The Respiratory System



Objectives

- List the parts and functions of the Respiratory System.
- Discuss functions of the Respiratory Function



Functions of the Respiratory Systems

- Breathing is the process by which oxygen is brought into the lungs and into close contact with the blood.
- The blood absorbs oxygen and carries it to all parts of the body.
- The blood gives up waste (carbon dioxide) which is exhaled.



Sinuses

- Hollow spaces in the bones of the head.
- Small openings connect them to the nasal cavity.
- Sinuses help regulate the temperature and humidity of the air breathed in.



Nasal Cavity (Nose)

- The preferred entrance for the outside air into the Respiratory System.
- The hairs that line the inside wall are part of the air-cleansing system



Oral Cavity (Mouth)

 Air enters through here especially when the nasal cavity (nose) is blocked by a cold.



Adenoids

- Are overgrown lymph tissue at the top of the throat.
- They are generally taken out if they interfere with breathing.
- Helps resist body infections by filtering out germs and producing cells to fight them.

Tonsils

- Are lymph nodes in the wall of the pharynx that often become infected.
- Are an unimportant part of the germfighting system of the body.
- When infected they are generally removed.



Pharynx (Throat)

 Collects incoming air from the nose and passes it downward to the trachea.



Epiglottis

 Is a flap of tissue that guards the entrance to the trachea, closing when anything is swallowed that should go straight to the stomach.



Larynx (Voice Box)

- Contains the vocal cords.
- It is the place where moving air being breathed in and out creates voice sound.



Esophagus

- Is the passage leading from the mouth and throat to the stomach.
- Tiny muscles push things that are swallowed downward.
- This allows a person to swallow upsidedown.



This esophagus has been split open to show the muscles.

Trachea (Wind Pipe)

 Is the passage leading from the pharynx to the lungs.



Ribs

- Are bones supporting and protecting the chest cavity.
- They move to a limited degree, helping the lungs to expand and contract.



Bronchi (Tubes)

- The two main tubes that the trachea divides into for each lung.
- They then subdivide into bronchioles.



Lobes

- Right Lung has three lobes
- Left Lung has two lobes because of the placement of the heart



Pleura

 Are the two membranes that surround each lobe of the lungs and separate the lungs from the chest wall.



Cilia and Mucus

- Cilia are like very small hairs that have a wave-like motion.
- Mucus which is a sticky phlegm or liquid that is carried by the motion of the cilia.
- The mucus grabs the dust and other unwanted matter that might invade the lungs and is coughed up to remove it.



Diaphragm

- Is the strong wall of muscle that separates the chest cavity from the abdominal cavity.
- By moving downward, it creates suction to draw in air and expand the lungs.



Brochioles

- Are the smallest division of bronchi
- At the end of the brochioles are the alveoli.
- Alveoli is plural for aveolus



Alveoli and Capillaries

- Alveoli is the very small air sacs that are the destination of the air breathed in.
- Capillaries are blood vessels that are imbedded in the walls of the alveoli.



Pulmonary Artery and Vein

- The pulmonary artery brings blood through the capillaries.
- The pulmonary vein carries the blood away.
- While in the capillaries the blood discharges carbon dioxide into the alveoli and takes up oxygen from the air in the alveoli.



Summary

- The Respiratory System is in charge of the breathing.
- Its carries oxygen into the body and carbon dioxide out.
- The Respiratory System has lots of parts that all have important roles in breathing.

