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★ Cardiovascular System:-

The Cardiovascular System, also known as the circulatory system, is a complex network responsible for transporting blood, nutrients, oxygen, carbon dioxide, hormones and waste products throughout the body.

- It consists of the heart, blood vessels and blood.

1. Heart: A muscular organ that pumps blood throughout the body. It has four chambers: Two atria (upper chambers) and two ventricles (lower chambers).

- Atria: Receive blood coming into the heart.
- Ventricles: pump blood out of the heart.
- The heart functions through a cycle of contraction (systole) and relaxation (diastole).

2. Blood vessels: A network of tubes through which blood flows.

- Arteries: Carry oxygen-rich blood away from the heart to the body.
- Veins: Return oxygen-poor blood back to the heart.
- Capillaries: Tiny vessels where the exchange of oxygen, carbon dioxide, nutrients and waste products occurs between blood and tissue.

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③. Blood :- A fluid Composed of plasma, red blood Cells, white blood Cells and platelets.

- plasma: The liquid Component of blood, Containing Water, Salt and Protein.
- RBC: Carry oxygen from the Lungs to the body and Carbon dioxide from the body back to the Lungs.
- WBC: part of the immune system, they help fight infection.
- platelets: Help in blood Clotting to prevent bleeding.

Functions of the Cardiovascular System:-

- Transport of oxygen, nutrients, Hormones and waste product.
- Regulation of body temperature, pH Levels and fluid balance.
- provide protection by Immune Response and Clotting Mechanism.

Common Cardiovascular disorder:-

- Hypertension (High blood pressure)
- Atherosclerosis (plaque in arterial wall)
- Heart Attack (myocardial Infarction) blockage of blood flow.
- Stroke: Stop blood Supply to the brain.
- Arrhythmias: irregular heart beat.
- Heart failure: Inability to pump blood.

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★ Hypertension:-

- Hypertension, commonly known as high blood pressure, is a chronic medical condition, where the force of the blood against the artery wall is consistently too high.
- This condition can lead to serious health problems, including heart disease, stroke and kidney failure if not managed properly.

Types of Hypertension:-

1. Primary (Essential) Hypertension:-

- Most Common type: Accounts for about 90-95% of all cases.
- No Identifiable Cause: Develops gradually over many years due to a combination of genetic and lifestyle factors such as diet, physical inactivity, and stress.

2. Secondary Hypertension:-

- Less common: Accounts for about 5-10% of cases.
- Underlying Cause: Develops suddenly and is usually the result of another condition such as kidney disease, hormonal disorders, or certain medications.

Risk factor:-

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| - Age | - Diet |
| - Family history | - Tobacco use |
| - Obesity | - Stress |
| - Physical inactivity | |

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Symptoms of hypertension:-

- Hypertension is often called the "Silent killer" because it usually has no symptoms until significant damage has occurred.
- When symptoms do occur, they may include.
 - Headaches: particularly in the morning
 - Shortness of breath: Due to the heart working harder.
 - Nose bleeds: Can occur if blood pressure is extremely high.
 - Flushing: Reddening of the face
 - Dizziness: feeling lightheaded or faint.

Diagnosis:-

1. Blood pressure Measurement: A sphygmomanometer is used to measure blood pressure in millimeters of mercury (mmHg)
 - Systolic pressure: The pressure when the heart beats
 - Diastolic pressure: The pressure when the heart is at rest
2. Multiple Reading:- Blood pressure should be measured at different times to confirm a diagnosis.

Blood pressure Categories:-

1. Normal: Systolic < 120 mmHg and Diastolic < 80 mmHg.
2. Elevated: Systolic $120-129$ mmHg and Diastolic < 80 mmHg
3. Hypertension Stage 1: Systolic $130-139$ mmHg or diastolic $80-89$ mmHg
4. Hypertension Stage 2: Systolic ≥ 140 mmHg or Diastolic ≥ 90 mmHg
5. Hypertensive Crisis: Systolic > 180 mmHg or Diastolic > 120 mmHg.
(req. immediate medical action).

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Treatment and Management :-

1. Lifestyle Changes :-

- Diet
- Exercise
- Weight Management
- Limit Alcohol and quit Smoking.

2. Medication :-

1. **Diuretics**: Help the kidney remove sodium and water, reducing blood volume.
2. **ACE inhibitor**: Relax blood vessels by blocking hormones but Constrict them.
3. **Beta-blocker**: Reduce the heart rate and the heart output of blood.
4. **Calcium Channel blocker**: prevent Calcium from entering heart and blood vessels muscle cell, leading to relaxation of blood vessels.
5. **Other**: Such as alpha-blockers, central agonist, vasodilator, depending on the specific need of patient.

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★ Congestive heart failure :-

Congestive heart failure (CHF) is a chronic progressive condition that affects the pumping power of your heart muscles.

Causes :-

- **Coronary artery disease (CAD)**: Narrowed arteries reduce blood flow to the heart.
- **High blood pressure (hypertension)**: This can cause the heart to work harder than necessary, leading to heart muscle thickening.
- **Cardiomyopathy**: Damage to the heart muscle from various causes including drug or alcohol abuse and infection.
- **Heart valve disease**: Dysfunctional heart valves can lead to heart failure.
- **Myocardial infarction (heart attack)**: This can damage the heart muscle and impair its ability to pump effectively.

Symptoms :-

- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Swelling (in leg, ankles and feet)
- Rapid or irregular heartbeat
- Persistent cough
- Increase need to urinate at night
- Sudden weight gain from fluid retention
- Lack of appetite and nausea.

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Diagnosis:-

- **physical exam**: Checking for fluid in the lungs, swelling, and other signs.
- **Blood test**: To check for markers of heart failure.
- **Chest x-ray**: To see the condition of the lungs and heart.
- **ECG**: To assess the heart's electrical activity.
- **Cardiac MRI**: To provide detailed image of the heart.
- **Coronary angiogram**: To check for blockages in the coronary arteries.

Treatment:-

- **Lifestyle Change**: Reducing salt intake, exercising regularly, quitting smoking and managing weight.
- **Medications**:
 - **ACE inhibitors**: To relax blood vessels.
 - **Beta-blocker**: To reduce heart rate and blood pressure.
 - **Diuretics**: To reduce fluid buildup.
 - **Aldosterone Antagonists**: To manage fluid levels.
 - **Digoxin**: To strengthen heart muscle contraction.

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★ Ischemic heart disease :-

Ischemic heart disease, also known as Coronary artery disease (CAD), occurs when the Coronary arteries that supply blood to the heart muscles become narrowed or blocked.

- This Condition reduces blood flow to the heart muscles which can lead to chest pain (angina), heart attacks, and other complication.

① Angina :-

Chest pain or discomfort due to ~~find~~ inadequate oxygen-rich blood supply to the heart muscle.

Types :-

- (i) Stable Angina :
 - Triggered by physical activity or stress.
 - predictable pattern, relieved by rest or medication.
- (ii) Unstable Angina :
 - occurs at rest or with minimal exertion.
 - Required immediate medical attention.
- (iii) Variant Angina :
 - Caused by coronary artery spasm.
 - occurs at rest, often at night.
 - Relieved by medication.
- (iv) Microvascular Angina :
 - Affects small coronary arteries.
 - Longer-lasting, more severe, less responsive to typical treatment.

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Symptoms of Angina :-

- Chest pain or discomfort
- Pain may radiate to arms, neck, jaw, Shoulder or back
- Shortness of breath.
- Nausea
- Fatigue
- Dizziness
- Sweating

Causes :-

- **Coronary Artery Disease (CAD)**: plaque buildup narrowing arteries
- **Coronary Artery Spasm**: Temporary tightening of artery walls.
- **Microvascular Disease**: issues with small blood vessels in the heart.

Diagnosis :-

- Medical history and physical exam.
- Electrocardiogram (ECG)
- Stress test
- Coronary Angiography.
- Blood test.

Treatment :-

- **Lifestyle change**: Healthy diet, regular, quitting Smoking, stress management.

• Medications:-

- Nitrates
- Calcium channel blockers
- Beta-blocker
- Statins.
- Antiplatelet agent (a.g aspirin)

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② Myocardial infarction :-

Myocardial infarction, commonly known as a heart attack, occurs when blood flow to a part of the heart is blocked for a long enough time that part of the heart muscle is damaged or dies.

Causes :-

- Atherosclerosis - fatty deposition
- Blood clot
- Coronary spasm - Constriction.

Risk factor :-

- High blood pressure
- High Cholesterol
- Smoking
- Diabetes
- Obesity
- Physical inactivity
- Family history.
- Stress.

Symptoms :-

- Chest pain or discomfort (Angina)
- Pain or discomfort in other areas such as the arms, back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- Shortness of breath
- Sweating.
- Nausea or vomiting.

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Diagnosis:-

- Electrocardiogram - Measure electrical activity of the heart to detect heart muscle damage.
- Blood test - Look for Cardiac biomarkers like Troponins that indicate heart ~~at~~ muscle damage.
- Imaging tests:- Echocardiogram, stress test, or Coronary Angiography.

Treatment:-

• Medication:-

- Antiplatelet agent (Aspirin, Clopidogrel)
- Anticoagulants (heparin)
- Thrombolytics
- Beta-blocker
- ACE inhibitor

• procedure:-

- Angioplasty and Stenting: open blocked arteries
- Coronary artery bypass Grafting: Bypass blocked Coronary arteries using vessels from another part of the body.

• Lifestyle change:-

- Quitting Smoking
- Eating a heart healthy diet
- Exercise regularly
- Maintaining a healthy weight
- Managing Stress

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③ Atherosclerosis:-

Atherosclerosis is a Condition where the arteries become narrowed and hardened due to a buildup of plaque on their inner wall.

Causes:-

- High Cholesterol: Elevated levels of LDL (Low density lipoprotein) Cholesterol Contribute to plaque formation.
- High blood pressure: Can damage the inner lining of arteries making them more Susceptible to plaque buildup.
- Smoking: Damage the lining of the arteries and increase plaque form.
- Diabetes: High blood Sugar levels Can damage the arteries and promote atherosclerosis.

Risk factor:-

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| - Age | - Smoking |
| - Fair Family history | - Diabetes |
| - Hypertension | - Obesity |
| - High cholesterol Levels | - Physical activity |

Symptoms:-

Atherosclerosis often develops gradually and may not Cause Symptoms Until an artery is significantly narrowed or blocked. Symptoms depends of On the affected arteries.

- Coronary Arteries: Chest pain or angina, Shortness of breath, heart attack

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- Carotid Arteries: Sudden numbness or weakness in limbs, difficulty speaking temporary loss of vision, stroke.
- peripheral Arteries: Leg pain when walking, numbness or weakness in leg.
- Renal Arteries: High blood pressure, kidney failure.

Diagnosis:-

- Blood test: Measure cholesterol, blood sugar, and other markers of heart disease risk.
- Imaging tests: Ultrasound, CT scan, MRI, Angiography.
- Electrocardiogram (ECG): detect abnormalities in heart function.
- Stress test: Evaluate heart function under stress.

Treatment:-

• Medication:

- Statins (to lower cholesterol)
- Antihypertensive (to lower blood pressure)
- Antiplatelet agent (e.g. aspirin)
- Diabetes medication (to control blood sugar level)

procedure:-

- Angioplasty and Stenting
- Bypass surgery.

Lifestyle change:-

- Healthy diet
- Regular physical activity
- weight management
- Quitting Smoking
- Managing Stress

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④ Atherosclerosis:-

Atherosclerosis refers to the thickening, hardening and loss of elasticity of the walls of arteries. This condition leads to restricted blood flow to organs and tissue.

Risk factor:-

- Non-modifiable: Age, gender (more common in men), family history.
- Modifiable: High blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking, diabetes, obesity, physical inactivity, unhealthy diet.

Symptoms:-

- often asymptomatic until significant artery narrowing or blockage occurs.
- Coronary Arteries: Chest pain (angina), heart attack.
- Carotid Arteries: Stroke transient ischemic attacks.
- Peripheral Arteries: Leg pain, peripheral artery disease.

Diagnosis:-

- Blood test (Cholesterol Level)
- Imaging: Ultrasound, CT angiography, MRI, Coronary Angiography
- Ankle-brachial brachial index for PAD

Treatment:-

- Lifestyle change: Diet, exercise, smoking cessation.

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- Medication: Statins (Lower cholesterol), antihypertensives, antiplatelet agent (aspirin).
- Surgical Intervention: Angioplasty, Stent placement, Coronary artery bypass grafting for severe case.

★ Respiratory System :-

The respiratory system is responsible for gas exchange, supplying oxygen to the body and removing carbon dioxide. It consists of the following main components.

- Nose and Nasal Cavity
- Pharynx
- Larynx
- Trachea
- Bronchi and Bronchioles
- Lungs
- Alveoli
- Diaphragm

Gas Exchange process:-

- Inhalation: Diaphragm contracts, thoracic cavity expands, air is drawn into the lungs.
- oxygen Transport: oxygen diffuses from alveoli into the blood, binds to hemoglobin in red blood cells.

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- Exhalation - Diaphragm relaxes, thoracic cavity contracts, air is expelled from the lungs.
- Carbon Dioxide Removal: CO_2 diffuses from blood into alveoli to be exhaled.

Common Respiratory Conditions:-

- Asthma: Airways become inflamed and narrowed, causing difficulty breathing.
- Bronchitis: Inflammation of the bronchi.
- Pneumonia: Infection causing inflammation in the alveoli.
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD): Group of lung diseases that block airflow and make breathing difficult.
- Lung Cancer: Malignant growth in lung tissue, often associated with smoking.

① Asthma:-

A chronic inflammatory disease of the airways characterized by variable and recurring symptoms, reversible airflow obstruction, and bronchospasm.

Symptoms:-

- Wheezing
- Shortness of breath
- Chest tightness
- Coughing, especially at night or early morning.

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Triggers:-

- Allergens (e.g. pollen, dust mites, pet dander)
- Respiratory Infections.
- physical activity (exercise induce asthma)
- Cold air
- Air pollutant and irritant (e.g. Smoke, strong odors)
- Stress and strong emotions

Diagnosis:-

- Medical history: Listing for wheezing and other Signs
- Physical examination: Measure airflow and lungs functions.
- Spirometry: Measure the airflow and lungs function.
- Peak flow meter: Measures the peak expiratory flow rate.
- Allergy testing: Identifies specific allergens triggering asthma.

Management of asthma:-

- Avoid Triggers: Identifying and avoiding asthma triggers.
- Medications:-
 - Relievers (Bronchodilator): Short acting beta-agonists (e.g. albuterol) for immediate relief of symptoms.
 - Controller (Anti-inflammatory drug): Inhaled Corticosteroids (e.g. Fluticasone) to reduce inflammation.
 - Combination Inhalers: Contain both long-acting bronchodilator and Corticosteroids.

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② Chronic obstructive pulmonary Disease (COPD) :-

A progressive lung disease characterized by persistent respiratory symptoms and airflow limitation, typically due to emphysema and chronic bronchitis.

Symptoms:-

- persistent Cough with mucus
- Shortness of breath, especially during physical activities.
- Wheezing
- Chest tightness
- Fatigue.

Causes:-

- primary Cause: Long-term exposure to irritating gases or particulate Matter, most commonly from cigarette smoke.
- Other Causes: Air pollution, chemical fumes, dust, genetic factors. (e.g Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency).

Diagnosis:-

- Medical History:- Assessment of symptoms, Smoking history, and exposure to lung irritants.
- Physical examination:- Checking for Signs of COPD.
- Spironometry: Measuring Lung function.
- Chest x-ray / CT scan:- Imaging to look for emphysema and other changes in the lungs.

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Management of Copd:-

- Smoking Cessation: The most crucial step in Managing COPD.
- Medications:
 - Bronchodilator: Short acting (e.g. albuterol) and long-acting (e.g. tiotropium) to relax airway muscles.
 - Inhaled Corticosteroids: To reduce inflammation (e.g. fluticasone)
 - Oxygen therapy: For patients with severe COPD and low blood oxygen levels.

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★ Renal System :-

- The renal system, also known as the urinary system, is responsible for filtering blood, removing waste, and maintaining homeostasis of water, electrolytes, and pH balance.
- It consists of the kidneys, ureters, bladder and urethra.

① Acute Renal Failure :-

A sudden loss of kidney function, typically developing over hours to days, resulting in the inability to maintain fluid, electrolyte and acid base balance.

Causes :-

- **pre-renal** : Due to decreased blood flow to the kidney (e.g. Heart failure, shock).
- **Intra-renal** : Direct damage to the kidney (e.g. acute tubular necrosis, glomerulonephritis, toxins).
- **post-renal** : obstruction of urine flow (e.g. kidney stones, tumors, enlarged prostate).

Symptoms :-

- Decrease urine output or no urine output.
- Swelling (edema) due to fluid retention.
- Fatigue and Confusion
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea and vomiting.

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Diagnosis :-

- **Blood test**: Elevated Serum Creatinine and blood urea nitrogen Levels.
- **Urinalysis**: presence of abnormal substances (e.g protein, blood).
- **Imaging**: ultrasound or CT Scan to detect obstructions or structural abnormalities.
- **Biopsy**: In some cases, to identify the underlying cause.

Treatment :-

- **Address Underlying Cause**: E.g restore blood flow, remove obstruction, treat infections.
- **Supportive Care**: Manage fluid and electrolyte imbalances.
- **Dialysis**: Temporary measure to filter blood in severe cases.
- **Medications**: To Manage Symptoms and prevent Complication.

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(2) Chronic Renal Failure :-

A gradual loss of kidney function over months to years, leading to irreversible damage and decreased ability to perform essential functions.

Causes:-

- **Diabetes mellitus**: Leading Cause, due to prolonged high blood sugar.
- **Hypertension**: High blood pressure damages blood vessels in kidney.
- **Chronic Glomerulonephritis**: Inflammation in kidney filtering unit.
- **Polycystic kidney disease**: Genetic disorder causing cysts to form in the kidneys.

Symptoms:-

- Early stages may be asymptomatic.
- Fatigue and weakness.
- Swelling, especially in the legs and ankles.
- Persistent itching.
- Nausea and vomiting.
- Loss of appetite.
- Change in urine output and appearance.

Diagnosis:-

- **Blood test**: Elevated Serum Creatinine Levels, decrease GFR.
- **Urinalysis**: presence of protein, blood or abnormal cells.
- **Imaging**: Ultrasound, CT Scan, or MRI to assess kidney size and structure.
- **Biopsy**: To determine the cause and extent of damage.

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Treatment :-

• Medications:

- To Control blood pressure (ACE inhibitor, etc)
- To Manage blood sugar level in diabetes
- To Treat anemia (erythropoiesis-stimulating agent)
- To Manage bone health (Phosphate binder, vit. D supplements)

• Dietary change: low protein, low sodium and low-potassium diet

• Lifestyle modification: Regular exercise, Smoking Cessation, and weight management.

• Dialysis: Hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis for advanced stage

• Kidney transplant: For end-stage renal disease