

Oxygenation and Perfusion



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hi students this is mrs egler and this is chapter 39 oxygenation and perfusion

we are going to go through this powerpoint today

in the beginning we have a lot of anatomy

the book starts off with a lot of anatomy and explaining the respiratory

system and a little bit of our cardiac because

of perfusion and how that affects oxygenation

i know you've all had anatomy so the

the beginning of these powerpoints i'm just going to

briefly run through anatomy on the slides

and then we'll get into more of the content as we go through the powerpoint

so when we think about the anatomy of our respiratory system we want to ask

ourselves well why is this important and basically it is the

pathway for transport and exchange of oxygen and

carbon dioxide so if we understand the role of our

respiratory respiratory and our cardiovascular

Anatomy of Respiratory System

- **Why is anatomy important?**
- It is the pathway for transport and exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide
- Understanding the role of the respiratory and cardiovascular systems provides foundation for assessing oxygenation in our patients
- This assessment assist us in planning and implementing interventions to promote optimal oxygenation.



systems we have a better foundation for understanding and assessing oxygenation in our patients in this assessment when we are assessing that oxygenation of our patients can assist us in planning and determining what interventions we are going to want to promote for that optimal oxygenation so as we get started as i said we're going to go run through the anatomy of our respiratory system so just a basic overview the respiratory system consists of our airway which begins at our nose and ends at the terminal bronchioles we have our upper airway which consists of our nose our pharynx our larynx and our epiglottis then our lower airway is our trachea we have a left and right main stem bronchi segmental bronchi and terminal bronchioles the mucus so we have mucus within our narys and that lines our airway

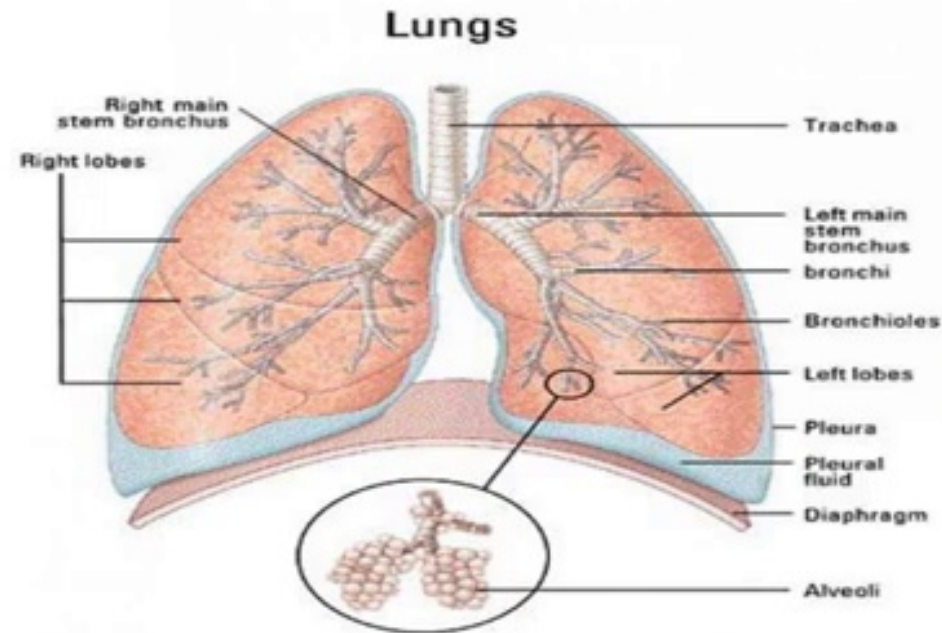
Anatomy of Respiratory System

- **Airway**-begins at the nose ends at the terminal bronchioles
- **Upper airway**
 - Nose, pharynx, larynx, epiglottis
- **Lower airway**
 - Trachea, right/left main stem bronchi, segmental bronchi, terminal bronchioles
- **Mucous**
 - Lines airway
 - Helps trap debris
 - Protects underlying tissue
- **Cilia**
 - Helps propel trapped material up the airway
 - Thinner mucous helps this process

and that helps us trap debris and protects us from underlying
or protects our underlying tissues and then we have cilia which help
propel trapped material up the airway the thinner that our mucus is
helps with this process as well so that when we think of our
respiratory system we need to think of all these different parts
that make up our respiratory system as we continue on our respiratory system
is also composed of our lungs so our right lung has three lobes and
our left lung has two lobes they're composed of elastic tissue
and this is good to think about because as we
start to age we may see a decrease in the elastic tissue which is going to
cause some compliance problems with having that lung being
able to expand so we'll talk about that in a few

Anatomy of the Respiratory System

- Lungs
 - Right lung 3 lobes
 - Left lung 2 lobes
 - Composed of elastic tissue



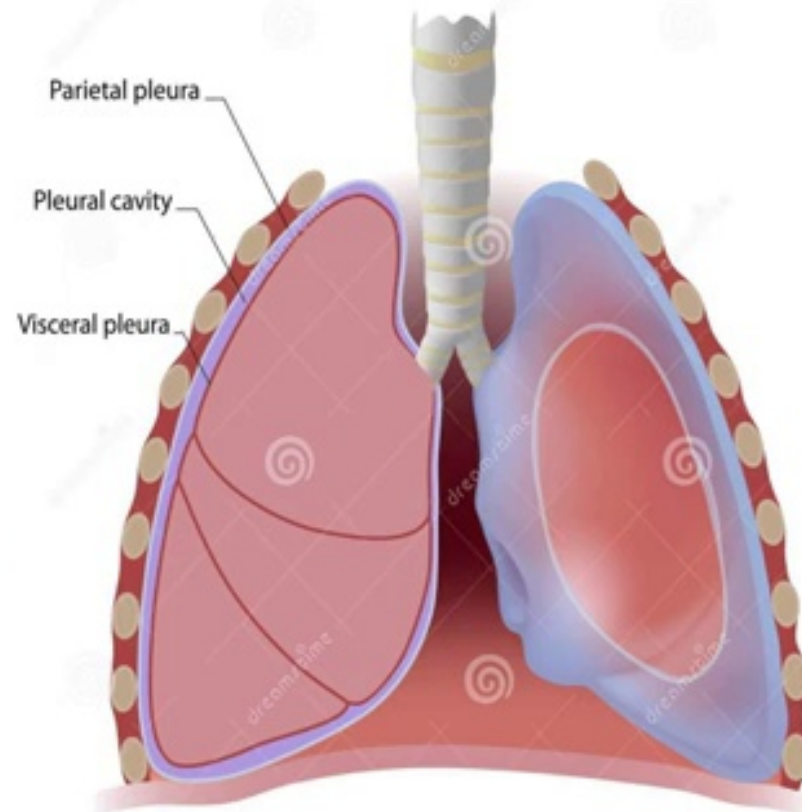
- Alveoli
 - Small air sacs at the end of bronchioles
 - Made of single cell layer of squamous epithelium
 - Covered in capillaries
 - Site of gas exchange
 - Surfactant reduces surface tension in alveoli helping prevent collapse

slides down we also within our respiratory system
have alveoli which are small air sacs at the
end of the bronchioles they're made of single cell layer of
squamous epithelium they're covered in
capillaries and this is our site for gas exchange
so if we have a surfactant reduces surface tension in our alveoli
helping prevent their collapse as we continue to review our anatomy of
our respiratory system we have pleura and this is a serious our
serous membrane the visceral pleural covers our lungs
the parietal pleural lines our thoracic cavity
and these are continuous and form a sac this the sack is filled with pleural
fluid this fluid is lubricant and this is what
allows our lungs to even easily move along the chest wall

Anatomy of Respiratory System

Pleura

- Serous membrane
- Visceral pleura covers lung
- Parietal pleura lines thoracic cavity
- These are continuous and form a sac
 - Sac is filled with pleural fluid
 - Fluid is lubricant that allows lungs to easily move along the chest wall
 - Pressure in the pleural space is always sub-atmospheric
 - Holds the lungs in the expanded position



the physiology of our respiratory system so pulmonary ventilation we have the movement of air in and out of our lungs and this takes place with two steps inhalation and exhalation with inhalation our diaphragm contracts and descends into the thoracic cavity this is the active phase that brings air into our lungs the next phase exhalation diaphragm relaxes this is the passive phase where the air moves out of our lungs air moves from a greater pressure in the lungs to an area of lesser pressure outside of the body within this phase some other factors that contribute to airflow in and out of our lungs is our compliance of our lungs so as i mentioned earlier our ability of our lung to be inflated depends on upon its elasticity

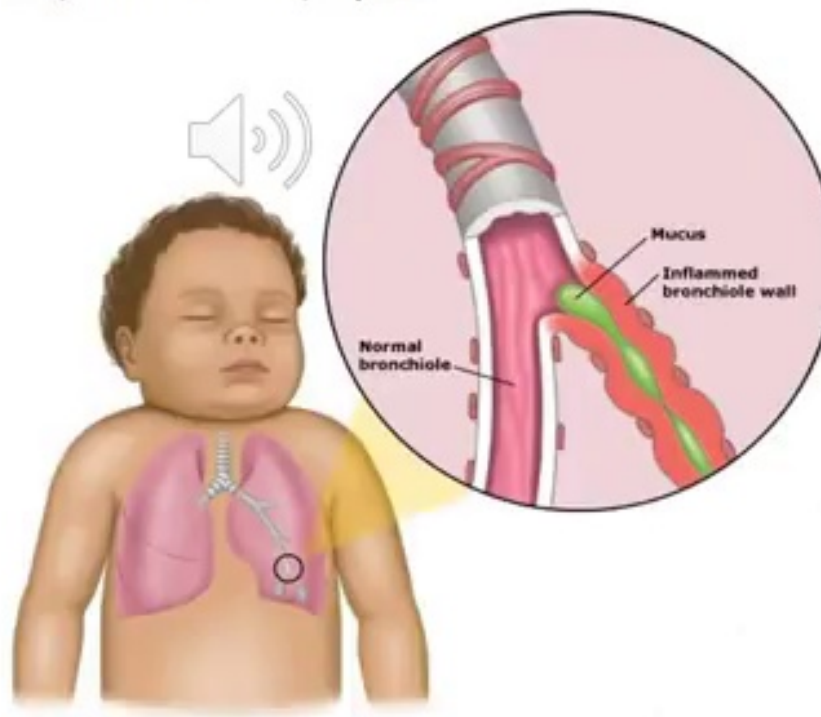
Compliance

- Ability of lungs to be inflated
- Depends upon elasticity
 - Decreased elasticity decreases compliance
 - Aging
 - Emphysema

so there are conditions such as emphysema
as well as aging that cause that decrease elasticity or that compliance
and so if you think about it if the ability to of the lung to inflate
depends upon elasticity if you think about trying to blow up
a balloon and it doesn't want to blow up
very easily that can be what you can think of when
you think about compliance and elasticity
is it requires a greater inspiration or a greater
push of air to inflate those lungs so compliance
will affect the amount of oxygenation a patient has and how much
effort it takes to actually inflate their lungs while they're
breathing r_i resistance is another

Airway Resistance

- Impedes air movement into lungs
 - Obstruction
 - Foreign body, tumors, thick mucous, liquids
 - Constriction
 - Asthma



factor when we're thinking about our respiratory system that can have an impact and so any process that changes the bronchial diameter or the width can cause a resistance which can impede that air movement into the lungs so any obstruction whether it's a form body tumors maybe the patient's really ill with pneumonia they may have this thick mucus that kind of blocks that airway or some conditions such as asthma which kind of constrict or narrow that airway are going to cause airway resistance and they're going to impede that air movement into the lung as i said earlier with our respirator respirations we have gas exchange so respiration involves the gas exchange between the atmospheric air and the alveoli and blood in the capillaries this gas exchange as i said earlier

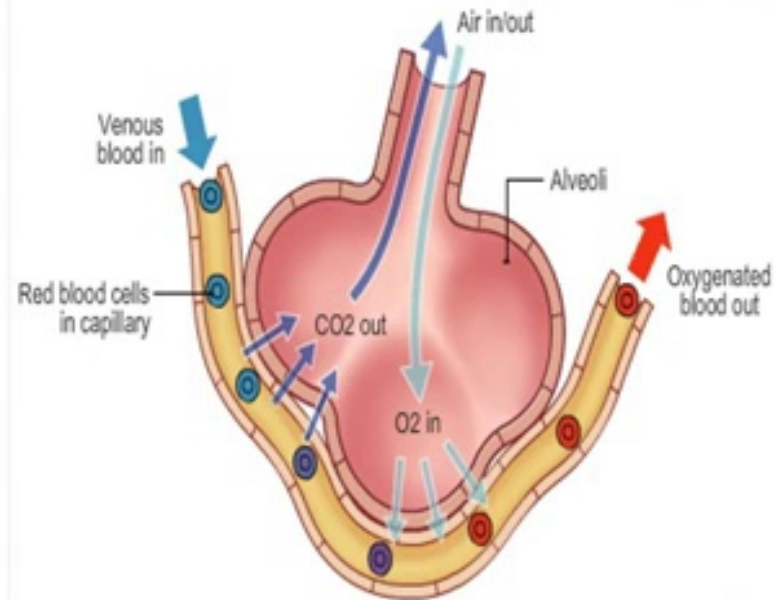
Respiration

Gas exchange

- Occurs in the alveoli
- Diffusion
 - Movement of gas particles from area of higher pressure/concentration to area of lower pressure/concentration

Affected by:

- Changes in surface area (loss of tissue, tissue damage)
- Incomplete lung expansion (atelectasis)
 - Thickening of alveolar capillary membrane (PNA, Edema)
 - Partial pressure (altitude)
 - Obstruction
 - Immobility



occurs in the vli and it takes diffusion which
diffusion i don't know if you have that anatomy or
biology is that movement from an area of higher
concentration to lower so the greater the pressure of oxygen in
the vli causes it to move to the capillaries containing the unoxygenated
venous blood and then carbon dioxide in the venous blood exerts greater pressure
than the carbon dioxide and the voi and therefore carbon dioxide
diffuses across the capillary into the voi and then that
is exhale gas exchange and diffusion can be affected by as i said earlier
surface area so loss of tissue or any tissue
damage incomplete lung expansion or collapse of the alveoli can prevent
those pressure changes again obstruction just immobility and
that's not expanding our lungs as fully so make sure you are
you know again that's why i said it was important to understand the anatomy so
that we can realize if our patients have some of these
problems we will realize that that's i'm going to affect their
gas exchange and their oxygenation we're still in some of the slides with

anatomy so i kind of talked about
what our airway system consists of and having adequate
being able to inhale exhale and what's involved with those systems
so we also have to have adequate perfusion
so our blood carries our oxygen to our tissues
and this is dependent upon that adequate blood supply
and our cardiovascular function regulation of our respiratory system is
done with within the medulla so we have
or it is stimulated by increased concentrations of carbon dioxide and

Regulation of the Respiratory System

- **Medulla**
 - Stimulated by increased concentration of CO₂ and H⁺
 - Decreased O₂ to a lesser degree
 - Stimulation increases rate and depth of ventilation
- **Chemo Receptors in aortic arch**
 - Sensitive to changes in ABG's
 - Can activate the medulla



hydrogen and decreased amounts of oxygen in the arterial blood the medulla sends an impulse down the spinal cord to the respiratory muscles to stimulate an inhalation if we have a patient that has conditions that causes chronic changes in their oxygen and carbon dioxide levels then we may see that their chemoreceptors become desensitized and they are able to really regulate their ventilation adequately and that is based off of this drive or the stimulation within the medulla so alterations with our respiratory function we went through our anatomy if we have any problems within ventilation respiration or perfusion then that will develop into hypoxia and hypoxia is an inadequate amount of oxygen that's available to the cells it's often

Alterations in Respiratory Function

- **Hypoxia** –inadequate amount of oxygen is available to cells.
 - Often caused by **hypoventilation** (decreased rate or depth of air movement into the lungs).
- **Signs of Hypoxia include:**
- **Dyspnea**- difficulty breathing
 - Elevated blood pressure w/small pulse pressure
 - Increased respiratory and pulse rate
 - Pallor
 - Cyanosis
- **Anxiety**
- **Restlessness**
- **Confusion**
- **Drowsiness**

caused by hypoventilation so a decreased rate or death of air movement into the lungs and so some signs of hypoxia include dyspnea which is just difficulty breathing and so with somebody cannot or they're having difficulty breathing you may also see correlate with that an elevated blood pressure they're going to have an increased respiratory rate and a pulse rate because they're trying they're working harder to try to get that air in they may seem pale you may see some cyanosis so some bluish tinge to maybe their lips their fingertips the big thing is when you can't breathe and you can't catch your breath you may also become very anxious anxiety may set in which then even increases more of your respiratory rate that's going on you may see the patient become restless if you suddenly have a very restless confused patient or they become very drowsy all of a sudden you're probably going to want to check a pulse ox to see

what it's registering and what is their oxygenation
because those kind of go hand in hand as well
if we have a patient that has chronic hypoxia
which some conditions can cause that some i'm thinking of
emphysema copd or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
you will begin to see that hypoxia being detected in all the body systems
so they can be manifested as an altered thoughts
process maybe the patient has headaches or chest pains
we may start to see that they have enlarged heart
clubbing of the fingers and toes anorexia they and constipation
they may begin to have some decrease in

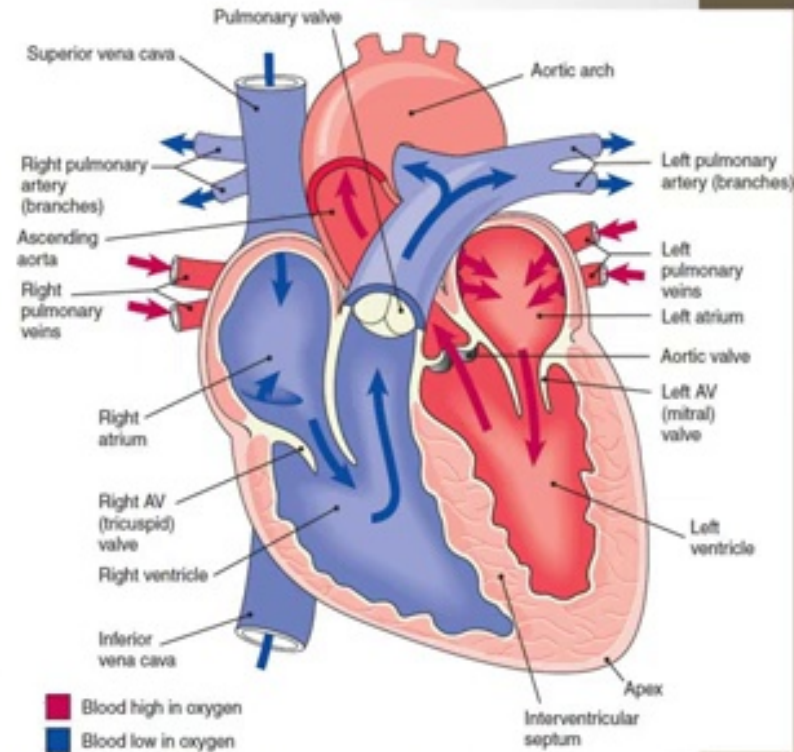
Chronic Hypoxia

- **Can be detected in all body systems**
- **Manifest as:**
 - Altered thought process
 - Headaches
 - Chest pain
 - Enlarged heart
 - Clubbing of fingers and toes
 - Anorexia
 - Constipation
 - Decreased urinary output
 - Decreased libido
 - Weakness of extremity muscles
 - Muscle pain

their urinary output weakness of their extremities and muscles and also muscle pain so oxygen as we said in carbon dioxide must move through the alveoli and be carried to and from body cells by blood and this is why we have to have an adequately functioning cardiovascular system in order to have that exchange of gas so again this is just the anatomy of the heart you probably had that in your anatomy class but the heart has valves the atrias are the two upper chambers they receive blood from the veins and the ventricles the two lower chambers some blood through the arteries and then when we think about the pumping of the heart we have a stroke volume so that's the quantity of blood forced out of the left ventricle with each contraction and our cardiac output the amount of blood that's pumped each minute

Cardiovascular System

- Heart
 - Atria
 - Upper chambers
 - Receive blood from veins
 - Ventricles
 - Lower chambers
 - Send blood through the arteries
 - Stroke volume
 - Quantity of blood forced out of left ventricle with each contraction
 - Cardiac output
 - Amount of blood pumped/minute
 - Average 3.5-8L/min
 - Cardiac output = stroke volume X heart rate



cardiac output is equal to the stroke volume

by the heart rate we are not going to ask you a test question on that

but just realize that that having a heart that efficiently pumps is very important to our oxygenation system the physiology of our cardiovascular system oxygen is carried primarily by our red blood cells

and just a small amount via plasma to the tissues of our body

the hemoglobin in the rbc's has a strong attraction to oxygen

and therefore about 97% of oxygen is carried in the form of oxyhemoglobin

and once those red blood cells reach the tissue

we will see internal respiration must occur

and all that means is internal respiration is that exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide between the circulatory

circulating blood and the tissues and cells

so based on this this physiology of the

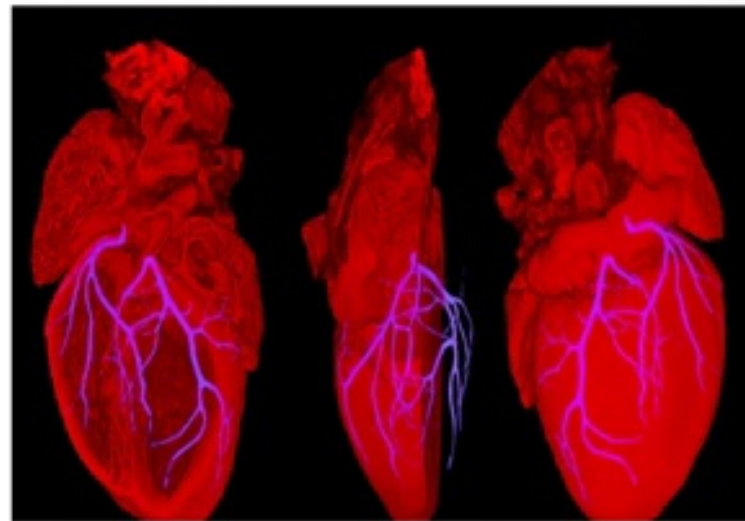
Physiology of the Cardiovascular System

- **Oxygen is carried primarily by red blood cells** (small amount via plasma) to the tissues of the body.
 - **Hemoglobin** in the RBC's has a strong attraction to oxygen and therefore 97% of oxygen is carried in the form of **oxyhemoglobin**
- Once RBC's reach tissue **Internal Respiration** must occur
- **Internal Respiration:** Exchange of O₂ and CO₂ between circulating blood and tissue cells
 - Affected by any abnormality in blood components/volume
 - Hemorrhage, anemia
 - Exercise increases heart's effectiveness

cardiovascular system and how our oxygen is carried in our hemoglobin that can be you know if our oxygenation can be affected by any abnormality in blood components so if you have a patient that's having a hemorrhage or they have anemia you're probably going to see maybe that have an impact on their oxygenation another one i think of is sickle cell disease and so just being aware that if you have somebody coming in with those conditions you're going to want to be looking at their their rbcs their hemoglobin levels and and keeping an eye out on their oxygenation levels so cardiovascular blood flow the muscles of the heart have their own blood vessels that provide oxygen and nourishment and remove waste products

Cardiovascular Blood Flow

- Muscles of the heart have their own blood vessels that provide oxygen and nourishment and remove waste products.
- The main blood vessels are the Coronary arteries



the main blood vessels are the coronary arteries
and as we get into the next slide any alteration
in that will also affect oxygenation of the patient
so alterations in our cardiovascular function
patients with dysrhythmia this is a disturbance in the rhythm of the heart
or some kind of abnormal conduction whether it's
regarding or whether it's from hypertension heart disease
heart damage but this can decrease the oxygenation because it's
the heart is not pumping effectively when a patient's
having a disturbed rhythm heart failure is another
alteration in cardiovascular function that will affect our
oxygenation the heart is i know unable to pump sufficient blood supply
there's multiple causes for that hypertension coronary artery artery
disease heart valve disease but some signs and

Alterations in Cardiovascular Function

- **Dysrhythmia**

- Disturbance in rhythm of the heart
- Abnormal impulse from SA node
- Abnormal conduction: HTN, heart disease, heart damage (MI), trauma, drugs, decreased oxygenation

Heart Failure

- Heart unable to pump sufficient blood supply
- Multiple causes
 - HTN, CAD, heart valve disease
- Sx- **SOB, edema, fatigue**

- **Myocardial Ischemia**

- Decreased O₂ to the heart
- Commonly caused by atherosclerosis
- Angina
 - Chest pain
 - Imbalance between amount of O₂ available to the heart and amount needed by the heart

- **Myocardial infarction**

- Death of heart tissue
- Heart attack
 - Sx- **pain, anxiety, nausea/vomiting, indigestion, SOB**

heart valve disease but some signs and symptoms you'll see with heart failure or shortness of breath the patient will have some edema and fatigue and then the last one myocardial ischemia so again when i said that the heart has its own blood supply to it if we have any decreased oxygen to the heart such as a blockage the patient can experience chest pain they'll experience an imbalance between the amount of oxygen that's available to the heart and the amount needed by the heart and this can cause a myocardial infarction which is basically death of heart tissue so they the patient ends up suffering a heart attack but when the patient presents you may see them having like i said the chest pain they'll have the anxiety because they can't breathe as well they may be nausea nauseated and have some vomiting they may feel like they have indigestion but another big one is they will be very short of breath so those are alterations in cardiac cardiovascular function that affect oxygenation in our patients so factors that will affect a patient's

cardiopulmonary functioning and oxygenation

so your book goes in to discuss several things

the first is they're just in general our patients level of health and some of these we've already had on renal conditions so if the kidneys aren't functioning properly and they are not excreting urine out because they're not functioning at full capacity this can cause fluid overload in the patient and it can impair you know with food or fluid overload the heart can't pump as efficiently and that can impair tissue perfusion and oxygenation

Diseases/Conditions Affecting Cardiopulmonary Functioning and Oxygenation

- Renal conditions cause fluid overload and impaired tissue perfusion
- Anemia
- Weakened muscles (sedentary)
- Damage to heart muscle
- Obesity



as i've already stated earlier we want to watch
our patients with anemia because we know oxygen is carried
via the hemoglobin so those patients oxygenation could be affected weakened
muscles just a sedentary lifestyle can really affect how well we
are able to inhale and exhale and breathe
as i just got done talking about any damage to our heart muscle
we don't perfuse as well and then there's been
a hey i'm sorry there's been a correlation
between obesity and patients having conditions
like chronic bronchitis and it's thought that those who are
obese are often short of breath during activity which
ultimately leads to less participation in exercise and as a
result the vli are rarely stimulated and they don't
expand fuelly so there is some correlation between again
that sedentary lifestyle and obesity and muscle weakness or poor
muscle tone and some of these again we've already
talked about but just being aware that the diseases

or conditions that affect our cardiac and our
our cardiopulmonary and our oxygenation our lives are i'm sorry our level of
health and these are listed here
your book goes on to talk about developmental considerations
being a factor that affect our cardiopulmonary
and although we won't test you on any pediatric patients
it is good to be aware that infants have a short airway

Developmental Considerations

- Infants
 - Short airways
 - Increased respiratory rate (30-55)
 - Surfactant
 - Formed 34-36wks in-utero
 - Respirations primarily abdominal
- Toddlers/Preschoolers
 - Eustachian tubes, bronchi, bronchioles are elongated and less angular
 - Increased risk for colds/infections
- Older adults
 - Elasticity of lung and heart tissue decreases
 - Muscles of inspiration/expiration weaken
 - Airway collapse easier

their surfactant isn't formed until 34 to 36 weeks in utero so if they're born prematurely they may not have that development of that yet but it this is why infants have an increased respiratory rate and their normal rate runs at 30 to 55. and when we look at an infant and their breathing their respirations are primarily abdominal so you'll see more abdominal breathing with that patient toddlers and preschoolers sometimes have an increased risk for colds and infections and that has to relates to where their their brachii or their bronchula are elongated but they're less angular and then again we kind of talked about already the older adult as we age that elasticity of the lung and heart tissue decreases the muscles of our our respiratory system of inspiration expiration can be more weak airway collapse easier so just that older patient in general we're going to want to consider them and keep an eye on them for cardiopulmonary alterations and or alterations in functioning medications are another consideration when we're thinking about

cardiopulmonary functioning and our oxygenation
and that's just because many medications can
or any medication that has an effect on our central nervous system
we need to be monitoring carefully for respiratory
complications an example of this would be
pain medications or opioids that can depress
the medullary respiratory center and that can cause a decreased
rate or depth of respirations so we definitely want to keep an eye on our
patients as far as how much pain medication
they're getting how often they're

Medication Considerations

- Opioids
 - Depress medullary respiratory center
 - Decreases rate/depth of respirations



getting it how is their oxygenation
after they take the med we want to go see how they're reacting to it
check a set of vitals if we need to
based on this information the next one your book talks about is
lifestyle considerations we kind of mentioned this briefly when
we talked about obesity but just that sedentary
lifestyle can impact or decrease
pulmonary and circulatory functions it also can decrease the ability to
respond to stressors and illness for that sedentary
person it's thought that the activity patterns do not encourage
the expansion of vla and development of pulmonary exercise patterns or deep
breathing for those who have a sedentary lifestyle
your book goes on to talk about considering cultural implications

Lifestyle Considerations

- Sedentary lifestyle
 - Decrease pulmonary and circulatory function
 - Decreases ability to respond to stressors/illnesses
- Cultural implications
- Environmental Considerations
 - Air pollution
 - Causes coughing, choking, irritated nasal passages
 - Occupational exposure
 - Asbestos, coal dust, silica

an understanding a patient's cultural background is necessary to promote health and disease prevention and lastly you know a good example might be cigarette smoking for example is a major you know when we think about that and culture maybe depending on how they were brought up or what is important to that person what they value we want to try to promote strategies that encourage that person to stop smoking cigarettes because as we know cigarettes are a major contributor to lung disease to respiratory distress heart disease lung cancer they're one of the most important risk factors for a patient developing copd so it's very important to try to work with that patient to have them understand the implications if they if their lifestyle is one that they are a smoker other things to think about environmental considerations you know just occupational exposure where do they work at what are they exposed to in those areas air pollution i know some patients who have severe asthma

depending on times of the year and you know if the air pollution is bad
that can cause them to have problems with their
oxygenation and breathing so just being aware of lifestyle
considerations when we're taking care of our patients
and how that can affect their oxygenation
so the beginning of this powerpoint we've reviewed anatomy of our
respiratory and cardiovascular systems we've kind of reviewed or we've went
over our factors affecting these systems and how they can affect
those systems and we are moving on to how we assess
our patient

Nursing History

- Interview with patient
- Helps identify current/potential health concerns and needs for focused assessment
- Factors to assess and appropriate questions: **See Focused Assessment Guide 39-1 P. 1497**



and so the first thing when a patient comes in is we want to get that nursing history we want to interview that patient we want to try to identify any current or potential health concerns and needs that they may have that we want to keep an eye on and then your book i was looking through and it's called the focused assessment guide 39-1 it's on page 1493 and it gives great kind of suggestions for factors to assess and what are the questions that are how should you approach that so when you're trying to assess their usual pattern of respirations you know questions you could ask your patient in a history would be how would you describe your breathing you know do you have any allergies what type of allergies do you have you may go on to say do you have any difficulty breathing when you're having allergy issues do we always want to know what kind of medications they are taking any health history do they have heart and lung and breathing conditions lifestyle and environments as we talked about we want to know if they smoke if they've had any recent cough

sputum what color is it are they ever short of breath
and are they having any fatigue and so it
gives this kind of overview of things you should assess for with the nursing
history and kind of the appropriate questions
you can ask your patient to try to get that information so i
highly recommend having a look of that and then our next slide we're going to
talk about what we assess for physically on our patient
the next part as we are assessing our patient is our physical assessment
so when we walk in the room we want to look at our patient
do they have any signs and symptoms that they are in distress
does their skin as we look at it does it have any paleness or cyanosis
to it what is the shape of their chest

Physical Assessment

- Inspection
 - Observe for s/s of distress
 - Inspect skin for pallor/cyanosis
 - Note shape of chest
 - Note rate/rhythm/depth of respiration
- Palpation
 - Note skin temp/moisture
 - Note chest expansion (symmetrical)
- Percussion
 - Used to assess position and density of lungs
 - Not used often by nursing
- Auscultation
 - Assesses airflow through the airways
 - Vesicular- low pitch soft sounds in peripheral lung fields
 - Bronchialvesicular- medium pitched blowing sounds over upper anterior chest and intercostal area
 - Bronchial- loud high pitched sounds heard over trachea/larynx

we're also noting their respiratory rate
but what is their depth are their respiration shallow
are they able to take deep breaths what is their rhythm
is it irregular and we want to note that as we look at
our patient do they appear like they're short of
breath then we want to palpate so we want to notice the skin and
temperature and do they have moisture are they sweating
is it possible they have a fever and that's why they have this increased
respiratory rate do they feel cool to touch
percussion is usually not often used by nursing it's used by
more of an advanced practitioner but we can do percussion
over the lungs but i'm not going to go into great detail because as i said
most of the time when you guys do your head to toe assessment
you will not be using percussion we're going to also take our lung sounds we're
going to assess for airflow through the airways
what sounds are they having and then the next slide we're going to talk about
what are advantageous breath sounds that we're noting that can

draw us to conclude that there do not have good air flow

so when we're auscultating our patients and we're listening for breath sounds we want to know if they have crackles crackles can be an indicator of fluid in the alveoli that sometimes patients have especially if they've got a history of congestive heart failure archonic obstructive pulmonary disease and it sounds like a high-pitched intermittent poppy

i almost i always tell students crackles for me sound like if you have a bowl of rice krispies cereal and then you pour milk over the top and you hear the little popping that is what crackles will sound like if you have a patient and you hear crackles you should automatically think fluid that they possibly have fluid

Adventitious Breath Sounds

- Crackles
 - High pitched intermittent popping
 - Secondary to fluid in alveoli
 - CHF, PNA, COPD
- Wheezes
 - Musical high pitched sounds
 - Secondary to:
 - Obstruction
 - Foreign body, mucous buildup
 - Constriction
 - asthma



in the voi or in their lungs wheezing is this more musical high-pitched sound
as we talked about with restriction in the lungs
a lot of times we'll see wheezing if they have that obstruction so if they
have some type of mucus buildup possibly a foreign body
or if they have any kind of constriction like we see with asthma patients
we will hear that wheezing sound we've assessed our patient and your book
goes on to talk about common diagnostic tests that we can do for our patients
depending on whether we think they have some type
of issue with their lungs or with their
heart the first one your book talks about is
an electrocardiogram you can hear this referred to as an
ecg sometimes you might hear it referred to as ekg

Electrocardiogram

- ECG
- Measures heart electrical activity
- Can identify MI, rhythm disturbances, chamber enlargement, electrolyte imbalance

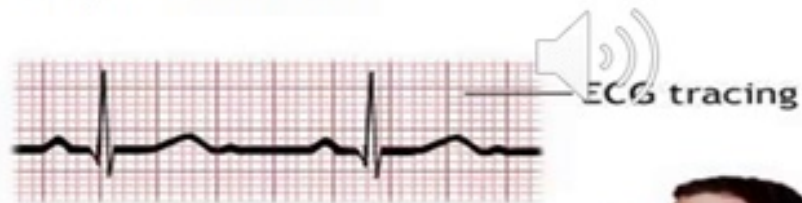



Illustration of a patient getting an ECG.  ADAM.

and what we're measuring is heart electrical activity
and this can help us identify that myocardial infarction or you know
if we think we're patients having a heart attack
rhythm disturbances chamber enlargement and even possibly electrolyte imbalances
because electrolyte imbalances can cause a dysrhythmia within our heart
and so that is a common if we are thinking the patient has
cardio or cardiac issues and that is affecting their oxygenation
we can you know provide that recommendation
for the physician and possibly get an ecg
for our patients the next test we're going to talk about is a pulmonary
function study these are normally conducted by a
respiratory therapist but it's a group of tests that assess
respiratory function to assist in evaluating a respiratory
disorder and so my son who is an asthmatic

Pulmonary Function Studies

- Normally conducted by respiratory therapist
- A group of test that assess respiratory function to assist in evaluating respiratory disorders
- Provides evaluation of lung dysfunction, diagnose disease, assess disease severity, assist in management of disease and assist in evaluating respiratory interventions



every time he visits the allergist we do a pulmonary function study and they have him take a deep breath in he puts this device that you can see in the picture here in his mouth and they have him blow out as hard and long as he can you can see the mantra in the background it's taking the readings when my son does this because he's a pediatric patient they'll usually have him look at the screen and they have a picture of a brick house and some little pigs and they'll tell him to blow as hard as he can to try to knock over the brick house and what they're doing when they're doing that test is they're trying to evaluate his lung function because they already have diagnosed him with asthma or the disease they're assessing how severe is his asthma currently they're looking at what medications do they have him on as an intervention for his asthma and are those working for him what is his lung function with those interventions and they kind of his test he goes every six months they kind of assist in the management of his disease

so based on his lung function test they can determine whether maybe we
can stop using a certain medication maybe we
need to up the dosage of a different inhaler or medication
so they do provide valuable resources and so you may see if you have a
patient possibly asthma emphysema
copd they may want to do a pulmonary function test just to see
or evaluate what is their lung function currently
and and how severe is their disease so our next device is a spirometer
we use this to measure or can be used to

Spirometry

- Measures volume of air in liters exhaled or inhaled by a patient over time
- Client deeply inhales and exhales into spirometer
- Review Guidelines for Nursing Care 39-1 p. 1504 on how to teach your patient to use an incentive spirometer.



measure volumes of iron leaders exhaled or inhaled by a patient over time your book talks a little bit about this on page 1496 but basically if we're trying to evaluate lung function and airway obstruction through respiratory mechanics we can use this to measure the degree of airway obstruction and so the patient inhales deeply and then exhales forcefully into the spirometer now if we're wanting to use the spirometer to promote deep breathing possibly because our patient has just had surgery maybe they have pneumonia and we're trying to get them to take a big deep breath in to inflate those lungs we're going to use it just a little bit differently and with that we are going to always promote that they suck they don't blow so your nursing book and i hope you'll take time to look at this but has some guidelines for nursing care on page 1504 and this is how to teach your patient to use this incentive spirometer if we're trying to get them to engage in more deep breath

exercises such as with a post-op patient and basically and we have our patient in exhale we have them put the spirometer in their mouth and we want to take have them take a long inhale and hold that for as long as they can usually we always try to come up with some type of test question on spirometry so i highly suggest that you review that that guidelines for nursing care and you are very aware of how to teach your patient to use the spirometer for deep breathing the next device we're going to talk about is a peak flow

Peak Expiratory Flow Rate

- Point of highest flow during forced expiration
- Measuring size of pulmonary airways
- Patient takes as deep breath a breath as possible then forcibly exhales into peak flow meter
- Test repeated three times and highest number is recorded



meter that we like to call it and we're measuring
the size of the pulmonary airways so that
point of highest flow during forced expiration
we will see this a lot with especially patients with asthma
we will have them use a peak flow meter to measure that
and basically the patient takes a deep breath
and then they breathe or they exhale as forcibly as they can
into the peak flow meter and they we instruct patients to do this
three times and we record their highest number
and if you can see on the picture on this peak flow
we've got a red yellow and a green area on this so depending on what the
patient blows out what their highest number is
we want our patients in the green that means that their airways are open
and they're they have good function if we're in the yellow that
could be a warning sign maybe it's time to use
their inhaler maybe you know the air pollution or
their allergies are really bad they may need to

take some allergy medication but the yellow is more of a warning sign
and then if we have a patient who has asthma and they're using this at home
and they're in that red zone that means we need to contact the physician that
their airways are not open as they should
be and they they do not have ultima
optimal oxygenation going on in regards to probably constriction
from their disease process so again this is a valuable tool
and again if you have a severe asthmatic patient
you're probably going to see that they need to use this
during the day i'm sure from doing vital signs in the

Pulse Oximetry

- Measures oxygen saturation of Hgb in arterial blood
 - Clients with low Hgb may have normal pulse ox readings, however may not have enough oxygen to meet the body's demands



skills lab that you already know what a pulse ox is
but this is measuring a patient's saturation of hemoglobin in their
arterial blood it is good to note that clients with
low hemoglobin they may have a normal pulse ox reading
even though they may not have enough oxygen to meet the body's demands
it is possible it's something to keep an eye on
but this is what the pulse ox is measuring i always tell students to
highlight this because i could see this being a test question that we ask you
what is the pulse ox measuring and a lot of students miss it
but we are checking this most of the time we want our patient to be 92
percent or above there are cases
when we're dealing with a copd patient where their normal is 89
and we're okay with that just because we already know with their
condition that they're going to have that poor
cardiopulmonary oxygenation it's a factor because of their disease process
and they tend to run a little bit lower but this is another way that we can
another type of diagnostic test we can do

with our patients we do not have to have an order for this
and we can go in and obtain this with a set of vital signs
capnography is the other one that i want to talk about here
capnography we are measuring the rate and depth of respirations and the amount
of co2 that patient is having come off when
they exhale we often use this with clients
when they come out of surgery or if they're on a a pca which is a
pain medication pump and we want to measure their opioid induced

Capnography

- Measures rate/depth of respiration and CO₂
- Often used for client's with PCA to measure opioid induced respiratory depression
- Used to confirm ET placement



respiratory depression so if you have a patient you can see it in the picture here where they're on this type of pump for pain control we are worried that they will go into respiratory depression and we talk more about a pca pump in our pain chapter but we do want to monitor these patients and so we will put in this tubing and you can see it in the picture here on the left and it almost looks like oxygen tubing if we were going to get patient oxygen but it actually has a little bubble on the other end of the prongs and that's how we know this is for capnography so we know that this tubing if we hook it up to the device here the pump that we can measure if that patient has the correct amount of co2 coming off if a patient starts to go into respiratory depression it will monitor this and it will alarm us so that we can go in on that patient and check and make sure they are all right you can give oxygen through this tubing as well but i know a lot of students when

they go into the clinical setting and maybe their patient has this on because of the pain medications they're on and students will see this tubing and they automatically think that their patient is on oxygen and that's not always the case this tubing does like i said look very similar to oxygen tubing but it does have the little bubble on it which means it's for capnography it's a special tubing for that next diagnostic test we're going to talk about is thorium centesis this is basically where we puncture the chest wall and we aspirate pleural fluid we may be doing this procedure to remove

Thoracentesis

- Air/fluid removed from pleural space via catheter
- Performed at bedside
- May be performed to obtain specimen
- Surgical asepsis required
- Patient sits at edge of bed and leans over table
- Fluid/air collected in vacuumed container
- Nursing responsibilities
 - Obtain baseline VS/info
 - Support patient during procedure
 - Remind client not to deep breath, cough, sudden movements
 - Post procedure assessment/monitoring
 - Monitor for blood in sputum, respiratory distress, severe coughing

fluid or air via syringe or we may
the physician may want to connect that patient to a chest tube
so this is performed at the bedside it is performed by a physician or a
advanced practiced individual such as a pa or a nurse practitioner
surgical asepsis is required however the nurse can assist at the bedside
basically the patient sits at the edge of the bed and kind of bends over a
table and the needle's inserted and fluid or
air is collected into a vacuum cleaner for the nurse the reason we even go over
this test is you as the nurse will have
responsibilities you need to obtain a baseline vital sign
vital signs before you begin the procedure you're going to be there to
support the patient during the procedure you're going to want to try to
have them remain calm and stay as still as they can
you're going to remind that client not to take a big deep breath or cough or
have any sudden movements and then post procedure you're going to
want to be assessing that patient and monitoring
for blood in the sputum any respiratory distress any severe coughing

you'll want to get a set of vital signs after that procedure is done
so you know we've went over factors that can cause problems for our
patients as far as cardiopulmonary functioning and
oxygenation we've talked about assessing our patient
we've talked about diagnostic tests we can do depending on the condition for
our patient and now as nurses we want to promote
optimal function so your book goes through some different
things for promoting optimal function one is health and lifestyle encourage
our client to eat healthy we want to encourage them to exercise
you know avoid things such as smoking excessive
alcohol use

Promoting Optimal Function

- Health Lifestyle
 - Encourage client to eat healthy, exercise, avoid smoking and excess alcohol use
- Vaccines
 - Yearly flu
 - PNA vaccine for adults over 65
- Pollution free environment
 - Vacuum/dust often
 - Avoid cigarette smoke
- Reduce anxiety
- Good Nutrition
 - Low fat/cholesterol/salt diet
 - COPD patients need high protein/calorie diet d/t increased energy demand
- Positioning
 - High fowlers
 - Intermittent prone position has been shown to promote oxygenation in acutely ill clients
- Maintain adequate hydration
 - 2-3 quarts (1.9-2.9L) of clear liquid (water) a day helps promote thin secretions
 - Always check for fluid restrictions before encouraging fluids
- Provide humidified air



another one is to obtain their vaccines a yearly flu vaccine
a pneumonia vaccine for adults over 65
pollution-free environment you know talking to them
about environment i again my child has allergies and asthma and years
ago i worked for an allergist and you know they were always disgusting for
or discussing for the children who had severe allergies to
things you know dust
you know if if your child is severely allergic to dust
it's a good idea to maybe get rid of carpet in the house and have wood floors
not having a parent smoke in the house would be good education
and so those type of issues or type of interventions can promote optimal
functioning we want to talk about good nutrition again with a
patient if we have a patient with certain disorders such as
chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or emphysema
that patient needs a higher protein calorie diet because they have increased
energy demands from trying to breathe positioning can be another thing
if we're having a patient that is not breathing

optimally we may want to place them in high fallers
so that they can have a good exchange of oxygenation
we're going to maintain adequate hydration for our patients we're going
to encourage water this helps promote and thin
secretions and then sometimes even we can recommend
providing some humidified air so those are a few of some
ways nurses can promote optimal functioning
if we want to promote proper breathing with our patients
these are some different types of

Breathing Exercises

- **Deep breathing**
 - Encourage deep inhalation nasally
 - Exhale orally
- **Incentive spirometry**
 - Deep breathing with visual reinforcement
 - Assists patient to deep breath slowly
 - Decreases atelectasis
 - Pg 1503.
 - **Review how to teach a patient to use an incentive spirometer (Guidelines for Nursing Care**
 - **39-1, p. 1504)**
- **Pursed lip breathing**
 - Can help reduce dyspnea/anxiety
 - Inhale through nose to count of 3
 - Exhale through pursed lips to count of 7
- **Diaphragmatic breathing**
 - Decreases respiratory rate, increases alveolar ventilation, may help expel as much air as possible during expiration
 - Place 1 hand on stomach and other in middle of the chest
 - Breathe in slowly through nose letting abdomen protrude as far as possible
 - Exhale through pursed lips contracting the abdominal muscles with 1 hand pressing in and up on the abdomen
 - Repeat steps for 1 minute, rest for 2 minutes

breathing exercises we can do there's deep breathing where we encourage deep inhalation through the nose and we have the patient exhale out the mouth i've seen this done a lot with patients who maybe they're having an anxiety attack or just having some trouble catching their breath getting them to do this sometimes helps we've talked about incentive spirometry for wanting that patient to have deep breathing and and this also decreases atelectasis in our patients and again i have that guideline for how to teach that there purse lip breathing this can reduce dyspnea and anxiety the patient exhales through the nose to a count of three and then i'm sorry they inhale through the nose to a count of three and then they exhale through pursed lips to a count of seven we've seen this done especially with the copd patient or the emphysema patient personal breathing can sometimes improve their dyspnea diaphragmatic breathing this has been known to decrease respiratory rate increase alveolar ventilation and may

help expel as much air as possible during expiration the person places one hand on the stomach the other in the middle of the chest they breathe in slowly through their nose letting the abdomen protrude as far as possible then they exhale through pursed lips contracting the abdominal muscles with one hand pressing in and up on the abdomen again i highly recommend looking over these different breathing exercises in your textbook as you know as a student going in you may need to use one of these with your patients so it's important you understand when you would use this breathing exercise what it's for and how would you tell your patient to use it this next slide is about promoting or controlling a cough if a patient has a cough and it's important to be aware that coughing is a mechanism for clearing our respiratory tract of irritants and congestion and so basically it causes an explosive movement of air from the lower to the upper respiratory tract coughing can be good we we sometimes want our patients to cough it's

a cough is most effective when a client is sitting with their feet flat on the floor it's important to be aware that sometimes a cough can be voluntary or involuntary so when i think about voluntary a voluntary cough is important aspect of pre and post surgical care you know if we're wanting our patient to deep breathe and use the spirometer after surgery a lot of times when they do that it will cause them to cough or loosen any secretions in there and so that is important we want that voluntary cough

Promoting/Controlling Cough

- Cough
 - Mechanism for clearing respiratory tract of irritants/congestion
 - Initial irritant, deep inspiration, quick/tight closure of glottis, forceful contraction of intercostal muscles, upward push of diaphragm
 - Causes explosive movement of air from lower to upper respiratory tract
 - Most effective when client sitting with feet flat on the floor
 - May be voluntary or involuntary
 - Voluntary cough important aspect of pre and post surgical care
 - For those unable to cough voluntarily manual stimulation over trachea and prolonged exhalation may be helpful
 - Assisted cough- for those with neuromuscular disorder that prevents cough
 - Firm pressure on abdomen below diaphragm in rhythm with expiration

for those that are unable to cough there
are manual stimulation that you can do for that
but at times sometimes a cough is involuntary
patients that are sick maybe have a cold or you know some type
of respiratory infections and sometimes that involuntary cough can
be disruptive so the next slide we're going to talk
about possible cough medications that
can assist with that involuntary cough so the one thing i want you to arouse
with cough medicines they act in different ways so
there are different types of cough medicine out there sometimes they are
expectorants and these are good because if you have a
patient that's coughing a lot this will help thin
secretions and it will make it easier for them to
cough out or remove what's in there that irritant that's causing the problem

Cough Medications

- Expectorants
 - Help thin secretions making them easier to cough out and remove
- Suppressants
 - Depress cough reflex
- Lozenges
 - Local anesthetic helps decrease cough mechanism
- Avoid prolonged use of cough meds
 - For coughs lasting over 7 days encourage client to visit PCP

suppressants tend to depress the cough reflex
i know sometimes if patients haven't been sleeping well
because of a cough they've been up coughing all night
occasionally you know they may take an over-the-counter suppressant
but really we don't want to suppress the cough constantly because it does serve
as a purpose lozenges can help decrease the cough
mechanism but the important thing we want to teach
our patients about this is to avoid prolonged use of cough
medication if coughing lasts over seven days we
want to encourage that patient to visit their physician to figure out
what's going on the next intervention for nurses
suctioning of the airway this can assist with removing saliva
pulmonary secretions blood vomit foreign material from the pharynx
so it is used at times

Suctioning

- Removes saliva, blood, emesis, phlegm from oro/nasopharynx
- Irritates mucosa and removes oxygen from respiratory tract
 - May cause hypoxemia
- Can be painful/distressing
 - Use pain meds prior to suctioning if needed
- Assess heart rate, color, amount/type of secretions
 - Cyanosis, change in HR indicate hypoxemia

Refer to Skill 39-2 P. 1528-1532

a physician order is needed we need to be aware as nurses it irritates the mucosa and it does remove oxygen from the respiratory tract possibly causing hypoxia it can be painful and distressful at times we always want to assess for that pain and and if we can provide pain medication prior to suctioning that's not always possible but if we can that's good to do it's important to remember we're going to wear our ppe our gloves our goggles masks whatever is needed for proper protection when we're suctioning a patient and then when we're suctioning we want to monitor the patient's color what's their heart rate what is the amount and consistencies of the secretions we are getting now does their heart rate and their respiratory rate indicate their they have hypoxemias because we want to watch for that and you guys will be suctioning a patient and it's important that you refer to your skills there the skill for suction is 39-2 and it's on pages 15-28-15-32

the next thing i want to go through is inhale medications

inhale medications are administered to open narrowed airways so you'll

see this a lot with asthma patients particularly there's several different

types of inhale medications that you could be given

we won't test you really on for instance a brand name of a

medication but as you go into the clinical setting

it's important to understand if they say your patients on a nebulizer

treatment well what is that and basically they take liquid

medication they put it in this machine

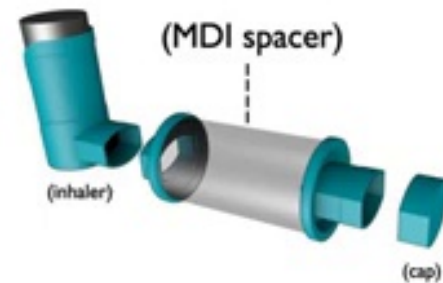
Inhaled Medications

- Nebulizers
 - Disperse fine particles of liquid meds



MDI

- Delivers controlled dose of med with each compression of the canister
- Common mistakes: failing to shake before dose, holding MDI upside down, inhaling too rapidly, stopping inhalation when propellant felt in back of throat, not hold breath after inhalation



- Dry Powder Inhaler
 - Breath activated
 - Quick deep breath by client
 - May clump if exposed to humidity

Teaching on these devices is on P. 865 (not in chapter 39)



that's at the top of this page the picture that's at the top of this page
and it disperses fine particles of that liquid medication that the patient
breathes in the patient if they're older they can
just put this in their mouth and breathe in and out while the medication is going
if you have a younger patient you may see them put a mask to this and put the
mask over the nose and mouth to get this medication
mdis are meter dosed inhalers they delivered a control dose of
medication with each compression of the canister
common mistakes when patients give this medication is they fail to shake it
before the dose so it's important to teach that
they need to shake the canister they need to hold the
inhaler or they need to hold the inhaler upright
sometimes they hold it upside down which is not good
they inhale too rapidly when they're taking
this medication or they stop inhaling and
the the medication just gets to the back of
the throat and it's important that they hold their breath after taking this

medication the reason i put this picture on here
is the mdi is most effective when it's used
in conjunction it can con conjunction with a
spacer which is what this tube is here so this
helps that problem of that medication getting stuck to the back of the throat
the other thing is to teach the patient they want to
exhale they'll want to shake their medicine
put it on the spacer put the spacer in their mouth and they want to take
a long slow deep breath then they will remove this and they want
to hold their breath for a count of 10 and then they can exhale and the last
medication we're going to go over here is the dry
powder inhaler again this is breath activated so
the patient clicks the lever down on the medication that
i'm showing this last picture at the bottom they're
going to take a quick deep breath in and that breath
activates that powder for them to inhale
and so that's if your patient's on one of these i just wanted you to be aware
of what they were and how those devices work and the

teaching involved around those

so this next slide is about supplemental oxygen so if our patient has a low pulse

or they are not breathing optimally we can

perform this intervention of supplying oxygen

however oxygen is considered a medication

and you have to have a physician's order for that

Supplemental Oxygen

- O2 is considered a med and must have order
 - In emergency patient be given O2 if needed, then call MD immediately for order
 - Often a part of emergency protocols with standing orders
- Canisters
 - Portable
 - Can be heavy and burdensome
- Concentrators
 - Concentrate oxygen from room air
 - Used in homes
 - Can deliver up to 5L O2/min
- Be careful with O2 in COPD clients
 - Hypoxia may be the stimulant that keeps them breathing
 - Too much O2 may cause client to lose the stimulus and stop breathing
- Humidification
 - Added to O2 delivery to help keep mucous membranes moist
 - Sterile water



in some cases such as you know a patient comes in the emergency room it's emergency the patient can be given oxygen if needed but the physician has to be called immediately for that order oxygen can be supplied in many different ways from wall units that you might see in the hospital to possibly a cylinder or tank that's portable but basically there is a flow meter that is attached to the wall unit or you know on the cylinder or tank and it has a valve and that regulates how much oxygen that patient is getting canisters are nice because they're portable but they can be heavy and birds birdsome to patients concentrators so your book has a small section that talks about this and these are used in homes they are a little cheaper because they are taking concentrate oxygen from room air and recycling it basically so that the patient gets that through the device it can deliver anywhere up to five liters of o₂ per minute so it's a nice option for that patient that's at home that needs

to be on oxygen it's a little bit cheaper than actually purchasing an oxygen tank or canisters we always want to be careful with oxygen in the copd client and basically hypoxia may be the stimulant that keeps them breathing they have too much or too much o2 may cause this client to lose the stimulus and they stop their breathing so again when i was talking about pulse oxes and normal ranges we this is the reason that sometimes we're okay with the copd patient running in the 88 89 percent because we know if we give them too much oxygen we can stop their drive to breathe so we want to be very careful with how much oxygen we're giving a cobd patient humidification can be added to an oxygen delivery system and and sometimes that is needed because that helps keep the mucous membranes moist and basically you're just adding a little sterile water to the the flow meter or the valve as the oxygen comes out and it humidifies it and it does assist with a patient's complaining that their nose is feeling dry from that

oxygen it's always good to provide that you do
not have to have an order to add sterile water or humidification
to if a patient's on oxygen however you do
need an order for the actual oxygen
if you have a patient that's put on

Oxygen Precautions

- Combustible
 - No smoking/open flames
 - No electric razors
 - Avoid synthetic materials that build static
 - Avoid using combustible oils

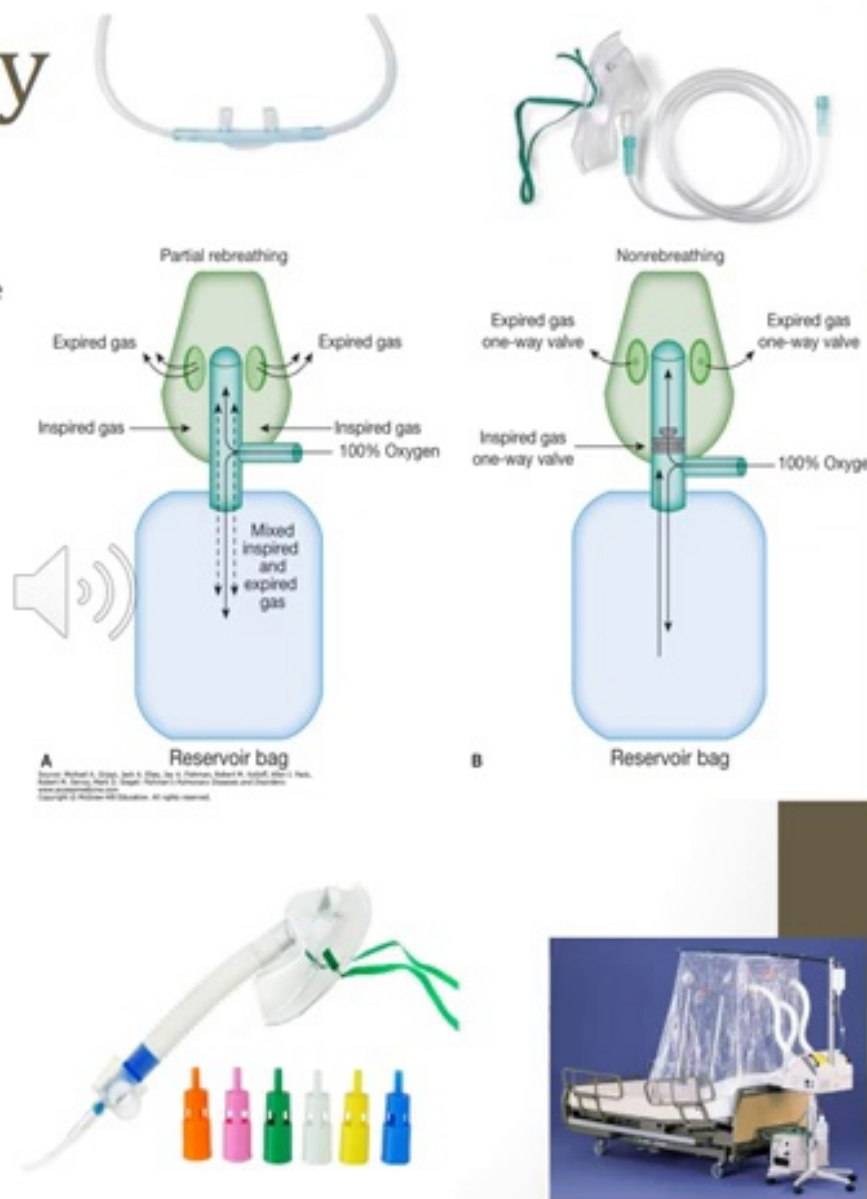


oxygen in the hospital or maybe it's new they're going to go home on oxygen or maybe they already are but it's it is good to reinforce teaching about oxygen precautions so oxygen is combustible we want to make sure that patient knows not to be around an open flame it is advisable that they do not smoke when they're on their oxygen because it is combustible we want them to avoid using electric razors they can you know we want to warn them about synthetic materials that could build static and and cause a shock and avoid using any combustible oils so it's good to give that education to that patient like i said if oxygen is new to them they need this information if they're already on oxygen it's good to reinforce this information with them this slide is about the different types of oxygen delivery depending on how much oxygen your

Oxygen Delivery

- Nasal cannula
 - Most common delivery device
 - Low flow
 - Can cause pressure ulceration behind the ears and on face
 - Delivers 1-6L/min 23-42%
- Face mask
 - Fit comfortably snug, but not too tight
 - Used to increase O₂ delivery for short periods of time
 - Only use with 5-8L/min 40-60%
 - **NEVER USE LESS THAN 5L**
- Partial rebreather
 - Has reservoir bag
 - 8-11L/min 50-75%
- Nonrebreather
 - 12L/min = 80-100%
- Venturi Mask
 - High flow
 - Delivers precise concentrations
 - 4-10L/min
 - Careful monitoring of FiO₂
- Oxygen tent
 - Commonly used with children

See Table 39-4 P. 1511



depending on how much oxygen your patient is needing
it will determine what type of device that you will put
on them so the nasal cannula is the most common delivery device
this is for a low flow oxygen and we can we can deliver
anywhere from one to six liters a minute with this device again this is where
you can add the humidification that may need
to be given we want to be aware that the patient puts that
you know puts the device in their nose and the tubing goes
up along their face and over the back of their ears
so we want to be checking those areas to make sure that they're not getting any
ulcerations or pressure areas or that tubings
not causing any skin alterations on that patient
the next device we're going to talk about is the face mask
and again i've tried to give you pictures here so the top
the first picture is the nasal cannula
the next one is the face mask and this we want to fit comfortably snug
but we again want to make sure it's not too tight

and this is used to increase oxygen delivery for short periods of time

we can only use this with five to eight liters

of oxygen and we it will not be effective we never use it

with less than five liters so if you're a patient only on

three liters of oxygen then you just need to put them on the nasal cannula we

don't need to use this face mask this again is

for a short period of time and can be used anywhere from five to

eight liters the next one that we're showing here is

the partial rebreather this has a reservoir bag that collects

the first part of the patient's exhalation

it mixes it with a hundred percent of oxygen for

the next inhalation the rest of exhalation is released in the vents on

the side when we use this we can this is used

with 8 to 11 liters of oxygen if your patient's

needing that the next one your book talks about is

the non-rebreather this is for when we need high

concentrations of oxygen like the partial rebreather

but this one has a two-way valve that prevents the patient from

inhaling their exhaled air we use this when a patient's on 12
liters of oxygen or they're needing 12 liters of oxygen
and again you know with each of these you know the oxygen is a physician's
order and with that order the doctor needs to
be writing how many liters he wants the patient on
what's the max you know if you've got your patient on
five liters and that's what the doc that's the max the doctor wrote for and
they you feel like they need more based on
their signs and symptoms you're gonna have to call and get
another order to increase that and and to figure
out what device here that the physician wants them on
the venturi mask has a large tube with an oxygen inlet
as the tube narrows the pressure drops causing the air to be pulled in through
the side ports ports are adjusted according to the
prescribed oxygen concentration for the venturi
this is used when we need some high flow oxygen because it delivers very precise
concentrations this can be used for at four to ten
liters a minute and again it requires careful

monitoring but be but it is for patients who really
need that precision of concentration and they need to be on high flow
oxygen tents commonly used with children your book does not talk about these
anymore so you don't need to worry about an
oxygen i did put a picture here to show what that might look like
if you had a patient on it there's also a table that talks about these
oxygen delivery systems here on page 15 11 it's table 39-4
the next advice we're going to talk about is positive airway
pressure this uses mild air pressure to keep airways
open it's referred to there's bipap and there's cpap bipap
changes air pressure while the client breathes in and out
cpap is continuous air pressure this usually will
fit over the client's nose and mouth if you have them on it

Positive Airway Pressure

- Uses mild air pressure to keep airways open
- BIPAP changes air pressure while client breaths in and out
- CPAP continuous air pressure
- Usually fits over the client's nose or mouth/nose
- Support/encourage use
 - High noncompliance rate



Continuous Positive Airway Pressure

and it's often used to treat sleep apnea in patients
so you will see that on a patient that may
have sleep apnea this keeps their airway open at night
and that's i just wanted to do a quick
overview of what that is the next thing we're going to talk about is an overview
of managing chest tubes a chest tube
is indicated when there's negative pressure in the pleural space
or it's disrupted and this can happen from a thoracic
surgery or trauma patients with fluid like such as a pleural fusion
patients with blood such as the hemothorax
or air and pneumothorax in the pleural space require a chest tube
to drain these substances and that allows the compressed
lung to re-expand so all a chest tube is is a firm plastic tube
it's placed in the pleural spaces by a

Managing Chest Tubes

- **Chest tube**

- Firm plastic tube
- Placed in the pleural space
- Sutured in place
- Covered with air tight dressing
- Drains air or fluid

- Air tube placed high
- Fluid placed lower

- **Nursing responsibilities**

- Continually assess respiratory status/pain
- Observe dressing
- Palpate around insertion site for crepitus (rice crispies)
- Assess water seal for bubbling
 - Maintain water at the 2cm mark
- Avoid milking tubing
- If tubing becomes disconnected from system, immediately submerge end of tubing into sterile water
- **Keep rubber tipped clamps and Vaseline gauze dressing at bedside.**
- **Review Guidelines for Nursing Care 39-3 p. 1514**



physician it's sutured into place we cover it with an airtight dressing
and it drains that error fluid from that area
nursing responsibility so we're going to continue to assess the respiratory
status and pain status of our patients we're going to observe that dressing
around that site we're going to palpate around the insertion site
for crepitus we're going to assess water seal for bubbling and they go into
more of chest tubes and med surg once so again this is just a little overview of
chest tubes you will get more in depth of how to
care for chest tubes as you advance through the program
but when we're caring for these again we want to assess the water sill it
should be bubbling we want to avoid
milking the tube so if we get some type of clot you don't want to
milk that tube to try to get that clot out of that tubing
this is a and very important to remember if the tubing becomes disconnected from
the system so meaning not from the patient the
tube's still in the patient but it's not connected to the system
we want to immediately submerge the end of that tube into sterile water

so that's why it's important to keep sterile water at the bedside
we also want to keep rubber tipped clamps and vaseline gauze dressing at
the bedside and your book does give some really good
guidelines as far as monitoring a patient with a
chest tube and the guidelines for nursing care and
you can see that on page 15 14 it's guidelines for nursing
care 39-3
as we come to the end are near the end of this
chapter the last few slides are about artificial airways
and so your oropharyngeal airway this is a tube or

Oropharyngeal Airway

- Tube of plastic or rubber inserted into the back of the pharynx through the mouth or nose
- Often used post-operatively

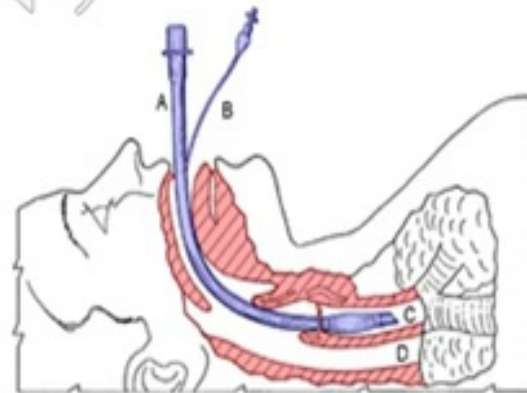


a plastic or rubber and we see this inserted in the back of the pharynx through the nose or the mouth this is often used postoperatively and it keeps the tongue from blocking the airway so it's really important that the correct size is used as to not to hinder that airway so again this is just an overview so that if you see this you understand what it is and what it's used for so the next artificial airway we're going to talk about is the endotracheal tube this is inserted into the trachea a laryngoscope is used to insert this is usually done again by advanced practitioner or physician we can use this to administer oxygen by mechanical ventilation most commonly we use a cuffed endotracheal tube to prevent air leakage and bronchial aspirations once this is put into a patient the

Endotracheal Tube

- Inserted into trachea
- Laryngoscope used to insert tube
- Used to administer O₂ by mechanical ventilation

ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE / ETT



patient cannot speak and once we put this in often it requires suctioning to remove secretions

last couple of slides here are about a tracheostomy

this is inserted for mechanical ventilation it bypasses the upper airway

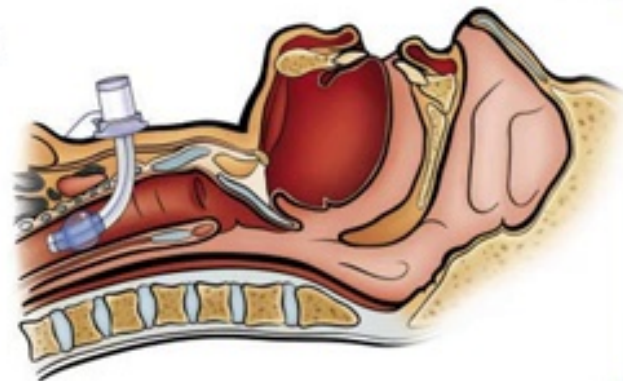
if a patient has an upper airway obstruction

and or to remove endocrine endotracheal secretions and this is an artificial opening into the trachea normally about the second or third cartilage ring it can be permanent or temporary the tube consists of an inner an outer cannula and an inner cannula

there's an obturator that guides the direction of the outer cannula during insertion again this can be cuffed or non-cuffed but it's held in place with a velcro strap or tape and

Tracheostomy

- Inserted for mechanical ventilation, bypass upper airway obstruction, or remove endotracheal secretions
- Artificial opening into trachea normally at 2nd/3rd cartilage ring
- Can be permanent or temporary
- Tube consists of outer cannula and inner cannula
 - Obturator guides direction of outer cannula during insertion, removed once trach in place
- May be cuffed or non-cuffed
- Held in place with twill tape or velcro straps
- Nursing implications
 - Administer heated/humidified oxygen
 - Keep trach free from foreign objects
 - Clean/replace inner cannula
 - Regularly change dressings/ties
 - Clean skin surrounding tube



so there's nursing implications with this
administering heat or humidified oxygen we want to keep the
trach free from foreign objects we want to keep that
clean and replace the inner cannula as needed
we want to do regular changing of the dressing and ties and and
assess and clean that skin area around the tube
standard bedside equipment that should be kept at the bedside should your
patient have a tracheostomy is the obturator the suction equipment
oxygen a manual ventilation bag and a spare tracheostomy
tube should that come out of the patient tranquil suction is one of the skills
that is usually performed or taught in the skills lab
you should review that providing tracheostomy
care that skill can be found 39-5 on

Tracheal Suctioning

- Performed by passing sterile catheter through ET or trach
- Performed using sterile technique in hospital
 - Clean technique in the home
- Uncomfortable, can be painful
 - May need to admin pain med prior if necessary
- Risks- hypoxia, mucosal damage, dysrhythmia, infection, atelectasis
- Hyperoxygenate the client before and after each suction attempt
- Limit suctioning to 10-15 seconds
- Do not insert suction tube more than 1cm beyond the length of the tube

page 1540 and you should be reviewing tracheal suction which is a skill on of 39-6 in the back of your book but we do when we do tracheal suctioning we want to pre-perform this using a sterile catheter and we want to use sterile technique if we're in the hospital if a patient has to do this at home our loved one has to do it for a patient at home we usually recommend clean technique in the home we want them this can be very uncomfortable and it can be painful so we want to make sure we administer any pain medicines prior if necessary and if it's not an emergency situation the patient when we are doing tracheal suctioning is at risk for hypoxia mucosal damage dysrhythmias infection and atelectasis so before we start the procedure we always want to