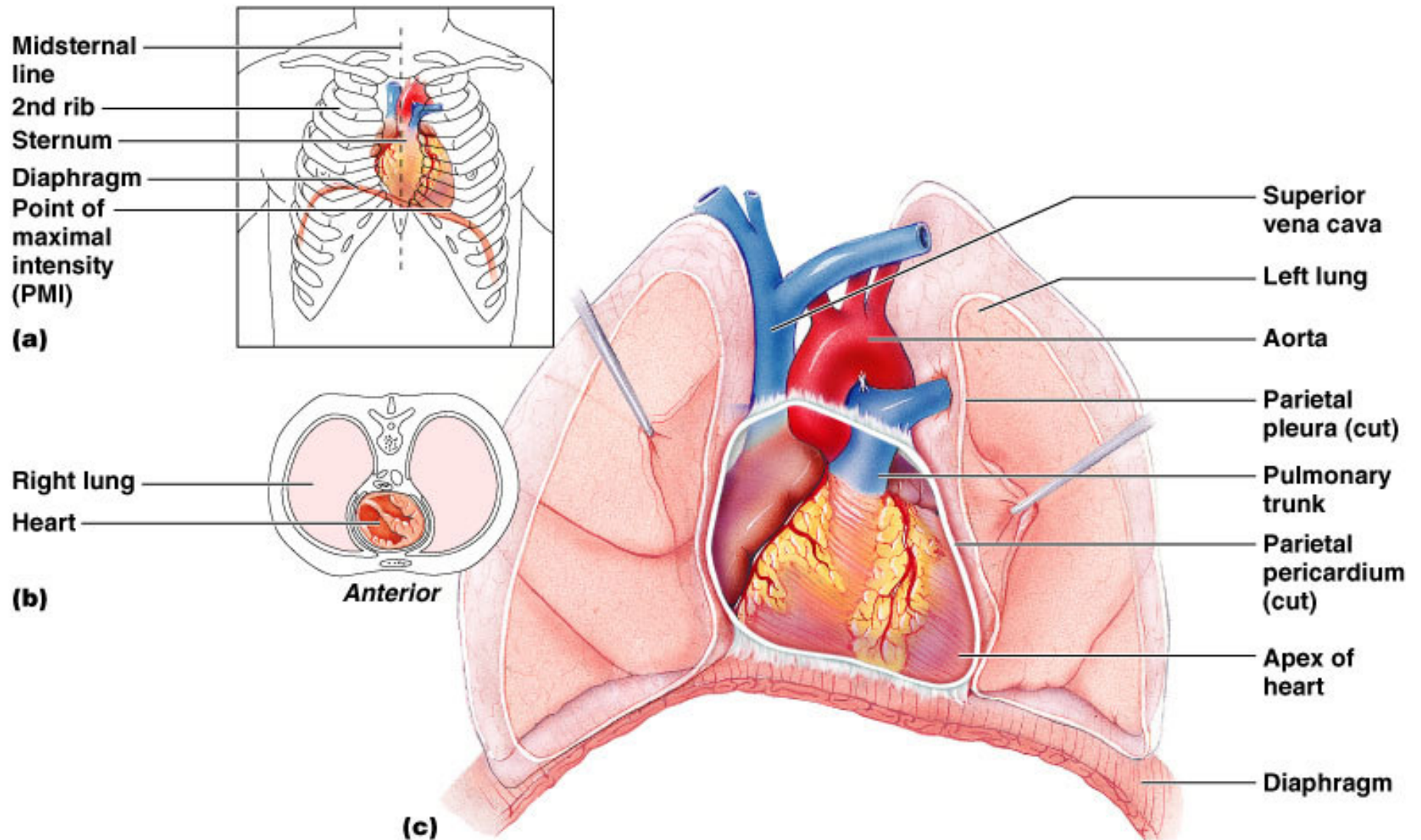
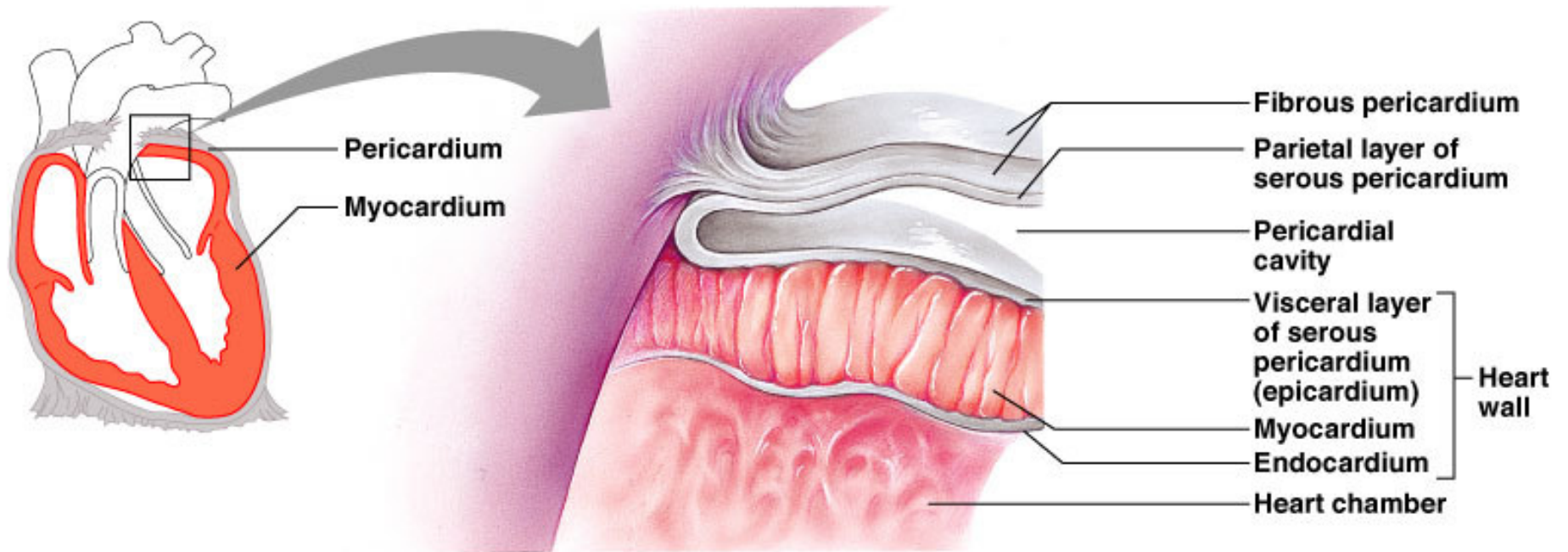
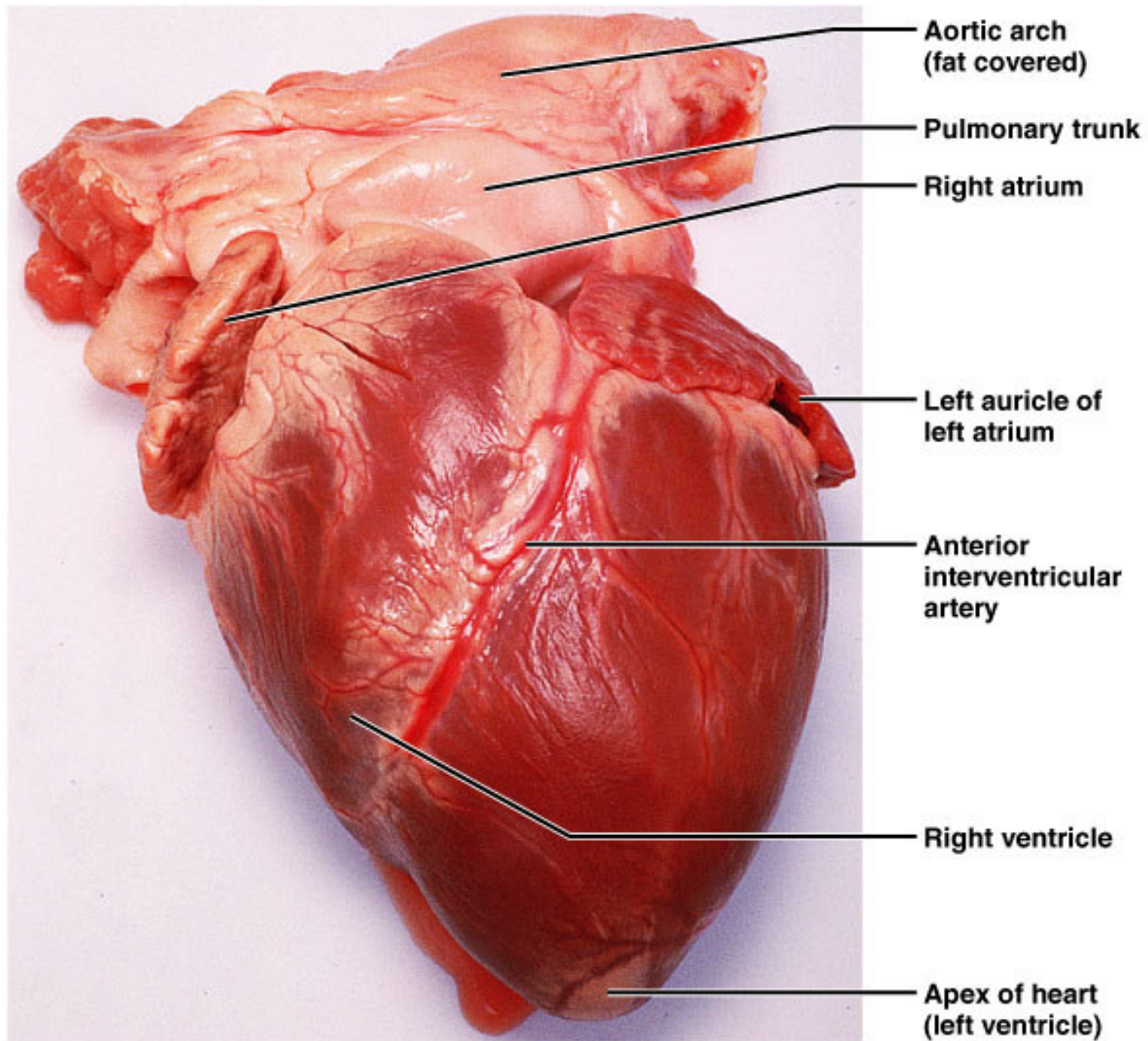


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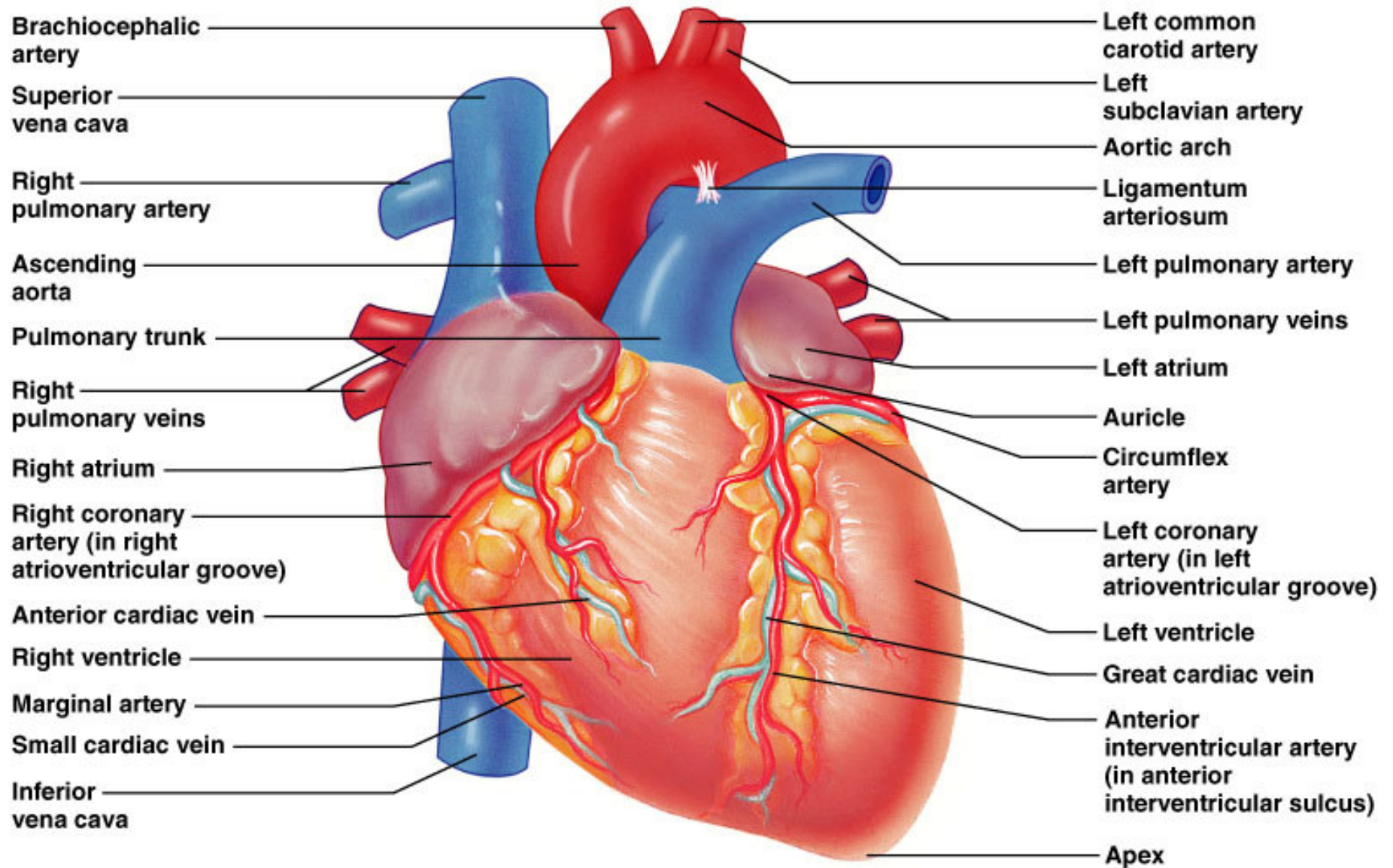
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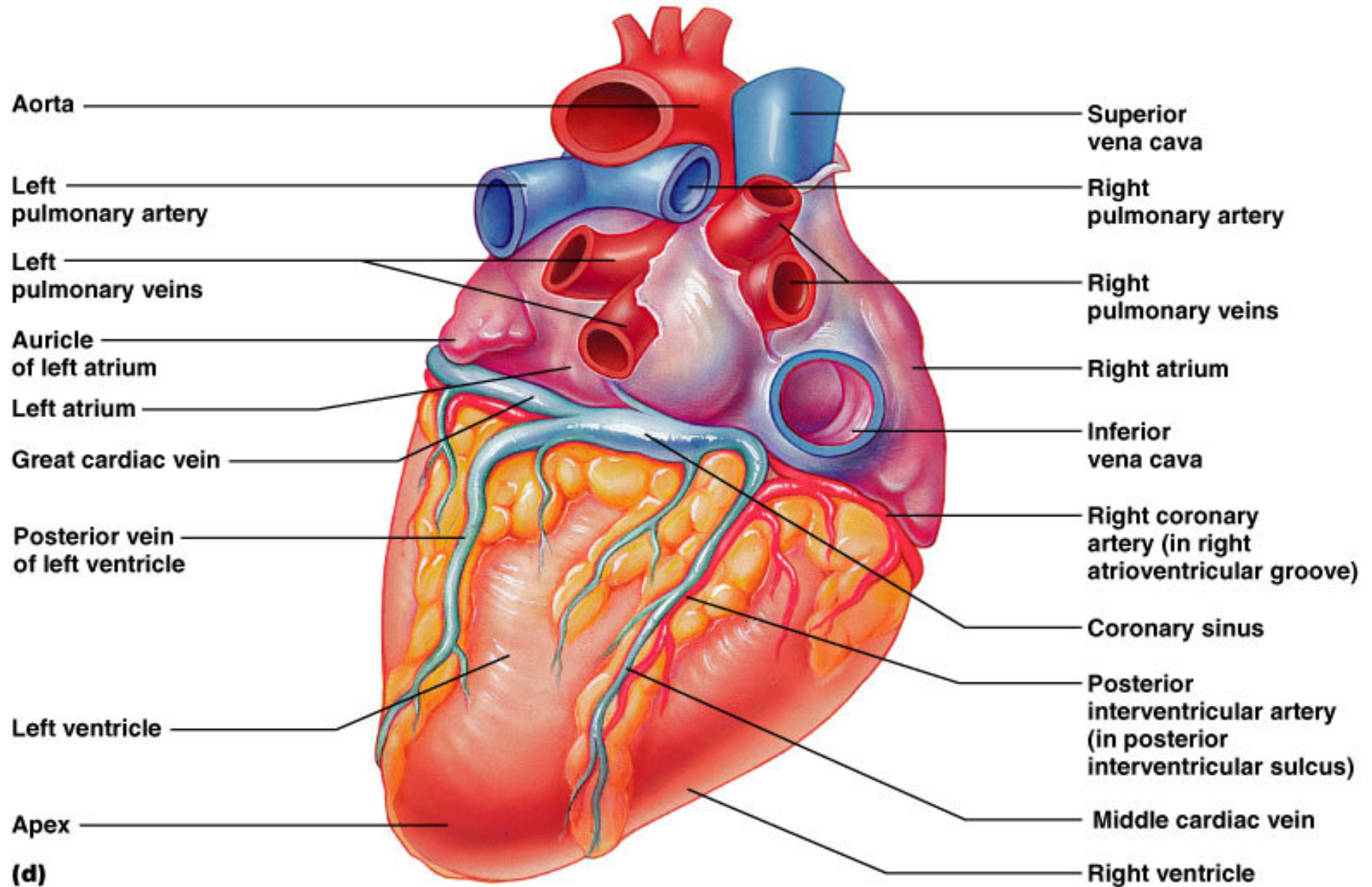
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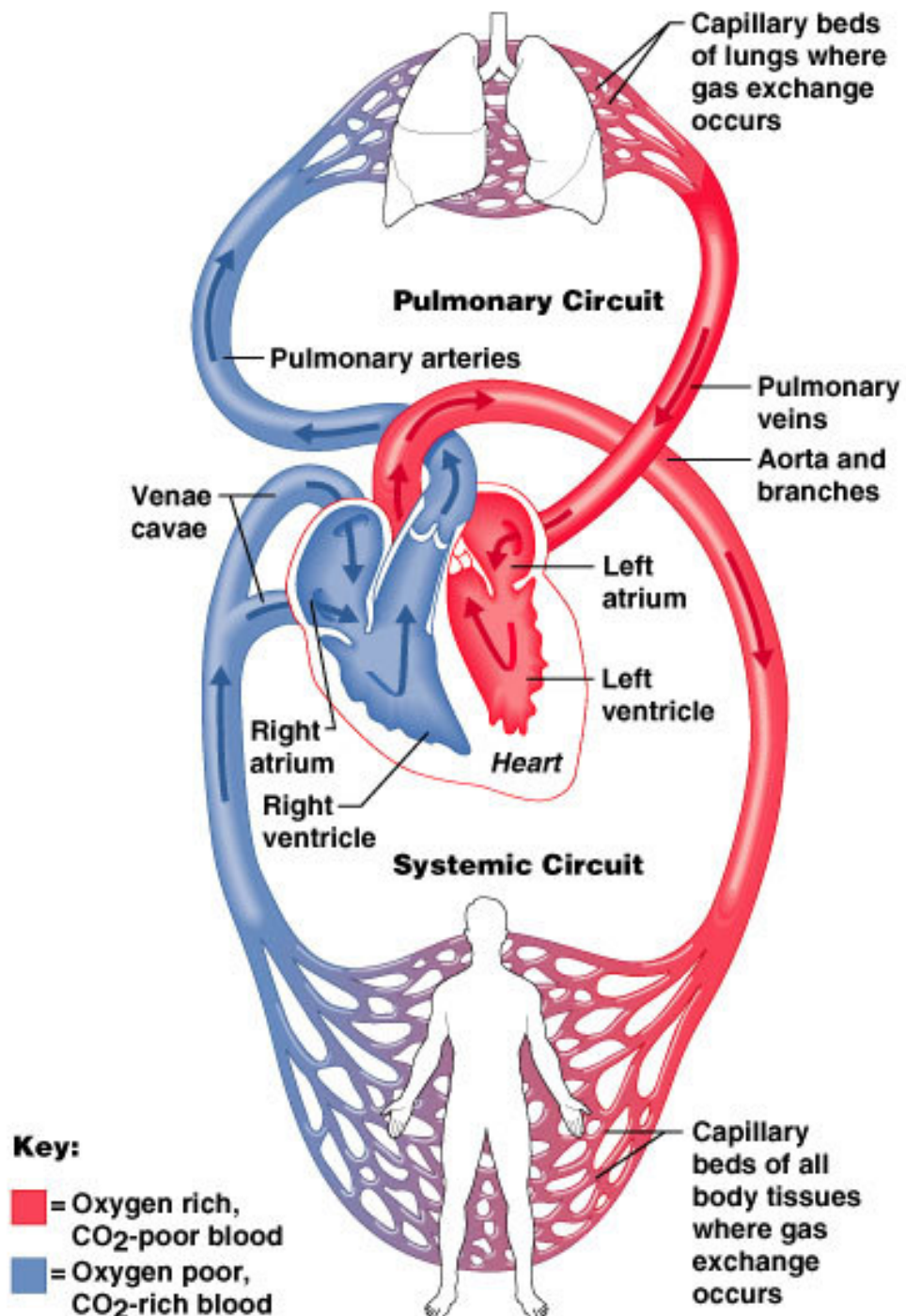
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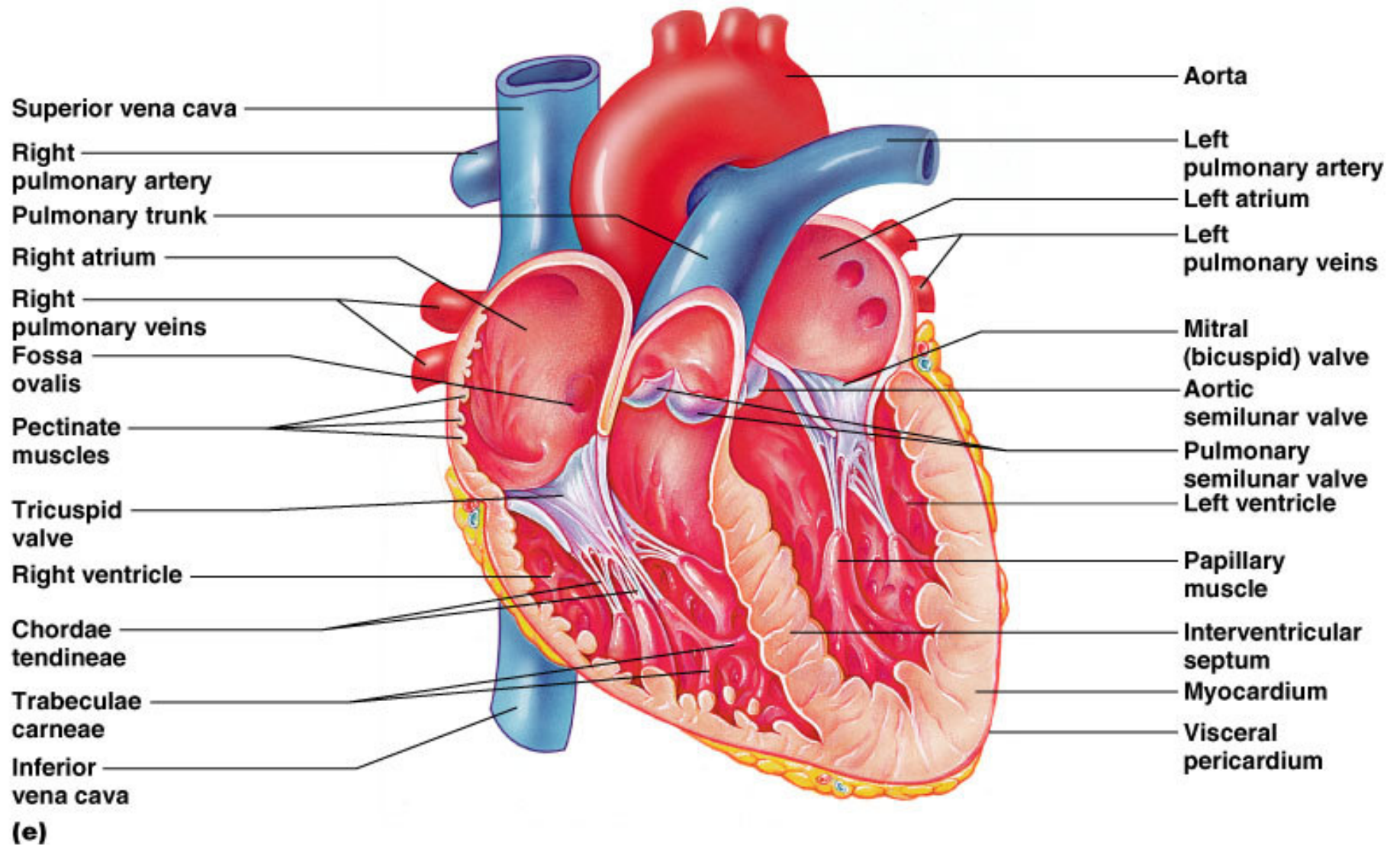
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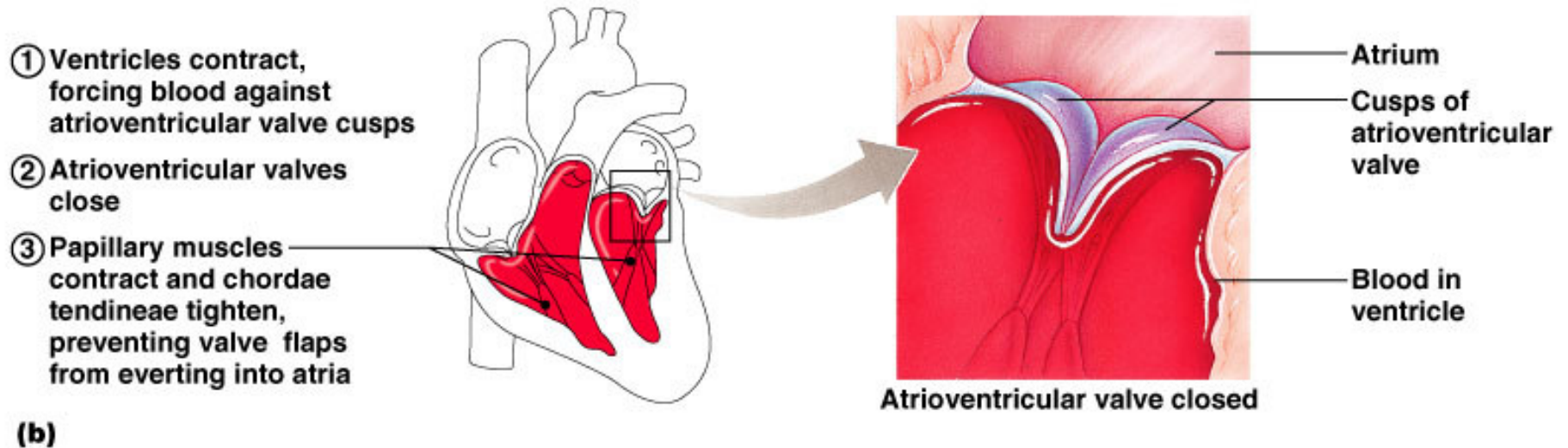
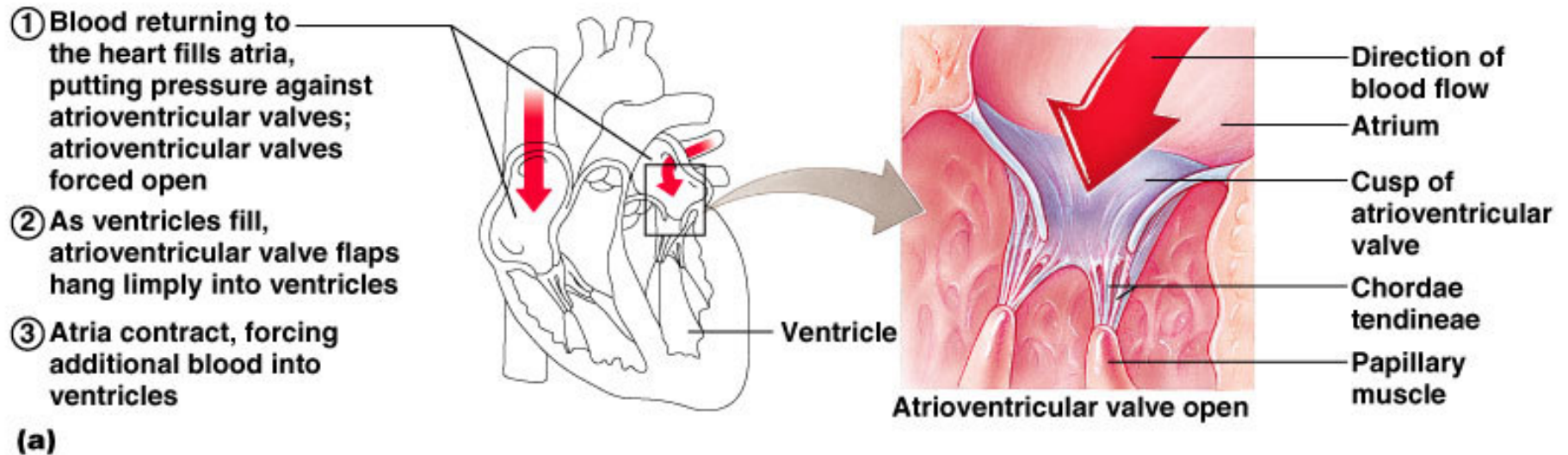




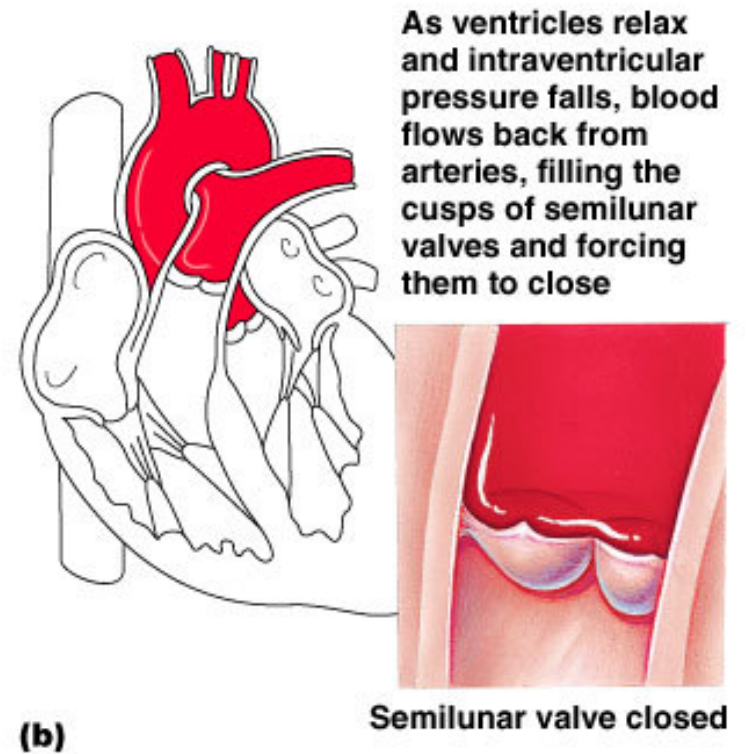
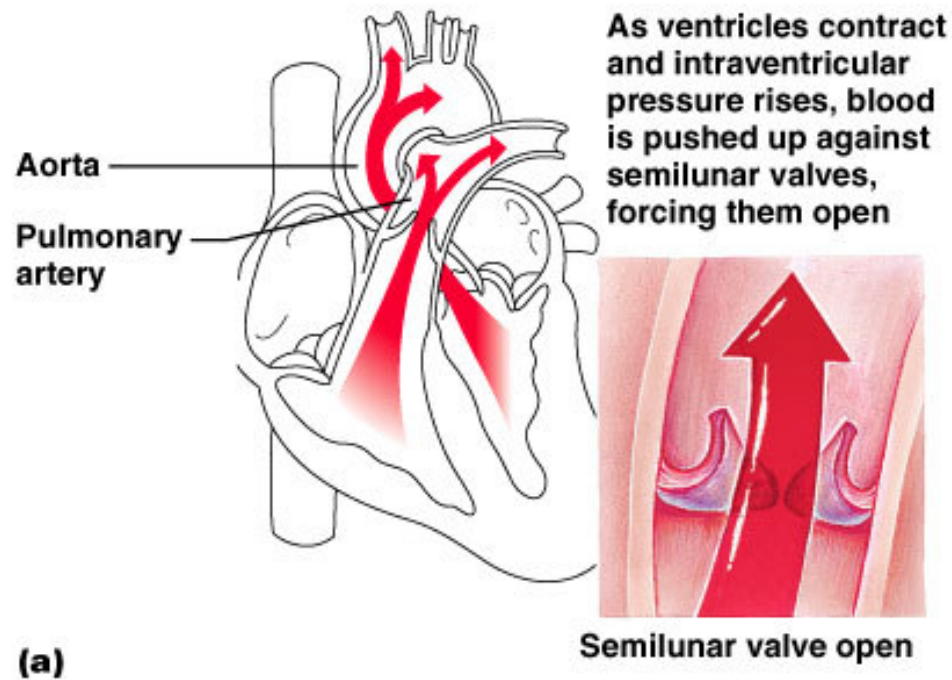
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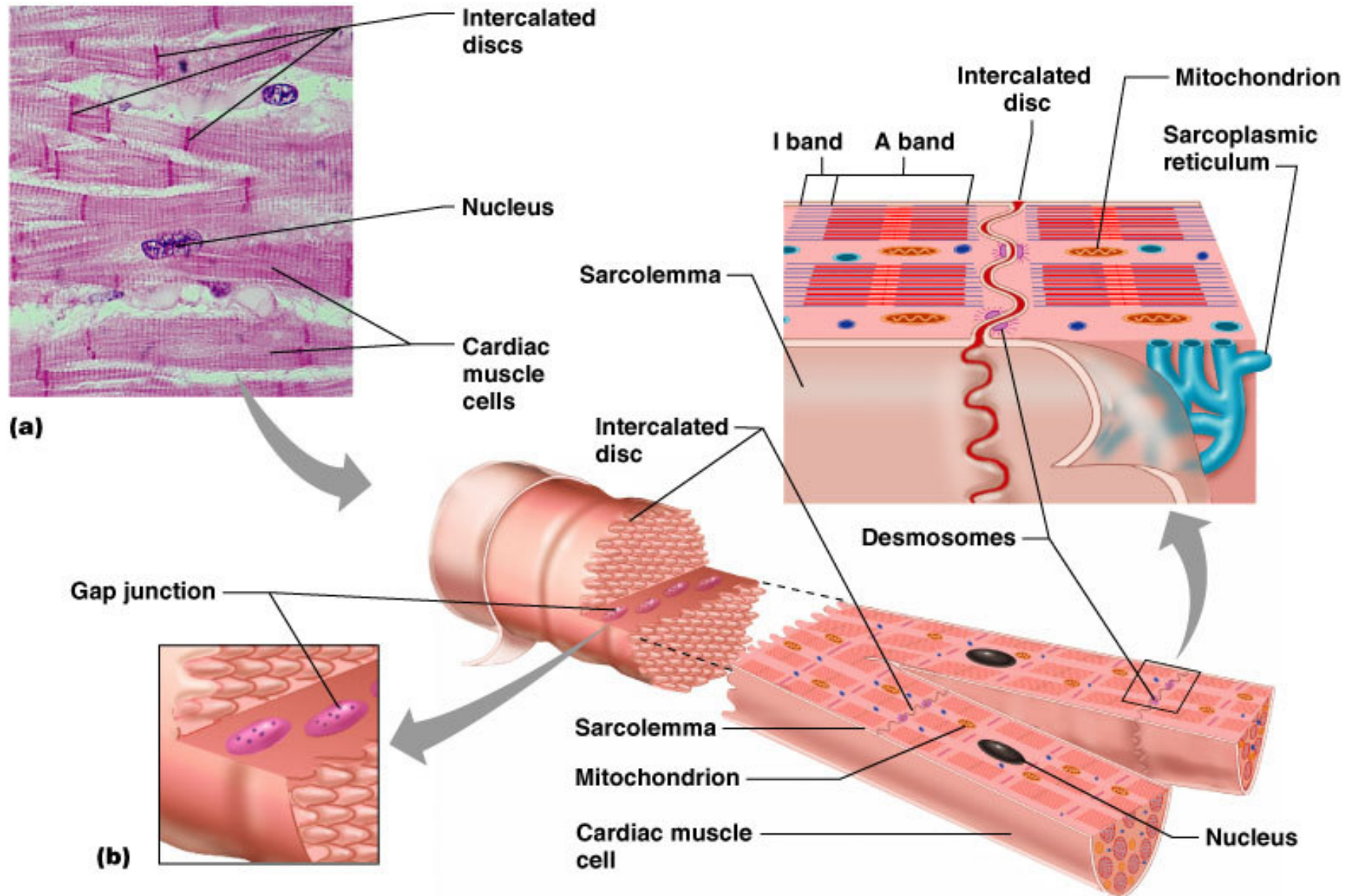
Heart



Properties of Cardiac Muscle Fibers

- **Microscopic Anatomy**
 - **Branched**
 - **Centrally located nucleus**
 - **Actin and myosin arranged into sarcomeres**
 - **Sarcoplasmic reticulum and T tubules not well organized**
 - **Cells joined by intercalated discs, heart functions as a syncytium**

Properties of Cardiac Muscle Fibers

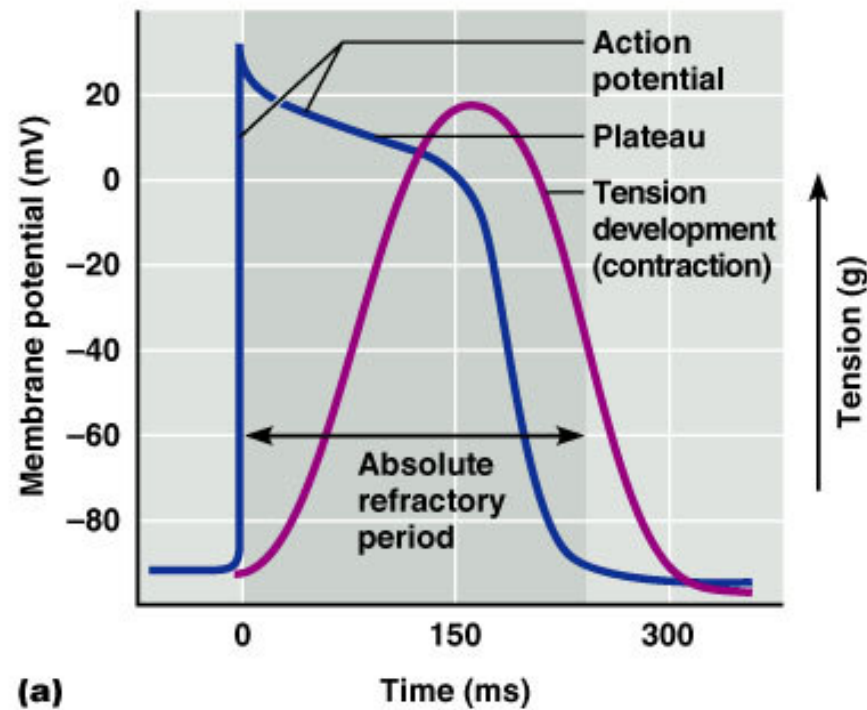


Properties of Cardiac Muscle Fibers

- **Mechanisms and Events of Contraction**
 - **Means of Stimulation**
 - **Some self exciteable (automaticity or autorhythmicity)**
 - **Organ vs Motor Unit Contraction**
 - **Skeletal muscle each motor unit contracts independently**
 - **Entire heart either contracts or not**

Properties of Cardiac Muscle Fibers

- **Length of Absolute Refractory Period**
 - **Much longer than skeletal muscle**
 - **Prevents tetany**

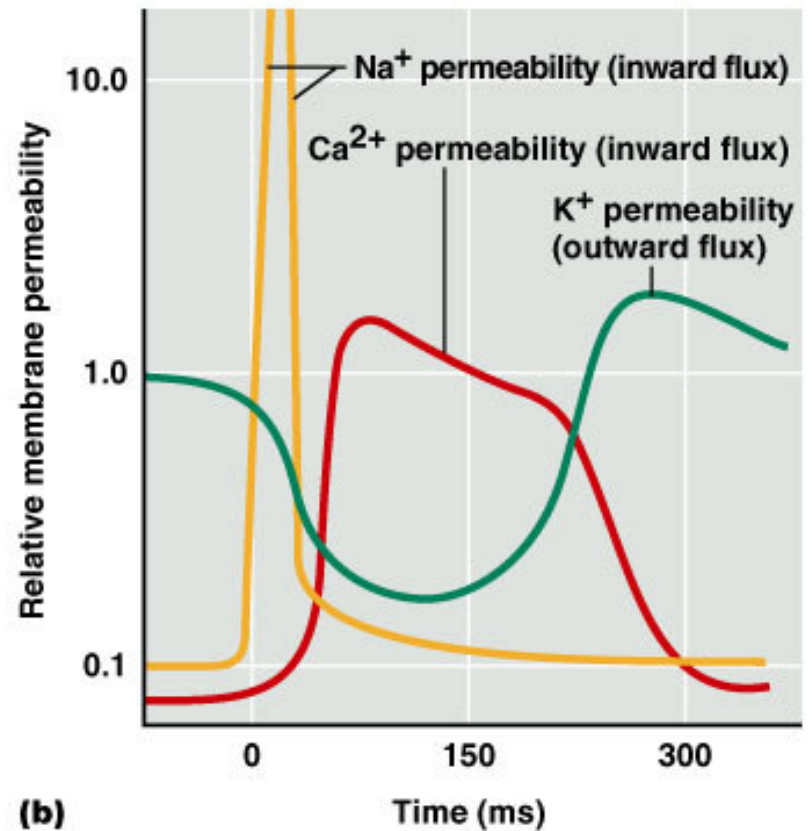
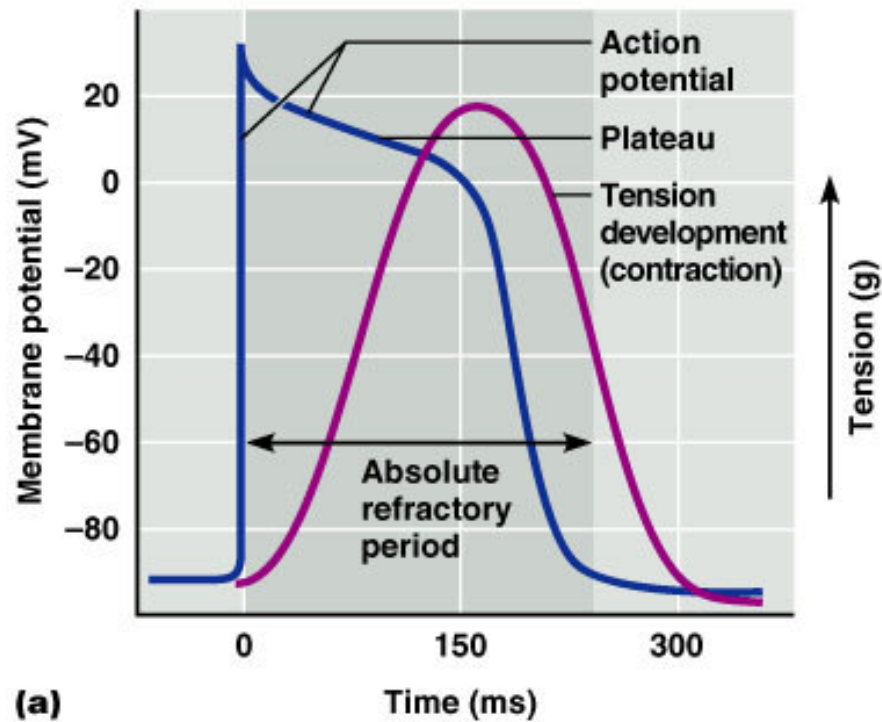


Properties of Cardiac Muscle Fibers

– Events in the Contraction of Cardiac Muscle

- **Voltage-regulated Fast Na^+ Channels open, initiating an action potential**
- **Depolarization travels down T tubules resulting in the release of Ca^{2+}**
 - **20 – 30% of Ca^{2+} needed for contraction comes from outside the cell; this acts as the stimulus to release Ca^{2+} from the sarcoplasmic reticulum**
 - **For Ca^{2+} to enter the cell depolarization of cell membrane via Na^+ channels opening, opens slow Ca^{2+} channels**
 - » **Ca^{2+} enters the cell causing Ca^{2+} channels to open in the sarcoplasmic reticulum, releasing Ca^{2+}**

Properties of Cardiac Muscle Fibers



Properties of Cardiac Muscle Fibers

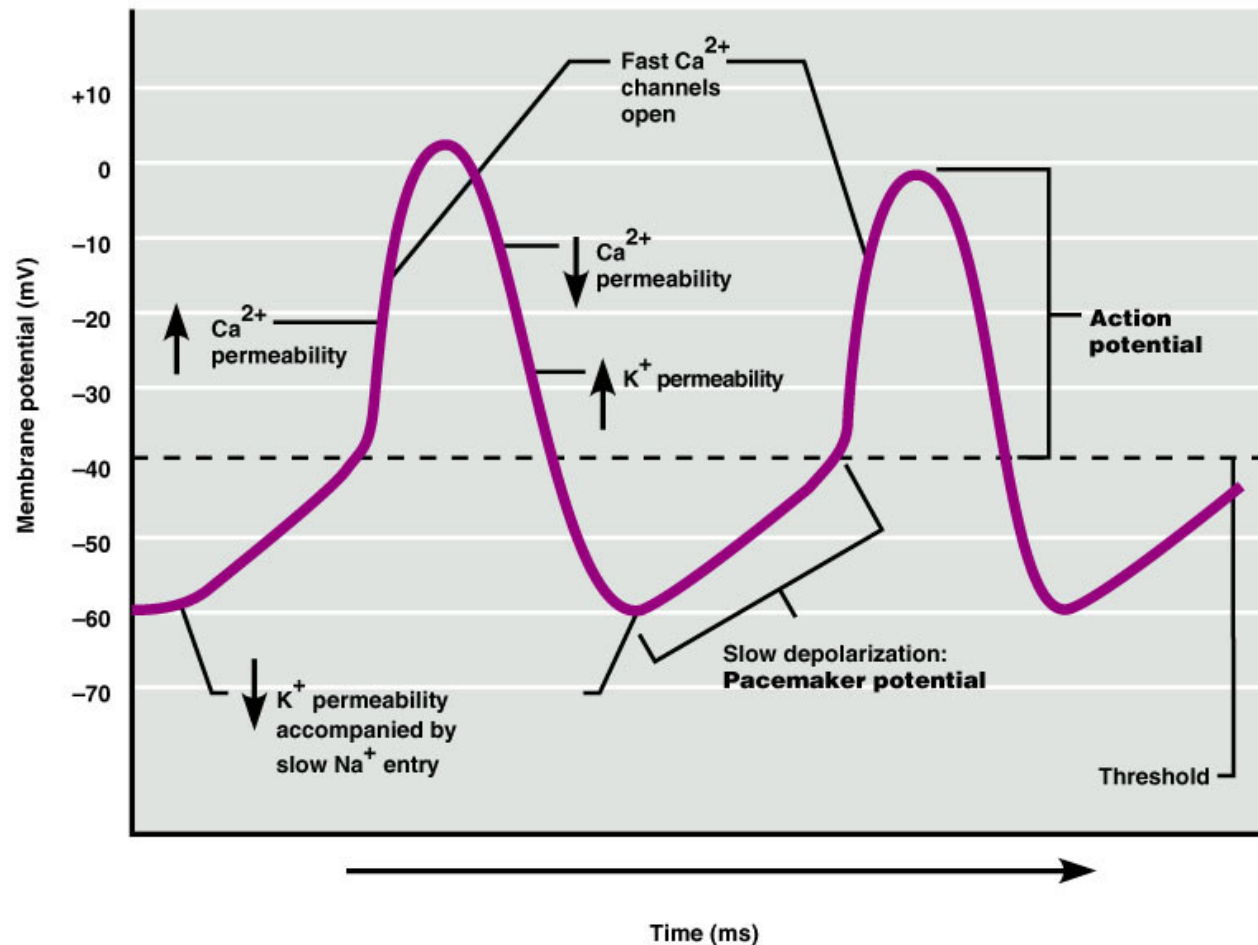
- **Energy Requirements**

- **Possess a large number of mitochondria (needs large amounts of oxygen)**
- **Cannot function anaerobically for very long, unlike skeletal muscle**
- **Utilizes multiple fuels – even lactic acid generated by skeletal muscle contraction**

Heart Physiology

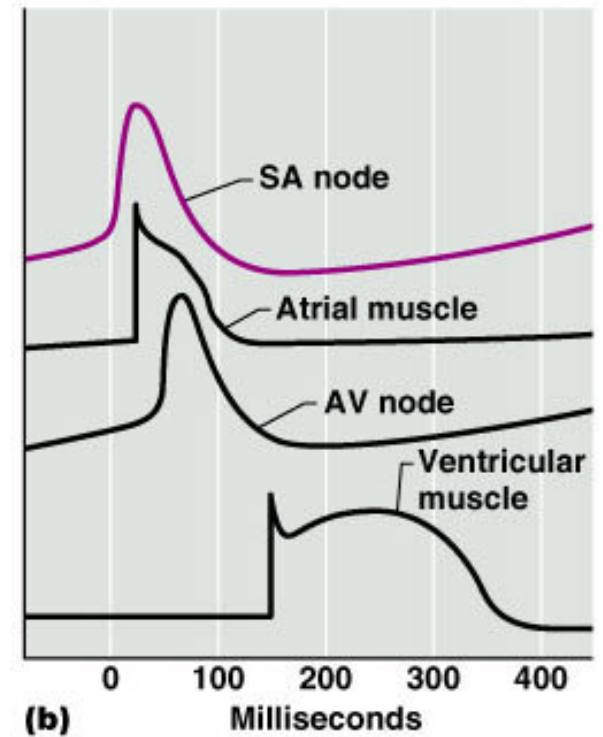
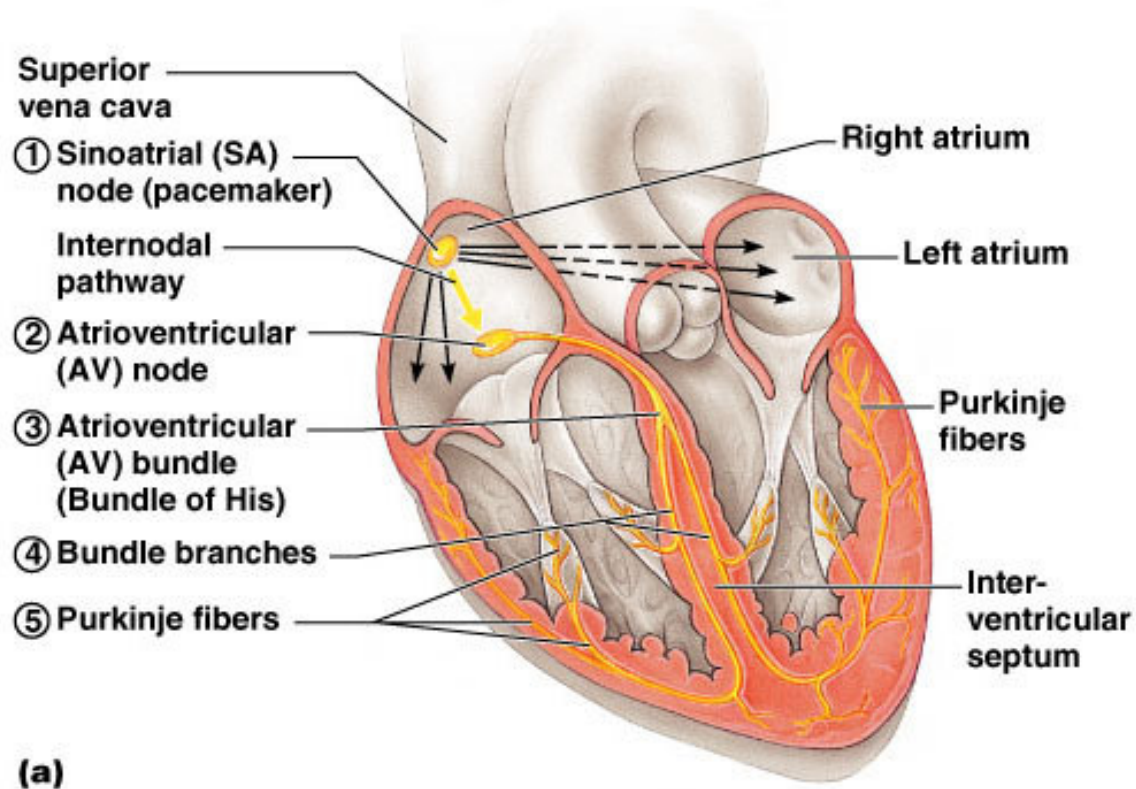
- **Electrical Events**

- **Autorhythmicity of Cells – important to understand, some cardiac drugs work at this level**



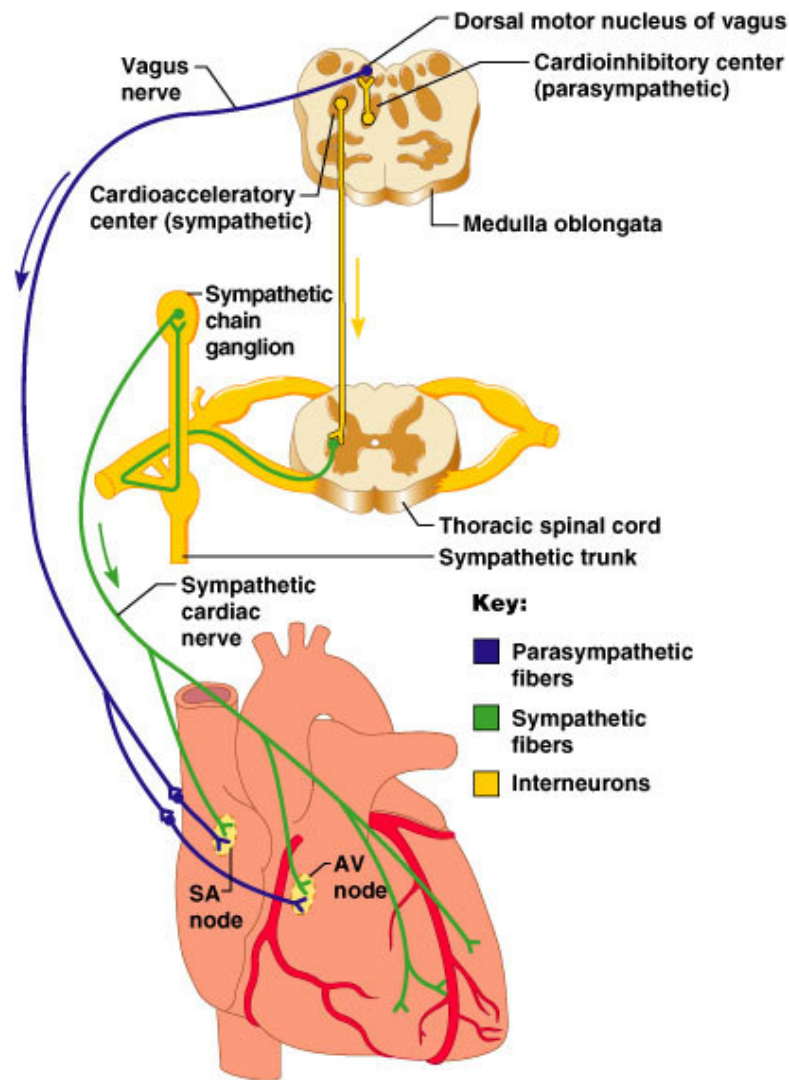
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– Sequence of Excitation



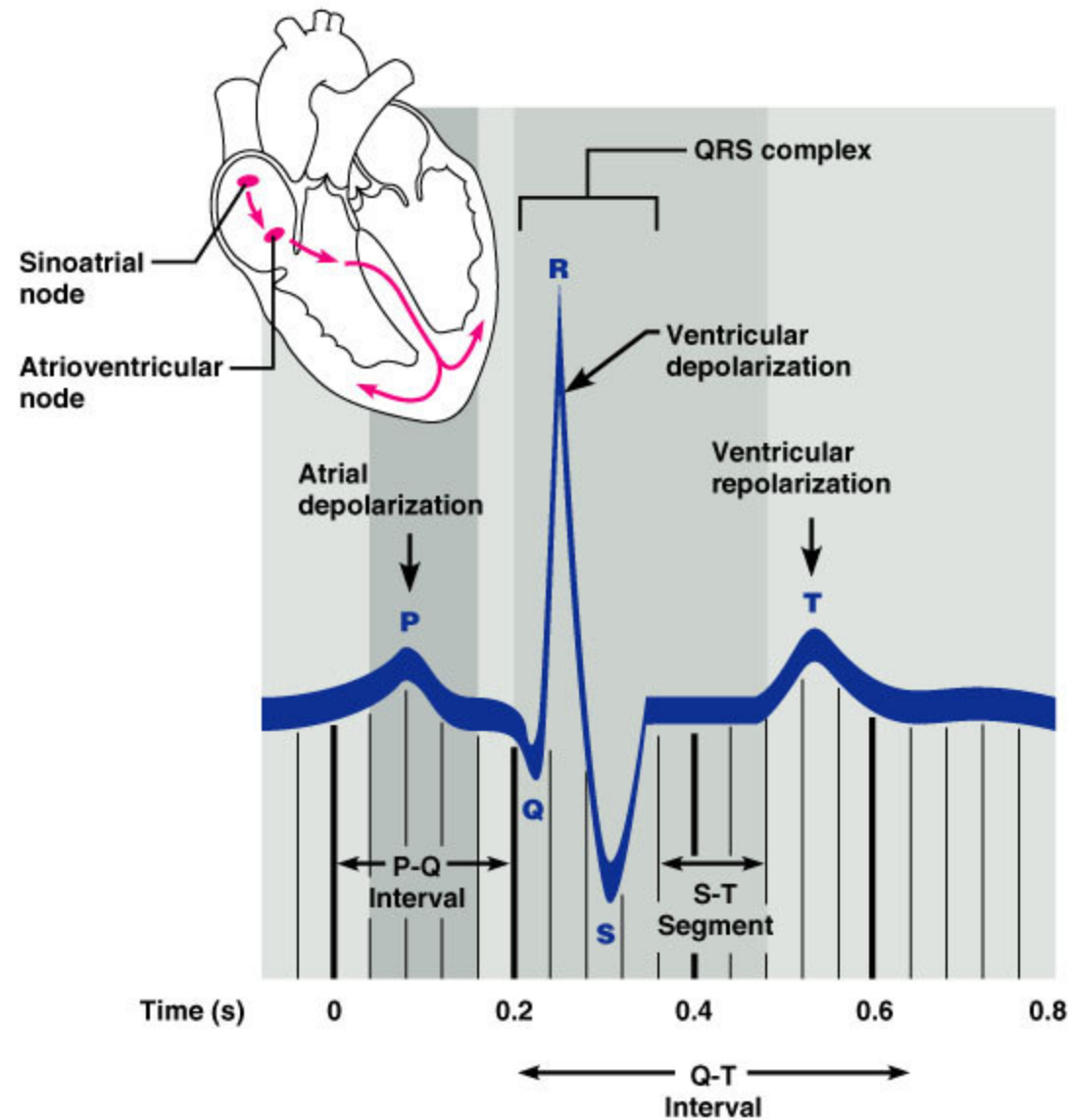
Heart Physiology

– Modifying the Basic Rhythm: Extrinsic Innervation of the Heart



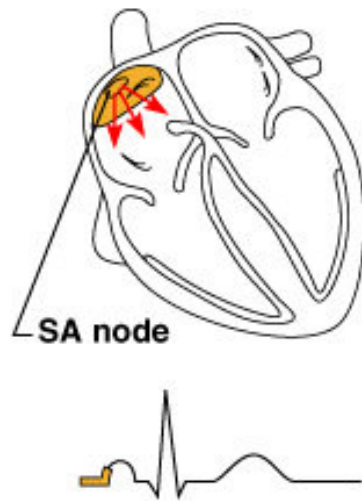
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– Electrocardiography

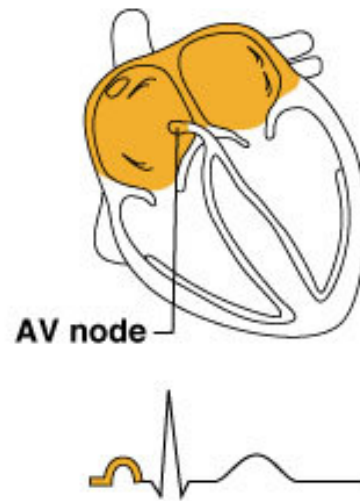


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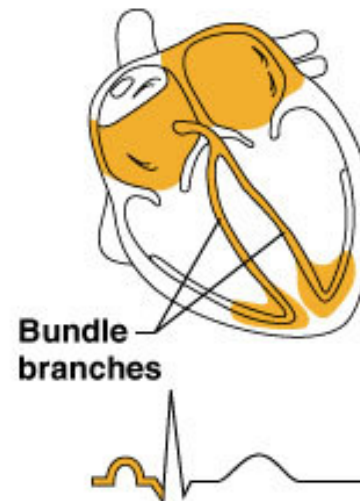
SA node generates impulse; atrial excitation begins



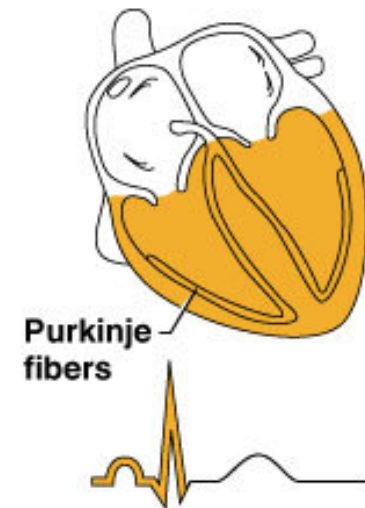
Impulse delayed at AV node



Impulse passes to heart apex; ventricular excitation begins



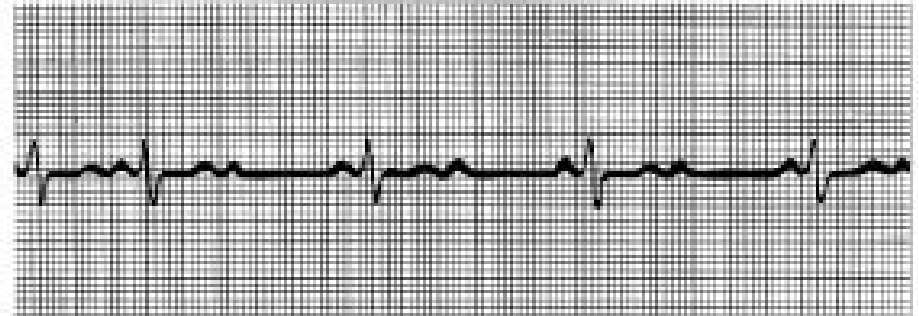
Ventricular excitation complete



Heart Physiology



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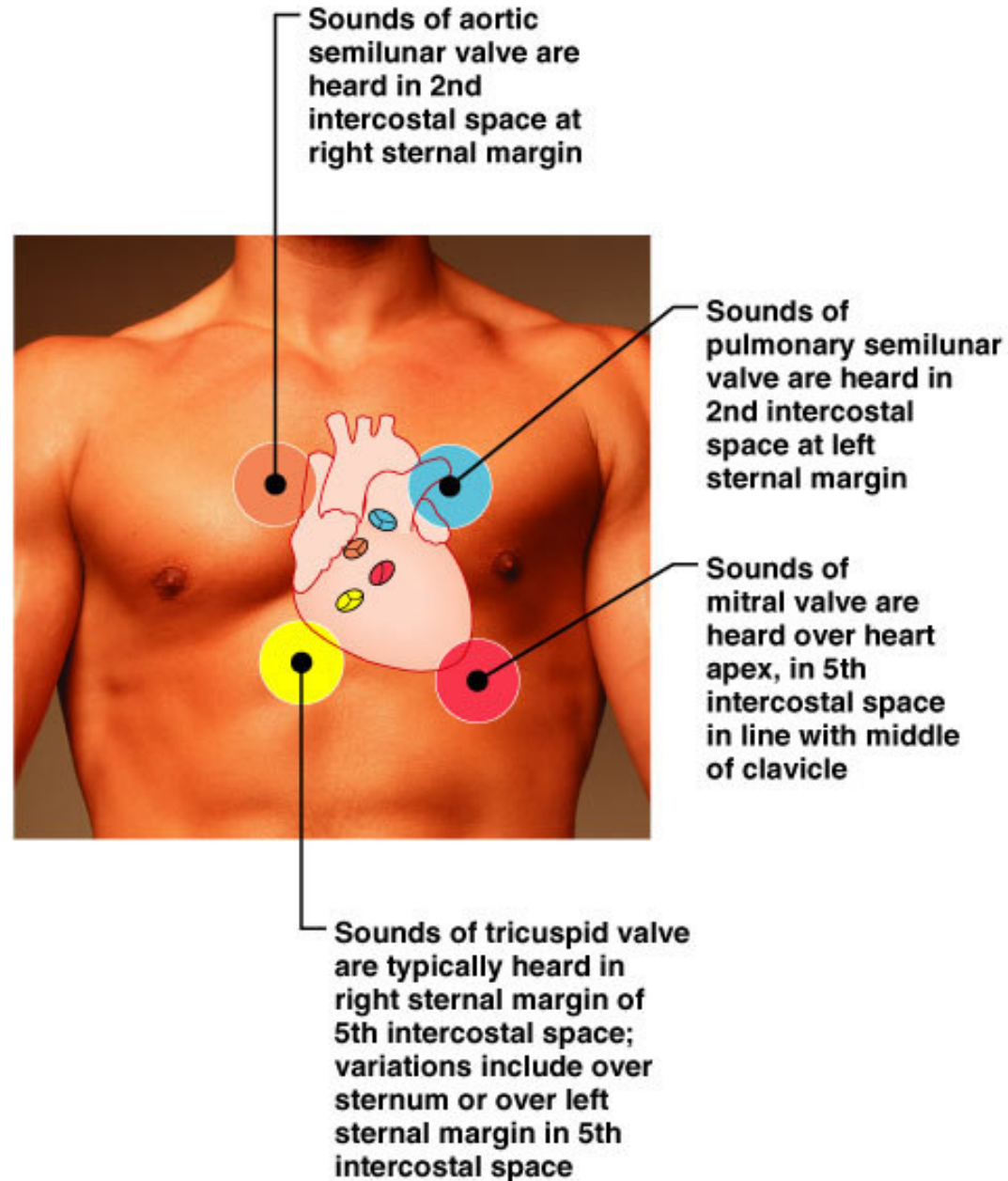


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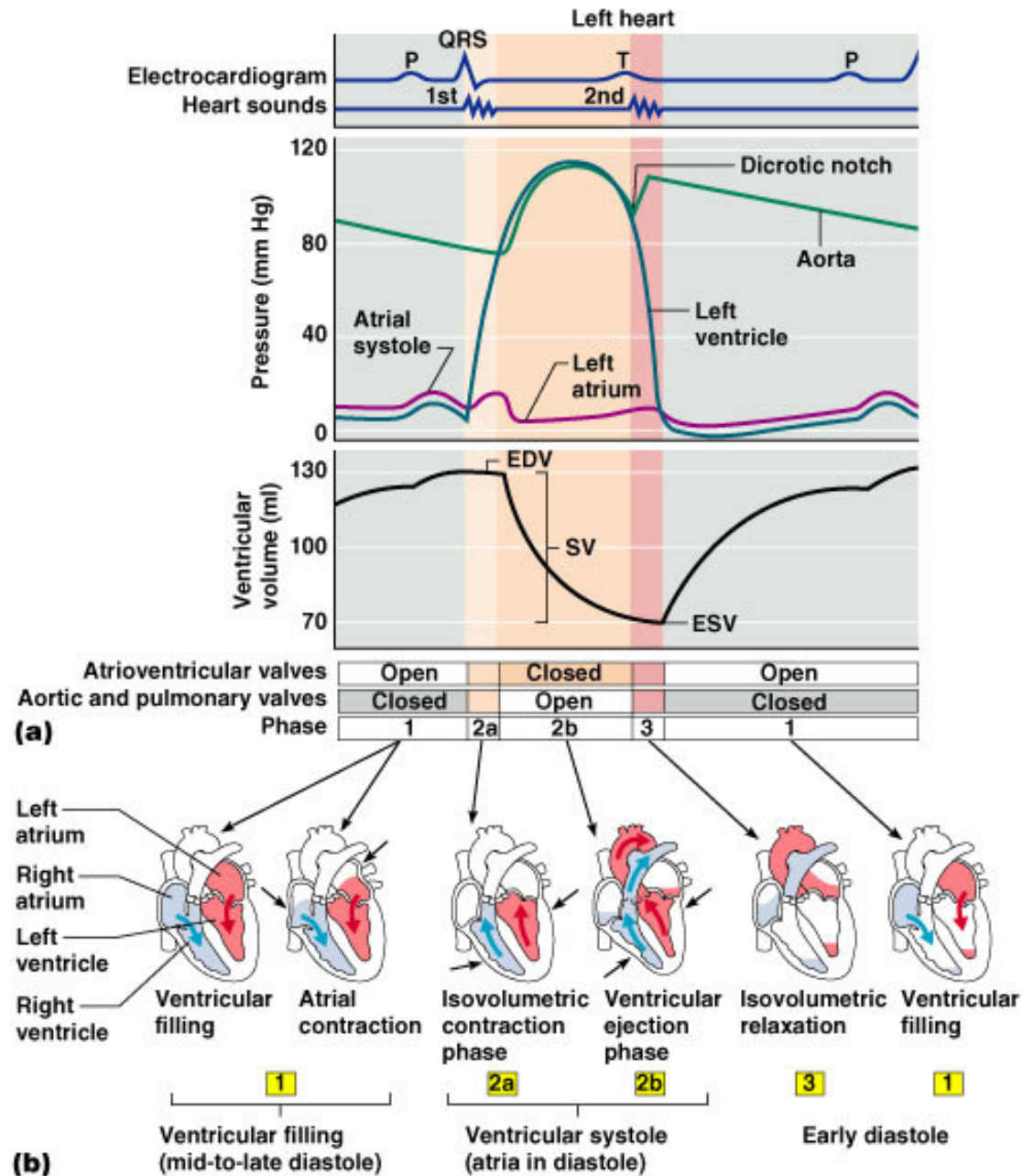


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Heart Sounds



Mechanical Events: The Cardiac Cycle



Cardiac Output

- **Cardiac output is equal to the stroke volume times the heart rate**
 - **Stroke volume is the volume of blood pumped by either the right or left ventricle during one ventricular contraction – it equals the end-diastolic volume minus the end-systolic volume**

$$\text{SV} = \text{EDV} - \text{ESV}$$

$$70 = 125 - 55$$

$$\text{CO} = \text{SV} \times \text{HR}$$

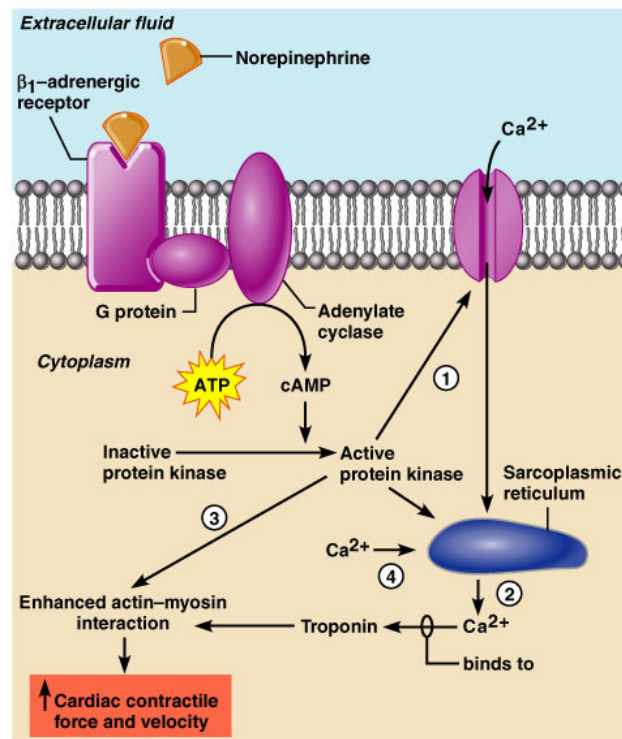
$$5250 = 70 \text{ ml/b} \times 75 \text{ b/m} * (\text{bpm})$$

$$\text{CO} = 5.25\text{L/min}$$

Cardiac Output

– Regulation of Stroke Volume

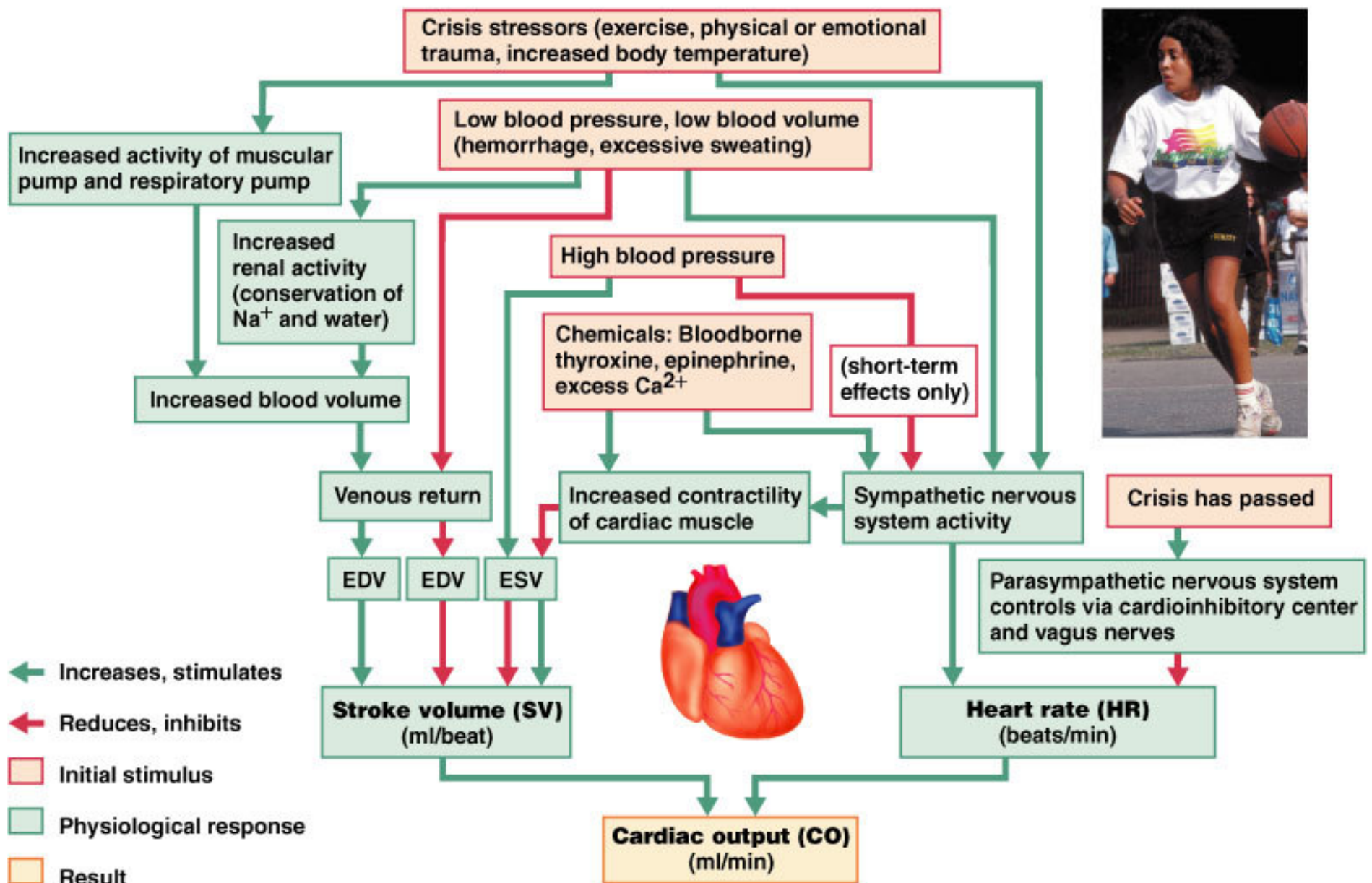
- **Preload: Degree of Stretch of Heart Muscle (Frank-Starling Law of the Heart) – greatest factor influencing stretch is venous return**
- **Contractility – strength of contraction**
 - **Increased Ca^{2+} the result of sympathetic nervous system**



Cardiac Output

- Other chemicals can affect contractility**
 - » Positive inotropic agents – glucagon, epinephrine, thyroxine, digitals**
 - » Negative inotropic agents – acidosis, rising K^+ levels, calcium channel blockers**
- Afterload: Back Pressure Exerted by Arterial Blood**
- Regulation of Heart Rate**
 - Autonomic Nervous System**
 - Chemical Regulation**
 - Hormones**
 - » Epinephrine**
 - » Thyroxine**
 - Ions**

Cardiac Output



Cardiac Output

- **Other Factors**
 - **Age**
 - » **Infants faster**
 - **Gender**
 - » **Women faster (Why?)**
 - **Exercise/Body Temperature**

Read Homeostatic Imbalances on your own along with “A Closer Look” on pages 704-705 – If you have questions ASK !!!!