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Integrated Cardiac Output and Respiratory Function

M1 – Cardiovascular/Respiratory Sequence Louis D'Alecy, Ph.D.



Exercise



Exercise

- With exercise, VO_2 increases
- one initially increases both ventilation and cardiac output
 - Ventilation and perfusion remain matched
 - $-DO_2$ remains much greater than \overline{VO}_2



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Change in cardiac output/ heart rate/ stroke volume



Exercise

- At higher levels of exercise, DO_2 can not keep up with increasing VO_2
 - VO_2 is maintained by increasing oxygen extraction
 - $\sqrt[4]{O2} = CO \times (CaO_2 CvO_2)$
 - CvO₂ falls and eventually MvO₂ falls
- Eventually, oxygen delivery is inadequate for the level of work, and the muscle shifts to anaerobic metabolism
 - Anaerobic threshold

Oxygen delivery and oxygen saturation of mixed venous blood

- Normal mixed venous oxygen saturation (MvO2) = 75%
- If oxygen delivery falls, and tissue metabolism continues, then MvO2 will fall
- In principle, we should know that oxygen delivery is sufficient if we know that MvO2 is normal
- There are a few caveats...

Caveats

- Suppose blood moves from the arterial circulation to the venous circulation without unloading oxygen
 - Large shunts, congenital and man-made
 - Micro shunts
 - Toxins poisoning mitochondria
- If oxygen isn't removed from arterial blood, the MvO2 may be normal, despite inadequate oxygen delivery

REVIEW OF

Worked Problems

as time permits.

Prior questions

 What is the total O₂ content of 100 ml of plasma (PO₂ 100 mmHg)?

Ans. 0.31 ml

<u>Henry's Law for O₂</u>

The content of dissolved oxygen is equal to the product of the oxygen solubility coefficient and oxygen partial pressure.

$$C_{dO_2} = a_{O_2} P_{O_2}$$

Linear straight line Relationship like y = mx.

$$C_{dO_2}$$
 = content of dissolved O_2 mL/dL

 a_{O_2} = solubility coefficient for O_2 in blood

$$a_{O_2} = 0.0031 \text{ mL/mm Hg/dL}$$



Prior questions

What is the O₂ content of 100 ml of blood (Hb 15 gm/dL; PO2 100 mmHg)?

Ans. 20 ml

Typical Arterial Blood Oxygen Content $P_{O_2} = 100 \text{ mm Hg}$ $S_{O_2} = 97\%$ [Hb] = 15 gm/dL 1.34 mL O₂ /gm Hb = O₂ capacity = Hb_s Dissolved O $C_{dO_2} = a_{O_2} P_{O_2} = 0.0031 \text{ x } 100 = 0.31 \text{ mL/dL}$ Bound O₂ $C_{b_{O_{2}}} = S_{O_{2}} [Hb] Hb_{s} = 0.97 \times 15 \times 1.36 = 19.79 mL/dL$ **Total Oxygen Content** $C_{d_{O_2}} + C_{b_{O_2}} = 0.31 + 19.79 = 20.1 \text{ mL / dL}$

- $CaO_2 = 19 \text{ ml/dL}$
- $CvO_2 = 14.5 \text{ ml/dL}$
- Cardiac output by thermal dilution = 8 liters/min
- What is the \overline{VO}_2 ?

$$\overline{VO}_2 = CO \times (CaO_2 - CvO_2)$$

 $\dot{V}O_2 = 80 \text{ dL/min x} (19 - 14.5 \text{ ml/dL}) = 360 \text{ ml/min}$

$$\dot{VO}_2 = 250 \text{ ml/min}$$

CaO₂ = 20.5 ml/dL
CvO₂ = 16 ml/dL

• What is the cardiac output?

$$CO = VO_2 / (CaO_2 - CvO_2)$$

CO = 250 ml/min / (20.5 - 16 ml/dL)
= 250/4.5 = 55 dL/min = 5.5 L/min

• Determine oxygen delivery

 $PaO_2 = 96 \text{ mmHg}$

- O_2 saturation = 97%
- Hb = 12 gm/dL

Cardiac output = 6 liters/min

 $DO2 = CO \times CaO_2$

 $CaO_2 = (1.34 \times 12 \text{ gm/dL} \times .97) + (96 \times .003)$ = 15.6 + .29 = 15.9 ml/dL

 $DO_2 = 60 \text{ dL/min x } 15.9 \text{ ml/dL} = 954 \text{ ml/min}$

Which of the following maneuvers will increase oxygen delivery to the greatest degree (all else being equal)?

- A. supplemental oxygen to increase PO₂ from 90 to 120 mmHg *little effect*
- B. supplemental oxygen to increase O₂ saturation from 88% to 98% <12% increase
- C. transfusion to increase hemoglobin from 9 gm/dL to 12 gm/dL 33% increase
- D. increase cardiac output from 5 liters/min to 8 liters/ min – 60% increase

- A healthy individual is a given a drug that increases cardiac output from 5 to 7 liters/min. One would anticipate which of the following as a consequence of this change?
 - A. Oxygen consumption increases
 - B. arterial oxygen saturation increases
 - C. arterial oxygen saturation decreases
 - D. mixed venous oxygen saturation increases
 - E. mixed venous oxygen saturation decreases



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