

Complicated cases during mechanical ventilation

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Case I

Presentation

Male COPD 50 YO, respiratory failure, on mechanical ventilator

MV settings:

Mode: VCV
TV 500 ml
Flow: decelerate 50 L/min
FIO₂ 0.5
RR 16/min
PEEP 0 cmH₂O

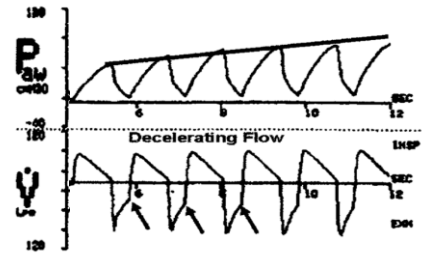
ABG

pH 7.12
pCO₂ 65 mmHg
pO₂ 70 mmHg
HCO₃⁻ 23 mmol/L

Lung mechanics

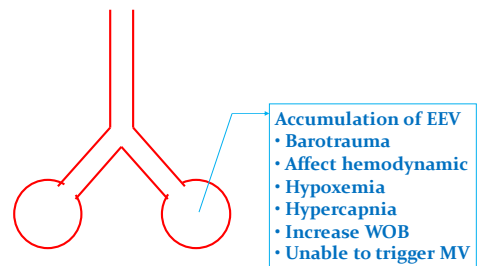
PIP = 50 cmH₂O
High pressure alarm

Waveform



Identify problems

1. CO₂ retention → acidosis
2. High PIP ← airtrapping



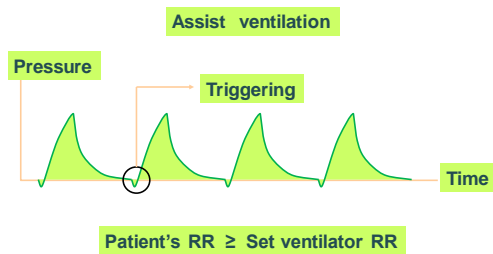
AIM

1. Decrease trapped air
2. Prevent further air-trapping

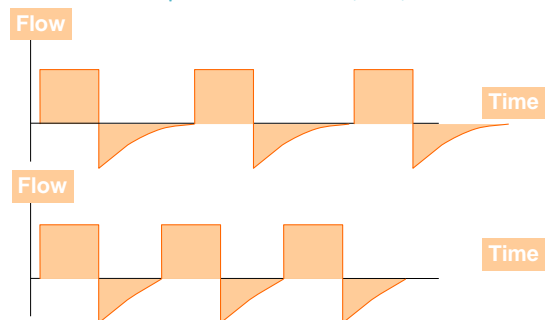
How to correct?

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- B. Increase tidal volume
- C. Increase flow rate
- D. Change to square flow
- E. Increase PEEP

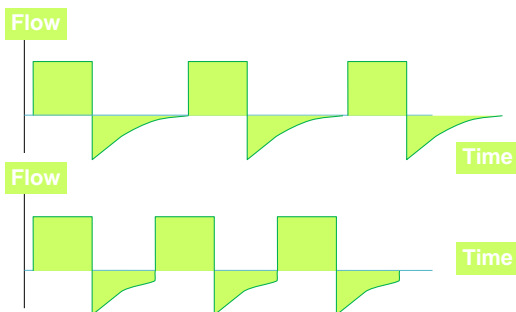
Preset RR & assist/control ventilation



Relationship between T_i , T_e , and RR



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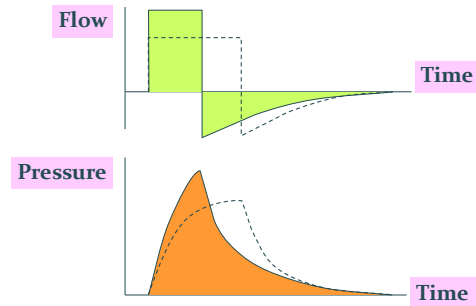
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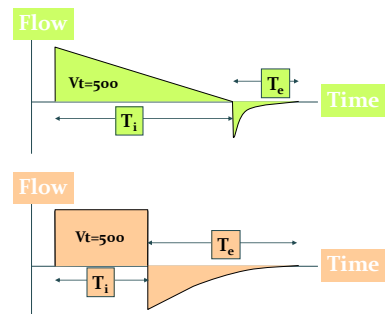
Effect of changes of flow rate



How to correct?

- A. ~~Increase respiratory rate~~
- B. ~~Increase tidal volume~~
- C. **Increase flow rate - applicable**
- D. ~~Change to square flow~~
- E. ~~Increase PEEP~~

Effect of changes of flow pattern



How to correct?

- A. ~~Increase respiratory rate~~
- B. ~~Increase tidal volume~~
- C. **Increase flow rate - applicable**
- D. **Change to square flow**
- E. ~~Increase PEEP~~

Bad effect of too short T_i

- Create turbulence flow
- Air flow not deliver to alveoli
- Cause dysnea
- Cause hypoventilation

How to correct?

- A. ~~Increase respiratory rate~~
- B. ~~Increase tidal volume~~
- C. **Increase flow rate - applicable**
- D. **Change to square flow**
- E. Increase PEEP

Case I

Presentation

Male COPD 50 YO, respiratory failure, on mechanical ventilator

MV settings:

Mode: VCV

TV 500 ml → 450 ml.

Flow: decelerate 50 L/min → 60 L/min

FIO₂ 0.5

RR 16/min

PEEP 0 cmH₂O

ABG

pH 7.12 → 7.05

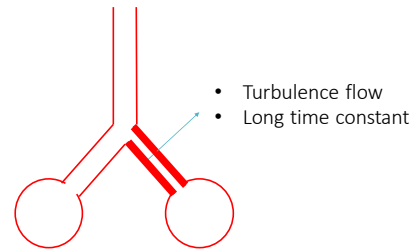
pCO₂ 65 mmHg → 70 mmHg

pO₂ 70 mmHg → 65 mmHg

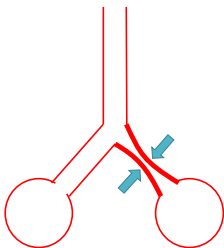
HCO₃- 23 mmol/L

Poor air entry

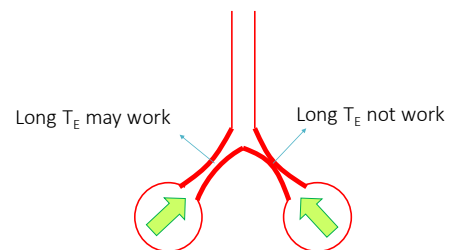
Fact of airway narrowing



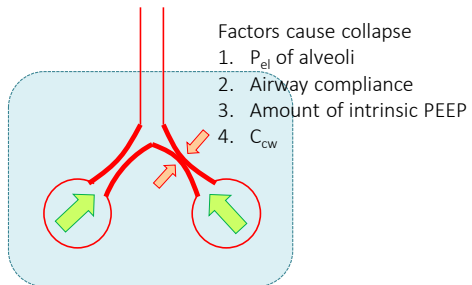
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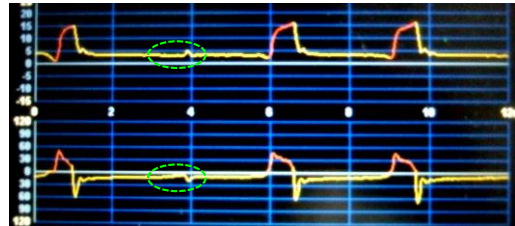
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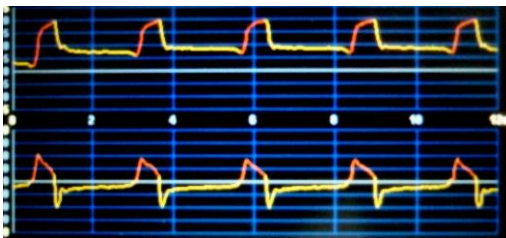
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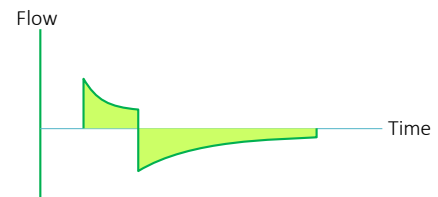
Difficult to trigger from PEEPi



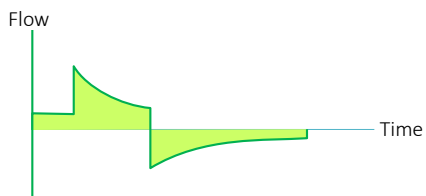
Waveform after applied PEEP



Lower tv + Higher flow (short T_i) + Slow rate (long T_e) will work in some circumstance



Lower tv + PEEP + longer T_i



Case I

Presentation

Male COPD 50 YO, respiratory failure, on mechanical ventilator

MV settings:

Mode: VCV \rightarrow PCV

TV 500 ml \rightarrow 450 ml.

Flow: decelerate 50 L/min \rightarrow longer TI

FIO₂ 0.5

RR 16/min

PEEP 0 cmH₂O \rightarrow 8 cmH₂O

ABG

pH 7.12 → 7.05 → 7.32

pCO₂ 65 mmHg → 70 → 50 mmHg

pO₂ 70 mmHg → 65 → 80 mmHg

HCO₃- 23 mmol/L

Better air entry

Case II

Presentation:

Fever, dyspnea

ABG:

pH 7.3

pCO₂ 55 mmHg

pO₂ 50 mmHg

HCO₃- 19 mmol/L

Case II CXR



Case II ARDS

Ventilator setting:

Mode: PCV

I:E ratio – 1:2

IP – 20

PEEP – 10 cmH₂O

FiO₂ 1.0

RR 16

Exhaled Tv – 400 ml.

ABG:

pH 7.32

pCO₂ 50 mmHg

pO₂ 65 mmHg

HCO₃- 20 mmol/L

Meaning of PaO₂

- A. PaO₂ 50 at room air
- B. PaO₂ 100 at room air
- C. PaO₂ 100 at FiO₂ 0.4
- D. PaO₂ 100 at FiO₂ 0.8
- E. PaO₂ 100 at FiO₂ 0.4 + Hct 20%
- F. PaO₂ 100 at FiO₂ 0.4 + Hct 38% + CO 1.5 L

Meaning of PaO₂ vs. SpO₂

- A. PaO₂ 80 → SpO₂ 100%
- B. PaO₂ 90 → SpO₂ 100%
- C. PaO₂ 100 → SpO₂ 100%
- D. PaO₂ 120 → SpO₂ 100%

PaO₂ / FiO₂ ratio

PaO₂ 100, FiO₂ 0.4
P/F ratio = 250

PaO₂ 100, FiO₂ 0.8
P/F ratio = 125

PaO₂ 100, FiO₂ 1.0
P/F ratio = 100

Compliance of respiratory system

Compliance

Definition: the ability of alveoli to expand from specific pressure

Formula

$$\text{Compliance} = \frac{\text{tidal volume}}{\text{plateau pressure} - \text{PEEP}}$$

Compliance of respiratory system

	PEEP = 0 cmH ₂ O	PEEP = 10 cmH ₂ O
PIP	40	40
Plateau pressure	35	30
Tidal volume	500	500
Compliance	14.3	25

**Lungs with PEEP 10 are better than that with PEEP 0

**If compliance improves, P/F ratio increases

Case II ARDS

Ventilator setting:

Mode: PCV
I:E ratio – 1:2
IP – 20
PEEP – 10 cmH₂O
FiO₂ 1.0
RR 16
Exhaled Tv – 400 ml.

ABG:

pH 7.32
pCO₂ 50 mmHg
pO₂ 65 mmHg
HCO₃- 20 mmol/L

Ventilator induced lung injuries

Shear stress



Optimum



Overdistension



PEEP tritration form

Mode: VCV, TV 8 ml/kg, Square flow, RR 16

Parameters	PEEP 5	PEEP 7	PEEP 9	PEEP 11	PEEP 13	PEEP 15	PEEP 17	PEEP 19
Static compliance	30	32	35	39	40	38	36	
Mean airway pressure	18	18.6	19.2	20	21.7	22.3	25	
Plateau pressure	20	21	22	22.6	24.3	26.8	29.5	
PIP	30	31	33	34	36.5	40	43	
Mean arterial pressure	80	78	77	78	77	77	77	

Case II ARDS

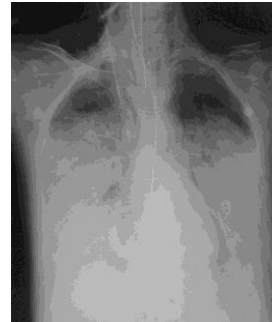
Ventilator setting:

Mode: PCV
I:E ratio – 1:2
IP – 20
PEEP – 13 cmH₂O
FIO₂ 1.0
RR 16
Exhaled Tv – 400 ml.

ABG:

pH 7.32
pCO₂ 50 mmHg
pO₂ 70 mmHg
HCO₃ – 20 mmol/L

CXR after best PEEP



Recruitment maneuver

PCV IP 20
PEEP 20
I:E 1:1
RR 10



2 minutes



Decremental PEEP titration

PEEP titration form

Mode: VCV, TV 8 ml/kg, Square flow, RR 16

Parameters	PEEP 20	PEEP 18	PEEP 16	PEEP 14	PEEP 12	PEEP 10	PEEP 8	PEEP
Static compliance	35	40	45	42	39	37	33	
Mean airway pressure	18	18.6	19.2	20	21.7	22.3	25	
Plateau pressure	20	21	22	22.6	24.3	26.8	29.5	
PIP	30	31	33	34	36.5	40	43	
Mean arterial pressure	80	78	77	78	77	77	77	

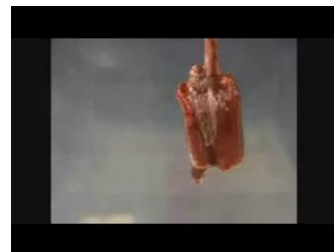
CXR after best PEEP 16 cmH₂O

ABG:

pH 7.32
pCO₂ 50 mmHg
pO₂ 120 mmHg
HCO₃ – 20 mmol/L



Sample of alveolar recruitment



Patterns of alveolar recruitment in ARDS

Pattern 1 

Patterns of alveolar recruitment in ARDS

Pattern 1 

Pattern 2 

Three patterns of alveolar recruitment in ARDS

Pattern 1 

Pattern 2 

Pattern 3 

Summary

Major problem of AECOPD is airtrapping
 Aim to release trapped air and improve ventilation
 Prolonged Te is useful in some cases.
 PEEP is beneficial in particular cases.

Major problem of ARDS is ventilator induced lung injuries
 Do not create VILI
 Lower tidal volume
 Adequate PEEP
 Different between PaO₂ and SaO₂
 Monitor compliance of the lungs
 Try to keep most alveoli opened

Thank you for your
attention