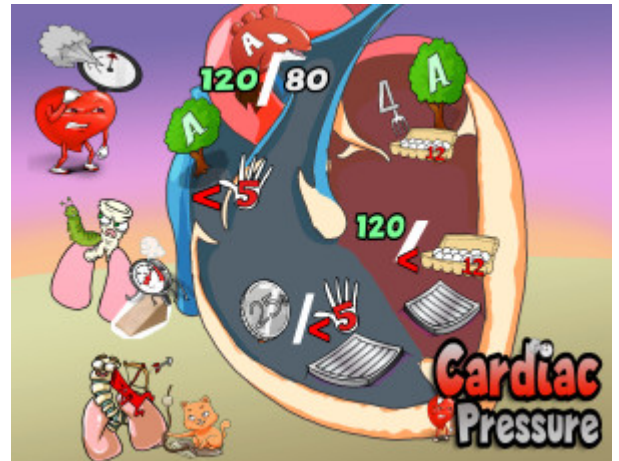


Cardiac Pressures



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Pulmonary Capillary Wedge Pressure (PCWP)

[Lungs Caterpillar Wedge Pressure-gauge](#)

Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure, also known as PCWP, approximates left atrial pressure and left ventricular diastolic pressure. It estimates the severity of left ventricular failure by assessing left ventricular filling, which is represented by the left atrial pressure. An increased PCWP indicates severe left ventricular failure and severe mitral stenosis

Pulmonary Artery Catheter (Swan-Ganz Catheter)

[Lungs Archery-artery Catheter-cat](#)

Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) is measured by a pulmonary artery catheter (Swan-Ganz catheter).

Left Atrium - 4-12

[Left A-tree \(4\) Fork \(12\) Dozen](#)

Normal PCWP or left atrial pressure is between 4 to 12 mmHg.

Left Ventricle - 120/<12

[Left Vent \(120\) / Less Than \(12\) Dozen](#)

Normal left ventricular pressure is 120/<12 mmHg.

Right Ventricle - 25/<5

[Right Vent \(25\) Quarter / Less Than \(5\) Hand](#)

Normal right ventricular pressure is 25/<5 mmHg.

Right Atrium - <5

[Right A-tree Less Than \(5\) Hand](#)

Normal right atrial pressure is <5 mmHg.

Aorta - 120/80

[A-orca \(120\) / \(80\)](#)

The normal aortic pressure is 120/80 mmHg.