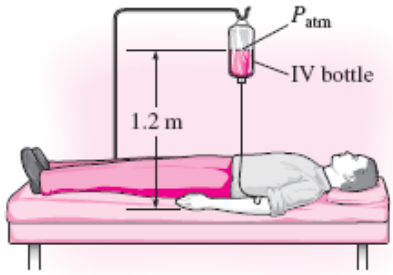
2-96 It is given that an IV fluid and the blood pressures balance each other when the bottle is at a certain height, and a certain gage pressure at the arm level is needed for sufficient flow rate. The gage pressure of the blood and elevation of the bottle required to maintain flow at the desired rate are to be determined.

Assumptions **1** The IV fluid is incompressible. **2** The IV bottle is open to the atmosphere.



Properties The density of the IV fluid is given to be $\rho = 1020\ \text{kg/m}^3$.

Analysis (*a*) Noting that the IV fluid and the blood pressures balance each other when the bottle is 1.2 m above the arm level, the gage pressure of the blood in the arm is simply equal to the gage pressure of the IV fluid at a depth of 1.2 m,

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{gage, arm}} &= P_{\text{abs}} - P_{\text{atm}} = \rho g h_{\text{arm-bottle}} \\ &= (1020\ \text{kg/m}^3)(9.81\ \text{m/s}^2)(1.20\ \text{m})\left(\frac{1\ \text{kN}}{1000\ \text{kg}\cdot\text{m/s}^2}\right)\left(\frac{1\ \text{kPa}}{1\ \text{kN/m}^2}\right) \\ &= \mathbf{12.0\ kPa} \end{aligned}$$

(*b*) To provide a gage pressure of 20 kPa at the arm level, the height of the bottle from the arm level is again determined from $P_{\text{gage, arm}} = \rho g h_{\text{arm-bottle}}$ to be

$$\begin{aligned} h_{\text{arm-bottle}} &= \frac{P_{\text{gage, arm}}}{\rho g} \\ &= \frac{20\ \text{kPa}}{(1020\ \text{kg/m}^3)(9.81\ \text{m/s}^2)}\left(\frac{1000\ \text{kg}\cdot\text{m/s}^2}{1\ \text{kN}}\right)\left(\frac{1\ \text{kN/m}^2}{1\ \text{kPa}}\right) = \mathbf{2.0\ m} \end{aligned}$$

Discussion Note that the height of the reservoir can be used to control flow rates in gravity driven flows. When there is flow, the pressure drop in the tube due to friction should also be considered. This will result in raising the bottle a little higher to overcome pressure drop.

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