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The Revised Starling Principle

Classical Model (Now known to be inaccurate)

Modern View: Glycocalyx Model

Traditionally (and still often explained incorrectly), it was taught that 90% of interstitial fluid is reabsorbed by the venous system.

Recent evidence shows venous reabsorption does not occur. Therefore all chronic edema indicates an inadequacy or failure of lymphatic function.

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