

# Initiation & Management of Mechanical Ventilation

## Live Broadcast

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### Learning Objectives

- Identify reasons for initiation of mechanical ventilation.
- Describe intubation techniques.
- Explain mechanical ventilation management strategies .
- Discuss patient monitoring.
- Describe a spontaneous breathing trial.
- Recommending extubation vs. tracheostomy.

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## Reasons to Intubate

- Respiratory failure
- Disordered control of breathing
- Airway protection
- Airway obstruction
- Therapeutics

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## Types of Respiratory Failure

- **Type 1 - Hypoxemic**
  - (PaO<sub>2</sub> < 60 mmHg)
- **Type 2 - Hypercapnic**
  - (PaCO<sub>2</sub> > 50 mmHg with acidosis)
- **Mixed failure**

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## Respiratory Failure – Type 1 Hypoxemic ( $\text{PaO}_2 < 60 \text{ mmHg}$ )

- V/Q mismatch
- Shunt
- Diffusion impairment/defect
- Low inspired oxygen

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## Respiratory Failure – Type 1

- Oxygen/HFNC
- NIV
- CPAP/PEEP
- Recruitment maneuvers
- Proning
- Treat cause
  - Diuresis
  - ABX
  - Anticoagulation
  - Steroids

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## Respiratory Failure – Type 2 Hypercapnic ( $\text{PaCO}_2 > 50 \text{ mmHg}$ ) with Acidosis

- Pump failure
- Central drive failure/disordered control
- Airflow obstruction
- Increased dead space

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## Respiratory Failure Type 2

- Improve ventilation
- Reduce  $\text{CO}_2$  load
- Treat underlying cause

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## Respiratory Failure Mixed

- Oxygen problem is severe
- Exhaustion/hypoventilation
  
- Severe COPD exacerbation
- Status asthmaticus
- PNA/ARDS
- CNS depression + lung disease
- Neuromuscular disorder + lung disease

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## Respiratory Failure Mixed

- Fix oxygenation
- Fix ventilation
- Treat cause

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# Airway Obstruction

- Airway securement

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# Therapeutics

- Tracheal suctioning
- Bronchoscopy
- Lung lavage
- Biopsy


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# Airway Protection in Special Populations

- Stroke / GCS < 8
- Seizures
- Head trauma with vomiting
- AMS
- Pediatrics: small airway, higher obstruction risk

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WELCOME TO  
**MEDICAL MATH**  
WITH MR. RT

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# Minute Ventilation ( $V_e$ )

$$V_e = V_T \times f$$

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## Alveolar Ventilation (VA)

$$VA = (VT - VD) \times f$$

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## Driving Pressure ( $\Delta P$ )

$$\Delta P = P_{plat} - PEEP$$

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## Static Compliance (Cstat)

$$C_{stat} = \frac{V_T}{P_{plat} - PEEP}$$

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## Resistance (Raw)

$$Raw = (PIP - Pplat) / Flow$$

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## Resistance (Raw)

**Before bronchodilator:**

PIP = 38

Pplat = 22

Flow = 60 L/min (1 L/sec)

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## Resistance (Raw)

$$R = \frac{38 - 22}{1} = 16 \text{ cmH}_2\text{O/L/sec (high)}$$

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## Resistance (Raw)

**After bronchodilator:**

PIP = 28

Pplat = 22

$R = 6 \text{ cmHzO/L/sec}$  (improved)

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## P/F Ratio

$P/F = PaO_2 / FiO_2$

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## Alveolar Gas Equation

$$PAO_2 = \left( F_{iO_2} \times (P_B - P_{H_2O}) \right) - \left( \frac{PaCO_2}{R} \right)$$

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## Alveolar Gas Equation

$$PAO_2 = \left( F_{iO_2} \times (P_B - P_{H_2O}) \right) - \left( \frac{PaCO_2}{R} \right)$$

$$0.21 \times (760 - 47) = 0.21 \times 713 = 150 \text{ mmHg}$$

$$150 - 50 = 100$$

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## A-a Gradient

$$A-a = PAO_2 - PaO_2$$

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## Respiratory Failure

- $pCO_2 = 50$   $pO_2 = 82.5$
- $pCO_2 = 60$   $pO_2 = 75$
- $pCO_2 = 70$   $pO_2 = 62.5$

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## Dead Space Ratio (VD/VT)

$$\frac{VD}{V_T} = \frac{PaCO_2 - PETCO_2}{PaCO_2}$$

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## I:E Ratio

$$I:E = I / (TCT - I)$$

$$I-time = \frac{V_T}{Flow}$$

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# Intubation

- **BVM – PEEP valve**
  - Oral or nasal airway
- **Airway tray**
  - Suction
  - ETT / syringe
  - Stylet
  - Laryngoscope
    - Mac
    - Miller
    - Video assisted
- **Bougie or Airway exchanger**
- **Magill forceps – nasal intubation**
- **End-tidal CO<sub>2</sub>**
- **CXR**

Basic Adult Airway Tray



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# Hazards of Intubation

- **Dental trauma**
- **Aspiration**
- **Laryngeal injuries**
- **Esophageal intubation**

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# Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI)

- Preparation
- Preoxygenation
- Pretreatment (optional)
- Induction
- Paralysis
- Intubation
- Post-intubation management
- Plan B

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## Post Intubation CXR

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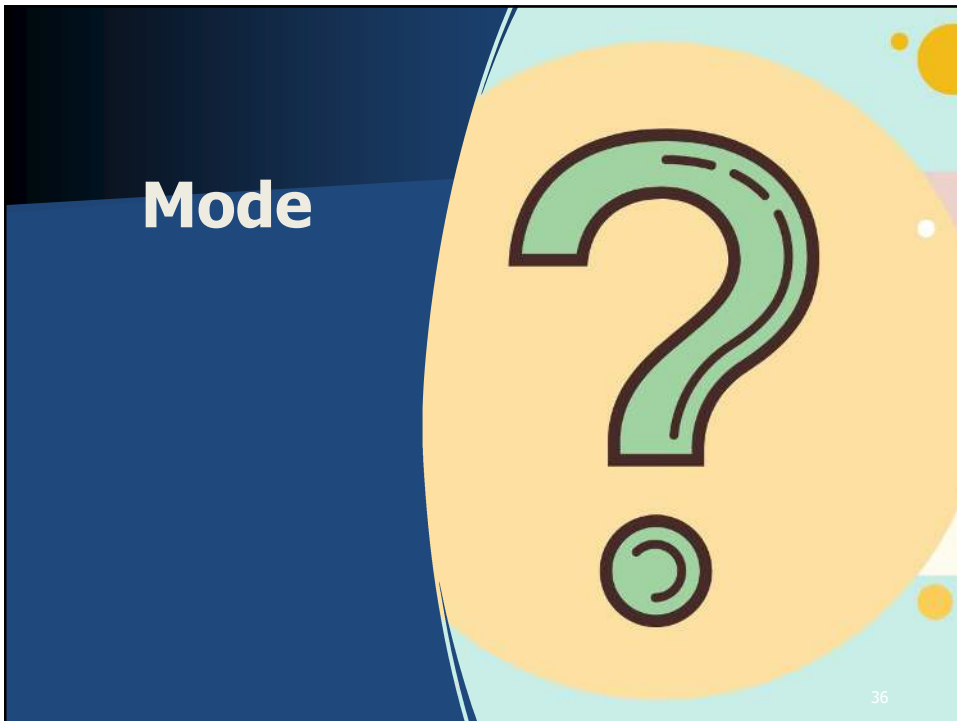


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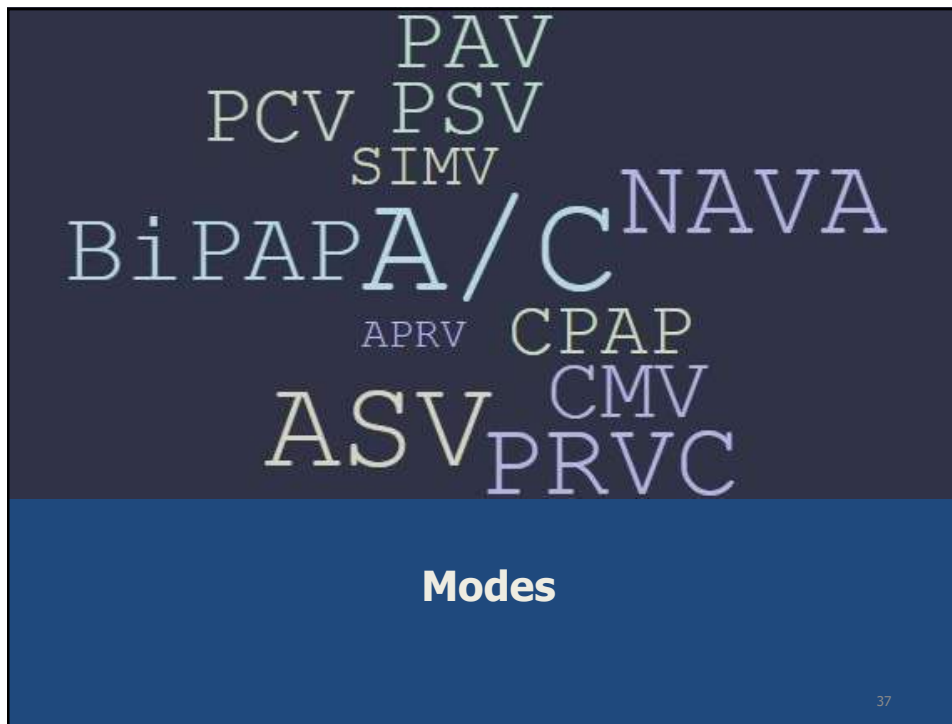
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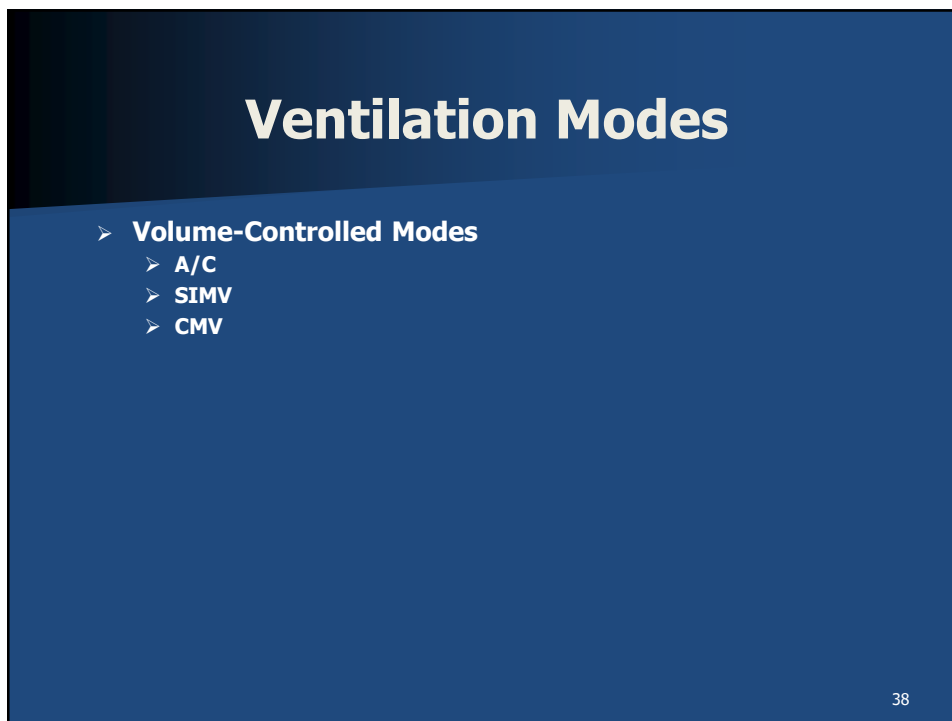


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# Ventilation Modes

- **Volume-Controlled Modes**
  - A/C
  - SIMV
  - CMV
  
- **Pressure-Controlled Modes**
  - PCV
  - PSV
  - APRV

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# Ventilation Modes

- **Dual-Controlled modes**
  - PRVC
  - ASV
  
- **Spontaneous**
  - CPAP
  - BiPAP
  
- **Other/Misc**
  - NAVA
  - PAV

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# Initial Settings

- AC-VC or equivalent
- 4-8 ml/kg IBW
- Rate 10-16 (maybe 18-20)
- Flow 40-60 lpm
- FiO2 40-60% (maybe 100%)
- PEEP – depends, but probably 8-10.

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# IBW Calculation kg

- Male 50 + (2.3 x inches above 60)
- Female 45.5 + (2.3 x inches above 60)

NIH PREDICTED BODY WEIGHT (PBW)/TIDAL VOLUME CHART													
MALES						FEMALES							
HEIGHT	PBW	4	5	6	7	8	HEIGHT	PBW	4	5	6	7	8
Feet	inches	cm	cm	cm	cm	cm	Feet	inches	cm	cm	cm	cm	cm
4'10"	58	45.4	150	200	270	300	4'7"	55	34	140	170	200	240
4'11"	59	47.7	150	240	290	380	4'8"	55	36.9	140	180	210	250
5'0"	60	50	200	260	320	400	4'9"	57	38.6	140	190	220	270
5'1"	61	52.3	210	280	370	450	4'10"	58	40.9	160	200	230	290
5'2"	62	54.6	220	290	380	460	4'11"	59	43.2	170	210	240	300
5'3"	63	56.9	230	300	390	480	5'0"	60	45.5	180	220	270	320
5'4"	64	59.2	240	300	390	470	5'1"	61	47.8	190	240	290	340
5'5"	65	61.5	250	310	400	490	5'2"	62	50.1	200	250	300	350
5'6"	66	63.8	260	320	410	510	5'3"	63	52.4	210	260	310	360
5'7"	67	66.1	270	330	420	530	5'4"	64	54.7	220	270	320	370
5'8"	68	68.4	270	340	430	550	5'5"	65	57	230	280	330	380
5'9"	69	70.7	280	350	440	570	5'6"	66	59.5	240	290	340	400
5'10"	70	73	290	360	450	590	5'7"	67	61.6	250	300	350	410
5'11"	71	75.3	300	370	460	610	5'8"	68	63.9	260	310	360	420
6'0"	72	77.6	310	380	470	630	5'9"	69	66.2	270	320	370	430
6'1"	73	79.9	320	400	480	650	5'10"	70	68.5	280	330	380	450
6'2"	74	82.2	330	410	490	670	5'11"	71	70.8	290	340	390	460
6'3"	75	84.5	340	420	500	690	6'0"	72	73.1	300	350	400	470
6'4"	76	86.8	350	430	510	710	6'1"	73	75.4	310	360	410	480
6'5"	77	89.1	360	440	520	730	6'2"	74	77.7	320	370	420	490
6'6"	78	91.4	370	450	530	750	6'3"	75	80	330	380	430	500

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## Generic VT Settings

- Male 450
- Female 385

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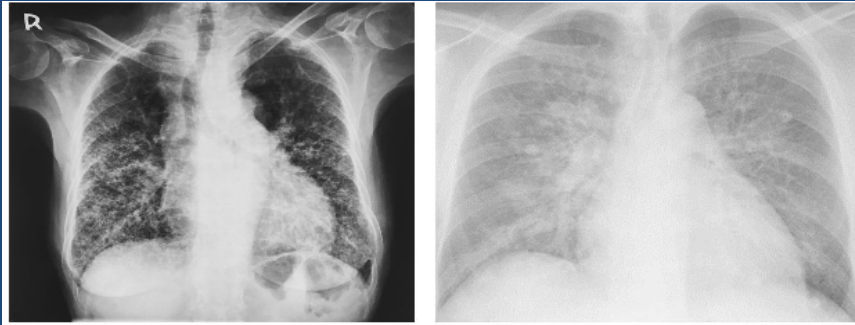
## Initial Settings

- Male Rate 14 VT 450 PEEP 8 FiO2 40-50%
- Female Rate 14 VT 385 PEEP 8 FiO2 40-50%
- ABG – 20-30 minutes
- Measure actual height

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## Initial Settings



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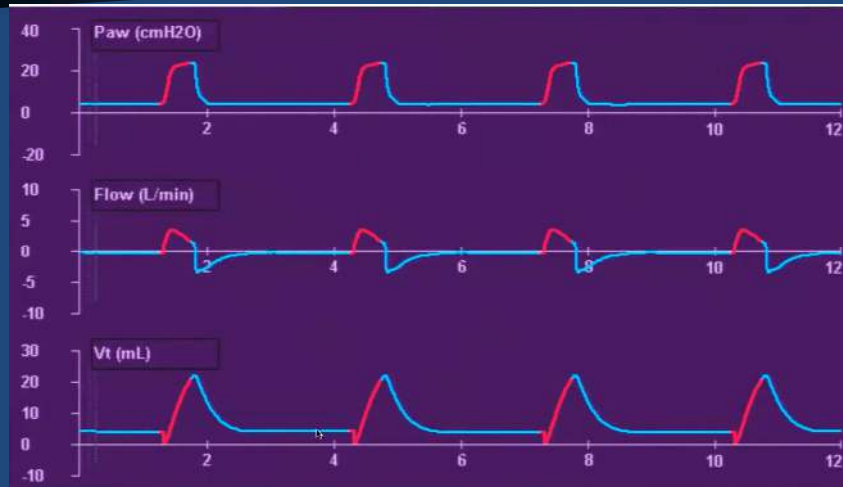
## Alarms

- High pressure
- Low pressure / low VT
- High VT
- High RR
- Apnea
- High PEEP
- Low PEEP
- High FiO<sub>2</sub>
- High/Low VE

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## Initial Settings



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## Ensure Proper Ventilator Management

Ensure adequate ventilation

Ensure proper oxygenation

Protect the lung

Are we satisfying the patient's neural drive to breathe?

Is the patient getting better or worse?

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## Adjust pH

(current)  $V_e \times CO_2 = V_e \times CO_2$  (future)

$$V_e = V_T \times f$$

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## Adjust pH

(current)  $V_e \times CO_2 = V_e \times CO_2$  (future)

$$pH \ 0.1 = 12 \ CO_2$$

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# Adjustments

Adjust

Adjust mode as necessary

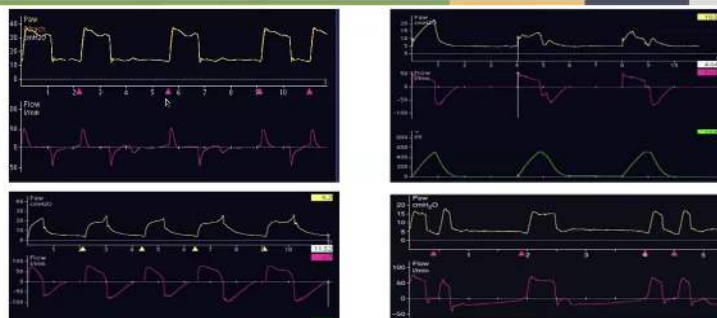
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Fix asynchronies

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Who/What causes Ventilator Asynchrony?



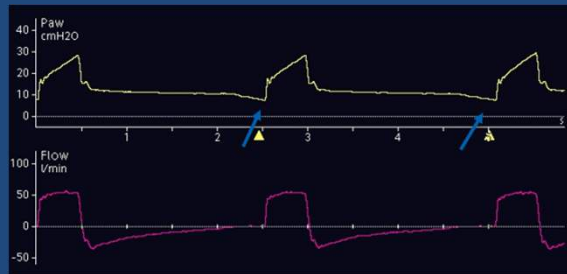
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## Common Asynchronies

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## Trigger Asynchronies

- Ineffective/Missed
- Auto-triggering
- Double-triggering

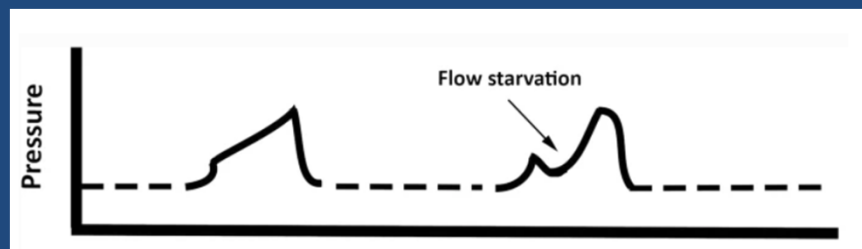


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## Flow Asynchronies

- Flow starvation
- Excessive flow

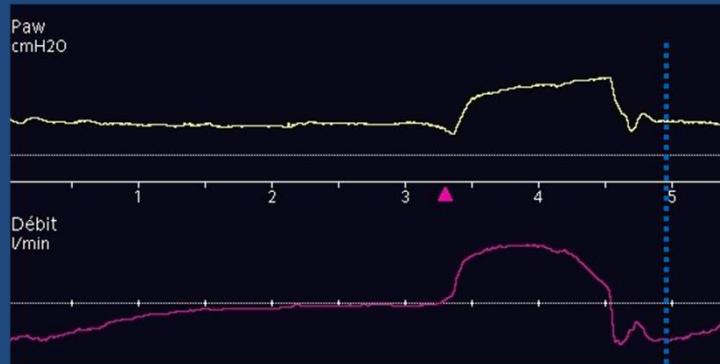


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## Cycle Asynchronies

- **Premature cycling**
- **Delayed cycling**



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## Mode Asynchronies

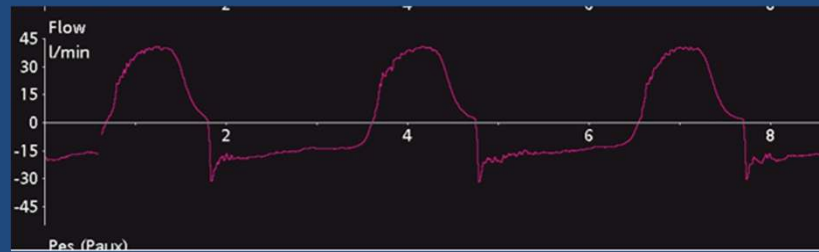
- **Wrong mode**
- **Inadequate rise time**

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## Expiratory Asynchronies

### ➤ Auto-PEEP



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## Most Common Asynchronies

- Ineffective trigger
- Double Triggering
- Flow starvation

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# Adjustments

Check	Check Peak Pressure
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# Adjustments

Check	Check Plateau pressure < 30
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Check	Total PEEP
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## Adjustments

Check

Check driving pressure < 15

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## Driving Pressure ( $\Delta P$ )

$$\Delta P = 28 - 12$$
$$16$$

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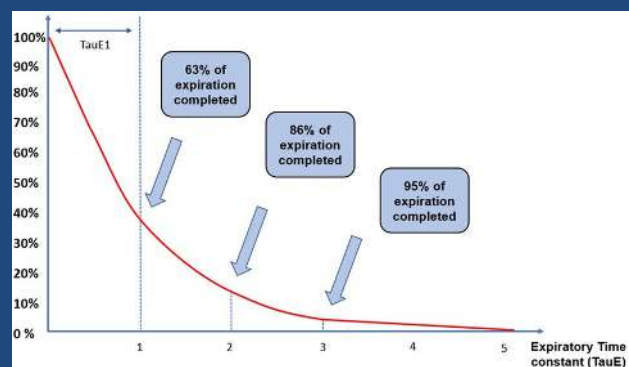
## Reducing Driving Pressure

- Lower VT
- Increase PEEP -maybe
- Optimize
- Treat underlying issues

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## Expiratory Time Constant



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## Time Constants

- 1 time constant = the time it takes for **63%** of the volume to move in or out
  - 2 time constants = 86%
  - 3 time constants = 95%
  - 4 time constants = 98%
  - 5 time constants = 99%
- **3 time constants for inspiration** → ~95% full
- **5 time constants for expiration** → near-complete emptying

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## Adjustments

Optimize    Optimize PEEP

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# Adjustments

Optimize Optimize PEEP – FiO<sub>2</sub> Tables

Lower PEEP/higher FiO <sub>2</sub>							
FiO <sub>2</sub>	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7
PEEP	5	5	8	8	10	10	12

FiO <sub>2</sub>	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0
PEEP	14	14	14	16	18-24

Higher PEEP/lower FiO <sub>2</sub>							
FiO <sub>2</sub>	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
PEEP	5	8	10	12	14	14	16

FiO <sub>2</sub>	0.5	0.5-0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0
PEEP	18	20	22	22	22	24

[http://www.ardsnet.org/files/ventilator\\_protocol\\_2008-07.pdf](http://www.ardsnet.org/files/ventilator_protocol_2008-07.pdf)

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# Adjustments

Optimize Optimize PEEP – C<sub>STAT</sub> or Driving Pressure

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# Adjustments

Optimize	Optimize PEEP - Decremental
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# Adjustments

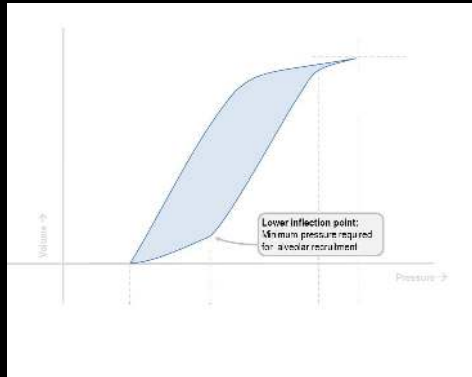
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# Adjustments

Optimize Optimize PEEP – P-V Loop



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# Adjustments

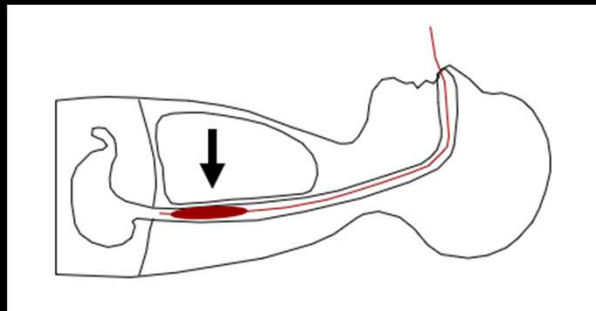
Optimize Optimize PEEP – WOB

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# Adjustments

Optimize Optimize PEEP – Esophageal Balloon

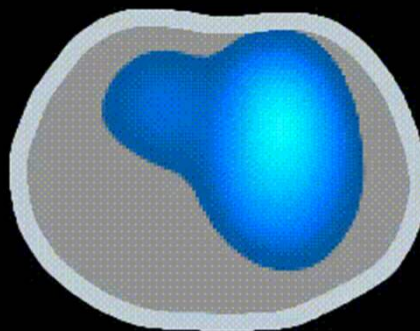


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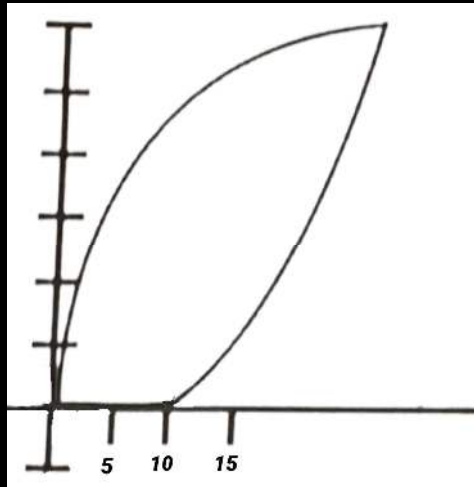
Optimize Optimize PEEP – Image-Based



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## P-V Loop



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## Adjustments

Titrate	Oxygen
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## Predicting PaO<sub>2</sub> with P/F Ratio

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## Predicting PaO<sub>2</sub> with P/F Ratio

$$PaO_2 = (P/F \text{ ratio}) \times FiO_2$$

$$P/F = \frac{80}{0.40} = 200$$

$$PaO_2 = 200 \times 0.50 = 100$$

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## Predicting PaO<sub>2</sub> with P/F Ratio

Required FiO<sub>2</sub> = Desired PaO<sub>2</sub> / P/F

$$P/F = \frac{80}{0.40} = 200$$

$$FiO_2 = \frac{100}{200} = 0.50$$

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## Minor Adjustments

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Rise time



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Expiratory Trigger

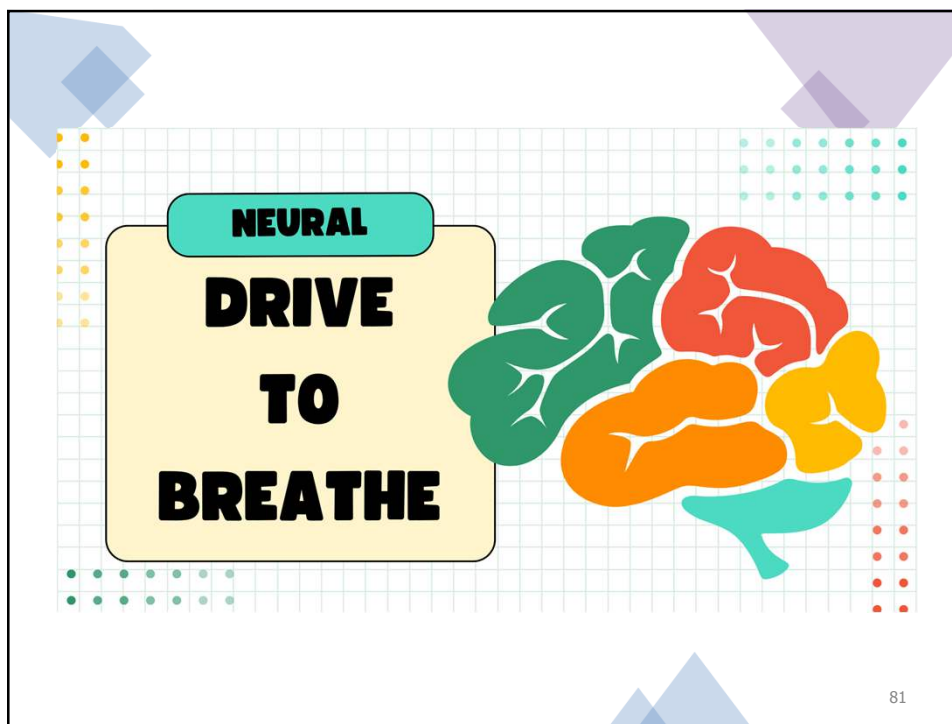


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Sensitivity

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Check for updates

## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Airway Occlusion Pressure As an Estimate of Respiratory Drive and Inspiratory Effort during Assisted Ventilation

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**Abstract**

**Rationale:** Monitoring and controlling respiratory drive and effort may help to minimize lung and diaphragm injury. Airway occlusion pressure (P0.1) is a noninvasive measure of respiratory drive.

**Objectives:** To determine 1) the validity of “ventilator” P0.1 (P0.1<sub>vent</sub>) displayed on the screen as a measure of drive, 2) the ability of P0.1 to detect potentially injurious levels of effort, and 3) how P0.1<sub>vent</sub> displayed by different ventilators compares to a “reference” P0.1 (P0.1<sub>ref</sub>) measured from airway pressure recording during an occlusion.

**Methods:** Analysis of three studies in patients, one in healthy subjects, under assisted ventilation, and a bench study with six ventilators. P0.1<sub>vent</sub> was validated against measures of drive (electrical activity of the diaphragm and muscular pressure over time) and P0.1<sub>ref</sub>. Performance of P0.1<sub>ref</sub> and P0.1<sub>vent</sub> to detect predefined potentially injurious effort was tested using derivation and validation datasets using esophageal pressure–time product as the reference standard.

**Measurements and Main Results:** P0.1<sub>vent</sub> correlated well with measures of drive and with the esophageal pressure–time product (within-subjects  $R^2 = 0.8$ ). P0.1<sub>ref</sub>  $> 3.5$  cm H<sub>2</sub>O was 80% sensitive and 77% specific for detecting high effort ( $\geq 200$  cm H<sub>2</sub>O · s · min<sup>-1</sup>); P0.1<sub>ref</sub>  $\leq 1.0$  cm H<sub>2</sub>O was 100% sensitive and 92% specific for low effort ( $\leq 50$  cm H<sub>2</sub>O · s · min<sup>-1</sup>). The area under the receiver operating characteristics curve for P0.1<sub>vent</sub> to detect potentially high and low effort were 0.81 and 0.92, respectively. Bench experiments showed a low mean bias for P0.1<sub>vent</sub> compared with P0.1<sub>ref</sub> for most ventilators but precision varied; in patients, precision was lower. Ventilators estimating P0.1<sub>vent</sub> without occlusions could underestimate P0.1<sub>ref</sub>.

**Conclusions:** P0.1 is a reliable bedside tool to assess respiratory drive and detect potentially injurious inspiratory effort.

**Keywords:** artificial respiration; airway occlusion pressure; P0.1; myotrauma; diaphragm

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## Clinical Improvement

- Intubation reason resolved
- Respiratory rate < 30
- Minute ventilation < 10 L/min
- PEEP requirements
- Oxygenation
- Imaging
- Mental status
- Ventilator mode
- Team input

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# Troubleshooting

- **Tube position**
- **ABG**
  - **CO<sub>2</sub>** – use minute ventilation
  - **O<sub>2</sub>** – use p/f ratio
- **Circulation**

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# Pneumothorax

- **Increased PIP**
- **Falling SAT**
- **Absent BS**
- **Sub Q**
- **Low VT return**
- **Tracheal deviation away**
- **Hypotension**

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## VAP Prevention

- Elevate head of bed 30-45 degrees
- Oral care q 2-4 hours
- Cuff pressure management
- Daily sedation vacation
- Suctioning of oral and subglottic secretions
- Hand hygiene
- Minimize circuit breaks
- Humidification
- Early mobility and position changes
- ET tube care & securement

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## RSBI

- RSBI < 105
- Mental status
- Hemodynamics
- Secretions
- Gag
- Overall clinical course

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## SBT

- **FiO2 ≤ 40-50%**
- **PEEP ≤ 5-8 cmH2O**
- **SpO2 ≥ 90%**
- **PaO2/FiO2 > 150 (>200)**

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## SBT – Pass

- **Stable vitals**
- **No respiratory distress**
- **Adequate VT**
- **Stable pH & CO2**
- **Acceptable O2**
- **Gag reflex**
- **Cough/Secretions**

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## SBT – Fail

- RR > 35
- SAT < 88
- Accessory muscle use
- Agitated
- Hyper/hypotension
- Arrhythmias
- Acidosis

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## Tracheostomy

- Early trach > 7–10 days
- Benefits
- Risks

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## Tracheostomy Benefits

- Improved airway security
- Improved long-term access
- Reduced airway resistance
- Enhanced patient comfort
- Facilitates communication
- Facilitates nutrition & swallowing assessment
- Reduced sedation
- Potentially shorter vent duration
- Secretion management

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## Tracheostomy Risks

- Procedure-related complications
- Infection
- Tracheal complications
- Tube-related hazards
- Impact on speech and swallowing
- Bias toward prolonged vent use
- Cosmetic concerns

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# Report

Give a good report

What's the plan?

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# Report

- Patient ID & reason for intubation
- Airway information
- Current vent settings
- Recent vent trends
- ABG & O2 status

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# Report

- Lung assessment
- Sedation and neuro status
- Hemodynamics & perfusion
- Secretions and humidification
- Lines, tubes, & misc.
- Plans, concerns, & guidance

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# Ethics in Ventilation

- Withdrawal vs. withholding
- DNR/DNI discussions
- Futility and family expectations

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## Future of Ventilation

- **Automation and closed-loop intelligence**
- **Precision ventilation**
- **Advanced monitoring at bedside**
- **AI-supported clinical decision making**

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- **Precision ventilation**
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- **AI-supported clinical decision making**
- **Improvements in patient comfort & human factors**
- **Expansion of tele-ventilation & remote respiratory care**
- **Hybrid Ventilation strategies & novel therapies**

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# Case Review

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## Case 1 – Severe COPD

- 68 y/o male
- pCO<sub>2</sub> 80, pH 7.20
- Hypoxemia despite NRB
- Which mode/settings would you choose?

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## Case 1 – Severe COPD

- Inability to protect airway
- Obtunded
- Hemodynamics
- Secretions
- Refractory hypoxemia
- Verify DNR/DNI

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## Case 1 – Severe COPD

- AC-VC
- VT 6-8 ml/kg IBW
- RR 16-20
- PEEP 5-8
- FiO<sub>2</sub> high – then titrate down
- I:E 1:3-1:4
- Watch waveforms

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## Case 2 – ARDS from Sepsis

- $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 = 90$



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## Case 2 – ARDS from Sepsis

- A/C
- VT 6 ml/kg IBW – ↓ to 4-5 if high plateau
- RR 18-30
- PEEP 12-20+
- $\text{FiO}_2$  60-100%
- Watch Plateau & driving pressure
- Proning
- Neuromuscular blockade

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## Case 3 – Post-Op Patient

- 58 y/o male
- CABG x 4

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## Case 3 – Post-Op Patient

- A/C
- RR 14
- VT 450 ml
- PEEP 5-8
- FiO<sub>2</sub> 40%
- Quickly extubate

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## Summary & Review

- **Respiratory Failure**
- **Medical math**
- **Intubation procedures**
- **Vent modes**
- **Initial settings**
- **Ensuring proper management**
- **Asynchronies**
- **Optimal PEEP**
- **Troubleshooting**
- **SBT/Trach**
- **Report**
- **Ethics**
- **Future**
- **Case review**

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**The End**

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