

## Triggered: A look into reverse triggering

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# #1



## What Asynchrony is Present?

- A. Flow Starvation
- B. Reverse Trigger
- C. Delayed Cycle
- D. Double Trigger
- E. I have no idea!

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# #2

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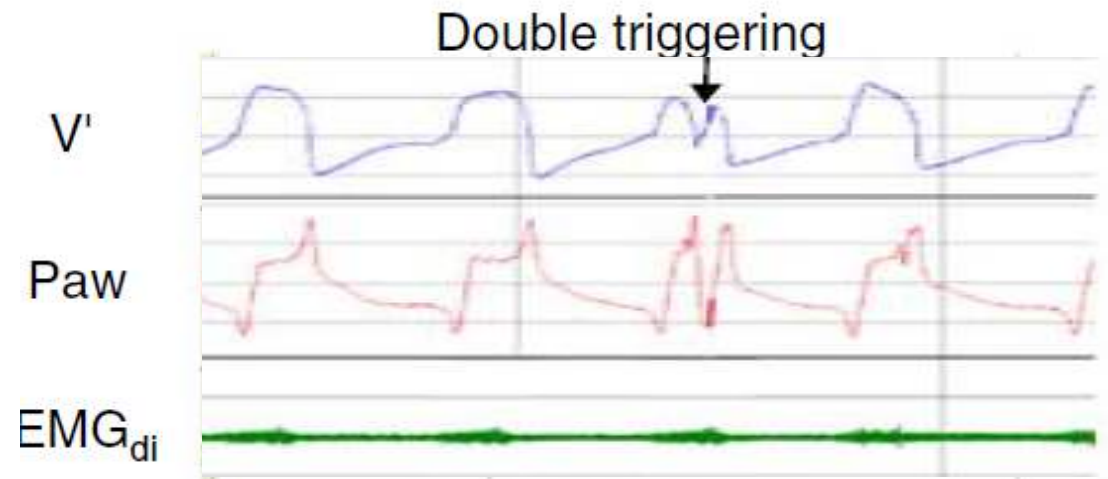
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# Double Trigger

# Double Triggering (Multiple Triggering)

- Two or more patient triggered breaths separated by minimal expiratory flow
- Mismatch of “machine” and “neural I-time”

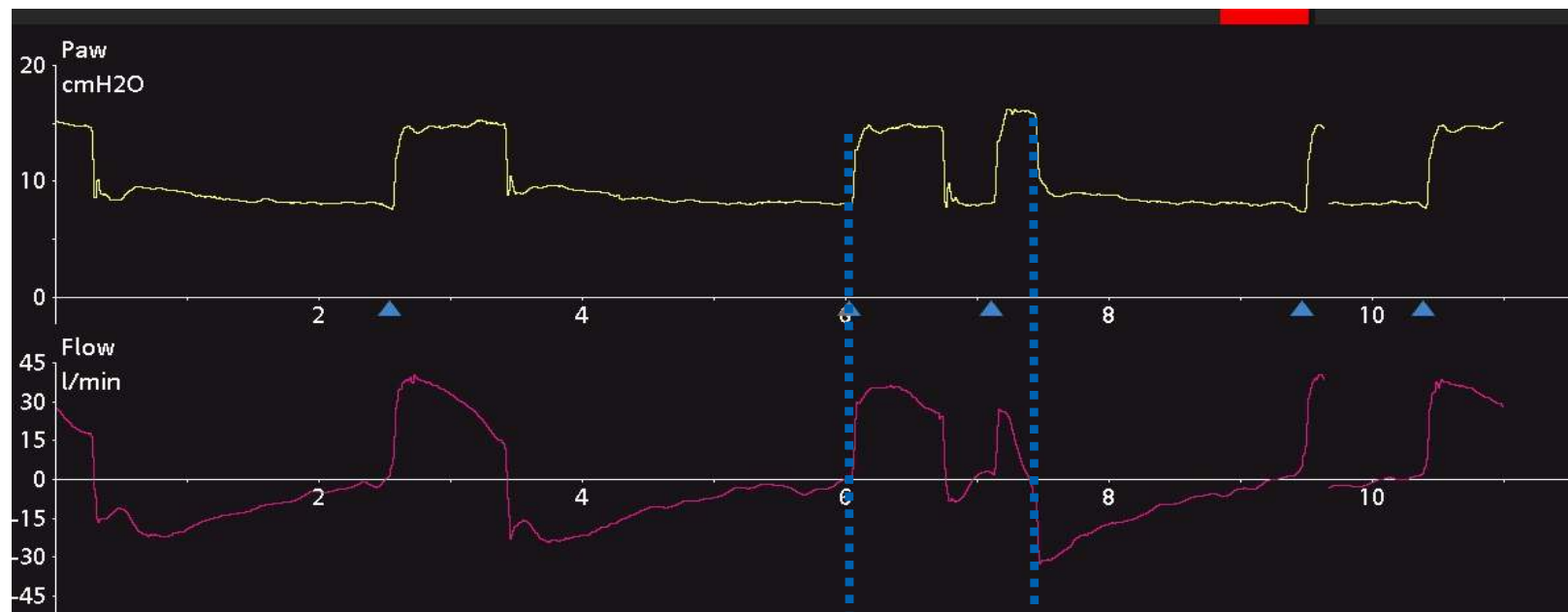


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# Double Triggering



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# Double Triggering Possible Causes

- Cycling criteria (ETS, Esens%, FlowTerm%, Flowcycle) set too high (PS)
- I-time too short (VC & PC)
- Insufficient support

# Double Triggering Resolution

- Adjust ETS, Esens%, FlowTerm%, Flowcycle
- Lengthen I-time
- Increase inspiratory support

Reverse Trigger

# Definition

- Reverse trigger is an inspiratory effort occurring after a ventilator-initiated breath begins.



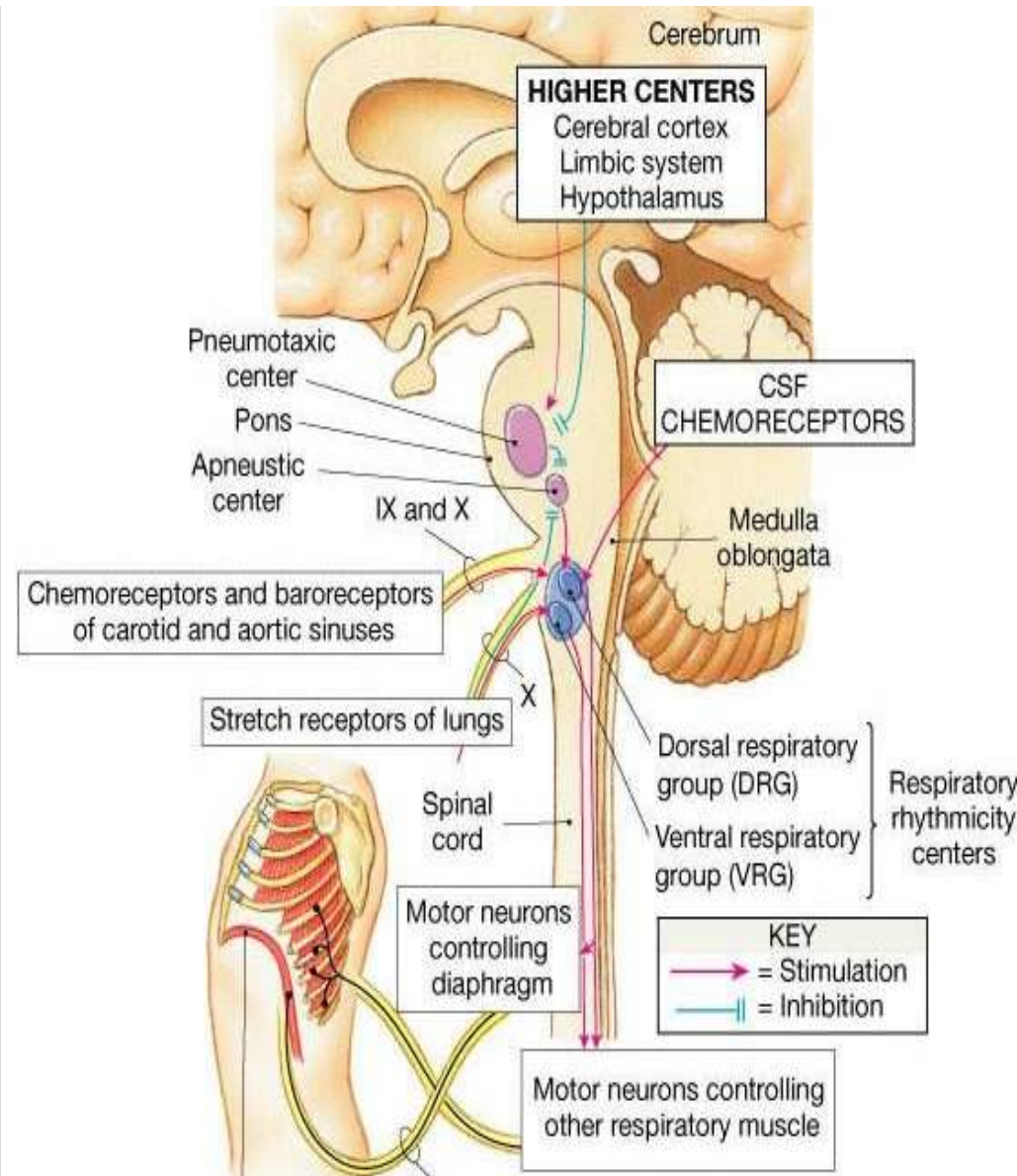
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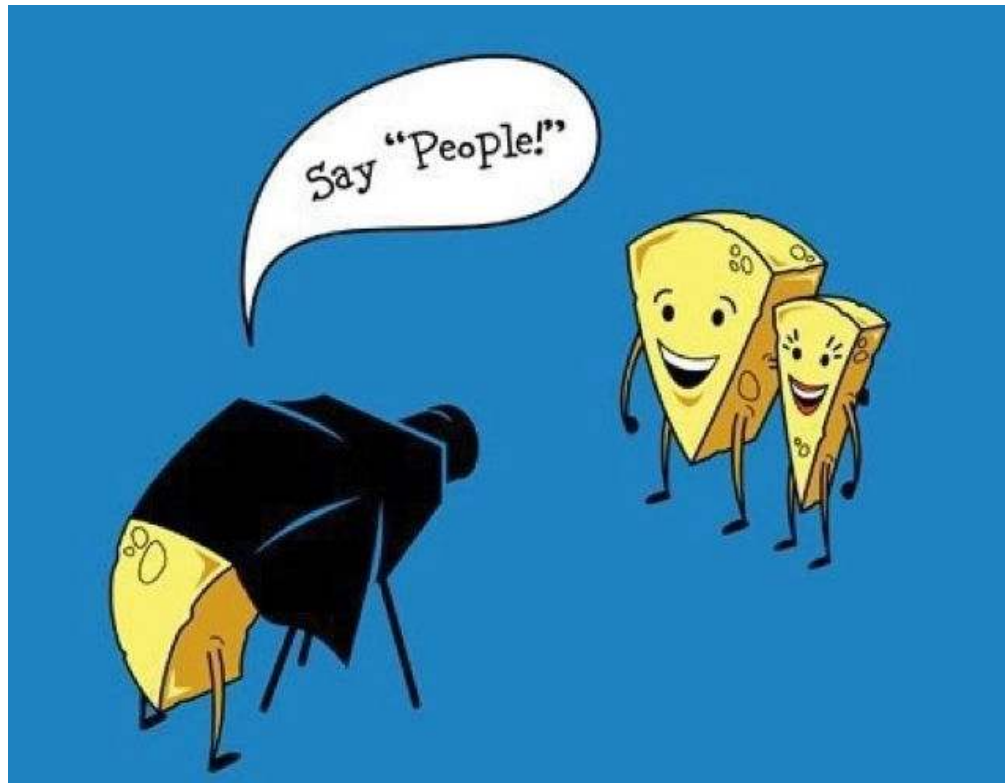
- A type of respiratory entrainment
  - Fixed repetitive temporal relationship
  - Discordant relationship between two oscillatory systems

# Hering-Breuer reflex

- Reflex triggered by stretch receptors in the lungs to prevent over-inflation
- Responsible for terminating inspiration and activating exhalation



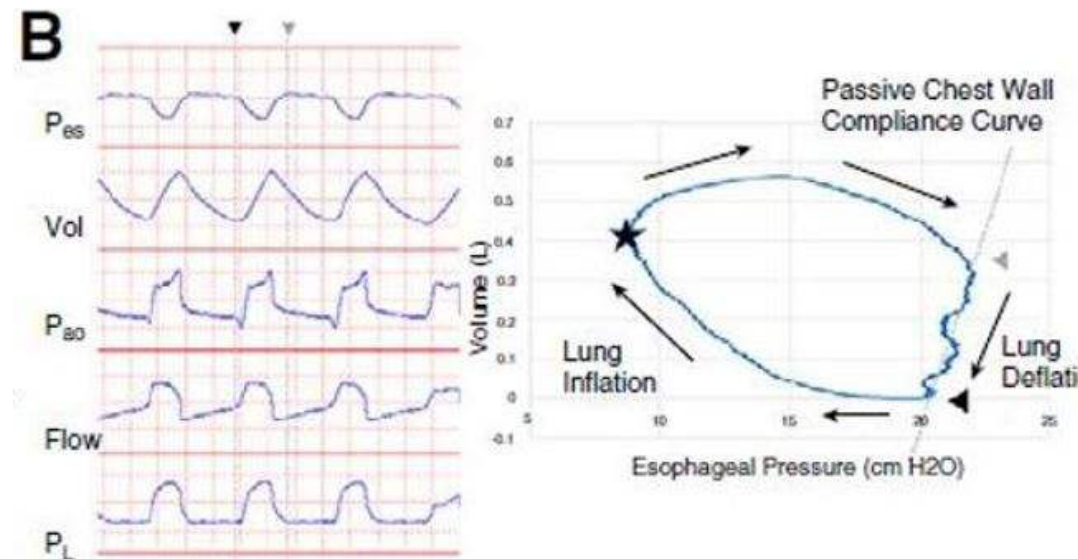
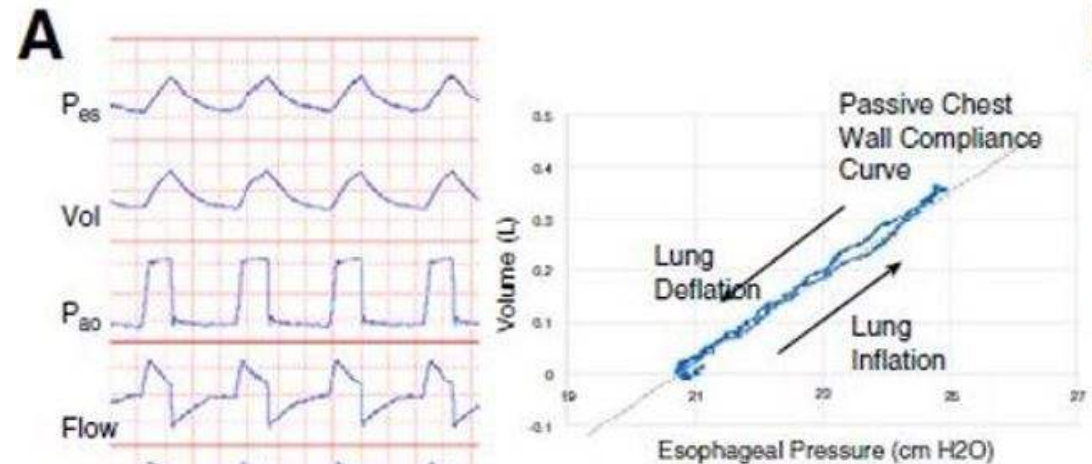
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- Stretch receptors in the lungs adapt functionality during deep sedation
- Hering-Breuer reflex reverses functionality

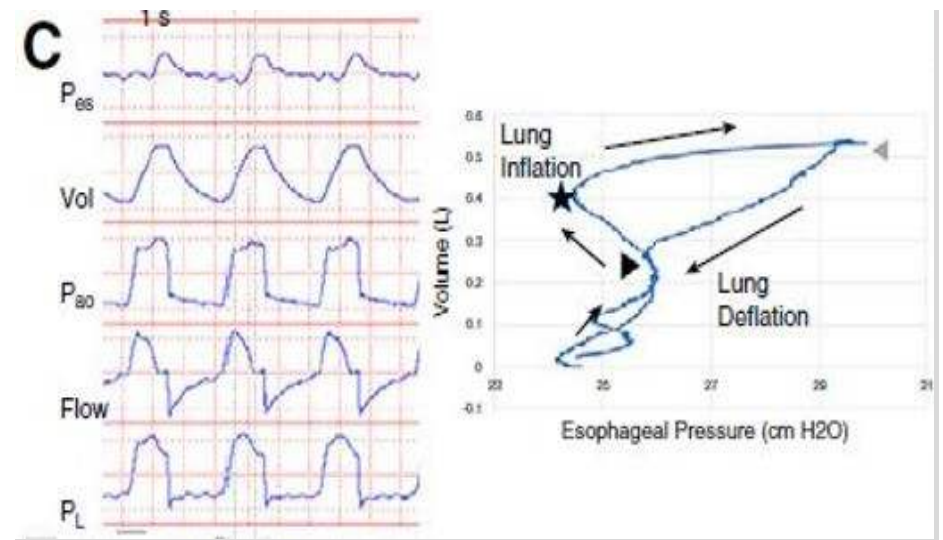
# Four phenotypes

- Early reverse trigger with early expiratory relaxation
- Early reverse trigger with delayed relaxation
- Mid-cycle reverse trigger
- Late reverse trigger

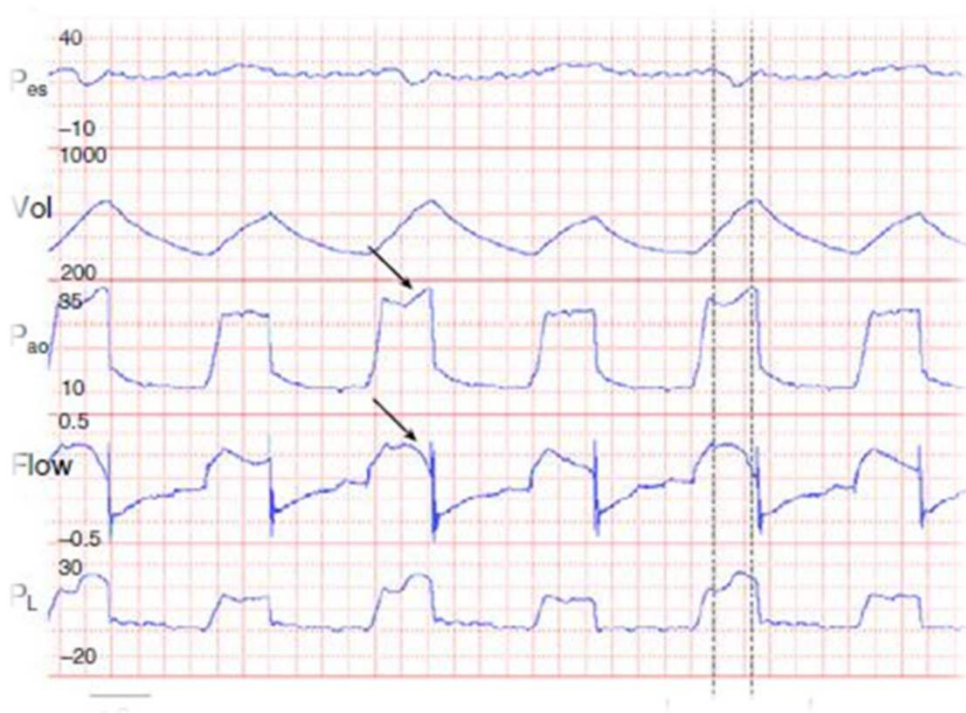


# Early reverse trigger with early relaxation

- Maximum diaphragmatic contraction and relaxation occurs completely during inflation with relaxation and patient termination either during inflation or very early in deflation (< 50% of total deflation)
- Vt increases of 64–113 ml and Ptranspulm pressures of 2–3 cmH2O



# Early reverse trigger with early relaxation



- Increase PEEP
- Increase inspiratory support (Vt, Pcontrol, TI)
- Increase frequency

# Why increase PEEP?

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# Why increase PEEP?





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# Why increase PEEP?

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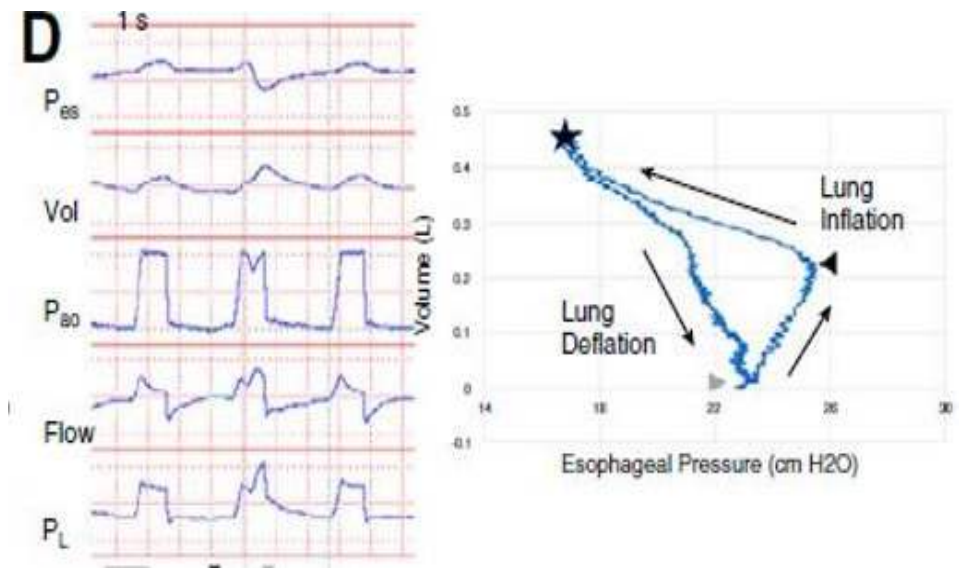
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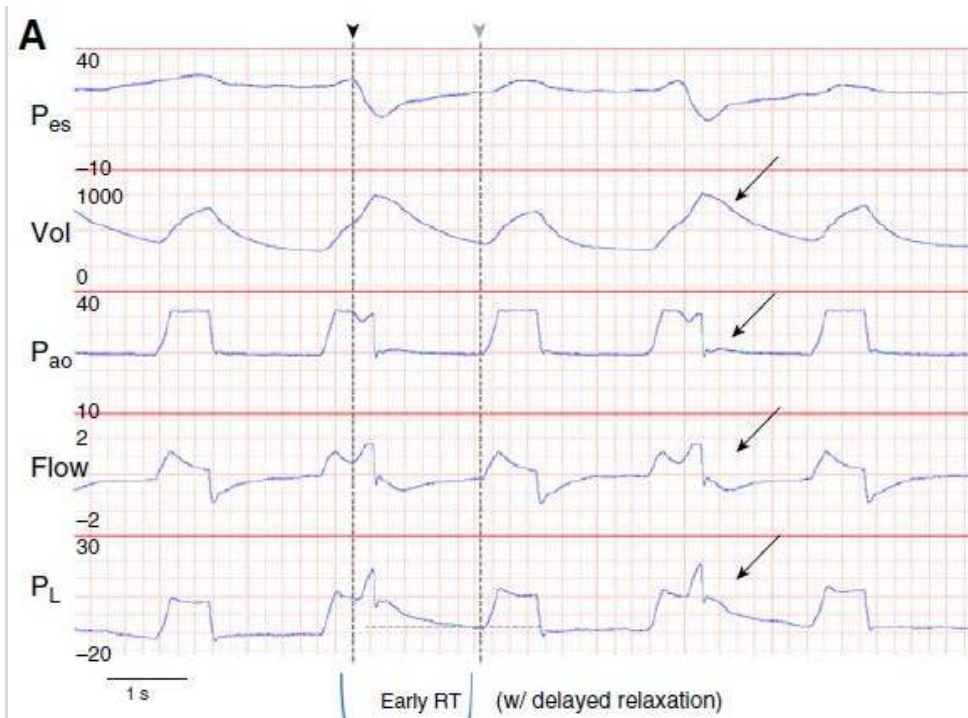
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# Early reverse trigger with delayed relaxation

- Maximum diaphragmatic contraction occurs completely during inflation with relaxation and patient termination happening after 50% of deflation
- $V_t$  increases of 86–170 ml and  $P_{\text{transpulm}}$  of 4–9 cmH<sub>2</sub>O



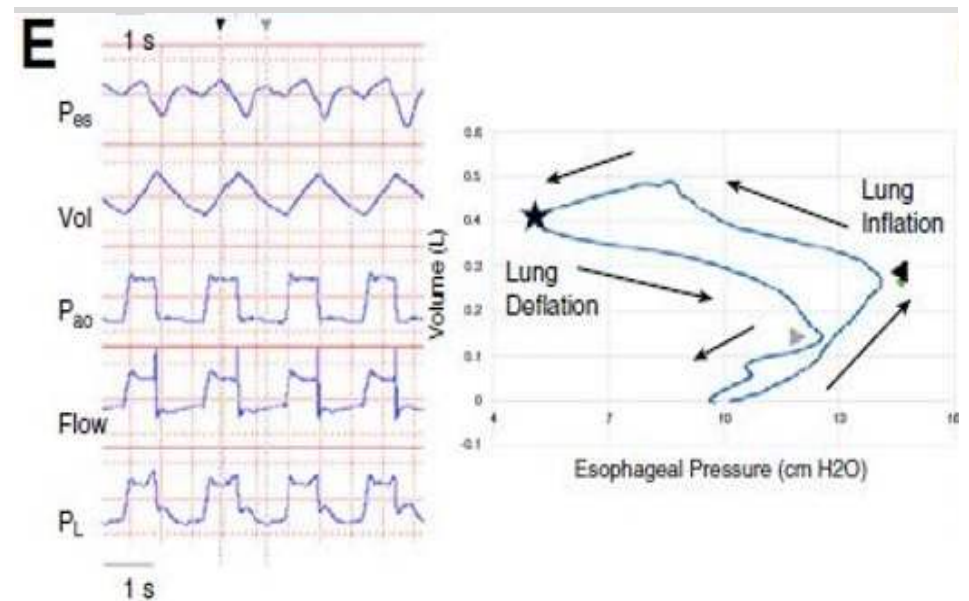
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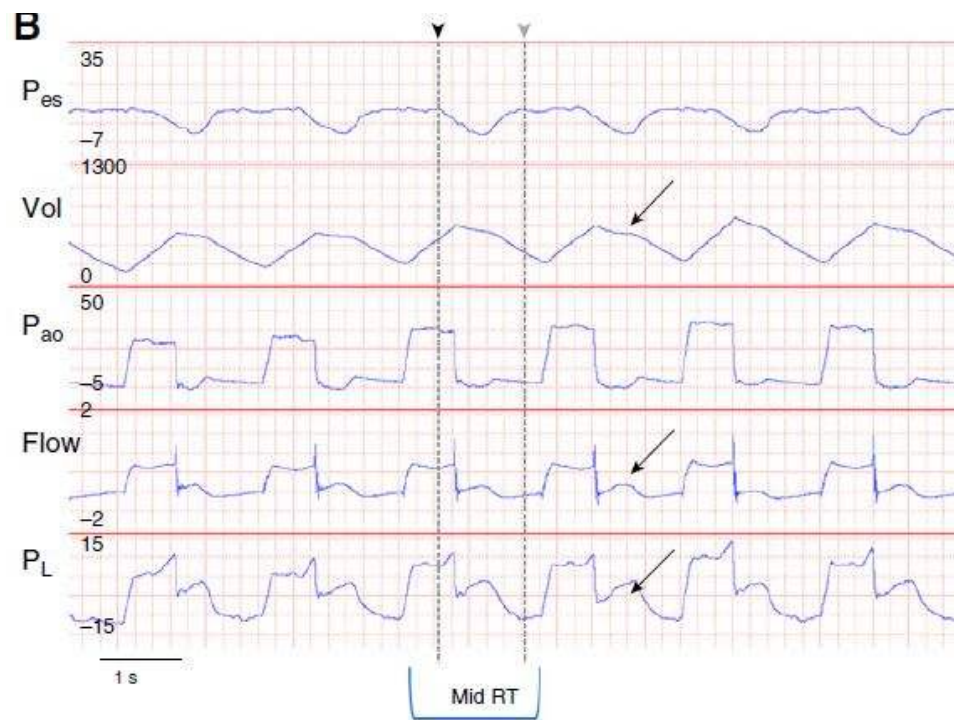
- Increase PEEP
- Increase inspiratory support (Vt, Pcontrol, TI)
- Frequency increases should be done with close attention to potential breath stacking

# Mid-cycle reverse trigger

- Inspiratory effort begins during inflation, but maximal inspiratory muscle pressure occurs during deflation
- $V_t$  increases of 38–64 ml
- Results in incomplete exhalation and breath stacking



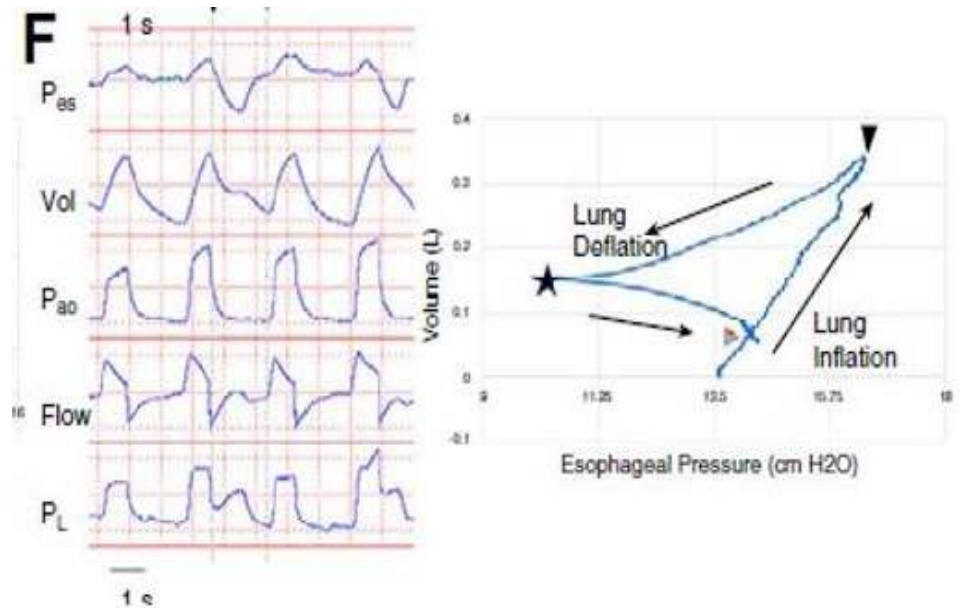
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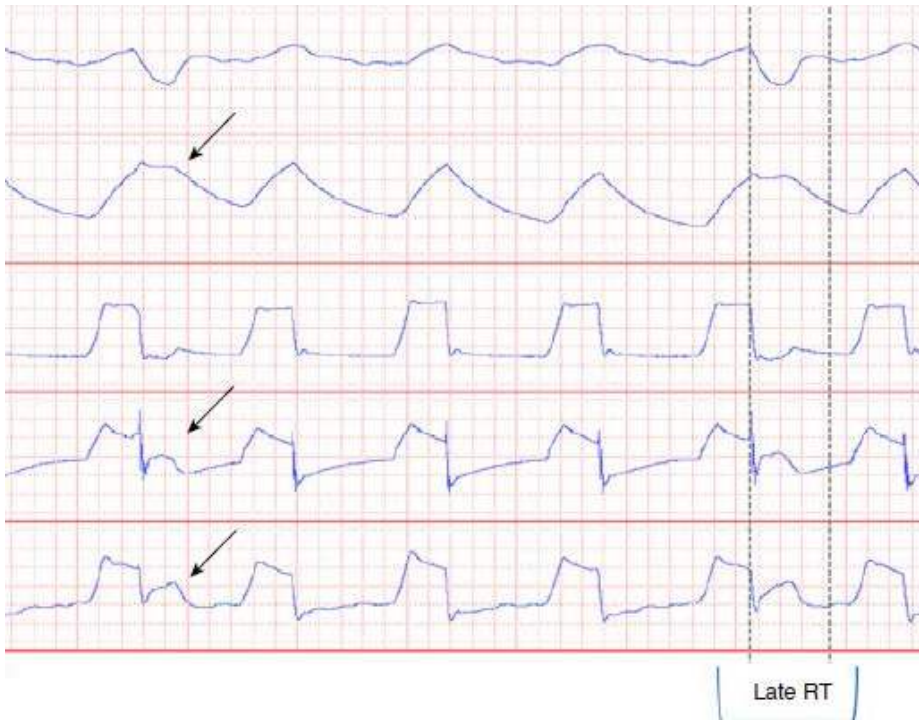
- Increase PEEP
- Increase inspiratory support (Vt, Pcontrol, TI)
- Frequency increases could exacerbate breath stacking

# Late reverse trigger

- Both initiation and maximum effort occurs completely during the deflation phase
- $V_t$  increases 155–197 ml
- Breath stacking results in large delivered  $V_t$  with incomplete exhalation

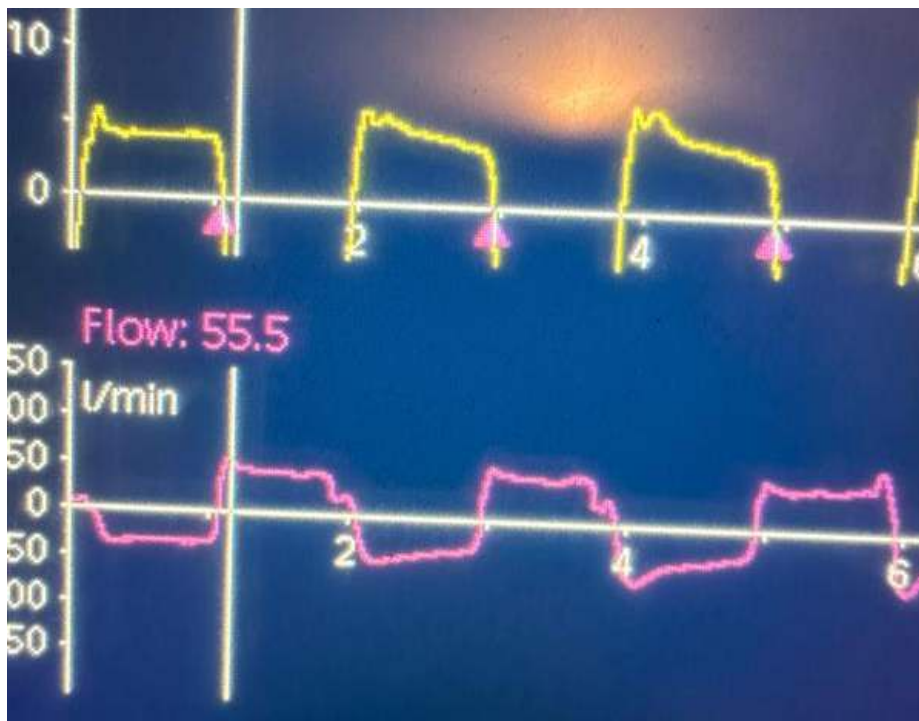


# Late reverse trigger



- Increase PEEP
- Increase inspiratory support (Vt, Pcontrol, TI)
- Frequency should not be increased due to inherent breath stacking

# Pop quiz!!



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## My waveforms are ugly, what's going on here?

- A Mid-Cycle Reverse Trigger
- B Late Reverse Trigger with Late Relaxation
- C Late Reverse Trigger
- D Sometimes waveforms are just ugly. Deal with it.

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# Pop quiz!!



patient's waveforms look ugly! Do you know what's going on here so I can make them less messy?

- Mid-Cycle Reverse Trigger
  - Early Reverse Trigger with Early Relaxation
  - Late Reverse Trigger
  - Reverse Trigger with Delayed Relaxation
  - Double Trigger
- sometimes waveforms are just messy and ugly. Deal with it.

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**32** Ppeak  
cmH2O

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12.0  
3.0

**7.6** ExpMinVol  
l/min

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850  
120

**512** VTE  
ml

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40  
8

**25** fTotal  
b/min

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**19** Pmean  
cmH2O

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**32** Ppeak  
cmH2O

**31** Pplateau  
cmH2O

**19** Pmean  
cmH2O

**14** PEEP/CPAP  
cmH2O

**11** AP



IntelliCuff

**22**  
b/min  
Rate

**10**  
cmH2O  
Pcontrol

**14**  
cmH2O  
PEEP/CPAP

**40**  
%  
Oxygen

Controls

CB6

# Reverse triggering identification



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**CB6**

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Identifying reverse triggering

*Caroline, 4/20/2022*

**CB8**

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*Caroline, 4/21/2022*

# Solutions



- Neuromuscular blockade
- Increase PEEP
- Increase support ( $V_t$ , Pcontrol, TI)
- Frequency increases should be made with serious considerations for breath stacking
- Late reverse trigger benefits from a decrease in frequency with concurrent increase in inspiratory support

# Summary

- Reverse triggering is an under-recognized phenomena occurring in deep sedation
- Reversal of Herring-Breuer reflex
- Four phenotypes
- Can lead to excessive Vt and air trapping if left unattended

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## Questions?

What I think I look like talking about  
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