

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM

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The Cardiac Cycle

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Lecture Objectives:

1. Define cardiac cycle.
2. Be familiar with and explain curves for the various events occurring in the heart, inlet veins, and outlet arteries.
3. Recognize systolic and diastolic duration.
4. Understand isometric and relaxation; and the ejection phases.
5. Explain volume – pressure relationship in the left ventricle.
6. Explain the development of first and second heart sounds.
7. Define murmurs and how systolic and diastolic murmurs are produced.

- **Definition:** *understand all events that happen in the heart at which time*

The cardiac events that occur from the beginning of one heart beat to the beginning of the next

- **The Cardiac Cycle consists of *Diastole and Systole*** *→ we talk about ventricles*

During diastole → heart relaxes and fills with blood *longer than systole*

During systole → the heart contracts and eject blood (i.e. emptying)

Note: If heart rate is 72 beats/min, the duration of the cardiac cycle is about 0.8 second per beat. Of which 0.3 second is for systole and 0.5 second is for diastole.

$$\frac{\text{time seconds}}{\text{heart beat}} = \text{time of the cardiac cycle}$$

secondary role → most of the cardiac cycle is carried by the ventricles

Atrial contraction (= Primer Pump)

Normally 80% of the ventricular filling is achieved even before the onset of atrial contract. *that is why atrial fibrillation is not fatal*

Atrial contraction usually increases the ventricular pumping effectiveness as much as 20%. However; atrial failure is only noticed in exercise, then signs of heart failure develop, especially dyspnea (shortness of breath) *heart failure → start as dyspnea at: exercise stress test* *air hunger when exercised.*

Systole is composed of:

1. Isovolumic (isovolumetric) contraction phase. In this phase cardiac muscle tension is increasing but little or no shortening of the muscle fibers is occurring. *Same as skeletal muscle*
2. Ejection phase (70% of ejection is completed in the first $\frac{1}{3}$ of the phase). *not constant amount of blood is getting out per unit of time*

Diastole is composed of:

1. Isovolumic (isovolumetric) relaxation phase
2. Ventricular filling phase – this phase can be further divided into three thirds, namely the rapid filling, reduced filling (diastases), and the contribution of atrial contraction

very important to memorise them!!

The Cardiac Volumes

amount of blood at the maximum amount of filling → not fixed due to its elasticity

directly proportional with EDV

- End diastolic volume (110-120 ml) – it is the maximal amount of blood the ventricle contains during the cycle. The maximal value it can reach is 150-180 ml. The EDV is an index of the **Preload**

*↑
how much is the ventricle stretched before the beginning of contraction
→ sarcomere length*

- End systolic volume (40-50 ml) – it is the least amount of blood the ventricle contains during the cycle. The minimal value it can reach is 10-20 ml. *The higher the myocardial contractility the lower is the ESV.*

*decrease in heart rate lead to increase in diastole → more filling → volume increases
↳ give us a clue about the contractility function*

- Stroke volume output (70 ml) – it is the amount of blood pumped out of each ventricle with each contraction. $SV = EDV - ESV$

the amount of blood pumped by the heart called stroke volume

- The ejection fraction (EF) is the fraction of the EDV that is ejected. It is usually equal to about 60 percent.

↳ the percentage of how much blood is pumped from the blood in the ventricle

2/3 of what was in the ventricle

change in pressure vs change in time

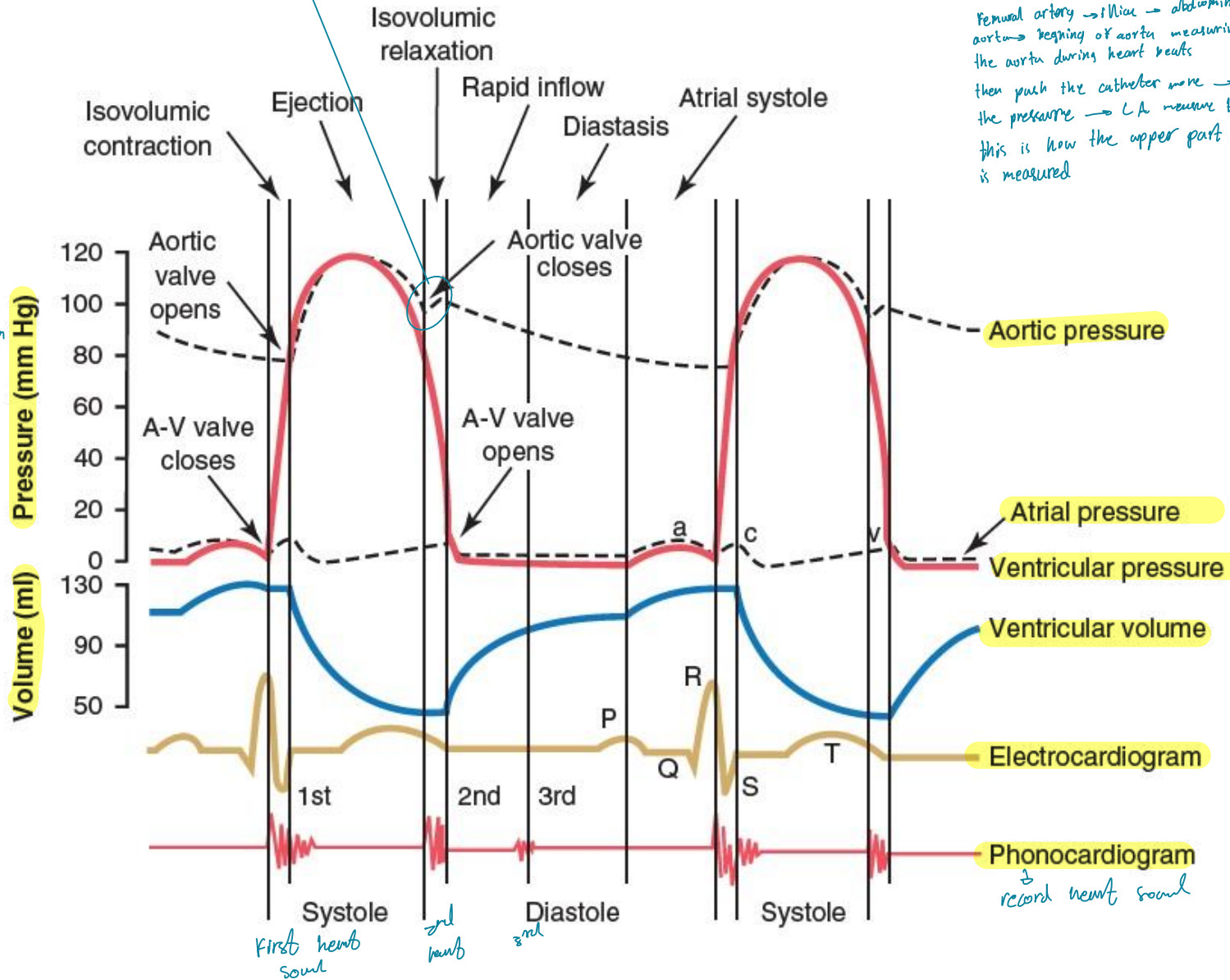
dicrotic notch → the blood is trying to go back to the ventricles

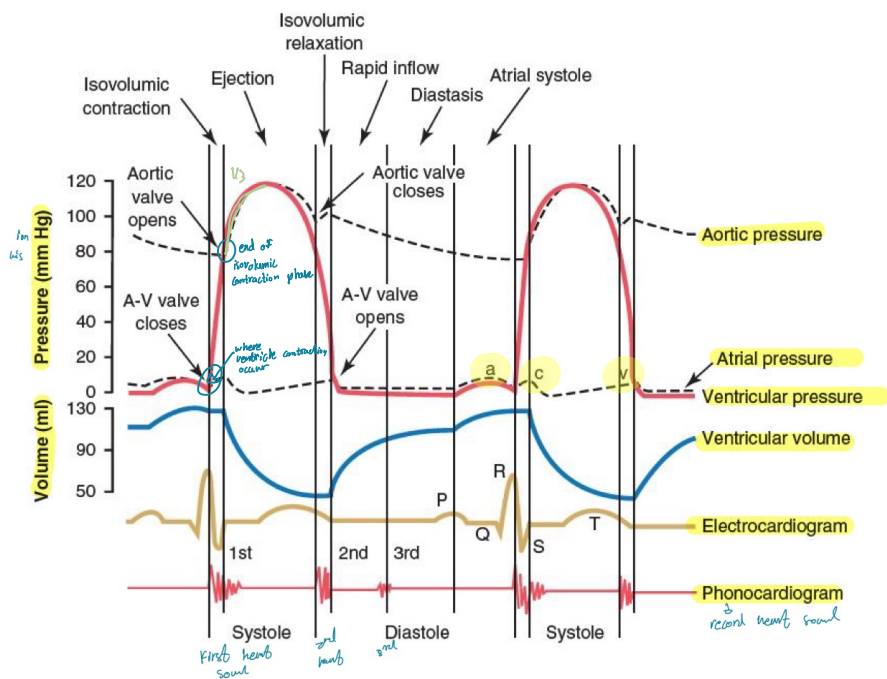
how cardiac catheterization work by a small opening in the femur to allow access the femoral artery then we will pass the catheter against blood flow

femoral artery → iliac → abdominal aorta → thoracic aorta → beginning of aorta measuring the pressure in the aorta during heart beats

then push the catheter more → LV and measure the pressure → LA measure the atrial pressure this is how the upper part of the graph is measured

by catheterization we can draw this graph





* opening of aortic valve doesn't cause sound, after the opening of the aortic valve the ejection phase starts where blood is being pumped out of ventricles, so the aorta & ventricle cavity is the same one now so they will be equal in pressure.

diastolic pressure: the pressure in the aorta at its lowest because at this point it is the end of the previous diastole so the aortic pressure at this point is the aortic pressure at the end of diastole and it's the lowest pressure of aorta so it's diastolic blood pressure.

* the highest pressure of the aorta = to the highest pressure of ventricle when the aortic valve opens and it's called systolic pressure → the average is 80 → diastolic 120 → systolic

at the first third of ejection phase ~70% of the blood is out then the ejection decreases → ↓ pressure in ventricle & ↓ pressure in aorta. then the pressure in the ventricle falls rapidly so the blood in the aorta try to get back to the ventricle this is when the aortic valve close again to prevent the blood backflow to the ventricle.

the contraction occurs when the QRS end (the heart is completely depolarized) making the second heart sound → aortic valve is isolated from the ventricle cavity this is when T wave occurs after the end of T wave & prevent that from happening also the tricuspid valve closed making the first heart sound.

so when hearing the 1st sound is when diastole starts. at the beginning of contraction the pressure increases but ventricular volume stays the same why? because aortic pressure = 80 while ventricular pressure ~ 3 so this pressure won't allow the aortic valve to open so when the ventricular pressure is higher than the aortic pressure the aortic valve will open & the aortic valve opens then the ventricular volume decreases.

* the second sound is the end of systole

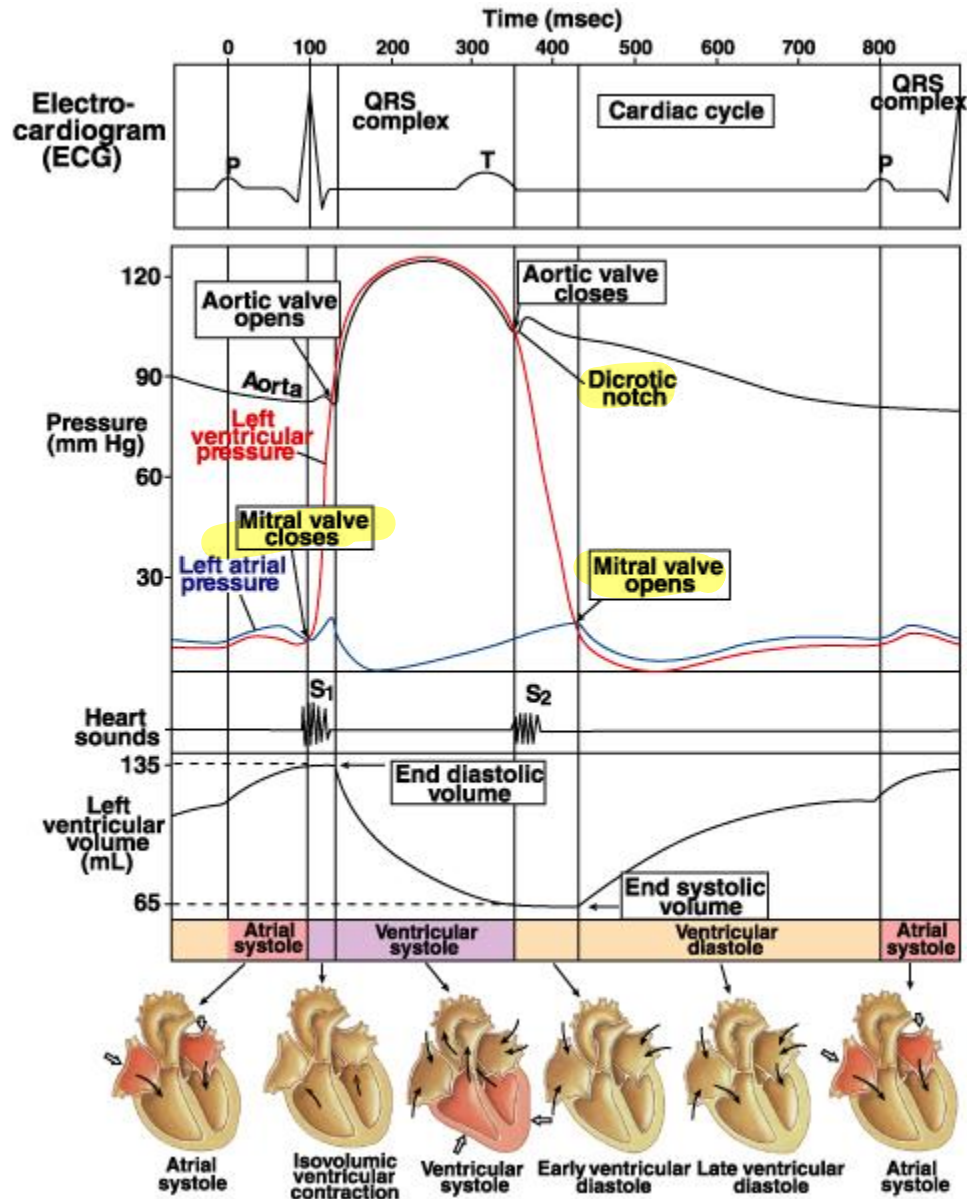
* note the first part of diastole there is no change in ventricular volume so that's why it's called isovolumic contraction phase & pressure without change in pressure.

the short phase of diastole is called isovolumic relaxation phase → when the aortic valve closes, the volume in this phase represents the amount of blood that stayed in the ventricle after ejection phase also in this phase the heart volume stays the same because the pressure in the ventricle is higher than the pressure in the atria so the mitral valve stays open, at the end of this phase the mitral valve opens.

the second stage of diastole is longer "filling stage" it happen when the AV valves open, it's divided to three stages 1) Rapid inflow 2) diastasis 3) atrial systole
the first 2 stages there is no contributing from the atria to fill up the ventricle while in the third stage the atrial contraction contribute to the ventricle filling during the diastole the ventricle & atria is considered the same cavity.

during the ventricular systole the atria were filling up with blood by the IVC, SVC & pulmonary veins, when the AV valves open the rapid filling occur then the second stage starts known as reduce filling "diastasis" now one cavity from the pulmonary veins to the LV same as right, the third stage cause increase in atrial pressure & increase the filling between 10% to 20%.

why the pressure in the aorta decrease during systole? because the blood is being distributed to the aortic branches causing \downarrow in its pressure



Atrial Pressure Changes and the Jugular Pulse

Pulse because the pulmonary veins are within the chest we can't visualise these waves in the left atrium while in the right atrium we can visualise these waves by the jugular vein specially in children due to their thin skin when the patients in supine view

When the right atrium contracts, a retrograde pressure pulse wave is sent backward into the jugular vein producing three characteristic waves in the record of jugular pressure.

- The ^{atrial} **a wave** is due to atrial systole.

Factors that impede the flow of blood from the atria to the ventricles, such as *tricuspid valve stenosis*, increase the amplitude of the a-wave.

- The **c wave** is produced by the bulging of the tricuspid valve into the atria during isovolumetric ventricular contraction.

Tricuspid valve incompetence results in a high amplitude c-wave. blood will move from ventricles to the atria cause further increase in atrial pressure

- The ^{valve} **v wave** mirrors the rise in atrial pressure before the tricuspid valve opens during diastole.

Tricuspid valve stenosis results in an attenuation of the descending phase of the v-wave.

it can be seen but can't be felt
↳ the jugular venous pulse disappear → if not right side heart failure

The Heart Sounds

1. **The First Heart Sound (S₁) (lub)** is associated with the closure of the atrioventricular valves. It signifies the start of systole. It is a low-pitched sound.

The intensity of the first heart sound is proportional to the strength of myocardial contraction, and its evaluation is useful in clinical diagnosis.

2. **The Second Heart Sound (S₂) (dub)** is caused by the sudden closure of the semilunar valves. Its intensity is proportional to the intensity of the valve closure.

Clinically, it signifies the end of systole and the start of diastole.

However, systole is more correctly considered to be concluded when the T wave ends on the ECG.

Splitting of S₂, also known as **physiological split**, normally occurs during deep inhalation. A widely split S₂ can be associated with several different cardiovascular conditions, including **Right bundle branch block and atrial septal defect.**

the pressure in the LA is higher than in the RA so blood will move to the RA so RA pressure will be higher so the contraction will take longer in the right side

more blood in the RA during deep inspiration → when heart contract the RA & RV have more blood than in the left side, so the LA will be empty before the RA so the pulmonary valve closes after the aortic valve

The **Third Heart Sound** is not normally heard in healthy people. This sound is due to abrupt cessation of ventricular distention and the deceleration of blood flow just before diastasis.

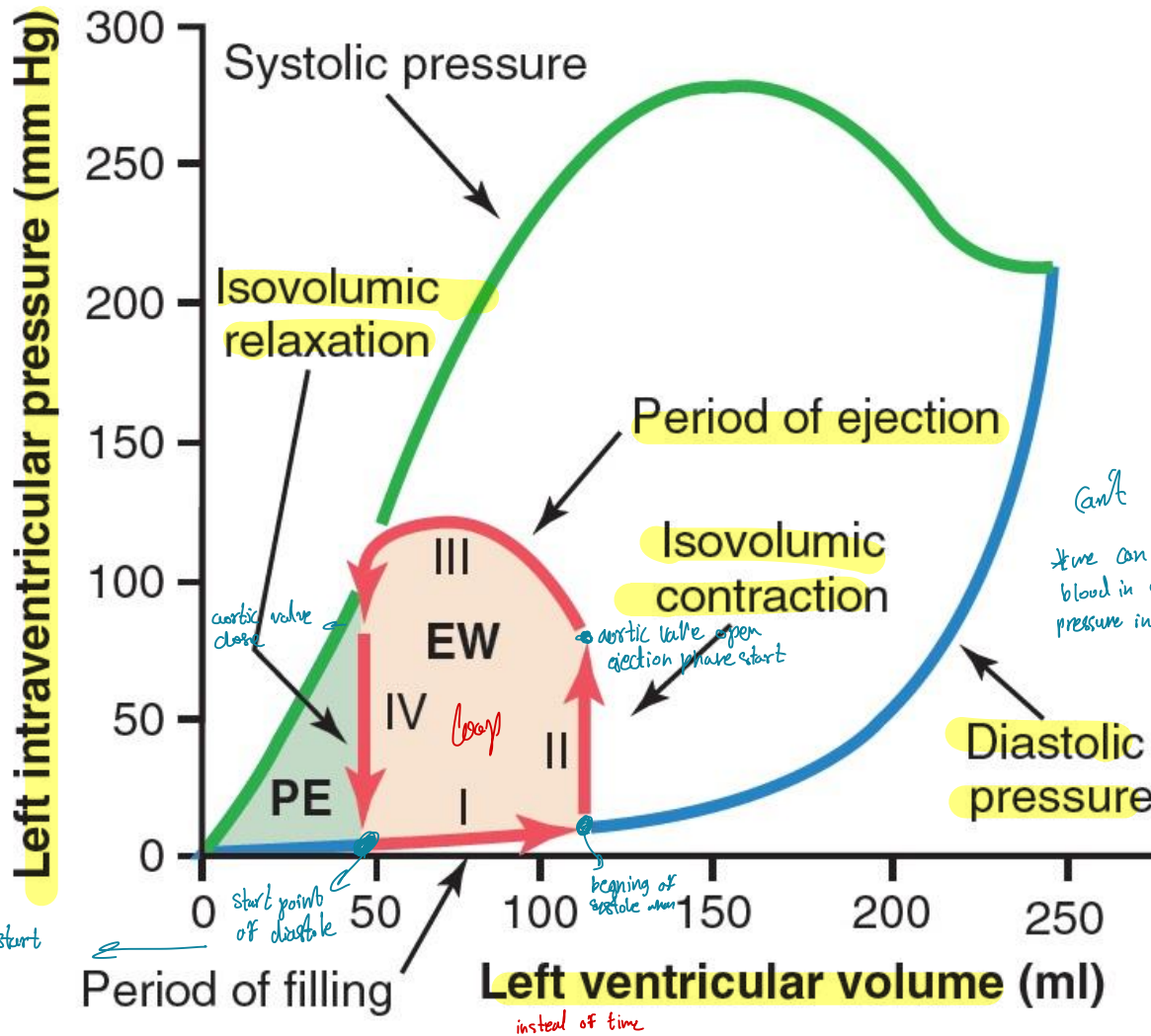
The third heart sound is amplified in abnormally stiff or distended ventricles, such as that associated with **heart failure**, and its presence over the age of 40 is considered a serious sign of underlying cardiac abnormalities.

the rapid flow of blood to the ventricle cause vibration of the ventricular wall creating the 3rd sound which can't be heard by stethoscope, if can be heard is an indication of heart failure

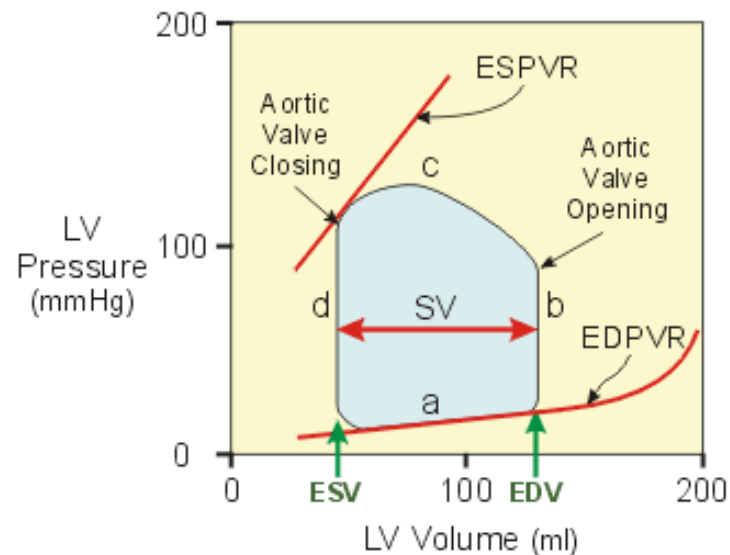
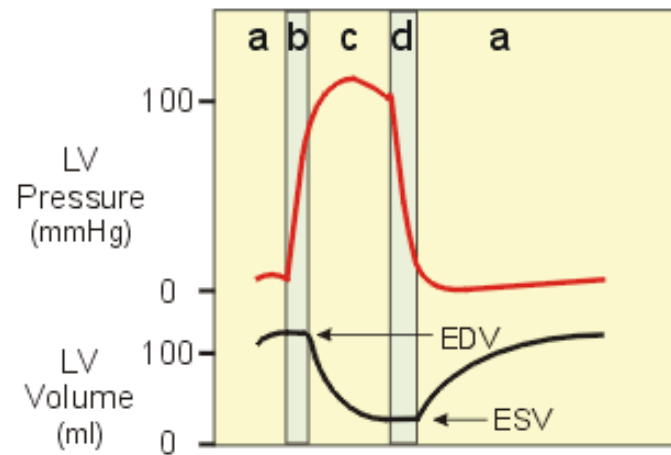
The Volume-Pressure Curves

1. The diastolic pressure curve – notice the significant rise in pressure after 150 ml filling.
2. The systolic pressure curve – notice that maximum pressure is reached at 150-170 ml filling then pressure decline starts.
3. The Volume – Pressure loop – it describes the cycle independent of time factor.

Volume pressure
loope

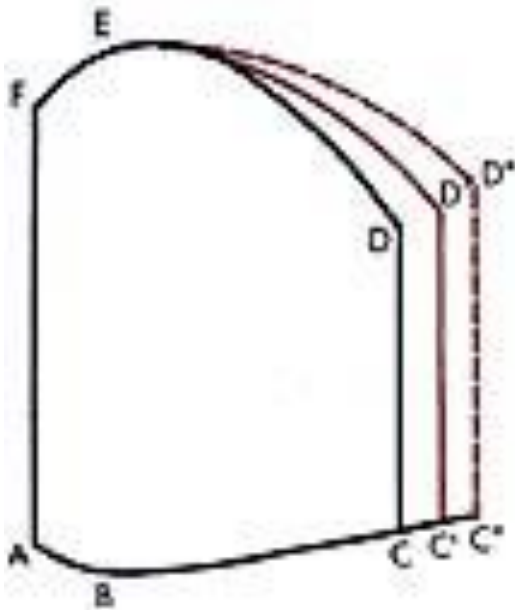


Relationship between left ventricular volume and intra-ventricular pressure during diastole and systole. Also shown by the red lines is the "volume-pressure diagram," demonstrating changes in intra-ventricular volume and pressure during the normal cardiac cycle. EW, net external work; PE, potential energy.



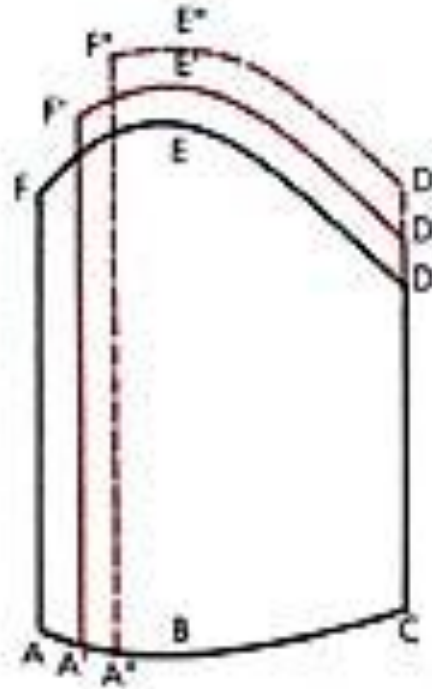
The generation of a left ventricular pressure-volume loop (*bottom pane*) from pressure and volume changes during cardiac cycle (*top pane*). *Abbreviations:* a, ventricular filling; b, isovolumetric contraction; c, ventricular ejection; d, isovolumetric relaxation; EDV and ESV, left ventricular end-diastolic and end-systolic volumes, respectively; EDPVR, end-diastolic pressure-volume relationship; ESPVR, end-systolic pressure-volume relationship.

* the normal situation is represented in black



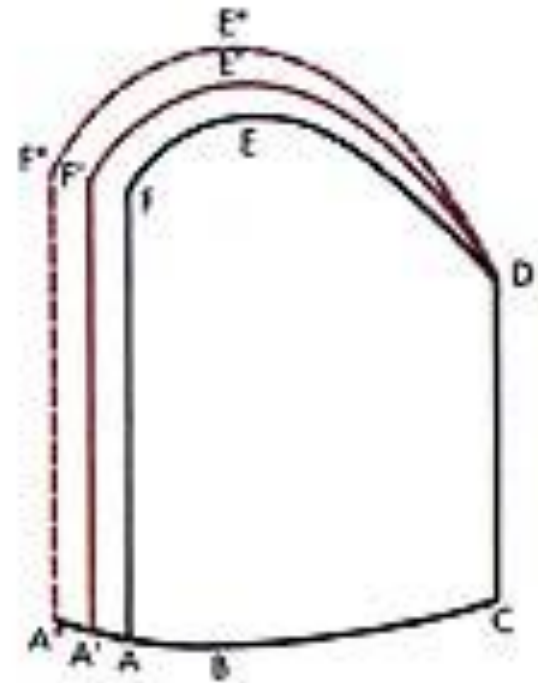
Increased preload

increase blood volume in ventricle before contraction, the pressure in isovolumic period increases before the opening of aorta but it will contract and return to the same end systolic volume.



Increased afterload

increase in the force needed to move the blood from the ventricle to the aorta, so the systolic pressure increases and the remaining blood volume in ventricle after contraction decrease such as in valve stenosis.



Increased contractility

the end of systolic pressure will be higher, and the remaining blood after ventricular contraction will be decreased.

Test Question:

- Q. The dicrotic notch on the aortic pressure curve is caused by?
- A. Closure of the mitral valve.
 - B. Closure of the tricuspid valve.
 - C. Closure of the aortic valve.
 - D. Closure of the pulmonary valve.
 - E. Rapid filling of the left ventricle.