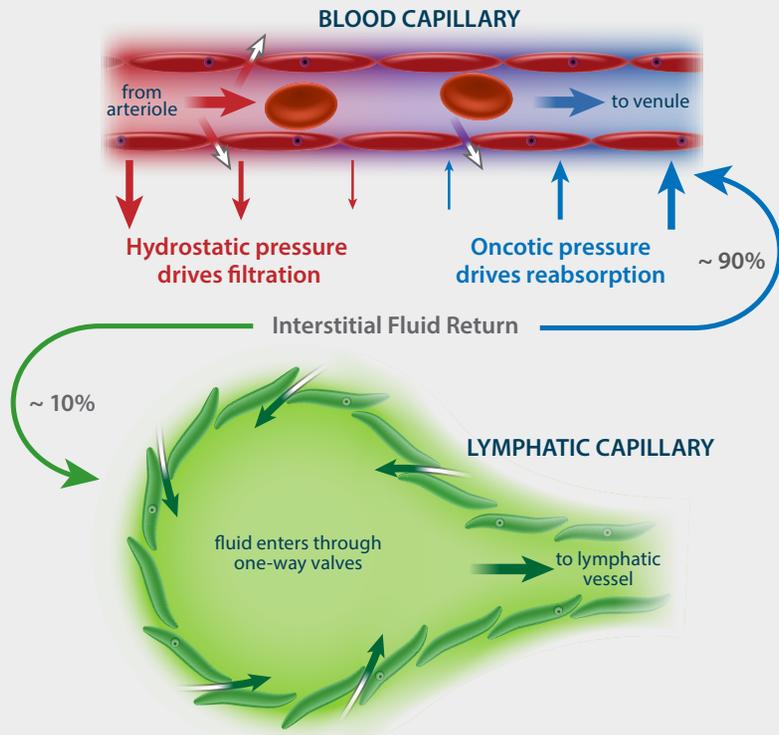


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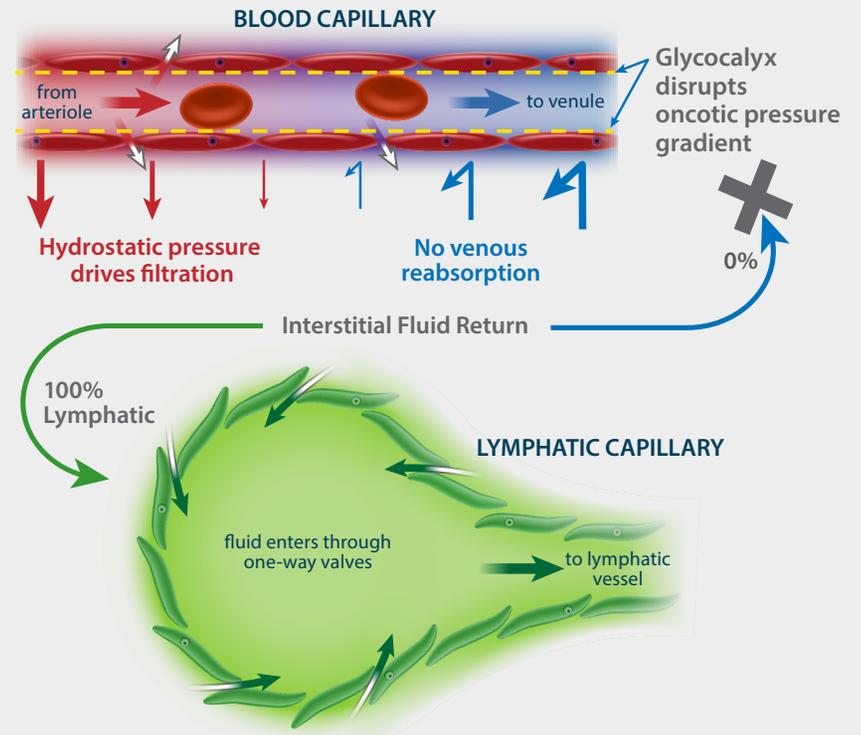
The Revised Starling Principle^{1,2}

Classical Model (Now known to be inaccurate)



Traditionally (and still often explained incorrectly), it was taught that 90% of interstitial fluid is reabsorbed by the venous system.

Modern View: Glycocalyx Model



Recent evidence shows venous reabsorption does not occur. Therefore all chronic edema indicates an inadequacy or failure of lymphatic function.

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