

MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

The Respiratory System
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The respiratory system is the organs involved in breathing, exchange oxygen and carbon dioxide.



Your respiratory system includes your:

- Nose and nasal cavity
- Sinuses
- Mouth
- Throat (pharynx)
- Voice box (larynx)
- Windpipe (trachea)





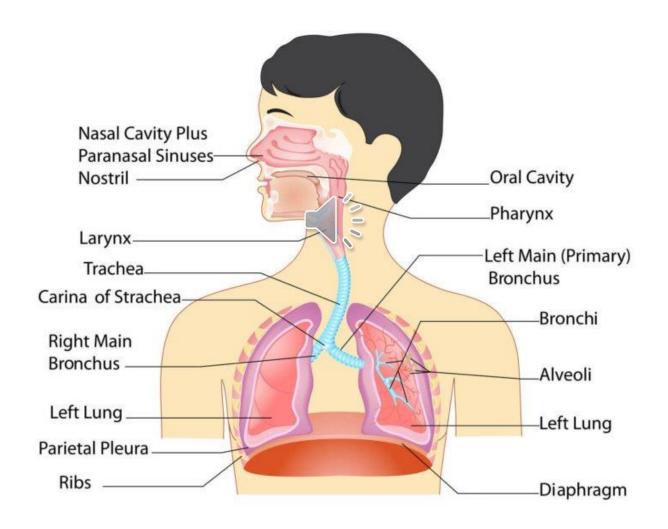
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- Diaphragm
- Lungs
- Bronchial tubes/bronchi
- Bronchioles
- Air sacs (alveoli)
- Capillaries





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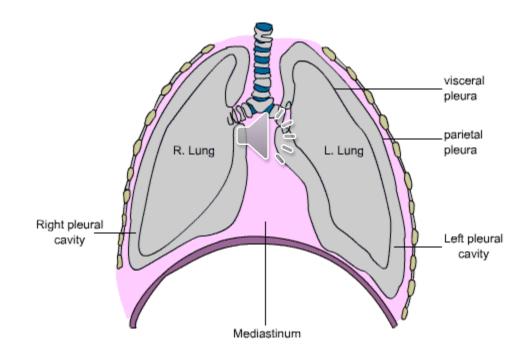
Pleura

Visceral pleura Inner fold of pleura lying closer to the lung tissue

Parietal pleura Outer fold of pleura lying closer to the thoracic cavity



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The functions of the respiratory system are:

- 1.Oxygen supplier
- 2. Elimination of carbon dioxide.
- 3. Gas exchange occur between the blood and the external environment.
- 4. Humidifier. Purify, humidify, and warm incoming air.



Muscles of Respiration

- 1. The main muscle is *diaphragm*, a thin sheet of muscle that constitutes the bottom of the thorax. It pulls in air into the lungs by contracting several inches with each breath.
- 2. multiple *intercostal muscles* are located between the ribs and they also help compress and expand the lungs

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How Do We Breathe?

Breathing starts when you inhale air into your nose or mouth. It travels down the back of your throat and into your windpipe, which is divided into air passages called bronchial tubes



For your <u>lungs</u> to perform their best, these airways need to be open. They should be free from <u>inflammation</u> or swelling and extra mucus



As the bronchial tubes pass through your lungs, they divide into smaller air passages called bronchioles. The bronchicles end in tiny balloon-like air sacs called alveoli. Your body has about 600 million alveoli



The alveoli are surrounded by a mesh of tiny <u>blood</u> vessels called capillaries. Here, oxygen from inhaled air passes into your <u>blood</u>.



After absorbing oxygen, blood goes to your heart. Your heart then pumps it through your body to the cells of your tissues and organs



As the cells use the oxygen, they make carbon dioxide that goes into your blood. Your blood then carries the carbon dioxide back to your lungs, where it's removed from your body when you exhale.



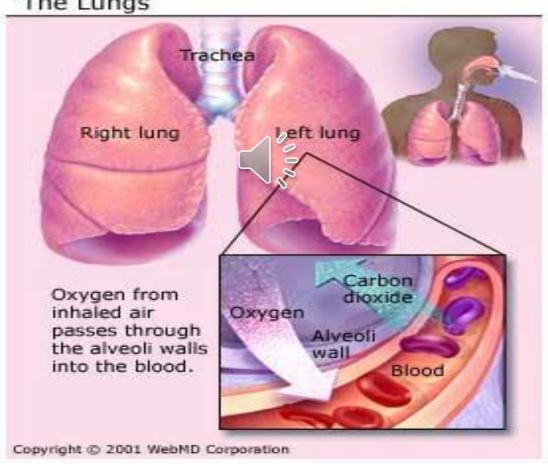
Automatic Breathing Control of breathing stems from poorly defined areas known as the respiratory CENTERS, located in the medulla oblongata and pons.



From there, impulses are sent down the spinal cord to the nerves that control the diaphragm, and to the intercostal muscles. Chemical and reflex signals control these nerve centers



The Lungs





How Does the Respiratory System Clean the Air?

Hairs in your nose help filter out large particles.

Tiny hairs, called cilia, along your air passages move in a sweeping motion to keep the passages clean.



But if you breathe in harmful things like cigarette smoke, the cilia can stop working. This can lead to health problems like bronchitis



Cells in your trachea and bronchial tubes make mucus that keeps air passages moist and helps keep things like dust, bacteria and viruses, and allergy-causing things out of your lungs



Mucus can bring up things that reach deeper into your lungs. You then cough out or swallow them.





Some Respiratory terms

<u>Oxygen</u>

Hypoxemia: Insufficient oxygenation of the blood

Hypoxia, anoxia: Oxygen deficiency

Oxyhemoglobin: combined form of hemoglobin and oxygen (found in arterial blood)





Carbon Dioxide

Acapnia: absence of carbon dioxide

Hypercapnia: increased amount of carbon dioxide in the blood

Hypocapnia: decreased amount of carbon dioxide in the blood



Breathing

Apnea: without breath

Bradypnea: Slow breathing

Dyspnea: Difficulty breathing

Eupnea: Normal breathing





Hyperpnea: Increased respiratory rate of breathing

Hypopnea: Decreased respiratory rate of



breathing

Orthopnea: Labored breathing while lying flat

Tachypnea: Rapid breathing



Sound

Aphonia: loss of speech

Dysphonia: difficulty speaking: hoarse

Nose



Rhinitis: Inflammation of the nasal mucosa

Rhinorrhea: Thin watery discharge from the nose

Rhinoplasty: Repair of the nose

Sinus sinusitis: Inflammation of a sinus



Pharynx

Pharyngitis: Inflammation of the mucous membranes and lymphoid tissues of pharynx

Larynx (voice box)

laryngitis: Inflammation of larynx

laryngectomy: Removal of part

of the larynx





Trachea

Tracheitis: Inflammation of trachea

Endotracheal intubation: Placement of a tube through the mouth into the pharynx larynx and the trachea to establish an airway

Tracheostomy: the surgical opening of the trachea to provide and secure and open airway



bronchi/bronchiole

Bronchitis: Inflammation of the mucous membranes of the bronchial airways

Bronchiectasis: Chronic dilation of bronchus or bronchi



Bronchospasm: an abnormal narrowing with partial obstruction of lumen of the bronchi

Bronchodilator: a drug that expands the bronchi by relaxing bronchial muscles.



Alveoli (air sacs in the lungs)

Alveolitis: Inflammation of the alveoli

Lung

Pneumonia: Inflammation of the lungs

Pneumothorax: air or gas in pleural cavity

Thoracentesis: Surgical puncture of chest wall

to remove fluids

<u>Pleura</u>

Pleurisy: Inflammation of the pleura



Asphyxia: Condition caused by insufficient intake of oxygen

Asthma: increase responsiveness of the trachea bronchia to various stimuli



Chronic bronchitis: Inflammation of bronchi persisting over a long time

Cyanosis: Blue or dark purple discoloration of the skin



Cough: Forceful and sometimes violent expiratory effort

Emphysema: pathological distention of interstitial tissue by gas of air

Epistaxis: hemorrhage from the nose

Influenza: an acute contagious respiratory

infection



Sneezing: is a semi-autonomous, convulsive expulsion of air from the lungs through the nose and mouth, usually caused by foreign particles irritating the nasal mucosa

Snoring: noise produced while breathing through the mouth during sleep

Sore throat: is a painful, dry, or scratchy feeling in the throat



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Corona

COVID-19, is respiratory tract infection. It can affect upper respiratory tract (sinuses, nose, and throat) or lower respiratory tract (windpipe and lungs).

The virus can lead to pneumonia, respiratory failure, septic shock, and death.



Respiratory symptoms:

Sneezing: sometime

Sore throat: common

Cough: common

Dyspnea: rare

Respiratory failure: rare

For your safety

Stay home





