

## **Section VII – Cardiovascular and Lymphatic Systems**

The heart and blood vessels make up the cardiovascular system that circulates blood throughout the body. The lymphatic system (lymph node, lymph vessels and lymph fluid) is responsible for draining fluid from the tissues and returning it to the blood stream.

### **Medical Word**

#### **Combining Forms**

<b>Medical Word</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
cardi/o	heart
ventricul/o	ventricular
atri/o	atrium
arteri/o	arteries
ven/o, phleb/o	vein
hemat/o, hem/o	blood
angi/o, vas/o	vessel
hemangi/o	blood vessel
aort/o	aorta
thromb/o	blood clot
necr/o	death
lymph/o	lymph
lymphangi/o	lymph vessel
cyt/o	cell
ather/o	plaque, fatty substance
embol/o	embolus
oxy/o, ox/i, ox/o	oxygen
pericardi/o	pericardium
sphygm/o	pulse

#### **Suffixes**

-stenosis	abnormal narrowing
-spasm	twitching, cramping
-penia	decrease
-emia	blood
-rraphy	suture
-pnea	breathing
-megaly	enlargement
-ectasis	dilation, expansion
-centesis	surgical puncture
-tension	pressure
-manometer	instrument to measure pressure

#### **Prefixes**

anti-	against
brady-	slow
peri-	around

endo-	inner
epi-	upon
tachy-	fast
dys-	difficult
micro-	small
macro-	large

## **Medical Terms**

Layers of heart wall

end/o/cardi/um – inner layer of the heart

my/o/cardi/um - muscular tissue of the heart (middle layer)

peri/card/itis – inflammation of the outer heart layer

Heart chambers

atri/al – pertaining to the atrium

ventricul/ar – pertaining to the ventricles

inter/ventricul/ar – pertaining to between the ventricles

Speed

brady/cardia – slow heart beat

tachy/cardia – fast heart beat

brady/pnea – slow breathing

tachy/pnea – fast breathing

Artery (arter/o)

arteri/al – pertaining to the artery

arteri/o/scler/osis – abnormal condition of artery hardening

arteri/o/pathy – disease of the artery

Vein (ven/o, phleb/o)

ven/o/scler/osis – abnormal condition of hardening of a vein

phleb/o/tomy – incision in a vein

phleb/o/stenosis – narrowing of a vein

Blood (hemat/o, hem/o)

hemat/o/logy – study of blood

hem/o/cyt/o/penia – decreasing blood cells

Vessels (angi/o)

hem/angi/oma – tumor of blood vessels

angi/o/graphy - making a record of a vessel

angi/o/scopy – viewing of a vessel

angi/o/stenosis – narrowing of a vessel

Aorta (aort/o)

aort/o/pathy – disease of the aorta

aort/o/malacia – softening of the aorta

Blood clot (thromb/o)

thromb/ectomy – removal of a blood clot

thromb/o/gensis – forming of blood clots

## Lymphatic System

lymph/oma – tumor of the lymph nodes  
lymphangioma – tumor of the lymph vessels  
lymphopathy – disease of the lymphatic system  
lymphocytes – lymph cells

## Abbreviations

AF	atrial fibrillation
ASHD	arteriosclerotic heart disease
BP	blood pressure
CAD	coronary artery disease
CHD	coronary heart disease
CHF	congestive heart failure
HTN	hypertension
HR	heart rate
MI	myocardial infarction
PVD	peripheral vascular disease
ICU	intensive care unit
CCU	cardiac care unit
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CV	cardiovascular
EGG, EKG	electrocardiogram
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft

## Worksheet – Section VII – Cardiovascular and Lymphatic Systems

Complete the following matching.

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|------------------------------|---------------------|----|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1.  | aorta               | A. | brady-         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2.  | artery              | B. | aort/o         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3.  | atrium              | C. | ven/o          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4.  | blood               | D. | -ectasis       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5.  | blood clot          | E. | tachy-         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6.  | breathing           | F. | ventricul/o    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7.  | death               | G. | -pnea          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8.  | expansion, dilation | H. | tri-           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9.  | heart               | I. | thromb/o       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10. | lymph               | J. | bi-            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11. | rapid               | K. | necr/o         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12. | slow                | L. | atri/o         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13. | three               | M. | arteri/o       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 14. | two, double         | N. | cardi/o        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15. | vein                | O. | lymph/o        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16. | ventricle           | P. | hem/o, hemat/o |

Complete the following matching

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|------------------------------|------------------|----|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 17. | hemangioma       | A. | muscular layer of the heart                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18. | tachypnea        | B. | rapid breathing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 19. | anticoagulants   | C. | disease characterized by abnormal hardening of the arteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20. | myocardium       | D. | enlarged heart  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 21. | tachyphagia      | E. | drugs used to prevent blood clotting                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 22. | cardiomegaly     | F. | rapid eating or swallowing                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 23. | angiectasis      | G. | dilation of a lymph or blood vessel                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 24. | arteriosclerosis | H. | tumor composed of blood vessels                             |

Write the medical terms.

25. incision of the heart –
26. incision of a vein –
27. surgical repair of an artery –
28. removal of an embolus –
29. disease of the heart muscle –
30. spasm of the artery –
31. pertaining to the artery –
32. a tumor of fatty plaque –
33. rapid heart beat –
34. inflammation of a lymph vessel –
35. study of the lymph system –
36. instrument that measures the pulse –
37. slow heart beat –
38. removal of plaque –

## Vocabulary

- 39. blood gas –
- 40. plague –
- 41. ischemia –
- 42. arrhythmia –
- 43. diuretics –
- 44. infarct –
- 45. immunity -
- 46. autoimmune disorder –
- 47. stress test –
- 48. aneurysm –
- 49. cardiac arrest –
- 50. varicose veins -