

Fick cardiac output calculations

Measurements of O₂ consumption (\dot{V}_{O_2}) and mixed pulmonary arterial ($C_{\bar{v}O_2}$) and venous (C_{aO_2}) values yield the ability to calculate lung flow (\dot{Q}) and cardiac output.

$$\dot{V}_{O_2} = \dot{Q} (C_{aO_2} - C_{\bar{v}O_2})$$

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{\dot{V}_{O_2}}{C_{aO_2} - C_{\bar{v}O_2}}$$

Case data retrieval

Case data is retrieved from experiments stored in the HUMAN data base. Log in for personalized features, select '[Get a saved experiment](#)' and locate the folder [RespPhysFall08](#) , open it and then, as/if directed to, open the indicated file.

Procedure

- 1) Run #1 – Determine by calculation (Fick equation) the value of the cardiac output in HUMAN at *rest*.

- 2) Run #2 –Run the model Fick- Case 1
 - run the model as set up
 - calculate the cardiac output at 20 min.

- 3) Run #3 - Retrieve Fick- Case 1
 - run the model as set up
 - calculate the cardiac output at 20 min.

Present each experimental run, your calculations and any other relevant aspects of the case to the class.