

The Physician Pharmacist: Respiratory

Lung Development:

-occurs in 5 stages = begins w/ formation of Lung buds from distal end of respiratory diverticulum during week 4 of development

-"Every Pulmonology Can See Alveoli" (EPCSA):

- **Embryonic** (Weeks 4-7):
 - Lung bud → trachea → bronchial buds → Mainstem bronchi → secondary (lobar) Bronchi → Tertiary (Segmental) Bronchi
 - Errors lead to **Tracheoesophageal Fistula**
- **Pseudoglandular** (weeks 5-17):
 - Endodermal tubules → terminal bronchioles (surrounded by modest capillary network)
 - **Respiration is impossible at this stage and incompatible w/ Life**
- **Canalicular** (Weeks 16-25):
 - Terminal bronchioles → respiratory bronchioles → alveolar ducts (Surrounded by Prominent Capillary Network)
 - Airways increase in diameter
 - Pneumocytes develop starting at Week 20 of development
 - **Respiration capable at ~25 weeks**
- **Saccular** (Week 24-Birth):
 - Alveolar ducts → terminal sacs (separated by Primary Septae)
- **Alveolar** (week 36-8 years old)
 - Terminal sacs → Adult Alveoli (due to secondary septation)
 - In utero "Breathing" occurs via aspiration + expulsion of amniotic fluid → Pulmonary vascular resistance through gestation
 - Birth = air replaces fluid → Pulmonary Vascular Resistance

Club Cells:

-Non-ciliated, Low Columnar/Cuboidal Cells w/ Secretory Granules

-Located in Bronchioles

-Roles:

- Degrade toxins via CYP450
- Secrete components of Surfactant***
- Progenitor cells for Club + Ciliated Cells

Congenital Lung Malformations:

1. **Pulmonary Hypoplasia:**

-poorly developed bronchial tree w/ abnormal histology
-Associated w/ congenital **Diaphragmatic Hernia** (usually left-sided) or **Bilateral Renal Agenesis (Potter Sequence)**

2. **Bronchogenic Cysts:**

-abnormal budding of the foregut + dilation of terminal or large bronchi
-Discrete, round, sharply defined, fluid-filled densities on CXR (Air-Filled if Infected)
-Generally asymptomatic but can drain poorly → airway compression, recurrent respiratory infections

Alveolar Cell Types:

1. **Type I Pneumocytes:**

-Squamous, 97% of Alveolar surfaces
-Thinly line the Alveoli for Optimal Gas Exchange***

2. **Type II Pneumocytes:**

-Cuboidal + Clustered
-2 Functions:

1. Serve as Stem Cell Precursors for 2 Cell Types (Type I and Type II Cells); proliferation during lung damage
2. **Secrete Surfactant from lamellar bodies**

Surfactant:

- alveolar surface tension, alveolar collapse, lung recoil, lung compliance
-made of Lecithins (DPPC)
-Synthesis begins @ **20 weeks** gestation and achieves mature levels @ **35 weeks** gestation (Corticosteroids can fetal surfactant production; can be therapeutic in premature deliveries)
-Collapsing Pressure (P) = 2 (Surface tension) / Radius
-Law of Laplace = Alveoli have tendency to collapse on Expiration as radius

3. **Alveolar Macrophages:**

-phagocytose foreign materials + release cytokines/alveolar proteases
-Hemosiderin-Laden Macrophages (Heart-Failure Cells) may be found in setting of pulmonary edema or alveolar hemorrhage

Neonatal Respiratory Distress Syndrome (NRDS):

-Surfactant Deficiency = surface tension → alveolar collapse ("ground-glass" appearance of lung fields)
-RF = Prematurity, Gestational Diabetes (fetal insulin), C-section delivery (release of fetal glucocorticoids b/c less stressful than vaginal delivery)
-Tx = Maternal Steroids before birth + Exogenous surfactant to child

- Avoid Therapeutic Supplemental O2:
 - **Retinopathy of Prematurity**
 - **Intraventricular Hemorrhage (IVH)**
 - **Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia**

-Screening tests for Fetal Lung Maturity:

- **Lecithin-Sphingomyelin (L/S) Ratio** in Amniotic Fluid (≥ 2 is healthy, < 1.5 is predictive)
- Foam Stability Index
- Surfactant-Albumin Ratio

-Persistently low O2 Tension → risk of PDA

Respiratory Anatomy:

Conducting Zone:

-large airways = nose, pharynx, larynx, trachea and bronchi

-Airway resistance is highest in the Large to medium sized bronchi

-Small airways = bronchioles that further divide into terminal bronchioles (large numbers in Parallel → east airway resistance)

-Role = warms, humidifies, filters air BUT does not participate in gas exchange → "**anatomic dead space**"

-Cartilage + Goblet cells extend to the end of Bronchi
-Pseudostratified ciliated columnar cells primarily make up epithelium of bronchus + extend to beginning of terminal bronchioles → transition to Cuboidal cells
-Clears mucus + debris from lungs via "Mucociliary Escalator"

-Airway smooth muscle cells extend to end of terminal bronchioles (sparse beyond this point)

Respiratory Zone:

-Lung parenchyma = consists of **respiratory bronchioles, alveolar ducts, alveoli** (gas exchange)
-Cuboidal cells in respiratory bronchioles → Simple squamous cells up to alveoli
-Cilia terminate in respiratory bronchioles
-Alveolar macrophages clear debris/provide immune response

Lung Anatomy:

-Right lung = 3 lobes; Left has 2 (and Lingula), Right has 3

-Relation of Pulmonary artery to bronchus at each lung hilum = RALS (**Right Anterior; Left Superior**)

-Carina is posterior to ascending aorta + anteromedial to descending aorta

-Right Lung = more common site for inhaled foreign bodies b/c Right Main stem bronchus is wider, more vertical, shorter than left

-Aspirate food;

- Supine = enters superior segment of Right lobe
- Lying on Right side = enters Right upper lobe
- Upright = enters right lower lobe

Diaphragm Structures:

-Perforating Diaphragm:

- **T8 = IVC, Right Phrenic Nerve**
- **T10 = Esophagus, Vagus (CN10 for T10)**
- **T12 = Aorta, Thoracic Duct, Azygos Vein (aortic hiatus)**

-Diaphragm innervated by **C3,4,5** ("keeps me alive") (Phrenic Nerve)

-Pain from Diaphragm irritation (air, blood, pus from peritoneal cavity) referred to Shoulder (C5), Trapezius Ridge (C3, C4)

-Other Bifurcations;

- Common Carotid "bifurcates" at C4
- Trachea "bifurcates" at T4
- Abdominal Aorta "bifurcates" at L4

Respiratory Physiology:

-Note: "Capacities" are sums of volumes

1. Tidal Volume:

-air that moves into lung with each quiet inspiration

-typically 500 mL

2. Inspiratory Reserve Volume:

-air that can still be breathed in after normal inspiration

3. Expiratory Reserve Volume:

-air that can still be breathed out after normal expiration

4. Residual Volume (RV):

-Air in lung after maximal expiration

-RV, and any capacity that uses RV Cannot be measured by Spirometry (Makes sense, since Spirometry measures maximal forced expiration)

5. Inspiratory Capacity:

-IRV + TV

-air that is breathed in after normal exhalation

6. Functional Residual Capacity (FRC):

-RV + ERV

-Volume of gas in lungs after normal expiration; outward pulling force of chest wall is balanced w/ inward collapsing force of lungs

7. Vital Capacity:

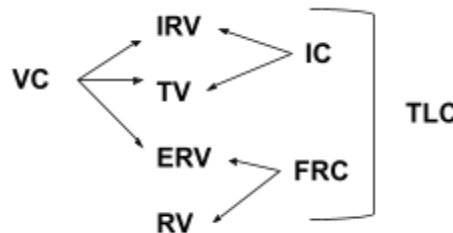
-IRV + TV + ERV

-Maximum volume of gas that can be expired after a maximal inspiration

8. Total Lung Capacity (TLC):

-IRV + TV + ERV + RV = VC + RV

-Volume of gas present in lungs after a max inspiration



Determination of Physiologic Dead Space:

$$V_D = V_T \times \left[\frac{P_aCO_2 - P_{ECO_2}}{P_{ACO_2}} \right]$$

- V_D = Physiological Dead Space = Anatomic Dead Space of conducting airways + alveolar dead space (apex of healthy lung is largest contributor of alveolar dead space. "Volume of Inspired air that does NOT take part in gas exchange")

- V_T = Tidal Volume

- P_{ACO_2} = arterial PCO_2

- P_{ECO_2} = Expired air PCO_2

-Physiologic Dead Space ~ Anatomic Dead Space in normal lungs (may be greater than anatomic dead space in lung diseases w/ V/Q Mismatch)

Ventilation:

1. Minute Ventilation (V_E):

-Total volume of gas entering lungs per minute

$$-V_E = V_T \times RR$$

2. Alveolar Ventilation (V_A):

-volume of gas that reaches alveoli each minute

$$-V_A = (V_T - V_D) \times RR$$

Normal Values:

-RR = 12-20 bpm

- V_T = 500 mL/breath

- V_D = 150 mL/ breath

Lung and Chest Wall:

Elastic Recoil:

-Tendency for lungs to collapse inward + chest all to spring outward

-At FRC, airway + alveolar pressures equal atmospheric pressure (called Zero), and Intrapleural pressure is negative (preventing atelectasis)

-Inward pull of lung is balanced by the outward pull of the chest wall

-System pressure is atmospheric

-Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) is at a minimum

Compliance (Stretch):

-change in lung volume for a change in pressure (change Volume/ change Pressure)

-**Inversely proportional to wall stiffness and is by Surfactant**

- Compliance = Lung easier to fill (Emphysema, Aging)
- Compliance = Lung Harder to fill (Pulmonary Fibrosis, Pneumonia, ARDS, Pulmonary Edema)

Hysteresis:

-Lung inflation follows a different pressure volume curve than lung deflation due to need to overcome surface tensions forces in inflation

-Emphysema moves curve upwards (increasing slope), Fibrosis moves it downward (decreasing slope)

Respiratory System Changes in Elderly:

-Aging associated w/ progressive in lung function
 -TLC remains the same

-Increased:

- Lung Compliance (Stretch) - Loss of elastic recoil
- RV (residual volume)
- V/Q Mismatch
- A-a Gradient

-Decreased:

- Chest wall compliance (chest wall stiffness)
- FVC and FEV1 (forced expiration)
- Respiratory Muscle Strength (impairs cough)
- Ventilatory Response to Hypoxia/Hypercapnia

Hemoglobin:

-Normal Hb composed of 4 Polypeptide subunits (2 alphas, 2 betas) that each bind 1 molecule of O2
 -Hb is an allosteric protein that exhibits "Positive Cooperativity" when binding to O2;
 • Oxygenated Hb has High affinity for O2
 • Deoxygenated Hb has low affinity for O2 → promoting release/unloading of O2
 -Protein component of Hb acts as a buffer for H+ ions
 -**Myoglobin** = composed of single polypeptide chain associated w/ one heme Moiety (higher affinity for Oxygen than Hb)

Oxygen Content of Blood:

O2 Content = (1.34 x Hb x SaO2) + (0.003 x PaO2)

-Hb = hemoglobin concentration
 -SaO2 = arterial O2 saturation
 -PaO2 = partial pressure of O2 in arterial blood

-Normally 1 g Hb can bind 1.34 mL O2; normal Hb amount in blood is 15g/dL
 -Normal O2 Binding capacity ~ 20 mL O2/dL of blood

-W/ Hb there is O2 content of arterial blood, but NO change in O2 saturation and PaO2

-O2 delivery to tissues = CO (cardiac output) x O2 content of blood

	CO Poisoning	Anemia (RBC)
[Hb]	Normal	
% O2 Sat of Hb	(CO competes w/ O2)	Normal
Dissolved O2 (PaO2)	Normal	Normal
Total O2 Content		
	Polycythemia (RBC)	Cyanide Toxicity
[Hb]		Normal
% O2 Sat of Hb	Normal	Normal
Dissolved O2 (PaO2)	Normal	Normal
Total O2 Content		Normal
Methemoglobinemia		
[Hb]		Normal
% O2 Sat of Hb	(Fe3+ is bad at binding O2)	
Dissolved O2 (PaO2)		Normal
Total O2 Content		

Methemoglobin:

-Iron in Hb is normally in a reduced state (**Ferrous - Fe2+**) = "just the 2 of "us"
 -Oxidized form of Hb (**Ferric - Fe3+**) does NOT bind O2 as readily as Ferrous does BUT does have affinity for Cyanide → tissue hypoxia from O2 Saturation and O2 Content
 -**Methemoglobinemia** = presents w/ cyanosis (does not improve w/ supplemental Oxygen) or w/ Chocolate-colored blood
 • Dapsone, Local anesthetics (Benzocaine), Nitrites (Diet, Polluted Water Sources) = cause poisoning by oxidizing Fe2+ to Fe3+
 -Tx = **Methylene Blue +/- Vitamin C**

Oxygen-Hemoglobin Dissociation Curve:

-Sigmoidal shape due to positive cooperativity (Tetrameric Hb molecule can bind 4 O2 molecules and has higher affinity for each subsequent O2 molecule bound)
 -Myoglobin is Monomeric and thus does NOT show positive cooperativity (Curve Lacks Sigmoidal Shape and is parabolic → far far left shift)
 -Shift Right = P50 (higher PO2 required to maintain 50% saturation)
 -Shift Left = O2 unloading → renal hypoxia → EPO synthesis → compensatory erythrocytosis
 -**Fetal Hb (HbF)(2α, 2γ)** has higher affinity for O2 than adult Hb (due to affinity for 2,3-BPG) → dissociation curve is shifted left, driving diffusion of O2 across the placenta from pregnant pt to fetus

-Right Shift: (O2 unloading to tissues)***

- H+ (pH)
- PCO2
- Exercise
- 2,3-BPG
- High Altitude
- Temperature

-Left Shift: (O2 unloading to tissues)***

- H+ (pH - basic)
- PCO2
- 2,3-BPG
- Temp
- CO (Carbon Monoxide Poisoning)
- MetHb (Methemoglobinemia)
- HbF

Note: Both CN and CO poisoning inhibit aerobic metabolism via inhibition of **Complex IV of the Electron Transport Chain (ETC) - "Cytochrome C Oxidase"** → Hypoxia that does not fully correct w/ supplemental O₂ and Anaerobic Metabolism

Cyanide Poisoning:

-Exposure to synthetic product combustion, amygdalin ingestion (Apricot seeds), Purposeful Cyanide Ingestion, Fire Victims
-sxs = **HA, SOB, Drowsiness, Seizures, Coma Cherry Red Skin**, Bitter Almond Odorized Breath

-Labs:

- Normal PaO₂
- Lactate (Anaerobic metabolism) → Metabolic Acidosis

-Oxygen/Hb Curve:

- "Curve Normal"
- O₂ saturation may appear normal initially but despite plenty of O₂ Supply, O₂ is not used due to ineffective Oxidative Phosphorylation

-Tx:

- Decontamination (remove clothing)
- **Hydroxocobalamin** (Binds Cyanide → cyanocobalamin → renal excretion)
- **Nitrites** (Oxidize Hb → methemoglobin → binds cyanide → cyanmethemoglobin → Toxicity)
- **Sodium Thiosulfate** (CN conversion to Thiocyanate → Renal Excretion)

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning:

-Cause = Motor Exhaust, Gas Heaters, Fire Victims
-Sxs = **HA, Vomiting, Confusion, Visual Disturbances, Coma, Cherry Red Skin w/ Bullous Skin lesions** (multiple victims are often involved)

-Labs:

- Normal PaO₂
- Carboxyhemoglobin on Co-Oximetry**
- **Bilateral Globus Pallidus Lesions on Brain MRI**

-Oxygen/Hb Curve:

- Left Shift*** (affinity for O₂ → O₂ unloading in tissues)
- Binds competitively to Hb w/ > 200x higher affinity than O₂ (forming Carboxyhemoglobin → %O₂ sat of Hb

-Tx = **100% O₂ + Hyperbaric Oxygen (if severe)**

Pulmonary Circulation:

-normally a "Low-Resistance; High Compliance" system
-a in PAO₂ causes a Hypoxic vasoconstriction that shifts blood AWAY from poorly ventilated regions of lung to well-ventilated regions

-Perfusion Limited = O₂ (normal health), CO₂, N₂O → gas equilibrates early along the length of the capillary (exchange can be only if blood flow 's)

-Diffusion Limited = O₂ (emphysema, Fibrosis, exercise), CO → gas does NOT equilibrate by the time blood reaches the end of the capillary

-O₂ diffuses SLOWLY

-CO₂ diffuses very rapidly across the alveolar membrane

-Disease states that lead to diffusion limitation (Pulmonary Fibrosis) are more likely to cause early hypoxia than Hypercapnia***

-Chronic Hypoxic Vasoconstriction may lead to Pulmonary HTN +/- Cor Pulmonale

Diffusion:

$$V_{GAS} = A \times D_K \times [(P_1 - P_2) / \text{Alveolar wall thickness}]$$

-A = area

-Dk = diffusion coefficient of Gas

-P₁-P₂ = difference in partial pressures

- A in Emphysema

- Alveolar wall thickness in Pulmonary Fibrosis

-DLCO = extent to which CO passes from air sacs of lungs into blood

Pulmonary Vascular Resistance (PVR):

$$PVR = [(P_{PA} - P_{LA}) / Q]$$

-Q = P / R

-R = 8nL/πie x r⁴

-P_{PA} = pressure in Pulmonary Artery

-P_{LA} = pressure in Left Atrium (PCWP)

Alveolar Gas Equation:

$$PAO_2 = PIO_2 - [PACO_2 / R]$$

-R = respiratory quotient = CO₂ produced/O₂ consumed

A-a Gradient = PAO₂ - PaO₂

-normal A-a Gradient estimated as (age/4) + 4

-if pt is < 40 yo, their gradient should be < 14

Oxygen Deprivation:

1. Hypoxia (O₂ delivery to tissue):

- CO

-Hypoxemia

-Ischemia

-Anemia

-CO/Cyanide Poisoning

2. Hypoxemia (PaO₂):

-Normal A-a Gradient:

- High altitude (barometric pressure)
- Hypoventilation (opioid use, obesity hypoventilation syndrome)

- A-a Gradient:

- V/Q Mismatch
- Diffusion Limitation (Fibrosis)
- Right to Left Shunt (R→L)

3. Ischemia (loss of blood flow):

-Impeded arterial flow

- venous drainage

Ventilation/Perfusion Mismatch (V/Q Mismatch):

-ideally ventilation is matched to perfusion (V/Q = 1) for adequate gas exchange

-Lung Zones:

- V/Q at Apex of Lung = 3 (wasted ventilation)
- V/Q at Base of Lung = 0.6 (wasted perfusion)

-Both ventilation and perfusion are greater at the base of the lung than at the apex of the lung

-With exercise (CO) there is vasodilation of apical capillaries → V/Q ratio approaching 1

-Bacteria (TB) thrive w/ high O₂ (.∴ flourishing in the apex of lung)

-V/Q = 0 = Airway "0"bstruction (Shunt)

- In shunt, 100% O₂ does not improve PaO₂
- ex.) Aspiration

-V/Q = infinity = Blood flow obstruction (Physiologic Dead Space)

- Assuming < 100% dead space, 100% O₂ improves PaO₂
- ex.) Pulmonary Embolism

Zone 1 = PA ≥ Pa > P_v = [V/ Q] = V/Q

Zone 2 = Pa > PA > P_v = [V/Q ~ 1]

Zone 3 = Pa > P_v > PA = [V/ Q] = V/Q

Carbon Dioxide Transport (CO₂):

- CO₂ transported from tissues to lungs in 3 forms;
 1. Bicarb (70%): Bicarb/Chloride Transporter on RBC membrane allows Bicarb to diffuse out of plasma and Cl⁻ to diffuse into RBC (“**Chloride Shift**”)
 - a. CO₂ from tissue
 - b. CO₂ + H₂O → Carbonic Anhydrase → H₂CO₃ → H⁺ and Bicarb → Bicarb leaves RBC for blood
 2. Carbamino hemoglobin (**HbCO₂**)(21-25%): CO₂ bound to Hb at N-terminus of globin (not Heme) = CO₂ favors deoxygenated form (O₂ Unloaded)
 3. CO₂ dissolved in blood (5-9%)

-In lungs, **oxygenation of Hb** promotes dissociation of **H⁺** from Hb = shifts equilibrium toward CO₂ formation; therefore, CO₂ is released from RBCs (**Haldane Effect**)

- As Oxygen is bound in the lungs to RBCs, H⁺ dissociates allowing for H⁺ conc that shift Eq to the left, facilitating CO₂ formation and release (to be expelled)

-Majority of Blood CO₂ is carried as Bicarb in the plasma

High Altitudes:

- atmospheric oxygen (PiO₂) → PaO₂ → Ventilation → PaCO₂ → respiratory alkalosis → altitude Sickness (HA, Nausea, Fatigue, Lightheadedness, Sleep Disturbances)

-Chronic exposure (Acclimatization) =

- EPO production → HCT and HB (due to chronic hypoxia)
- 2,3-BPG (binds to Hb → rightward shift of dissociation curve → O₂ release)
- Mitochondria in cells
- Renal excretion of Bicarb (compensating for Resp Alk) - Augmented w/ Acetazolamide

-Chronic Hypoxic Pulmonary Vasoconstriction (constricting areas w/ poor ventilation) → Pulmonary Vascular Resistance (PVR) → Pulmonary HTN or Right Ventricular Hypertrophy

Response to Exercise:

- CO₂ production
- O₂ consumption
- Right Shift in Curve (O₂ delivery = affinity for O₂)
- ventilation to meet O₂ demand + remove excess CO₂
- V/Q ratio from apex to base becomes more uniform
- Pulmonary blood flow due to CO
- pH during strenuous exercise (secondary to lactic acidosis)
- No change in PaO₂ and PaCO₂ (but in venous CO₂ content and venous O₂ content)

Rhinosinusitis:

- obstruction of sinus drainage into nasal cavity → inflammation + pain over affected area
- typically affects Maxillary Sinuses, which drain against gravity due to ostia location (superomedially)
- Superior Meatus** = drains **sphenoid, posterior ethmoid**
- Middle Meatus** = drains **frontal, maxillary sinus, anterior ethmoid**
- Inferior Meatus** = drains **nasolacrimal duct**
- Acute Rhinosinusitis = most commonly caused by viruses (Rhinovirus)

- Potential for superimposed bacterial infxn (H flu, Strep Pnuemo, Mcat)

-Paranasal sinus infxns may extend to the orbits, Cavernous Sinus, Brain, causing complications (Orbital Cellulitis, Cavernous Sinus Syndrome, Meningitis)

Epistaxis: “Nose Bleed”

-Anterior segment of nostril (**Kiesselbach Plexus**)

- **Superior Labial a.**
- **Anterior Ethmoidal a.**
- **Posterior Ethmoidal a.**
- **Sphenopalatine a.**

-Lifethreatening hemorrhages occur in Posterior segment (Sphenopalatine Artery = branch of Maxillary Artery)

-Causes = foreign body, trauma, allergic rhinitis, nasal angiofibromas

Head and Neck Cancer:

-Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC)
-RF = Tobacco, alcohol, **HPV-16 (Oropharyngeal), EBV (Nasopharyngeal)**

-**Field Cancerization** = carcinogen damages wide mucosal area → multiple tumors that develop independently after exposure

Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma:

- Unilateral nasal obstruction
- Discharge
- Epistaxis
- Eustachian Tube Obstruction (Otitis Media +/- Effusion)
- Hearing Loss

Deep Venous Thrombosis (DVT):

-Blood clot within a deep vein → swelling, redness, warmth, pain

-RFs: “**Virchow's Triad**”

- **Stasis** (Post-op, long drive/flight)
- **Hypercoagulability** (defect in Coagulation cascade proteins, such as Factor V Leiden, Oral contraceptive use, Pregnancy)
- **Endothelial Damage** (Exposed Collagen triggers clotting cascade)

-Most pulmonary emboli arise from Proximal deep veins of lower extremity (Iliac, Femoral, Popliteal Veins)

-**D-dimer** = can rule out DVT (SnOUT, SpINS)

- High Sensitivity, Low Specificity

-Imaging test of choice = Compression US w/ Doppler

-Unfractionated Heparin or LMWH (Enoxaparin) for PPx and Acute Management

-Direct Anticoagulants (Rivaroxaban, Apixaban) for Tx and Long-Term Prevention

Pulmonary Emboli (PE):

-obstruction of Pulm. Artery /branches by foreign material (usually thrombus) that originated elsewhere
-Affected Alveoli are ventilated but NOT Perfused (**V/Q Mismatch**)

-sxs = Sudden onset SOB, Pleuritic chest pain, Tachypnea, Tachycardia, Hypoxemia, Respiratory Alkalosis

-Large emboli/Saddle Embolus = may cause sudden death due to electromechanical dissociation (Pulseless electrical activity)

-CT Pulmonary angio is imaging of choice (looking for filling defects)

-ECG shows sinus Tachycardia, or **S1Q3T3**

Abnormality

-**Lines of Zahn** = interdigitating areas of pink (Platelets, Fibrin) and Red (RBCs) found only in Thrombi formed **before** death (Helps distinguish Pre- and Post-mortem thrombi)

-Tx = Anticoagulation (Heparin, Direct Thrombin/Factor Xa Inhibitors), IVC Filter (if anticoag contraindicated)

-Types = Fat, Air Thrombus, Bacteria, Amniotic Fluid, Tumor

-**Fat Emboli** = long bone fractures + Liposuction

- Hypoxemia
- Neurologic Abnormalities
- Petechial rash

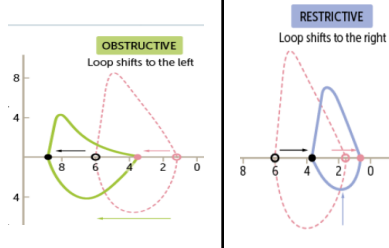
-**Air Emboli** = Nitrogen Bubbles precipitate in ascending divers (Caisson Disease/Decompression Sickness)

- Tx w/ Hyperbaric O2

-**Amniotic Fluid Emboli** = during labor or postpartum leading to DIC (rare but high mortality)

Flow-Volume Loops:

	Obstructive Lung Disease	Restrictive Lung Disease
RV		
FRC		
TLC		
FEV1		
FVC		
FEV1/FVC	(FEV1 decreased more than FVC)	Normal or (FEV1 proportionally to FVC)



Mediastinal Pathology:

-Normal mediastinum contains Heart, Thymus, Lymph nodes, Esophagus, Aorta

1. Mediastinal Masses:

-Anterior = 4 T's:

1. Thyroid (Substernal Goiter)
2. Thymic Neoplasm
3. Teratoma
4. "Terrible" Lymphoma

-Middle = Esophageal Carcinoma, Metastases, Hiatal Hernia, Bronchogenic Cysts

-Posterior = Neurogenic Tumor (Neurofibroma), Multiple Myeloma (MM)

2. Mediastinitis:

-Inflammation of mediastinal tissues

-Cause = postoperative complications of Cardiothoracic procedures (≤ 14 days), Esophageal Perforation, Contiguous Spread of Odontogenic/Retropharyngeal Infxn

-Chronic Mediastinitis = "Fibrosing Mediastinitis" → due to proliferation of CT in Mediastinum (**Histoplasma Capsulatum** = common cause)

-sxs = Fever, Tachycardia, Leukocytosis, Chest Pain, Sternal Wound Drainage

3. Pneumomediastinum:

-Presence of Gas (usually air) in the mediastinum

-cause = **spontaneous (due to rupture of Pulmonary Bleb)**, or secondary to trauma (Iatrogenic, Boerhaave Syndrome)

-Ruptured alveoli allow tracking of air into the mediastinum via Peribronchial + perivascular sheaths

-sxs =

- Chest pain, SOB
- Voice Change
- SQ Emphysema
- (+) Hamman Sign (Crepitus on Cardiac Auscultation)

Obstructive Lung Diseases:

-obstruction of airflow (FRC, RV, TLC) → **air trapping in lungs** w/ premature airway closure at high lung volumes (FEV1, FVC, FEV1/FVC Ratio)

-Leads to V/Q Mismatch

1. Chronic Bronchitis:

-sxs = wheezing, crackles, cyanosis (Hypoxemia due to shunting, CO2 Retention, secondary Polycythemia)

-Pathology = **Hypertrophy + Hyperplasia of mucus-secreting glands in bronchi** → Reid Index >50% (Thickness of Mucosal Gland Layer to Thickness of Wall btw Epithelium and Cartilage)

-**DLCO may be normal**

-ddx = productive cough for ≥ 3 months in a year for > 2 consecutive years

2. Emphysema:

-sxs = Barrel-shaped chest, expiration is prolonged and/or through pursed lips (increases airway pressure + prevents airway collapse)

-CXR = AP diameter, Flattened Diaphragm, Lung Field Lucency

-Chronic inflammation mediated by CD8+ T cells, PMNs, Neutrophils

-Types:

1. Centriacinar:

- a. Respiratory bronchioles (**sparing distal alveoli**)
- b. Tobacco/smoking*****
- c. Upper lobe predominance (smoke rises up)

2. Panacinar:

- a. Affects respiratory bronchioles + Alveoli
- b. **a1-Antitrypsin Deficiency**
- c. Lower Lobes

-Enlargement of Airspaces:

- Recoil
- compliance (stretch)
- **DLCO** from destruction of Alveolar walls
- blood volume in pulmonary capillaries

-Mech = Imbalance of proteases + antiproteases → Elastase activity → loss of Elastic Fibers → Lung Compliance

3. Asthma:

-Sxs = Asymptomatic baseline w/ intermittent episodes of coughing, wheezing, tachypnea, dyspnea, hypoxemia, inspiratory/expiratory ratio, mucus plugging

-Triggers = Viral URIs, Allergens, Stress

-Hyperresponsive Bronchi → reversible bronchoconstriction

-Smooth muscle hypertrophy + Hyperplasia,

Curschmann Spirals (Shed epithelium forms whorled mucous plugs)

-**Charcot-Leyden Crystals** = Eosinophilic hexagonal, double pointed crystals formed from breakdown of eosinophils in sputum

-DLCO = normal/

-**Type I HSR**

-DDx = supported by Spirometry +/- **Methacholine** Challenge (Lung reactivity/stress challenge)

-**NSAID-Exacerbated respiratory disease is a combination of COX Inhibition** (Leukotriene Overproduction → Airway Constriction), Chronic sinusitis w/ nasal polyps, and asthma sxs

4. Bronchiectasis:

-sxs = daily purulent sputum, recurrent infections (most often Pseudomonas), Hemoptysis, **Digital Clubbing**

-path = chronic necrotizing infection of bronchi or obstruction → permanently dilated airways

-Associated w/ Bronchial obstruction, poor ciliary motility (Smoking, Kartagener Syndrome), CF, Allergic Bronchopulmonary Aspergillosis

Restrictive Lung Diseases:

-may lead to lung volumes (FVC, TLC)

-PFTs normal or FEV1/FVC ratio

-sxs = Short shallow breaths

-Types:

1. Altered Respiratory Mechanics

(Extrapulmonary, normal DLCO, normal A-a Gradient):

- **Respiratory Muscle Weakness**
 - Polio, Myasthenia Gravis, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, ALS
- **Chest Wall abnormalities:**
 - Scoliosis, Severe Obesity

2. Diffuse Parenchymal Lung Diseases (Interstitial Lung Diseases) (Pulmonary, DLCO, A-a Gradient):

- Pneumoconiosis (Coal Workers' pneumoconiosis, Silicosis, Asbestosis)
- Sarcoidosis (Bilateral Hilar Lymphadenopathy, Noncaseating Granulomas, ACE and Ca²⁺)
- Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis
- Granulomatosis w/ Polyangiitis
- Pulmonary Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis (Eosinophilic Granuloma)
- Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis
- Drug Toxicity (Bleomycin, Busulfan, Amiodarone, MTX)
- Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS)
- Radiation Induced Lung Injury (RILI):
 - Due to proinflammatory cytokine release (TNF- α , IL-1, IL6)
 - May be asymptomatic but most common sxs are dry cough, SOB, Low-grade fever
 - Acute radiation pneumonitis develops within 3-12 weeks (exudative phase); radiation fibrosis may develop after 6-12 months

Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF):

-Progressive fibrotic lung disease of **unknown** etiology
-May involve multiple cycles of lung injury, inflammation, and fibrosis

-Associated w/ Smoking, environmental pollutants, genetic defects

-Findings = Progressive SOB, Fatigue, Nonproductive cough, crackles, Clubbing

-Imaging = peripheral reticular opacities w/ traction bronchiectasis +/- "Honeycomb" appearance of lung (advanced disease)

-Histo = usual interstitial pneumonia

-Complications = Pulmonary HTN, Respiratory Failure, Lung Cancer, Arrhythmias

Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis:

-Mixed **Type III/IV HSR** reaction to environmental antigens

-Farmers + Bird owners

-Acute sxs = SOB, cough, chest tightness, fever HA

-Often self-limiting if stimulus removed

-Chronic sxs = irreversible fibrosis w/ Noncaseating granulomas, alveolar septal thickening, traction bronchiectasis

Sarcoidosis:

-Immune-mediated, widespread noncaseating granulomas, ACE levels, elevated CD4/CD8 ratio in BAL fluid

-Black females = most common population

-sxs = **ASYMPTOMATIC** except for Enlarge Lymph Nodes

-CXR = **bilateral adenopathy** + coarse reticular opacities

-CT = extensive **hilar + mediastinal Adenopathy**

-**Associated w/;**

- **Bell's Palsy**
- **Uveitis**
- **Granulomas** (Noncaseating epithelioid w/ Schaumann and Asteroid Bodies)
- **Lupus Pernio** (skin lesions on face resembling lupus)
- **Interstitial Fibrosis** (restrictive lung disease)
- **Erythema Nodosum**
- **Rheumatoid Arthritis-like Arthropathy**
- **Hypercalcemia** (due to 1 α -Hydroxylase - mediated Vitamin D activation in Macrophages)

-Tx = Steroids (if symptomatic)

Inhalation Injury and Sequelae:

-Complication of inhalation of noxious stimuli (smoke)

-Caused by heat, particulates (< 1 micrometer), Irritants (NH₃) → Chemical tracheobronchitis, Edema, Pneumonia, ARDS

-many present w/ Secondary burns, CO inhalation, Cyanide Poisoning, Arsenic Poisoning

-Singed nasal hairs or soot in oropharynx common on exam

-Bronchoscopy = severe edema, congestion of bronchus, soot deposition (18 hrs after inhalation injury) → Resolution at 11 days after injury

Pneumoconioses:

- Asbestos** is from the roof (was common in insulation), but affects the base (lower lobes)
- Silica, Coal, Berries** are from the base (earth) but affect the Roof (Upper lobes)

1. Asbestos-Related Disease:

- Asbestos causes asbestosis (Pulmonary Fibrosis), Pleural Disease, Malignancies
- Associated w/ Shipbuilding, Roofing, Plumbing
- "Ivory White"** = Calcified, Supradiaphragmatic and Pleural Plaques are Pathognomonic

-Risk of **bronchogenic carcinoma w/** risk of

Mesothelioma

- Risk of **Caplan Syndrome:**

- **Rheumatoid Arthritis**
- **Pneumoconiosis w/ Intrapulmonary Nodules**

-Affects lower lobes

-**Asbestos (Ferruginous) Bodies** are golden-brown fusiform rods resembling **dumbbells**, found in alveolar sputum sample, visualized using **Prussian Blue Stain**, often obtained by BAL

- Risk of Pleural Effusions

2. Berylliosis:

- Associated w/ exposure to beryllium in aerospace + manufacturing industries
- Granulomatous (Noncaseating) on Histology and therefore occasionally responsive to steroids
- Risk of cancer + Cor Pulmonale
- affects Upper Lobes

3. Coal Workers Pneumoconiosis:

- Prolonged coal dust exposure → macrophages laden w/ Carbon → inflammation and Fibrosis
- "Black Lung Disease"**
- risk of Caplan Syndrome
- Affects Upper Lobes
- Small, rounded nodular opacities seen on Imaging
- Anthracosis** = asymptomatic condition found in many urban dwellers exposed to sooty air

4. Silicosis:

- associated w/ Sandblasting, Foundries, Mines
- Macrophages respond to silica + release fibrogenic factors, leading to fibrosis
- Silica disrupts phagolysosomes + impairs macrophages, increasing susceptibility to TB
- risk of Cancer, Cor Pulmonale, and Caplan Syndrome
- Affects upper lobes
- "Eggshell" Calcifications of Hilar Lymph nodes**

Mesothelioma:

- malignancy of the pleura associated w/ **Asbestosis**
- Results in **Hemorrhagic Pleural Effusion** (Exudative), Pleural Thickening
- Histology = **psammoma bodies**
- EM = show polygonal tumor cells w/ Microvilli, Desmosomes, Tonofilaments
- Calretinin + Cytokeratin 5/6 (+)** in almost all Mesotheliomas, (-) in **Most Carcinomas**
- Tobacco smoking is NOT a risk factor**

Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS):

- Pathogenesis:
 1. alveolar insult → release of Pro-inflammatory cytokines
 2. Neutrophil recruitment, activation, release of toxic mediators (Reactive Oxygen Species, Proteases)
 3. Capillary endothelial damage and vessel permeability
 4. Leakage of protein-rich fluid into alveoli → formation of intra-alveolar hyaline membranes + noncardiogenic pulmonary edema (Normal PCWP)
- Loss of Surfactant → Alveolar Collapse
- causes = Sepsis (most common), Aspiration, Pneumonia, Trauma, Pancreatitis
- DDx of Exclusion w/ Following Criteria (ARDS):
 - **Abnormal Chest X-ray** (Bilateral Lung Opacities)
 - **Respiratory Failure within 1 week** of alveolar insult
 - **Decreased PaO₂/FiO₂** (Ratio < 300, Hypoxemia due to Intrapulmonary shunting and Diffusion abnormalities)
 - **Symptoms of Respiratory Failure** are not due to HF/Fluid Overload
- Causes = Impaired gas exchange, Lung Compliance (Stiffness) → Pulmonary HTN
- Tx Underlying Cause + Mechanical Ventilation (TV,

Sleep Apnea:

- repeated cessation of breathing > 10 seconds during sleep → disrupted sleep → Daytime somnolence
- ddx confirmed by sleep study
- Nocturnal hypoxia → Systemic + Pulmonary HTN, Arrhythmias (Afib/Flutter), Sudden Death
- Hypoxia → EPO release → Erythropoiesis

1. Obstructive Sleep Apnea:

- Respiratory effort against airway obstruction
- PaO₂ is usually normal during the day
- associated w/ Obesity, loud snoring, daytime sleepiness
- Usually caused by excess parapharyngeal/oropharyngeal tissue in adults, Adenotonsillar Hypertrophy in children
- Tx = Weight loss, CPAP, Dental Devices, Hypoglossal nerve stimulation, Upper airway surgery

2. Central Sleep Apnea:

- Impaired respiratory effort due to CNS Injury/Toxicity, Congestive HF, Opioids
- Associated w/ **Cheyne-Stokes Respirations** = oscillations btw apnea and hyperpnea)
- Tx = Positive airway pressure

3. Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome:

- "Pickwickian Syndrome"**
- Obesity (BMI ≥ 30) → hypoventilation → PaCO₂ during waking hours (Retention); PaO₂ and PaCO₂ during sleep
- Tx = weight loss, Positive airway pressure

PEEP (Keeps Alveoli open during expiration)

Pulmonary HTN:

- mean pulmonary artery pressure (>20 mmHg) at rest
- results in Arteriosclerosis, medial hypertrophy, intimal fibrosis of pulmonary arteries, plexiform lesions
- Pulmonary Vascular resistance → RV pressure → RVH, RV Failure

1. Pulmonary Arterial HTN (PAH):

- often idiopathic
- Females > Males
- Heritable PAH can be due to an inactivating mutation in **BMPR2 Gene** (normally inhibits vascular smooth muscle proliferation) → poor prognosis
- Pulmonary vascular endothelial dysfunction results in **Vasoconstrictors (Endothelin)** and **Vasodilators (NO and Prostacyclins)**
- Drug Induced (Amphetamines, Cocaine), Connective Tissue Disease, HIV infection, Portal HTN, Congenital Heart Disease, **Schistosomiasis**

2. Left Heart Disease:

- causes include systolic/diastolic dysfunction + valvular disease

3. Lung Diseases or Hypoxia:

- Destruction of Lung parenchyma (COPD)
- Lung inflammation/fibrosis (Interstitial lung diseases)
- Hypoxic vasoconstriction (obstructive sleep apnea, Living in high altitude)

4. Chronic Thromboembolic:

- Recurrent microthrombi → Cross-Sectional Area of Pulmonary Vascular beds

5. Multifactorial:

- hematologic, Systemic, Metabolic disorders, along w/ compression of Pulmonary vasculature by a tumor

	Breath Sounds	Percussion	Tactile Fremitus: (Vibration = consolidation)	Tracheal Deviation
Pleural Effusion		Dull		None if small (AWAY from side of lesion)
Atelectasis		Dull		Toward Lesion
Simple Pneumothorax		Hyperresonant (no lung)		None
Tension Pneumothorax		Hyperresonant		AWAY from side of lesion
Consolidation (Lobar Pneumonia, Pulmonary Edema)	Bronchial Breath sounds; late inspiratory crackles, egophony, whispered pectoriloquy	Dull		None

Digital Clubbing:

- angle btw nail bed + nail plate (>180 degrees)
- Mech = Pts w/ Intrapulmonary shunt → platelets + Megakaryocytes become lodged in digital vasculature → local release of PDGF and VEGF
- Hereditary or Acquired
- Causes = Respiratory disease (IPF, CF, BRonchiectasis, Lung Cancer), Cardiovascular Dx (Cyanotic COngenital heart Dx), Infxns (Lung Abscess, TB), Others (IBD)
- NOT usually associated w/ Asthma/COPD (Obstructive Lung Pattern)

Atelectasis:

- Alveolar collapse (Right upper lobe collapse against mediastinum)
- Multiple Causes:
 - 1. Obstructive** = Airway obstruction prevents new air from reaching distal airways → Old air is Resorbed (Foreign Body, Mucous Plug, Tumor)
 - 2. Compressive** = external compression on lung decreased lung volumes (Space-occupying lesion/pleural effusion)
 - 3. Contraction (Cicatrization)** = Scarring of lung

Pleural Effusions:

- excess accumulation of fluid btw pleural layers → restricted lung expansion during Inspiration
- Tx w/ Thoracentesis to remove/reduce fluid
- Light Criteria:** "Fluid is Exudate if,"
 - **Pleural Protein/Serum Protein > 0.5**
 - **Pleural Fluid LDH/Serum LDH > 0.6**
 - **Pleural Fluid LDH > 2/3rds ULN serum LDH**

Exudate:

- Cloudy fluid (Cellular)
- Due to malignancy, inflammation, infection (Pneumonia, Collagen Vascular Dx), Trauma (Occurs in states of **Vascular Permeability**)
- "Fluid + Protein Leakage"**
- Often drained due to risk of infxn/source control

Transudate:

- Clear fluid (Hypocellular)
- Due to **Hydrostatic Pressure (HF, Na+ Retention)** and/or **Oncotic Pressure (nephrotic Syndrome, Cirrhosis)**

Lymphatic:

- "Chylothorax"**

Pneumothorax:

-accumulation of air in pleural space
-sxs = SOB, Uneven chest expansion, chest pain, Tactile Fremitus, Hyperresonance, Diminished breath sounds on the affected side

1. Primary Spontaneous Pneumothorax:

-due to rupture of apical subpleural bleb or cysts
-occurs most frequently in **tall, thin, young males**
-associated w/ **Tobacco Smoking**

2. Secondary Spontaneous Pneumothorax:

-due to diseased lung (Bullae in Emphysema, Marfan Syndrome, Infxns), Mechanical Ventilation w/ use of High pressures → Barotrauma

3. Traumatic Pneumothorax:

-caused by blunt (Rib Fracture), Penetrating (Gunshot), Iatrogenic Trauma (Central Line Placement, Lung Biopsy, Barotrauma due to mechanical ventilation)

4. Tension Pneumothorax:

-Caused by any of the above
-Mech = Air enters pleural space but Cannot exit → increasing trapped air → tension
-Trachea deviates Away from affected lung
-may lead to Intrathoracic Pressure → mediastinal displacement → Kinking of IVC → Venous Return → Cardiac output, Obstructive shock (Hypotension, Tachycardia, Jugular Venous Distension (JVD))
-Tx = Immediate Needle Decompression + Chest Tube Placement

Lung Abscesses:

-Localized collection of pus within parenchyma
-caused by Aspiration of oropharyngeal contents (especially in pts predisposed to loss of consciousness = Alcohol overuse, Epilepsy), or Bronchial Obstruction (Cancer)
-**Air-fluid Levels** often seen on CXR; presence suggests cavitation (due to staph aureus, or Anaerobes = Bacteroides, Fusobacterium, Peptostreptococcus)
-Tx = Trainade, Abx, Surgery

parenchyma that distorts alveoli (Sarcoidosis)

4. Adhesive = due to lack of surfactant (NRDS)

Pneumonia:

1. Lobar Pneumonia:

-Organisms = Strep Pneumo > Legionella, Kleb
-Intra-alveolar exudate → consolidation (may involve whole lobe or entire lung)

-Pathogenesis:

- 1. Congestion:** (Days 1-2)
 - Red-purple, partial consolidation of Parenchyma
 - Exudate w/ mostly bacteria
- 2. Red Hepatization:** (Days 3-4)
 - Red-Brown consolidation
 - Exudate w/ Fibrin, Bacteria, RBCs, WBCs
 - "Reversible"
- 3. Gray Hepatization:** (Days 5-7)
 - Uniformly gray
 - Exudate full of WBCs + Lysed RBCs + fibrin
- 4. Resolution:** (Days 8+)
 - Enzymatic digestion of exudate by Macrophages

2. Bronchopneumonia:

-Orgs = Strep pneumo, Staph Aureus, H influ, Kleb
-Acute inflammatory infiltrates from Bronchioles into adjacent alveoli (Patchy distribution involving ≥ 1 Lobe)

3. Interstitial (Atypical) Pneumonia:

-Orgs = Mycoplasma, Chlamydia pneumoniae, Chlamydia Psittaci, Legionella, Coxiella Burnetii, Viral (RSV, CMV, Influenza, Adenovirus)
-Diffuse patchy inflammation localized to interstitial areas at alveolar walls
-CXR = bilateral multifocal opacities
-Generally follow a more indolent course ("Walking Pneumonia")

4. Cryptogenic Organizing Pneumonia:

-Cause = Unknown, (-) sputum/blood cultures, but often responds to steroids (not to Abx)
-Formally known as Bronchiolitis Obliterans Organizing Pneumonia (BOOP)
-Noninfectious pneumonia characterized by inflammation of bronchioles + Surrounding tissue

-Due to thoracic duct injury from trauma or malignancy

-Milky appearing fluid; Trigs

Lung Cancer:

-Leading cause of cancer death
-sxs = cough, hemoptysis, bronchial obstruction, wheezing, pneumonic "Coin" lesion on CXR or noncalcified nodule on CT

-Common Mets =

- Liver (Jaundice, Hepatomegaly)
- Adrenals
- Bone (Pathologic Fractures)
- Brain

-Lung Metastases are more common than primary malignancy (usually from Breast, Colon, Prostate, Bladder cancer)

-SPHERE Complications:

- Superior Vena Cava/Thoracic Outlet Syndromes
- Pancoast Tumor
- Horner Syndrome
- Endocrine (Paraneoplastic)
- Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve Compression (Pleural or Pericardial)

-RF = Smoking, Second-hand smoke, Radiation, environmental exposures (Radon, Asbestos), Pulmonary Fibrosis, Family Hx

-"Squamous + Small Cell Carcinomas are Central and often caused by Smoking"

1. Small Cell Carcinoma (SCLC) (Oat Cell):

-Central location (by the Bronchus)

-Undifferentiated = "very aggressive"

-May Produce:

- ACTH** (Cushing Syndrome)
- ADH (SIADH)**
- Antibodies against presynaptic Ca²⁺ channels (**Lambert-Eaton Myasthenic Syndrome**) or Neurons (Paraneoplastic Myelitis, Encephalitis, Subacute Cerebellar Degeneration)
- Amplification of myc oncogenes** common

-Managed w/ Chemo +/- Radiation

-Histo =

- neoplasm of "Neuroendocrine" **Kulchitsky Cells** → Small dark blue cells
- Chromogranin A (+)**, Neuron-Specific **Enolase (+)**, **Synaptophysin (+)**

-Note: Lung abscess secondary to aspiration is most often found in Right Lung (RLL if upright, RUL or RML if Recumbent)

Non-Small Cell:

1. Adenocarcinoma:

- Peripheral locations
- MOST common primary lung cancer
- Most common subtype in people who do NOT smoke
- Females > Males
- Activating mutations include **KRAS, EGFR, ALK**
- Associated w/ Hypertrophic Osteoarthropathy (Clubbing)
- Bronchioloalveolar Subtype (Adenocarcinoma in situ) = CXR often show hazy infiltrates similar to pneumonia (better prognosis)
- Histo:
 - Glandular pattern, often stains **mucin (+)**
 - Bronchioloalveolar Subtype = grows along alveolar septa → apparent “thickening” of Alveolar walls (Tall, columnar cells containing mucus)

2. Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC):

- Central*****
- Hilar mass arising from bronchus + **Cavitation** + Cigarettes (**Smoking**) + **HyperCalcemia (produces PTHrP)**
- “**Keratin Pearls**” + Intercellular Bridges (Desmosomes)

3. Large Cell Carcinoma:

- Peripheral
- Highly anaplastic undifferentiated tumor
- Strong association w/ **Smoking**
- can produce **hCG** → **Gynecomastia**
- Less responsive to Chemotherapy (often surgically removed) + Bad prognosis
- Histo = **Pleomorphic Giant Cells**

4. Bronchial Carcinoid Tumor:

- Central or Peripheral
- Excellent prognosis (metastasis very rare)
- sxs due to Mass effect or **Carcinoid Syndrome (Flushing, Diarrhea, Wheezing)**
- Nests of **Neuroendocrine Cells; Chromogranin A (+)**

Pancoast Tumor:

- “Superior Sulcus Tumor”
- Carcinoma that occurs in apex of lung + may cause pancoast syndrome by invading/compressing local structures
- Compression of Locoregional Structures can cause a variety of findings;
 - Recurrent Laryngeal n. = **Hoarseness**
 - Stellate Ganglion = **Horner Syndrome (Ipsilateral ptosis, Miosis, Anhidrosis)**
 - SVC = **SVC Syndrome**
 - Brachiocephalic Vein = **Brachiocephalic Syndrome (Unilateral Sxs)**
 - Brachial Plexus = **Shoulder pain, sensorimotor deficits (atrophy of intrinsic muscles of hand)**
 - Phrenic Nerve = **Hemidiaphragm paralysis (elevation seen on CXR)**

SVC Syndrome:

- “Medical Emergency”
- obstruction of SVC impairs blood drainage from the head
- sxs = “**facial Plethora**”, **non-blanching after fingertip pressure in neck, JVD, Upper-extremity edema, ICP if severe (HA, Dizziness, Aneurysm rupture)**
- Caused by Malignancy (Mediastinal Mass, Pancoast Tumor), Thrombosis of Indwelling Catheters

H1 Blockers:

- Antihistamines = reversible inhibitors of H1 histamine receptors that function as neutral antagonists or inverse agonists

1st Gen:

- Diphenhydramine, Dimenhydrinate, Chlorpheniramine, Doxylamine**
- use = allergy, motion sickness, vomiting in pregnancy, sleep aid
- ADRs = sedation, antimuscarinic, anti-alpha-adrenergic

2nd Gen:

- Loratadine, Fexofenadine, Desloratadine, Cetirizine**
- Use = allergy

Dextromethorphan:

- Antitussive (**antagonizes NMDA Glutamate Receptors**)
- Synthetic codeine analog
- Mild opioid effect when used in excess
- Naloxone can be given for OD
- Mild Abuse potential
- Serotonin Syndrome Risk if combined w/ other serotonergic agents

Pseudoephedrine, Phenylephrine:

- mech = activation of α -adrenergic receptors in nasal mucosa (local vasoconstriction)
- use = reduce hyperemia, edema (used w/ nasal decongestants), opens obstructed eustachian tubes
- ADRs = **HTN, Rebound Congestion** (Rhinitis Medicamentosa) if used > 4-6 days
- Tachyphylaxis
- Can cause CNS stimulation/anxiety (Pseudoephedrine)

Pulmonary HTN Drugs:

Endothelin Receptor Antagonists: “Bosentan”

- Competitively antagonizes endothelin-1 receptors → decreasing pulmonary vascular Resistance (PVR)
- sxs = Hepatotoxic (monitor LFTs)

PDE-5 Inhibitors: “Sildenafil”

- inhibits PDE-5 → cGMP → prolonged vasodilatory effect of NO
- Tx ED (contraindicated when taking Nitroglycerin/other nitrates - risk of severe hypotension)

Prostacyclin Analogs: “Epoprostenol, Iloprost”

- PGI₂ (Prostacyclin) w/ direct vasodilatory effects on pulmonary + systemic arterial vascular beds
- Inhibits platelet aggregation
- sxs = Flushing, Jaw pain

-Far less sedating than 1st gens b/c of entry into the CNS

Asthma Drugs:

-Bronchoconstriction is mediated by;

1. Inflammatory processes
2. PSNS tone

1. Inhaled B2-Agonists:

-**Albuterol** (SABA)= relaxes bronchial smooth muscle (short acting B2-agonist) used for acute exacerbations...sxs = Tremor, arrhythmia

-**Salmeterol, Formoterol** (LABA) = long acting agents for PPx (same sxs)

2. Inhaled Corticosteroids (ICS):

-**Fluticasone, Budesonide** = inhibit synthesis of virtually all cytokines (Activating NF-kB, the Transcription factor that induces production of TNF-a)

-1st Line therapy for Asthma

-use spacer + rinse mouth after use to avoid oral Thrush

3. Muscarinic ANtagonists:

-**Tiotropium (LAMA), Ipratropium (SAMA)** = competitively block muscarinic receptors, preventing bronchoconstriction

-Used for COPD

4. Antileukotrienes:

-**Montelukast, Zafirlukast** = block LT receptors (CysLT1) = very good for ASA-induced Asthma + Exorcist-Induced Asthma

-**Zileuton** = 5-Lipoxygenase Pathway Inhibitor (blocking conversion of AA to leukotrienes) but Hepatotoxic

5. Anti-IgE Monoclonal Therapy:

-**Omalizumab** = binds mostly unbound serum IgE + blocks binding to FcEpsilonR1 (used in allergic asthma w/ IgE levels resistant to inhaled steroids + Long-acting B2 agonists)

6. Methylxanthines:

-**Theophylline** = causes bronchodilation by inhibiting **phosphodiesterase** → cAMP levels due to cAMP hydrolysis

7. Cromolyn:

-prevents mast cell degranulation

-prevents acute asthma sxs

-rarely used

8. Anti-IL-5 Monoclonal Therapy:

-prevents eosinophil differentiation, maturation, activation, and survival mediated by IL-5 stimulation

-Maintenance therapy in severe eosinophilic asthma

-**Mepolizumab, Reslizumab = binds IL-5**

-**Benralizumab = blocks IL-5 receptor alpha**

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- Limited use due to NTI (Cardiotoxicity, Neurotoxicity)
- Metabolized by CYP450
- Blocks actions of Adenosine