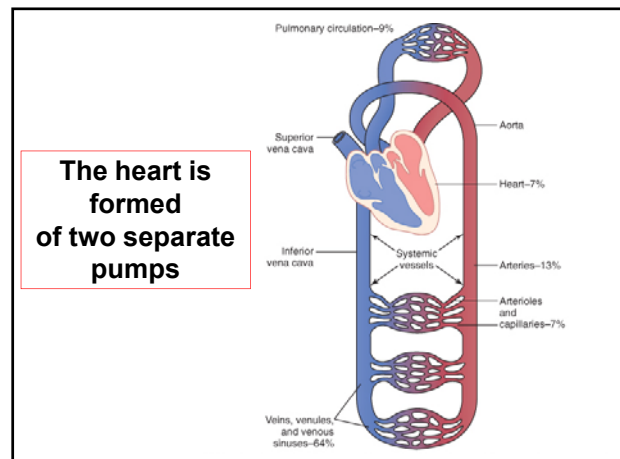
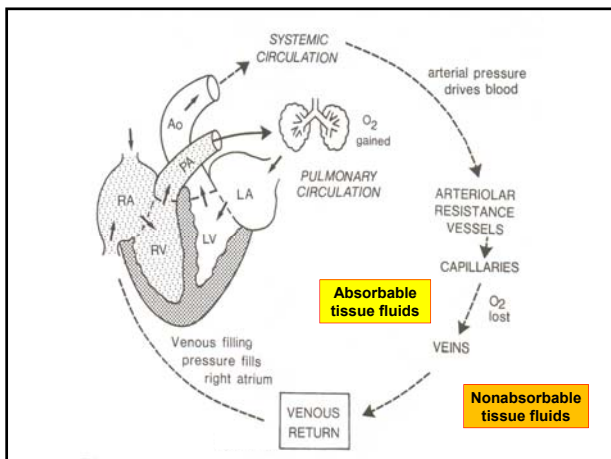


Cardiac Properties (1)

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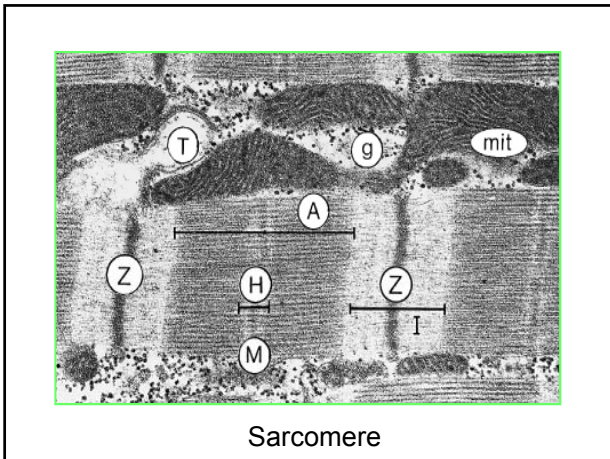


2- All are the functions of the atrium EXCEPT:

- a- A blood reservoir.
- b- Atrial systole is followed by ventricular systole
- c- Pump the blood to the ventricle.
- d- Contracts weakly to help move the blood into the ventricle.

1- Cardiac Valves:

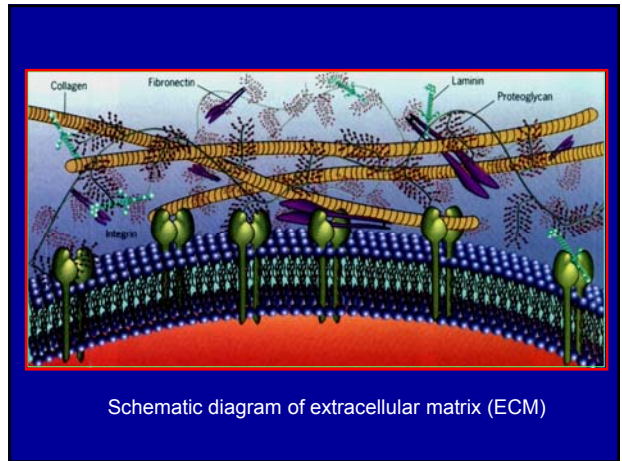
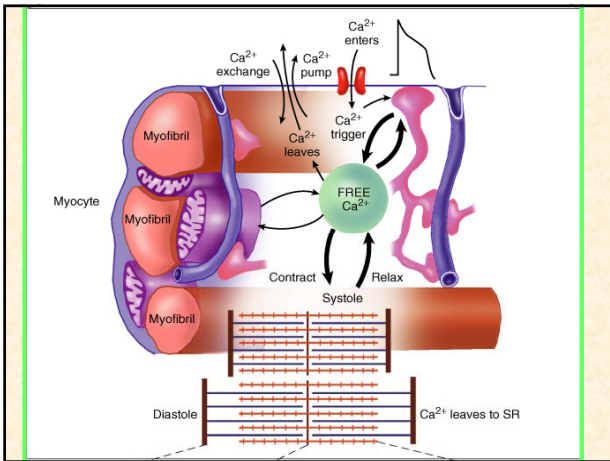
- a- Prevent backflow of blood from the ventricles to the atria during diastole.
- b- The cusps of the semilunar valves attached to the papillary muscles
- c- The cusps of the AV valves pulled inward toward the ventricles during systole.
- d- Normally allow flow of some blood to the atria during ventricular systole.



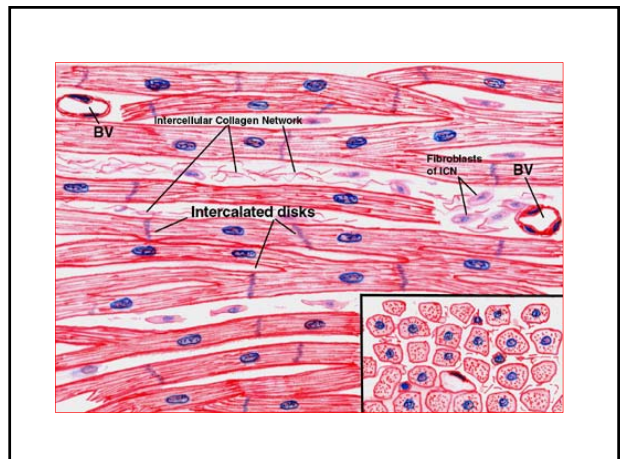
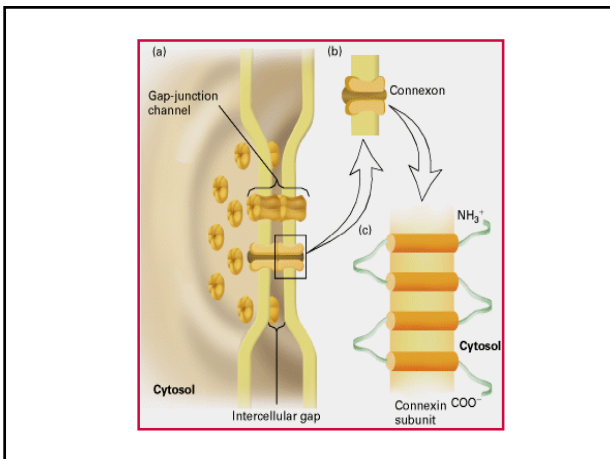
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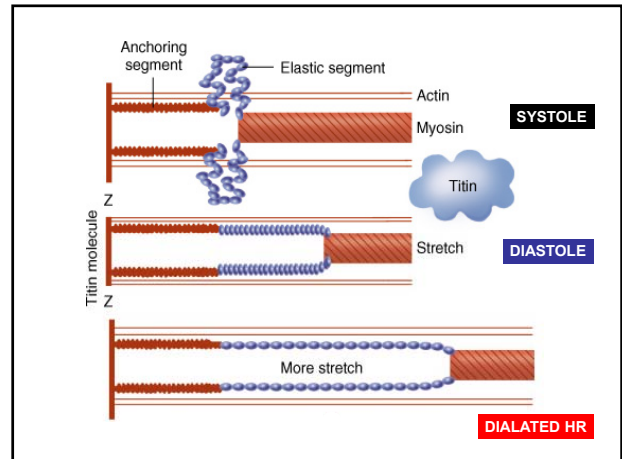
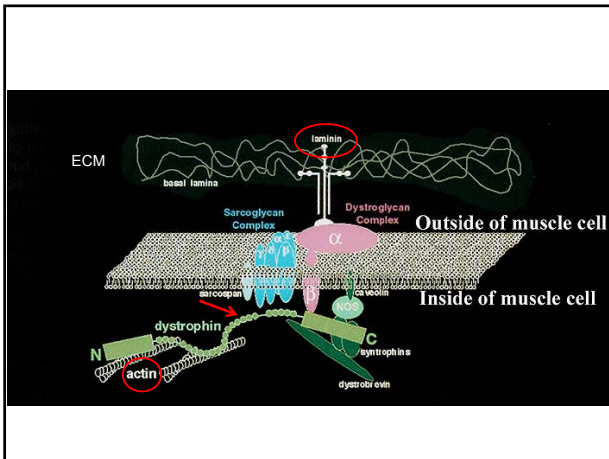
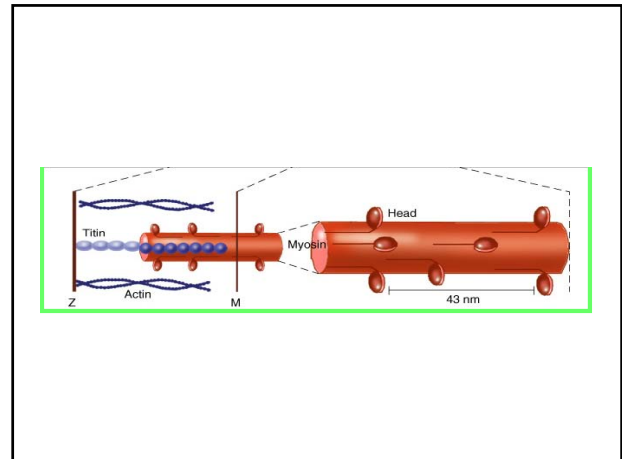
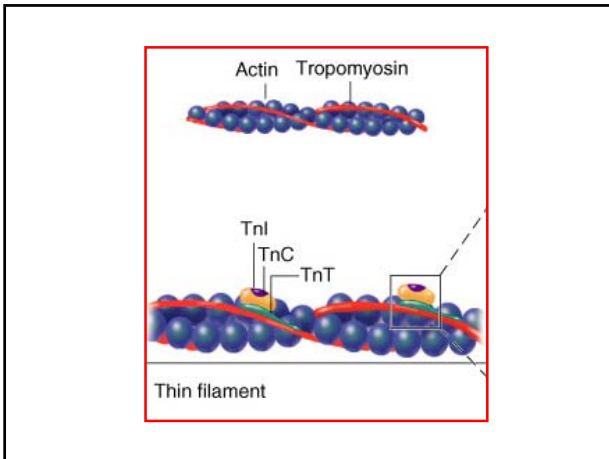
3- All the following belong to papillary muscle EXCEPT:

- a- Attached to the cusps of the A-V valves by cordae tendineae
- b- Contract when ventricular walls contract
- c- Pull the cusps of the valves inward
- d- When the AV valves are pulled inward the atrial pressure increases rapidly.



Schematic diagram of extracellular matrix (ECM)





5- All are the functions of the intercalated disks EXCEPT:

- a- Connect two adjacent cardiac cells.
- b- Provide strong union between fibers.
- c- Connect actin filaments of adjacent cells at M lines.
- d- Contain gap junctions that allow electrical continuity between cardiac cells.

4- Cardiac cells:

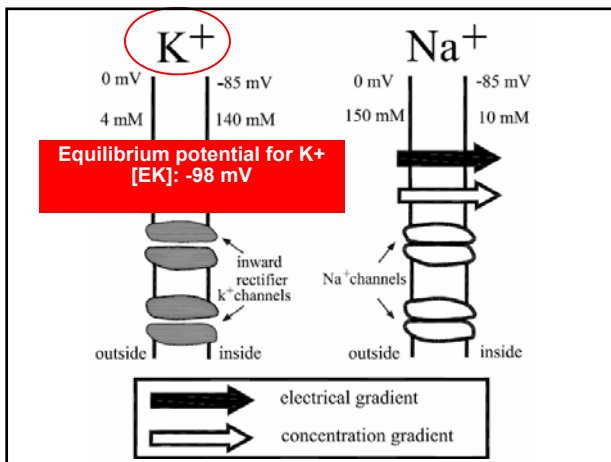
- a- Represent 90 % of the total volume of the heart.
- b- Are rich in mitochondria (30% of cell volume) as in skeletal muscle.
- c- Contain sarcoplasmic reticulum which takes up Ca²⁺ during contraction cycle.
- d- They function as a syncytium.

7- Dystrophin:

- a- A rod like structure connects the actin filaments of two adjacent cardiac cells.
- b. Connects actin with extracellular matrix.
- c. Helps platelets adhesion.
- d. When dysfunctioned the connection between cardiac cells becomes slow.

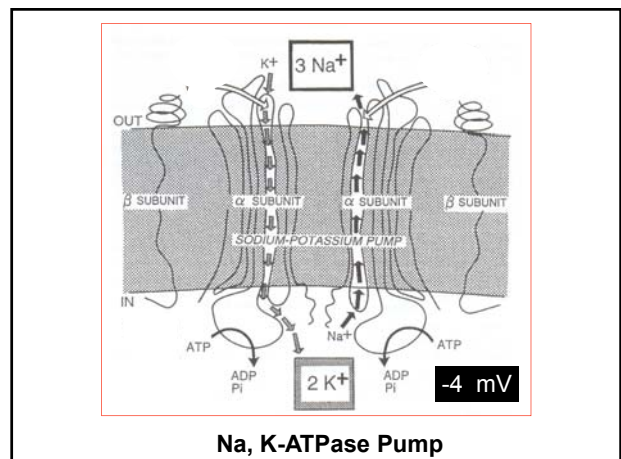
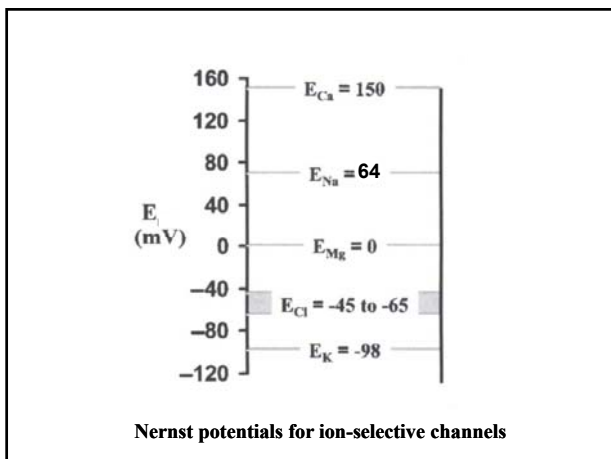
6- Cardiac gap junctions:

- a- Composed of several ligand-gated channels permeable to ions.
- b- Largely distributed in AV node.
- c- Are Low-resistance intercellular junctions.
- d- Are little in Purkinje fibers.

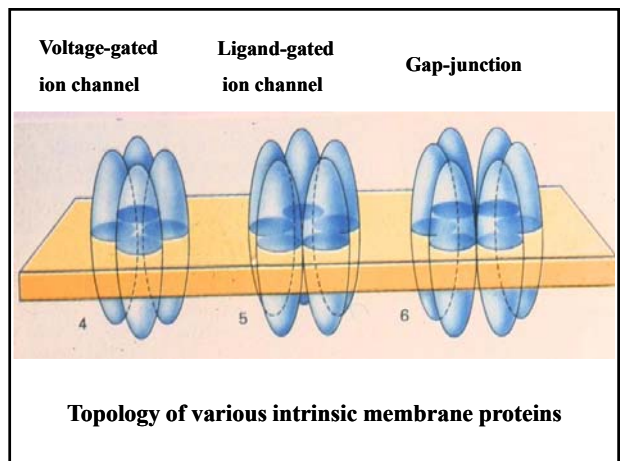
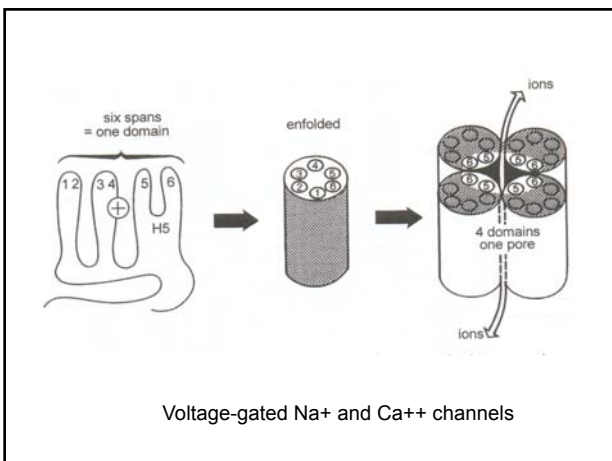
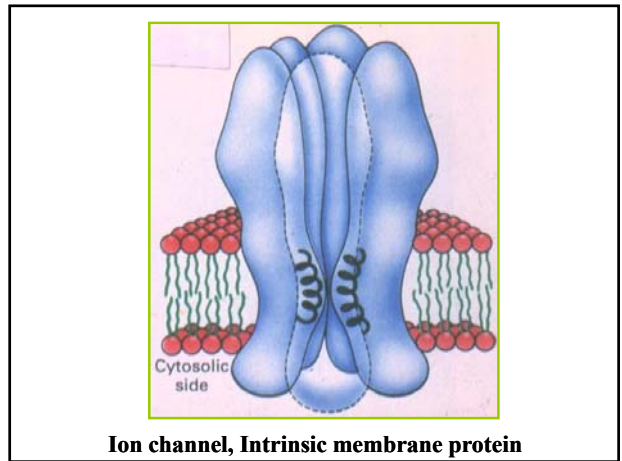
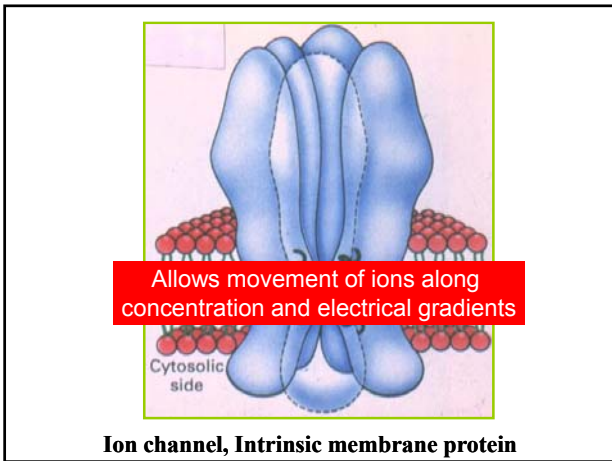
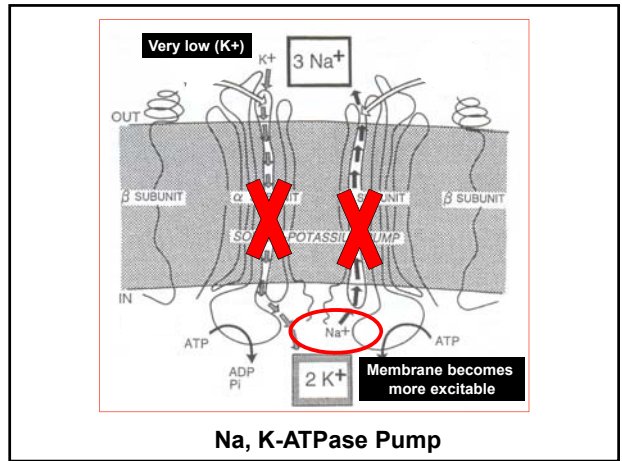


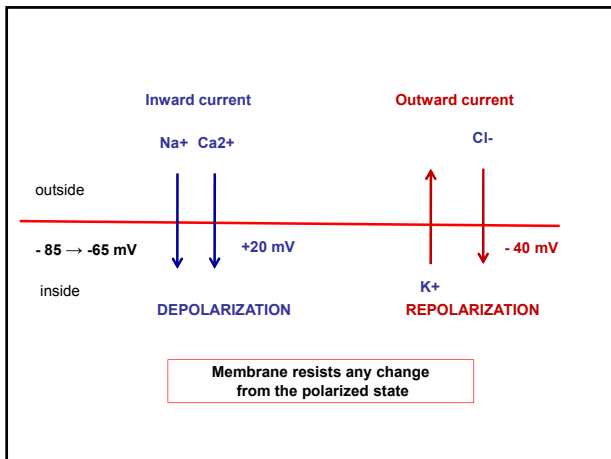
8- Titin:

- a- Very large elongated stiff protein.
- b- Binds actin to the Z line.
- c- Keeps myosin thick filaments centered in the sarcomere.
- d- When dysfunctioned the heart is dilated abnormally in systole.



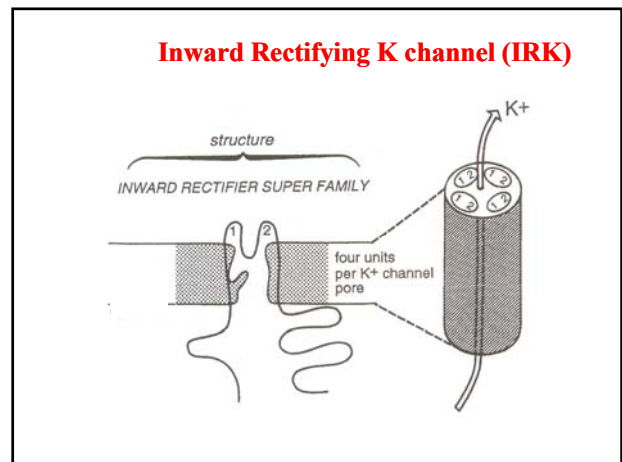
ION CHANNELS



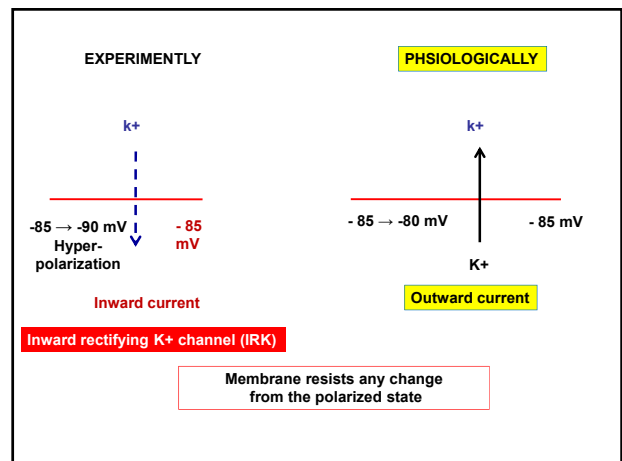


- Inward current:
- Outward current:

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 - Specific character for potassium channels
 - Experimentally at MP < -85 mV (-90 mV):
 - Membrane resists any change from the polarized state
 - The channel conducts inward current
 - The channel is named inward rectifying
 - Physiologically it causes outward current (K_{r1})

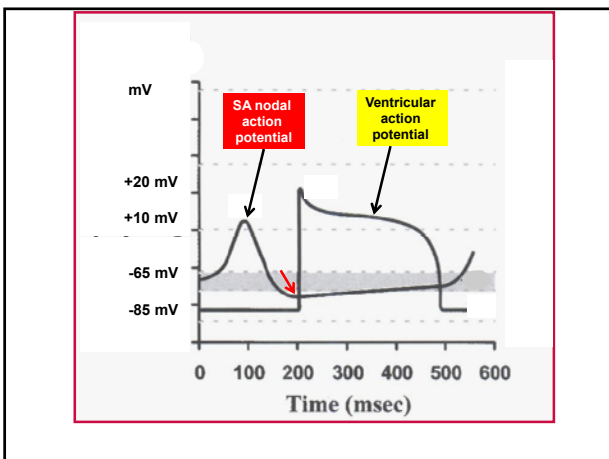


10- The cardiac resting membrane potential (RMP):

- a- The delayed rectifying potassium channels are responsible for establishing the RMP.
- b- At both low and high K⁺ concentrations, the membrane becomes less excitable.
- c- Is about -85 mV in the ordinary cardiac cells.
- d- When extracellular K⁺ ions is decreased to very low levels, the Na-K pump is enhanced.

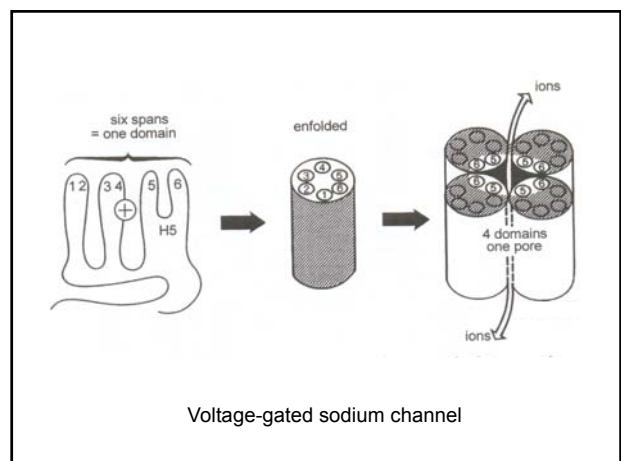
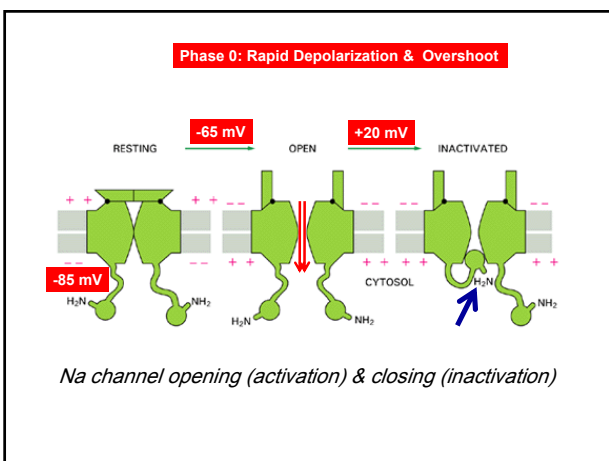
9- The resting cardiac cell membrane:

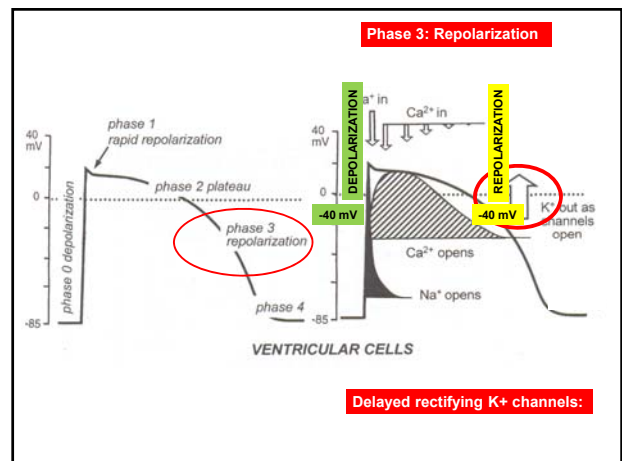
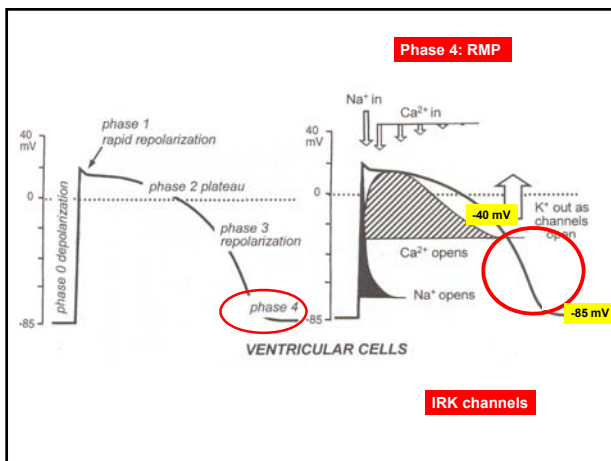
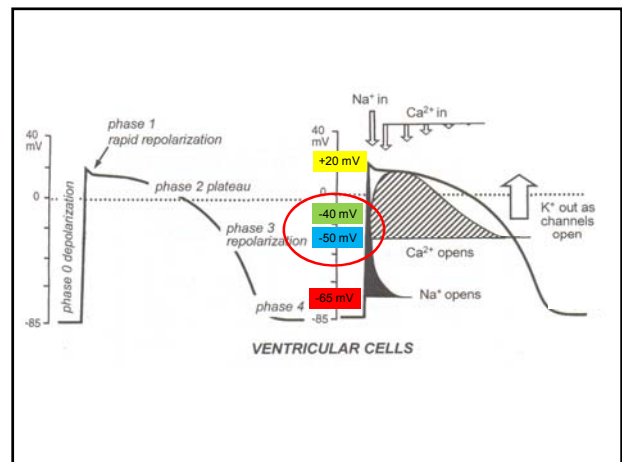
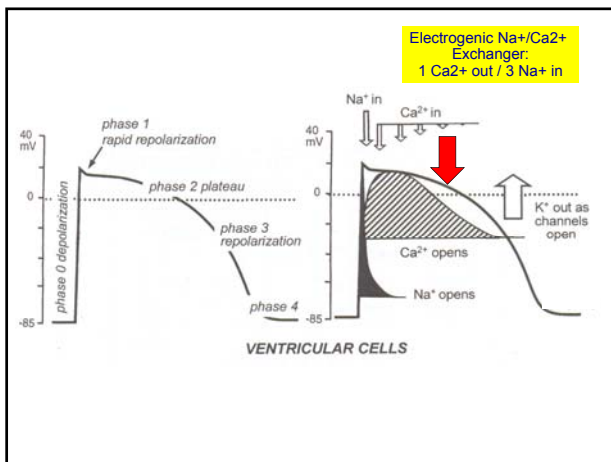
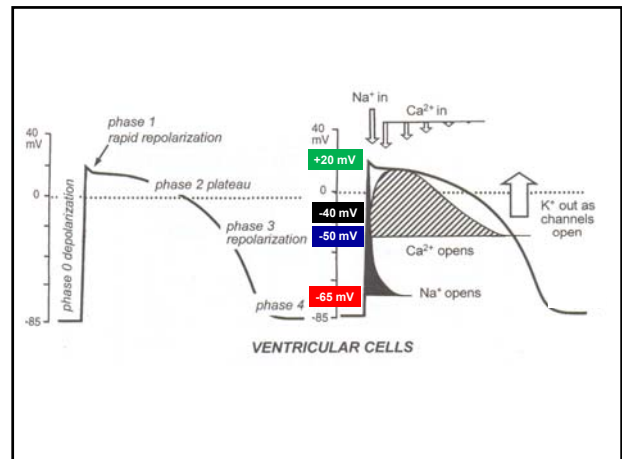
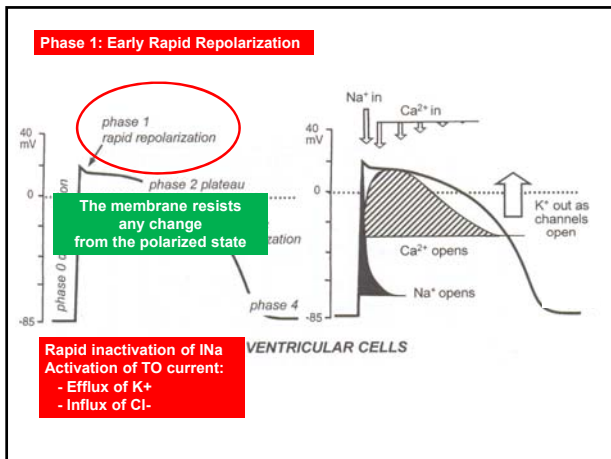
- a- Is primarily permeable to K⁺ ions.
- b- Has resting membrane potential - 65 mV.
- c- Favors inward movement of K⁺ ions at -85 mV.
- d. Influenced by extra-cellular Na⁺ ion concentration.

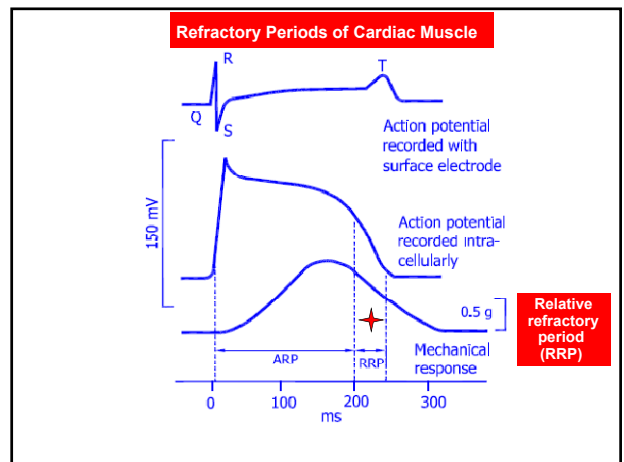
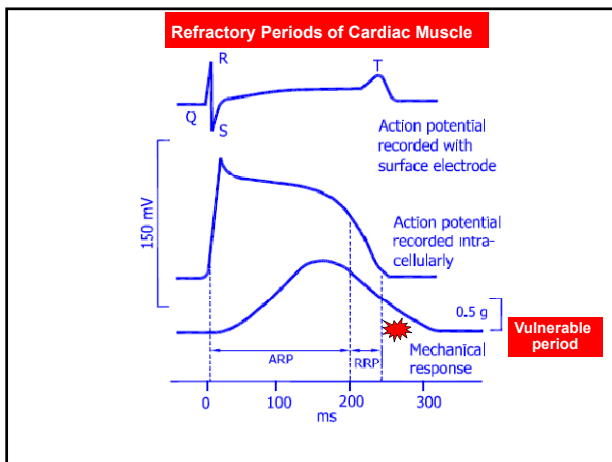
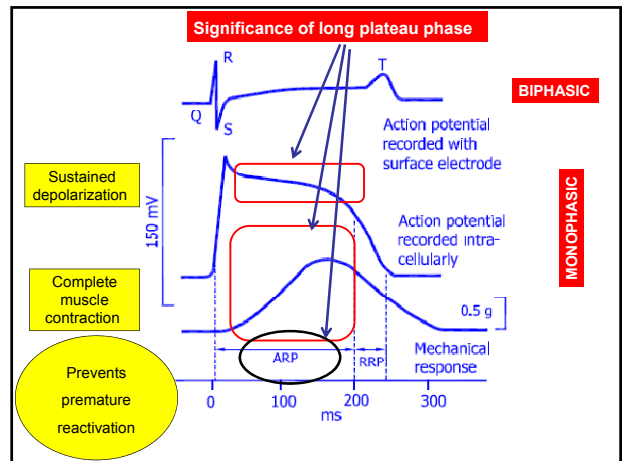
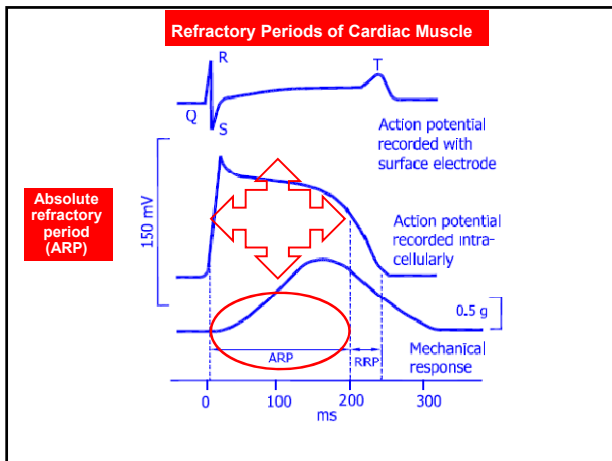


11- The inwardly rectifying K⁺ channels:

- a- Responsible for establishing the resting membrane potential at -100 mV.
- b- Favor inward movements of K⁺ ions at membrane potential -65 mV.
- c- Inactivate with time.
- d- Conduct outward current physiologically.

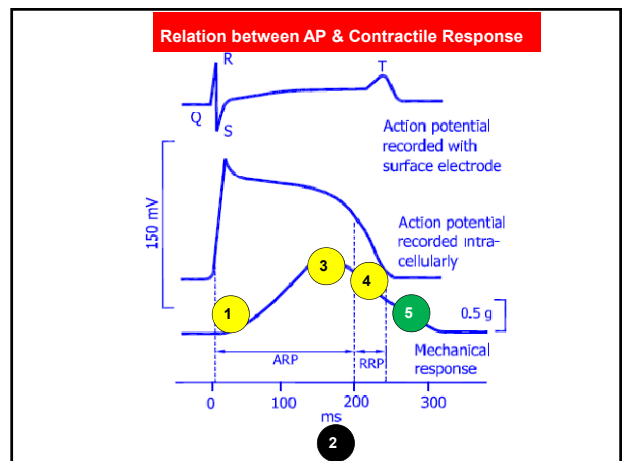






12- Regarding "cardiac action potential" all the followings are correct EXCEPT:

- a- Transient depolarization-repolarization.
- b- At threshold voltage, the membrane becomes primarily permeable K⁺ ions.
- c- The membrane resists any change from the polarized state.
- d- Has long duration from 200 to 300 msec.



14- All the following cause the first rapid repolarization of cardiac ventricle EXCEPT:

- a- Rapid inactivation of I_{Na}
- b- Transient efflux of K^+
- c- Transient influx of Cl^-
- d- Rapid influx of Ca^{2+} .

13- The cardiac fast voltage-gated Na^+ channels:

- a- Conduct inward current (I_{Na}) that responsible for slow action potential upstroke.
- b- I_{Na} depolarizes the membrane to levels of activation of inward Ca^{2+} & outward K^+ currents.
- c- Quickly depolarize the membrane to +47 mV.
- d- Blocked by dihydropyridines "DHP".

16- Regarding "L- type Ca^{2+} current (I_{Ca-L})" all are correct EXCEPT :

- a- Ligand operated current.
- b- Blocked by dihydropyridines (DHP).
- c- Induces Ca^{2+} release from SR.
- d- Inactivated very slowly.

15- Regarding "the plateau of ventricular action potential" all are correct EXCEPT:

- a- Unique to cardiac cell.
- b- Provides sustained depolarization and contraction needed to empty the heart.
- c- Prevents premature activation.
- d- Maintained by balance between inward Na^+ current and outward K^+ current.

18- Delayed outward rectifier K^+ channels:

- a- Repolarizes the cell back to -85 mV.
- b- Voltage operated channels deactivated at +10 mV.
- c- Activated during the early rapid repolarization.
- d- Activated during the plateau phase competing with the inward Ca^{2+} current.

17- The terminal part of cardiac plateau is prolonged by:

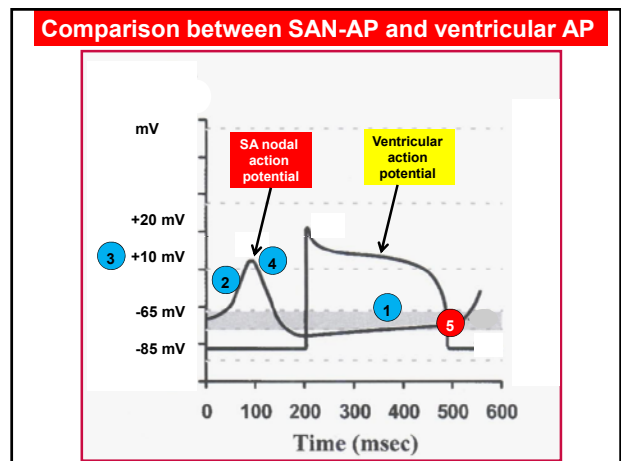
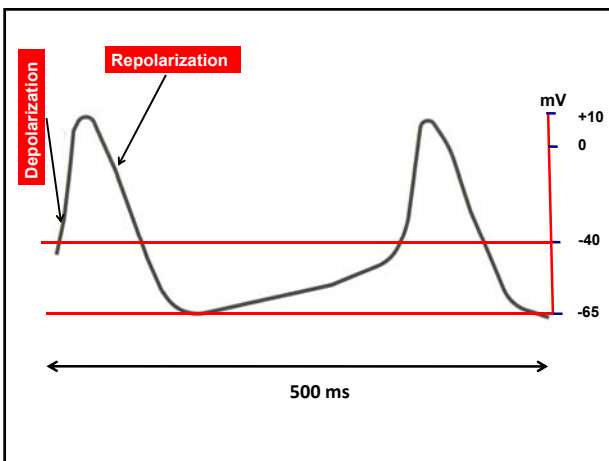
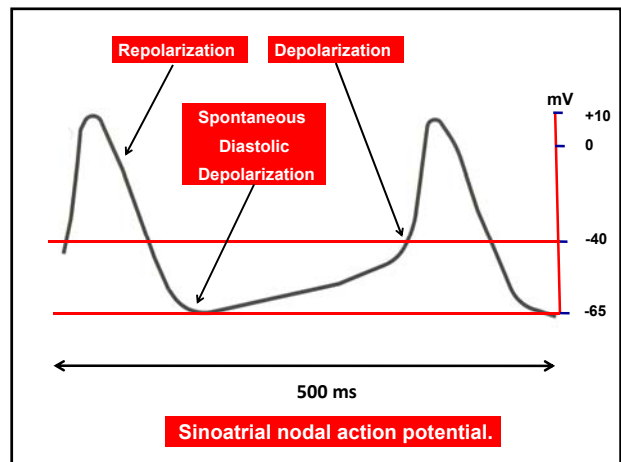
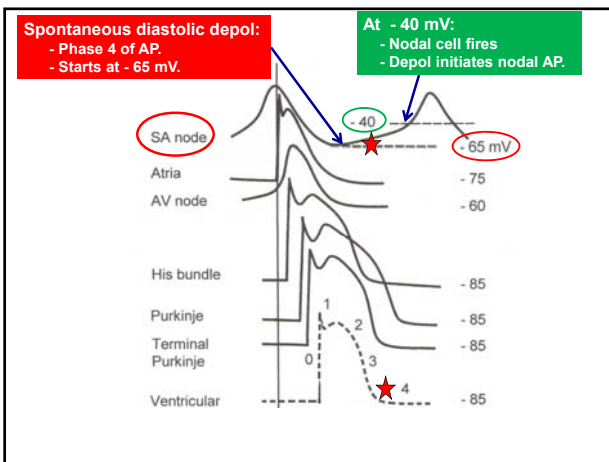
- a- Electrogenic Na-K ATPase pump.
- b- Ca^{2+} -induced Ca^{2+} release.
- c- Spontaneous diastolic depolarization.
- d- Electrogenic Na^+/Ca^{2+} exchanger.

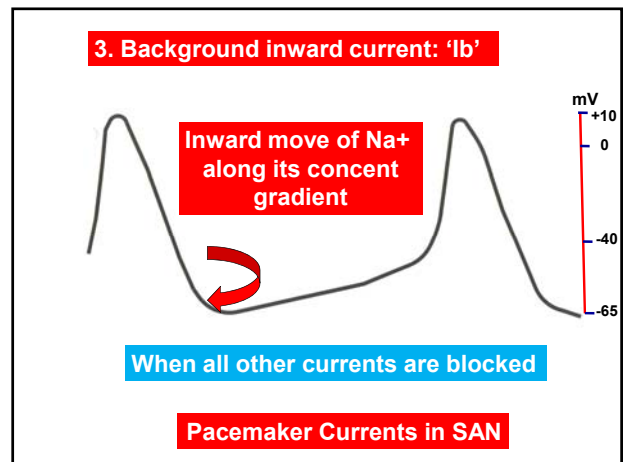
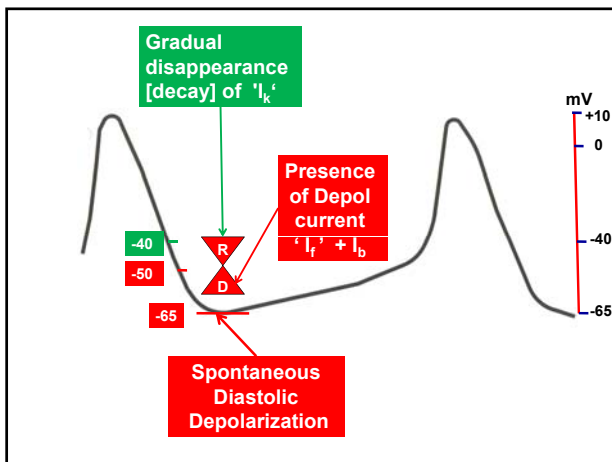
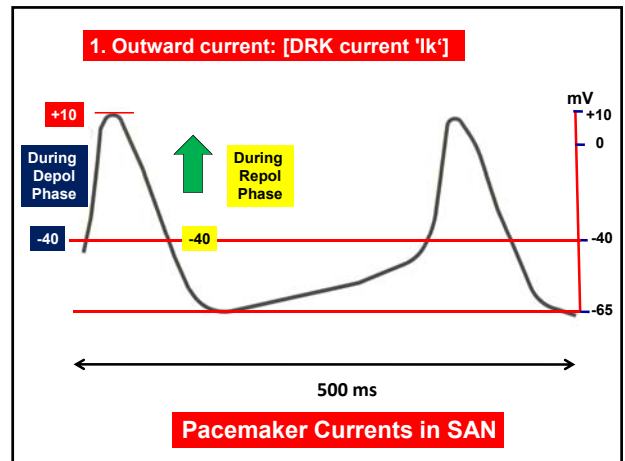
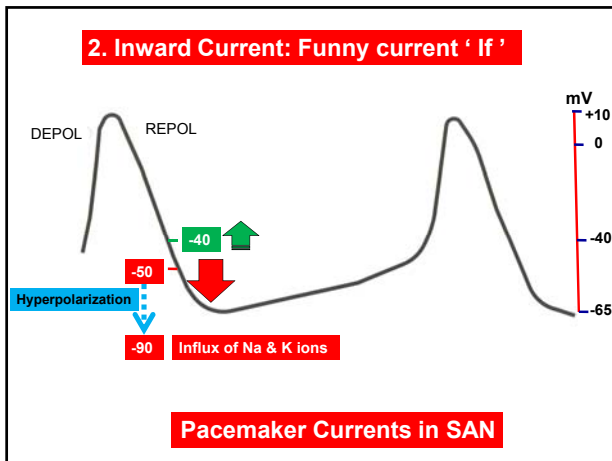
20- The contractile response of the cardiac muscle:

- a- Lasts 2 times the action potential.
- b- Begins just with the start of depolarization.
- c- Systole reaches its maximum by the end of plateau.
- d- The 2nd half of diastole coincides with the late rapid phase of re-polarization.

19- Regarding the refractory period (RP) of cardiac muscle:

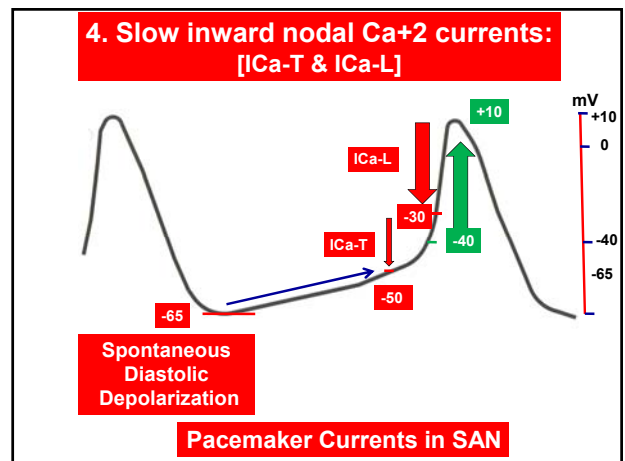
- a- Tetanus can not occur because absolute RP occupies part of systole.
- b- Extra-systole occurs after diastole.
- c- Fatal ventricular fibrillation may occur during 1st half of diastole.
- d- Vulnerable period is a critical period coincides with the 2nd half of diastole.

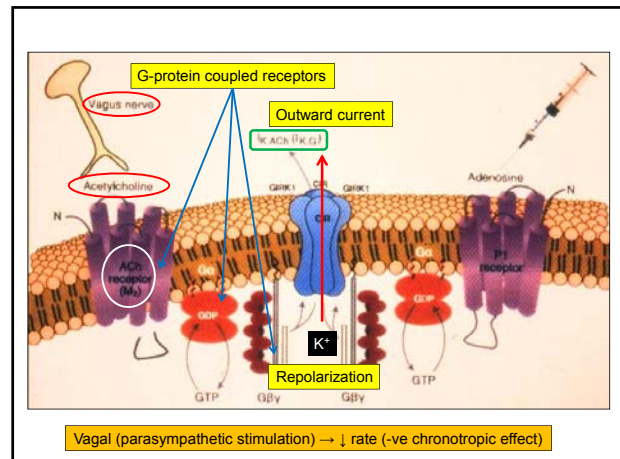
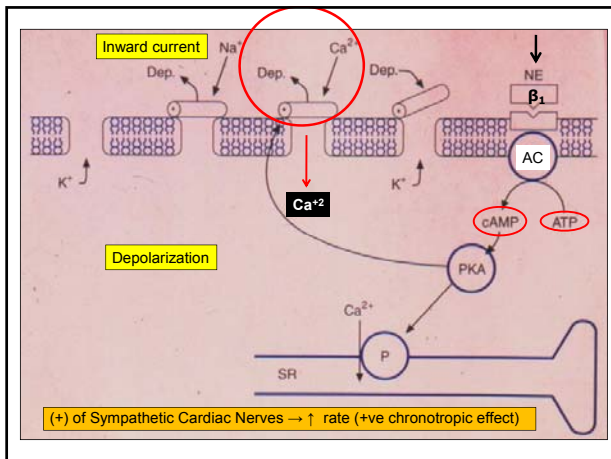




Autonomic Control of SAN

- (+) of Vagal (Parasympathetic) Fibers to SAN:
- (+) of Sympathetic Cardiac Nerves:





22- Nodal action potential:

- a- Has rapid upstroke because of presence of fast sodium current (I_{Na}).
- b- There is no plateau because of rapid onset of potassium-dependent repolarization.
- c- At -40 mV nodal cells fire and depolarization initiates the nodal action potential.
- d- Has an apex up to 20 mV.

21- The sinoatrial (SA) node tissue:

- a- Characterized by spontaneous systolic depolarization.
- b- Initiates repetitive contractions.
- c- The spontaneous depolarization starts at -65 mV.
- d- Has stable resting membrane potential.

24- All are the pacemaker currents in SAN EXCEPT:

- a- Inward rectifying K^+ current ' I_{K1} '.
- b- Inward funny current ' I_f '.
- c- Background inward current (I_b).
- d- Slow inward nodal calcium currents.

23- All are the characters of SAN action potential EXCEPT:

- a- Unstable resting membrane potential.
- b- Slow upstroke.
- c- Occurrence of spontaneous diastolic depolarization at -65 mV.
- d- Balance between depolarization & repolarization at +10 mV.

26- Regarding the slow inward nodal calcium currents all the following are correct EXCEPT:

- a- Are essential for SA nodal pacemaker activity.
- b- Explain the slowly rising depolarization phase of the action potential.
- c- The transient T type Ca^{2+} channels open first.
- d- They overcome the outward potassium current at +10 mV

25- The inward funny current ' I_f ' of the SAN:

- a- Activated at the apex of the action potential.
- b- Is due to influx of both Na^+ & K^+ ions through a specific ion channel.
- c- Remains when all other currents are blocked.
- d- Is due to the spontaneous inward movement of Na^+ ions along its concentration gradient.

28- The SAN is the normal pace-maker of the HR because of the following EXCEPT:

- a- Is more rapid than other parts of the conduction system.
- b- Discharges at a rate from 90 to 105 /min.
- c- Is slowed by the tonic vagal discharge.
- d- Has no circadian rhythm.

27- Pacemaker currents:

- a- Present in all the conductive system.
- b- When blocked there are "latent pace-maker" in Purkinje fibers.
- c- Disappeared in denervated heart.
- d- Present only in the SA node.

30- Sympathetic nerve stimulation to the HR:

- a- Has +ve chronotropic effect.
- b- Increases intracellular cGMP via B_1 receptors.
- c- Increases the rapidity of repolarization.
- d- Facilitates opening of T-type Ca^{2+} channels.

29- Vagal nerve stimulation to the heart:

- a- Decreases the heart rate (+ve chronotropic effect).
- b- Decreases the K^+ conductance of the nodal tissue.
- c- Hyperpolarizes the membrane.
- d- Increases the conductance of the membrane to chloride ions.

THANK YOU

31- All the followings have +ve chronotropic effects EXCEPT:

- a-** Most types of fever.
- b-** Administration of digitalis.
- c-** Atropine.
- d-** Beta-1 adrenergic stimulation.