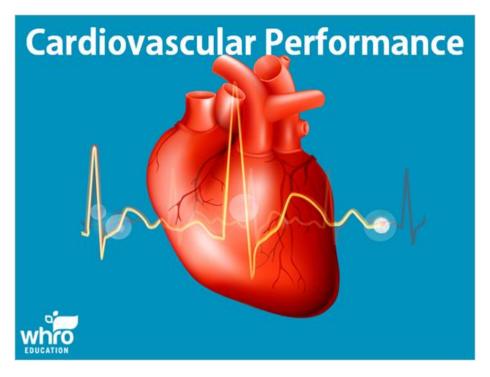
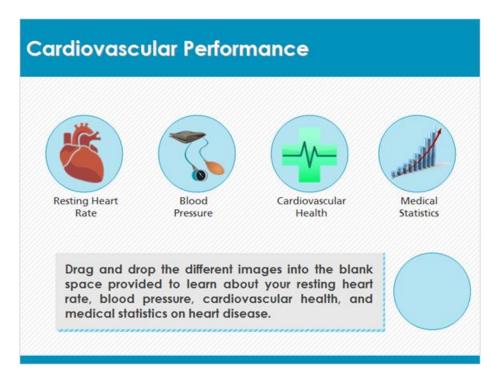
Introduction



Cardiovascular Performance



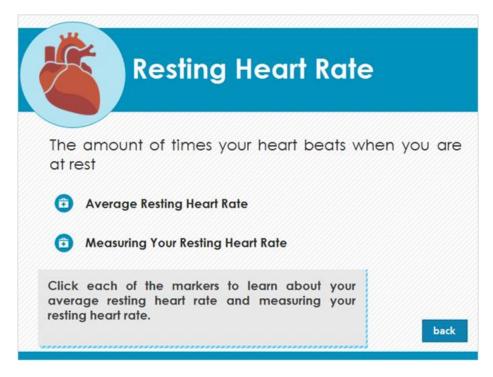
Instructions



Drag and drop the different images into the blank space provided to learn about your resting heart rate, blood pressure, cardiovascular health, and medical statistics on heart disease.



Resting Heart Rate

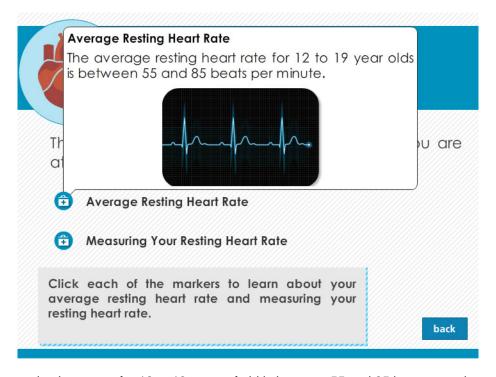


One way to evaluate your cardiovascular health is to measure your resting heart rate. Your resting heart rate is the amount of times your heart beats when you are at rest. The lower your resting heart rate is, the more blood your heart can pump from a single contraction.

Click each of the markers to learn about your average resting heart rate and measuring your resting heart rate.



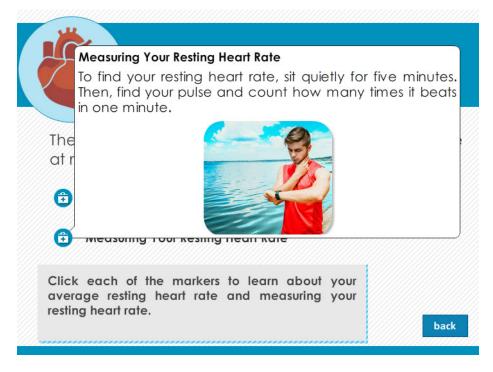
Average Resting Heart Rate



The average resting heart rate for 12 to 19 years of old is between 55 and 85 beats per minute (BPM).



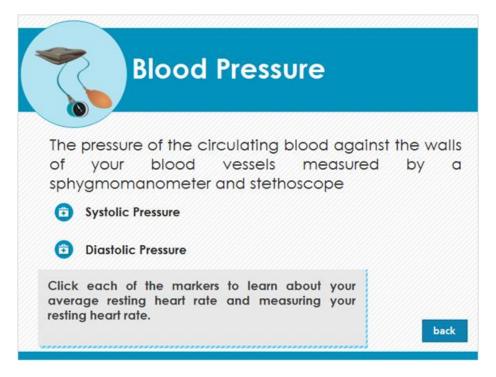
Measuring Your Resting Heart Rate



To find your resting heart rate, sit quietly for five minutes. Then, find you pulse and count how many times it beats in one minute.



Blood Pressure

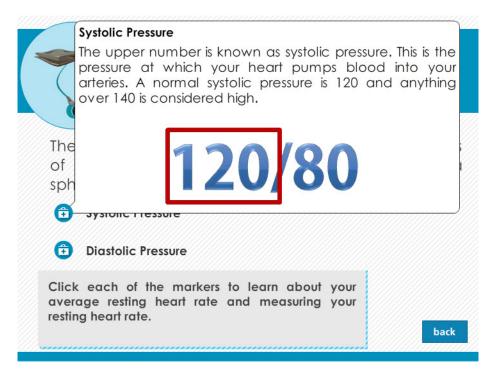


You can measure your cardiovascular system by taking your blood pressure. Blood pressure is the pressure of the circulating blood against the walls of your blood vessels. An instrument called a sphygmomanometer is used along with a stethoscope to measure blood pressure.

Click each of the markers to learn more about your blood pressure numbers.



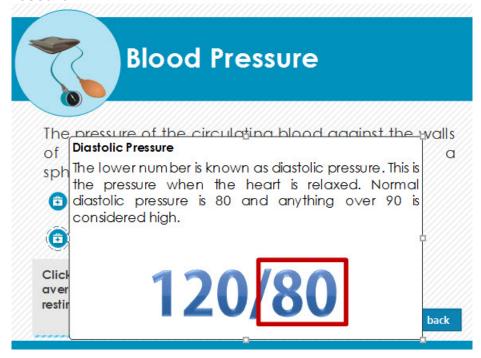
Systolic Pressure



The upper number is known as systolic pressure. This is the pressure at which your heart pumps blood into your arteries. A normal systolic pressure is 120 and anything over 140 is considered high.



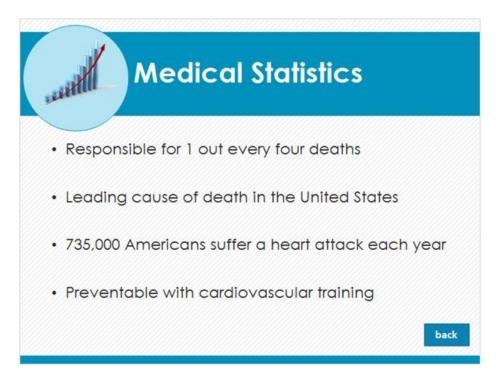
Diastolic Pressure



The lower number is known as diastolic pressure. This is the pressure when the heart is relaxed. Normal diastolic pressure is 80 and anything over 90 is considered high.



Medical Statistics

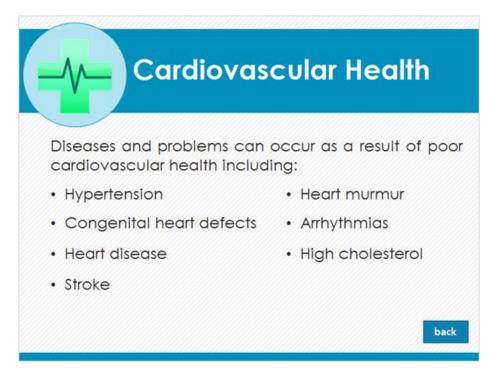


According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease is responsible for 1 out of every 4 deaths. In the United States, heart disease is the leading cause of death. Every year, an estimated 735,000 Americans suffer a heart attack.

In most cases, heart disease can be prevented with proper care. It is important that you make sound decisions with your health during your teenage years in order to avoid heart disease. Cardiovascular training is one of the preventative methods that you can begin.



Cardiovascular Health



If you do not take care of your cardiovascular system, diseases and problems can develop. Some of the problems that can develop within the cardiovascular system are:

- Hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Congenital heart defects
- Heart disease (coronary disease, heart attack, heart valve disease, heart failure)
- Stroke
- Heat murmur (abnormal sounds as blood flows through the heart)
- Arrhythmias (irregular heartbeat)
- High cholesterol

