Glycocalyx: What is it and what is it important?

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"When you are a hammer….
everything looks like a nail"

What is

The Cornerstone of Life?

Microcirculation

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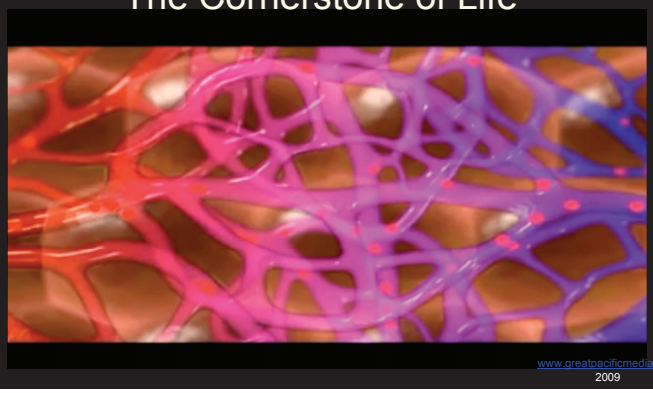

Microcirculation

- Capillary flow regulation (Getting the blood there)
- Hydrostatic - Oncotic equilibrium (Osmosis Starling principle)
- Filtration (Lymph formation revised Starling principle)

Microcirculation

- Capillary flow regulation

Microcirculation

- Capillary flow regulation
  - Arteriolar myogenic response
  - Venoarteriolar reflex
  - Pre-capillary arteriolar vasomotion

Wienersperger NF, Bouskela, E Microcirculation in insulin resistance and diabetes: more than and compilation" Diabetes Metab 2003:29, 6S77-6S87

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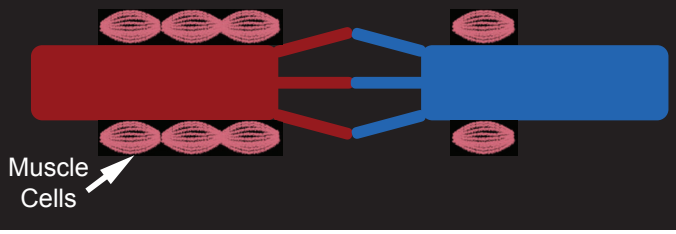

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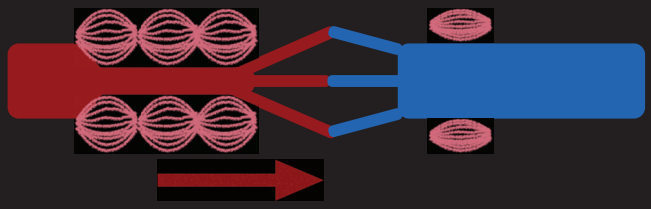

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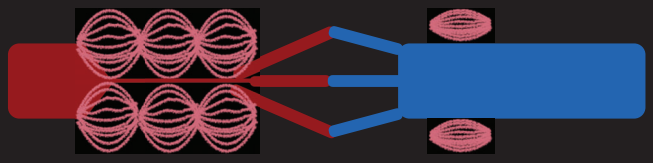

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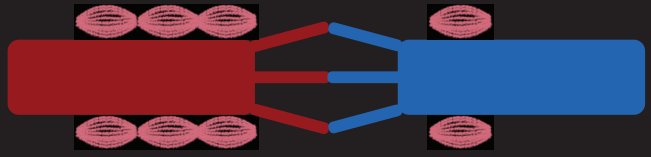

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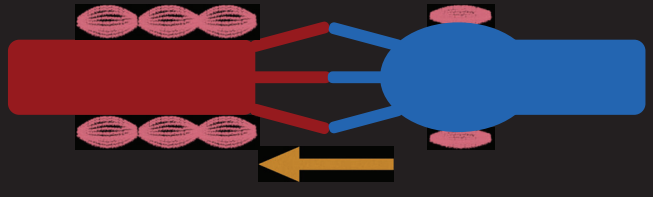

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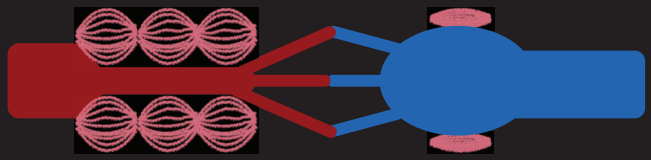

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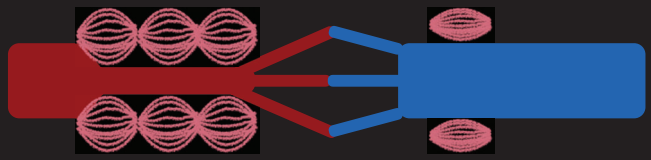

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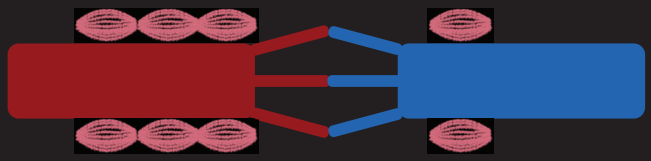

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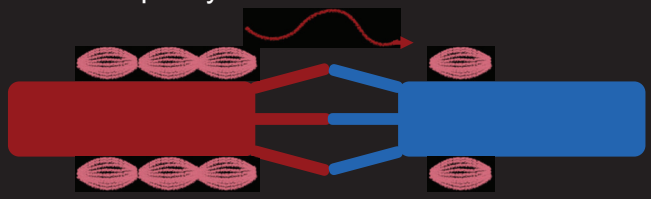

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- Arteriolar vasomotion
  - Nitric Oxide (NO)
  - Endothelium-Derived Hyperpolarizing Factor (EDHF)

Pohl U, De Wit C, "A unique role of NO in the control of blood flow": News Physiol Sci, 1999:19, 74-80,
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Microcirculation

- Arteriolar vasomotion
  - Slow-wave
    - Arteriolar contraction → oscillations of membrane potential
  - High amplitude
  - 1-10 Hz

Intlagietta M, "Vasomotion and flow motion: physiological mechanisms and clinical evidence" Vasc Med Rev, 1990 1, 101-112,
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- Hydrostatic - Oncotic equilibrium

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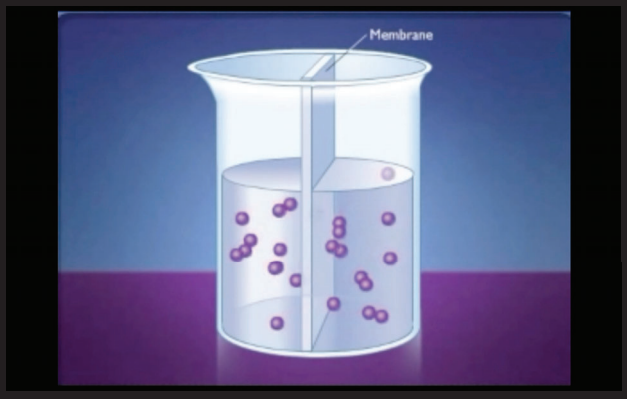

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Microcirculation

- Filtration

Microcirculation

Carl Friedrich Weilheim Ludwig
1816-1895

- Suggested that lymph was formed by plasma filtration through capillary walls

Microcirculation

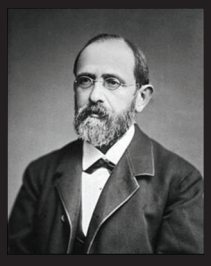
Julius Friedrich Cohnheim
1839-1884

- Expanded Ludwig's concept to vascular pressure and different capillary permeability throughout the body

Microcirculation

Rudolph Peter Heinrich Heidenhain
1834-1897

- 1854 published his secretion theory and his work on lymphagogues substances (crayfish extract)



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Ernest Henry Starling
1866-1927

- 1893 Intravenous injection of peptones

Microcirculation

Starling Principle

- 1896 Basic concept of tissue fluid absorption
- Incomplete

Microcirculation

ON THE ABSORPTION OF FLUIDS FROM THE CONNECTIVE TISSUE SPACES. By ERNEST H. STARLING. (Two Figures in Text.)

(*From the Physiological Laboratory, Guy's Hospital.*)

Until within the last few years, all workers, who investigated the question of absorption by the blood vessels, confined their experiments to cases in which some substance, not occurring normally in the blood, was introduced into some connective tissue space. That, under these conditions, absorption by the blood vessels does take place, was shown by Majendie, and confirmed in recent years by Ascher[1] as well as by Tubby and myself[2]. Although the ease, with which this interchange by a process of diffusion between blood and extravascular fluids takes place, must be of great importance for the normal metabolism of the tissues (as, *e.g.* the much discussed supply of CaO to the mammary gland-cells), yet such processes will not serve to explain the absorption by the blood vessels of fluids having the same tonicity and the same approximate constitution as the circulating plasma. The fluids contained in the tissue-spaces have the same tonicity and the same composition in salts as blood-plasma. We have to inquire first whether the blood vessels do absorb such isotonic fluids, and secondly the manner in which this absorption takes place.

Evidence as to Absorption by Blood Vessels.

1. *Absorption from the serous cavities.*

A number of experiments have been made recently on the subject of the absorption of isotonic fluids (*e.g.* 1 % salt solution or serum) from the serous cavities. Orlow[3] showed that isotonic fluids were absorbed from the peritoneal cavity with considerable rapidity without producing any corresponding lymph-flow from the thoracic duct, and concluded

[1] *Zeitschrift f. Biologie*, 1893. 247. [3] This *Journal*, xvi. 140. 1894.
[2] *Pflüger's Archiv*, lix. 170. 1894.

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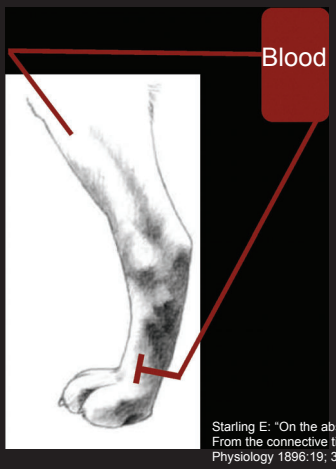

Starling E: "On the absorption of fluids From the connective tissue spaces",Journal of Physiology 1896:19; 312-326

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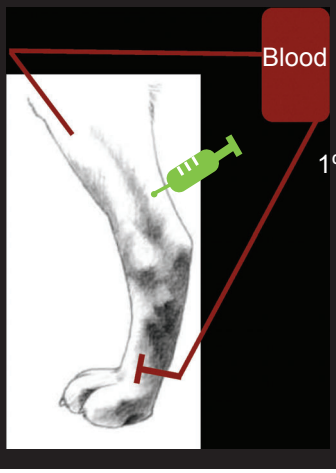

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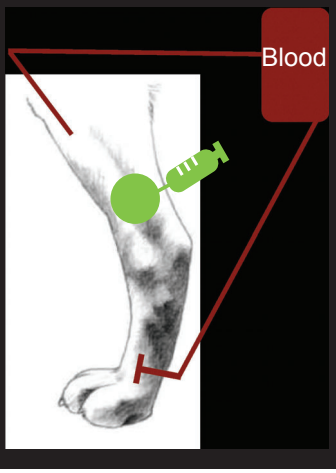

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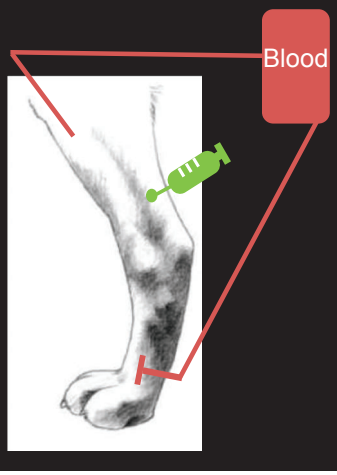

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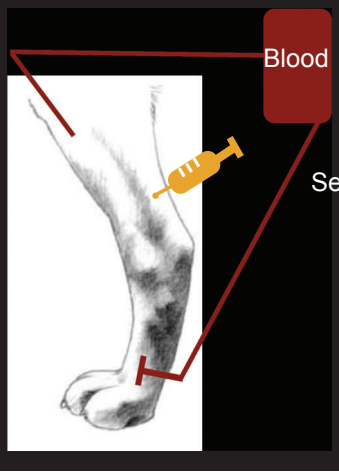

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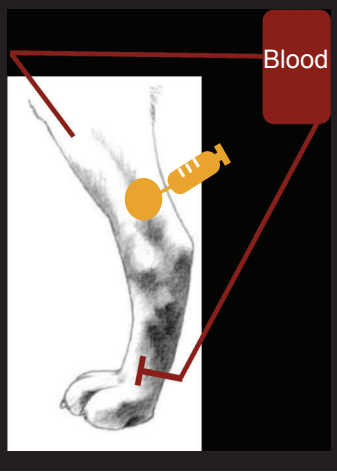

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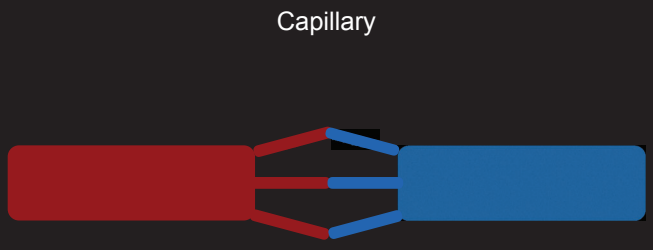

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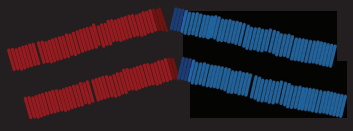

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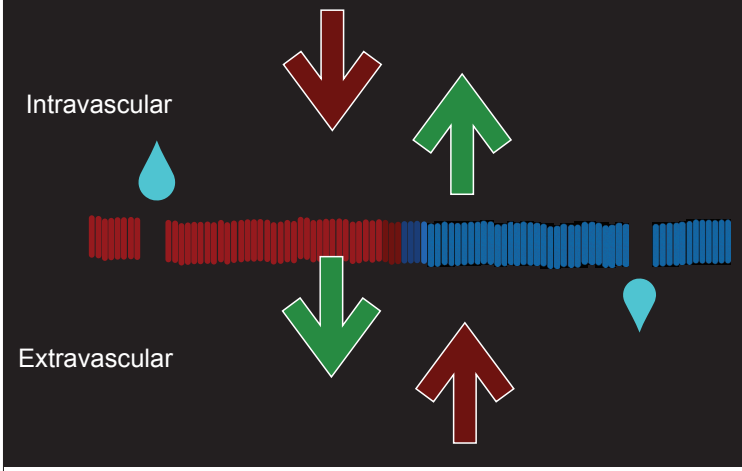


Microcirculation

Luigi Liciani
1840-1919

- 1911 thought Starling concepts were "too simple"

Microcirculation

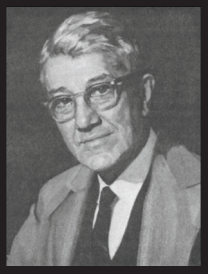
William D Haliburton
1860-1931

- 1904 disputed Starling's discoveries and he believed that filtration dominated over secretion

Microcirculation

Eugene Markley Landis
1901-1987

- 1927 first direct experimental evidence of Starling's principle
- He measured hydrostatic pressure and filtration in frog's mesentery



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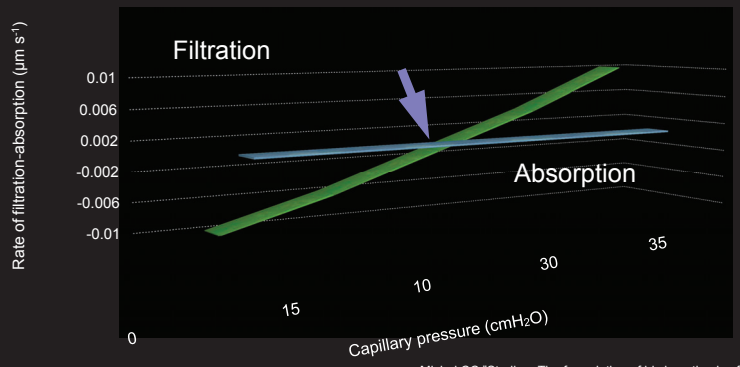

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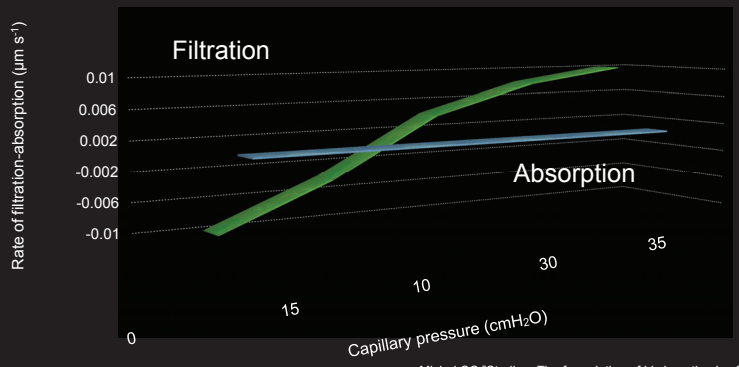

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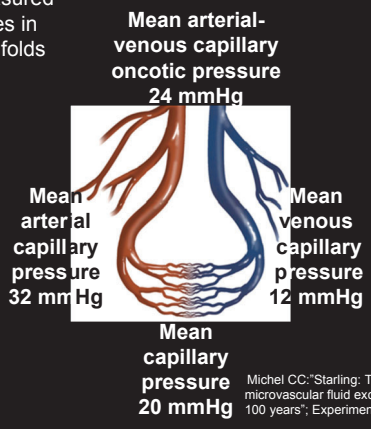
- 1930 Landis measured capillary pressures in human fingernail folds at heart level



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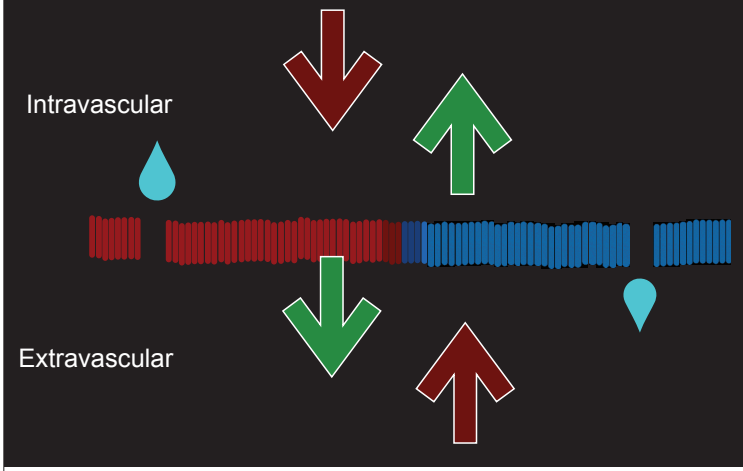

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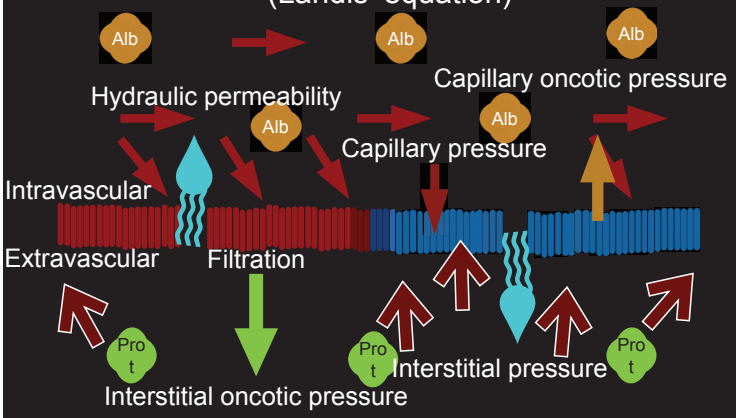

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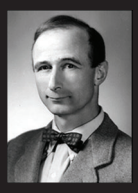
Armando Soto-Rivera
1920-2004



John Richard Pappenheimer
1915-2007

- 1948 coined the term isogravimetric state

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Constant limb weight=0 net fluid movement=isogravimetric state

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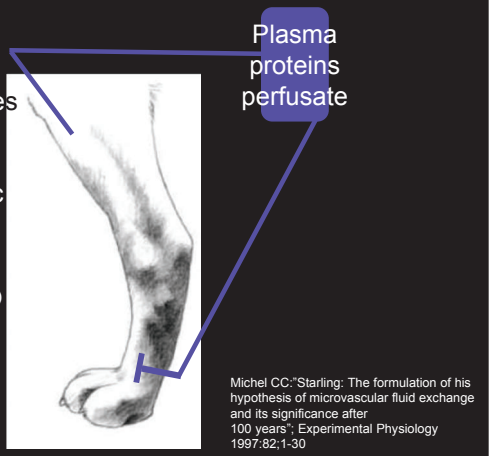
Capillary pressure varies according the plasma oncotic pressure to achieve isogravimetric state

Rate of filtration-reabsorption=P_c-$P_{c(iso)}$



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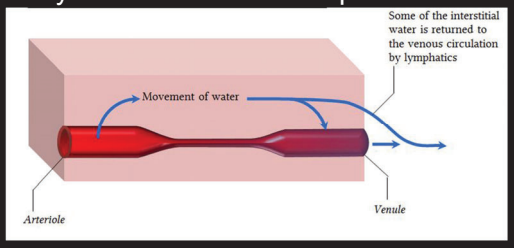
Classic Starling Principle

- Landis, Pappenheimer and Soto-Rivera
- Krogh, Landis and Turner 1931
  - Hydrostatic and oncotic pressures



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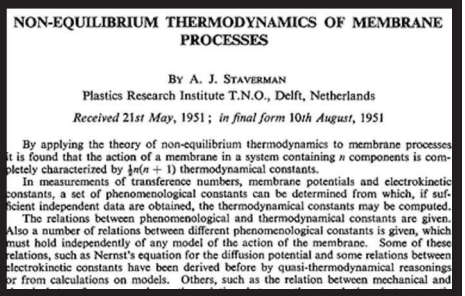
Albert Jan Staverman
1912-1993

Microcirculation

1951 Staverman's Reflection Coefficient
University of van Leiden
Netherlands



NON-EQUILIBRIUM THERMODYNAMICS OF MEMBRANE PROCESSES

By A. J. Staverman
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By applying the theory of non-equilibrium thermodynamics to membrane processes it is found that the action of a membrane in a system containing n components is completely characterized by $\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$ thermodynamical constants.

In measurements of transference numbers, membrane potentials and electrokinetic constants, a set of phenomenological constants can be determined from which, if sufficient independent data are obtained, the thermodynamical constants may be computed.

The relations between phenomenological and thermodynamical constants are given. Also a number of relations between different phenomenological constants is given, which must hold independently of any model of the action of the membrane. Some of these relations, such as Nernst's equation for the diffusion potential and some relations between electrokinetic constants have been derived before by quasi-thermodynamical reasonings or from calculations on models. Others, such as the relation between mechanical and

Microcirculation

- Reflection coefficient

$$\sigma = \frac{\pi_{(obs)}}{\pi_{(theory)}}$$

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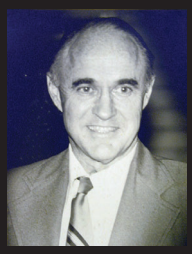
Arthur Clifford Guyton
1919-2003



- 1963 Guyton measured the interstitial hydrostatic and oncotic pressures

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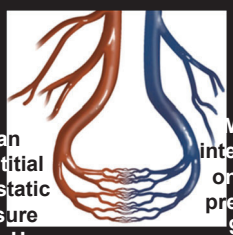

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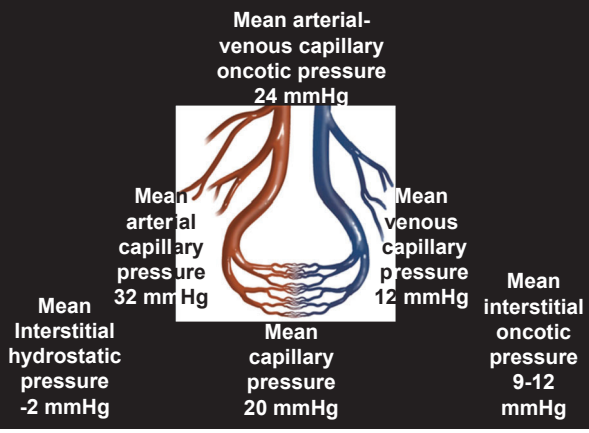

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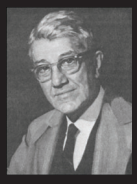

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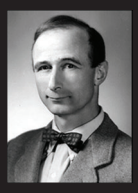

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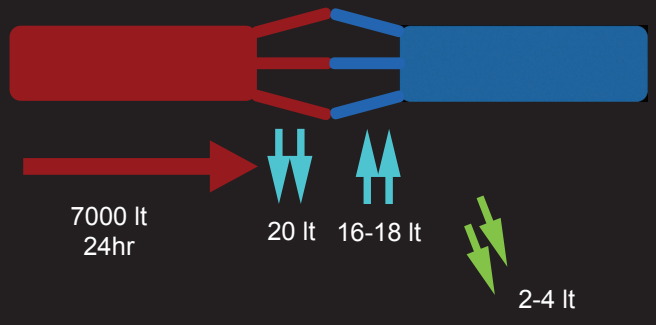


Microcirculation

Ernest Ruska
1906-1988

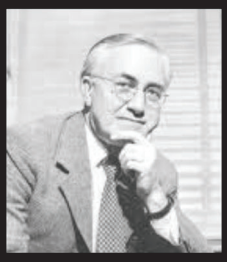
Max Knoll
1897-1969

- 1931 developed the electron microscope10 nm resolution
- 1944 2 nm resolution

Microcirculation

James Frederic Danielli
1911-1984

- 1940 First postulated the presence of the "fussy" endothelial layer



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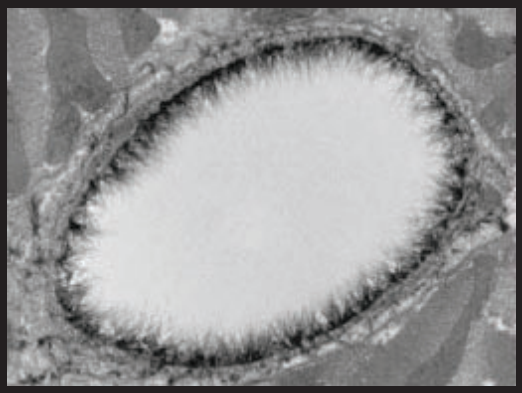
Glycocalyx



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Microcirculation
Glycocalyx

- Hydrogel-like layer
- 500-2000 nm depending on the anatomy and size of the vessel
- Total surface 4000 - 7000 m^2 (0.98 - 1.7 acres)
- Negative net charge

Yang Y, Schmidt E: "The endothelial glycocalyx: Am important regulator of the pulmonary vascular barrier" Tissue Barriers 2013:1:1

Microcirculation

Glycocalyx

- Functions
  - Molecular sieve determine oncotic forces across the endothelium
  - Hydrodynamic exclusion layer preventing interaction between red cells and cell membranes
  - Modulating leukocyte attachment and rolling
  - Transducer of mechanical forces to the intracellular cytoskeleton

Weinbaum S, Zhang X, Han Y et al:"Mechanotransduction and flow across the endothelial glycocalyx" PANS 2003:100;13

Microcirculation

Glycocalyx

- Structure
  - Proteoglycans: Syndecans,Glypicans, Perlecan,Versicans, Decorins, Biglycans, Mimecans
  - Glycoproteins: Selectins, Integrins and Immunoglobulins
  - Glycosaminoglycans: Heparan Sulfate, Condroitin Sulfate, Dermatan Sulfate, Keratan Sulfate and Hyaluronan (hyaluronic acid)
  - Soluble components: Albumin, sialic acid, orosomucoid, etc

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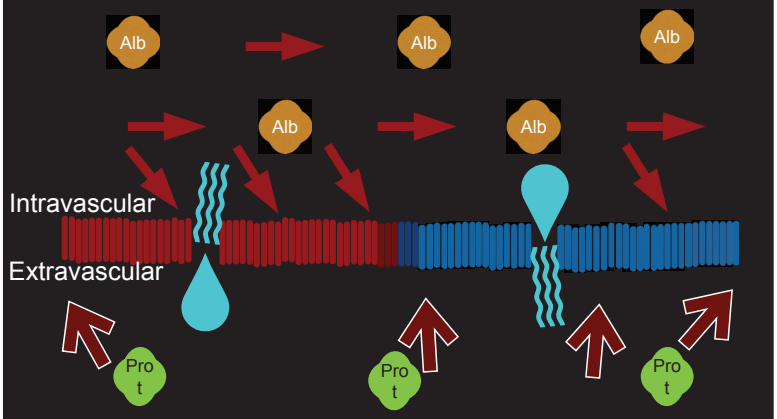

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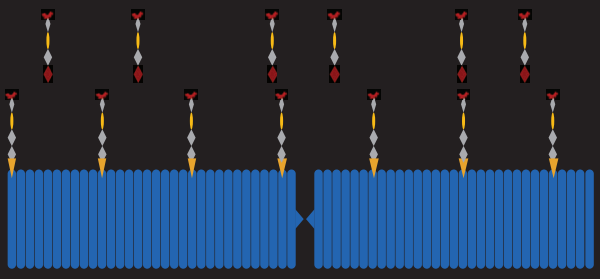

Proteoglycans: Syndecans (Specific domain)

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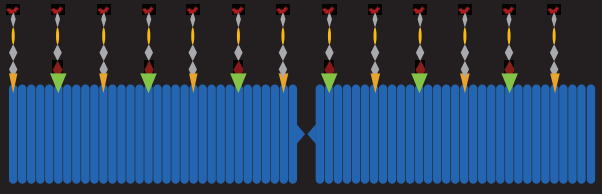

Proteoglycans: Glypicans(Glycosylphosphatidilinositol anchor)

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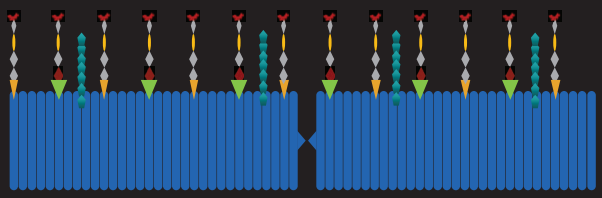

Proteoglycans: Perlecan (secreted)

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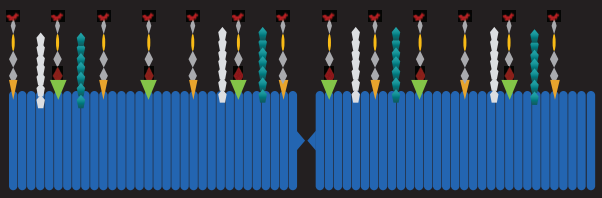

Proteoglycans: Versican (secreted)

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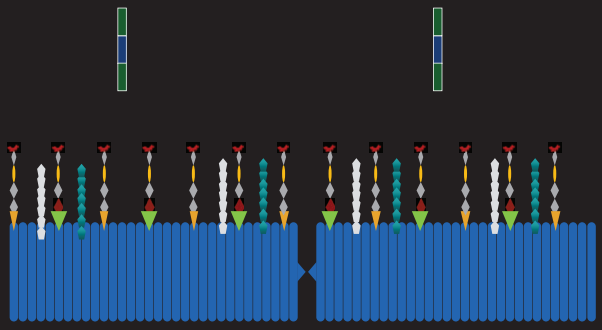

Glycoproteins: Selectins: P and E leukocyte endothelial interaction

Microcirculation

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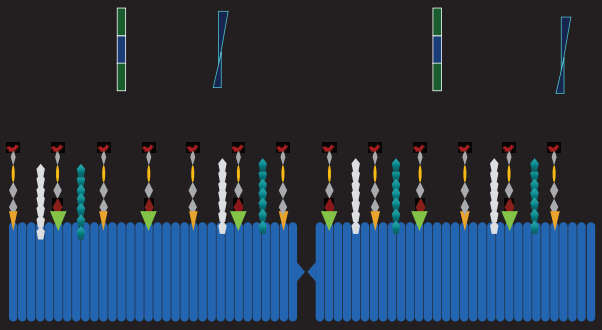

Glycoproteins: Integrins: heterodimeric molecules α or β platelet endothelial interaction

Microcirculation

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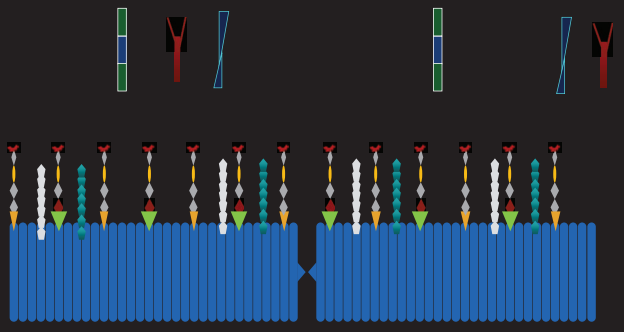

Glycoproteins: Immunoglobulin superfamily: ICAM-1 and 2, VCAM-1 and PCAM-1

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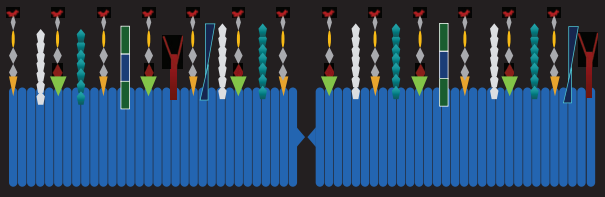

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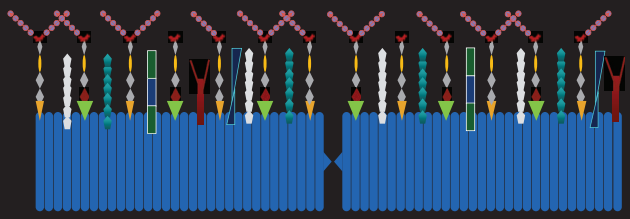

Glycosaminoglycans: Heparan Sulfate (50%-90%)

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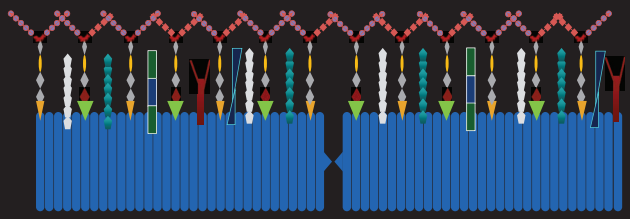

Glycosaminoglycans: Condroitin Sulfate

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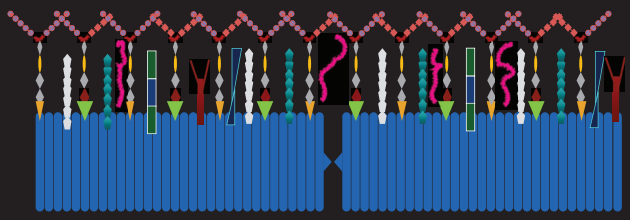

Glycosaminoglycans: Hyaluronan

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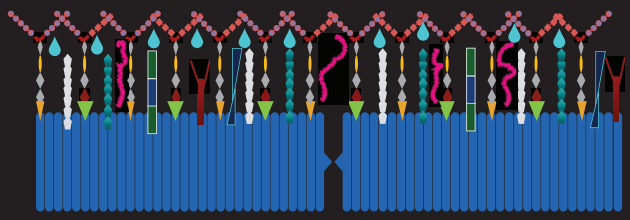

Hydrated

Microcirculation

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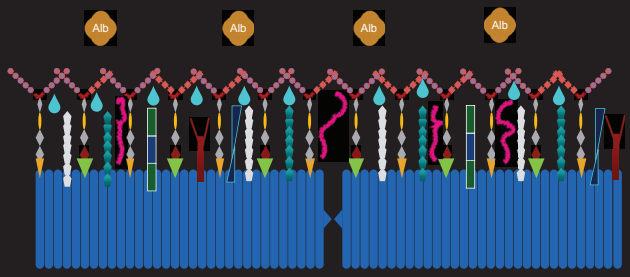

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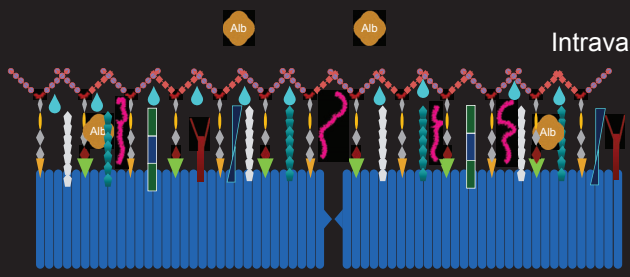


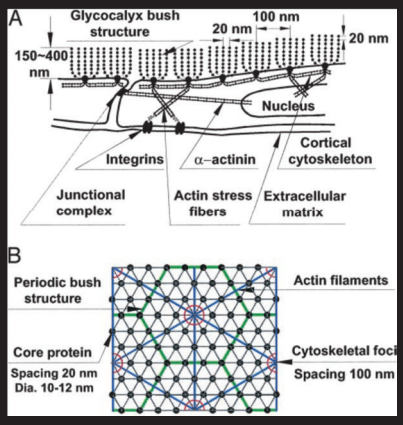
Intravascular

Extravascular

Endothelial Surface Layer (ESL)

Microcirculation

Glycocalyx



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Microcirculation

Charles C Michel

Roger H Adamson

J Rodney Levick

Sheldon Weinbaum

Microcirculation

Glycocalyx

- Functions
  - Hydrodynamic exclusion layer preventing interaction between red cells and cell membranes
  - Modulating leukocyte attachment and rolling
  - Transducer of mechanical forces to the intracellular cytoskeleton
  - Molecular sieve determine oncotic forces across the endothelium
  - "Reservoir"

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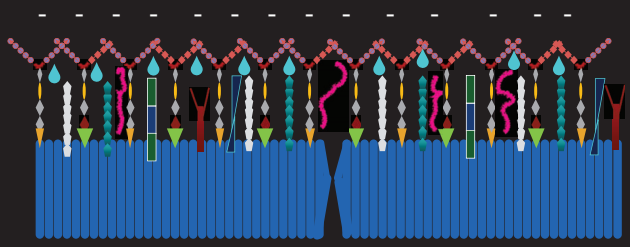
Glycocalyx

Exclusion layer

Negative charge

Intravascular



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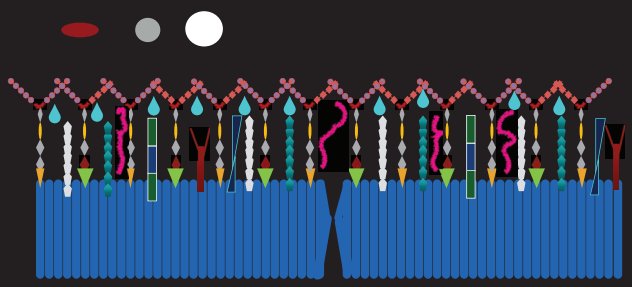

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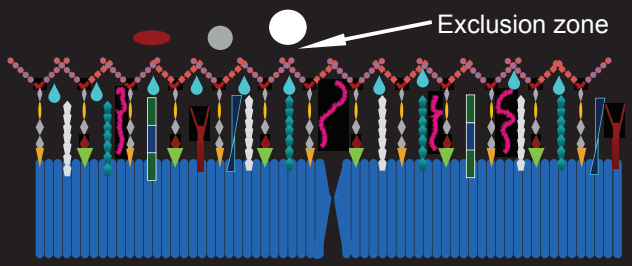

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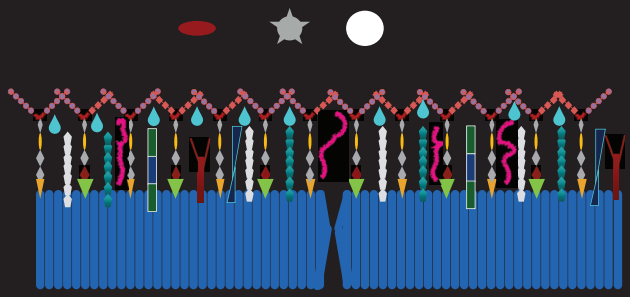

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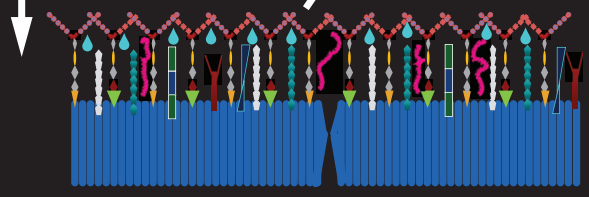
Mechano-transductor

Mechano receptors

NO

Intravascular



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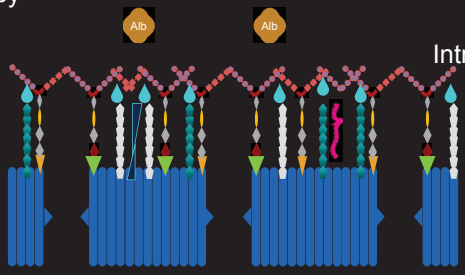
Glycocalyx

Molecular sieve

Kidney



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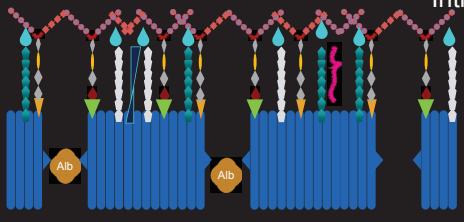

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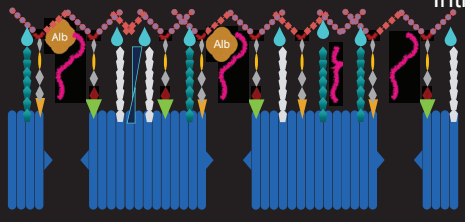


Intravascular

Extravascular

Microcirculation

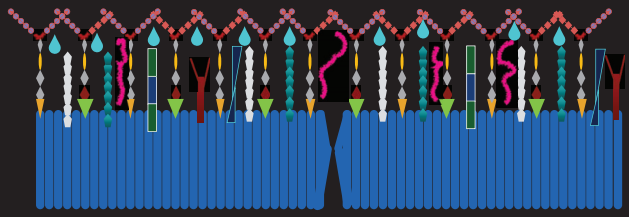
Roger H Adamson

2004 “Oncotic pressures opposing filtration across non-fenestrated rat micro vessels”
Despite having the same oncotic Pressure in the lumen and the Interstitium there was a 70% difference

Microcirculation

Glycocalyx

Intravascular



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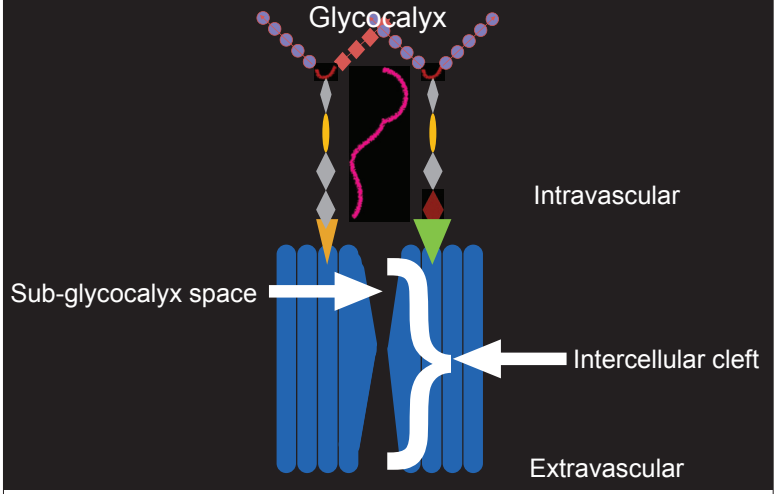

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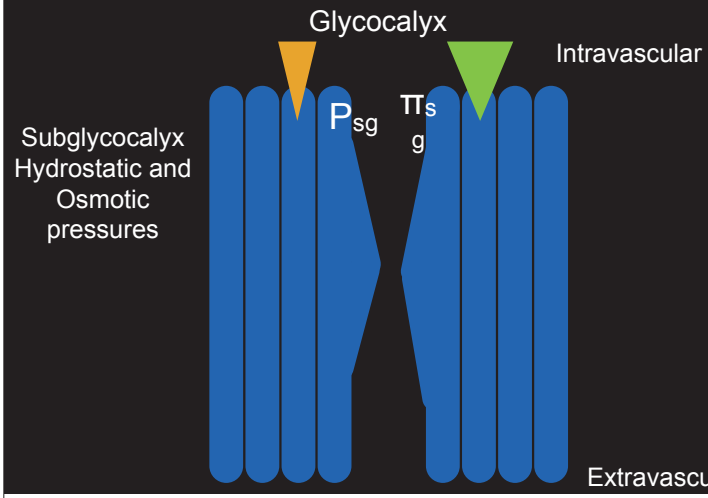

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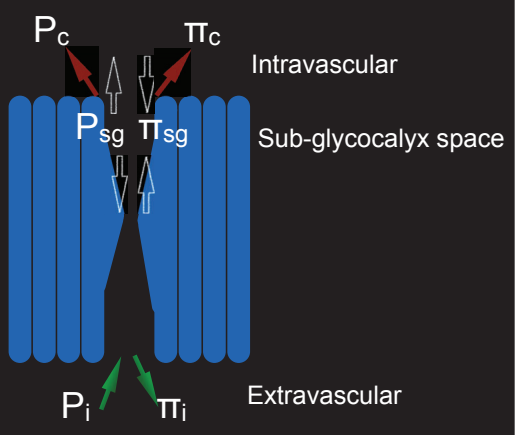

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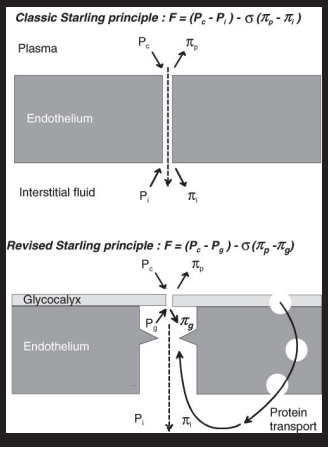

Levick JR, “Revision of the Starling Principle: new views of tissue fluid Balance” J Physiol 2004:15;557

Microcirculation

Glycocalyx

- "Hemodynamic states"
  - Steady state: Constant capillary hydrostatic pressures produce constant filtration throughout the capillary
  - Transient state: Sudden variation on capillary hydrostatic pressure favoring absorption for a short period of time until a "new" steady state is achieved and filtration resumes

Microcirculation

$$Jv/A = L_p\{(P_c - P_i) - \sigma(\pi_c - \pi_i)\}$$

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$$Jv/A = L_p\{(P_c - P_{sg}) - \sigma(\pi_c - \pi_{sg})\}$$

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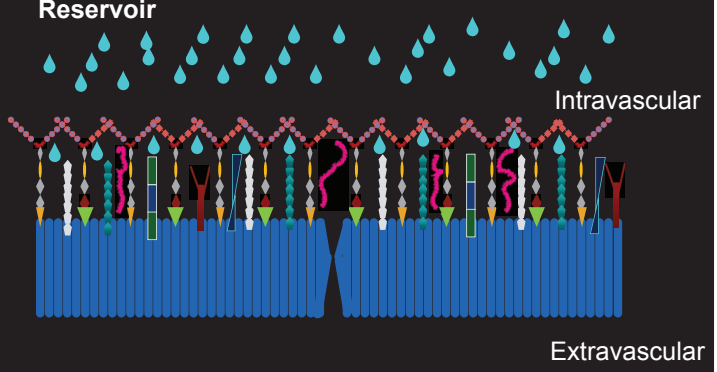

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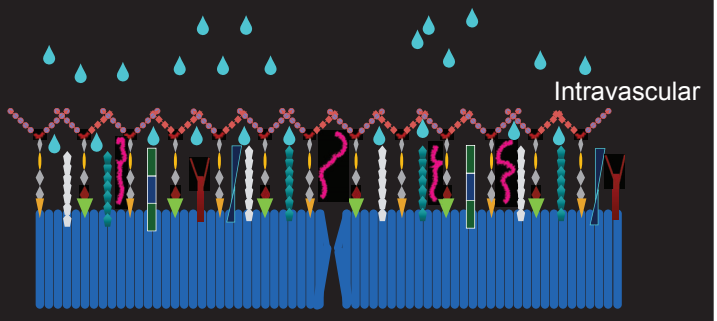

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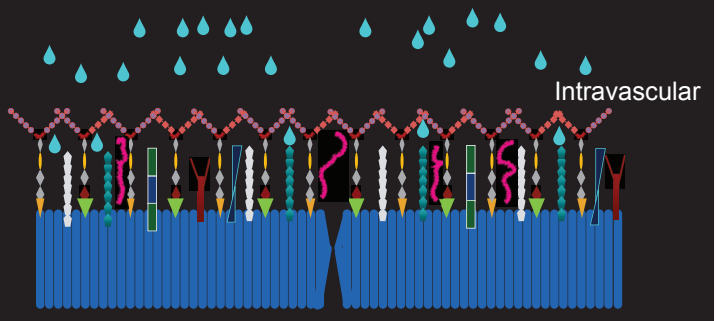

1-1.7 liters of fluid

Microcirculation

Glycocalyx

- Concepts that now "make sense"
  - Hypoalbuminemia is a marker of the severity of the disease, nevertheless treating it is a no clinical benefit
  - ARDS have low plasma and transferrin concentrations, treating this with albumin with or without diuretics has no benefit
  - Negative fluid balance rather that COP difference improves alveolar to arterial oxygen tension ratio in ARDS
  - In septic and non-septic patients fluid resuscitation with albumin improves cardiac output but not pulmonary edema

Woodcock TE, Woodcock TM. "Revised Starling equitation and the glycocalyx model of transvascular fluid exchange: an improved paradigm for prescribing intravenous fluid therapy" BJA 2012:108;3

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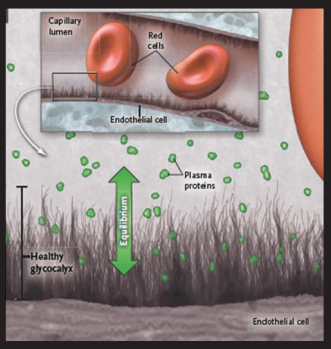

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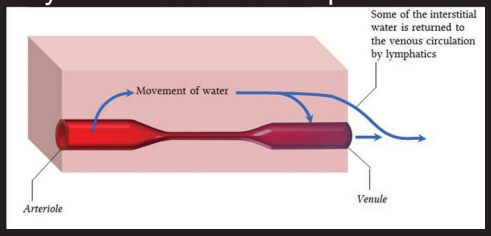
Microcirculation

Classic Starling Principle

- Landis, Pappenheimer and Soto-Rivera
- Krogh, Landis and Turner 1931
  - Hydrostatic and oncotic pressures



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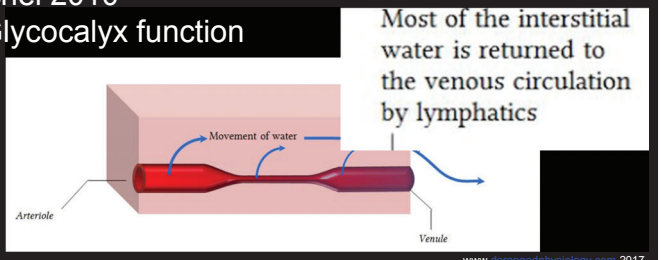
Glycocalyx

Revised Starling Principle

- Adamson 2004, Weinbaum 2004, Levick and Michel 2010
  - Glycocalyx function



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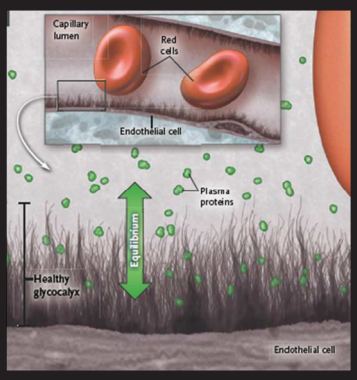

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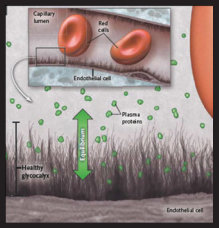

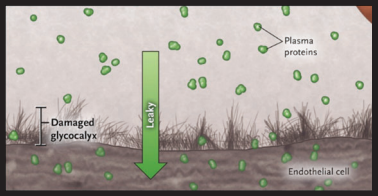

- Hyperglycemia
- Hypercholesterolemia
- Hypervolemia
- Ischemia-reperfussion
- Trauma
- Inflammation

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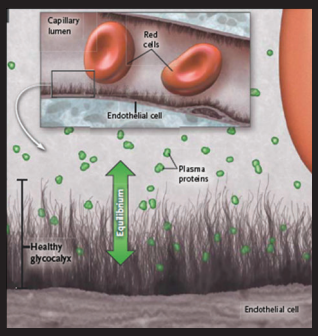

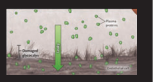

- Antioxidants
- N-acetyl-cysteine
- Albumin
- FFP
- Heparin
- Antithrombin III
- Sulodexide

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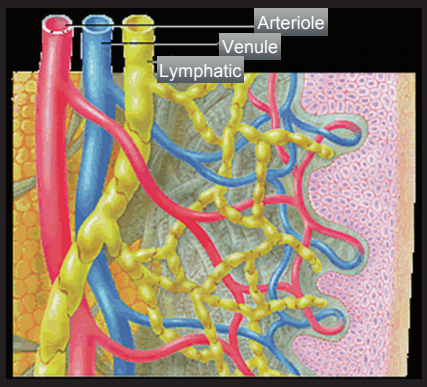

If you want to go fast, go alone.

If you want to go far, go together.

-African Proverb-

Lymphedema treatment

TEAM EFFORT

Including the patient

THANK YOU