

Glossary

C.4.5. The Respiratory Membrane

Alveolus (plural alveoli)	(Very) small sacks of air at the end of the lung airways where oxygen, carbon dioxide and other gasses are exchanged between the inspired air and the blood
surfactant	Compound lining the inner layer of the alveoli that reduces the surface tension of water thereby avoiding collapse of the alveoli.
Alveolar air	Composition of oxygen, nitrogen, and other gasses in the alveoli of the lungs
Humidification	Moisturizing inspired air by increasing the temperature of inspired air and making contact with water