

Heart Chambers

Left Atria: oxygen- **rich** blood from pulmonary veins -> left AV valve
 Right Atria: oxygen **poor** blood from vena cavae -> right AV valves
 Left Ventricle: oxygen **rich** blood, from right at--> semilunar valves
 Right Ventricle: oxygen **poor** blood from right atrium-> pulmonary artery

Nodes

SA Node	AV node	Bundle of His
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SA node
 initiates potential and **leads**
 autorhythmicity: 70 action potentials per minute

AV node
 base of right atrium
 autorhythmicity: 50 A.P. / minute
follows SA node under normal conditions

Bundle of His
 origin: AV node
 projects to left and right ventricles

Purkinje Fibers
 terminal fibers
 extend from Bundle of His
 follows faster SA node under normal conditions

Cardiac Cycle

Systole

contraction

Diastole

relaxation

End- diastolic volume

volume of blood at end of diastole, max amount that chamber will hold

Isovolumetric ventricular contraction

Cardiac Cycle (cont)

during contraction, valves closed, no blood leaves, increase in chamber pressure

Stroke volume

amount of blood pumped out of chamber

Isovolumetric ventricular relaxation

chamber pressure decreases

ACh: Parasympathetic release

SA Node

ACh: inc. permeability to K⁺ by delaying inactivation of K⁺ channels -> more hyperpolarization

AV Node

inc permeability to K⁺, reduces excitability of node, delays response of input from SA node

Atrial contractile cells

shortens of action potentials: reducing Ca²⁺ permeability during plateau

Components

Heart	Blood Vessels	Blood
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Valves : one way

Right AV Valve	Left AV valve	Aortic/ Pulmonary valve
tricuspid	bicuspid	semilunar

Pathways

Interatrial

cardiac cells pacemaker activity from right to left atrium

Internodal

cardiac cell pacemaker activity from SA to AV node

AV nodal delay

Slow through AV node due to thickness

Action potential in Contractile cells

Resting potential

-90mV until excited

Rising phase

rapid, Na⁺ entry due to opening of fast Na⁺ channels, close K⁺ channels

Repolarization

at peak, open transient K⁺ efflux, inactivate Na⁺ channels

Plateau

Slow Ca²⁺ entry, open of L-type Ca²⁺ channels, reduce

Falling phase

K⁺ efflux, open voltage-gated K⁺ channels

Resting Potential

maintained by opening leaky K⁺ channels



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Excitation Contraction Coupling

ACh

- released by motor neuron axon binds to motor end plate

- results in action potential that propagates to surface membrane and down t-tubule

- triggers Ca^{2+} release from SR

- Ca^{2+} released from lateral sacs

- bind to troponin, tropomyosin moves aside to open actin binding site

- myosin crossbridge attach to actin-> bend
-> pull actin towards center of sarcomere

- Ca^{2+} taken up by SR

- tropomyosin goes back to blocking position.



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