

# The Geriatric Airway

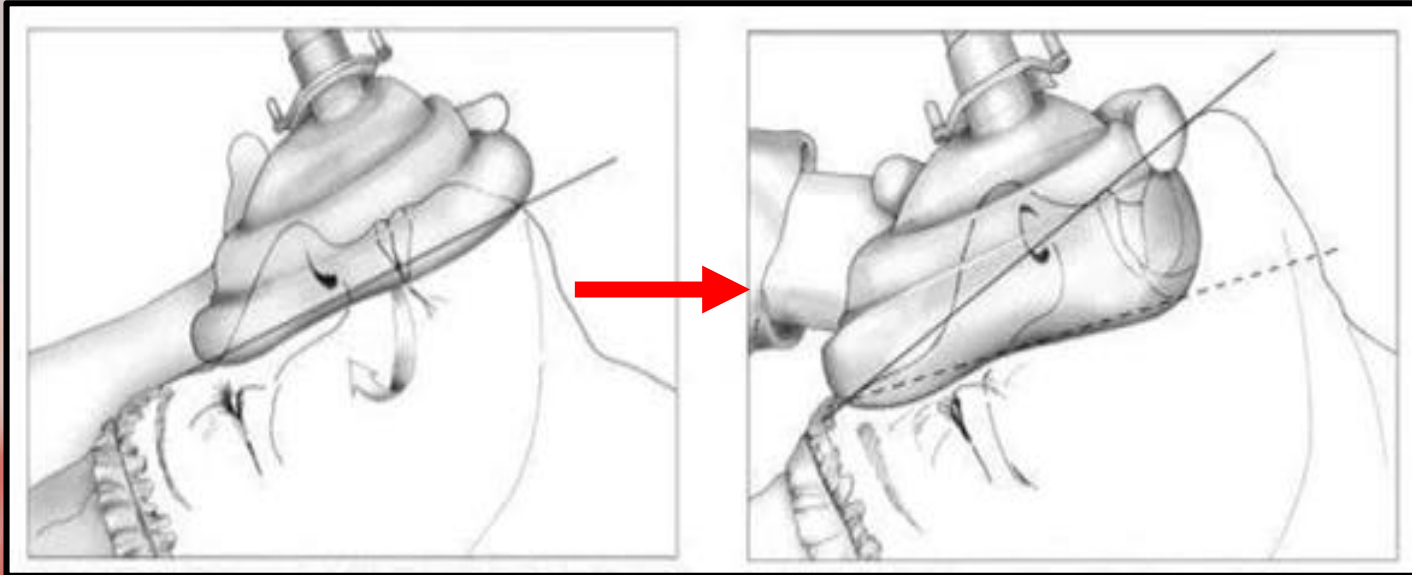
## The same old thing?

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# AIRWAY



Smaller blade

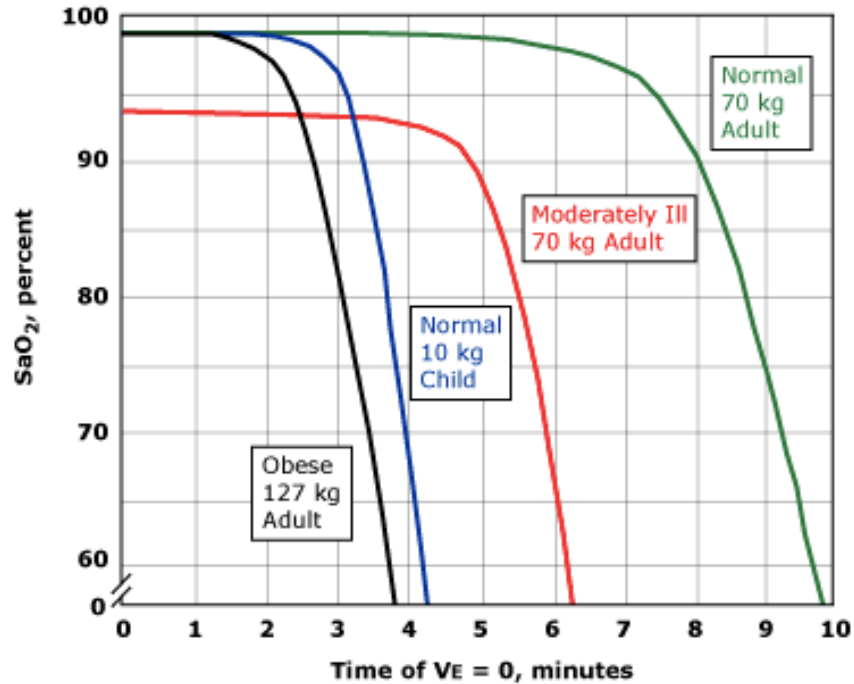
Hyper-angulated VL

Bougie

Suction



# BREATHING





# CIRCULATION

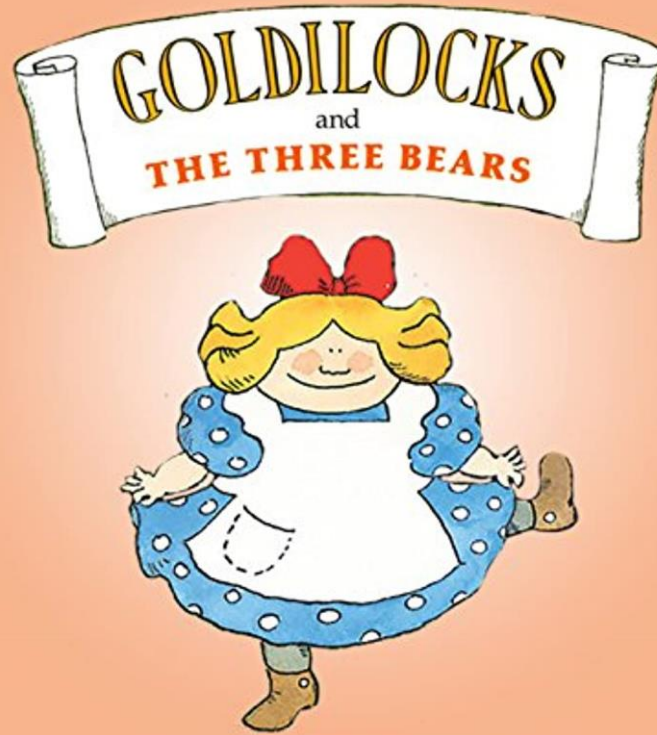
An anatomical illustration of the human circulatory system. The heart is centrally located, with a network of red arteries and blue veins branching out to the lungs and the rest of the body. The entire system is set against a dark blue background. A white rectangular box with a red border is superimposed over the heart area, containing the equation  $CO = HR \times SV$ .
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**Resuscitate  
before  
you  
intubate!**



**Fluids**



**Vasoactive  
Agents**



# MEDICATIONS



# Alice's 6 P's for Geriatric Airway Success

**Pre-oxygenate** using dentures, PEEP, and an LMA

**Protect** the C-spine with hyper-angulated VL

**Prepare** equipment including smaller blades, bougie, LMA, and suction

**Premedicate** with *just enough* fluids and vasoactive agents

**Position** sitting up

**Paralyze** with ↑ dose and **Induce** with ↓ dose

# SUCCESS