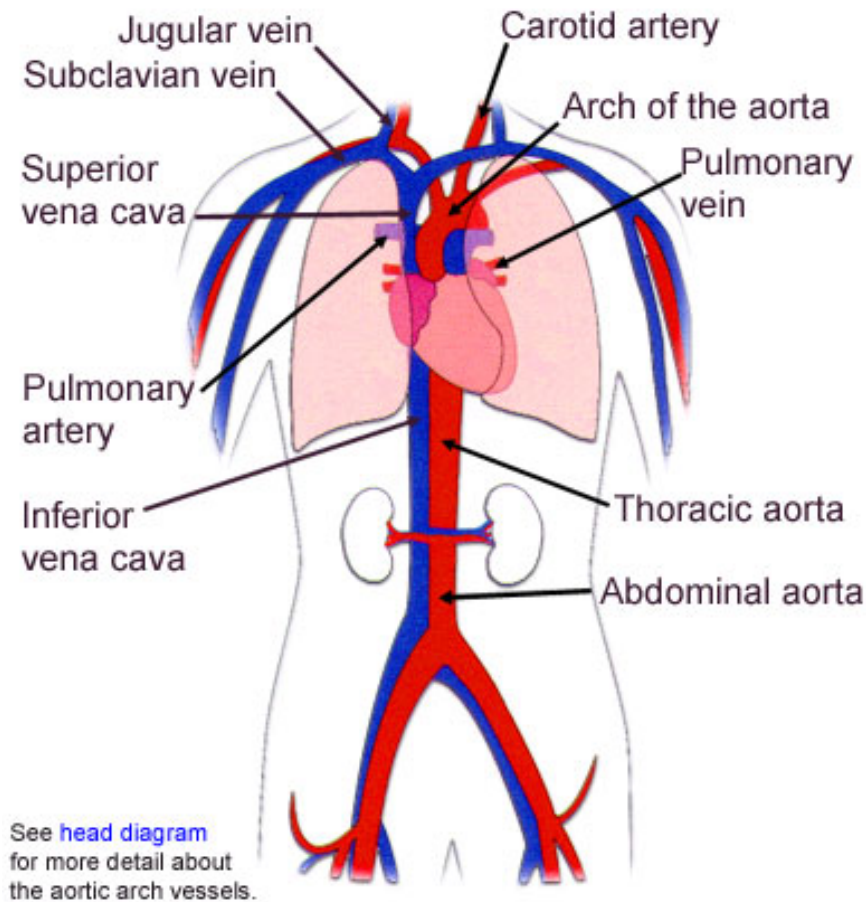


Circulation: Blood Vessels of the Torso



The circulatory system carries blood to all parts of your body. **Arteries** carry oxygen-rich blood away from your heart, and **veins** carry oxygen-poor blood back to your heart. In this diagram of the torso, the vessels that carry oxygen-rich blood are colored **red**, and the vessels that carry oxygen-poor blood are colored **blue**.

In **pulmonary circulation**, though, the roles are switched: the pulmonary artery brings oxygen-poor blood into your lungs and the pulmonary vein brings oxygen-rich blood back to your heart.