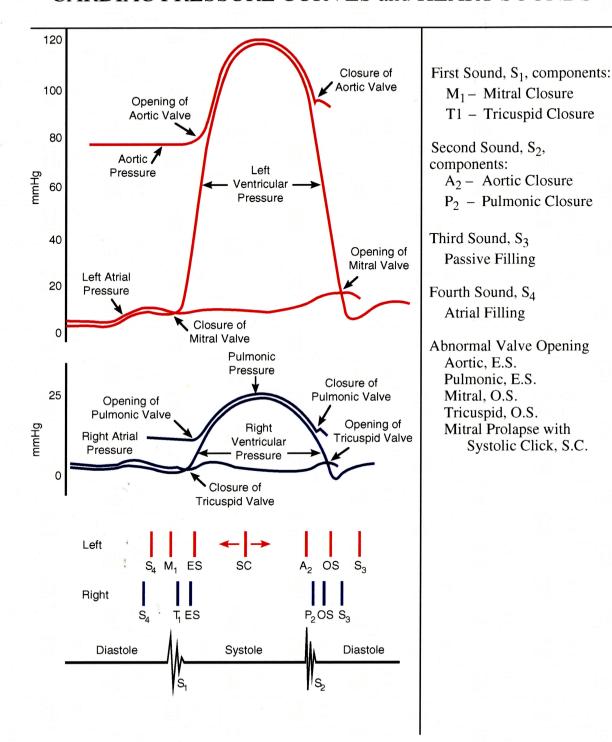
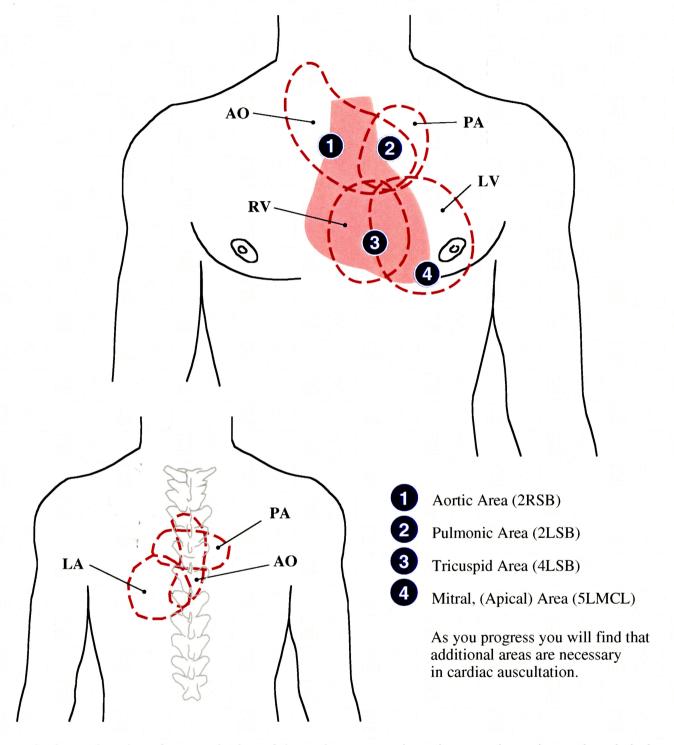
CARDIAC PRESSURE CURVES and HEART SOUNDS

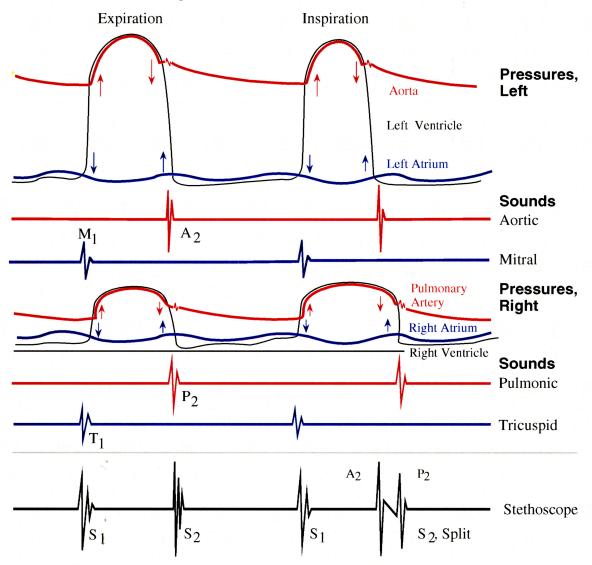


Primary Areas for Cardiac Ausculation



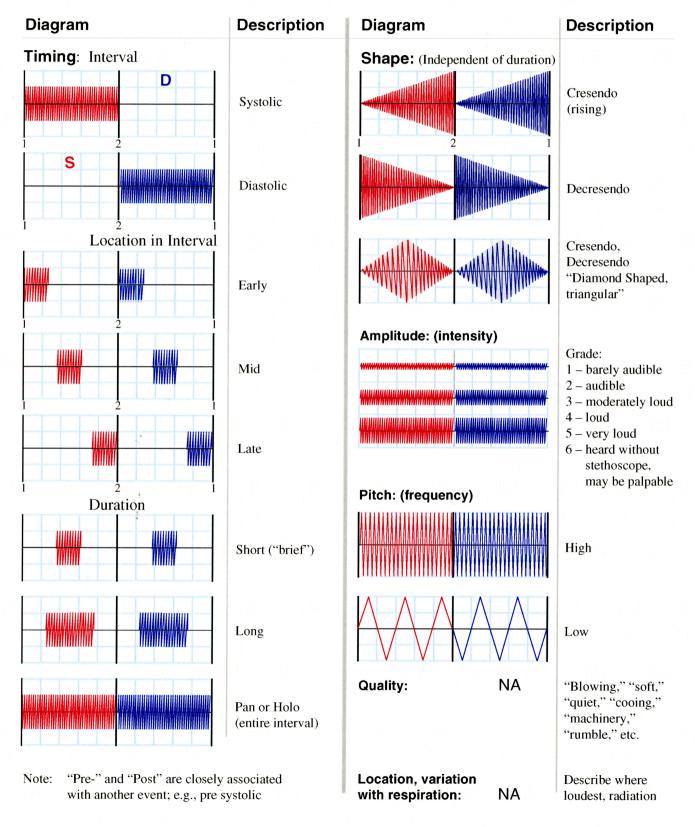
Optimum locations for auscultation of the various anatomic regions are shown in numbered circles. Typical extent of the sounds from various areas are shown by dotted lines. This extent will vary with pathology. Also some sounds and murmurs may "radiate" to other areas such as left axillae in mitral stenosis. Sounds from the aorta (AO), pulmonary artery (PA) and left atrium (LA) may be heard well or even best over the posterior upper thorax as shown.

Fig. 2 Normal Heart Sounds

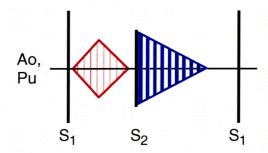


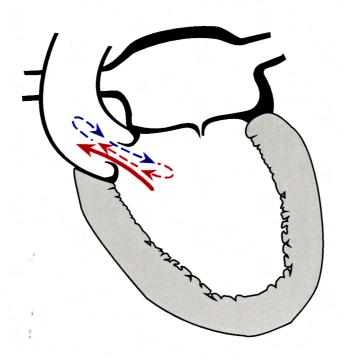
Normal valves open silently, indicated by \uparrow . Closing times , indicated by \downarrow , of mitral and tricuspid valves are typically so close that their individual sounds, M_1 and T_1 , merge to form S_1 . On expiration the same is true for aortic and pulmonic valves and their sounds, A_2 and P_2 . With increased negative intrathoracic pressure on inspiration the right heart increases its volume and blood is retained in the lungs reducing left heart volume. Consequently closure of the pulmonic valve is delayed by ejection of the larger volume while aortic valve closure occurs earlier than normal, thus "splitting" the usually merged sounds.

Figure **3**. – Diagrammatic and Descriptive Features of Heart Sounds/Murmurs



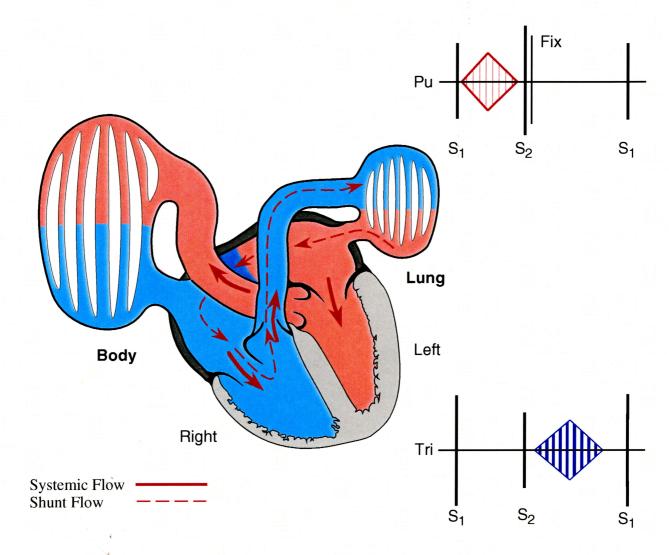
Flow Murmur from Regurgitant Aortic/Pulmonic Valve





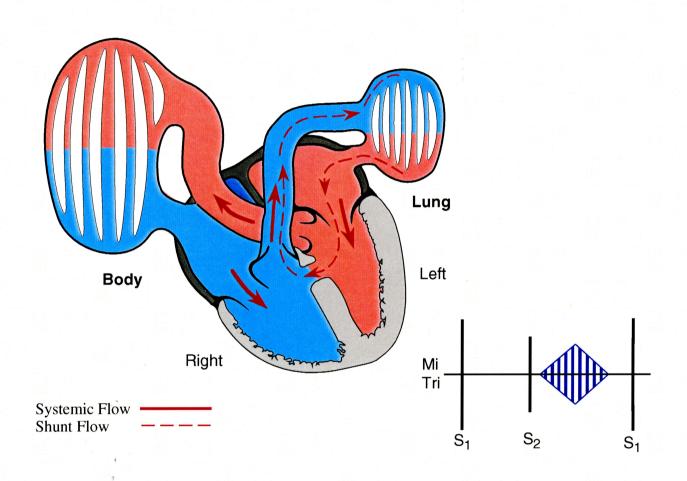
Regurgitant Systolic Flow Regurgitant Diastolic Flow Systemic Systolic Flow

Flow Murmurs from Shunt (ASD)

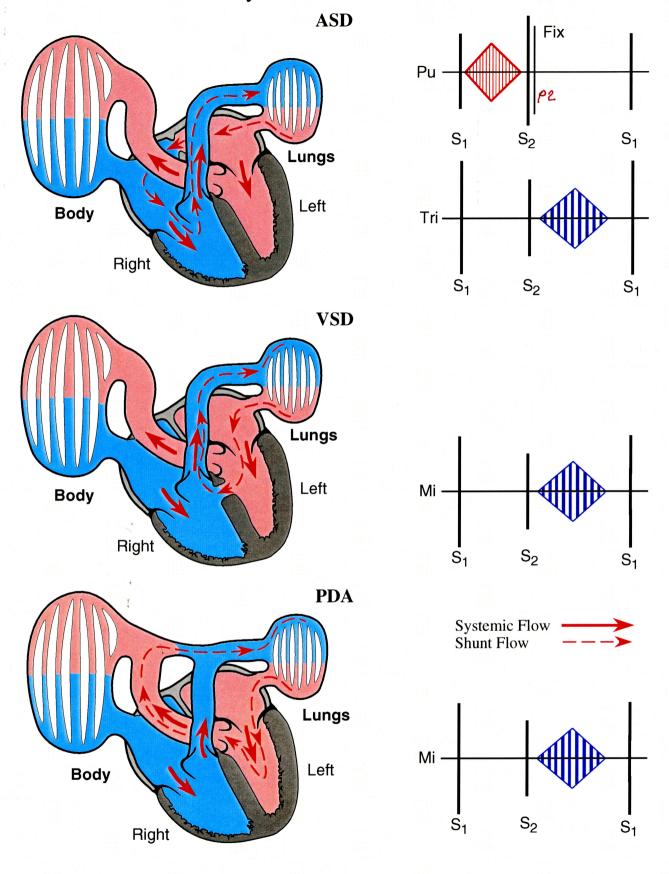


When blood is shunted through the heart by a defect, this flow is added to system flow and may cause turbulence and murmurs from otherwise normal valves in the shunt pathway. In this case flow through an atrial septal defect does not reach murmur threshold, but increased flow through mitral and pulmonic valves produces murmurs.

Flow Murmur from Shunt (VSD)

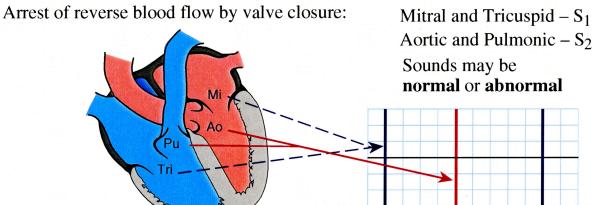


Secondary Flow Murmurs from Shunts



Sources of Heart Sounds

First, S₁, and Second, S₂, Heart Sounds



S₃, S₄ Pulmonic Knock

S₁ S₂ S₁

S₃ S₄

Diastolic inflow of blood exceeds capacity of ventricle to accommodate it, and ventricle is "shoved" longitudinally.

S₃ produced by passive filling

 S_1

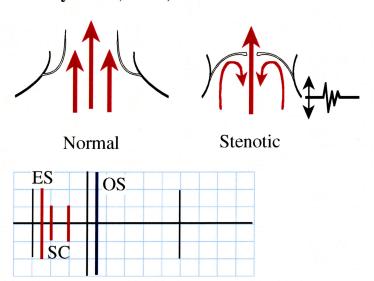
 S_2

S₄ produced by atrial filling

S₃ may be normal

 S_1

Ejection Sounds, ES, Opening Snaps, OS, and Systolic Clicks, SC



 S_1

 S_1

 S_2

Valve begins to open normally and is suddenly arrested by stenosis. This "jerks" surrounding tissue – producing "ejection sounds" from aortic/pulmonic valves and "opening snaps" from mitral/ tricuspid valves. "Systolic clicks" are produced by asimilar mechanism when a cusp of mitral or pulmonic valve "pops" open in systole (may be multiple).