

## 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:**

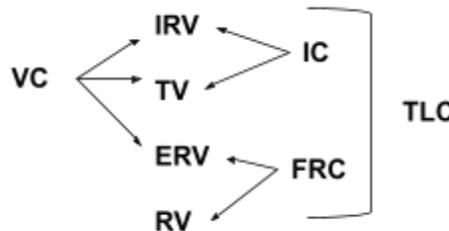
-IRV + TV + ERV

-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 O<sub>2</sub> 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 PaO<sub>2</sub>
- Lactate ( Anaerobic metabolism) → Metabolic Acidosis

-Oxygen/Hb Curve:

- "Curve Normal"
- O<sub>2</sub> saturation may appear normal initially but despite plenty of O<sub>2</sub> Supply, O<sub>2</sub> 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 PaO<sub>2</sub>
- Carboxyhemoglobin on Co-Oximetry\*\*
- **Bilateral Globus Pallidus Lesions on Brain MRI**

-Oxygen/Hb Curve:

- Left Shift\*\*\* ( affinity for O<sub>2</sub> → O<sub>2</sub> unloading in tissues)
- Binds competitively to Hb w/ > 200x higher affinity than O<sub>2</sub> (forming Carboxyhemoglobin → %O<sub>2</sub> sat of Hb

-Tx = **100% O<sub>2</sub> + Hyperbaric Oxygen (if severe)**

### **Pulmonary Circulation:**

-normally a "Low-Resistance; High Compliance" system  
-a in PAO<sub>2</sub> causes a Hypoxic vasoconstriction that shifts blood AWAY from poorly ventilated regions of lung to well-ventilated regions

**-Perfusion Limited** = O<sub>2</sub> (normal health), CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O → gas equilibrates early along the length of the capillary (exchange can be only if blood flow 's)

**-Diffusion Limited** = O<sub>2</sub> (emphysema, Fibrosis, exercise), CO → gas does NOT equilibrate by the time blood reaches the end of the capillary

-O<sub>2</sub> diffuses SLOWLY

-CO<sub>2</sub> 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

-P<sub>1</sub>-P<sub>2</sub> = 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 r<sup>4</sup>**

-P<sub>PA</sub> = pressure in Pulmonary Artery

-P<sub>LA</sub> = pressure in Left Atrium (PCWP)

### **Alveolar Gas Equation:**

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

-R = respiratory quotient = CO<sub>2</sub> produced/O<sub>2</sub> consumed

**A-a Gradient = PAO<sub>2</sub> - PaO<sub>2</sub>**

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

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

### **Oxygen Deprivation:**

#### **1. Hypoxia ( O<sub>2</sub> delivery to tissue):**

- CO

-Hypoxemia

-Ischemia

-Anemia

-CO/Cyanide Poisoning

#### **2. Hypoxemia ( PaO<sub>2</sub>):**

-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 O<sub>2</sub> (.∴ flourishing in the apex of lung)

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

- In shunt, 100% O<sub>2</sub> does not improve PaO<sub>2</sub>
- ex.) Aspiration

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

- Assuming < 100% dead space, 100% O<sub>2</sub> improves PaO<sub>2</sub>
- ex.) Pulmonary Embolism

Zone 1 = PA ≥ Pa > P<sub>v</sub> = [ V/ Q ] = V/Q

Zone 2 = Pa > PA > P<sub>v</sub> = [V/Q ~ 1]

Zone 3 = Pa > P<sub>v</sub> > PA = [ V/ Q ] = V/Q

### **Carbon Dioxide Transport (CO<sub>2</sub>):**

- CO<sub>2</sub> 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<sup>-</sup> to diffuse into RBC (“**Chloride Shift**”)
    - a. CO<sub>2</sub> from tissue
    - b. CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O → Carbonic Anhydrase → H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> → H<sup>+</sup> and Bicarb → Bicarb leaves RBC for blood
  2. Carbamino hemoglobin (**HbCO<sub>2</sub>**)(21-25%): CO<sub>2</sub> bound to Hb at N-terminus of globin (not Heme) = CO<sub>2</sub> favors deoxygenated form (O<sub>2</sub> Unloaded)
  3. CO<sub>2</sub> dissolved in blood (5-9%)

-In lungs, **oxygenation of Hb** promotes dissociation of **H<sup>+</sup>** from Hb = shifts equilibrium toward CO<sub>2</sub> formation; therefore, CO<sub>2</sub> is released from RBCs (**Haldane Effect**)

- As Oxygen is bound in the lungs to RBCs, H<sup>+</sup> dissociates allowing for H<sup>+</sup> conc that shift Eq to the left, facilitating CO<sub>2</sub> formation and release (to be expelled)

-Majority of Blood CO<sub>2</sub> is carried as Bicarb in the plasma

### **High Altitudes:**

- atmospheric oxygen (PiO<sub>2</sub>) → PaO<sub>2</sub> → Ventilation → PaCO<sub>2</sub> → 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 → O<sub>2</sub> 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:**

- CO<sub>2</sub> production
- O<sub>2</sub> consumption
- Right Shift in Curve ( O<sub>2</sub> delivery = affinity for O<sub>2</sub>)
- ventilation to meet O<sub>2</sub> demand + remove excess CO<sub>2</sub>
- 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 PaO<sub>2</sub> and PaCO<sub>2</sub> (but in venous CO<sub>2</sub> content and venous O<sub>2</sub> 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

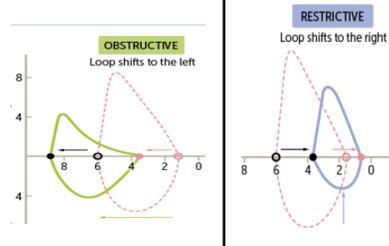
-**Air Emboli** = Nitrogen Bubbles precipitate in ascending divers (Caisson Disease/Decompression Sickness)

- 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 ( $\leq 14$  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  $\geq 3$  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

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### **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 Ca<sup>2+</sup>)
- 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- $\alpha$ , 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 $\alpha$ -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 (NH<sub>3</sub>) → 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 PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub>** (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
- PaO<sub>2</sub> 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 → PaCO<sub>2</sub> during waking hours (Retention); PaO<sub>2</sub> and PaCO<sub>2</sub> 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
<b>Pleural Effusion</b>		Dull		None if small ( <b>AWAY</b> from side of lesion)
<b>Atelectasis</b>		Dull		<b>Toward</b> Lesion
<b>Simple Pneumothorax</b>		Hyperresonant (no lung)		None
<b>Tension Pneumothorax</b>		Hyperresonant		<b>AWAY</b> from side of lesion
<b>Consolidation (Lobar Pneumonia, Pulmonary Edema)</b>	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 Ca<sup>2+</sup> 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)**

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### 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

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### 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  $\alpha$ -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”

- PGI<sub>2</sub> (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