

# BREATHING AND EXCHANGE OF GASES

- Oxygen [O<sub>2</sub>] is utilised to indirectly break down nutrient molecule glucose for Energy for performing various activity.
- CO<sub>2</sub> is released during catabolic reaction which is harmful.

○ Respiration : Process of exchange of O<sub>2</sub> from atmosphere with CO<sub>2</sub> produced by cell is called breathing, commonly known as Respiration.

## RESPIRATORY ORGANS

- Mechanism of breathing is depend on Habitats and level of Organisation
- Lower invertebrates like sponge, Flatworms etc. Exchange O<sub>2</sub> with CO<sub>2</sub> by simple diffusion.

① Earthworm Use moist Cuticle and insect have network of tubes [Tracheal tubes] to transport atmospheric air in body.

② Gills used by most of aquatic arthropods and Molluscs  
eg: Fishes. [Vertebrates]

③ Lungs are used by terrestrial form for exchange of gaseous.  
eg: Coleoptiles, birds, mammals.

④ Amphibians like frog respire through their ~~mo~~ moist skin.

## ⑤ HUMAN RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

① Have a pair of nostrils which leads to a nasal chamber through nasal passage

② Nasal chamber opens into Nasopharynx

③ Nasopharynx opens into Trachea through glottis.

④ Larynx is Cartilaginous box, help in sound production, Hence called sound box

① Trachea is straight tube extending upto mid-thoracic cavity:

Divides at level of 5th thoracic vertebra into right and left primary bronchi

② Each bronchi undergoes repeated division to form secondary and tertiary bronchi and bronchioles ending up in very thin terminal bronchioles

③ Each bronchioles give rise to very thin, irregular walled and bag like structure called alveoli.

④ Lungs : Covered by a double layered pleura with pleural fluid b/w them

Pleural fluid : Reduce friction on lung surface.

⑤ **Conducting part** : External Nostil to ~~can~~ terminal bronchioles.

⑥ **Respiratory/Exchange part** : Alveoli and their ducts

→ Site of actual diffusion of  $O_2$  and  $CO_2$  b/w blood and atmospheric air.

① Lungs are situated in thoracic chamber.

② Thoracic chamber is formed dorsally by vertebral column, ventrally by sternum, laterally by ribs and lower side by dome-shaped diaphragm.

## ③ STEPS IN RESPIRATION

[i] Breathing or pulmonary ventilation by which atmosphere is drawn in and  $\text{CO}_2$  is released out.

[ii] Diffusion of gases across alveolar membrane.

[iii] Transport of gases by blood.

[iv] Diffusion of  $\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  b/w blood and tissue.

[v] Utilisation of  $\text{O}_2$  by cells for catabolic reaction and resultant release of  $\text{CO}_2$ .

# MECHANISM OF BREATHING

- ① Involves two processes: Inspiration and Expiration.
- ② Inspiration occurs when pressure within lungs [Intra-pulmonary pressure] is less than atmospheric pressure.
- ③ Expiration takes place when Intra-pulmonary pressure is higher than atmospheric pressure.
- ④ Diaphragm and specialised set of muscles — External and Internal intercostals b/w ribs help in generation of such gradient.

## Inspiration:

- ① Initiated by contraction of diaphragm which increases volume of thoracic chamber.
- ② Contraction of external inter-costal ~~chamber~~ muscles lift up the ribs and the sternum causing an increase in thoracic chamber.

- ① Increase in thoracic Volume Cause increase in pulmonary Volume which decreases the intra pulmonary pressure to less than atmospheric pressure.
- ② This force air from outside to move into lungs i.e. Inspiration

## EXPIRATION

- ① Relaxation of diaphragm and inter-Costal muscles returns the diaphragm and sternum to their normal position.
- ② This reduces the thoracic Volume and thereby pulmonary Volume.
- ③ This lead to increase in intra-pulmonary pressure to ~~st~~ above the atmospheric pressure causing expulsion of air from lungs i.e. Expiration.
- ④ A Healthy human breathes 12-16 times/minutes.
- ⑤ Volume of air involved in breathing movement is estimated by Spirometer

# Respiratory Volumes And Capacities

- ① Tidal Volume [TV] : Volume of air inspired or expired during a normal respiration  
approx  $\rightarrow$  500 ml  
Healthy man  $\rightarrow$  6000 - 8000 ml per minute.

## ① Inspiratory Reserve Volume [IRV]

Additional Volume of air, a person can inspire by a forcible inspiration.

Averages : 2500 - 3000 ml

## ① Expiratory Reserve Volume [ERV]

Additional Volume of air, a person can expire by a forcible expiration.

Average : 1000 ml to 1100 ml.

- ① Residual Volume [RV] : Volume of air remaining in lungs even after a forcible expiration.

Average  $\rightarrow$  1100 ml to 1200 ml

① **Inspiratory Capacity [IC]**: Total Volume of air a person can inspire after a normal expiration.

$$IC = TV + IRV$$

② **Expiratory Capacity**: Total Volume of air a person can expire after a normal inspiration.

$$EC = TV + ERV$$

③ **Functional Residual Capacity [FRC]**: Volume of air that will remain in lungs after a normal expiration.

$$FRC = ERV + RV$$

④ **Vital Capacity [VC]**: Maximum Volume of air a person can breathe in after a forced expiration.

$$VC = ERV + TV + IRV$$

⑤ **Total Lung Capacity**: Volume of air accommodated in lungs at end of forced inspiration.

$$TLC = VC + RV$$



# EXCHANGE OF GASES

- Primary site - Alveoli
- also b/w blood and tissue.
- $O_2$  and  $CO_2$  Exchanged by Diffusion.

○ Partial pressure: Pressure contributed by an individual gas in a mixture of gases is called partial pressure.

$P_{pO_2}$  = Partial pressure of Oxygen  
 $P_{pCO_2}$  = Partial pressure of Carbon di-Oxide

○ Pressure gradient is present for  $CO_2$  in opposite direction i.e. Tissue to blood and blood to alveoli.

○ Solubility of  $CO_2$  is higher than  $O_2$ . Hence Amount of  $CO_2$  diffuse is much higher than  $O_2$ .

○ Diffusion membrane is made up of three major layer.

- i thin Squamous Epithelium
- [ii] Endothelium
- [iii] Basement substance in b/w them.

## TRANSPORT OF GASES

- ① Medium  $\rightarrow$  Blood.
- ① 97%  $O_2$  by blood and 3%  $O_2$  is by plasma.
- ① 20-25%  $CO_2$  is transported by RBCs  
70% Carried as bicarbonate.  
7% of  $CO_2$  is through plasma.

## TRANSPORT OF OXYGEN

- ①  $O_2$  bind with haemoglobin to form Oxyhaemoglobin.  
1 haemoglobin carry 4 Oxygen molecule.
- ① Sigmoid Curve is obtained when percentage saturation of haemoglobin with  $O_2$  is plotted against  $pO_2$ . The Curve is called Oxygen dissociation Curve.
- \* Factors favourable for formation of Oxyhaemoglobin in alveoli.
  - $\rightarrow$  High  $pO_2$  and low  $pCO_2$
  - $\rightarrow$  less  $H^+$  Concentration
  - $\rightarrow$  Low temperature.

\* Factor favourable for dissociation of Oxygen from Oxyhaemoglobin in tissue.

- Low  $pO_2$  and high  $pCO_2$
- High  $H^+$  Concentration
- High temperature.

○ Every 100 ml of Oxygenated blood can deliver around 5ml of  $O_2$  to tissue under normal condition.

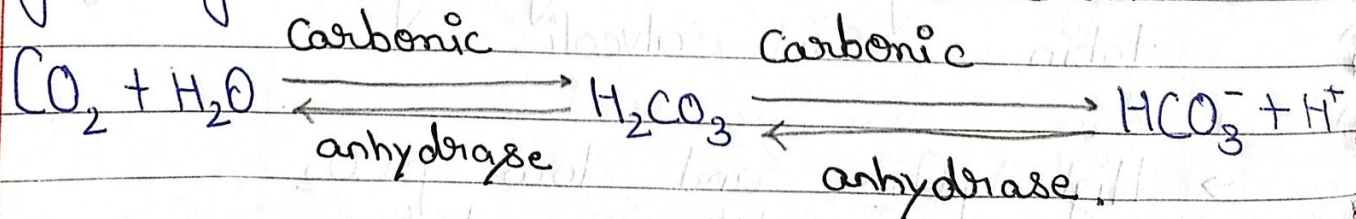
## TRANSPORT OF CARBON DIOXIDE

○  $CO_2$  is carried by haemoglobin as Carbamino-haemoglobin.

When  $pCO_2$  is higher than  $pO_2$  in tissue more binding of  $CO_2$  occur.

When  $pCO_2$  is low and  $pO_2$  is high as in alveoli dissociation take place.

○ Enzyme Carbonic anhydrase facilitates following reaction in both direction.



○ Every 100 ml of deoxygenated blood delivers 4 ml of  $CO_2$  to alveoli.

## REGULATION OF RESPIRATION

- ① Respiratory Rhythm Centre primary responsible for regulation of Respiration.

Present in Medulla

- ② Pneumotaxic Centre moderate the function of Respiratory Rhythm Centre.

Present in Pons region of brain.

- ③ Neural signal from Pneumotaxic Centre reduce the duration of inspiration and alter the respiratory rate.

- ④ Chemosensitive area situated adjacent to Rhythm Centre which is highly sensitive to  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}^+$ .

- ⑤ Increase in  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}^+$  activate this Centre which in turn signal the Rhythm to make necessary adjustment.

# DISORDERS OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

1. Asthma: It is difficult in breathing causing wheezing due to inflammation of bronchi and bronchioles.
2. Emphysema: Chronic disorder in which alveolar walls are damaged due to which respiratory surface is decreased.
3. Occupational Respiratory Disorders:

In industries, especially those involving grinding or stone breaking, so much dust is produced that the defense mechanism of body cannot cope with situation.

Long exposure give rise to inflammation leading to Fibrosis.