



Week 11

Breathing for Recovery

Augmenting Health and Human Performance

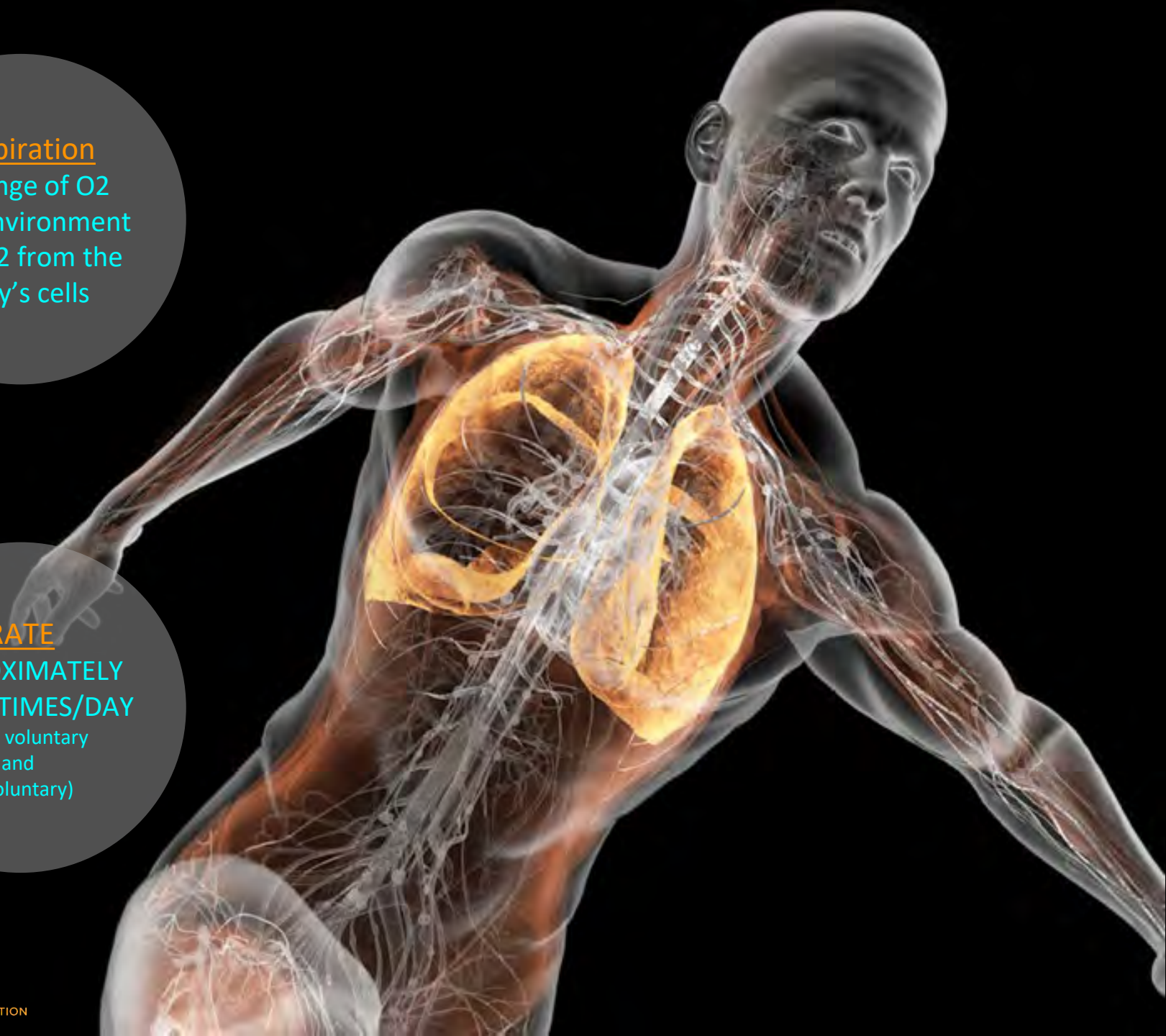


Respiration

Exchange of O₂
from environment
for CO₂ from the
body's cells

RATE

APPROXIMATELY
23,000 TIMES/DAY
(both voluntary
and
involuntary)



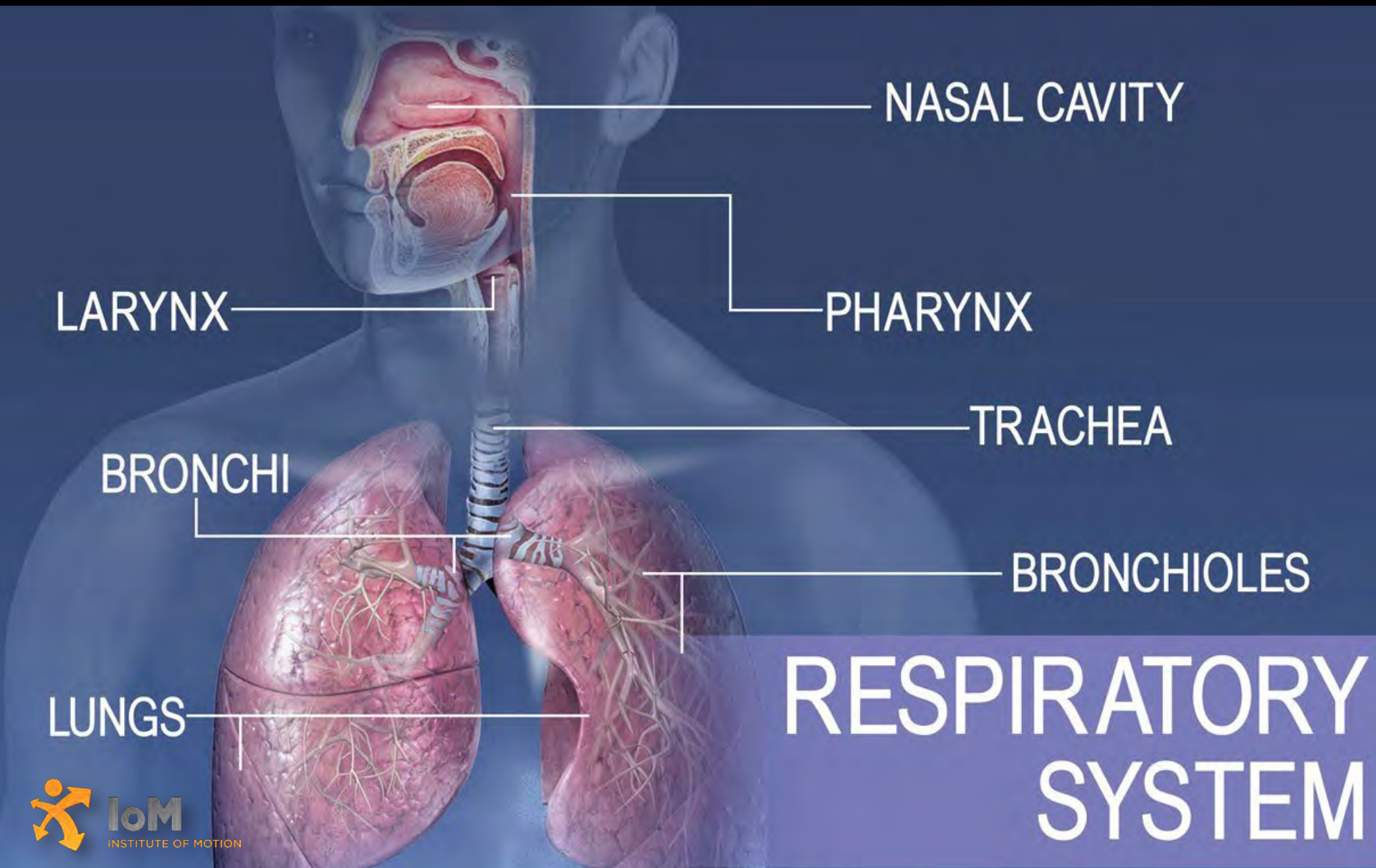
An anatomical illustration of the human respiratory and circulatory systems. The image shows a blue-tinted human torso with the ribcage, lungs, heart, and trachea visible. The head is shown in profile, with the mouth open, revealing the tongue and throat. The background is black.

HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Recovery

Must take advantage of:

- Nerve
- Muscle
- Mechanics
- Gas Exchange
- voluntary / involuntary controls



NASAL CAVITY

PHARYNX

LARYNX

TRACHEA

BRONCHI

BRONCHIOLES

LUNGS

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM



PHARYNX

(Throat)

LARYNX

(Voicebox)

NASAL CAVITY

- Spins
- Cleans
- Heats

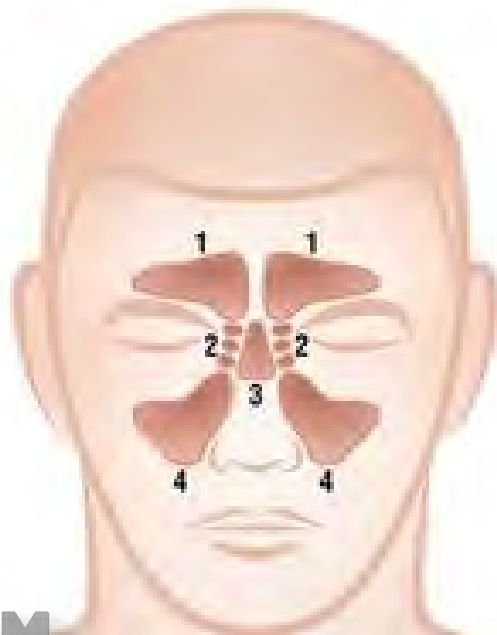
... the Air

Inhalation of nasally derived nitric oxide modulates pulmonary function in humans

[J O Lundberg](#) ¹, [G Settergren](#), [S Gelinder](#), [J M Lundberg](#), [K Alving](#), [E Weitzberg](#)

Paranasal sinuses

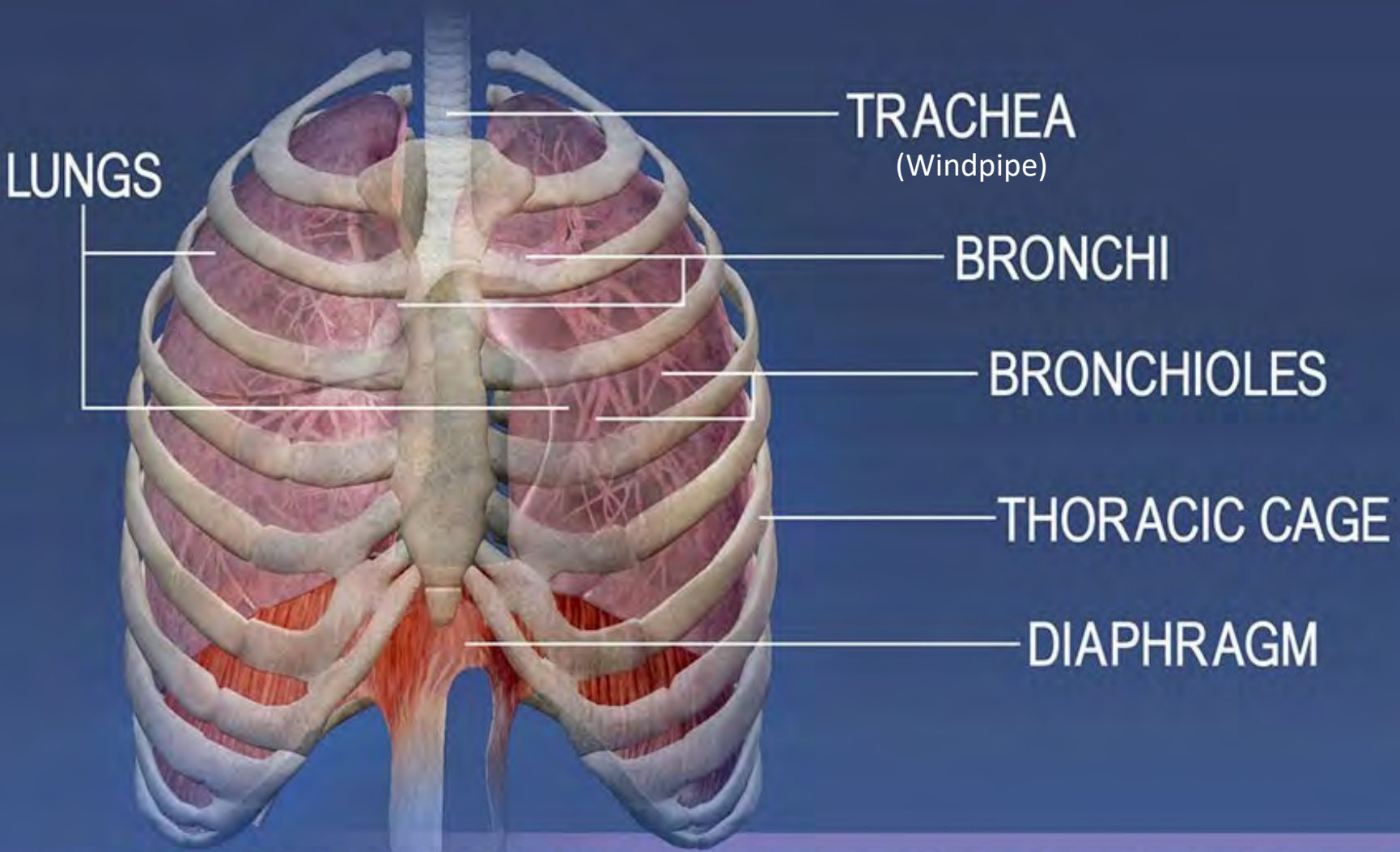
anterior view



lateral view



- 1 Frontal sinuses
- 2 Ethmoidal sinuses
- 3 Sphenoidal sinuses
- 4 Maxillary sinuses



LOWER RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Redundancies

Nerves
muscles
Mechanics
Gas Exchange
Voluntary/
Involuntary



Redundancies

Nerves

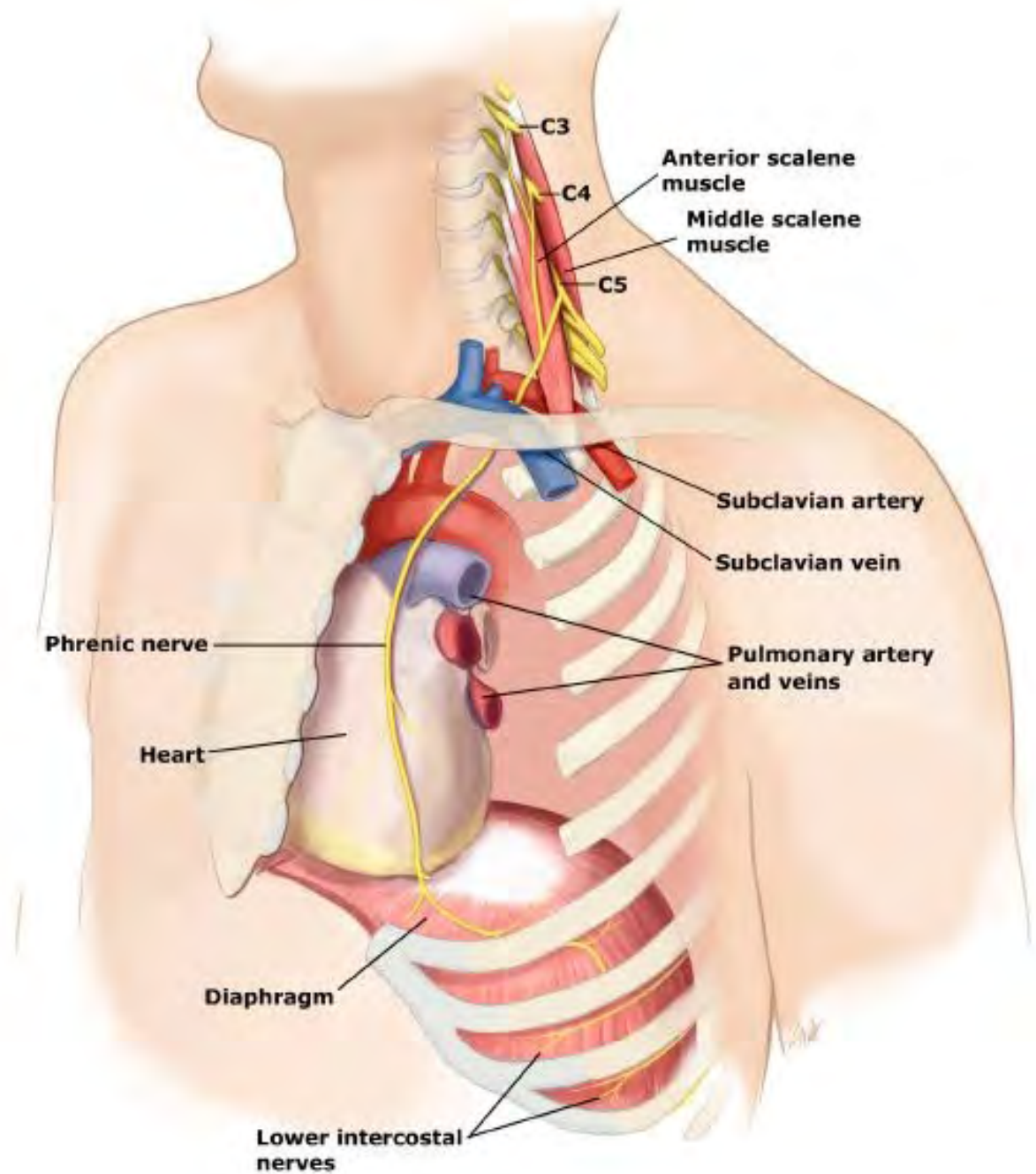
muscles

Mechanics

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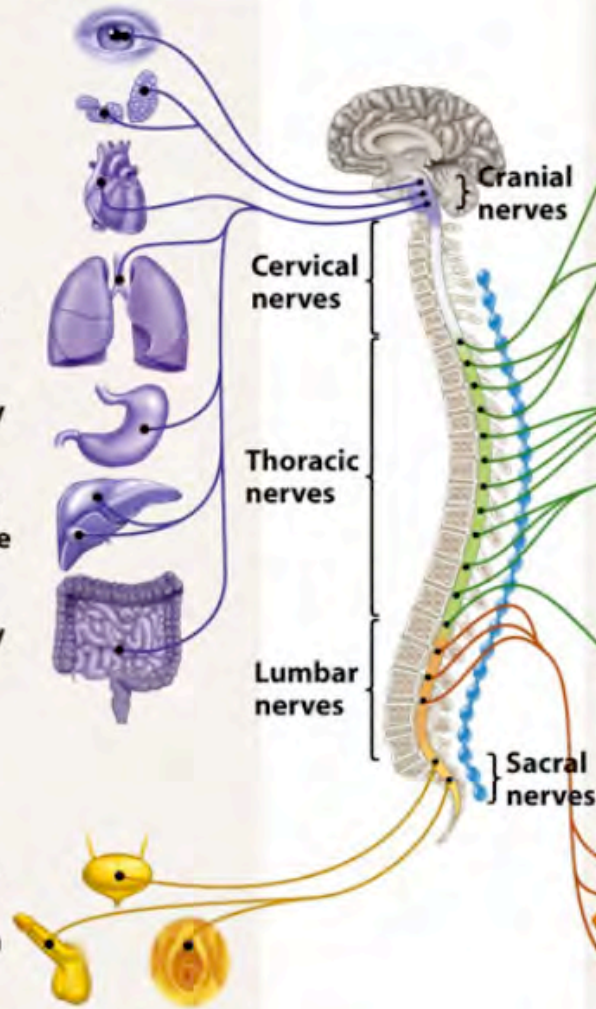
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PARASYMPATHETIC NERVES

"Rest and digest"

Constrict pupils
Stimulate saliva
Slow heartbeat
Constrict airways
Stimulate activity of stomach
Inhibit release of glucose; stimulate gallbladder
Stimulate activity of intestines
Contract bladder
Promote erection of genitals



SYMPATHETIC NERVES

"Fight or flight"

Dilate pupils
Inhibit salivation
Increase heartbeat
Relax airways
Inhibit activity of stomach
Stimulate release of glucose; inhibit gallbladder
Inhibit activity of intestines
Secrete epinephrine and norepinephrine
Relax bladder
Promote ejaculation and vaginal contraction

Figure 45-20 Biological Science, 2/e
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INSPIRATION

Muscles

1 - Respiratory Diaphragm

2 - Pectoralis Minor

3 - Pectoralis Major

4 - Serratus Anterior

Muscles which lift
the ribs from the
scapular girdle

5 - Levatores Costarum

6 - Transversopinalis

Muscles which lift
the ribs away from
the thoracic
spine

7 - Serratus Posterior Superior

8 - Sternocleidomastoid

9 - Scalenes

Muscles which lift
the ribs from the
head or neck



EXPIRATION

Redundancies

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Muscles

1 - Abdominal Muscles

2 - Pelvic Diaphragm (floor)

3 - Transversus Thoracis
(at the inside of the rib cage)

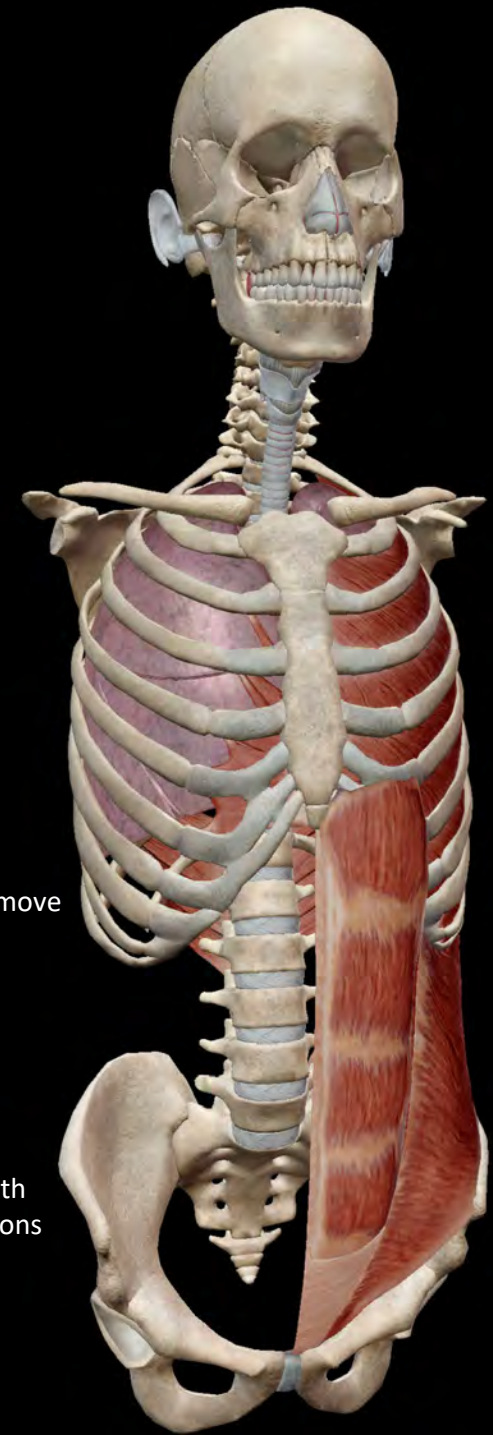
4 - Quadratus Lumborum

5 - Serratus Posterior Inferior

6 - Intercostals
(Internal / External)

Muscles that move
the ribs

Muscles with
variable actions



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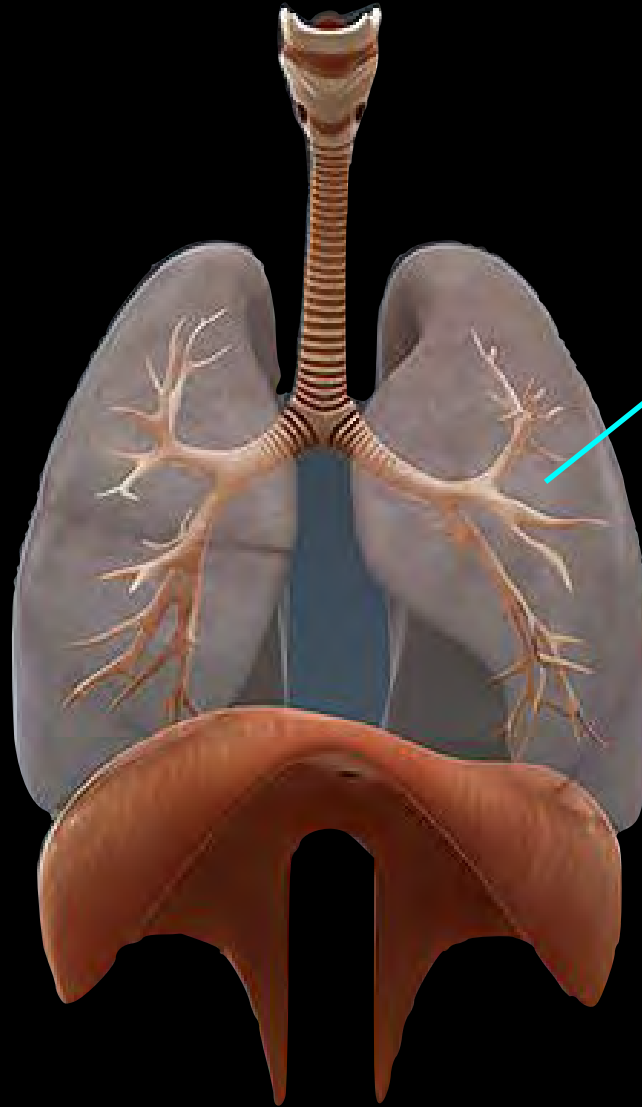


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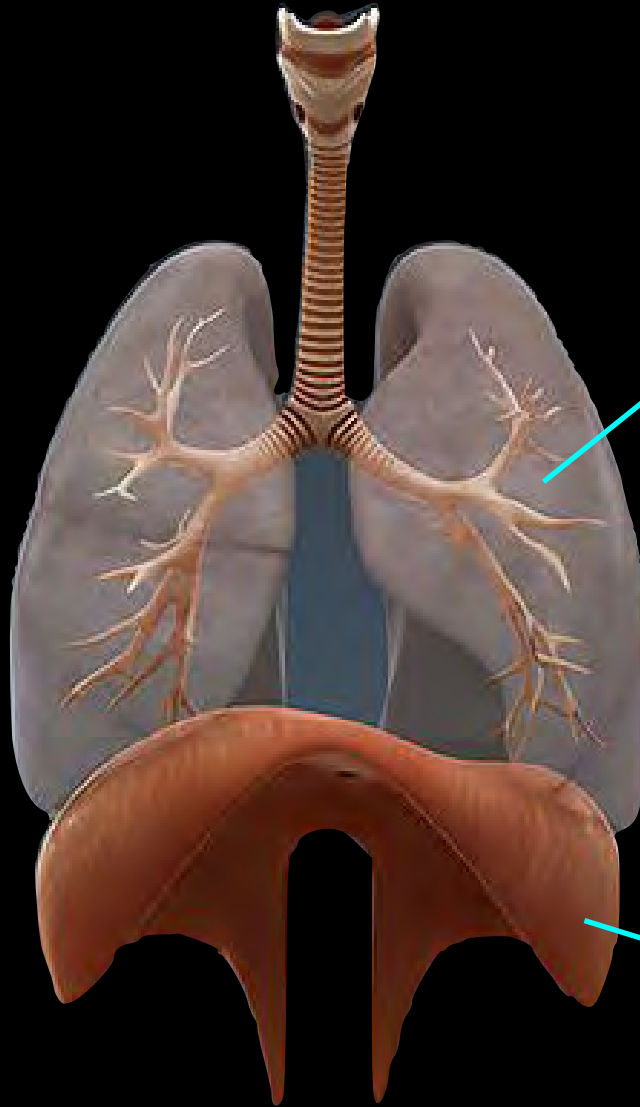
Spine

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Parietal Peritoneum

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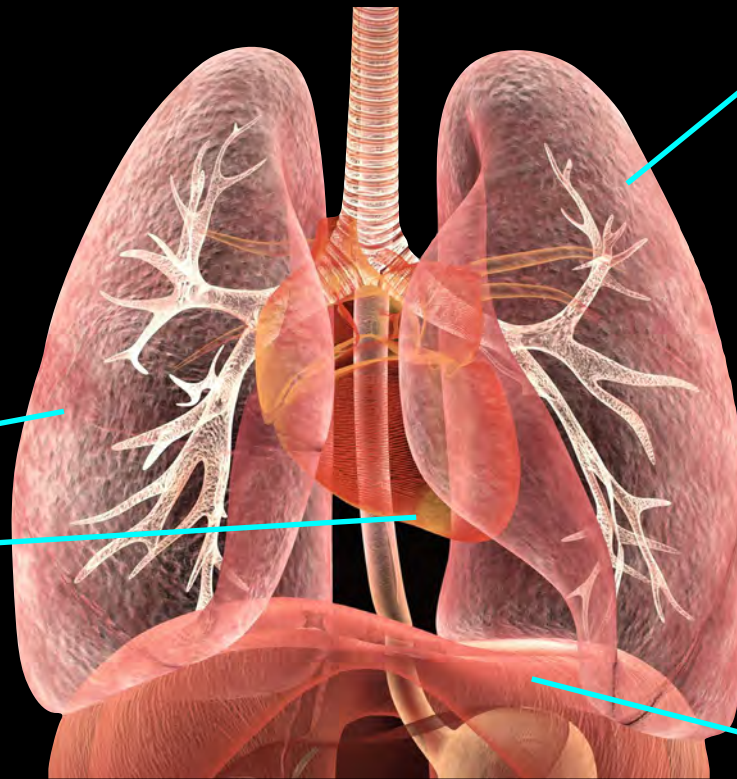
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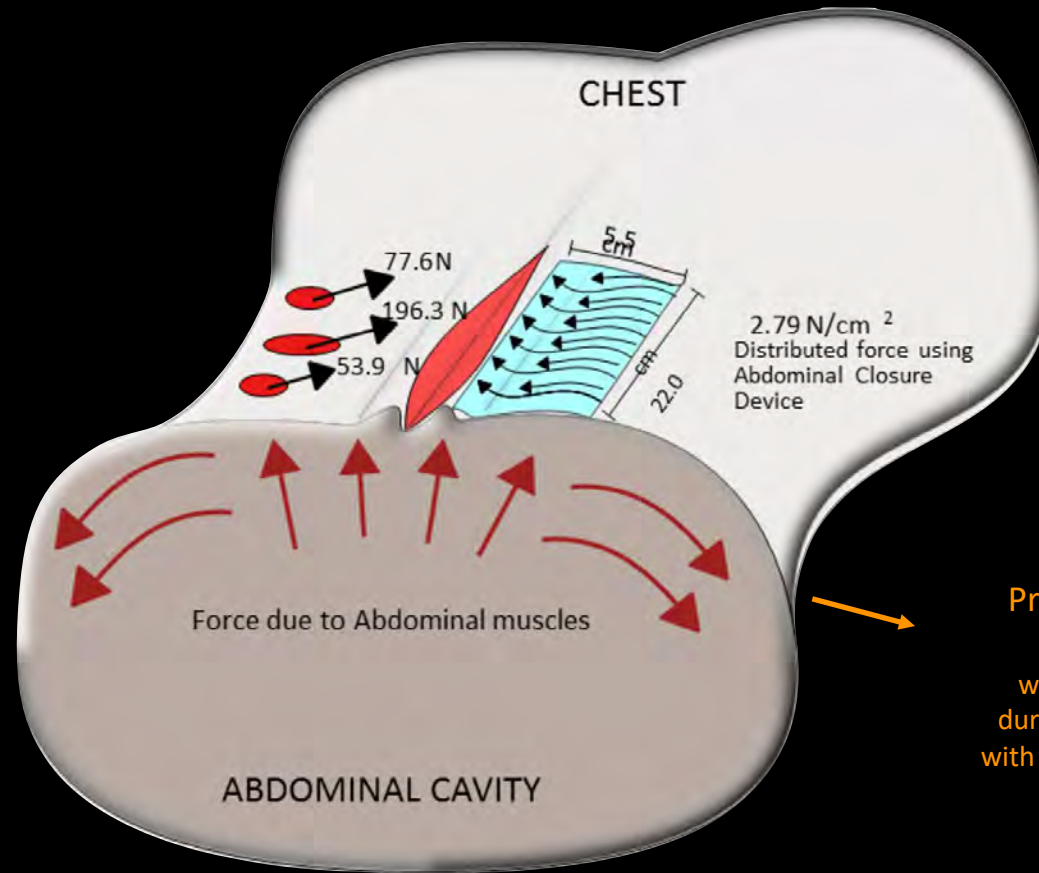
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Proximal Stability

will help hamstrings
during high contraction
with high ventilation rates
e.g. Crossfit)

Abdominal 'Hoop Tension'
(accented during exhalation)
/ diaphragmatic sparing)

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[HGb]

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CO2 clearance

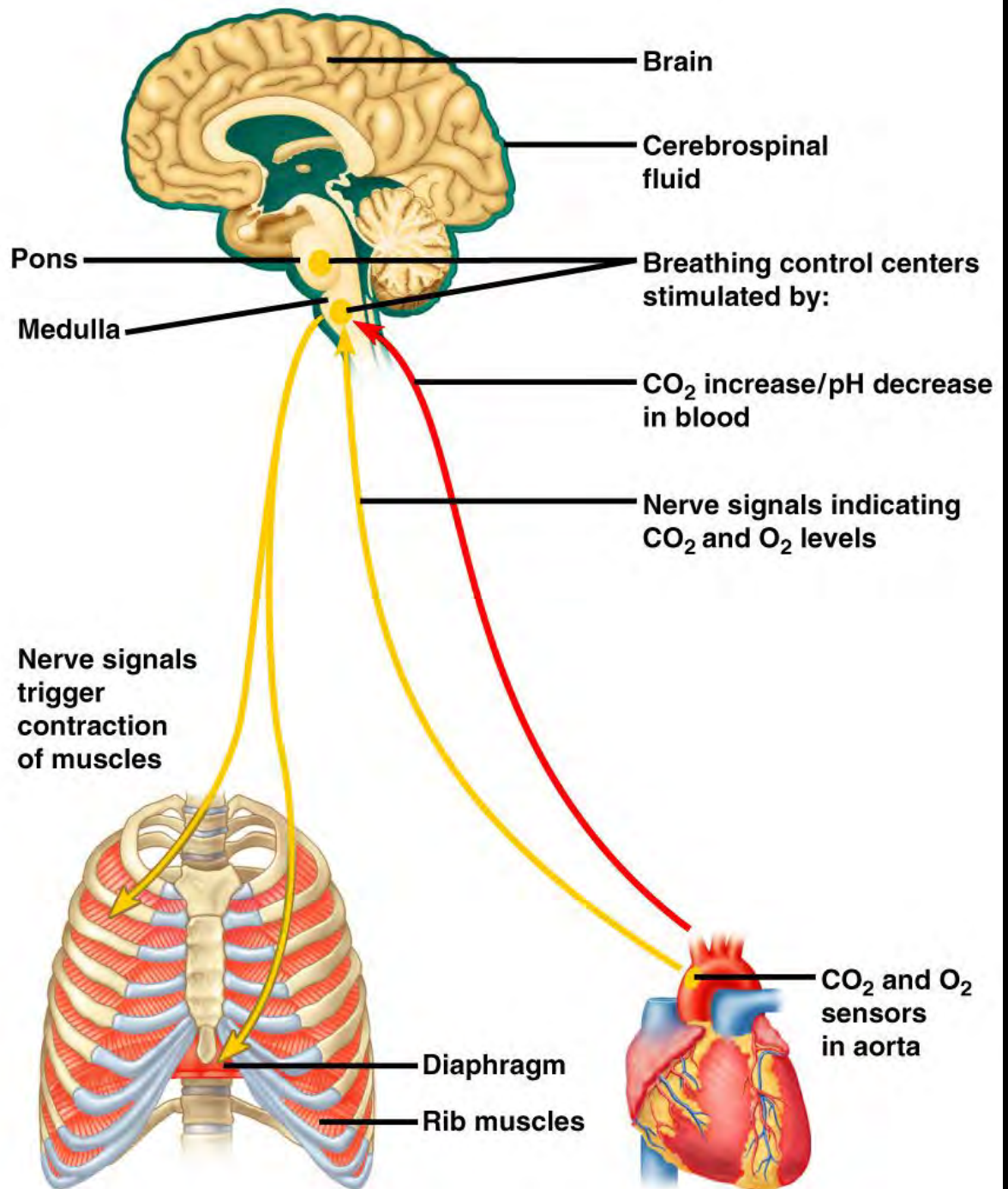
(Metabolite formation)

OBLA

(Acidosis [H+])

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Respiratory Muscle Training (RMT)

BreathWork

Theory



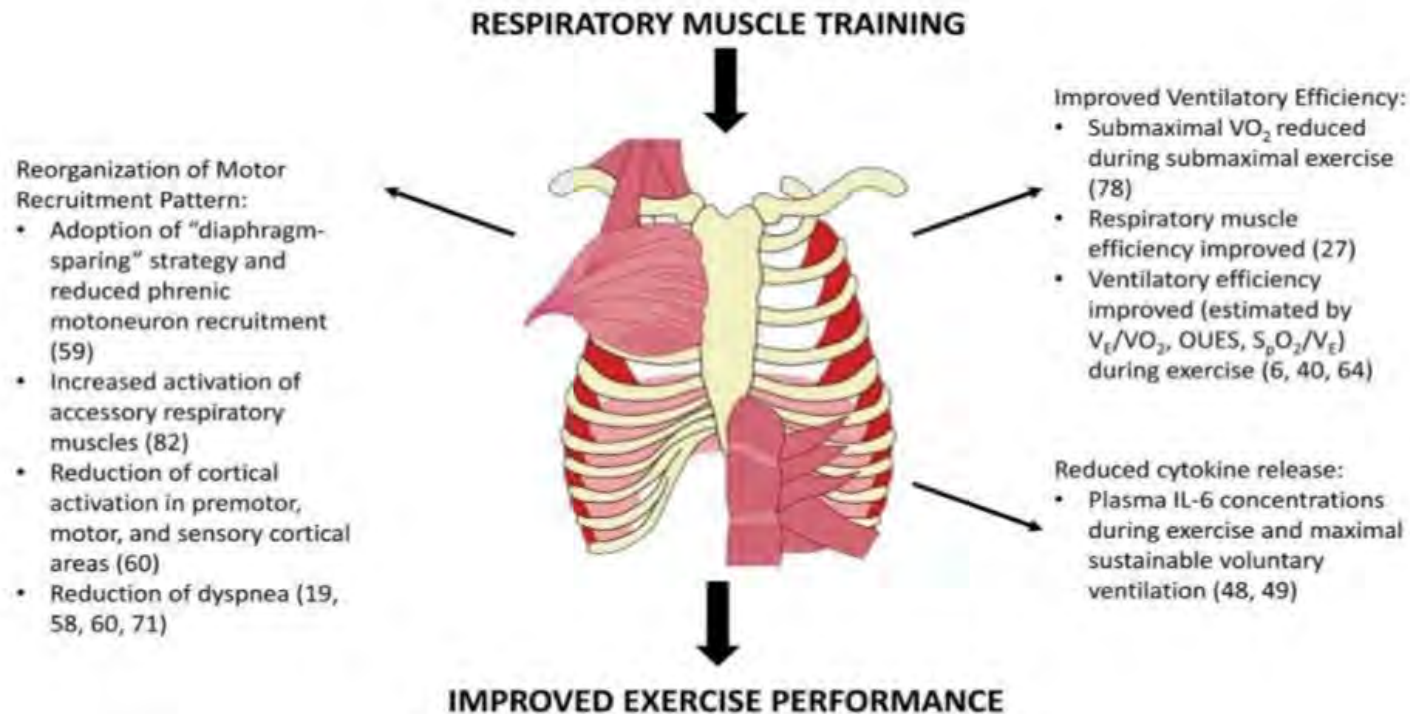


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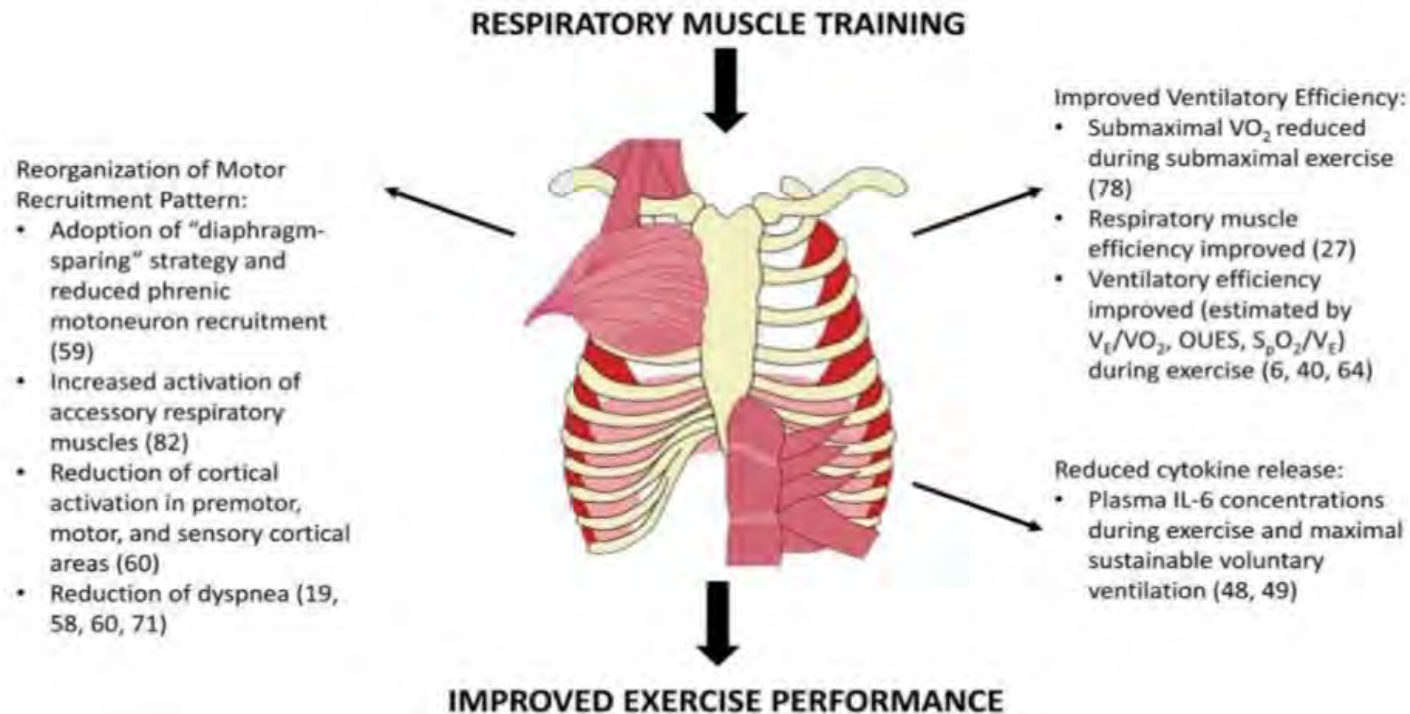
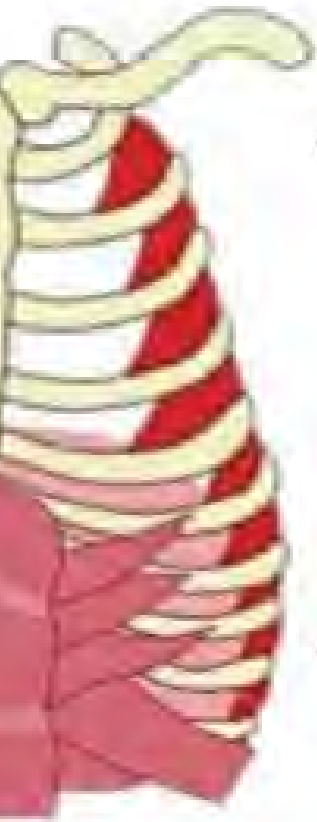


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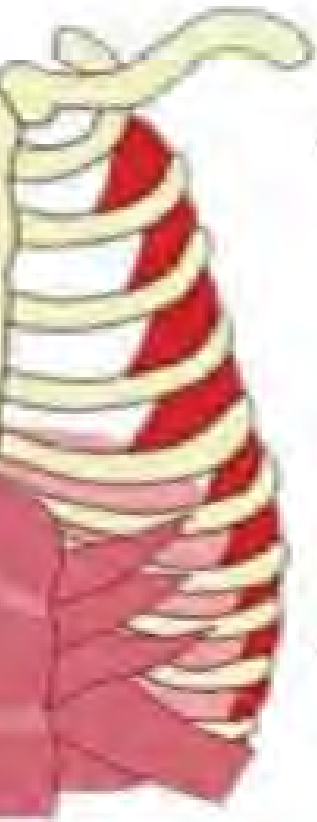
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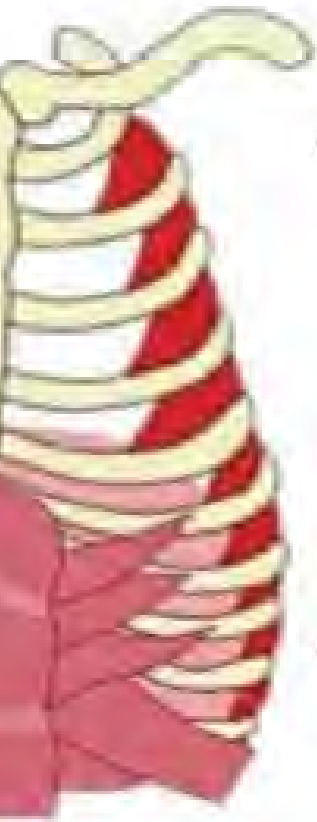


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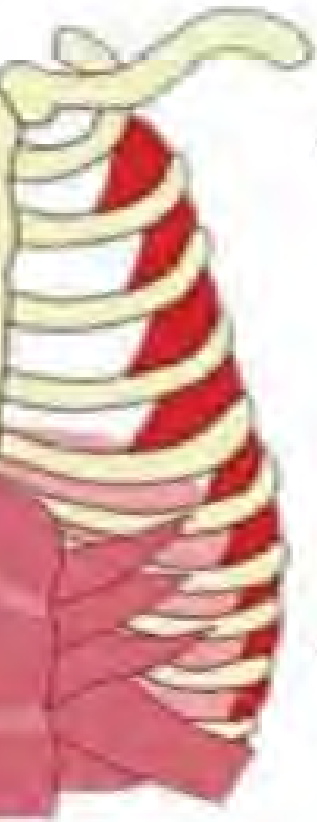


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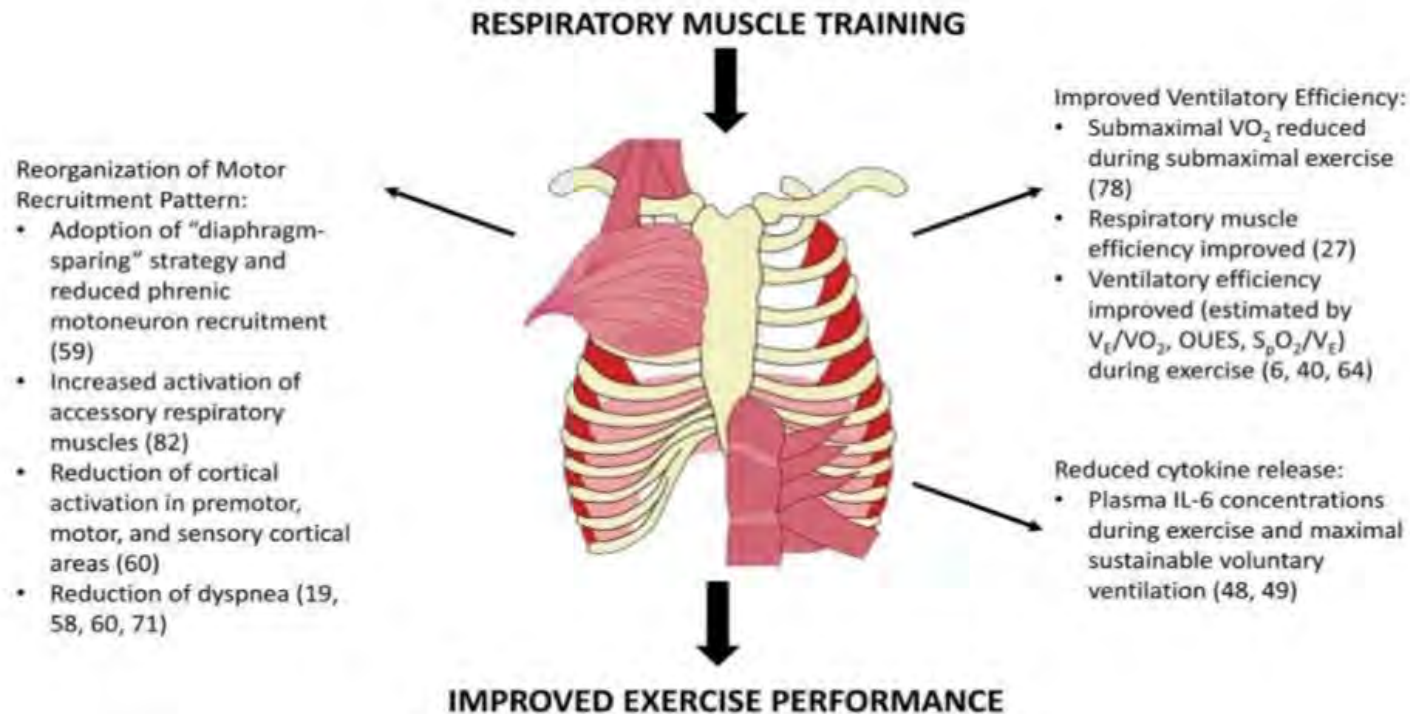


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breathe



FIND YOUR SPACE

Find a quiet space where you can sit comfortably. If you only have a minute or two,



Stress Relief

NEW
Stress Relief
Guided Meditation



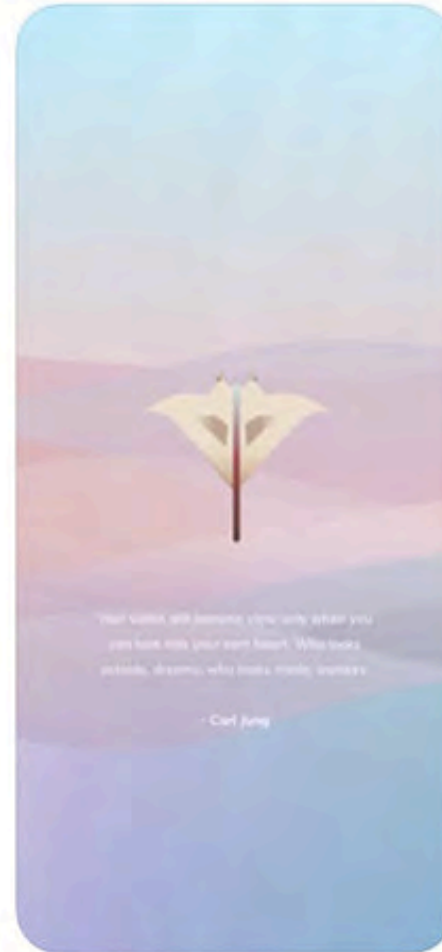
Breathing Exercise

• Equal Breathing •

1. Inhale in through the nose for a count of 4.

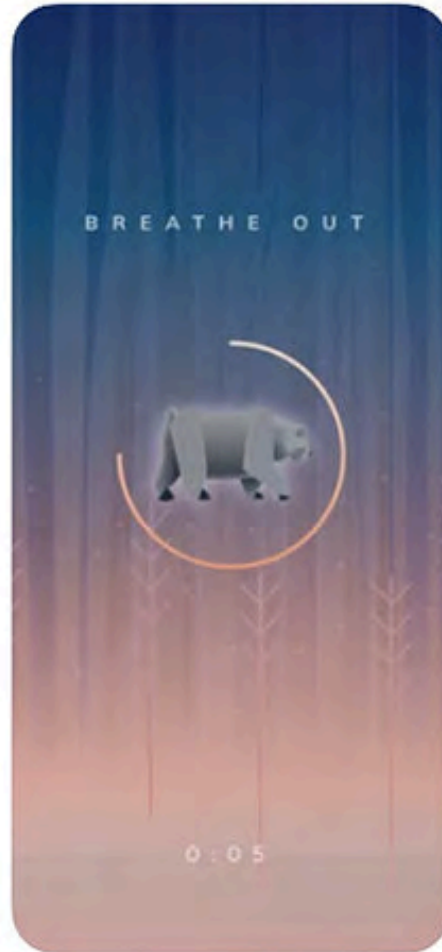
2. Exhale out through the nose for a count of 4.

GO



"Your walls will become your only friend when you can't look into your own heart. Who works outside, dreams, who looks inside, suffers."

- Carl Jung



BREATHE OUT

0:05



Breathing for Recovery

Augmenting Health and Human Performance



The Science and Application of BreathWork

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The Science and Application of BreathWork

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What has become notably popular as of late, is information and techniques around breathing. Some focus on the performance outcomes, others on the wellness/meditative benefits, others still on the biohacks associated with breathing techniques.

In our webinar, “The Science and Application of BreathWork”, we will clarify the science around breathing’s impact on:

- Nervous System. (regulation of sympathetic/parasympathetic tone)
- Biomechanics/Preparedness. (The role of proximal stability and how this can increase mobility)
- “Diaphragmatic Sparing”. (and its corresponding influence on 1- abdominal hoop tension (and decreasing the risk of hamstring strain) 2- Cytokine regulation)

Additionally, we will showcase and explain BreathWork applications, for Health and Human Performance, including:

- Forced Breathing Techniques
- Percussive Breathing Techniques
 - Weighted BreathWork
 - 4Q BreathWork
- Pre-Position BreathWork
- Cadence BreathWork

Lastly, we will discuss where all of this science and Application can fit into a program.

Don't miss this chance to learn more about the profound impacts of BreathWork



Respiratory Muscle Training

RMT

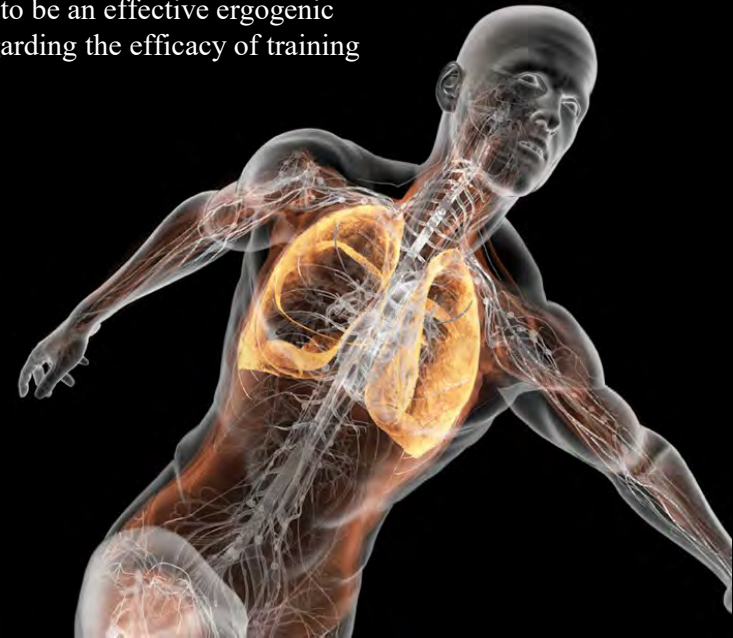
The physiological effects of RMT that may explain the improvements in performance have been proposed to include diaphragm hypertrophy, muscle fiber type switching, improved neural control of the respiratory muscles, increased respiratory muscle economy, attenuation of the respiratory muscle metaboreflex, and decreases in perceived breathlessness and exertion

Importantly, changes in ventilatory efficiency, oxygen delivery, cytokine release, motor recruitment patterns, and respiratory muscle fatigue resistance are highlighted as potential mechanistic factors linking RMT with performance improvements.

The majority of studies have found that training the respiratory muscles appears to be an effective ergogenic aid for exercise performance. Nevertheless, there has been some controversy regarding the efficacy of training the respiratory muscles to improve exercise tolerance

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