

Q1. A clinician reads a blood pressure of **120 mmHg**. What height of **water (cm H₂O)** produces the same pressure?

Answer: 163.2 cm H₂O.

Solution: Use density ratio: $h_{\text{water}} = (\rho_{\text{Hg}} / \rho_{\text{water}}) \cdot h_{\text{Hg}}$

With $\rho_{\text{Hg}} = 13.6$, $h_{\text{Hg}} = 12 \text{ cm}$ (120 mm = 12 cm)

$$h = 13.6 \times 12 = 163.2 \text{ cm.}$$

Q2. Convert **120 mmHg** to **Pascals (N/m²)** using the lecture's atmospheric calculation. (Use the relation from the notes where 1 atm \approx 101292.8 N/m² and 760 mm = 1 atm.)

Answer: $\approx 1.599 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$ ($\approx 1.60 \times 10^4 \text{ N/m}^2$).

Solution: 1 mmHg \approx 101292.8 / 760 Pa \approx 133.28 Pa

$$120 \times 133.28 \approx 15993.6 \text{ Pa.}$$

Q3. Using the lecture's units, express the pressure corresponding to **120 mmHg** in **dyne/cm²**.

Answer: $\approx 1.599 \times 10^5 \text{ dyne/cm}^2$.

1 Pa = 10 dyne/cm².

From Problem 2: $1.599 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa} \times 10 = 1.599 \times 10^5 \text{ dyne/cm}^2 = 1.599 \times 10^5 \text{ dyne/cm}^2$

Q4, How deep (in meters) must you go in **fresh water** to feel an extra pressure of **30 mmHg** above atmospheric (ignore temperature effects)? Give the depth in meters. (Use $\rho_{\text{water}} = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$, $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$, and convert 30 mmHg to Pa using 1 mmHg \approx 133.28 Pa from the notes.)

$P = 30 \times 133.28 \approx 3998.4 \text{ Pa}$. Hydrostatic

$$P = \rho gh \Rightarrow h = P / (\rho g) = 3998.4 / (1000 \times 9.8) \approx 0.407 \text{ (} \approx 40.8 \text{ cm)}.$$

Q5. Micturition (the urge to void) typically occurs around **30 cm H₂O** in an adult. What is this pressure in **mmHg**? (Use 1 cm H₂O = 0.735 mmHg from the notes.)

$$30 \times 0.735 = 22.05 \text{ mmHg.}$$