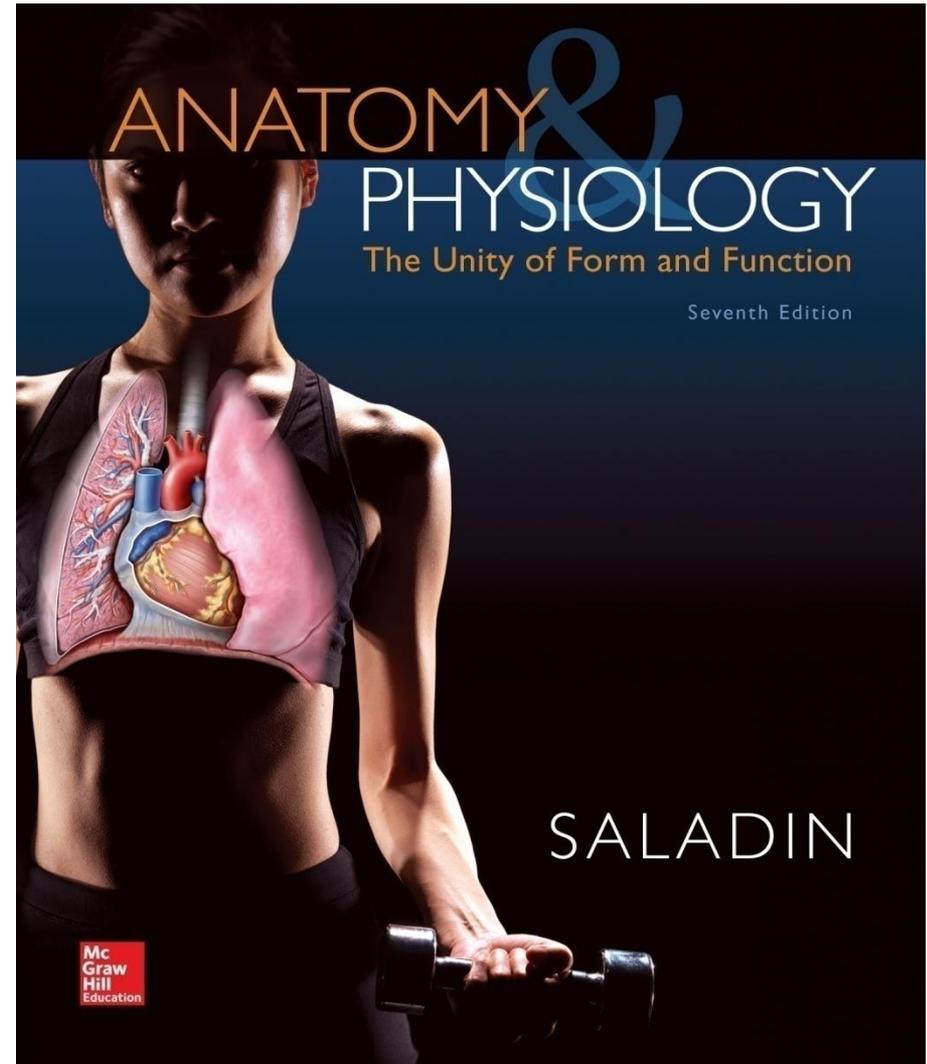


Chapter 20

Lecture Outline

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Introduction

- **The route taken by blood was a point of much confusion for many centuries**
 - Chinese emperor Huang Ti (2697–2597 BC) correctly believed that blood flowed in a circuit around the body and back to the heart
 - Roman physician Galen (129–c.199) thought blood flowed back and forth (like air in and out of lungs); he thought the liver created blood out of nutrients and organs consumed it
 - English physician William Harvey (1578–1657) performed experiments to show that the heart pumped blood and that it traveled in a circuit
 - Many of Harvey's contemporaries rejected his ideas
 - After microscope was invented, capillaries were discovered by van Leeuwenhoek and Malpighi
 - Harvey's work was the start of experimental physiology and it demonstrated how empirical science could overthrow dogma

General Anatomy of the Blood Vessels

- **Expected Learning Outcomes**

- Describe the structure of a blood vessel.
- Describe the different types of arteries, capillaries, and veins.
- Trace the general route usually taken by the blood from the heart and back again.
- Describe some variations on this route.

General Anatomy of the Blood Vessels

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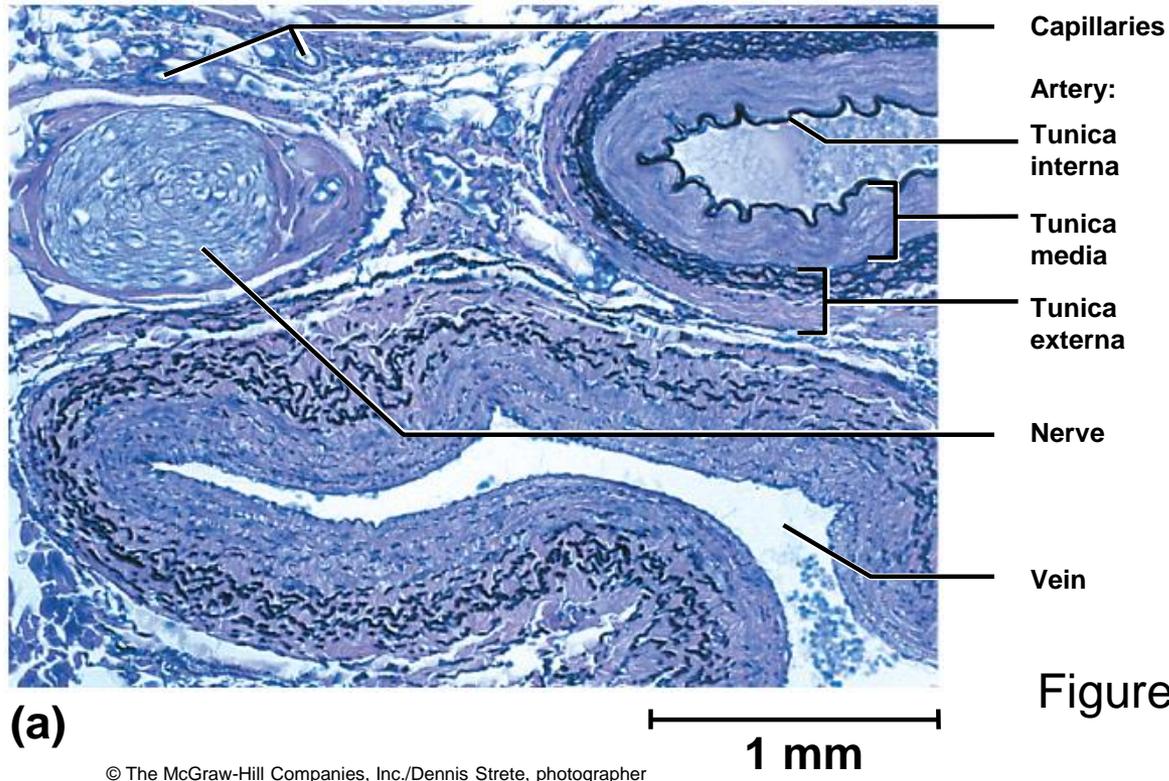


Figure 20.1a

- **Arteries** carry blood away from heart
- **Veins** carry blood back to heart
- **Capillaries** connect smallest arteries to smallest veins

The Vessel Wall

- **Walls of arteries and veins have three layers (tunics): tunica interna, tunica media, tunica externa**
- **Tunica interna (tunica intima)**
 - Lines the blood vessel and is exposed to blood
 - **Endothelium:** simple squamous epithelium overlying basement membrane and sparse layer of loose connective tissue
 - Acts as a **selectively permeable barrier**
 - **Secretes chemicals** that stimulate dilation or constriction of the vessel

The Vessel Wall

– Endothelium (continued)

- Normally **repels blood cells and platelets** that may adhere to it and form a clot
- When tissue around vessel is inflamed, the endothelial cells **produce cell-adhesion molecules** that induce leukocytes to adhere to the surface
 - Causes leukocytes to congregate in tissues where their defensive actions are needed

The Vessel Wall

- **Tunica media**
 - Middle layer
 - Consists of **smooth muscle**, collagen, and elastic tissue
 - Strengthens vessels and prevents blood pressure from rupturing them
 - **Regulates diameter** of the blood vessel

The Vessel Wall

- **Tunica externa (tunica adventitia)**
 - Outermost layer
 - Consists of loose connective tissue that often merges with that of neighboring blood vessels, nerves, or other organs
 - Anchors the vessel and provides passage for small nerves, lymphatic vessels
 - **Vasa vasorum:** small vessels that supply blood to outer part of the larger vessels

The Vessel Wall

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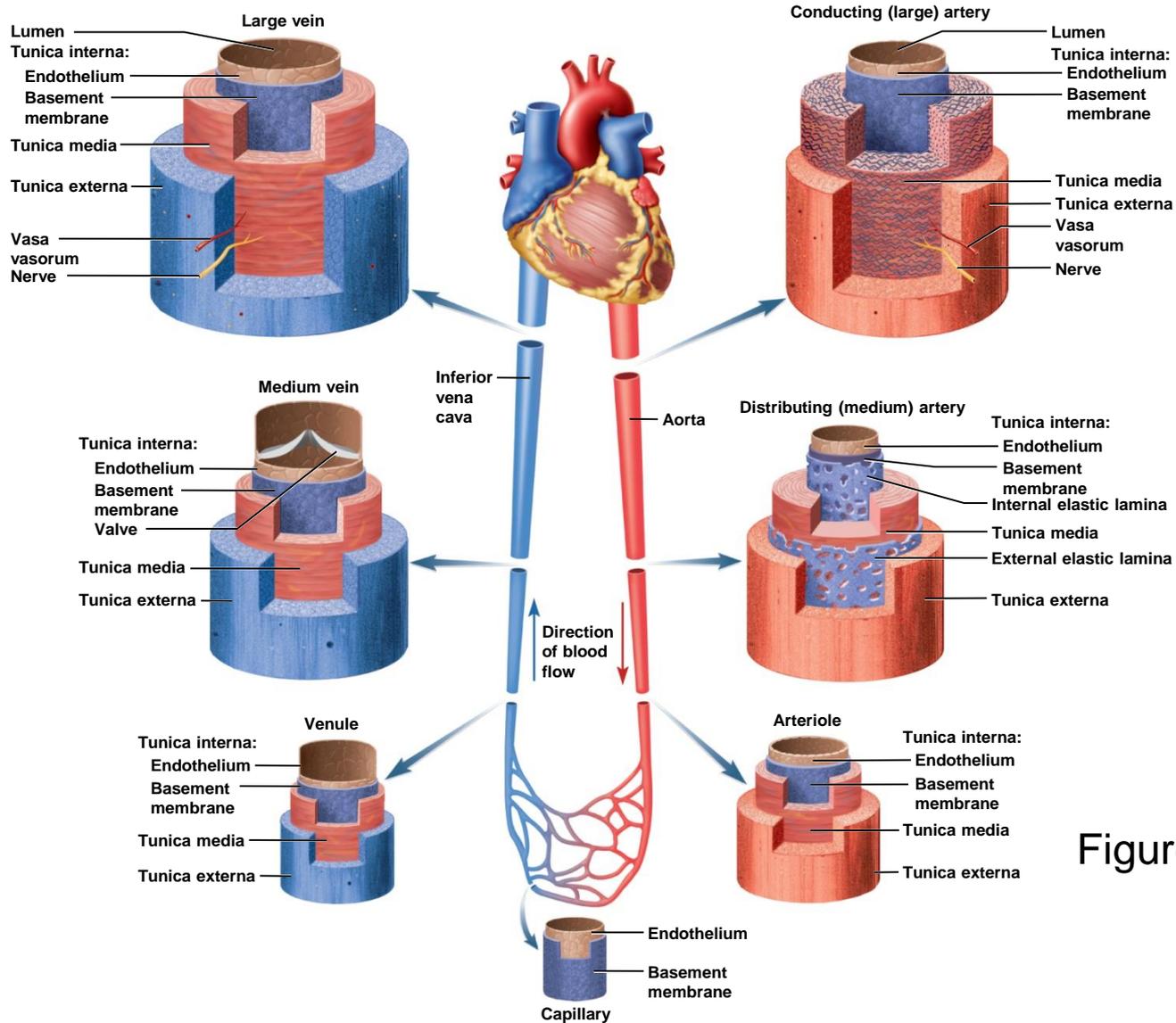


Figure 20.2

Arteries

- **Arteries** are sometimes called **resistance vessels** because of their strong, resilient tissue structure
- **Arteries are classified by size**
 - **Conducting (elastic or large) arteries**
 - Biggest arteries
 - Aorta, common carotid, subclavian, pulmonary trunk, and common iliac arteries
 - Have a layer of elastic tissue, **internal elastic lamina**, at the border between intima and media
 - **External elastic lamina** at the border between media and externa
 - Expand during systole, recoil during diastole
 - Expansion takes pressure of smaller downstream vessels
 - Recoil maintains pressure during relaxation and keeps blood flowing

Arteries

- **Arteries are classified by size (continued)**
 - **Distributing (muscular or medium) arteries**
 - Distributes blood to specific organs
 - Brachial, femoral, renal, and splenic arteries
 - Smooth muscle layers constitute three-fourths of wall thickness

Arteries

- **Arteries are classified by size (continued)**
 - **Resistance (small) arteries**
 - Arterioles: smallest arteries
 - Control amount of blood to various organs
 - Thicker tunica media in proportion to their lumen than large arteries and very little tunica externa
 - **Metarterioles**
 - In some places, short vessels that link arterioles to capillaries
 - Muscle cells form a **precapillary sphincter** around entrance to capillary
 - Constriction of these sphincters reduces blood flow through their capillaries
 - Diverts blood to other tissues

Arteries

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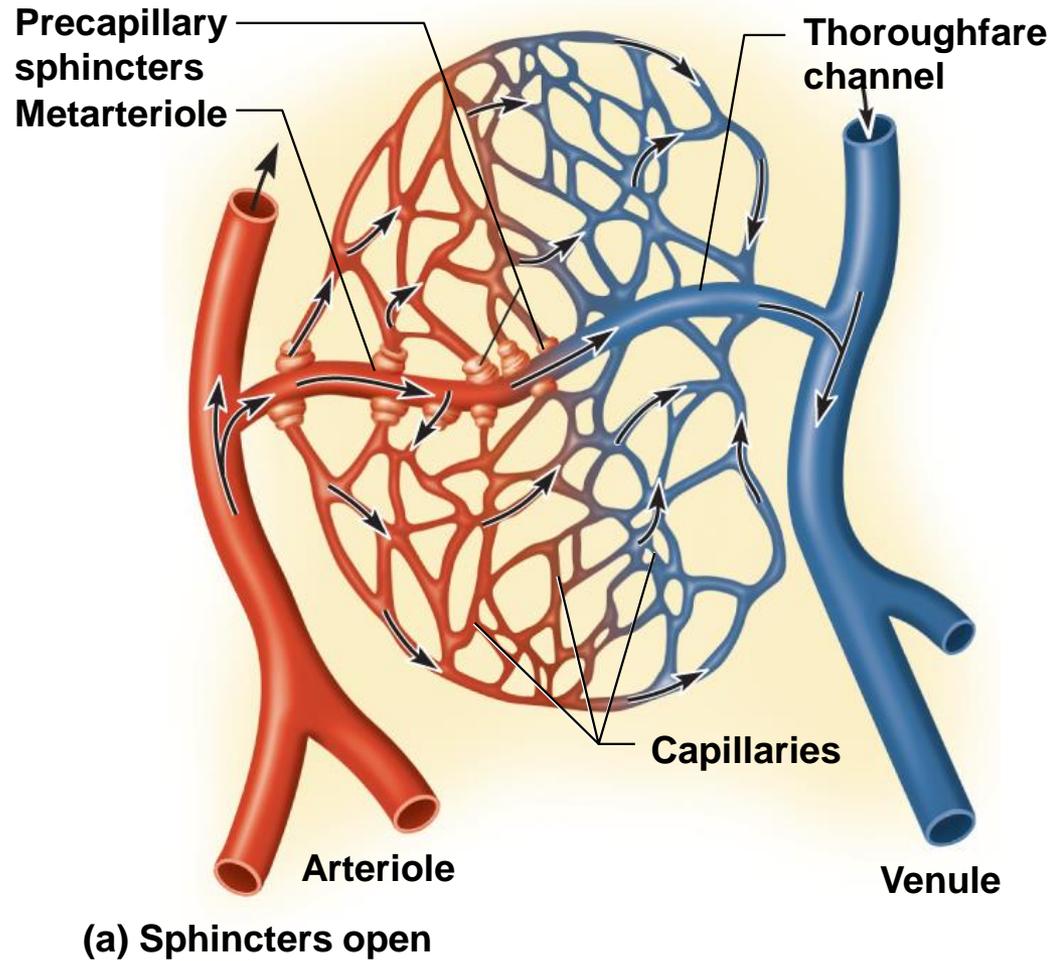


Figure 20.7a

Aneurysm

- **Aneurysm**—weak point in artery or heart wall
 - Forms a thin-walled, bulging sac that pulsates with each heartbeat and may rupture at any time
 - **Dissecting aneurysm:** blood accumulates between tunics of artery and separates them, usually because of degeneration of the tunica media
 - **Most common sites:** abdominal aorta, renal arteries, and arterial circle at base of brain
 - Can cause pain by putting pressure on other structures
 - Can rupture causing hemorrhage
 - Result from congenital weakness of blood vessels, trauma, or bacterial infections
 - Most common cause is atherosclerosis and hypertension

Arterial Sense Organs

- **Sensory structures in walls of major vessels that monitor blood pressure and chemistry**
 - Transmit information to brainstem to regulate heart rate, blood vessel diameter, and respiration
 - **Carotid sinuses:** baroreceptors
 - In walls of internal carotid artery
 - Monitor blood pressure
 - Transmit signals through glossopharyngeal nerve
 - Allow for baroreflex

Arterial Sense Organs

- **Sensory structures (continued)**
 - **Carotid bodies:** chemoreceptors
 - Oval bodies near branch of common carotids
 - Monitor blood chemistry
 - Transmit signals through glossopharyngeal nerve to brainstem respiratory centers
 - Adjust respiratory rate to stabilize pH, CO₂, and O₂
 - **Aortic bodies:** chemoreceptors
 - One to three bodies in walls of aortic arch
 - Same structure and function as carotid bodies, but innervation is by vagus nerve

Capillaries

- **Capillaries**—exchange vessels: site where gasses, nutrients, wastes, and hormones pass between the blood and tissue fluid
 - The “business end” of the cardiovascular system
 - Composed of **endothelium** and **basal lamina**
 - Absent or scarce in tendons, ligaments, epithelia, cornea, and lens of the eye
 - **Three capillary types** distinguished by ease with which substances pass through their walls (permeability): continuous capillaries, fenestrated capillaries, and sinusoids

Types of Capillaries

- **Three types of capillaries**
 - **Continuous capillaries:** occur in most tissues
 - **Endothelial cells** have **tight junctions** forming a continuous tube with **intercellular clefts**
 - Allow passage of solutes such as glucose
 - **Pericytes** wrap around the capillaries and contain the same contractile protein as muscle
 - Contract and regulate blood flow

Types of Capillaries

- **Three types of capillaries (continued)**
 - **Fenestrated capillaries:** kidneys, small intestine
 - Organs that require rapid absorption or filtration
 - Endothelial cells riddled with holes called **filtration pores (fenestrations)**
 - Spanned by very thin glycoprotein layer
 - Allow passage of only small molecules
 - **Sinusoids (discontinuous capillaries):** liver, bone marrow, spleen
 - Irregular blood-filled spaces with large fenestrations
 - Allow proteins (albumin), clotting factors, and new blood cells to enter the circulation

Continuous Capillary

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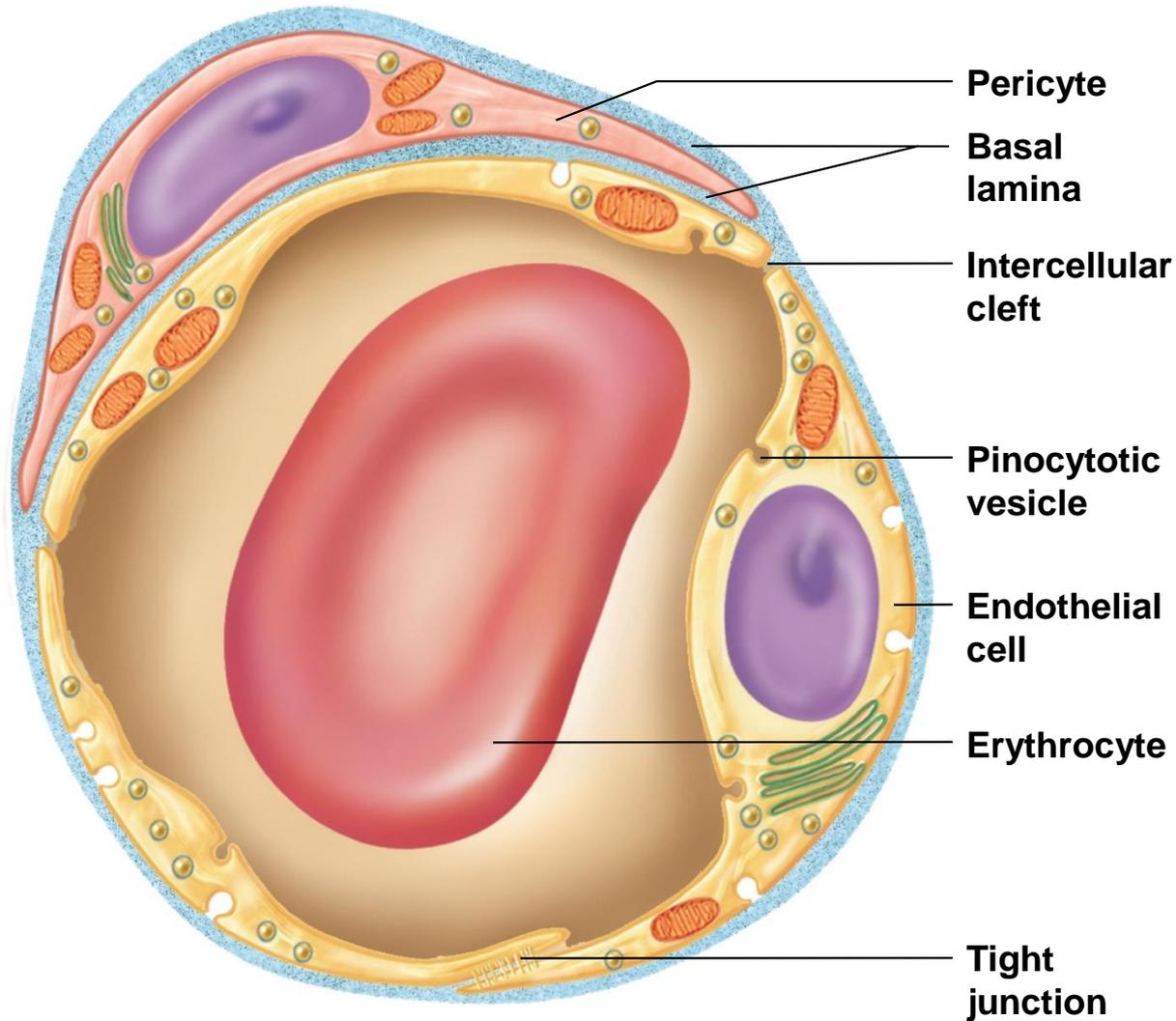
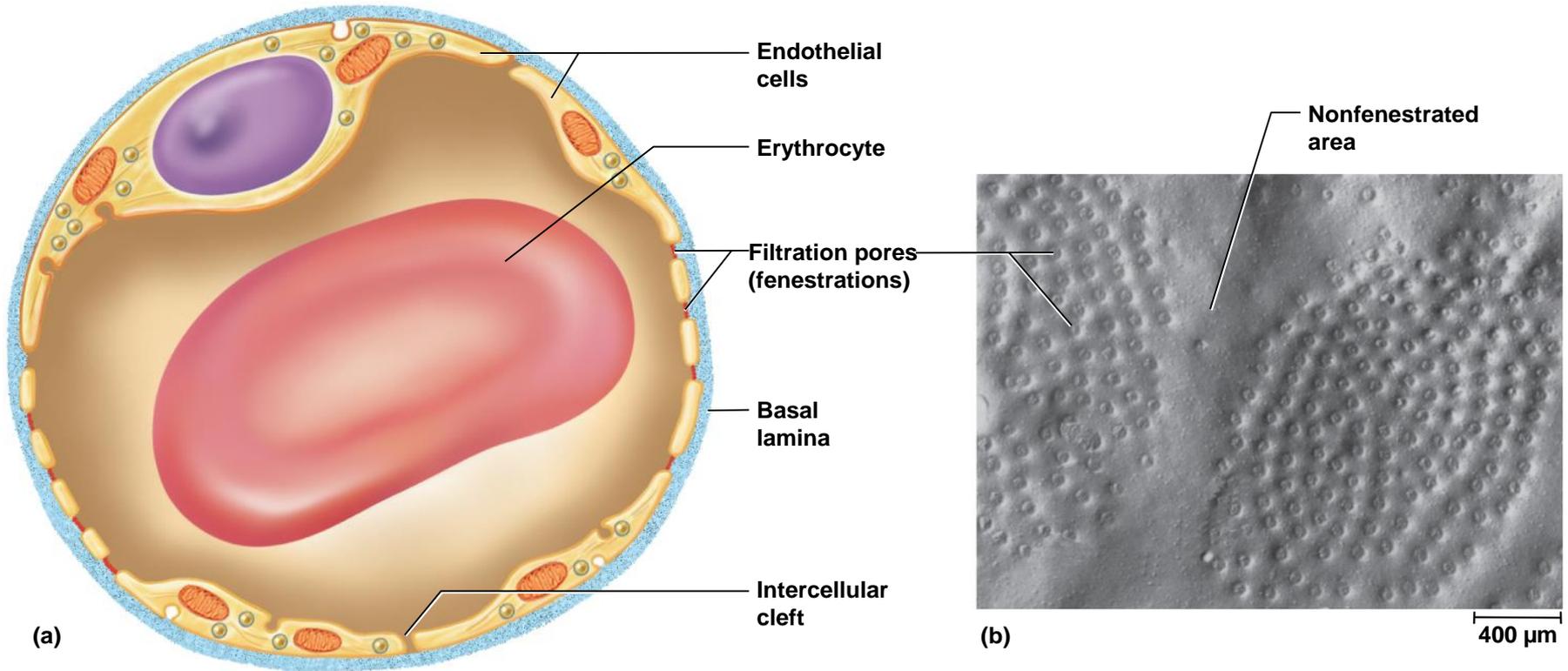


Figure 20.4

Fenestrated Capillary

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Figure 20.5a

Figure 20.5b

Sinusoid in Liver

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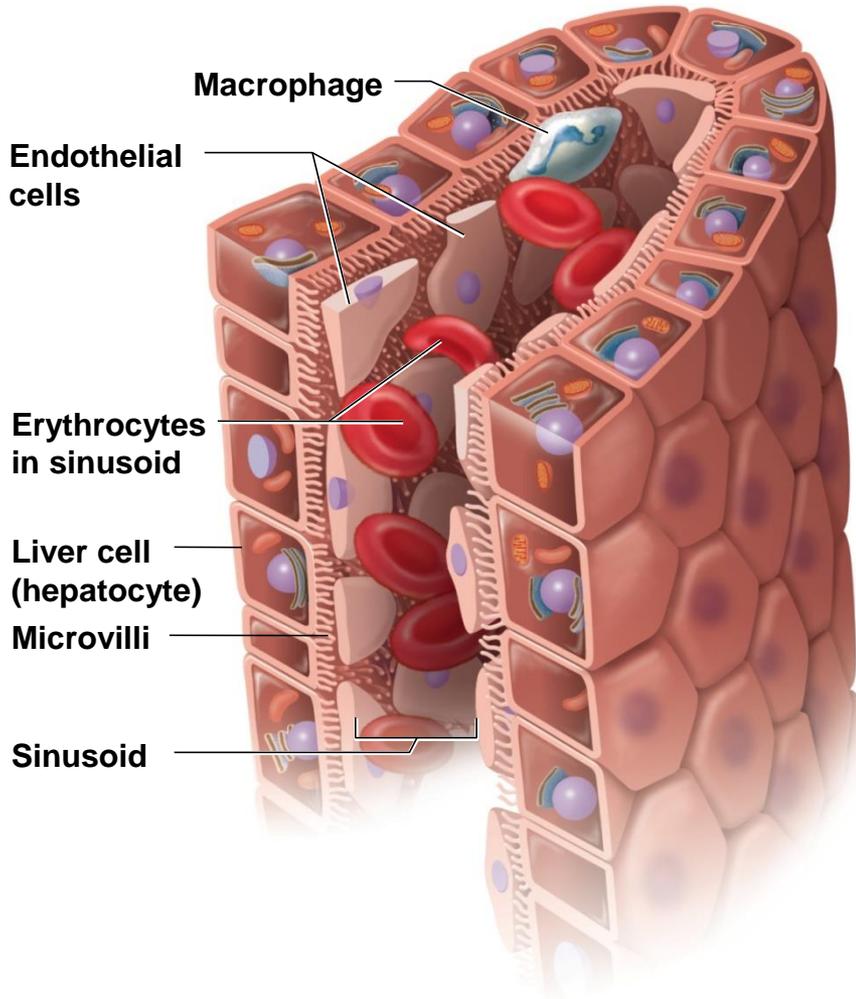


Figure 20.6

Capillary Beds

- **Capillary beds** are networks of 10-100 capillaries
 - Usually supplied by a single arteriole or metarteriole
 - At distal end, capillaries transition to venules or drain into a thoroughfare channel (continuation of metarteriole)
 - At any given time, three-fourths of body's capillaries are shut down
 - Most control of flow involves constriction of arterioles that are upstream from the capillaries
 - Within the capillary bed, precapillary sphincters control flow
 - When sphincters are relaxed, capillaries are well perfused with blood
 - When sphincters contract, they constrict the entry to the capillary and blood bypasses the capillary

Capillary Beds

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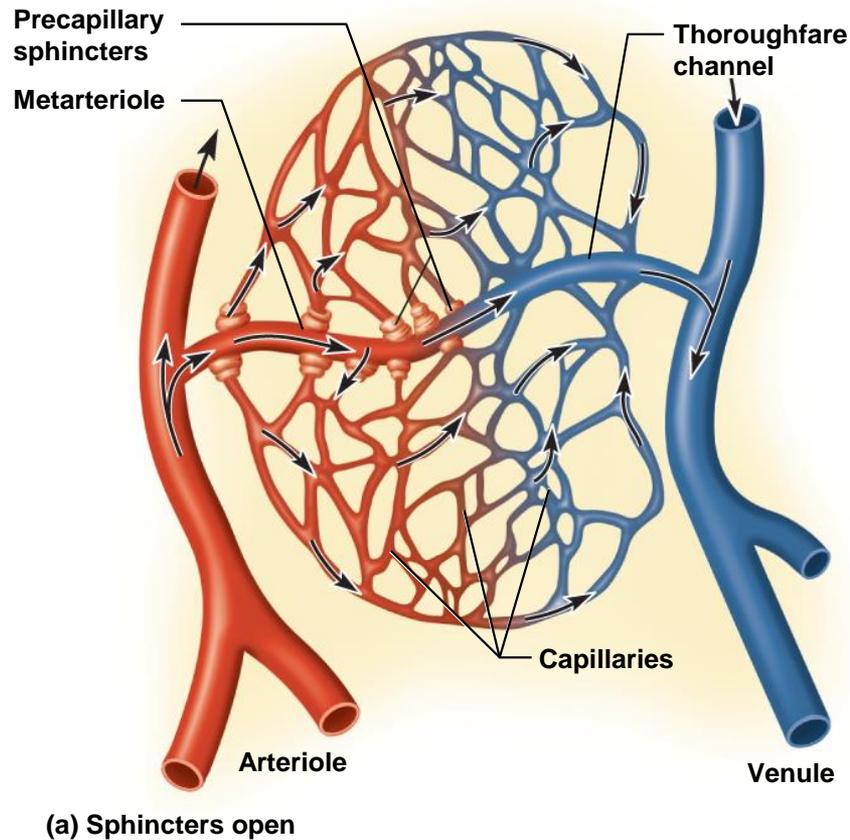
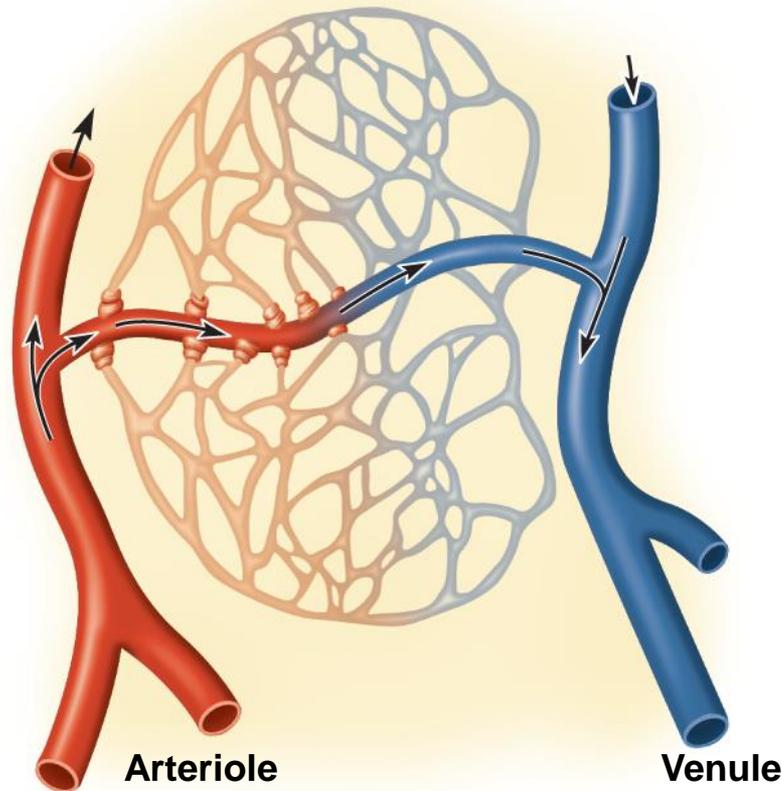


Figure 20.7a

When sphincters are open, the capillaries are well perfused

Capillary Beds

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(b) Sphincters closed

Figure 20.7b

When the sphincters are closed, little to no blood flow occurs (example: capillaries in skeletal muscles at rest)

Veins

- **Greater capacity for blood containment than arteries**
- **Thinner walls, flaccid, less muscular and elastic tissue**
- **Collapse when empty, expand easily**
- **Have steady blood flow**
- **Merge to form larger veins**
- **Subjected to relatively low blood pressure**
 - Averages 10 mm Hg with little fluctuation

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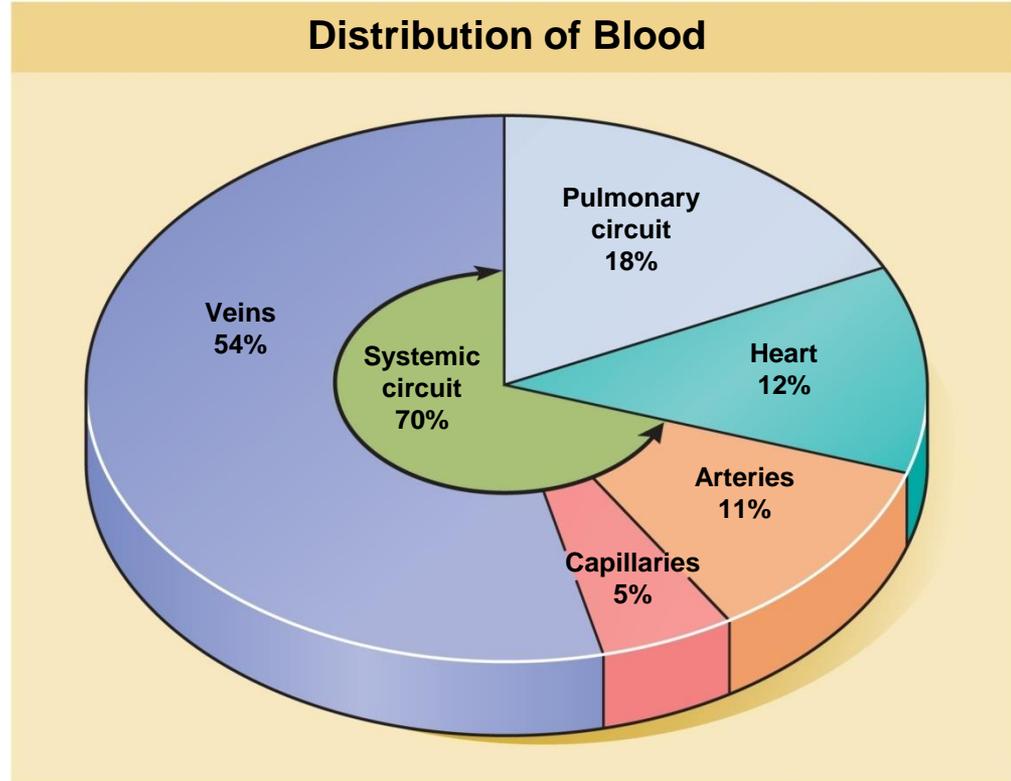


Figure 20.8

Veins

- **Postcapillary venules**—smallest veins
 - Even more porous than capillaries so also exchange fluid with surrounding tissues
 - Tunica interna with a few fibroblasts and no muscle fibers
 - Most leukocytes emigrate from the bloodstream through venule walls

Veins

- **Muscular venules**—up to 1 mm in diameter
 - One or 2 layers of smooth muscle in tunica media
 - Have a thin tunica externa
- **Medium veins**—up to 10 mm in diameter
 - Thin tunica media and thick tunica externa
 - Tunica interna forms **venous valves**
 - **Varicose veins** result in part from the failure of these valves
 - Skeletal muscle pump propels venous blood back toward the heart

Veins

- **Venous sinuses**

- Veins with especially thin walls, large lumens, and no smooth muscle
- **Dural venous sinus** and **coronary sinus** of the heart
- Not capable of vasomotor responses

- **Large veins**—diameter larger than 10 mm

- Some smooth muscle in all three tunics
- Thin tunica media with moderate amount of smooth muscle
- Tunica externa is thickest layer
 - Contains longitudinal bundles of smooth muscle
- Venae cavae, pulmonary veins, internal jugular veins, and renal veins

Varicose Veins

- **Blood pools in the lower legs of people who stand for long periods stretching the veins**
 - Cusps of the valves pull apart in enlarged superficial veins, further weakening vessels
 - Blood backflows and further distends the vessels, their walls grow weak and develop into **varicose veins**
- **Hereditary weakness, obesity, and pregnancy also promote problems**
- **Hemorrhoids** are varicose veins of the anal canal

Circulatory Routes

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- **Simplest and most common route for blood**
 - Heart → arteries → arterioles → capillaries → venules → veins
 - Passes through only **one network of capillaries** from the time it leaves the heart until the time it returns

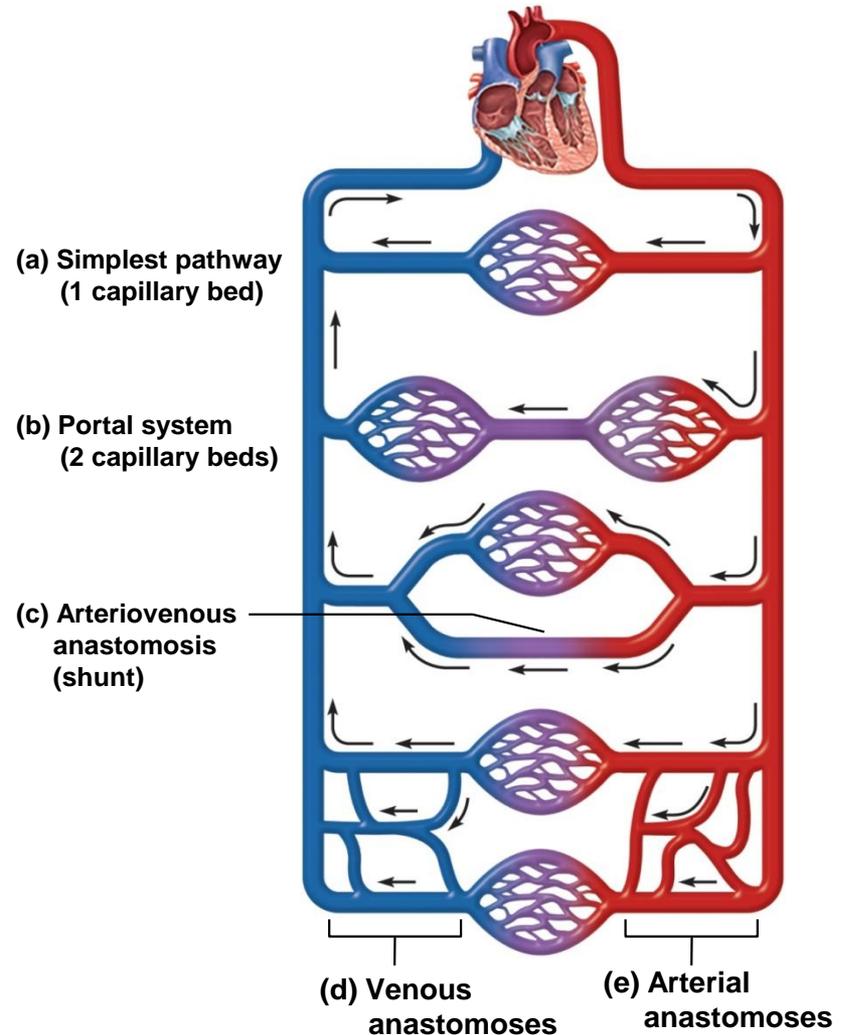


Figure 20.9

Circulatory Routes

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- **Portal system**
 - Blood flows through **two consecutive capillary networks** before returning to heart
 - Between hypothalamus and anterior pituitary
 - In kidneys
 - Between intestines to liver

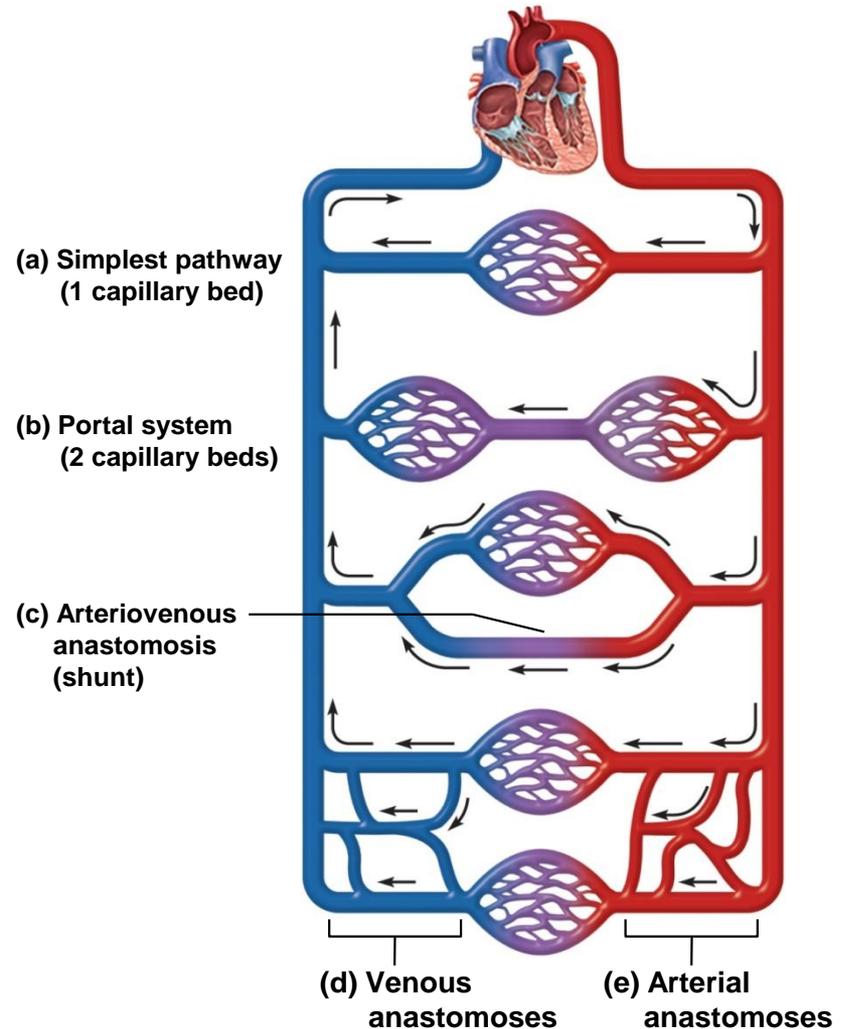


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Circulatory Routes

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- **Anastomosis**—
convergence point
between two vessels
other than capillaries
- **Arteriovenous
anastomosis (shunt)**
 - Artery flows directly into
vein, bypassing capillaries

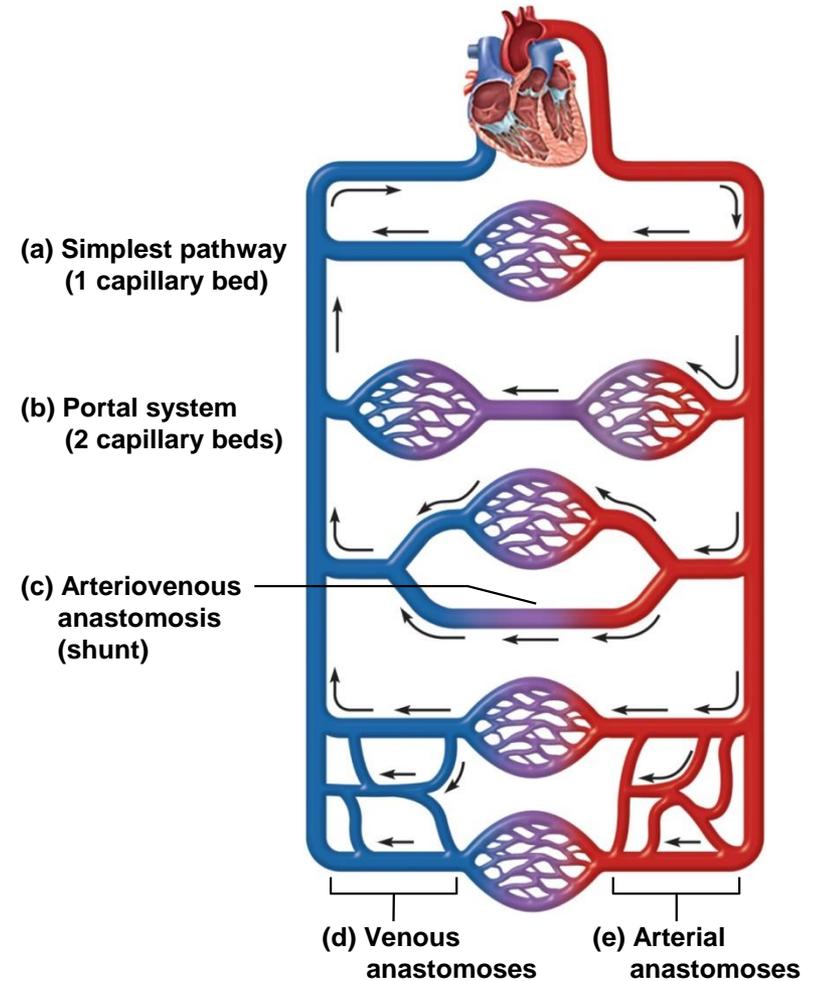


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Circulatory Routes

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- **Venous anastomosis**
 - Most common
 - One vein empties directly into another
 - Reason vein blockage is less serious than arterial blockage
- **Arterial anastomosis**
 - Two arteries merge
 - Provides **collateral (alternative) routes** of blood supply to a tissue
 - Coronary circulation and common around joints

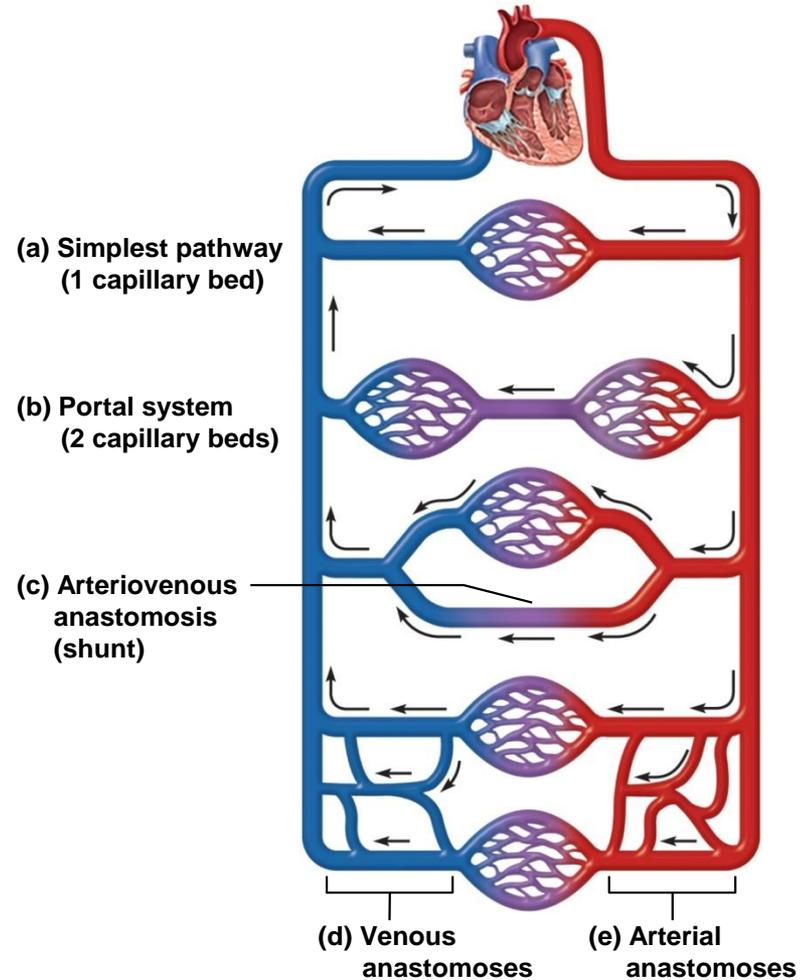


Figure 20.9

Blood Pressure, Resistance, and Flow

- **Expected Learning Outcomes**

- Explain the relationship between blood pressure, resistance, and flow.
- Describe how blood pressure is expressed and how pulse pressure and mean arterial pressure are calculated.
- Describe three factors that determine resistance to blood flow.
- Explain how vessel diameter influences blood pressure and flow.
- Describe some local, neural, and hormonal influences on vessel diameter.

Blood Pressure, Resistance, and Flow

- Blood supply to a tissue can be expressed in terms of **flow** and **perfusion**
 - **Blood flow:** the amount of blood flowing through an organ, tissue, or blood vessel in a given time (mL/min.)
 - **Perfusion:** the flow per given volume or mass of tissue in a given time (mL/min./g)
- **At rest, total flow is quite constant, and is equal to the cardiac output (5.25 L/min)**

Blood Pressure, Resistance, and Flow

- Important for delivery of nutrients and oxygen, and removal of metabolic wastes
- **Hemodynamics**
 - Physical principles of blood flow based on **pressure** and **resistance**
 - $F \propto \Delta P/R$ (F = flow, ΔP = difference in pressure, R = resistance)
 - The greater the pressure difference between two points, the greater the flow; the greater the resistance, the less the flow

Blood Pressure

- **Blood pressure (BP)**—the force that blood exerts against a vessel wall
- Measured at **brachial artery** of arm using **sphygmomanometer**
 - A close approximation of pressure at exit of left ventricle
- **Two pressures are recorded**
 - **Systolic pressure:** peak arterial BP taken during ventricular contraction (ventricular systole)
 - **Diastolic pressure:** minimum arterial BP taken during ventricular relaxation (diastole) between heart beats
- Normal value, young adult: **120/75 mm Hg**

Blood Pressure

- **Pulse pressure**—difference between systolic and diastolic pressure
 - Important measure of driving force on circulation and of stress exerted on small arteries by pressure surges generated by the heart
- **Mean arterial pressure (MAP)**—the mean pressure one would obtain by taking measurements at several intervals throughout the cardiac cycle
 - Diastolic pressure + (one-third of pulse pressure)
 - Average blood pressure that most influences risk level for edema, fainting (syncope), atherosclerosis, kidney failure, and aneurysm

Blood Pressure

- **Since pressure varies across the cardiac cycle, blood flow in arteries is pulsatile**
 - Speed surges from 40 cm/s to 120 cm/s
 - Blood spurts intermittently from an open artery
- **In capillaries and veins, blood flows at steady speed**
 - Bleeding from veins tends to be slow and steady
- **BP tends to rise with age**
 - Arteriosclerosis—stiffening of arteries due to deterioration of elastic tissues of artery walls
 - Atherosclerosis—build up of lipid deposits that become plaques

Blood Pressure

- **Hypertension**—high blood pressure
 - Chronic resting BP > 140/90
 - Consequences
 - Can weaken arteries, cause aneurysms, promote atherosclerosis
- **Hypotension**—chronic low resting BP
 - Caused by blood loss, dehydration, anemia

Blood Pressure

- BP determined by **cardiac output, blood volume, and resistance to flow**
 - Blood volume regulated mainly by kidneys

BP Changes with Distance

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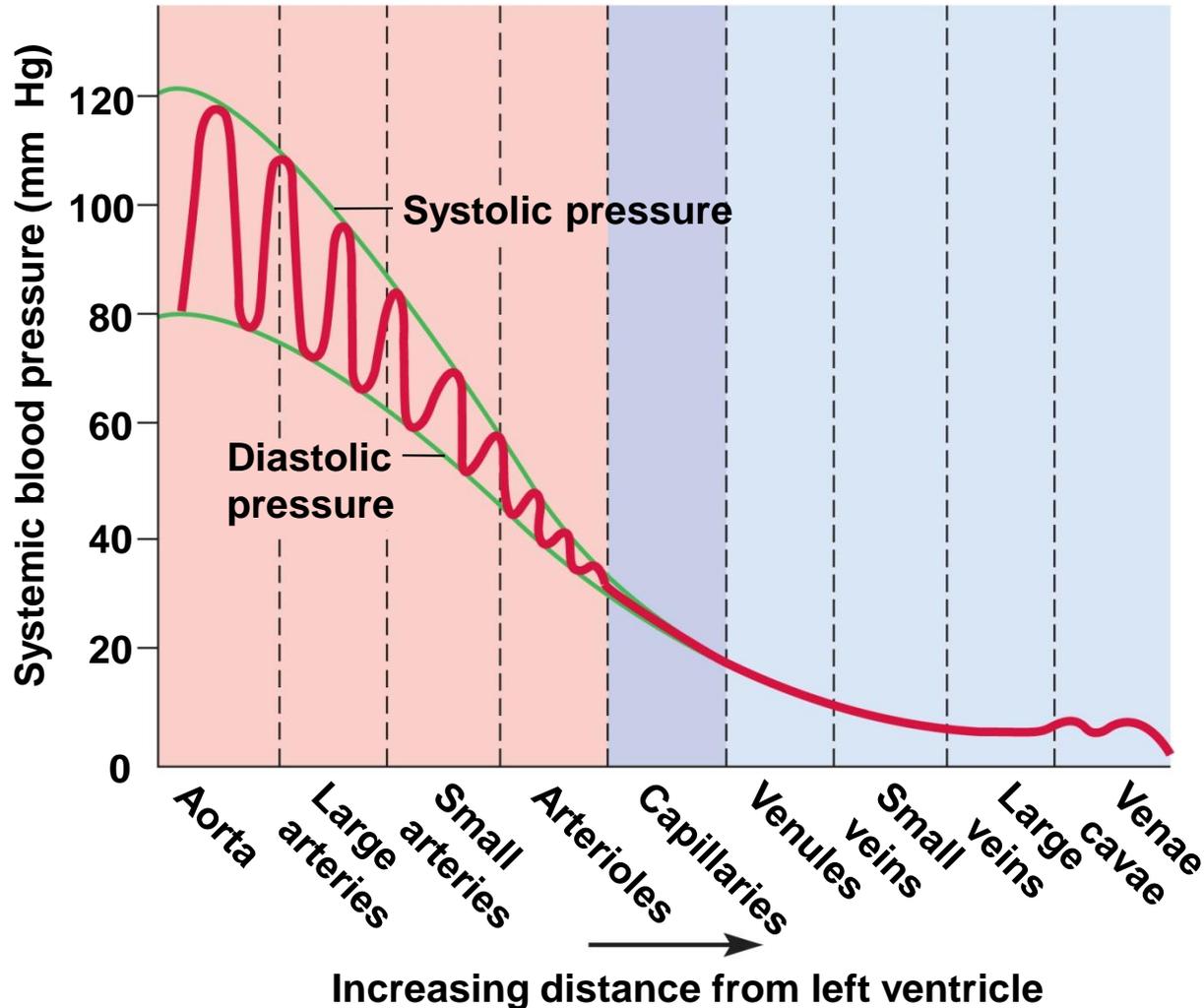


Figure 20.10

Peripheral Resistance

- **Peripheral resistance**—the opposition to flow that blood encounters in vessels away from the heart
- **Resistance hinges on three variables: blood viscosity, vessel length, and vessel radius**
 - **Blood viscosity (“thickness”)**
 - RBC count and albumin concentration elevate viscosity the most
 - Decreased viscosity with anemia and hypoproteinemia speed flow
 - Increased viscosity with polycythemia and dehydration slow flow
 - **Vessel length**
 - The farther liquid travels through a tube, the more cumulative friction it encounters
 - Pressure and flow decline with distance

Peripheral Resistance

- **Vessel radius:** most powerful influence over flow
 - Only significant way of controlling resistance
 - **Vasoreflexes**—changes in vessel radius
 - **Vasoconstriction:** when smooth muscle of tunica media contracts
 - **Vasodilation:** relaxation of the smooth muscle, allowing blood pressure to expand vessel
 - Vessel radius markedly affects **blood velocity**
 - **Laminar flow:** flows in layers, faster in center
 - Blood flow (F) proportional to the fourth power of radius (r), $F \propto r^4$
 - Small changes in blood vessel radius can cause large changes in flow (mL/min)

Peripheral Resistance

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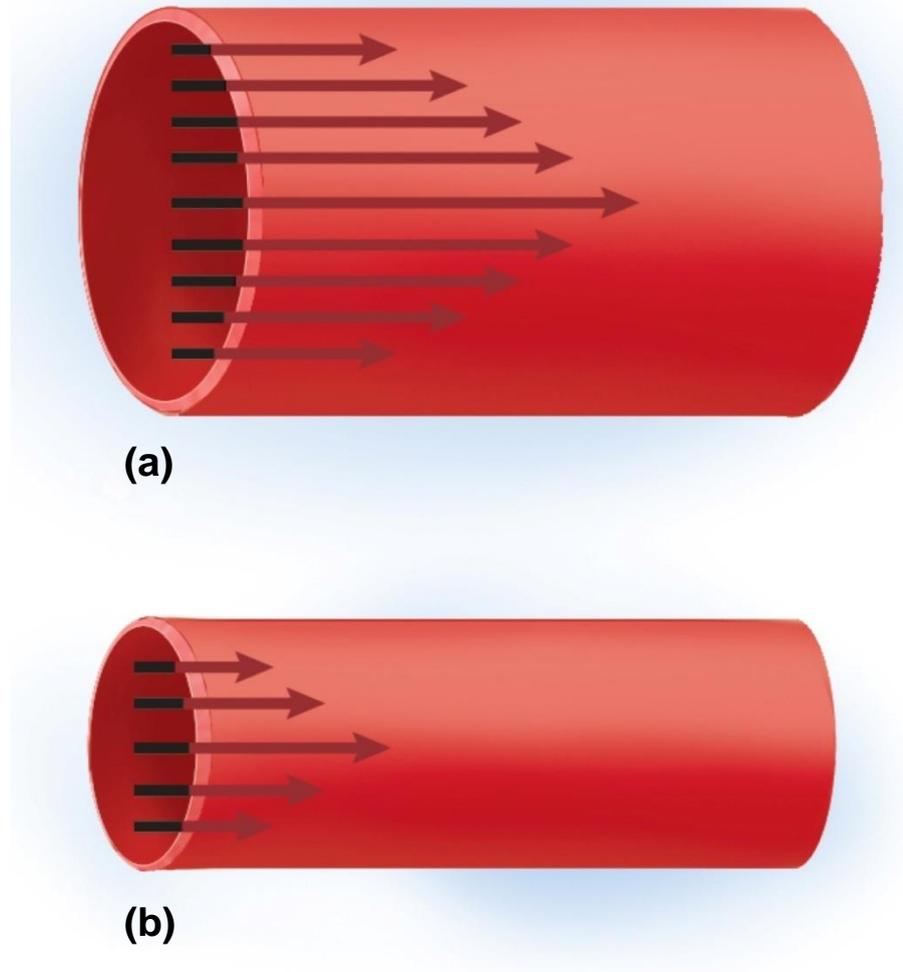


Figure 20.11

Peripheral Resistance

- From **aorta** to **capillaries**, blood velocity (speed) decreases for three reasons
 - Greater distance, more friction to reduce speed
 - Smaller radii of arterioles and capillaries offers more resistance
 - Farther from heart, the number of vessels and their **total** cross-sectional area become greater and greater

Peripheral Resistance

- From **capillaries** to **vena cava**, velocity increases again
 - Since veins are larger they create less resistance than capillaries
 - Large amount of blood forced into smaller channels
 - Blood in veins never regains velocity it had in large arteries
 - Veins are further from the pumping heart
 - Veins are more compliant (they stretch more) than arteries

Peripheral Resistance

- **Arterioles** are most significant point of control over peripheral resistance and flow
 - On proximal side of capillary beds and best positioned to regulate flow into the capillaries
 - Outnumber any other type of artery, providing the most numerous control points
 - More muscular in proportion to their diameter
 - Highly capable of changing radius
- **Arterioles produce half of the total peripheral resistance**

Regulation of Blood Pressure and Flow

- **Vasoreflexes** are quick and powerful ways of altering blood pressure and flow
- **Three ways of controlling vasomotor activity**
 - Local control
 - Neural control
 - Hormonal control

Local Control

- **Autoregulation**—the ability of tissues to regulate their own blood supply
 - Metabolic theory of autoregulation: If tissue is inadequately perfused, wastes accumulate, stimulating vasodilation which increases perfusion
 - Bloodstream delivers oxygen and removes metabolites
 - When wastes are removed, vessels constrict

Local Control

- **Vasoactive chemicals**—substances secreted by platelets, endothelial cells, and perivascular tissue to stimulate vasomotor responses
 - Histamine, bradykinin, and prostaglandins stimulate vasodilation
 - Endothelial cells secrete prostacyclin and nitric oxide (vasodilators)

Local Control

- **Reactive hyperemia**
 - If blood supply cut off then restored, flow increases above normal
- **Angiogenesis**—growth of new blood vessels
 - Occurs in regrowth of uterine lining, around coronary artery obstructions, in exercised muscle, and malignant tumors
 - Controlled by several growth factors and inhibitors

Neural Control

- **The central and autonomic nervous systems also exert control over blood vessel size**
- **Vasomotor center** of medulla exerts **sympathetic** control over blood vessels throughout the body
 - Stimulates most vessels to **constrict**, but dilates vessels in cardiac muscle to meet demands of exercise
 - Vasomotor center is the integrating center for three autonomic reflexes
 - **Baroreflexes**
 - **Chemoreflexes**
 - **Medullary ischemic reflex**

Neural Control

- **Baroreflex**—automatic, negative feedback response to change in blood pressure
 - Increases in BP detected by **carotid sinuses**
 - **Glossopharyngeal nerve** sends signals to brainstem
 - Results in 1) inhibition of sympathetic cardiac and vasomotor neurons, and 2) excitation of vagal fibers that slow heart rate and thus reduce BP
 - Decreases in BP have the opposite effect
- Baroreflexes govern **short-term** regulation of BP
 - Adjustments for rapid changes in posture
 - Not helpful in correcting chronic hypertension
 - After 2 days or less they adjust their set point

Negative Feedback Control of BP

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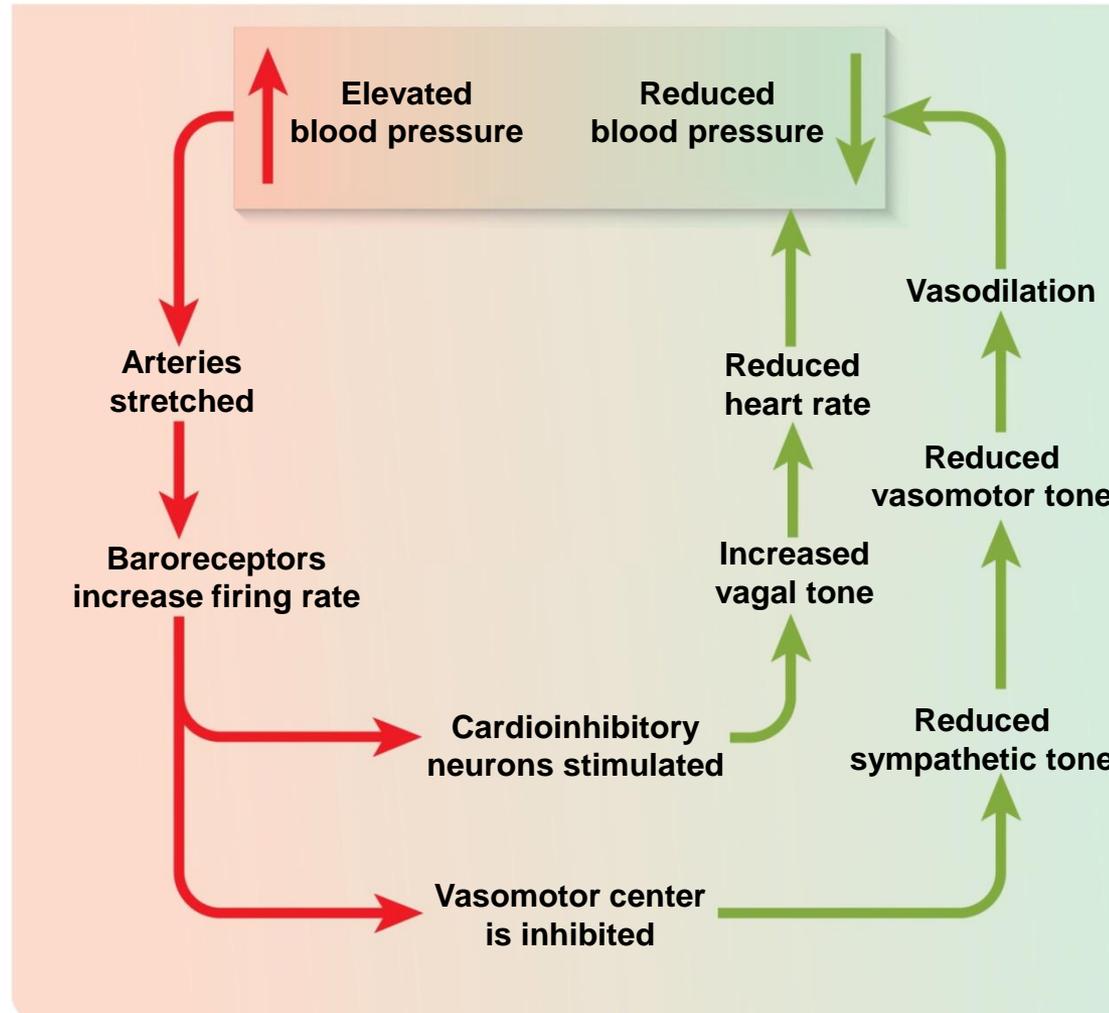


Figure 20.13

Neural Control

- **Chemoreflex**—an automatic response to changes in blood chemistry
 - Especially pH, and concentrations of O₂ and CO₂
- **Chemoreceptors** called aortic bodies and carotid bodies
 - Located in aortic arch, subclavian arteries, external carotid arteries

Neural Control

- **Primary role:** adjust respiration to changes in blood chemistry
- **Secondary role:** vasoreflexes
 - Hypoxemia, hypercapnia, and acidosis stimulate chemoreceptors, acting through vasomotor center to cause widespread vasoconstriction, increasing BP, increasing lung perfusion, and gas exchange
 - Also stimulate breathing

Neural Control

- **Medullary ischemic reflex**—automatic response to a drop in perfusion of the brain
 - Medulla oblongata monitors its own blood supply
 - Activates corrective reflexes when it senses ischemia (insufficient perfusion)
 - Cardiac and vasomotor centers send sympathetic signals to heart and blood vessels
 - Increases heart rate and contraction force
 - Causes widespread vasoconstriction
 - Raises BP and restores normal perfusion to the brain
- **Other brain centers can affect vasomotor center**
 - Stress, anger, arousal can also increase BP

Hormonal Control

- **Hormones influence blood pressure**
 - Some through their **vasoactive effects**
 - Some by regulating **water balance**
- **Angiotensin II**—potent vasoconstrictor
 - Raises blood pressure
 - Promotes Na⁺ and water retention by kidneys
 - Increases blood volume and pressure
- **Atrial natriuretic peptide**—increases urinary sodium excretion
 - Reduces blood volume and promotes vasodilation
 - Lowers blood pressure

Hormonal Control

- **ADH** promotes water retention and raises BP
 - Pathologically high concentrations; also a vasoconstrictor (aka vasopressin)
- **Epinephrine and norepinephrine** effects
 - Most blood vessels
 - Bind to α -adrenergic receptors—**vasoconstriction**
 - In cardiac muscle blood vessels
 - Bind to β -adrenergic receptors—**vasodilation**

Two Purposes of Vasoreflexes

- **Two purposes of dilation and constriction:**
1) general control of BP and 2) routing blood from one body region to another
- **General method of raising or lowering BP throughout the whole body**
 - Increasing BP requires medullary vasomotor center or widespread circulation of a hormone
 - Important in supporting cerebral perfusion during a hemorrhage or dehydration

Two Purposes of Vasoreflexes

- Method of **rerouting blood** from one region to another for perfusion of individual organs
 - Either centrally or locally controlled
 - During exercise, sympathetic system reduces blood flow to kidneys and digestive tract and increases blood flow to skeletal muscles
 - Metabolite accumulation in a tissue affects local circulation without affecting circulation elsewhere in the body
 - If a specific artery constricts, the pressure downstream drops, pressure upstream rises

Two Purposes of Vasoreflexes

- **Examples**

- Vigorous exercise dilates arteries in lungs, heart, and muscles
 - Vasoconstriction occurs in kidneys and digestive tract
- Dozing in armchair after big meal
 - Vasoconstriction in lower limbs raises BP above the limbs, redirecting blood to intestinal arteries

Blood Flow in Response to Needs

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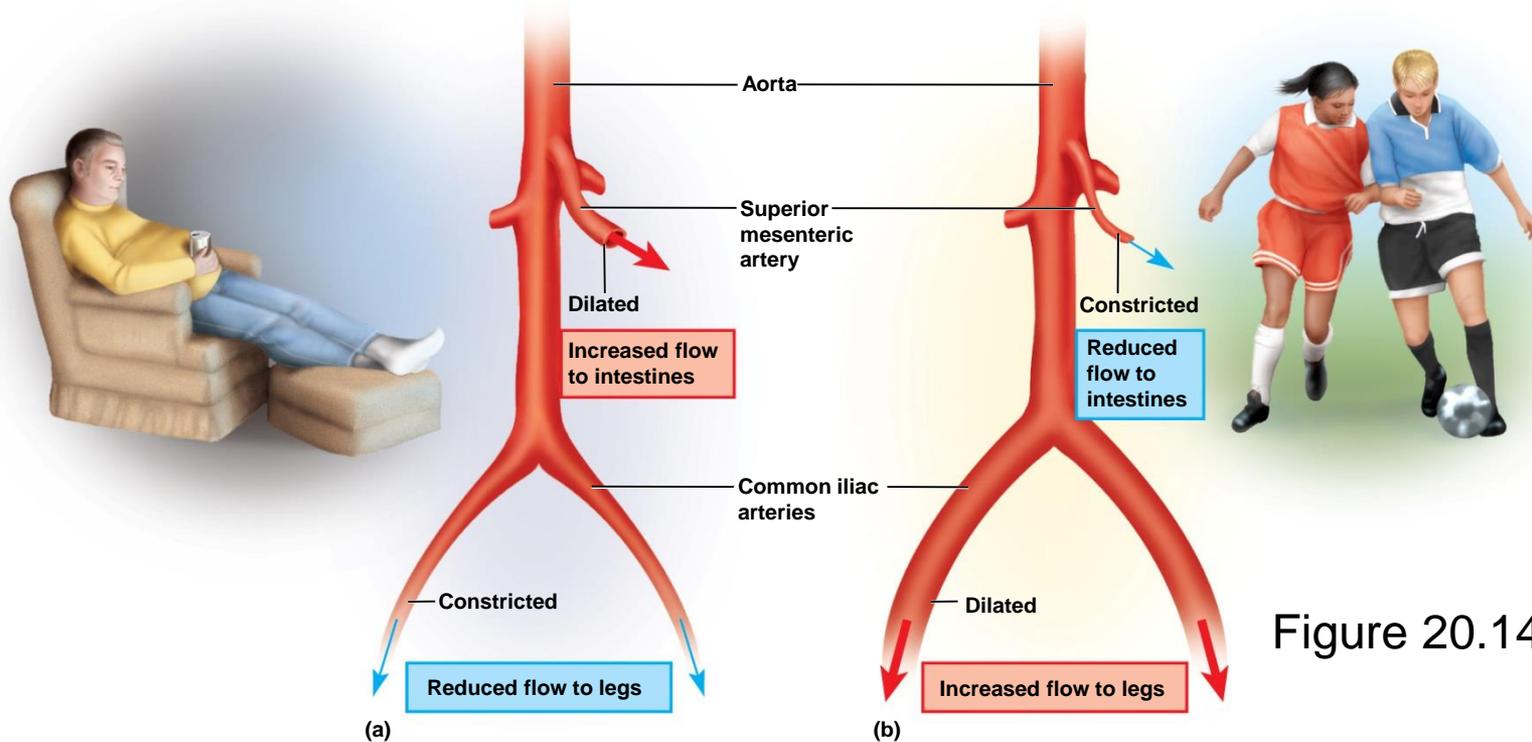


Figure 20.14

- **Arteries shift blood flow with changing priorities**

Blood Flow Comparison

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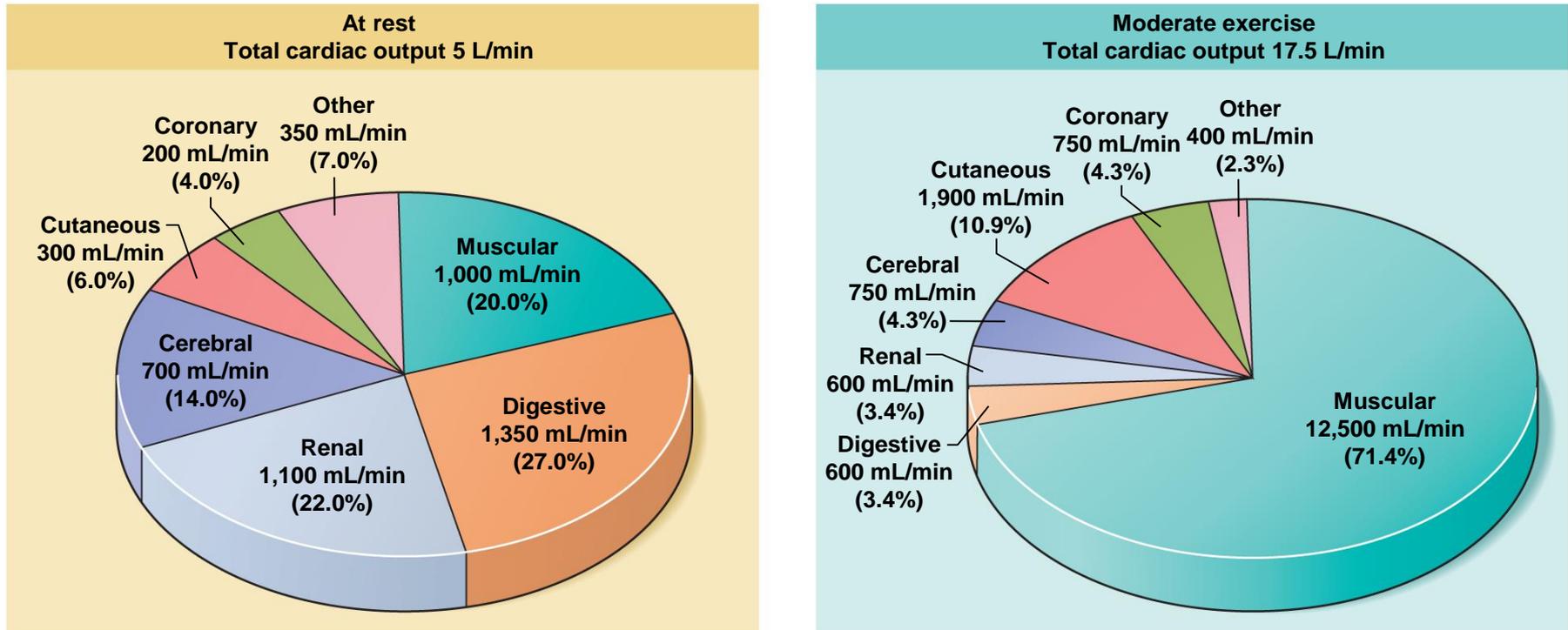


Figure 20.15

- **During exercise**

- Increased perfusion of lungs, myocardium, and skeletal muscles
- Decreased perfusion of kidneys and digestive tract

Capillary Exchange

- **Expected Learning Outcomes**
 - Describe how materials get from the blood to the surrounding tissues.
 - Describe and calculate the forces that enable capillaries to give off and reabsorb fluid.
 - Describe the causes and effects of edema.

Capillary Exchange

- **The most important blood in the body is in the capillaries**
- **Only through capillary walls are exchanges made between the blood and surrounding tissues**
- **Capillary exchange**—two-way movement of fluid across capillary walls
 - Water, oxygen, glucose, amino acids, lipids, minerals, antibodies, hormones, wastes, carbon dioxide, ammonia

Capillary Exchange

- Chemicals pass through the capillary wall by **three routes**
 - Through endothelial cell cytoplasm
 - Intercellular clefts between endothelial cells
 - Filtration pores (fenestrations) of the fenestrated capillaries
- **Mechanisms involved**
 - Diffusion, transcytosis, filtration, and reabsorption

Diffusion

- **Diffusion** is the most important form of capillary exchange
 - Glucose and oxygen, being more concentrated in blood, diffuse out of the blood
 - Carbon dioxide and other waste, being more concentrated in tissue fluid, diffuse into the blood
- **Capillary diffusion can only occur if:**
 - The solute can permeate the plasma membranes of the endothelial cell, or
 - Find passages large enough to pass through
 - Filtration pores and intracellular clefts

Diffusion

- **Lipid-soluble substances**
 - Steroid hormones, O₂, and CO₂ diffuse easily through plasma membranes
- **Water-soluble substances**
 - Glucose and electrolytes must pass through filtration pores and intercellular clefts
- **Large particles such as proteins held back**

Transcytosis

- **Trancytosis**—endothelial cells pick up material on one side of their membrane by pinocytosis or receptor-mediated endocytosis, transport vesicles across cell, and discharge material on other side by exocytosis
- **Important for fatty acids, albumin, and some hormones (insulin)**

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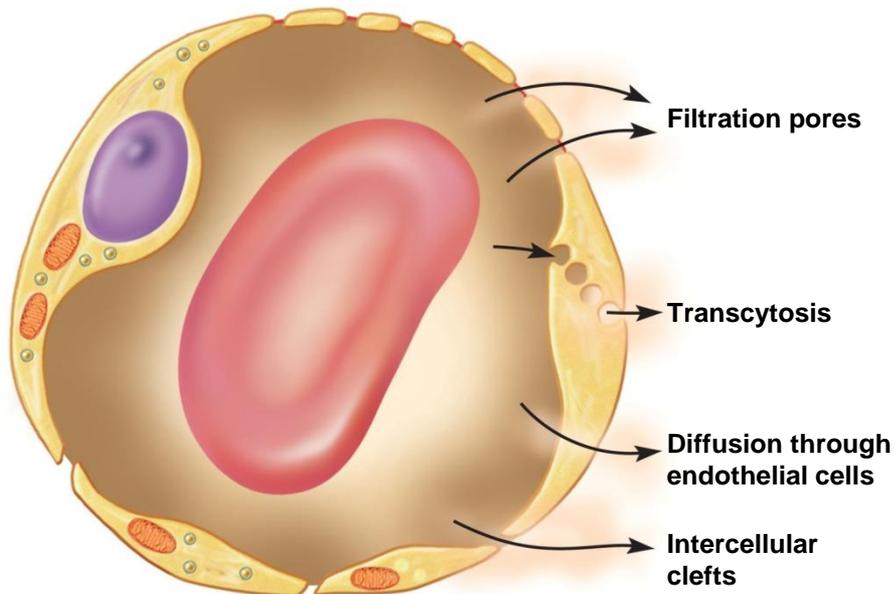


Figure 20.16

Filtration and Reabsorption

- **Fluid filters out of the arterial end of the capillary and osmotically reenters at the venous end**
- **Delivers materials to the cell and removes metabolic wastes**
- **Opposing forces:**
 - **Blood hydrostatic pressure** drives fluid out of capillary
 - High on arterial end of capillary, low on venous end
 - **Colloid osmotic pressure (COP)** draws fluid into capillary
 - Results from plasma proteins (albumin)—more in blood
 - **Oncotic pressure** = net COP (blood COP – tissue COP)

Filtration and Reabsorption

- **Hydrostatic pressure**
 - Physical force exerted against a surface by a liquid
 - Blood pressure in vessels is hydrostatic pressure
- Capillaries reabsorb about **85%** of the fluid they filter
- Other **15%** is absorbed by the **lymphatic system** and returned to the blood

Filtration and Reabsorption

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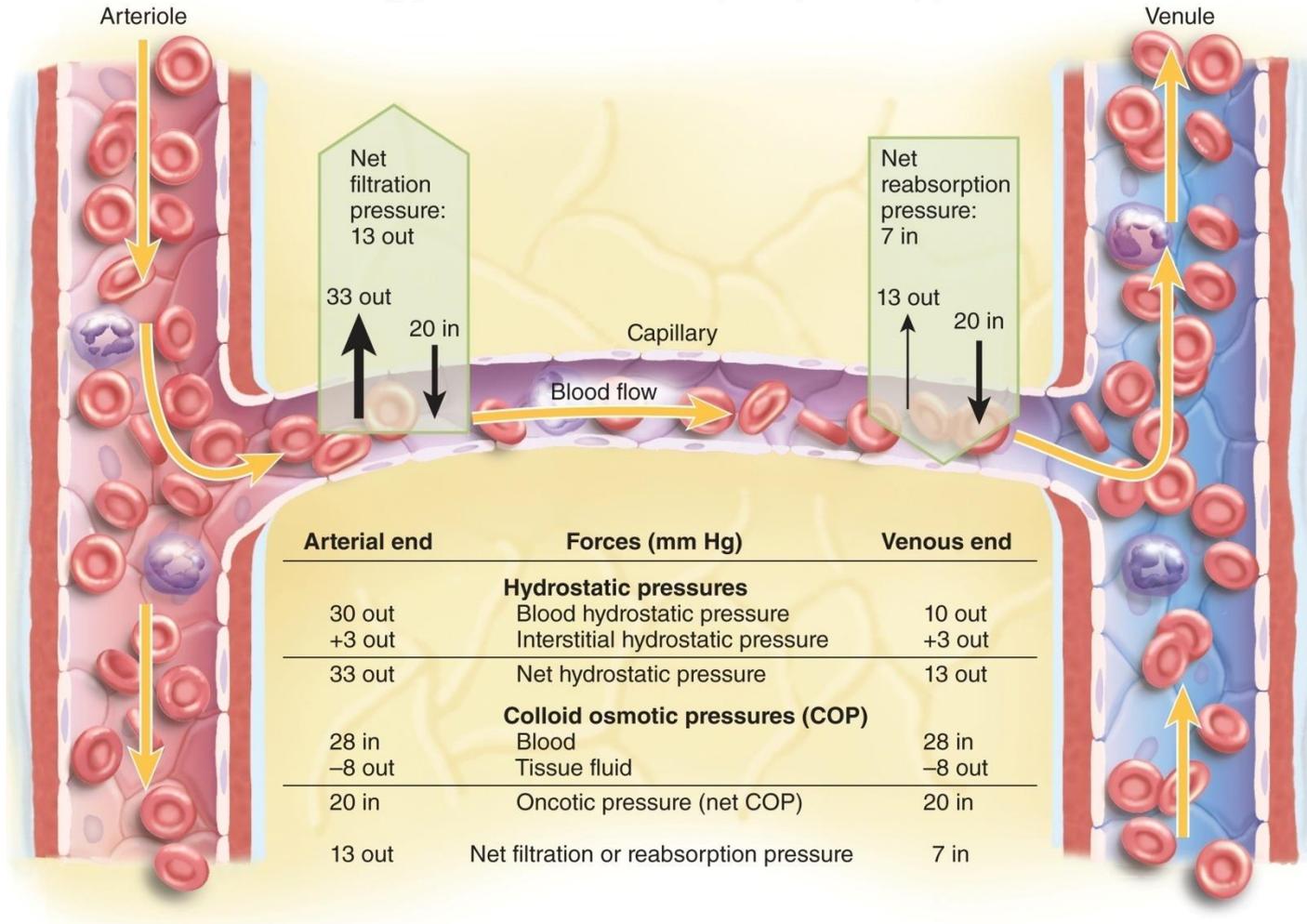


Figure 20.17

The Forces of Capillary Filtration and Reabsorption

- **Capillary filtration at arterial end**
- **Capillary reabsorption at venous end**
- **Variations**
 - Location
 - Glomeruli—devoted to filtration
 - Alveolar capillary—devoted to absorption
 - Activity or trauma
 - Increases filtration

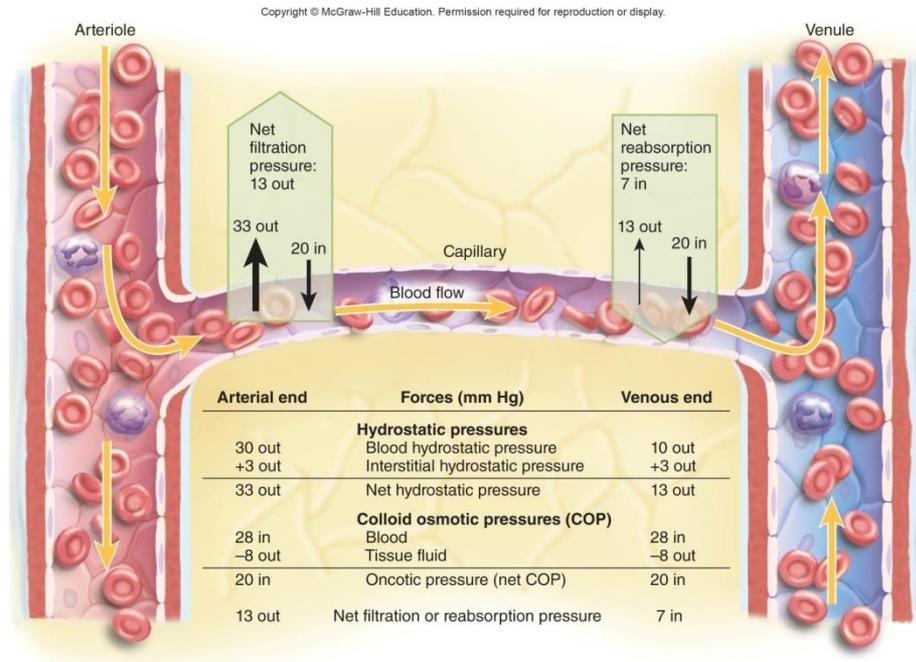


Figure 20.17

Variations in Capillary Filtration and Reabsorption

- **Capillaries usually reabsorb most of the fluid they filter with certain exceptions**
 - **Kidney capillaries** in glomeruli do not reabsorb
 - **Alveolar capillaries** in lung absorb completely to keep fluid out of air spaces

Variations in Capillary Filtration and Reabsorption

- **Capillary activity varies from moment to moment**
 - Collapsed in resting tissue, reabsorption predominates since BP is low
 - Metabolically active tissue has increase in capillary flow and BP
 - Increase in muscular bulk by 25% due to accumulation of fluid

Edema

- **Edema**—accumulation of excess fluid in a tissue
 - Occurs when fluid filters into a tissue faster than it is absorbed
- **Three primary causes**
 - **Increased capillary filtration**
 - Kidney failure, histamine release, old age, poor venous return
 - **Reduced capillary absorption**
 - Hypoproteinemia, liver disease, dietary protein deficiency
 - **Obstructed lymphatic drainage**
 - Surgical removal of lymph nodes

Edema

- **Tissue necrosis**
 - Oxygen delivery and waste removal impaired
- **Pulmonary edema**
 - Suffocation threat
- **Cerebral edema**
 - Headaches, nausea, seizures, and coma
- **Severe edema or circulatory shock**
 - Excess fluid in tissue spaces causes low blood volume and low blood pressure

Venous Return and Circulatory Shock

- **Expected Learning Outcomes**
 - Explain how blood in the veins is returned to the heart.
 - Discuss the importance of physical activity in venous return.
 - Discuss several causes of circulatory shock.
 - Name and describe the stages of shock.

Mechanisms of Venous Return

- **Venous return**—the flow of blood back to the heart; relies on: pressure gradient, gravity, skeletal muscle pump, thoracic pump, and cardiac suction
 - **Pressure gradient**
 - Blood pressure is the most important force in venous return
 - 7 to 13 mm Hg venous pressure toward heart
 - Venules (12 to 18 mm Hg) to **central venous pressure**: point where the venae cavae enter the heart (~5 mm Hg)
 - **Gravity** drains blood from head and neck
 - **Skeletal muscle pump** in the limbs
 - Contracting muscle squeezes blood out of the compressed part of the vein

Mechanisms of Venous Return

Venous Return (Continued)

– Thoracic (respiratory) pump

- Inhalation—thoracic cavity expands and thoracic pressure decreases, abdominal pressure increases, forcing blood upward
 - Central venous pressure fluctuates
- 2 mm Hg—inhale, 6 mm Hg—exhale
- Blood flows faster with inhalation

– Cardiac suction of expanding atrial space

The Skeletal Muscle Pump

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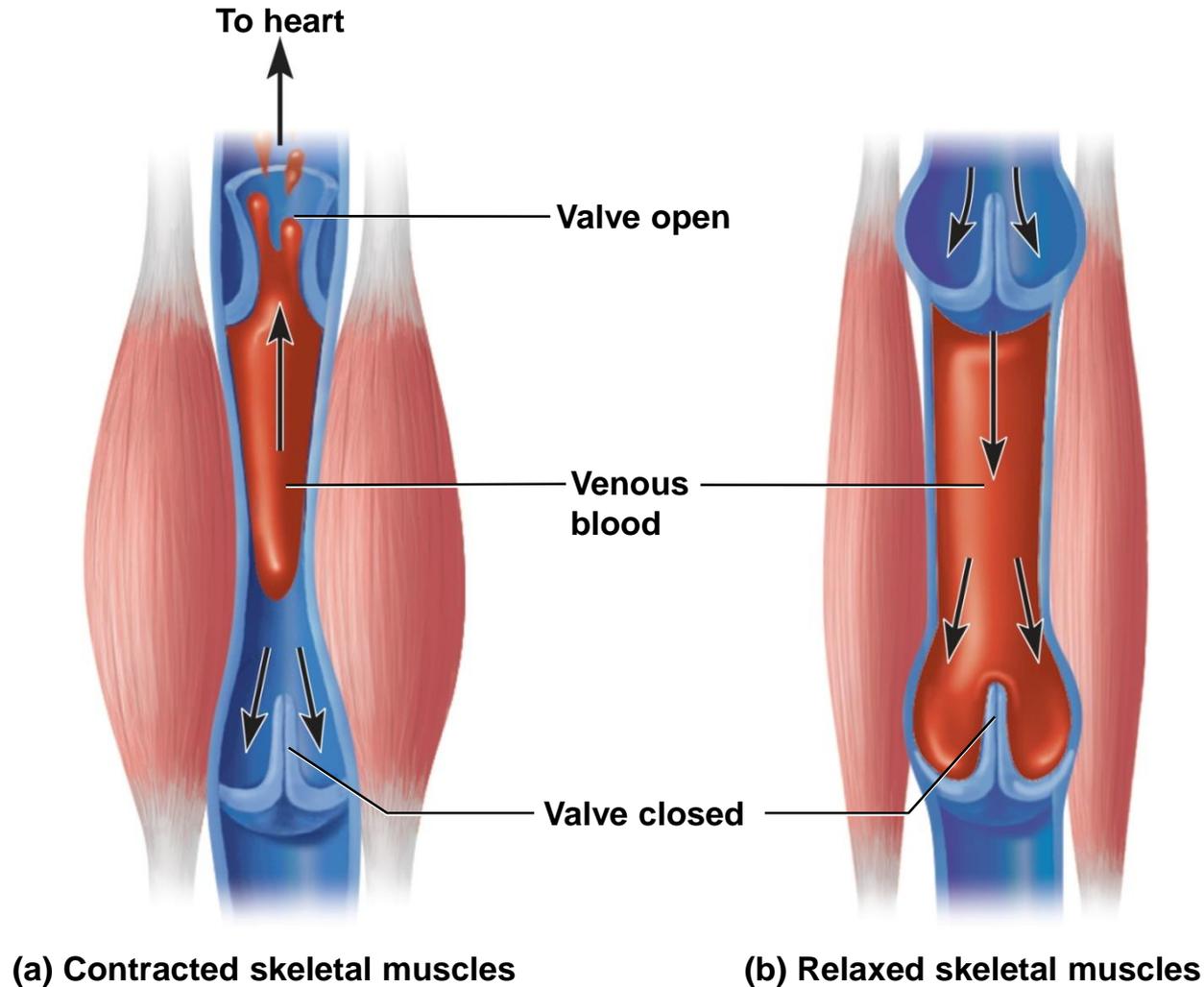


Figure 20.19

Venous Return and Physical Activity

- **Exercise increases venous return** in many ways
 - Heart beats faster and harder, increasing CO and BP
 - Vessels of skeletal muscles, lungs, and heart dilate and increase flow
 - Increased respiratory rate, increased action of thoracic pump
 - Increased skeletal muscle pump

Venous Return and Physical Activity

- **Venous pooling** occurs with inactivity
 - Venous pressure not enough to force blood upward
 - With prolonged standing, CO may be low enough to cause dizziness
 - Prevented by tensing leg muscles, activate skeletal muscle pump
 - Jet pilots wear pressure suits

Circulatory Shock

- **Circulatory shock**—any state in which cardiac output is insufficient to meet the body's metabolic needs
 - **Cardiogenic shock:** inadequate pumping of heart (MI)
 - **Low venous return (LVR):** cardiac output is low because too little blood is returning to the heart

Circulatory Shock

(Continued)

- Three principal forms of LVR shock:
 - **Hypovolemic shock**—most common
 - Loss of blood volume: trauma, burns, dehydration
 - **Obstructed venous return shock**
 - Tumor or aneurysm compresses a vein
 - **Venous pooling (vascular) shock**
 - Long periods of standing, sitting, or widespread vasodilation

Circulatory Shock

- **Neurogenic shock**—loss of vasomotor tone, vasodilation
 - Causes from emotional shock to brainstem injury
- **Septic shock**
 - Bacterial toxins trigger vasodilation and increased capillary permeability
- **Anaphylactic shock**
 - Severe immune reaction to antigen, histamine release, generalized vasodilation, increased capillary permeability

Responses to Circulatory Shock

- **Compensated shock**
 - Several homeostatic mechanisms bring about spontaneous recovery
 - Example: If a person faints and falls to a horizontal position, gravity restores blood flow to the brain
- **Decompensated shock**
 - When compensation fails
 - Life-threatening positive feedback loops occur
 - Condition gets worse causing damage to cardiac and brain tissue

Special Circulatory Routes

- **Expected Learning Outcomes**
 - Explain how the brain maintains stable perfusion.
 - Discuss the causes and effects of strokes and transient ischemic attacks.
 - Explain the mechanisms that increase muscular perfusion during exercise.
 - Contrast the blood pressure of the pulmonary circuit with that of the systemic circuit, and explain why the difference is important in pulmonary function.

Brain

- **Total blood flow to the brain fluctuates less than that of any other organ (700 mL/min.)**
 - Seconds of deprivation causes loss of consciousness
 - Four to 5 minutes causes irreversible brain damage
 - Though total flow is constant, blood is shifted to active brain areas from moment to moment

Brain

- **Brain regulates its own blood flow to match changes in BP and chemistry**
 - Cerebral arteries dilate as systemic BP drops, constrict as BP rises
 - Main chemical stimulus: pH
 - $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 \rightarrow \text{H}^+ + (\text{HCO}_3)^-$
 - **Hypercapnia**— CO_2 levels increase in brain, pH decreases, triggers vasodilation
 - **Hypocapnia**—raises pH, stimulates vasoconstriction
 - Occurs with hyperventilation, may lead to ischemia, dizziness, and sometimes syncope

Brain

- **Transient ischemic attacks (TIAs)**—brief episodes of cerebral ischemia
 - Caused by spasms of diseased cerebral arteries
 - Dizziness, loss of vision, weakness, paralysis, headache, or aphasia
 - Lasts from a moment to a few hours
 - Often early warning of impending stroke

Brain

- **Stroke, or cerebral vascular accident (CVA)**
 - Sudden death of brain tissue caused by ischemia
 - Atherosclerosis, thrombosis, ruptured aneurysm
 - Effects range from unnoticeable to fatal
 - Blindness, paralysis, loss of sensation, loss of speech common
 - Recovery depends on surrounding neurons, collateral circulation

Skeletal Muscles

- Variable blood flow depending on **state of exertion**
- **At rest**
 - Arterioles constrict, most capillary beds shut down
 - Total flow about 1 L/min.
- **During exercise**
 - Arterioles dilate in response to muscle metabolites such as lactic acid, CO_2 , and H^+
 - Blood flow can increase 20-fold
 - Blood is diverted from digestive and urinary organs
- **Muscular contraction impedes flow**
 - Isometric contraction causes fatigue faster than intermittent isotonic contractions

Lungs

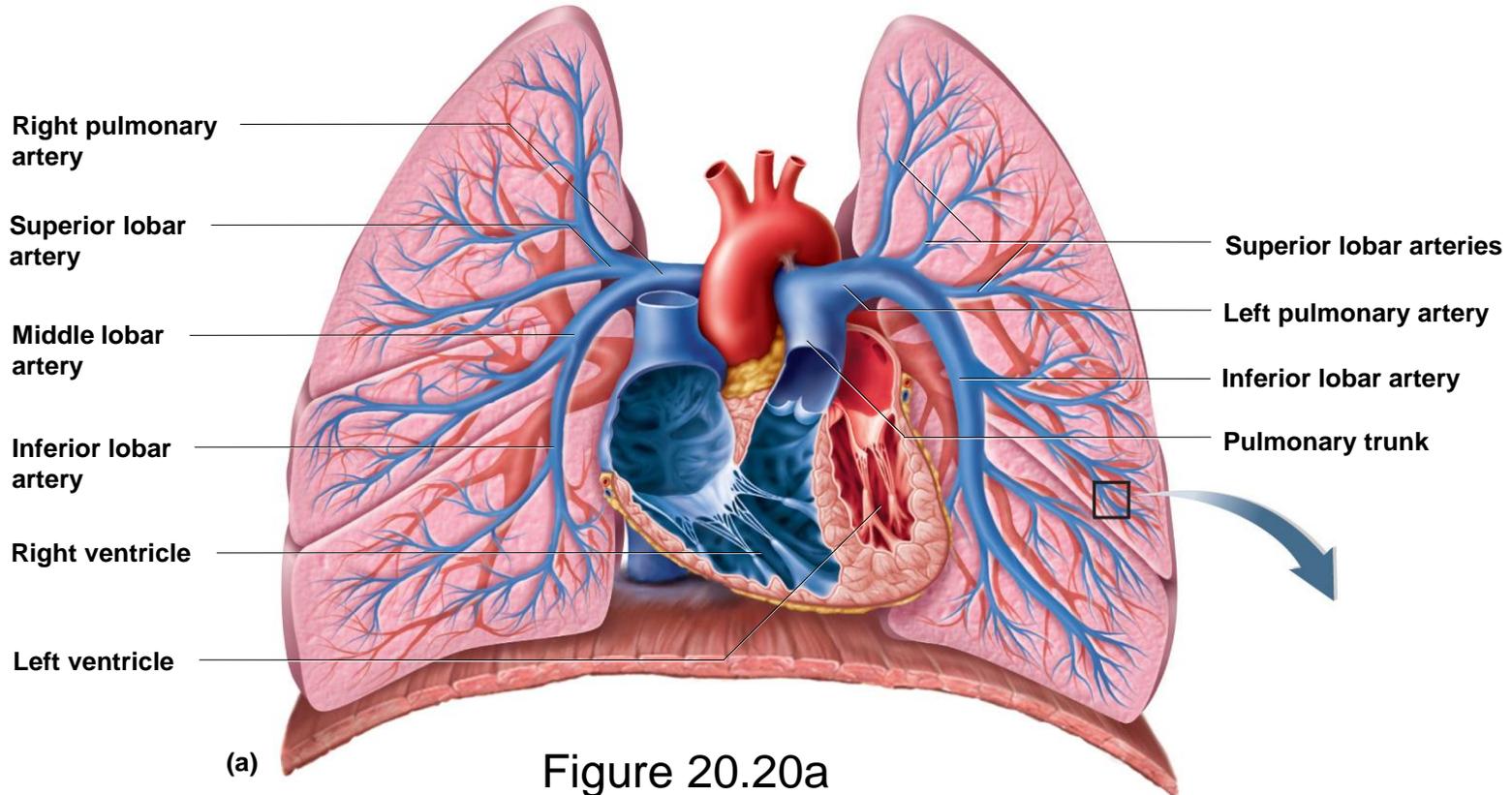
- **Low** pulmonary blood pressure (25/10 mm Hg)
 - Flow slower, more time for gas exchange
 - Oncotic pressure overrides blood (hydrostatic) pressure
 - Pulmonary capillaries absorb fluid (almost no filtration)
 - Prevents fluid accumulation in alveolar walls and lumens
- **Unique response to hypoxia**
 - Pulmonary arteries constrict in diseased area
 - Redirects flow to better ventilated region

Anatomy of the Pulmonary Circuit

- **Expected Learning Outcome**
 - Trace the route of blood through the pulmonary circuit.

Anatomy of the Pulmonary Circuit

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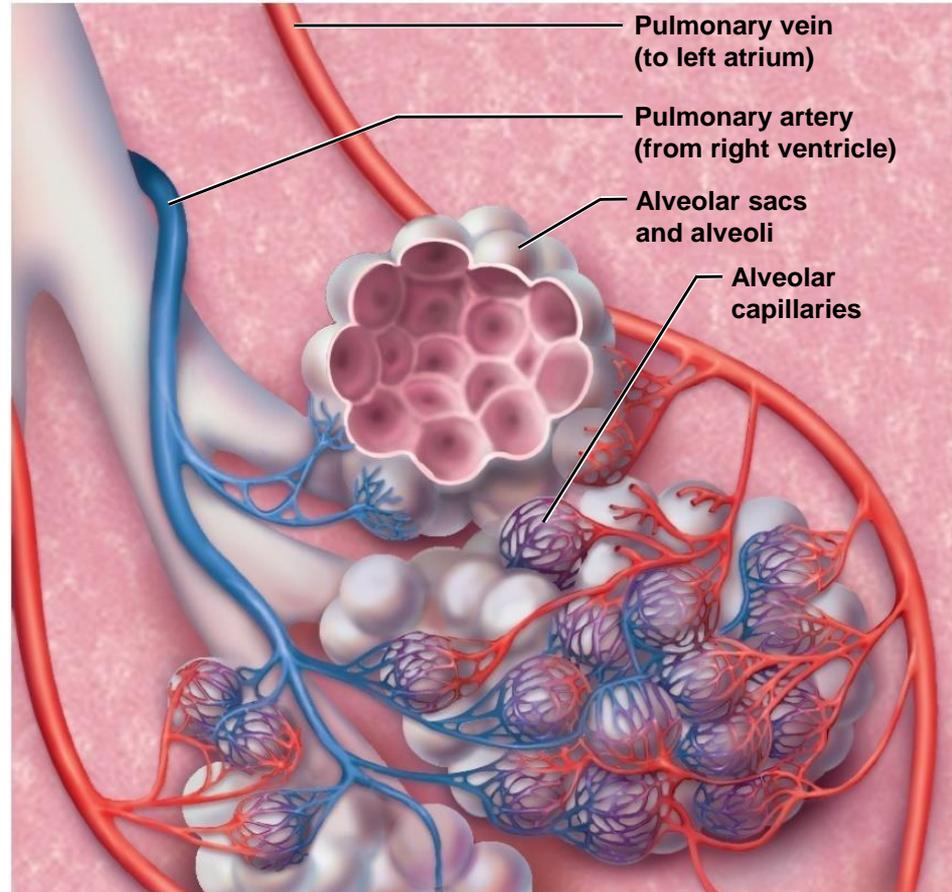


- **Pulmonary trunk to pulmonary arteries to lungs**
 - Lobar branches for each lobe (three right, two left)
- **Pulmonary veins return to left atrium**
 - Increased O_2 and reduced CO_2 levels

Anatomy of the Pulmonary Circuit

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- **Basket-like capillary beds surround alveoli**
- **Exchange of gases with air and blood at alveoli**



(b)

Figure 20.20b

Systemic Vessels of the Axial Region

- **Expected Learning Outcomes**
 - Identify the principal systemic arteries and veins of the axial region.
 - Trace the flow of blood from the heart to any major organ of the axial region and back to the heart.

The Major Systemic Arteries

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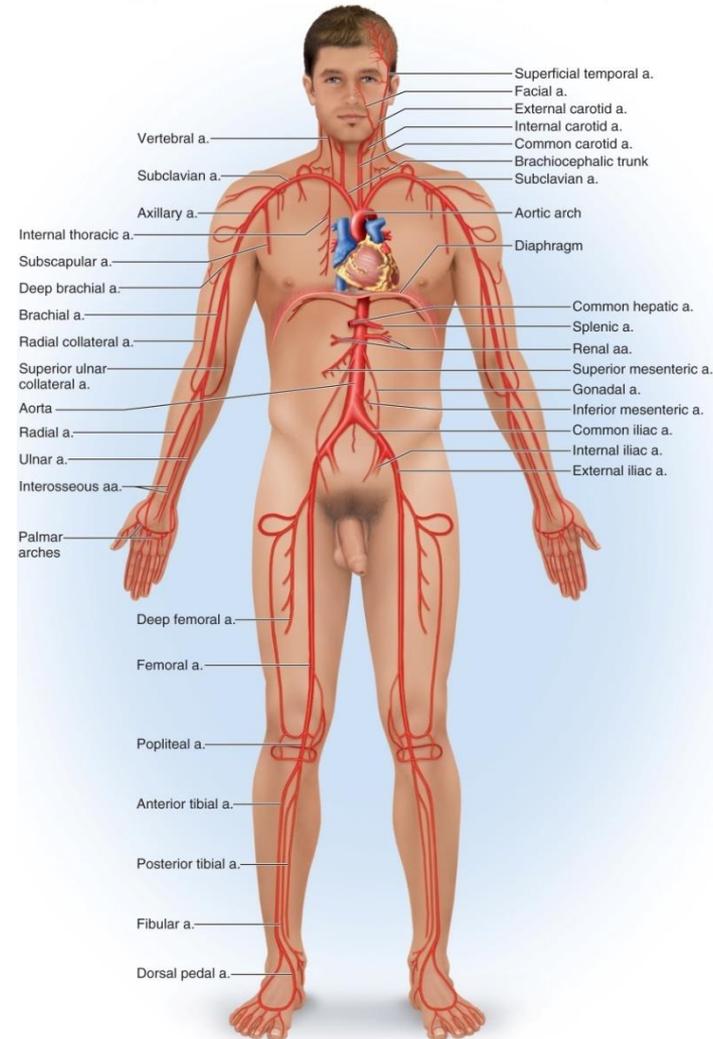


Figure 20.21

- **Arteries supply oxygen and nutrients to all organs**

The Aorta and Its Major Branches

- **Ascending aorta**
 - Right and left **coronary arteries** supply heart
- **Aortic arch**
 - **Brachiocephalic**
 - Right common carotid supplying right side of head
 - Right subclavian supplying right shoulder and upper limb
 - **Left common carotid** supplying left side of head
 - **Left subclavian** supplying shoulder and upper limb
- **Descending aorta:** differently named in chest and abdomen
 - **Thoracic aorta** above diaphragm
 - **Abdominal aorta** below diaphragm

The Aorta and Its Major Branches

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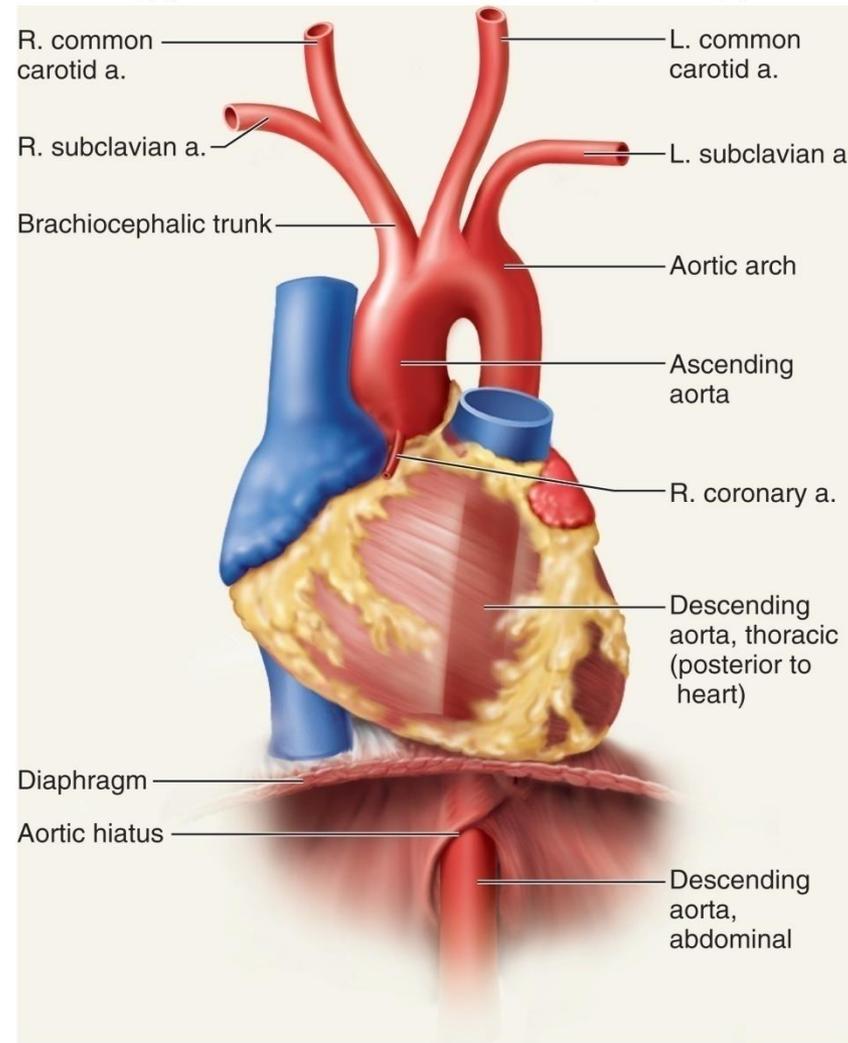


Figure 20.23

Arteries of the Head and Neck

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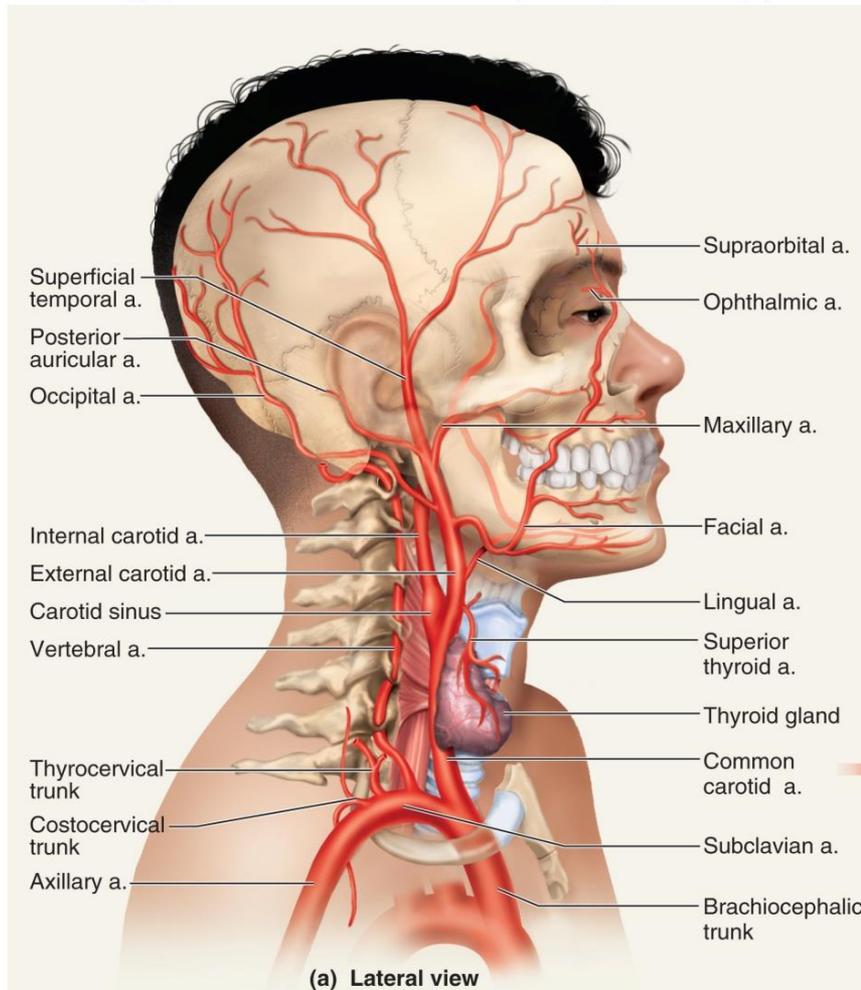


Figure 20.24a

- **Common carotid divides into internal and external carotids**
 - External carotid supplies most external head structures

Arteries of the Head and Neck

- Paired **vertebral arteries** combine to form **basilar artery** on pons
- **Circle of Willis** arterial anastomosis on base of brain receiving blood from basilar and internal carotid arteries; serves cerebrum
 - Surrounds pituitary gland and optic chiasm
 - Includes anterior and posterior cerebral and communicating arteries

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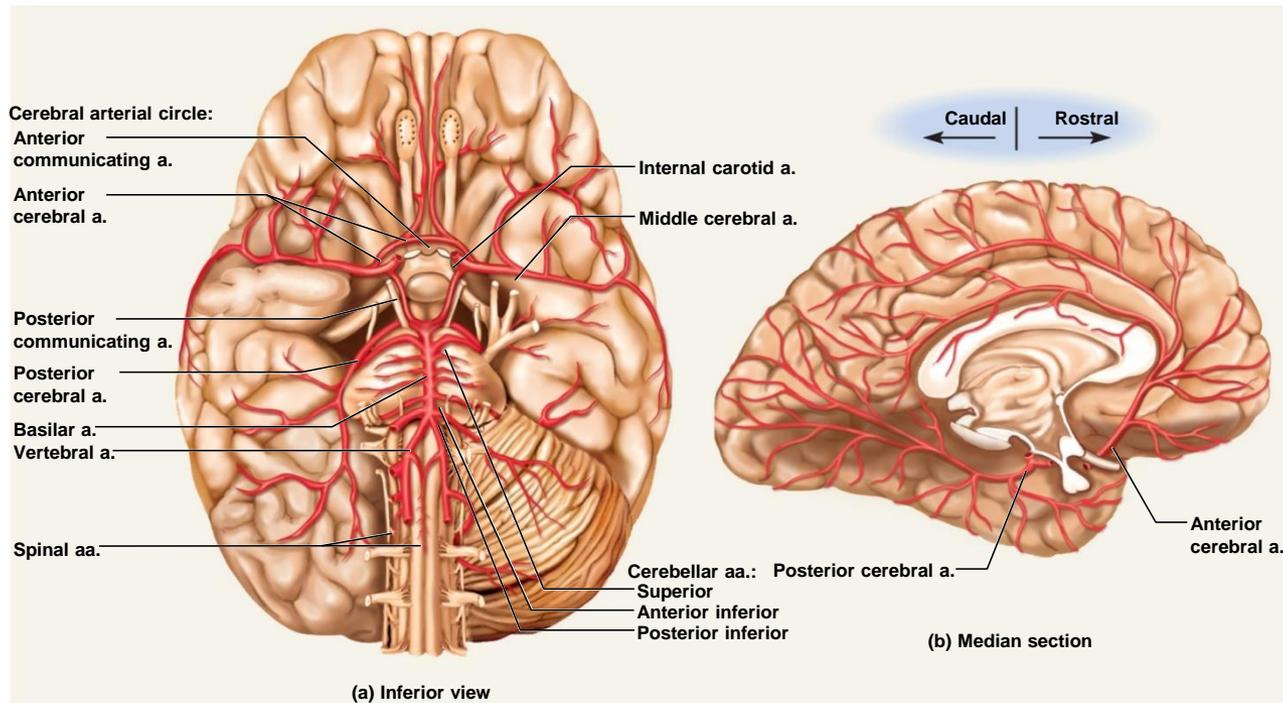


Figure 20.25

The Major Systemic Veins

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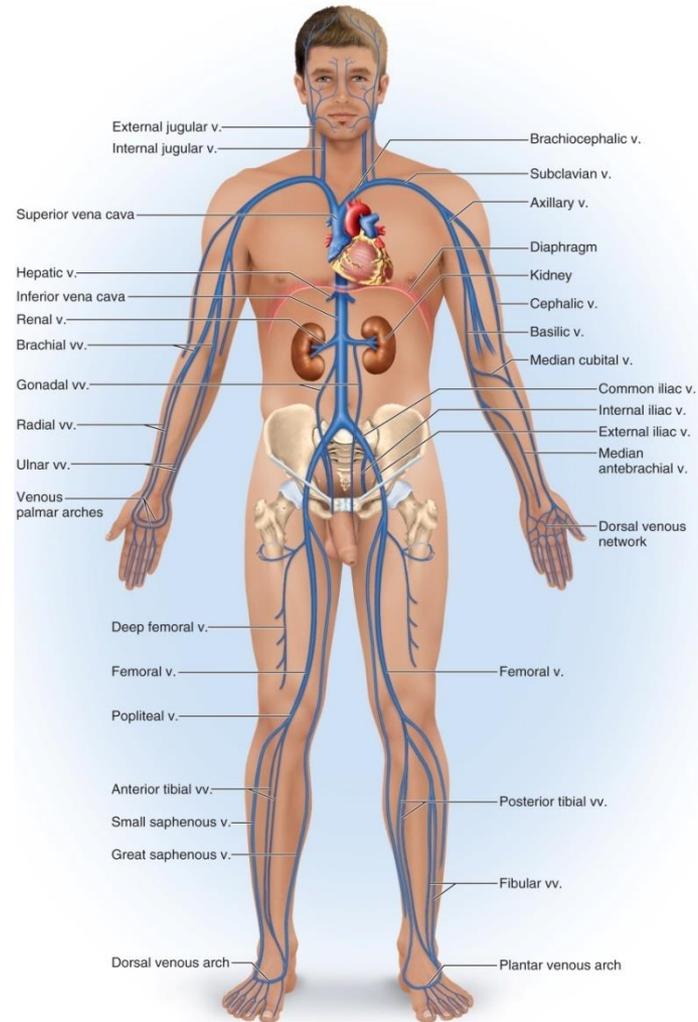


Figure 20.22

- **Deep veins run parallel to arteries while superficial veins have many anastomoses**

Veins of the Head and Neck

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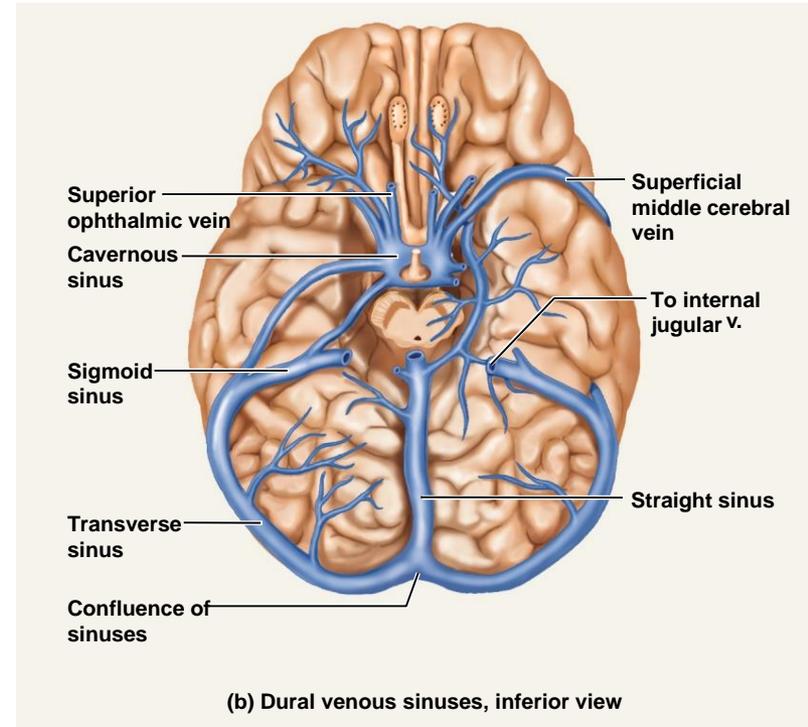
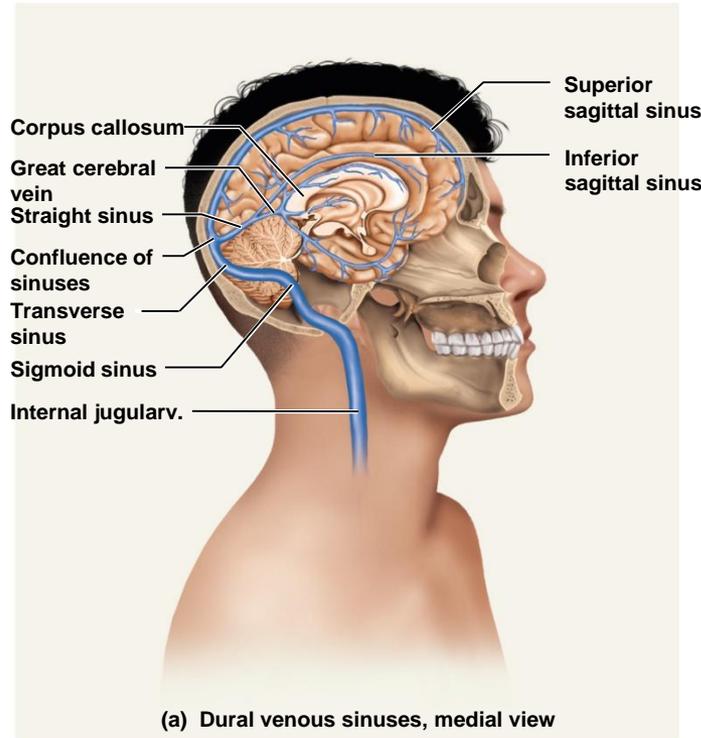


Figure 20.26a,b

- Large, thin-walled **dural sinuses** form between layers of dura mater
- **Drain blood from brain to internal jugular vein**

Veins of the Head and Neck

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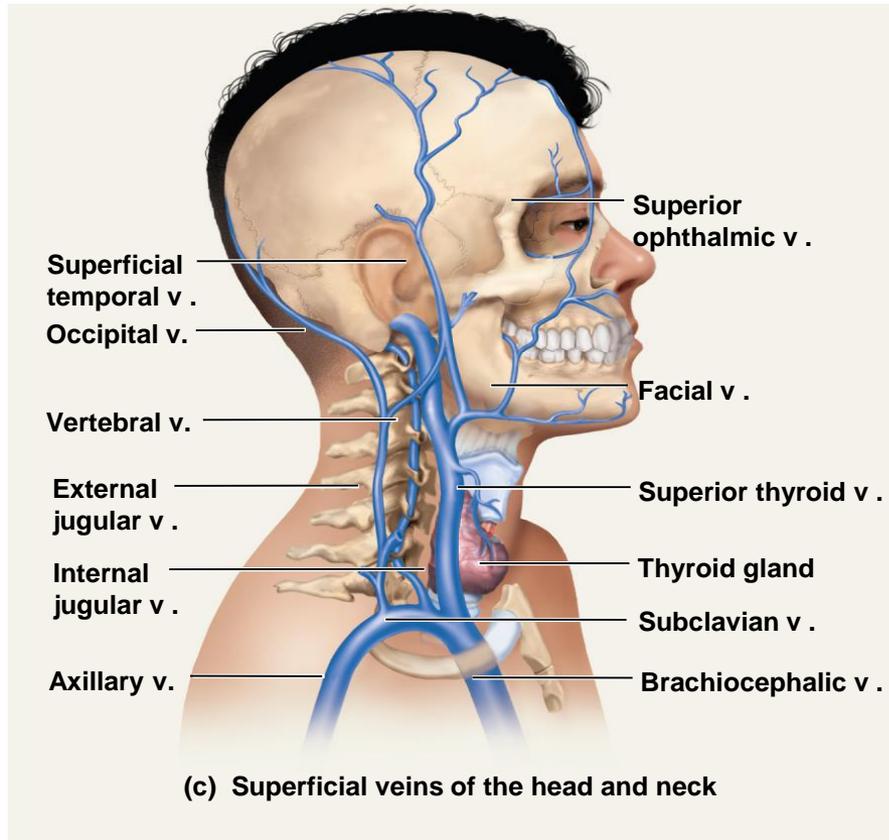


Figure 20.26c

- **Internal jugular vein** receives most of the blood from the brain
- Branches of **external jugular vein** drain the external structures of the head
- Upper limb is drained by **subclavian vein**

Arteries of the Thorax

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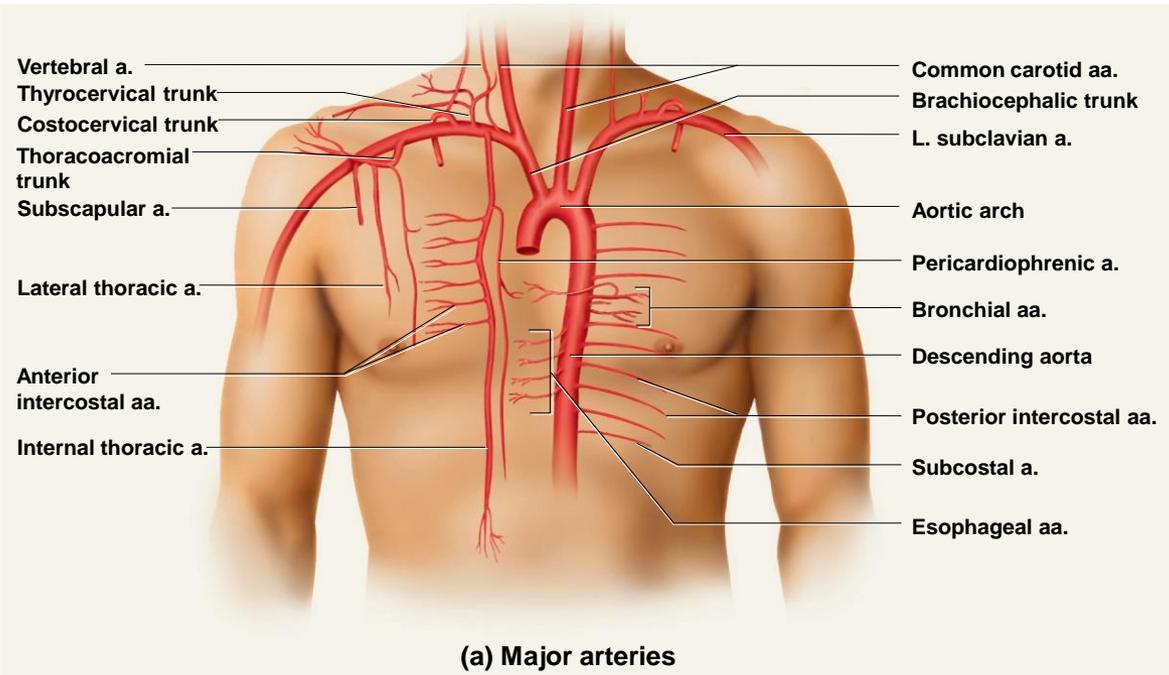


Figure 20.27a

- **Thoracic aorta supplies viscera and body wall**
 - Bronchial, esophageal, and mediastinal branches
 - Posterior intercostal and phrenic arteries
- **Internal thoracic, anterior intercostal, and pericardiophrenic arise from subclavian artery**

Arteries of the Abdominal and Pelvic Region

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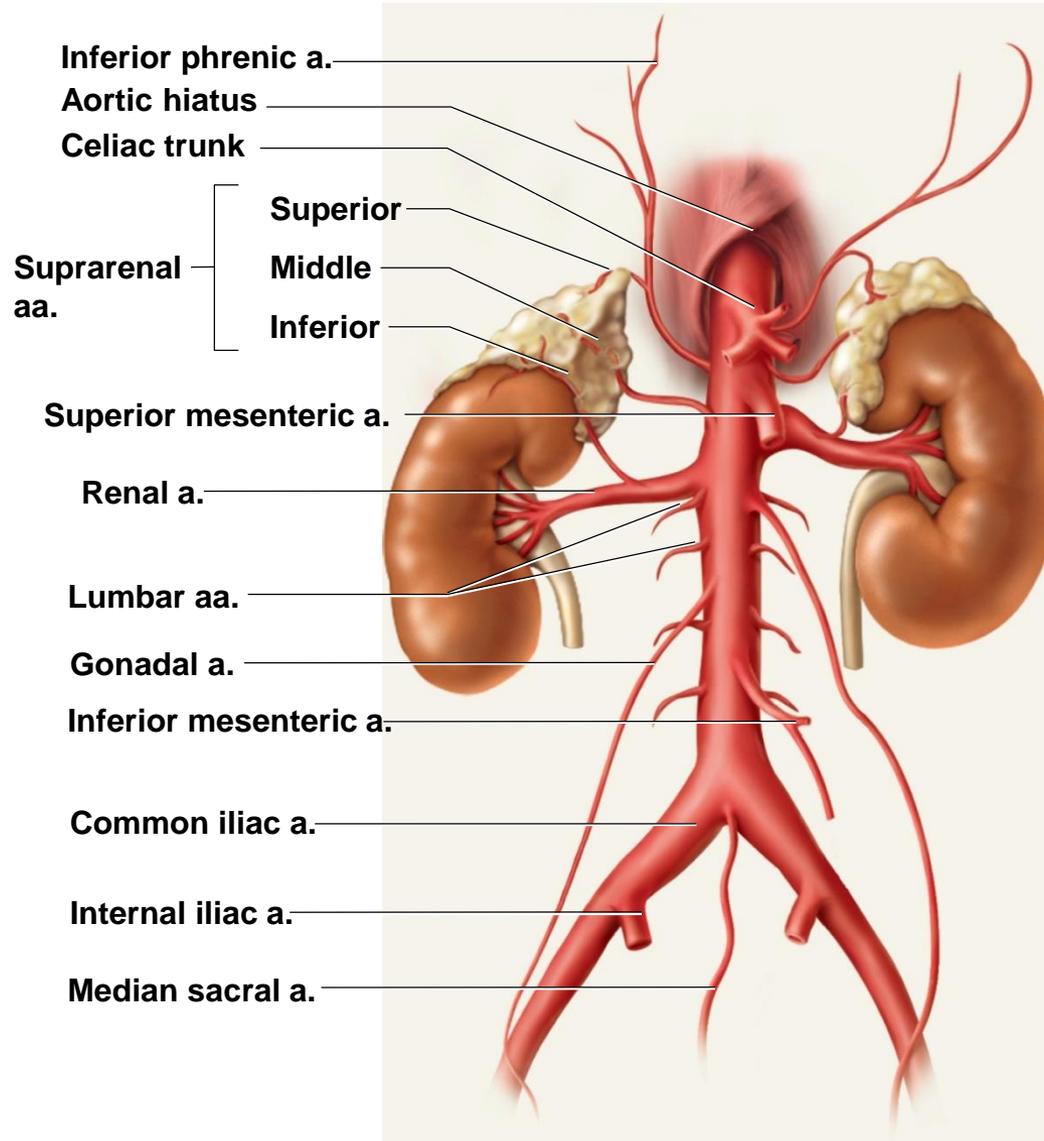


Figure 20.29

Arteries of the Abdominal and Pelvic Region

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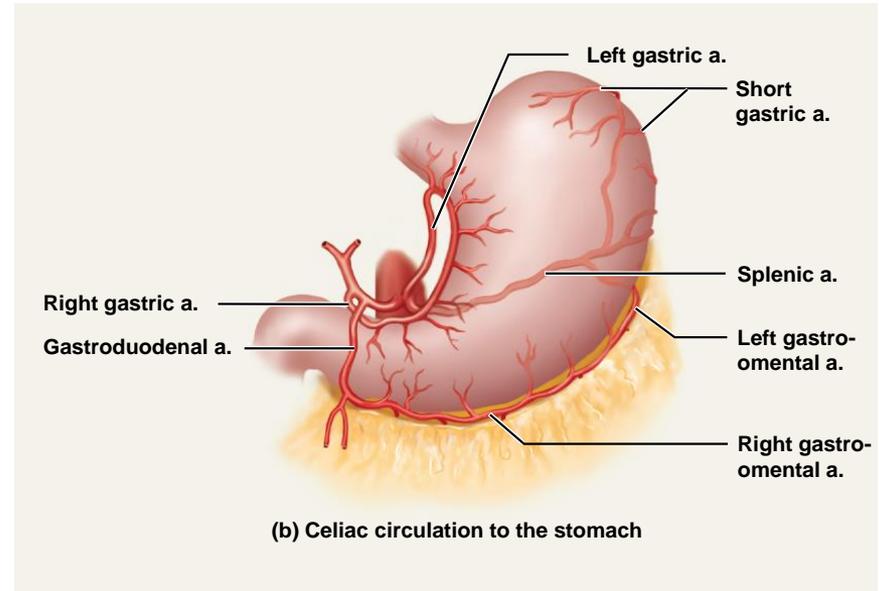
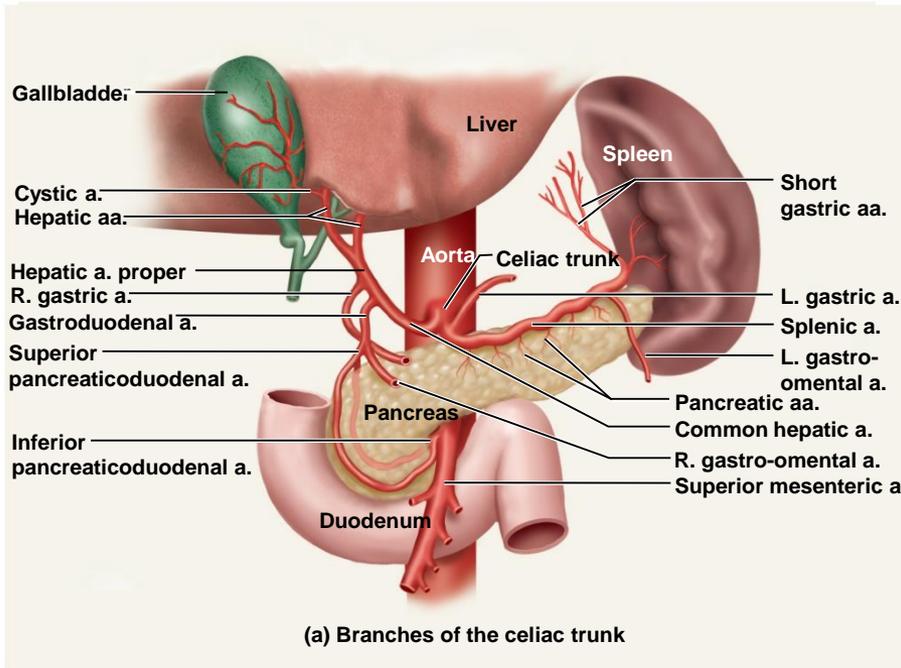


Figure 20.30a,b

- Branches of **celiac trunk** supply upper abdominal viscera—stomach, spleen, liver, and pancreas

Arteries of the Abdominal and Pelvic Region

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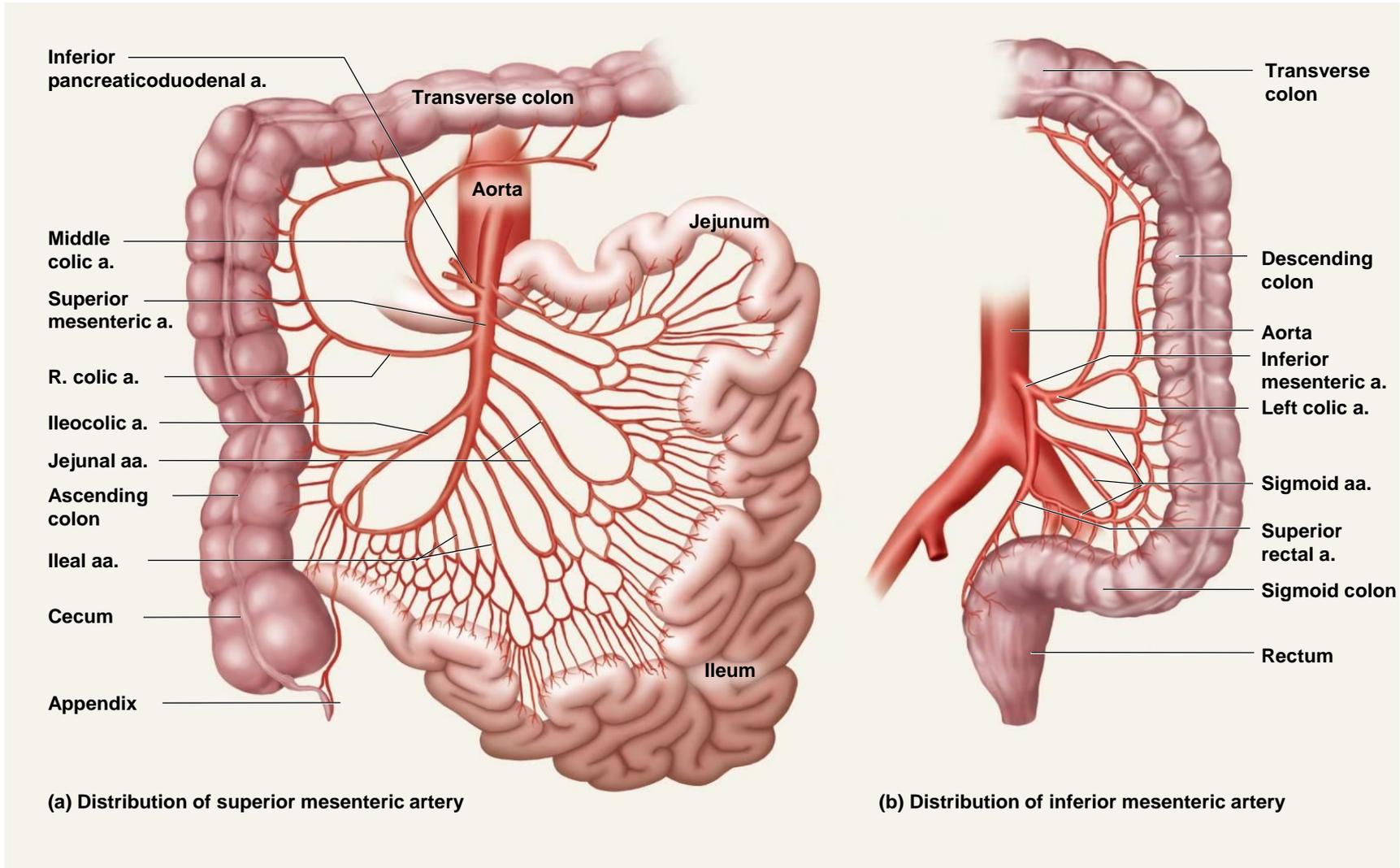


Figure 20.31a,b

Veins of the Abdominal and Pelvic Region

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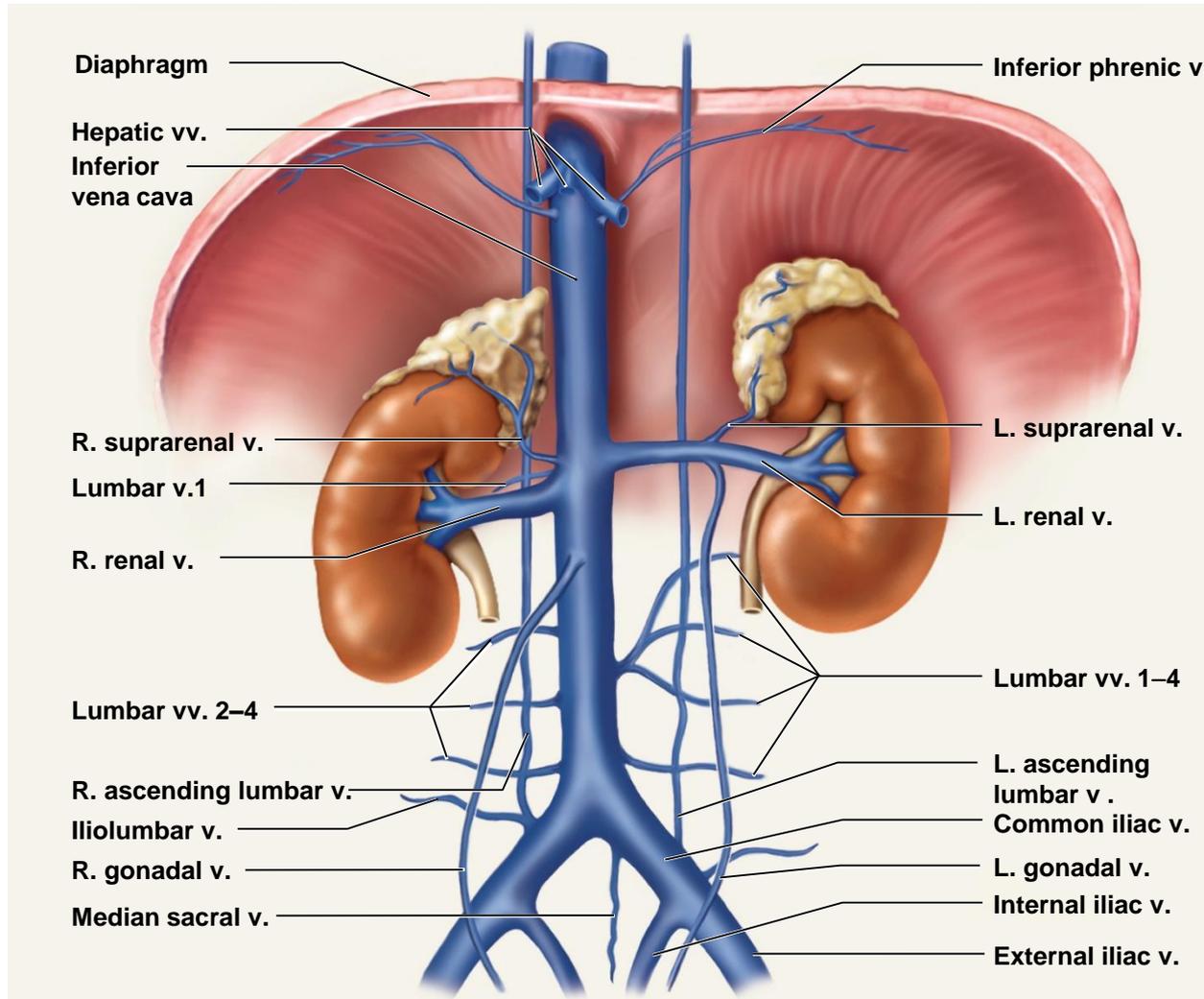


Figure 20.32

Veins of the Abdominal and Pelvic Region

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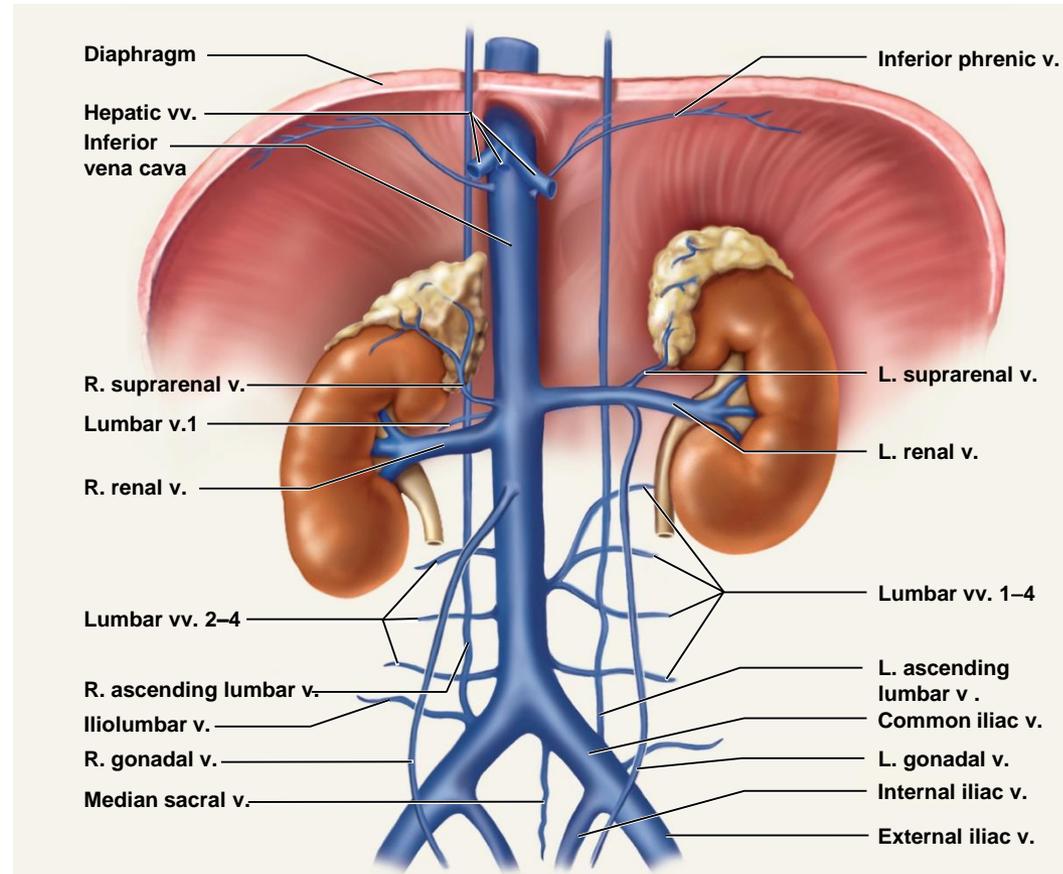


Figure 20.32

- **Hepatic portal system drains nutrient-rich blood from viscera (stomach, spleen, and intestines) to liver so that blood sugar levels are maintained**

Portal Hypertension and Ascites

- **Obstruction of hepatic circulation can cause blood pressure to back up in the hepatic portal system**
- **Schistosomiasis**—as liver venules are clogged with eggs of parasitic worms, inflammation results
- **Spleen enlarges**
- **High pressure in vessels of abdominal viscera cause fluid leakage**
- **Ascites**—distension of abdomen

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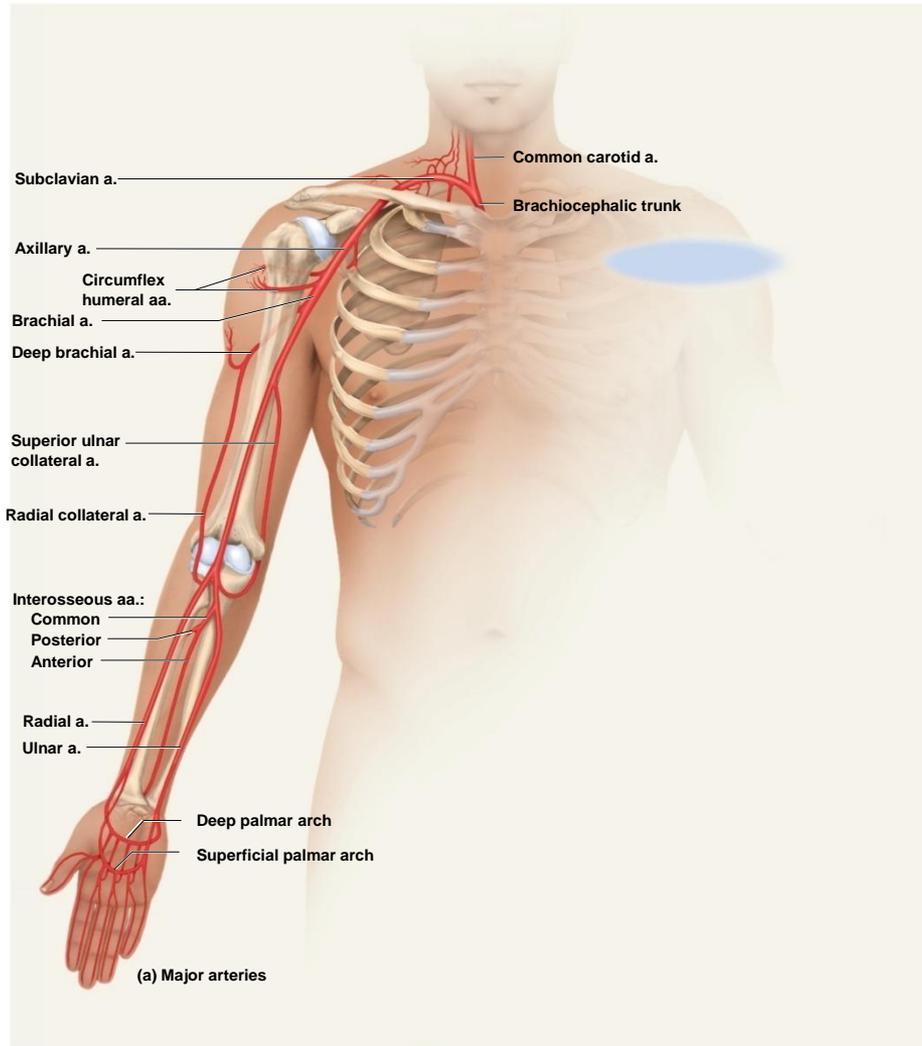
Figure 20.33

Systemic Vessels of the Appendicular Region

- **Expected Learning Outcomes**
 - Identify the principal systemic arteries and veins of the limbs.
 - Trace the flow of blood from the heart to any region of the upper or lower limb and back to the heart.

Arteries of the Upper Limb

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- **Subclavian passes between clavicle and first rib**
- **Vessel changes names as it passes to different regions**
 - **Subclavian to axillary to brachial to radial and ulnar**
 - **Brachial used for BP and radial artery for pulse**

Figure 20.35a

Veins of the Upper Limb

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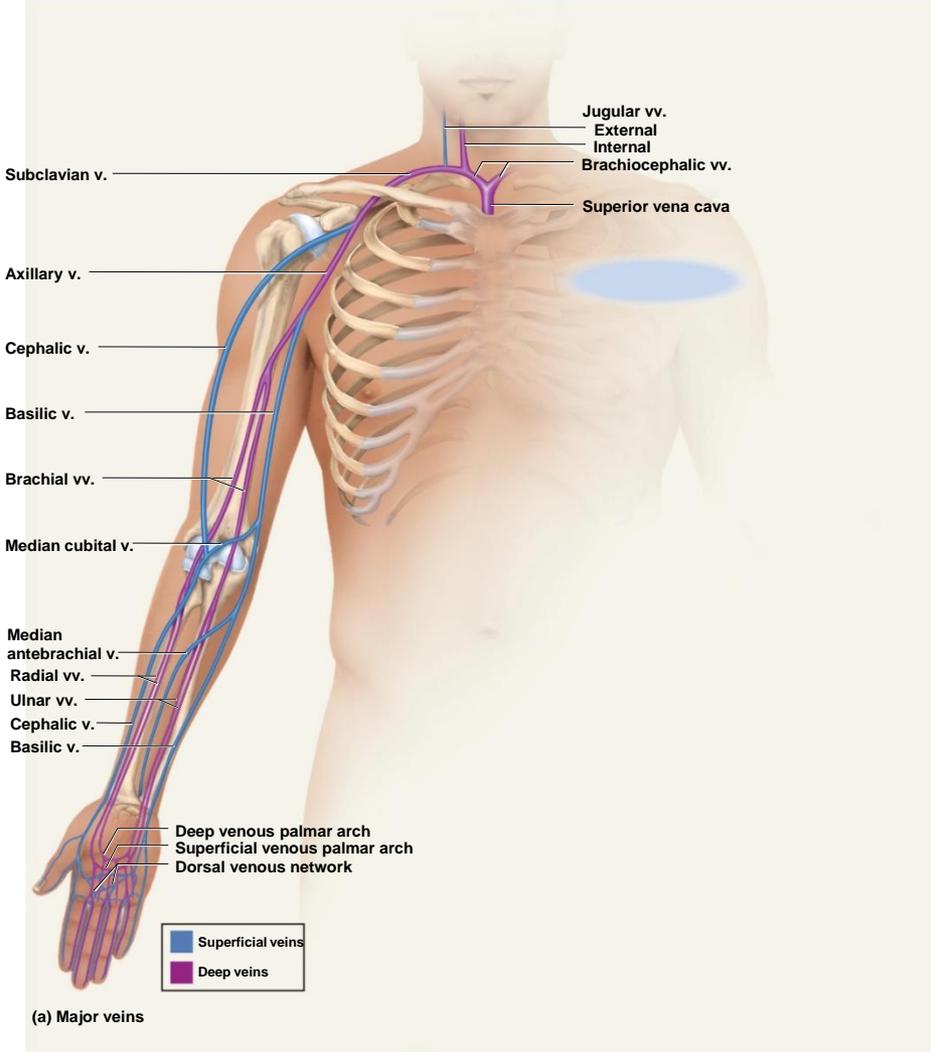


Figure 20.36a

Arteries of the Lower Limb

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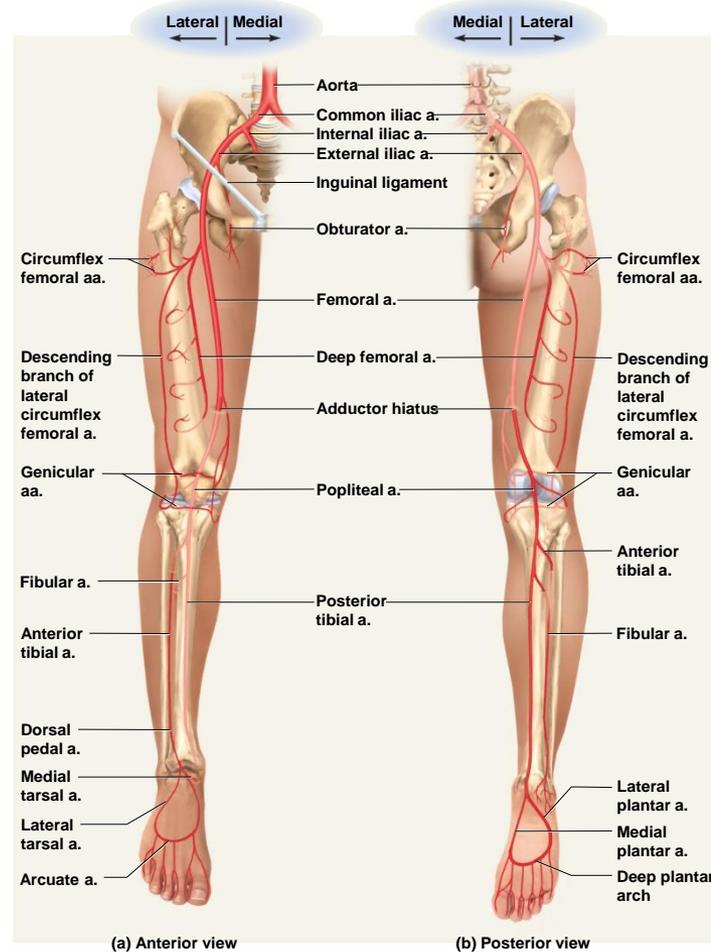


Figure 20.37a,b

- **Branches to the lower limb arise from external iliac branch of the common iliac artery**

Veins of the Lower Limb

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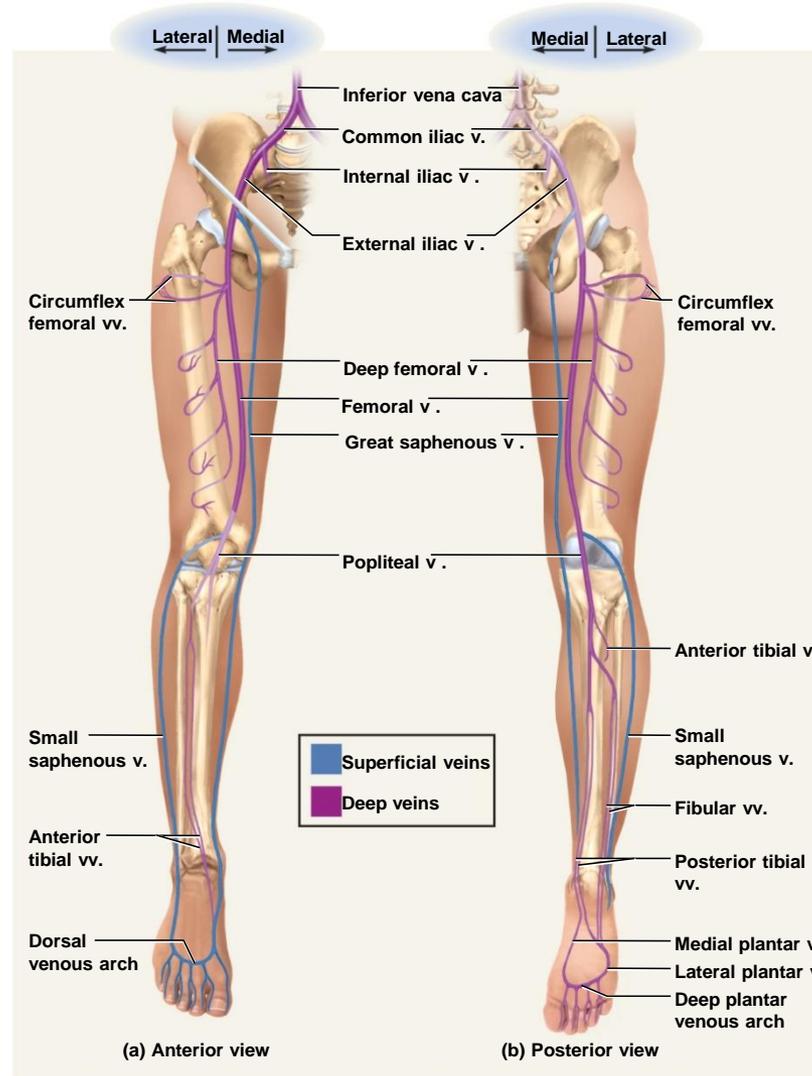


Figure 20.39a,b

Arterial Pressure Points

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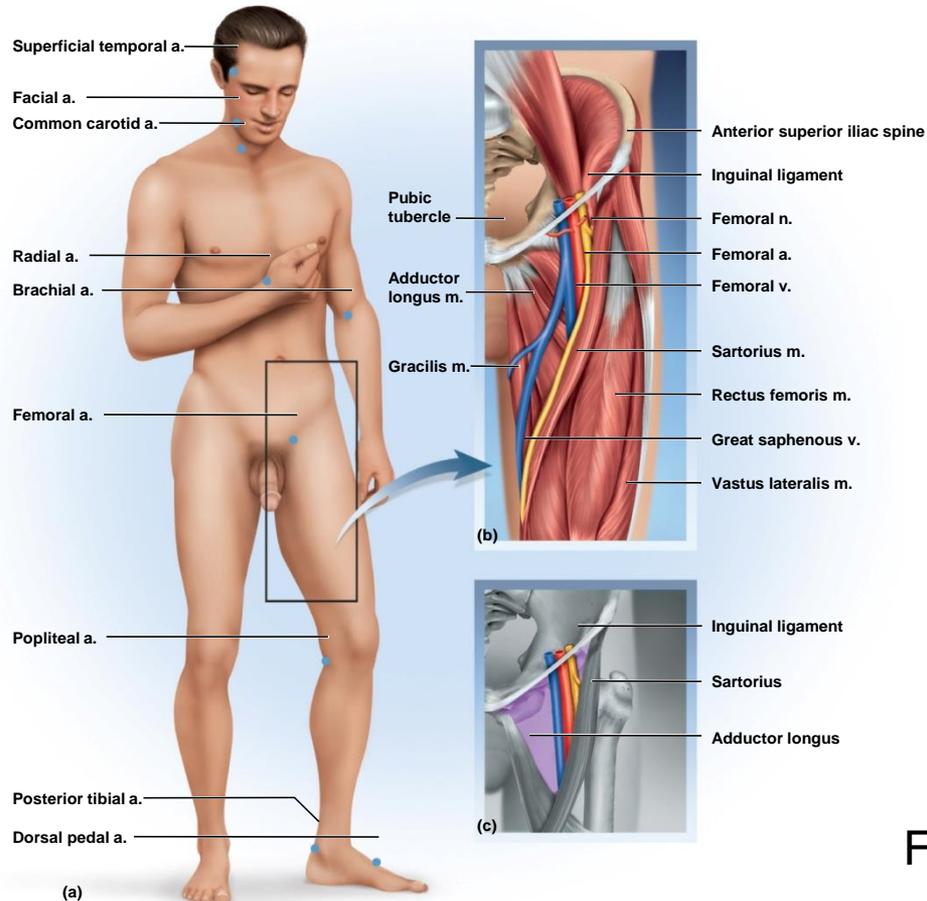


Figure 20.41a–c

- **Some major arteries close to surface allow for palpation of pulse and serve as pressure points to reduce arterial bleeding**

Hypertension—The “Silent Killer”

- **Hypertension**—most common cardiovascular disease affecting about 30% of Americans over 50
- **“The silent killer”**
 - Major cause of heart failure, stroke, and kidney failure
 - Damages heart by increasing afterload
 - Myocardium enlarges until overstretched and inefficient
 - Renal arterioles thicken in response to stress
 - Drop in renal BP leads to salt retention (aldosterone) and worsens the overall hypertension

Hypertension—The “Silent Killer”

- **Primary hypertension**
 - Obesity, sedentary behavior, diet, nicotine
 - 90% of cases
- **Secondary hypertension**—secondary to other disease
 - Kidney disease, atherosclerosis, hyperthyroidism, Cushing syndrome
 - 10% of cases