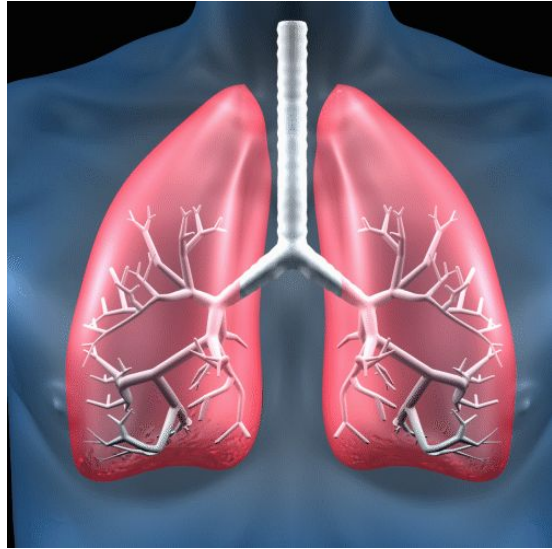


# RESPIRATORY SYSTEM





“The day I was born, the median life expectancy of someone living with CF was 31. I was shielded from this knowledge until about age 12, when I secretly read my mother’s diary. The words “inevitable” and “death” still stick in my memory.

*What is CF?*

*When did we first learn about CF?*

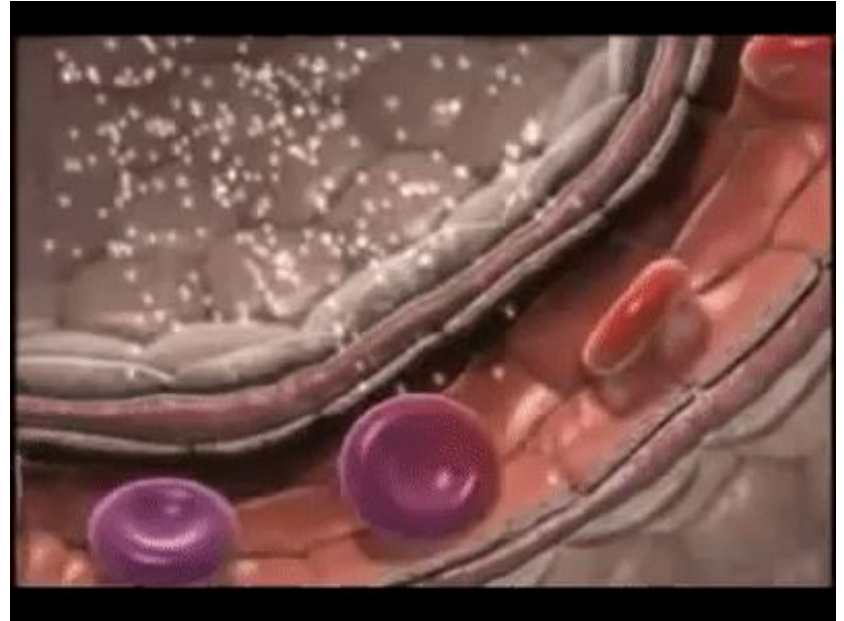


Gabriella Balasa  
[Cystic Fibrosis Foundation](#)

[Life Cycle of CF](#)

# PRIMARY FUNCTIONS

1. Exchange gases  
(oxygen and CO<sub>2</sub>)
2. Produce vocal sounds
3. Sense of smell
4. Regulate blood pH

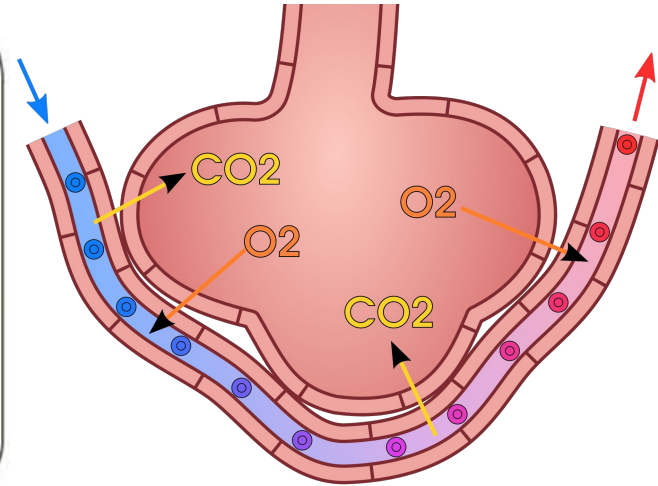
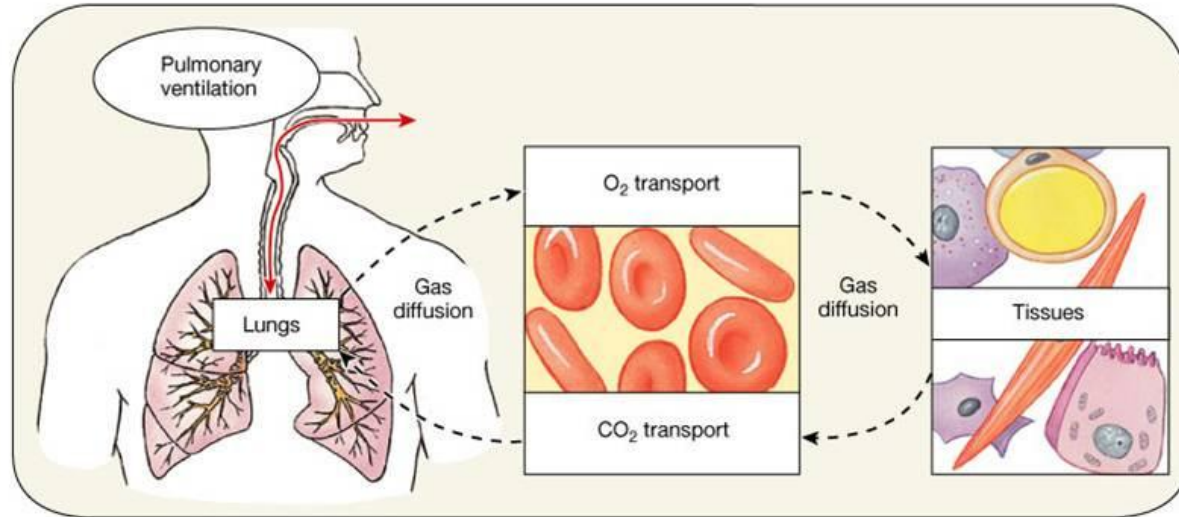


*What is causing the blood cells to turn bright red?*

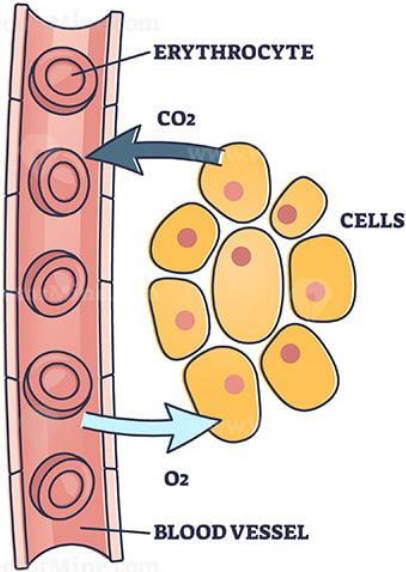
# Respiration = process of gas exchange

**External respiration** = air enters the lungs, (air → blood)

**Internal respiration** = blood travels to body parts and exchanges gas with those tissues (blood → tissues)

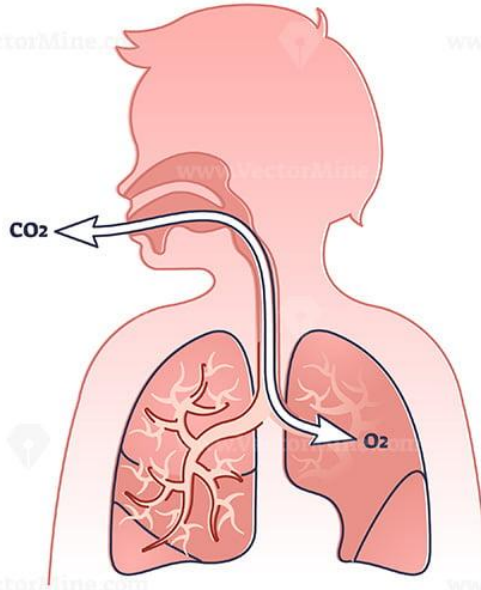


## INTERNAL RESPIRATION

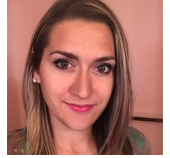
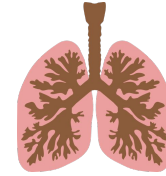


BLOOD ↔ CELLS

## EXTERNAL RESPIRATION



ENVIRONMENT ↔ LUNGS



Today, I'm 28. CF is a genetic, progressive disease that causes thick, sticky mucus to build up primarily in the lungs, but also in the digestive tract and sinuses.

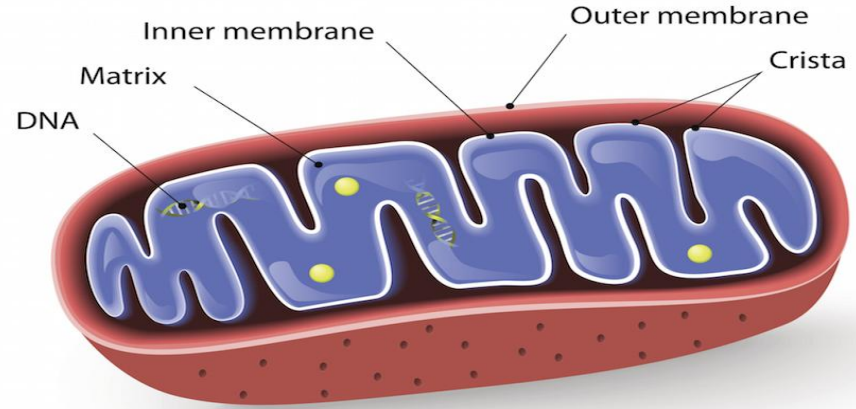
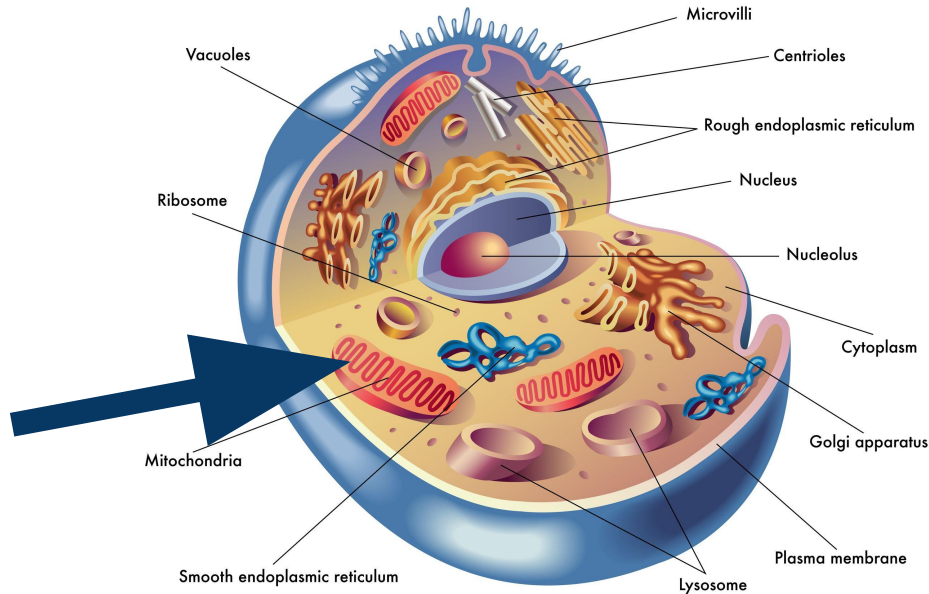
This mucus reduces my lung function and makes it difficult to breath.

Does CF cause a problem with internal or external respiration?

# Why do we need oxygen?

Cellular respiration = cells use oxygen and sugars to create energy in the form of ATP

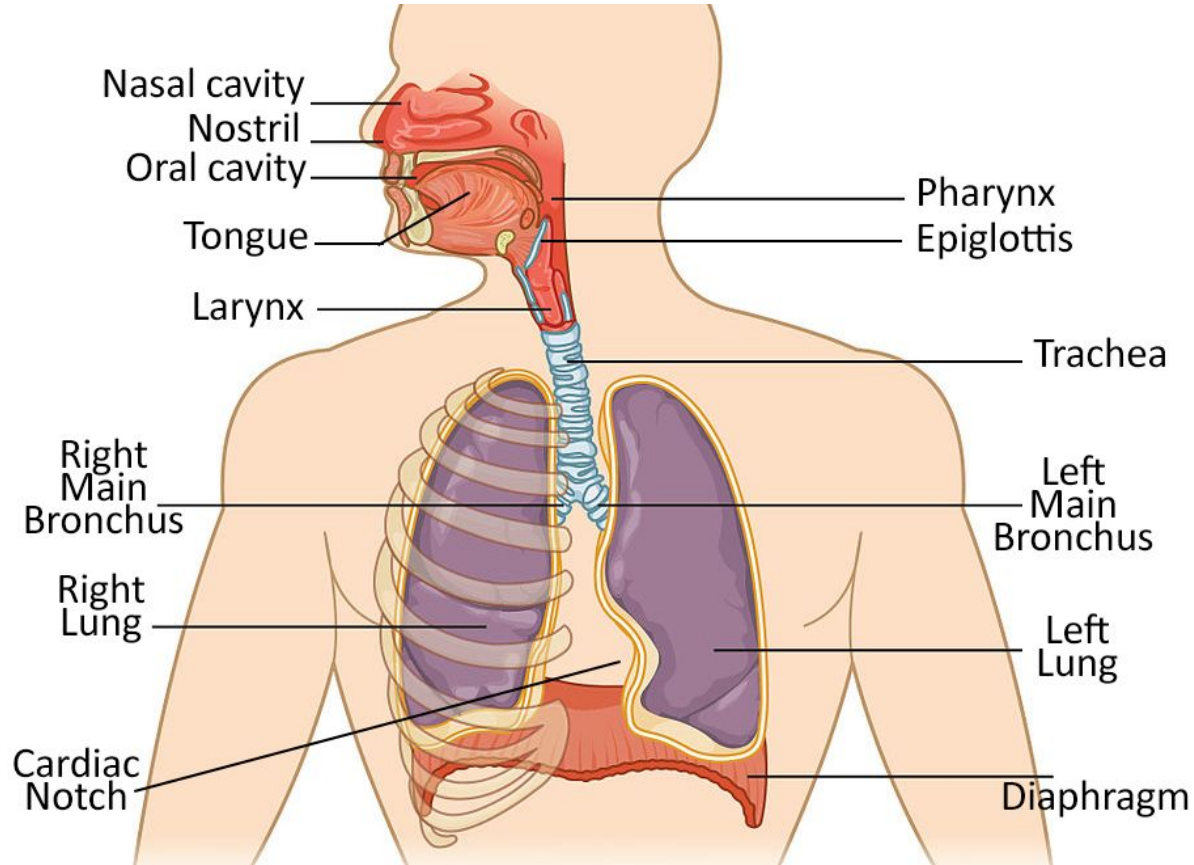
\*ATP is then used to power cellular processes



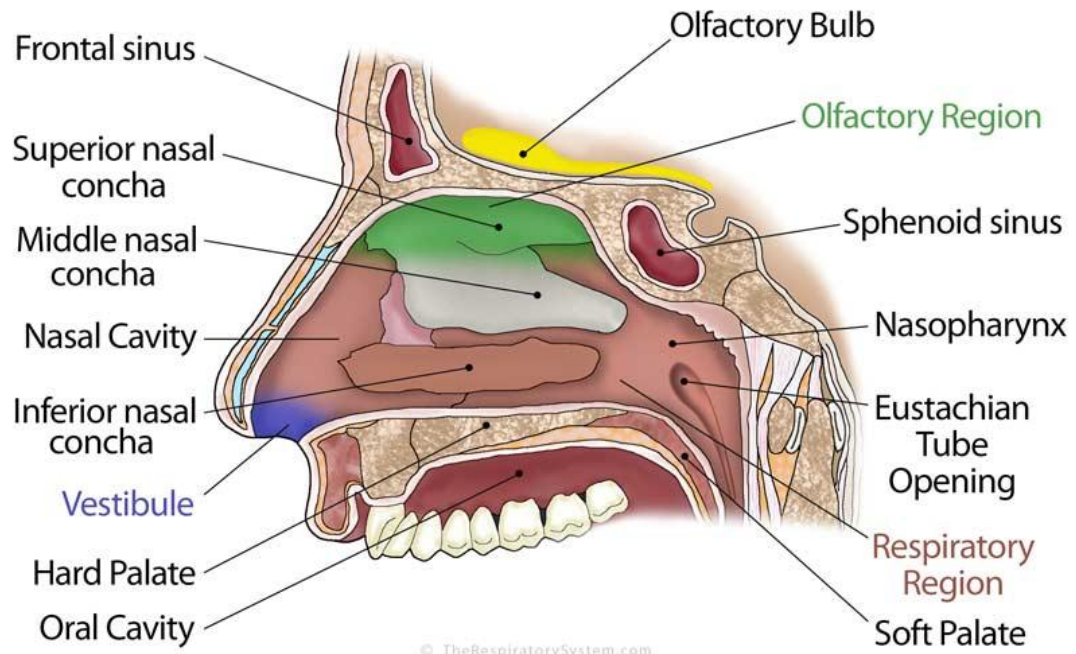
**MITOCHONDRION**

Upper Respiratory Tract – nose, nasal cavity, sinuses, pharynx

Lower Respiratory Tract – larynx, trachea, bronchial tubes, lungs



**Nasal concha** – bones that divide the nasal cavity, support the mucus membrane and increase surface area (superior, middle, inferior)



**Mucus Membrane** - warms and moistens air, also traps dust and other particles

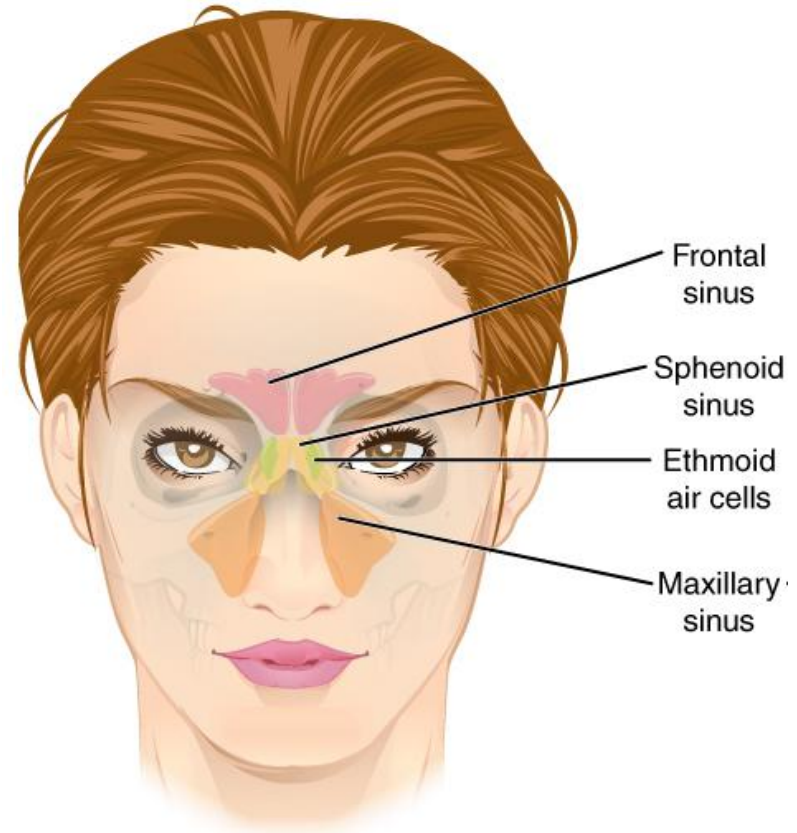
\*particles go to stomach

**Paranasal Sinuses** - spaces within the bones

They are named after the bones:

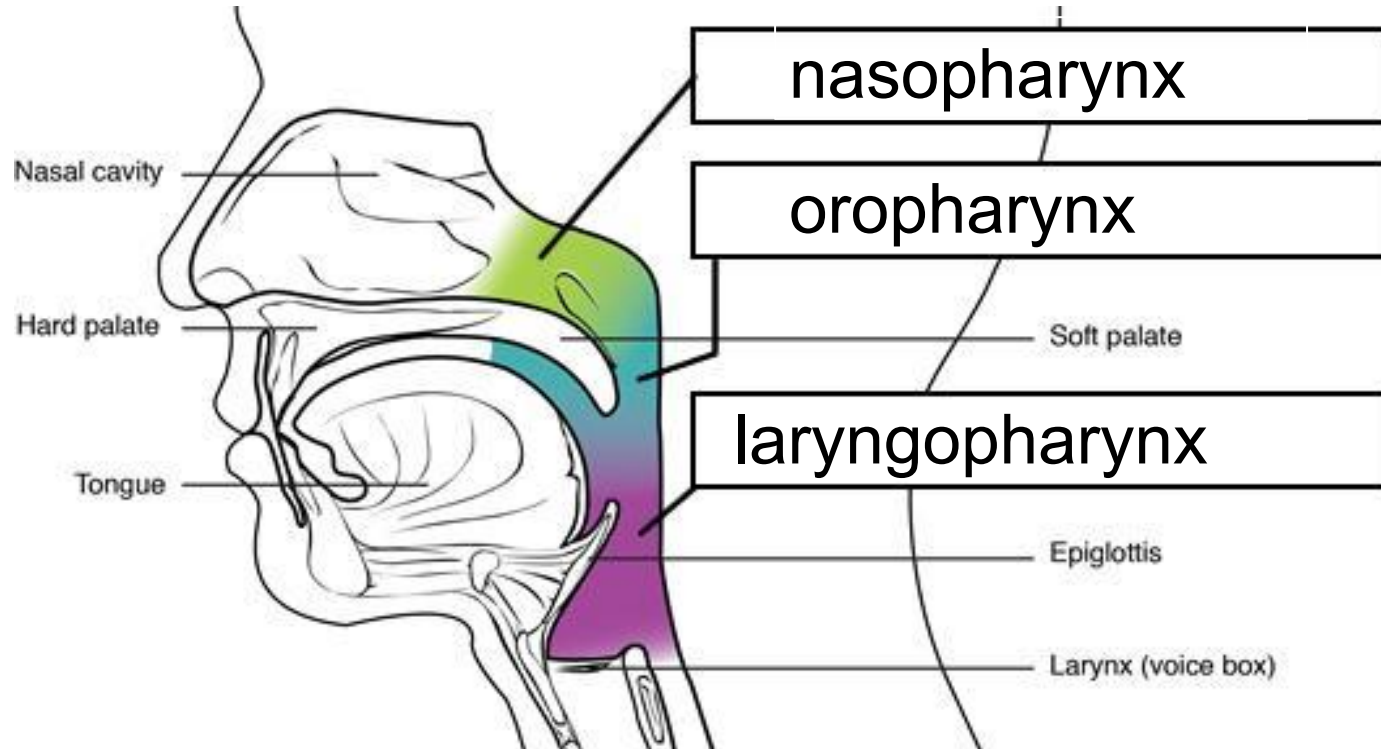
- maxillary
- frontal
- ethmoid
- sphenoid

reduce the weight of skull and are resonant chambers for voice.



Anterior

Pharynx – behind the oral cavity, between the nasal cavity and larynx (space, not a structure)

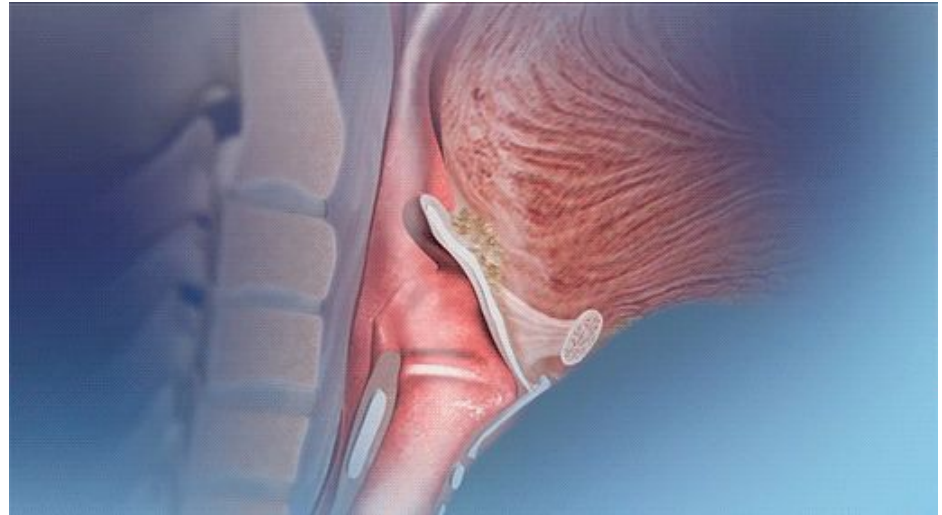


**Epiglottis** - this flap closes when you swallow, preventing food from going into the airway.



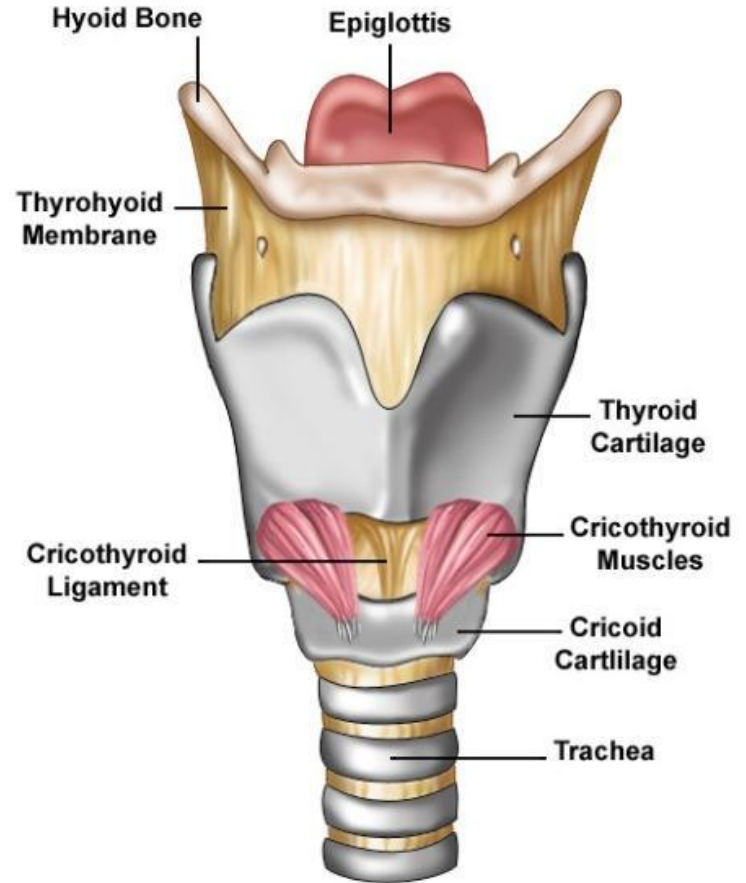
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**Heimlich maneuver** - used to save someone who is choking.



Larynx – enlargement at the top of the trachea, houses vocal cords

composed of muscles and cartilage

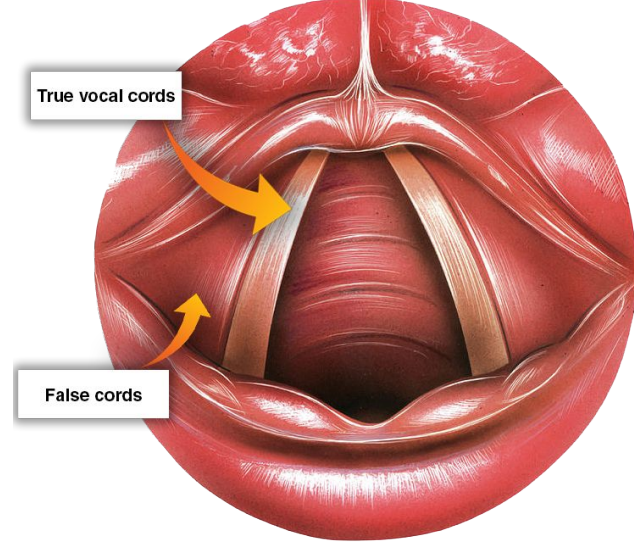


**GLOTTIS:** part of the larynx consisting of the vocal cords

- false vocal folds – close airway during swallowing

- true vocal folds - produce sound

[Video of Vocalization](#)



# LARYNGITIS

Inflammation of the larynx that makes the voice hoarse

Caused by illness, allergies, smoking, some medications.

If you have chronic laryngitis, you might want to see an...

## **OTOLARYNGOLOGIST**

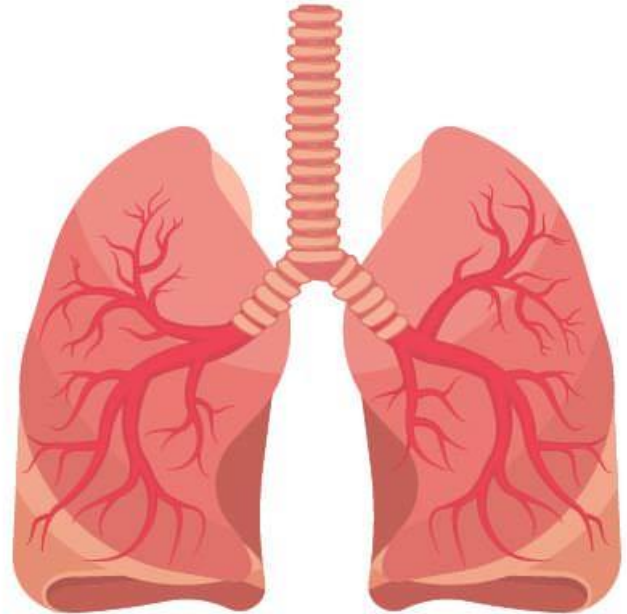
Ear, nose, and throat doctor



Laryngoscope

# Trachea (windpipe)

- cylinder with stiff cartilage to keep it from collapsing
- Trachea leads to the BRONCHIAL TREE



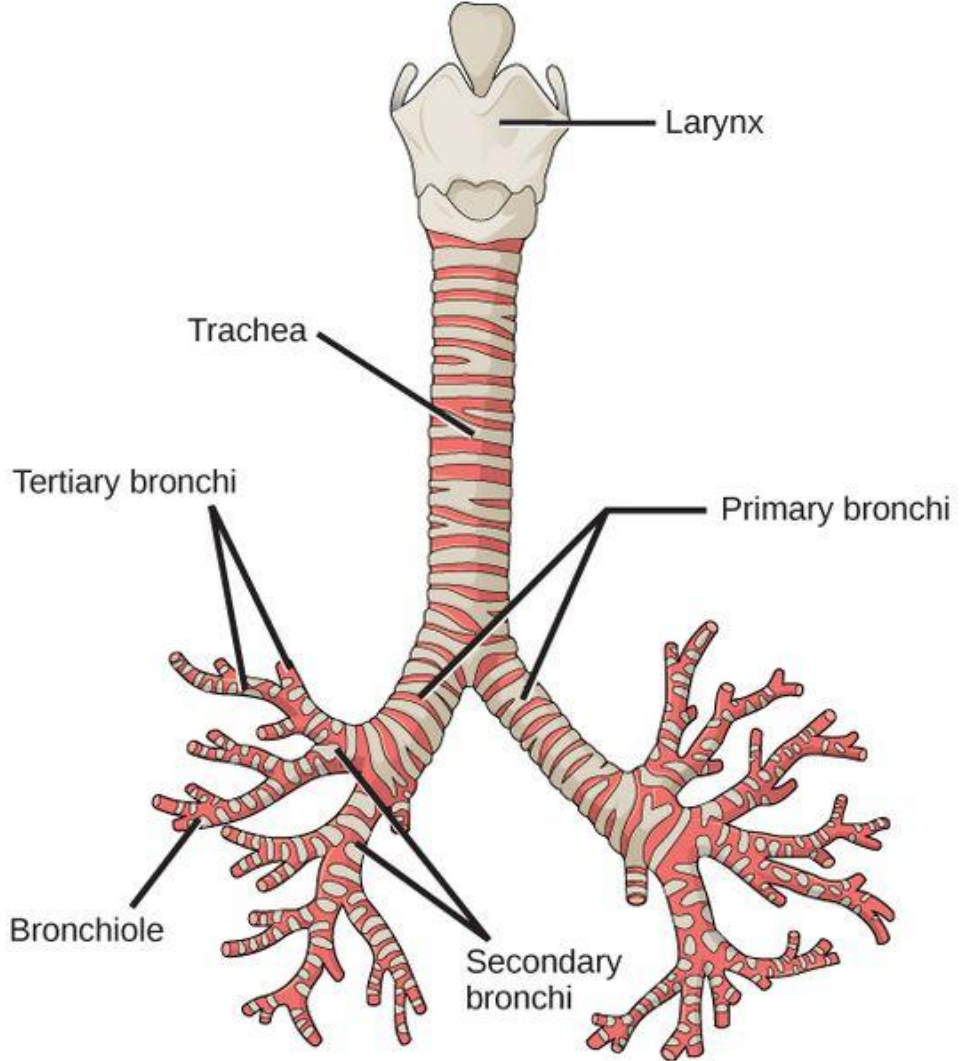
1) Trachea

2) Primary Bronchi

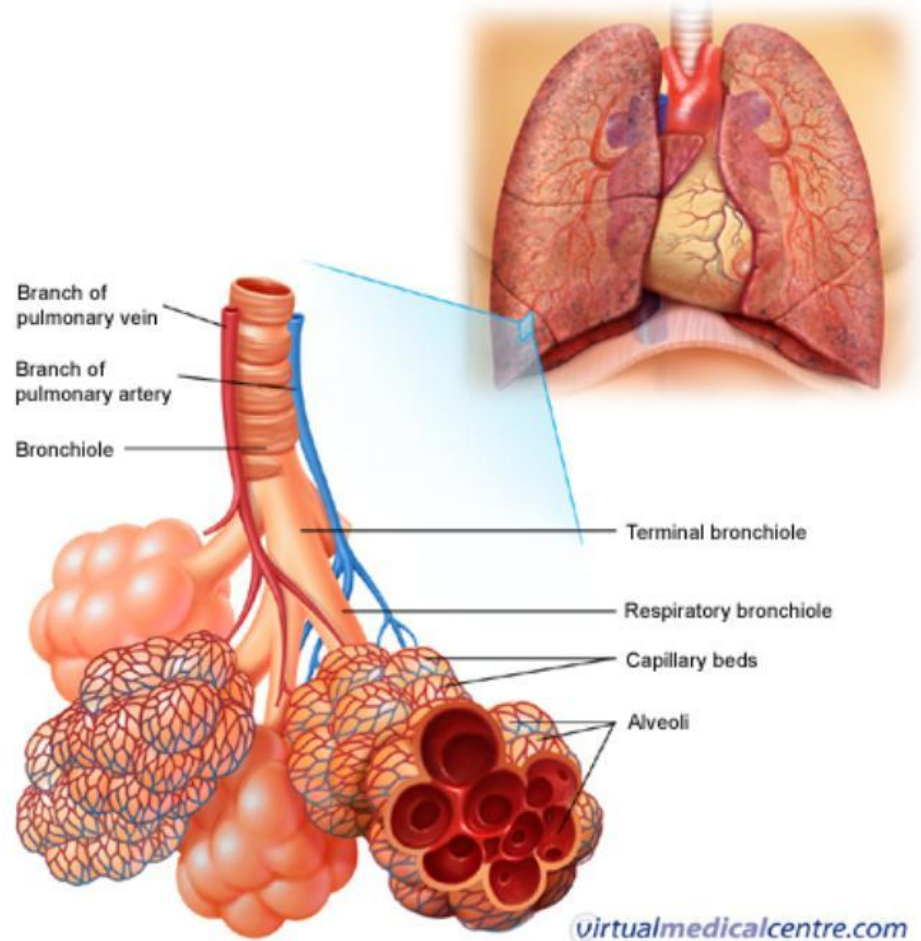
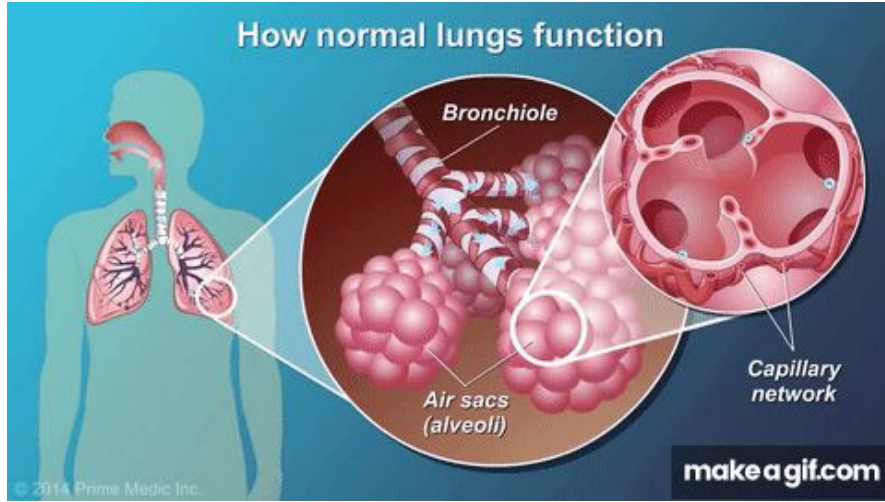
3) Secondary Bronchi

4) Tertiary Bronchi

5) Bronchiole



**Bronchioles** have air sacs called alveoli which are connected to the circulatory system via capillaries

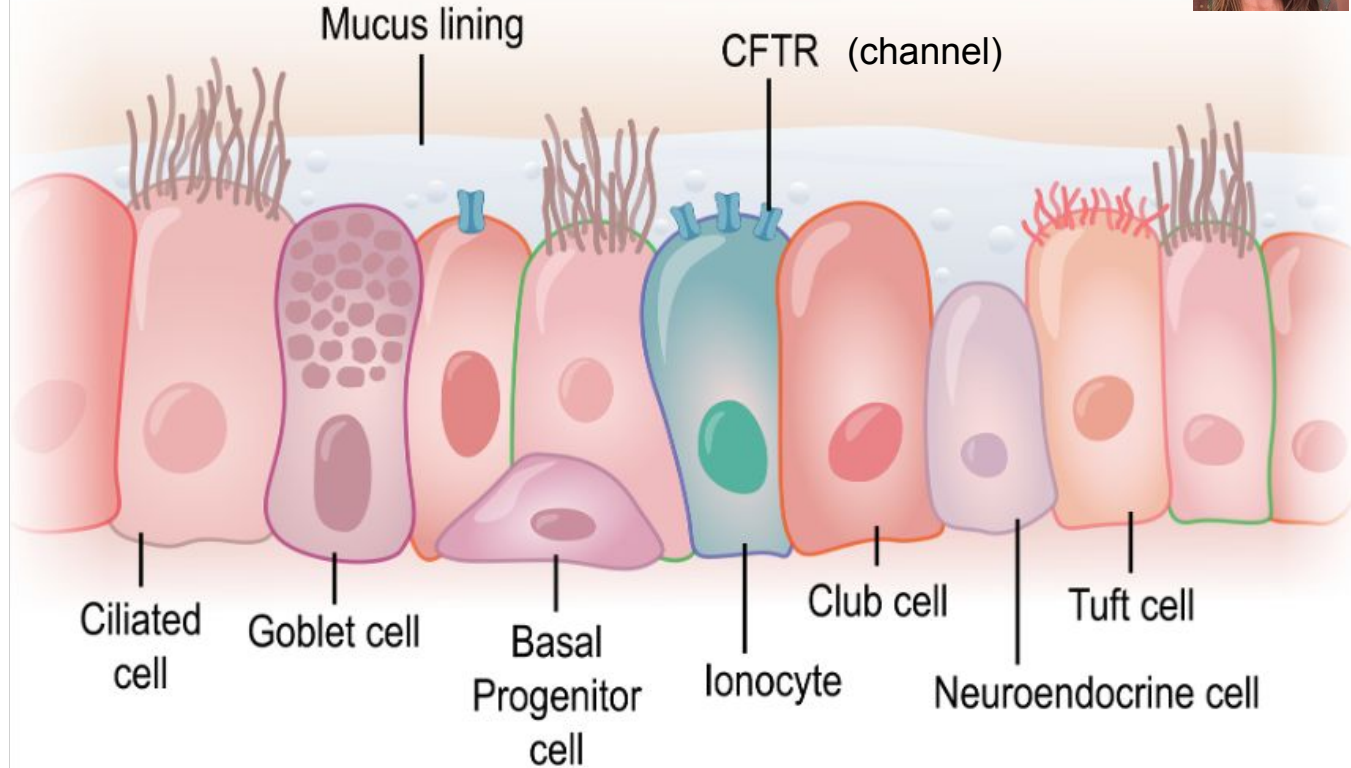


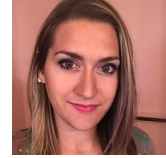
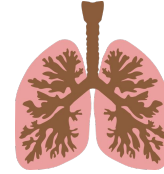
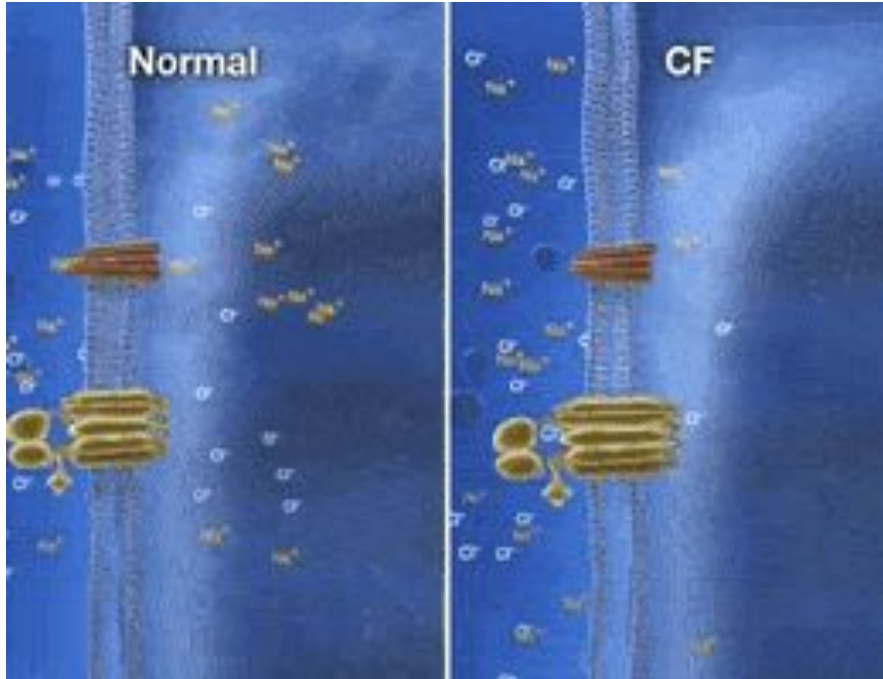
Channels in the epithelium move chlorine ions out of the cell.

If those channels are “broken”, chlorine builds up which attracts water (osmosis!).

This water causes a thick mucus to build up extracellular space, restricting air flow.

# Respiratory epithelium





“Over time, this mucus breeds infections from bacteria, which I then inhale into my lungs; the cycle of infections and inflammation leads to lung damage, then eventually respiratory failure, and death. “

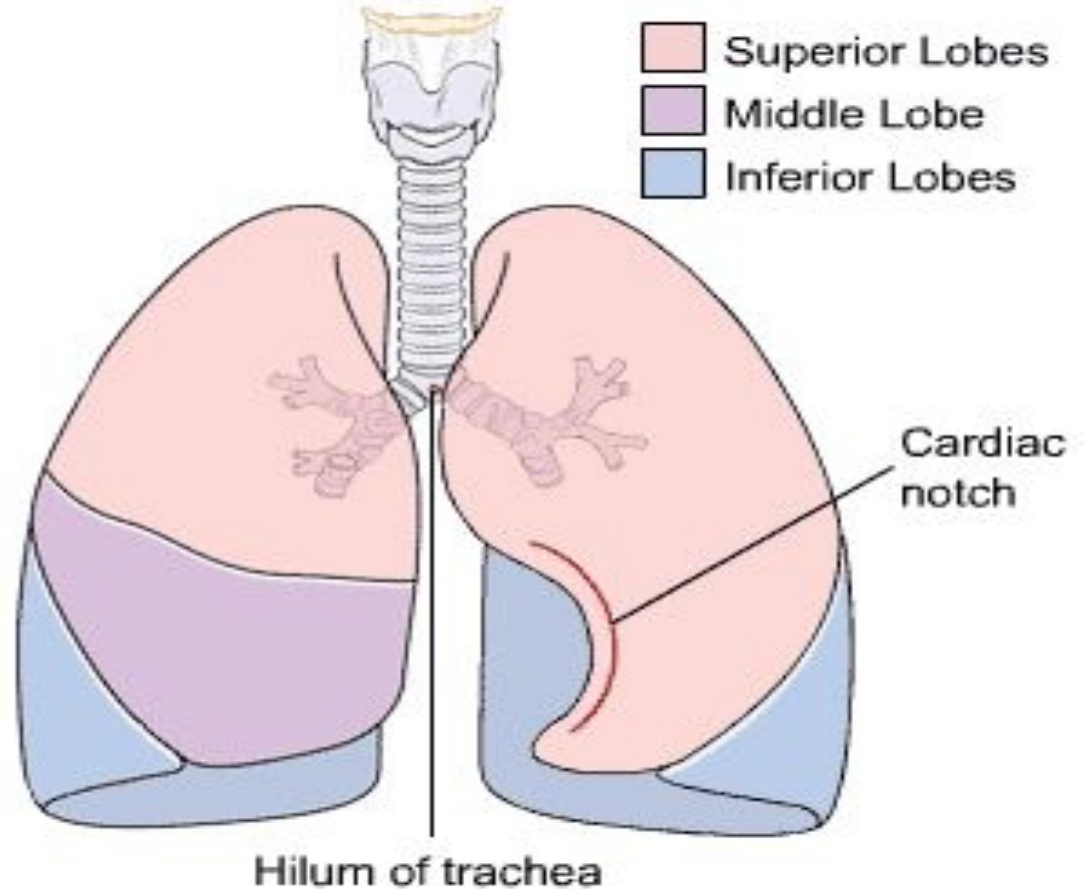
**LUNGS** - spongy tissue that sit within the pleural cavity

Right Lung  
= 3 lobes

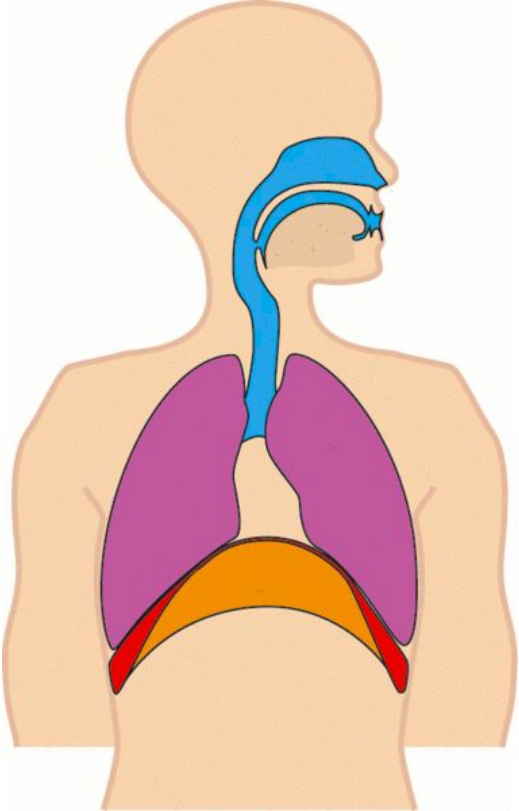
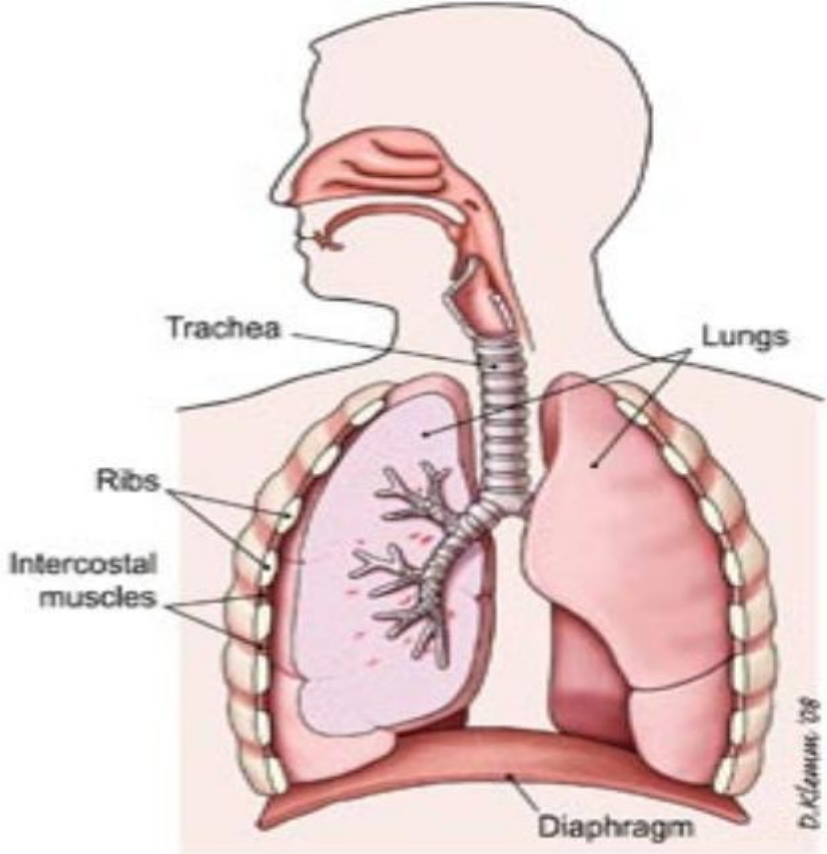
Left Lung  
= 2 lobes

Cardiac notch - space  
for heart

Serous fluid  
lubricates lungs  
during breathing



# BREATHING MECHANISM



1. Diaphragm moves down, forcing air into airways
2. Intercostals contract, enlarging cavity even more
3. Surface tension in alveoli and surfactant keep them from collapsing
4. Other muscles can force a deeper breath
5. Relaxing the diaphragm causes elastic recoil(exhalation)

\*The first breath in newborns is the hardest due to lack of surfactant



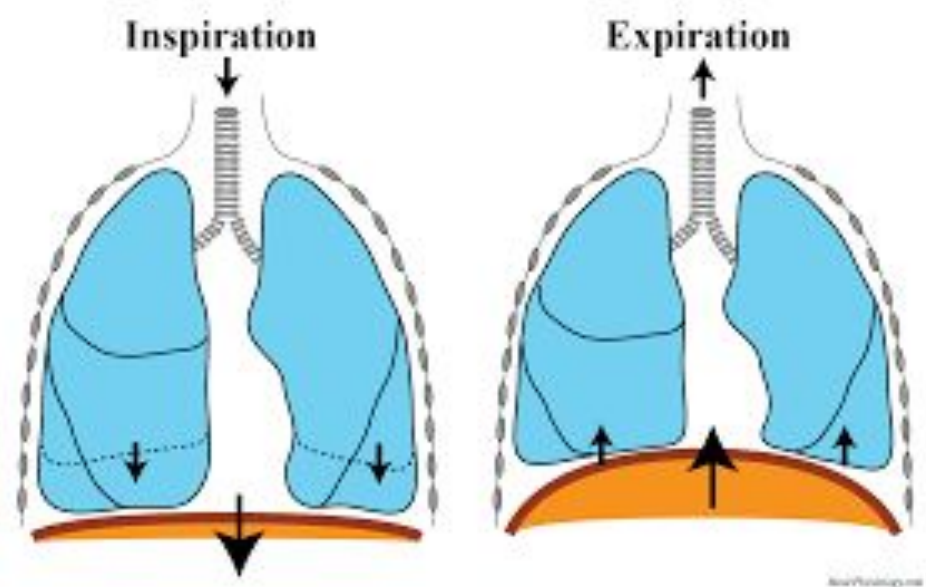
# Respiratory Cycle

Respiratory Cycle = one sequence of inhalation and exhalation

Inspiration - air enters the lungs (inhale)

Expiration - air leaves the lungs (exhale)

Inspiration occurs when muscles of the **diaphragm** change the pressure in the pleural cavity, causing air from the outside to enter the lungs.



**Respiratory rate** for adults is 12-18 breaths per minute

# Modeling Lung Function

## Materials to Collect

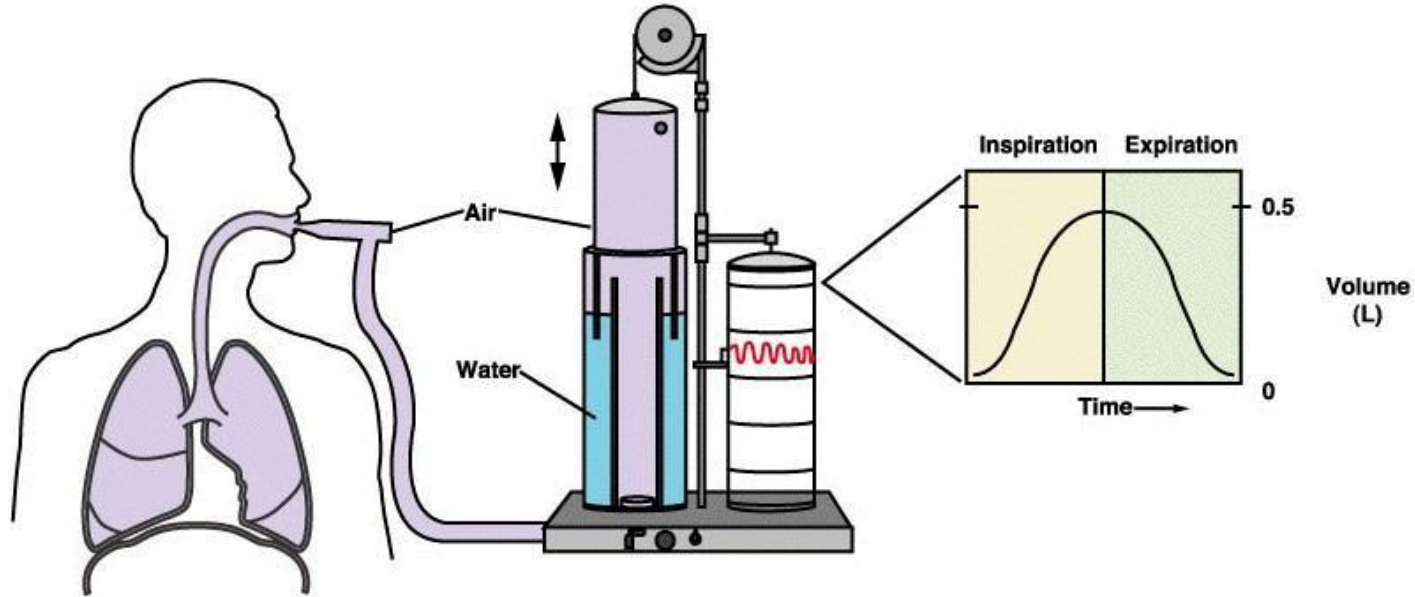
- Clear plastic drink bottle
- Balloon
- Rubber band
- Tape Scissors

[Create your own model!](#)



# Respiratory Air Volumes

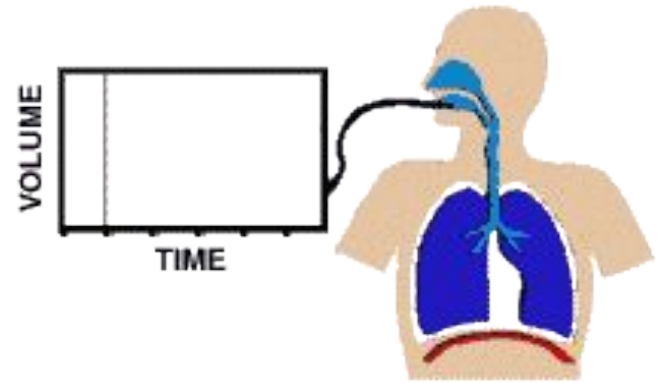
Spirometry - measures the amount (volume) of air moving in and out of the lungs



**Resting Tidal Volume** = amount of air that enters the lungs during one cycle

**\*take a normal breath**

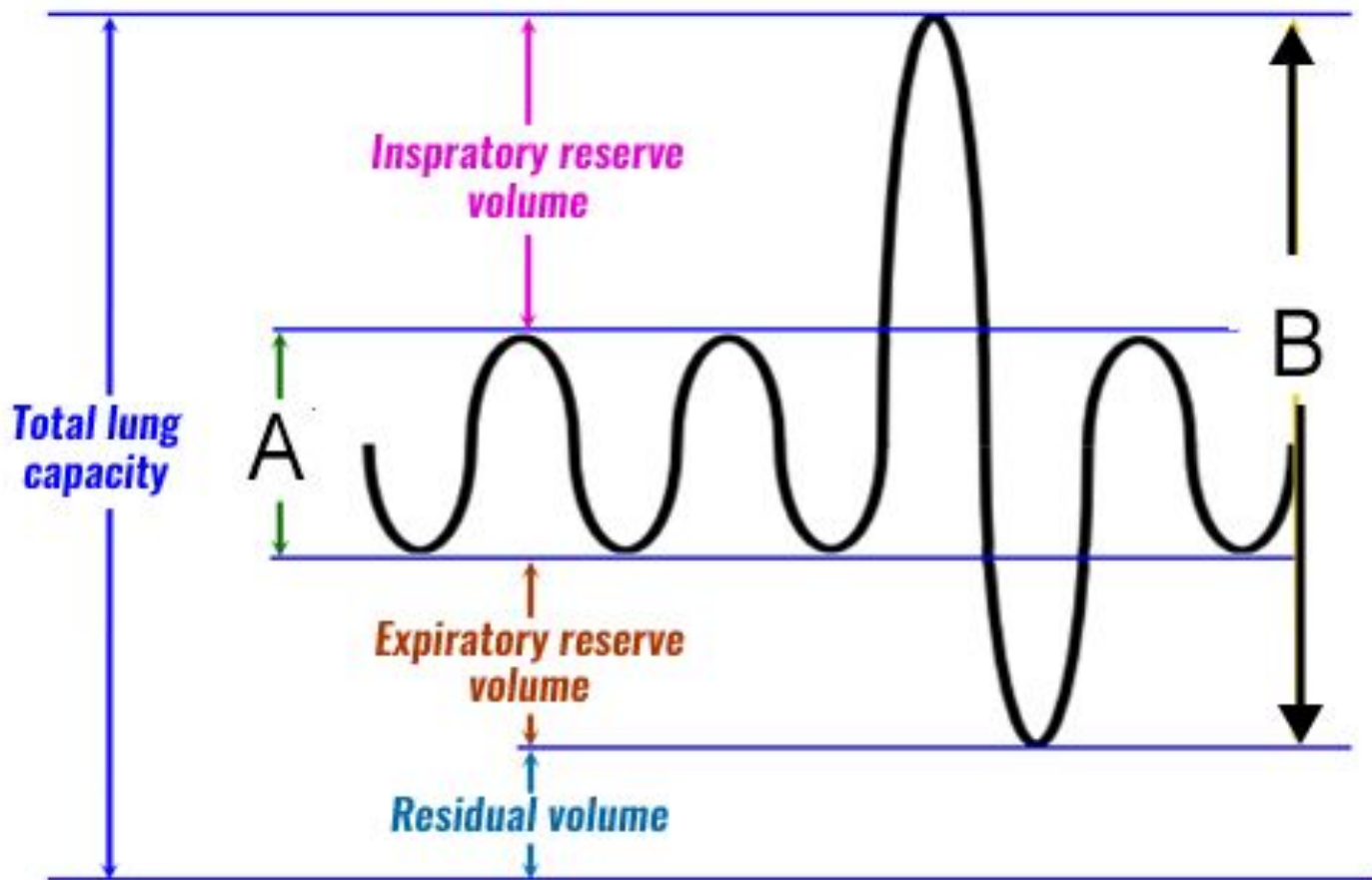
**Vital Capacity** (lung capacity)  
the amount of air that can be forced in or out by taking a deep breath.



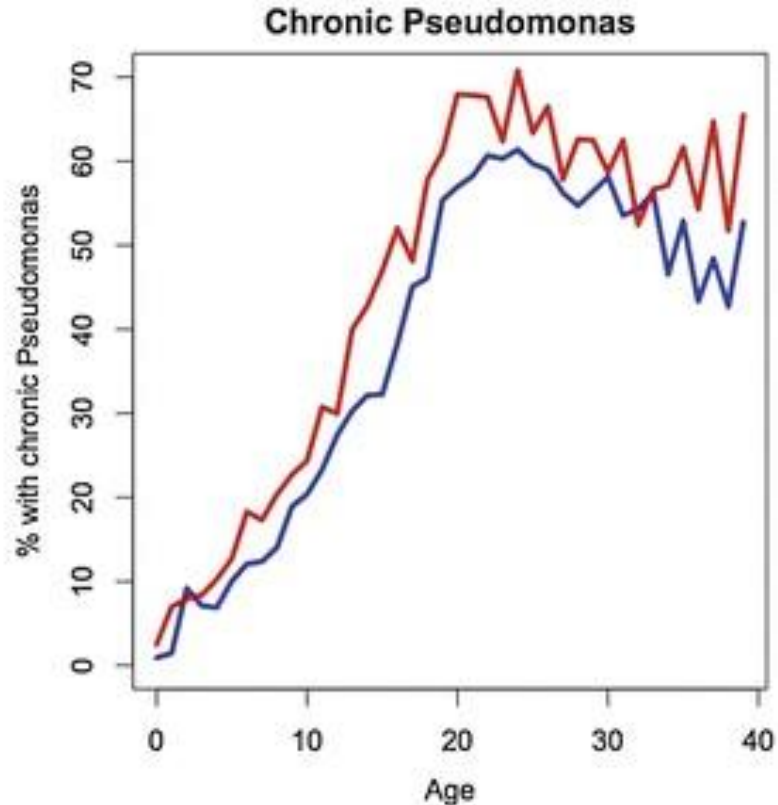
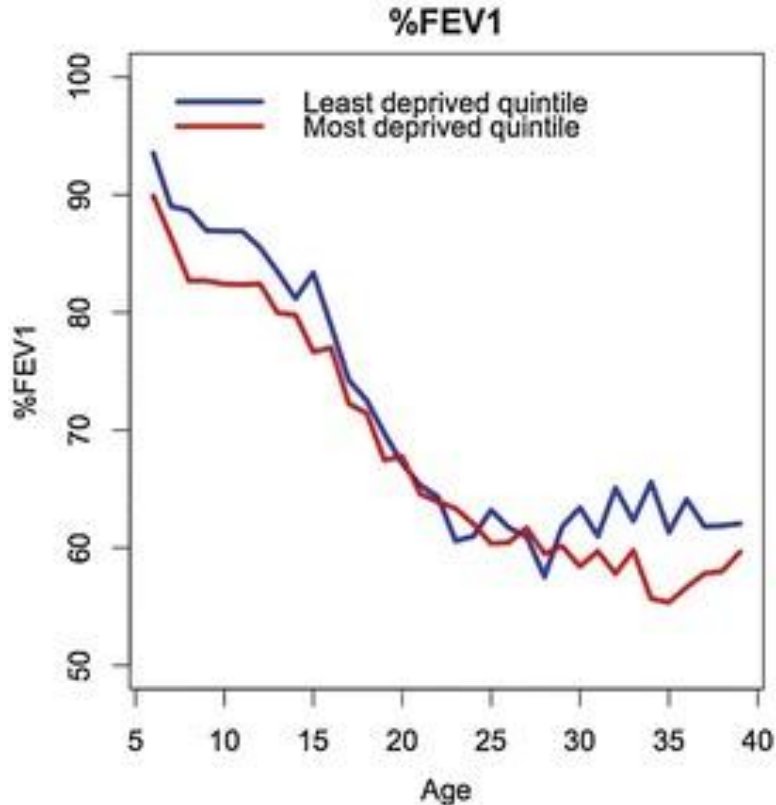
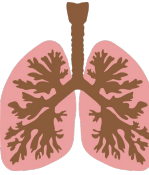
In this [lab](#), we will use balloons and spirometers to measure vital capacity.

A = tidal volume

B = vital capacity



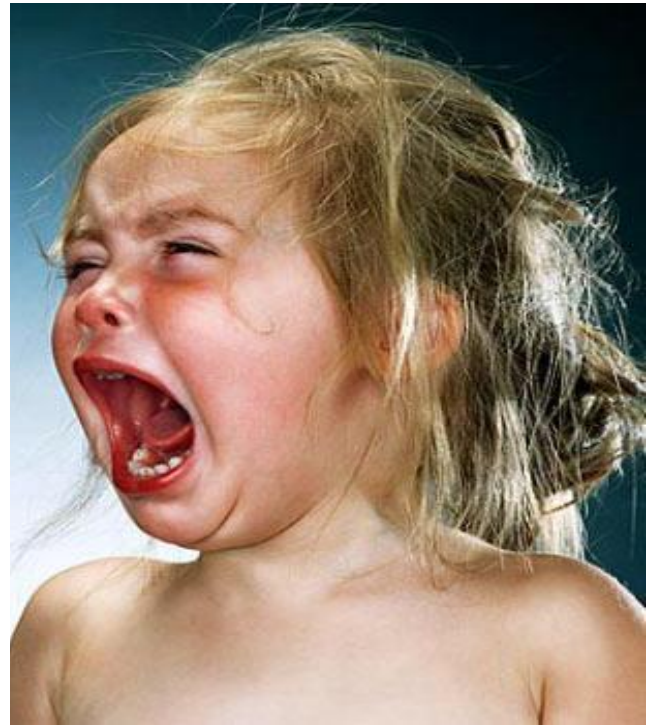
**FEV1** = Forced expiratory volume in 1 second is an established marker of cystic fibrosis (CF) disease progression



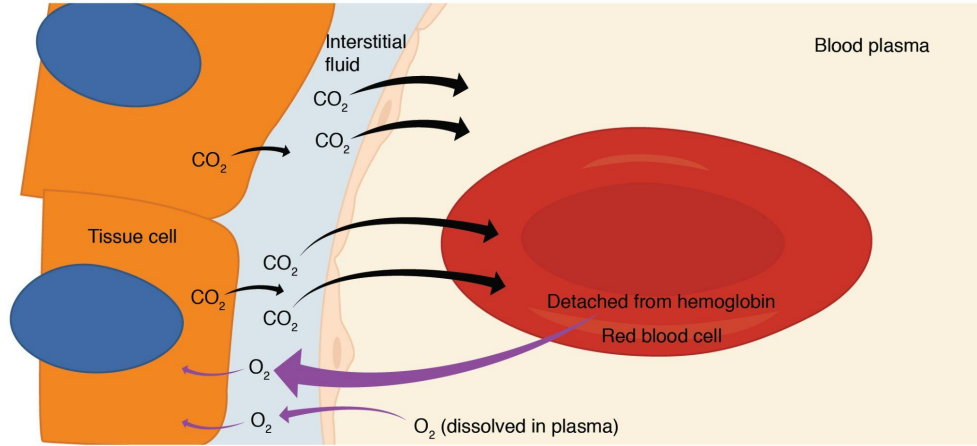
# Factors that can Affect Breathing

1. Rise in  $\text{CO}_2$
2. Emotional upset, fear and pain
3. Low blood oxygen

**Hyperventilation** - increased breathing, lower  $\text{CO}_2$  concentration



# Respiratory Membrane



Alcohol can be detected in breath



Gas exchange occurs across a membrane - a layer of simple squamous cells

Oxygen DIFFUSES into the bloodstream

**Hypoxia** is a disease in which there is an overall lack of oxygen content within the body's tissue and vital human organs (specifically the brain).

Blue skin is an indication of hypoxia, also called cyanosis.

**Asphyxia** deficient supply of oxygen that arises from being unable to breathe normally.

\*An example of asphyxia is choking.



source: wikipedia.org

# Career: [Respiratory Therapist](#)

2021 Median Pay

\$61,830 per year

\$29.73 per hour

Typical Entry-Level Education

Associate's degree

Number of Jobs, 2021

135.800

Job Outlook, 2021-31

14% (Faster than average)

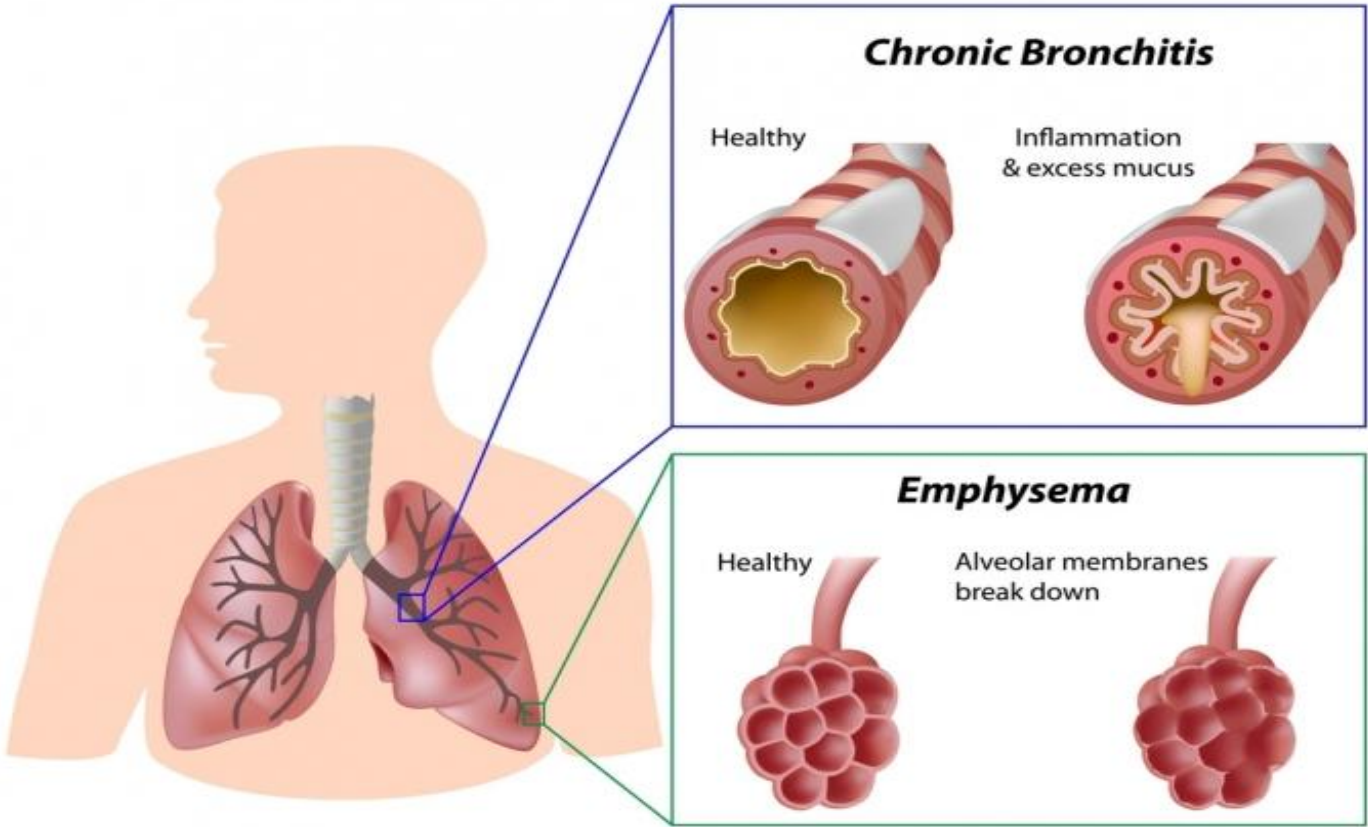


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# ILLNESSES RELATED TO THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

COPD = Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease



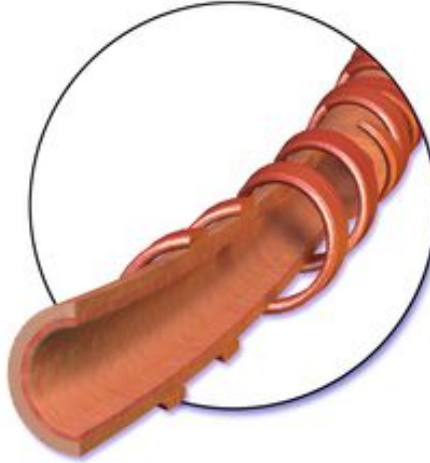
Most commonly caused by smoking

# **Bronchitis =**

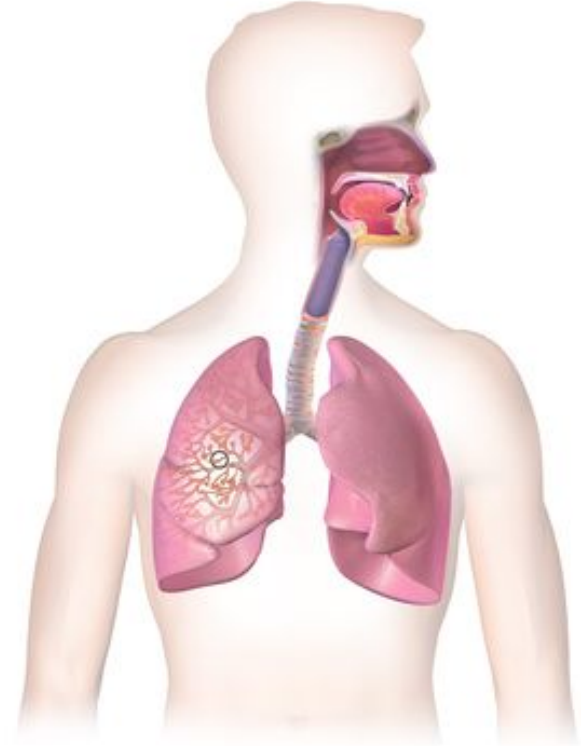
inflammation of the main air passages to the lungs

Bronchitis may be short-lived (acute) or chronic, meaning that it lasts a long time and often recurs.

*Normal Bronchial Tube*



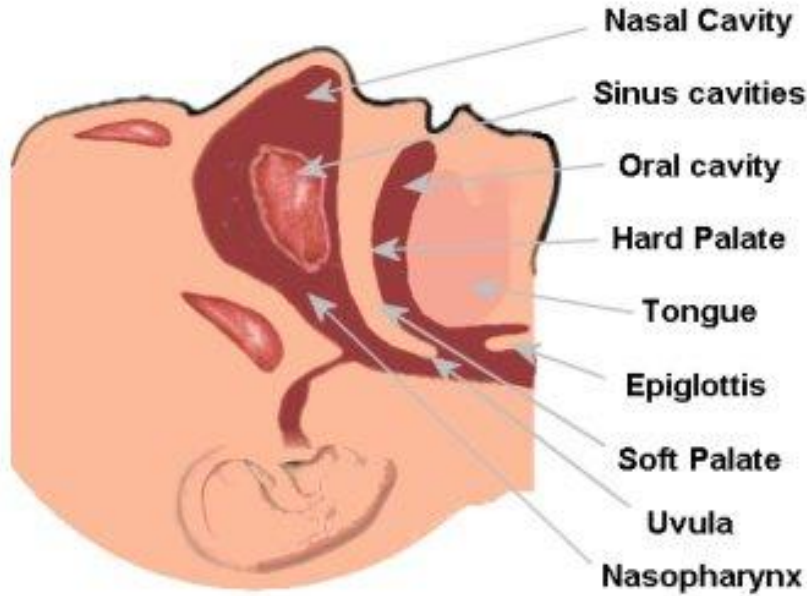
*Inflamed Bronchial Tube*



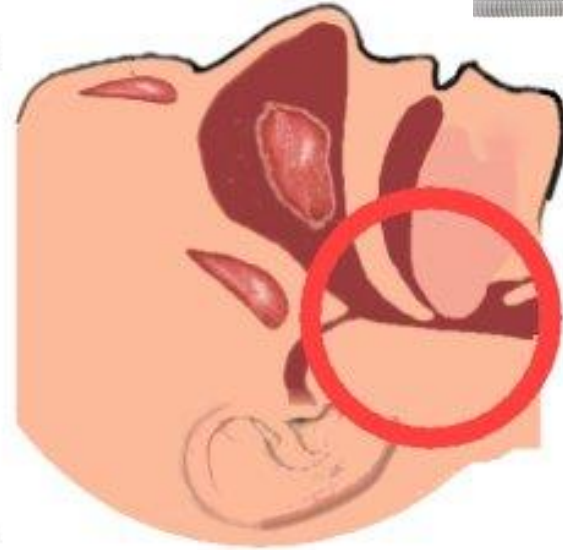
**Bronchitis**

# What is sleep apnea?

Pause or slowing of breathing during sleep



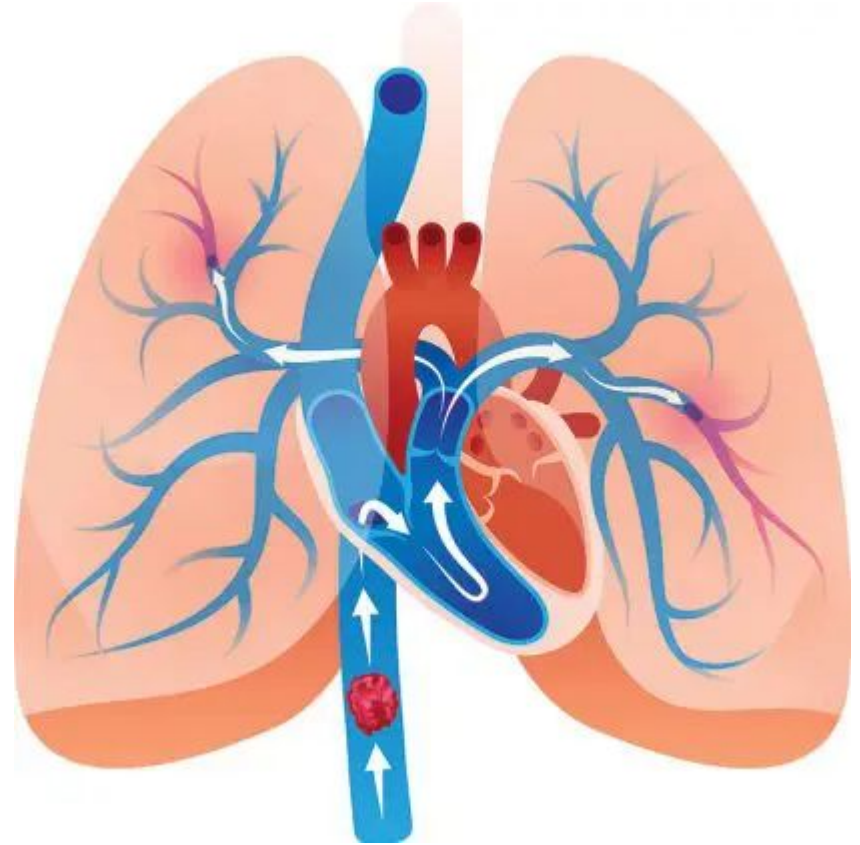
**Normal Breathing**



**Blocked Airways**

# Pulmonary Embolism

- a blood clot that moves to the lungs
- this can cause shortness of breath, rapid heartbeat
- hypoxia

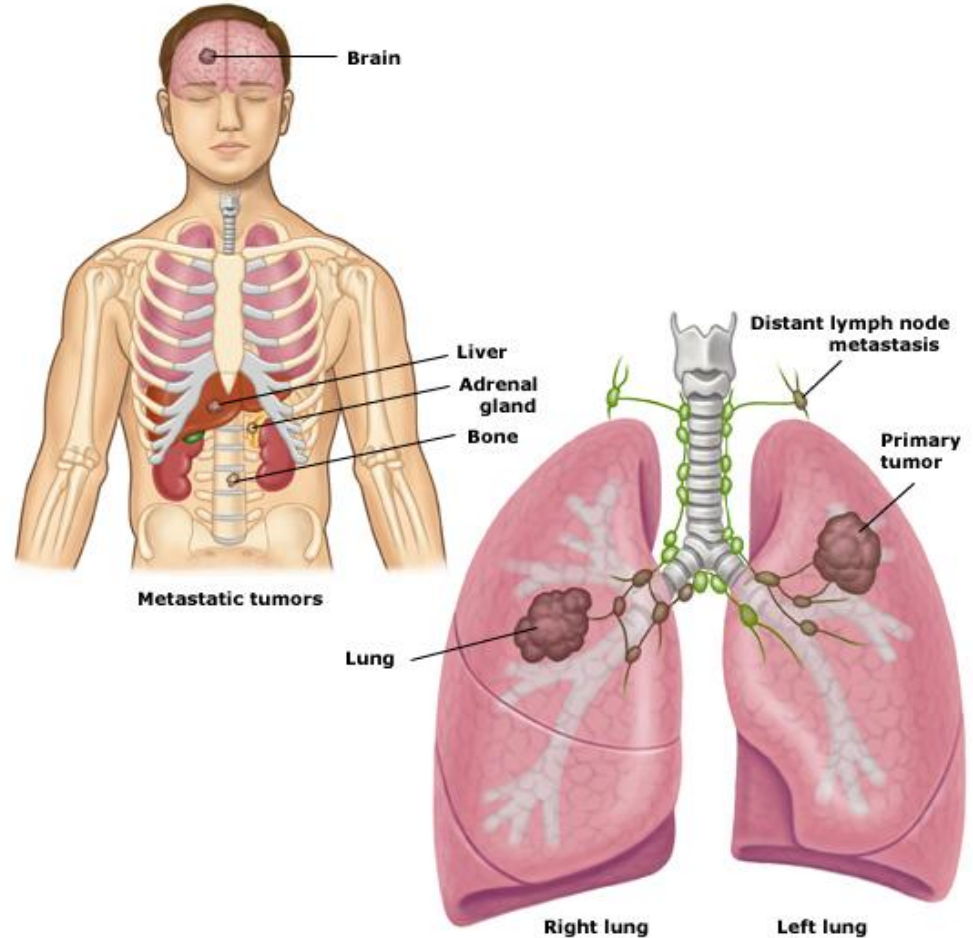


# Lung Cancer

Lung cancer starts when abnormal cells grow out of control in the lungs.

There usually are no signs or early symptoms of lung cancer.

As lung cancer stages advance, lung cancer symptoms may include coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, and bloody mucus.



# Altitude Sickness

**Atmospheric Pressure** is necessary for breathing

Lack of pressure on mountains can be dangerous. Hundreds of bodies are lying on Mount Everest



[Video: Climbing Mt Everest](#)



[Video of Mt Everest Bodies](#) (cartoon version) | More [Photos](#)



Oxygen supplied on airplanes in case there is a drop in cabin pressure.

# Case Study - How Do Tibetans Survive at High Altitude?

In this [case study](#), explore how changes in the body and changes in the genetics of people help them survive at high altitudes.

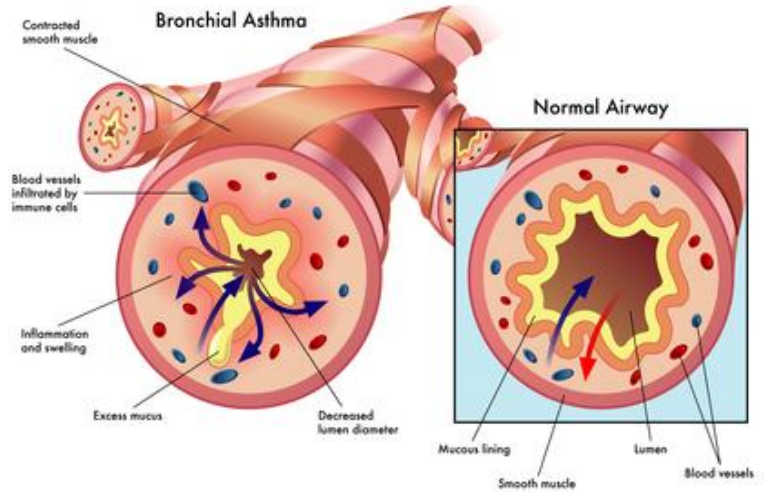


# Asthma

inflammation of the bronchial tubes with increased production of sticky secretions

Common asthma symptoms include:

- Coughing, wheezing
- Shortness of breath
- Chest tightness, pain, or pressure

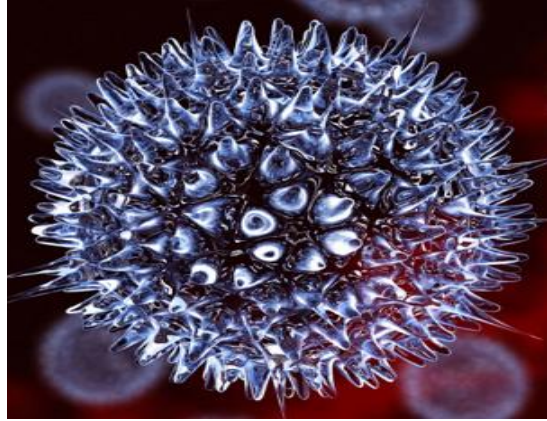


Bronchodilators are used to open airways.



# Bacteria / Viral Infections

Pneumonia

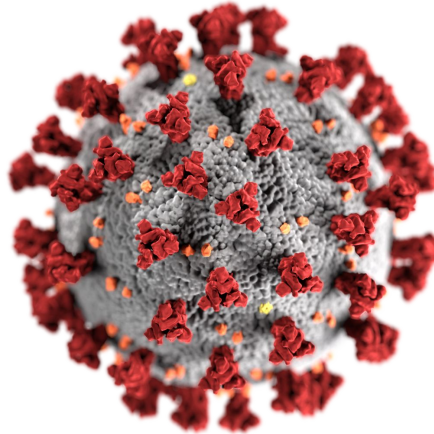


Influenza



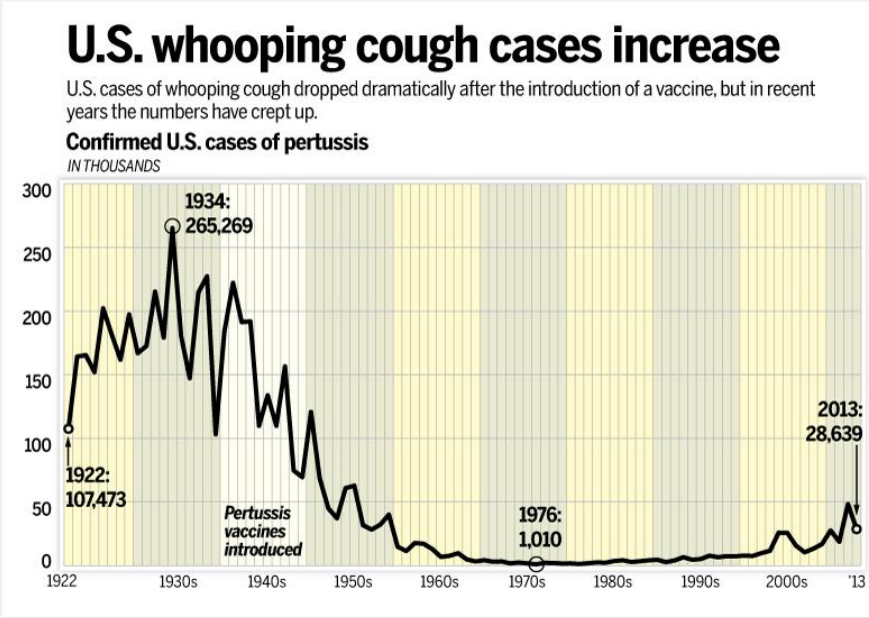
Rhinovirus

Covid-19



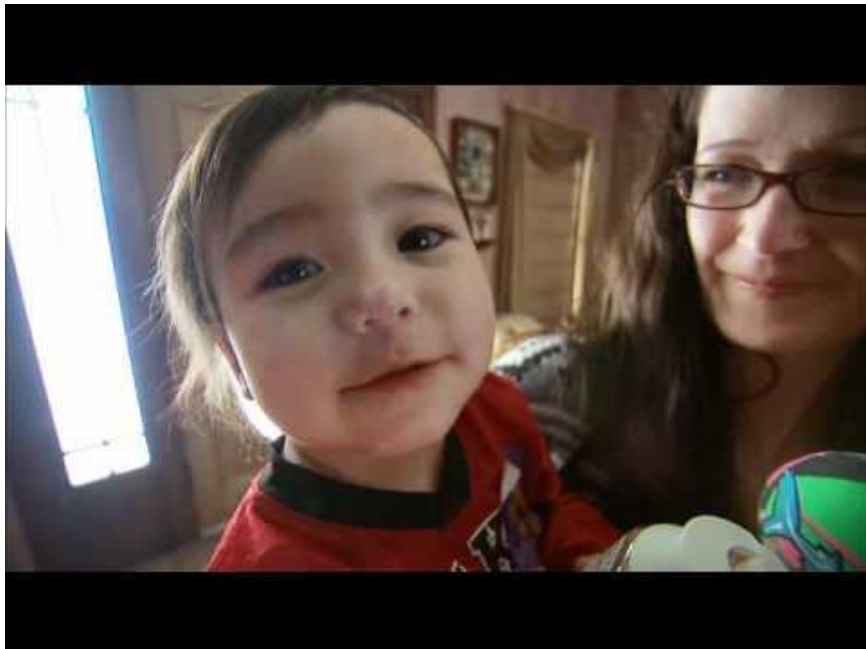
# Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

Causes serious coughing and gasping for breath, dangerous for infants.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

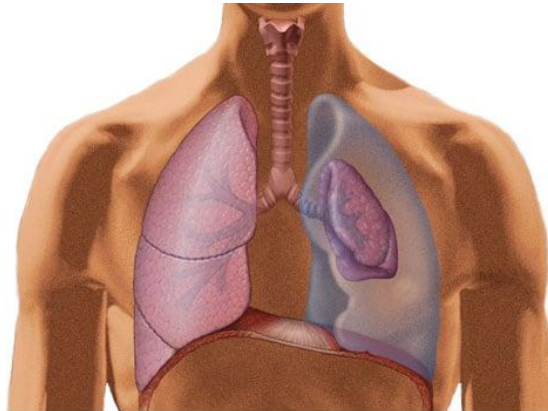
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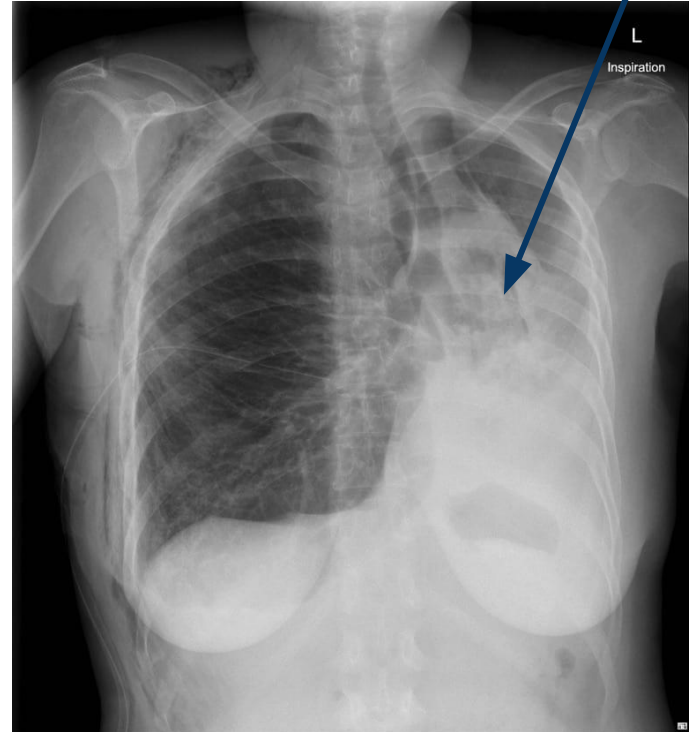
# Pneumothorax - Collapsed Lung

- pressure from fluid in the pleural cavity deflates lung
- causes breathing difficulties
- treatment includes draining fluid from the cavity

Watch [video](#) showing a chest tube insertion.



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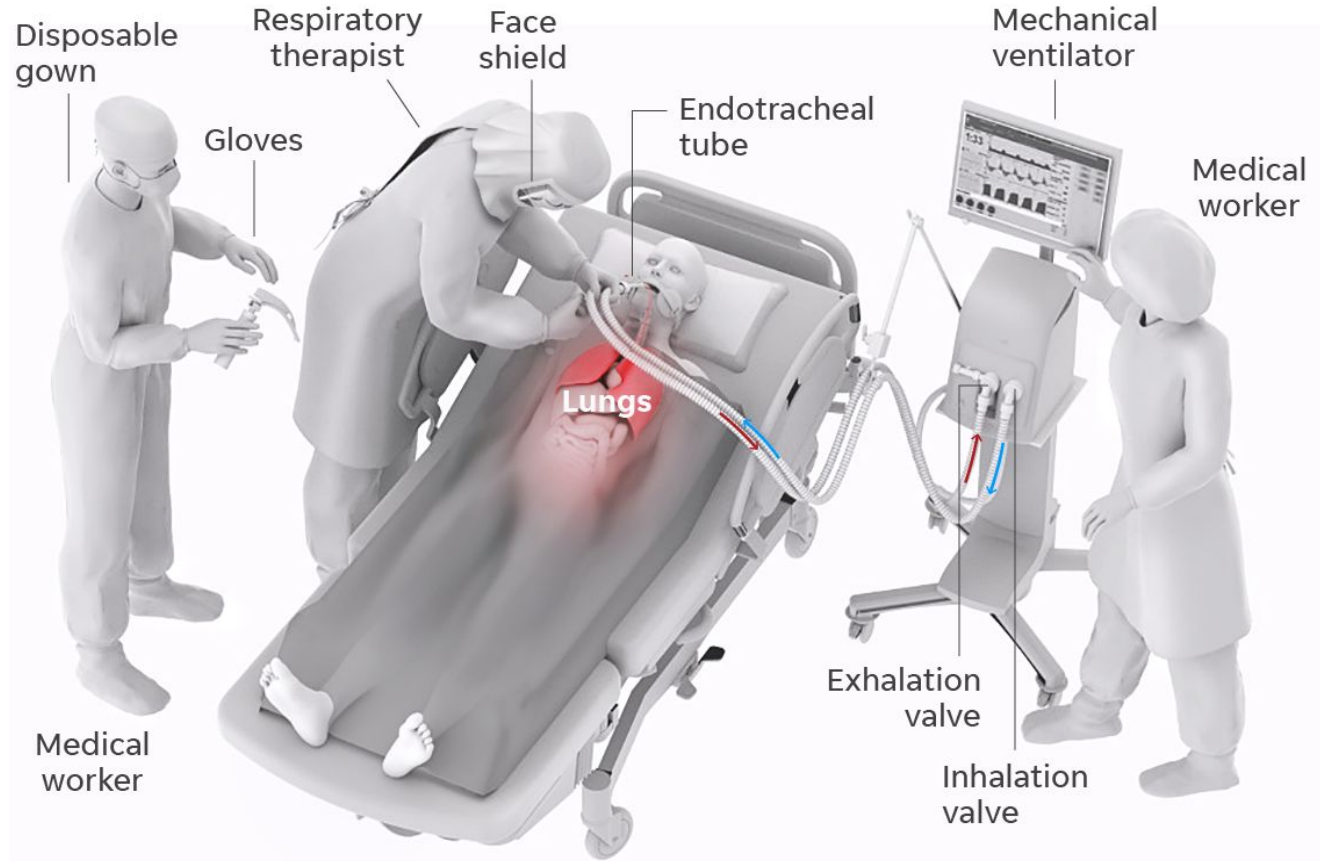


# Covid-19

- primarily affects lungs

- some patients are INTUBATED and placed on a VENTILATOR

- There is a vaccine!

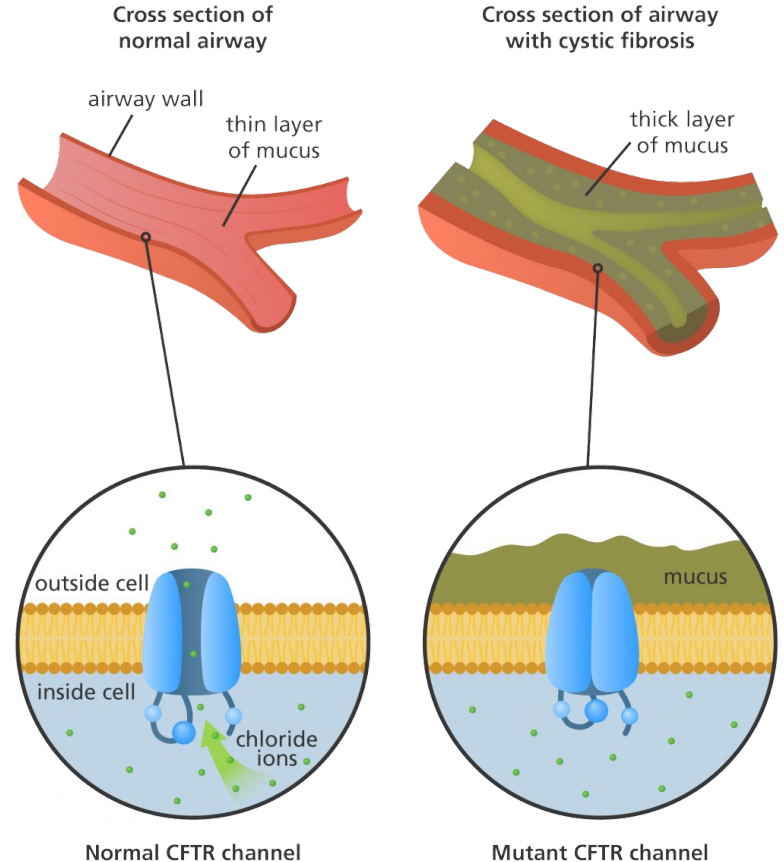
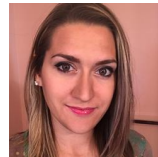


Source: [USA Today](#)

**Cystic Fibrosis** - hereditary disease, mucus clogs the lungs, making it difficult to breathe and causing infections

If both parents are carriers, what is the chance they will have a child with the disease?

Dd x Dd



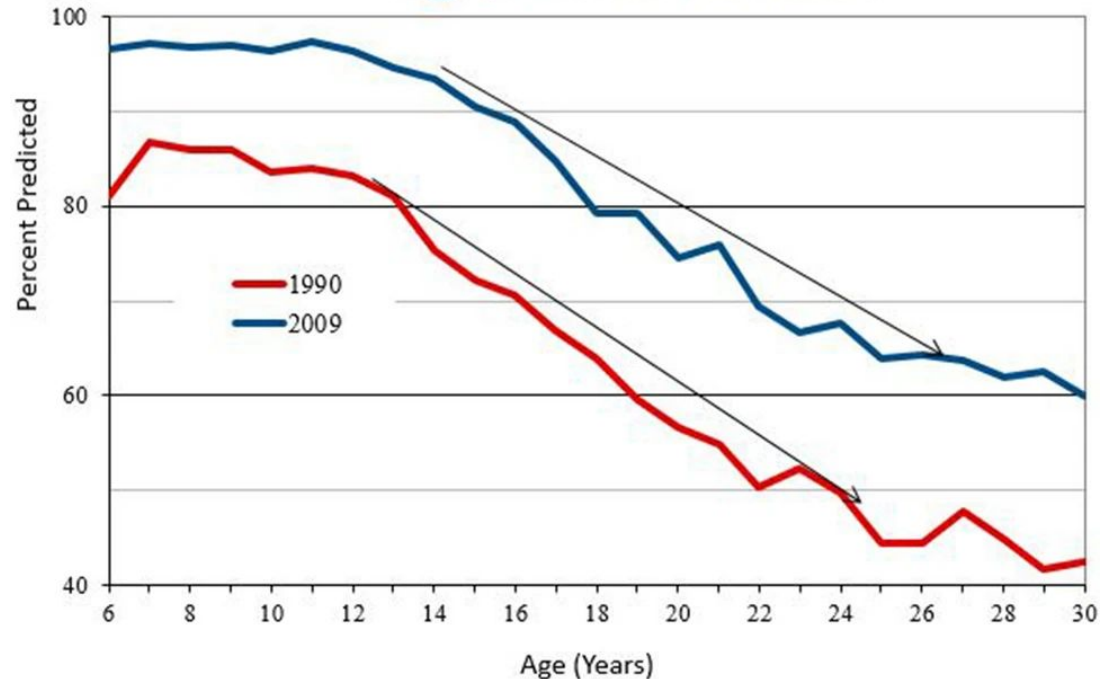
# Treatment of Patients with Cystic Fibrosis



- Antibiotics
- Medicines to reduce mucus
- Medicines to widen airways
- Medicines to absorb food better (GI tube)
- Medicines to increase movement of  $\text{Cl}^-$  across membranes
- Lung transplant

\*Average lifespan is 44 years

## Median FEV<sub>1</sub> Percent Predicted vs. Age, 1990 and 2009



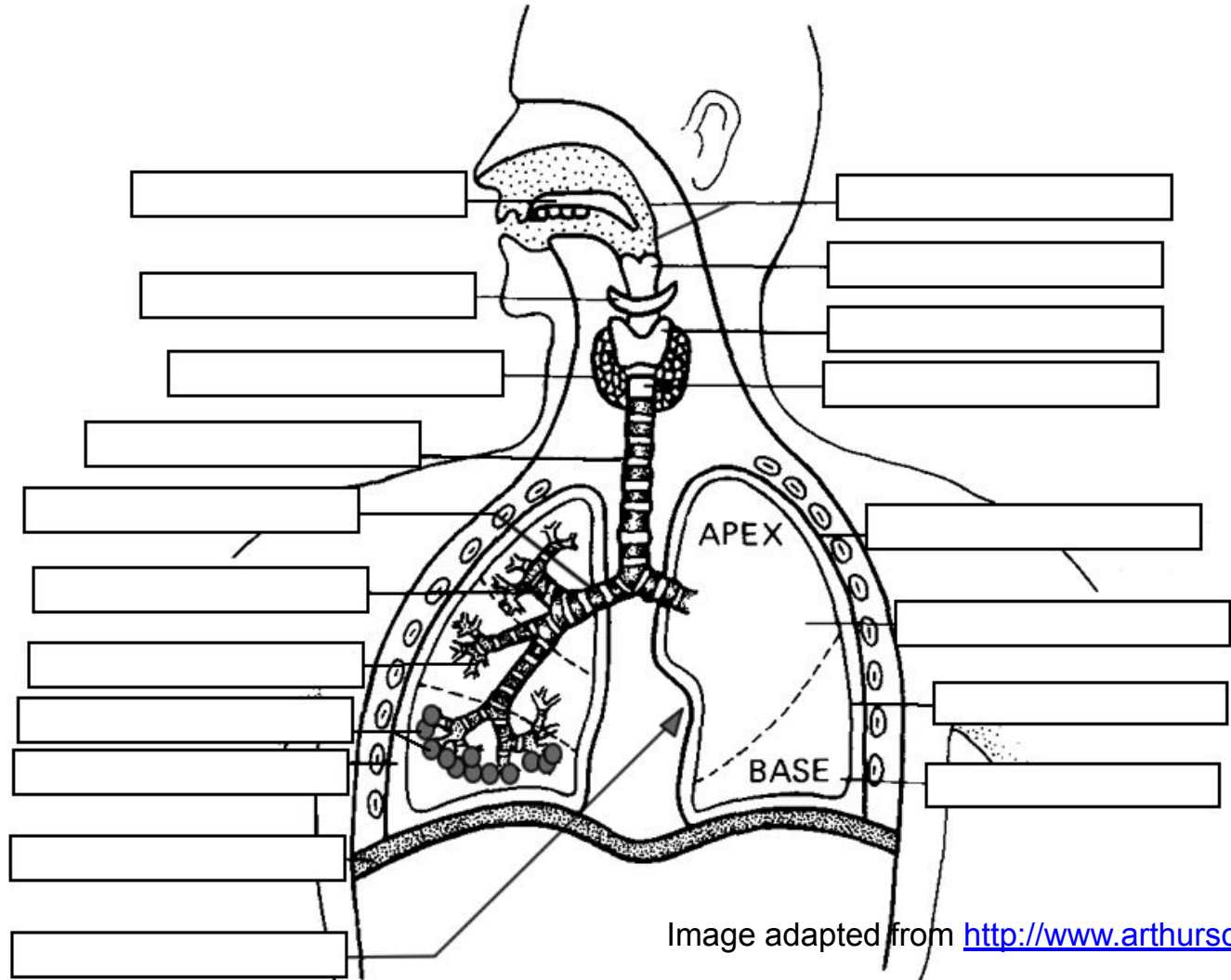


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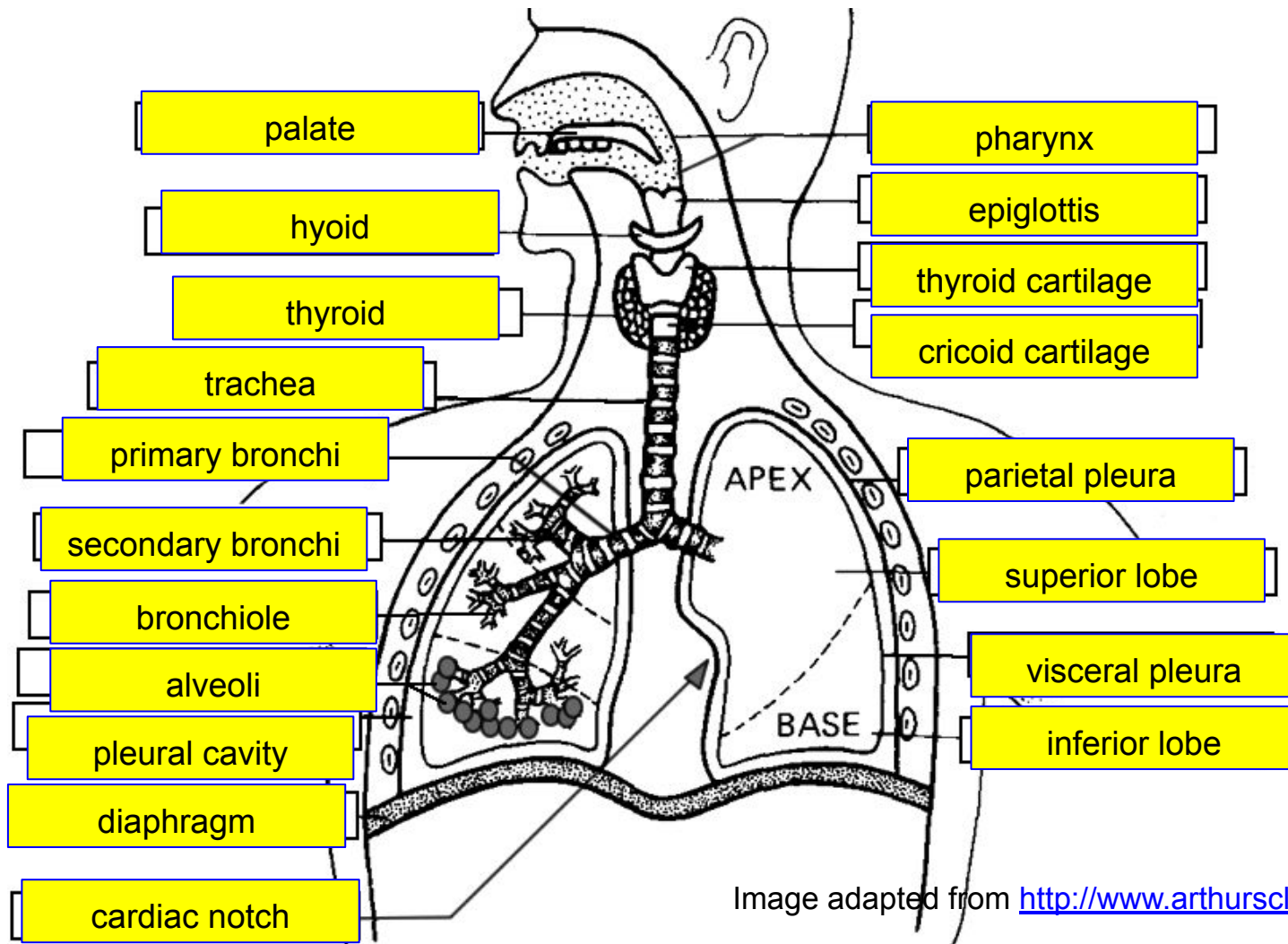


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