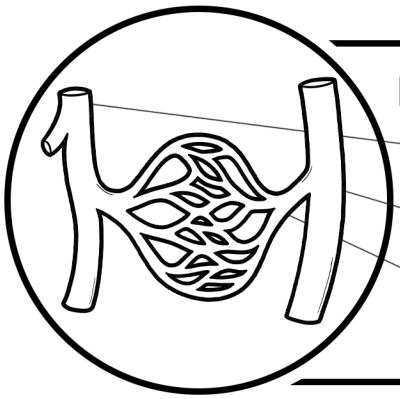
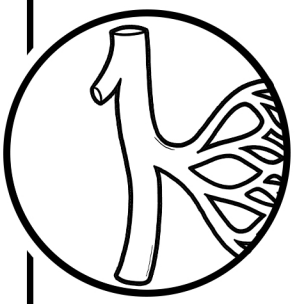
A CLOSER LOOK AT

BLOOD VESSELS



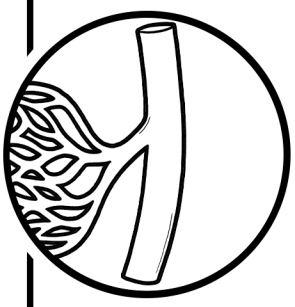
BLOOD VESSELS ARE MADE UP OF:

- **Arteries**
- **Veins**
- **Capillaries**



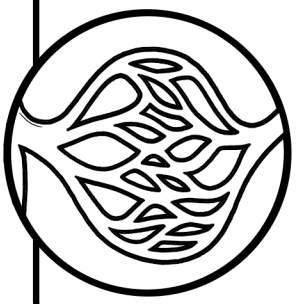
ARTERIES

Have thick, stretchy, muscular walls that carry oxygen-rich blood away from the heart. Each heartbeat pushes blood through the arteries, which you can feel as a pulse.



VEINS

Have thinner walls and carry oxygen-poor blood back to the heart. Many veins have valves that keep blood from flowing backward.



CAPILLARIES

The smallest blood vessels, with walls only one cell thick. Oxygen and nutrients pass through the walls into body cells, and carbon dioxide and waste pass back into the blood.

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