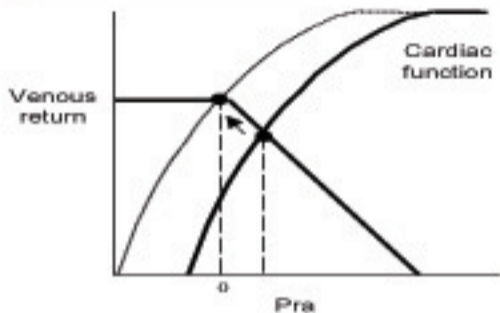


Figure 3-A



The plateau of the cardiac function curve is above that of venous return curve. Inspiration produces a fall in pleural pressure that shifts cardiac function curve to the left and results in a rise of cardiac output with a fall in right atrial pressure.³ (Pra, right atrial pressure.)