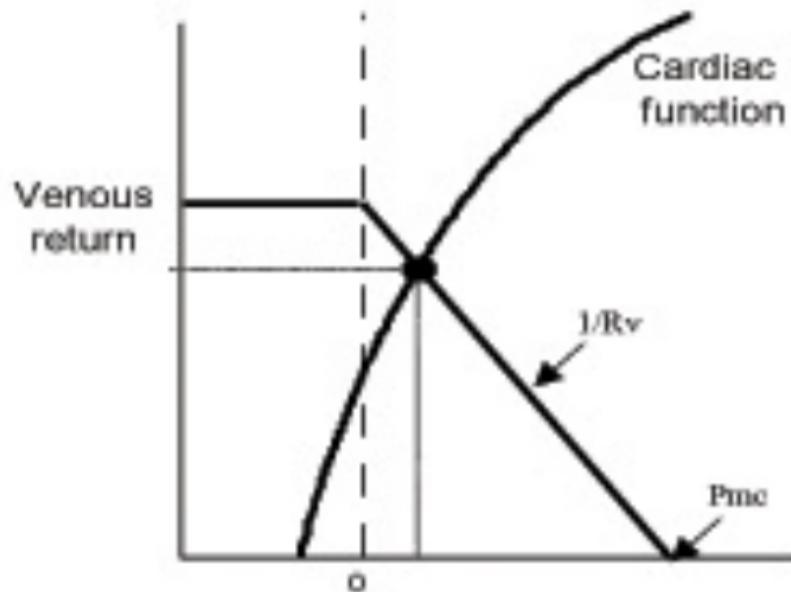


Figure 2



Superimposition of the cardiac function and venous return curves. The intersection point of both curves will determine the cardiac output and atrial pressure based on the momentary pumping ability of the heart and the characteristics of the circulation. (Pra, right atrial pressure; Pmc, mean circulatory pressure; Rv, resistance to venous return.)