

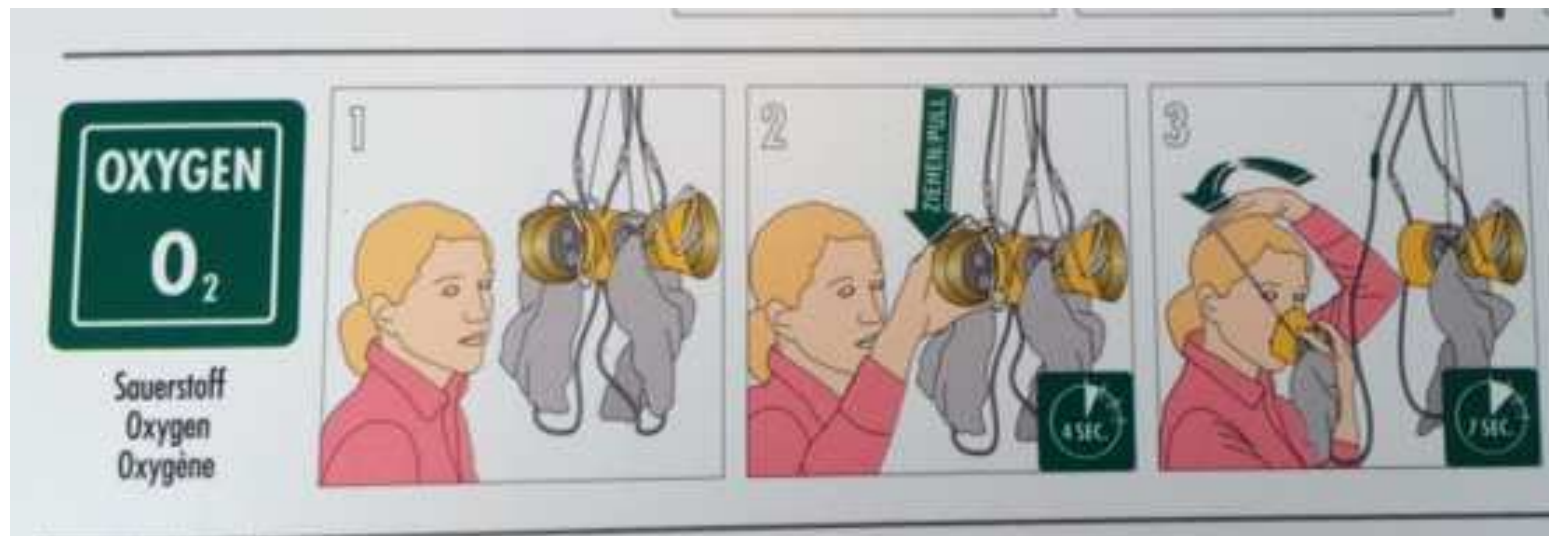
# Hypoxie und Mikrozirkulationsstörungen bei Dialysepatienten

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Oxygen in Maintenance Hemodialysis Patients – is it relevant at all?



# What I'll talk about today

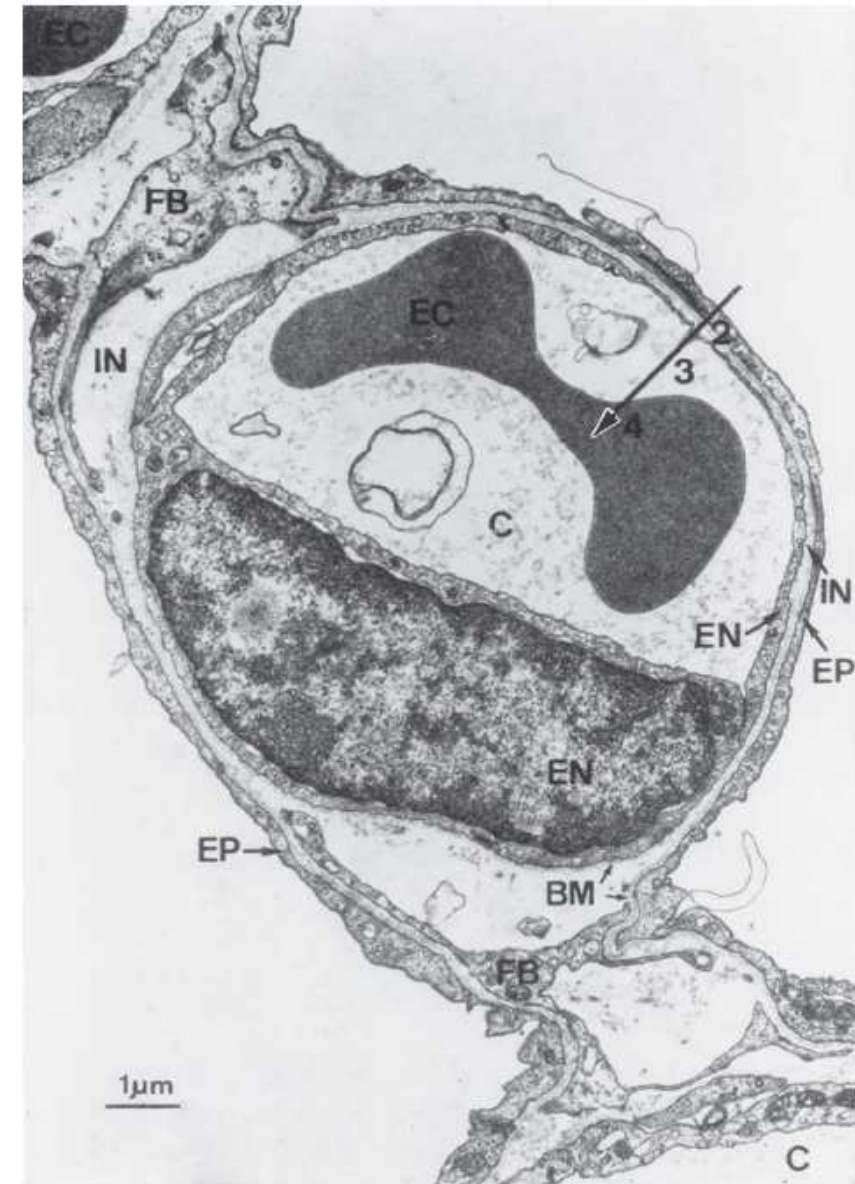
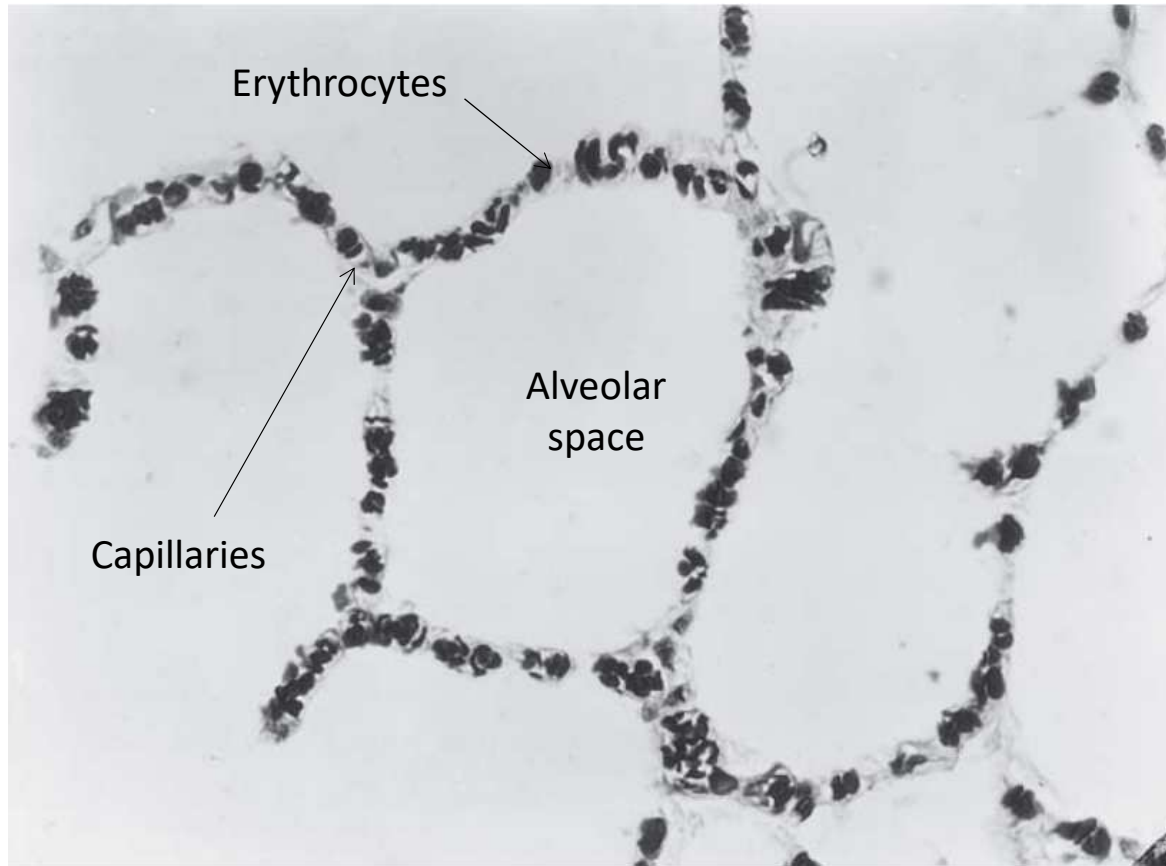
- Physiology of oxygen supply to tissues and organs
- Specific consideration in dialysis patients
- Treatment options

A key function of the circulatory system is the transport of oxygen to the tissues/organs

What are the determinants of oxygen supply?

1. Diffusive transport of oxygen from the alveolar space to red blood cells / hemoglobin
2. Convective transport of oxygen to the capillary bed by means of cardiac output
3. Diffusive transport from the red blood cells to the tissue / organ cells

# Alveolar oxygen uptake



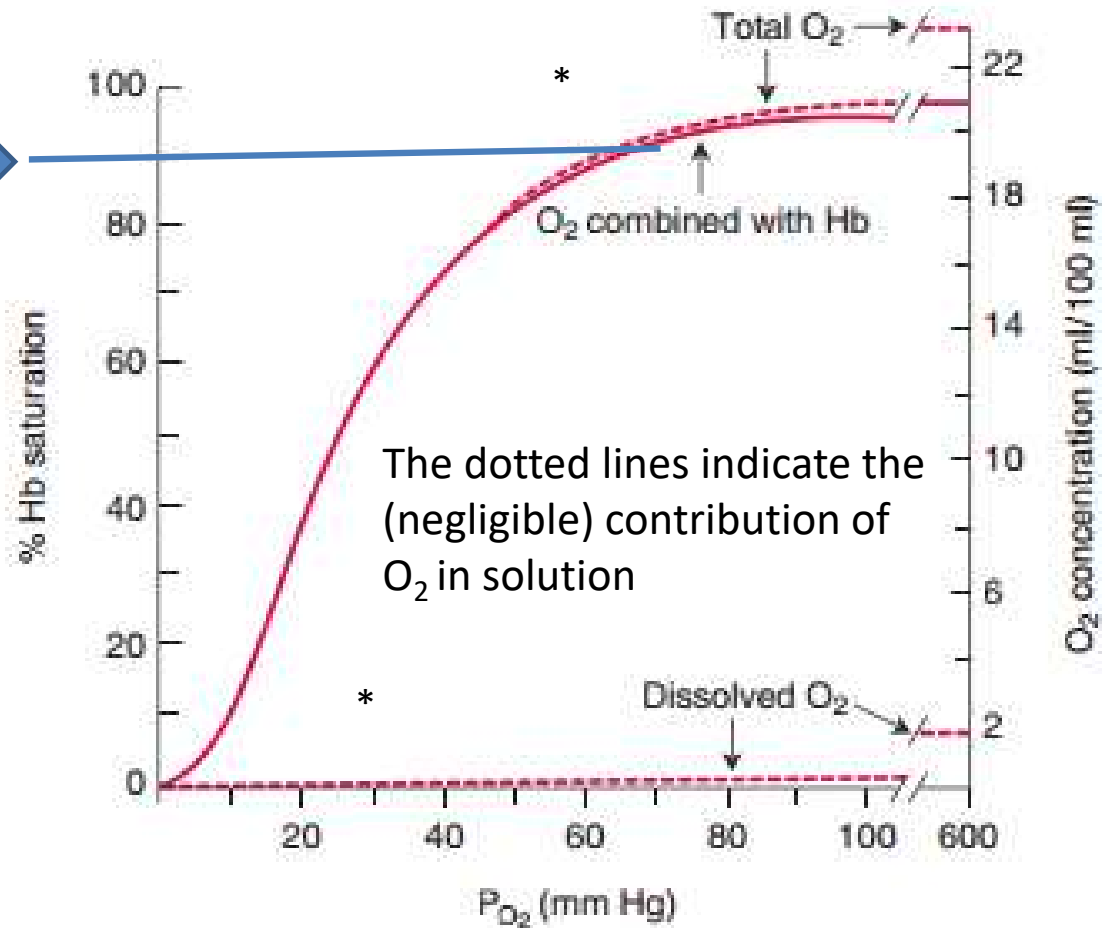
**Hemoglobin as oxygen carrier:** relationship between the partial pressure of oxygen in the blood (x-axis; normally around 100 mmHg) and

(a) % saturation of hemoglobin (Hb) molecules (left y-axis);

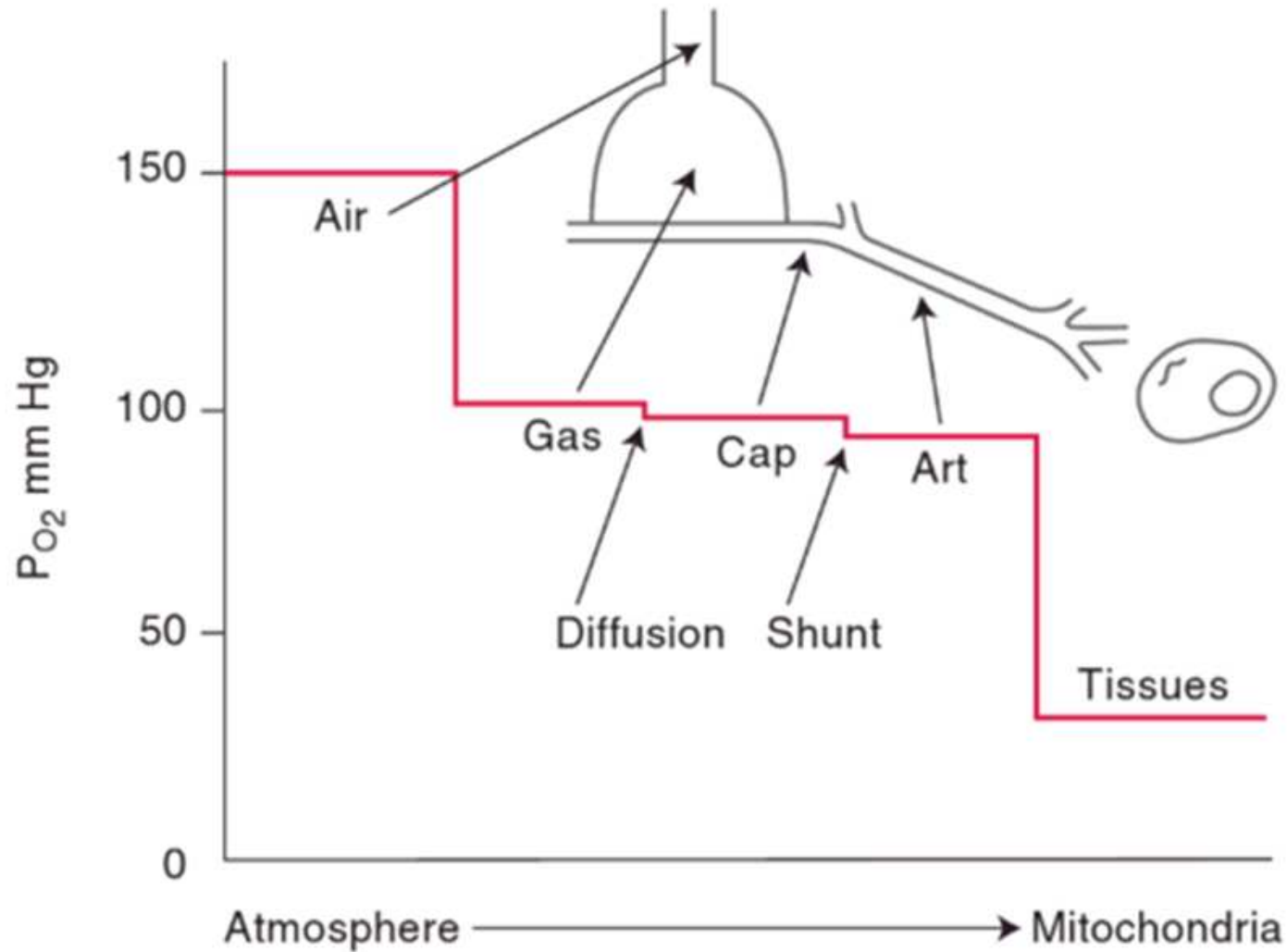
(b) Blood  $O_2$  content at a hemoglobin level of 15 g/dL (right y-axis)

### Hypoxemia definition

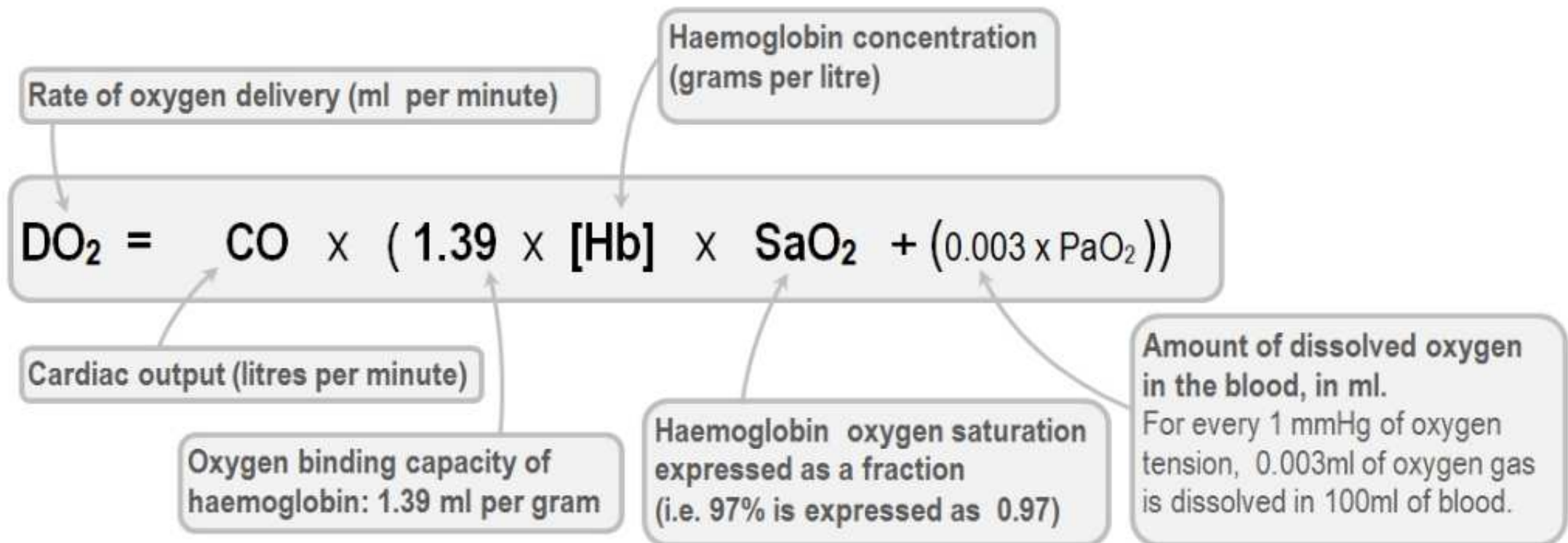
Hypoxemia is most frequently defined as arterial  $O_2$  saturation < 90%



# Oxygen partial pressure drops from air to mitochondria

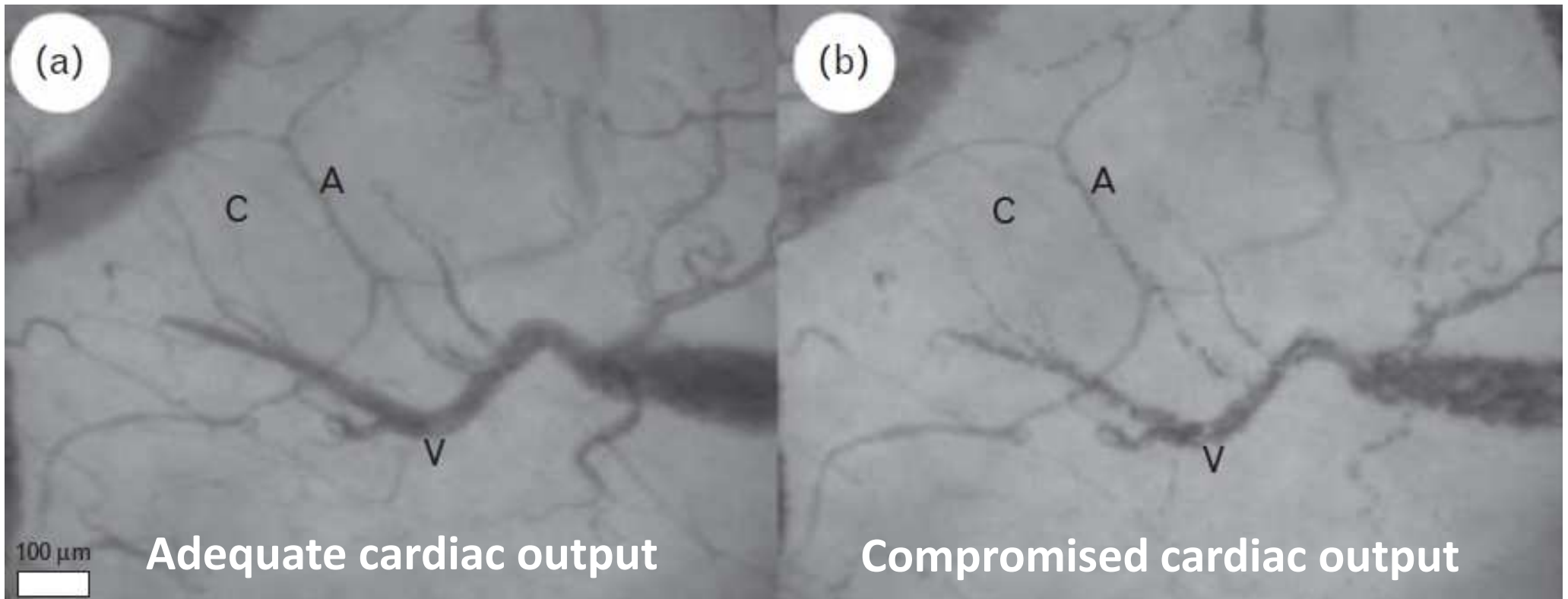


# Determinants of convective oxygen supply to the tissues/organs

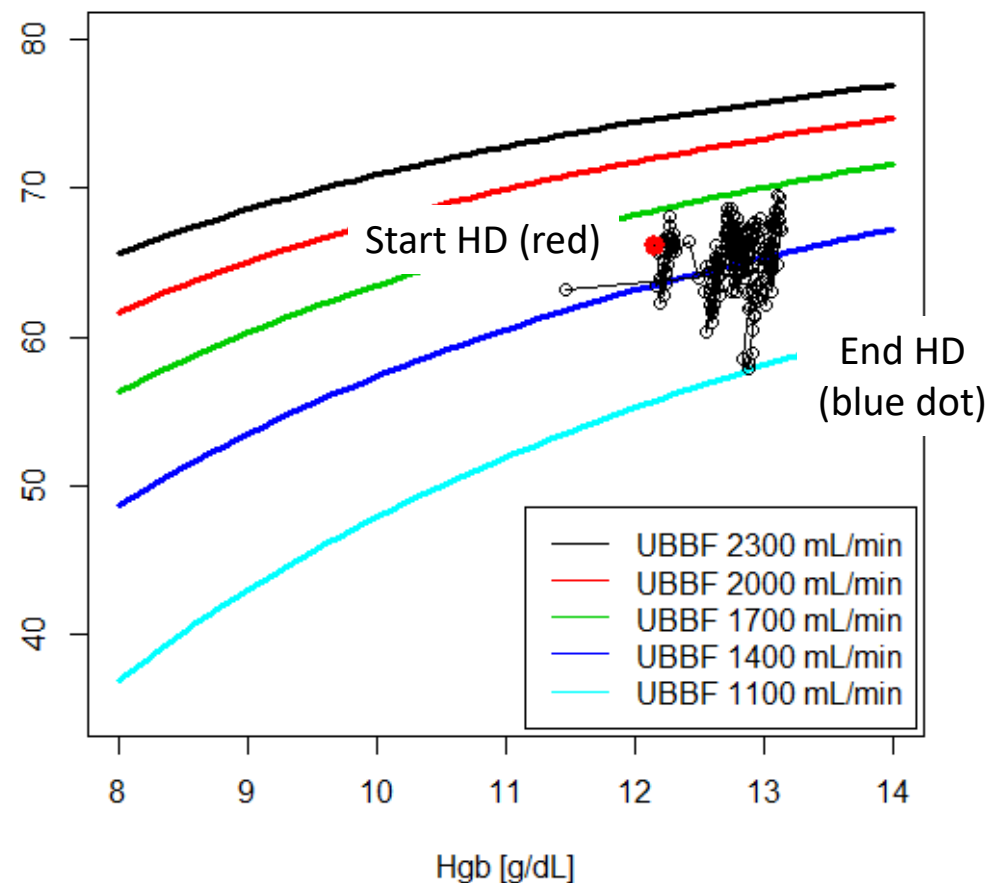
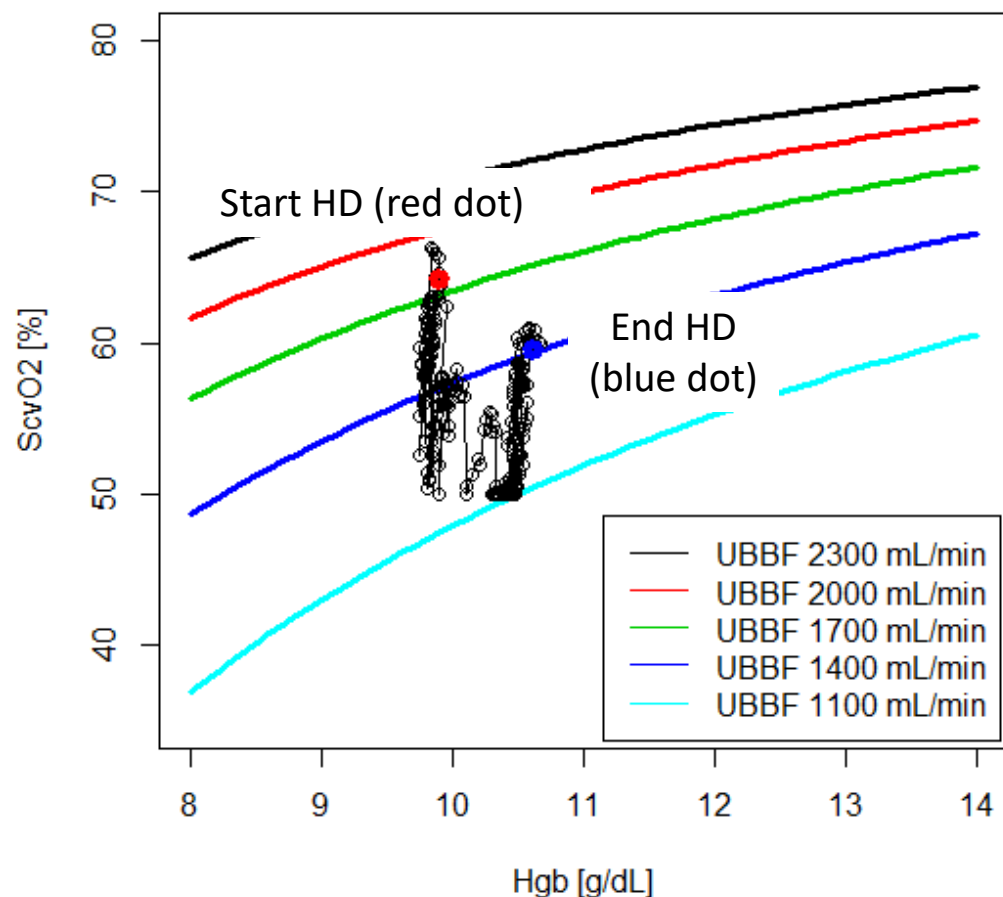




# Compromised cardiac output results in reduced capillary flow

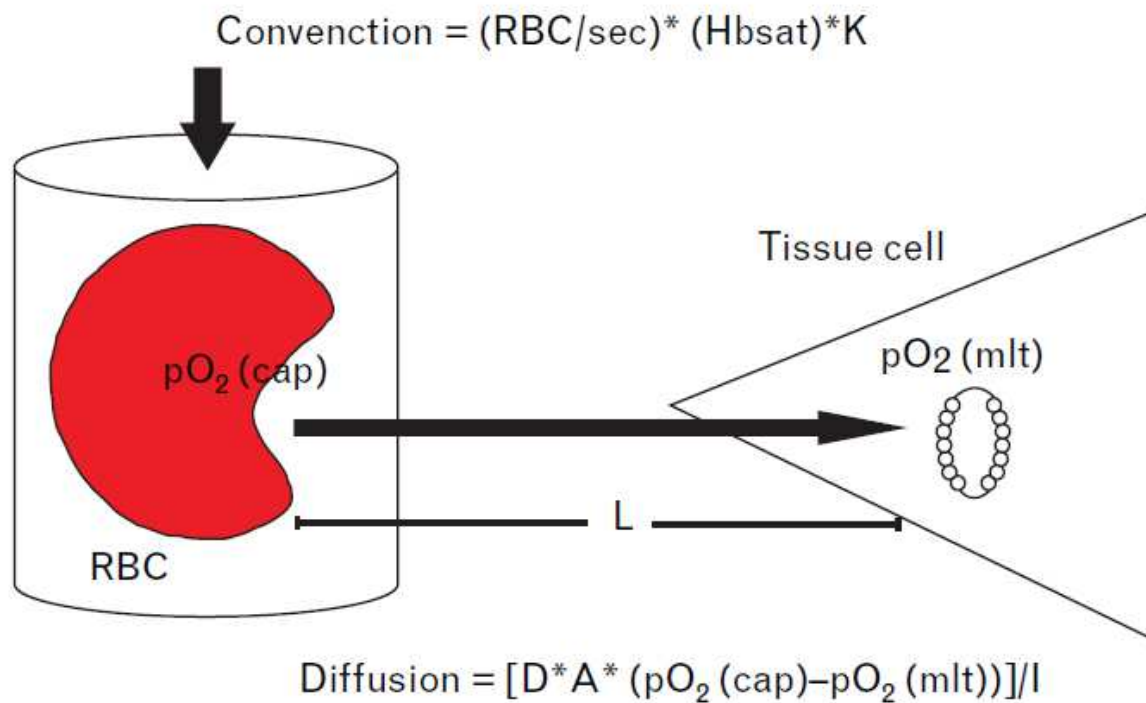


# Upper body blood flow (UBBF) in 2 patients during hemodialysis



Assumptions: SaO<sub>2</sub> 92%, upper body O<sub>2</sub> utilization 65 mL/min

# Convective and diffusive determinants of oxygen transport from the microcirculation to the tissue cell



Main convective components:  
perfusion, hematocrit, oxygen saturation, hemoglobin molecules per RBC

Main diffusive components:  
oxygen gradient, diffusion distance, surface area, RBC shape

# Oxygen diffusion from the capillaries to the cells – the Krogh cylinder concept

Drawings by Krogh presented at his Nobel lecture, December 1920



**Schack August Steenberg Krogh**  
1874 - 1949

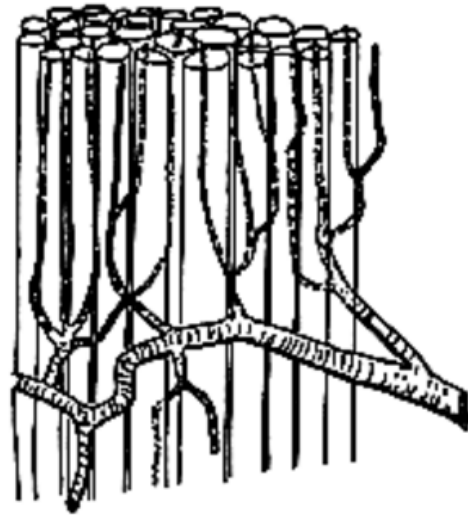


Fig. 1. A small portion of muscle with arterial branches and capillaries. (Schematic.)

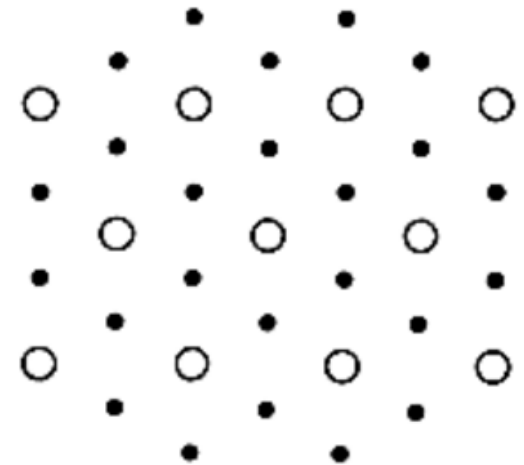
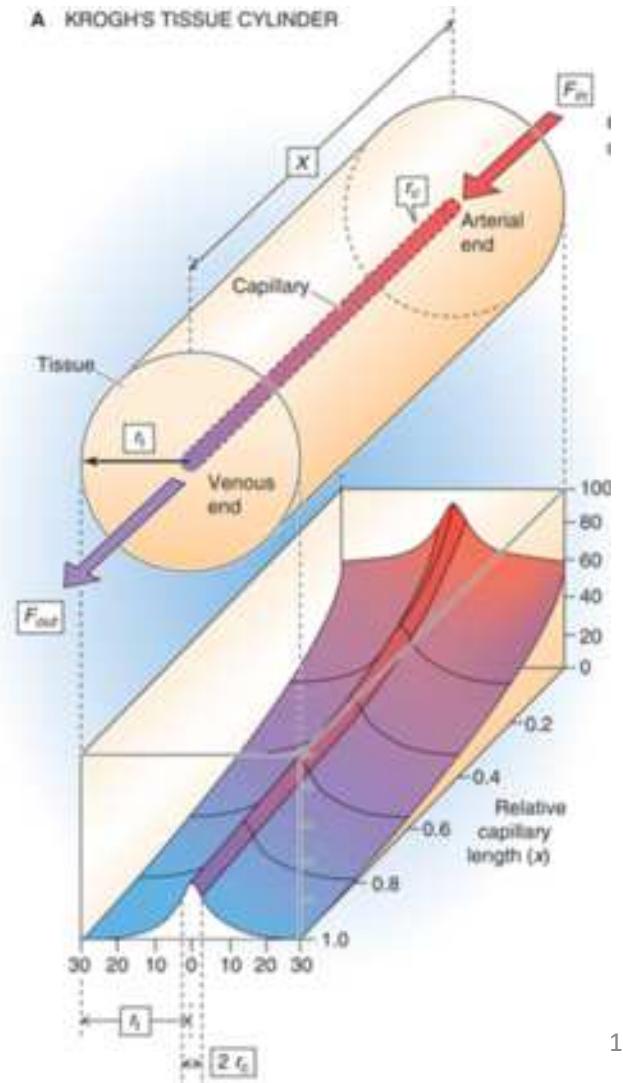
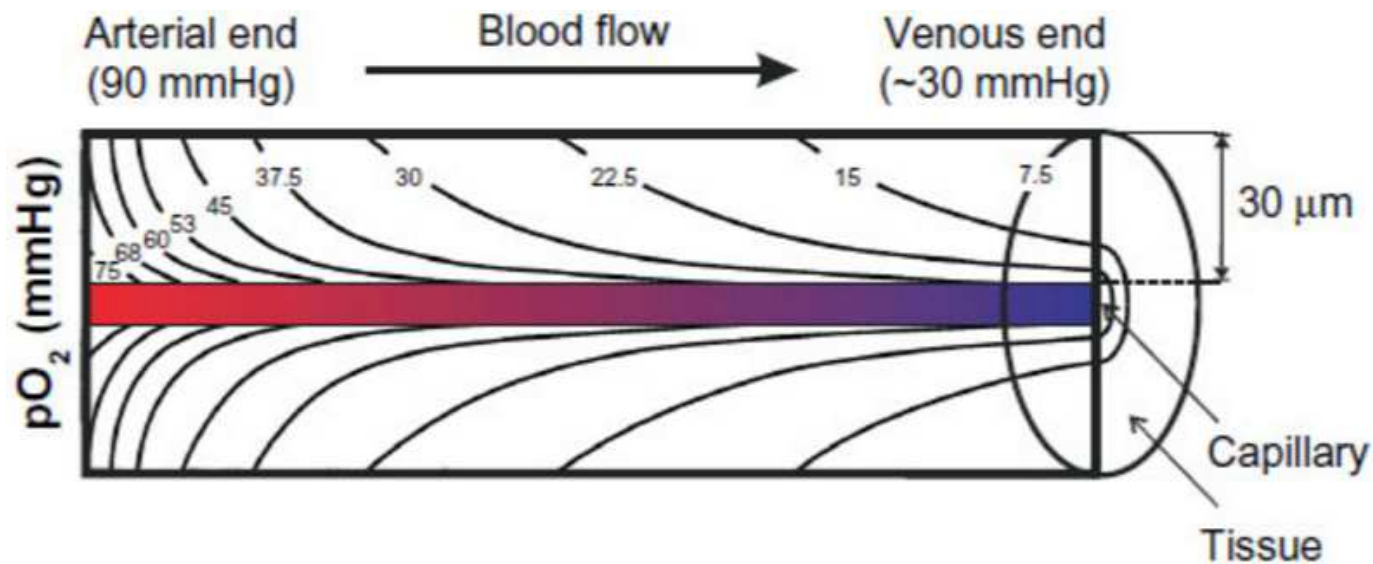
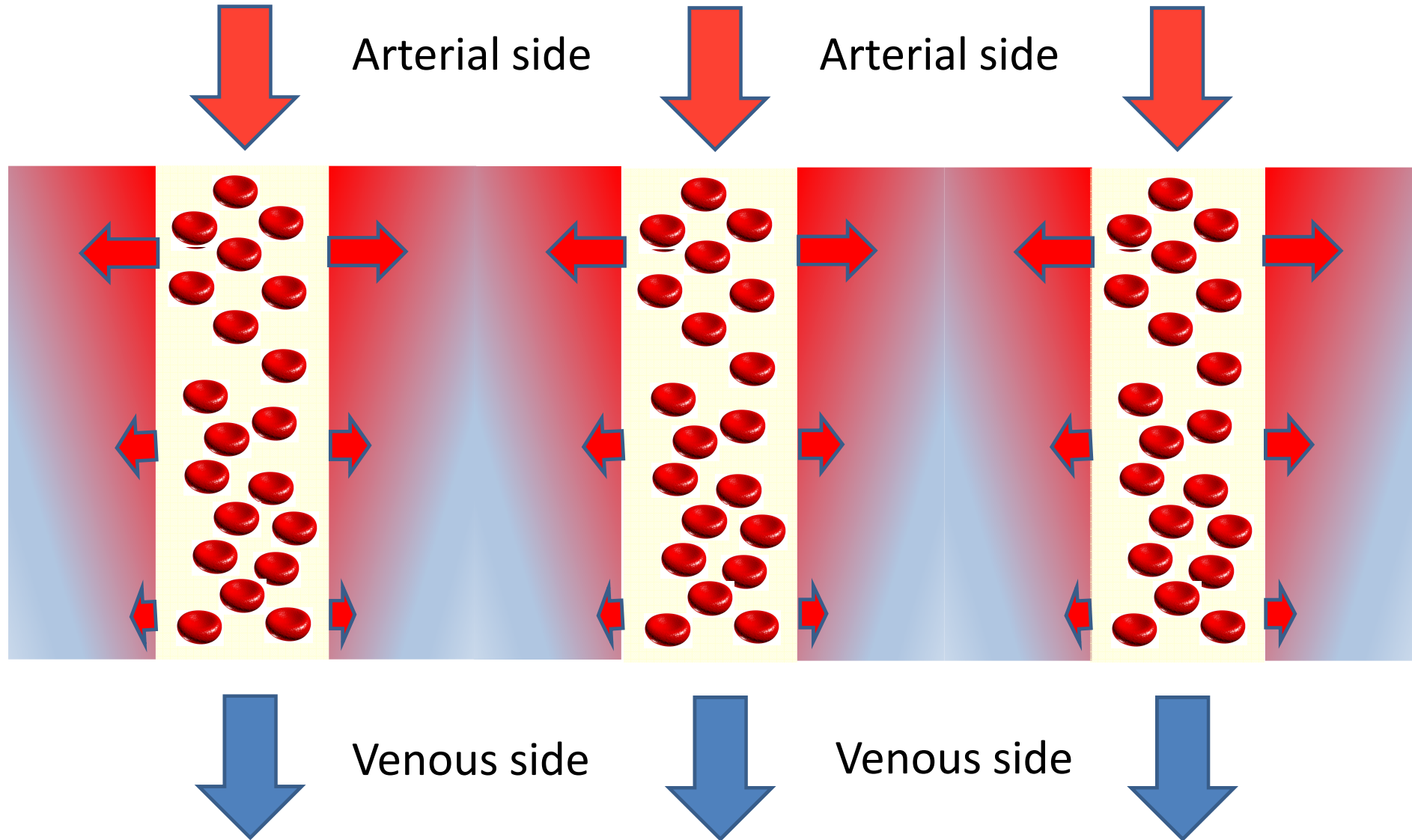


Fig. 2. Cross-section of muscle showing open O and closed • capillaries.

# Krogh' cylinder – simulation results



Physiological situation: normal perfusion, hematocrit, SaO<sub>2</sub>, euvolemia



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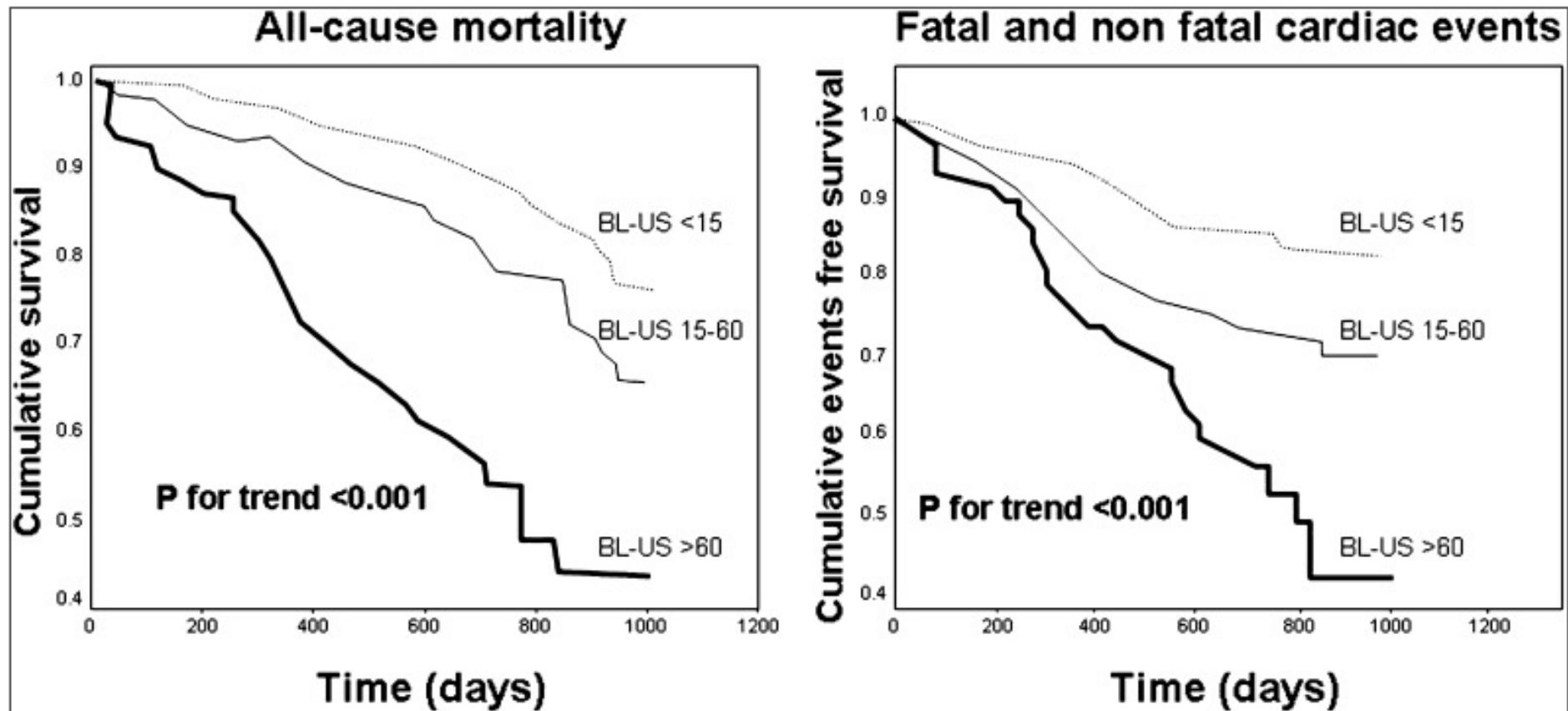
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# Pulmonary congestion - as determined by pulmonary ultrasound - is associated with poor outcomes

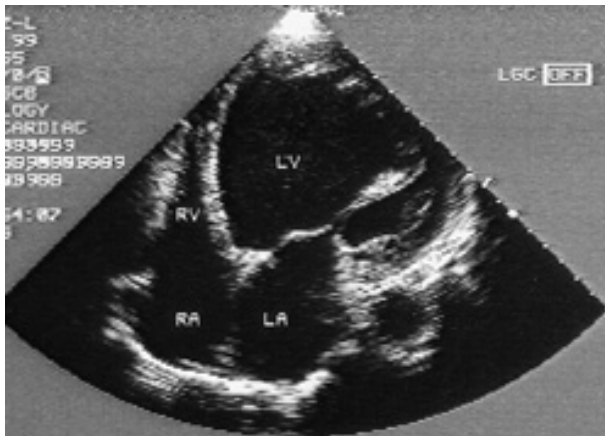


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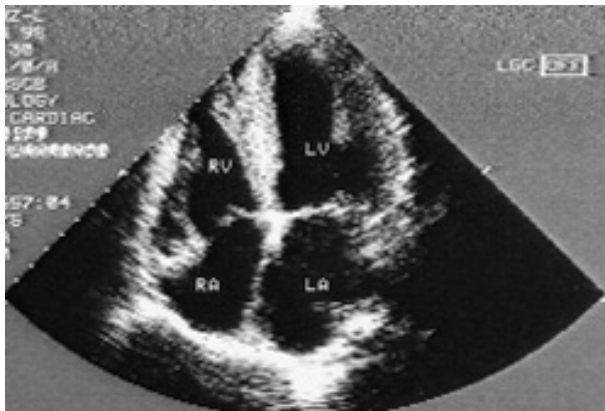
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# Congestive heart failure in HD

Depending on the population studied and the criteria applied around 20 to 30% of HD patients suffer from some form of heart failure



Systolic dysfunction



Diastolic dysfunction

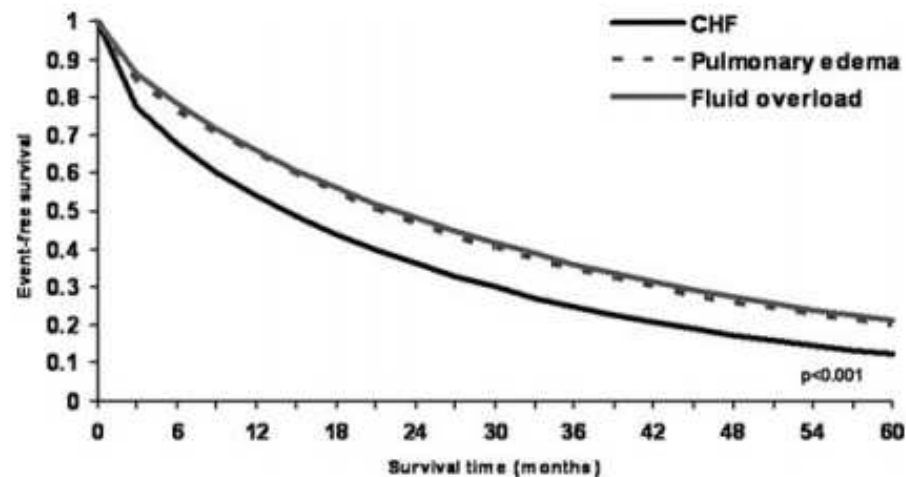
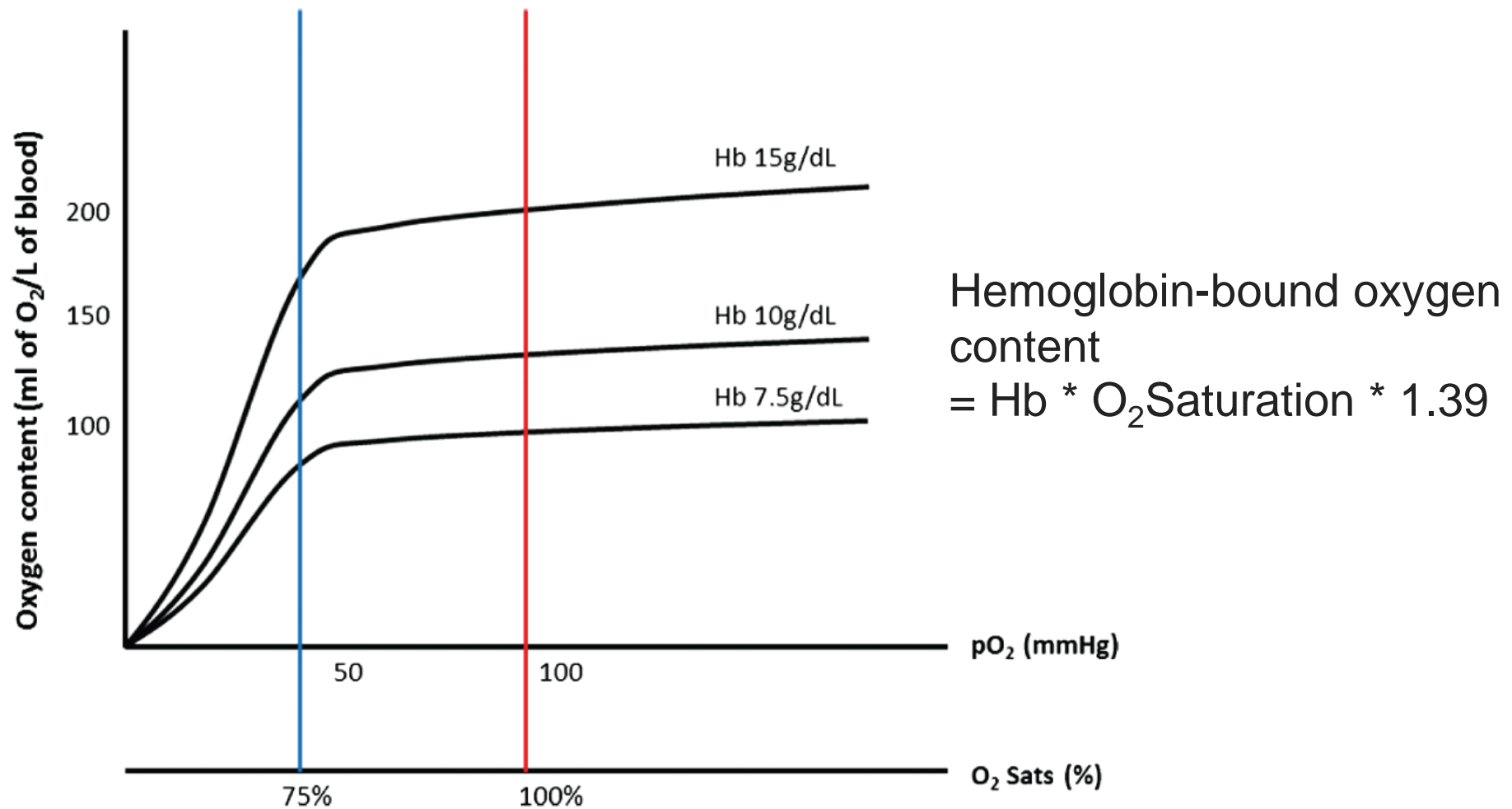


Figure 1. All-cause survival (composite groups). Event-free survival of patients who were on maintenance hemodialysis from first hospitalization after initiation of renal replacement therapy with congestive heart failure (CHF), pulmonary edema, and fluid overload.

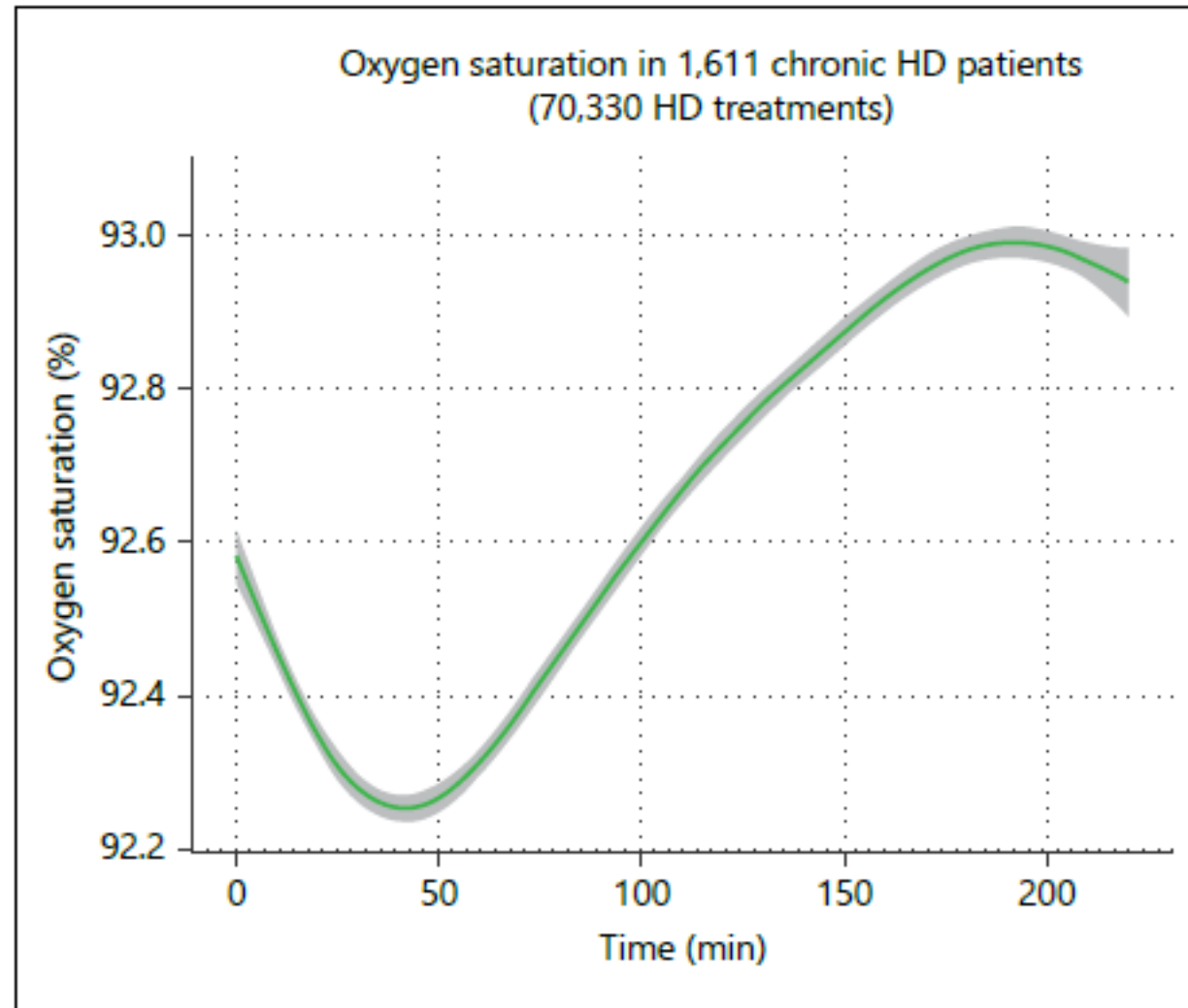
Banerjee, CASN 2007

## Blood Oxygen Content depends on Hemoglobin Concentration and Oxygen Saturation

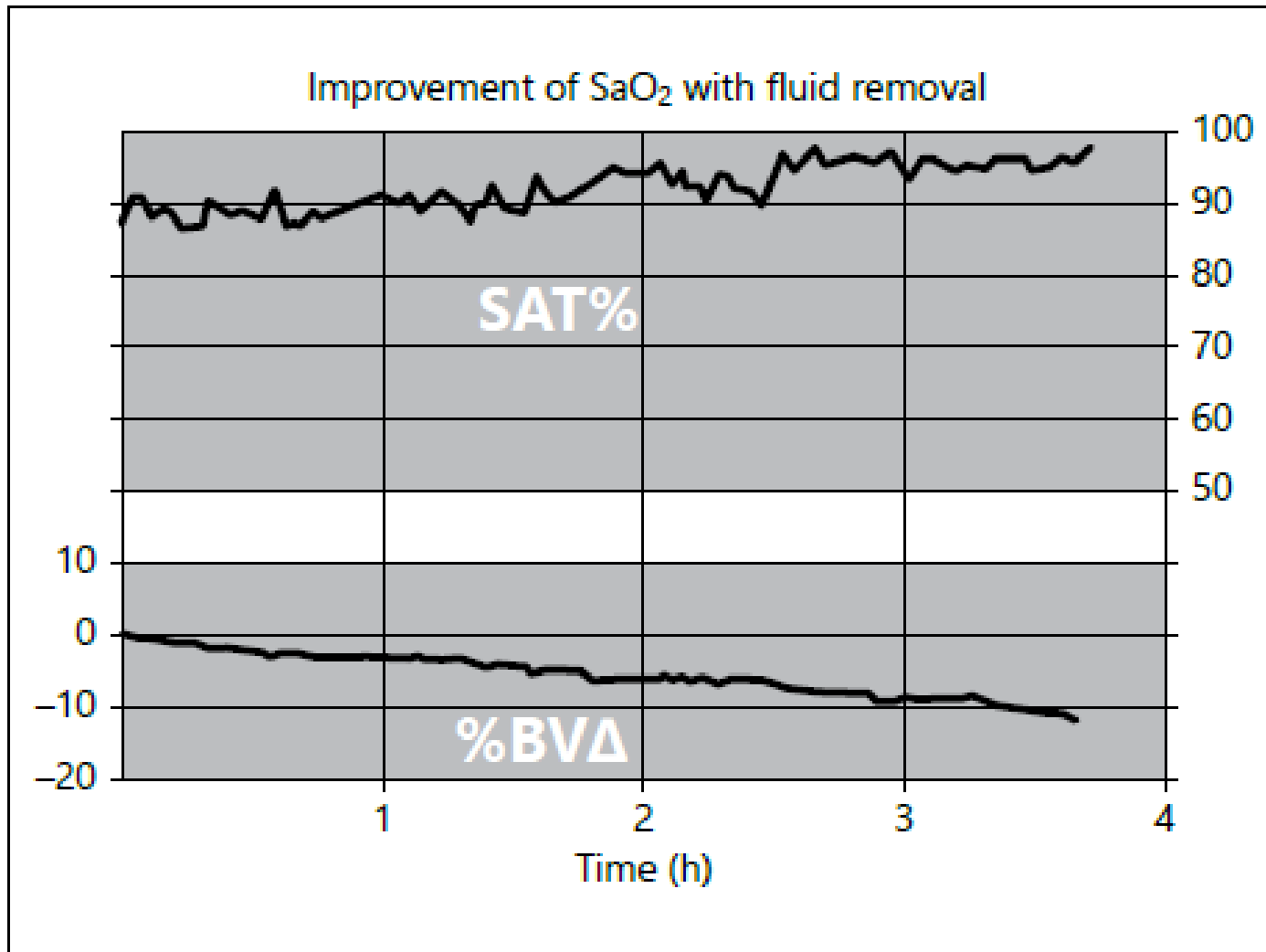


# Arterial Oxygen Saturation during Hemodialysis

# Time course of intradialytic arterial oxygen saturation



## Association between fluid removal and SaO<sub>2</sub>

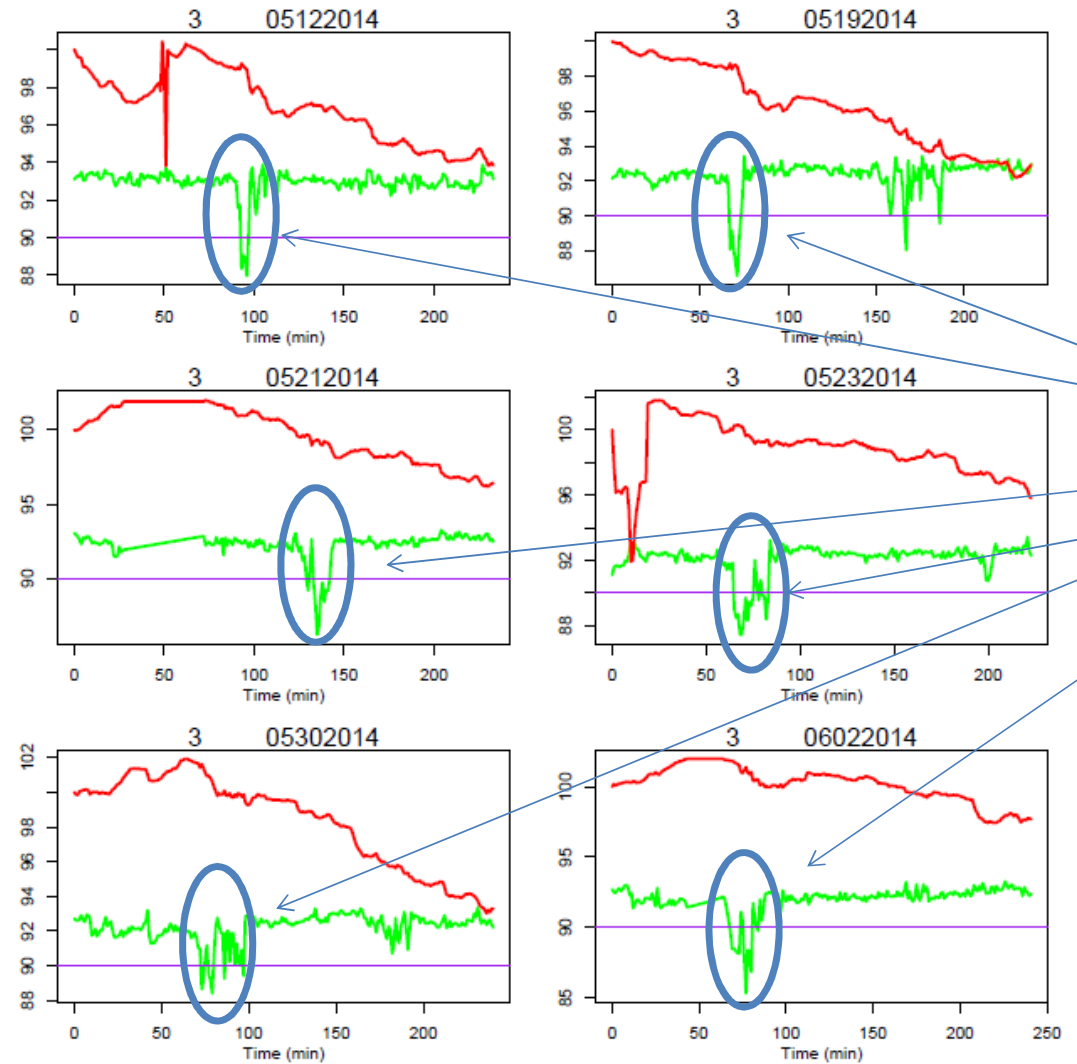


Improved arterial oxygen saturation

Decline in blood volume as a consequence of fluid removal



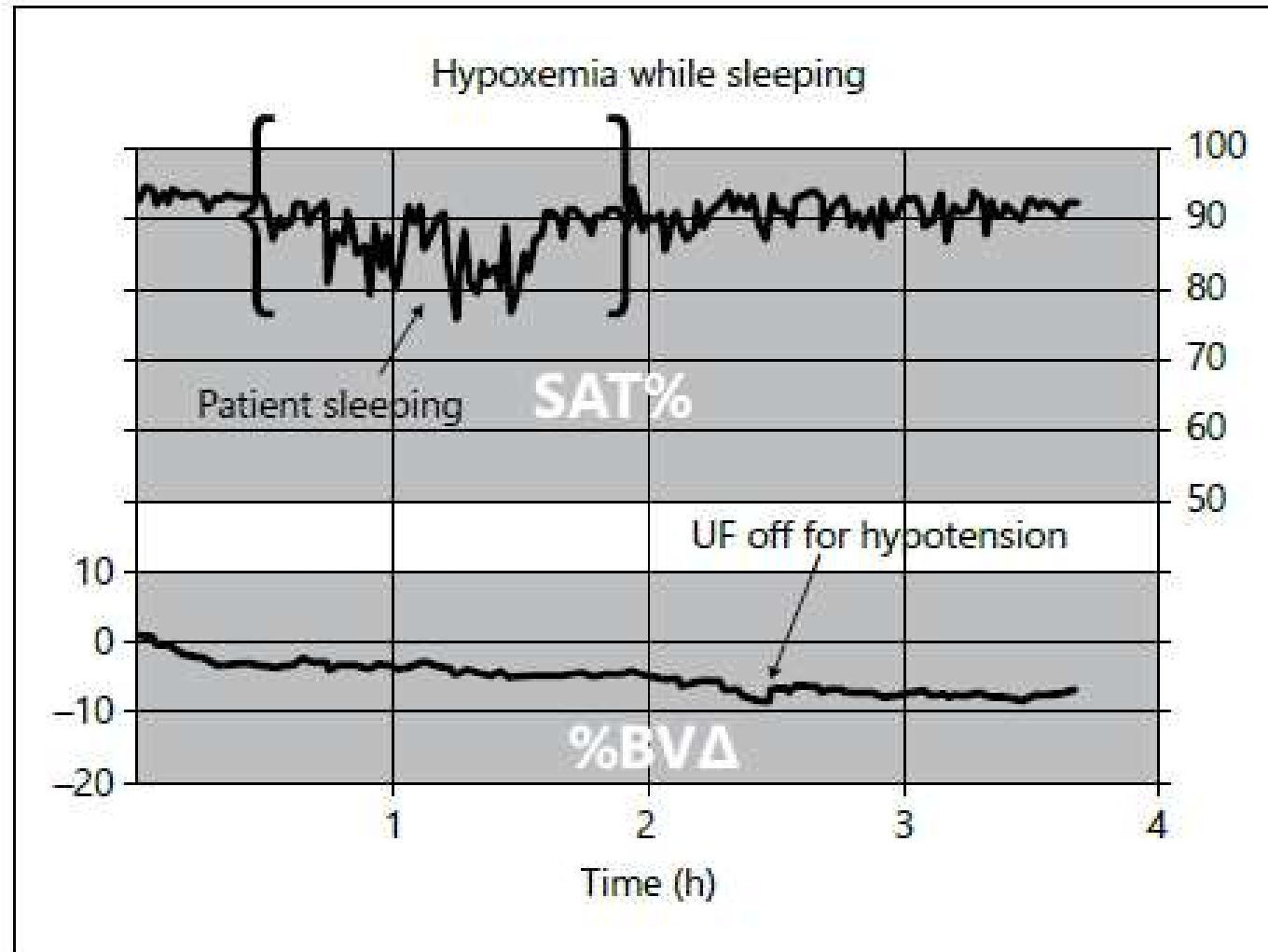
# Arterial O<sub>2</sub> saturation in the same HD patient during six treatments



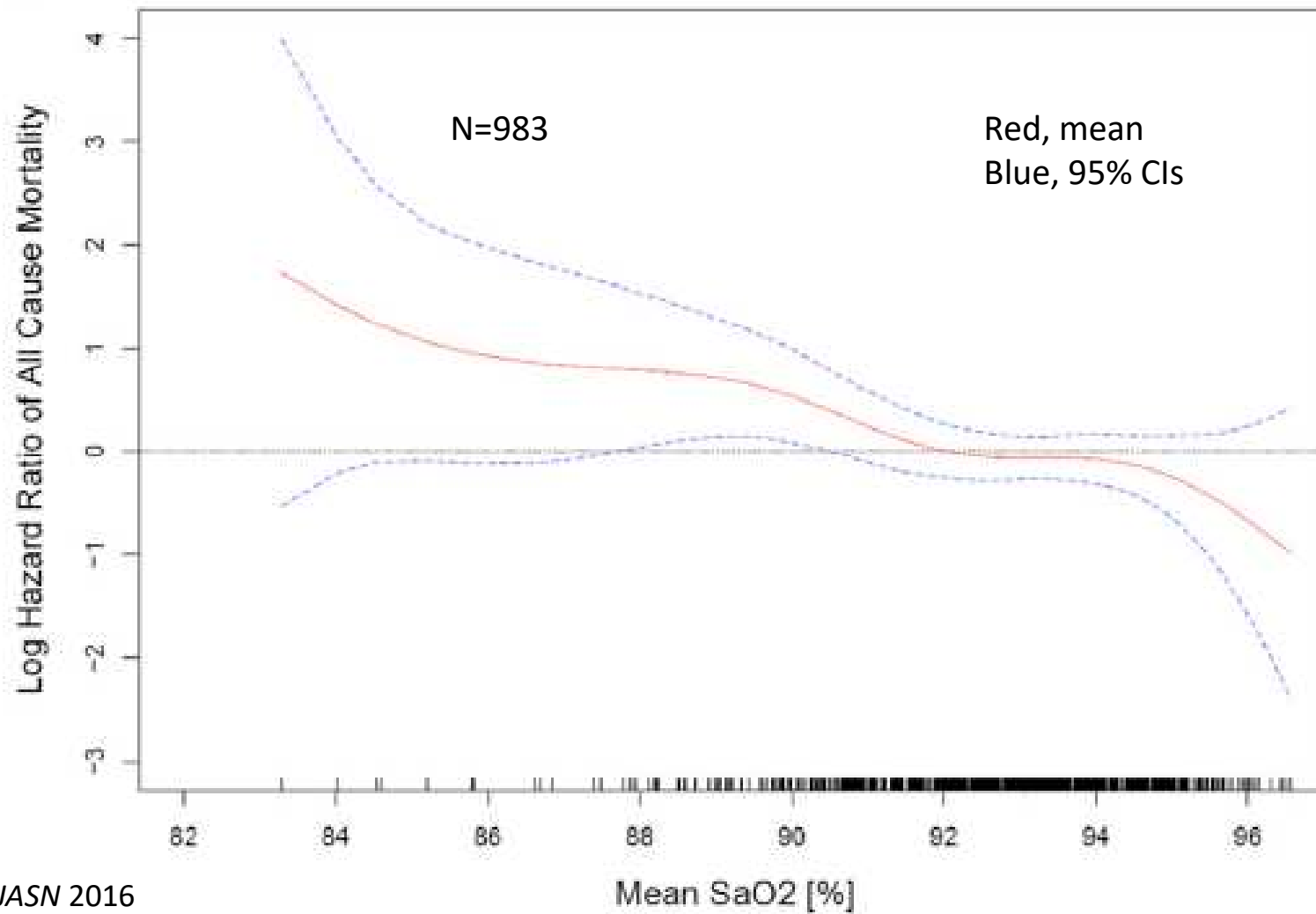
What's going on here?

Green line, O<sub>2</sub> saturation  
Red line, relative blood volume

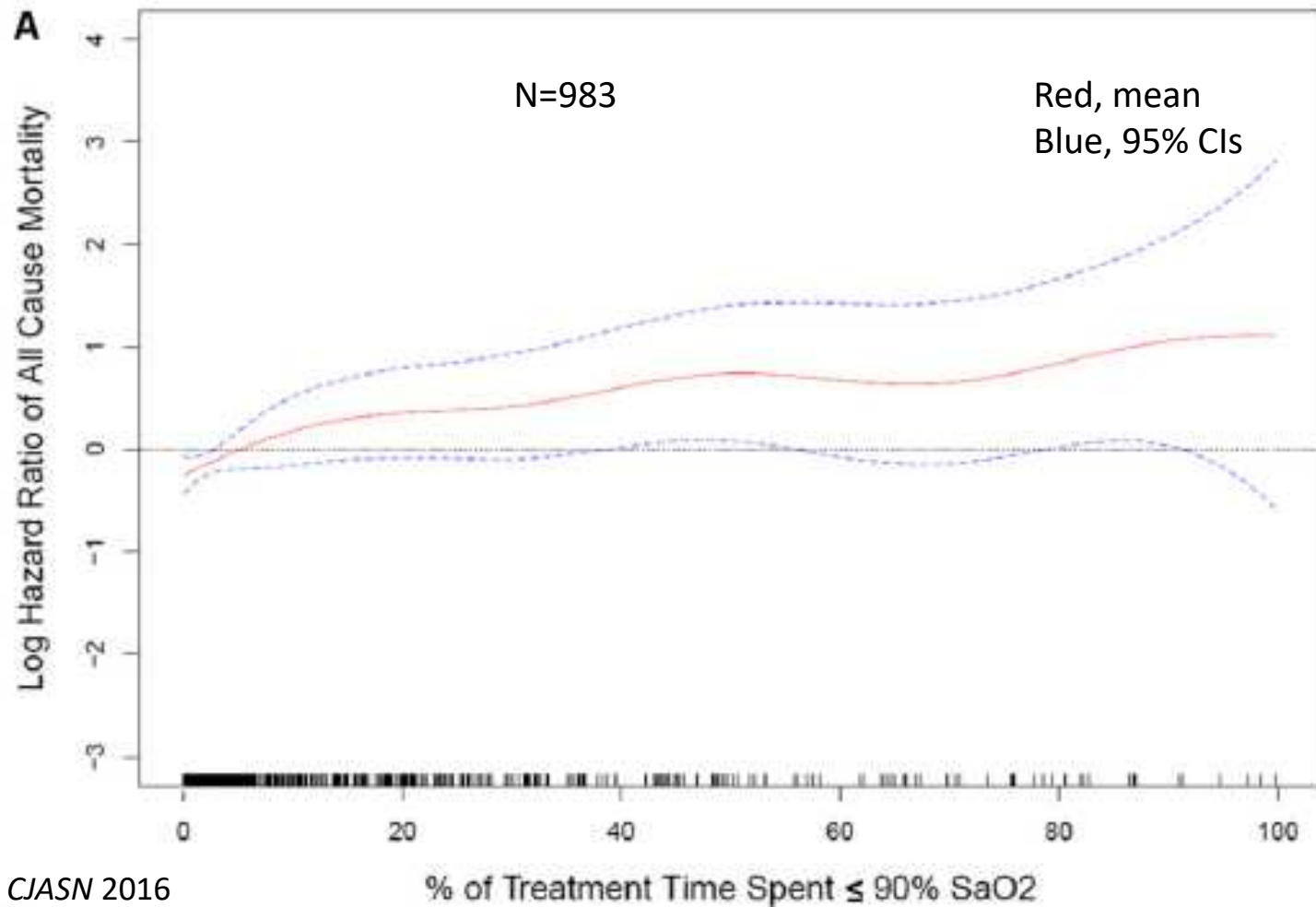
# Intradialytic hypoxemia may occur while sleeping



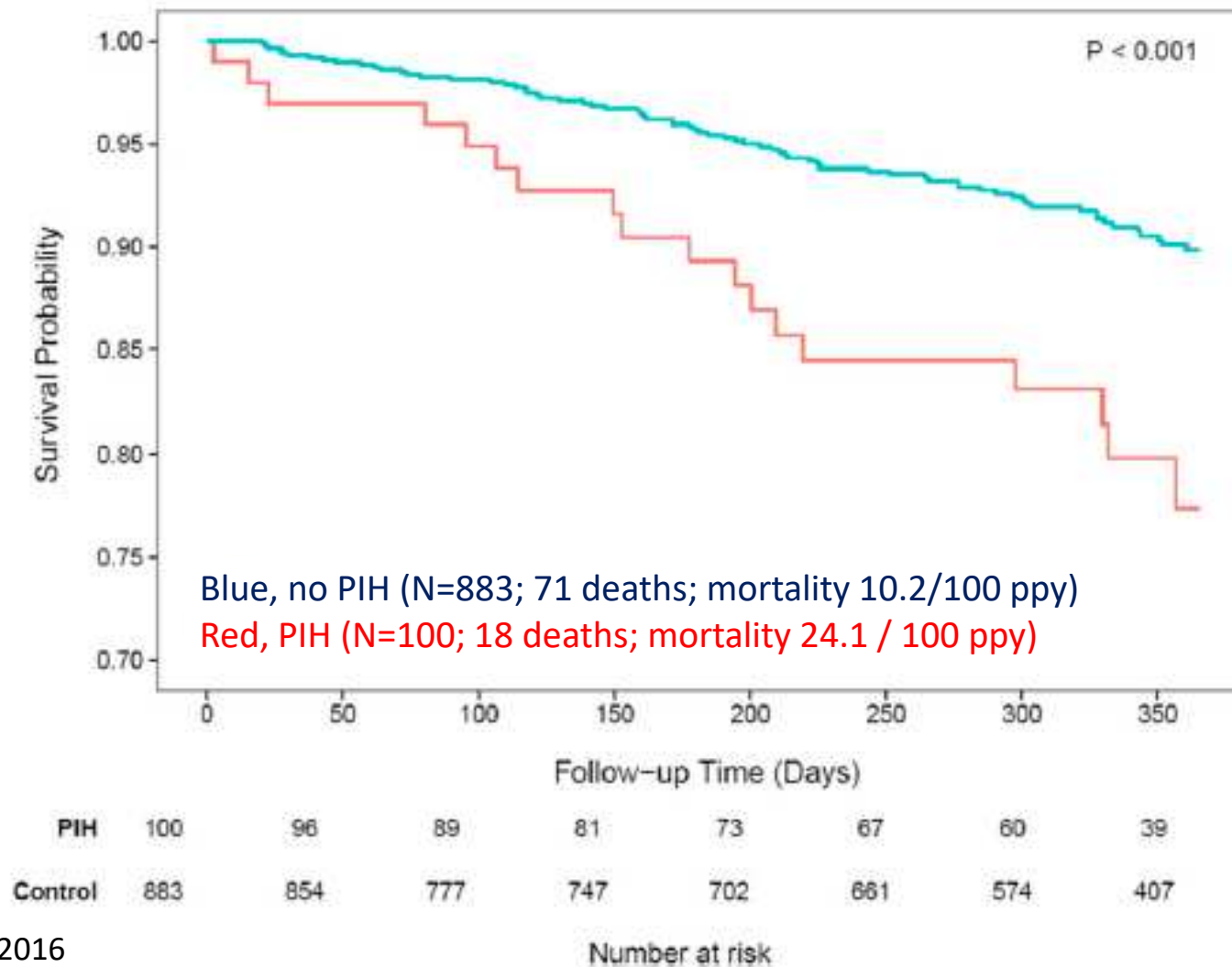
# Association between mean intradialytic SaO<sub>2</sub> and all-cause mortality



# Association between % HD treatment time spent $\leq 90\%$ SaO<sub>2</sub> and all-cause mortality



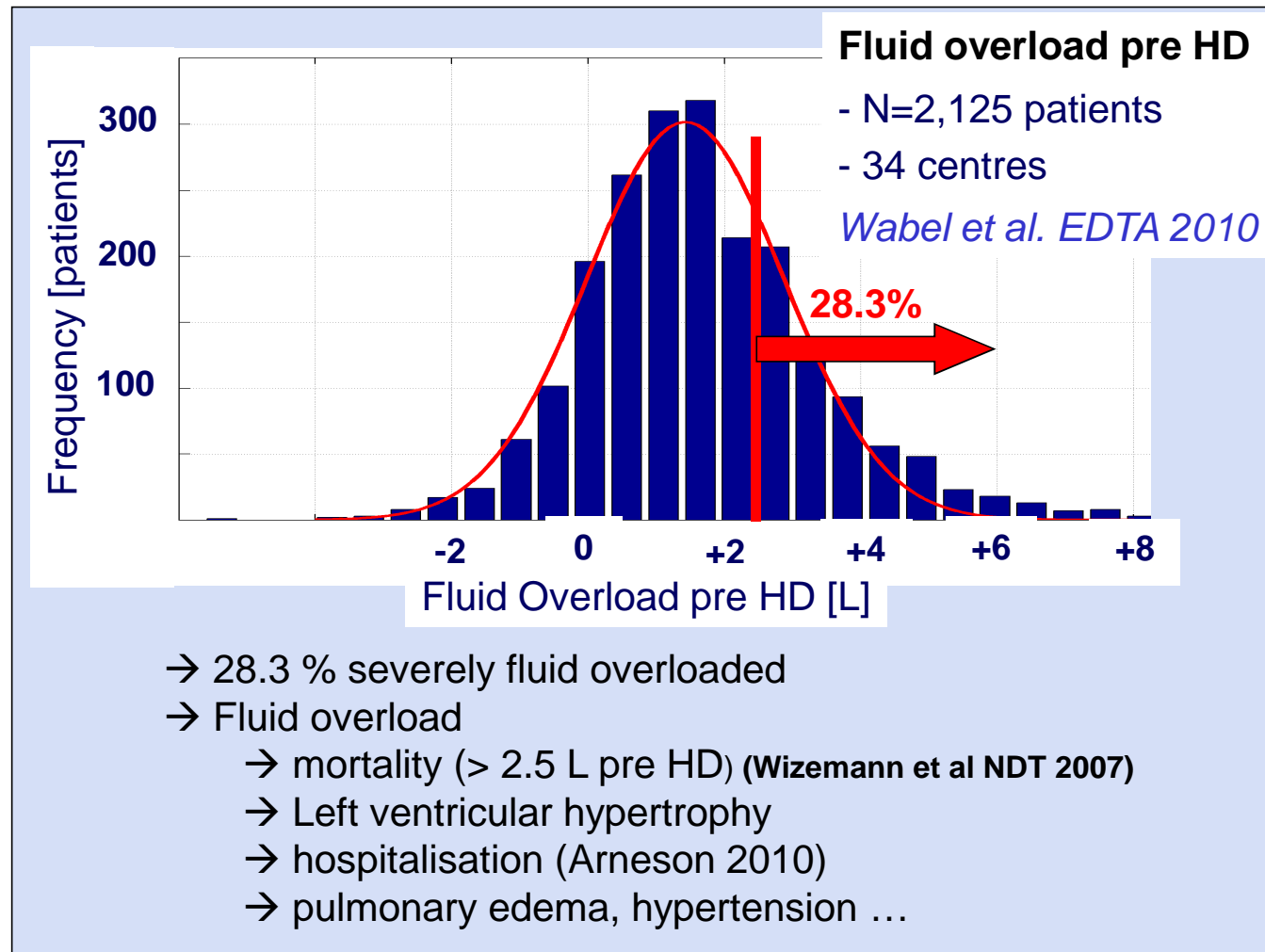
# Prolonged intradialytic hypoxemia (PIH) is associated with higher all-cause mortality



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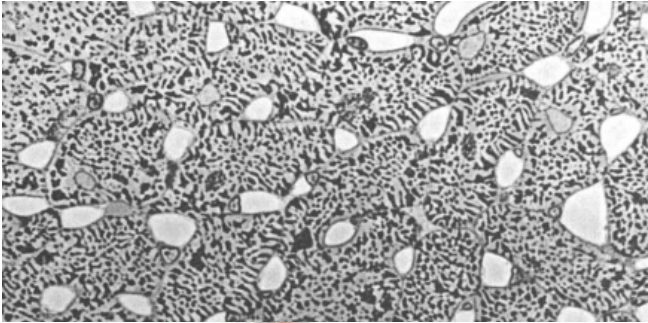
## Prevalence of fluid overload in HD patients / Europe (determined by bioimpedance)



# Myocardial capillary rarefaction in uremia

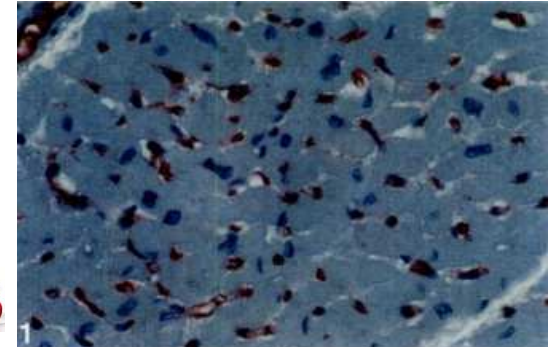
Amann, KI 1992

Control rat

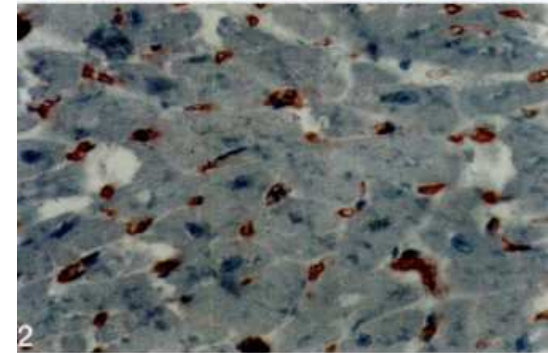


Amann, JASN 1998

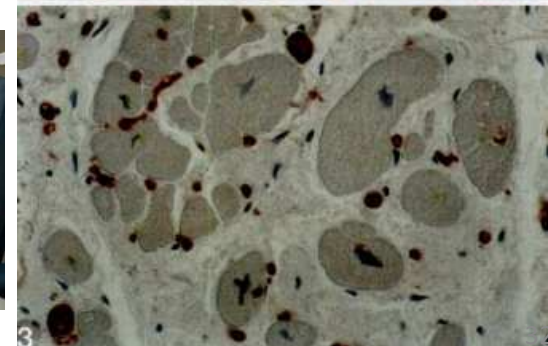
Control  
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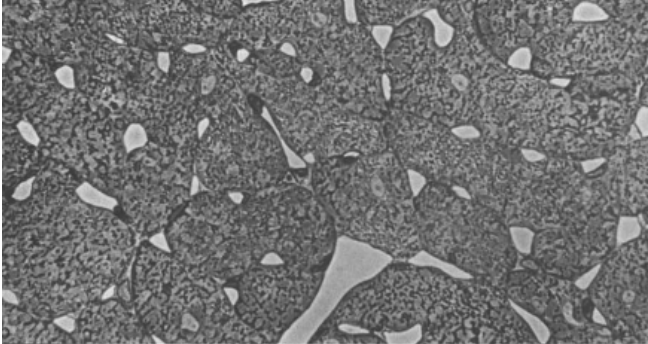
Hypertensive  
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Uremic  
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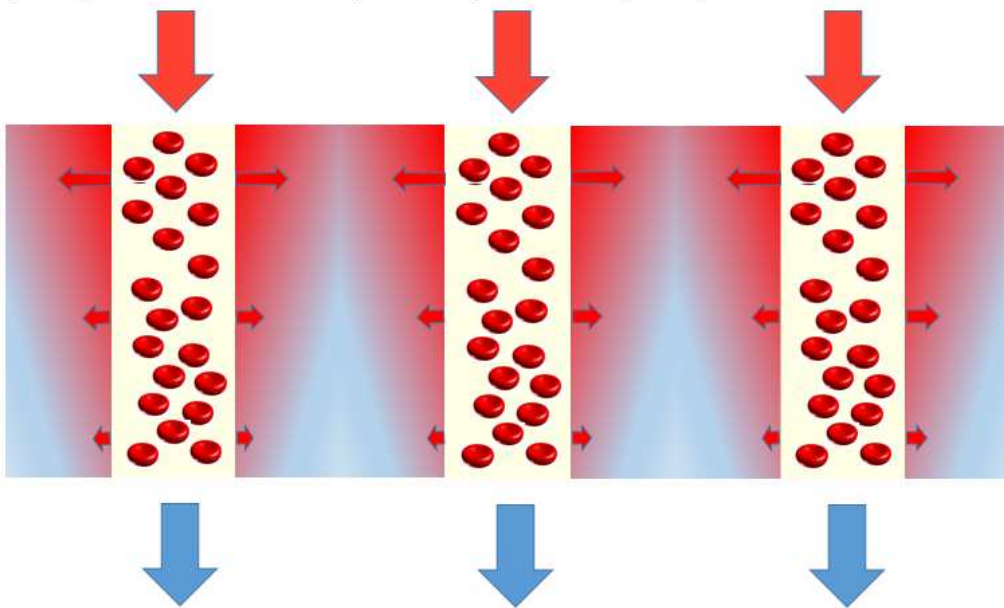


Uremic rat



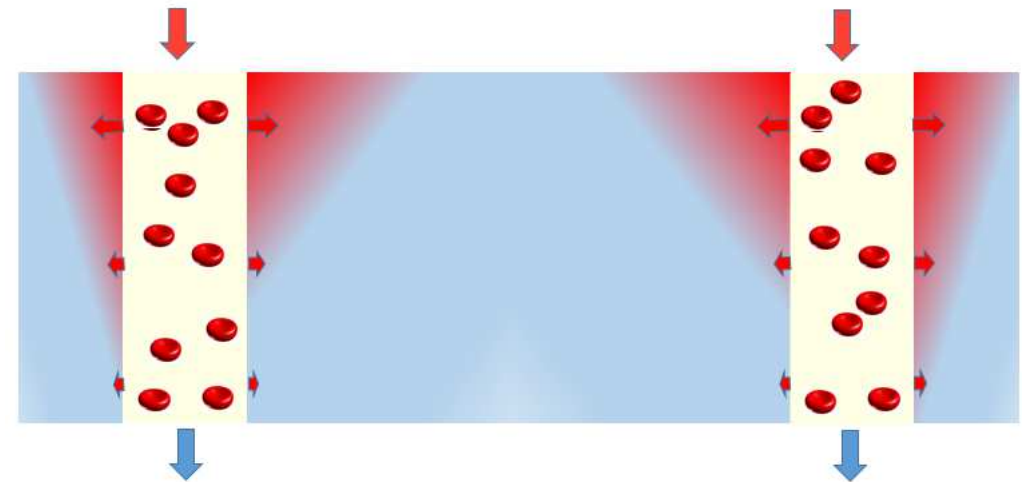


- Adequate cardiac output
- No anemia
- No fluid overload
- No capillary rarefaction



Normal

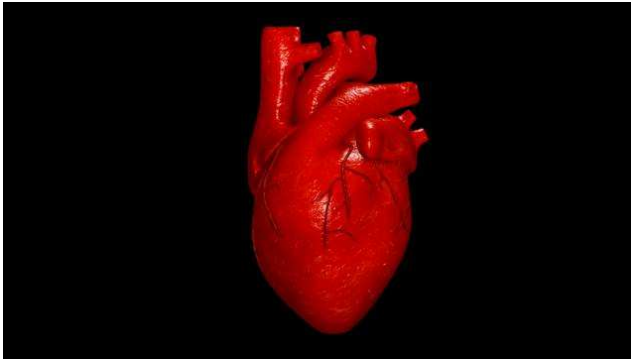
- Low cardiac output
- Anemia
- Fluid overload (intravascular; interstitial)
- Capillary rarefaction



Uremia

# Organs with a particularly vulnerable microcirculation

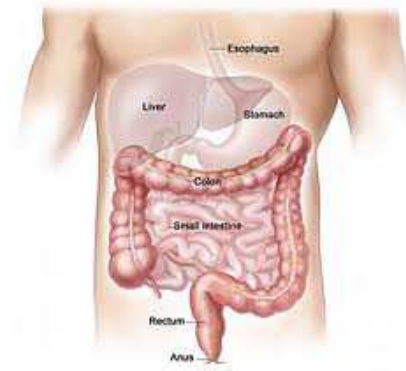
- Heart



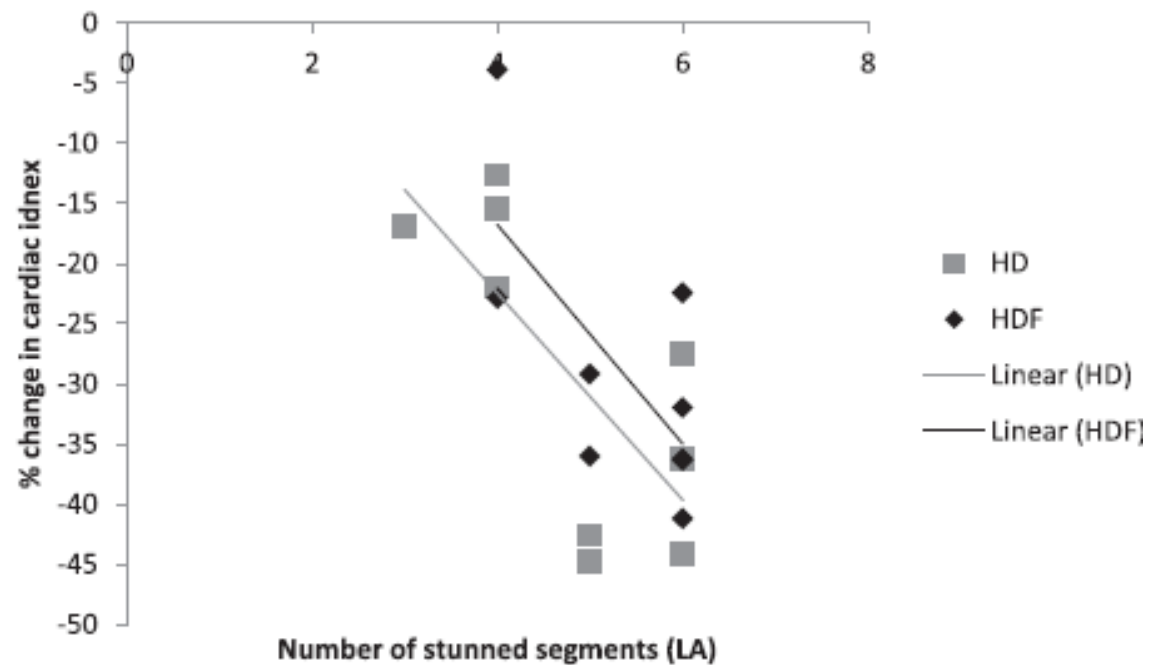
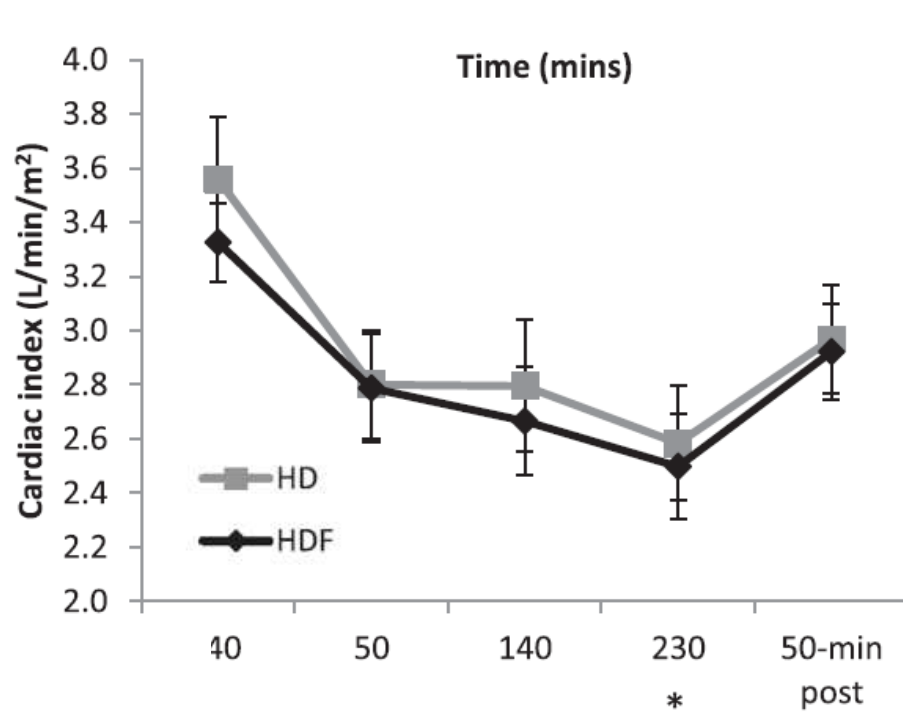
- Brain



- Gut

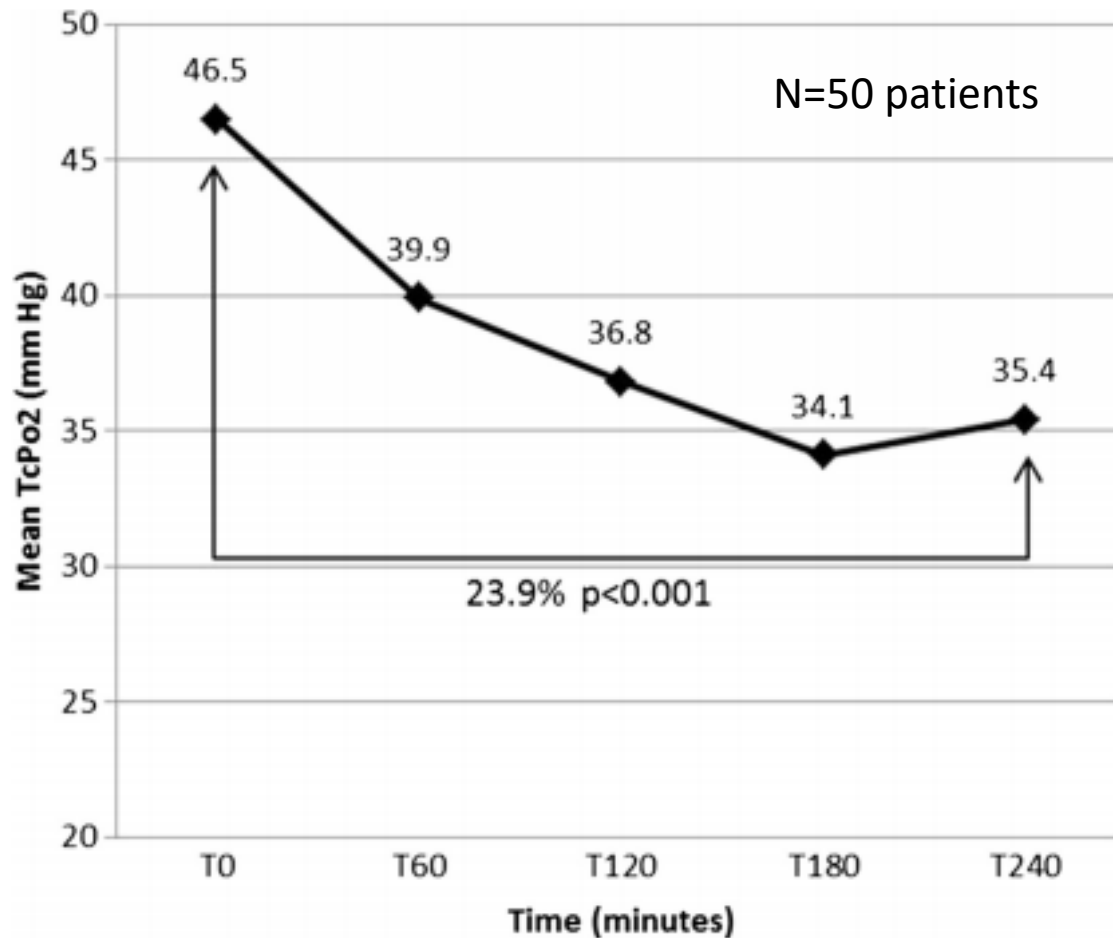


# Myocardial stunning and cardiac index during HD / HDF



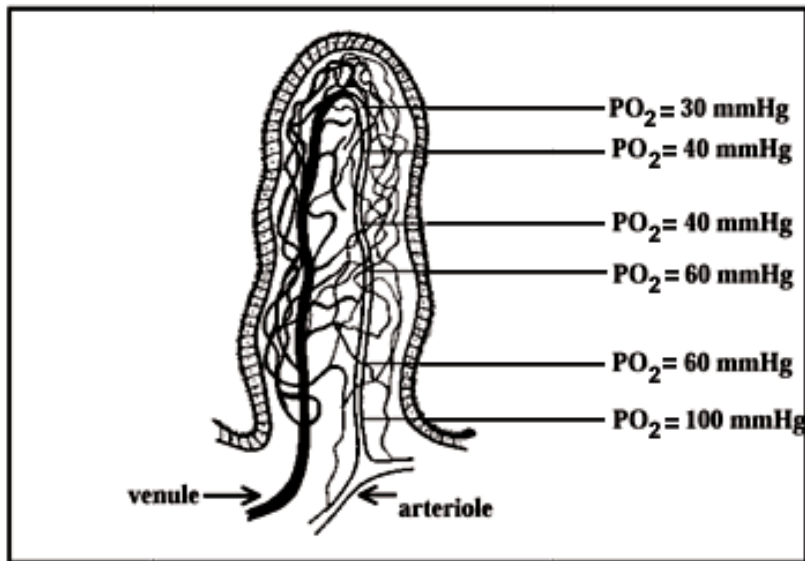
Buchanan, JASN 2016

# Intradialytic transcutaneous oxygen pressure (TcPO<sub>2</sub>)

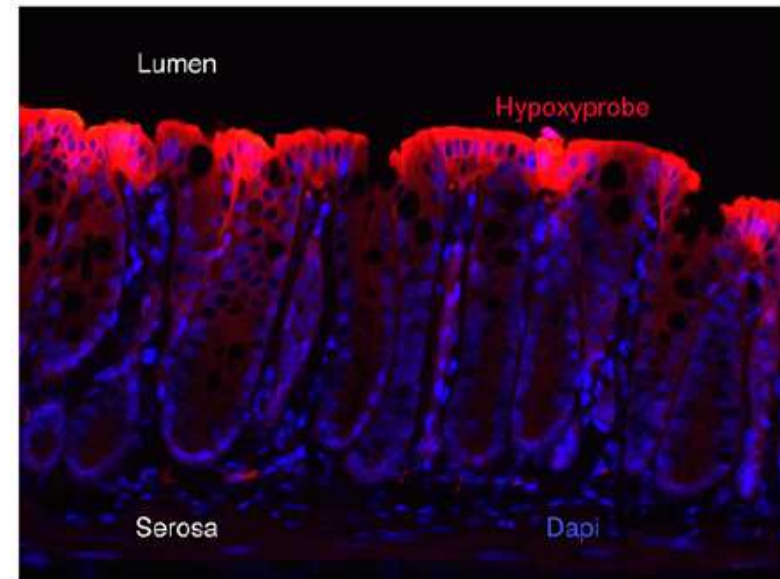


Severe ischemia (TcPO<sub>2</sub> < 30 mmHg) and critical ischemia (TcPO<sub>2</sub> < 10 mmHg) occurred during dialysis in 47.1% and 15.5%, respectively.

# Intestinal mucosa integrity is susceptible to hypoxia



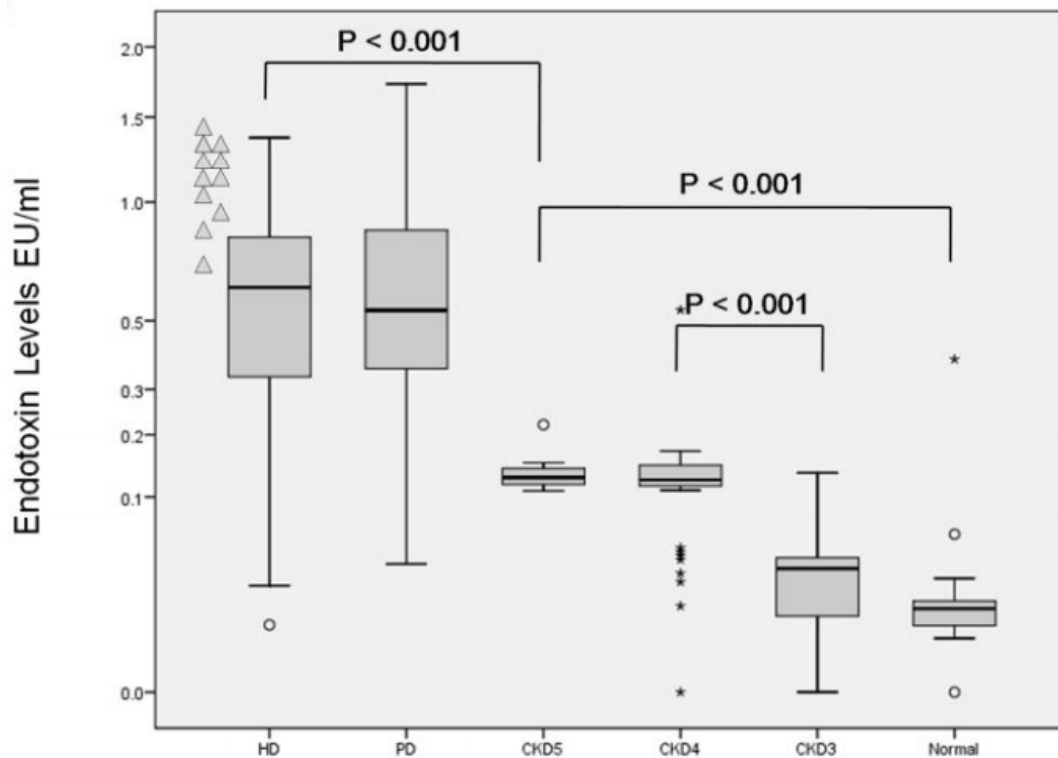
Figueiredo, 2002



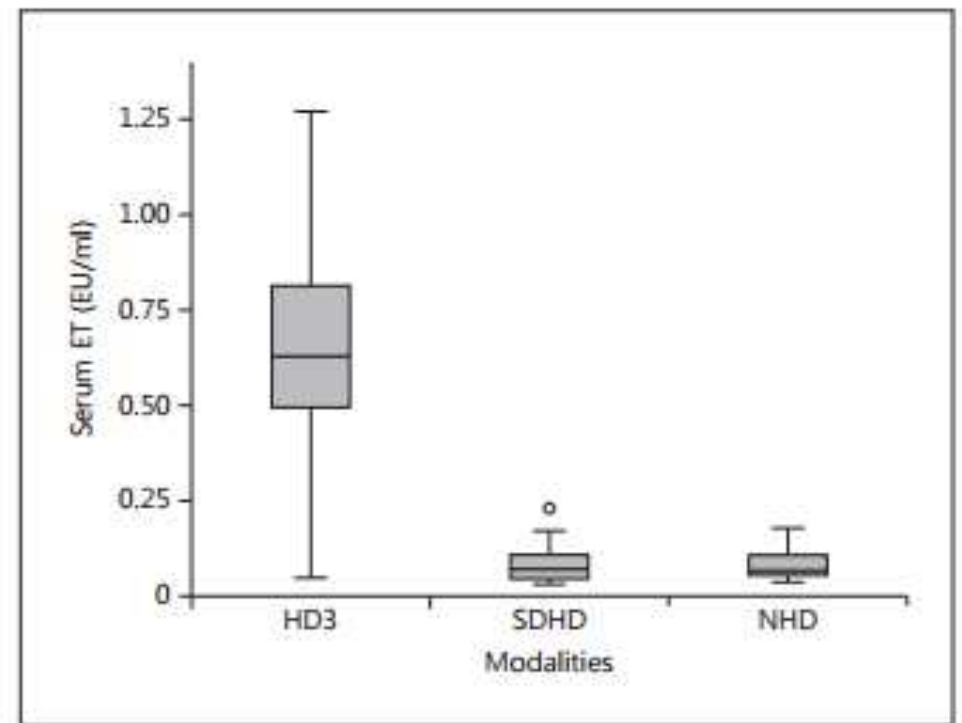
Glover, JCI 2016

The intestinal villi microvascular architecture is characterized by a countercurrent exchange of oxygen from arteriole to adjacent venule along its length (oxygen shunting)

# Increased endotoxin levels in ESRD and thrice weekly hemodialysis and PD

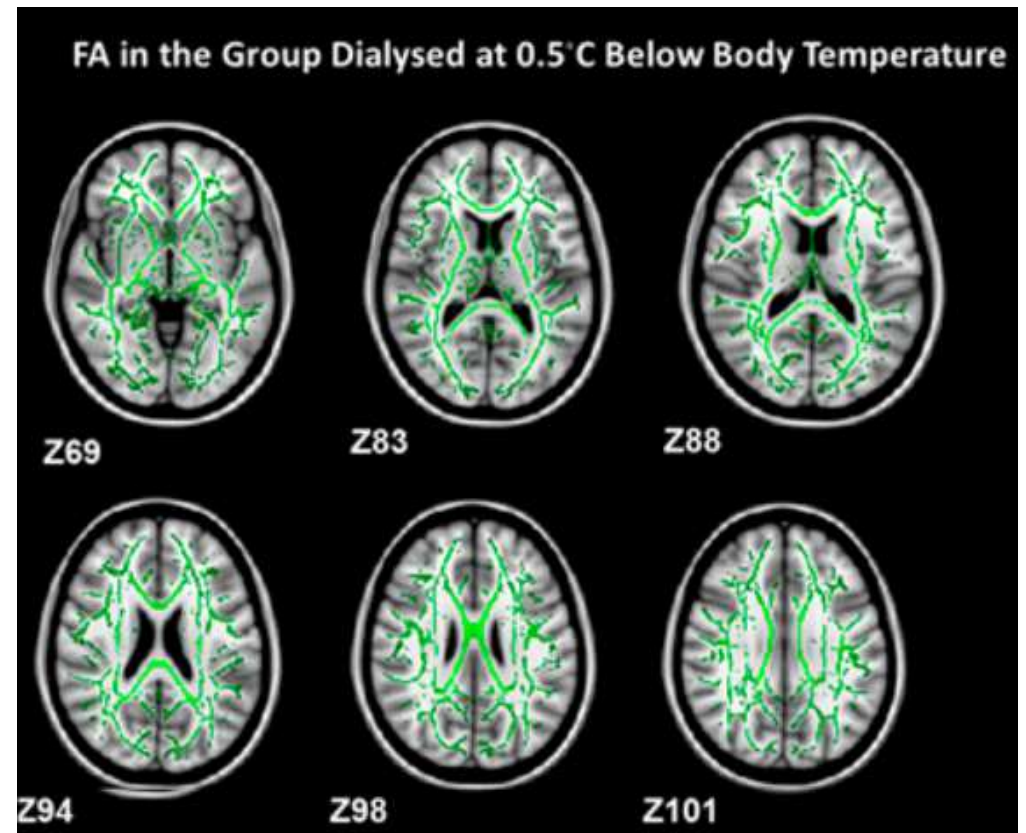
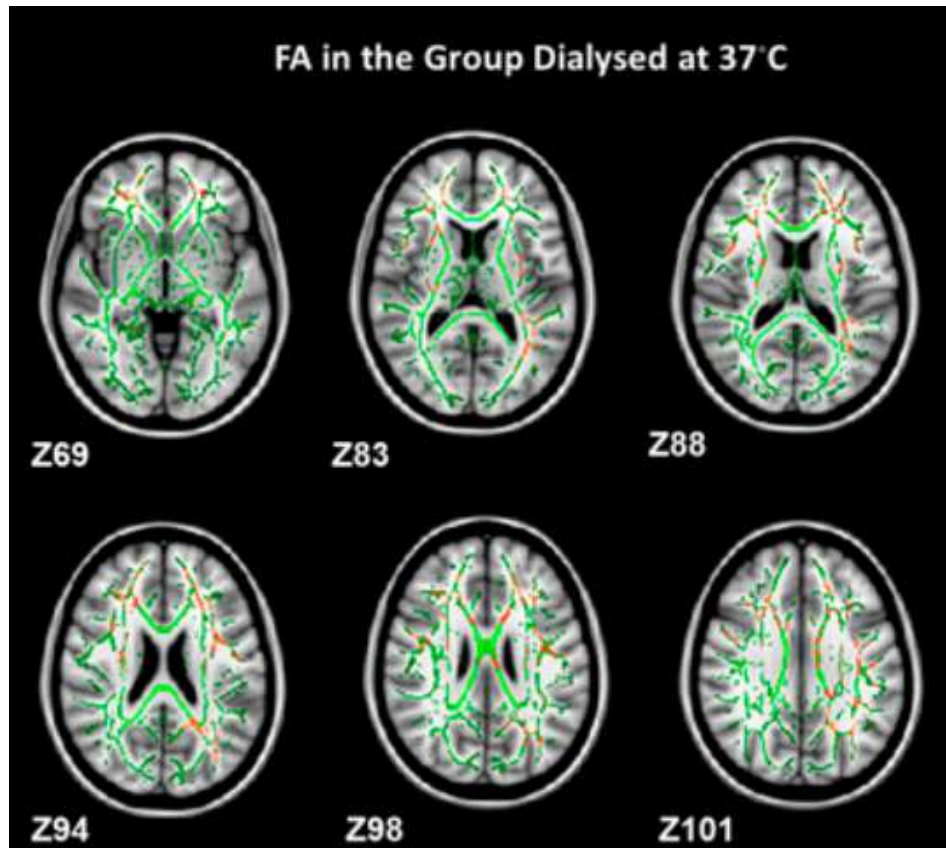


McIntyre, CJASN 2011



Jefferies, Nephron Clin Pract 2014

# White matter lesions in brains of HD patients after 1 year on dialysis





# How to improve tissue oxygen supply?

- Impaired pulmonary oxygen uptake

- Increased lung water
- Sleep apnea

Fluid management to achieve euvolemia;  
low ultrafiltration rate; sleep apnea  
diagnosis and treatment

- Reduced convective oxygen transport

- Cardiac insufficiency
- Anemia
- Lower arterial oxygen saturation

Anemia management to avoid Hgb  
below 9-10 g/dL

- Impaired tissue oxygen diffusion

- Interstitial fluid overload
- Capillary rarefication

Treatment of hypoxemia, e.g.  
sleep apnea; intradialytic oxygen  
(??)

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# Summary

- Oxygen supply to tissues and organs is impaired in hemodialysis patients due to multiple pathological alterations
- Particularly susceptible organs are the heart, gut, and brain
- Fluid management and means to increase intradialytic hemodynamic stability (e.g. cool dialysate; biofeedback ultrafiltration control) are key to improve oxygen supply to tissues and organs
- Research into hypoxemia and its treatment in ESRD patients is urgently needed

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