



# When Two Become One: Optimizing Patient/Ventilator Synchrony

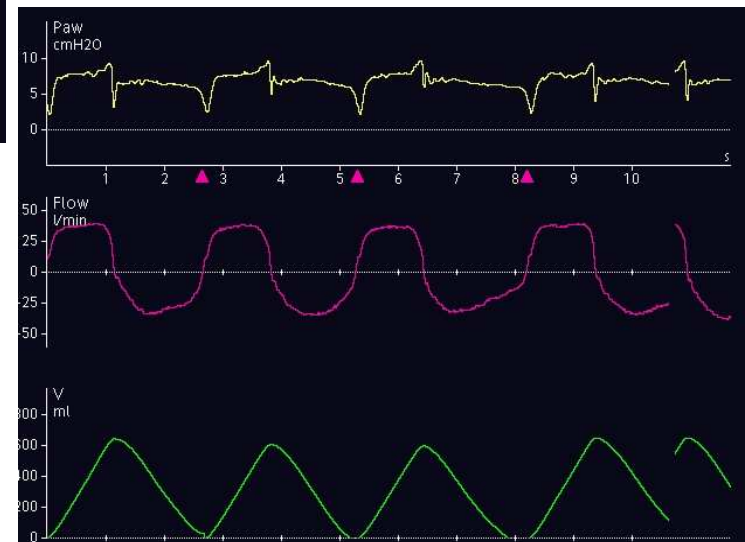
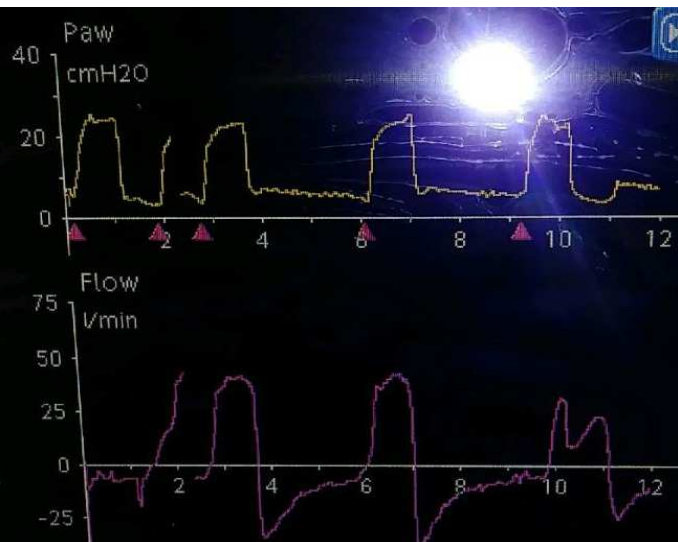
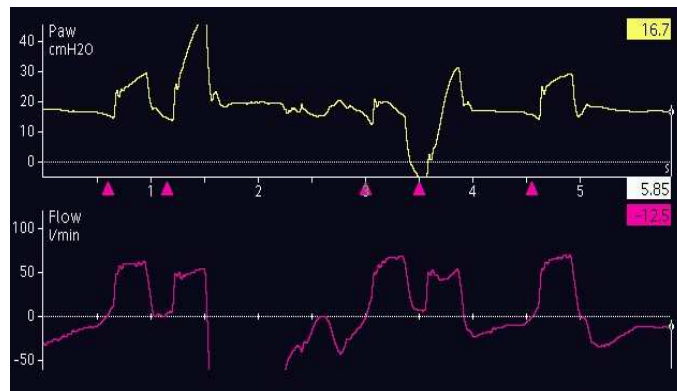
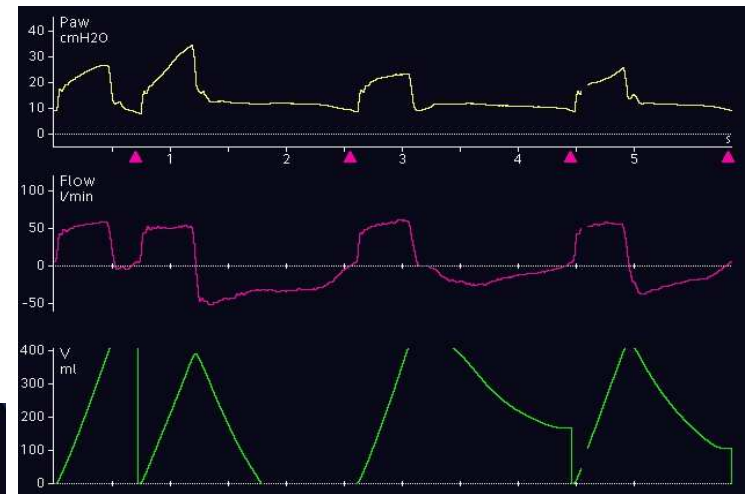
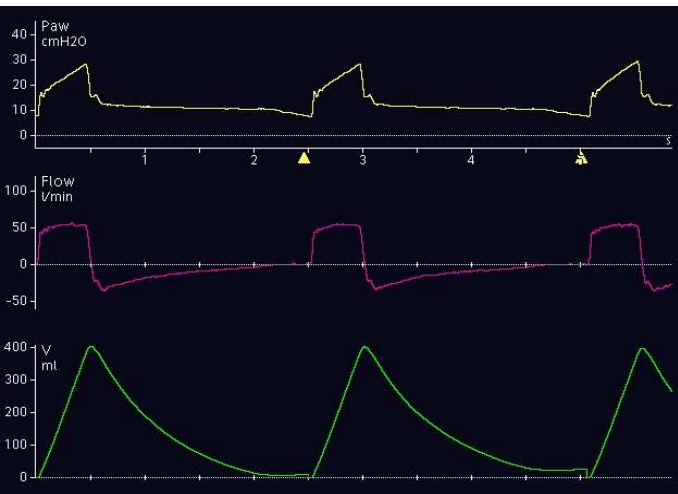
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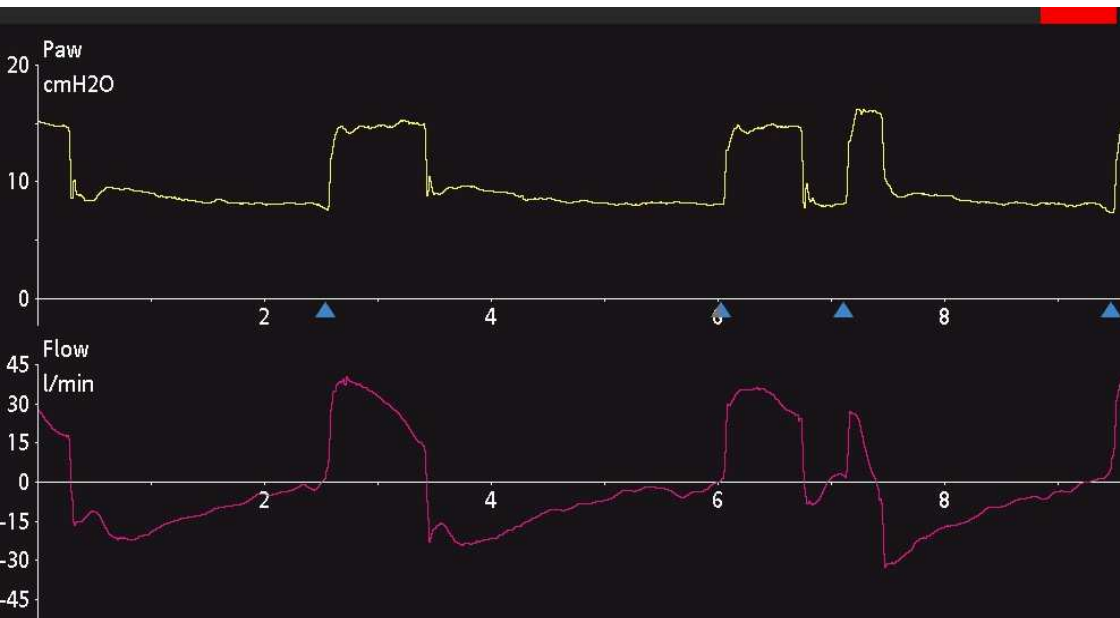
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- ✓ Choose your answer and text A, B, C, D, or E to this thread.

# #1



What dyssynchrony is present?

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

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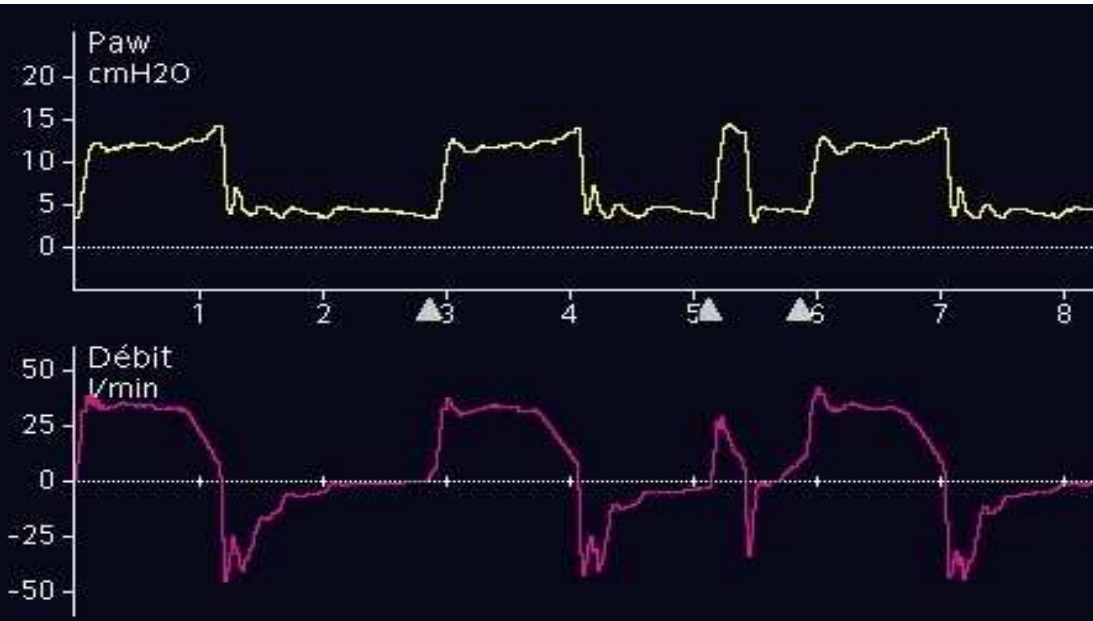
## Which dyssynchrony is present?

- A. Delayed Cycling
  - B. Early Cycling
  - C. Flow Starvation
  - D. Trick question. There's no dyssynchrony
- There's something wrong, but I have no idea!

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# #3



## What is going on here?

- A. Patient initiated breath
- B. Reverse Trigger
- C. Autotrigger
- D. Ventilator initiated breath
- E. I have no idea...again!

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# Synchrony & Work Of Breathing

# Synchrony Vs. Asynchrony

## ✓ Synchrony

- ✓ “Simultaneous Occurrence”
- ✓ “Harmonious interaction between ventilator and patients respiratory system”



## ✓ Asynchrony

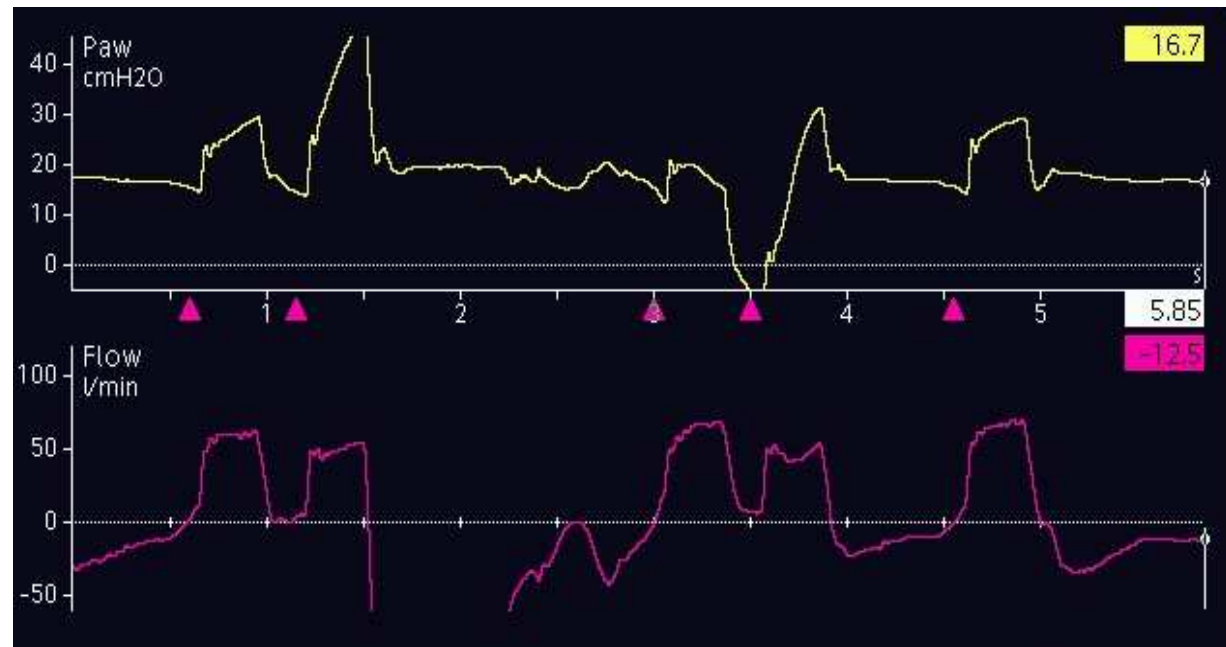
- ✓ “Absence or lack of concurrence in time”
- ✓ “A lack of synchronization”



## Synchrony



## Asynchrony



# Independent Vs. Dependent Variables

## ✓ Independent Variable

- ✓ What you set/fix
- ✓ Does not change

## ✓ Dependent Variable

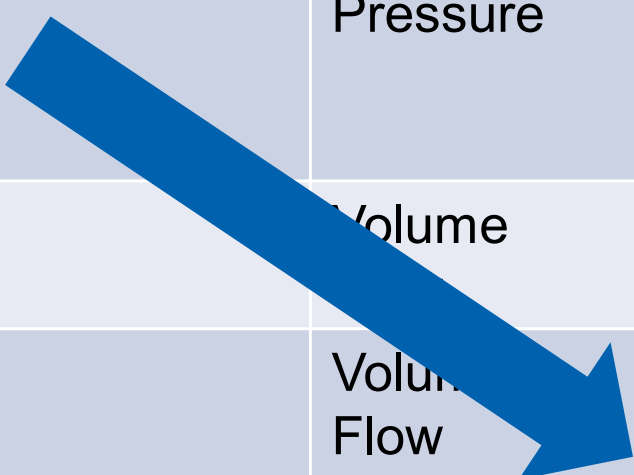
- ✓ Is not set/fixed
- ✓ Changes (Response to the control)

# Variables

Mode	Independent Variable	Dependent Variable
S-CMV		
P-CMV		
Spontaneous (PSV)		

# Variables (Examples)

Mode	Less Flexibility	More Flexibility
	Independent Variable	Dependent Variable
S-CMV	Volume Flow I-time	Pressure
P-CMV	Pressure I-time	Volume
Spontaneous (PSV)	Pressure	Volume Flow I-time

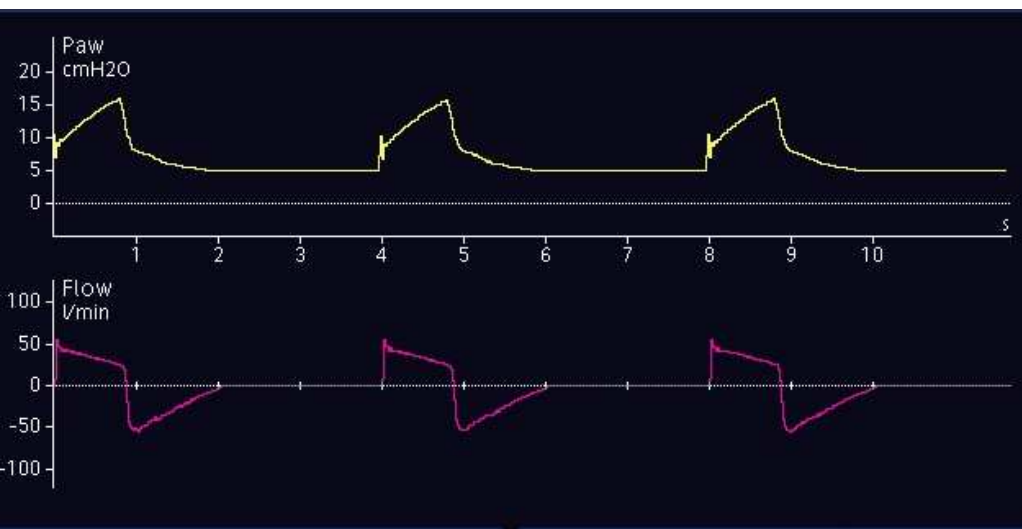


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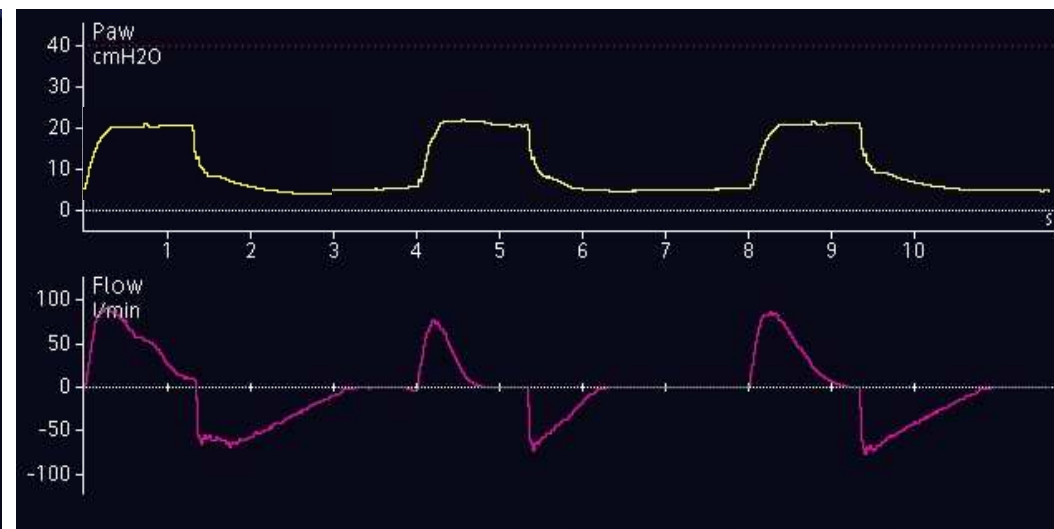
1. Utilize the Pressure and Flow/Time Scalars
2. Eliminate Independent Variables
3. Confirm Dependent Variables
4. Assess matching to patient neural I-time & effort

# Use Pressure & Flow/Time waveforms

## Volume Control

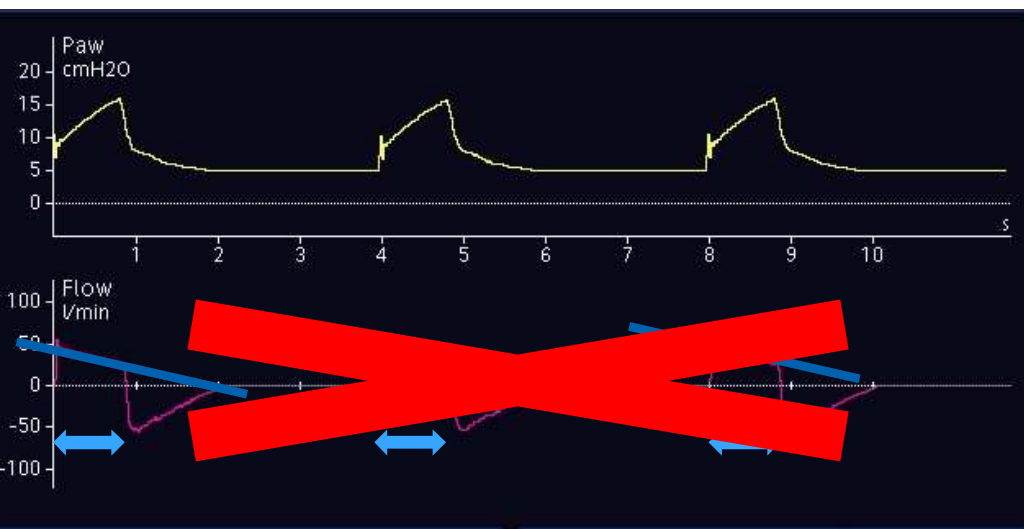


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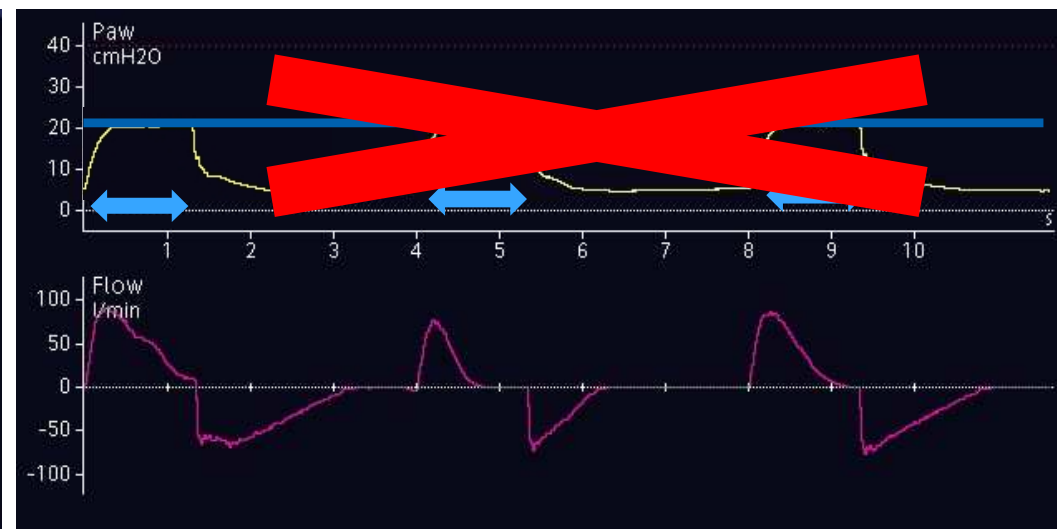


# Eliminate Independent Variables. What is fixed?

## Volume Control

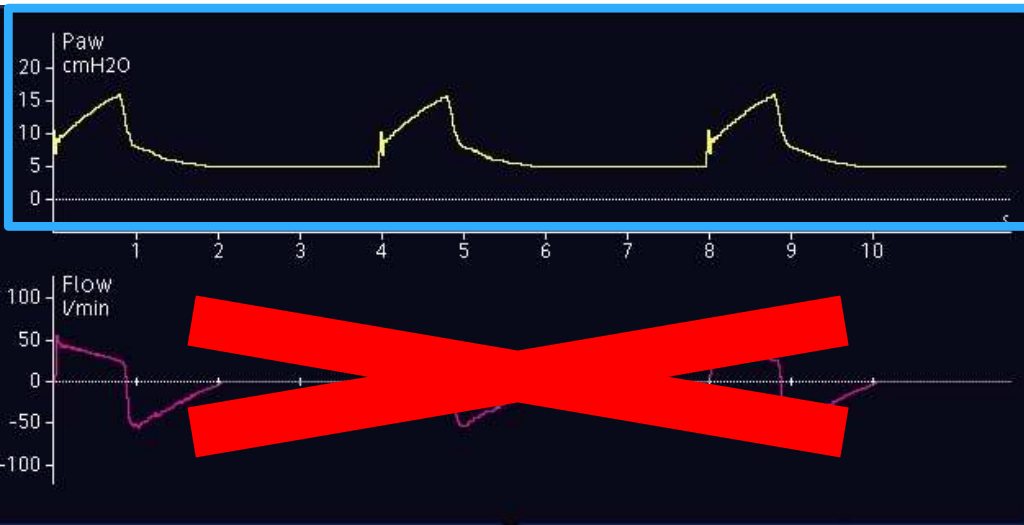


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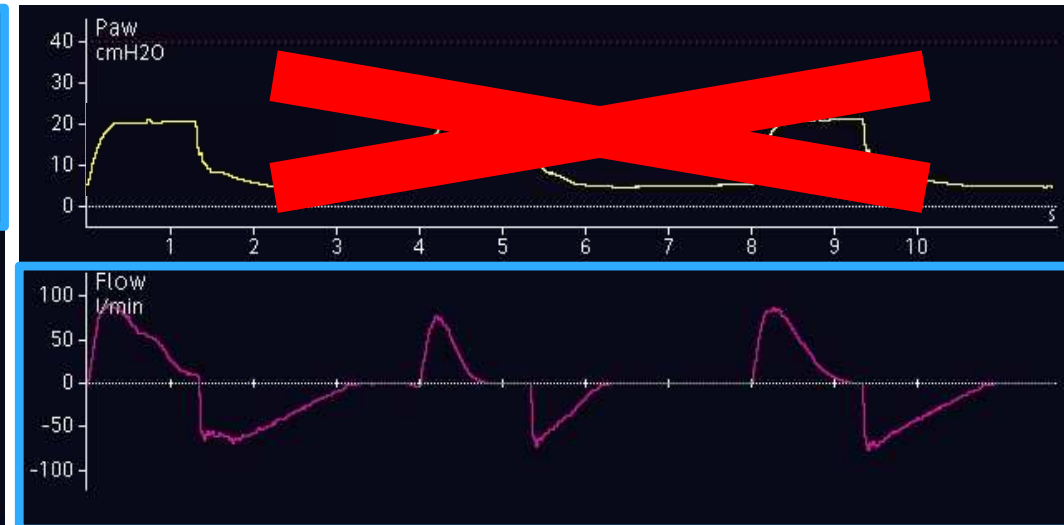


# Confirm Dependent Variable Curve

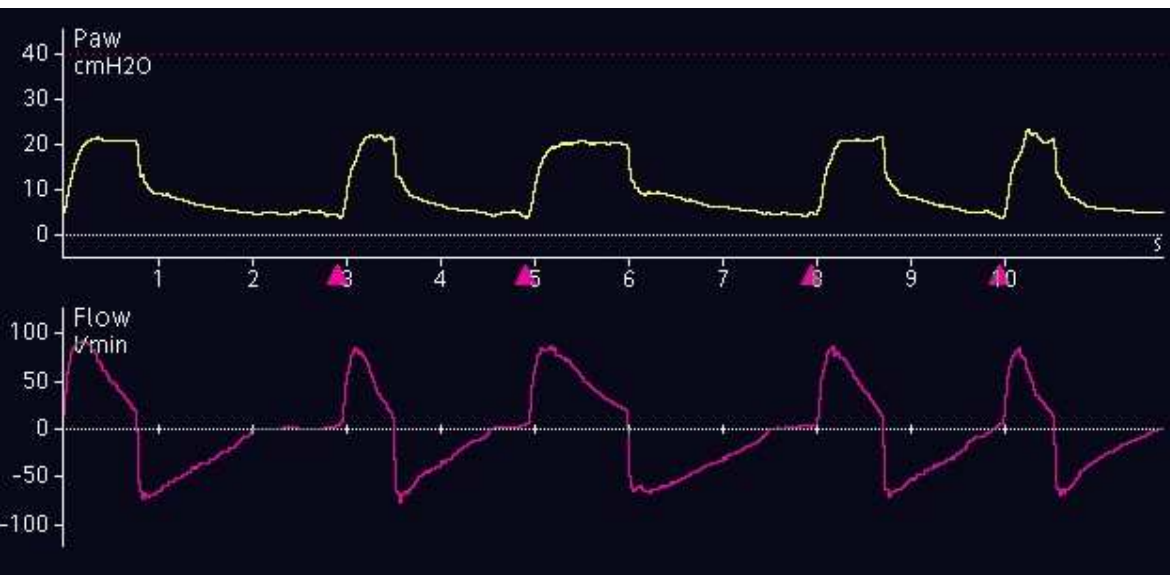
## Volume Control



## Pressure Control



# #4



What mode is this?

- A. Volume SIMV
- B. Pressure Control
- C. Volume Control
- D. Pressure Support
- E. I still have no clue!

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# Lung Protective vs Diaphragmatic Protective Ventilation

## ✓ Lung Protective Ventilation

- ✓ Only on passive patients
- ✓ Optimize PEEP
- ✓ Minimize Driving Pressure

## ✓ Diaphragmatic Protective Ventilation

- ✓ Only on active patients
- ✓ Focus on patient comfort
- ✓ Optimize diaphragmatic energy expenditure

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# Diaphragmatic myotrauma: a mediator of prolonged ventilation and poor patient outcomes in acute respiratory failure

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## **Asynchronies during mechanical ventilation are associated with mortality**

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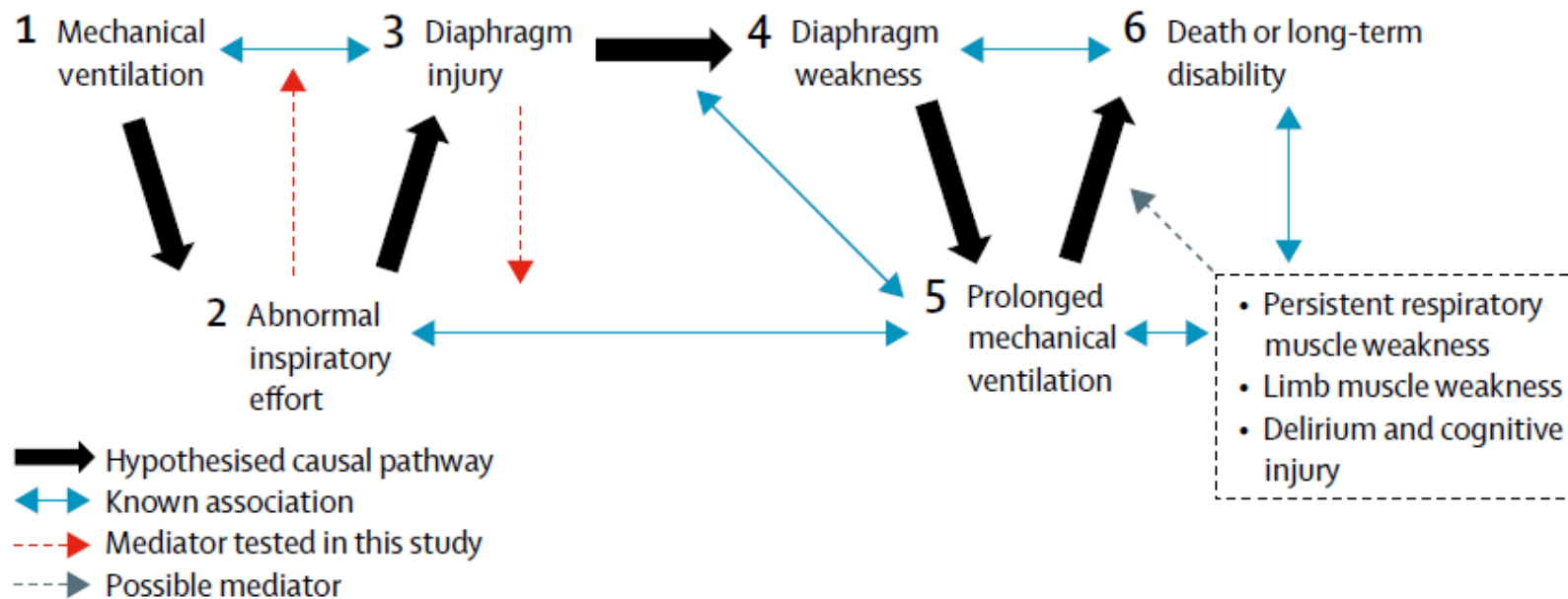
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# Causal Pathway



# Asynchrony Classification

- ✓ Trigger Asynchrony
- ✓ Flow Asynchrony
- ✓ Termination Asynchrony

# Asynchrony Classification & Learning Approach

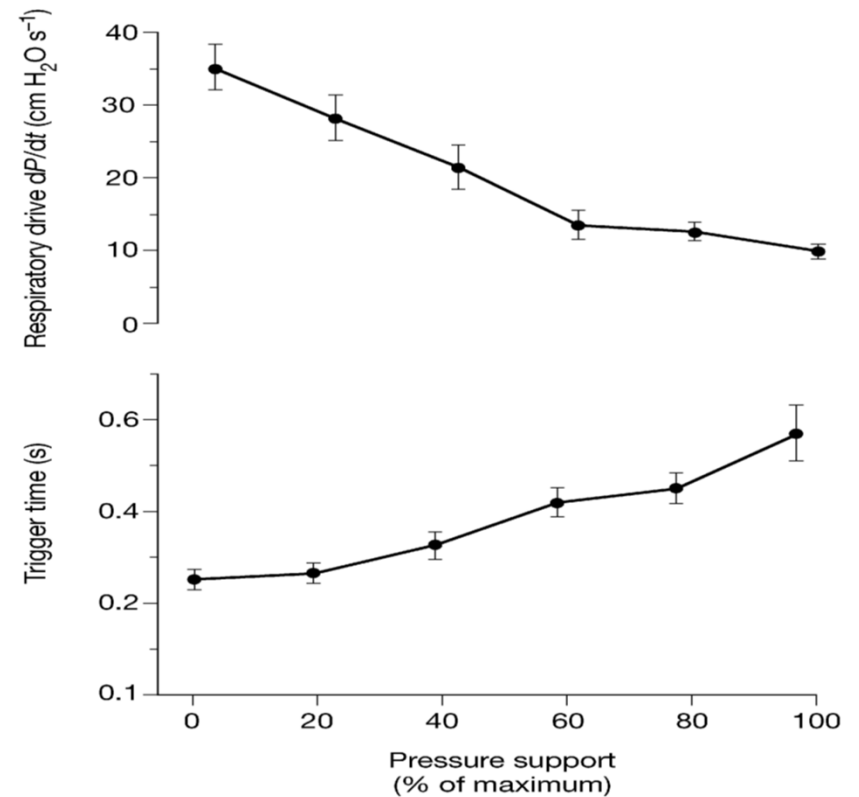
- ✓ Trigger Asynchrony
- ✓ Flow Asynchrony
- ✓ Termination Asynchrony
- ✓ Approach to understand
  - ✓ Asynchrony title
  - ✓ Asynchrony example
    - ✓ Basic
    - ✓ Advanced
  - ✓ Asynchrony Causes
  - ✓ Resolutions

# Triggering Asynchrony

# Delayed triggering

- ✓ Delay in reaching trigger threshold
- ✓ Inspiratory Flow occurs too long after trigger signal

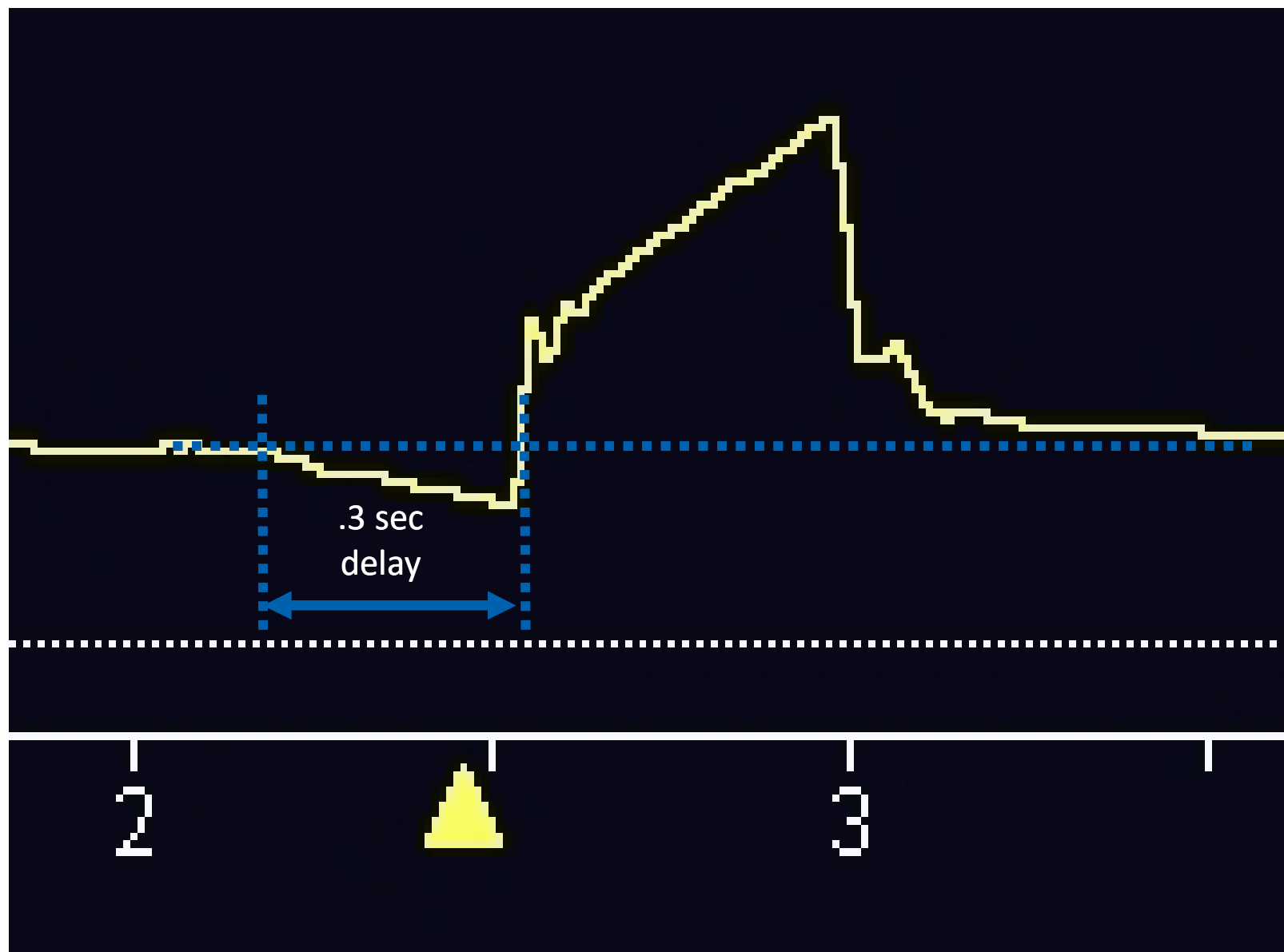
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# Delayed triggering



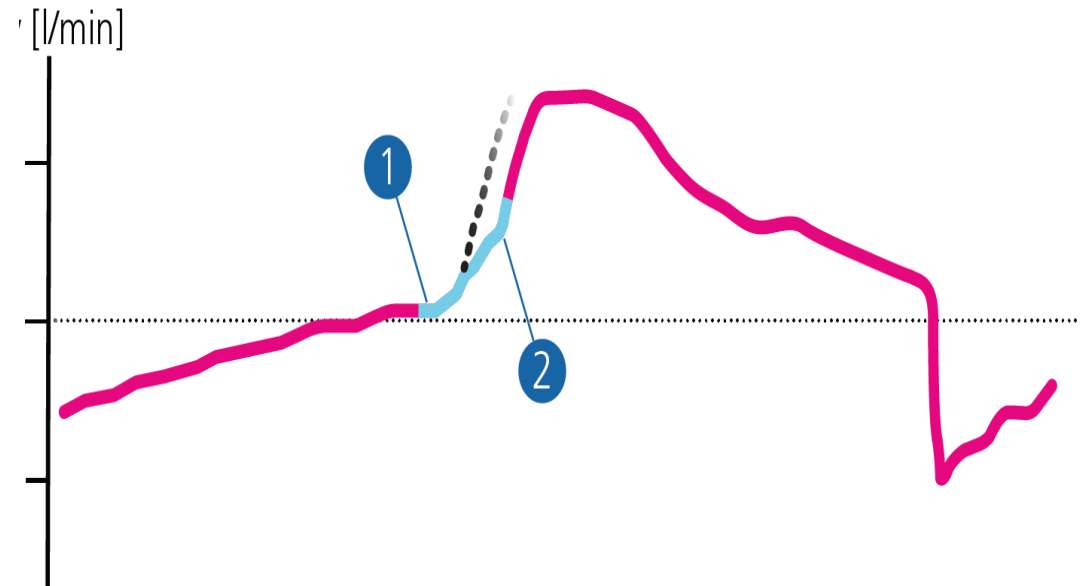
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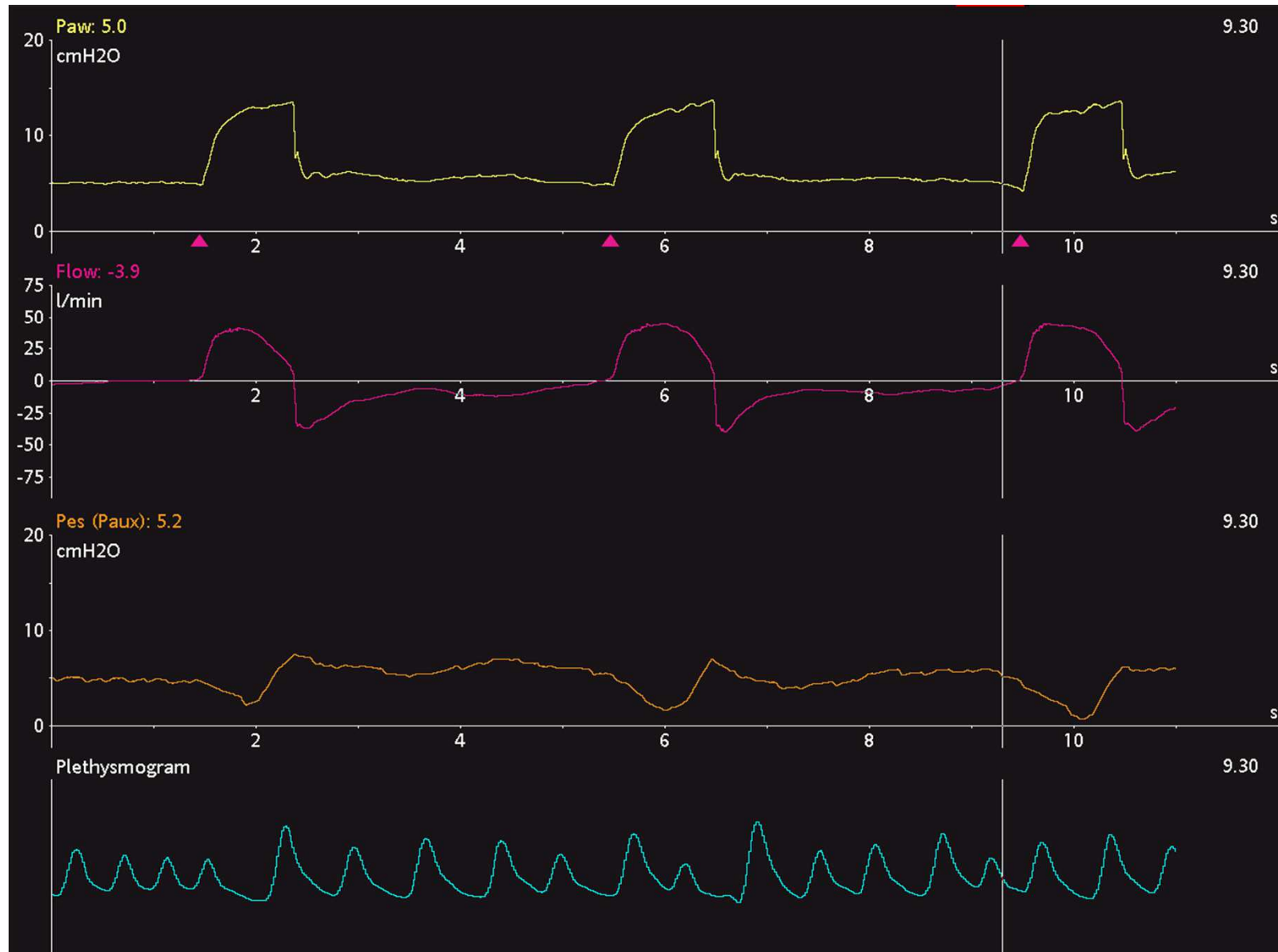
# Delayed Triggering- Flow waveform

## ✓ Flow Waveform

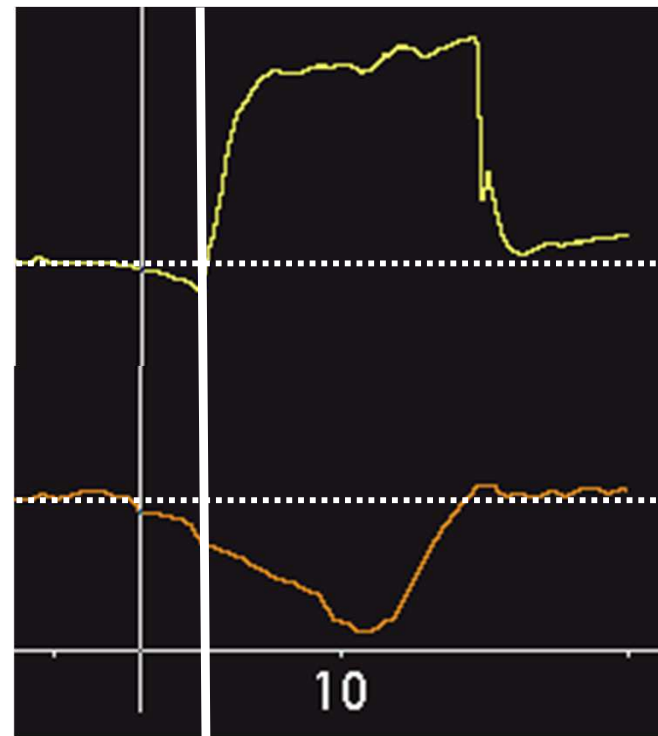
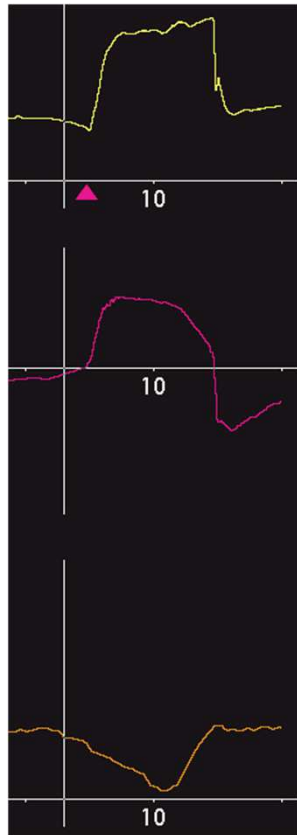
- ✓ Extended time between positive deflection in flow (1) and delivery of support (2)



# Delayed Trigger



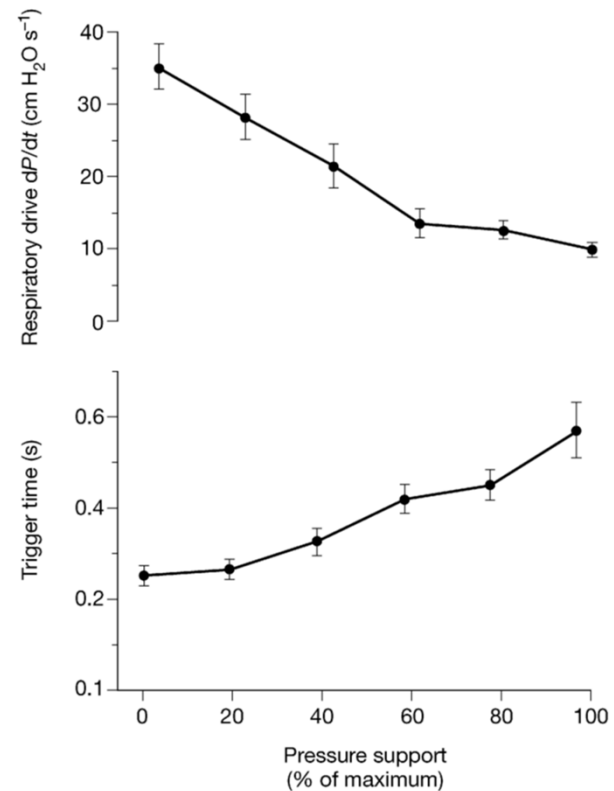
# Delayed Trigger



# Delayed Trigger Possible Causes

- ✓ Trigger sensitivity too high
- ✓ Ventilator Pneumatics
- ✓ AutoPEEP
- ✓ Weak respiratory drive
- ✓ Poor effort
- ✓ Too much inspiratory support

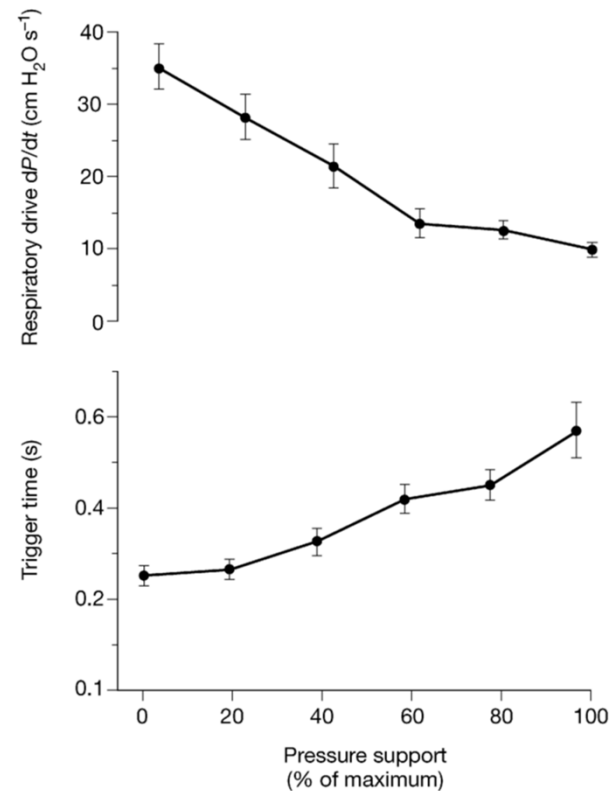
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# Delayed Trigger Resolution

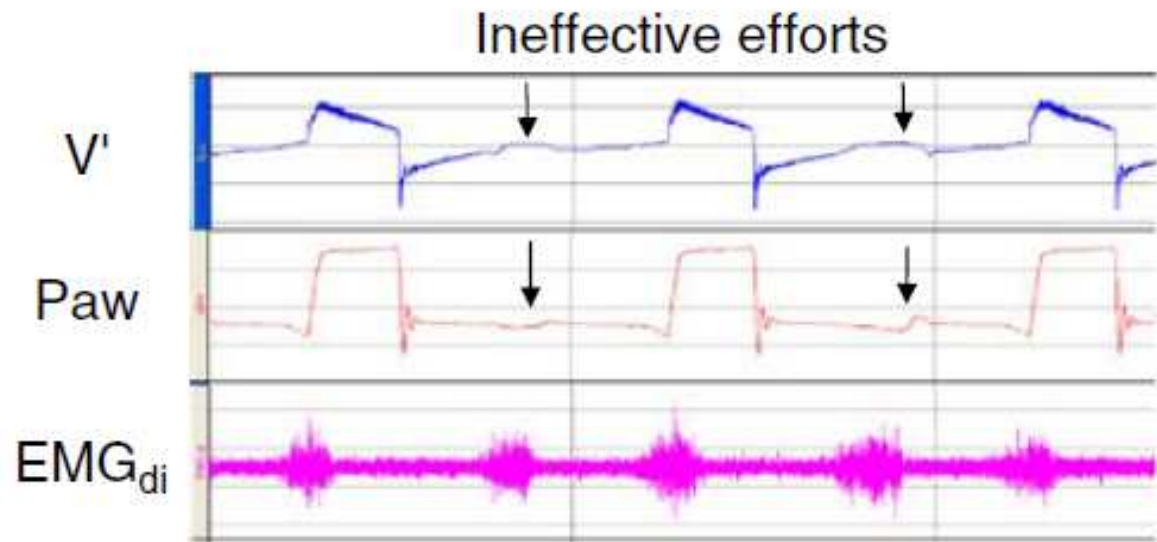
- ✓ Adjust trigger sensitivity
- ✓ Ventilator tubing/ remove restrictions
- ✓ Reduce autoPEEP
- ✓ Reduce level of inspiratory support

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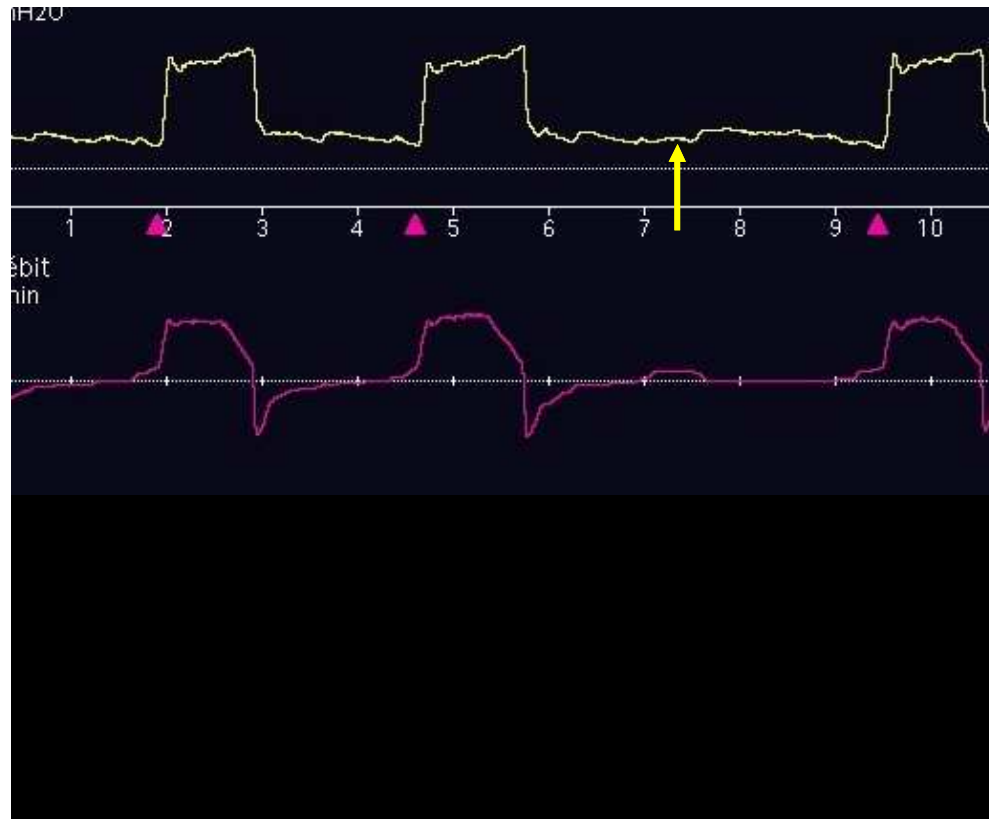
# Ineffective Effort

- ✓ Inspiratory effort does not trigger a mechanical breath



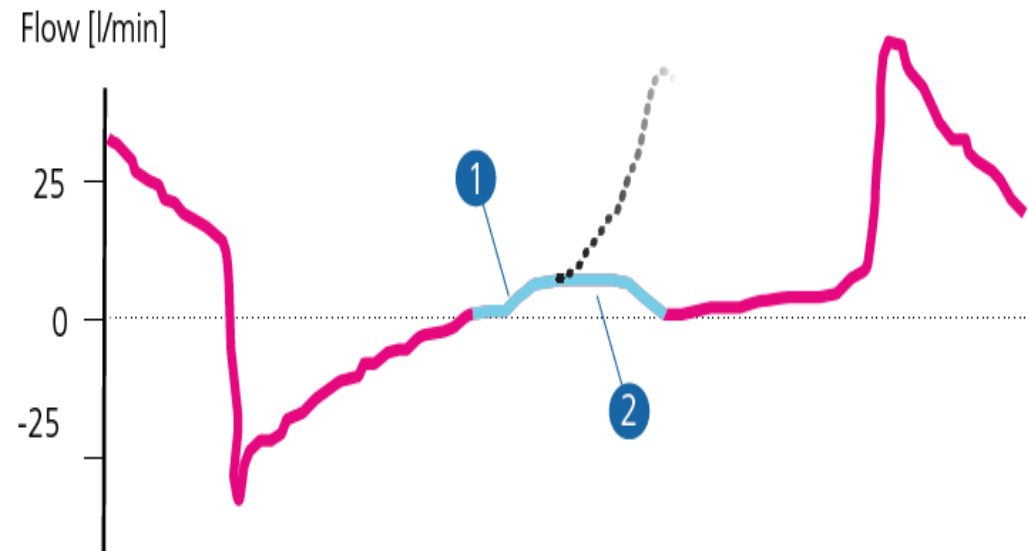
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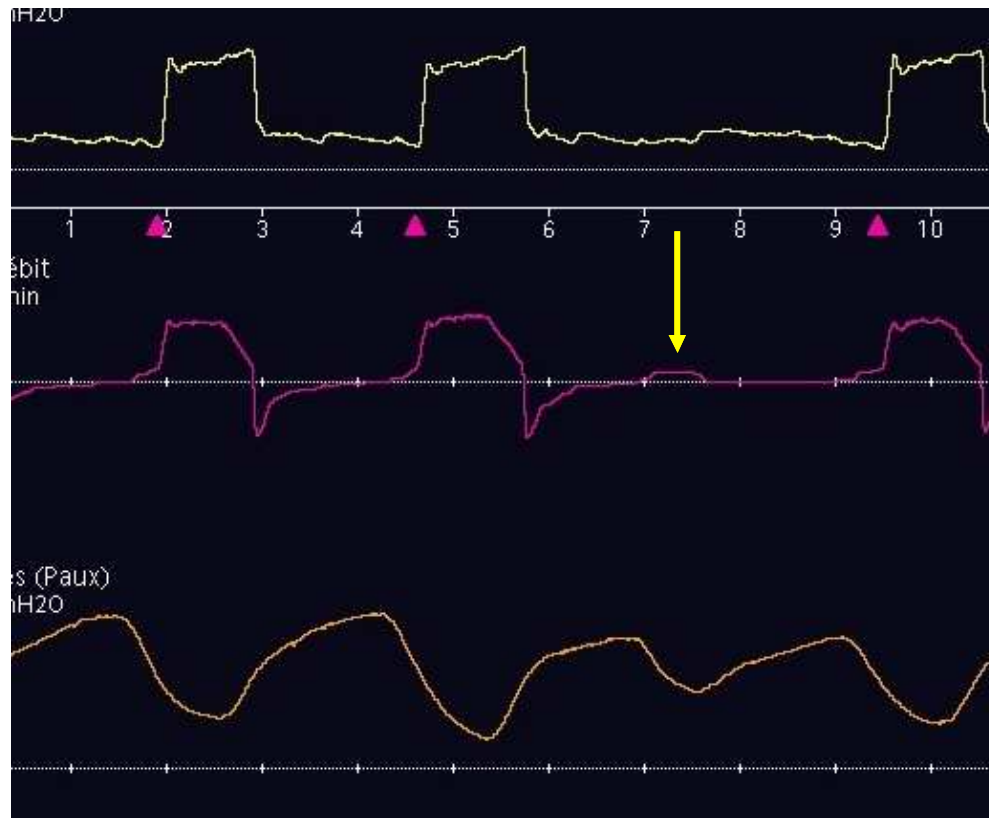


# Ineffective Effort

- ✓ Flow waveform
  - ✓ Look for an abrupt change in the steepness of the waveform (1) not followed by delivery of ventilator support



# Ineffective Effort



# Ineffective Effort Possible Causes

- ✓ Trigger threshold set too high
- ✓ Pressure support too high
- ✓ Set frequency and/or inspiratory time too high (in controlled modes)
- ✓ Tidal volume set too high
- ✓ Presence of AutoPEEP
- ✓ Low respiratory drive
- ✓ Weak inspiratory effort
- ✓ Sedation

# Ineffective Effort Resolution

- ✓ Adjust trigger to be more sensitive
- ✓ Reduce support
- ✓ Increase PEEP
- ✓ Other- reduce sedation, increase patient strength

# Double Triggering (Multiple Triggering)

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



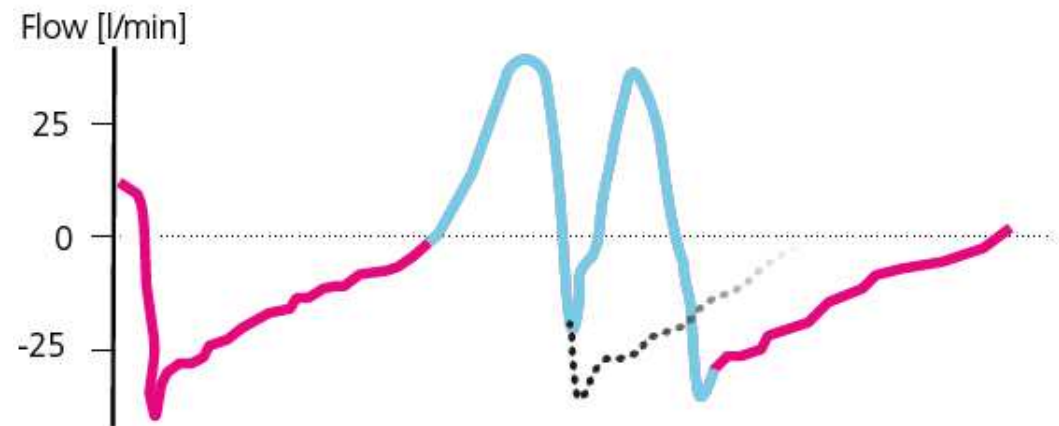
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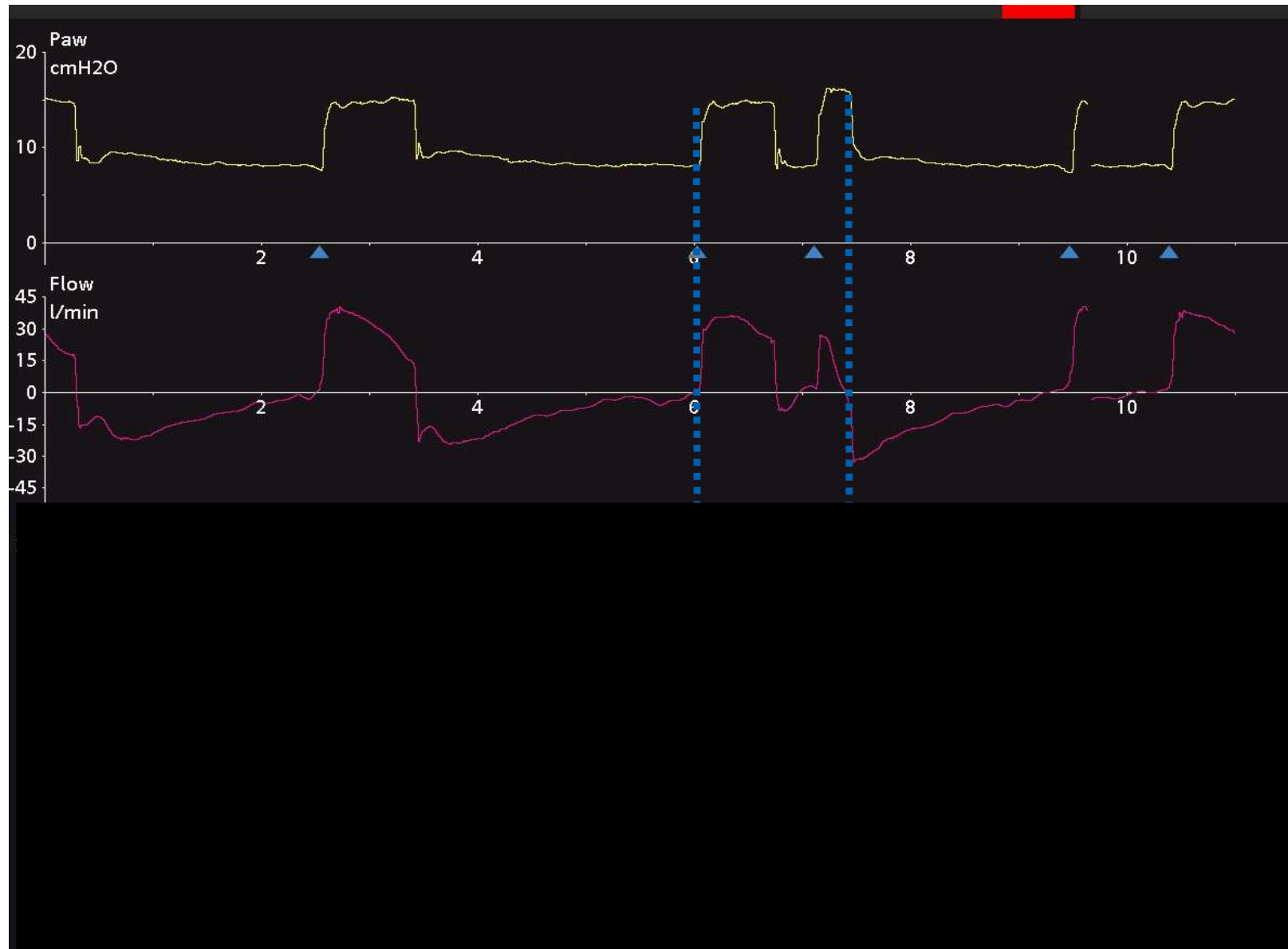


# Double Triggering

- ✓ Flow waveform
  - ✓ Two assisted breaths without expiration between them or with an expiration interval of less than half of the mean inspiratory time



# Double Triggering



# Double Triggering Possible Causes

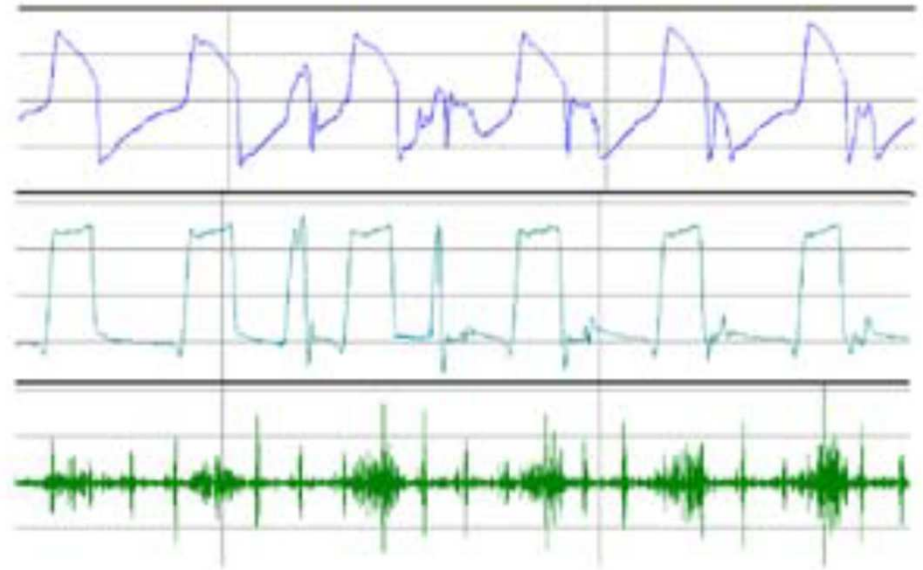
- ✓ Cycling criteria (ETS, Esens%, FlowTerm%, Flowcycle) set too high (PS)
- ✓ I-time too short (VC & PC)
- ✓ Insufficient support

# Double Triggering Resolution

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

# Autotriggering

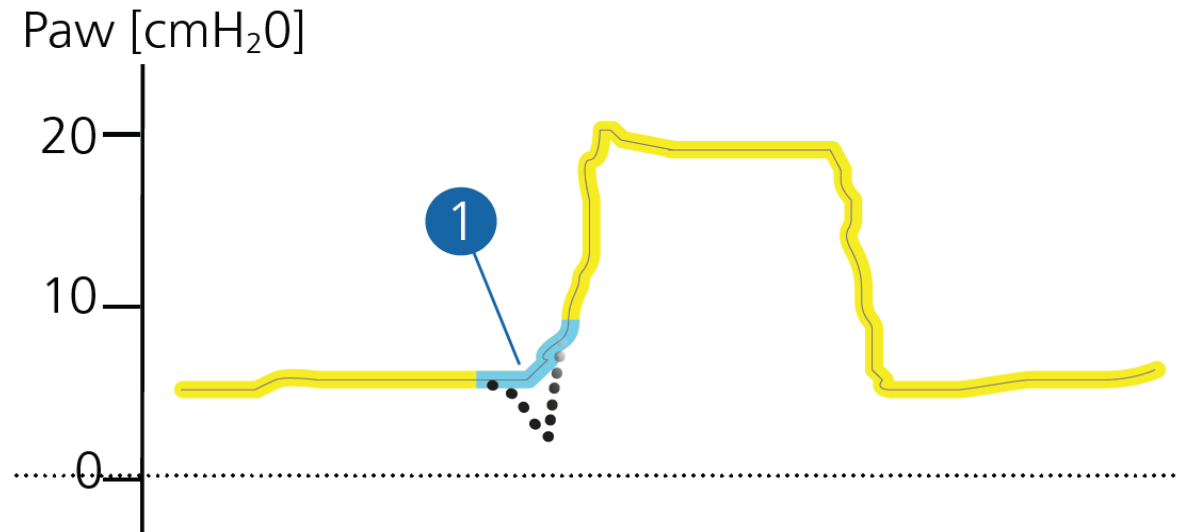
- ✓ A mechanical breath delivered without an inspiratory effort



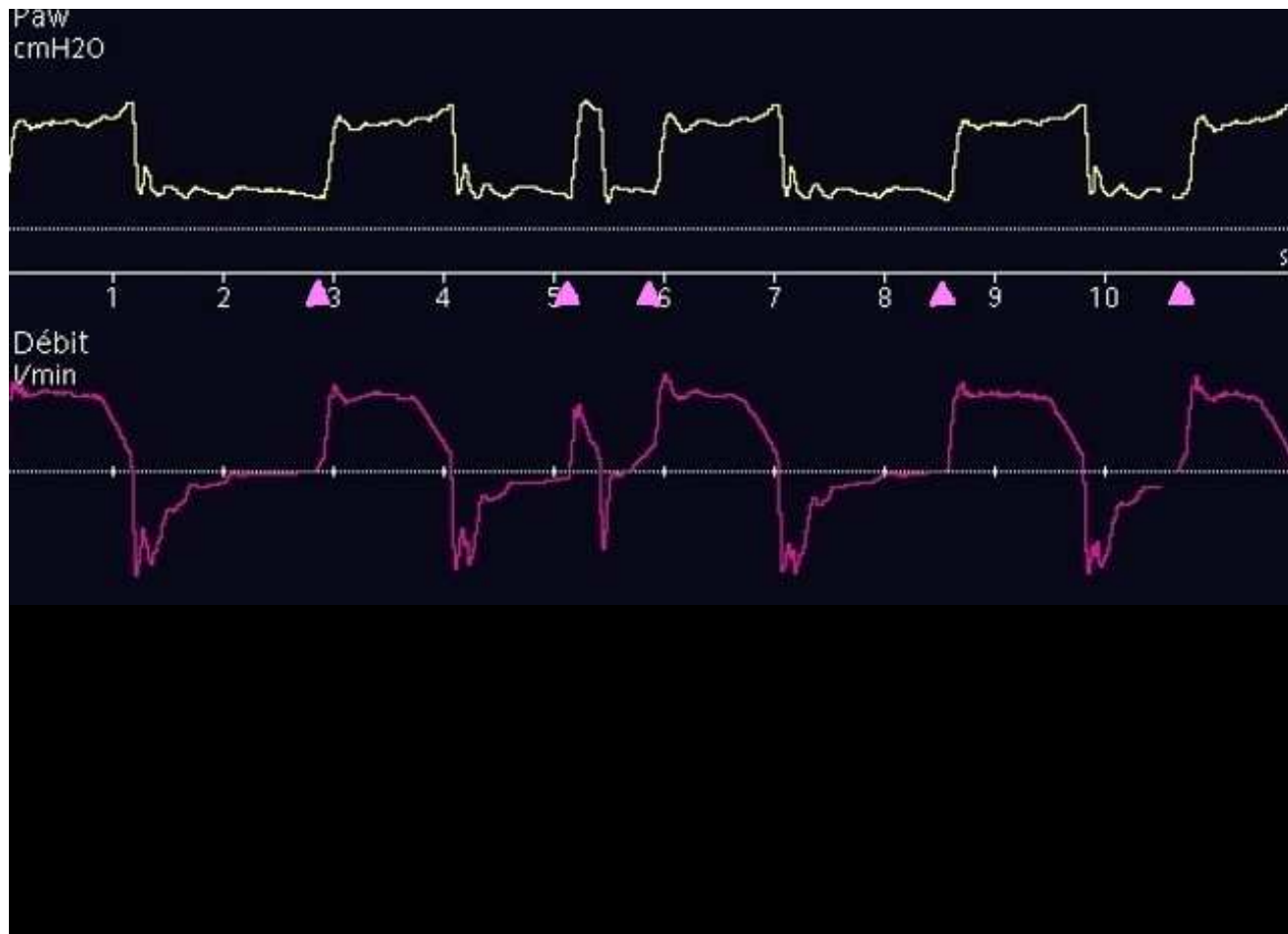
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# Autotriggering

- ✓ Pressure waveform
  - ✓ Delivered breath showing no drop in airway pressure (1) at beginning of inspiratory phase



# Autotriggering



# Autotriggering Possible Causes

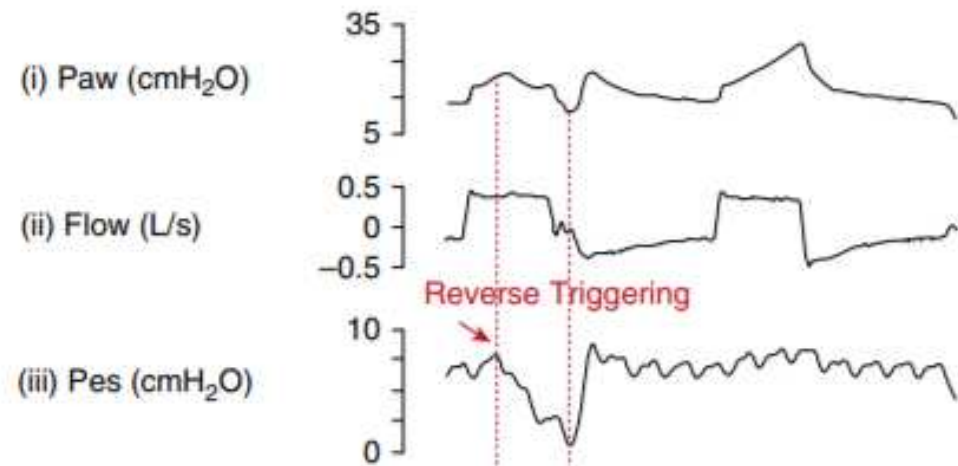
- ✓ Trigger Sensitivity too low
- ✓ Leaks
- ✓ Oscillations in the tubing-secretions, water, cardiac

# Autotriggering Resolutions

- ✓ Adjust Sensitivity
- ✓ Resolve leak
- ✓ Clear environment causing autotrigger (secretions/water)
- ✓ Switch to a pressure trigger for cardiac oscillations

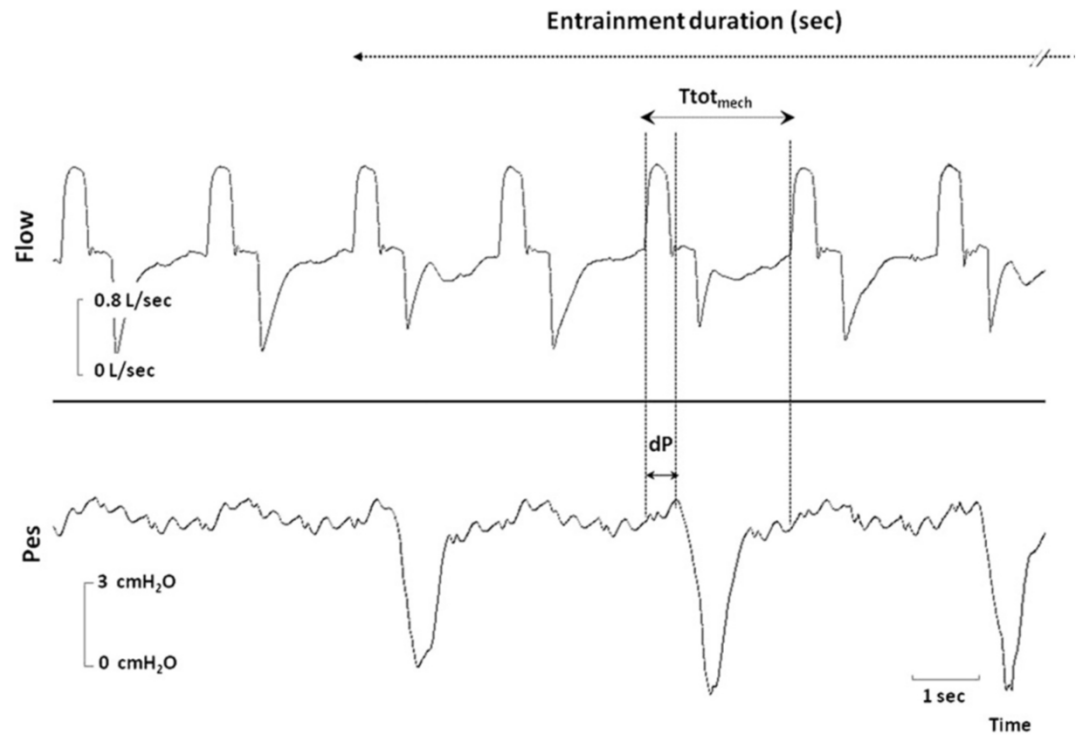
# Reverse Triggering

- ✓ Inspiratory effort begins after machine trigger



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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

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# Reverse triggering identification



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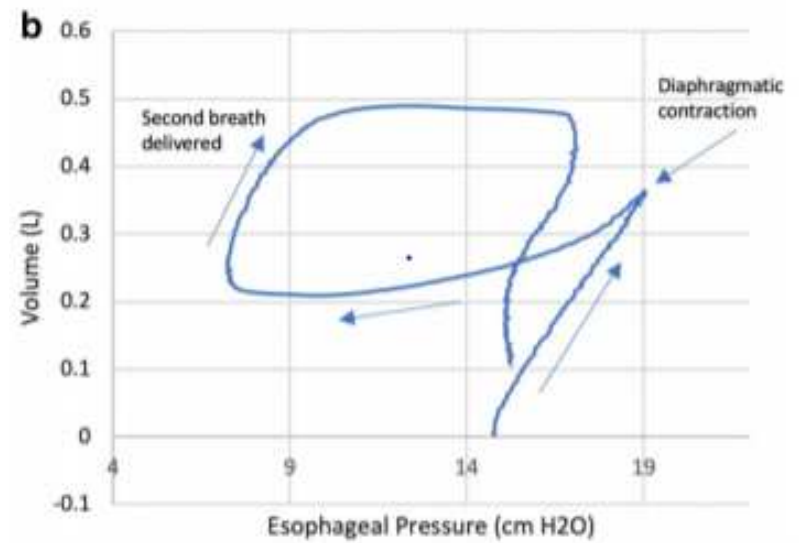
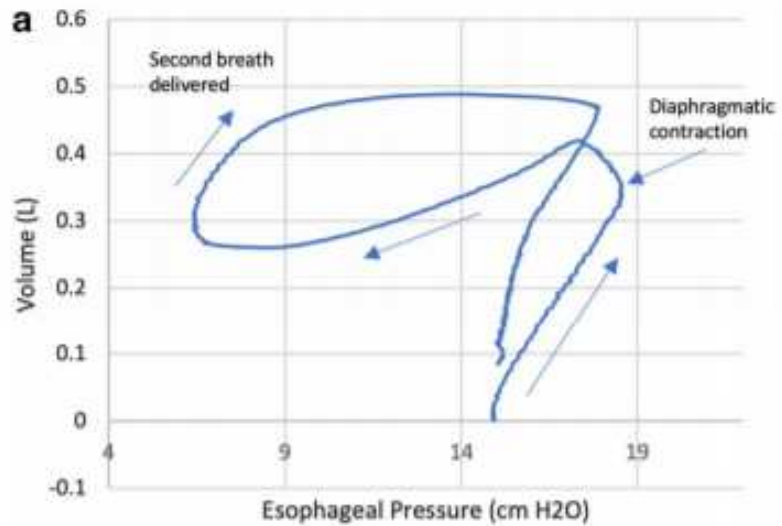
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# Reverse Triggering



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# Reverse Trigger Resolutions

- ✓ Neuromuscular Blockade
- ✓ Increase PEEP
- ✓ Increase support (Vt, Pcontrol, iTime)
- ✓ Frequency increases should be taken with serious considerations for breath stacking
- ✓ Some instances of Reverse Trigger benefit from decrease in frequency with concurrent increase in inspiratory support



# Why increase PEEP?

## **Volume-controlled Ventilation Does Not Prevent Injurious Inflation during Spontaneous Effort**

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## „Patient self-inflicted lung injury“ (P-SILI)

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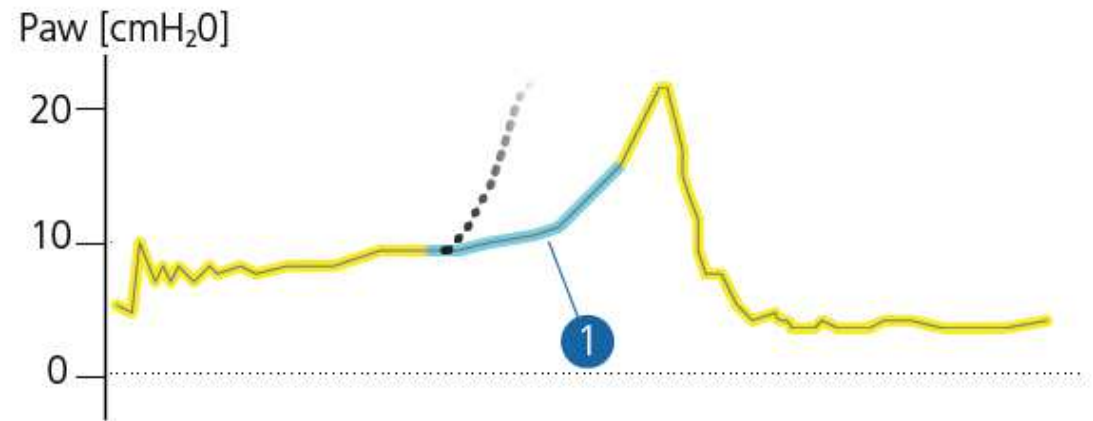
# Flow Asynchrony

# Flow Asynchrony (Flow Starvation, Work Shifting)

- ✓ The delivered flow does not meet the patient's inspiratory flow demands

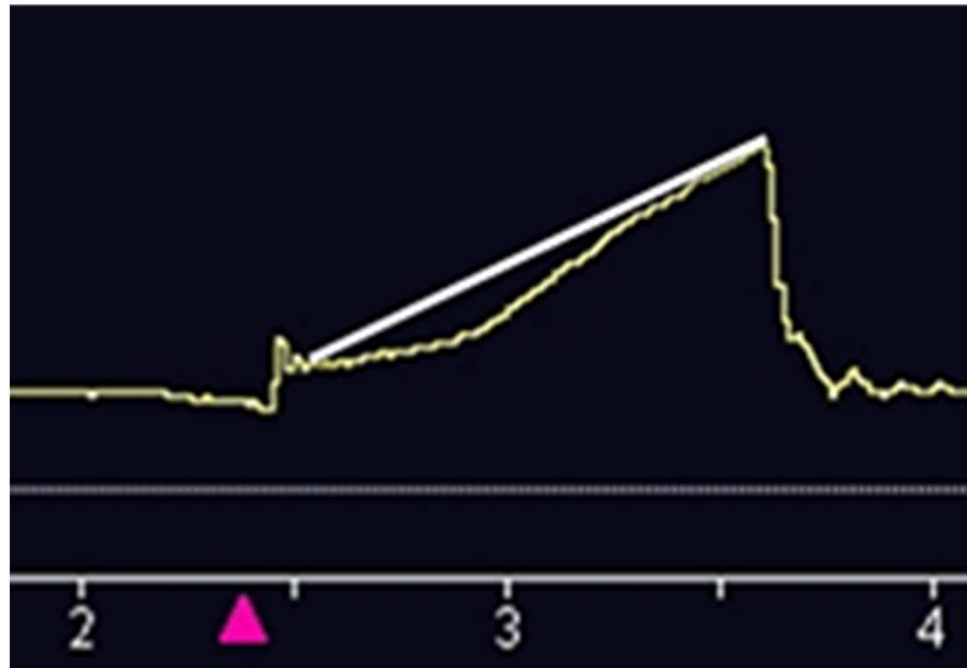
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- ✓ Pressure waveform
  - ✓ Upward concavity (1) preceding the end of the mechanical breath



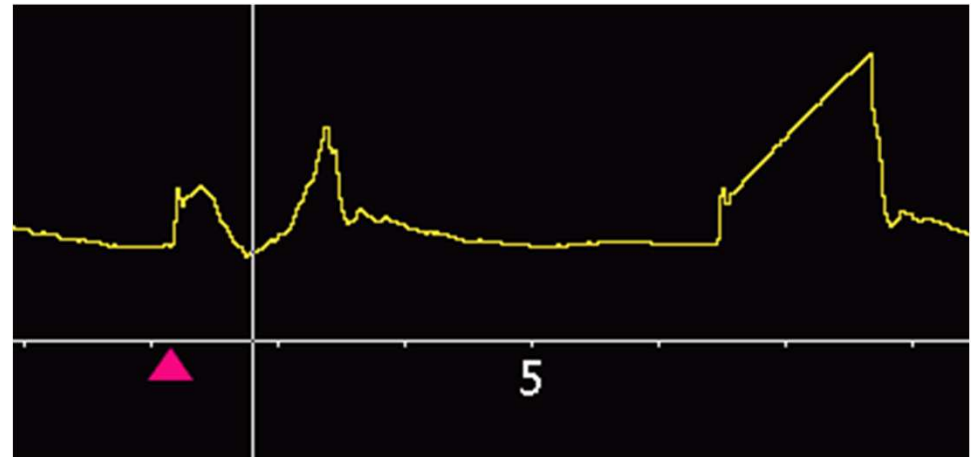
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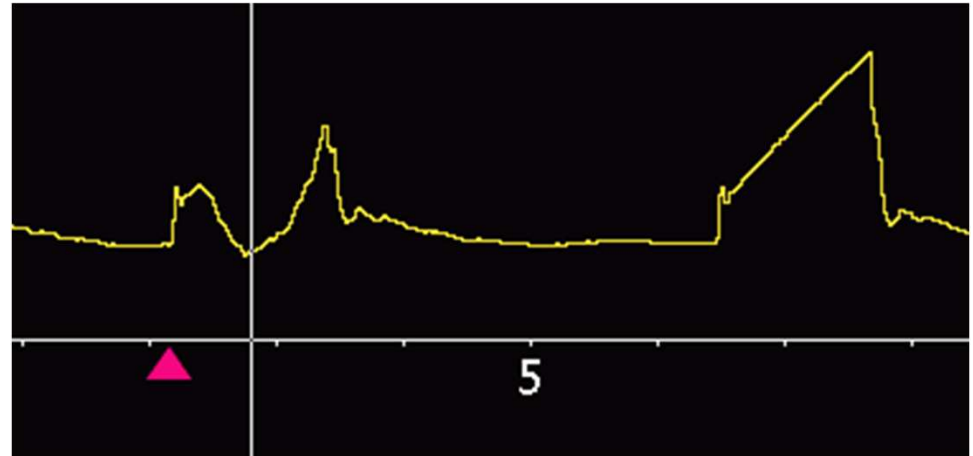
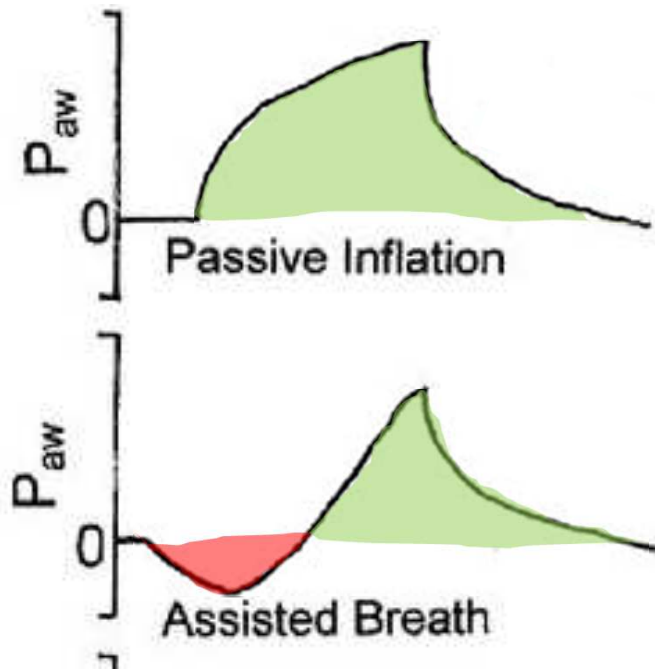
# Flow Starvation

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$$P_{AW} = (Vt/C_{stat}) + (\text{flow} \times R_{aw}) - (P_{MUS} - PEEP_{TOT})$$

# Flow Asynchrony and Work Shifting



# Flow Asynchrony Possible Causes

- ✓ Inappropriate selection of ventilation mode
- ✓ High inspiratory effort

In volume-controlled modes:

- ✓ Inappropriate flow settings
- ✓ Decreased tidal volume
- ✓ I-time too long

In pressure-controlled modes:

- ✓ Inappropriate P-ramp, Slope, Rise settings
- ✓ Decreased PC
- ✓ I-time too short

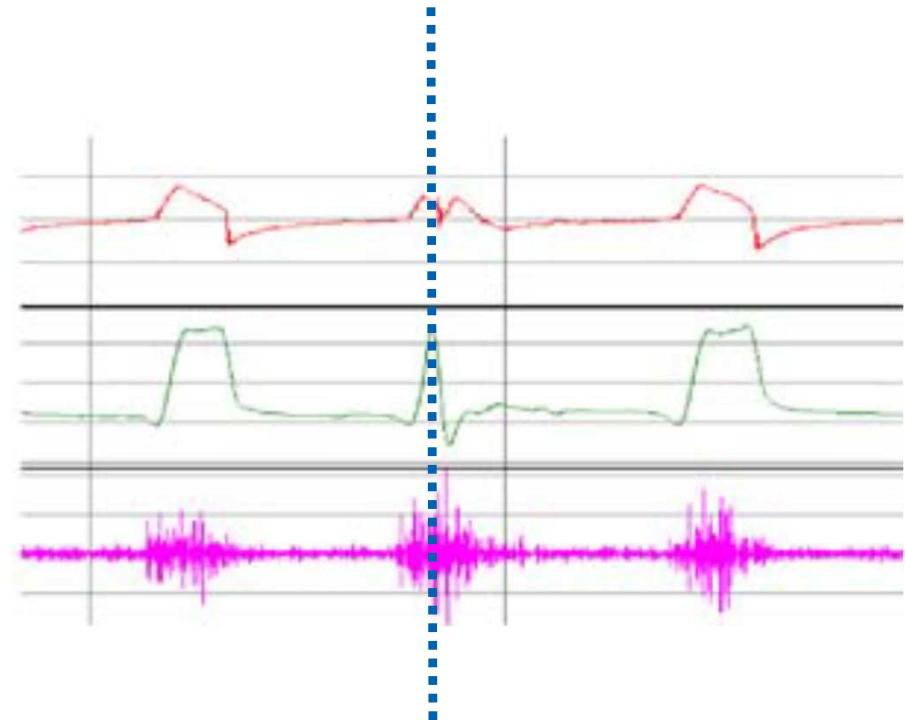
# Flow Asynchrony Resolution

- ✓ Select a more appropriate mode
- ✓ Increase flow or Vt

# Termination asynchronies

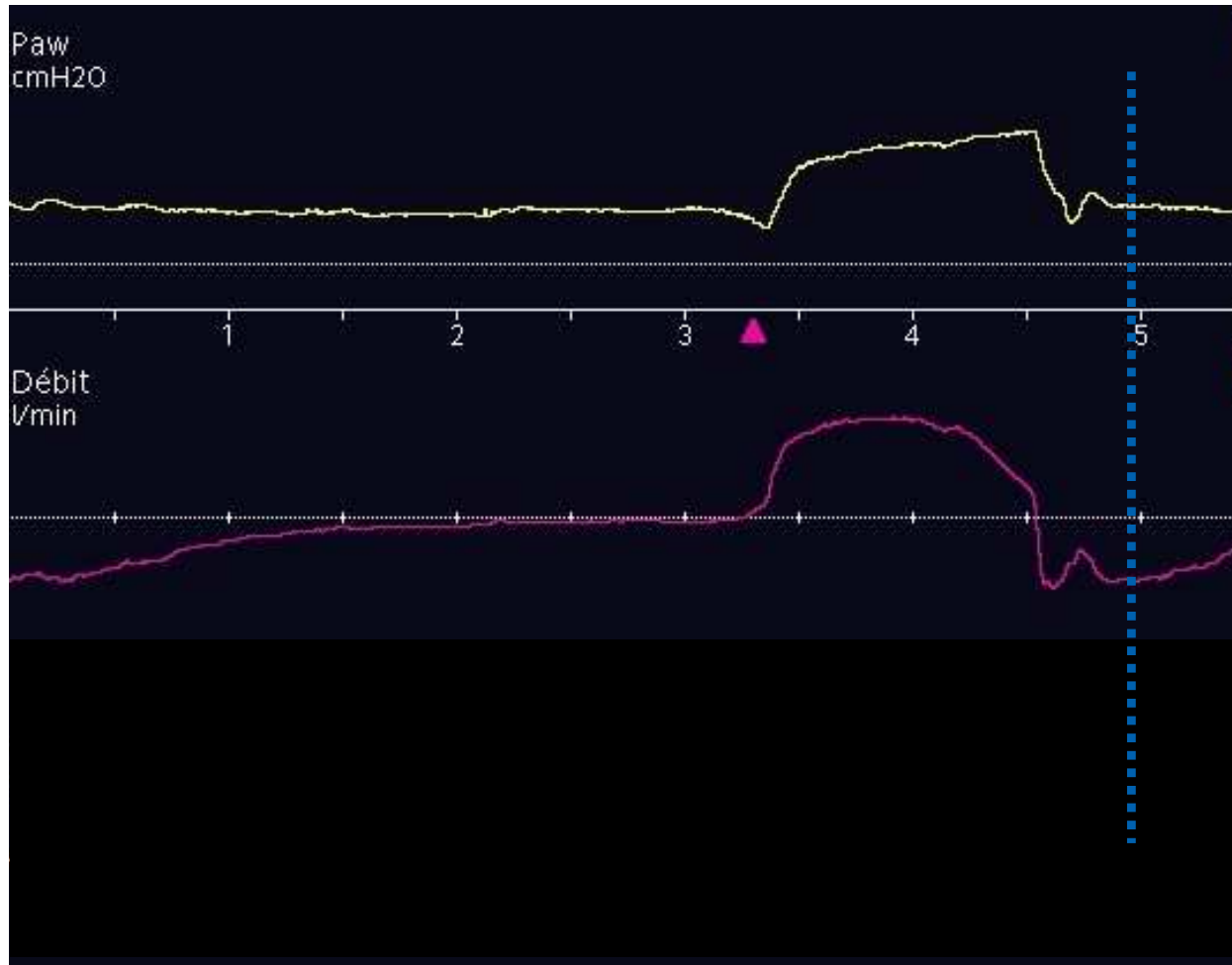
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- ✓ Neural inspiratory time longer than set inspiratory time
- ✓ Termination of inspiratory phase before relaxation of respiratory muscles.

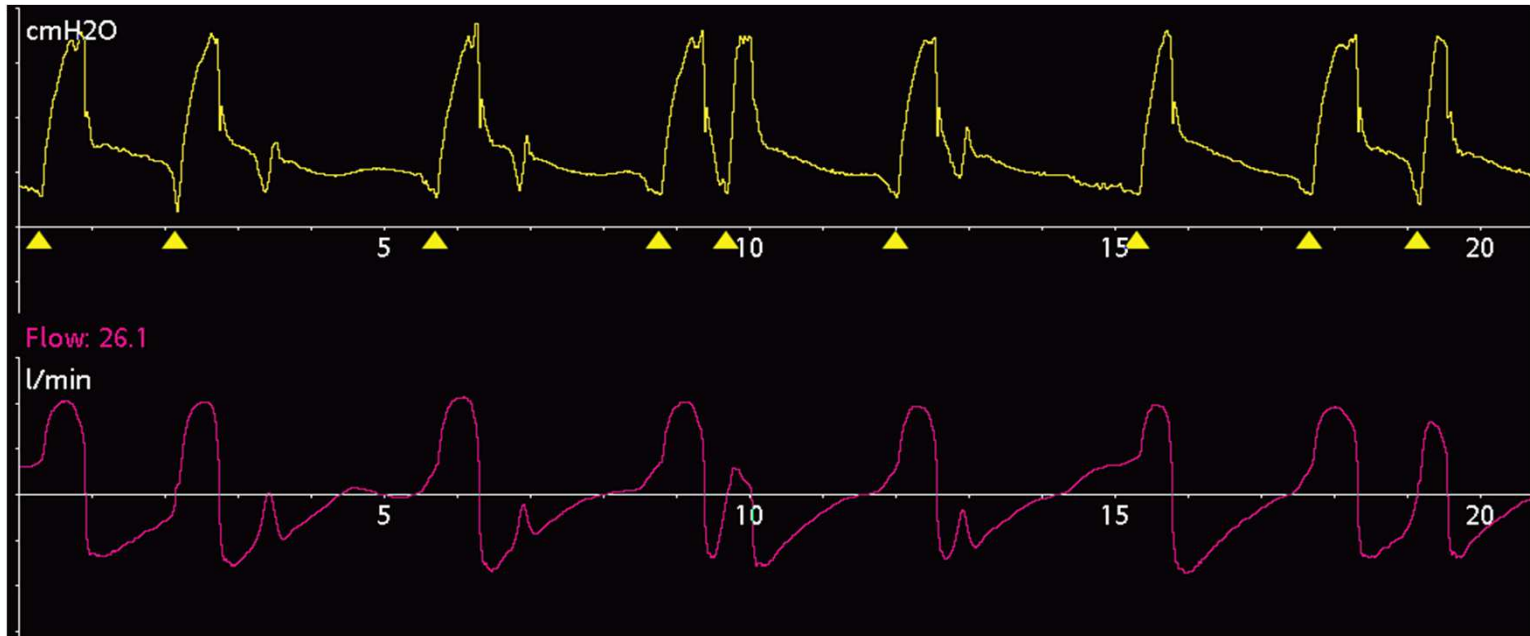


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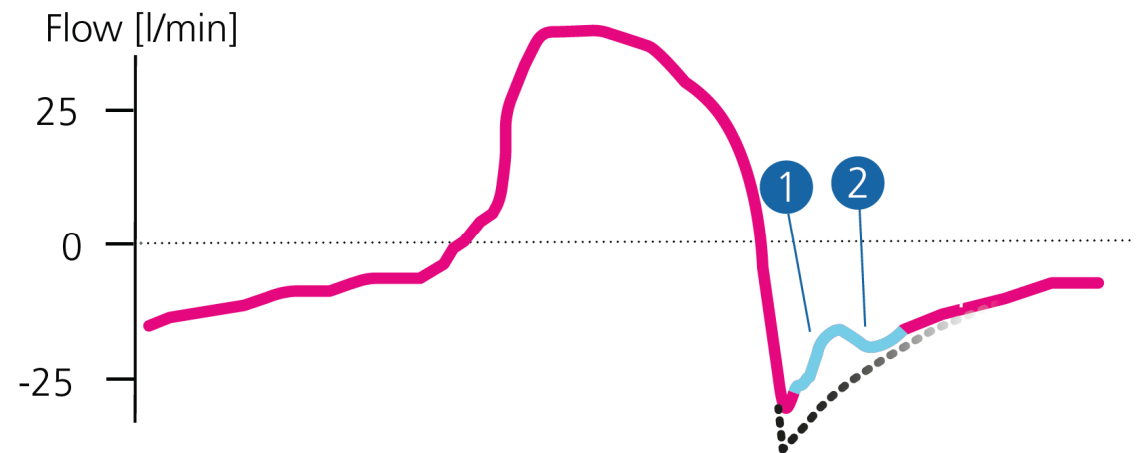
# Early Cycling



# Early Cycling

## ✓ Flow waveform

- ✓ Small bump at the beginning of expiration (1) (after peak expiratory flow) followed by an abrupt initial reversal in the expiratory flow (2)



# Early Cycling Possible Causes

In pressure support ventilation:

- ✓ Cycling criteria (ETS, Esens%, FlowTerm%, Flowcycle) set too high
- ✓ Low levels of ventilator pressure support

In time-cycled ventilation:

- ✓ Short inspiratory time setting

# Early Cycling Resolution

In pressure support ventilation:

- ✓ Lower the Cycling criteria (ETS, Esens%, FlowTerm%, Flowcycle)
- ✓ Increase ventilator pressure support

In time-cycled ventilation:

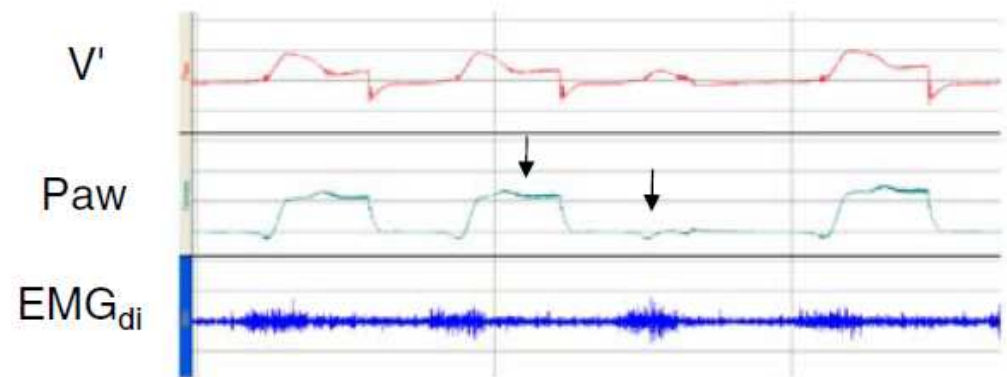
- ✓ Increase inspiratory time setting
- ✓ Increase Support ( $V_t$ , Pcontrol)

# Lengthen I-time to match Neural I-time



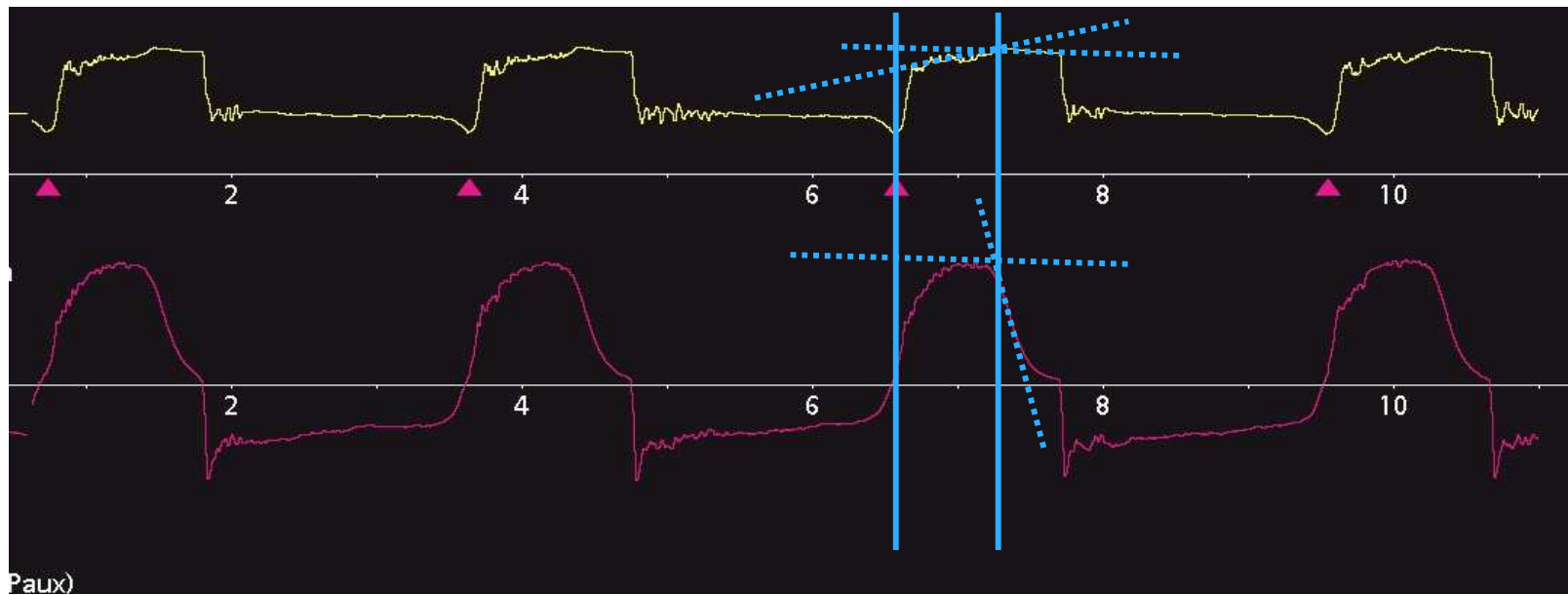
# Delayed Cycling

- ✓ Failure of breath to terminate in proportion to neural-I time.



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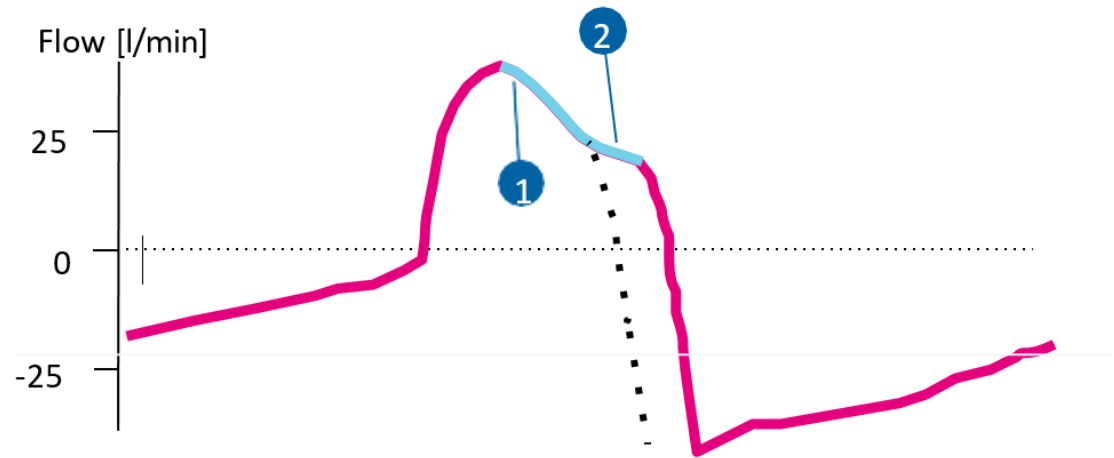
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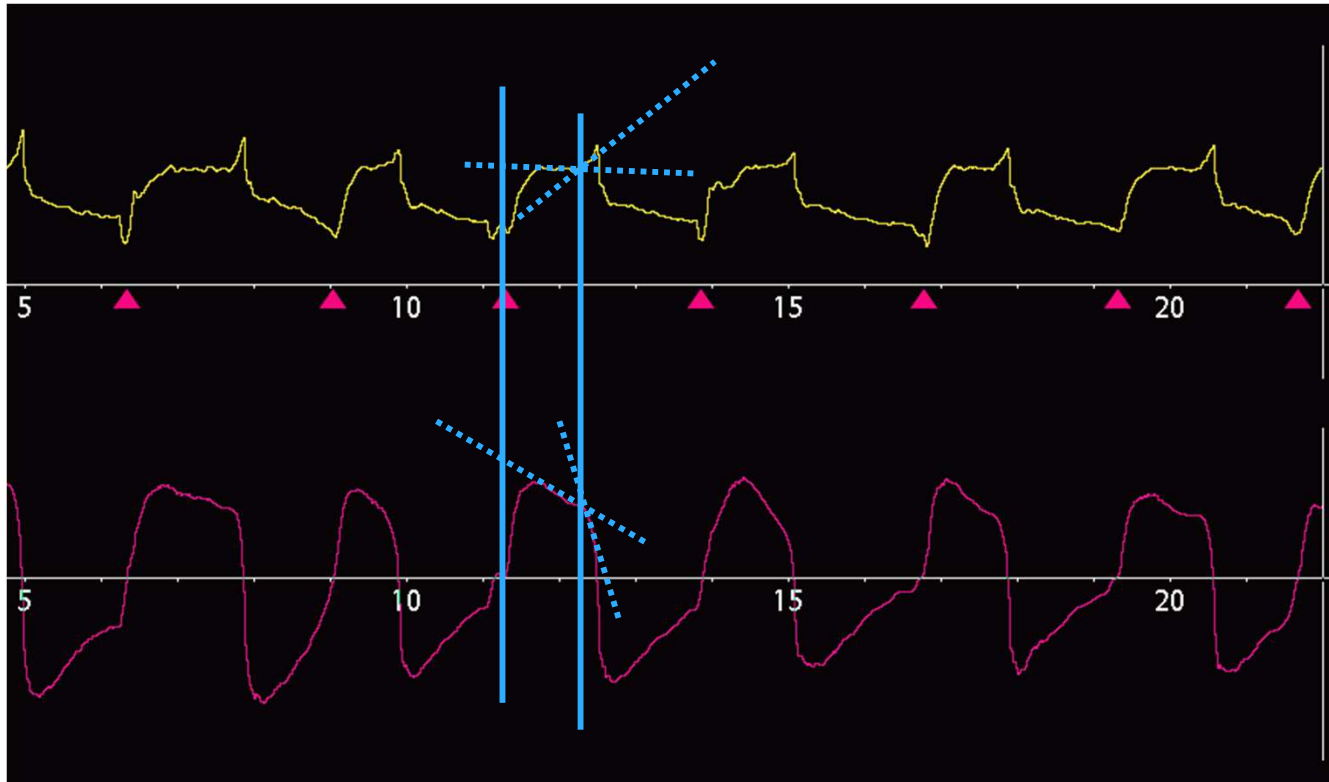
# Delayed Cycling

**Flow** waveform: look for a change in the slope of the inspiratory flow:

- ✓ a fast decrease (1) followed by an exponential (less steep) decline (2)



# Delayed Cycling



# Delayed Cycling



# Delayed Cycling Causes

- ✓ In pressure support ventilation:
  - ✓ Cycling criteria (ETS, Esens%, FlowTerm%, Flowcycle) set too low
  - ✓ Pressure support too high
  - ✓ P-ramp/Rise Time/Slope too long
  
- ✓ In pressure control ventilation:
  - ✓ I-time too long
  
- ✓ In volume control ventilation:
  - ✓ Low flow
  - ✓ Inspiratory time too long
  - ✓ High tidal volume

# Delayed Cycling Resolutions:

## **In pressure support ventilation:**

- ✓ Raise Cycling criteria (ETS, Esens%, FlowTerm%, Flowcycle)
- ✓ Reduce Pressure support
- ✓ Reduce (P-ramp, Rise Time, Slope)

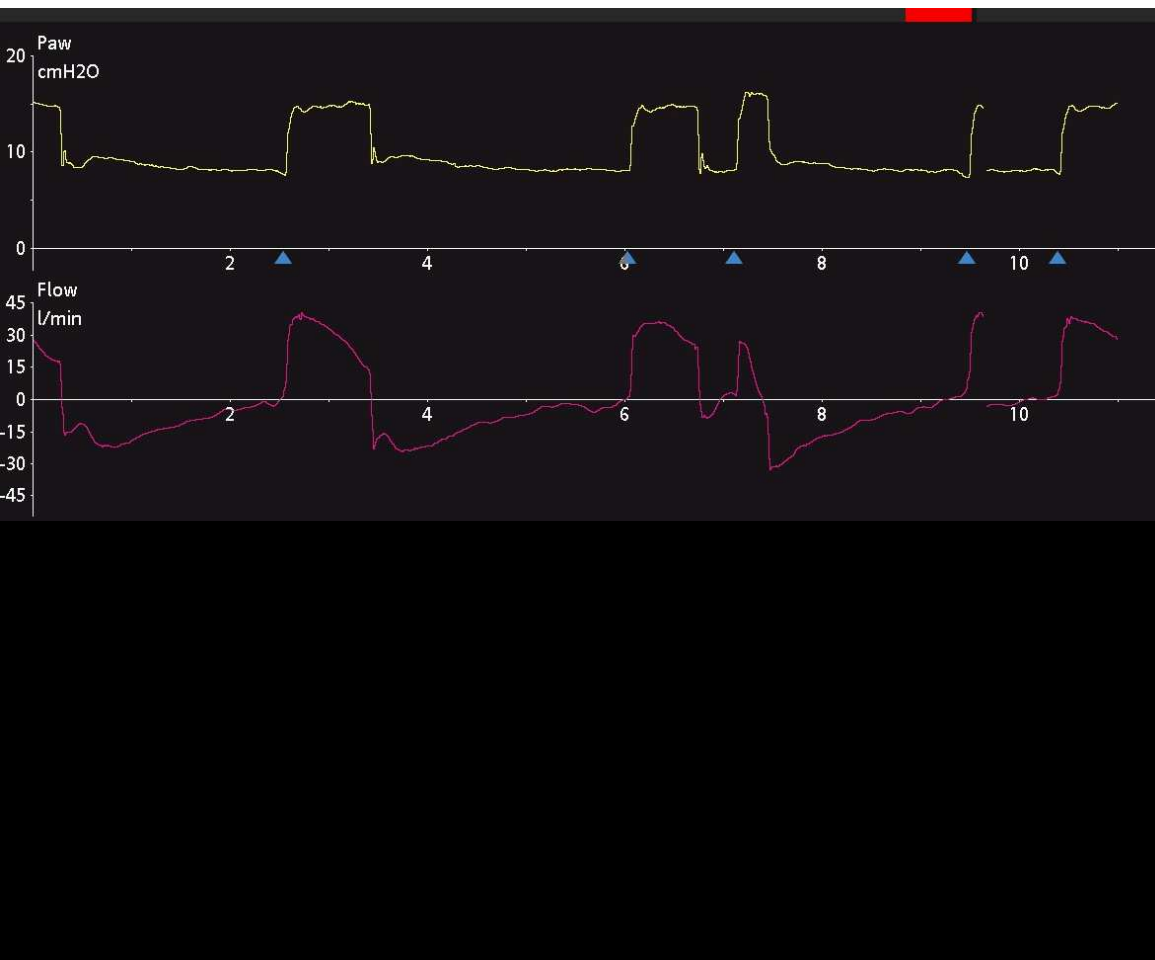
## **In pressure control ventilation:**

- ✓ Shorten inspiratory time

## **In volume control ventilation:**

- ✓ Increase flow
- ✓ Decrease inspiratory time
- ✓ Reduce Vt

Lets See what you Learned?

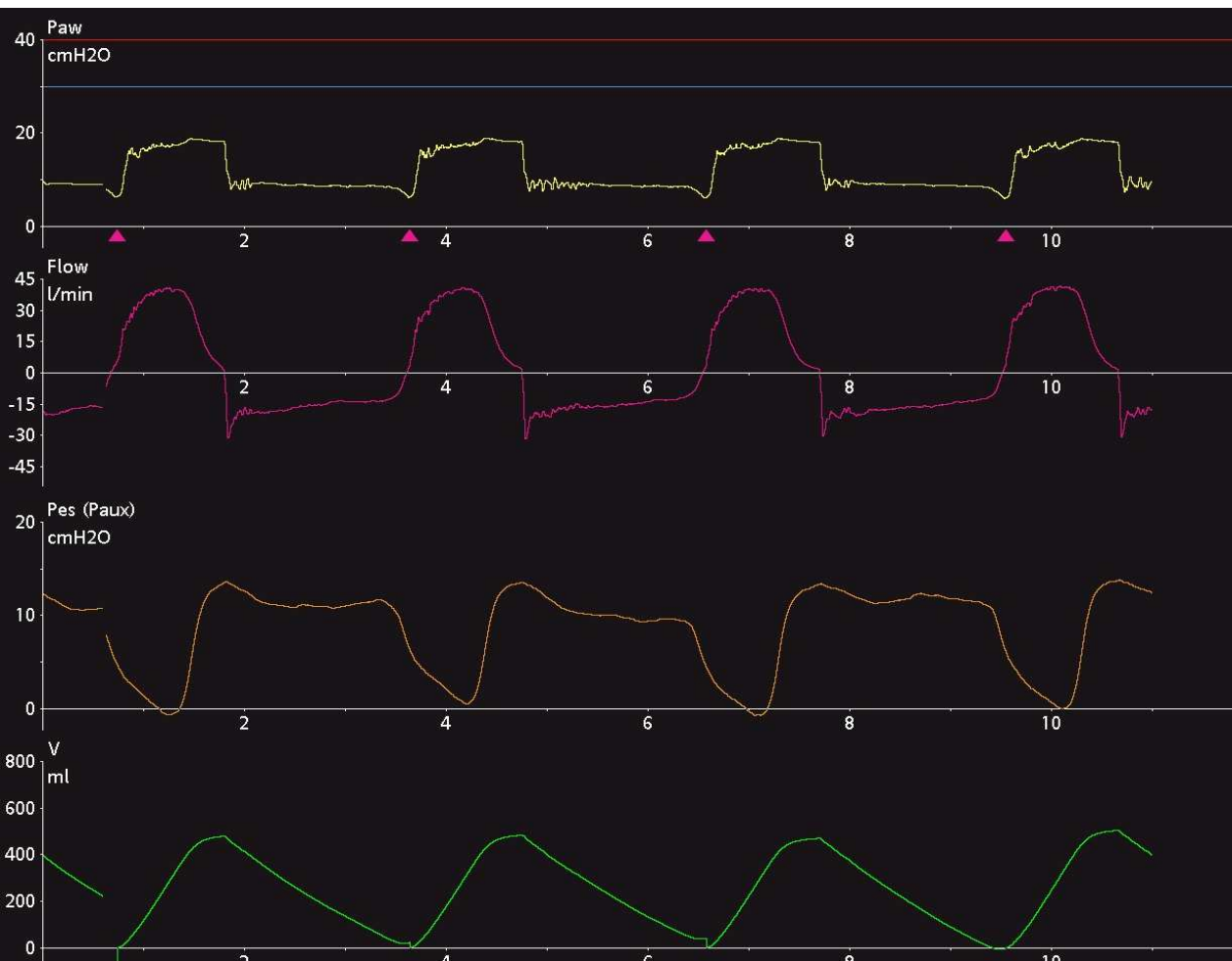


## What is going on here? (Round 2)

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

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What is happening here?

A. Early Cycling

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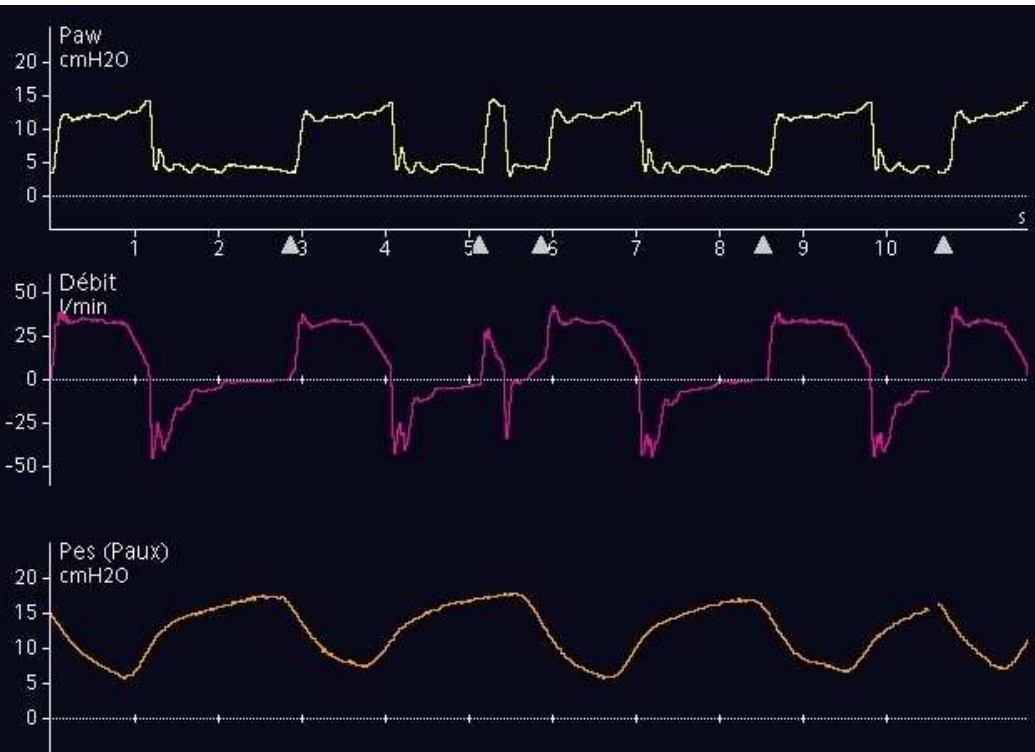
Trick question. Normal Waveform

Flow Starvation

I don't know, can I pass?

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## What is going on here? (Round 2)

- A. Patient Breath
- B. Machine Breath
- C. Reverse Trigger
- D. AutoTrigger
- E. I still don't know! I'm out!

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# Summary

- ✓ Dysynchronies/Asynchronies are common
- ✓ Ineffective effort and double trigger most common
- ✓ Usually a result of Ventilator/Neural I-time mismatching
- ✓ [..\HMI Asynchrony Reference Card 2019.pdf](#)

# Thank you for your attention!

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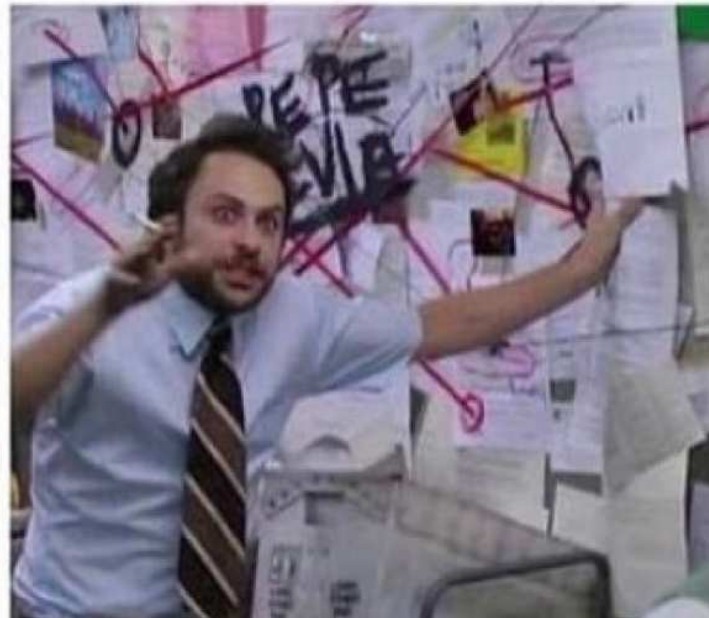
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# Questions?

What I think I look like talking about  
Mechanical Ventilation vs what I actually  
look like



# Questions?



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