



Safely Ventilating the Sick Lung in 2022

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Goals and Objectives

- * Discuss some Core Principles of Ventilation relevant to mechanical ventilation moving forward.
- * Compare and Contrast High MAP strategies of ventilation.
- * Familiarize clinicians with some of the key papers impacting ventilation strategy today.

Pressure vs Volume Ventilation

- * Volume: Set Flow, variable pressure

RR/VT/FIO₂/Peep 10/500/60 +5

- * Pressure: Set pressure, variable flow and tidal volume.

RR/PIP/Peep/FIO₂/I time 10 20/5 60 1.2 I time

Volume Ventilation



The Ball is your VT. You decide how fast to throw it.

Pressure Ventilation



The balloon is your vt. Your primary concern is not to hurt the catchers hand, the balloon may not arrive in the way you intended.



PRVC



P_{peak} (40)

22
cmH₂O

RR (30)

12
b/min

V_{Te} (5)

386
ml

Ω

C_{dyn}

22.4
ml/cmH₂O

O₂ conc.

70

PEEP

5.0

RR

12

Tidal volume

400

Volume and Pressure

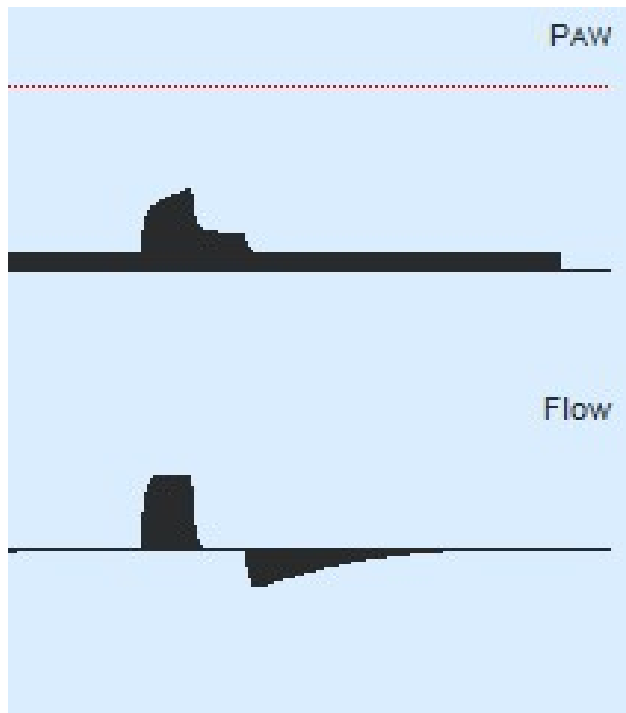
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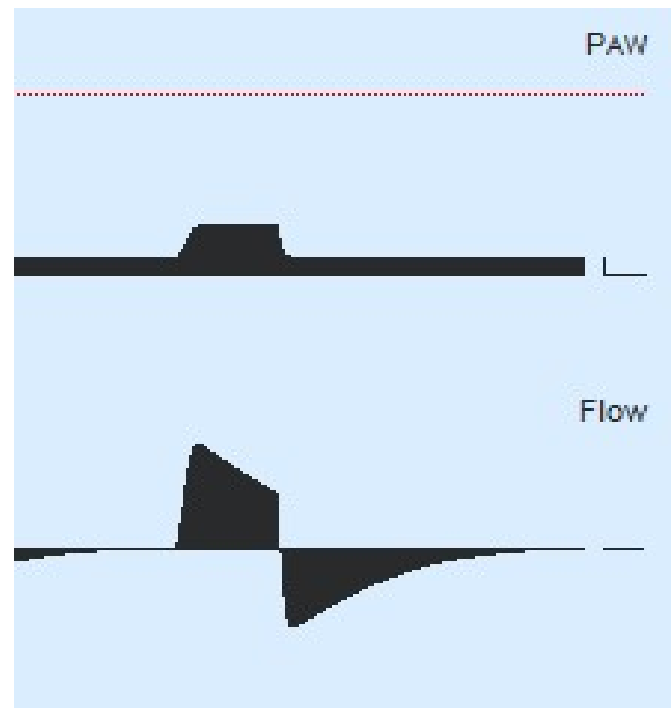
Pressure



Plateau Pressure



Fixed Flow Volume



Pressure

2011 Respiratory Care Journal January 2011



- * Page 83
- * Patient Ventilator Interactions:
Optimizing Conventional Ventilation
Modes
- * **Pressure Control Volume Assured
Ventilation**
- * Dr Catherine Sassoon MD Long Beach, CA
- * Dr Neil MacIntyre MD Duke University, NC
- * Richard Kallet MSc RRT
- 1. ***“CS “In my experience it seems to be a
better mode than just plain pressure
control ventilation”***
- 2. ***Dr Neil MacIntyre “We kind of like
Pressure Regulated Volume Control”***
- 3. ***Richard Kallet RRT “We have all but
outlawed it at San Francisco General
Hospital.***

Dual Mode Commentary From Kallet

1. “In a 6 month period I found 4 patients in overt shock with a peak pressure of 12”.
2. The Rule of thumb is if your peak pressure on someone who is very sick is less than 20, you need to take a closer look”.
3. If your peak pressures on a dual mode are in the mid 20s to 30s, I don’t have a problem with it at all

Paraphrased for length complete text page 84 Jan 2011 Resp Care

- * “It’s a clinician problem, in that a lot of times the clinician is not recognizing that there’s a problem going on”

Richard Kallet 2011



Bedside Approach

1. PIP
2. MAP (PMean)



PRVC



P _{peak}	21	cmH ₂ O	40
PEEP	5.0	cmH ₂ O	15
P _{mean}	8	cmH ₂ O	2
RR	15	b/min	30
I:E	1 : 3.4		5
O ₂ conc.	100	%	
V _{Te}	394	ml	
V _{Ti}	409	ml	
MV _e	5.9	l/min	40.0
C _{dyn}	24.5	ml/cmH ₂ O	15
VT/PBW	6.4	ml/kg	

O ₂ conc.	PEEP	RR	Tidal volume
100	5.0	15	400



PBW 61 kg

15:47
18-09-17

>45 min



STANDBY



Modes



ALARM LIMITS



MANEUVERS



VIEWS



NAVA



DISCONNECTION
/SUCTION

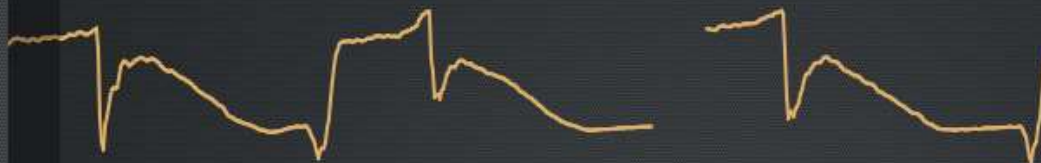


TRENDS &
LOGS



PRVC

14 PRESSURE cmH₂O



P_{peak}

10

cmH₂O

PEEP

4.9

cmH₂O

P_{mean}

7

cmH₂O

RR

19

b/min

I:E

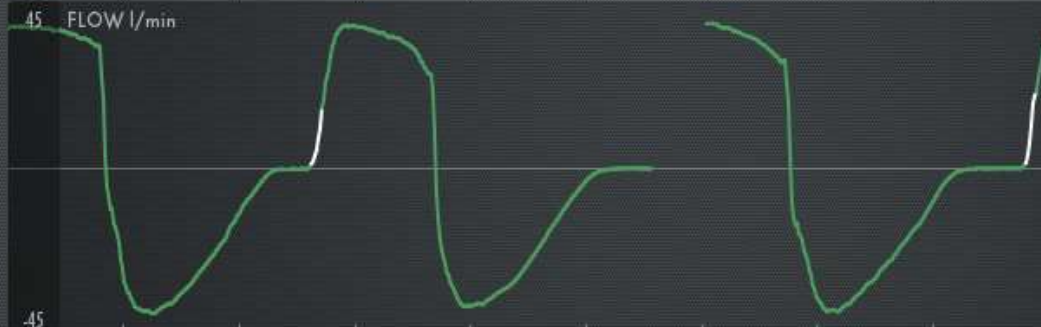
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O₂ conc.

70

%

-2
45 FLOW l/min



V_Te

576

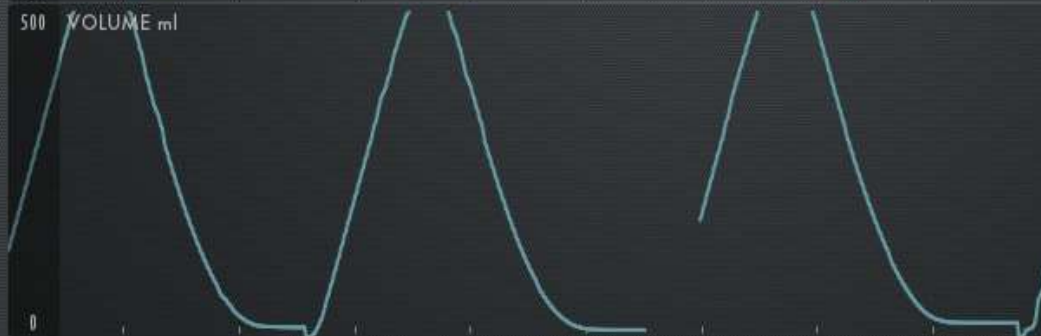
ml

V_Ti

562

ml

500 VOLUME ml



C_{dyn}

132.7

ml/cmH₂O

VT/PBW

9.5

ml/kg

100

O₂ BOOST

O₂ conc.

70

PEEP

5.0

RR

12

Tidal volume

400

What Do You Do?

Traditional Volume Ventilation?

Issue is that the patient is demanding a higher volume, limiting the volume will result in severe asynchrony.

You can do it, but you will need to apply heavy sedation



What Do You Do Part 2

Pressure Ventilate

Set Pressure to 20, you will then achieve a higher MAP.

Note Driving pressure

Note tidal volumes because they are variable





PBW 61 kg

15:49
18-09-17



>45 min



STANDBY



MODES



ALARM LIMITS



MANEUVERS



VIEWS



NAVA



DISCONNECTION
/SUCTION



TRENDS &
LOGS



PRESSURE CONTROL

25 PRESSURE cmH₂O



P_{peak}

20

cmH₂O

PEEP

4.9

cmH₂O

P_{mean}

10

cmH₂O

RR

20

b/min

I:E

1 : 2.0

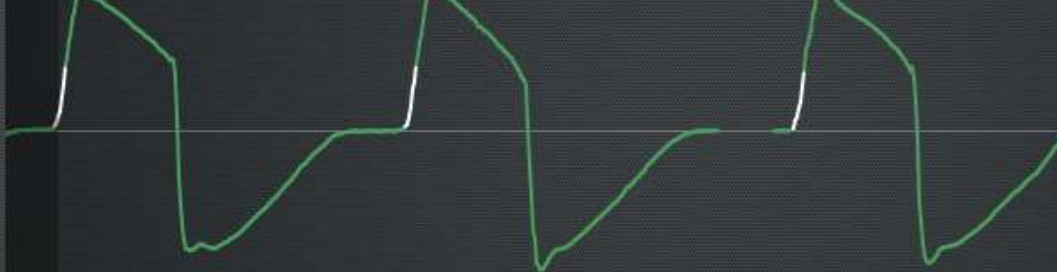
O₂ conc.

70

%

-3

60 FLOW l/min



V_{Te}

592

ml

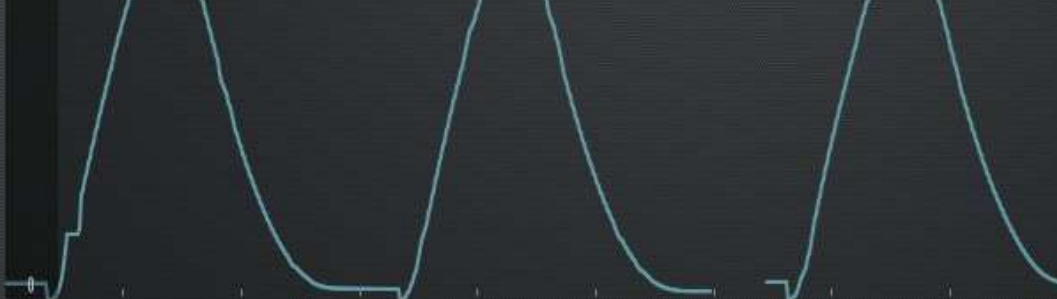
V_{Ti}

588

ml

-60

500 VOLUME ml



C_{dyn}

39.6

ml/cmH₂O

VT/PBW

9.7

ml/kg

100

O₂ BOOST

O₂ conc.

70

PEEP

5.0

RR

12

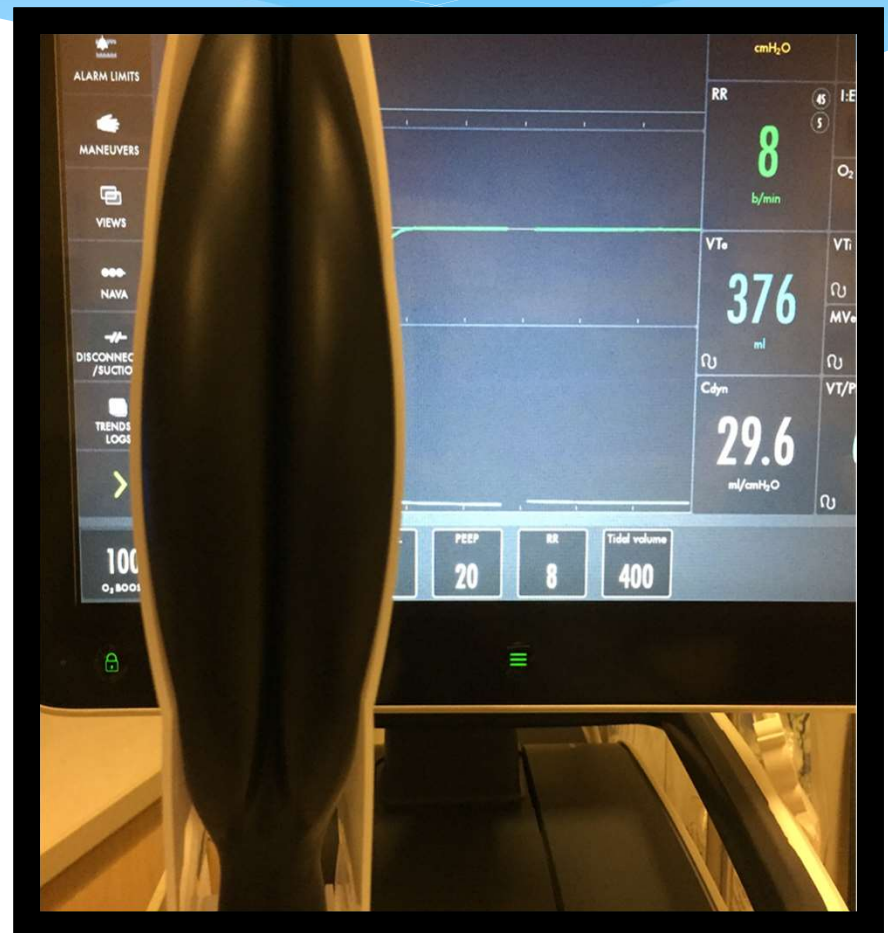
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PEEP

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Option 3 2022

- * Increase Peep (10-12cmh₂O)
- * Check Driving Pressure

Peep is Volume



Peep and FRC

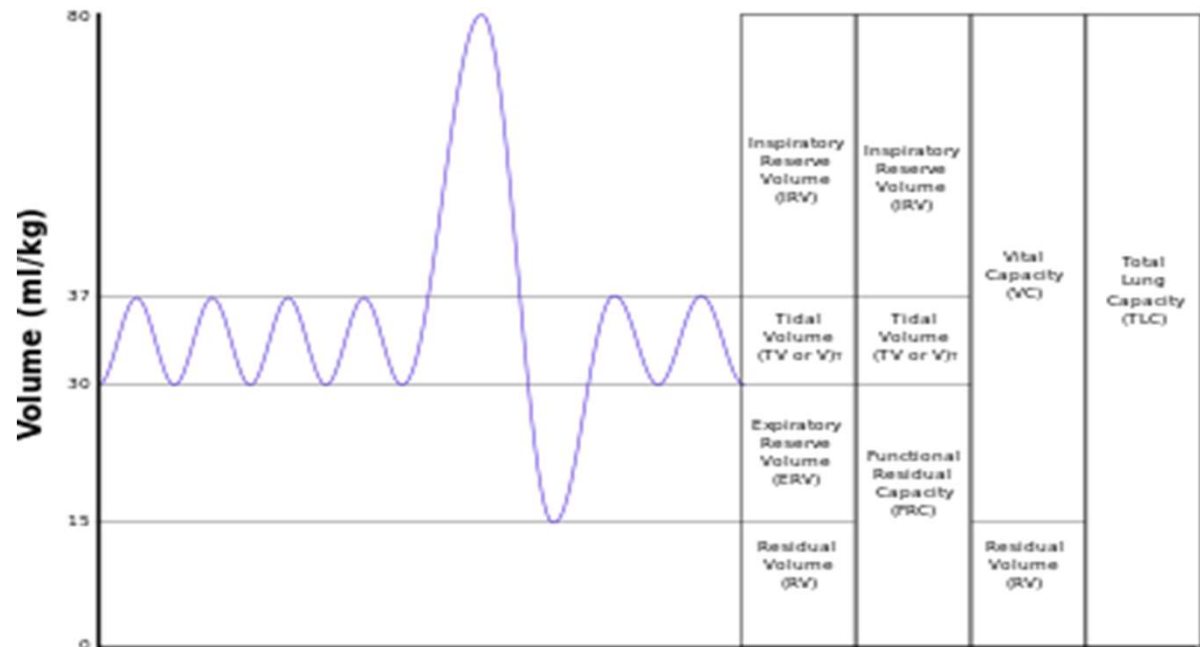
FRC

70 kg/154lb male IBW

VT = 6cc-8cc **420-560**

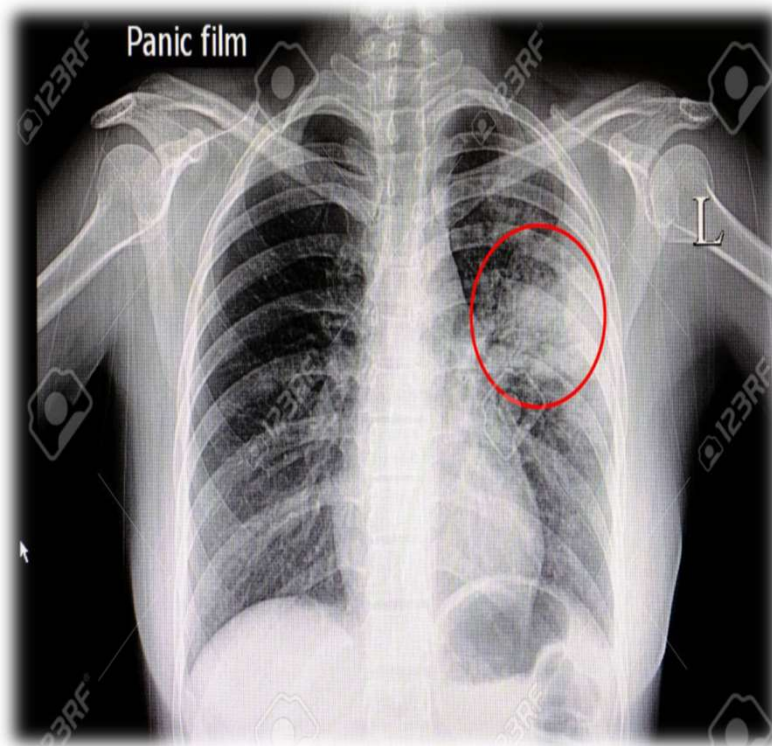
Functional Residual Capacity

FRC = 35ml/kg **2450ml**



Peep Needed?

L Mid lobe Pneumonia



ARDS



Ardsnet VT Goal 6ml/kg

What About Peep?

OXYGENATION GOAL: PaO₂ 55-80 mmHg or SpO₂ 88-95%

Use a minimum PEEP of 5 cm H₂O. Consider use of incremental FiO₂/PEEP combinations such as shown below (not required) to achieve goal.

Lower PEEP/higher FiO₂

FiO₂	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

FiO₂	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0
PEEP	14	14	14	16	18	18-24

Higher PEEP/lower FiO₂

FiO₂	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

FiO₂	0.5	0.5-0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0
PEEP	18	20	22	22	22	24

INCLUSION CRITERIA

1. PaO₂/FiO₂ ≤ 300
2. Bilateral (patchy) pulmonary edema
3. No clinical evidence of left heart failure

PART I: VENTILATION

1. Calculate predicted body weight (PBW)
 - Males** = 50 kg
 - Females** = 45 kg
2. Select any ventilator
3. Set ventilator mode to volume control
4. Reduce V_T by 10% if plateau pressure > 30 cm H₂O
5. Set initial rate to 12 bpm
6. Adjust V_T and rate to achieve VT goal of 6 ml/kg

High or Low Peep? 2004

Higher versus Lower Positive End-Expiratory Pressures in Patients with the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute ARDS Clinical Trials Network*

N Engl J Med 2004; 351:327-336

Conclusions

These results suggest that in patients with acute lung injury and ARDS who receive mechanical ventilation with a tidal-volume goal of 6 ml per kilogram of predicted body weight and an end-inspiratory plateau-pressure limit of 30 cm of water, **clinical outcomes are similar whether lower or higher PEEP levels are used.**

High vs Low PEEP? 2017

In conclusion, we have performed an updated meta-analysis of clinical trials comparing higher PEEP to lower PEEP strategies among patients with ARDS

Conclusions: Use of higher PEEP is unlikely to improve clinical outcomes among unselected patients with ARDS.

Walkey, Del Sorbo, Hodgson, et al.: PEEP in ARDS
AnnalsATS Volume 14 Supplement 4| October 2017

What Does it all Mean?

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How Do You Set PEEP?



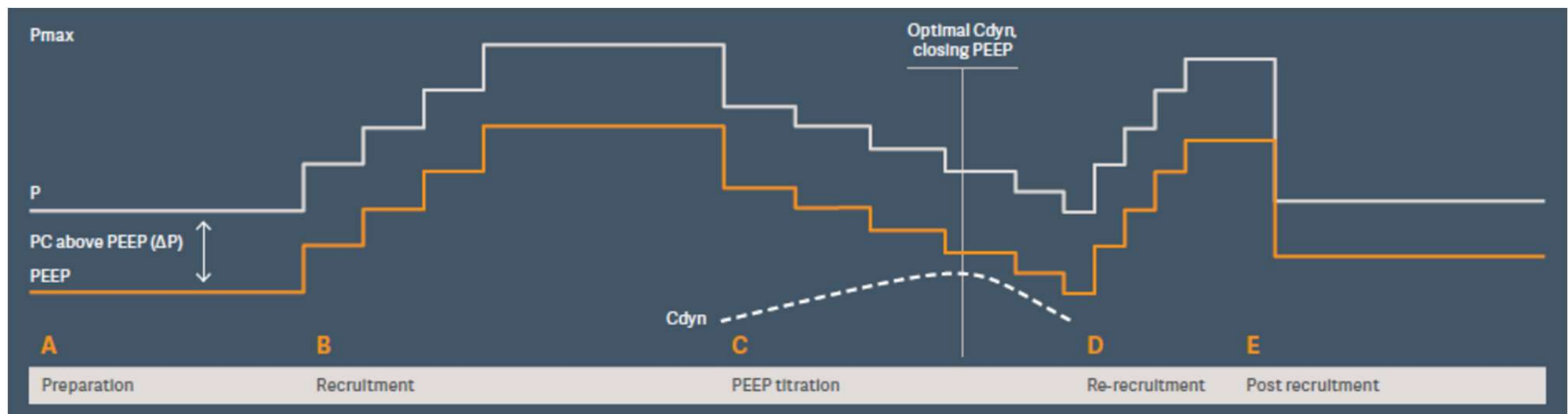
“Open Lung Concept”

- * The “open lung concept” was a proposal to use recruitment manoeuvres followed by higher PEEP to reduce atelectrauma and shear-stress
- * Critical Care 1992 “Open up the lung and keep the lung open”

Process

Recruitment phases

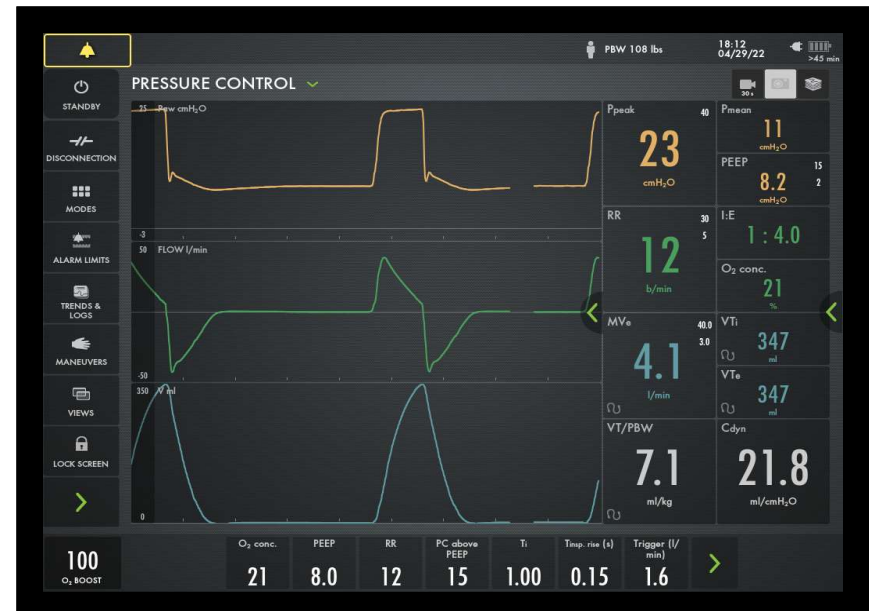
1. Recruitment
2. PEEP titration
3. Re-recruitment
4. Post-recruitment



Determine Best Peep

- * Switch Patient to Pressure Control
- * Set PIP 15 Titrate for appropriate volumes
- * *Modified Recruitment adverse method. Start at low level work up to 25 than verify on way down*
- * Allow at least 3-5 Breaths per level
- * Note Volume and Compliance

Patient Cannot Be Spontaneously Breathing



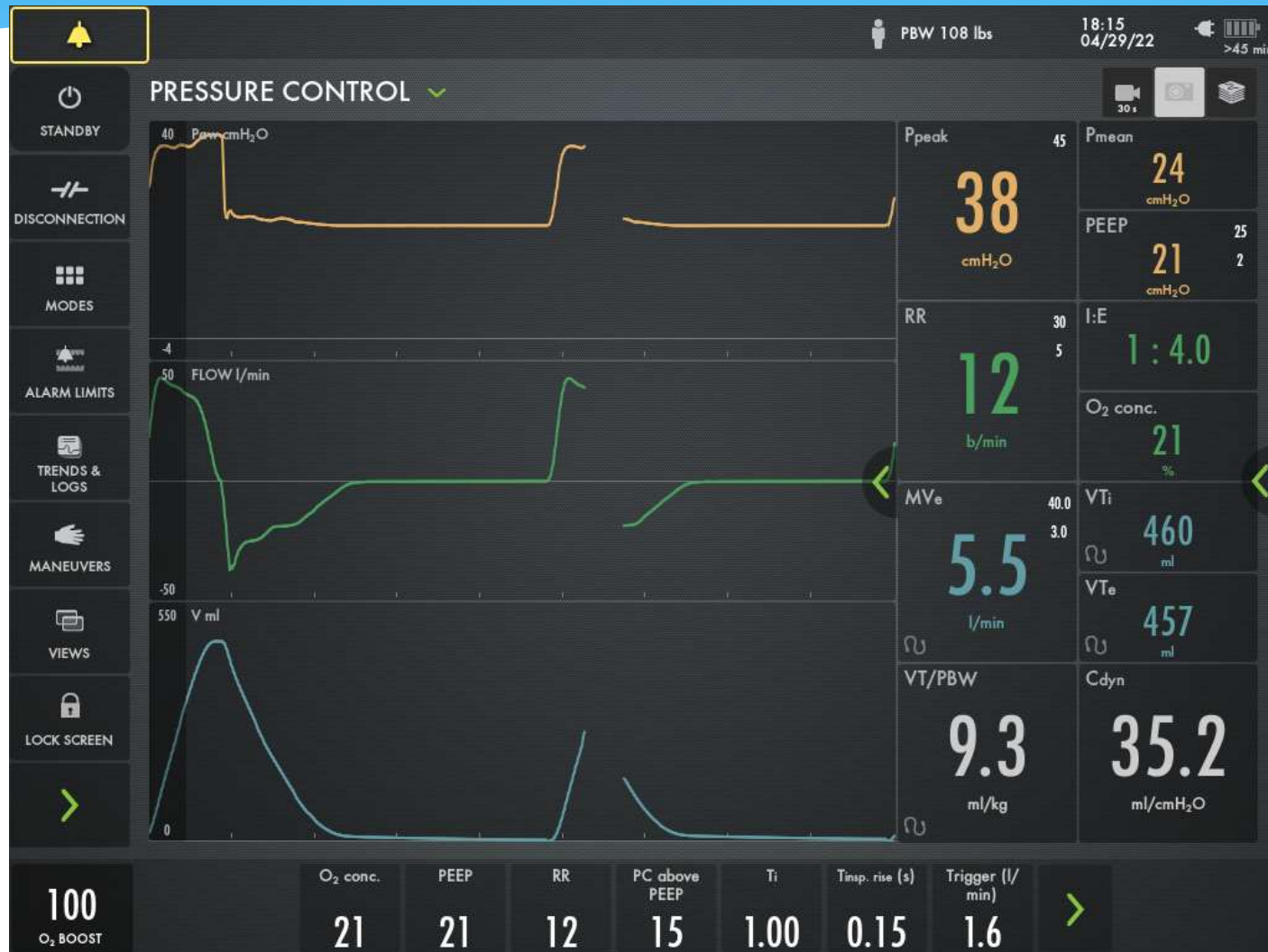
Best Peep

25 Peep



Best Peep

21 Peep



Best Peep

18 Peep



Best Peep

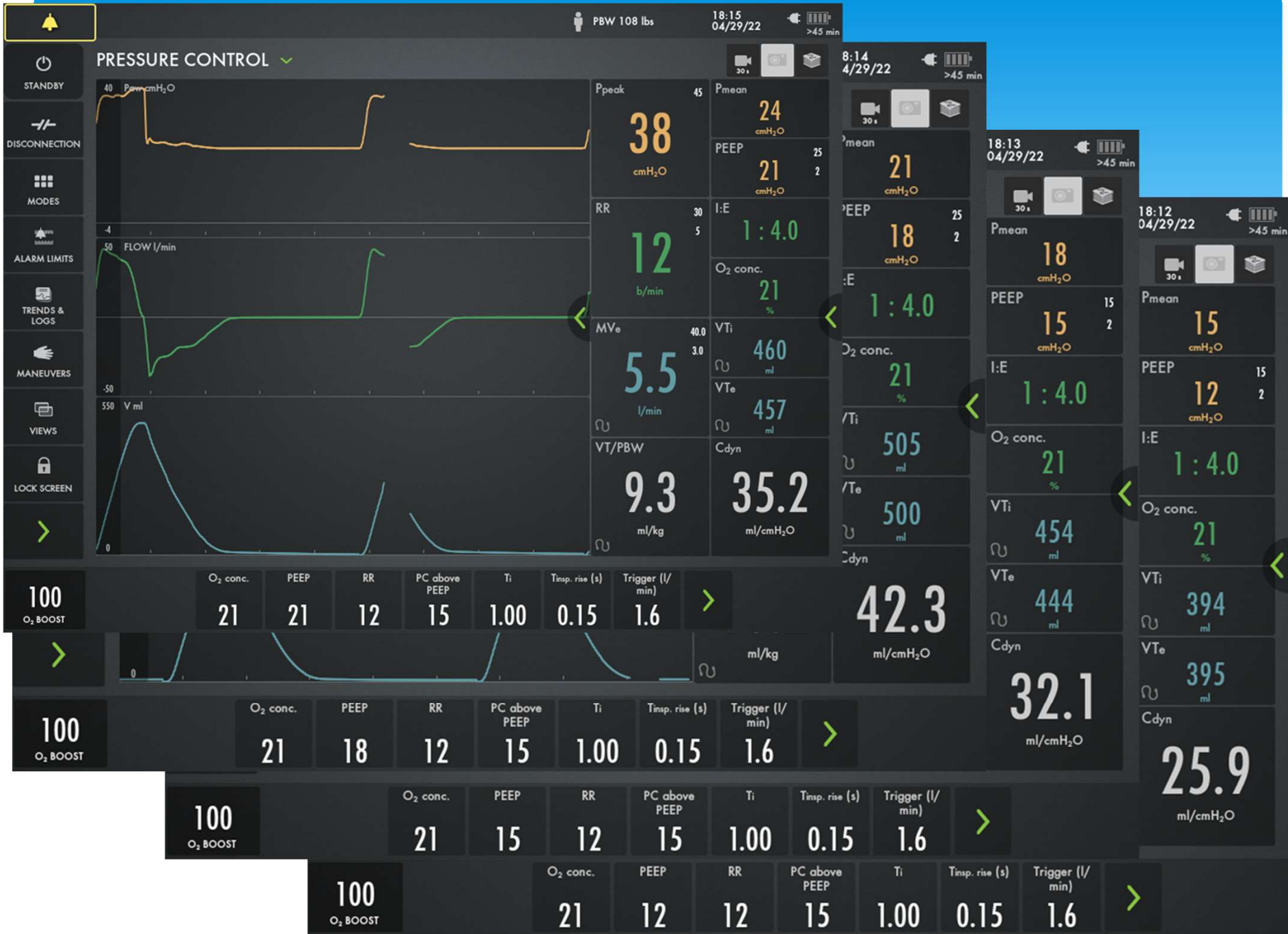
15 Peep



Best Peep

12 Peep





1) “Conclusions: In patients with established acute respiratory distress syndrome, open lung approach improved oxygenation and driving pressure, without detrimental effects on mortality, ventilator-free days, or barotrauma.”

Kacmarek RM, Villar J, Sulemanji D, Montiel R, Ferrando C, Blanco J, Koh Y, Soler JA, Martínez D, Hernández M, Tucci M, Borges JB, Lubillo S, Santos A, Araujo JB, Amato MB, Suárez-Sipmann F; Open Lung Approach Network. Open Lung Approach for the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome: A Pilot, Randomized Controlled Trial.

Crit Care Med. 2016 Jan;44(1):32-42. doi: 10.1097/CCM.0000000000001383. PMID: 26672923.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26672923/>

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Van der Zee, P., Gommers, D. Recruitment Maneuvers and Higher PEEP, the So-Called Open Lung Concept, in Patients with ARDS. Crit Care 23, 73 (2019).

<https://doi.org/10.1186/s13054-019-2365-1>

<https://ccforum.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13054-019-2365-1>

Amato et al NEJM 2015

THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

SPECIAL ARTICLE

Driving Pressure and Survival in the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

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Laurent

Thom

METHODS: Using a statistical tool known as multilevel mediation analysis to analyze individual data from 3562 patients with ARDS enrolled in nine previously reported randomized trials, we examined ΔP as an independent variable associated with survival. In

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(ARDS),
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malized 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.

CONCLUSIONS We found that ΔP was the ventilation variable that best stratified risk. Decreases in ΔP owing to changes in minim ventilator settings were strongly associated with increased disease survival.

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VIEWPOINT

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Driving pressure: a marker of severity, a safety limit, or a goal for mechanical ventilation?

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Current guidelines for lung-protective ventilation in patients with acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) suggest the use of low tidal volumes (Vt), set according to ideal body weight (IBW) of the patient [1], and higher levels of positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP) to limit ventilator-induced lung injury (VILI) [2, 3]. However, recent studies have shown that ARDS patients who are ventilated according to these guidelines may still be exposed to forces that can induce or aggravate lung injury [4–6].

Airway driving pressure has received considerable attention after a publication by Amato et al. [7] of a complex and innovative statistical analysis of key randomized clinical trials that tested ventilatory settings in patients with ARDS. The analysis showed that driving pressure, as opposed to Vt and PEEP, was the variable that best correlated with survival in patients with ARDS [7]. Since this article, several authors have replicated this hypothesis in different clinical scenarios, to the point of suggesting that driving pressure may be a goal in itself [8].

In this Viewpoint, we review the physiological meaning of driving pressure, look at the current clinical evidence, and discuss the role of driving pressure when setting the ventilator, considering it more as a safety limit than an objective by itself. This discussion is restricted to patients undergoing controlled mechanical ventilation and without spontaneous breathing efforts. During spontaneous ventilation measurements of driving pressure will underestimate the real distending pressure of the respiratory system and it can, therefore, be misleading [9].

Back to basics: what does driving pressure represent?

After the description of the baby lung concept [10], which revealed a physiologically small lungs in patients with ARDS, several studies in the 1990s tested the

hypothesis that limiting Vt or airway pressures during mechanical ventilation might improve the outcome of these patients. In a pioneering single center study, Amato et al. were the first to show a reduction in mortality in this setting using a strategy based on maintaining low inspiratory driving pressures (lower than 20 cmH₂O) along low Vt and high PEEP levels [11]. Shortly after, the large multicenter ARDSnet trial showed a decrease in mortality by nearly 25% in more than 800 patients with ARDS when using 6, instead of 12 mL/kg IBW, confirming that Vt limitation is a fundamental strategy to improve survival of patients with ARDS [1].

However, some controversy was generated about the best way to titrate Vt: IBW, body surface area, lung size, airway pressures, etc. Going further back, the rationale of limiting Vt emerged from the description of the concept of baby lung, which tells us that in ARDS we are facing physiologically small lungs, and not rigid lungs as previously thought [10]. In Gattinoni et al.'s original study, while oxygenation and shunt were correlated with non-aerated tissue, static lung compliance was strongly correlated with the residual aerated lung volume [12], the volume of the baby lung.

With that being said, driving pressure (DP) is the difference between the airway pressure at the end of inspiration (plateau pressure, P_{pl}) and PEEP [7, 13]. In turn, static compliance of the respiratory system (C_{RS}) is the quotient between Vt and driving pressure. Ergo, by simple arithmetic, driving pressure is the quotient between the Vt and C_{RS} of the patient:

$$\begin{aligned} DP &= P_{pl} - PEEP \\ C_{RS} &= \frac{Vt}{P_{pl} - PEEP} = \frac{Vt}{DP} \\ DP &= \frac{Vt}{C_{RS}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, driving pressure represents the Vt corrected for the patient's C_{RS}, and using driving pressure as a safety limit may be a better way to adjust Vt in order to

Although there is insufficient evidence to suggest a specific cutoff value for driving pressure, **we propose 15 cm H₂O**, not as a target, but as a safety limit.

“we suggest adjusting ventilatory support with traditional protective parameters, Vt 6–8 mL/kg IBW and moderate PEEP levels, and adjusting them according to driving pressure, which should ideally be below 15 cm H₂O”

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“Driving pressure may be a valuable tool to set PEEP. Independent of the strategy used to titrate PEEP, changes in PEEP levels should consider the impact on driving pressure, besides other variables such as gas exchange and hemodynamics [3, 32, 33].

A decrease in driving pressure after increasing PEEP will necessarily reflect recruitment and a decrease in cyclic strain. On the contrary, an increase in driving pressure will suggest a non-recrutable lung”

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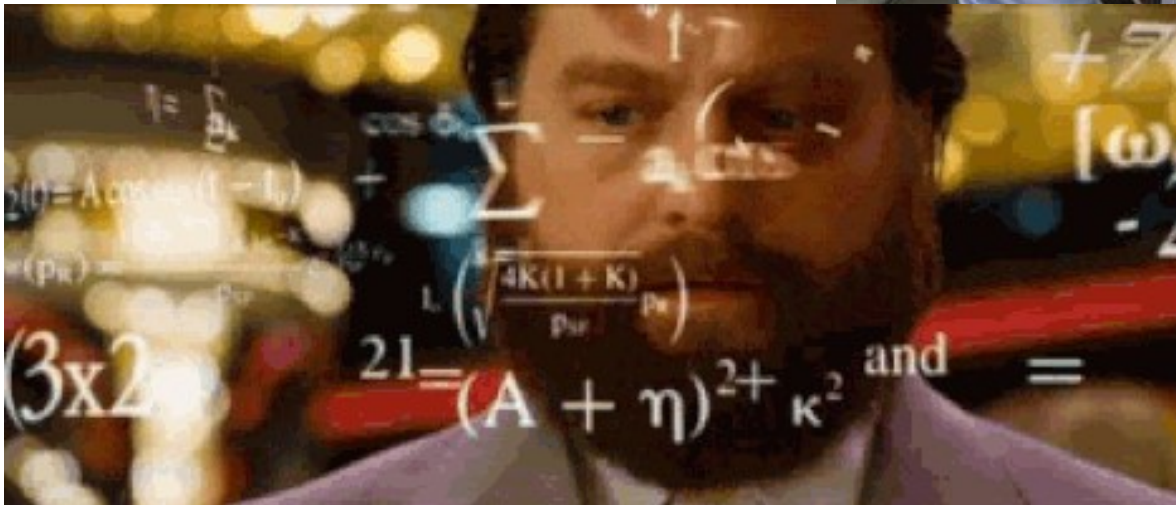
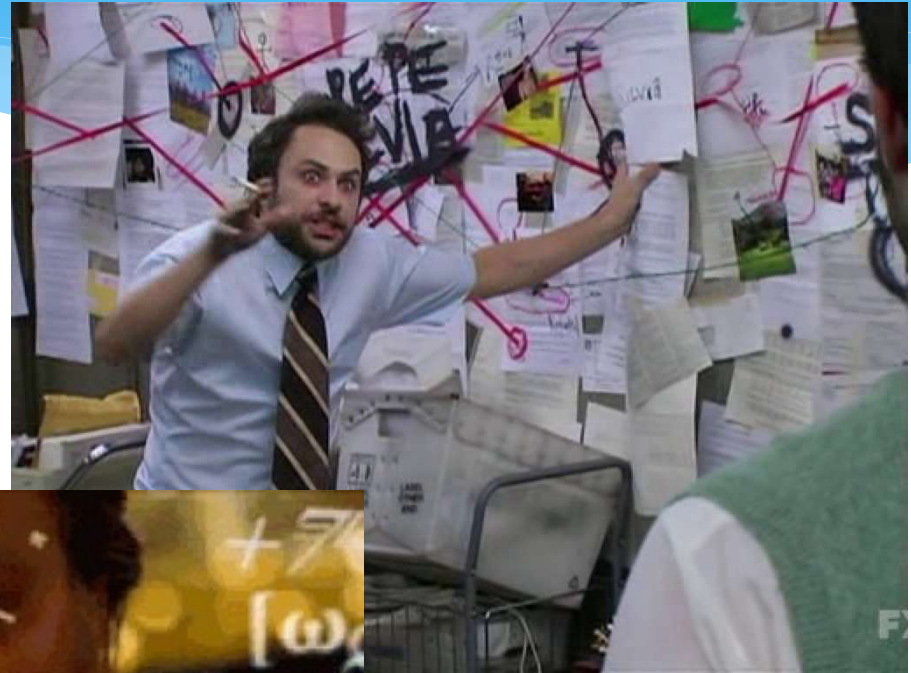
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Driving Pressure

How Do you
Calculate?



Driving Pressure

Plateau – Peep = Driving pressure (ΔP)

$$22 - 7 = 15$$

Driving Pressure

Driving Pressure 12

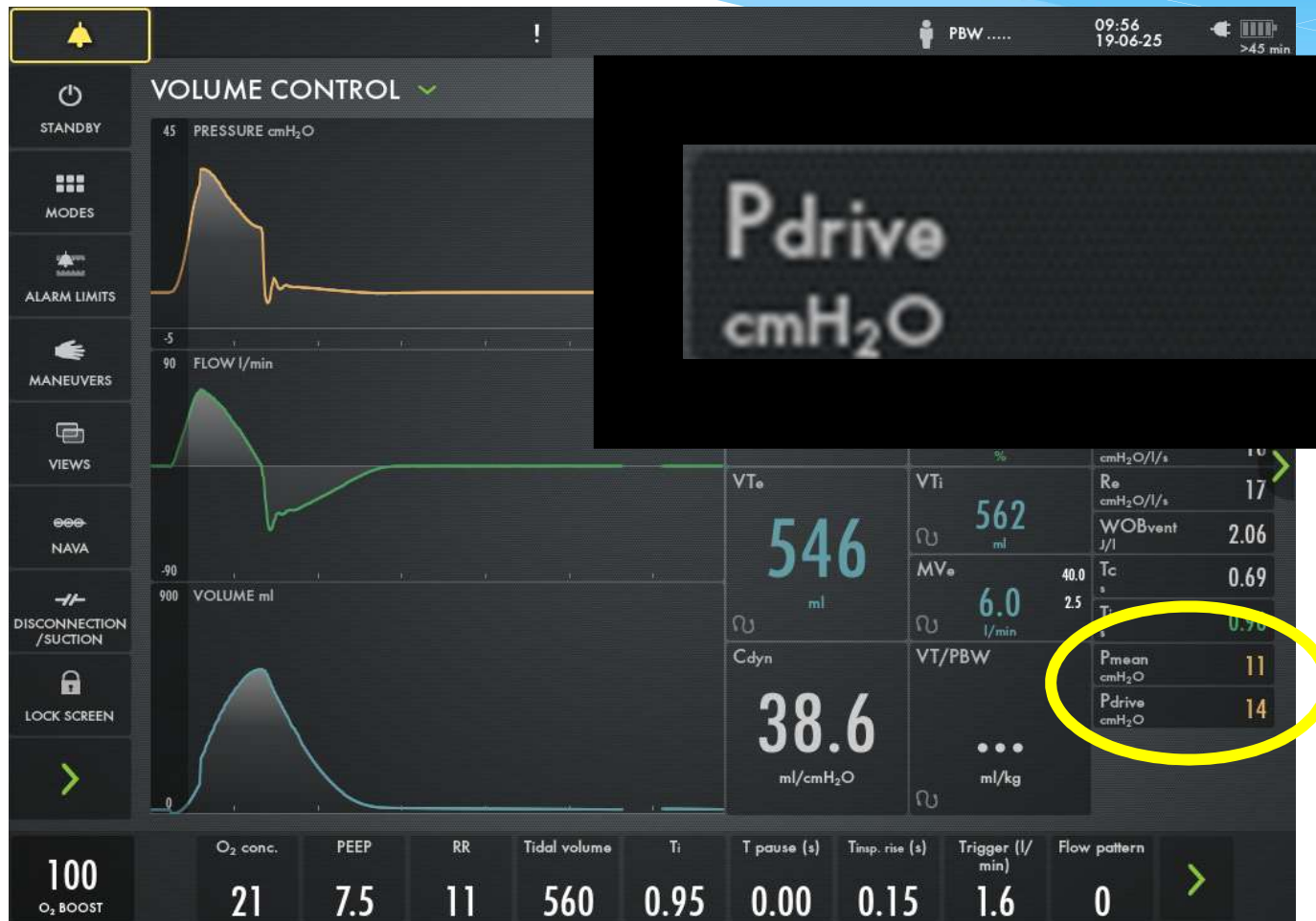


Driving Pressure 16



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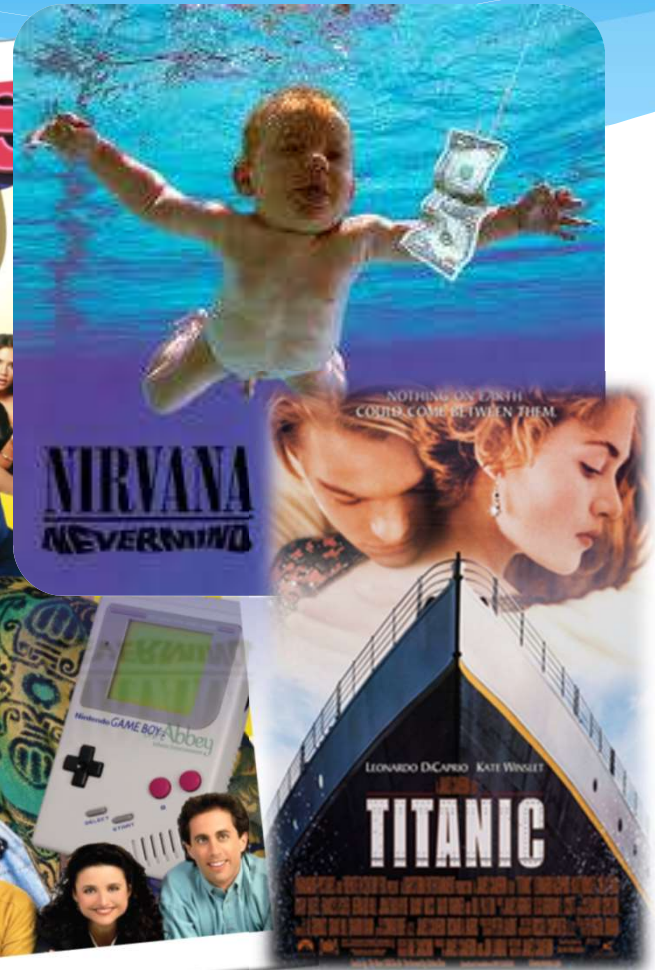
Pdrive (Driving Pressure) – new numerical value



APRV? Peep? HFO? Inverse I:E

High MAP Strategies

Let's Go Back to the 90s



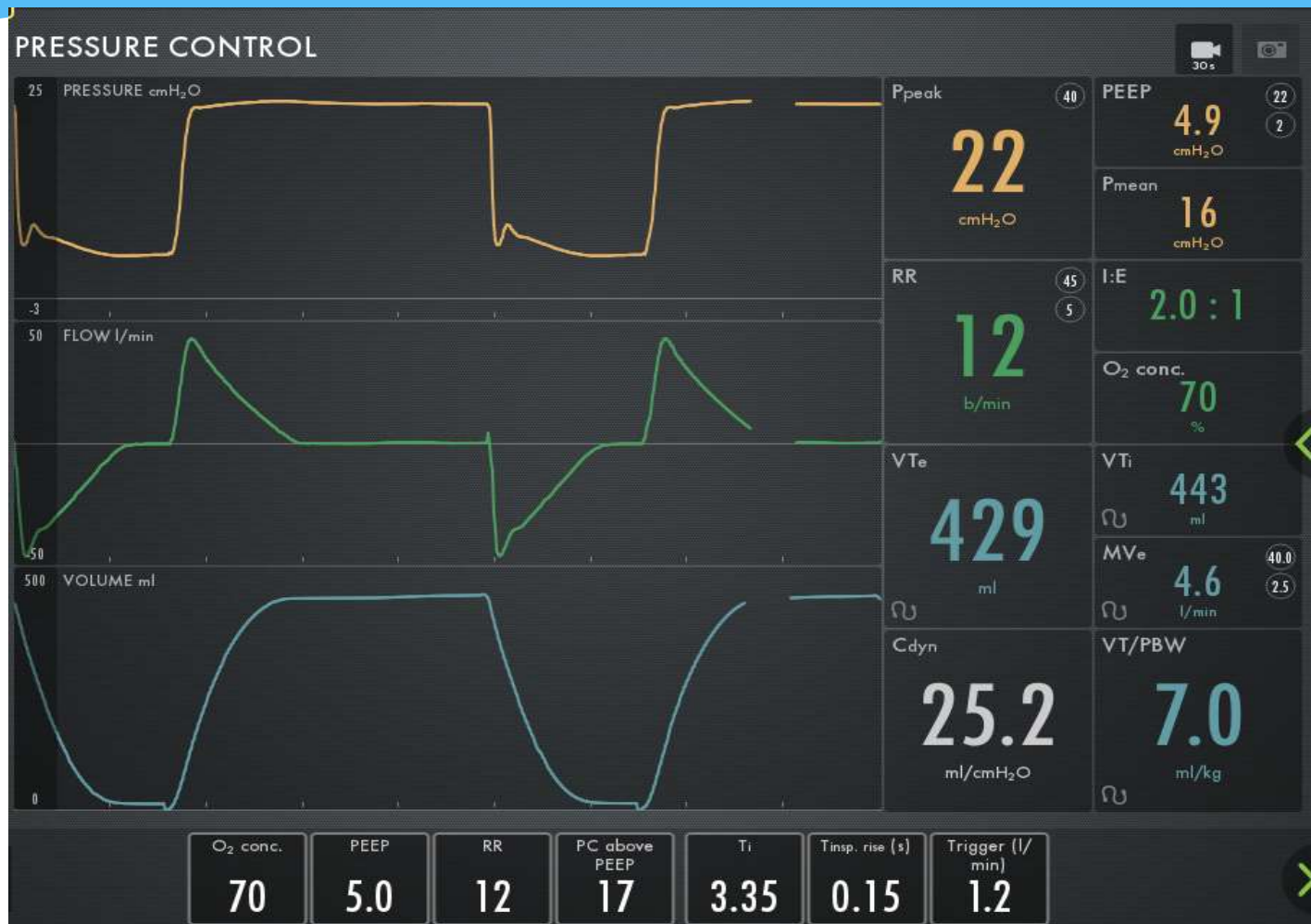
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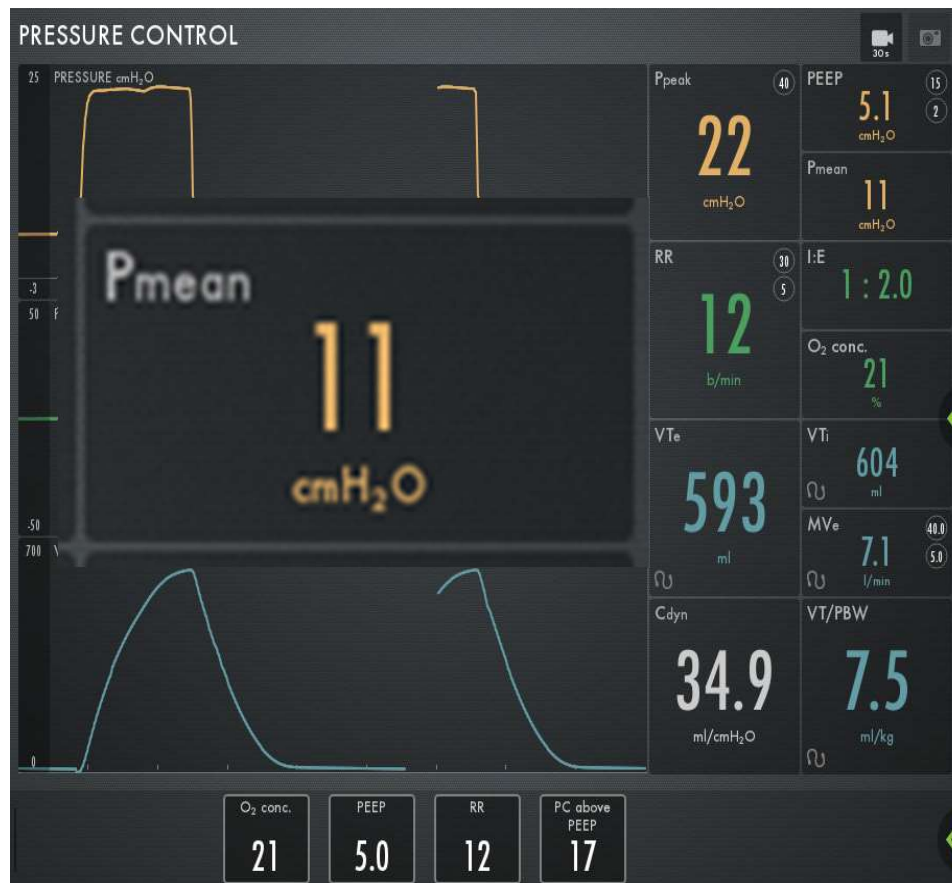


Traditional vs Inverse I:E

What Changes?

1-2 I:E

2-1 I:E





Inverse I:E Unnatural and uncomfortable

Requires Paralysis and/or heavy sedation

Neuromuscular Blockers in Early Acute Respiratory Distress

Laurent Papazian, M.D., Ph.D., Jean-Marie Forel, M.D., Arnaud Gacouin, M.D et al.

ACURASYS Trial

Multicenter, double-blind trial, 340 patients presenting to the intensive care unit (ICU) with an onset of severe ARDS within the previous 48 hours were randomly assigned to receive, for 48 hours, either cisatracurium besylate (178 patients) or placebo (162 patients).

The primary outcome was the proportion of patients who died either before hospital discharge or within 90 days after study enrollment

Treated with volume assist-control mode of ventilation, tidal volumes of 6-8ml/kg of predicted body weight. Target SpO₂ 88-95% or PaO₂ 55-80mmHg. FiO₂ and PEEP adjusted according to ARMA trial protocol.

In patients with severe ARDS, early administration of a neuromuscular blocking agent improved the adjusted 90-day survival and increased the time off the ventilator without increasing muscle weakness.

N Engl J Med 2010; 363:1107-1116

2019

No Benefit to Early Neuromuscular Blockade in Moderate-to-Severe ARDS

N Engl J Med 2019 May 19 Slutsky AS and Villar J. N Engl J Med 2019 May 19

More than 1000 patients with moderate-to-severe ARDS (partial pressure of oxygen: fraction of inspired oxygen [$\text{PaO}_2:\text{FIO}_2$], <150) were randomized to 48 hours of either cisatracurium with deep sedation or light sedation without NMB.

The trial was stopped early for futility. Mortality was quite high (43%) but was not different between groups. Lengths of stay (hospital and intensive care unit) and days free from mechanical ventilation were similar between groups; neuromuscular weakness and patient-reported quality of life at 3, 6, and 12 months also did not differ between groups.

Patients with moderate-to-severe ARDS should not be treated uniformly with early NMB. The editorialists state that NMB still should be considered on an individual basis, particularly for patients with ventilator dyssynchrony.

What Happened to Inverse I:E?

It Became APRV!



Both Are PC With Extended I Time



Airway Pressure Release Ventilation



APRV in 2022

Remains Controversial

1) **“APRV is a mode of mechanical ventilation that has generated enough controversy to fuel a war.”**

Journal List J Thorac Disv. 10(Suppl 9); 2018

2) **“APRV is the Devil’s Spawn. I’ll let that hyperbole be published.”**

Rich Kallet Respiratory Care June 2016

Should Airway Pressure Release Ventilation Be the Primary Mode in ARDS?

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

Intensive Care Med. 2017; 43(11): 1648–1659.

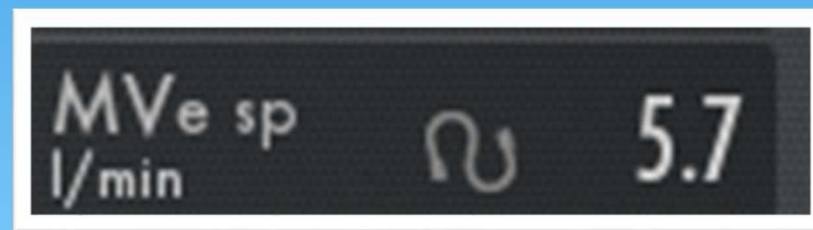
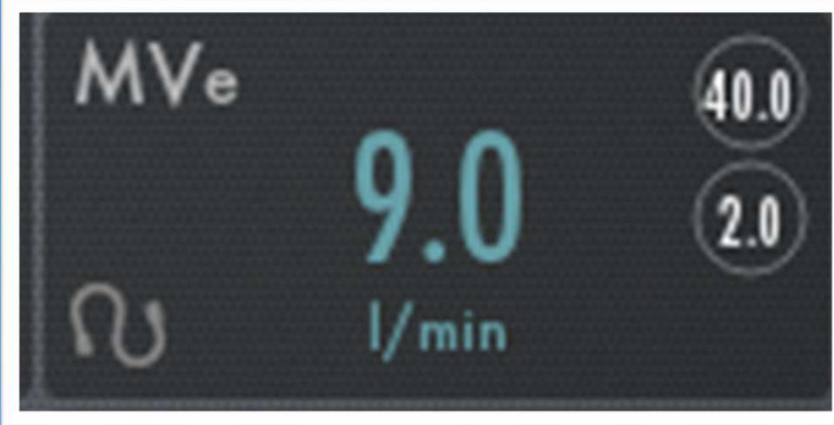
APRV Tips

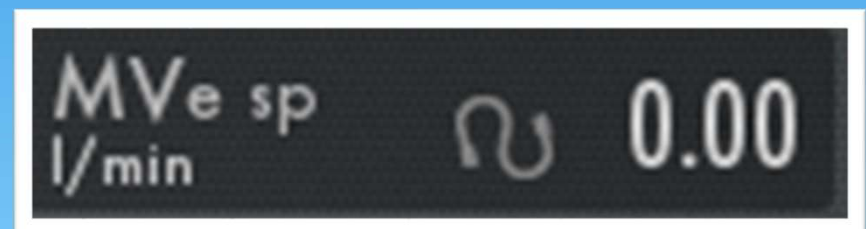
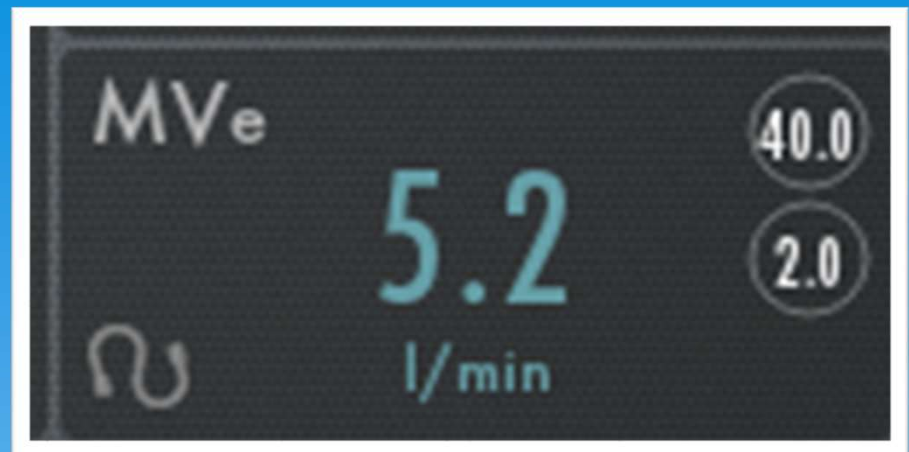
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2. Note patient's Minute Volume and Spontaneous VE.
3. Make sure you are inverse
4. Get the Time at Peep level right

Tip 1: Spontaneous Breathing

Understanding Why APRV Works





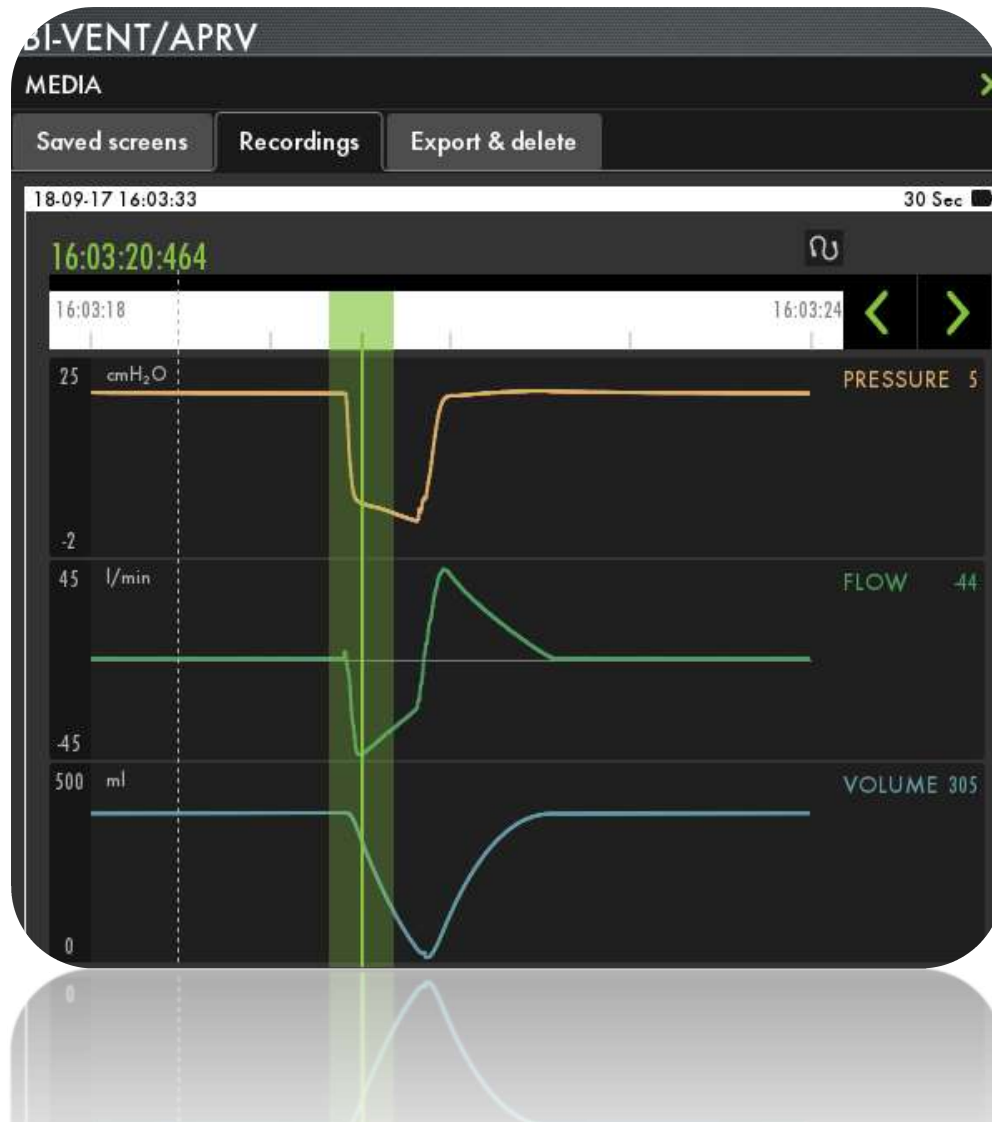


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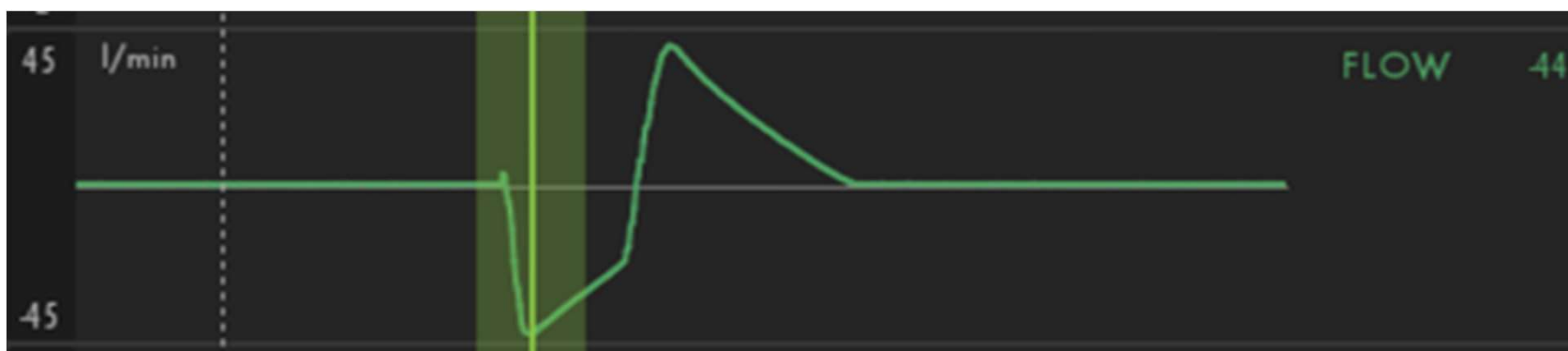


Tip 4

Get the Time at Peep Right



- Note Peak expiratory Flow
- Assure that flow does not return to 0 on exhalation
- Capture between 75-50% of PEF
- Reassess Frequently



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When we observed the T low needed to achieve 50% of PEFR in our lung model, the results were as follows:

Avea = 0.7 s

840 = 0.63 s

Drager XL = 0.6 s

Servo i = 0.4 s.

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ARDSnet

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P_{mean}
16
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SPECIAL ARTICLE

Driving Pressure and Survival in the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

Mechanical-ventilation strategies that use lower end-inspiratory (plateau) airway pressures, lower tidal volumes (V_T), and higher positive end-expiratory pressures (PEEP) can improve survival in patients with the acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), but the relative importance of each of these components is uncertain. 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.

METHODS

Using a statistical tool known as multilevel mediation analysis to analyze individual data from 3562 patients with ARDS enrolled in nine previously reported randomized trials, we examined ΔP as an independent variable associated with survival. In the mediation analysis, we estimated the isolated effects of changes in ΔP resulting from randomized ventilator settings while minimizing confounding due to the baseline severity of lung disease.

RESULTS

Among ventilation variables, ΔP was most strongly associated with survival. A 1-SD increment in ΔP (approximately 7 cm of water) was associated with increased mortality (relative risk, 1.41; 95% confidence interval [CI], 1.31 to 1.51; $P < 0.001$), even in patients receiving "protective" plateau pressures and V_T (relative risk, 1.36; 95% CI, 1.17 to 1.58; $P < 0.001$). Individual changes in V_T or PEEP after randomization were not independently associated with survival; they were associated only if they were among the changes that led to reductions in ΔP (mediation effects of ΔP , $P = 0.004$ and $P = 0.001$, respectively).

CONCLUSIONS

We found that ΔP was the ventilation variable that best stratified risk. Decreases in ΔP owing to changes in ventilator settings were strongly associated with increased survival. (Funded by Fundação de Amparo e Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo and others.)

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

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PLATEAU PRESSURE GOAL: ≤ 30 cm H_2O

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

If Pplat > 30 cm H_2O : decrease V_T by 1 ml/kg steps (minimum = 4 ml/kg).

If Pplat < 25 cm H_2O and $V_T < 6$ ml/kg, increase V_T by 1 ml/kg until Pplat > 25 cm H_2O or $V_T = 6$ ml/kg.

If Pplat < 30 and breath stacking or dys-synchrony occurs: may increase V_T in 1 ml/kg increments to 7 or 8 ml/kg if Pplat remains ≤ 30 cm H_2O .

Summary

- * Don't neglect MAP! Have A High MAP strategy you are comfortable with in your facility.
- * Be sure to use enough Peep. Print and carry ARDSnet
- * Try to determine best Peep. Practice on a test lung.
- * Embrace Driving pressure <15

Thank You!

