

Figure 1. The heart has four chambers. The two upper chambers, the right atrium (RA) and left atrium (LA), receive blood from veins: the pulmonary veins, the superior vena cava (SVC) and the inferior vena cava (IVC). The right ventricle (RV) and left ventricle (LV) pump blood into arteries: the aorta and the pulmonary artery. The mitral valve on the left side and the tricuspid valve on the right side control the flow of blood from the atria to the ventricles.



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