

# The basics of physics to the anesthesiologist.

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# Application of Physics in Anesthesiology

- Basic knowledge of physics necessary for a full understanding of the functioning of many anesthetic apparatus.

# main topics of the lectures

- pressure and flow of gases and liquids.
- electricity and electrical safety.

# UNITS OF MEASUREMENT

- Base SI units
  - - length (meter)
  - - mass (kilogram)
  - - time (second)
  - - current (ampere)
  - - temp (kelvin)
  - - luminous intensity (candela)
  - - amount of substance (mole)

# UNITS OF MEASUREMENT

- DERIVED UNITS
  - - temp in degrees celcius
  - - force (newton)
  - - pressure (pascal)
  - - pressure (bar)
  - - energy (electron volt)
  - - power (watt)
  - - frequency (hertz)
  - - volume ( liter)

# UNITS OF MEASUREMENT

- UNITS NOT IN THE SI SYSTEM
  - - pressure (mmHg)
  - - pressure (cmh<sub>2</sub>o)
  - - pressure (std atmosphere)
  - - energy (calorie)
  - - force (kilogram weight)

# UNITS OF MEASUREMENT

- - 1 kilopascal = 7.5mmHg.
- - 1 Bar = 750mmHg
- - 1 kilopascal = 10.2cmH<sub>2</sub>O
- - 1 std atmosphere = 101.325kPa
- - 1 calorie = 4.18 J
- - 1 kilogram weight = 9.81N
- - Pounds / in<sup>2</sup>(PSI) -Atmospheric Pressure  
P<sub>ATM</sub>=14.7 PSI)

# BASIC DEFINITIONS

- Fundamental values in the physics of mass, length, and are time.



# table of physical quantities

	Quantity	Definition	Formula	Units	Dimensions
Basic Mechanical	Length or Distance	fundamental	$d$	m (meter)	$L$ (Length)
	Time	fundamental	$t$	s (second)	$T$ (Time)
	Mass	fundamental	$m$	kg (kilogram)	$M$ (Mass)
	Area	distance <sup>2</sup>	$A = d^2$	$m^2$	$L^2$
	Volume	distance <sup>3</sup>	$V = d^3$	$m^3$	$L^3$
	Density	mass / volume	$d = m/V$	$kg/m^3$	$M/L^3$
	Velocity	distance / time	$v = d/t$	m/s $c$ (speed of light)	$L/T$
	Acceleration	velocity / time	$a = v/t$	$m/s^2$	$L/T^2$
	Momentum	mass × velocity	$p = m \cdot v$	kg·m/s	$ML/T$
	Force	mass × acceleration	$F = m \cdot a$	N (newton) = $kg \cdot m/s^2$	$ML/T^2$
	Weight	mass × acceleration of gravity	$W = m \cdot g$		
	Pressure or Stress	force / area	$p = F/A$	Pa (pascal) = $N/m^2 = kg/(m \cdot s^2)$	$M/LT^2$
	Energy or Work	force × distance	$E = F \cdot d$	J (joule) = $N \cdot m = kg \cdot m^2/s^2$	$ML^2/T^2$
	Kinetic Energy	mass × velocity <sup>2</sup> / 2	$KE = m \cdot v^2 / 2$		
	Potential Energy	mass × acceleration of gravity × height	$PE = m \cdot g \cdot h$		
Power	energy / time	$P = E/t$	W (watt) = $J/s = kg \cdot m^2/s^3$	$ML^2/T^3$	
Impulse	force × time	$I = F \cdot t$	N·s = $kg \cdot m/s$	$ML/T$	
Action	energy × time momentum × distance	$S = E \cdot t$ $S = p \cdot d$	J·s = $kg \cdot m^2/s$ $h$ (quantum of action)	$ML^2/T$	
Rotational Mechanical	Angle	fundamental	$\theta$	° (degree), rad (radian), rev $360^\circ = 2\pi \text{ rad} = 1 \text{ rev}$	dimensionless
	Cycles	fundamental	$n$	cyc (cycles)	dimensionless
	Frequency	cycles / time	$f = n/t$	Hz (hertz) = $cyc/s = 1/s$	$1/T$
	Angular Velocity	angle / time	$\omega = \theta/t$	rad/s = $1/s$	$1/T$
	Angular Acceleration	angular velocity / time	$\alpha = \omega/t$	$rad/s^2 = 1/s^2$	$1/T^2$
	Moment of Inertia	mass × radius <sup>2</sup>	$I = m \cdot r^2$	$kg \cdot m^2$	$ML^2$
	Angular Momentum	radius × momentum moment of inertia × angular velocity	$L = r \cdot p$ $L = I \cdot \omega$	J·s = $kg \cdot m^2/s$ $h$ (quantum of angular momentum)	$ML^2/T$
	Torque or Moment	radius × force moment of inertia × angular acceleration	$\tau = r \cdot F$ $\tau = I \cdot \alpha$	N·m = $kg \cdot m^2/s^2$	$ML^2/T^2$
Thermal	Temperature	fundamental	$T$	°C (celsius), K (kelvin)	$K$ (Temp.)
	Heat	heat energy	$Q$	J (joule) = $kg \cdot m^2/s^2$	$ML^2/T^2$
	Entropy	heat / temperature	$S = Q/T$	J/K	$ML^2/T^2K$
Electromagnetic	Electric Charge +/-	fundamental	$q$	C (coulomb) $e$ (elementary charge)	$C$ (Charge)
	Current	charge / time	$i = q/t$	A (amp) = $C/s$	$C/T$
	Voltage or Potential	energy / charge	$V = E/q$	V (volt) = $J/C$	$ML^2/CT^2$
	Resistance	voltage / current	$R = V/i$	$\Omega$ (ohm) = $V/A$	$ML^2/C^2T$
	Capacitance	charge / voltage	$C = q/V$	F (farad) = $C/V$	$C^2T^2/ML^2$
	Inductance	voltage / (current / time)	$L = V/(i/t)$	H (henry) = $V \cdot s/A$	$ML^2/T^2$
	Electric Field	voltage / distance force / charge	$E = V/d$ $E = F/q$	V/m = $N/C$	$ML/CT^2$
	Electric Flux	electric field × area	$\Phi_E = E \cdot A$	$V \cdot m = N \cdot m^2/C$	$ML^3/CT^2$
	Magnetic Field	force / (charge × velocity)	$B = F/q \cdot v$	T (tesla) = $Wb/m^2 = N \cdot s/(C \cdot m)$	$M/CT$
	Magnetic Flux	magnetic field × area	$\Phi_M = B \cdot A$	Wb (weber) = $V \cdot s = J \cdot s/C$	$ML^2/CT$

Note: Other conventions define different quantities to be fundamental.

Mass, energy, momentum, angular momentum, and charge are conserved, which means the total amount does not change in an isolated system.

# basic mechanical

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# electricity

Ohms Law Formulas				
Known Values	Resistance (R)	Current (I)	Voltage (V)	Power (P)
Current & Resistance	---	---	$V = I \times R$	$P = I^2 \times R$
Voltage & Current	$R = \frac{V}{I}$	---	---	$P = V \times I$
Power & Current	$R = \frac{P}{I^2}$	---	$V = \frac{P}{I}$	---
Voltage & Resistance	---	$I = \frac{V}{R}$	---	$P = \frac{V^2}{R}$
Power & Resistance	---	$I = \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}}$	$V = \sqrt{P \times R}$	---
Voltage & Power	$R = \frac{V^2}{P}$	$I = \frac{P}{V}$	---	---

# FLUIDS

- Substances may exist in solid, liquid or gaseous form. In solids, molecules oscillate about a fixed point, whereas in liquids the molecules possess higher velocities and move more freely and thus do not bear a constant relationship in space to other molecules.

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# FLUIDS

- The molecules of gases also move freely, but to an even greater extent. Both gases and liquids are termed fluids. Liquids are incompressible and at constant temperature occupy a fixed volume, conforming to the shape of a container; gases have no fixed volume but expand to occupy the total space of a container.

# FLUIDS

# GAS PRESSURES

- There are three important laws which determine the behaviour of gases and which are important to anaesthetists.

# GAS PRESSURES

- *Boyle's law* states that, at constant temperature, the volume (  $V$  ) of a given mass of gas varies inversely with its absolute pressure (  $P$  ):
- $P_1 * V_1 = P_2 * V_2$



# GAS PRESSURES

- *Charles' law* states that, at constant pressure, the volume of a given mass of gas varies directly with its absolute temperature ( $T$ ):
- $V_1/T_1 = V_2/T_2$
- $T_1$  = Initial Temperature (*Kelvin - K*)
- $V_1$  = Initial Volume (*L or mL*)
- $T_2$  = Final Temperature (*Kelvin - K*)
- $V_2$  = Final Volume (*L or mL*)

# GAS PRESSURES

- The third gas law indicates that at constant volume the absolute pressure on the gas varies directly with the absolute temperature or  $P / T = \text{constant}$ . Therefore at constant volume a doubling of temperature results in a doubling of pressure.

# GAS PRESSURES

- Combining these three gas laws:  
 $P_1 \cdot V_1 / T_1 = P_2 \cdot V_2 / T_2$

# GAS PRESSURES

- The behaviour of a mixture of gases in a container is described by *Dalton's law of partial pressures*.
- This states that, in a mixture of gases, the pressure exerted by each gas is the same as that which it would exert if it alone occupied the container.
- Thus, in a cylinder of compressed air at a pressure of 100 bar, the pressure exerted by nitrogen is equal to 79 bar (as the fractional concentration of nitrogen is 0.79).

# Avogadro's hypothesis

- Avogadro's hypothesis states that equal volumes of gases at the same temperature and pressure contain equal numbers of molecules.

# Avogadro's hypothesis

# Critical temperature

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# Pressure notation in anaesthesia

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