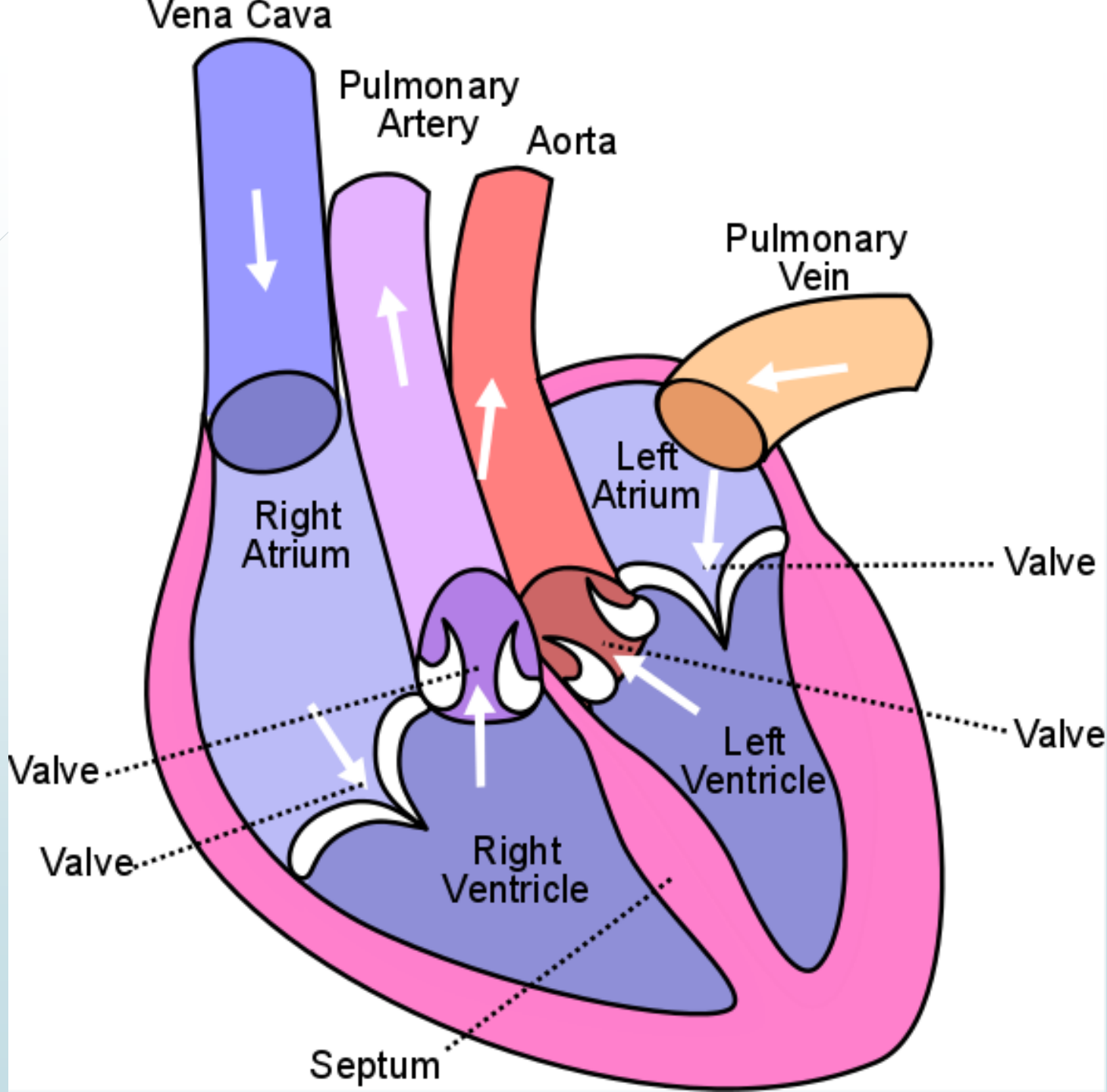


The Heart – Learning Outcomes

- ▶ State the function of the heart.
- ▶ Describe the heart's structure.
- ▶ Identify the four chambers of the heart.
- ▶ Explain the difference between the left and right ventricles.



The Heart

- The heart pumps blood around the body.
- The heart has four chambers – two **atria** at the top, two **ventricles** at the bottom.
- Ventricles are larger than the atria.
- The left ventricle has a thicker wall than the right ventricle.
- The left and right sides are separated by the **septum**.
- **Valves** prevent blood flowing backwards.