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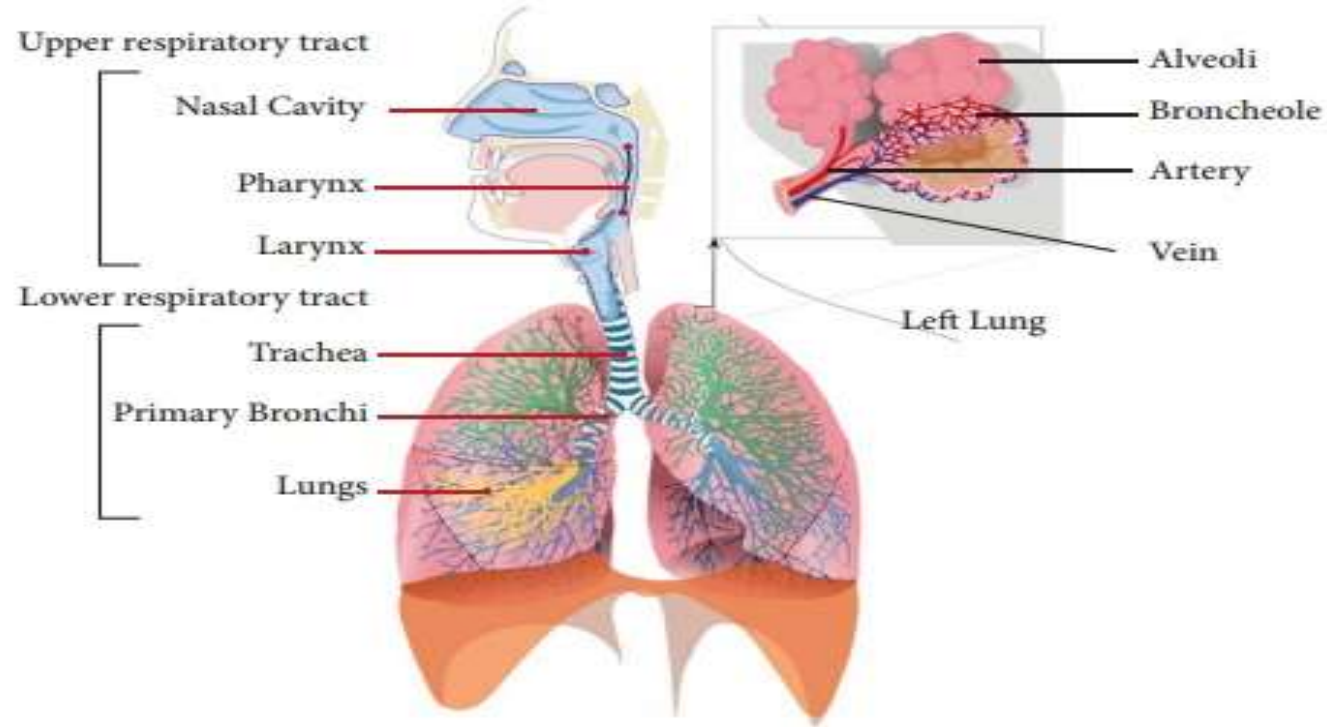
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UNIT II: RESPIRATORY PHYSIOLOGY

THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM





PHYSIOLOGY



- The respiratory system works with the circulatory system to provide this oxygen and to remove the waste products of metabolism.
- It also helps to regulate pH of the blood.
- Respiration is the sequence of events that results in the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide between the atmosphere and the body cells.



FUNCTIONS OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

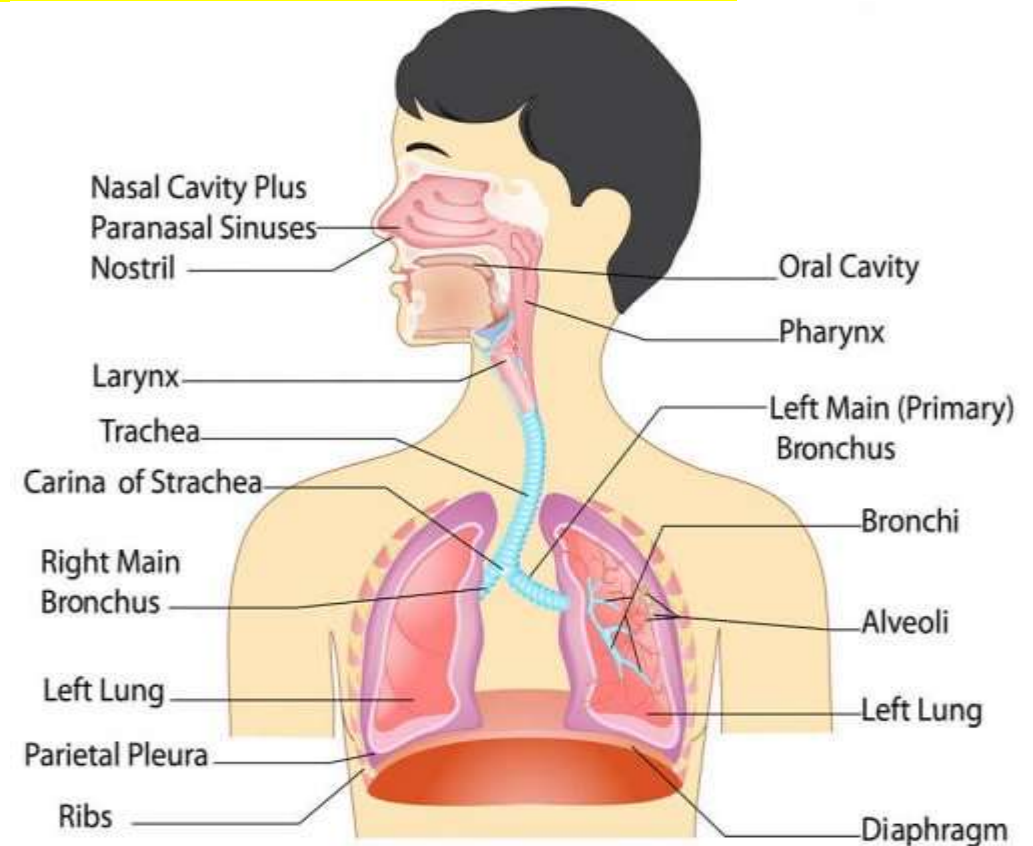


- **Pulmonary ventilation** Air must move into and out of the lungs so that gasses in the air sacs are continuously refreshed, and this process is commonly called breathing.
- **External respiration.** Gas exchange between the pulmonary blood and alveoli must take place.
- **Respiratory gas transport.** Oxygen and carbon dioxide must be transported to and from the lungs and tissue cells of the body via the bloodstream.
- **Internal respiration.** At systemic capillaries, gas exchanges must be made between the blood and tissue

RESPIRATION

- **Rule.**

- Volume changes lead to pressure changes,
- which lead to the flow of gases to equalize pressure.



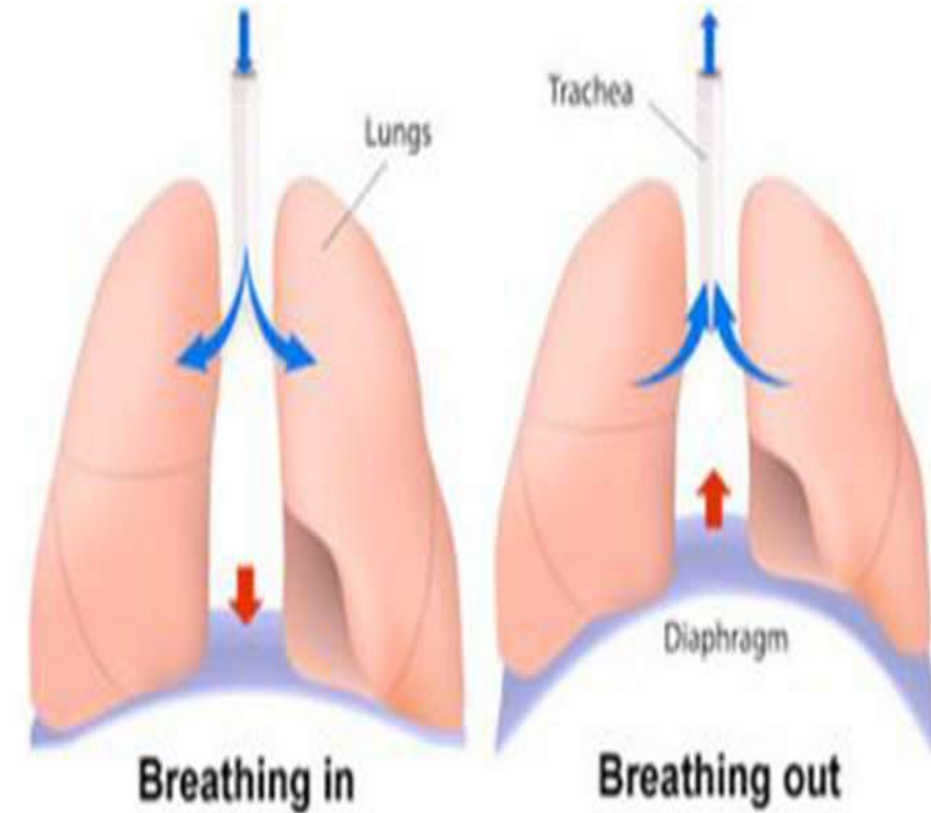


FUNCTIONS OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

- **External respiration or pulmonary gas exchange**
Involves the oxygen being loaded and carbon dioxide being unloaded from the blood.
- **Internal respiration or systemic capillary gas exchange,**
Oxygen is unloaded and carbon dioxide is loaded into the blood.
- **Gas transport.**
 - Oxygen inside the RBCs to form oxyhemoglobin,
 - carbon dioxide as bicarbonate ion, or a smaller amount

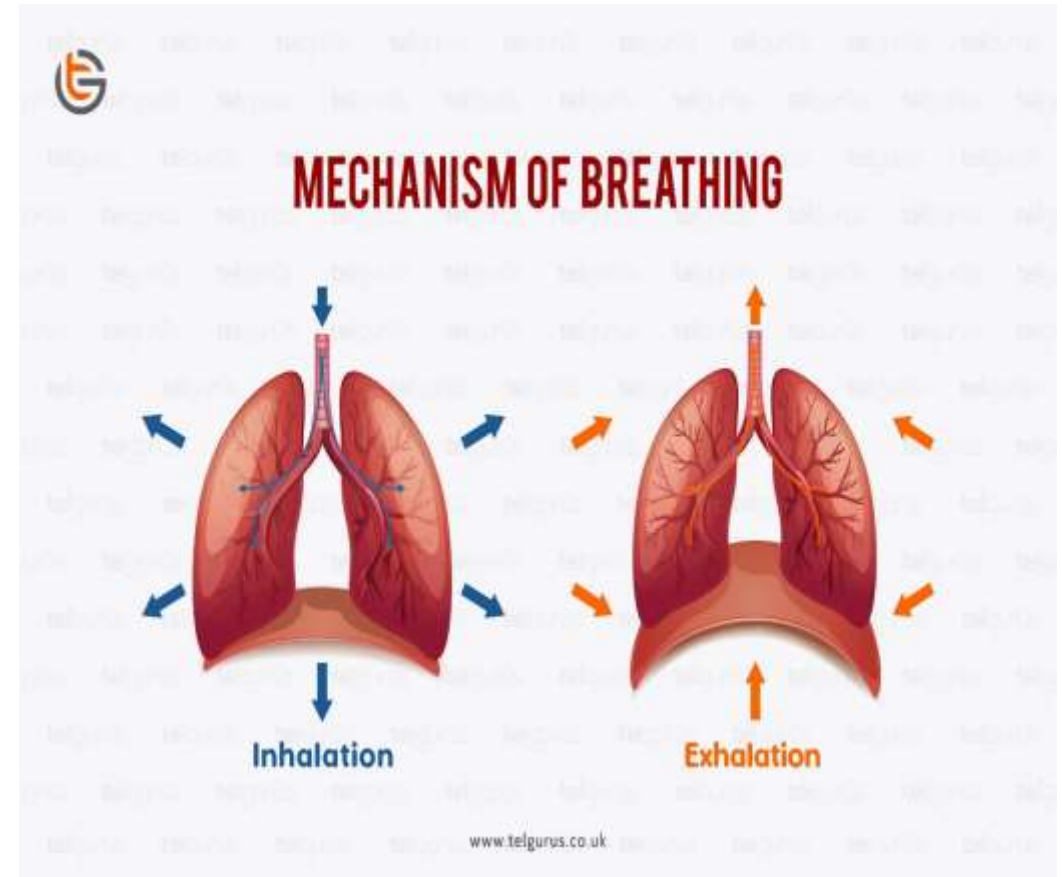
RESPIRATORY PROCESS

- **Inspiration-** Air is flowing into the lungs;
- chest is expanded laterally,
- the rib cage is elevated, and
- the diaphragm is depressed and flattened;
- lungs are stretched to the larger thoracic volume,
- the intrapulmonary pressure to fall and
- air to flows into the lungs.



RESPIRATORY PROCESS

- **Expiration.** -Air is leaving the lungs;
- the chest is depressed and the lateral dimension is reduced,
- the rib cage is descended, and
- the diaphragm is elevated and dome-shaped;
- lungs recoil to a smaller volume,
- intrapulmonary pressure rises,
- air flows out of the lung.



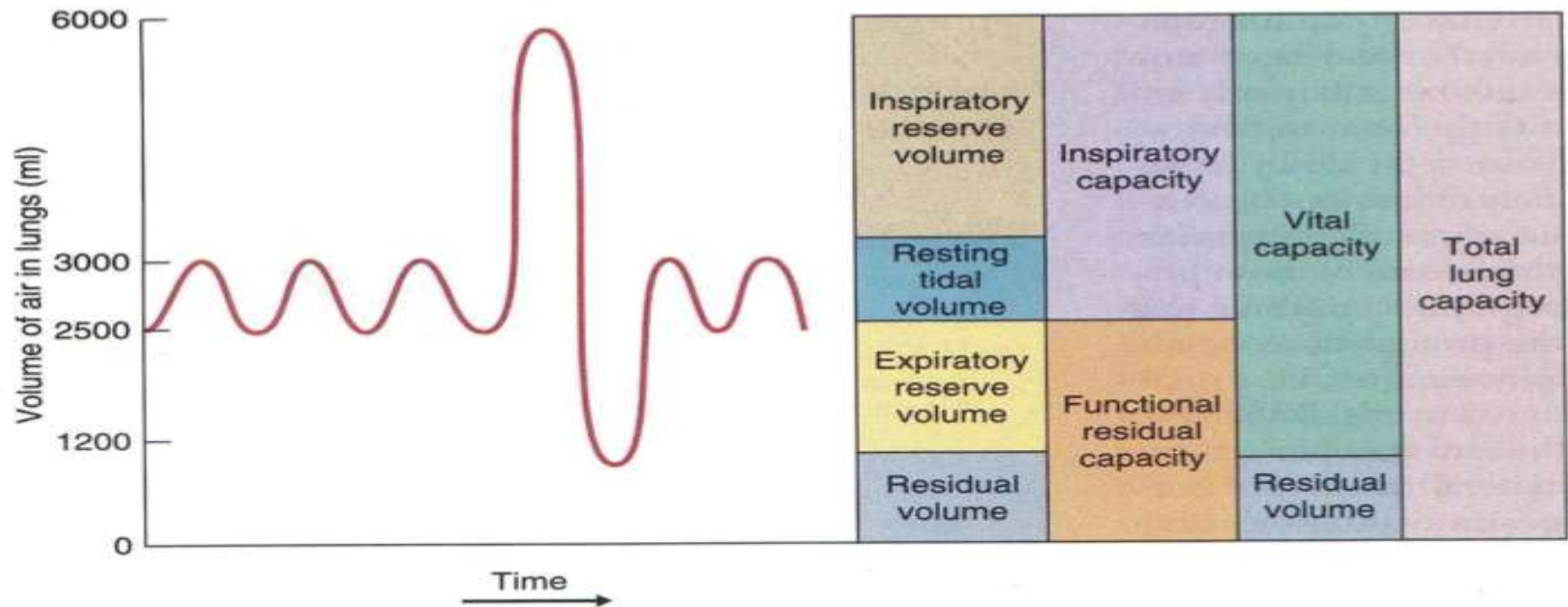


LUNG VOLUMES



- **Tidal volume.(TV)**
- Normal quiet breathing moves **approximately 500 ml** of air into and out of the lungs with each breath.
- **Inspiratory reserve volume.(IRV)**
- The amount of air that can be taken in forcibly over the tidal volume is the inspiratory reserve volume, which is normally between **2100 ml to 3200 ml.**

LUNG VOLUMES





LUNG VOLUMES



- **Intrapulmonary volume.** Intrapulmonary volume is the volume within the lungs.
 - The normal pressure within the pleural space,
 - The intrapleural pressure, is always negative,
 - This is the major factor preventing the collapse of the lungs.
- **Intrapleural pressure.**
- **Nonrespiratory air movements.**
 - Nonrespiratory movements are a result of reflex activity,
 - Some may be produced voluntarily such as cough, sneeze, crying, laughing, hiccups, and yawn



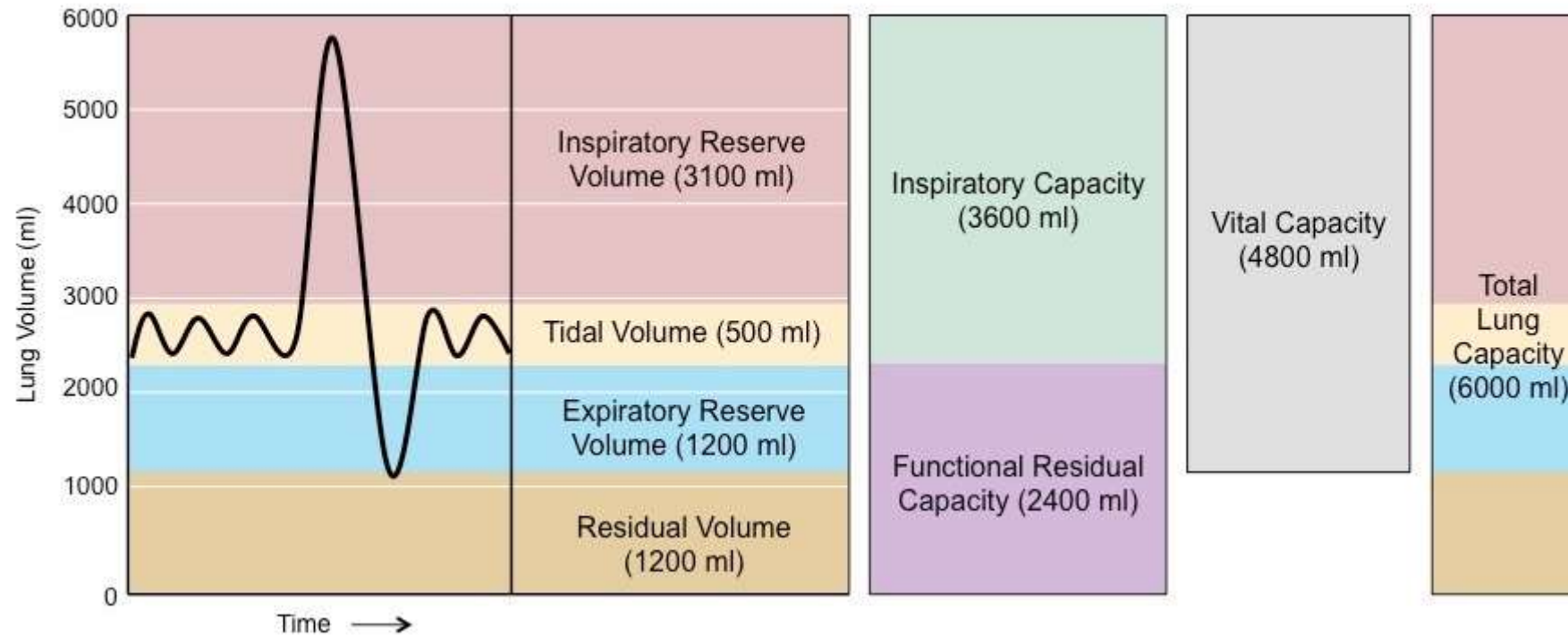
LUNG VOLUMES



- **Expiratory reserve volume (ERV).**
- The amount of air that can be forcibly exhaled after a tidal expiration, the expiratory reserve volume, is approximately 1200 ml.

- **Residual volume(RV).**
- Even after the most strenuous expiration, about 1200 ml of air still remains in the lungs and it cannot be voluntarily expelled; this is called residual volume, and it is important because it helps to keep the alveoli inflated.

LUNG CAPACITIES





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- **Vital capacity.(VC)** - the maximum capacity of air a person can expel from the lungs

- **$VC = TV + IRV + ERV = 4600 \text{ ML}$**

Inspiratory Capacity (IC) – Max amount of air that can be inspired after normal tidal expiration

$IC = TV + IRV = 3500 \text{ ML}$

- **Expiratory Capacity (EC)** - Max amount of air that can be expired after normal tidal inspiration

- **$EC = TV + ERV = 1600 \text{ ML}$**



LUNG CAPACITIES



- **FUNCTIONAL RESIDUAL CAPACITY (FRC)**
- The volume of air remaining in the lungs after normal tidal expiration
- $FRC = ERV + RV = 2300 \text{ ML}$
- Breath holding is possible because of this FRC
- Dilution of toxic gases takes place here only

- **TOTAL LUNG CAPACITY (TLC)**

Volume of air in lungs after max inspiration $VC + RV = 5800 \text{ ml}$



LUNG CAPACITIES



- **Dead space volume.**
- The air that enters the respiratory tract remains in the conducting zone passageways and never reaches the alveoli;
- This is called the **dead space volume** and during a normal tidal breath, it amounts to about **150 ml.**
- **Functional volume.** The functional volume, which is the air that actually reaches the respiratory zone and contributes to gas exchange, is **about 350 ml**
- **Minute volume (MV)**

volume of air inspired or expired per minute = $TV \times RR = 6-7.5$ l/min



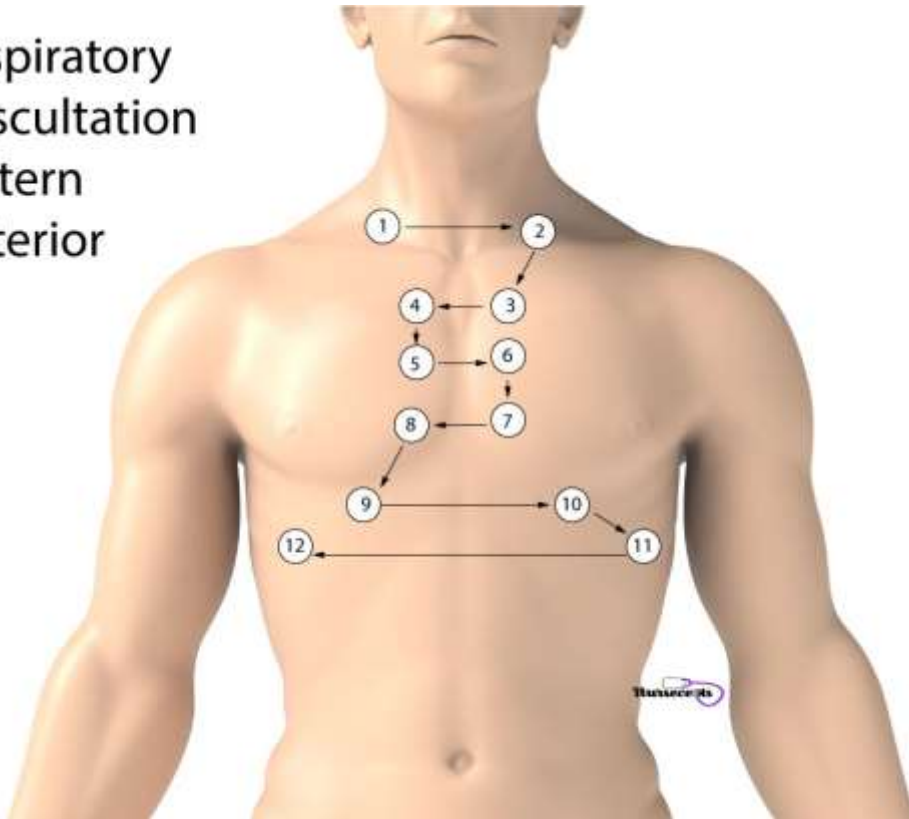
RESPIRATORY SOUNDS



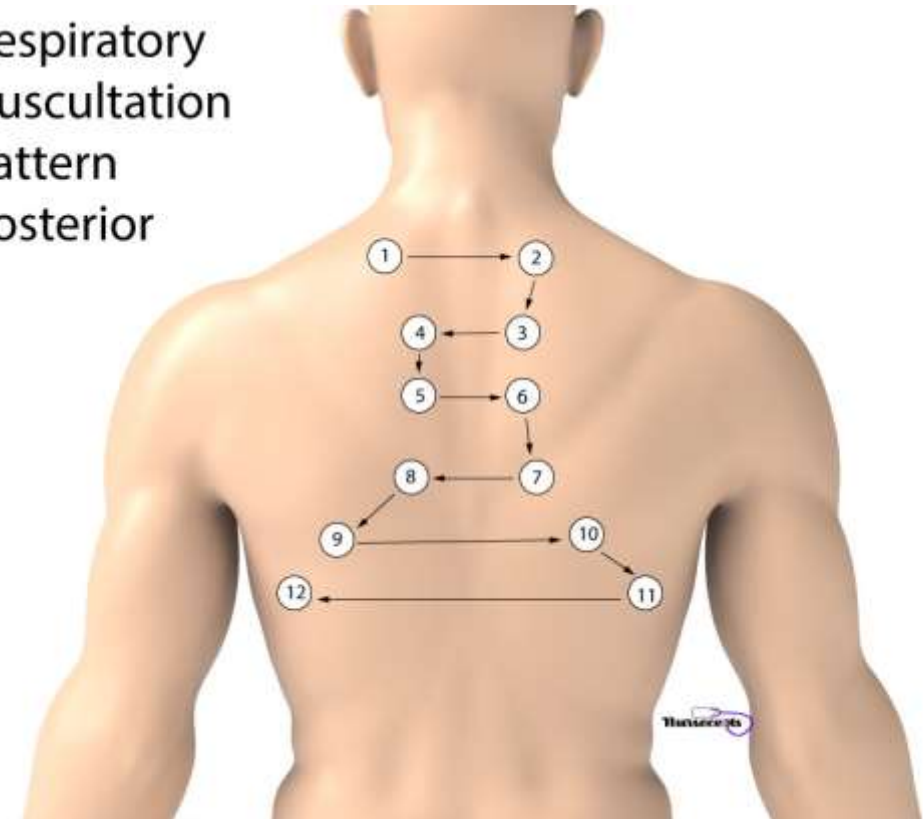
- **Bronchial sounds.** Bronchial sounds are produced by
 - air rushing through the large respiratory passageways (trachea and bronchi).
- **Vesicular breathing sounds.** Vesicular breathing sounds occur
 - As air fills the alveoli,
 - They are soft and
 - Resemble a muffled breeze.

RESPIRATORY SOUND -AUSCULTATION

Respiratory
Auscultation
Pattern
Anterior



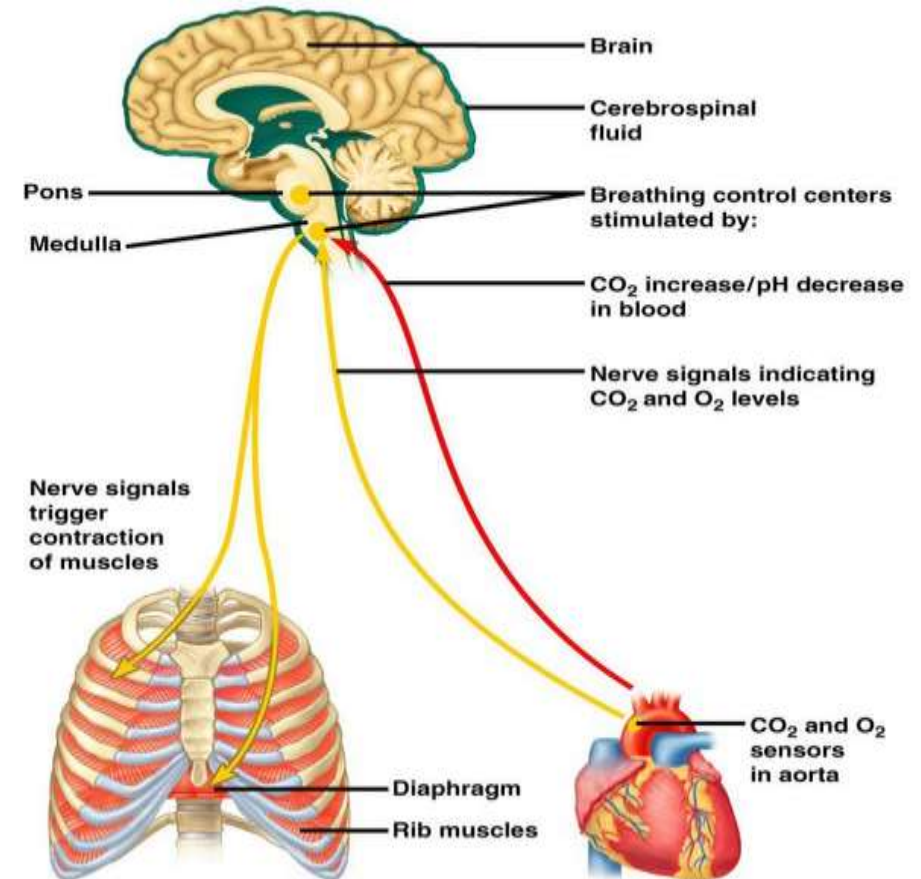
Respiratory
Auscultation
Pattern
Posterior



CONTROL OF RESPIRATION

- *Neural Regulation*

- Phrenic and intercostal nerves.
- Medulla and pons.
- Eupnea.
- Hyperpnea.



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CONTROL OF RESPIRATION



- ***Non-neural Factors***
 - **Physical factors.**
 - **Volition (conscious control).**
 - **Emotional factors.**
 - **Chemical factors.**
 - **Hyperventilation.**



CONCLUSION



- A clear understanding about the respiratory physiology is important to assess the normal and abnormal functioning.
- The process of respiration, mechanisms of breathing, Lung Volumes and capacities are the most dominant function of respiratory organs.
- Auscultation of breath sounds and the control of respiration are other crucial elements in understanding the physiology of respiratory system



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