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RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

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ventilation - perfusion relationship

lecture (7)

* apex → low ventilation + low perfusion → so not all oxygen is being used → where infection occur so → 2.5 V/Q

* base of the lung has higher rate of ventilation & perfusion is higher due to gravity but perfusion is higher than ventilation leading that some blood won't be oxygenated → 0.6 → V/Q

$(4.5 - 5 / 5 - 55) = 0.8$ → general V/Q in Rest

so now lets discuss what happen in case of

1) shunt: when there is local hypoxia it will cause vasoconstriction so partial blockage of circulation and the blood will go to the surrounding blood vessels instead why? → due to obstruction in the alveoli so zero ventilation making the V/Q = 0

so no ventilation the air in the alveoli would be = to the venous blood so $PAO_2 = 40$ $PACO_2 = 45$ or 46



2) alveolar dead space: when there is complete cut in circulation leading the perfusion to be around zero

why? → emboli is the most common cause

→ making the alveolar/perfusion = 0

$PAO_2 = 150$ $PACO_2 = 0$

why not 100 → lack of CO_2

* the previous situations are called ventilation/perfusion mismatch

in some disease both of these effects might occur, alveolar dead space & shunt like emphysema in COPD

shunted blood is: the venous blood that remains unchanged (passing unfunctional alveoli) → shunted blood / minute called physiological shunt.

↳ decreased amount of PO_2 in arterial will increase in PCO_2

in case of alveolar dead space → CO_2 retention → hypercapnia → hypoxia → hyperventilation → correct the CO_2 retention

so during exercise the ventilation & perfusion increase leading to decrease the inequality in the ratio → more uniform topographical distribution of blood flow

oxygen content is: the amount of blood dissolved in 100 ml in blood

so during exercise the content in arterial stay the same due to increase of ventilation while the O_2 content in venous blood is reduced due to the increase dissociation of O_2 to the cell during exercise due to increase in demand

Pathophysiology

mismatch of this ratio is caused by

① Reduced perfusion of the lungs

Typically embolism → higher ratio $PACO_2 \uparrow$ $PAO_2 \downarrow$ $PaO_2 \downarrow$ leading to dyspnea and tachypnea

② Reduce ventilation

pneumonia → exudate
COPD & asthma → less air out
respiratory distress syndrome → collapse
↳ lead to hypoxemia but the rest of the lung can remove the CO_2
so hypercapnia doesn't occur

③ both

emphysema
→ bronchial obstruction → ↓ ventilation V/Q = 0
shunt
→ enlargement of air sacs → no perfusion

Limitation of movement of gases due to diffusion coefficient $CO_2 > O_2$
notice that O_2 is transported by Hb instead of plasma 230 ml/min

the P_{O_2} in LV is less than P_{aO_2} why is that?

- 1) deoxygenated blood from the base
- 2) venous drainage to the pulmonary vein from the bronchial arteries
- 3) coronary circulation microarteries drain directly to the left ventricle

O_2 is transported by Hb \uparrow 20% & plasma \downarrow 3%

Hb is 4 proteins subunit with heme groups attached to each protein when no O_2 in it it is harder to bind with oxygen T state while when it's bind with O_2 it increase its affinity to O_2 called R state

Functions of hemoglobin

- 1) O_2 transport
- 2) CO_2 transport
- 3) buffer
- 4) transport vs vasodilator

transport of O_2 by Hb

it gives sigmoid shaped due to the T & R state
the saturation of O_2 in arterial blood = 97%
while in venous is 75%, blood content $Z_0 \rightarrow 15$

it can buffer oxygen concentration changed in atmosphere so even when $P_{aO_2} = 60$ about 40% is the saturation of Hb preventing hypoxemia
we need, in exercise the saturation of venous blood is reduced due to \uparrow in O_2 consumption so its about 40% while the saturation of arterial blood is not changed

factor affecting the saturation of Hb (decrease it) \rightarrow shift to the right

1) bohr's effect $\rightarrow \uparrow CO_2 \uparrow H^+ \downarrow Hb$ lead to decrease O_2 affinity to Hb \rightarrow this cause shift to the right around the tissue (systematic) while in pulmonary circulation \rightarrow not so much $\rightarrow \uparrow$ affinity to O_2

2) increase temperature

3) increase BPG or PPG

diphosphoglycerate a product of glycolysis \rightarrow how RBCs produce ATP this bind to the deoxygenated Hb making it in T state \rightarrow less affinity to O_2 it's useful to prevent tissue hypoxia, 1) PPG increase 30% during pregnancy so the mother Hb would have less affinity allowing the O_2 to go from uterine arteries to the fetal umbilical arteries \rightarrow HbF \rightarrow in the fetus has higher affinity & not affected by PPG so even CO_2 in uterine it will take the blood
2) thyroid hormone, growth hormone
3) high altitude
4) anemia
5) diseases associated with hypoxia such as in congestive heart failure & congestive heart failure
in these situation it help to increase O_2 to the tissue

4) exercise

in exercise DPG, CO_2 & temperature increase
also the myoglobin get oxygenated to the blood
a protein found in skeletal & heart muscle that have high affinity to O_2 even higher than HbF which bind to one O_2 \rightarrow dissociation curve has rectangular hyperbolic rather than sigmoid

now let's talk about CO_2

CO_2 need very little difference in gradient due to the high solubility, 1 between blood & tissue & 5 between blood and alveoli, hyperventilating should cause increase in peripheral tissue P_{CO_2}

only 4 ml/dcl of blood is transferred to the lung

methods of CO_2 transport:

- 1) transport CO_2 in dissolved state 7% carbonic hemoglobin
- 2) transport CO_2 in combination with hemoglobin being attached to the a.a of globulin at the heme groups
* it also decrease the Hb affinity to O_2
- 3) transport CO_2 in the form of bicarbonate ion (70%)
in dissolved form
 $\rightarrow CO_2$ blood concentration in veins = 2.7
* CO_2 blood concentration in arteries = 2.4
so 0.3 ml/dcl is transported

how is the CO_2 is being transported as bicarbonate

- 1) enter the RBCs bind with water forming carbonic acid
- 2) carbonic anhydrase convert it to bicarbonate & H^+ ions
- 3) HCO_3^- leave to the plasma & Cl^- enter to compensate the loss of HCO_3^- while H^+ bind to the hemoglobin

CO₂ saturation is 52% in the blood passing through the tissue and 48% blood passing the lung only 4% is being transported

binding of O₂ to Hb reduce it's ability to bind with CO₂ & displace CO₂ in carbaminohemoglobin from the blood
release H⁺ ions bind with bicarbonate then dissolve to CO₂ & water results ↑ release CO₂ to alveoli

↳ Haldane effect

↳ double the amount of CO₂ released from the blood to the lungs
double the pick up of CO₂ to tissue.

now lets learn about the neurons that control how much we breath and how deep our breaths

we have pacemaker in the brain to control our breathing cycle it generate action potential & then it transfer it to the phrenic nerve & contract diaphragm

Respiratory centers are located

in the brain stem → medulla oblongata + Pons^{above}
» the higher in location the higher in power»

The groups of neuron are:

- ① Dorsal respiratory group → inspiration
- ② Ventral respiratory group → expiration
- ③ Pneumotaxic center → control the rate & depth of breathing
- ④ Apneustic center → unknown function in human

* there is other neuron that can control the DRG & VRG hypothalamus, Reticular activating system, cerebral cortex & afferent from the vagus, glossopharyngeal & somatic nerves

① DRG

located within → nucleus of tractus solitarius
they are also the terminal sensation station of vagus & glossopharyngeal nerves (Receive input from receptors)

* they are the pace maker of the basic respiratory rhythm → latent period excitation → no action potential and we need to know that the action potential is in Ramp or crescendo manner → gradual action potential which occur not all of the sudden we take a full breath we do it in gradual way ↑ Ramp ↑ inspired air verce versa

② Pneumotaxic center

located in the parabrachialis of the upper pons so it can control and overrule the DRG so it stop it so it allow this center to control the depth (tidal volume) & number of breaths so when it stop the ramp causing decrease in tidal volume while increase the respiration rate

* activating Pneumotaxic center lead to shallow & rapid inspiration
* without it we can still have normal rhythm

③ ventral respiratory group VRL

they aren't pace maker & work only in some cases such as in exercise it's located in nucleus ambiguus & nucleus retroambiguus, so it works by orders from DRG to assist in when greater ventilation is needed which pass signals to abdominal muscle

④ apneustic centers

in animal it prolonged inspiration by inhibit the switch-off of the inspiratory ramp signals but in human it's unknown

• vagal signal → inspiratory inhibitory reflex
how it works? by stimulation of bronchial & broncholar stretch receptors → afferent signal to the vagus nerve → inhibition of DRG → it is stimulated when tidal volume exceed 1.5 L (protective mechanism)

⑤ Reticular activating system

it's responsible to increase the respiratory drive when we are awake effort of the respiratory muscles which control the intensity of the output
* it's inhibited while we are sleeping slight ↑ in CO₂

now we are going to study the receptors which provide the respiratory centers with information so they decide how to work according to different situations:

① chemical receptors ② non-chemical receptors
P_{O₂} & P_{O₂}

① chemical receptors are

① central chemoreceptors:

they are located in medulla beneath the ventral surface around the IX & X cranial nerves they are facing the CSF so they could measure the change in CO₂ & H⁺ ions in the brain the can't sense any change in O₂ or H⁺ in the blood

② peripheral chemoreceptors:

they are located in the carotid & aortic bodies → detect change in P_{O₂} & slightly the change in P_{CO₂} & H⁺ in the arterial blood how?

③ aortic bodies → vagus → DRG

④ carotid bodies → glossopharyngeal → DRG

* central chemoreceptors actually can only sense the change of H^+ ions in the CSF but H^+ can't cross the BBB how it sense it?
→ CO_2 can cross the BBB easily & then it react with H_2O in CSF → H_2CO_3 → $H^+ + HCO_3^-$ so the change in CO_2 change the H^+ then it stimulate the central chemoreceptors

what happen in case of increasing of PCO_2
central chemoreceptors get activated which is going to increase the inspiration & expiration strength of muscle causing hypoventilation, 85% change in the respiratory mechanics caused by changes in CS_2 which is sensed by CCR so PCO_2 is the major controller of respiration.

what happen when PO_2 is below normal?
Peripheral chemoreceptors sense the change of PO_2 then stimulation of DRG → increase rate & depth of respiration.

* stimulation of respiration is 5 times faster by the peripheral chemoreceptors than central chemical receptors

what happen in high altitudes
accumulation which is

PO_2 drops at HA leading to stimulation of peripheral chemical receptors leading to hyperventilation then t_{CO_2} decrease thus pH^+ so central chemical receptors are induced leading to hypoventilation (over rule the peripheral) but with time the kidney take over the respiration to correct the alkalosis caused by t_{CO_2} so central receptor lose their sensitivity

why in anemia doesn't induce hyperventilation?
because peripheral receptors only sense O_2

what happen during exercise?

no body actually know because PO_2 & PCO_2 in arterial blood are the same

theories regarding exercise

- 1) stimulatory impulses from higher centers of the brain to both respiratory muscle & respiratory centers
- 2) proprioceptive stimulatory reflex to respiratory centers

non-chem receptors

- 1) voluntary respiration by the cortex
- 2) limbic system → emotional changes such as fear & rage cause changes in breathing
- 3) coughing sneezing & even breath holding due to stimulation of pulmonary irritant receptors
- 4) pulmonary edema & heart failure cause stimulation of J receptor causing dyspnea & tachypnea
- 5) anesthesia causing respiratory depression
- 6) Hering Breuer effect (stretch)

Respiratory failure

- 1) hypoxemic failure: ↓ PO_2 or ↓ PCO_2 → most common < 60
- 2) hypercapnic failure: ↑ PCO_2 > 50

Respiratory acidosis

- 1) Generalized hyperventilation → no response to change in CO_2
- 2) obstructive lung disease → reduce alveolar ventilation