

About HeartSounds

Welcome to HeartSounds – An Interactive Auscultation Tutorial. The contents of this CD-ROM are meant to serve as an introduction to the basic heart sounds that might be encountered in clinical practice. Care has been taken to accurately present these basic cardiac sounds. To emphasize certain aspects, some of the sounds were artificially generated. Other sounds are from real patients.

System Requirements

Windows 98, Windows NT, or Windows 2000 with 16 Mb RAM, 8X CD-ROM drive, video card capable of 256 colors, and compliant sound card.

Apple Macintosh with PowerPC 132 Mhz or higher, 32 Mb of RAM, 8X CD-ROM drive, video card capable of 256 colors, and sound capability. OS 7.6 to 9.2 is supported. **OSX is not supported in this release.** If running OSX, restart in OS 9.2. Problems have arisen while running HeartSounds in classic mode within OSX. A demo which runs in a shockwave compliant web browser within OSX is provided without guarantee.

General: external speakers with a wide frequency range are highly recommended to fully appreciate the dynamic range of cardiac sounds.

Operating Instructions

Windows and Macintosh: the CD-ROM is configured to autorun when inserted. Alternatively, you may copy the contents of the CD-ROM to your hard drive.

Questions or comments about how we can improve the program are welcome. Please email Brian Pitts, M.D. at pittbria@earthlink.net. Technical support with operation or installation is NOT provided at this email address.

Thanks for using HeartSounds and best wishes.