Fluid Models for Hemodynamics

"The best blood will at some time get into a fool or a mosquito" Austin O'Malley

Note: Blood flow through cardiovascular system modeled using Bernoulli and Poiseuille principles

Reference: H.S. Badeer, "Hemodynamics for Medical Students", *Advances in Physiology Education*, 25(1), pp. 44-52, 2001.

Bernoulli Equation: (without viscous effects)

$$\rho g h + \frac{1}{2} \rho \bar{u}^2 + p = C$$

Bernoulli Equation: (with viscous effects)

$$\begin{split} \rho gh &+ \frac{1}{2}\rho \bar{u}^2 + p + \int \text{Viscous losses} = C \\ \Rightarrow \rho gh &+ \frac{1}{2}\rho \bar{u}^2 + p + \mathcal{R}\mathcal{U} = C \end{split}$$

Here

$$\mathcal{U} = \pi r^2 \bar{u}$$
 (Volumetric flow rate)
 $\mathcal{R} = \frac{8\mu L}{\pi R^4}$





Note: Effects of gravity can be significant in the body



Note: A number of effects are being neglected

• e.g., structural-fluid interactions with viscoelastic vessel walls