



APPLIED PART OF RESPIRATORY PHYSIOLOGY

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- **Specific learning Objectives:**

High altitude physiology

Aviation physiology

Deep-Sea Diving physiology



HIGH ALTITUDE PHYSIOLOGY



High Altitude

Altitude	Pressure	PO ₂ (air)	PO ₂ (alveoli)	Saturation
0	760	159	100	97
10,000	523	110	67	90
20,000	349	73	40	73
30,000	226	47	18	24

Oxygen , carbon dioxide, nitrogen

Mount Everest is 29035 ft above sea level

Above 40,000- ozone layer starts.



Hypoxia stages

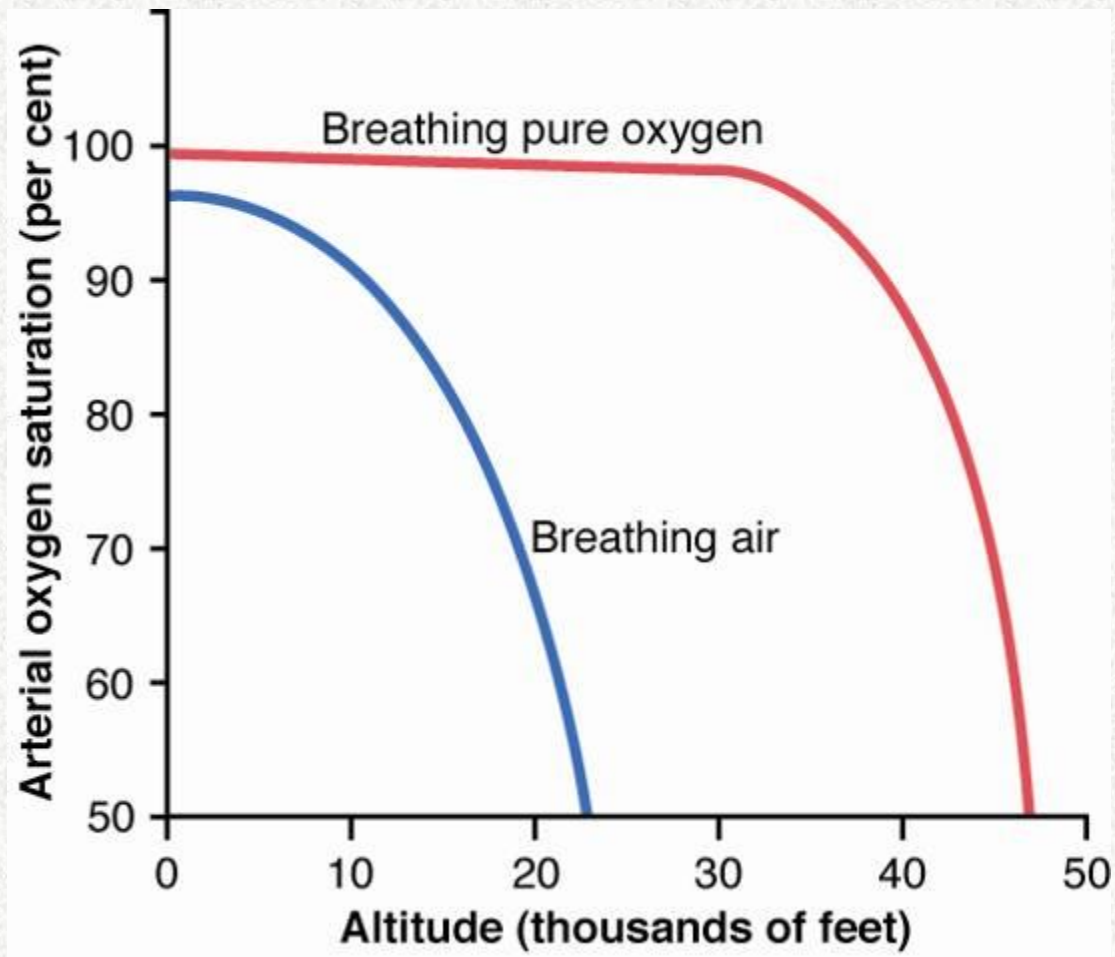
Stage of indifference – P_{O_2} above 60 mm of Hg
- mild hypoxia

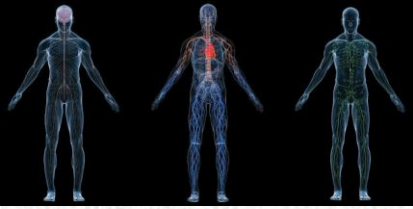
Stage of reaction - P_{O_2} 40 - 60 mm of Hg
- moderate hypoxia, CVS, RS

Stage of disturbance - P_{O_2} 30 - 40 mm of Hg
- severe hypoxia, CNS



PO_2 Responses to High Altitude





Acclimatization

1. RS – 1. Increased ventilation
 - due to decreased P_{O_2}
 - increase slowed by decreased P_{CO_2}



Low PO_2

- 1- 2 day- Arterial chemoreceptor (Alveolar ventilation 1.65times)
- (2-5 days)- Blow off CO_2 – P_H increase- - inhibit brain stem respiratory center – oppose stimulation of respiration
- After 5 days--- reduction in HCO_3 ion in CSF, P_H decrease –stimulate respiratory center
Pulmonary ventilation 5 times



2. BLOOD -Increased hematocrit (content)-

- Hb, PCV, 2,3 DPG
- Blood Volume

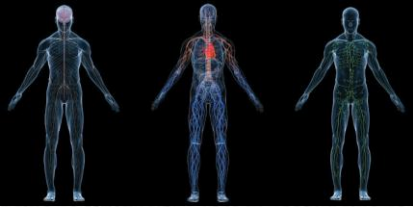
1. RS – 2. Increased diffusing capacity

- due to pulmonary capillary blood volume
 - Pulmonary arterial blood pressure
 - Lung air volume

- 3. PULMONARY HTN



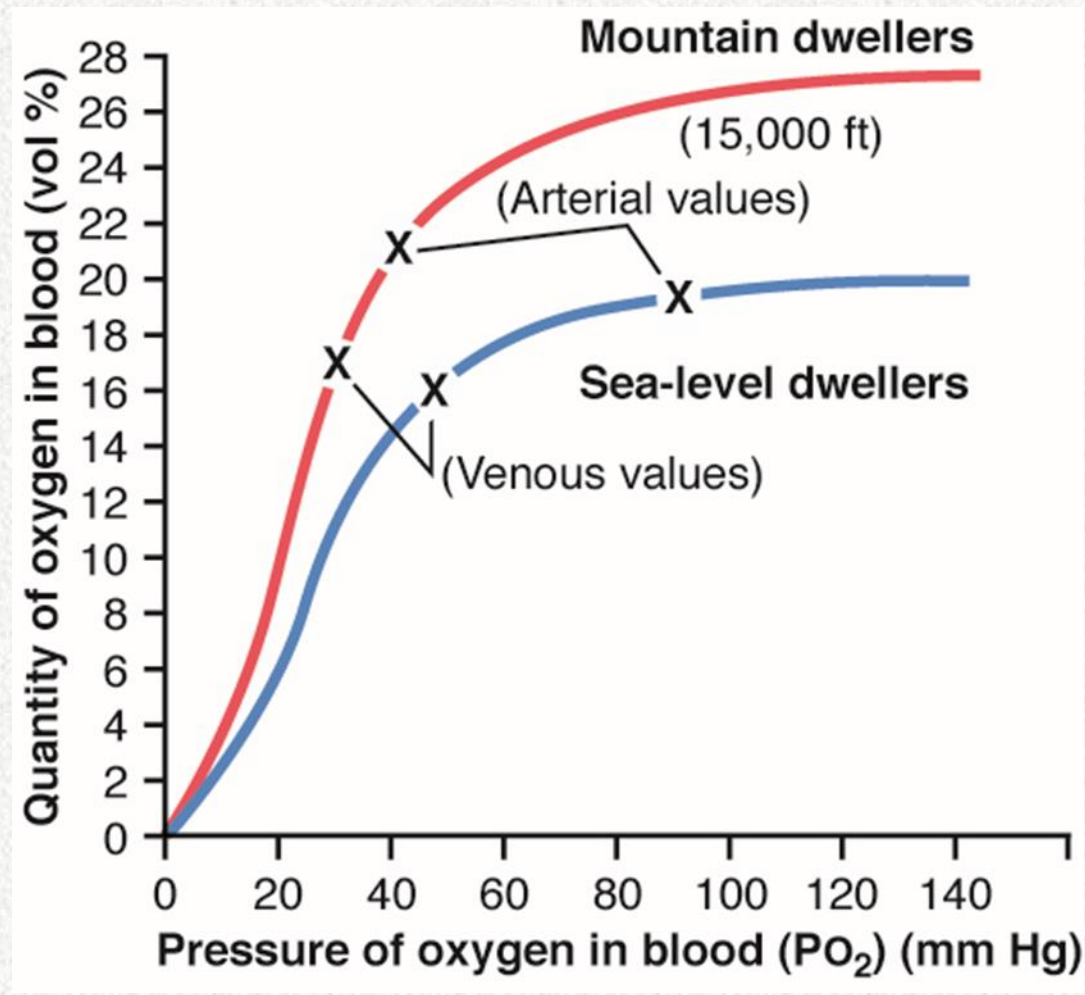
4. Increased capillarity- angiogenesis
5. Cellular level
6. CVS- CO, HR,FOC increase-Tachycardia
7. Work capacity



	Work capacity (per cent of normal)
Unacclimatized	50
Acclimatized for 2 months	68
Native living at 13,200 feet but working at 17,000 feet	87



Natures acclimatization

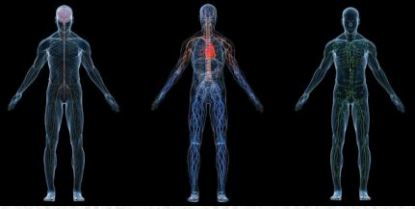




Mountain Sickness

- Acute mountain sickness (1 -2 days)
 - Acute cerebral oedema
local vasodilation of cerebral blood vessels,
Autoregulation fails.
 - Acute pulmonary edema-
 1. Pulmonary arteriole constrict much in some area-
force blood- increase pressure— oedema occurs
 2. Cold — vasoconstriction- increase PCHP — fluid
outside- lung oedema

**Rx-
steroid**

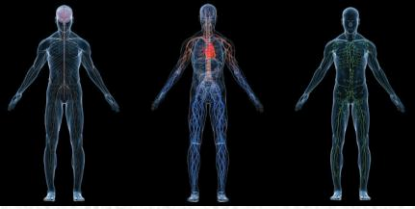


- Chronic mountain sickness
 - i. Increase in red cell mass - blood viscosity – tissue blood flow- oxygen supply
 - ii. GIT – Expansion of gases- nausea, vomiting
 - iii. Increase in pulmonary arterial pressure
 - iv. Enlargement of right heart – HR, FOC
 - v. Peripheral arterial pressure fall
 - vi. CCF
 - vii. Death

**Rx – oxygen
supply**



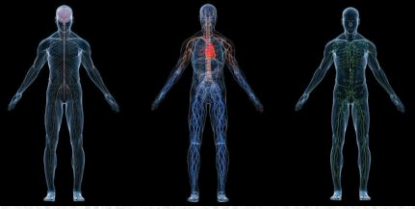
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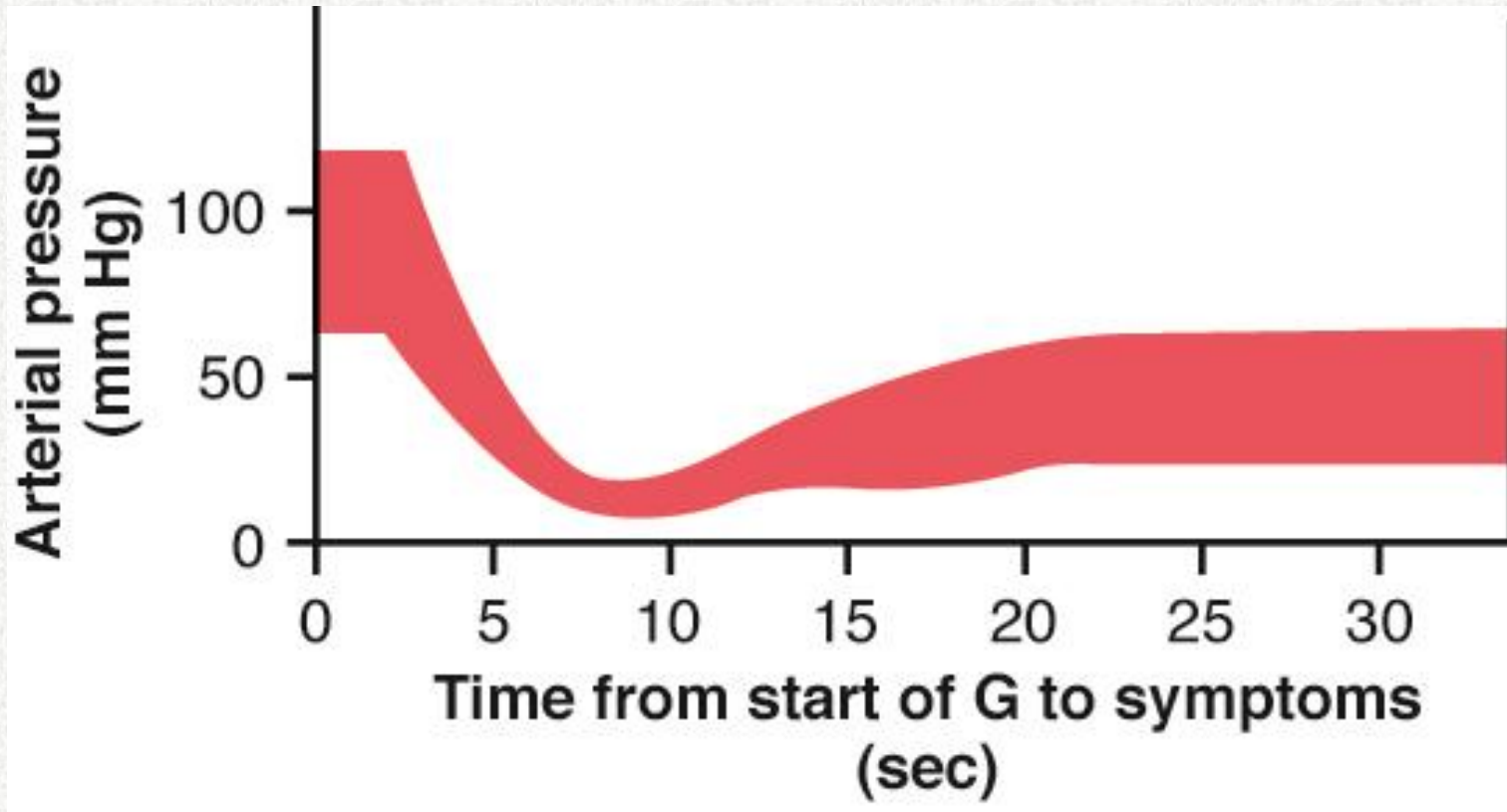
AVIATION PHYSIOLOGY



- Aviator is sitting in his seat, **force with which he is pressing against seat results from pull of gravity** and is equal to his weight. = +1 G
- Increase the speed – positive G
- If airplane goes through an **outside loop so that person is held down by his seat belt**, negative G is applied to his body = - 1 G.
- Decrease the speed – negative G



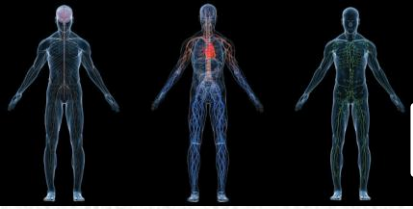
Blood Pressure Responses to G Forces





Effects of positive G

- Circulatory System— 5 G
- Blackout of vision-- 4 to 6 G
- Vertebrae— 20 G



EFFECT OF NEGATIVE G

- Psychotic disturbance – (-4 TO -6 G)
- Cerebral BP – 300-400 mm of Hg
- Red out – eyes are not protected by cranium.



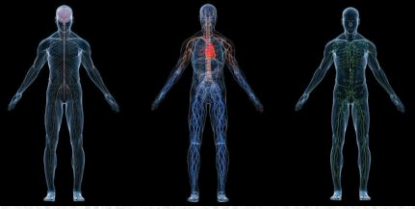
Prevention

- Anti G suits
- Abdominal belts



Weightlessness

- Gravity act both on spacecraft and person

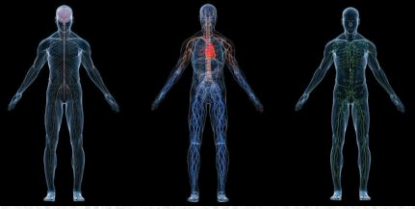


- Effects on Cardiovascular Systems and Kidneys

1. fluid shift.
2. No gravity, blood moves from lower part to upper part
- enlargement of heart
3. accumulation of body fluids in upper part.

Compensatory mechanism -

- Excreting of fluid through kidneys.
- Along with water, kidneys excrete electrolytes
- osmolarity of body fluids is not altered, So thirst center is not stimulated , **astronauts do not feel thirsty** during space travel.



2. Effects on Blood

- Plasma volume decreases due to excretion of fluid through urine. RBC count decreases (space anemia)

3. Effects on Musculoskeletal System

- Because of microgravity in space, muscles need not support the body against gravity. Astronauts move by floating instead of using their legs. This leads to decrease in muscle mass and muscle strength. Endurance decreases.
- Bones become weak-Osteoclastic activity increases during space travel.
- Calcium removed from bone is excreted



4. Effects on Immune System -suppression

5. Space Motion Sickness

- nausea, vomiting, headache and malaise (generalized feeling of discomfort or lack of wellbeing or illness that is associated with sensation of exhaustion).
- occurs due to abnormal stimulation of vestibular apparatus and fluid shift

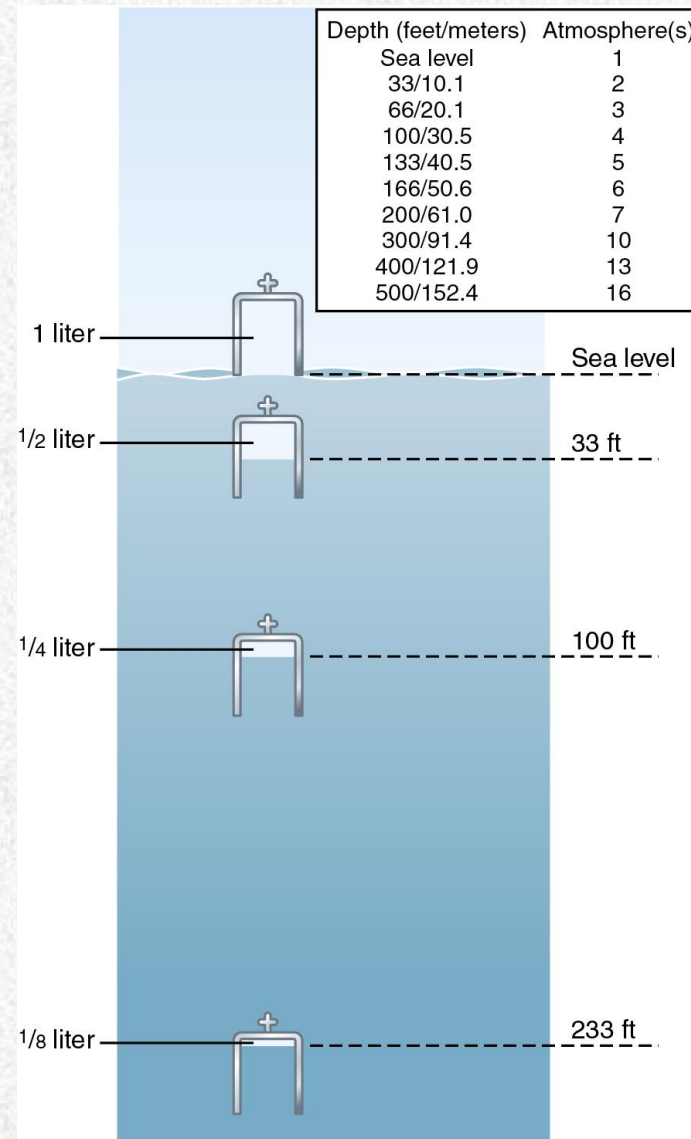


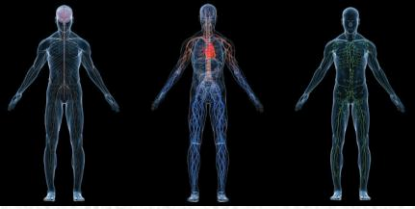
PHYSIOLOGY OF DEEP-SEA DIVING



Effect of Pressure on Volume Changes

Barometric Pressure and Volume Changes below Sea Level





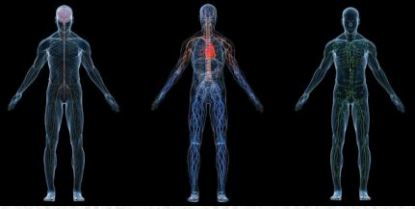
Deep Sea Diving

- 33 ft = 1 atm

Nitrogen

- 120 ft - confusion
- 150-200- drowsy
- 200- 250- weaning of strength
- Above 250- narcosis, repture of death
- Soluble in fat , as deep sea come nitogen dissolve in fat of various part of body. (neuronal membrane) like anesthetic agent.
- Reduces excitibility

TREATMENT -
HELIUM



- **Oxygen –**

1. acute toxicity – free radicals, brain dysfunction, seizures, coma
2. chronic toxicity- lung congestion, pulmonary odema

- **Carbon Dioxide –**

1. no toxicity
2. Co 2 production rate not increased, co 2 formed this is exhaled.



Decompression sickness (caissons (pressure chambers) disease)

- Mainly nitrogen
 1. Bends –joint muscle pain, myline sheath
 2. Numbness, tingling, itching
 3. Divers palsy- paralysis of muscle motor nerve fiber
 4. MI
 5. Neurological symptom
 6. Air embolism – Bubbles
 7. Unconsciousness- death



Prevention

1. Use of breathing apparatus

E.g. Self contained underwater breathing apparatus (SCUBA)

Air necessary for inspiration enters the mask and expired air is exhaled out of the mask

Disadvantage- short time stay
150 ft below only for few minutes

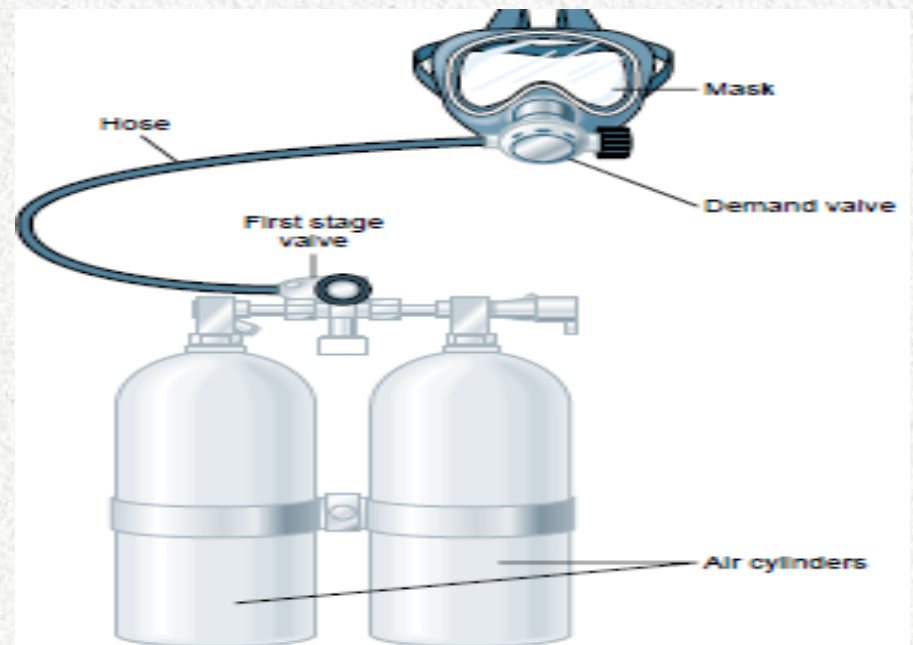
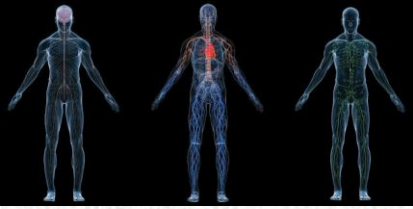


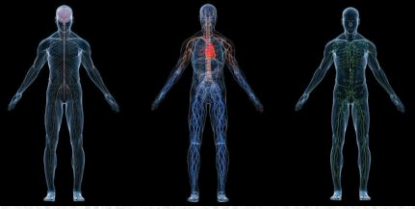
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Open-circuit demand type of SCUBA apparatus.



2. Breathing mixtures (Helium and low oxygen)
3. Slow ascent
4. Decompression tank

HYPERBARIC Oxygen therapy



SUMMARY

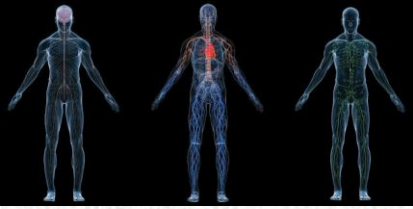
- High altitude
- Acclimatization
- Mountain sickness
- Aviation
- Positive G & Negative G effect
- Weightlessness
- Deep sea diving- decompression sickness



QUESTIONS....

SHORT NOTES:

1. Changes Occurred During Acclimatization
2. Chronic Motion Sickness
3. Effects Of Positive And Negative G
4. Oxygen toxicity



*Thank
you*

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