

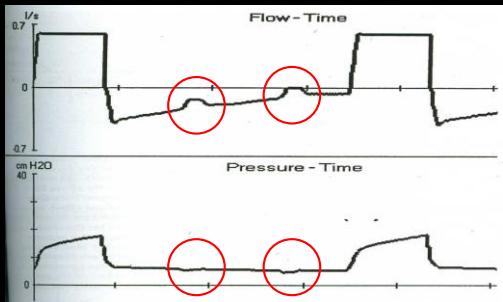
# Shortness of breath during mechanical ventilation

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## Case I

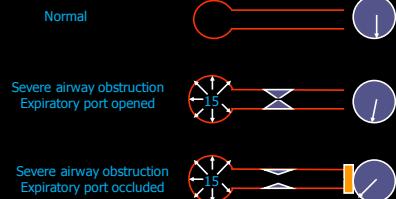
Male COPD  
Acute exacerbation  
On MV  
Mode VCV  
T<sub>v</sub> 480 ml.  
Flow 60 l/min → decelerate flow  
Preset RR 14  
PEEP 5  
Measured patient's RR = 30  
Measured actual MV RR = 20

### Wave form



### Auto-PEEP in airway diseases

#### Expiratory phase

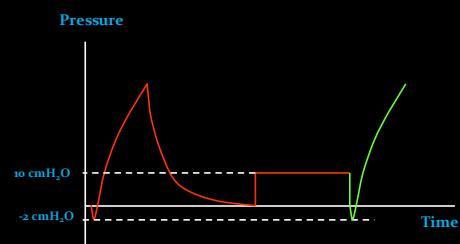


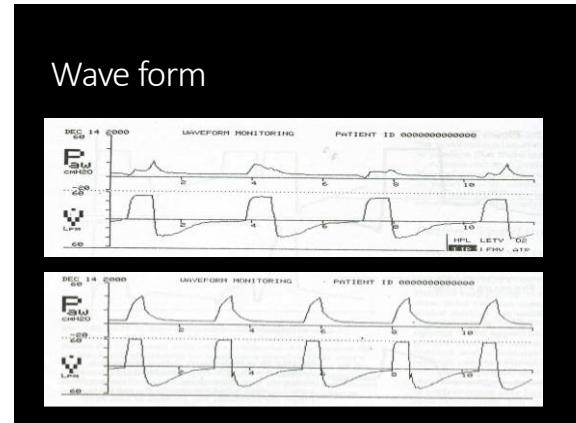
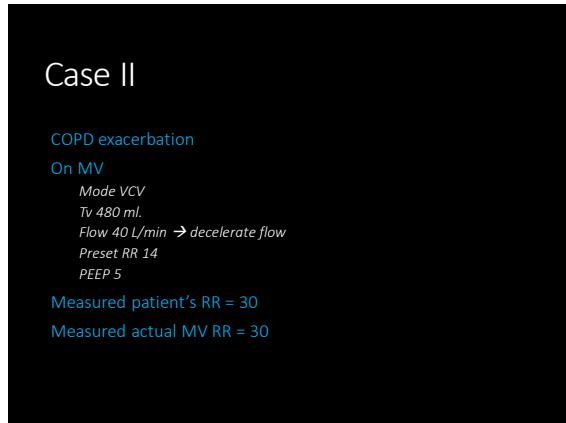
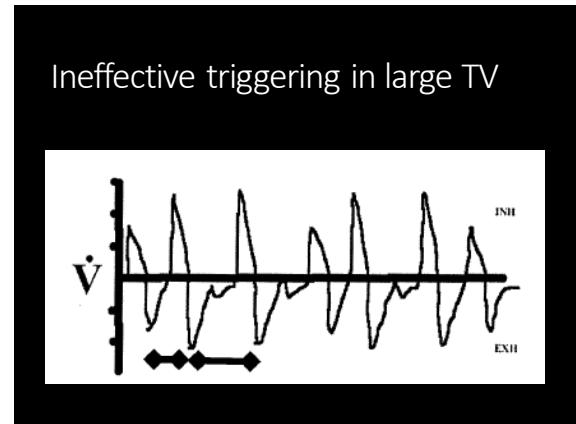
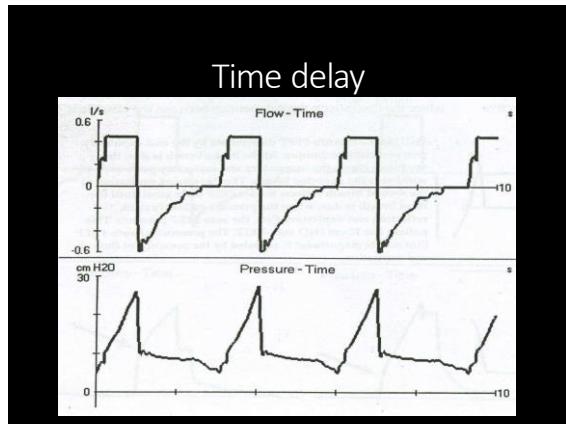
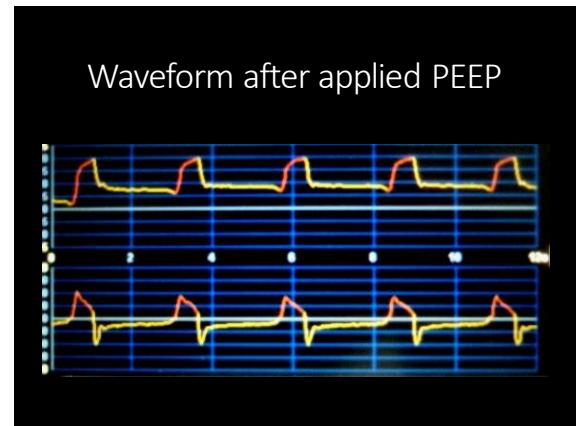
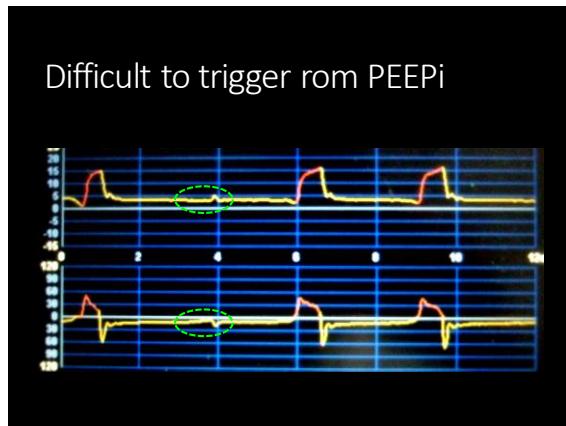
Marini JJ. Occult positive end expiratory pressure in mechanical ventilate patients with airflow obstruction. Am Rev Resp Dis 126:166, 1982

### Dynamic hyperinflation

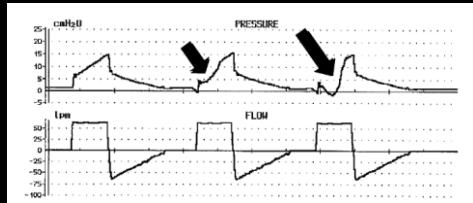


### Difficult to trigger and auto-PEEP

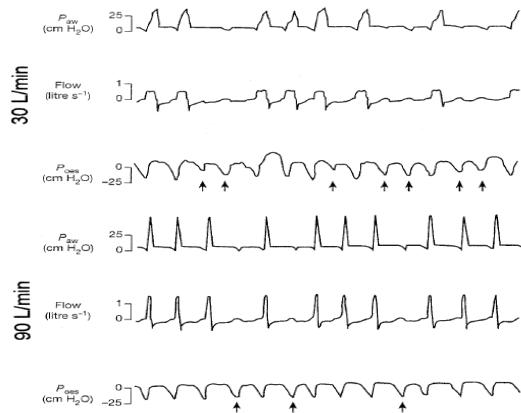
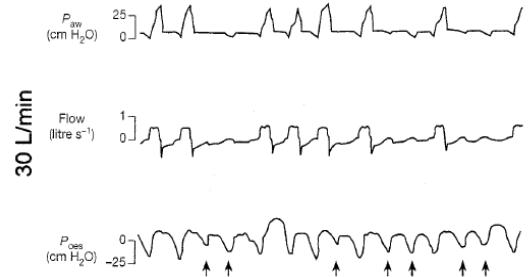




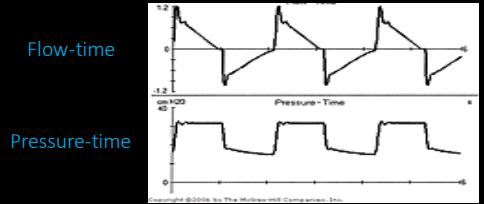
## Wave form of flow starvation



## Flow starvation and ineffective trigger



## PCV unlimited flow



## Case III

COPD acute exacerbation

On mechanical ventilation

Mode: VCV

Tidal volume 450 ml.

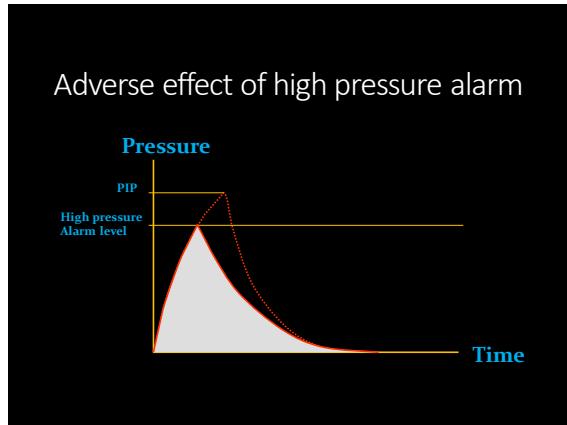
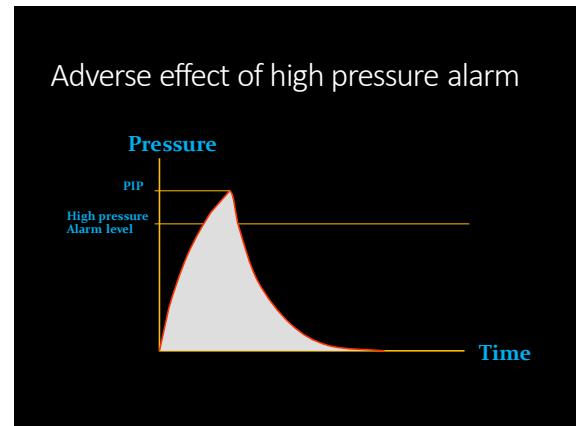
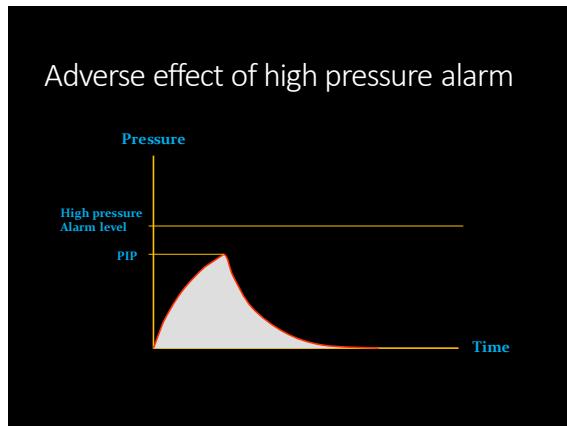
Flow: Decelerate flow 55 L/min

FiO<sub>2</sub> 0.5

PEEP 8 cmH<sub>2</sub>O

## During mechanical ventilation





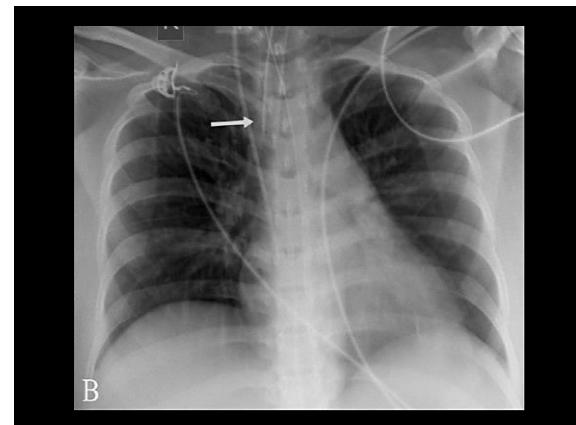
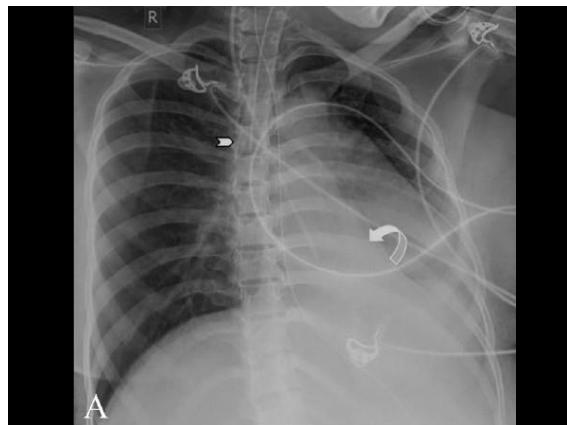
Additional physical examination

Decrease breath sound at left lung

D/Dx- Pneumothorax  
On ICD

No air leak

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## Causes of high PIP

1. High airway resistance
  1. Broncho spasm
  2. Tube obstruction
  3. Circuit obstruction
  4. Over inspiratory flow rate
  5. Very small endotracheal tube
2. Lower lung compliance
  1. Pneumothorax
  2. One lung intubation
  3. Intrinsic PEEP (Air-trapping)
  4. Pulmonary fibrosis
  5. ARDS

## Case IV

Pneumonia in Male 40 YO

BW 90 kg.

On mechanical ventilation

Mode: PCV

IP 20

Exhaled Tidal volume 500 ml.

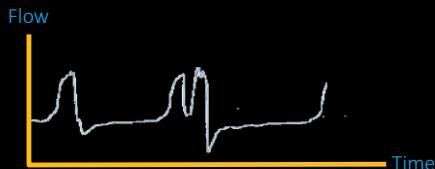
I:E - 1:2

RR 16

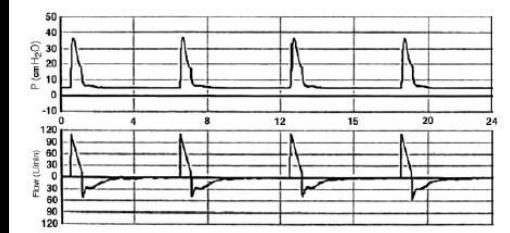
PEEP 8 cmH<sub>2</sub>O

FIO<sub>2</sub> 0.5

## Case IV



## Early terminate from MV



## Causes of early termination

### In VCV

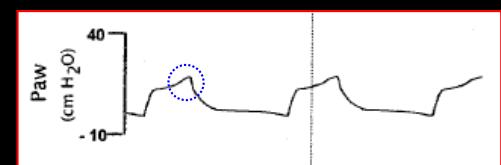
- Too low tidal volume
- Too high flow

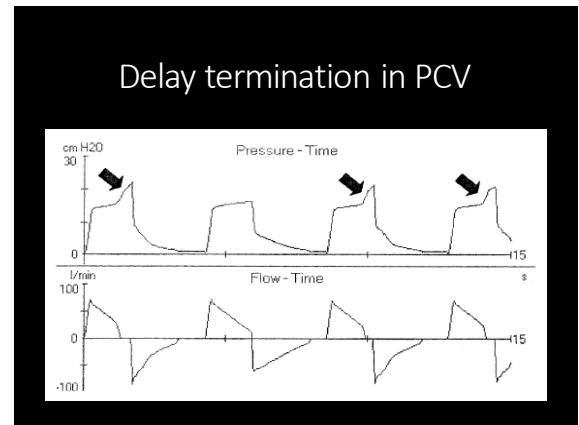
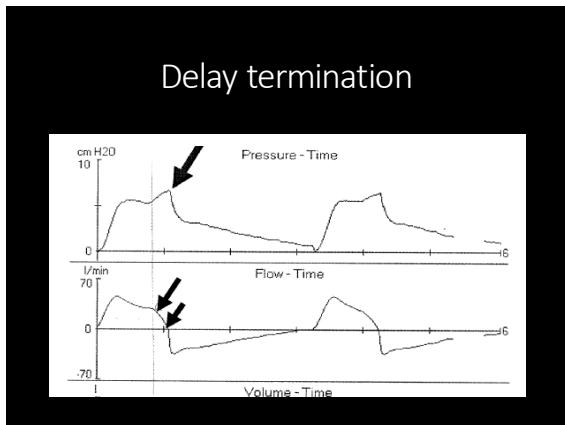
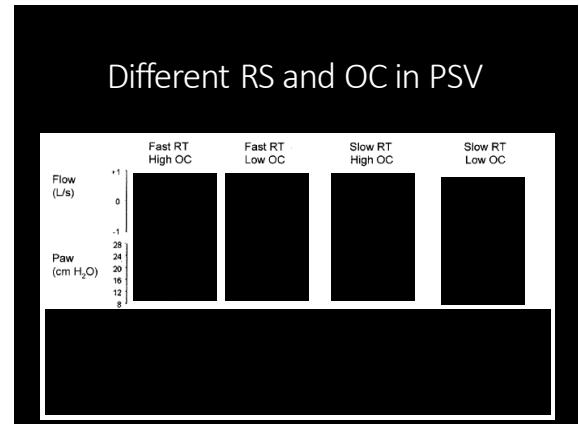
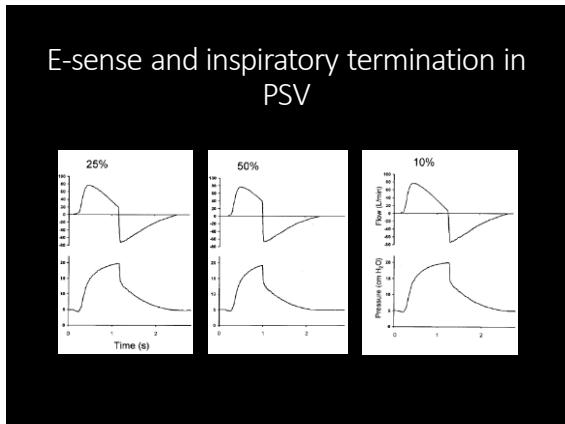
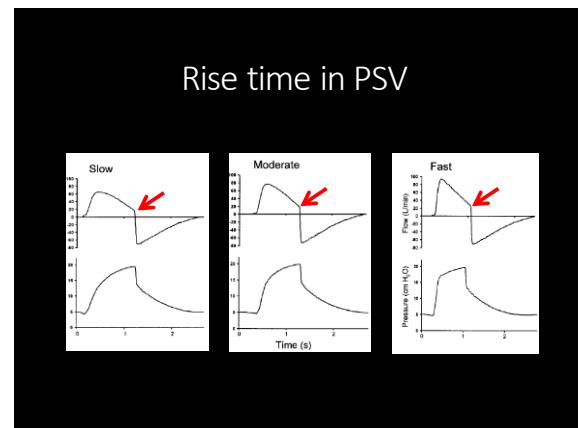
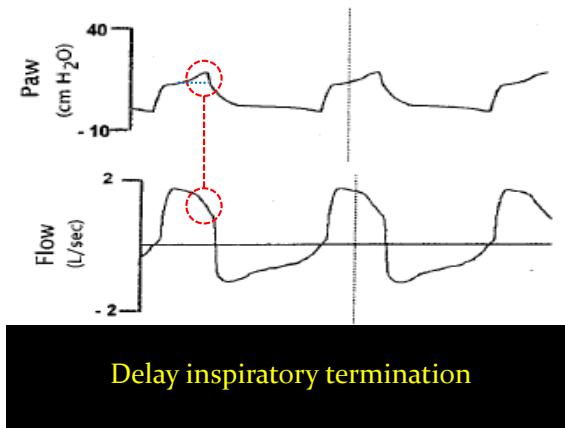
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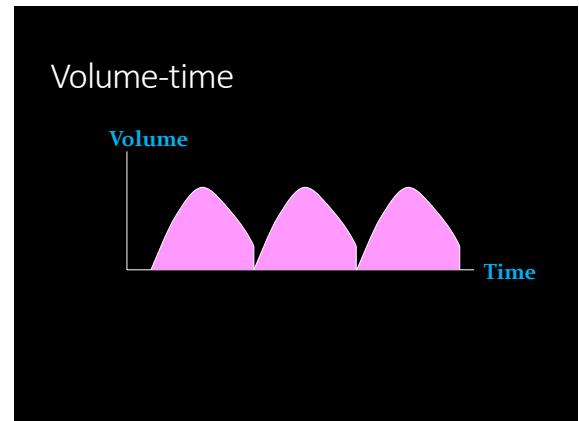
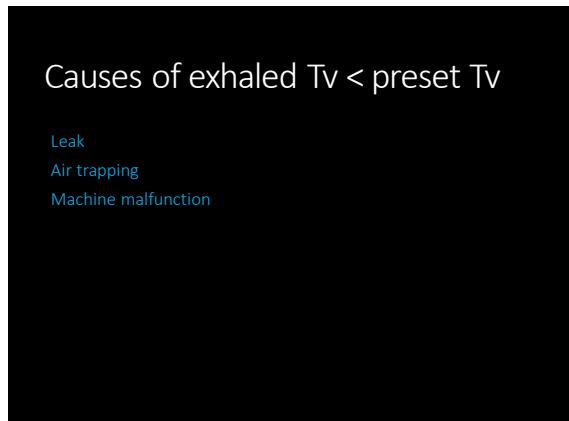
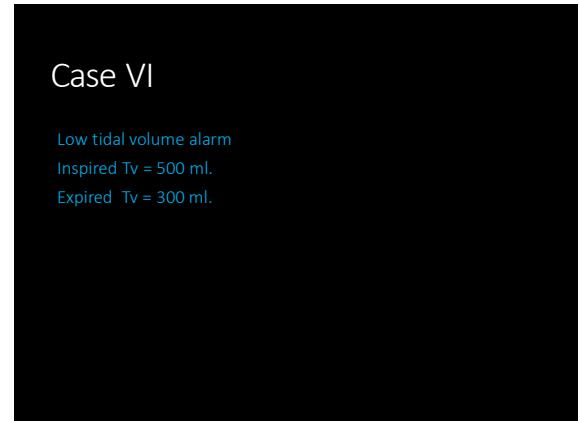
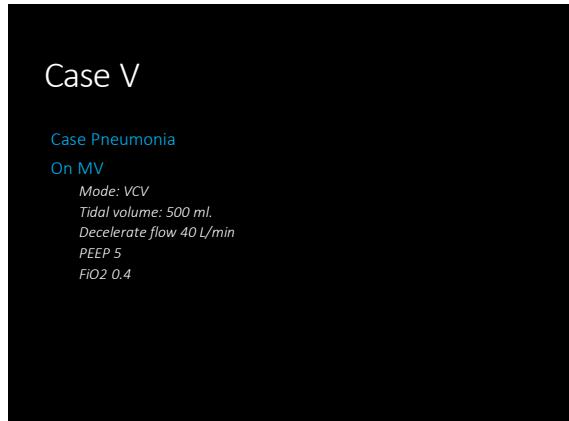
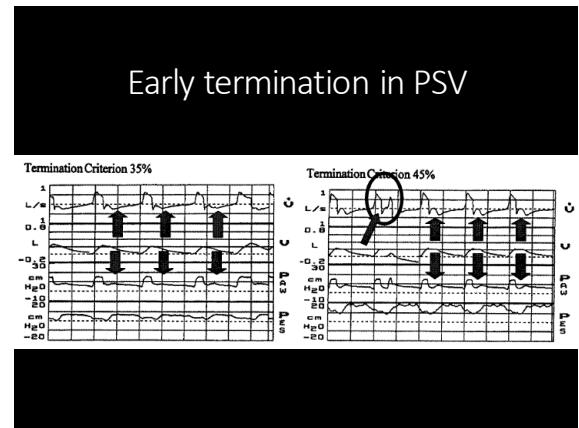
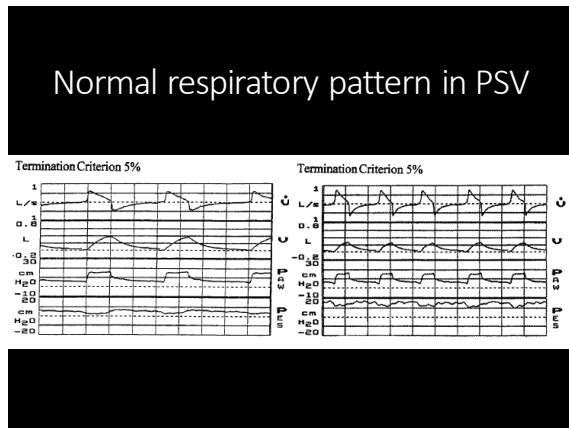
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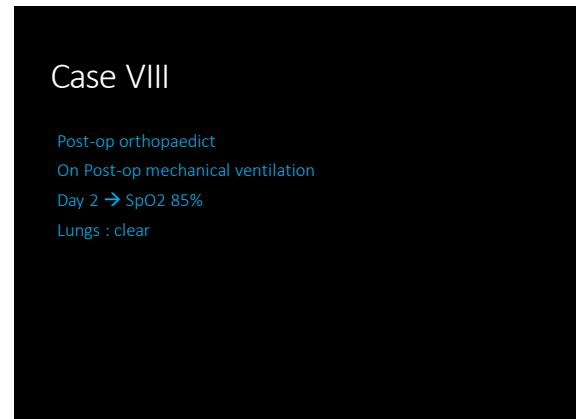
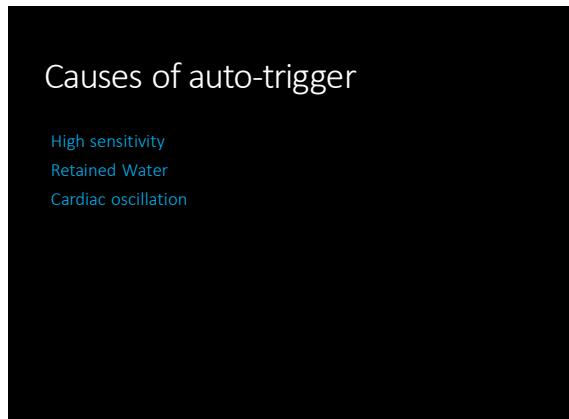
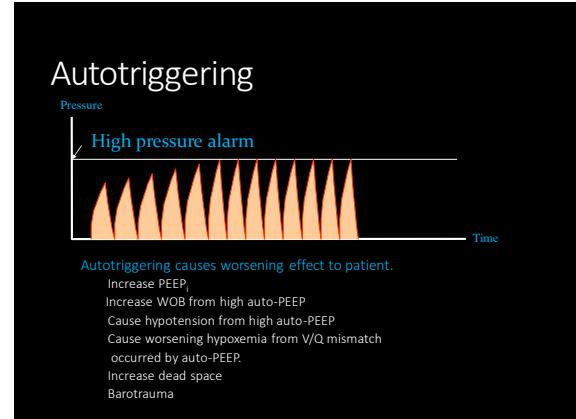
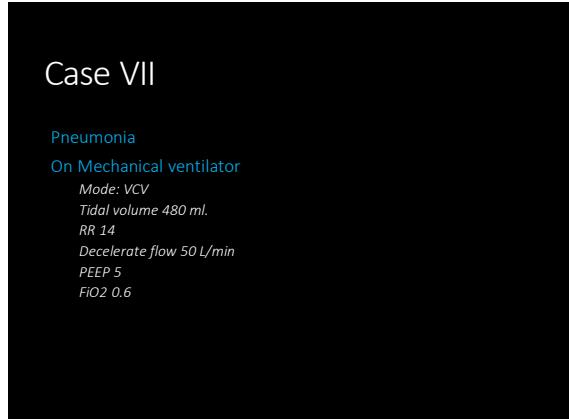
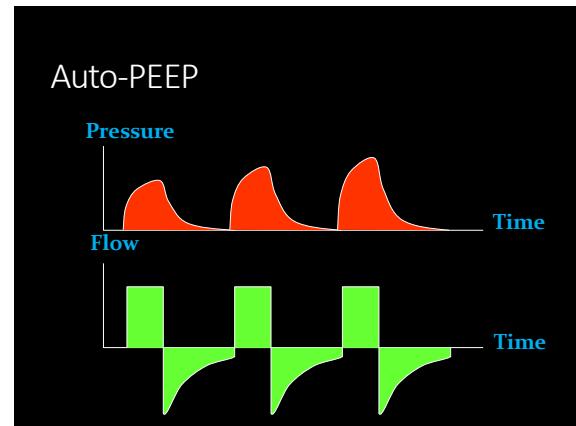
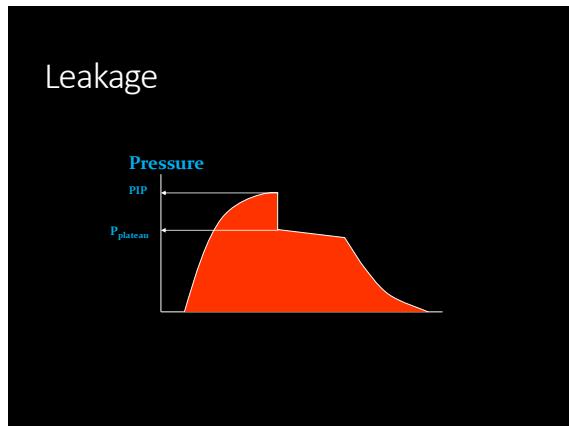
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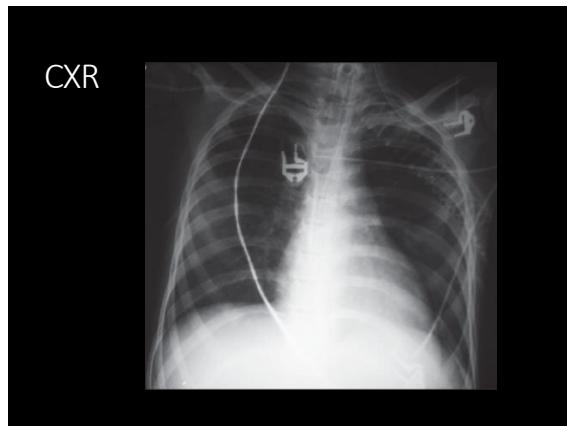
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ABG

pH 7.46  
pCO<sub>2</sub> 32 mmHg  
pO<sub>2</sub> 70 mmHg  
HCO<sub>3</sub>- 23 mmol/L

Causes of hypoxemia

Hypoventilation  
V/Q mismatch  
Shunt

Hypoventilation

Causes  
Obesity  
Severe kyphoscoliosis  
Neuromuscular weakness

ABG:  
pH 7.2  
pCO<sub>2</sub> 60 mmHg  
pO<sub>2</sub> 65 mmHg  
HCO<sub>3</sub>- 24 mmol/L

Normal A-a gradient

What is A-a gradient

(A-a) gradient = pAO<sub>2</sub> – paO<sub>2</sub> Arterial oxygen  
 Oxygen in alveoli

(A-a) gradient = [(713xFI<sub>O</sub>2) – (pACO<sub>2</sub>/0.8)] – paO<sub>2</sub>

(A-a) gradient at room air = 150 – (paCO<sub>2</sub>+paO<sub>2</sub>)

Other causes

Pulmonary embolism  
Sepsis  
Metabolic acidosis  
Intra-abdominal pressure

## Hypoventilation

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**ABG:**

- pH 7.2
- pCO<sub>2</sub> 60 mmHg
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ABG: on cannula 5 L/min  
pO<sub>2</sub> 100 mmHg

