Cardiac Cycle







Our goal:





Key points:

- Valve anatomy:
 - The mitral and tricuspid valves are AV valves
 - Aortic and pulmonic valves are semilunar valves
- Effects of pressure on valve opening and closure:
 - There is ALWAYS a pressure difference between heart chambers
 - This change in pressure causes valves to open/ close
- Heart sounds (physiologic) are produced by the closing of valves
- Isovolumetric phases
 - All valves are closed, therefore there is no change in volume





Cardiac cycle

Atrial systole, then...

- 1. Isovolumetric ventricular contraction
- 2. Ventricular ejection
 - 1. Rapid
 - 2. Reduced
- 3. Isovolumetric ventricular relaxation
- 4. Ventricular filling
 - 1. Passive
 - 2. Active





Atrial systole

- Contraction of the left atrium
- Mitral valve is open
 - Passive ventricular filling precedes atrial systole
- Preceded by P wave on ECG



Isovolumetric ventricular contraction

- Begins during QRS complex
- Ventricular volume stays the same; pressure increases
- Closes mitral valve (S1)





Ventricular ejection

- Rapid ejection
 - ST segment
 - Large pressure gradient
 - Most of stroke volume is ejected here
 - Aortic valve opens when ventricular pressure becomes greater than aortic pressure
 - Atria begin to fill for next cardiac cycle
- Reduced ejection
 - T wave
 - Ventricles are no longer contracting
 - Small pressure gradient/ volume ejection
 - ESV = 50mL







Isovolumetric ventricular relaxation

- End of T wave
- Ventricles are fully repolarized
- Left ventricular pressure decreases
- Aortic valve closes (S2)
 - Incisura, AKA dicrotic notch







Ventricular filling

- Passive (rapid)
 - Mitral valve opens
 - Ventricular volume largely increases
 - Ventricular pressure remains low
- Active (Reduced)
 - Diastasis
 - P wave
 - Atrial systole
 - Longest phase of cardiac cycle
 - EDV = 120mL





Review: physiologic heart sounds



	S ₁	S ₂
Caused by	 Closure of the atrioventricular 	- Closure of the semilunar
	valves	valves
	(mitral and tricuspid)	(aortic and pulmonary)
Phase of the cardiac	- Systole	- Diastole
cycle		
Mechanical event	 Isovolumetric ventricular 	 Isovolumetric ventricular
	contraction	relaxation
Splitting	- No	- Yes ¹

¹ Inspiration increases venous return to the right ventricle, resulting in increased blood volume. The right ventricle has to eject more blood, which will delay the closure of the pulmonary valve relative to the aortic valve (*see the figure below*)



Pathologic heart sounds

	S ₃	S ₄
Phase of the cardiac	- Early diastole	- Late diastole
cycle		
Mechanical event	 Passive filling of the left ventricle 	- Active filling of the left ventricle
Caused by	 Rapid, turbulent blood flow entering 	- Vibration of the stiff wall of the
	the left ventricle during early diastole	left ventricle during atrial
		contraction
Comments	 Normal finding in children and 	- Implies hypertrophy of the left
	athletes	ventricle
	 Indicates volume overload in adults 	





An ECG marks electrical events – this marks electrical AND mechanical events



study

Pressure-Volume Loop

- Putting it all together 🙂
- To the board!







Thank you for your attention ③



