

ANATOMY OF THE HUMAN HEART

Understanding the structure and function of the heart is essential for medical professionals and students alike.



Introduction

The heart is a muscular organ that pumps blood throughout the body. It consists of four chambers: the right and left atria and ventricles. The right side of the heart pumps deoxygenated blood to the lungs, and the left side pumps oxygenated blood to the rest of the body.

- The heart is located in the chest cavity, slightly to the left of the center.
- It is approximately the size of a fist.

Structure and Function

- **Right Atrium**: Receives deoxygenated blood from the superior and inferior vena cava.
- **Right Ventricle**: Pumps deoxygenated blood to the lungs via the pulmonary artery.
- **Left Atrium**: Receives oxygenated blood from the pulmonary veins.
- **Left Ventricle**: Pumps oxygenated blood to the rest of the body via the aorta.

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