

# Lung Volumes & Capacities

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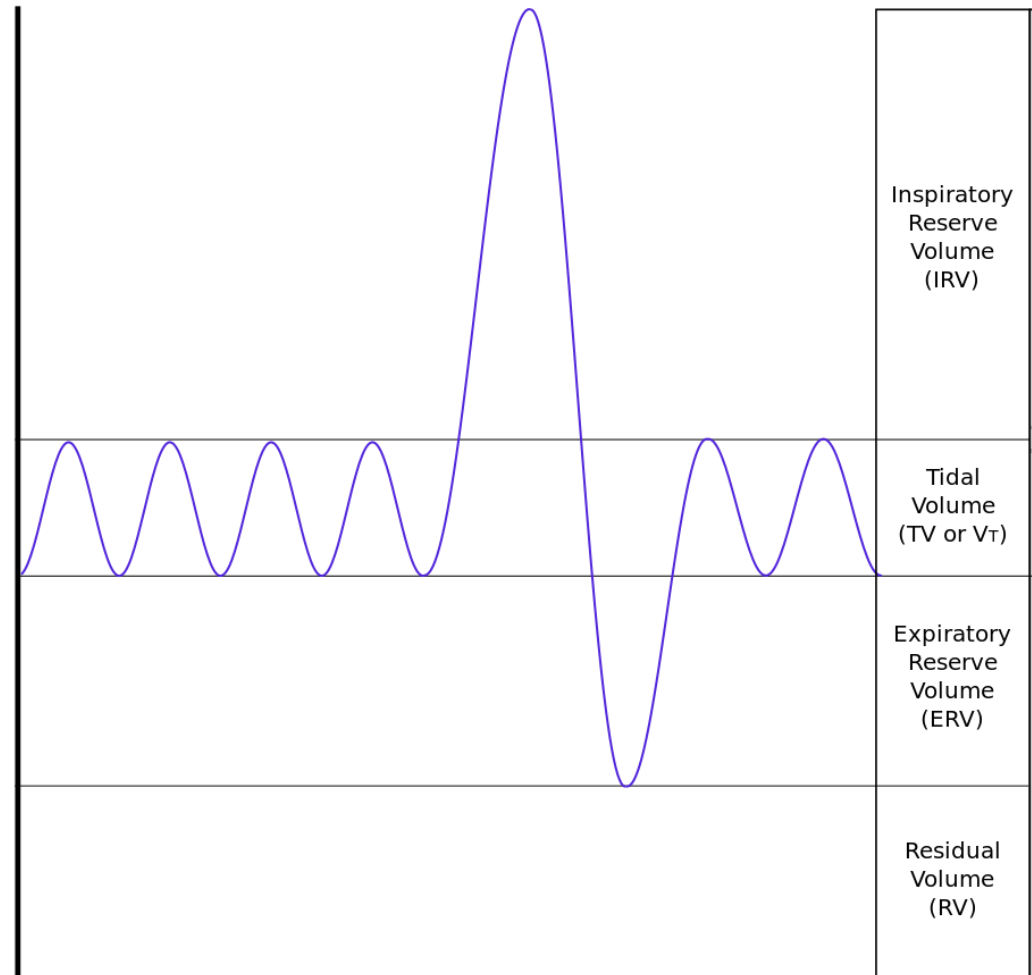
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- -Normal breathing --→ eupnea
- -increase rate of breathing ---→ tachypnea
- -decrease rate of breathing --→ bradypnea
- -stop breathing ---→ apnea
- -difficult breathing ---→ dyspnea

# Lung volumes

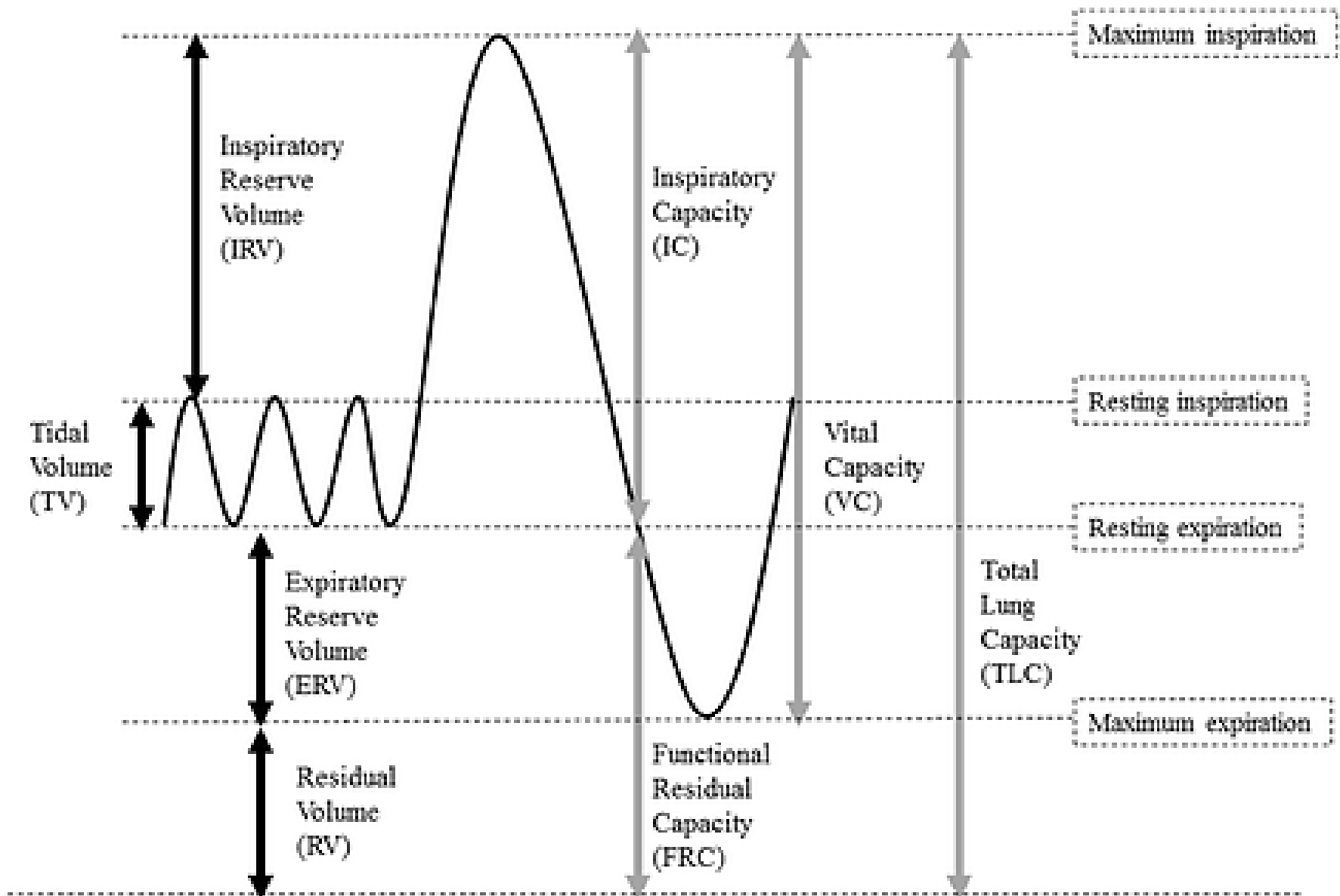
- **Tidal volume (TV) = 500 ml**  
Vol. of air inspired or expired per each cycle of normal quiet breathing (**eupnea**)
- **Inspiratory reserve volume (IRV) = 3000 ml**  
Vol. of air which can be inspired by **maximum forced inspiration** AFTER normal inspiration.
- **Expiratory reserve volume (ERV) = 1100 ml**  
Vol. of air which can be expired by **maximum expiration** AFTER normal expiration.
- **Residual volume (RV) = 1200 ml**  
Vol. of air remaining in the lung after maximal expiration.  
Can't be tested by spirometry.



- \*The 3000 volume of air are measured after tidal volume , means that the total inspired volume of air at the end of IRV are  $3500 = 500 + 3000$  ml
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- \*After = in addition to
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- \*residual volume ( RV ) can't be exert from lung , except if lung collapsed , when you open chest .
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- \*spirometry depend on closing of nose and respiration by mouth by certain technique

# Lung capacities

Capacity → more than one volume added to each other



### 1- Inspiratory capacity (IC):

- It is the volume of air that can be inspired by maximal inspiratory effort *After* the end of normal resting expiration
- $IC = TV + IRV = 500 + 3000 = 3500 \text{ ml.}$

### 2- Expiratory capacity (EC):

- It is the volume of air that can be expired by maximal expiratory effort *After* the end of normal resting inspiration
- $EC = TV + ERV = 500 + 1100 = 1600 \text{ ml.}$

### 3- Functional residual capacity (FRC):

- It is volume of air remaining in lungs after normal expiration.
- $FRC = ERV + RV = 1100 + 1200 = 2300 \text{ ml.}$

Can't be tested by spirometry.

### 4- Vital capacity (VC):

- Volume of air expired maximally after maximal inspiration.
- $VC = IRV + TV + ERV = 3000 + 500 + 1100 = 4600 \text{ ml.}$

### 5- Total lung capacity (TLC):

- Volume of air present in the lung at end of maximal inspiration.
- $TLC = VC + RV = 4600 + 1200 = 5800 \text{ ml}$

Can't be tested by spirometry.

- -Vital capacity has clinical value and very important for measuring
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- -Any capacity that involve in its calculation RV you can't calculate it directly by spirometry , you have to calculate another volumes and then measure it by another method then add it mathematically

# Static pulmonary function tests

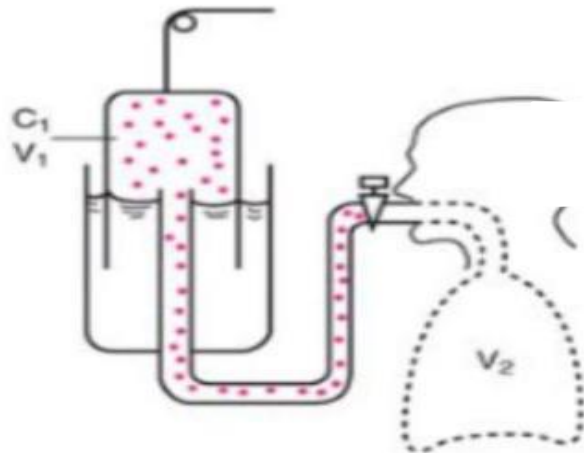
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**1. Residual volume:** .2Measured by certain position known as medthoracic position

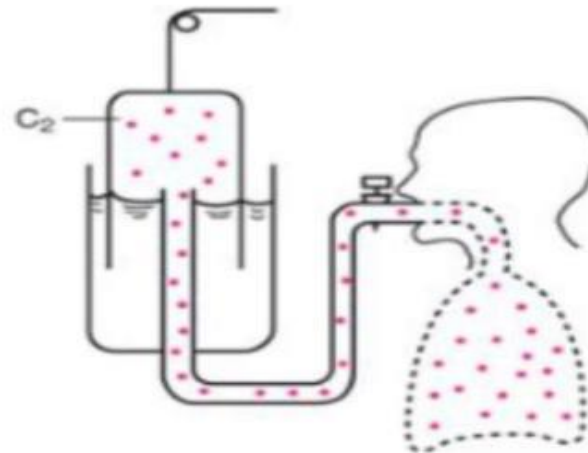
Measured by **Helium dilution method**, using the dilution principle

$$C_1 \times V_1 = C_2 \times V_2$$

**Helium** is used as an inert gas & not diffuse to blood from alveolar air



Before equilibration



After equilibration



## The mechanism of static pulmonary function test

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- \*RV doesn't exert from lung , except in lung collapse , and by the way it doesn't exert totally , there are 150 ml well remain.
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- \*we use closed container ) closed circuit ( دارة
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- \*we use indicator , this indicator are helium , why ??
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- .1It is inert
- .2Don't produced or utilized by the body -----→ the value of it will remain constant .
- .3Can't cross pulmonary wall and enter capillary wall.

- \*Vreniatnoc ni utp uoy emulov →----1
- \*C muileh fo ( notiartnecnoc ) ssam emulov →----1
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- \*you tell patient to make forced expiration , this will lead to remaining of residual volume in lung only .
- -the nose of patient will be closed by nose clap , and you will open the valve , then patint will respire by mouth for ( ) semti (6 -4 too & through ( او ما فهمتها بالضبط )
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- \*this proccess will continue to reach equilibrium , then helium concentration will diffuse in equilibrium .
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- Then V2 C &2 will formed .
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- \*N.B : the amount of helium are not change , because body wil not produce or utilize it , and it is inert & not cross alveolar wall .
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- \*N.B : you don't exert RV , but you calculate it

# Importance of Residual volume

- 1) Provides air in alveoli to oxygenate the blood between breaths

In pause , or in between respirations

- 2) Prevents lung collapse & Keeps the lung distended

This will increase work of breathing if lung will collapse after each breath & then start from collapsing

- 3) Prevents marked changes in  $PO_2$  &  $PCO_2$  in the blood with each respiration

Because you get it from RV the  $PO_2$  OCP &  $PCO_2$  will not suddenly change.

- 4) Prevents marked changes in inspired air temperature & humidity

RV ---→ make conditioning of air

**5) RV / TLC Less than 30% (increase in **bronchial asthma** & **emphysema** due to **insufficient expiration** )**

-important clinically.

-if ratio increase , this indicate that are problem in expiratory process ] appear in obstructive pulmonary diseases as asthma & emphysema ]

Next slide .....

# Asthma

- -Asthma are allergic reaction for certain antigens that make IgE antibodies , then in next expouser to antigen , antigen –antibody reaction between antigen & IgE on the membrane if mast cell , that lead to secreation of allergy mediators as histamine.
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- -attacks in asthma are at late night & early morning , because it related to circadian rhythm ( توقيت الساعة البيولوجية ) of ANS , because highest tone of parasympathatic , parasympathatic will be very high and has the upper hand , parasympathatic will cause bronchoconstriction , increase secreation & vasodilataion , this will lead to decrease of respiratory level

# Emphysema

- -Emphysema are degenerated disease mainly in elastic fibers in lungs .
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- Most common cause of it are heavy cigarette smoking , because of two things :
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- .1Smoking will increase macrophages in alveoli , macrophage will secrete mediators , mediators will call leukocytes ( WBCs ) , leukocytes will secrete another mediators , one of them are elastase enzyme which will destruct elastic elements in lungs .
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- .2Smoking will increase O<sub>2</sub> radicals , that will inhibit α<sub>1</sub>-antitrypsin , which are stop elastase .
- )α<sub>1</sub>- antitrypsin function are to stop work of elastase , but O<sub>2</sub> radicals will inhibit α<sub>1</sub>- antitrypsin(

# Obstructive pulmonary disease

- In obstructive pulmonary disease , there are problems in inspiration , but the main problem are in expiration , because in during inspiration the lung make resistance for air flow , but during expiration lung will make deflation , ( اظن هيك هي ) so also obstructed bronchioles make more compression , so resistance will increase to very high level.



## 6) Medico legal importance

It determines cause of death of baby after birth

If baby is born alive, he will respire, so contain RV  
→ lung float in water while If baby is born dead, he will not respire, so no RV → lung sink in water

-When you open chest , the RV will loss , and the lung will collapse , except 150 ml will remain , known as minimal air.

-if minimal air are not found , that mean the baby has not take any breath from bearth , that means it will be died befor labor ..... But if you find the air , that mean baby was take breath then it die.



**Minimal air:** Few air remain in lung even after lung collapse  
**(150 ml)**

## 2. Total lung capacity (TLC)

- **Definition:** the volume of air present in the lung at the end of maximal inspiration

- **Measurement:**

$$\text{TLC} = \text{IRV} + \text{TV} + \text{ERV} + \text{RV}$$

$$\text{TLC} = \text{VC} + \text{RV}$$

**Normal value:** 5800 ml

- **Significance:**

Decreases in pneumothorax

-TLC ( Total Lung Capacity ) are important in restrictive lung diseases ( diseases which interfere with lung distention )

### **3. Vital capacity (VC)**

**Definition:** It is the amount of air expired maximally after maximal inspiration

**Measurement:** by spirometer

**Value:**  $VC = IRV + TV + ERV = 4600 \text{ ml}$

**Significance:**

It indicates the strength of respiratory muscles and lung elasticity

# Factors affecting Vital Capacity

	Increase	Decrease
<b>Physiological</b>	Athletes	Females, old age, pregnancy and recumbent position due to return of more blood to the lung.
<b>Pathological</b>		<p>a- <b>Chest wall diseases:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paralysis of respiratory muscles &amp; myasthenia gravis</li> <li>- Fracture ribs or kyphosis (limit expansion of thorax)</li> </ul> <p>b- <b>Lung diseases:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Decreased compliance (stretchability) as (<b>fibrosis, hydrothorax, pneumothorax</b>)</li> <li>- Decreased elasticity as (<b>emphysema</b>)</li> <li>- Obstructive conditions like <b>bronchial asthma</b> as resistance to air flow mainly during expiration</li> </ul> <p>c- <b>Increased blood volume in the lung:</b> as in pulmonary congestion by left side heart failure.</p> <p>d- <b>Presence of intra-abdominal masses:</b> as tumour and ascites. So, prevent free descent of diaphragm.</p>

# Notes about factors affecting vital capacity

- \*\*Physiological factors :
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- -female : compared to male with same age group
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- -pregnancy : it will interfere with diaphragmatic movement , so decrease vital capacity .
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- \*\*\*pathological :
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- -lung disease which will decrease compliance are known as obstructive lung disease .
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- -increasing in blood return to the lungs may be physiological in ..... Or pathological in left heart failure , in which the heart can't pump blood from left ventricle to aorta , so blood will return to Lt .Atrium , then return to 4 pulmonary veins , then return to lungs.

# *Dynamic pulmonary function tests*

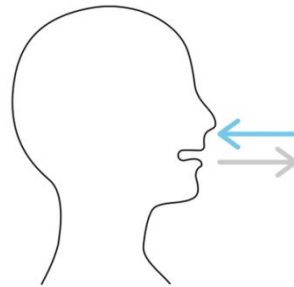
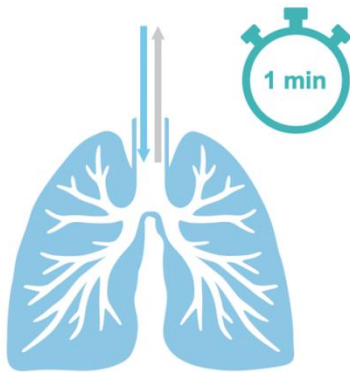
Dynamic because time factor will be involved

## ❖ **Respiratory minute volume (RMV) (Minute ventilation):**

It is the volume of air respired/min.

At rest =  $TV \times \text{respiratory rate} = 0.5 \times 12 = 6 \text{ L/min.}$

RMV are not involve totally in gas exchange process , so we calculate effective ventilation volume ( EVV )



Minute ventilation = respiratory rate (RR)  $\times$  tidal volume ( $V_T$ )

# Dead space (DS)

➤ **Def.:** Volume of air which does not undergo gas exchange in respiratory system

➤ **Types:**

**1. Anatomical DS:** thick respiratory passages (from nose to terminal bronchioles). **Conducting zone**

**2. Alveolar DS:** non functioning alveoli (normally absent)

Air may reach alveoli and don't make gas changes , this will occur when its blood vessel are obstructed .....This space or condition are not found normally.

**3. Physiological DS:** = anatomical + alveolar DS.  
Normally, DS = anatomical = **150 ml**

**N.B.:** Inspiration through a tube → **increases DS**



# Significance of dead space

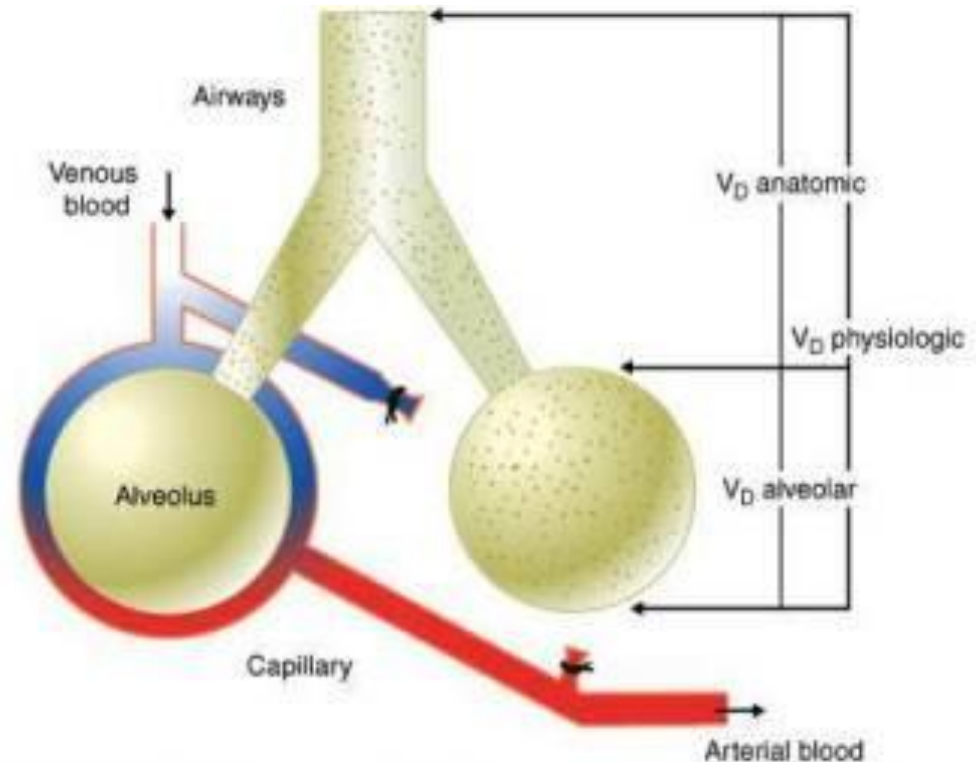
- 1) Protective functions
- 2) Prevents marked changes in **PO<sub>2</sub>** & **PCO<sub>2</sub>** in the blood with each respiration.
- 3) Prevents marked changes in inspired air temperature & humidity.
- 4) It is responsible for difference between Respiratory minute volume (**RMV**) & Effective ventilation volume (**EVV**)

## ❖ Effective ventilation volume (E<sub>V</sub>):

It is the volume of air that enters in gas exchange/ min.

At rest = (TV – DS) x respiratory rate = 0.35 x 12 = 4.2 L/min.

Dead space



## ❖ **Maximum breathing capacity (MBC) or maximum voluntary ventilation:**

Maximal volume of air that can be inspired or expired using the deepest and fastest respiratory movements.

-it is a reserve of air for you .

-differ from person to another dependent on respiratory muscle power , so males MBC are higher than females.

Measured in 15 seconds then multiplied by 4.

Because :

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( -1C ) level muiclac dezinoi esaerced ot eud yantet

.2CO<sub>2</sub> are the main stimulant of respiration .

N.B : the main function of RS are to exert CO<sub>2</sub> ekat ot ton ( noitaripxe )  
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You may handle hypoxia , but you can't handle increasing in CO<sub>2</sub>

**MBC**= 80 to 160 L/min in **males**, 60 to 120 L/min in **females**.

## ❖ Breathing reserve:

- The difference between the MBC and RMV
- $BR = 100 - 6 = 94 \text{ L.}$

-Breathing reserve : the amount of air you can increase above thr TRC .

-Dyspnea : known also as awarnes off breath , because respiration will be done subconsciously.

## ❖ Dyspneic index (DI):

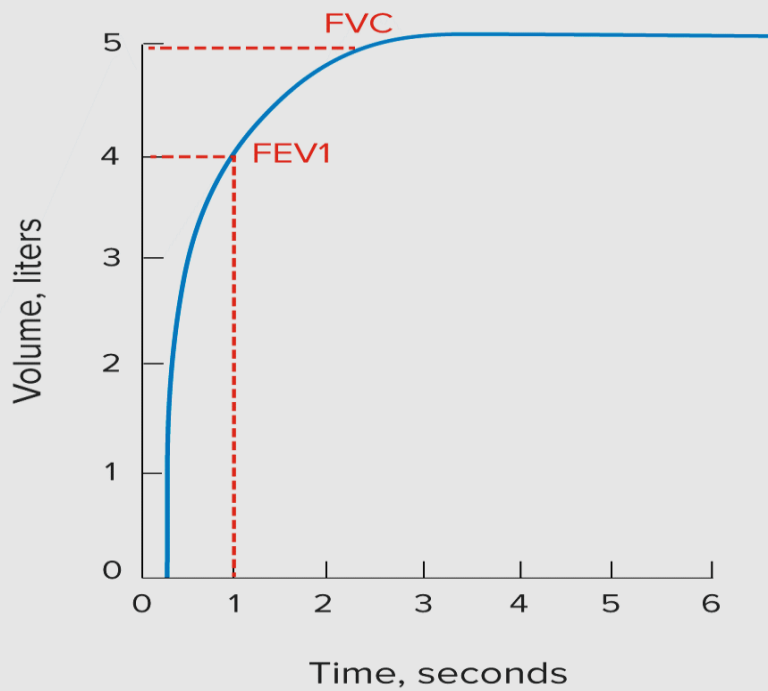
- The percentage between the **breathing reserve** and the **MBC**.
- Normally  $DI > 90\%$
- If  $DI < 70\%$  Dyspnea

## ❖ **Timed vital capacity:**

❑ **FEV1:** The fraction of vital capacity expired maximally and rapidly in the first second. **FEV1 = 83% of VC**, and reaches **97% in three seconds** (good test for airway resistance so, it is helpful in **obstructive lung diseases** diagnosis & prognosis (e.g. asthma & emphysema))

- ❑ - FEV1 : it is the forced expiratory volume of the 1st second .
- the normal are VC ( vital capacity ) will expired in forced expiration in 4-6 seconds
- في الوضع الطبيعي بيطلع بعد ٤ - ٦ ثواني ، احنا في هذا الاختبار شفنا قديش حجم vital volume يعني انه ال  
الهواء اللي طلعت بعد أول ثانية
- we use this test to differentiate between obstructive lung disease and restrictive lung disease , but we use it mainly for obstructive lung disease .

# Healthy



- -Restrictive lung disease : diseases which interfere with lung expansion .
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- -spirometry will measure fraction FEV<sub>1</sub> . CV / 1
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- -in the first you make TLC test , if it normal the disease are obstructive , if it reduced the disease are restrictive , then you will continue in examination & treatment.

## Obstructive lung disease

- E.g. Asthma & Emphysema
- VC decreased
- FEV1 decreased markedly
- FEV1/ VC is reduced
- TLC is almost normal
- RV is increased

## Restrictive lung diseases

- E.g. Lung fibrosis
  - VC is decreased
  - FEV1 is decreased
  - FEV1/ VC *may be normal*
- As both decreased equally*
- TLC reduced



**THANK YOU.**

