

# Edexcel (B) Biology A-level

## 4.6 - Transfer of materials between the circulatory system and cells

### Flashcards

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A watery substance containing glucose, amino acids, oxygen, and other nutrients. It supplies these to the cells, while also removing any waste materials.



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Hydrostatic pressure= higher at arterial end of capillary than venous end.

Oncotic pressure= changing water potential of the capillaries as water moves out.



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As blood is pumped through increasingly small vessels, hydrostatic pressure is greater than oncotic pressure, so fluid moves out of the capillaries. It then exchanges substances with the cells.



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It is removed through vessels into the lymphatic system, then returned to the blood near the heart.

