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BODY FLUIDS AND CIRCULATION

Blood

Blood is a mobile connective tissue composed of a fluid, plasma and the cells, the blood corpuscles. It forms about 30-35% of the extracellular fluid. It is slightly alkaline fluid having pH 7.4.

- > **Plasma** is straw coloured viscous fluid that constitutes 55% of blood volume. It consists of 90-92% water, 8% protein (fibrinogens, albumins and globulins), glucose, amino acids and small amount of minerals like Na^+ , Ca^{++} , Cl^- etc.
- **Erythrocytes, leucocytes and platelets are collectively called formed elements.**
- **Erythrocytes** - Total blood count of RBCs is 5.3 million, which is slightly less in females due to menstruation. It is formed in bone marrow. Nucleus is absent in mammalian RBCs having biconcave in shape.
- Every 200 ml of blood contains 12-16 gm of haemoglobin. They have a life span of 120 days. They are destroyed in the spleen (graveyard of RBCs).
- **Leucocytes or WBCs are colourless** due to absence of haemoglobin. 6000-8000 WBCs are present in each mm³ of blood.
- The different types of white blood cells (leukocytes) include neutrophils, eosinophils, lymphocytes, monocytes, and macrophages.

- Neutrophils are most abundant and basophils are least abundant WBCs. Monocytes and neutrophils are phagocytic cells which destroy foreign organisms, Basophils secrete histamine, serotonin and heparin that involve in inflammatory reactions.
- Eosinophils resist infection and allergic reactions. B and T lymphocytes are responsible for immune response of the body.

Thrombocytes or platelets, are cell fragments produced from megakaryocytes in bone marrow. Platelets are present in each milliliter of blood. Platelets are involved in clotting or coagulation of blood in case of injuries.

Blood Groups— blood of human beings differ in certain aspects although it appears same in all individuals.

Two main types of grouping are ABO and Rh.

ABO grouping is based on presence or absence of two surface antigens KBC, antigen A and antigen B. The plasma of an individual also contains two antibodies produced in response of antigens.

| Blood Group | Antigens on RBCs | Antibodies in Plasma | Donor Group |
|-------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| A | A | Anti-B | A, O |
| B | B | Anti-A | B, O |
| AB | A, B | Nil | A, B, O |
| O | None | Anti-A, B | O |

* Group 'O' blood can be donated to any individual with any blood group, so it is called universal donor.

A person with 'AB' blood group can receive blood from any person of any group, so it is called universal recipient.

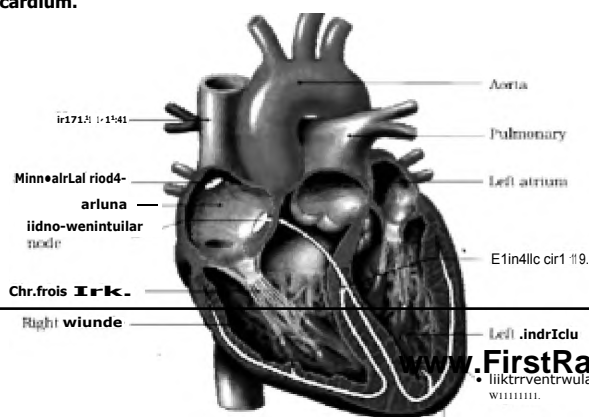
Rh grouping – Rh antigen (similar to Rhesus monkey) are observed on surface of RBC of majority of individuals (about 80%). Such people are called Rh positive (Rh+) and those in which this antigen is absent are called Rh negative (Rh-).

4 Erythroblastosis foetalis - If father's blood is Rh+ and mother's blood is Rh-, the foetus blood is Rh+. During the delivery of first child there is a possibility of exposure of mother's blood with foetus blood to develop antibodies in mother blood. In subsequent pregnancy the mother's blood can leak into foetus blood that destroys the foetus RBC. This case is called erythroblastosis foetalis.

Circulatory Pathways

Human Circulatory System — consists of 4-chambered muscular heart, closed branching blood vessels and circulatory fluid blood.

Heart is the mesodermal layer-derived muscular organ, situated in thoracic cavity between the two lungs protected by double membrane of pericardium.

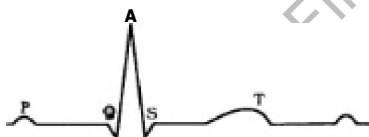


The opening between right atrium and right ventricle is guarded by a three muscular flaps or cusps called tricuspid valve. Bicuspid or mitral valve guards the left atrium and ventricle,

- The opening of right and left ventricle to pulmonary artery and aorta respectively is controlled by semi lunar valve.
- The nodal tissue present on upper right corner of right atrium is called SAN (sinoatrial node) and those on lower left corner of right atrium is called AVN (atrioventricular node).
- The Purkinje fibres along with right and left bundles form the bundle of His. The nodal musculature has ability to generate action potential.
- SAN generate maximum number of action potential and is responsible for rhythmic contraction of heart. Therefore it is called pace maker.

Cardiac Cycle

- To begin with, all four chambers are in relaxed state called joint diastole.
- SA node generates action potential that contracts the both atria (atrial systole). The action potential is passed to AV node and bundle of His transmit it to ventricular musculature to cause ventricular systole. At the same time atria undergoes relaxation (diastole) to close the bicuspid and tricuspid valve.
- During each cardiac cycle two sounds are produced. The first sound (S₁) is due to closure of bicuspid and tricuspid valve and 2nd heart sound (S₂) is due to closure of semilunar valve. ECG (Electrocardiograph) is a graphical representation of electrical activity of heart during cardiac cycle,



- The P wave represents the electrical excitation of atria (depolarization) which leads to contraction of atria.
- The QRS complex represents the depolarization of ventricles, which initiates the ventricular contraction.
- The T wave represents the return of ventricle from excited to normal state (repolarization). At the end of T wave marks the end of systole. Counting the number of QRS complex in given period of time determine the heartbeat rate.

Double Circulation

Flow of same blood twice through the heart once in oxygenated form and other in deoxygenated form is called double circulation. It includes systematic and pulmonary circulation.

Systematic circulation includes flow of oxygenated blood for the left ventricle to all parts of body and deoxygenated blood from various body parts to the right atrium. All systematic circulation starts from aorta and ends at superior vena cava, inferior vena cava or coronary sinus to right atrium.

Pulmonary Circulation

The flow of deoxygenated blood from the right ventricle to the lungs and the return of oxygenated blood from the lung to the left atrium is called pulmonary circulation.

Regulation of Cardiac Activity

Normal activities of heart are regulated by nodal tissue (SA and AV node), so the heart is myogenic. A special neural centre in medulla oblongata moderates the cardiac function by ANS. Sympathetic nerve controls the heart can increase the rate of heart beat and parasympathetic nerve of ANS decrease the rate of heart beat. Adrenal medullary hormone also increases the cardiac output.

Disorder of Circulatory System

- Hypertension [high blood pressure] – pressure higher than 140/90 mm Hg. It is a condition that is pumping pressure and 84 mm Hg is the diastolic, resting pressure, it leads to heart disease and affect vital organs like brain and kidney.

- 13)- **Coronary Artery Disease** IICA011- EDMMOnly called atherosclerosis that affects the blood vessels that supply blood to heart muscles the to. deposition of fat, calcium, cholesterol that makes the arteries lumen narrower.
- c] **Angina** - also called angina pectoris, acute chest pain due to less supply of oxygen to heart muscles. It may occur in elderly male and female. It occurs due to restricted blood flow.
- d] **Heart failure** - heart not pumps enough blood to meet the requirement of the body. It is also known as congestive heart failure because congestion of lung is one of its causes. Heart failure is different from heart attack (heart muscle is damaged by inadequate blood supply) and cardiac arrest (when heart stops beating).
- e) **Coronary Thrombosis** - formation of clot in the coronary artery. It usually occurs in the left anterior descending coronary artery.