

# Action Potential

## 3. The bundle of His:

- From the AV node, the AP enters both the right and left bundle branches

## 4. Purkinje Fibers:

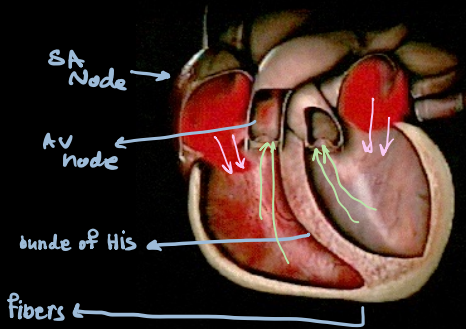
- rapidly conduct the AP to the ventricular myocardium → (ventricular muscle fibers)
- then the ventricles contract

## 1. SA Node (Sinoatrial Node):

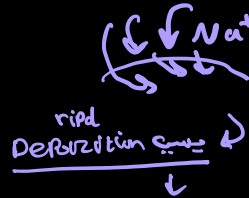
- where the cardiac excitation begins <sup>النقطة</sup> تنشأ منه SA في القلب
- The SA node propagates throughout both atria
- then the two atria contract at the same time
- then the AP reach to AV node

## 2. AV node (Atrioventricular node):

- At the AV node the AP slows as a result of various differences in cell structure in the AV node.
- This delay provides time for the atria to empty their blood into the ventricles.
- From the AV node, the AP enters the bundle of His



## AP occurs in Contractile fiber.



## ① Depolarization:

- Contractile fibers have a stable resting membrane potential close to -90 mV
- When a contractile fiber is brought to threshold by AP from neighboring fibers:
  - It voltage-gated fast Na<sup>+</sup> channels open allowing Na<sup>+</sup> inflow
  - Inflow of Na<sup>+</sup> produces a rapid depolarization within a few milliseconds
  - the Na<sup>+</sup> channels automatically inactivate and Na<sup>+</sup> inflow decrease

Na<sup>+</sup> ↑↑ in

## ② Plateau:

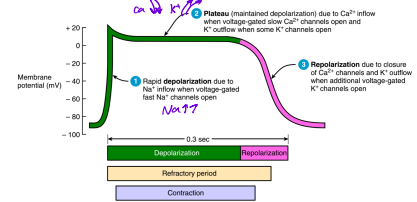
- The plateau is a period of maintained depolarization
- It is due to opening of voltage-gated slow Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels Ca<sup>2+</sup> ions move from the interstitial fluid (which has a higher Ca<sup>2+</sup> concentration) into cytosol

- The increased Ca<sup>2+</sup> concentration inside <sup>faintly</sup> ultimately triggers contraction

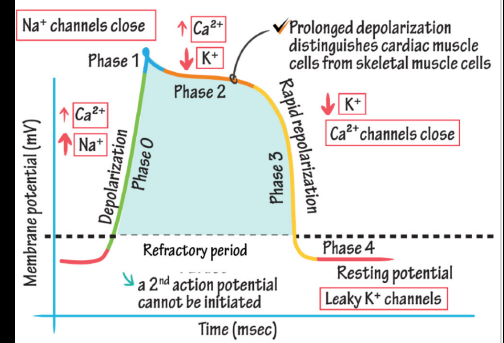
↑↑ Ca<sup>2+</sup> in → ارتفاع يعلل contraction

## ③ Repolarization:

- The recovery of the resting membrane potential during the repolarization phase of a cardiac action potential that in other excitable cells
- After a delay (which is particularly prolonged in cardiac muscle) additional voltage-gated K<sup>+</sup> channels open.
- outflow of K<sup>+</sup> restores the negative resting membrane potential [-90 mV]
- At the same time, the Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels in the sarcolemma and the sarcoplasmic reticulum are closing, which also contributes to repolarization



## Cardiac Conduction



# « The Cardiac cycle »

The Cardiac Cycle

- A single cardiac cycle includes all of the events associated with one heartbeat. Thus, a cardiac cycle consists of systole and diastole of the atria plus systole and diastole of the ventricles.
- The term **systole** refers to the phase of **contraction**; the phase of **relaxation** is diastole.

Ventricles and atria diastole

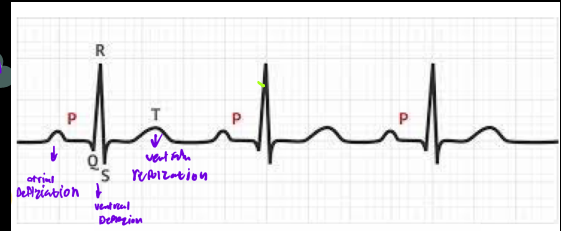
Ventricles and atria systole

Systole → Contraction

Diastole → Relaxation

## ■ Atrial systol ♥:

- 1- Depolarization of SA node causes atrial depolarization [P wave]
- 2- atrial depolarization causes atrial systol



3- As the atria contract, they exert pressure on the blood within which forces blood into the ventricles

4- Atrial systole contributes a final 25 mL of blood to the volume already in each ventricle (about 105 mL)

So each ventricle contains about 130 mL at the end of its relaxation period [diastole]. This blood volume is called the **end-diastolic volume (EDV)**.

5- The **QRS complex** in the ECG makes the onset of **ventricular depolarization** [ventricular systole]

## ■ Ventricular systole:

- During ventricular systole, the ventricles are contracting and the atria are relaxed.

1- As ventricular systole begins, pressure rises inside the ventricles and causes the AV valves to close

2- Continued contraction of the ventricles causes pressure inside the chambers to rise sharply

when ventricular pressure surpasses aortic and pulmonary artery pressure [Semi Lu nar] both SL valves open ejection of blood from the heart begins. Both ventricles eject about 70 mL of per beat.

- The volume remaining in each ventricle at the end of systole about 60 mL

3- The **T wave** in the ECG marks the onset **ventricular repolarization**

\* من 60 إلى 105 كيف؟  
 في مرحلة الراحة العظام ينتفخ بشدة  
 ويشكل جزئي والدم يتسرب لهم وينزل

■ Relaxation Period: → Diastole  
 عشان تزاح عضله القلب  
 وما تبع ياخذ وقت راحه