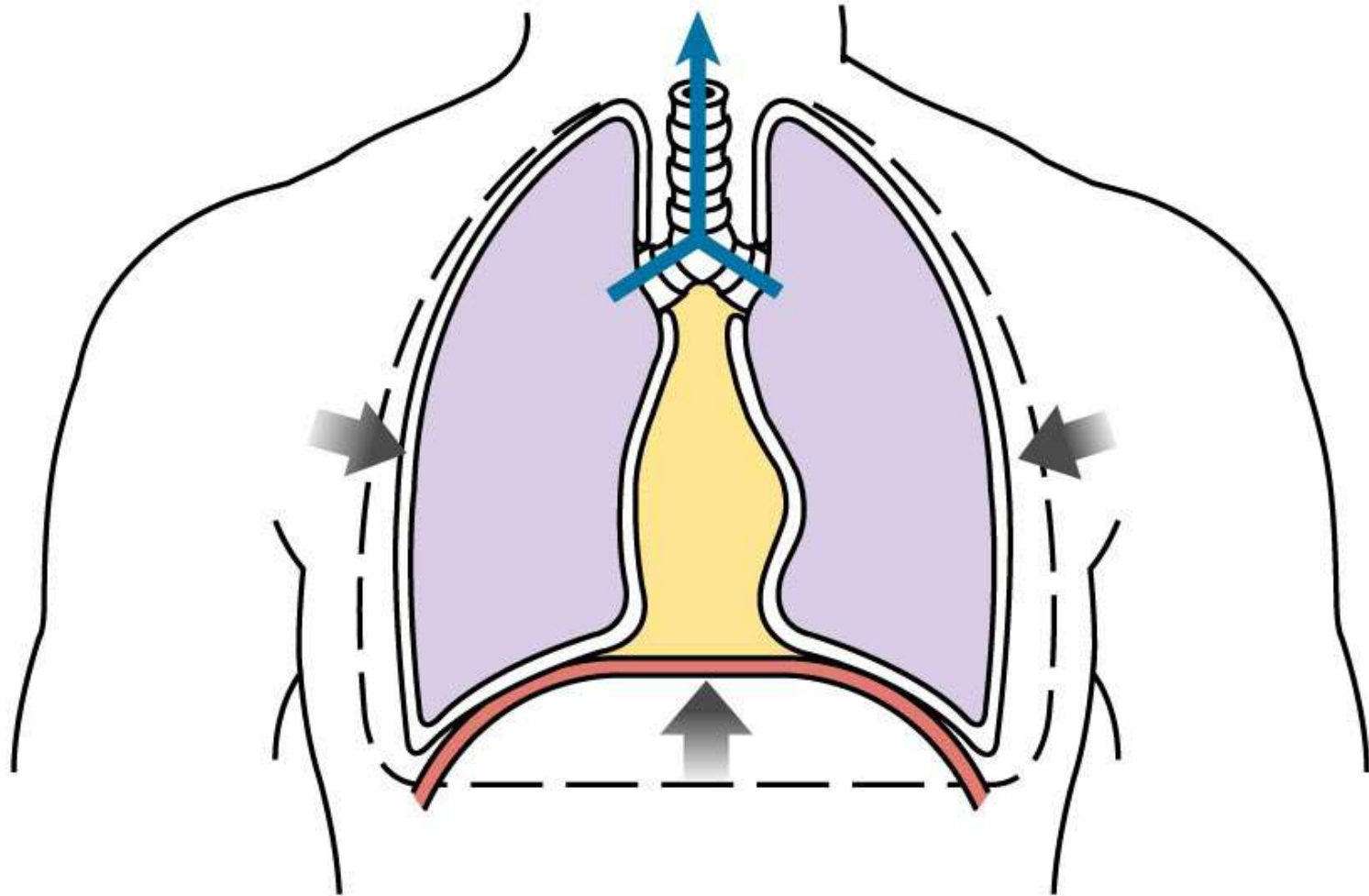
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**(b) Diaphragm contracts, thoracic volume increases.**



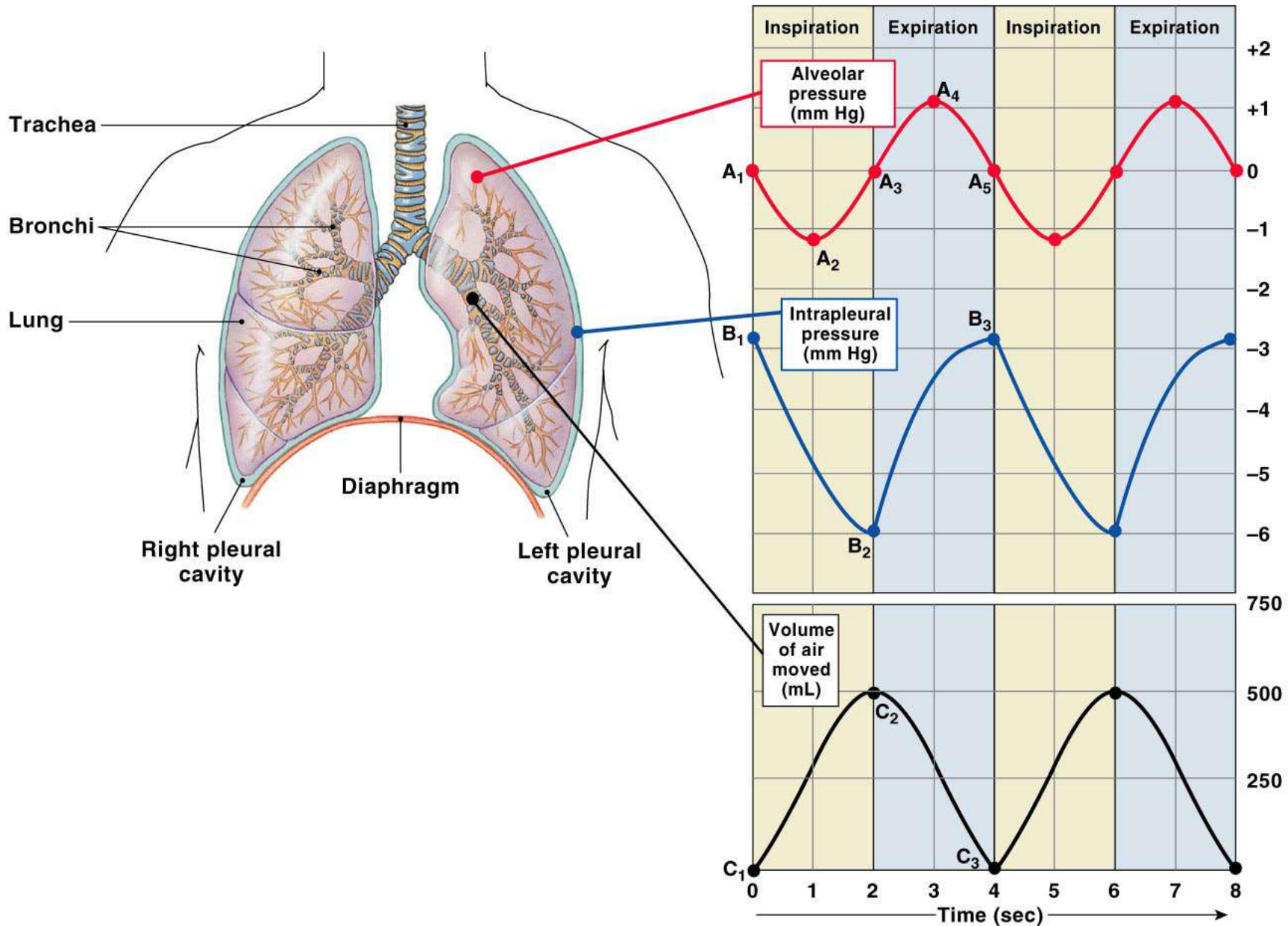
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# (c) Diaphragm relaxes, thoracic volume decreases.



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# Lung Compliance

- The ease with which lungs can be expanded
- Specifically, the measure of the change in lung volume that occurs with a given change in transpulmonary pressure
- Determined by two main factors
  - Distensibility of the lung tissue and surrounding thoracic cage
  - Surface tension of the alveoli



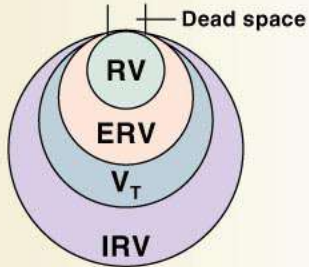
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# Respiratory Volumes

- Tidal volume (TV) – air that moves into and out of the lungs with each breath (approximately 500 ml)
- Inspiratory reserve volume (IRV) – air that can be inspired forcibly beyond the tidal volume (2100–3200 ml)
- Expiratory reserve volume (ERV) – air that can be evacuated from the lungs after a tidal expiration (1000–1200 ml)
- Residual volume (RV) – air left in the lungs after strenuous expiration (1200 ml)

A spirometer tracing showing lung volumes and capacities

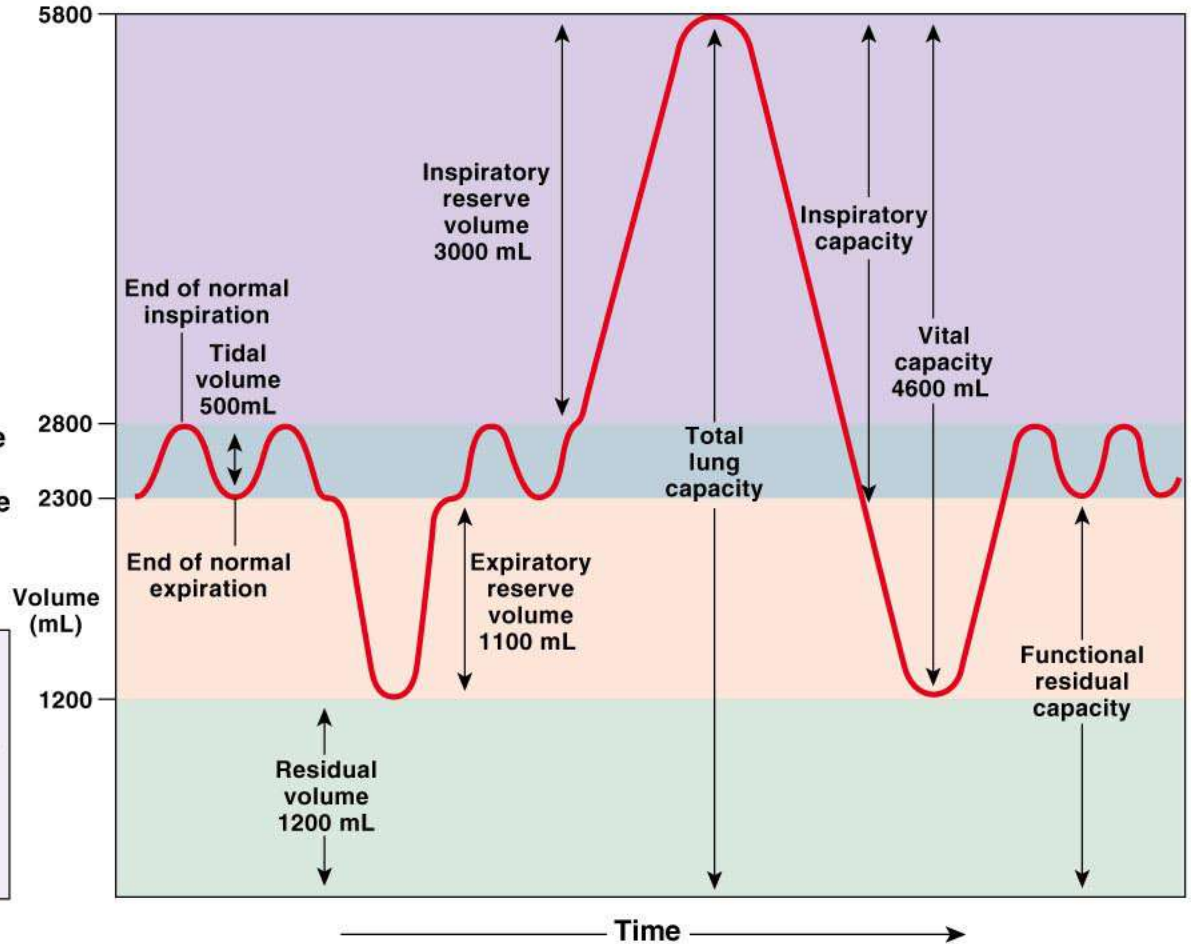
**The four lung volumes**



RV = Residual volume  
 ERV = Expiratory reserve volume  
 $V_T$  = Tidal volume  
 IRV = Inspiratory reserve volume

**Pulmonary volumes**

	Males	Females	
Vital capacity	IRV 3000	1900	Inspiratory capacity
	$V_T$ 500	500	
Residual volume	ERV 1100	700	Functional residual capacity
	1200	1100	
	5800 mL	4200 mL	



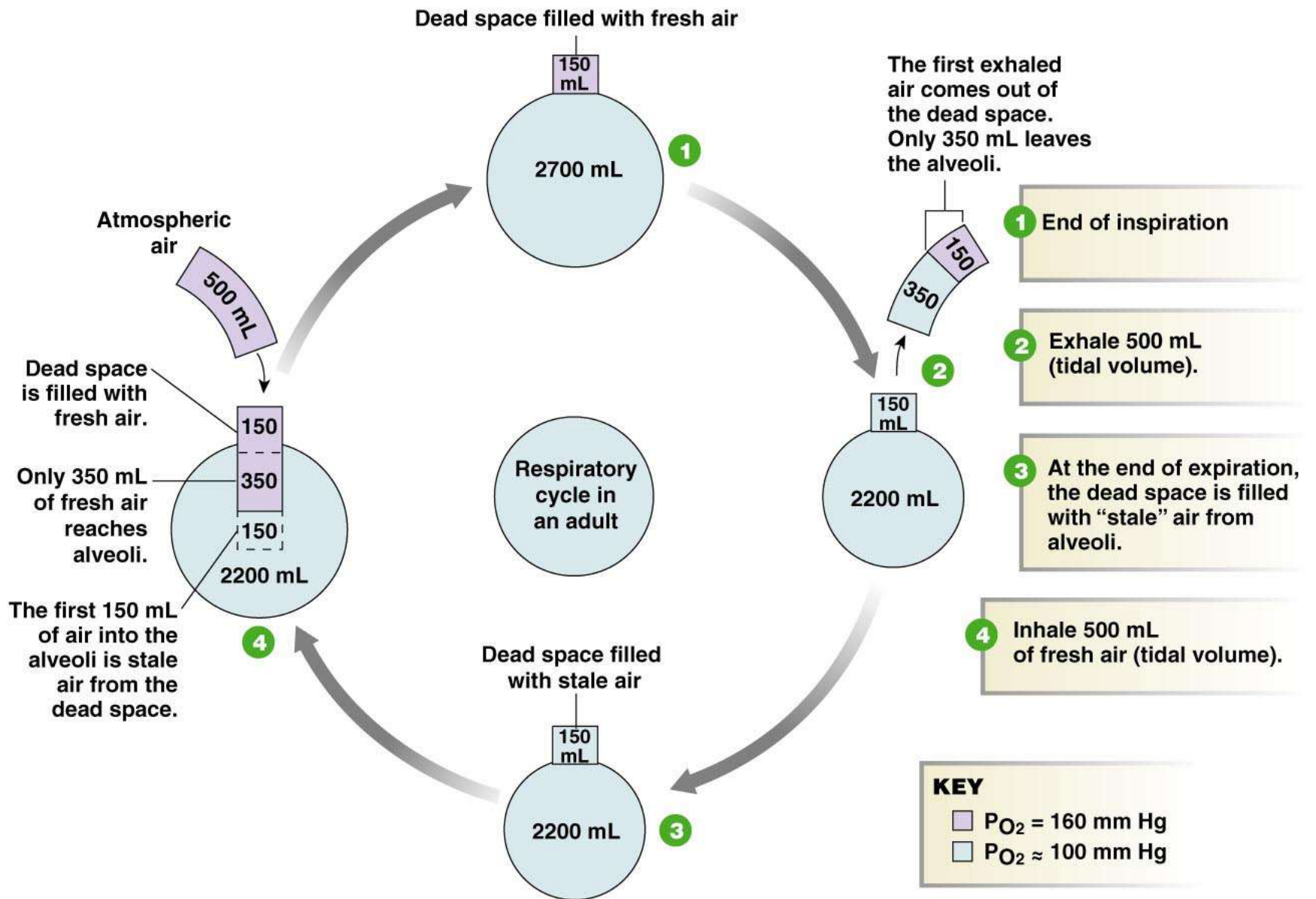
Capacities are sums of two or more volumes.

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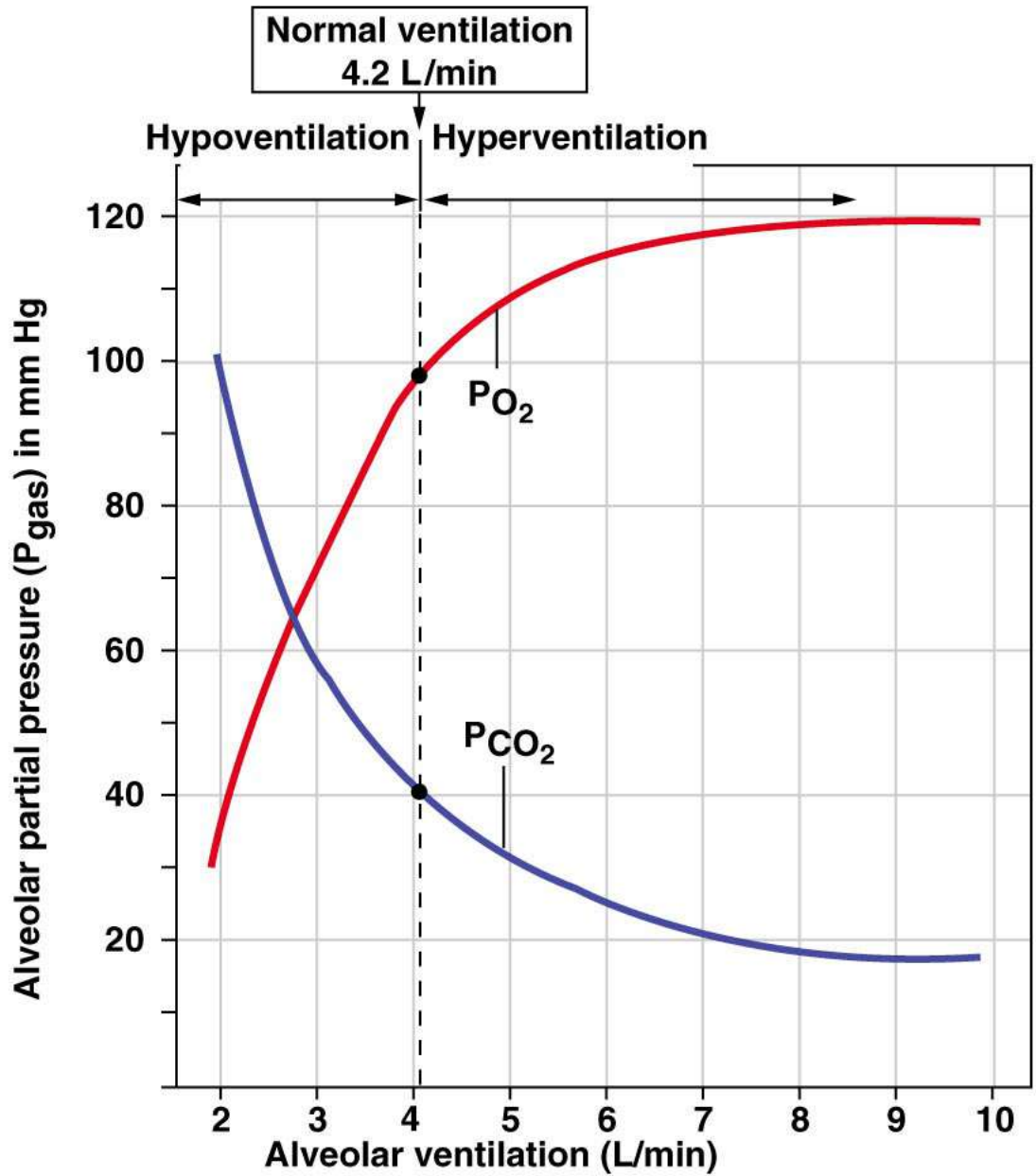
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# Dead Space

- Anatomical dead space – volume of the conducting respiratory passages (150 ml)
- Physiological dead space – alveoli that cease to act in gas exchange due to collapse or obstruction
- Total dead space – sum of anatomical and physiological dead spaces

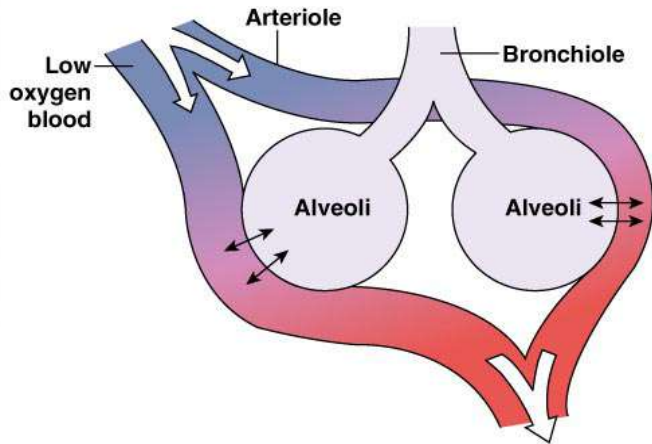


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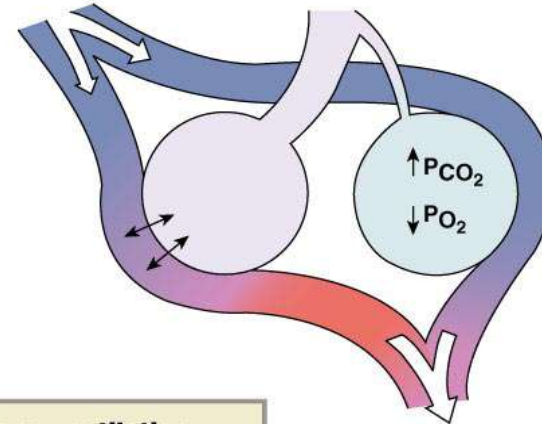
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**(a) Ventilation in alveoli is matched to perfusion through pulmonary capillaries.**



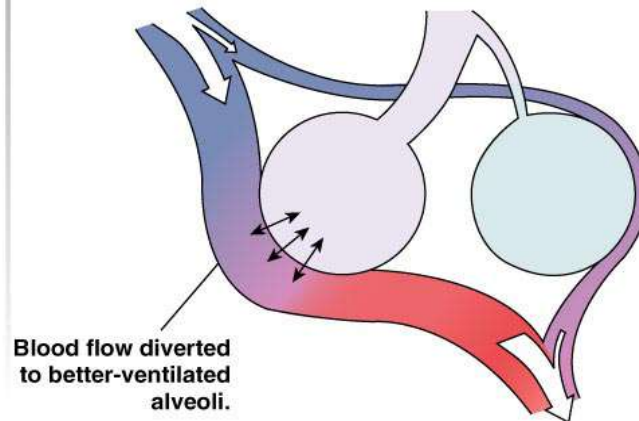
**(b) Ventilation-perfusion mismatch.**

If ventilation decreases in a group of alveoli (blue),  $PCO_2$  increases and  $PO_2$  decreases. Blood flowing past those alveoli does not get oxygenated.



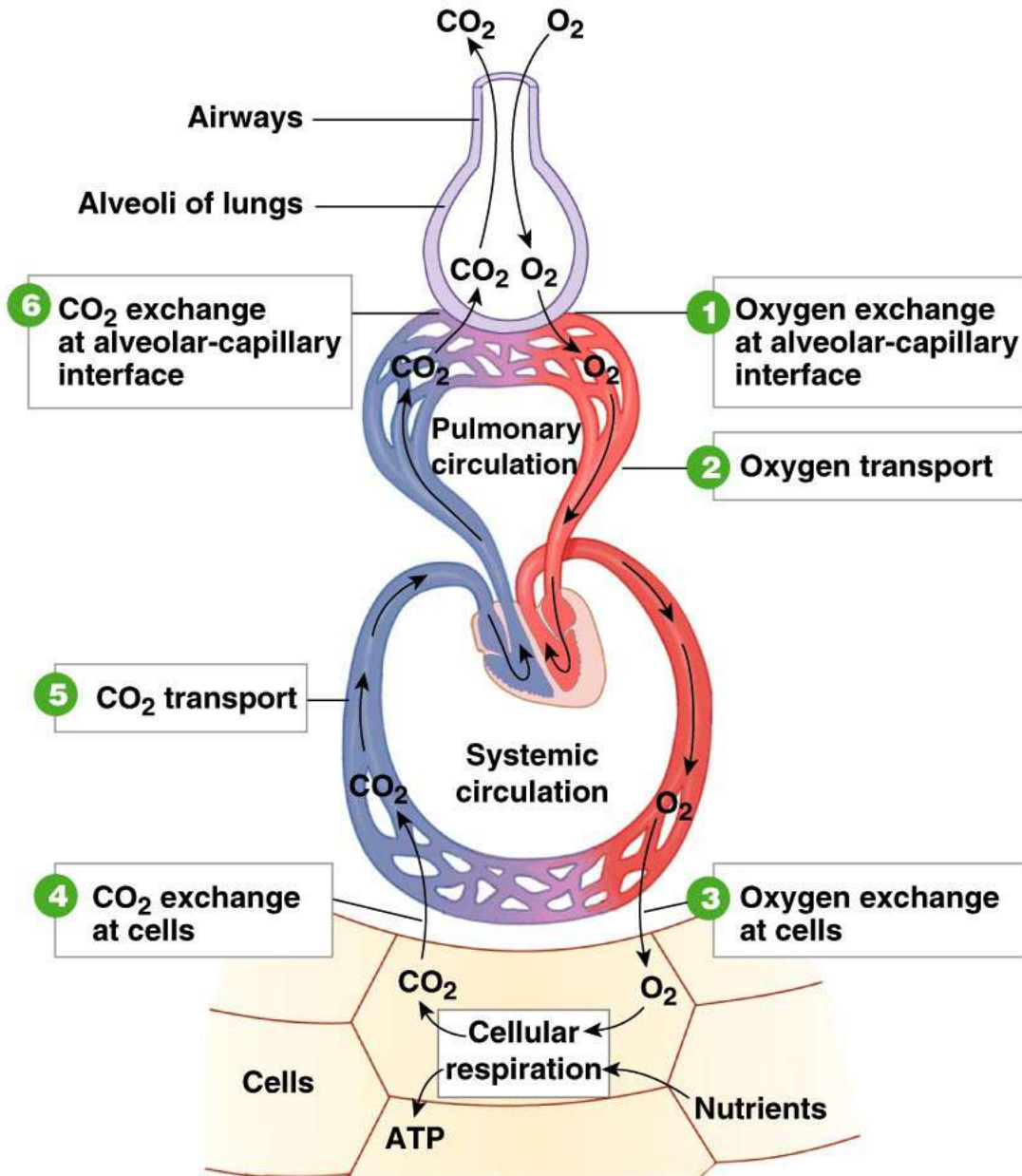
**(c) Local control mechanisms try to keep ventilation and perfusion matched.**

Decreased tissue  $PO_2$  around underventilated alveoli constricts their arterioles, diverting blood to better-ventilated alveoli.



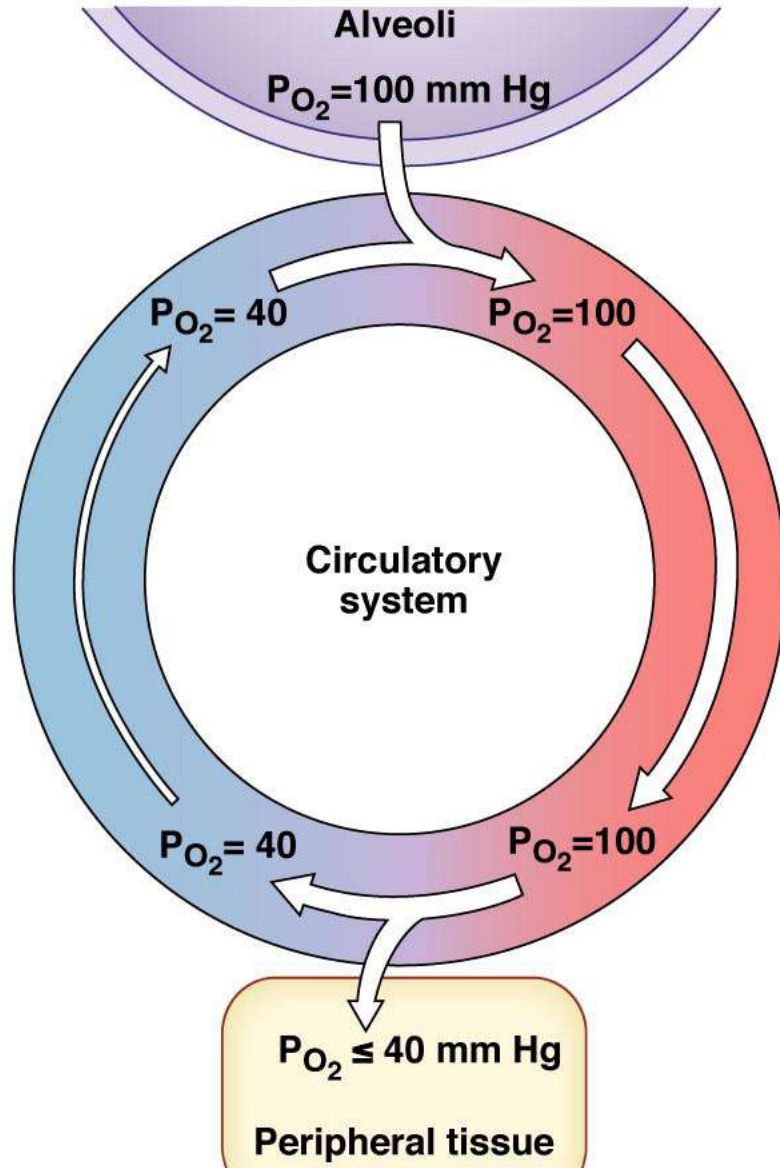
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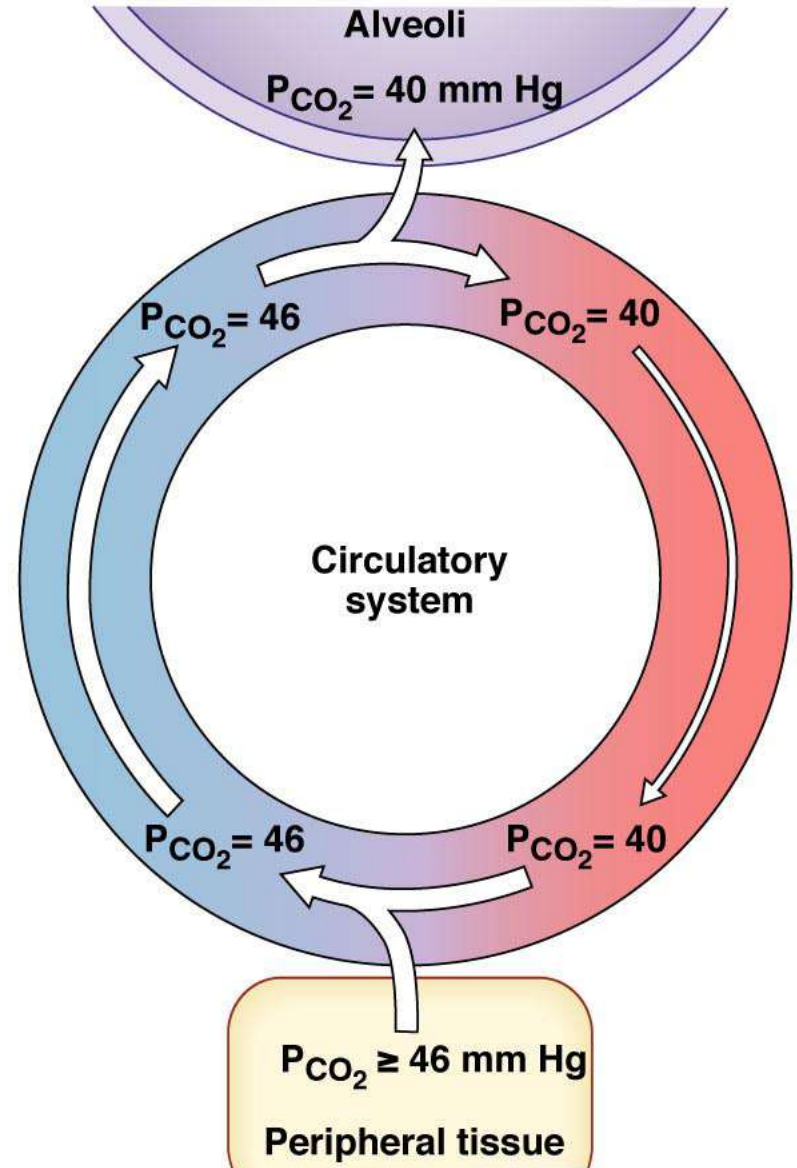


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**(a) Oxygen diffusion**

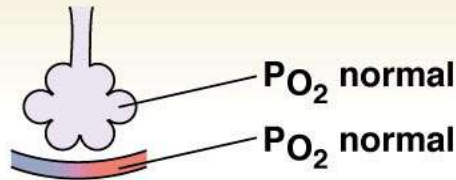


**(b) CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion**

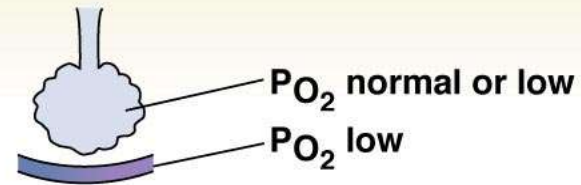


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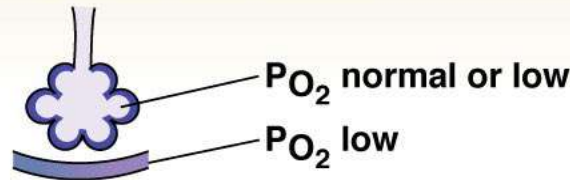
**(a) Normal lung**



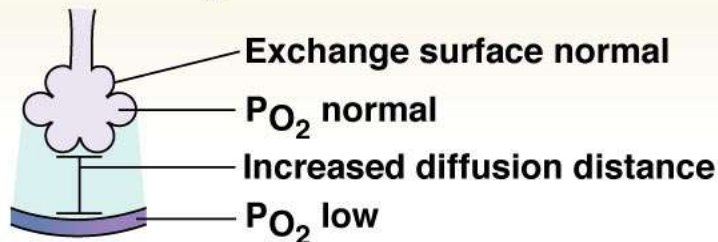
**(b) Emphysema: destruction of alveoli reduces surface area for gas exchange.**



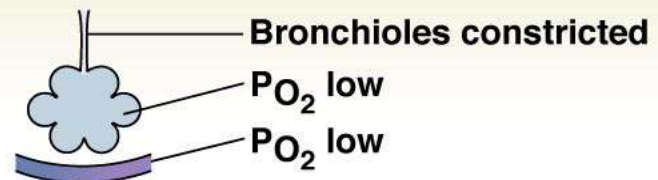
**(c) Fibrotic lung disease: thickened alveolar membrane slows gas exchange. Loss of lung compliance may decrease alveolar ventilation.**



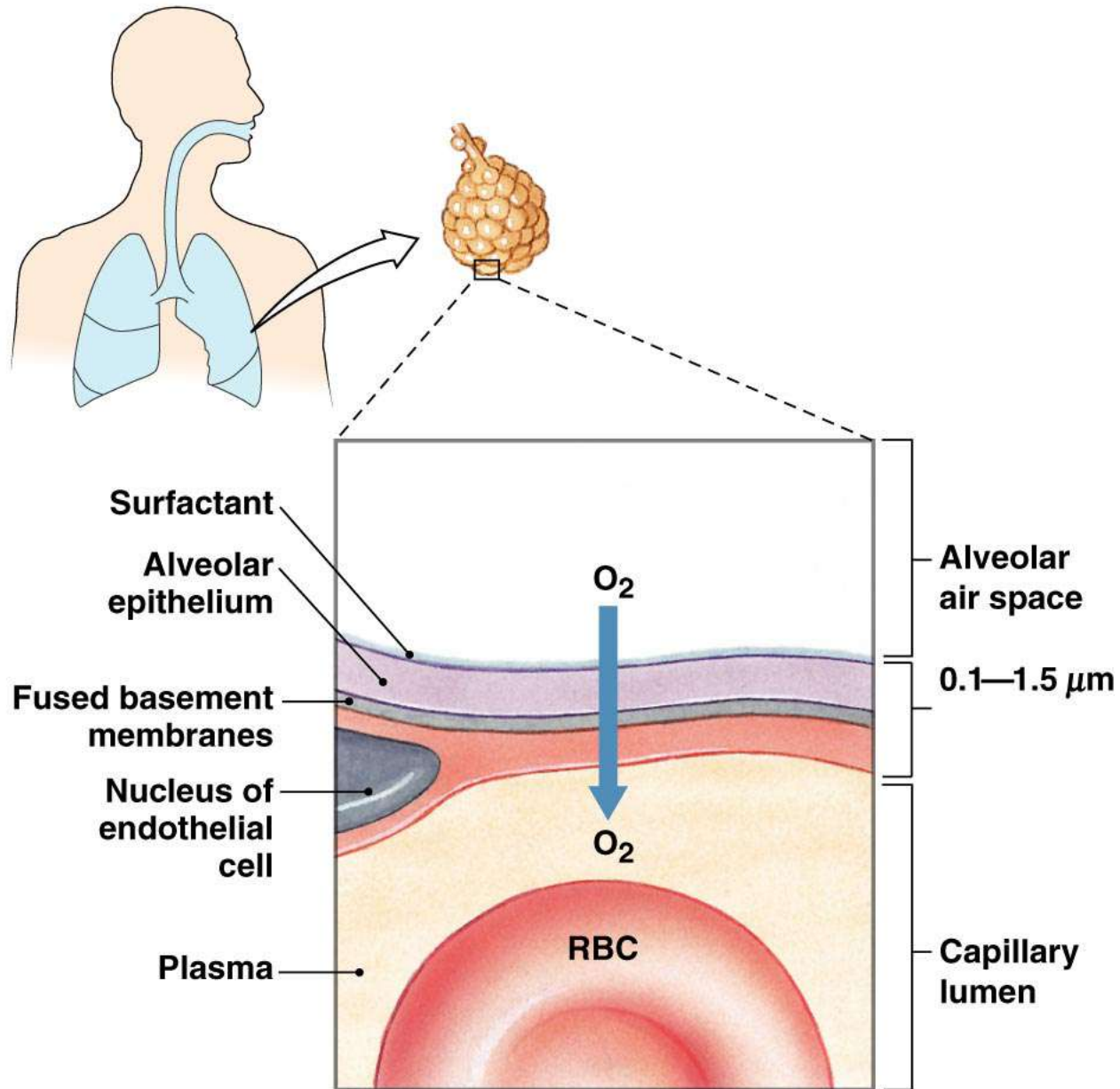
**(d) Pulmonary edema: fluid in interstitial space increases diffusion distance. Arterial  $P_{CO_2}$  may be normal due to higher  $CO_2$  solubility in water.**



**(e) Asthma: increased airway resistance decreases airway ventilation.**

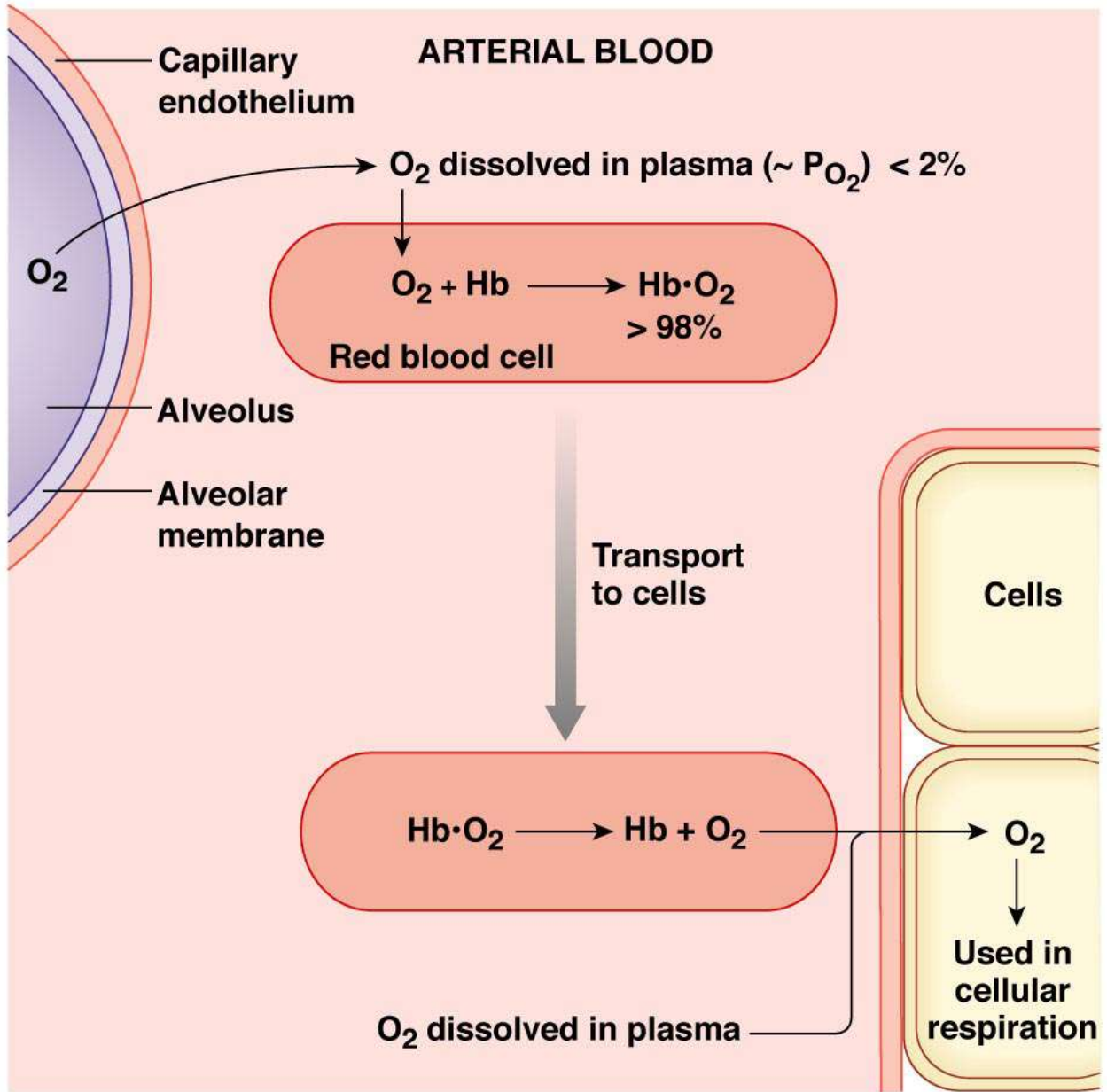


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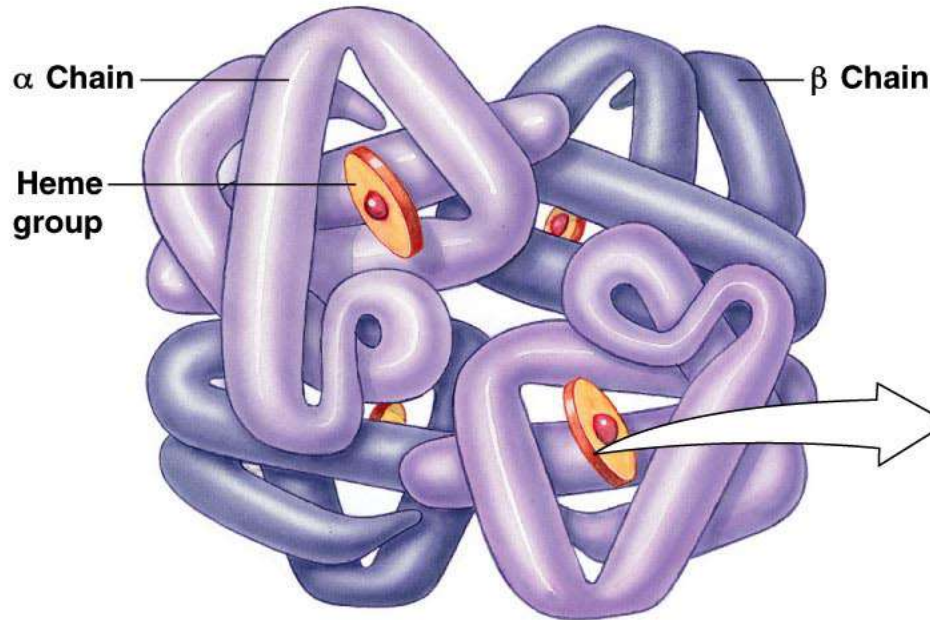
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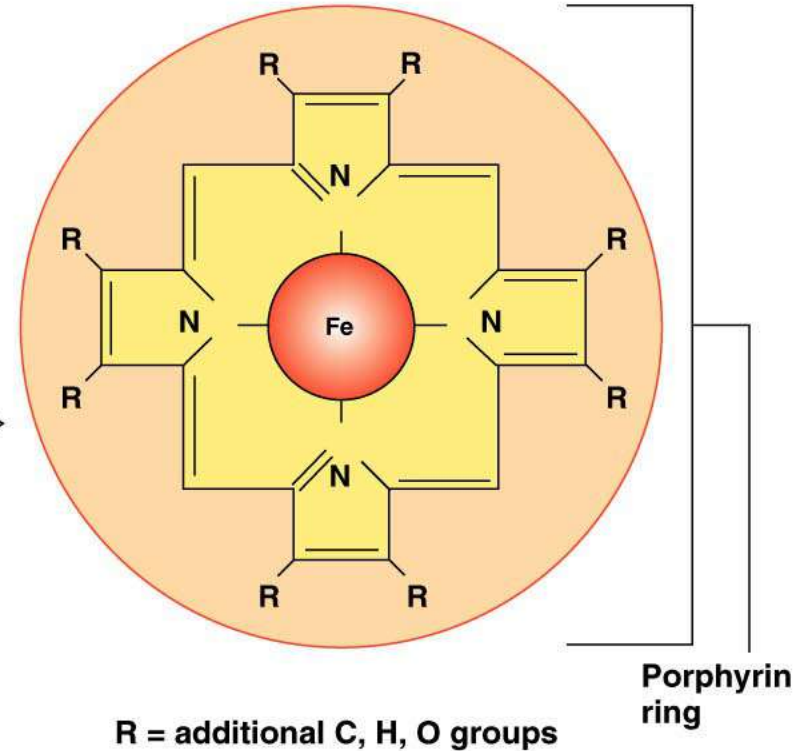
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**(a)** A hemoglobin molecule is composed of four protein globin chains, each surrounding a central heme group.



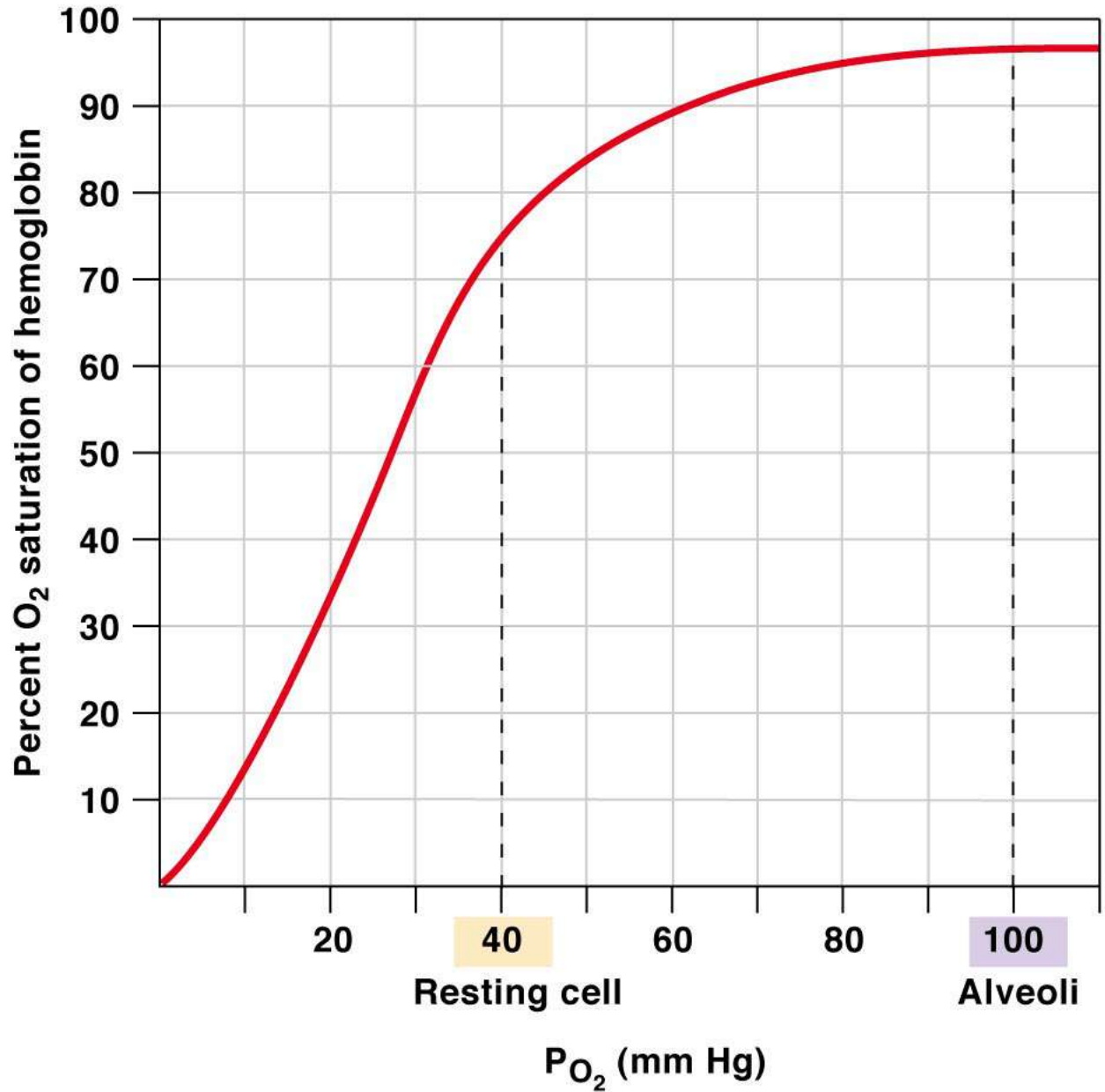
**In most adult hemoglobin, there are two alpha chains and two beta chains as shown.**

**(b)** Each heme group consists of a porphyrin ring with an iron atom in the center.



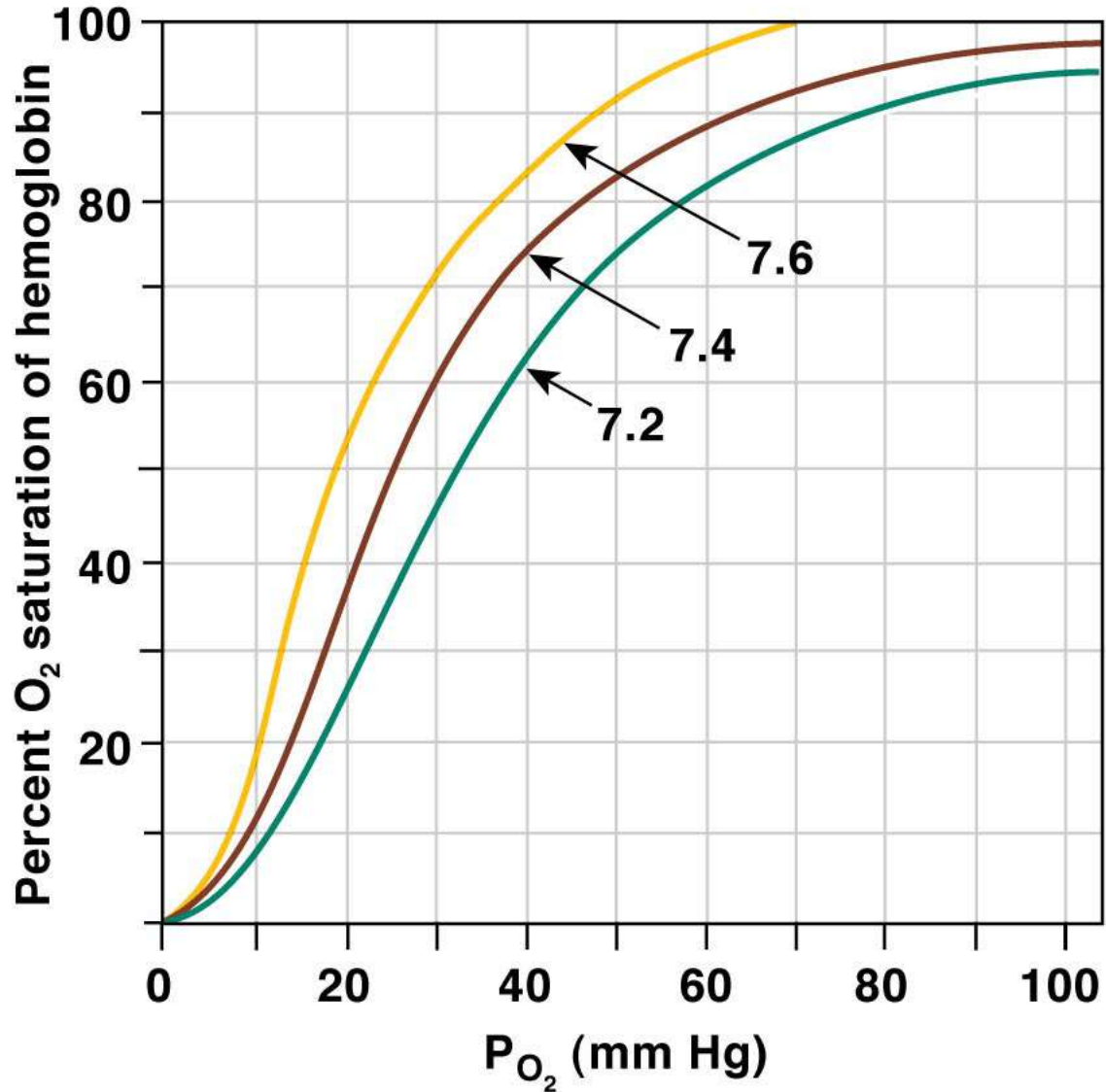
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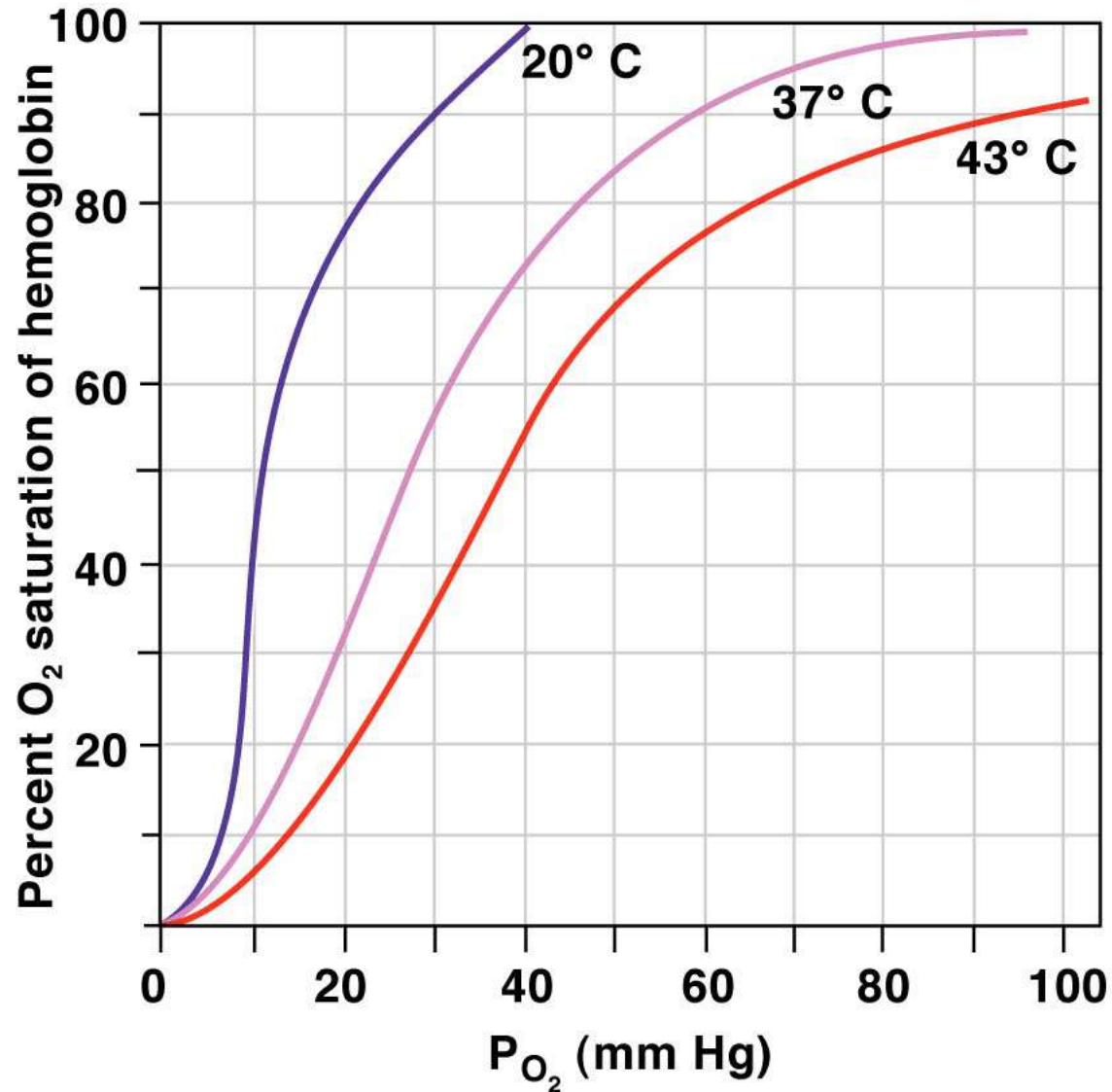
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### (a) Effect of pH



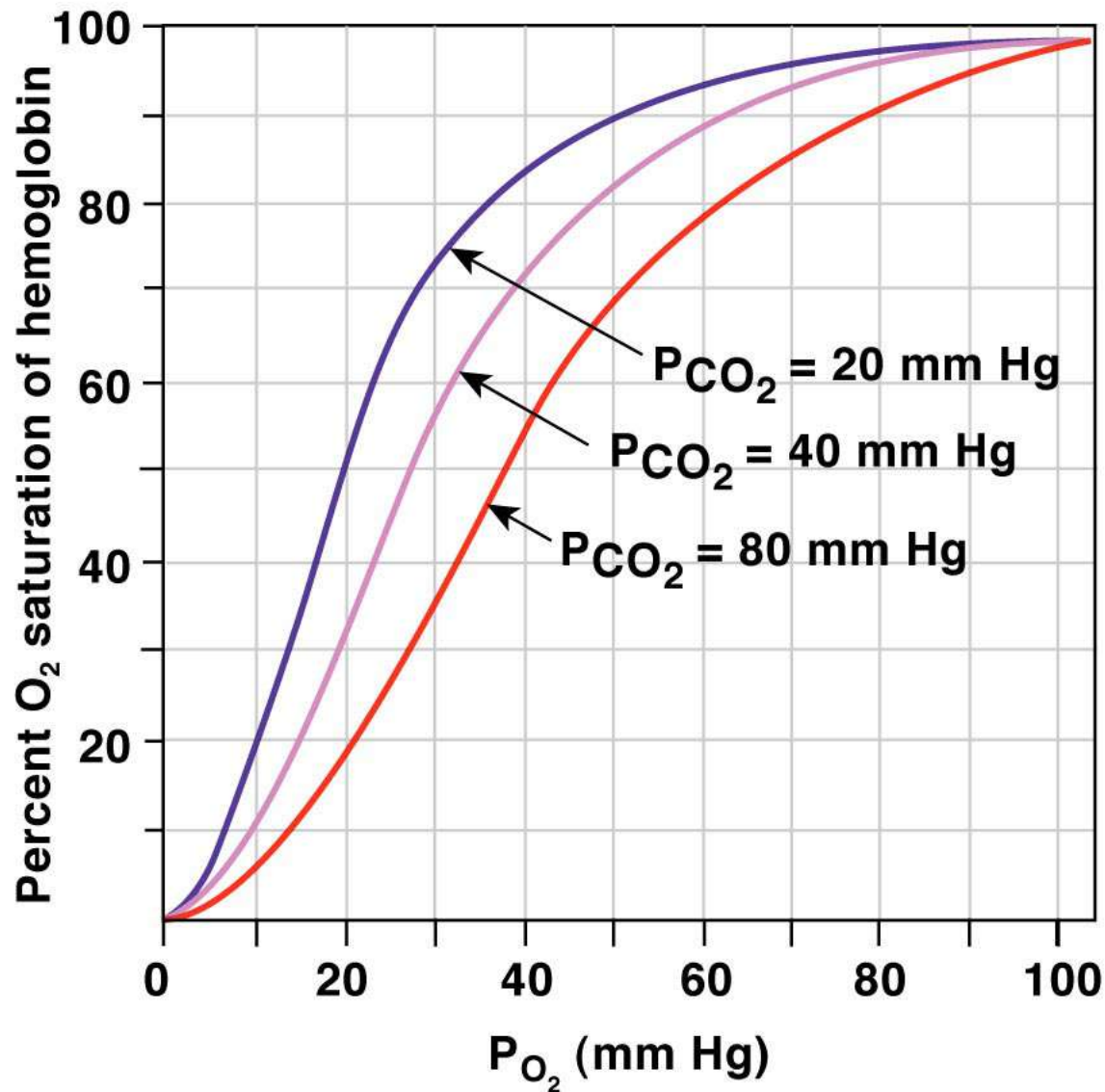
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## (b) Effect of temperature

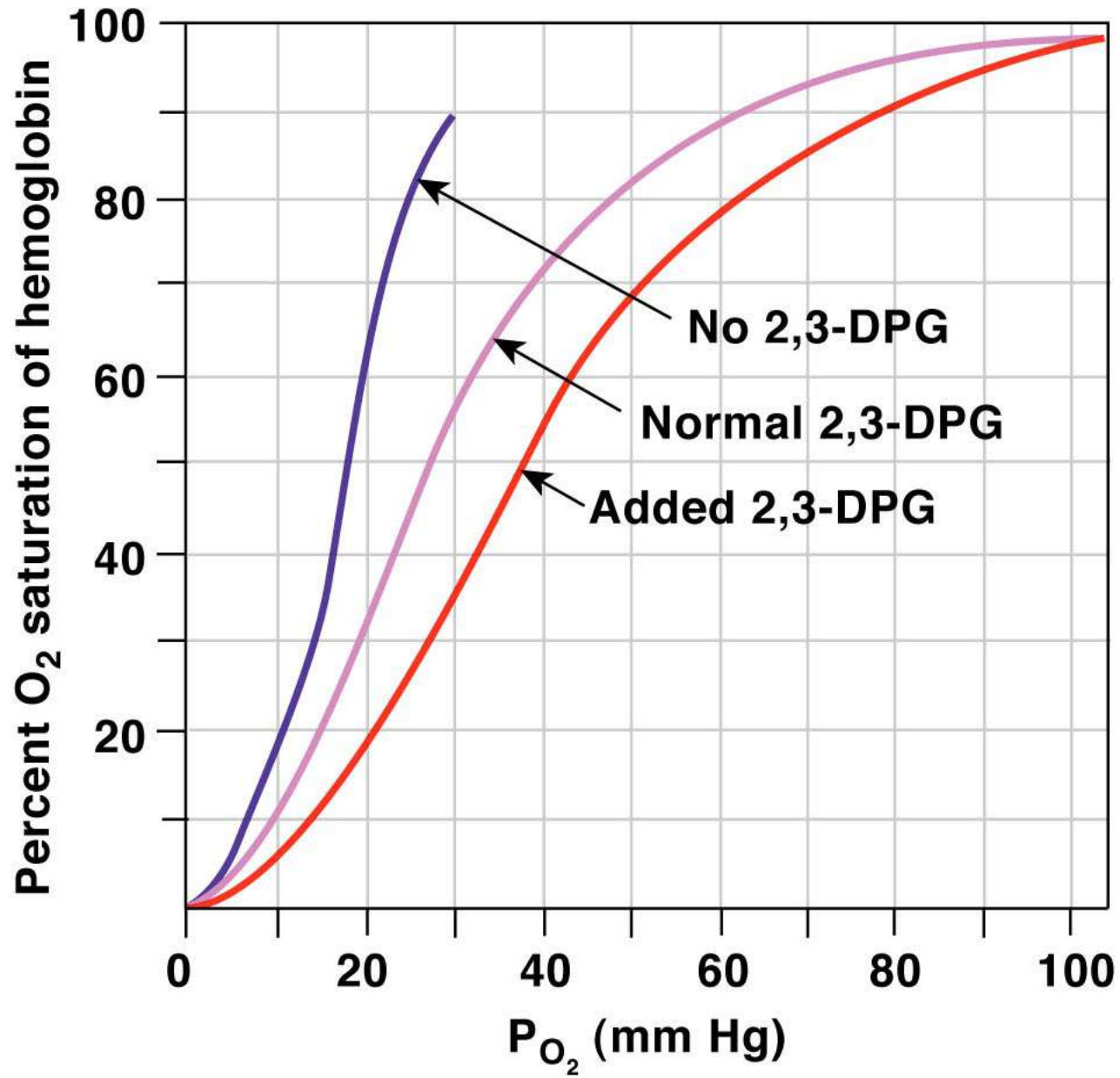


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### (c) Effect of $P_{CO_2}$

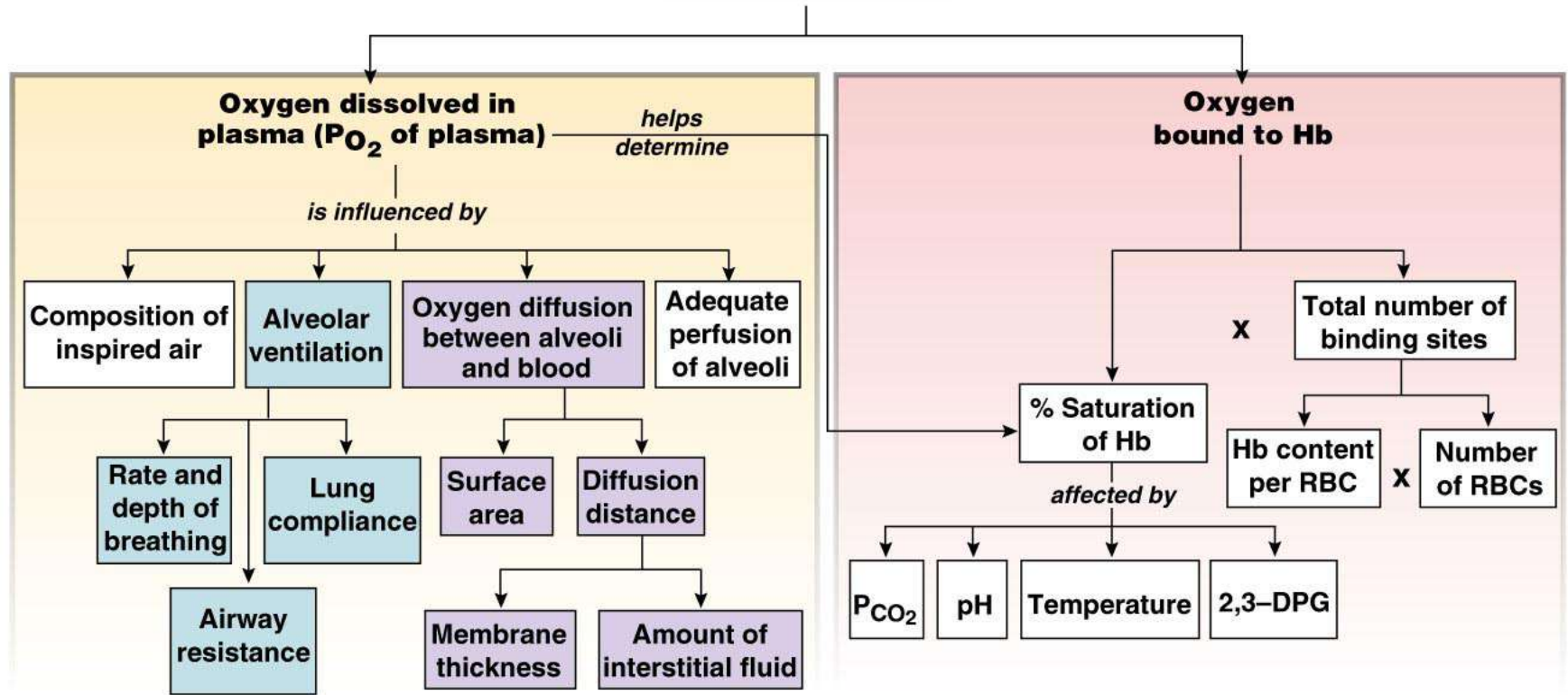


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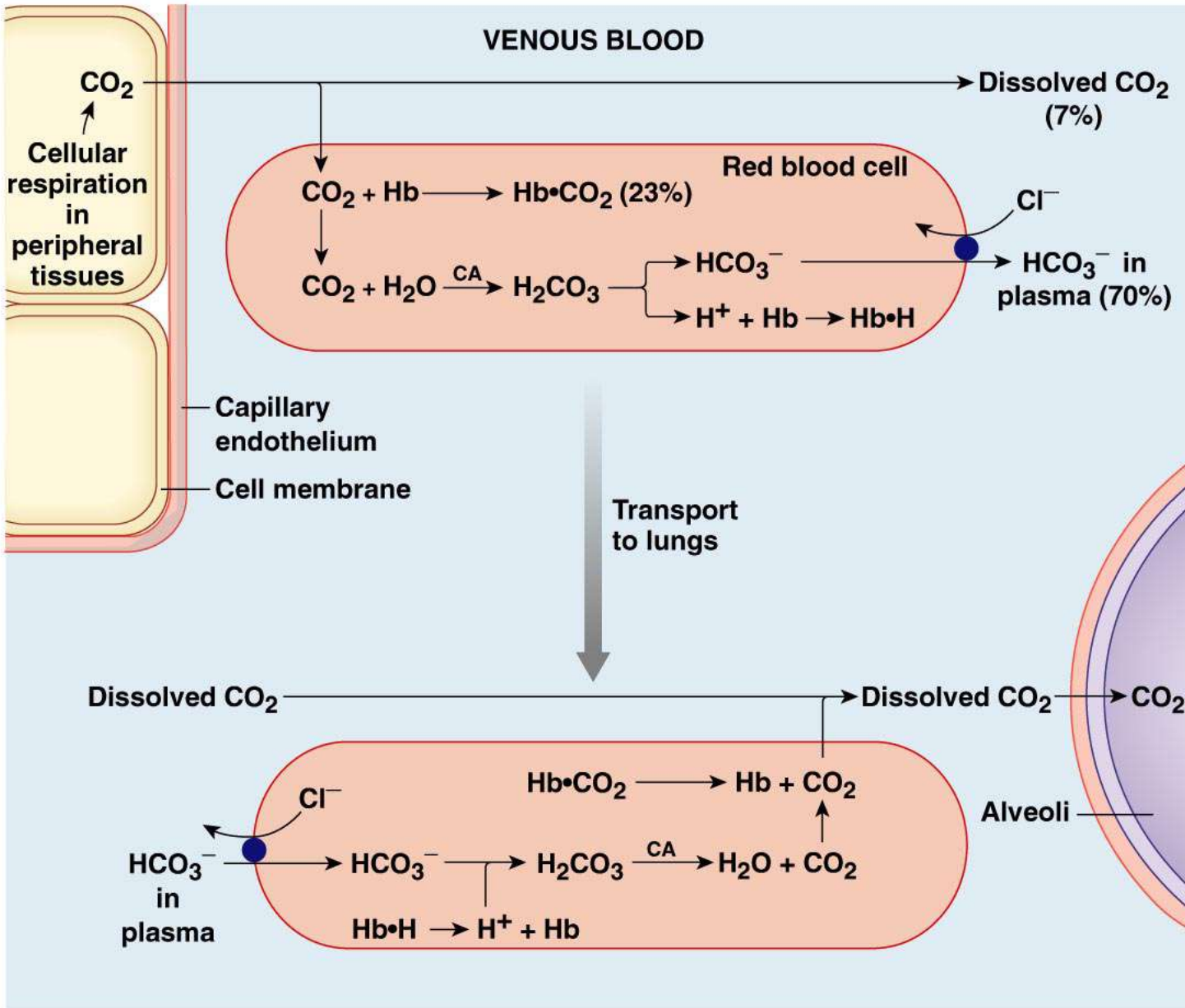
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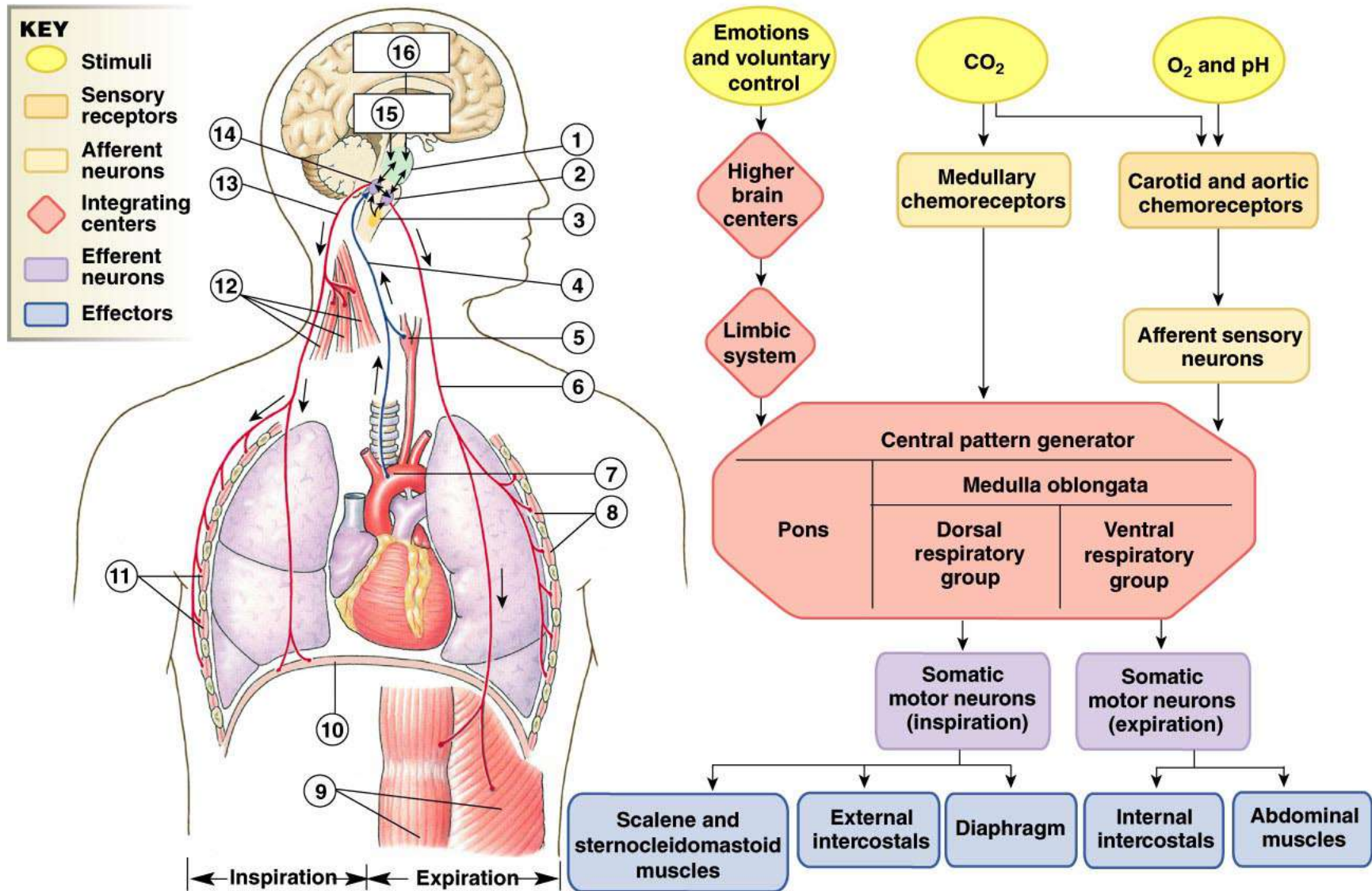


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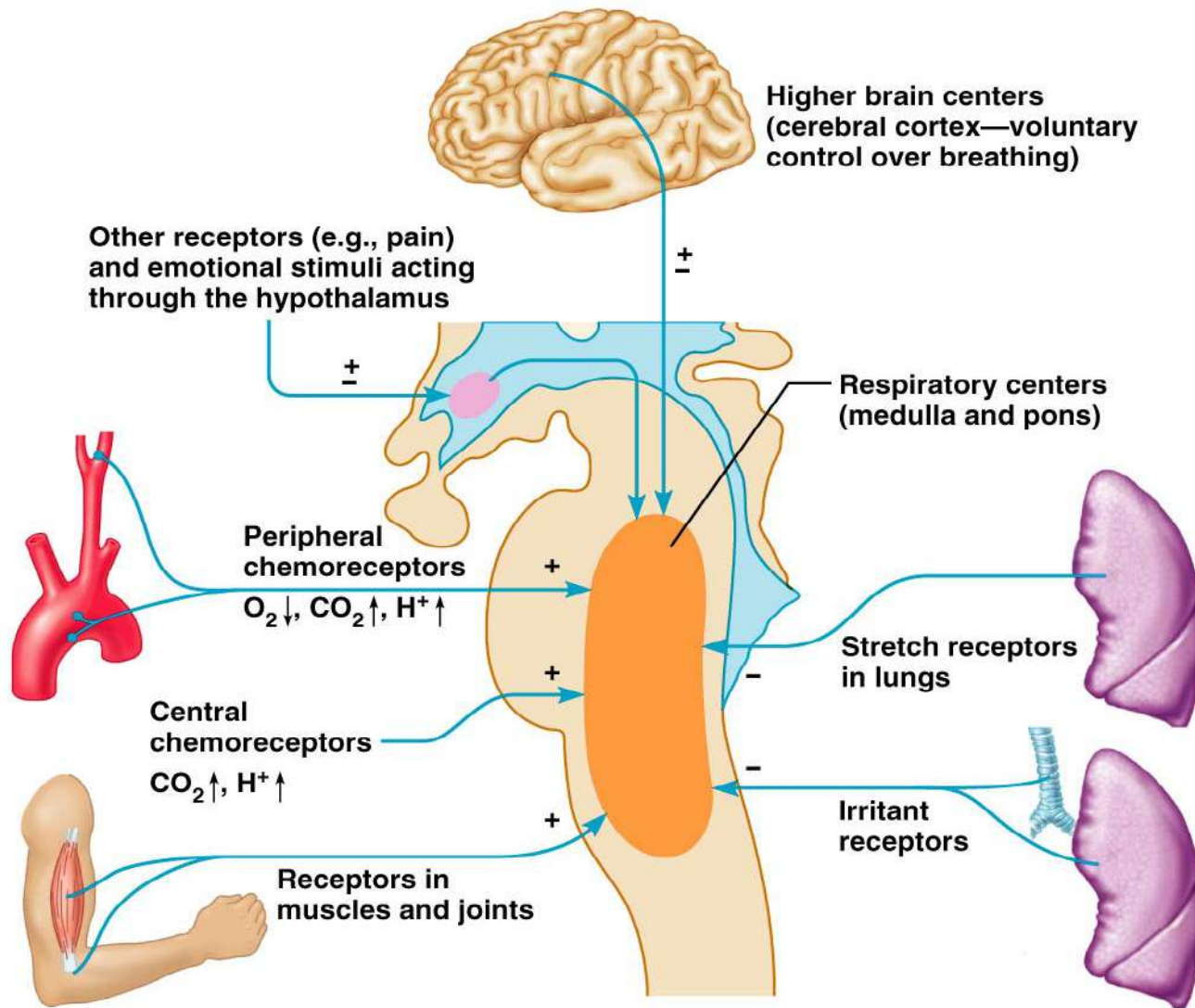


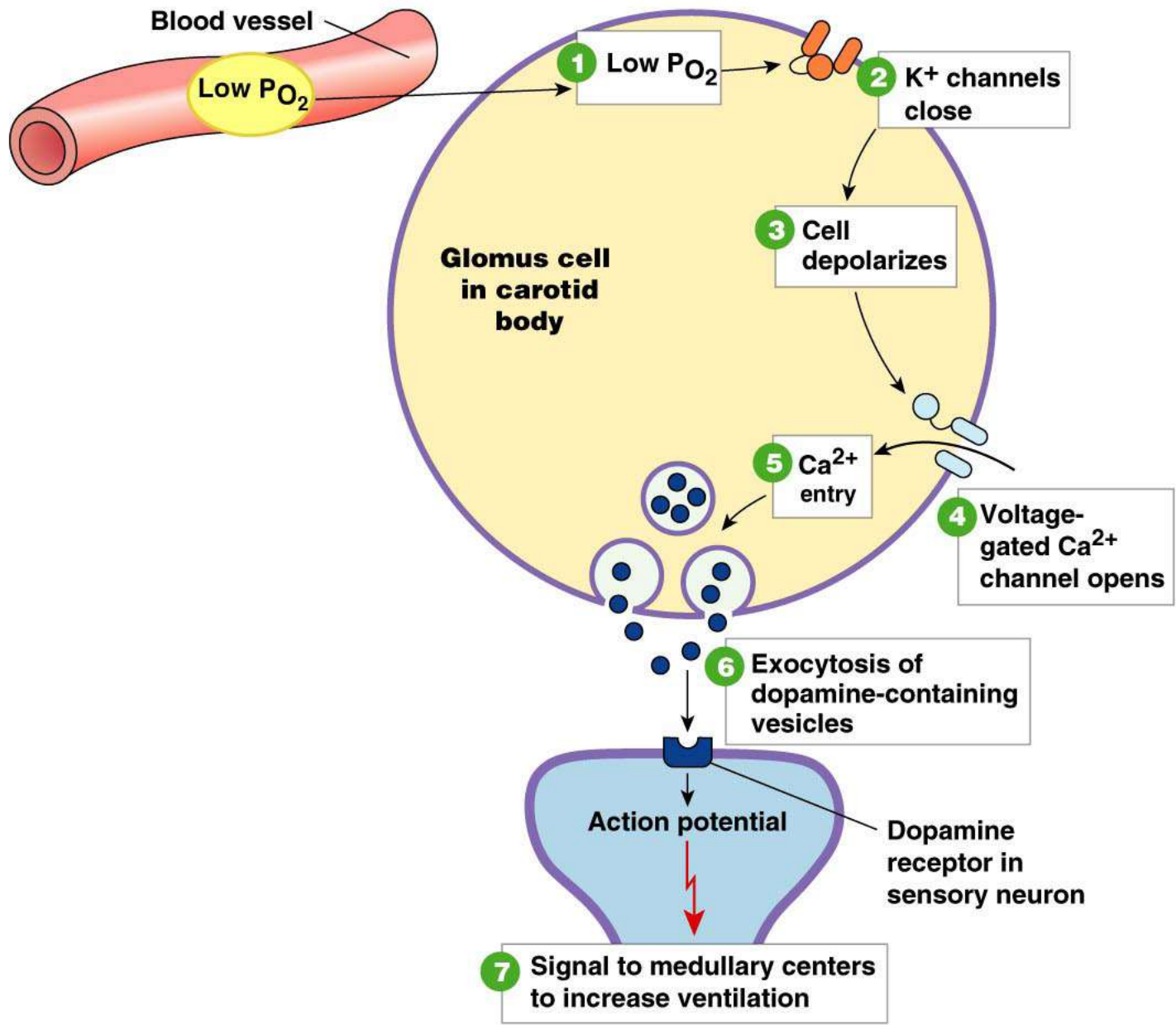
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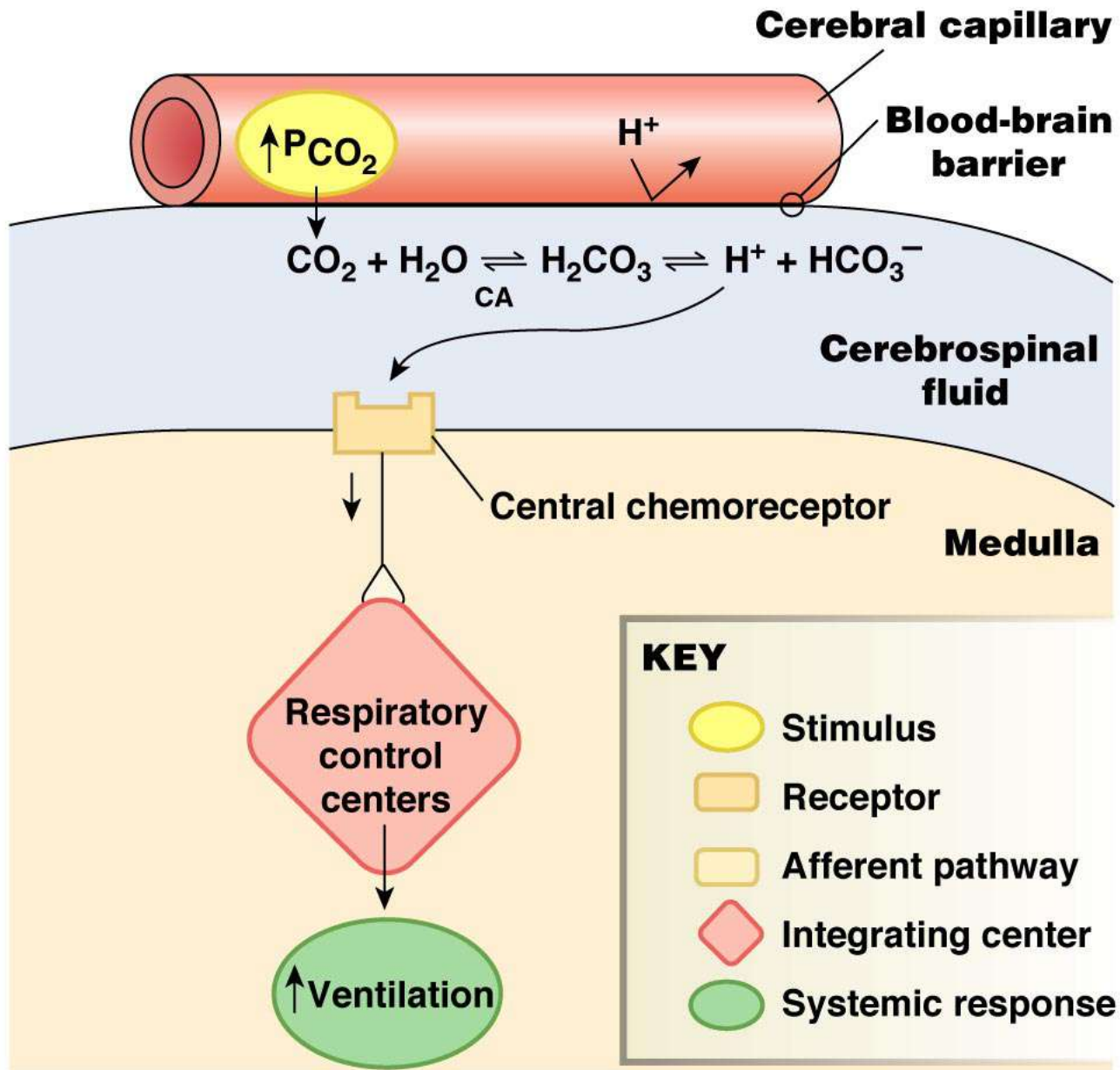
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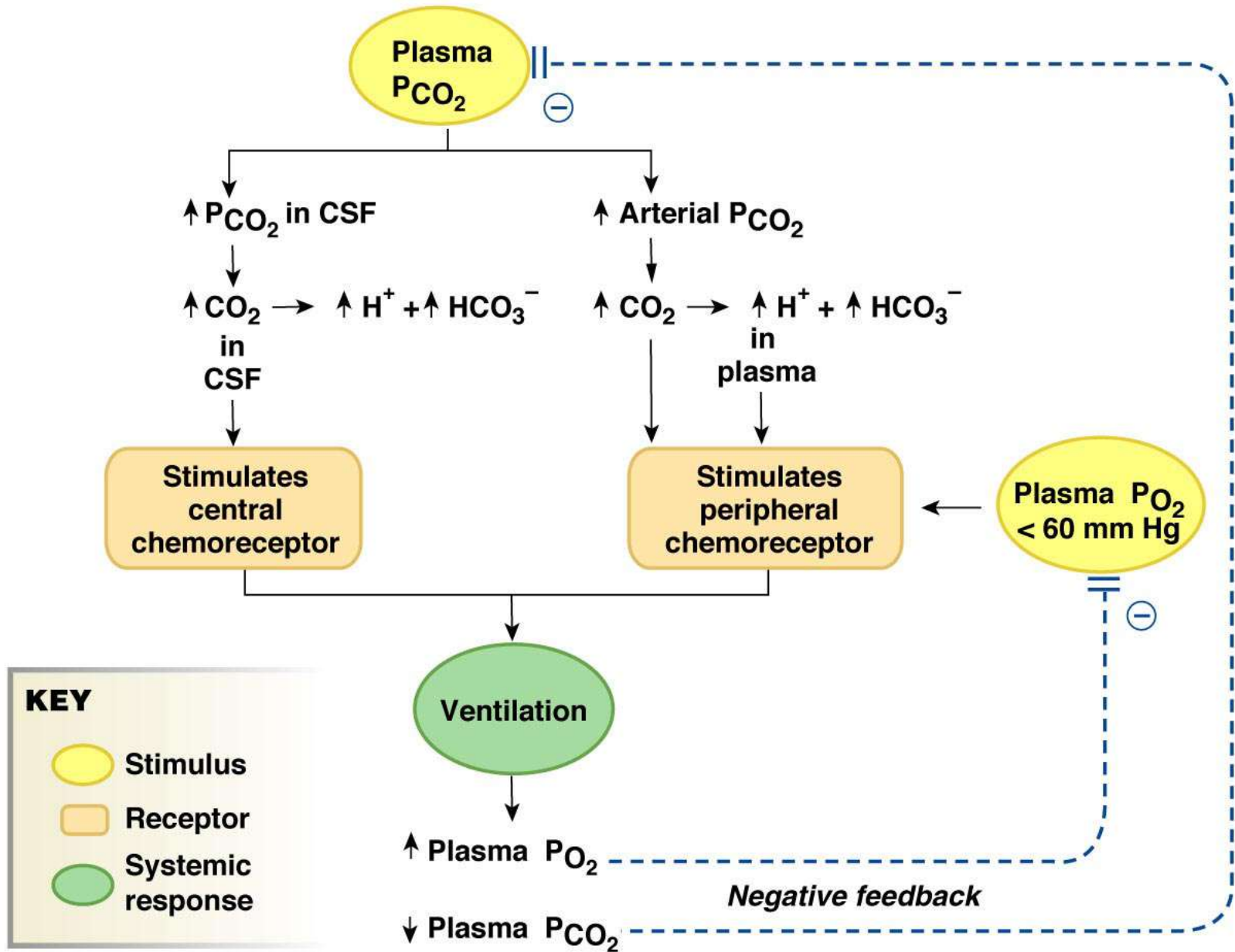


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