Basic of Arteficial Ventilation

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Ventilator



 generates a controlled flow of gas into a patient's airways. Oxygen and air are received from cylinders or wall outlets, the gas is pressure reduced and blended according to the prescribed inspired oxygen tension (FiO2), accumulated in a receptacle within the machine, and delivered to the patient using one of many available modes of ventilation.

Positive pressure ventilation

 gas flows along a pressure gradient between the upper airway and the alveoli. The magnitude, rate and duration of flow are determined by the operator.

• Flow is either volume targeted and pressure variable, or pressure limited and volume variable.

Mode of ventilation

- Control / assist
- Support

- Volume
- Pressure

 SIMV = Synchronized Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation

Mode of vent.

- VCV = eliminate CO2
 - anesthesia
 - post-arrest
- PCV = lung problem
- PSV = weaning from ventilator

Getting oxygen in

- Depends on
 - P_AO₂
 - FIO2
 - PACO₂
 - Alveolar pressure
 - Ventilation
 - Diffusing capacity
 - Perfusion
 - Ventilation-perfusion matching

Carbon dioxide out

- Respiratory rate
- Tidal volume
- Deadspace

Main determinants

Oxygen in 1 FIO2 1 mean alveolar pressure PEEP

> Re-open alveoli and ↓ shunt

Carbon dioxide out 1 ventilation 1 RR 1 tidal volume

Mean airway pressure



Time

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Mean airway pressure



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Inspiratory time

- Set as:
 - % of respiratory cycle
 - I:E ratio
- Expiratory time not set
 - Remaining time after inspiration before next breath

Inspiratory time

- Increased inspiratory time
 - Improved oxygenation
 - Unnatural pattern of breathing
 - Deeper sedation
 - Increased risk of gas trapping

Mean airway pressure





Improves oxygenation ↑mean alveolar pressure

- ↓ shunting

Other settings

Trigger sensitivity
 ↑ sensitivity preferable

 Flow triggering general more sensitive than
 pressure triggering

 ↓ flow or ↓ pressure ⇒ ↑ sensitivity

Other settings



Respiratory complications

- Nosocomial pneumonia
- Barotrauma
- Gas trapping

Barotrauma

- High pressures (barotrauma)
- High volumes (volutrauma)
- Shear injury

















• Predisposing factors:

- asthma or COPD
- long inspiratory time (\Rightarrow expiratory time short)
- high respiratory rate (\Rightarrow absolute expiratory time short)
- Effects
 - progressive hyperinflation of alveoli
 - progressive rise in end-expiratory pressure (intrinsic PEEP)

Intrinsic PEEP (PEEPi)



Time

- Adverse effects
 - Barotrauma
 - Cardiovascular compromise

Preload

- positive intrathoracic pressure reduces venous return
- exacerbated by
 - high inspiratory pressure
 - prolonged inspiratory time
 - PEEP

 decreased afterload due to decreased LV transmural pressure



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- Overall effect depends on whether ventricular contractility is normal or abnormal
- ↓contractility
- (\downarrow) \uparrow cardiac output

normal contractility

↓cardiac output

Hypotension

- Consider
 - Drug induced
 - Gas trapping
 - Tension pneumothorax

