

Syllabus of physiology

Theoretical :150 hours

5 hours weekly

Practical :90 hours

3 hours weekly

Tutorial : 60 hours

2 hours weekly

TOPIC

1.Introduction to Physiology

- General and cellular basis of medical physiology
- Organization of the body
- Units for measuring concentration of solutes
- PH
- Buffers
- Diffusion
- Osmosis, and osmotic pressure

2. Body Fluids

- Fluid compartment of the body
- Measuring the volumes of the body's compartments
- Forces acting upon the ions
- Calculating osmolarity in complex solutions
- Anion gap
- Fluid movement

3. The Cell

- Microscopic observation of the cells
- Composition of human cell
- Basic structures of the cell
- Types of protein in the membrane
- Transport of molecules across cell membrane
- Mediated-Transport systems
- Endocytosis and Exocytosis

4. Blood Physiology

- Composition and function
- The red blood cell (RBC)
- Hemoglobin and hemoglobin variants
- Iron metabolism, anemia, polycythemia.
- Destruction of the red blood cell
- The white blood cell (WBC)
- Morphology and classification specific function of the different variants

- The platelets
- Blood group and blood transfusion
- Homeostasis and blood coagulation
- The plasma composition and function
- The fibrinolytic activity of the plasma (Anti-clotting mechanism)
- Test of homeostasis
- The immune system, Allergy

5. Physiology of Muscle:

- Introduction and types of muscles
- Skeletal muscles, structure, motor unit.
- Excitability
- Mechanical response of the muscle
- Simple muscle twitch
- Types of contraction, muscle fatigue
- Summation of muscle contraction
- Effects of two muscles contraction
- Effects of repeated stimulation
- Clonus and tetanus
- All or non-law, muscle tone
- The sliding filament theory
- Thermal and chemical changes during muscle contraction

6. Physiology of the Nerve Cell (Neurophysiology):

- Properties of nerve fiber
- Transmission along nerve fibers
- Types of nerve fibers and compound action potential
- Ionic theory of the membrane potential
- Structure and types of nerve fiber
- Effect of cutting a motor nerve

7. Synaptic and Neuromuscular Transmission :

- Synaptic transmission
- Ionic basis
- Convergence and divergence, spatial and temporal
- Neuromuscular junction
- Neuromuscular transmission and blocking substances

8. Autonomic Nervous System (ANS)

- Introduction and definition
- Functional anatomy: sympathetic and parasympathetic systems
- The concept of membrane receptor
- Chemical transmission in the autonomic nervous system

- Function of sympathetic and parasympathetic nervous systems

9. Cardio Vascular System (CVS)

- The heart
- Pulmonary and systemic circulation
- Physiology of cardiac muscle
- The functions of the heart valves
- Heart sounds
- Properties of cardiac muscle (Autorhythmicity, Excitability, Conductivity)
- Cardiac action potentials
- Excitation-contraction coupling in the heart muscle
- Frank-Starling's law of the heart
- Electrical potential of the heart (ECG)
- Electrical axis and cardiac vector (right and left axis deviation)

10. Respiratory Physiology

- Respiration
- Respiratory airway
- Respiratory mechanism
- Action of respiratory muscles
- Air way resistance
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Elastic behavior of the lung (compliance)
- Pulmonary surfactant
- Opposing forces acting on the lung
- Work of breathing
- Lung volumes and capacities
- Gas exchange
- Factors influencing rate of gas transport
- Transport of O₂ and CO₂ by the blood
- O₂ –Hb dissociation curve
- Factors affecting the position of the curve
- Central regulation of respiratory control
- Chemical respiratory control (central chemoreceptors, peripheral chemoreceptors)

11. Gastro Intestinal System

- Main function of GIT
- Composition of saliva
- Functions of saliva

- ☒ Swallowing (Deglutition)
- ☒ Lower esophageal sphincter
- ☒ Motor disorders of the esophagus
- ☒ Functions of stomach
- ☒ Mucus secretion by the stomach
- ☒ Regulation of gastric secretion
- ☒ Pancreas
- ☒ Bile salts
- ☒ Regulation of biliary secretion
- ☒ Functions of the liver
- ☒ Bilirubin metabolism and excretion
- ☒ Jaundice
- ☒ Small intestine
- ☒ Large intestine
- ☒ Absorption
- ☒ Regulation of GIT functions
- ☒ Gastrointestinal motility
- ☒ Emptying of the stomach
- ☒ Movement in colon
- ☒ Defaecation

12. Renal Physiology

- ☒ Functions of kidneys
- ☒ Functional anatomy of the kidney
- ☒ The nephron
- ☒ Macula densa
- ☒ The processes which are carried by the kidney (filtration, reabsorption, secretion)
- ☒ GFR
- ☒ Factors affecting GFR
- ☒ Factors affecting the rate of reabsorption
- ☒ Renin-Angio Tensin system
- ☒ Auto-regulation of GFR and RBF
- ☒ Renal mechanism for excreting diluted urine
- ☒ Renal mechanism for excreting concentrated urine
- ☒ Counter-current system
- ☒ Na⁺ excretion
- ☒ K⁺ excretion
- ☒ H⁺ secretion
- ☒ The micturition reflex
- ☒ Diuretics
- ☒ The acid-base balance

13. Endocrine System

- Endocrine glands
- Hormone
- Feed back mechanism
- Binding of hormone to the receptor
- Hypothalamus
- Pituitary gland
- Control of ADH secretion
- Anterior pituitary gland
- Classification of pituitary hormones
- Growth hormone
- Thyroid gland
- Parathyroid gland
- Goiter
- Supra renal gland (Adrenal gland)
- Cortex (Glucocorticoids, Mineral corticoids)
- Medulla
- Cushing syndrome
- Addisson's disease
- The pancreas (Glucagon)
- D.M

14. The Reproductive System

- Defects in gametogenesis
- Testis
- Gonadotrophic hormones
- Testosterone
- Spermatogenesis
- Seminal fluid
- Ovaries
- Progesterone
- Menstrual cycle
- Ectopic pregnancy

15. Physiology of Nervous System

- Special Senses
- Introduction and definition
- Auditory system (ear)
- Vestibular system
- The eye (visual system)
- The sense of smell
- Stretch reflex
- Spinal shock

- Synapse (excitatory synapse, inhibitory synapse)
- Supra spinal regulation of stretch reflex
- Electrical events at synapses
- Neural control of body temperature
- Fever
- Brain stem
- Central regulation of visceral function
- Control of feeding and appetite
- Thirst center
- Basal ganglia
- Physiology of the cerebellum and body posture control
- High functions integrated in human brain
- EEG
- Distribution of sleep stage

16. Body Temperature Regulation

- Normal temperature
- Shivering and non-shivering thermogenesis
- Heat loss
- Hypothalamic regulation of body temperature
- Fever
- Hypothermia

17. Sport physiology

- Types of exercise
- Aerobic exercise
- Effect of aerobic exercise on vascular system
- Anaerobic exercise
- Effect of anaerobic exercise on vascular system