HEART RATE
The rate and regularity of the heart rhythm
Influenced by the electrical impulses from nerves that stimulate the myocardium
Cardiac output
Volume of blood pumped by the heart per unit time

HEART RATE TERMS
Systole – contraction of the heart
Asystole – without contractions
Diastole – relaxation
Arrhythmia – abnormal heart rhythm
  Aka dysrhythmia
  Bradycardia – abnormally slow heartbeat
  Tachycardia – abnormally fast heart rate

ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHY
An EKG is a record of the electrical activity of the myocardium

HEART SOUNDS
Auscultation is listening to body sounds with a stethoscope

LUMEN
Opening within these vessels through which the blood flows

BLOOD PRESSURE
Tension exerted by blood in the arterial walls
A pulse
  Rhythmic expansion and contraction of an artery produced by pressure
Blood pressure is measured by a sphygmomanometer