

# NOTES

## NORMAL VARIATIONS

- Physiological adaptations within cardiovascular system in response to changes such as hemorrhage, exercise, postural changes

# CARDIOVASCULAR CHANGES DURING EXERCISE

[osms.it/cardiovascular-changes-exercise](https://osms.it/cardiovascular-changes-exercise)

- Involves central nervous system (CNS), local mechanisms
  - CNS responses:** changes in autonomic nervous system (ANS) due to inputs from cerebral motor cortex
  - Local responses:** exercise causes  $\uparrow$  blood flow,  $O_2$  delivery to skeletal muscles
- Exercise results in  $\uparrow$  sympathetic ( $\beta_1$  receptors),  $\downarrow$  parasympathetic activity to heart  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  cardiac output due to  $\uparrow$  heart rate +  $\uparrow$  stroke volume
- Muscle changes also occur
  - $\uparrow$  metabolites (lactate, potassium, adenosine) are produced  $\rightarrow$  metabolites stimulate local vasodilation  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  blood flow  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  overall total peripheral resistance (TPR)

### OVERALL RESPONSE TO EXERCISE

- Central command:**  $\uparrow$  cardiac output (CO), vasoconstriction in some vascular beds (excludes exercising skeletal muscle, cerebral, coronary circulations)
  - $\uparrow$  CO  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  heart rate, contractility
  - $\uparrow$  contractility  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  stroke volume  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  pulse pressure
  - $\uparrow$  CO due to  $\uparrow$  venous return (sympathetic vein constriction, squeezing action of skeletal muscle on veins)

| CV RESPONSES TO EXERCISE OVERVIEW |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
|                                   | RESPONSE   |
| HEART RATE                        | $\uparrow\uparrow$   |
| STROKE VOLUME                     | $\uparrow$   |
| PULSE PRESSURE                    | $\uparrow$<br>(increased stroke volume)                    |
| CARDIAC OUTPUT                    | $\uparrow\uparrow$   |
| VENOUS RETURN                     | $\uparrow$   |
| MEAN ARTERIAL PRESSURE            | $\uparrow$<br>(slight)                                     |
| TPR                               | $\downarrow\downarrow$                                     |
| ARTERIOVENOUS $O_2$ DIFFERENCE    | $\uparrow\uparrow$<br>(increased tissue $O_2$ composition) |

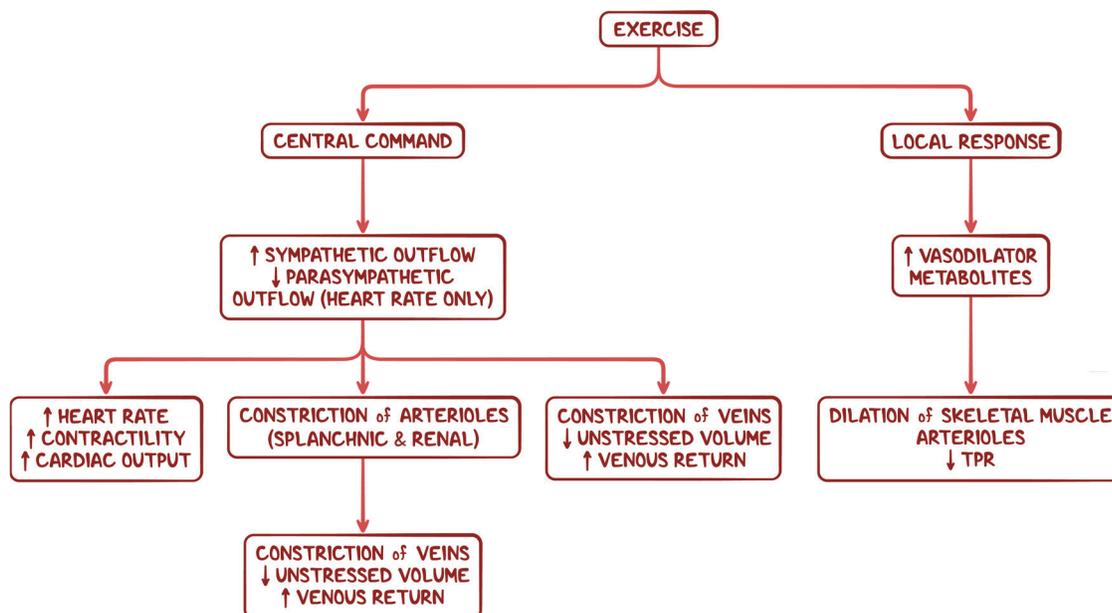


Figure 20.1 Flowchart showing cardiovascular response to exercise.

## CARDIOVASCULAR CHANGES DURING HEMORRHAGE

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- Blood loss → ↓ arterial pressure → compensatory responses to restore arterial pressure
  - Response mediated by baroreceptor reflex, renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system (RAAS), vascular actions

### Decrease in arterial pressure

- Hemorrhage → ↓ total blood volume → ↓ venous return to heart, ↓ right atrial pressure → ↓ cardiac output → ↓  $P_a$  as a product of cardiac output, TPR

### Return of arterial pressure

- **Baroreceptors** in carotid sinus detect ↓  $P_a$  → relay information to medulla via carotid sinus nerve → ↑ sympathetic outflow to heart, blood vessels; ↓ parasympathetic outflow to heart → ↑ heart rate, ↑ contractility, ↑ TPR, constriction of veins
- ↓ mean arterial pressure → ↓ perfusion to kidney → response via RAAS

- Kidney secretes renin from renal juxtaglomerular cells → ↑ angiotensin I production → converted to angiotensin II (causes arteriolar vasoconstriction, stimulates aldosterone secretion)

- Capillary changes favor fluid reabsorption
  - ↑ sympathetic outflow to blood vessels, angiotensin II → arteriolar vasoconstriction → ↓ capillary hydrostatic pressure ( $P_c$ ) → restricts filtration out of capillaries, favors absorption

### OTHER RESPONSES IN HEMORRHAGE

- **Hypoxemia** (↓ arterial  $P_{O_2}$ ): carotid, aortic bodies chemoreceptors sense ↓  $P_{O_2}$  → ↑ sympathetic outflow to blood vessels → ↑ vasoconstriction, TPR,  $P_a$
- **Cerebral ischemia**: local ↑  $P_{CO_2}$

- ↓ blood volume → ↓ return of blood to heart  
 → detection by atria volume receptors  
 → ADH secretion to maintain adequate blood pressure → water reabsorption by renal collecting ducts → arteriolar vasoconstriction

### CV RESPONSES TO HEMORRHAGE OVERVIEW

|                                  | RESPONSE                                    |
|----------------------------------|---|
| CAROTID SINUS NERVE FINDING RATE | ↓   |
| HEART RATE                       | ↑   |
| CONTRACTILITY                    | ↑   |
| CARDIAC OUTPUT                   | ↑   |
| UNSTRESSED VOLUME                | ↓<br>(produces increased venous return)     |
| TPR                              | ↑   |
| RENIN                            | ↑   |
| ANGIOTENSIN II                   | ↑   |
| ALDOSTERONE                      | ↑   |
| CIRCULATING EPINEPHRINE          | ↑<br>(secreted from adrenal medulla)        |
| ANTIDIURETIC HORMONE (ADH)       | ↑<br>(stimulated by decreased blood volume) |

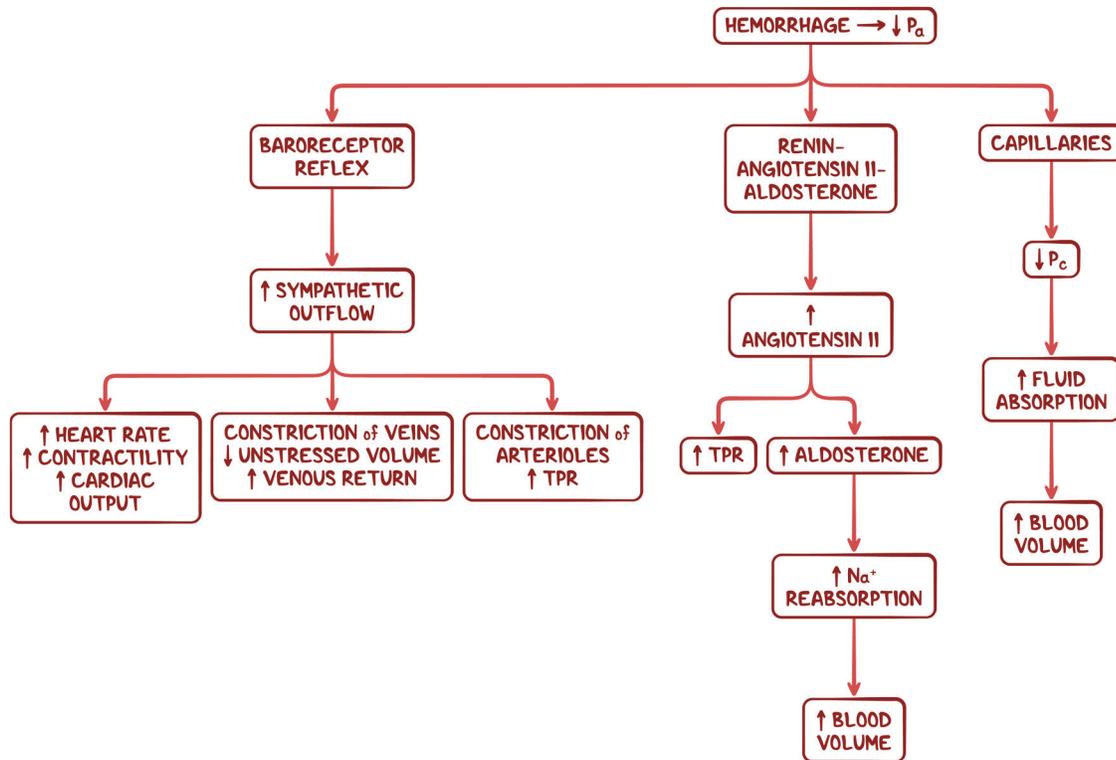


Figure 20.2 Flowchart showing cardiovascular responses to hemorrhage.

## CARDIOVASCULAR CHANGES DURING POSTURAL CHANGE

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- Standing up quickly → lightheadedness, sometimes fainting (due to delayed constriction of lower extremity blood vessels → orthostatic hypotension)
  - ↓ in systolic blood pressure > 20mmHg/ diastolic blood pressure > 10mmHg within three minutes of standing
- **Initiating event:** pooling of blood in extremities
  - **Moving from supine to standing position:** blood pools in veins of lower extremities → ↓ venous return to heart, ↓ cardiac output → ↓ mean arterial pressure
  - Venous pooling → ↑ hydrostatic pressure in leg veins → ↑ fluid filtration

into interstitial fluid, ↓ intravascular volume

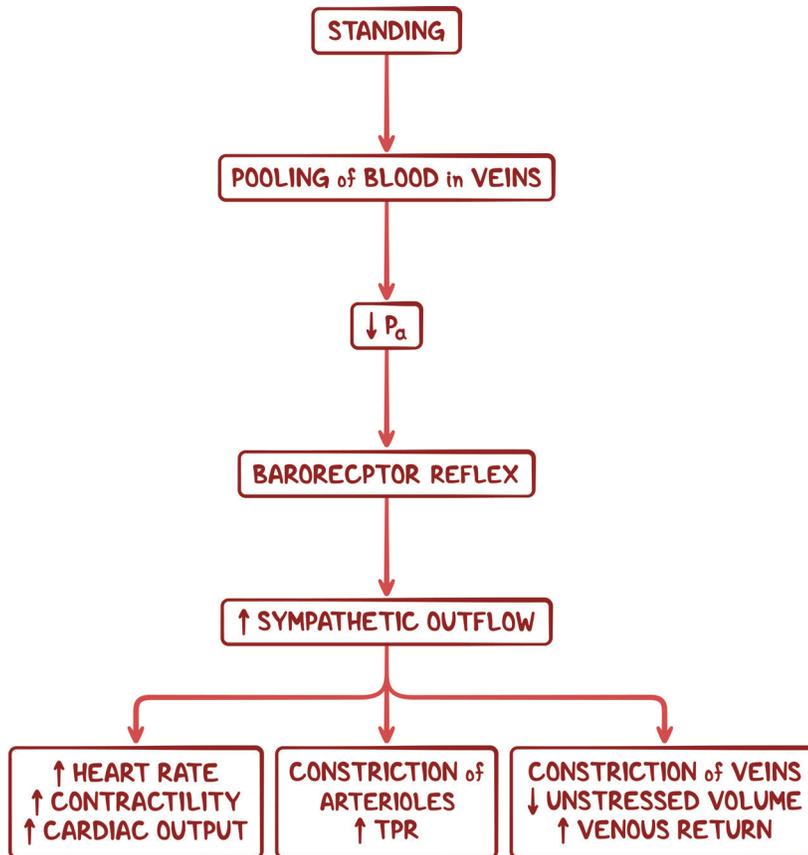
- Severe ↓ blood pressure → syncope

### Response of baroreceptor reflex

- Responsible for homeostatic blood pressure maintenance
- Carotid sinus baroreceptors detect ↓  $P_a$  → sends information to medullary vasomotor center → inactivates medulla vagal neurons, activates sympathetic neurons → ↑ sympathetic outflow to heart, blood vessels, ↓ parasympathetic outflow to heart to normalize  $P_a$
- ↑ systemic vascular resistance, cardiac output act in negative feedback mechanism to maintain  $P_a$

## CV RESPONSE TO STANDING

|                         | INITIAL RESPONSE                             | COMPENSATORY RESPONSE |
|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| MEAN ARTERIAL PRESSURE  | ↓  | ↑<br>(toward normal)  |
| HEART RATE              | –  | ↑                     |
| STROKE VOLUME           | ↓<br>(decreased venous return)               | ↑<br>(toward normal)  |
| CARDIAC OUTPUT          | ↓<br>(decreased stroke volume)               | ↑<br>(toward normal)  |
| TPR                     | –  | ↑                     |
| CENTRAL VENOUS PRESSURE | ↓<br>(pooling of blood in lower extremities) | ↑<br>(toward normal)  |



**Figure 20.3** Flowchart showing cardiovascular response to postural change.