

# APRV APPLICATION

## APRV – TCAV STRATEGY

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# OBJECTIVES

1. Review APRV settings and their rationale of the TCAV method
2. Review current literature supporting APRV-TCAV
3. Briefly discuss weaning from TCAV Method

# ARDSnet VA-AC



NIH NHLBI ARDS Clinical Network  
Mechanical Ventilation Protocol Summary

## INCLUSION CRITERIA: Acute onset of

1.  $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 300$  (corrected for altitude)
2. Bilateral (patchy, diffuse, or homogeneous) infiltrates consistent with pulmonary edema
3. No clinical evidence of left atrial hypertension

## PART I: VENTILATOR SETUP AND ADJUSTMENT

1. Calculate predicted body weight (PBW)  
**Males** =  $50 + 2.3 [\text{height (inches)} - 60]$   
**Females** =  $45.5 + 2.3 [\text{height (inches)} - 60]$
2. Select any ventilator mode
3. Set ventilator settings to achieve initial  $V_T = 8 \text{ ml/kg PBW}$
4. Reduce  $V_T$  by  $1 \text{ ml/kg}$  at intervals  $\leq 2$  hours until  $V_T = 6 \text{ ml/kg PBW}$ .
5. Set initial rate to approximate baseline minute ventilation (not  $> 35 \text{ bpm}$ ).
6. Adjust  $V_T$  and RR to achieve pH and plateau pressure goals below.

## OXYGENATION GOAL: $\text{PaO}_2$ 55-80 mmHg or $\text{SpO}_2$ 88-95%

Use a minimum PEEP of  $5 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O}$ . Consider use of incremental  $\text{FiO}_2$ /PEEP combinations such as shown below (not required) to achieve goal.

### Lower PEEP/higher $\text{FiO}_2$

$\text{FiO}_2$	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7
PEEP	5	5	8	8	10	10	10	12

$\text{FiO}_2$	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0
PEEP	14	14	14	16	18	18-24

### Higher PEEP/lower $\text{FiO}_2$

$\text{FiO}_2$	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
PEEP	5	8	10	12	14	14	16	16

$\text{FiO}_2$	0.5	0.5-0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0
PEEP	18	20	22	22	22	24

## PLATEAU PRESSURE GOAL: $\leq 30 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O}$

Check Pplat (0.5 second inspiratory pause), at least q 4h and after each change in PEEP or  $V_T$ .

**If Pplat  $> 30 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O}$ :** decrease  $V_T$  by  $1 \text{ ml/kg}$  steps (minimum =  $4 \text{ ml/kg}$ ).

**If Pplat  $< 25 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O}$  and  $V_T < 6 \text{ ml/kg}$ ,** increase  $V_T$  by  $1 \text{ ml/kg}$  until Pplat  $> 25 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O}$  or  $V_T = 6 \text{ ml/kg}$ .

**If Pplat  $< 30$  and breath stacking or dys-synchrony occurs:** may increase  $V_T$  in  $1 \text{ ml/kg}$  increments to 7 or  $8 \text{ ml/kg}$  if Pplat remains  $\leq 30 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O}$ .



THE SHOCK TRAUMA WAY

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METHOD



TCAV

# APRV

## TCAV

### Time Constant Adaptive Ventilation

# Other approaches to open-lung ventilation: Airway pressure release ventilation

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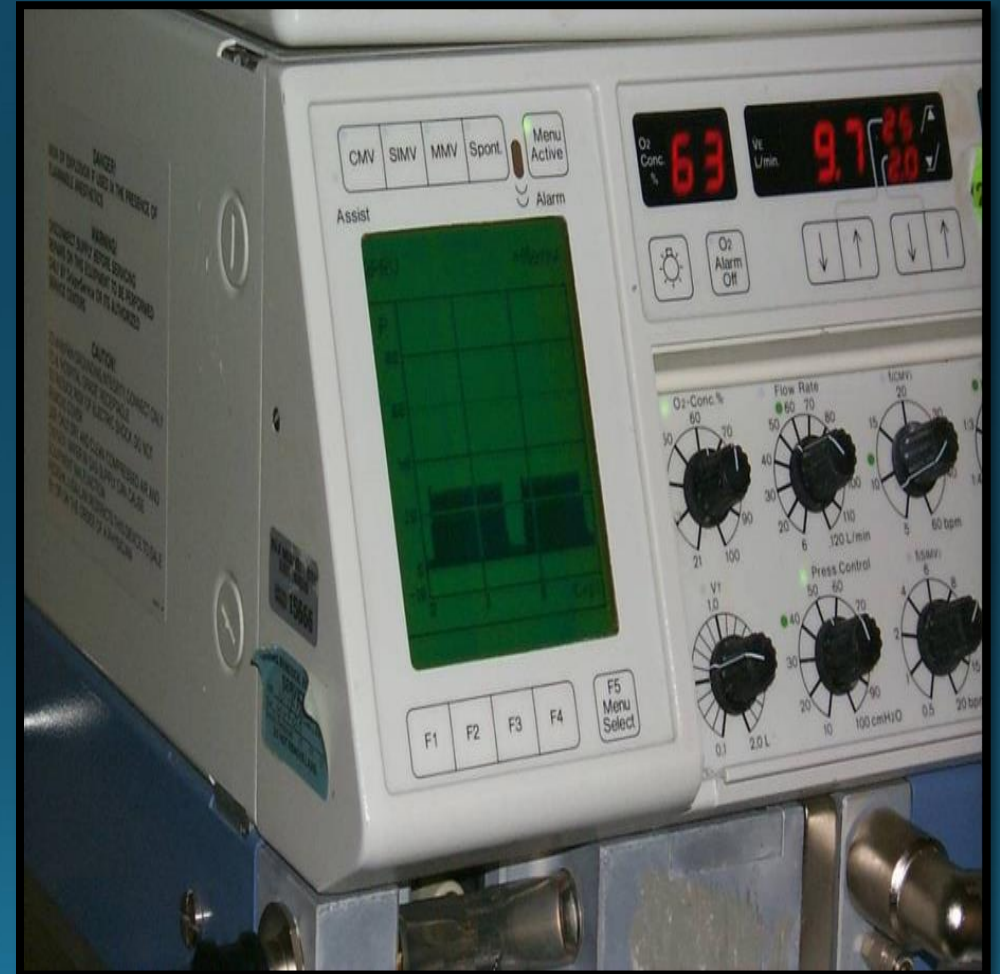
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Guidelines created after years of trying  
various APRV combinations.  
T Low Updates since this article

Has anyone else written APRV  
guidelines?

# APRV History

- APRV first described in 1987 by Dr. Stock and Dr. Downs
- APRV first made available on a commercial ventilator in 1987
- Some form of APRV is now available on almost all ICU ventilators
- APRV Guidelines developed by Dr. Habashi





# APRV ALSO KNOWN AS ....

- APRV - Drager
- BiVent - Maquet
- BiLevel - Puritan Bennet
- APRV - Hamilton
- APRV/Biphasic - Viasys



## Early stabilizing alveolar ventilation prevents acute respiratory distress syndrome: A novel timing-based ventilatory intervention to avert lung injury

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## EARLY AIRWAY PRESSURE RELEASE VENTILATION PREVENTS ARDS—A NOVEL PREVENTIVE APPROACH TO LUNG INJURY

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## **Preemptive Application of Airway Pressure Release Ventilation (APRV) Prevents Development of Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) in a Rat Traumatic Hemorrhagic Shock Model**

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APRV-TCAV when applied early reduces the pulmonary edema with a constant airway pressure (P High) for > 90% of the duration of the breath (T High)

**Keeping the lungs open,** minimizing atelectasis leads to decreased inflammatory mediators from being released

# SUNY UPSTATE

- Highly translational 48 hour porcine model with ~40 kg pigs
- Sepsis, ischemia/reperfusion injury
- Animals were all ventilated with conventional ventilation during the operative procedure
- For subsequent 48 hours, transitioned to either non-protective ventilation [NPV] (10 ml/kg and PEEP 5), ARDSnet (low tidal volume strategy) or APRV
- All APRV animals maintained a PF ratio >300 throughout the entire experiment while on FiO<sub>2</sub> 21% while all in the NPV and ARDSnet groups developed ARDS within 48 hours

# Early application of airway pressure release ventilation may reduce mortality in high-risk trauma patients: A systematic review of observational trauma ARDS literature

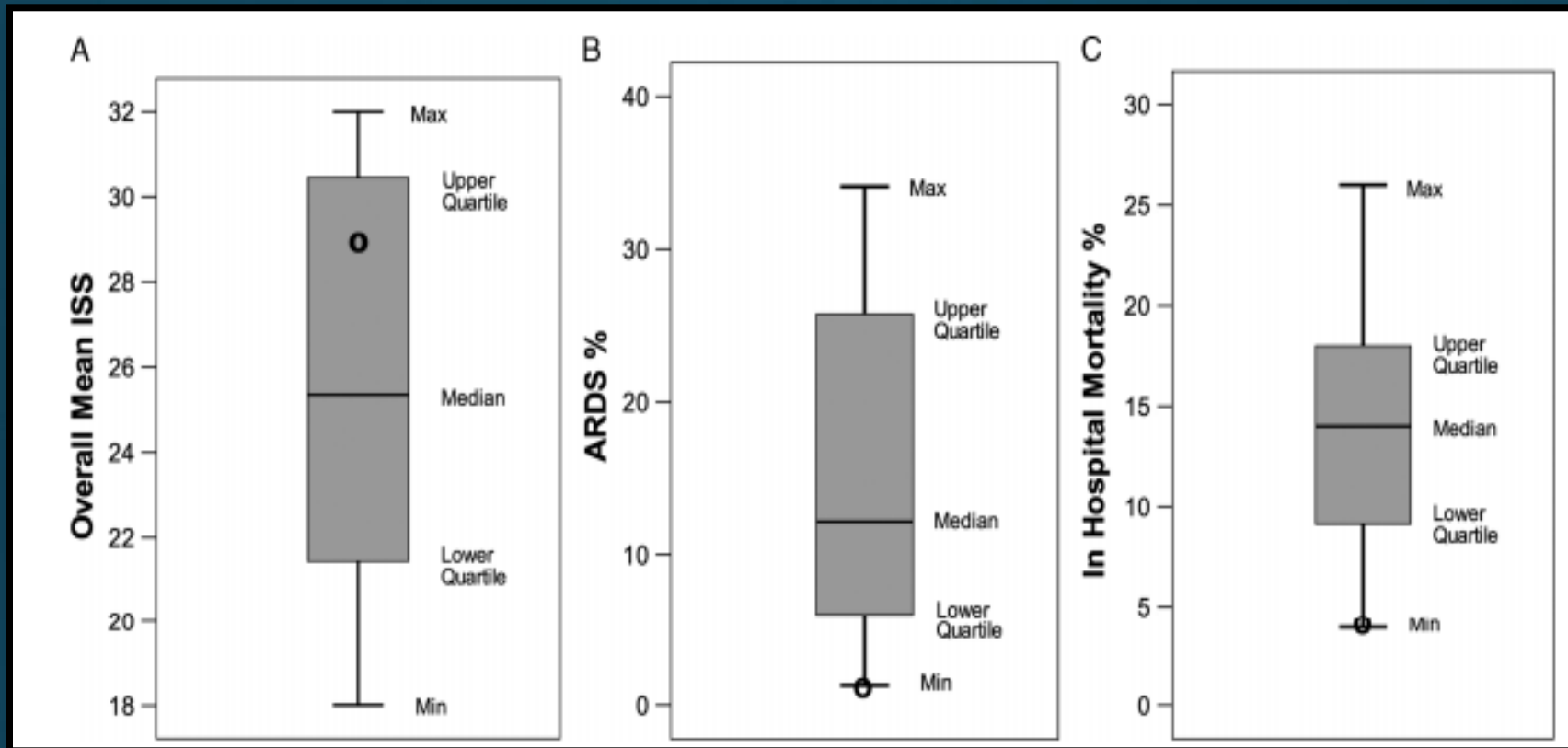
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<b>BACKGROUND:</b>	Adult respiratory distress syndrome is often refractory to treatment and develops after entering the health care system. This suggests an opportunity to prevent this syndrome before it develops. The objective of this study was to demonstrate that early application of airway pressure release ventilation in high-risk trauma patients reduces hospital mortality as compared with similarly injured patients on conventional ventilation.
<b>METHODS:</b>	Systematic review of observational data in patients who received conventional ventilation in other trauma centers were compared with patients treated with early airway pressure release ventilation in our trauma center. Relevant studies were identified in a PubMed and MEDLINE search from 1995 to 2012 and included prospective and retrospective observational and cohort studies enrolling 100 or more adult trauma patients with reported adult respiratory distress syndrome incidence and mortality data.
<b>RESULTS:</b>	Early airway pressure release ventilation as compared with the other trauma centers represented lower mean adult respiratory distress syndrome incidence (14.0% vs. 1.3%) and in-hospital mortality (14.1% vs. 3.9%).
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	These data suggest that early airway pressure release ventilation may prevent progression of acute lung injury in high-risk trauma patients, reducing trauma-related adult respiratory distress syndrome mortality. ( <i>J Trauma Acute Care Surg.</i> 2013;75: 635–641. Copyright © 2013 by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins)
<b>LEVEL OF EVIDENCE:</b>	Systematic review, level IV.
<b>KEY WORDS:</b>	Airway pressure release ventilation; APRV; ARDS; adult respiratory distress syndrome; ALI.


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CENTER	ISS	INCIDENCE %	MORTALITY %
STC ARDS	28.5	1.4	3.9
NATIONAL ARDS	26.2	13.5	14.2

# Early application of airway pressure release ventilation may reduce the duration of mechanical ventilation in acute respiratory distress syndrome

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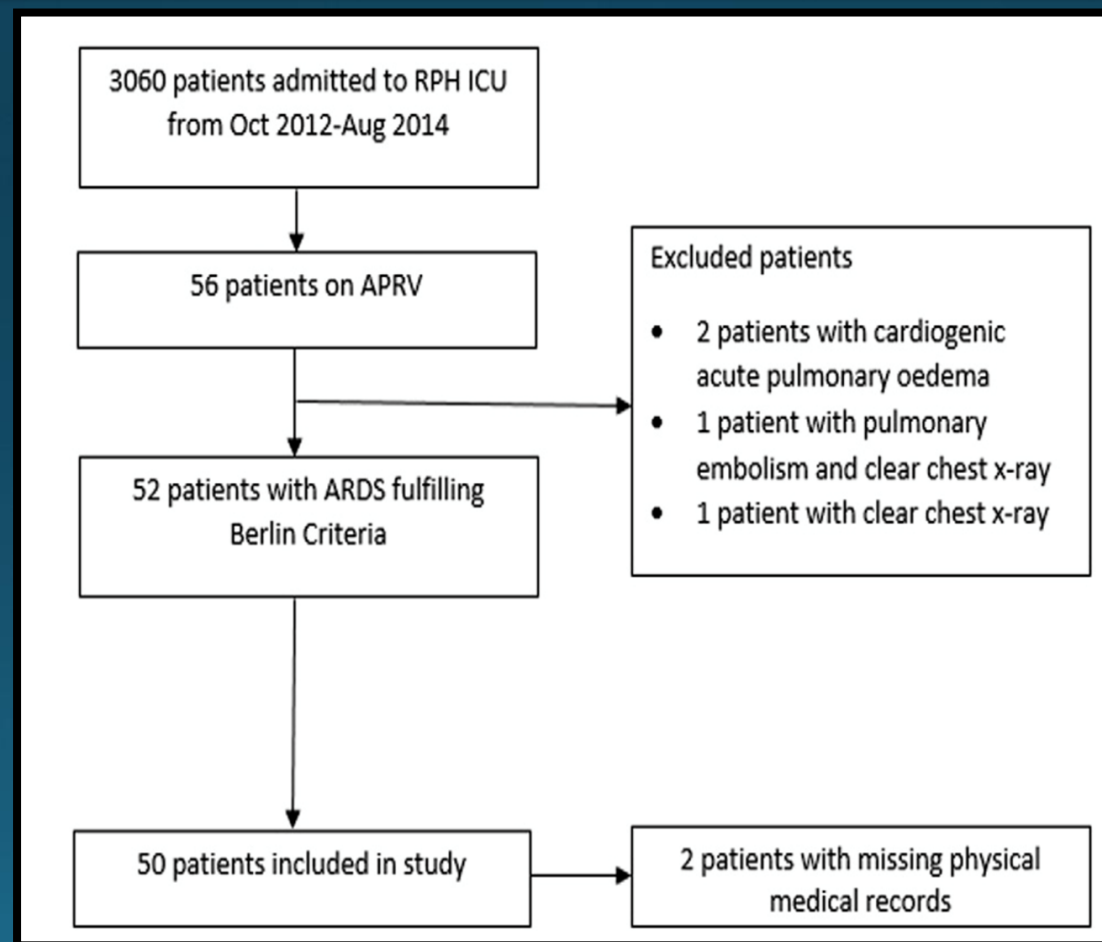
- 138 patients with ARDS who received mechanical ventilation for <48 h
- Patients were randomly assigned to receive APRV (n = 71) or LTV (n = 67).

Day 3 of enrollment	APRV	LTV
P/F RATIO	280	180
PaCO <sub>2</sub>	40.8	42.3
PaO <sub>2</sub>	116.2	84.8

Outcomes/Predictions

## Characteristics and outcomes of patients treated with airway pressure release ventilation for acute respiratory distress syndrome: A retrospective observational study ☆

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- 50 patients placed on APRV
- 34 met ECMO criteria based on CESAR study
  - 1 required ECMO

Why aren't we using APRV-TCAV before VV ECMO for ARDS?

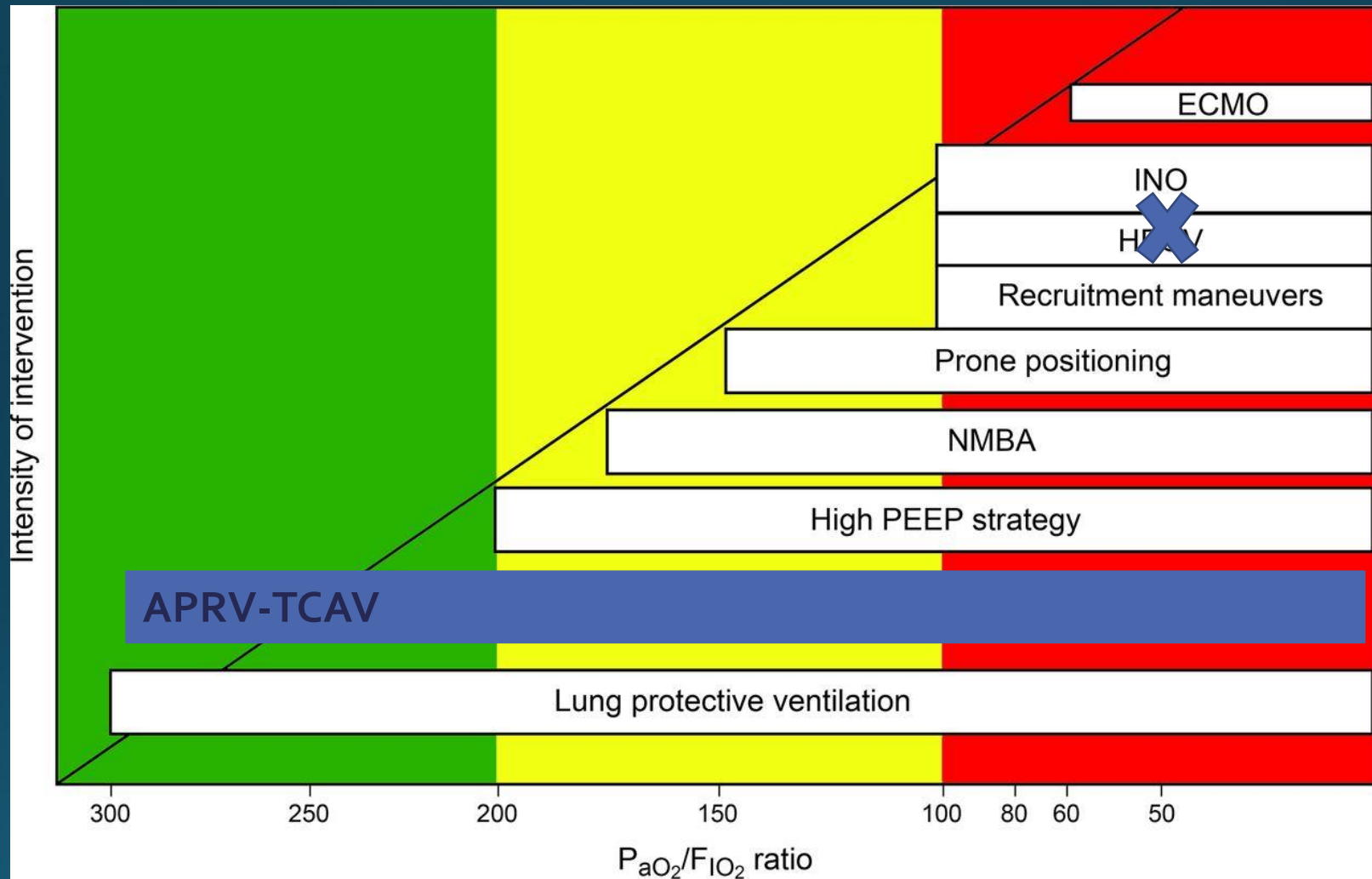
# Airway Pressure Release Ventilation in Adult Patients With Acute Hypoxemic Respiratory Failure: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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**Conclusions:** In adult patients requiring mechanical ventilation for acute hypoxic respiratory failure, airway pressure release ventilation is associated with a mortality benefit and improved oxygenation when compared with conventional ventilation strategies. Given the limited number of patients enrolled in the available studies, larger multicenter studies are required to validate these findings. (*Crit Care Med* 2019; XX:00–00)




# Rescue therapy in increasing hypoxemia severity.



Francesco Alessandri et al. Respir Care 2018;63:92-101

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## A Pilot Study of Patients With COVID-19-Related Respiratory Failure Utilizing Airway Pressure Release Ventilation (APRV)

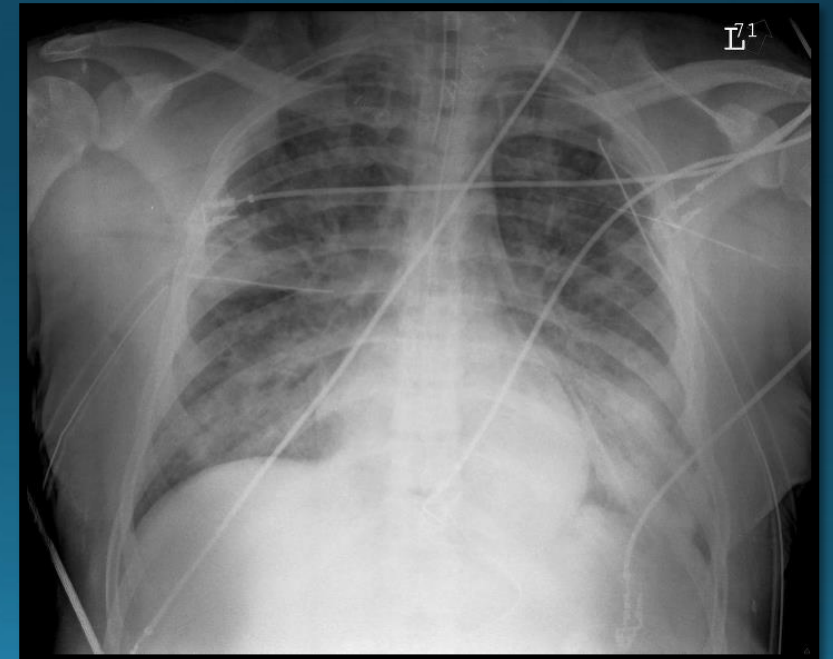
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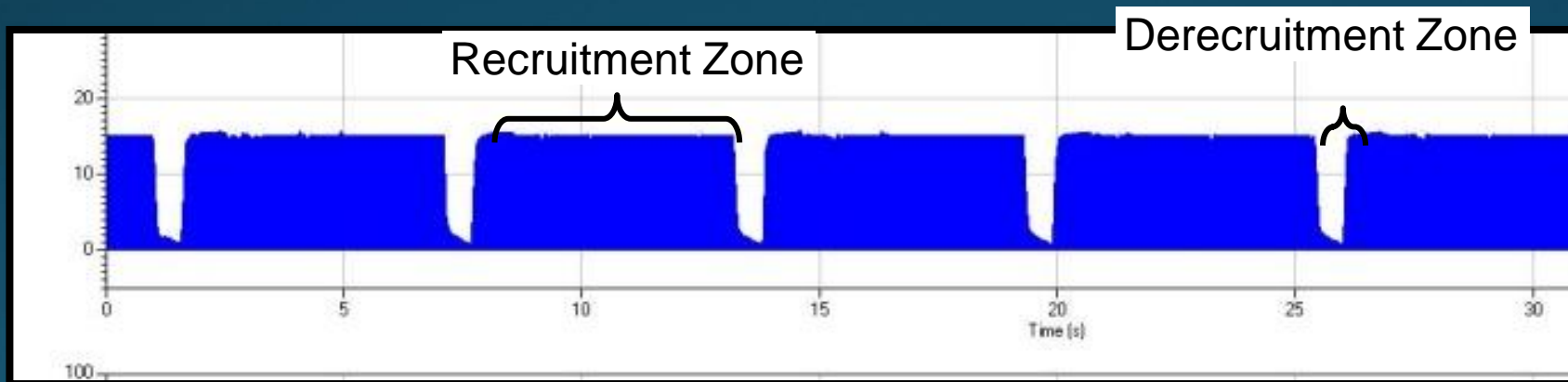
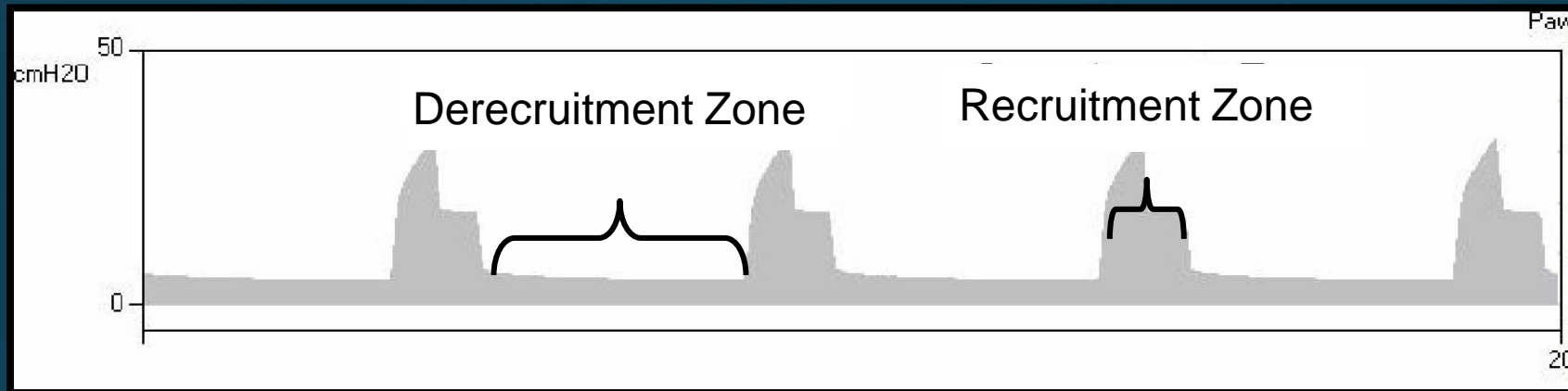
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# Indications for APRV

- Intubation with the goal of minimizing sedation and preservation of spontaneous breathing
- Differing disease states may require modified settings
  - Recrutable versus
  - Non-Recrutable



# Recruitment vs Derecruitment Zones



# Contraindications for APRV

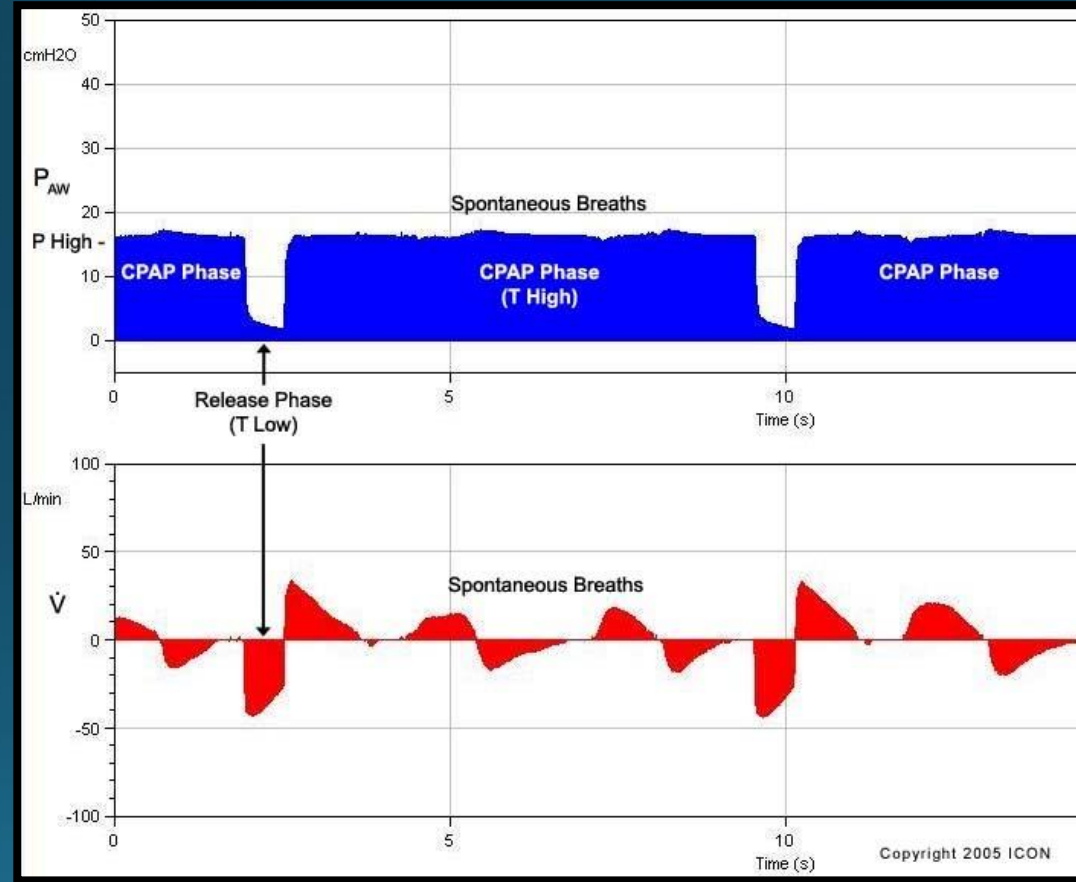
- Unfamiliarity
- Knowledge Deficit





# APRV SETTINGS

- P High
- P Low – PEEP
- T High
- T Low
- FiO<sub>2</sub>
- Slope/Rise Time
- ATC/PS



# SLOPE/RISE TIME

- Slope typically set to 0 seconds to maximize inspiratory time
- May need to increase with smaller artificial airway

P High

# P High

## ➤ P High Goal

- enough pressure to open lung but not over-distend
- Between FRC and TLC

# P High (Adult)

- Using as Initial Mode Upon Intubation
  - Typically 21-24 cmH<sub>2</sub>O
  - Adjust as necessary based on oxygenation and ventilation
  - Assess your settings
- Transitioning from a [Pure] Volume Mode
  - Set at current plateau pressure
  - ( not mean airway pressure)
- Transitioning from a Pressure or Dual Targeted Mode
  - Set at current total pressure from pressure mode



# Assessing intra-vascular Status

## Pre-load Dependency Test

- Mean Airway pressure in APRV usually  $\sim 3$  cm H<sub>2</sub>O below P High
- Adequate vascular volume is important to maintain adequate perfusion through the lungs

- How to assess vascular status

- Passive Leg Raise
- Liver compression
- Trendelenburg
- Increase PEEP

- APRV creates a high mean airway pressure



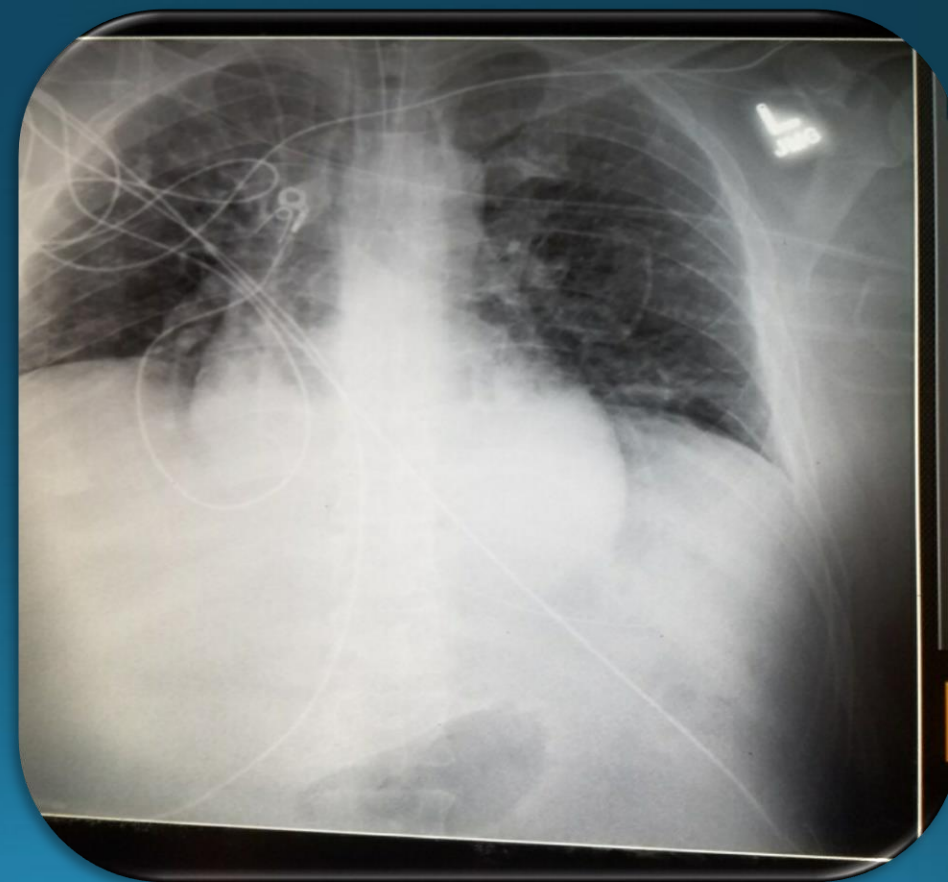
VIEWPOINT

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# Acute lung injury: how to stabilize a broken lung

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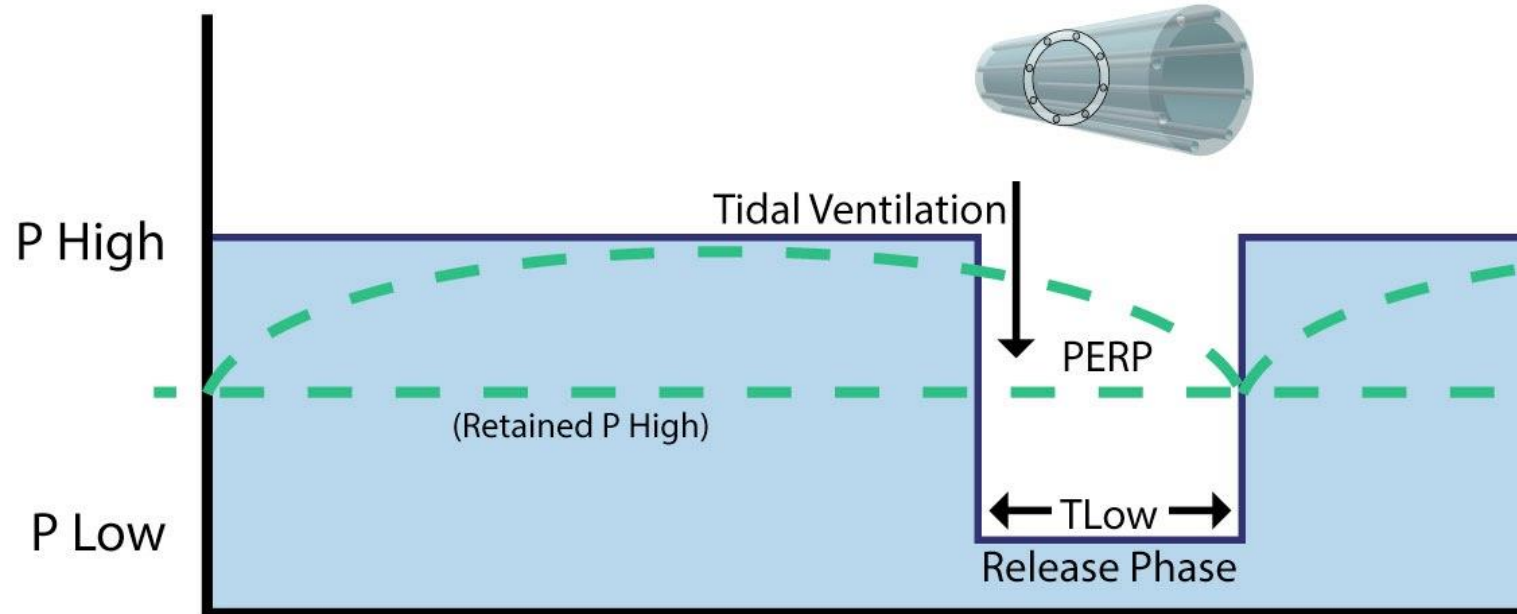


P LOW

# P Low

- P Low set at 0 cmH<sub>2</sub>O
- When using a P Low of 0 **MUST** have T Low set appropriately
- Decreases expiratory resistance
- Controlling end expiratory lung volume with time rather than pressure
- P Low also known as PEEP on some ventilators
- We are creating PEEP based on the patient's chart not

Artificial airway resistance that impedes pressure drop





09:45:00

PC-APRV

ATC Ø

6.5 mm

PS500

Paw cmH<sub>2</sub>O

105  
50  
0  
-30

0

3

Waveforms frozen 09:44:48.39 Ptrach 27.6 Paw 27.6

6

9

12

s

Flow L/min

200  
100  
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-100  
-200

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9

12

s

27.6

Waveforms frozen 09:44:48.39 Flow -1.6

Volume mL

3200  
1500  
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s

Waveforms frozen 09:44:48.39 Volume 0.00

CO<sub>2</sub> mmHg

40  
20  
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3

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Waveforms frozen 09:44:48.39 CO<sub>2</sub> 0.00

PC-APRV



FiO<sub>2</sub>



Slope



Phigh



Plow



Thigh



Tlow



SPECIAL ARTICLE

# Driving Pressure and Survival in the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

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et al.

# Comparing Driving Pressures in Airway Pressure Release Ventilation in Trauma Intensive Care Unit Patients

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After collecting  $\Delta P$  measurements on 200 trauma subjects, the data was divided among the four categories of ventilator modes:

- 1) Volume Control (VC)
- 2) Pressure Control (PC)
- 3) Airway Pressure Release Ventilation (APRV) using the Time Controlled Adaptive Ventilation (TCAV) Method

## BACKGROUND

Recent data in a meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials of acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) suggest that driving pressure ( $\Delta P$ ) may be a critical factor in outcome, with a  $\Delta P$  less than 14 cmH<sub>2</sub>O being a better predictor of survival. This is contrary to the original belief that tidal volume (Vt) and plateau pressure (Pplat) were the key determinants of survival benefit.

Previous studies have focused on  $\Delta P$ ; however, little to no data exist for  $\Delta P$  with the mode Airway Pressure Release Ventilation (APRV) in trauma intensive care unit (ICU) patients. Our aim with this study was to assess  $\Delta P$  among our trauma ICU patients in a variety of modes of mechanical ventilation including APRV.

## METHODS & MATERIALS

reversal. During  $\Delta P$  measurements, patients were assessed for spontaneous breathing efforts using waveform graphics and physical assessment to ensure there were no efforts made.

The  $\Delta P$  was calculated by subtracting PEEP from the plateau pressure (Pplat). In the conventional ventilation group, the Pplat was measured after a 2-3 second inspiratory hold and the PEEP level was measured with a 4 second expiratory hold to assure there was no auto-PEEP (Figure 1). In the APRV group, the Pplat was validated with a 4 second inspiratory hold. An expiratory hold was used for 4 seconds to allow pressure equilibrium during the release phase to measure PEEP (Figure 2).

## METHODS & MATERIALS

This was an observational, prospective study approved by the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center (STC) Institutional Review Boards (IRBs). Patients were screened and data was collected on 200 patients receiving mechanical ventilation at the UMMC-STC in the intensive care units (ICUs) including the multi-trauma ICU, neuro-trauma ICU, critical care resuscitation unit (CCRU) and the lung recovery unit (LRU). Eligibility criteria were: 1) patients 18 years or older, 2) receiving mechanical ventilation with an artificial airway, and 3) not spontaneously breathing [for reasons that included clinical and/or pharmacological intervention with neuromuscular blocking agents, deep sedation or post-operatively].

## DATA

After collecting  $\Delta P$  measurements on 200 trauma subjects, the data was divided among the four categories of ventilator modes: 1) Volume Control (VC) n=86; 2) Pressure Control (PC) n=28; 3) Airway Pressure Release Ventilation (APRV) using the Time Controlled Adaptive Ventilation (TCAV) Method as standard of care (S-APRV) n=74; and 4) APRV-TCAV as a rescue mode (R-APRV) n=12 used when patients failed other conventional modes of mechanical ventilation and were transitioned to APRV with the TCAV method.

## RESULTS

significant difference compared to the VC group (p-value=0.0010) and PC group (p-value=0.0002) but not statistically different than R-APRV group (p-value=0.3379).

## CONCLUSION

The  $\Delta P$  in S-APRV was significantly lower than conventional modes VC and PC.

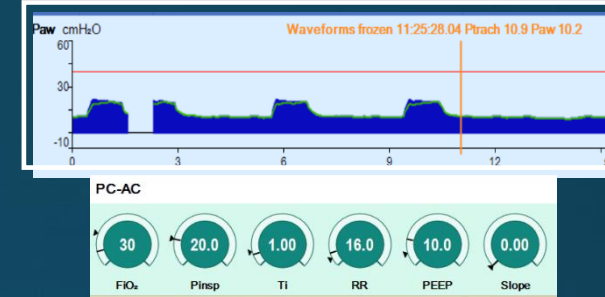


Figure 1 – Expiratory hold – PEEP measurement in PC-AC

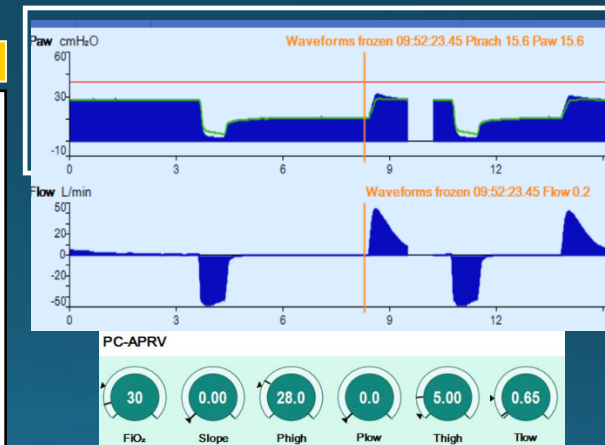


Figure 2 – Expiratory hold – PEEP measurement in APRV

## DISCLOSURE

MM, PA, JS, GN, NH have lectured at Dräger sponsored conferences and ICON. MM, PA are employed by ICON and NH has conducted consulting

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	APRV	VC	PC
Driving Pressure	10.65	12.36	13.37
Mortality %	23	25	30

## BACKGROUND

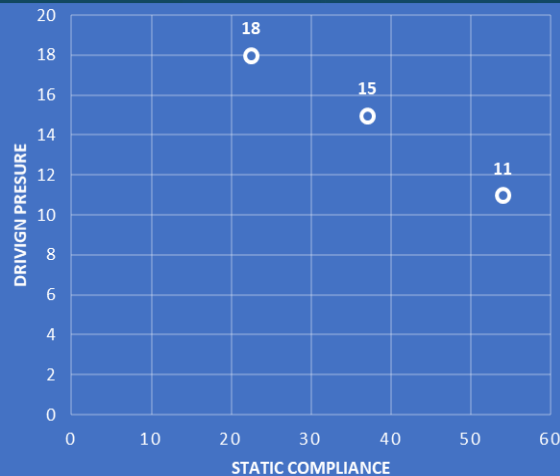
Recent studies demonstrate that a driving pressure ( $\Delta P$ )  $<14$  cmH<sub>2</sub>O improves outcome in acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). Although clinicians may target a desired  $\Delta P$  by adjusting the ventilator settings (i.e. increasing PEEP, lowering tidal volumes ( $V_t$ ), etc), DP may be used as a tool to monitor to detect lung recruitment where lung compliance [and  $V_t$ ] improves without ventilator adjustments. In a 2015 paper, Amato et al. state: "Because respiratory-system compliance ( $C_{RS}$ ) is strongly related to the volume of aerated remaining functional lung during disease (termed functional lung size), we hypothesized that driving pressure ( $\Delta P = V_T / C_{RS}$ ), in which  $V_T$  is intrinsically normalized to functional lung size (instead of predicted lung size in healthy persons), would be an index more strongly associated with survival than  $V_t$  or PEEP in patients who are not actively breathing". In conclusion, they state "We found  $\Delta P$  was the ventilation variable that best stratified risk".

In this case, we present the evolution of  $\Delta P$  as it decreased and its correlation with recruitment and improvement in  $C_{RS}$  in a patient diagnosed with severe ARDS based on Berlin criteria.

Amato M, Meade M, Slutsky A, et al. Driving Pressure and Survival in the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome. *N Engl J Med* 2015;372:747-755.

## CASE STUDY

A 35-year-old man with a body mass index (BMI) of 36.7 who initially presented at an outside hospital with hypoxia, fever, and positive blood cultures. He required intubation, vasoactive agents for hemodynamic instability, multiple antibiotics, and inhaled pulmonary vasodilator (Flolan) for severe hypoxemia. The chest radiograph was read as diffuse opacities throughout both lungs with a pneumomediastinum and right pneumothorax. The patient's condition worsened, and he was transferred to the University of Maryland Medical Center - R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center (STC) for consideration of extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO).



Upon admission to STC, he was evaluated for ECMO and based on religious beliefs was deemed inappropriate. After transfer, he was transitioned to Airway Pressure Release Ventilation (APRV) using the Time Controlled Adaptive Ventilation (TCAV) method. The initial  $\Delta P$  was 18 cmH<sub>2</sub>O on TCAV-APRV. Subsequently, all vasoactive medications and Flolan were weaned off despite an increase in mean airway pressure and over the next 24 hours decreased to 15 cmH<sub>2</sub>O and was 11 cmH<sub>2</sub>O after 48 hours. On Day 9 of his admission to STC, he was transitioned to CPAP and extubated the following day.

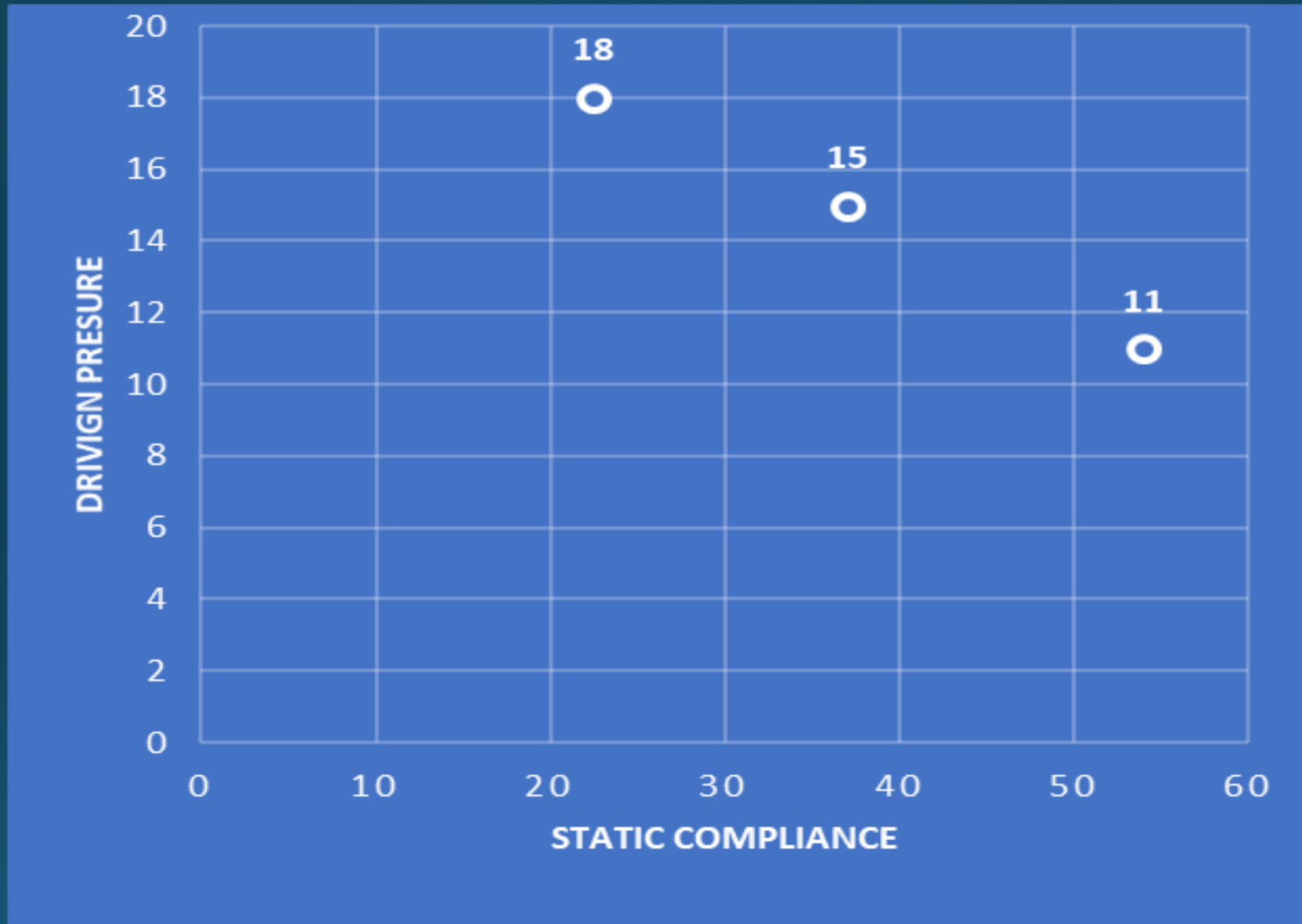
## DISCUSSION

Although the initial driving pressure was 18 cm H<sub>2</sub>O it decreased over time despite unchanged ventilator settings on APRV and correlated with an improvement in compliance (see Figure 1), clearing chest radiographs, improvement in P/F ratio. This case demonstrates the use of DP as a tool to trend an improvement in recruitment (compliance) with optimal ventilator settings versus changing ventilator settings to decrease driving pressure.

DATE	DRIVING PRESSURE cm H <sub>2</sub> O	P/F RATIO	VENTILATOR SETTINGS	MEDICATIONS
12/30/17 1420 OSH		46	Volume Control RR 22 BPM VT 420 ml PEEP 16 1.0 FIO <sub>2</sub> Transitioned to APRV	Norepinephrine Epinephrine Inhaled Flolan
1/1/18 2/7/18	18	100	33/0 4.5/0.5 50%	All the above medications discontinued
1/5/18	15	223	31/0 4.7/0.59 50%	
1/6/18	11	338	29/0 4/0.6 40%	

## Disclosure

MM, PA,, NH have lectured at Dräger sponsored conferences and ICON. MM, PA are employed by ICON and NH has conducted consulting work with ICON. NH holds several patents related to mechanical ventilation



Extubated 11 days from admission

Why aren't we using APRV-TCAV before V V ECMO for ARDS?



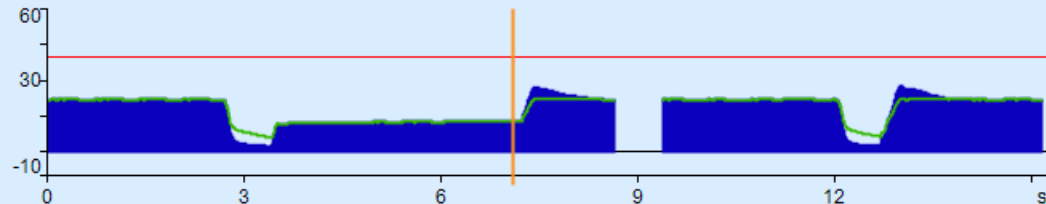
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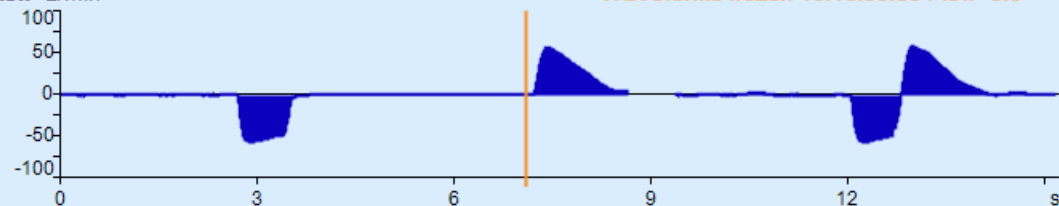
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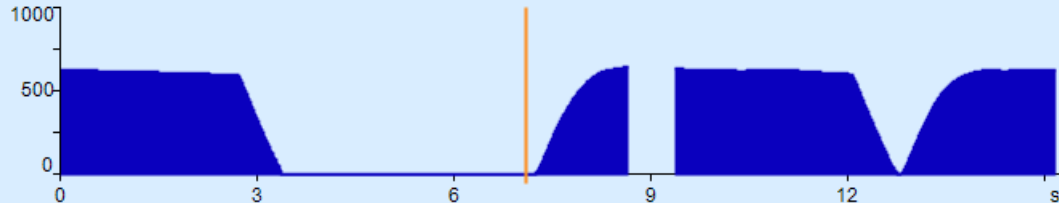
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 $22 - 12.8 = 9.2$ Paw cmH<sub>2</sub>O

Flow L/min



Volume mL

CO<sub>2</sub> mmHgetCO<sub>2</sub> mmHg

Off

PIP

27

Pmean

19

RRmand

8

RRspon

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VT

642

VTe

542

MVe L/min

5.23

20.00  
2.00

MVespon

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Vds/VTe

Off

RSB

Cdyn

65

R

13.9

PC-APRV

↑

FiO<sub>2</sub>

Slope



Phigh



Plow



Thigh



Tlow

Apn. Vent.

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VTapn

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RRapn

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System setup...

Neonatal flow  
sensor

Flow sensor

CO<sub>2</sub> sensor

Help...

Start/  
Standby...



# Driving Pressure

$P_{\text{High}} - \text{TC PEEP} = \text{Driving Pressure}$

$$22 - 12.8 = 9.2$$

**Very important to have T Low set correctly**



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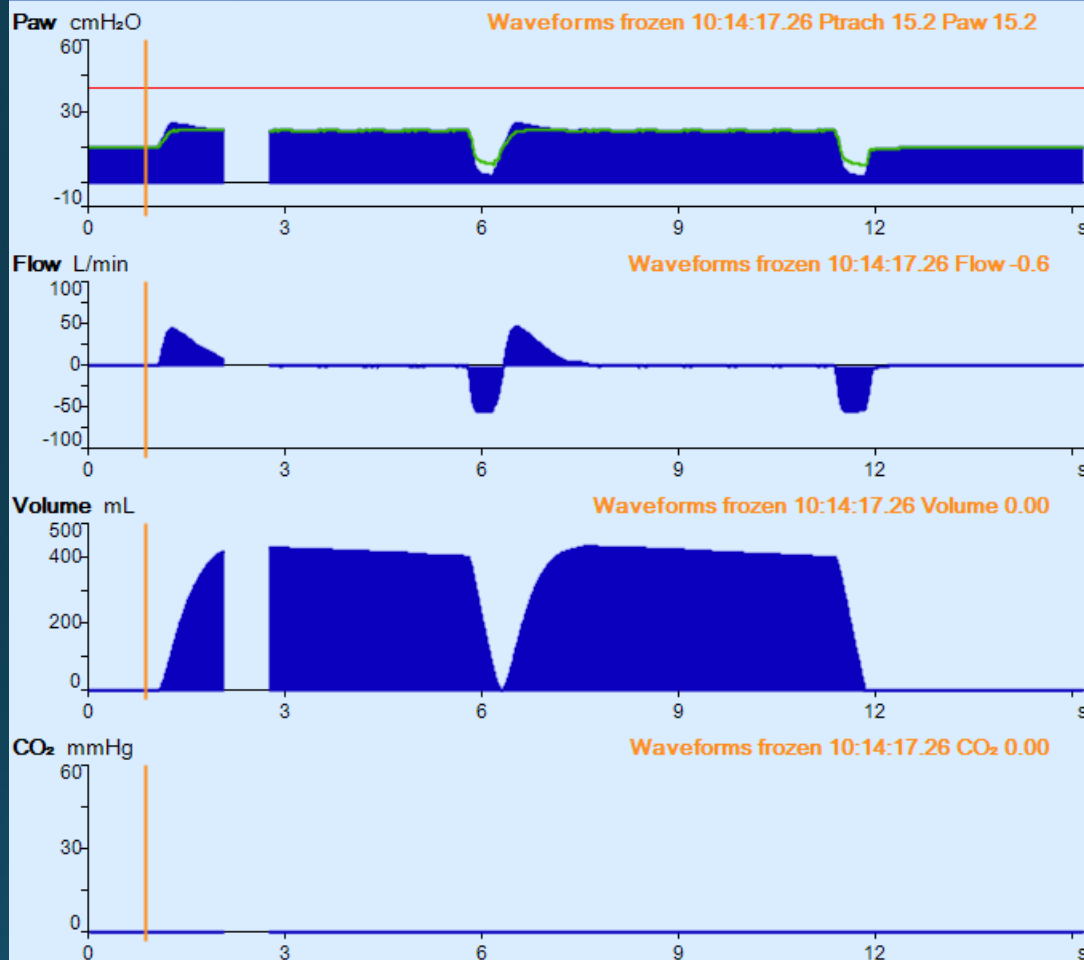
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ATC Ø

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 $22 - 15.2 = 6.8$ etCO<sub>2</sub> mmHg

Off

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25

Pmean

20

RRmand

10

RRspon

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VT

433

VTe

326

MVe L/min

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2.00

MVespon

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Vds/VTe

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Tlow

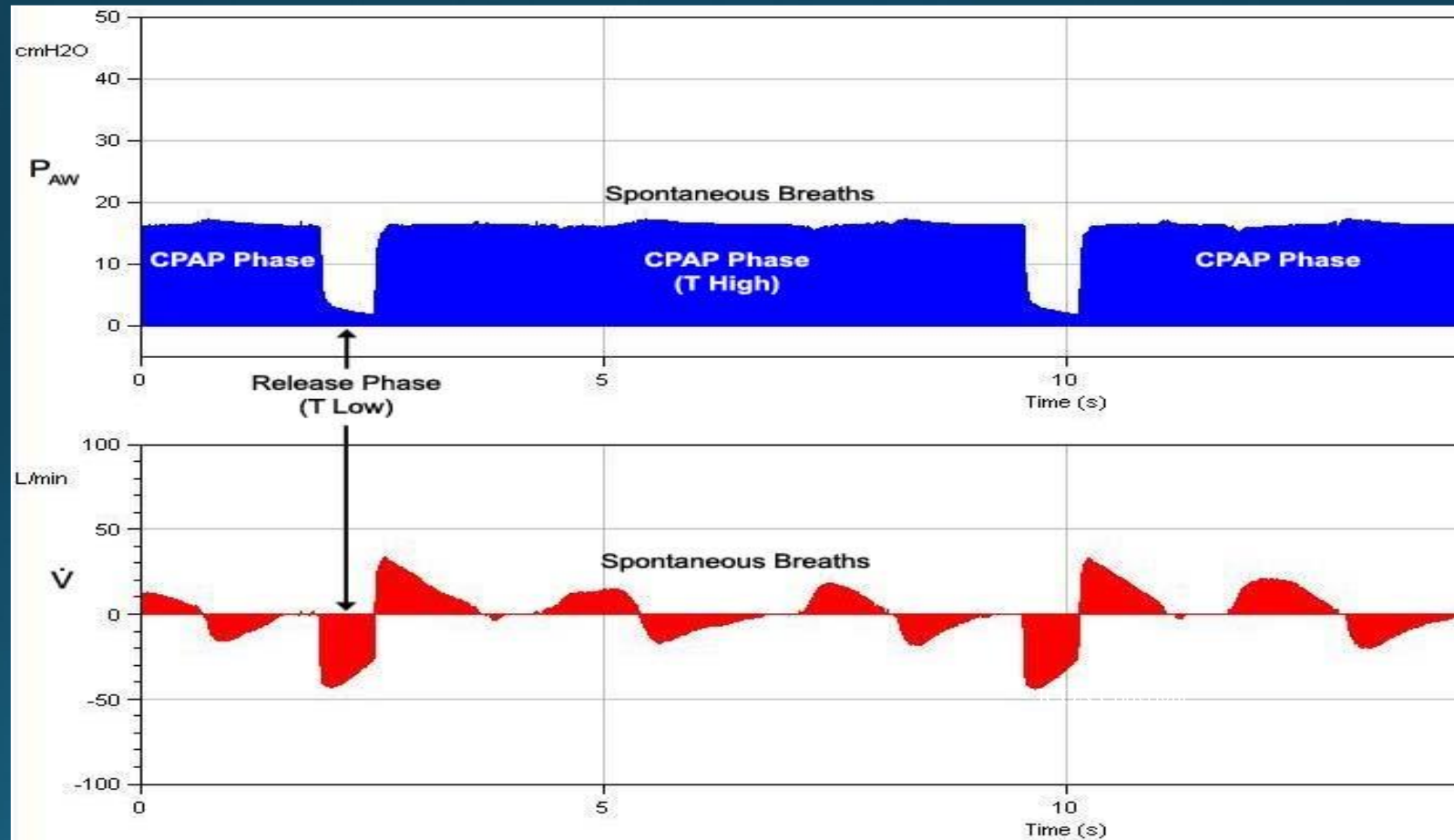
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THIGH

# T High – *Duration of CPAP Phase*



# T High

- 4 - 6 seconds for Adults
  - 5.0-5.5 is typical
- 90% cycle time is at T High for adults
  - $T \text{ high} / \text{Total Time} \times 100 =$
  - $5 / (5 + 0.55) \times 100 = 90\%$
- 80-85% cycle time is at T High for pediatric and neonates
- Recruitment takes *time*

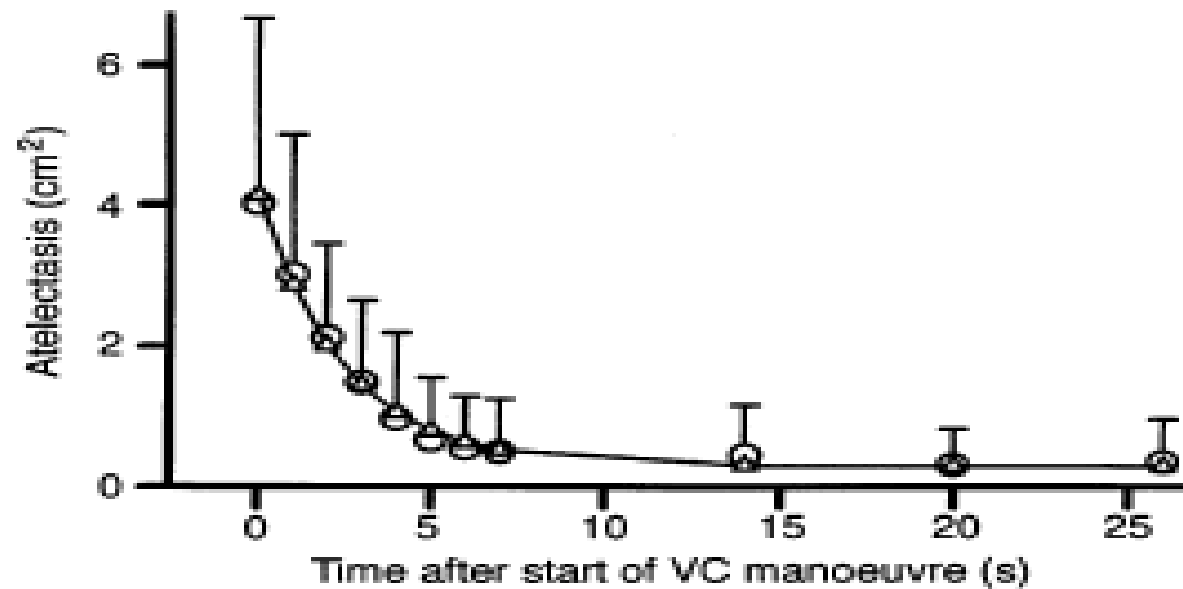


Fig 1 Atelectasis before and during the VC manoeuvre. Mean values (○) and SD (error bars) are shown. Also shown is a curve with negative exponential decay, fitted to individual data (△), connected by a line. For further details, see text.

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# Calculating Respiratory Rate




- T High is time during CPAP
- T Low is time during release
- $60 \text{ seconds} / \text{Total cycle time (T High + T Low)} = \text{BPM}$ 
  - $60 / (4 + 0.7) = 13 \text{ BPM}$
  - $60 / (5 + 0.7) = 11 \text{ BPM}$
  - $60 / (5 + 0.8) = 10 \text{ BPM}$
  - $60 / (6 + 0.7) = 9 \text{ BPM}$



# USE OF APRV VENTILATION WITH A TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURED PATIENT

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	<b>SIMV</b>	<b>APRV</b>
ABG	7.45/35/150/26/98% P/F 272	7.49/32/178/24/1.4/98% P/F 395
RR	25 BPM  Tidal Volume 550 ml PEEP 14 FIO2 55%	13 BPM (releases)  P High 26/ P Low 0 T High 4.2/ T Low 0.55 FIO2 45%
ICP	7-11	4-12

	ADMISSION	DAY 1	DAY 3	DAY 5
MODE	VC-SIMV	APRV	APRV	APRV
FIO <sub>2</sub>	50%	60%	40%	35%
SETTINGS	RR 22 VT 480 PS 10/PEEP 15	P High 32cm H2o P Low 0 T High 5.5 T Low 0.6 (Set RR @ 10)	 P High 28cm H2o  P Low 0 T High 6.0 T Low 0.6	 P High 24cm H2o P Low 0 T High 6.0 T Low 0.6
PEAK/PLATEAU	40/32	32	28	24
SPONT RR	4	17	0	0
TOTAL RR	26	27	9	9
PACO <sub>2</sub>	27	37	40	37
P/F RATIO	128	162	413	483

## Abstract

### INTRODUCTION

Because of the unique prolonged pressure-time profile, Airway Pressure Release Ventilation (APRV) has been described as Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) with a brief release phase which augments carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) removal. Although APRV may be applied as soon as intubation, it is often used as a rescue mode after respiratory failure has progressed acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). Current clinical practice is to apply lung protective strategies such as APRV, low tidal volume ventilation (ARDSnet strategy), recruitment maneuvers, HFV and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) after respiratory failure progresses to ARDS. However, recent clinical and laboratory data demonstrate that early application of APRV can prevent ARDS. This case study illustrates that early application of APRV not only resolved profound hypoxemia and ARDS but also spared the patient ECMO therapy. Early intervention by the respiratory therapist(s) to place the patient on APRV improved oxygenation and ventilation, restored alveolar stability and prevented ECMO.

### DISCUSSION

A 23 year old male was admitted to the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center (STC) after a high speed motor vehicle collision suffering a right tension pneumothorax, bilateral pulmonary contusions, right lung laceration, several orthopedic injuries and a small frontal lobe hemorrhage. He was hypotensive with R/F ratio of T2 on 100% FiO<sub>2</sub> and in shock as evidenced by hypotension and a lactate level of 7.5 mmol/L. Upon admission to STC, he was initially placed on AC-VC/AutoFlow with FiO<sub>2</sub> 100%, set rate of 22, tidal volumes 6cc/kg Ideal Body Weight (470 mL), PEEP 14 cmH<sub>2</sub>O with peak airway pressure of 50 cmH<sub>2</sub>O. Because he had suffered two pulseless electrical activity (PEA) events related to refractory hypoxia with a profound respiratory acidosis, it was decided by the primary physician to initiate venous-venous (VV) ECMO. During the circuit set-up for VV-ECMO, the primary respiratory therapist (RT) transitioned the patient to APRV using the plateau pressure on AC/MC. After transition to APRV (three hours after admission), oxygenation and ventilation dramatically improved. Subsequent adjustments to the APRV settings allowed for further reduction of FiO<sub>2</sub> to 60% within 4 hours. The patient received required surgical interventions including a tracheostomy as a result of his injuries and was weaned from APRV to humidified tracheostomy collar. This dramatic improvement in oxygenation and ventilation allowed for improvement in hemodynamic stability and the ability for necessary surgical interventions to be performed.

### CONCLUSION

In this case study, APRV was used early in the course of respiratory failure preventing the invasive therapy of VV-ECMO. Early application of APRV allowed for improved alveolar stability facilitating lung recruitment, improving oxygenation and ventilation, thereby improving hemodynamic stability.

## Data Table

TIME	MODE	SETTINGS	pH	PaCO <sub>2</sub>	PwO <sub>2</sub>	SPO <sub>2</sub>	HCO <sub>3</sub>	BE	P/F RATIO
0430	PRVC	FiO <sub>2</sub> 100% RR 22 VT 470 mL PEEP 14 PIP 50 cmH <sub>2</sub> O	7.09	61	72	88%	17	-13.3	72
0730	APRV	FiO <sub>2</sub> 97% P High 36 cmH <sub>2</sub> O P Low 0 cmH <sub>2</sub> O T High 2.0 sec T Low 0.65 sec	7.36	29	216	100%	16	-7.8	223
1600	APRV	FiO <sub>2</sub> 47% P High 35 cmH <sub>2</sub> O P Low 0 cmH <sub>2</sub> O T High 5.0 sec T Low 0.75 sec	7.42	25	141	98%	16	-6.0	300

## Introduction

A trauma patient with hypoxemia and in shock was being prepped for ECMO cannulation after failing ARDSnet ventilation strategy. Because of a respiratory acidosis (pH of 7.09 and PaCO<sub>2</sub> of 61 mm Hg) and the belief that APRV could not effectively manage CO<sub>2</sub>, APRV was not initially considered. During the VV-ECMO circuit set-up, the RT successfully transitioned the patient to APRV with a notable increase in oxygenation, thereby avoiding ECMO therapy.

## Case Summary

Despite shock, hypoxemia and respiratory acidosis, this patient was transitioned to APRV for stabilization prior to implementing ECMO therapy. There was an immediate improvement in both oxygenation and ventilation with subsequent radiographic improvement via chest x-ray. Swift reduction in FiO<sub>2</sub> and a substantial reduction in peak airway pressures lead to an improvement in alveolar stability and eliminating the need for ECMO. This patient was weaned off mechanical ventilation within

## Conclusion

This case demonstrates that APRV is efficient in CO<sub>2</sub> removal with both diffusive and convective CO<sub>2</sub> clearance and can be used for respiratory failure in a patient with a low pH and high PaCO<sub>2</sub>. Many clinicians do not use APRV with a pre-existing respiratory acidosis believing that APRV cannot efficiently eliminate CO<sub>2</sub> especially in the absence of spontaneous breathing. Recent APRV data demonstrate an increased alveolar stability with increased alveolar ventilation despite a lower minute volume when set appropriately.

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60 sec/BPM = T Time  
T Time – T Low = T High

60/22 = 2.7 T Time  
2.7 - 0.5 = 2.2 T High  
T High 2.2 / T Low 0.5 (assess waveform) = 22

T High 2.0 sec / T Low 0.65  
60 sec / 2.65 = 23 BPM

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**T LOW**

# T Low

- Controlling “PEEP” with *time* rather than *pressure*
- Varies from patient to patient
  - Based on lung volume and thoracic recoil
- Can also vary based on ventilator type



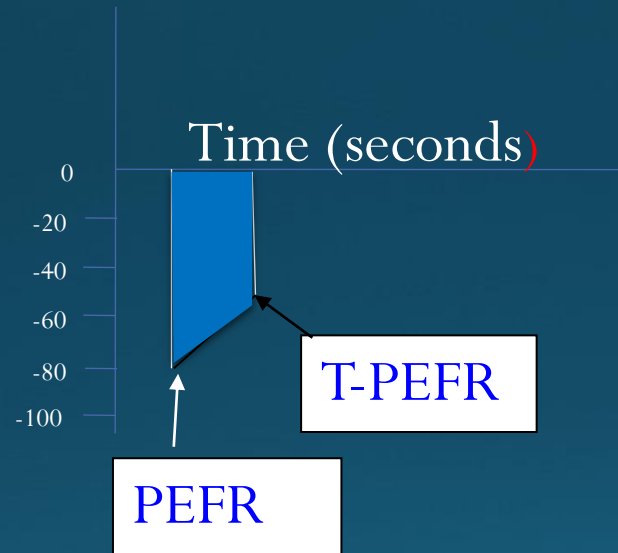
# T Low – Adults/Large Pediatrics

## T Low

- 0.5-0.7 seconds (“normal”)
- 0.3 - 0.5 seconds (RLD)
- 0.8 - 1.5 seconds (OLD) (25% to 50%)

# T Low – End Expiratory Lung Volume

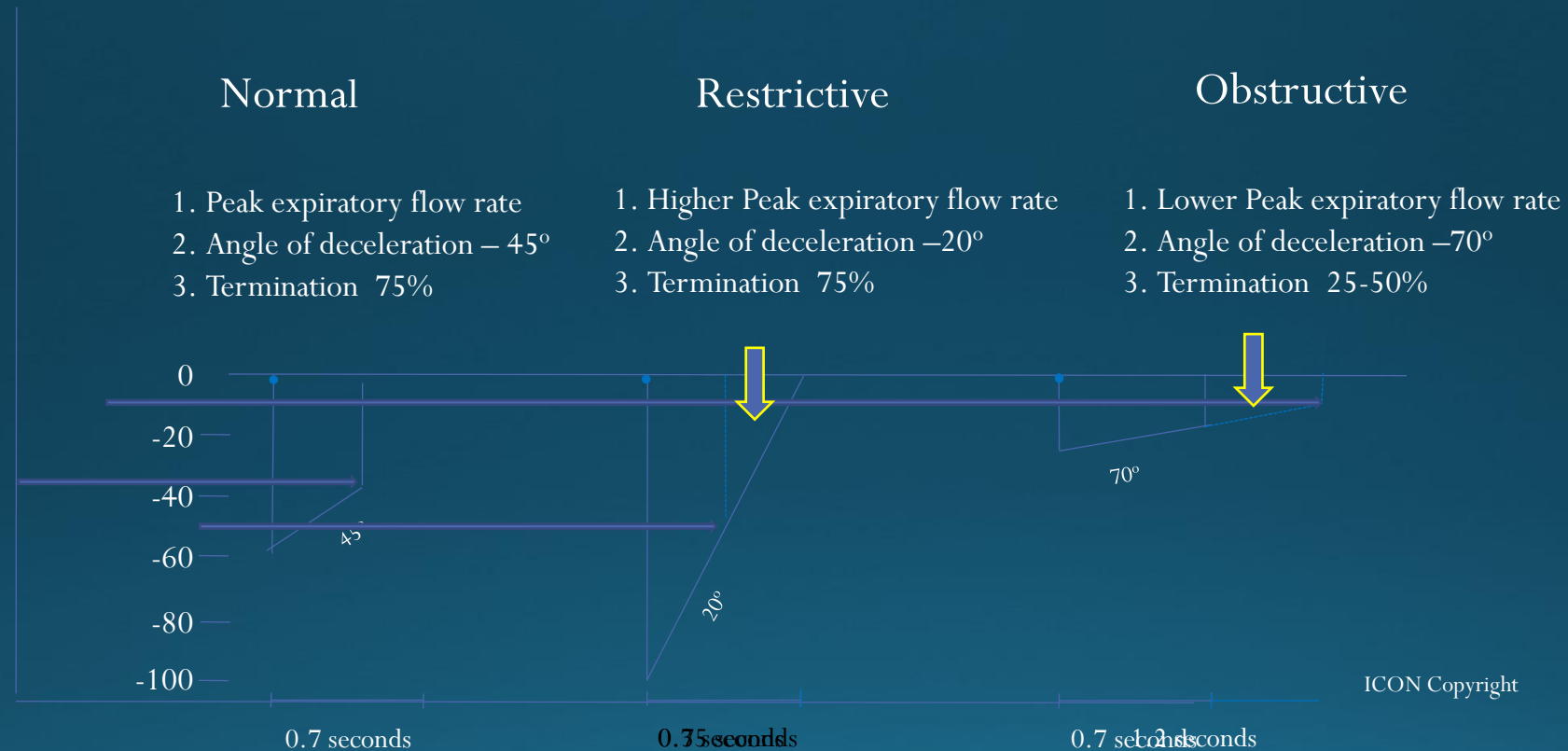
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**T LOW SETTING**  
 **$T\text{-PEFR}/\text{PEFR} \times 100 = 75\%$**   
**70 – 75%**

**$60/80 \times 100 = 75\%$**

# T Low – Retaining End Expiratory Lung Volume





# AIRWAY PRESSURE RELEASE VENTILATION MAINTAINS ALVEOLAR STABILITY BY LIMITING LOSS OF LUNG VOLUME DURING RELEASE PHASE

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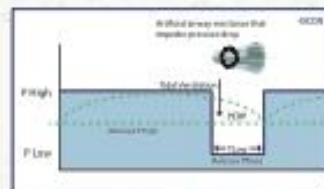
## INTRODUCTION

Airway Pressure Release Ventilation (APRV) is a mode of mechanical ventilation that has shown promise in prevention and treatment of the acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) when applied early. The P High in APRV equates to a plateau pressure. However, unlike most modes, APRV integrates within the P High tidal gas ventilation and the ability to retain a portion of the P High as positive end release pressure (PERP) similar to PEEP. As the P High is released towards the P Low, expiratory gas flow creates tidal ventilation. Because the duration of the T Low (release phase) is brief (sub-second) and confined to the initial phase of the expiratory release phase, the majority of the resistance impeding the pressure drop from P High towards P Low is created by the artificial airway (Fig. 1). This brief T Low duration prevents alveolar collapse without the need to set PEEP (i.e. P Low of 0 cmH<sub>2</sub>O) at the expiratory valve. Because of this unique integration, the T Low in APRV uses time to control the release phase and retains a portion of the P High which maintains adequate end-expiratory lung volume, promoting alveolar stability. Therefore, critical to protecting the lung, appropriate APRV application requires optimal adjustment of the T Low. We hypothesized that optimization of the T Low to limit lung volume loss during the release phase would occur at a specific point during Termination of the Expiratory Flow Rate. Specifically, termination at 75% of the Peak Expiratory Flow Rate (T-PEFR/PEFR) would retain the greatest alveolar stability and lower ratios would not achieve alveolar stability leading to greater alveolar volume change and collapse (Fig. 2).

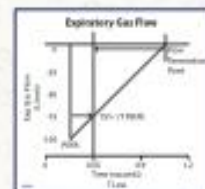
## METHODS

In-vivo microscopic fields (n=9) were prepared in anesthetized, male Sprague-Dawley rats. ARDS was induced by instilling 0.2% Tween-20 via tracheostomy. T-PEFR/PEFR was set at 10% and video in-vivo alveolar microscopy performed for multiple respiratory cycles. This procedure was repeated at progressive T-PEFR/PEFR of 25%, 50%, and 75% by decreasing the T Low respectively (Fig. 3).

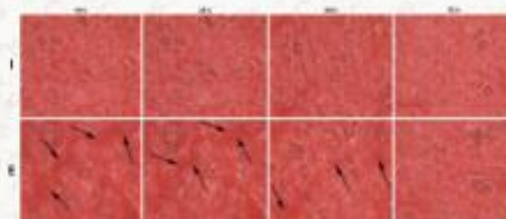
Quantification of alveolar stability was measured using image analysis software to determine the percent of inflated alveoli occupying the microscopic field at inspiration and at expiration (Fig. 4).



**Fig 1.** Integration of ventilation and positive end release pressure (PERP) within the P High. The artificial airway creates a majority of the resistance impeding the pressure drop from P High towards P Low. The T Low uses time to retain a portion of the P High, thus retaining adequate end-expiratory lung volume.

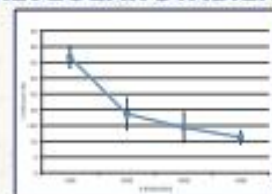


**Fig 2.** Expiratory gas flow pattern during APRV demonstrating adjustment of the T Low to terminate the expiratory gas flow at 75% of the Peak Expiratory Flow Rate (T-PEFR/PEFR).



**Fig 3.** Alveolar Microscopy at 4 different T-PEFR/PEFR percentages. As T-PEFR/PEFR percentage increases, alveolar stability increases. In-Inspiration; E-Expiration. Black arrows illustrate interstitial expansion and alveolar collapse between aerated alveoli at expiration. A progressive decrease in interstitial expansion and greater number of recruited alveoli occupying the field is seen moving left to right from 10% to 75%.

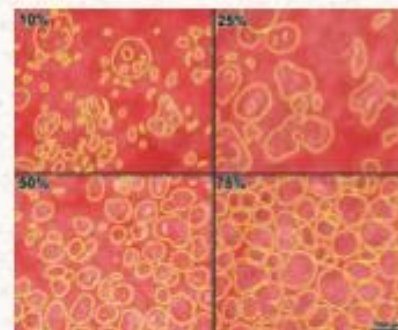
## ALVEOLAR STABILITY



**Fig 4.** Percent alveolar areas were calculated per photomicrographic frame as the difference between the percentage of alveolar area at inspiration and its counterpart at expiration changed. Quantification of alveolar stability shows as T-PEFR/PEFR percentage increases, the alveolar I:E change decreases thus increasing alveolar stability.

## RESULTS

T-PEFR/PEFR of 75% had the least alveolar volume change at expiration (10.0%) while T-PEFR/PEFR of 10%, 25% and 50% had a progressively greater alveolar volume change and collapse at expiration: 54.5%, 36.4%, and 29.4% respectively ( $p < 0.001$  vs T-PEFR 75%) (Fig 5).



**Fig 5.** In-vivo microscopic fields at expiration with all 4 T Low settings (T-PEFR/PEFR). Alveoli were outlined (yellow) and their collective area was calculated by digital image analysis as a percentage of the total tissue area in the frame.

## CONCLUSIONS

The use of APRV as a strategy for the treatment or prevention of ALI/ARDS is contingent on the appropriate method of application. One key aspect of APRV is optimizing the T Low to control expiratory gas flow to minimize alveolar volume change/collapse and maintain alveolar stability. These data confirm that a T-PEFR/PEFR of 75% is necessary to achieve alveolar stability and that a T-PEFR/PEFR <75% may lead to alveolar collapse and lung derecruitment in acute lung injury.



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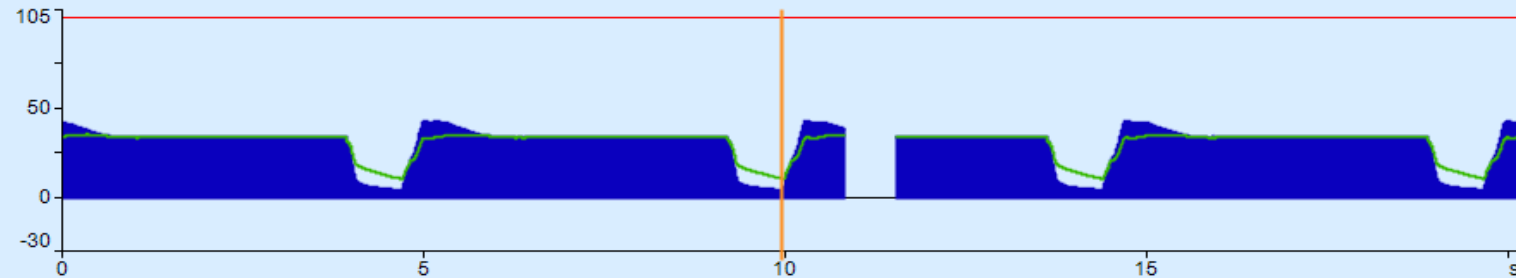


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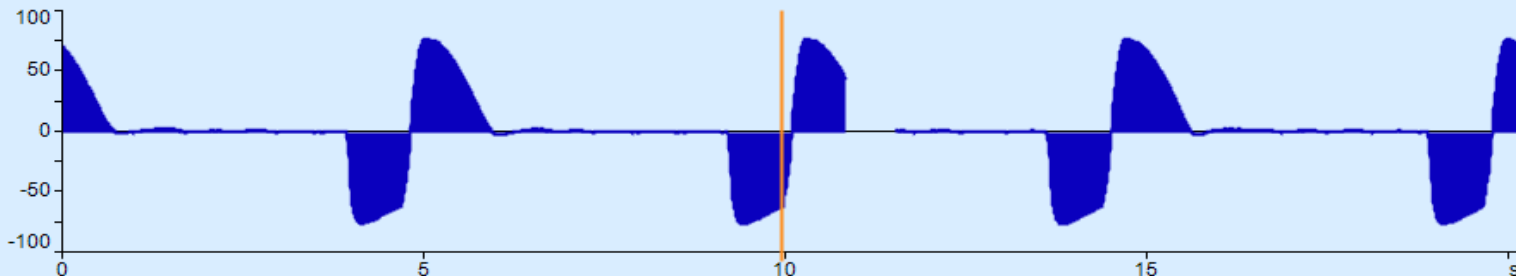
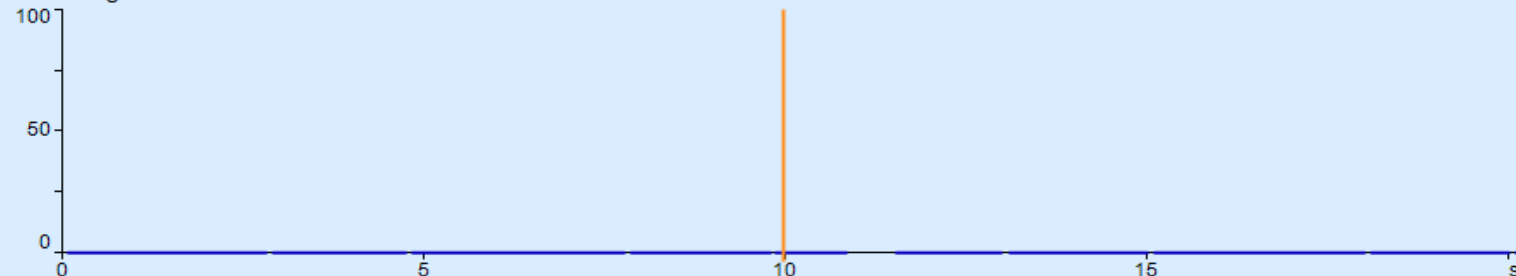
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Flow L/min

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80

PIP

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Pmean

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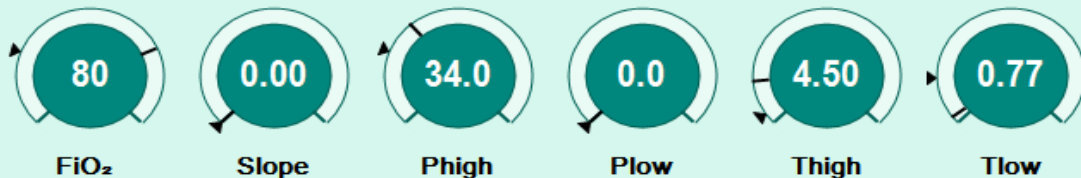
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Off

Tlow

PC-APRV



Apn. Vent. On  
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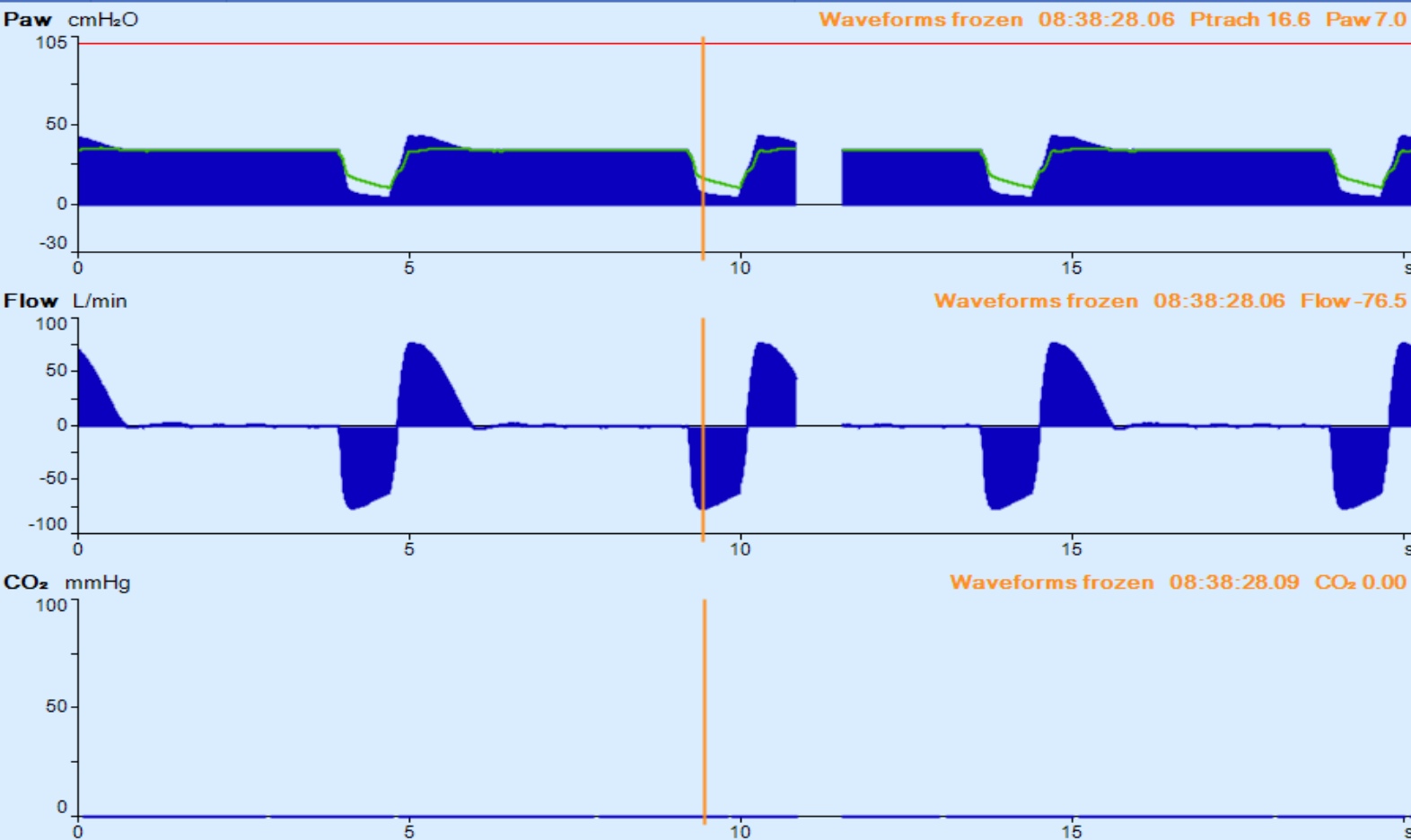
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FiO<sub>2</sub> Vol%

80

PIP

43

Pmean

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VT

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VTe

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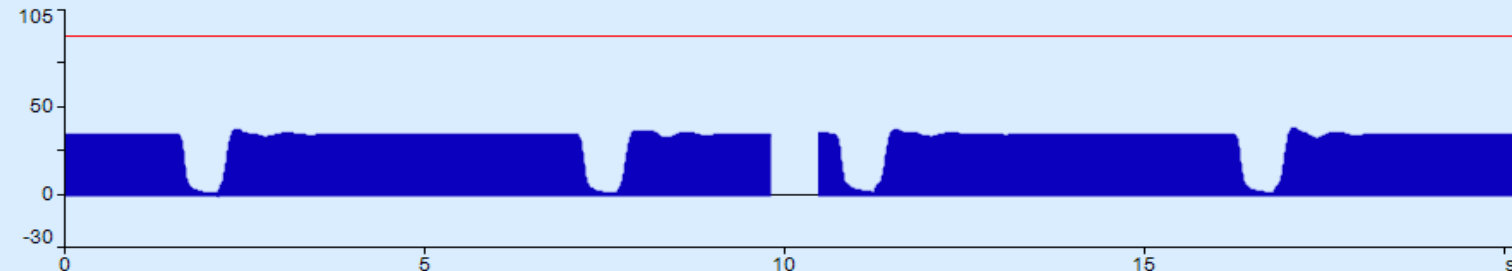


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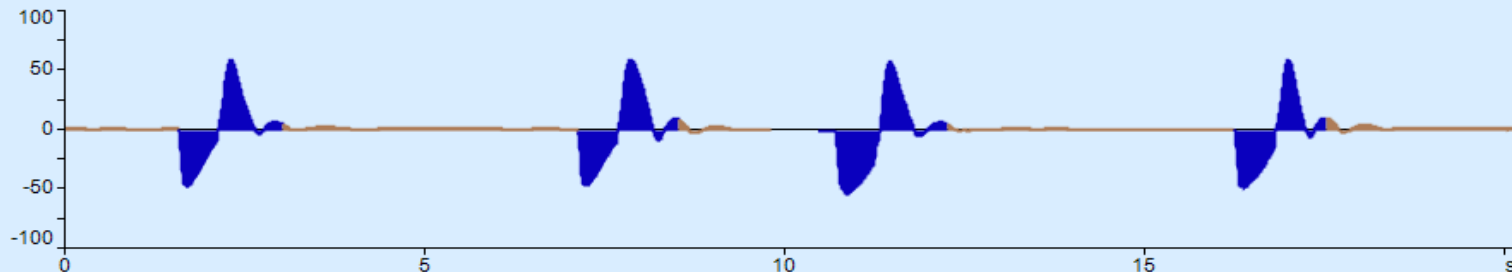
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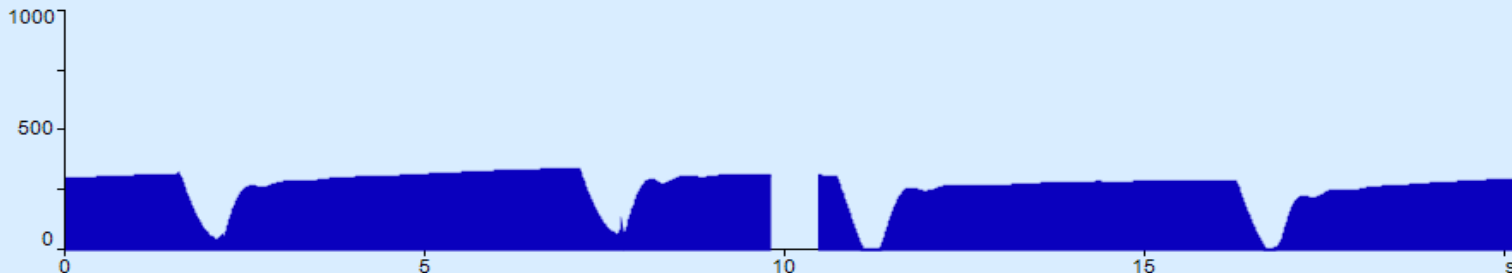
PS500

Paw cmH<sub>2</sub>O

Flow L/min



Volume mL

PIP cmH<sub>2</sub>O

36 90

Pmean cmH<sub>2</sub>O

30

RR

22

RRtrig

0

MVe L/min

4.54 12.20 2.70

Tispon

VT

338

% leak

0

VT/kg BW

4.5

PC-APRV

FiO<sub>2</sub>

Slope



Phigh



Plow



Thigh



Tlow

Apn. Vent. On

VTapn 450

RRapn 12.0

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# T Low

- Will vary if airway is changed and ventilator
- Laboratory data validates T Low set to terminate at 75% of peak expiratory flow rate
- Must measure per shift and with ventilator assessments
- **DO NOT** stretch T Low to increase minute volume



# Mechanical Breath Profile of Airway Pressure Release Ventilation

## The Effect on Alveolar Recruitment and Microstrain in Acute Lung Injury

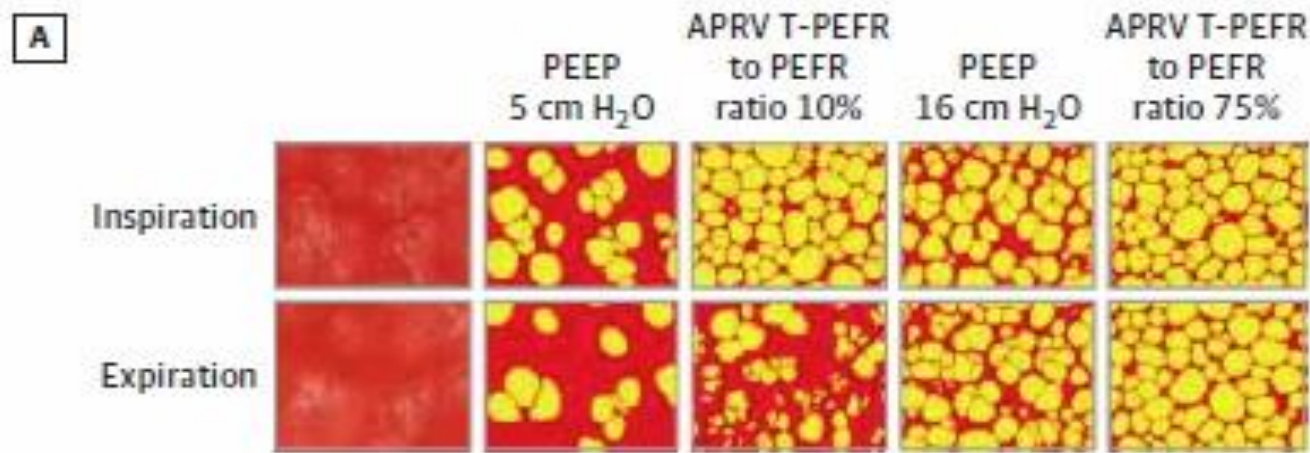
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Male Sprague-Dawley  
rats  
450-500 grams

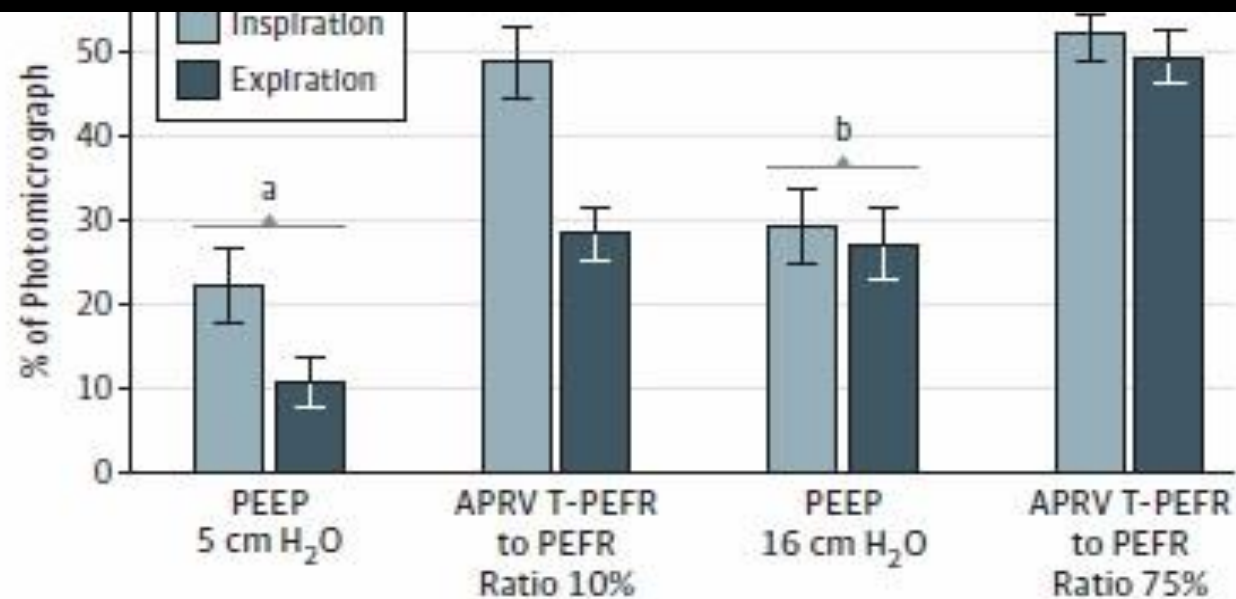
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50 and 75%

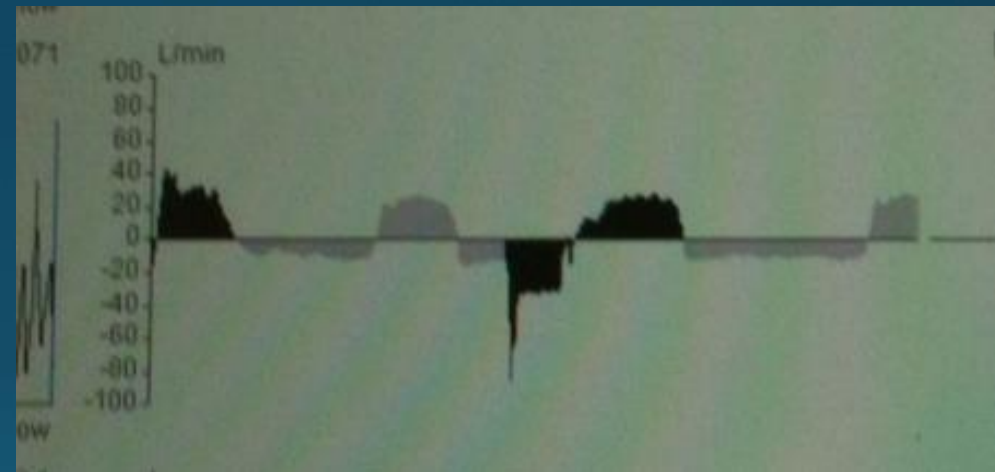
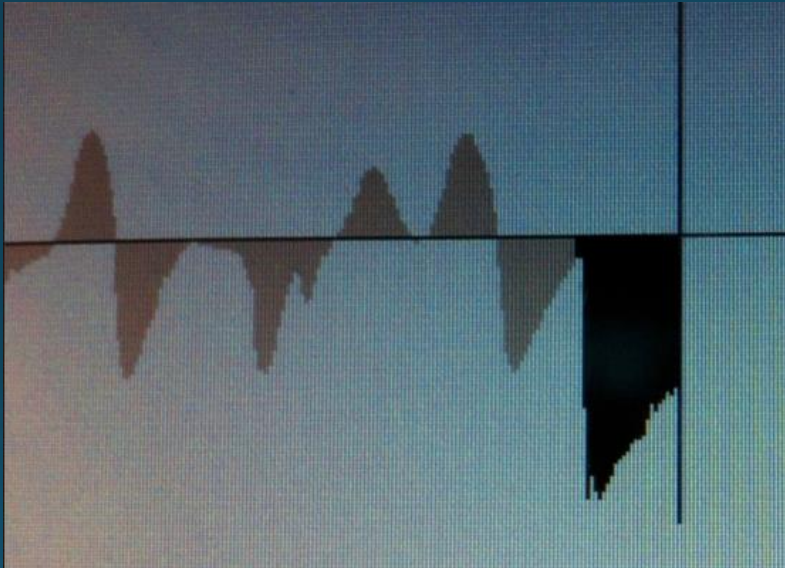
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Atelectasis leads to increased neutrophil activation leads to release of inflammatory mediators like cytokines



T Low



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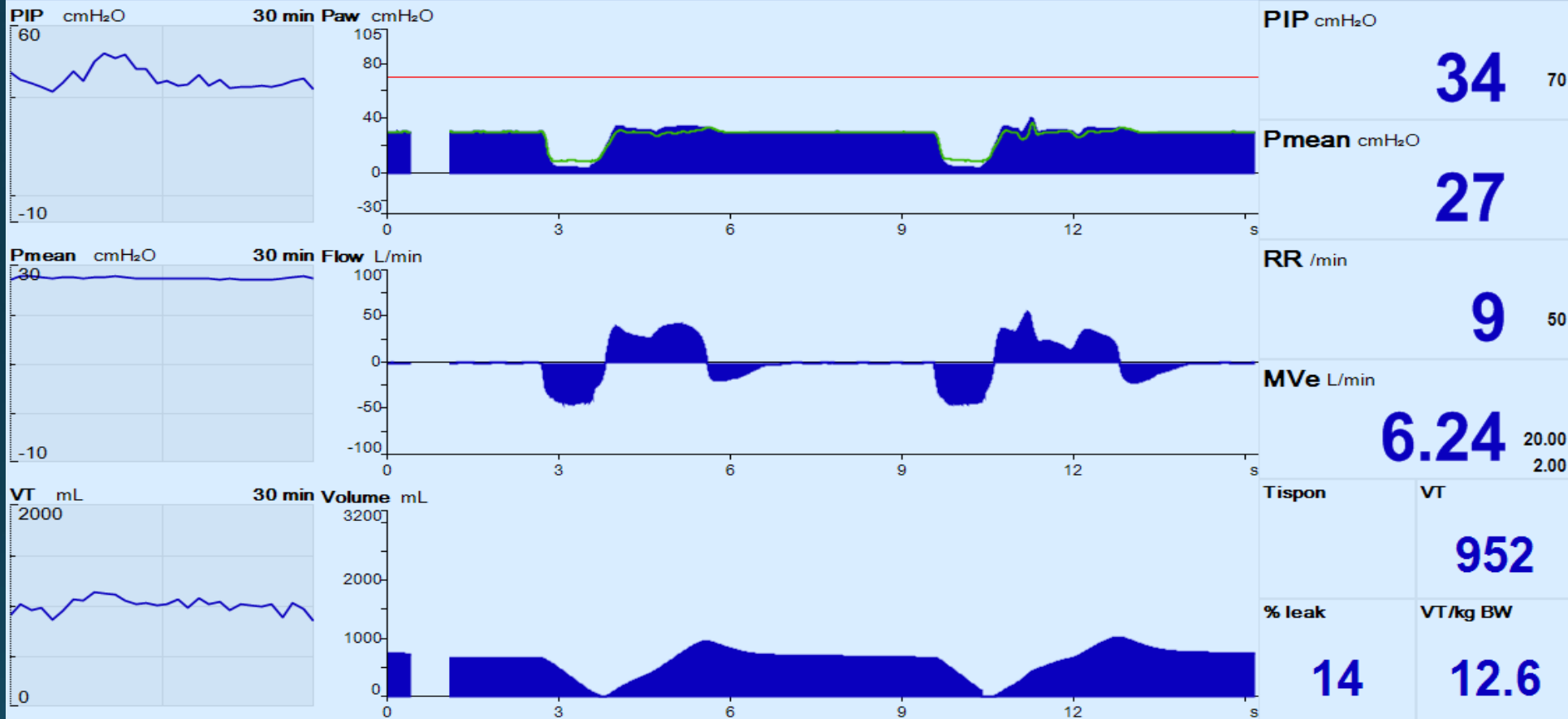
PC-APRV

O<sub>2</sub> ↑ 171 s

ATC Ø

7.0 mm

PS500

Disconnect patient after O<sub>2</sub> enrichment!

PC-APRV



Apn. Vent. Off

Views...

Day/Night

Freeze  
waveformsExport  
screenshot

Trends/Data...

Trends table

Values

Logbook

Special  
maneuvers...O<sub>2</sub> suction

Man. insp./hold

Manual  
disconnection

Alarms...

Ventilation  
settings...

Trigger

Apnea  
VentilationSensors/  
Parameters...

System setup...

Neonatal flow  
sensor

Flow sensor

CO<sub>2</sub> sensor

Help...

Start/  
Standby...

# Always re-assess T Low



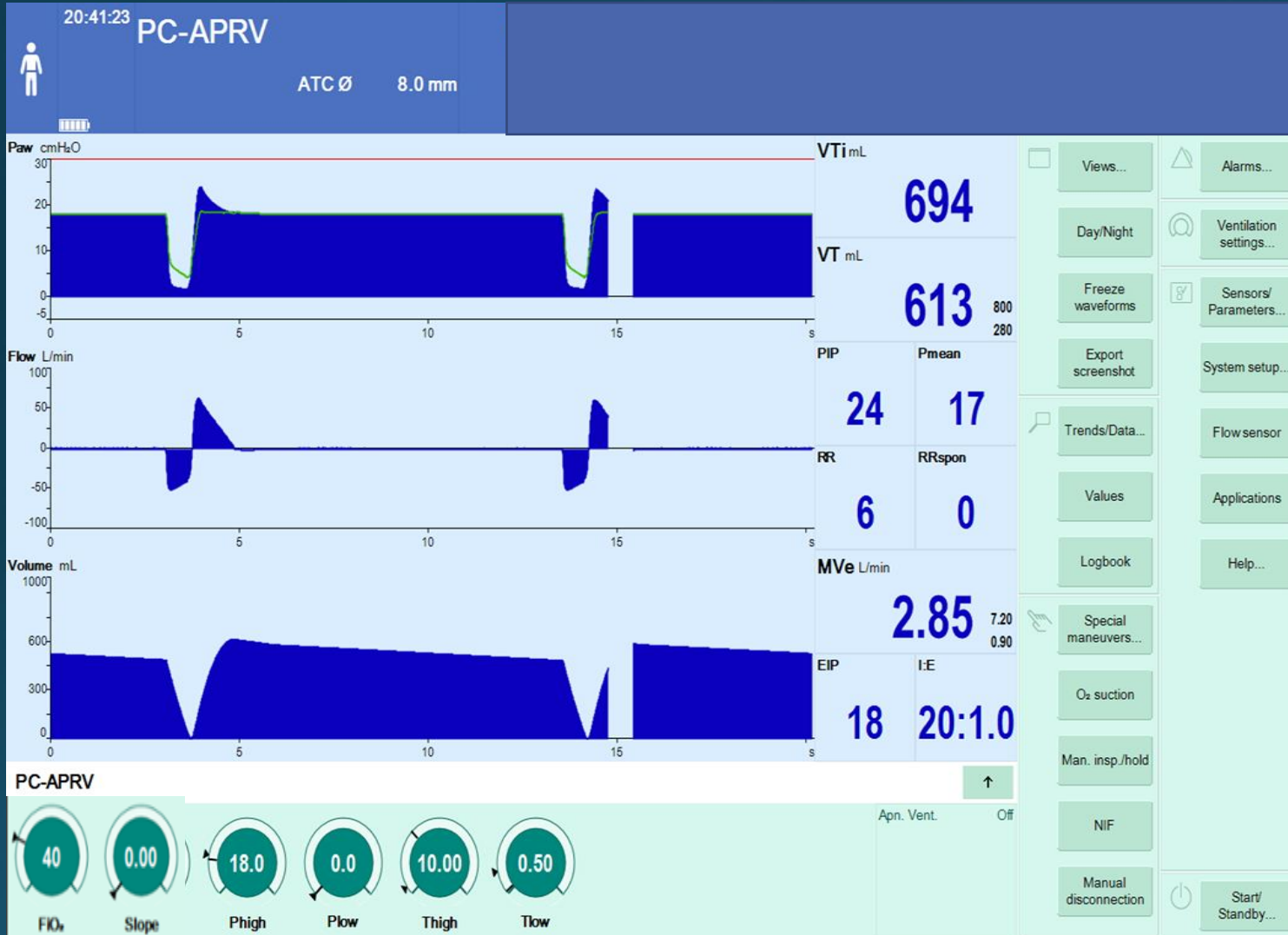
T Low 0.3 on Servo I



T Low 0.5 on Drager XL



# Ventilator Assessment



TIME & SETTINGS	2000	2300
	18/0 10/0.5	20/0 10/0.5
RR	6	9
VT	613	524
VE	3.7	3.1
T/P%	75%	60%

# Ventilator Assessment



TIME & SETTING S	2000	2300	0200	0300
RR	6	9	12	10
VT	613	524	248	521
VE	3.7	3.1	2.94	2.86
T/P%	75%	60%		75%

# APRV & Spontaneous Breathing

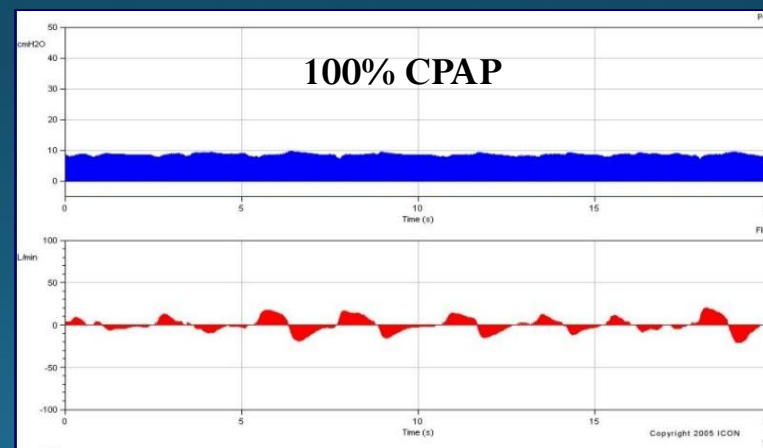
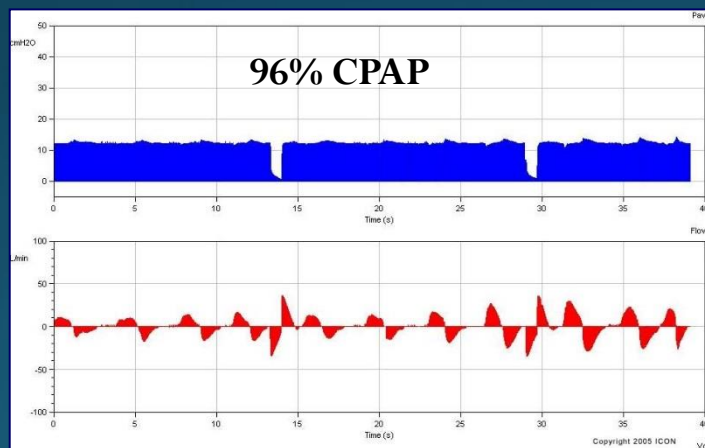
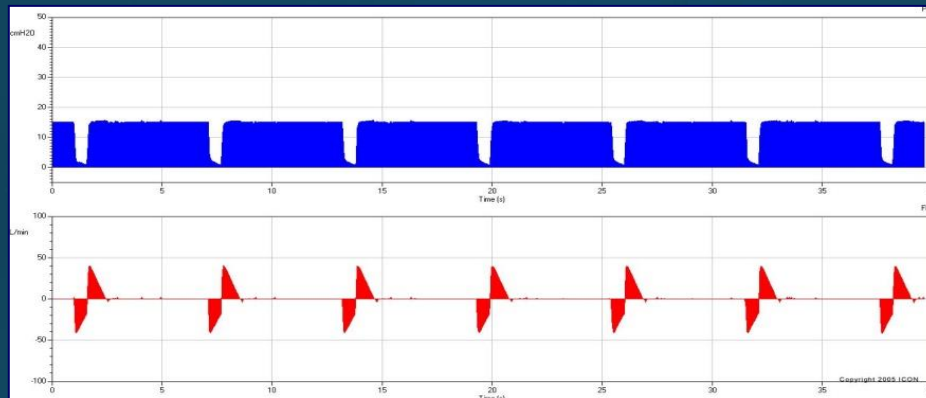
APRV can be used in patients who are not spontaneously breathing

*However,* APRV enhances the benefits of spontaneous breathing

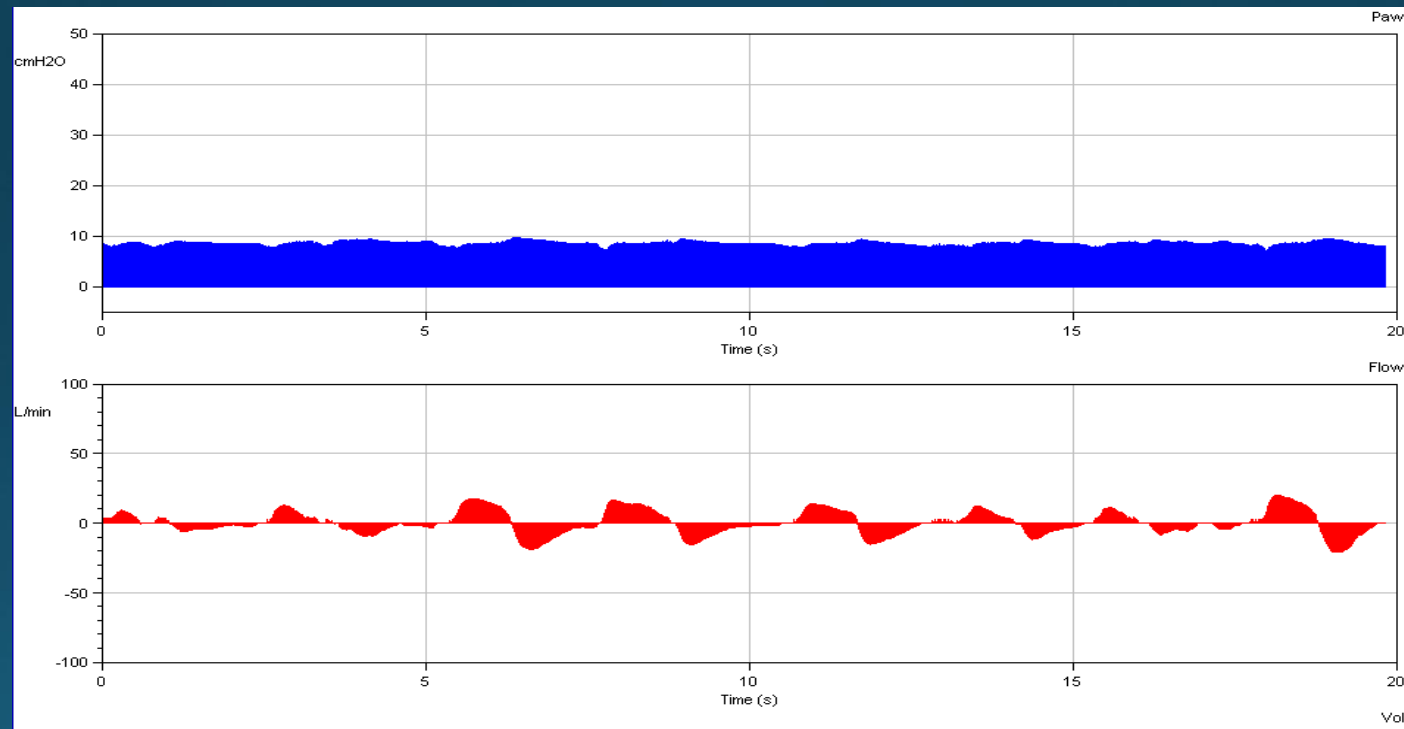


# Bulk of APRV is CPAP

80-85 PEDIATRICS 90% ADULTS IN CPAP



# APRV Now Becomes CPAP



# CARDIO-Pulmonary Considerations

- Perfusion
- Volume resuscitation
  - The ventilator can't do it all!



# Summary

- APRV may use the same inflating pressures as conventional, but with different timing.
- End expiratory lung volume is controlled and monitored with flow and time versus pressure.
- Spontaneous breathing is highly encouraged although **NOT** necessary.
- Literature exists to support APRV *preventing* ALI/ARDS.

APRV PROTOCOLS

[WWW.APRVNETWORK.ORG](http://WWW.APRVNETWORK.ORG)



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