

# **Exercise and the Cardiovascular System**



# Oxygen Supply

- **The Fick Equation**
- $VO_2 = \underline{Q \times a-v O_2 \text{ difference}}$
- or
- $VO_2 = \underline{HR \times SV \times a-v O_2 \text{ difference}}$



# Supply and Demand

- Example...at rest the muscles demand (or need) **0.21** **Liters of O<sub>2</sub>/min**...
- demand is met with a supply of = **60 beats/min** x **70 ml/beat** x **5 ml O<sub>2</sub>/100 ml blood**
  - = 4,200 ml/min x 5 ml of O<sub>2</sub> / 100 ml of blood
  - = 42 ml/min x 5 ml of O<sub>2</sub>
  - = 210 ml of O<sub>2</sub>/min
  - = **0.21** **Liters of O<sub>2</sub>/min**



# Supply and Demand

- Example...during exercise the muscles need 2.496 Liters of O<sub>2</sub>/min...
- Then, the demand is met with a supply of...  
= **160** beats/min x **130** ml/beat x **12** ml O<sub>2</sub>/100 ml blood
  - = 20,800 ml/min x 12 ml of O<sub>2</sub> / 100 ml of blood
  - = 208 ml/min x 12 ml of O<sub>2</sub>
  - = 2,496 ml of O<sub>2</sub>/min
  - = 2.496 Liters of O<sub>2</sub>/min



# Supply and Demand

- During exercise the O<sub>2</sub> demand of the muscles increase
- Therefore the CV systems needs to increase O<sub>2</sub> supply
- The next series of slides will answer how this is accomplished.



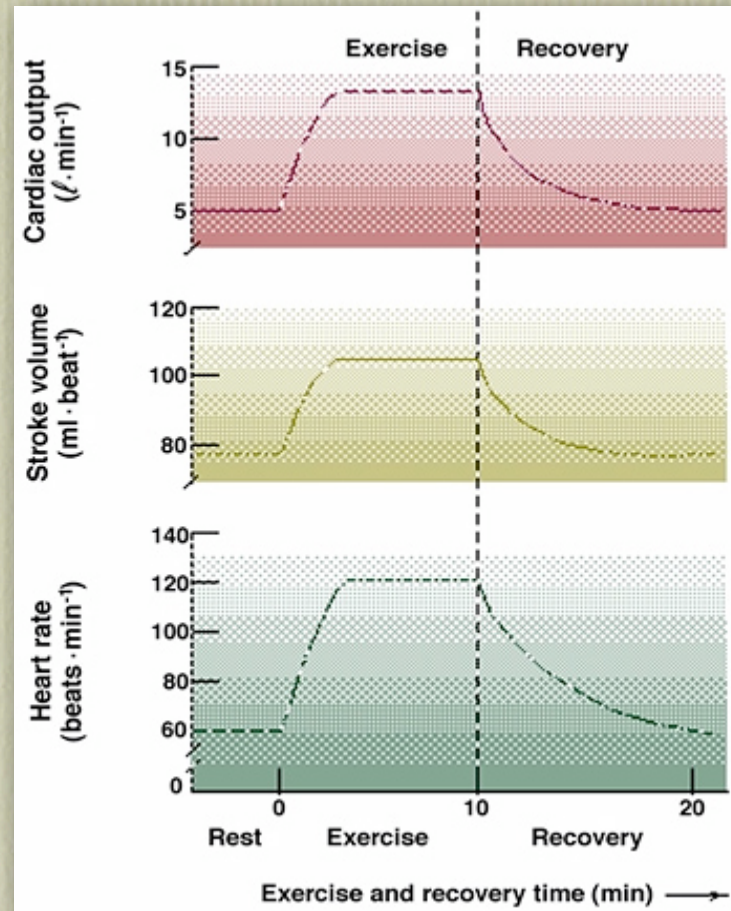
# SUBMAXIMAL EXERCISE



- Steady state, continuous exercise



# Cardiac Output & Exercise

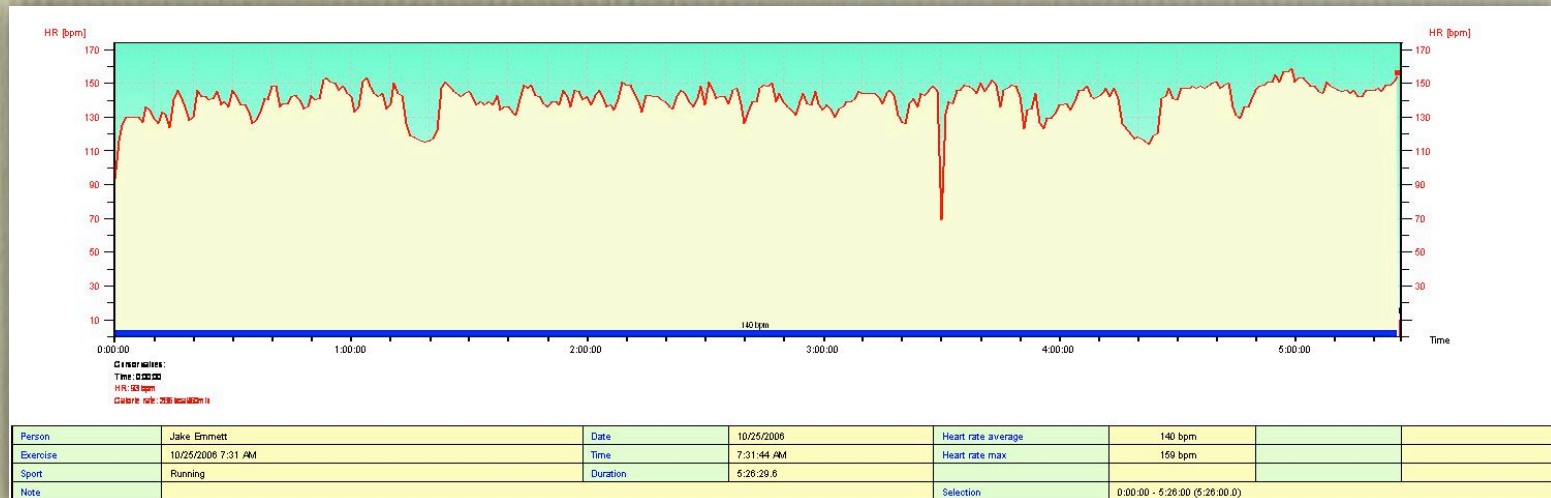


- $Q = \text{HR} \times \text{SV}$
- Represents the amount of blood flow to the muscles



# Heart Rate & Exercise

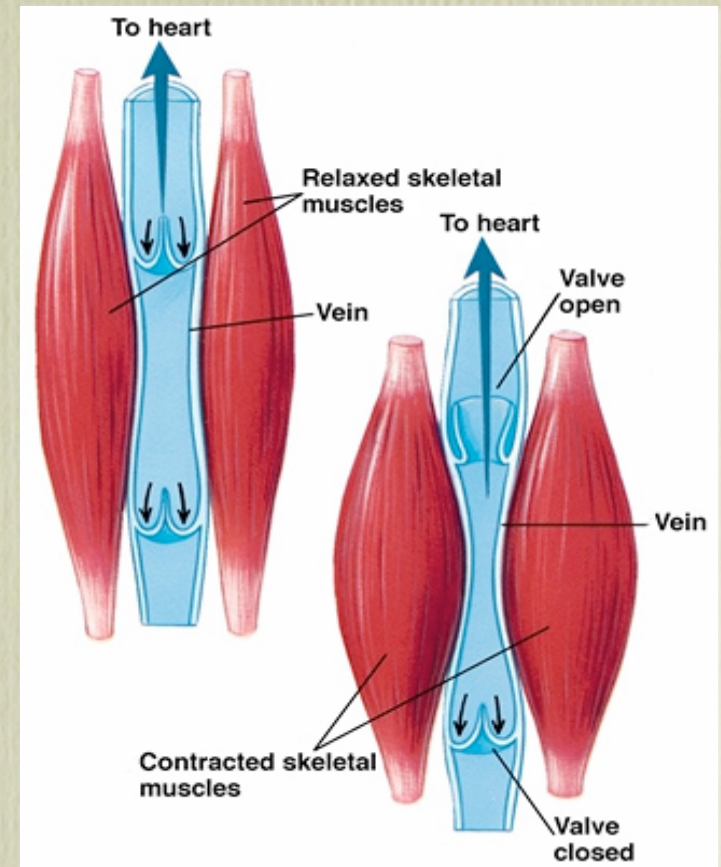
- Sympathetic nervous system
- Parasympathetic nervous system
- Catecholamines released





# Stroke Volume & Exercise

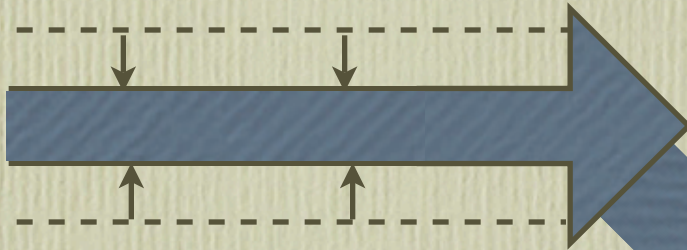
1. ↑ Preload (or end-diastolic volume)
  - Muscle pump
  - Venoconstriction
2. ↑ Strength of contraction
  - Sympathetic stimulation
3. ↓ Afterload
  - Vasodilation



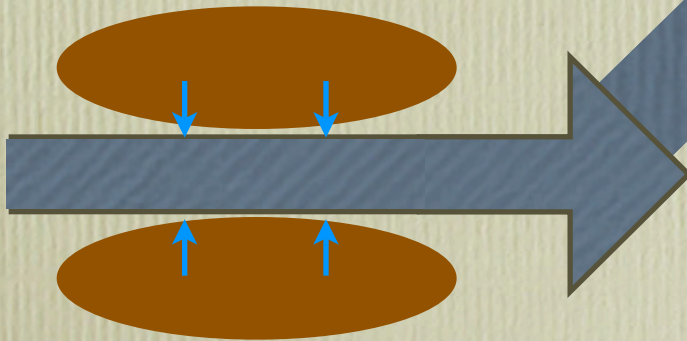


# Preload

## Venoconstriction



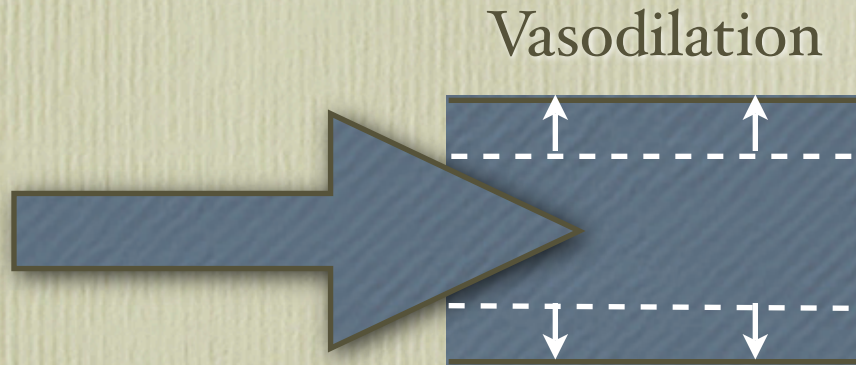
## Muscle Pump



Increase Preload  
or blood flow into  
the heart



# Afterload



Decrease afterload  
leading to increase blood  
flow out of the heart



# Vasodilation

## *Autoregulation or Metabolic Vasodilation*

- Waste products from muscle contraction.
  - $\uparrow$  CO<sub>2</sub> and  $\uparrow$  acid
  - Other
    - $\uparrow$  potassium,  $\uparrow$  adenosine, and  $\uparrow$  nitric oxide



# a-v O<sub>2</sub> Difference & Exercise

- At rest: 5 ml of O<sub>2</sub>/100 ml of blood
- Increase during exercise
  - ↓ partial pressure
  - redistribution of blood flow



# Partial Pressure

The total pressure of a gas = sum of the partial pressures of each gas

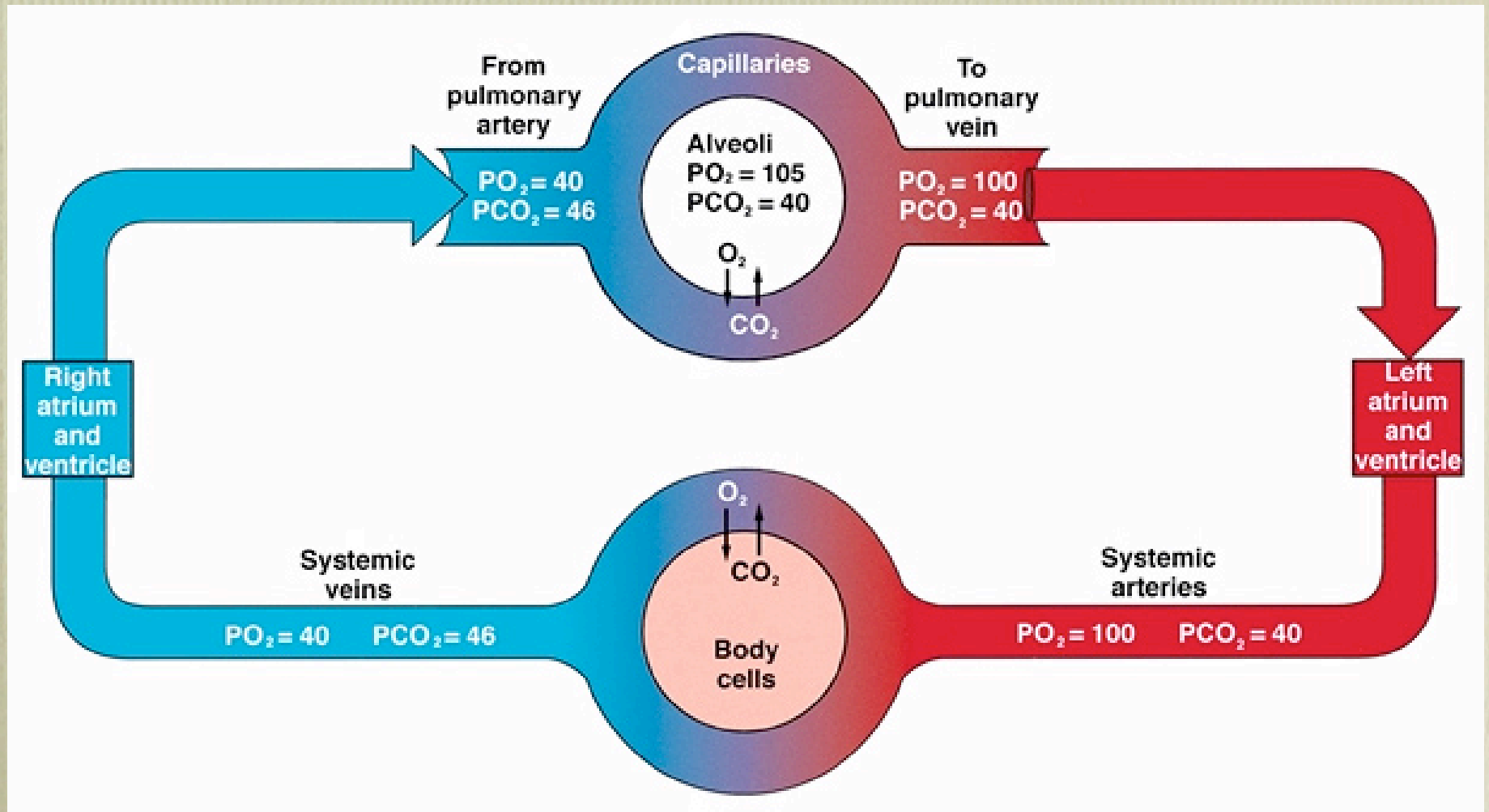
Example: partial pressure of oxygen ( $\text{PO}_2$ )

- Air is 20.93% oxygen
- Expressed as a fraction: 0.2093
- Total pressure of air = 760 mmHg

$$\text{PO}_2 = 0.2093 \times 760 = 159 \text{ mmHg}$$

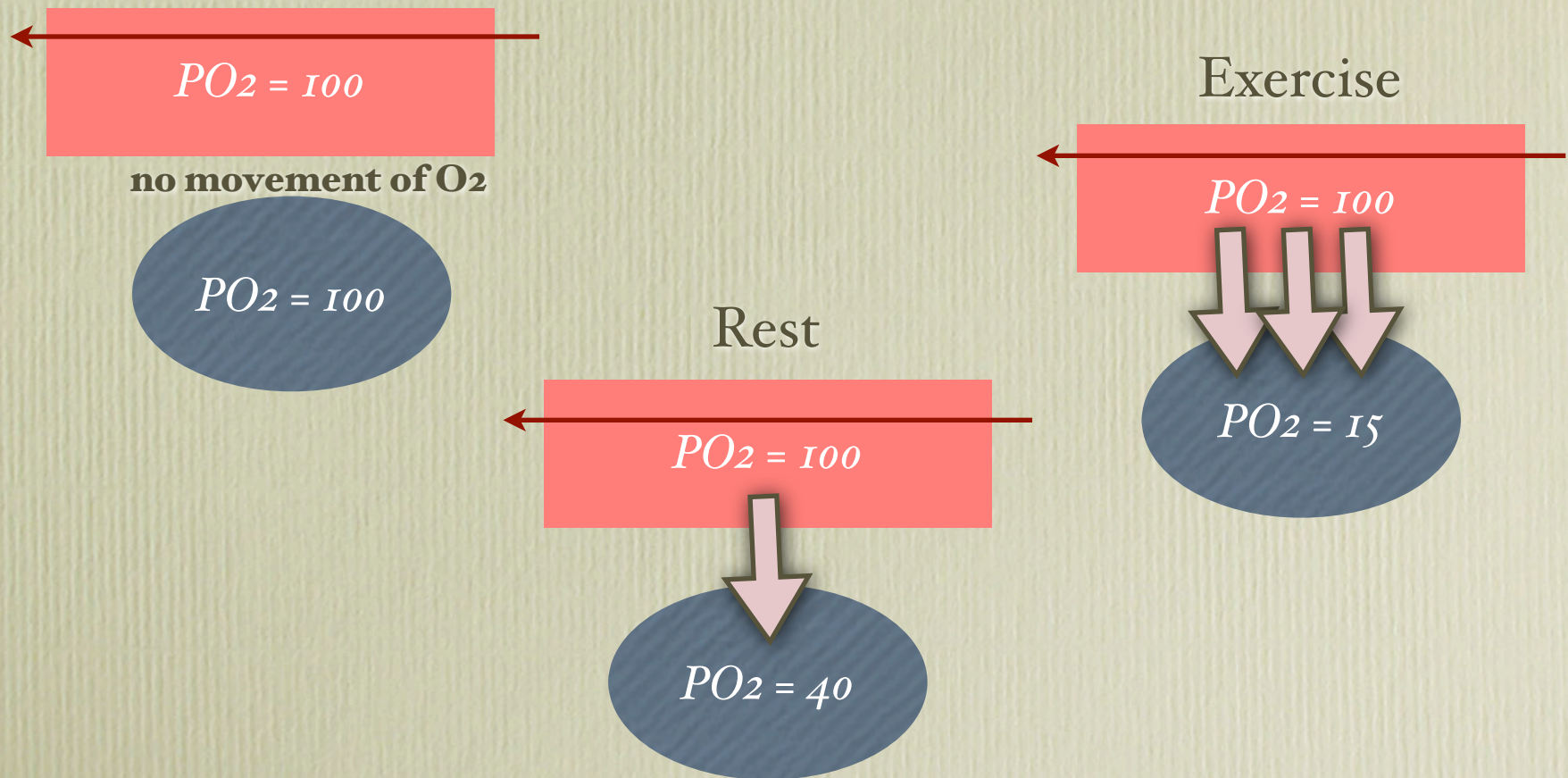


# Partial Pressure





# Partial Pressure and a-v O<sub>2</sub> difference

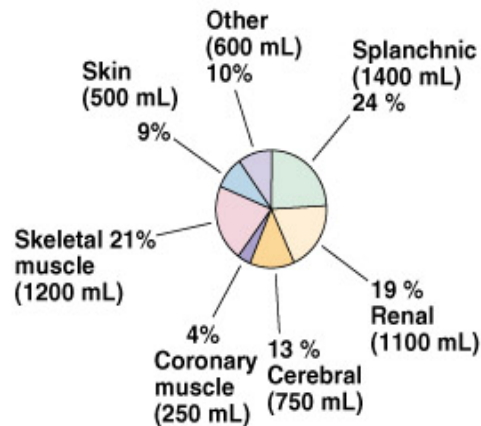




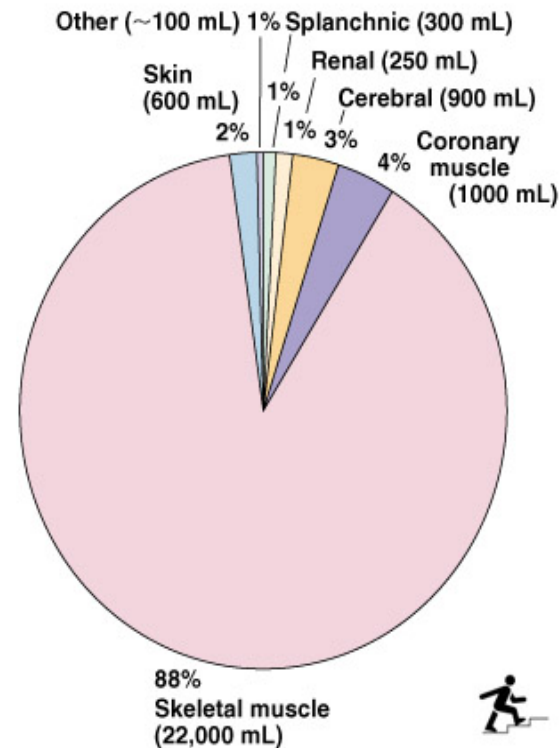
# Redistribution of Blood Flow

## VASOCONSTRICTION

(a) Rest ( $\dot{Q} = 5.8 \text{ L} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$ )



(b) Maximal Exercise ( $\dot{Q} = 25 \text{ L} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$ )



## VASODILATION

25 l/min

Cardiac output  
= 25 l/min.

100%

3 - 5%

4 - 5%

2 - 4%

0.5 - 1%

3 - 4%

80 - 85%

Heavy exercise



VASOCONSTRICTION

VASODILATION

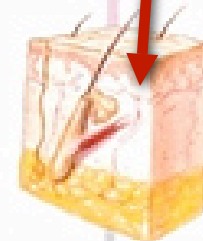
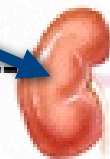
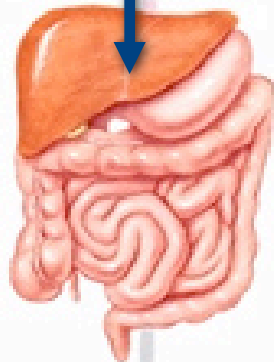
~20 l/min.

Heavy exercise

Rest



Rest



~0.75 l/min.

100%

20 - 25%

4 - 5%

20%

3 - 5%

15%

4 - 5%

15 - 20%

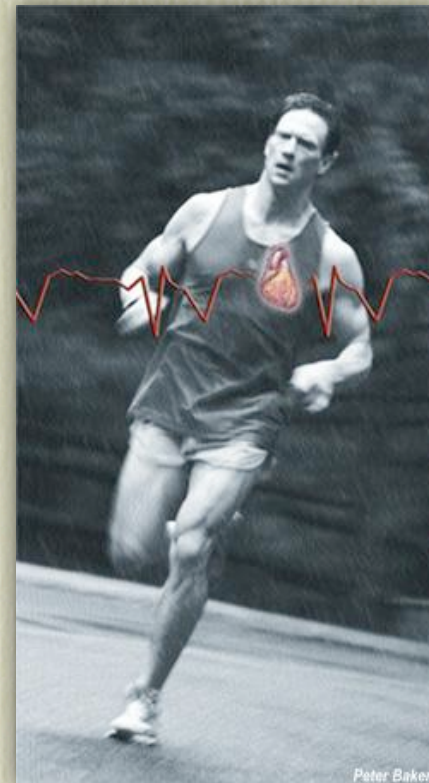
5 l/min.

Cardiac output  
= 5 l/min.



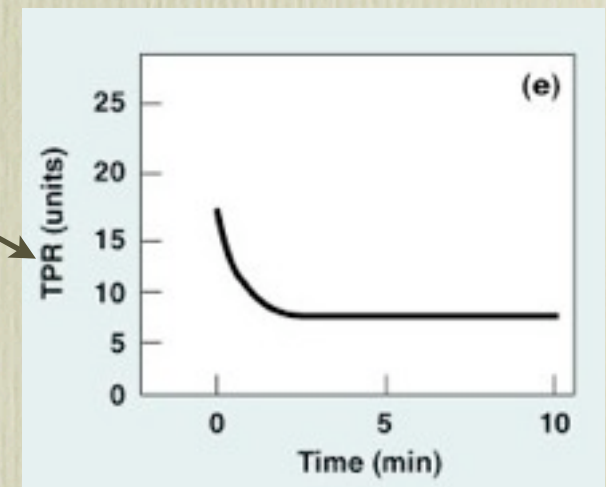
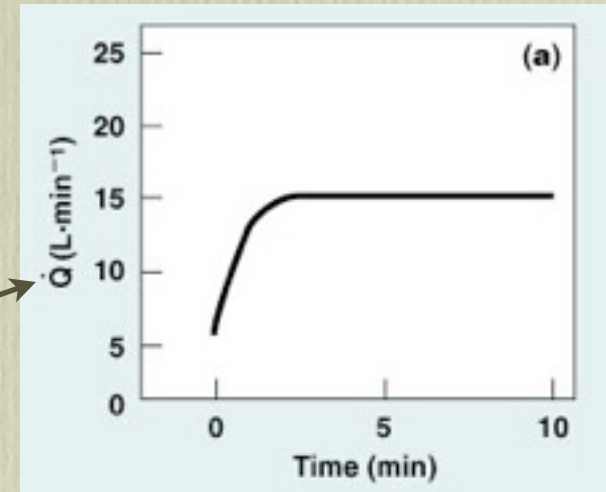
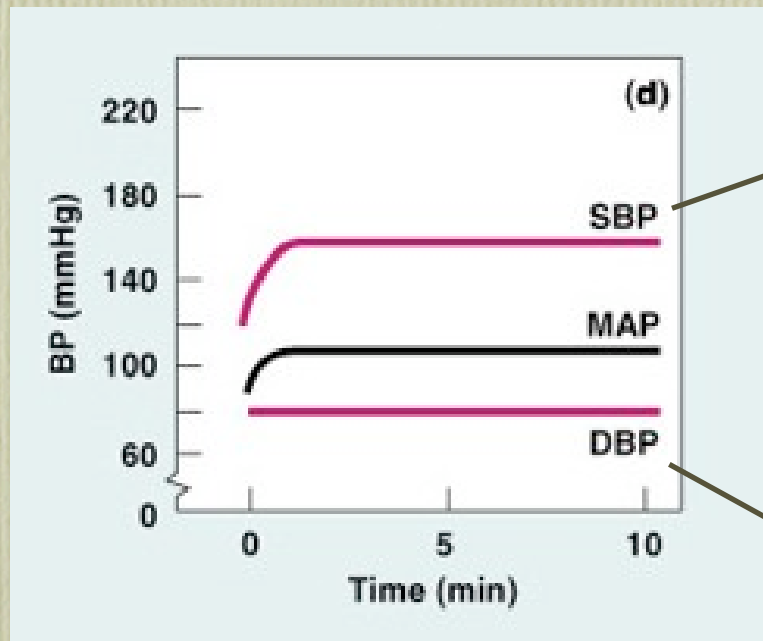
# O<sub>2</sub> Supply Summary

- How is the increase in O<sub>2</sub> demand by the muscles during exercise met?
  - Increase Q
    - Increase HR
    - Increase SV
  - Increase a-v O<sub>2</sub> difference



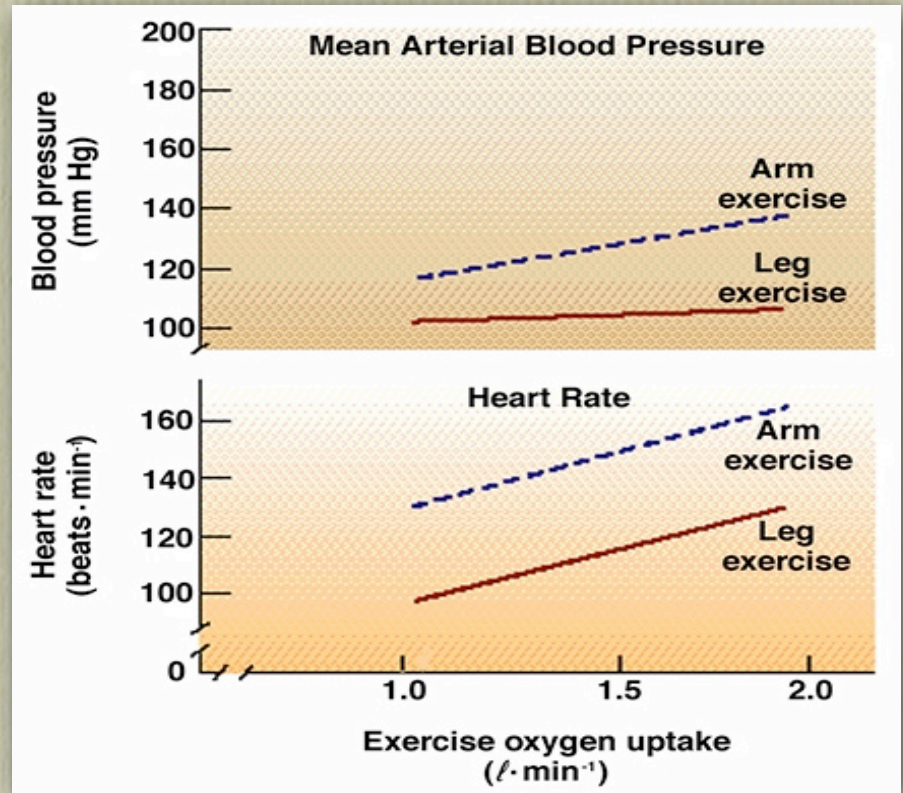
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# Blood Pressure



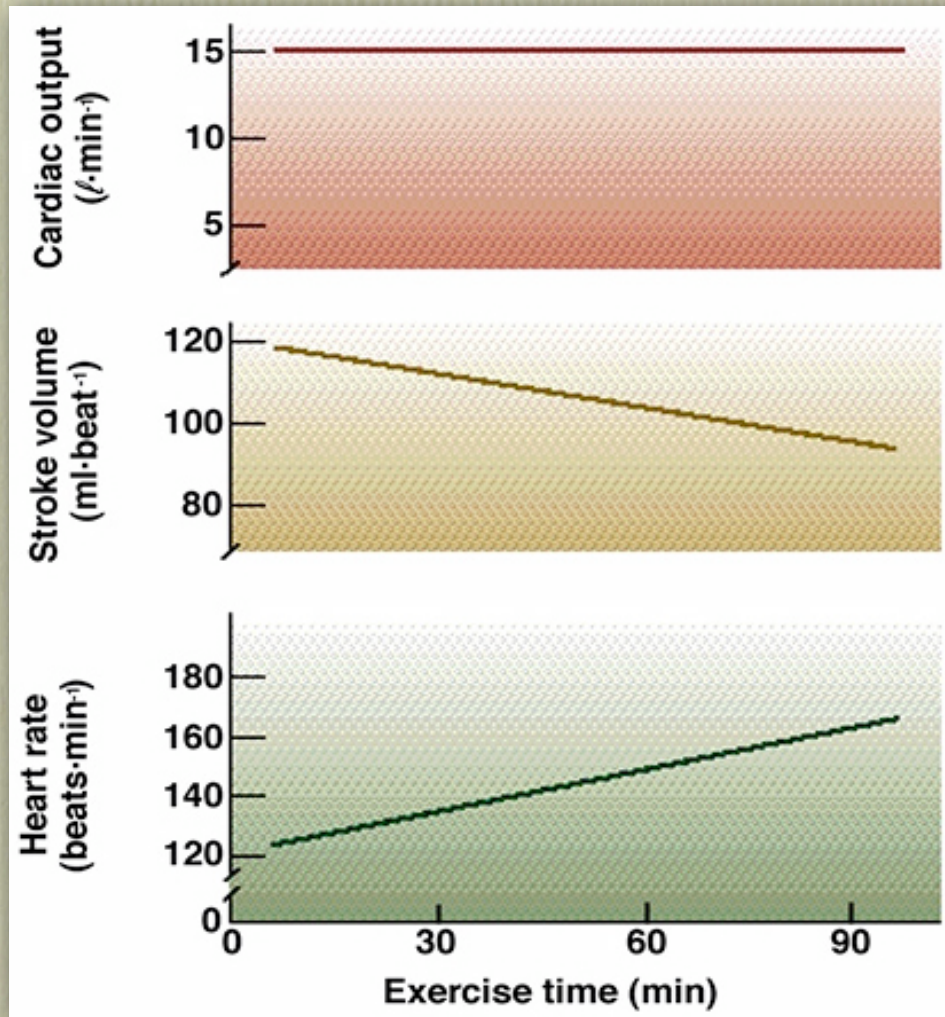


# Upper Body Exercise



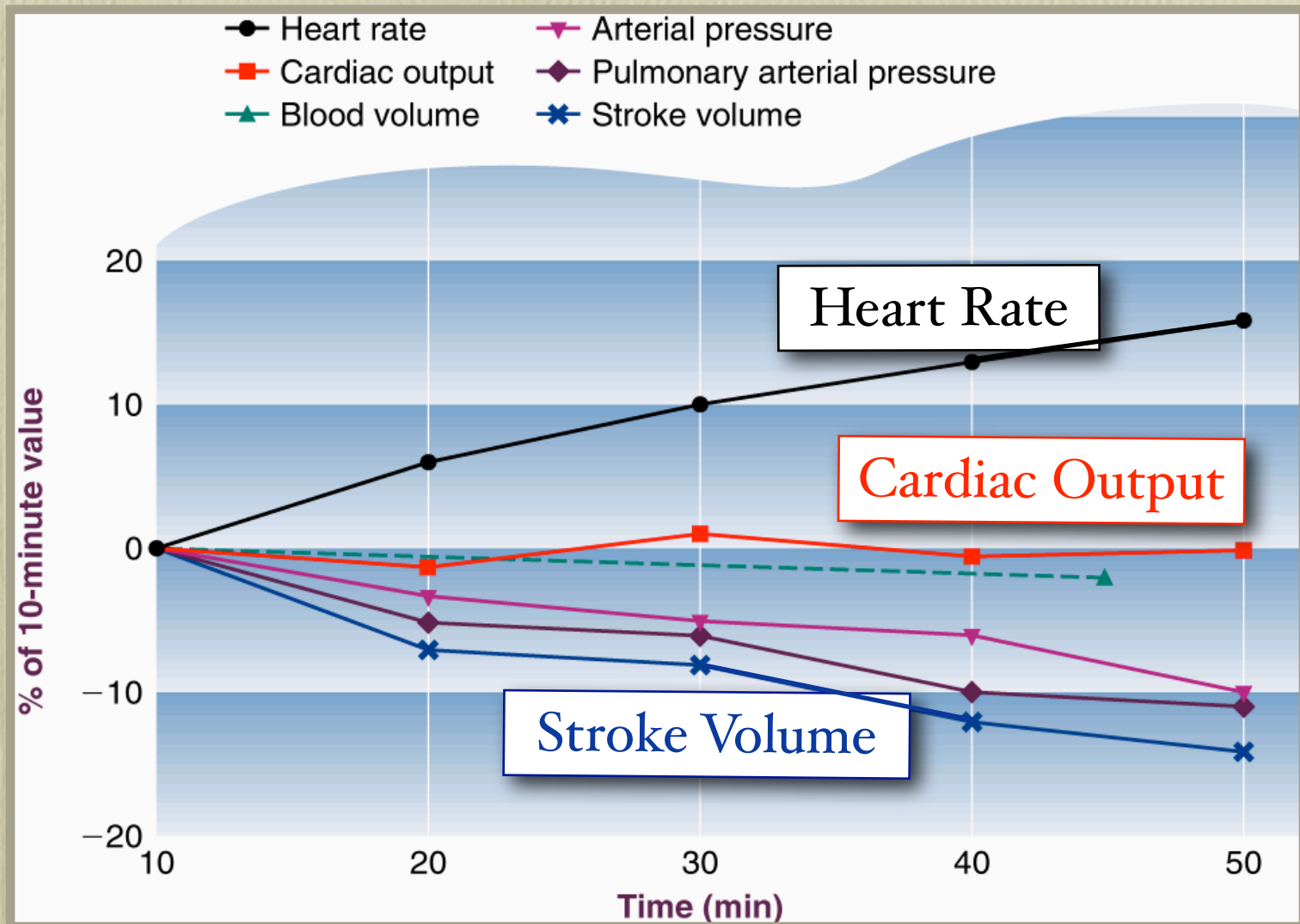


# PROLONGED, SUBMAXIMAL EXERCISE

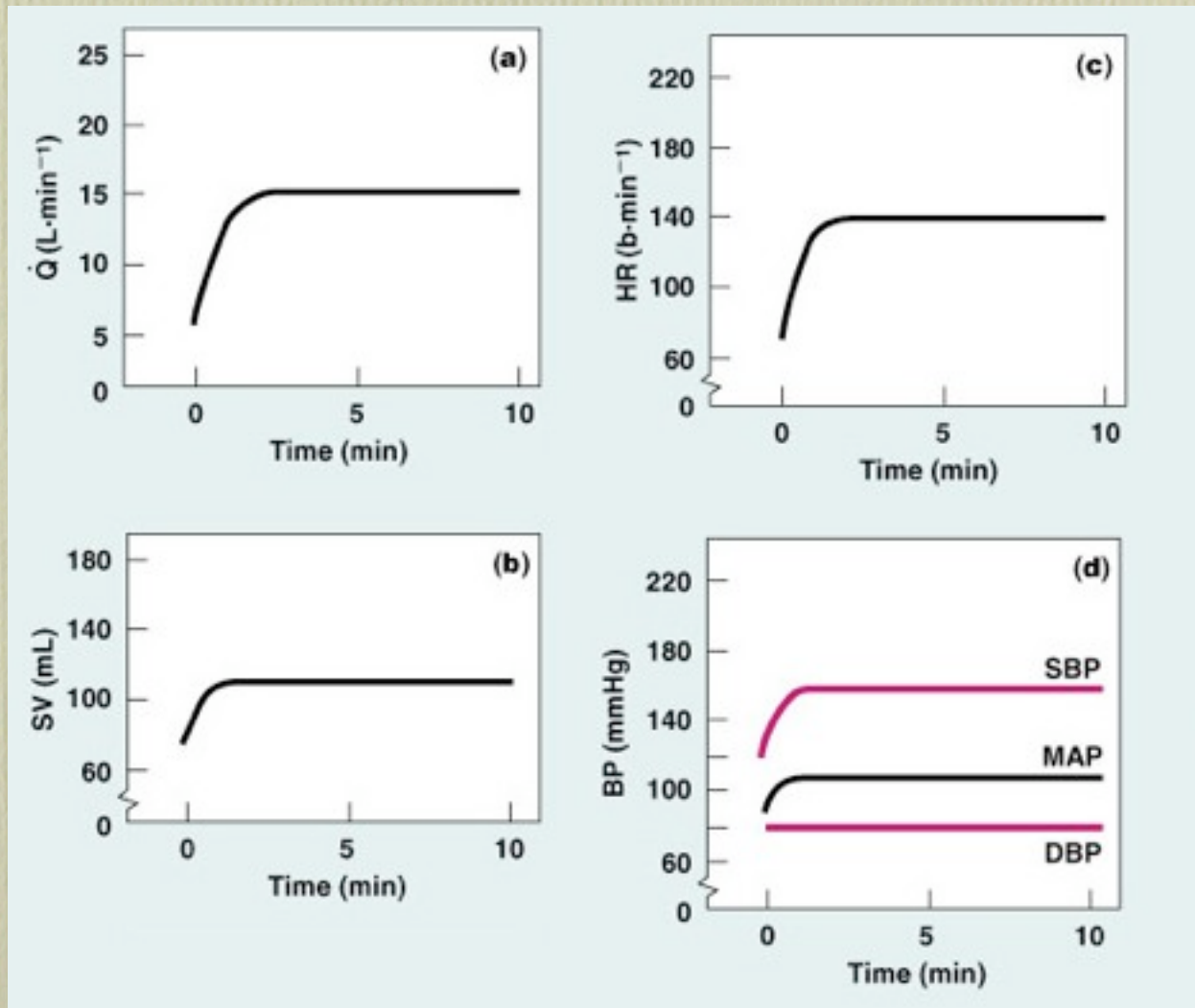




# Cardiovascular Drift

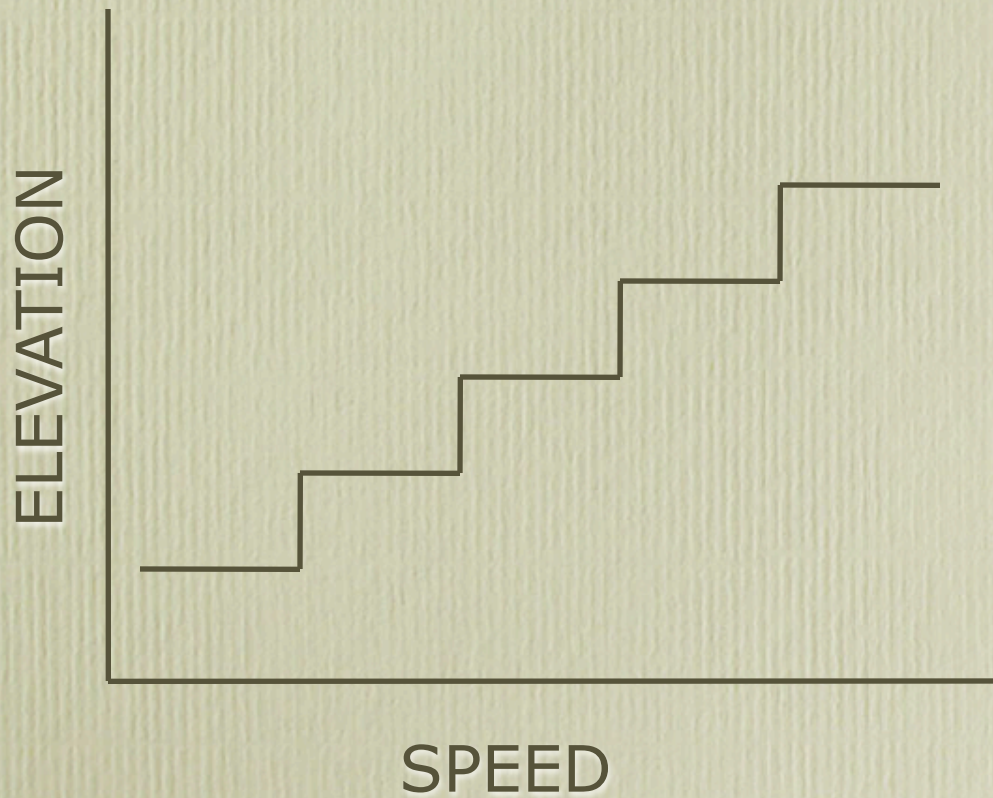


# Steady State, Submaximal Exercise

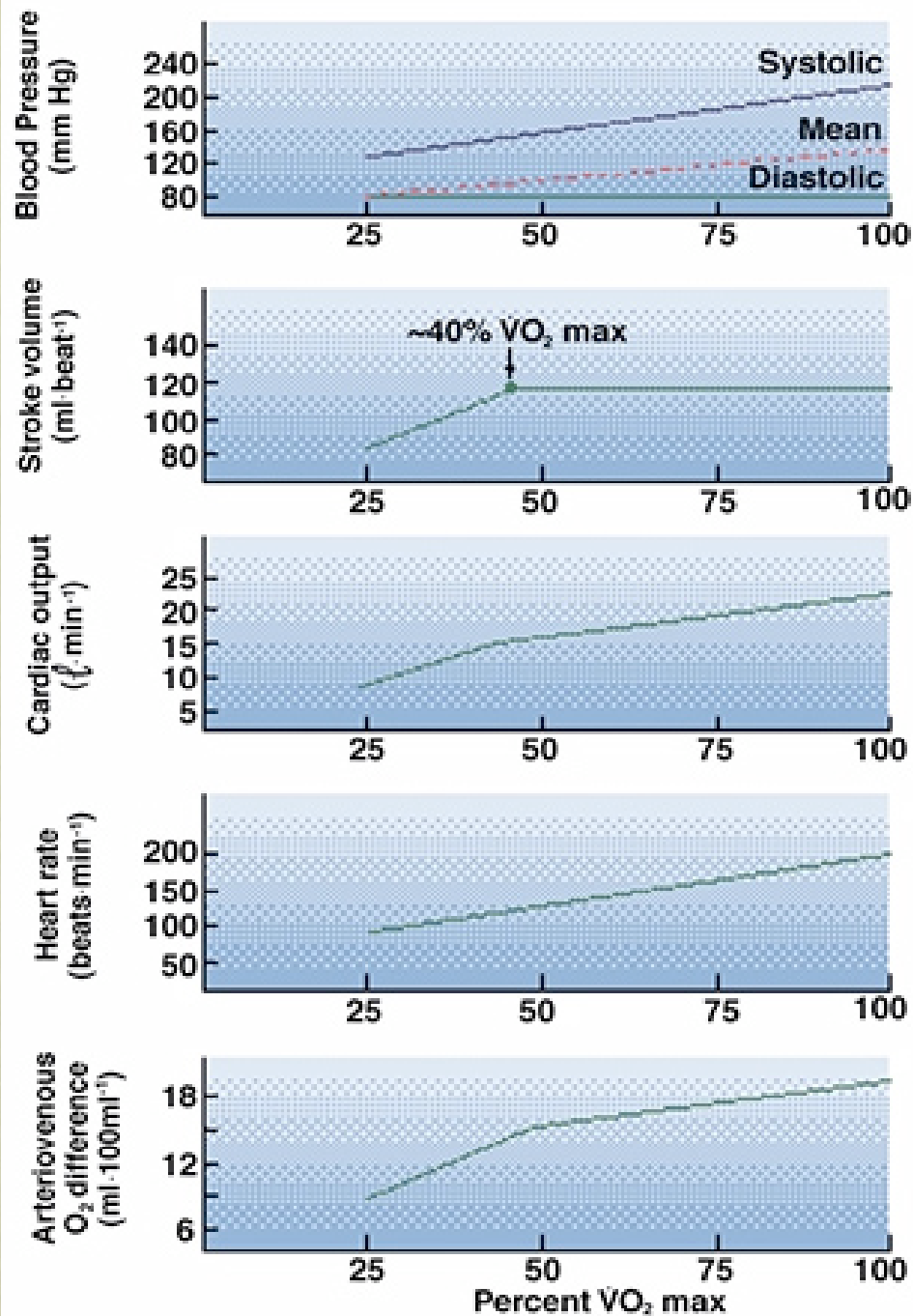




# INCREMENTAL EXERCISE TO MAXIMAL EFFORT



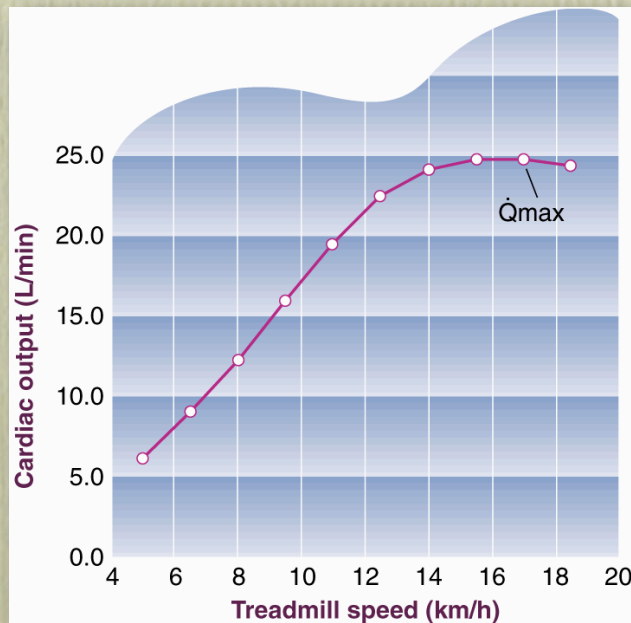
# Circulatory Responses to Incremental Exercise



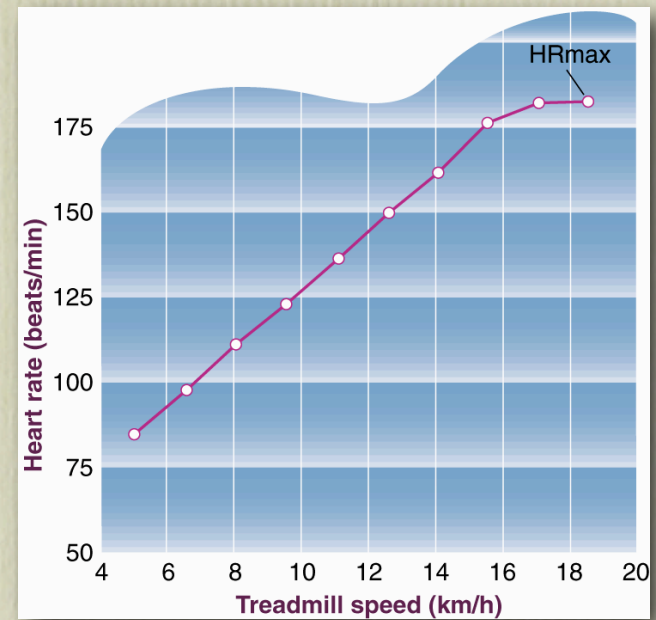


# Circulatory Responses to Incremental Exercise

## Cardiac Output



## Heart Rate



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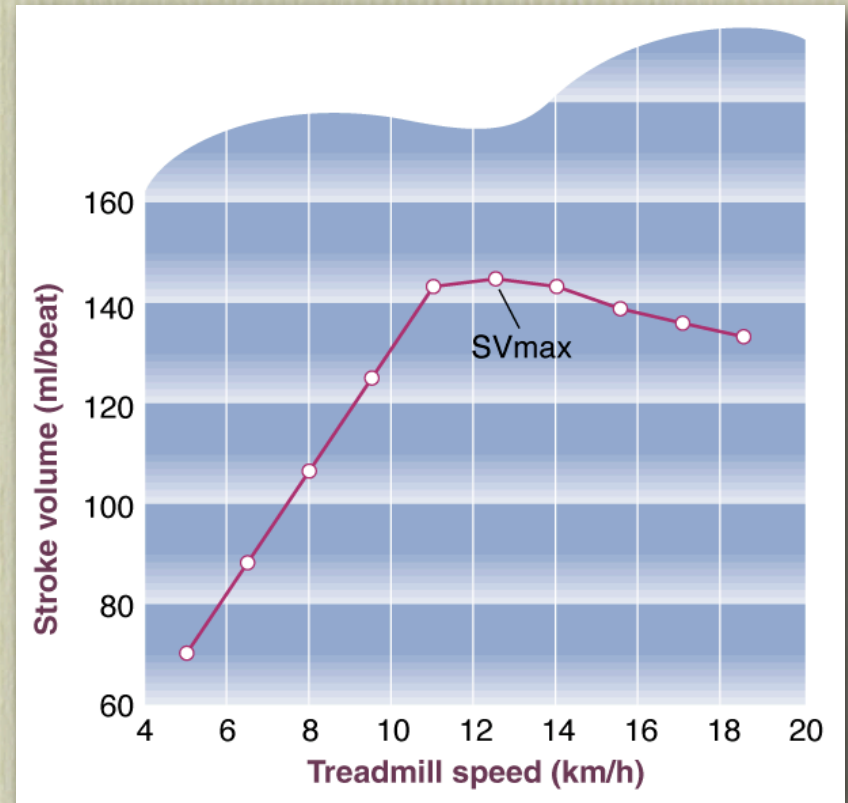
# Maximum Heart Rate

- $HR_{max} = 220 - \text{age}$  is an *estimation*, only
  - Margin of error  $\pm 12$  bpm
- ALTERNATIVE FORMULA
- **$HR_{max} = 208 - (0.70 \times \text{age})$**



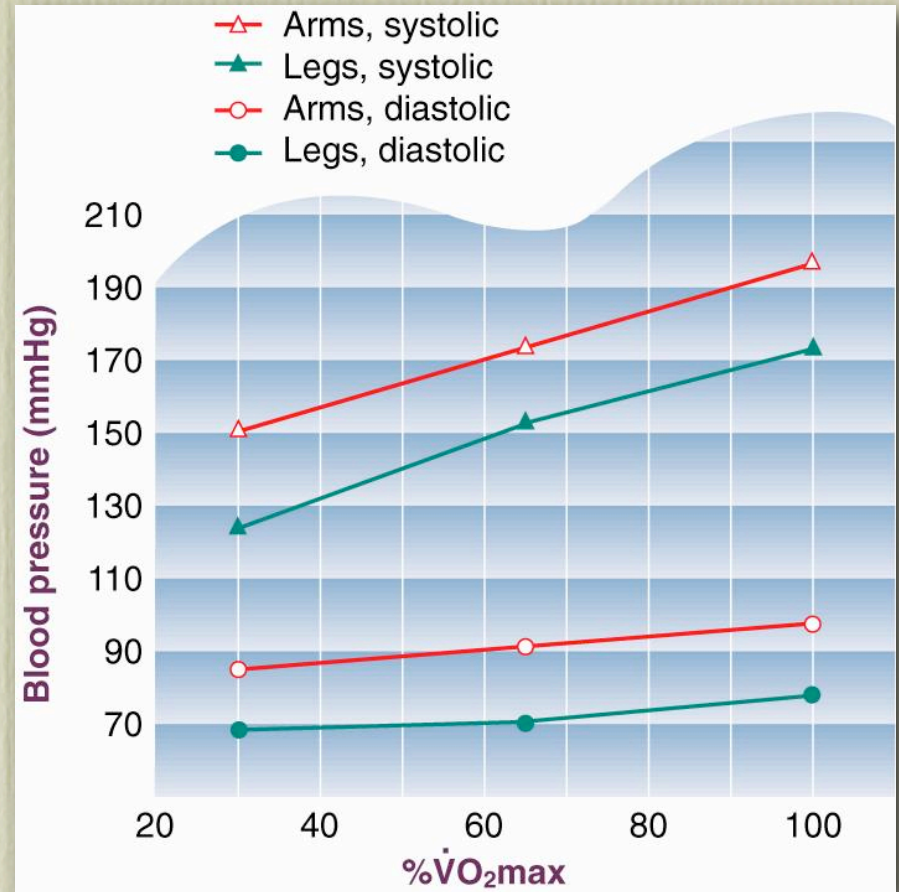
# Circulatory Responses to Incremental Exercise

- Stroke Volume



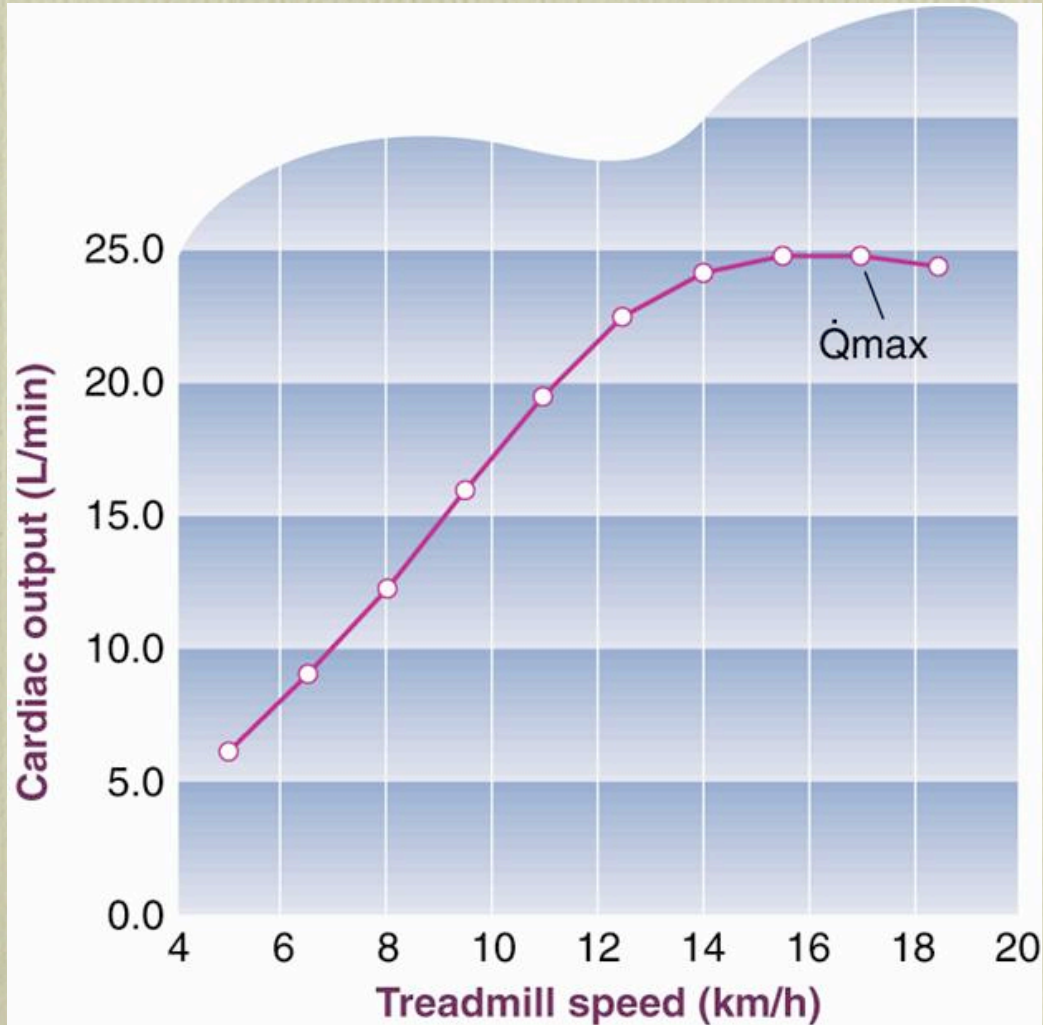
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- Systolic blood pressure
- Diastolic blood pressure

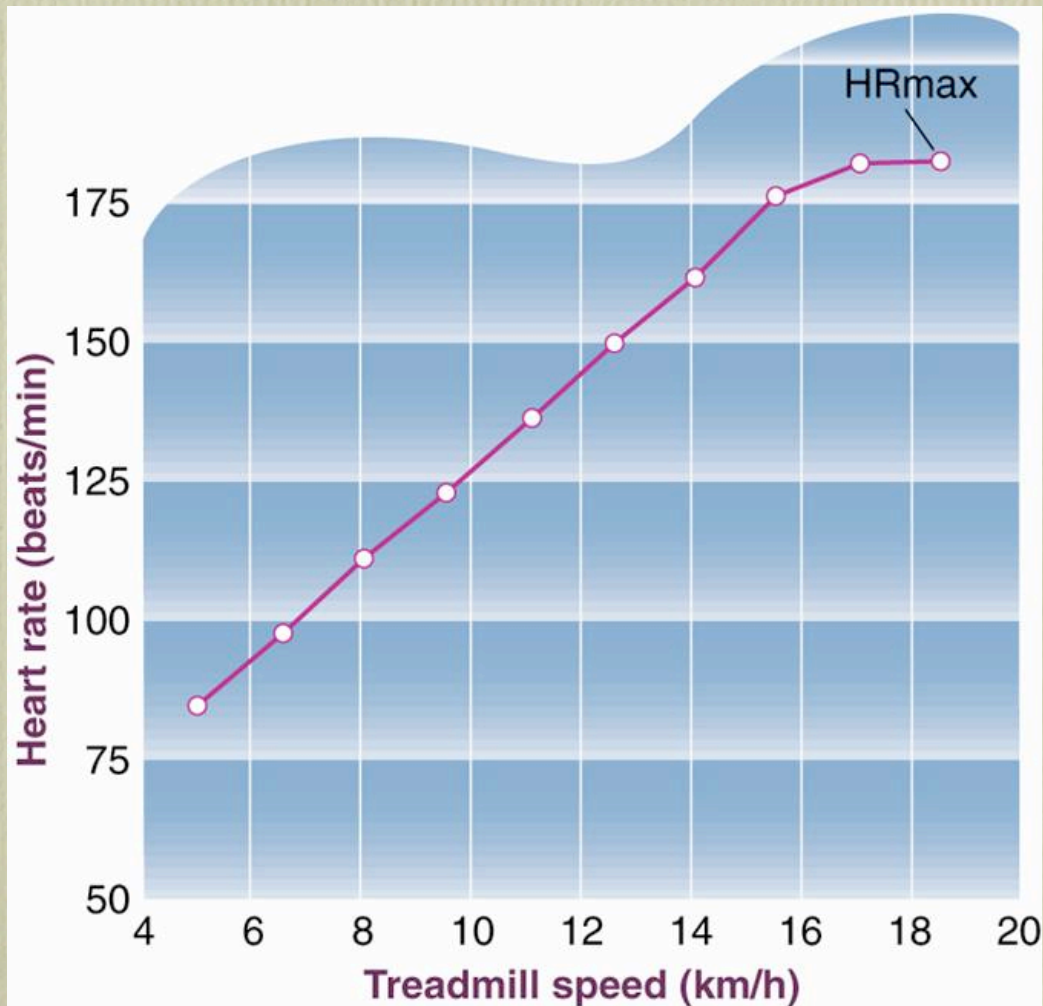




# Cardiac Output

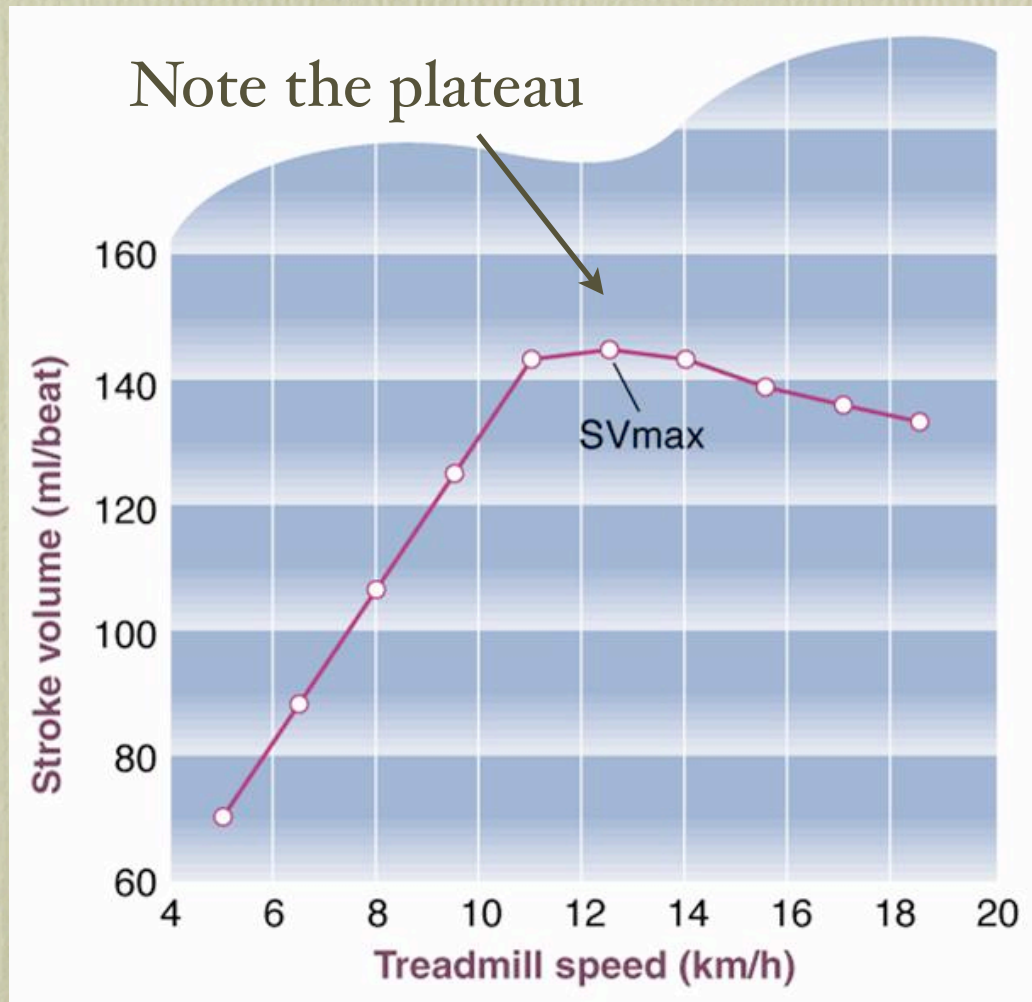


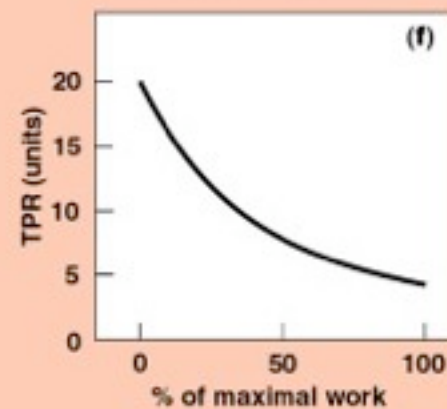
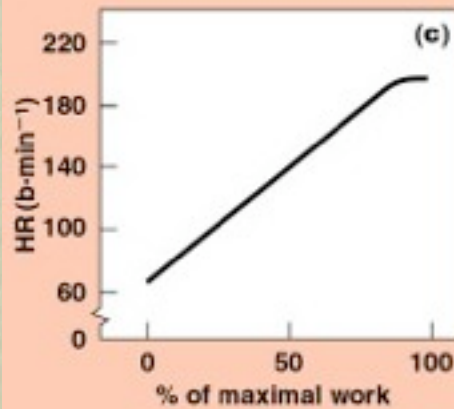
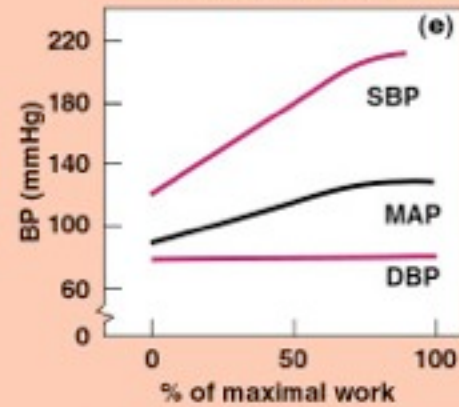
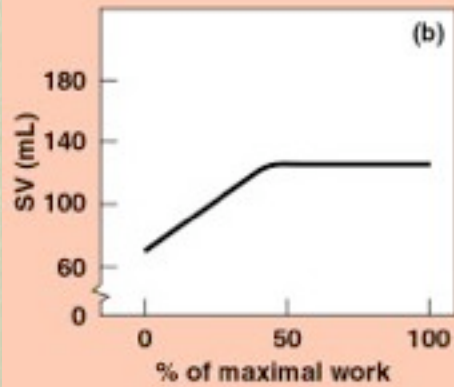
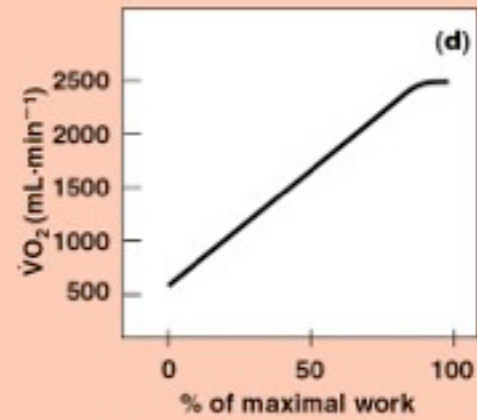
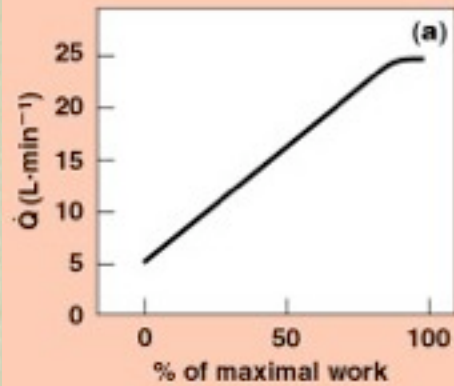
# Heart Rate





# Stroke Volume







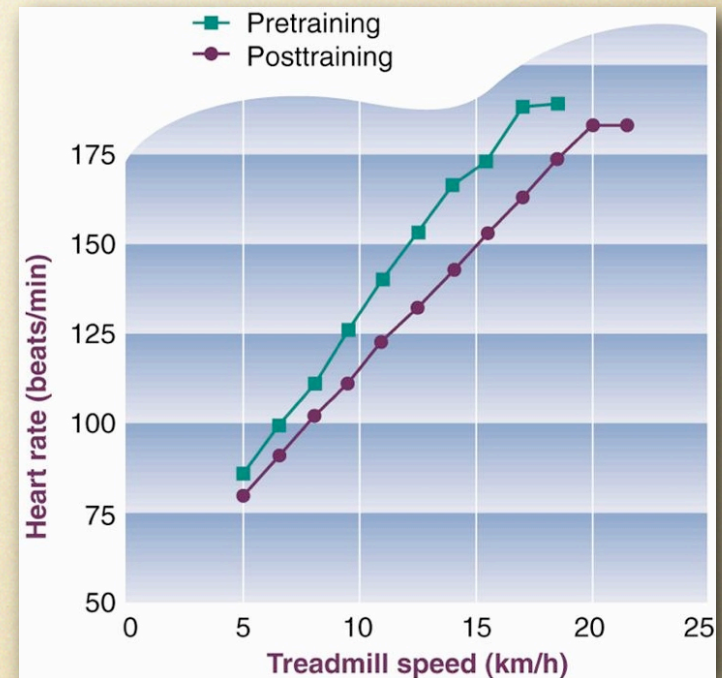
# Endurance Training

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# Adaptations from Chronic Exercise

- **Heart rate**
  - At rest
    - Increase parasympathetic stimulation
    - Increase in SV
  - During steady state exercise
  - At maximal exercise





# Lance by the Numbers



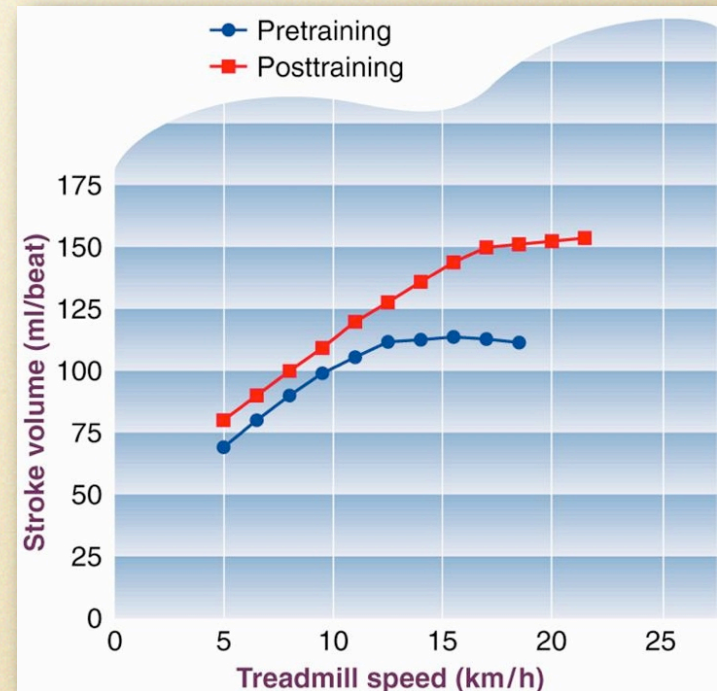
Tour de France victories	6
Most Tours won by anyone else	5
Americans who won Tour de France before Armstrong (Greg LeMond in 1986, 1989, 1990)	1
Armstrong's resting heart rate	32
Average heart rate during a race	125
Average heart rate during a time trial	190
Pedal rpm during a time trial	100
VO <sub>2</sub> max*	84
Average male VO <sub>2</sub> max	40
Pedal strokes by Armstrong in 2004 Tour	about 465,000
Heartbeats during the race	2.1 million
Daily calorie intake during training	6,000
Body fat during race season	5-6%
Body fat during off-season	10-11%
Calories burned during 3 hours of racing	3,150
Calories expended during the race	132,000
Number of Big Macs represented by 132,000 calories	236

\*Maximum amount of oxygen (in milliliters) lungs retain during a minute of exercise per kilogram of body weight — a measure of physical efficiency



# Adaptations from Chronic Exercise

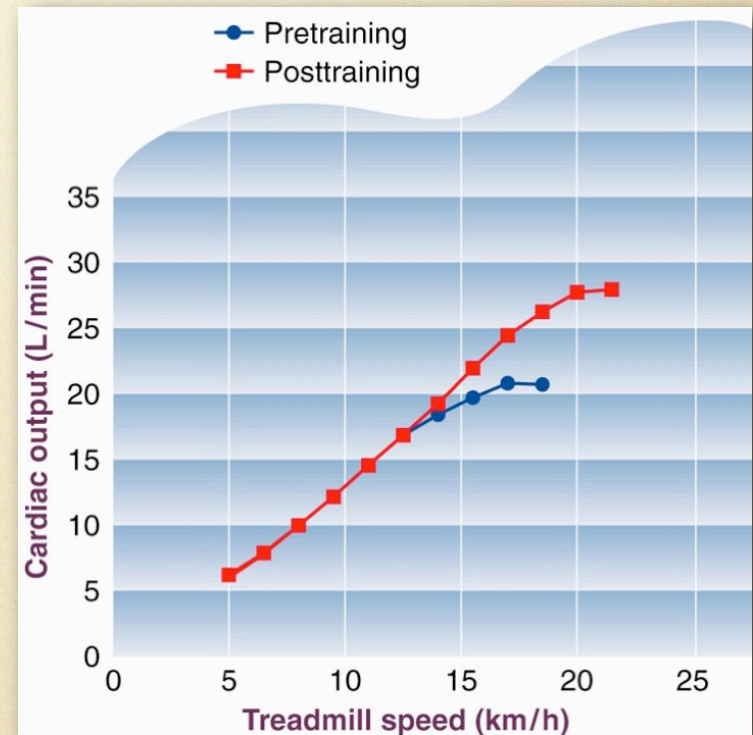
- **Stroke Volume**
  - At rest
  - Steady state exercise
  - Maximal exercise





# Adaptations from Chronic Exercise

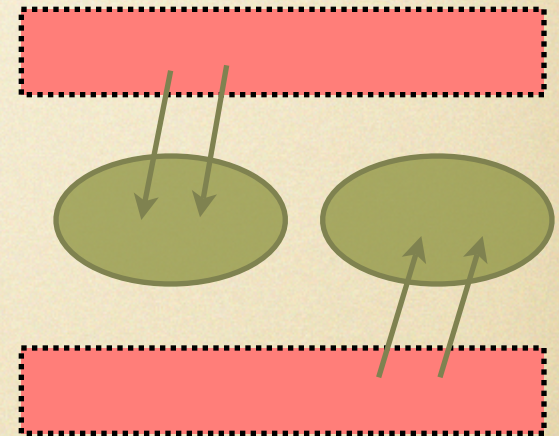
- Cardiac Output
  - At rest
  - Steady state exercise
  - Maximal exercise





# Adaptations from Chronic Exercise

- **a-v O<sub>2</sub> difference**
  - At rest
  - During steady state exercise
  - At maximal exercise





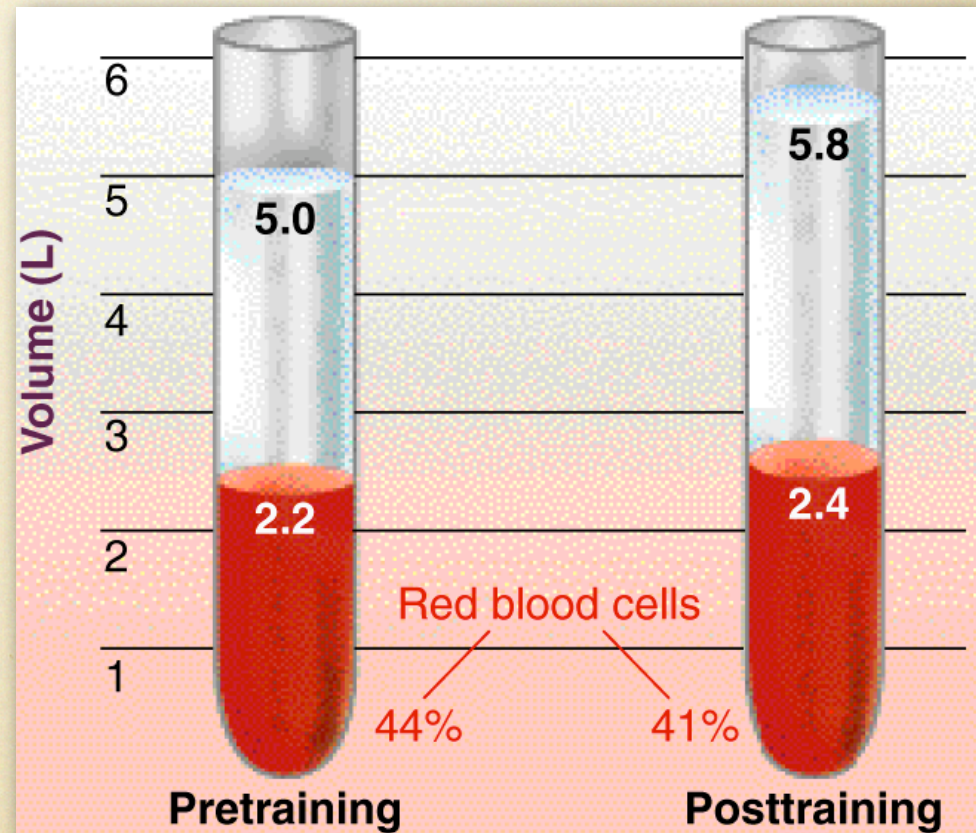
# Adaptations from Chronic Exercise

- **Oxygen Uptake ( $\text{VO}_2$ )**
  - At rest
  - Submaximal exercise
  - Maximal exercise ( **$\text{VO}_{2\text{max}}$** ) by 25-30%
- Genetics: 40-66% of baseline  $\text{VO}_{2\text{max}}$
- Improvements in  $\text{VO}_{2\text{max}}$ 
  - 50% due to  $\uparrow \text{SV}$
  - 50% due to  $\uparrow \text{a-vO}_2$



# Adaptations from Chronic Exercise

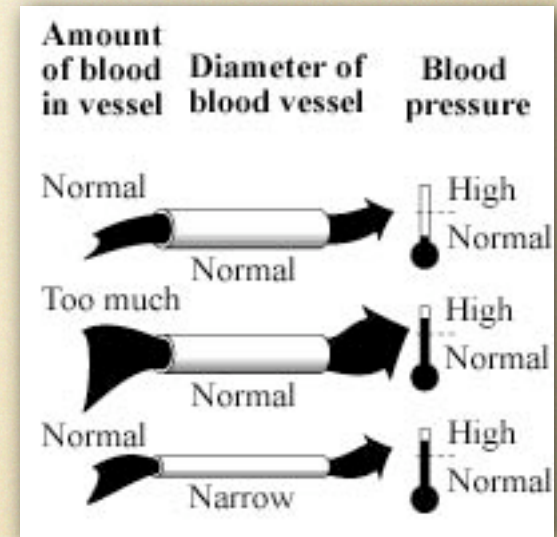
- **Blood**
  - Total blood volume
  - Plasma volume
  - Red blood cells
  - Hematocrit





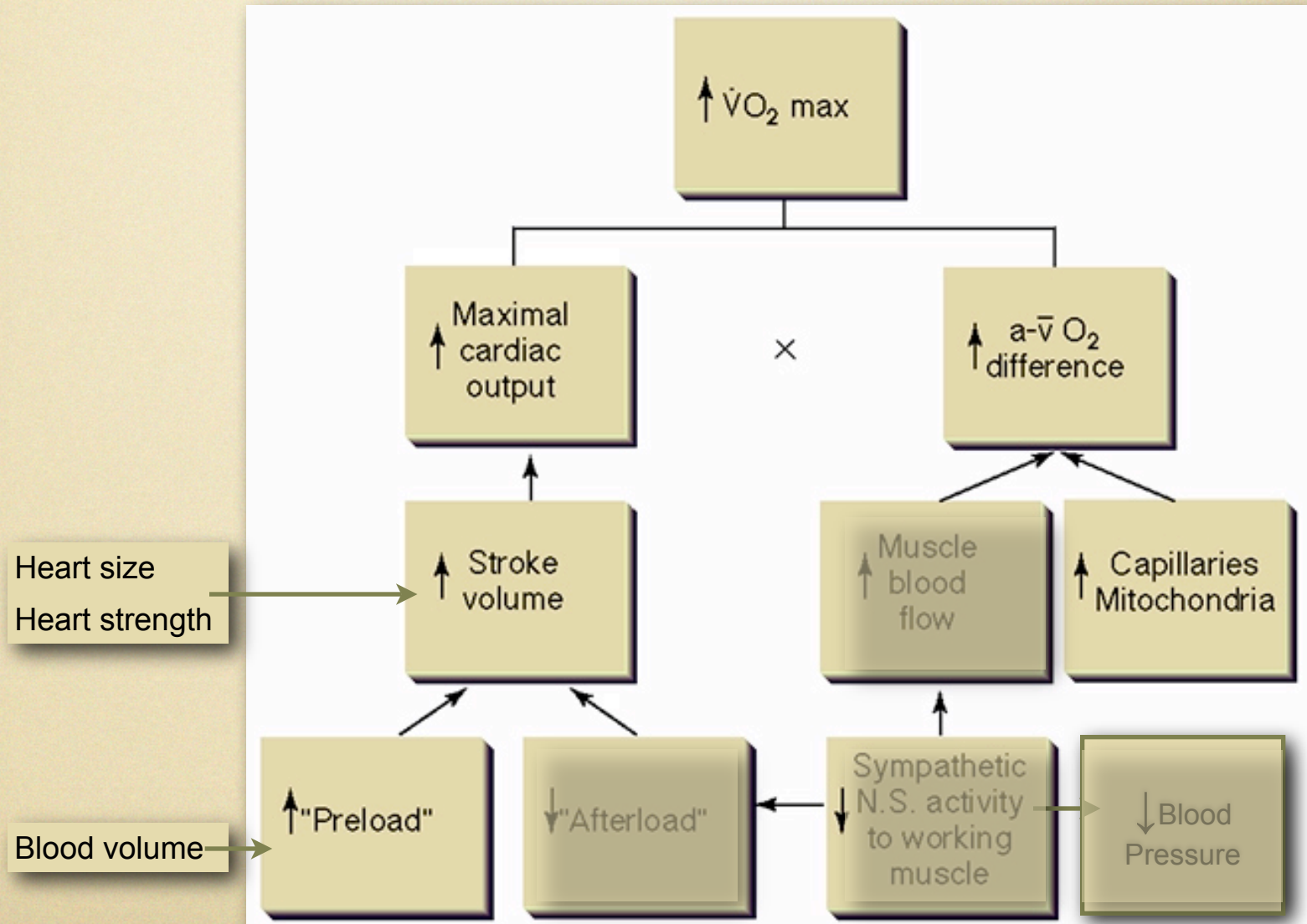
# Adaptations from Chronic Exercise

- Blood Pressure (p. 333)
  - What is hypertension?
  - What affect does chronic exercise training have on hypertension?





# Overview



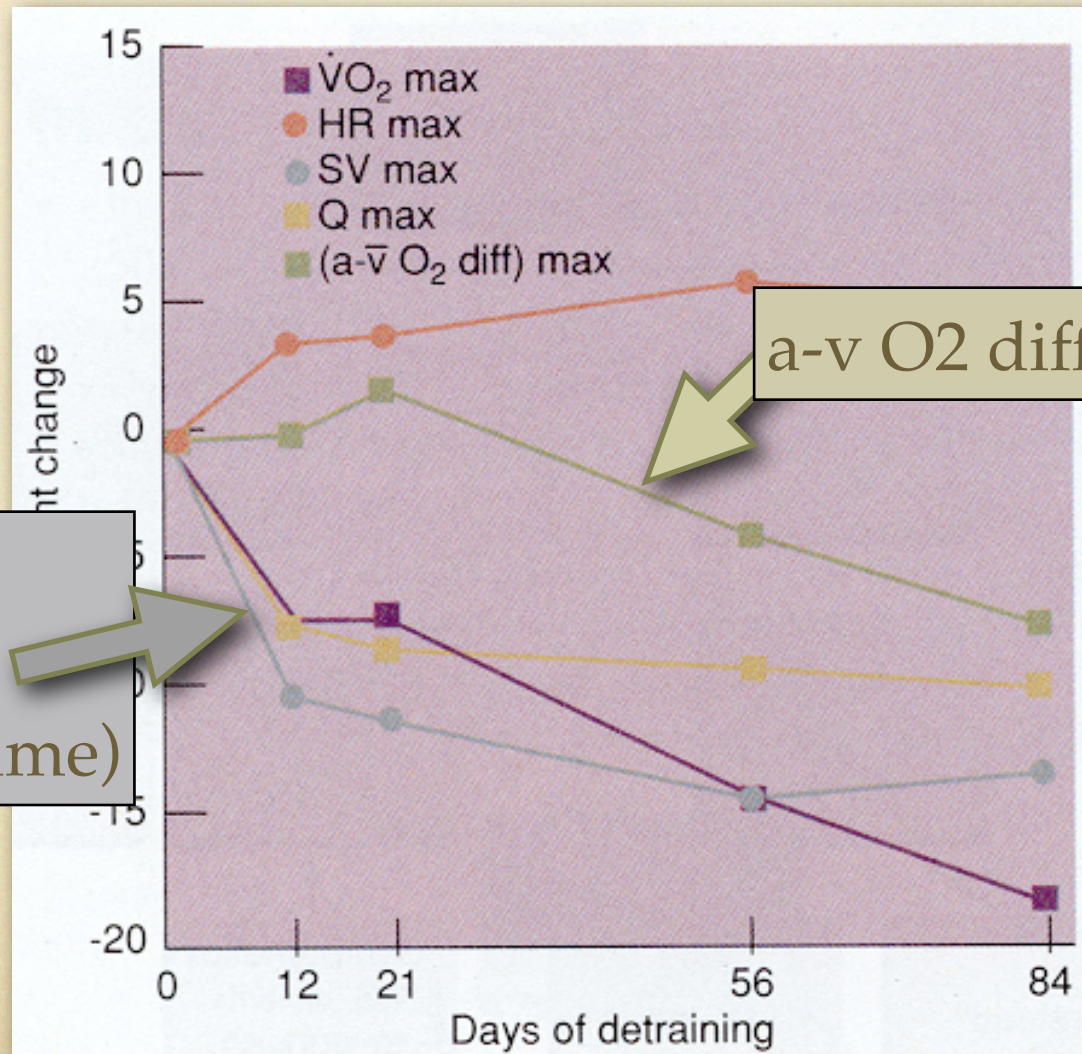


# Adaptations from Chronic Exercise

	Rest	Submax	Max
Q	↔	↔	↑
SV			
HR			
a-vO <sub>2</sub> diff			
Plasma vol			
RBC			
Ht			
BP			



# Detraining

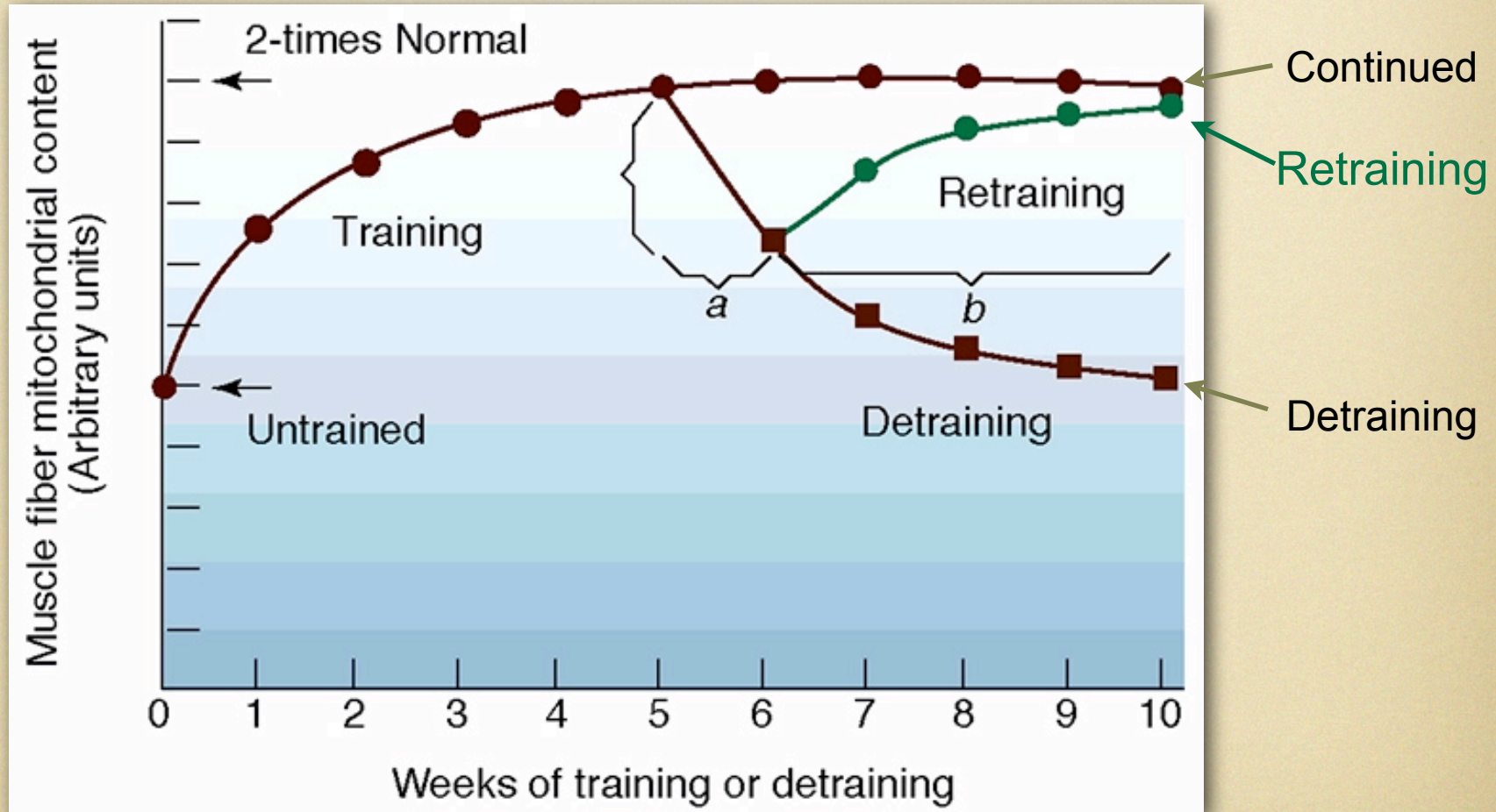


Stroke  
Volume  
(Blood Volume)

a-v O2 difference



# Retraining





# Detraining & Retraining

- About 50% of the increase in mitochondria was lost after one week of detraining
- All of the adaptations were lost after five weeks of detraining
- It took four weeks of retraining to regain the adaptations lost in the first week of detraining