Exam 3 Review Guide

Muscle Physiology

- o Know the different types of muscle tissue, how they differ and where they are used
- o know the different types of skeletal muscle fibers
- o know the different types of smooth muscle
- o Understand the events that occur at the neuromuscular junction
- o Understand how the events at the neuromuscular junction initiate muscle contraction
- o Know the process of excitation-contraction coupling in the three different muscle types
- Understand the all-or-none principle of muscle tissue and how the refractory periods in the tissues allow for the unique characteristics of the muscle types
- o Know the events of the actual contraction of muscle (sliding filament theory)
- o Know how muscles increase strength
- o Be familiar with the adaptive responses the muscle tissues undergo.
- Understand how muscles use energy and the sources of energy that are available for muscles to function
- Be able to compare and contrast skeletal muscle, cardiac muscle and smooth muscle in terms of how they function and how their anatomy allows for the differences in function

Cardiovascular System

○ Heart

- Understand the difference between pacemaker potentials and normal cardiac muscle action potentials.
- Be familiar with the different phases of the cardiac action potential and why the plateau phase is critical.
- Know the conduction system of the heart and how it regulates cardiac cycle
- Be familiar with the waves, segments and intervals of a normal ECG
- Know the phases of the cardiac cycle and what is occurring at each phase (blood volume, pressure, sounds, blood movement).
- Know how the heart is controlled, both intrinsically, (local control), and extrinsically.
- Be able to define cardiac output, and know the factors that control both stroke volume and heart rate.
- Know Starling's Law and its implications

Blood, Blood Vessels, and Blood Pressure

- Be familiar with the composition of blood, and the components of plasma and formed elements.
- Know the basic functions of erythrocytes, leukocytes and thrombocytes (platelets).
- Understand the major steps and the processes involved with hemostasis.
- Understand the differences in structure of the blood vessels, and what they mean to the functioning of them.
- Understand how substances move across the capillary membrane (bulk flow, filtration, reabsorption...)
- Be familiar with the patterns of blood flow in the systemic circuit, and how it is regulated.
- Know the blood flow through the pulmonary circuit.
- Understand how vessel diameter and blood viscosity are involved in determining blood pressure.
- Know the theory behind blood pressure recordings.
- Understand how heart rate, stroke volume and total peripheral resistance influence mean arterial blood pressure.
- Know the various ways in which blood is returned to the heart (venous return).

Know and understand how lymph is formed, and the basic functions of the lymphatic system.

Cardiovascular regulation

- Understand the difference between short term and long term controls of MAP.
- Know how baroreceptors work, and how they can be involved with the control of MAP.
- Be familiar with the neural pathways that are controlling cardiovascular function.
- Understand the baroreceptor reflex.
- Be familiar with the hormonal control of MAP (effects of epi, ADH, Angiotensin II)
- Be familiar with intrinsic control of blood distribution (ischemia, hyperemia, stretch...)
- Understand how the cardiovascular system responds to temperature changes and exercise.

Lymphatic and Immune Systems

- o Be familiar with the functions and organization of the lymphatic system
- Know the basic laws by which the immune system works as far as being able to differentiate "self" from "non-self"
 - be familiar with the MHC types
- Understand the differences and functions of the primary and secondary lymphatic structures
- o Be familiar with the various innate defenses
- o Understand that there is some overlap between innate and adaptive immunity
- Be familiar with the processes of adaptive immunity (cell-mediated and anti-body mediated immunity)
- Understand the differences between antigens and antibodies
 - be familiar with the different classes of antibodies and their general functions
- Understand antigen presenting and processing as it relates to cell-mediated and anti-body mediated immunity

Disclaimer: this is just a quick overview of material covered in class (lecture and lab). It is not all inclusive, so go over your notes and read the material in the book as well!