



RESPIRATORY SYSTEM HAYAT BATCH



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- * Surfactant serves to :
- 1. decrease the surface tension of this fluid layer
- 2. reducing the pressure needed to reinflate alveoli
- 3. preventing alveolar collapse (atelectasis)



* Respiratory distress syndrome (RDS) in pre-term infants is associated with insufficient surfactant production

- ★ Lung maturity of the fetus can be gauged by determining the ratio of DPPC to sphingomyelin , L (lecithin) / S ratio , in amniotic fluid , ≥ 2 is evidence of maturity
- * Lung maturation can be accelerated by giving the mother glucocorticoids shortly before delivery
- * Insulin inhibits pneumocytes and decrease lung surfactant , sometimes diabetic mother delivers a baby with RDS
- Also RDS can occur in adults whose surfactant-producing pneumocytes have been damaged or destroyed
 For example :

adverse side effect of immunosuppressive medication or chemotherapeutic drug use





- The cystic fibrosis gene known as CFTR occurs on chromosome 7 and encode a protein of 1480 amino acids, <u>named cystic fibrosis</u> <u>transmembrane regulator (CFTR)</u>, a cyclic AMP-regulated <u>CL⁻ channel.</u>
- * Any abnormality of membrane CL- permeability is believed to result in the increased viscosity of many bodily secretions .
- * deletion of 3 bases resulting in loss of residue 508, a phenylalanine so the mutant allele is three bases shorter than the normal allele.



* it is possible to distinguish them from each other by the size of the PCR products obtained by amplifying that portion of the DNA .

CFTR not only allows chloride ions to be drawn from the cell and into the ASL, but it also regulates another channel called **ENaC** (**Epithelial Sodium Channel**), which allows sodium ions to leave the ASL and enter the respiratory epithelium.

Defective CFTR results in decreased secretion of chloride and increased reabsorption of sodium and water across epithelial cells. The resultant reduced height of epithelial lining fluid and decreased hydration of mucus results in mucus that is stickier to bacteria, which promotes infection and inflammation.



