

A simplified computer program for the performance of physiological calculations from cardiac catheterization data¹

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The authors describe a computer program which can be programmed into a handheld computer with an eight-kilobyte memory. This program would enable a cardiologist to quickly and efficiently analyze hemodynamic data obtained from right and left heart catheterization. Laborious manual calculations are eliminated, and a permanent hard-copy printout is provided.

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The performance of right and left heart catheterization yields much data which must be analyzed in view of the patient's pathophysiologic problems. Such data analysis usually entails laborious manual calculations by the cardiologist. We describe a computer program which can be used by any clinician, even one who is a tyro to computer operation and programming. Other computer programs have been devised, however, they are more elaborate and thus necessitate the use of tabletop computers which cost more (\$300–\$170,00), entail more elaborate programming, and are not practical for community-based cardiologists.^{1–4} Previous programs for handheld computers have not been dedicated to this specific usage.^{5,6}

Materials and methods

Hemodynamic parameters from right and left heart catheterization are obtained and recorded in standard fashion. Oxygen saturations are measured using standard oximetric

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Fig. 1. Epson HX-20 programmable computer with built-in printer and cassette drive.

instruments. We selected an Epson HX-20 briefcase-sized computer (*Fig. 1*) for the following reasons:

1. Sixteen-kilobyte random access memory and thirty-two-kilobyte read-only memory,
2. Use of the beginner's all-purpose symbolic instruction code (BASIC),
3. A built-in printer,
4. A built-in cassette drive,
5. Portability and compactness, and
6. Reasonable cost (list price, \$795).

Table 1 lists the formulas used to derive the various calculations. These formulas are standard and can be found in catheterization texts.⁷⁻⁹ *Table 2* lists the computer inputs needed to arrive at the final printout. *Table 3* lists the derived parameters and their units of measure. *Figure 2* is a printout of the actual computer program employed.

Results

Figure 3 shows a case of mitral stenosis, illustrating inputs and data outputs. *Figure 4* shows a case involving an atrial septal defect, demonstrating shunt calculations.

Discussion

We believe we have designed a computer program to analyze cardiac catheterization data.

Abbreviations Used in Program:

A\$	Name
B\$	Clinic no.
C\$	Age
D\$	Birth date
T\$	Today's date
HT	Height (cm)
WT	Weight (kg)
S	BSA
SA	Sys. art. sat.
SV	Pulm. art. sat.
SC	SVC sat.
IC	IVC sat.
VS	Pulm. vein sat.
HB	Hemoglobin
R	Heart rate
A	Mean aortic blood pressure
B	Mean pulm. art.
C	PCWP
HC	Oxygen capacity
MV	Mixed venous oxygen sat.
AC	Systemic artery content
PC	Pulm. art. content
MB	Mixed venous content
IV	IVC sat. content
VC	Pulm. vein sat. content
OC	Oxygen consumption
CO	Cardiac output
CI	Cardiac index
V	Stroke volume
F	Stroke volume index
PF	Pulmonary flow
PI	Pulmonary flow index
QPS	QP/QS
RS	Systemic resistance
RP	Total pulm. resistance
RA	Pulm. arteriolar resistance
PLP	Left-to-right %
LP	Left-to-right shunt
PRL	Right-to-left %
RL	Right-to-left shunt
AVA	Aortic valve area
MVA	Mitral valve area
VPL	LVms—left ventricular systolic mean pressure
APS	Aortic ms—aortic systolic mean pressure
SEP	sec/beat systolic ejection period
DFP	sec/beat diastolic filling period
LA	left atrial mean pressure or PCWP
LV	LVdm—measured left ventricular mean diastolic pressure
PA	pO ₂
PV	pvO ₂
WX	CaO ₂ —arterial oxygen content
XW	CVO ₂ —venous oxygen content
RR	A-V O ₂ —arteriovenous oxygen content difference
O	Oxygen delivery to the patient
Z	Dirac. var.
L	Loop var.

Table 1. Formulas for derived parameters

$$\text{BSA} = 0.0072 \times \text{weight}^{0.425} \times \text{height}^{0.725}$$

$$\text{O}_2 \text{ consumption} = \text{CI} \times \text{A-V O}_2 \text{ difference} \times 10$$

$$\text{O}_2 \text{ capacity} = \text{hemoglobin} \times 1.34$$

$$\text{Mixed venous saturation} = \frac{2(\text{SVC saturation}) + (\text{IVC saturation})}{3}$$

$$\text{Cardiac output (systemic flow or Q}_s) = \frac{\text{O}_2 \text{ consumption in mL/min}}{(\text{systemic artery content} - \text{mixed venous content}) \times 10}$$

$$\text{O}_2 \text{ content} = (\% \text{ saturation} \times \text{O}_2 \text{ capacity}) + \text{dissolved oxygen}^*$$

$$\text{Pulmonary flow (Q}_p) = \frac{\text{O}_2 \text{ consumption in mL/min}}{(\text{pulmonary vein content})\dagger - (\text{pulmonary artery content}) \times 10}$$

$$\text{CI} = \frac{\text{CO}}{\text{BSA}}$$

$$\text{PFI} = \frac{Q_p}{\text{BSA}}$$

$$Q_p/Q_s = \frac{\text{PFI}}{\text{CI}}$$

$$\text{SVR} = \frac{\text{mean arterial pressure}}{\text{CI}}$$

$$\text{PVR} = \frac{\text{mean pulmonary artery pressure}}{\text{PFI}}$$

$$\text{P}_a\text{VR} = \frac{\text{mean pulmonary artery pressure} - \text{mean wedge pressure}}{\text{PFI}}$$

$$\% \text{ left-to-right shunt} = \frac{\text{pulmonary artery saturation} - \text{mixed venous saturation}}{\text{systemic artery saturation} - \text{mixed venous saturation}}$$

$$\% \text{ right-to-left shunt} = \frac{\text{pulmonary venous saturation} - \text{systemic artery saturation}}{\text{pulmonary venous saturation} - \text{mixed venous saturation}}$$

$$\text{Left-to-right shunt in L/min} = \left(\frac{\text{O}_2 \text{ consumption}}{[\text{arterial O}_2 \text{ content} - \text{pulmonary artery O}_2 \text{ content}] \times 10} \right) - \left(\frac{\text{O}_2 \text{ consumption}}{[\text{arterial O}_2 \text{ content} - \text{RV O}_2 \text{ content}] \times 10} \right)$$

AVA

$$= \frac{\text{cardiac output}}{(\text{systolic ejection period [sec/beats]} \times (\text{heart rate [beat/min]} \times 44.5 \times (\sqrt{\text{mean LV systolic pressure}} - \text{mean aortic systolic pressure})) / \text{cardiac output})}$$

$$\text{MVA} = \frac{\text{diastolic filling period LV}}{K\dagger \sqrt{\text{left atrial mean pressure} - \text{LV diastolic mean pressure}}}$$

* If 75%–85% saturation, add 0.1; if 85%–95% saturation, add 0.2; if >95% saturation, add 0.3. If O₂ delivery is 40%, add 0.7; if O₂ delivery is 60%, add 1.0; and if O₂ delivery is 100%, add 1.7.

† Same as systemic arterial content.

‡ Use 38 if left atrial pressure was actually measured. Use 31 if PCWP is used.

Whereas most medical computer programs are frustrating for the user because of their complexity, our program is user-friendly and requires no prior computer literacy. This program "leads"

the user to every input. A nonphysician could easily load the program and perform the computations. In addition, our program permits use of a fairly low-memory capacity computer that is,

Table 2. Inputs needed

Name
Clinic number
Age
Birth date
Today's date
Height (cm)
Weight (kg)
Systemic arterial saturation
Pulmonary arterial saturation
Superior vena caval saturation
Inferior vena caval saturation
Pulmonary venous saturation
Hemoglobin
Heart rate
Mean aortic blood pressure
Mean pulmonary artery pressure
Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure
Oxygen administration or not? (If yes, give flow rate %)
Cardiac output or not? (If not, give oxygen consumption)
Hard-copy printout or not?
pO ₂
pVO ₂
LV mean systolic pressure
Systolic ejection period (sec/beat)
Diastolic ejection period (sec/beat)
Left atrial mean pressure (or mean PCWP)
LV diastolic mean pressure

1 REM COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF PHYSIOLOGIC CALCULATIONS
FOR CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION DATA
5 REM PATIENT INFORMATION

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10      Input "Name";AS
20      Input "Clinic No. ";BS
30      Input "Age";CS
40      Input "Birth Date";DS
50      Input "Today's Date";TS
REM Calculations of BSA (S)
60      Input "HT in Cm";HT
70      Input "Wt in Kg";WT
80      S=.0072*HT*.725 *wt*.425
REM Input parameters
85      REM All 02 Sat, enter as whole no.
90      Input "Sys. Art Sat";SA
SA=SA*.01
100     Input "Pulm. Art Sat";SV
SV=SV*.01
120     Input "SVC Sat";SC
SC=SC*.01
140     Input "IVC Sat";IC
IC=IC*.01
160     Input "Pulm Vein Sat";VS
VS=VS*.01
180     Input "Hemoglobin";HB
190     Input "Heart Rate";R
210     Input "Mean Aortic BP";A
Input "Mean PA";B
230     Input "PCWP";C
REM CLS is used to clear only the LCD screen
CLS
240     Print "Are you giving O2"
Input "Yes=1, No=2";Z:CLS
270     IF Z=1 then 1760
Gosub 1470
280     Gosub 2560
290
300     Print "Do you have a"
Print "Cardiac output?"
320     Input "1=yes, 2=No;Z:CLS
CLS
340     IF Z=1 then 1350
REM Calculation of cardiac output
350     Input "O2 consumption";OC
OC = OC*8
370     CO = OC/((AC-MB)*10)
REM Calculations of output parameters
380     CI = CO/S
390     PP = OC/((AC-PC)*10)
400     PI = PF/S
V=CO*1000/R
420     P=CI x 1000/R
430     QPS = PI/CI
440     RS = A/CI
450     RP = A/PI
460     RA = (B-C)/PI
470     PLR = (SV-MV)/(SA-MV)
480     PLR = PLR*100
490     CP = OC/S
500     LR = (CP/((AC-PC)*10)) - (CP/((AC-IV)*10))
IF SA > .94 then 550
520     PRL = (VS-SA)/(VS-MV)
530     PRL = PRL*100
540     RL = (CP/((AC-PC)*10)) - (CP/((VC-PC)*10))
CLS
560     Print "Do you want a"
Print "Hardcopy print out"
580     Input "Yes=1, No=2"; Z
590     IF Z = 2 then 2010
CLS
605     REM Output parameter print out to microprinter: Lprint is the
code to send the data to printer
Lprint "Name";AS
Lprint "Clinic No. ";BS
Lprint "Age";CS
Lprint "Birth Date";DS
Lprint "Today's Date";TS
Lprint "Body surface Area"; TAB(8); :Lprintusing
"##.##";$:Lprint "M^2"
Lprint "Cardiac Output";TAB(8);:Lprintusing "##.##";CO:L print"
1/min"
Lprint "Cardiac Index";TAB(8);:Lprintusing "##.##";CI:L print"
1/min/M^2"
Lprint "Stroke Volume";TAB(8);:Lprintusing "##.##";v:L print"
ml/beat"
Lprint "Stroke Volume Index";Tab(4); Lprintusing "##.##";:L print"
ml/beat/M^2"
Lprint "Pulmonary Flow";Tab(8);:Lprintusing "##.##";PF:L print"
1/min"
Lprint "Pulmonary Flow Index";Tab(8);:Lprintusing
"##.##";PI;L print" 1/min/M^2"
Lprint "Q/P/S";TAB(9);:Lprintusing "##.##";QPS
Lprint "Systemic Resistance";Tab(8);:Lprintusing
"##.##";RS:L print" units M^2
Lprint "Total Pulm. Res.";TAB(9);l:Lprintusing "##.##";RP:L print"
units M^2"
Lprint "Pulm. Arteriolar Res.";Tab(9);:Lprintusing
"##.##";RA:L print" units M^2
Lprint "left-to-right %";Tab(8);:L printusing
"##.##";PLR;:L print" %
Lprint "left-to-right shunt";Tab(8);:L printusing
"##.##";LR:L print" 1/min/M^2
If SA > .94 then 820
Lprint "right-to-left %";Tab(8);:Lprintusing
"##.##";PR;:L print" %
Lprint "right-to-left shunt";TAB(8);:L printusing
"##.##";RL:L print" 1/min/M^2"
CLS
Print "Do you want to do"

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Table 3. Derived parameters

Parameter	Abbreviation	Units
Body surface area	BSA	m ²
Cardiac output	CO	L/min
Cardiac index	CI	L/min/m ²
Stroke volume	SV	mL/beat
Stroke volume index	SVI	mL/beat/m ²
Pulmonary flow	PF	L/min
Pulmonary flow index	PFI	L/min/m ²
Systemic resistance	SVR	U/m ²
Total pulmonary resistance	PVR	U/m ²
Pulmonary arteriolar resistance	PaVR	U/m ²
Aortic valve surface area	AVA	cm ²
Mitral valve surface area	MVA	cm ²
Shunt	Q _p /Q _s	% or L/min/m ²

therefore, easily affordable. There are handheld computers on the market today with eight-kilobyte memory which are less expensive than the Epson HX-20, but they do not have self-contained printers or cassette drives. The built-in printer is an asset in providing a hard-copy printout of the derived parameters which can then become a part of the patient's permanent record. Finally, such a program allows one to make these computations in one-tenth of the time necessary for longhand calculations, thus allowing more time for more important duties.

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840      Print "Aortic Valve Area?"
850      Input "yes=1, no=2";Z:CLS
860      IF Z=1 Then 1060
870      CLS
880      Print "Do you want to do"
890      Print "Mitrail Valve Area?"
900      Input "yes=1, no=2";Z:CLS
910      If Z=1 then 1200
920      Goto 1030
930      CLS
940      Lprint "Aortic Valve Area";Tab(8);:Lprintusing
950      "###.##";AVA;:Lprint " cm^2"
960      Goto 870
970      CLS
980      Lprint "Mitrail Valve Area";Tab(8);:Lprintusing "##.##";
990      MVA;:Lprint " cm^2"
1000     CLS
1010     Lprint:Lprint
1020     Lprint:Lprint:Lprint:Lprint
1030     Print "Program is over"
1040     Print "Go back to menu"
1050     Print "or type run to start": End
1055     REM Calculation for Aortic Valve Area
1060     Input "Heart Rate";R
1070     Input "Cardiac Output";CO
1080     Input "Aortic ms";APS
1090     Input "LVms";VPL
1100     Input "SEP sec/beat";SEP
1110     C=1;CO=CO*1000
1120     AVA=CO/(SEP*R*C*44.5*SQR (VPL-APS))
1130     CLS
1140     Print "Do you want a"
1150     Print "hardcopy printout"
1160     Input "yes=1, no=2;Z:CLS
1170     If Z=2 then 2340
1180     CLS
1190     Goto 930
1195     REM Calculation for Mital Valve Area
1200     Input "Heart Rate";R
1210     Input "Cardiac Output";CO
1220     Input "DFP sec/beat";DFP
1230     Input "LAM or PCWP";LA
1240     Input LVdm;LV
1250     CO=CO * 1000
1260     DFP=DFP*P
1270     MVA=(CO*DFP)/(.85*44.3* SQR ((LA-LV)))
1280     CLS
1290     Print "Do you want a"
1300     Print "hardcopy printout"
1310     Input "yes=1, no=2;Z:CLS
1320     If Z=2 then 2370
1330     CLS
1340     Goto 960
1345     REM Calculation for O2 consumption
1350     Input "Cardiac Output";CO
1360     CI=CO/S
1370     Input "PO2";PA
1380     PA=PA*.01
1390     Input "PVO2";PV
1400     PV=PV*.01
1410     WX=HC*SA + (PA* .0031)
1420     XW=HC* SV + (PV* .0031)
1430     RR=WX-XW
1440     OC=CI RR*10
1450     OC=OC*S
1460     Goto 390
1465     REM Calculations for O2 content where the added dissolved oxygen
1470     is determined by percent O2 saturation
1480     MV=(2*SC)+IC)/3
1490     HC=HB*.134
1500     If SA>.85 then 1580
1510     If SA>,.95 then 1600
1520     If SA<,.95 then 1620
1530     If SV>,.85 <.95 then 1640
1540     If SV>,.95 then 1680
1550     If MV<.85 then 1700
1560     If MV>,.85 <.95 then 1720
1570     If MV>,.95 then 1740
1580     AC=SA*HC + .1
1590     Goto 1520
1600     AC=SA*HC + .2
1610     Goto 1520
1620     AC=SA*HC + .3
1630     Goto 1520
1640     PC=SV*HC + .1
1650     Goto 1550
1660     PC=SV*HC + .2
1670     Goto 1550
1680     PC=SV*HC + .3
1690     Goto 1550
1700     MV=MV*HC + .1
1710     Goto 1750
1720     MB=MV*HC + .2
1730     Goto 1750
1740     MB=MV*HC + .3
1750     Return
1755     REM Calculations for O2 content where the added dissolved oxygen
1760     is determined by oxygen delivery
1770     MV=(2*SC) + IC)/3
1780     HC=HB*.134
1790     Input "O2 using";9:CLS
1800     If Q=.4 then 1830
1810     If Q=.5 then 1890
1820     If Q=1 then 1950
1830     AC=SA* HC+.7
1840     PC=SV* HC+.7

1850     MB=MV* HC+.7
1860     IV=IC* HC+.7
1870     VC=VS* HC+.7
1880     Goto 300
1890     AC=SA* HC+.1
1900     PC=SV* HC+.1
1910     MB=MV* HC+.1
1920     IV=IC* HC+.1
1930     VC=VS* HC+.1
1940     Goto 300
1950     AC=SA* HC+.1
1960     PC=SV* HC+.1
1970     MB=MV* HC+.1
1980     IV=IC* HC+.1
1990     VC=VS* HC+.1
2000     Goto 300
2010     CLS
2015     REM Output parameter print out to LCD screen
2020     Print "Body Surface Area";Tab(8);:printusing "##.##";S;:print No2
2025     REM loop statement for time delay for LCD screen display
2030     For L= 1 to 200:next L:CLS
2040     Print "Cardiac Output";TAB(5);:printusing
2050     "###.##";CO;:Print"1/min"
2060     For L= 1 to 200: next L:CLS
2070     Print "Cardiac Index";TAB(4);:printusing "##.##";CI;:print"
2080     1/min/m2
2090     For L= 1 to 200: next L:CLS
2100     Print "Stroke volume index";TAB(2);:printusing "##.##";F;:Print"
2110     ml/beat/M2
2120     For L = 1 to 200:next L:CLS
2130     Print "Pulmonary flow";TAB(5);:printusing "##.##";PF;:print"
2140     1/min
2150     For L = 1 to 200: next L:CLS
2160     Print "Stroke volume index";TAB(2);:printusing "##.##";F;:Print"
2170     ml/beat/M2
2180     Print "Systemic Resistance";Tab (4);:Print using
2190     "###.##";RS;:Print " units M-2
2200     FOR L = 1 to 200:Next L:CLS
2210     Print "Total Pulm. Res."; TAB (4);: Print using "##.##"; RP;:Print
2220     " units M-2
2230     For L= 1 to 200:Next L:CLS
2240     Print "Left-to-Right %"; Tab (8);: Print using "##.##"; PLR; :Print
2250     %
2260     For L = 1 to 200:Next L:CLS
2270     Print "Right-to-Left Shunt"; Tab (4);:Print using
2280     "###.##"; RL;:Print "1/min/m-2
2290     For L = 1 to 200:Next L:CLS
2300     If SA >,.94 then 2400
2310     Print "Right-to-Left Shunt"; Tab (4);:Print using
2320     "###.##"; RL;:Print "1/min/m-2
2330     For L = 1 to 200:Next L:CLS
2340     Goto 2400
2350     Print "Aortic Valve Area"; Tab (8);: Print using
2360     "###.##"; AVA;:Print " cm^2"
2370     For L = 1 to 200:Next L:CLS
2380     Goto 2460
2390     Goto 2460
2400     Print "Mitrail Valve Area"; Tab (8);: Print using
2410     "###.##"; MVA;:Print " cm^2"
2420     For L = 1 to 200:Next L:CLS
2430     Goto 2510
2440     CLS
2450     Print "Do you want"
2460     Print "to repeat"
2470     Input "Yes = 1, No = 2"; Z:CLS
2480     If Z = 1 Then 2010
2490     Goto 820
2500     Print "Do you want"
2510     Print "to repeat"
2520     Input "Yes = 1, No = 2"; Z:CLS
2530     If Z = 1 then 2370
2540     Goto 1030
2550     REM Calculations for O2 content were the added dissolved oxygen is
2560     determined by percent O2 sat.
2570     If IC<.85 then 2590
2580     If IC = >.85 <.95 then 2610
2590     If IC = >.95 then 2630
2600     IV = IC * HC + .1
2610     Goto 2650
2620     IV = IC * HC + .2
2630     Goto 2650
2640     IV = IC * HC + .3
2650     If VS < .85 then 2680
2660     If VS = >.85 <.95 then 2700
2670     If VS = >.95 then 2720
2680     VC = VS * HC + .1
2690     Goto 2730
2700     VC = VS * HC + .2
2710     Goto 2730
2720     VC = VS * HC + .3
2730     Return

```

Fig. 2. Computer program.

INPUTSPRINTOUT

Name

Clinic number

Age

Birth date

Today's date

Height = 170 cm

Weight = 70 kg

Syst. art. sat. = 98

Pulm. art. sat. = 87

SVC sat. = 87

IVC sat. = 87

Pulm. vein sat. = 98

Hemoglobin = 12.5 g

Heart rate = 86 beats/min

Mean aortic blood pressure = 88

Mean PA pressure = 30

PCWP mean = 21

Cardiac output = 4.2 L/min

Diastolic filling period = 0.39 sec/beat

LV diastolic mean pressure = 5

NAME
 Clinic No.
 Age
 Birth Date
 Today's Date
 Body Surface Area
 1.81 M²
 Cardiac Output
 4.20 l/min
 Cardiac Index
 2.32 l/min/M²
 Stroke Volume
 48.84 ml/beat
 Stroke Volume Index
 26.93 ml/beat/M²
 Pulmonary Flow
 4.20 l/min
 Pulmonary Flow Index
 2.32 l/min/M²
 QP/QS 1.00
 Systemic Resistance
 38.00 units M²
 Total Pulm. Res.
 38.00 units M²
 Pulm. Arteriolar Res.
 3.89 units M²
 Left-to-Right %
 -0.0 %
 Left-to-Right Shunt
 0.00 l/min/M²
 Mitral Valve Area
 0.83 cm²

Fig. 3. Mitral stenosis (inputs and computer printout).

INPUTS

Name

Clinic number

Age

Birth date

Today's date

Height = 159 cm

Weight = 54 kg

Syst. art. sat. = 97

Pulm. art. sat. = 91

SVC sat. = 76

IVC sat. = 76

Pulm. vein sat. = 97

Hemoglobin = 14.6 g

Heart rate = 88 beats/ min

Mean art. pressure = 75

Mean PA pressure = 16

PCWP mean = 8

Oxygen consumption = 117 mL/min/m²PRINTOUT

NAME
 Clinic No.
 Age
 Birth Date
 Today's Date
 Body Surface Area
 1.55 M²
 Cardiac Output
 4.30 l/min
 Cardiac Index
 2.78 l/min/M²
 Stroke Volume
 48.89 ml/beat
 Stroke Volume Index
 31.59 ml/beat/M²
 Pulmonary Flow
 15.42 l/min
 Pulmonary Flow Index
 9.97 l/min/M²
 QP/QS 3.59
 Systemic Resistance
 26.98 units M²
 Total Pulm. Res.
 7.52 units M²
 Pulm. Arteriolar Res.
 0.80 units M²
 Left-to-Right %
 71.4 %
 Left-to-Right Shunt
 7.19 l/min/M²

Fig. 4. Atrial septal defect (inputs and computer printout).

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