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My Patient Is on a Ventilator! Now What?

1. The primary controls to monitor and/or correct oxygenation are which of the following:

- A. FiO₂ and Tidal Volume (V_t)
 - B. FiO₂ and PEEP
 - C. Respiratory Rate (f) and Tidal Volume (V_t)
 - D. Respiratory Rate (f) and PEEP
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2. In a pressure support setting, the following are true except:

- A. This applies to spontaneous breaths only
 - B. A pre-set value of positive pressure is delivered
 - C. This support setting augments the tidal volume (V_t)
 - D. Usually set above 30 cmHg
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3. The following ventilator values are shown: 5 cmH₂O. 440 mL. 40%. 22. What monitoring parameters are indicated in the order of the values above?

- A. PEEP. FiO₂. V_t. f(RR).
 - B. FiO₂. PEEP. f(RR). V_t.
 - C. V_t. PEEP. f(RR). FiO₂.
 - D. PEEP. V_t. FiO₂. f(RR).
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4. The following parameters may indicate your patient may be ready to extubate, except:

- A. RR < 35 with activity
 - B. Pressure Support (PS) of 5
 - C. PEEP > 10 cmH₂O
 - D. V_t > 450 for a 65 kg male
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5. An airways disease characterized by a problem with ventilation will present with the following signs except:

- A. Air trapping
- B. Increased PaCO₂
- C. Decreased PaO₂
- D. Enlarged lungs on chest X-RAY

6. Tidal volume (V_t) generally uses the ideal body weight (IBW) based on gender and height, using the formula: 6-8 mL/kg x IBW. What would you expect for a 65 kg male to minimally achieve (approximate value)?

- A. 800 mL
- B. 600mL
- C. 200mL
- D. 400mL

7. What is the most important criteria that determines the decision to extubate?

- A. The patients primary cause for mechanical ventilation (MV) is reversed
- B. The patient is very well oxygenated on an FiO₂ of 24%
- C. The patient no longer demonstrates dyspnea
- D. The patient successfully passes a spontaneous breathing trial for 1 hour

8. What is a contraindication to mobilizing a patient on mechanical ventilation (MV)?

- A. SpO₂ > 90%
- B. FiO₂ > 80%
- C. PEEP < 10 cmH₂O
- D. RR < 35

9. The following is an example of invasive ventilation:

- A. Bag-mask valve
- B. Endotracheal Tubing (ETT)
- C. CPAP
- D. BPAP

10. This ventilatory strategy aims to keep airways open by providing back pressure during the maneuver:

- A. Pursed Lip Breathing
- B. Sustained breath holds
- C. Breath Stacking
- D. Valsalva maneuver

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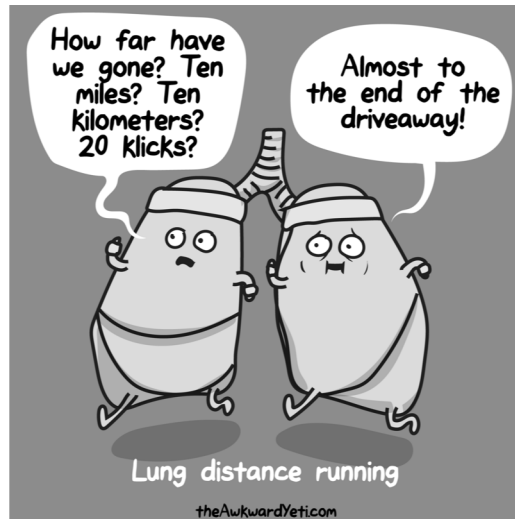


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My Patient is on a Ventilator. Now what?

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Learning Outcomes

After this course, participants will be able to:

- Differentiate between non-invasive and invasive mechanical ventilation (MV).
- Identify at least three ventilator mode and settings.
- List at least two MV parameters for monitoring oxygenation.
- List at least two MV parameters for monitoring ventilation.
- List at least five precautions when working with patients requiring MV.
- List at least five contraindications to mobilizing patients requiring MV and 1-2 exceptions.

Learning Outcomes (cont.)

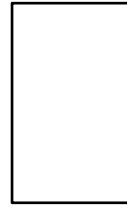
- Accurately identify at least four elements or factors determining readiness for weaning.
- List at least three reasons why weaning failure occurs.
- Describe the mechanics of respiration, respiratory control, respiratory distress.
- List at least three ventilatory strategies for each: restrictive support, obstructive support.

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Patient Vitals



130/72
88
20
92%



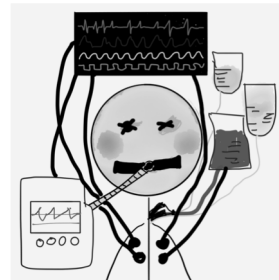
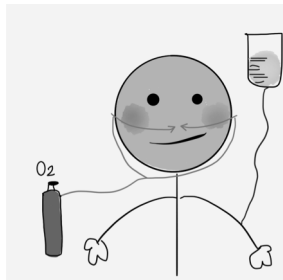
118/55
74
16
96%

2+ pressors

external pacer

intubated

FI02 80%



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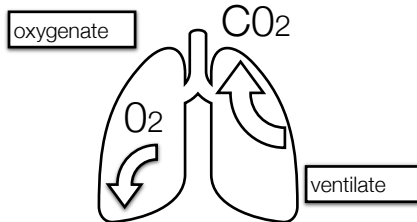
The Language and Mechanics of Respiration

- Respiration
- Distress and Failure
- Mechanical Ventilation

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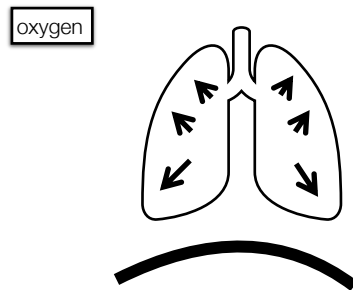
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Respiration



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Oxygenation

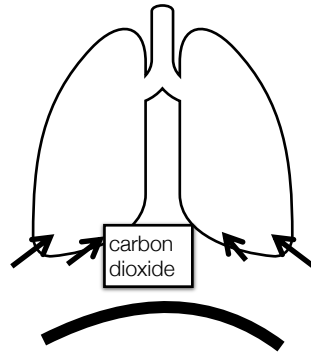


Inspiration: active, generate neg pressure, obtain volume

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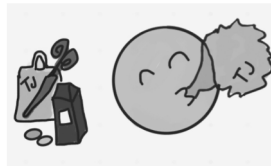
Ventilation



Expiration: passive, positive pressure, recoil

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High compliance
pliable lungs = grocery bag
ex: emphysema



- Compliance - ability of lung tissues to stretch

Low compliance
stiff lungs = thick balloon
ex: fibrosis, scarring

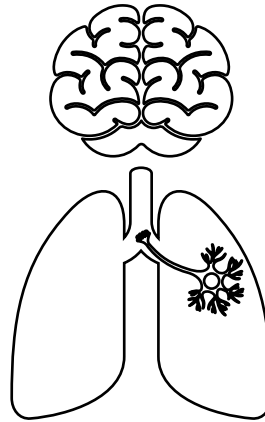


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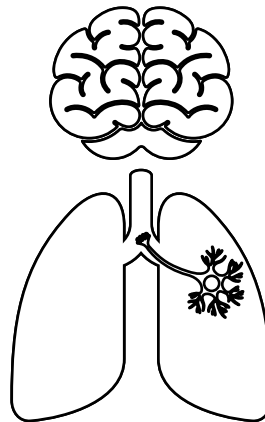
Respiration

- neural drive
- neuromusculoskeletal integrity
- clear airways
- intact parenchyma
- cardiovascular patency

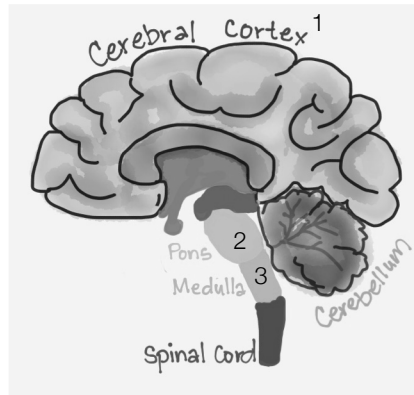
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Respiration

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▪ Neural

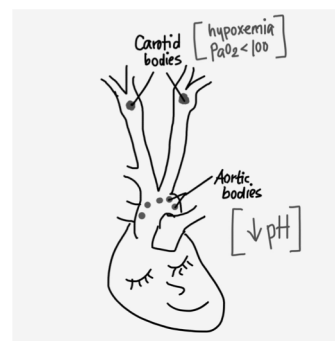
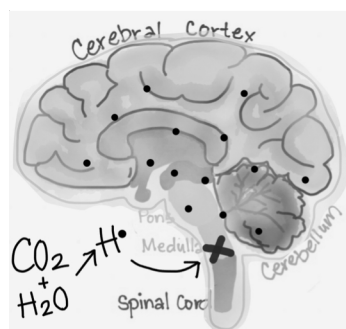


Voluntary Ventilation

Pneumotaxic (RR, Depth)

Rhythmicity, Automaticity

▪ Chemical

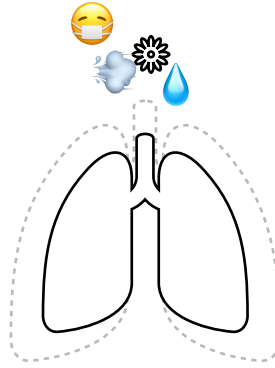


Chemoreceptors send messages to maintain homeostasis by effecting respiratory centers to modify:

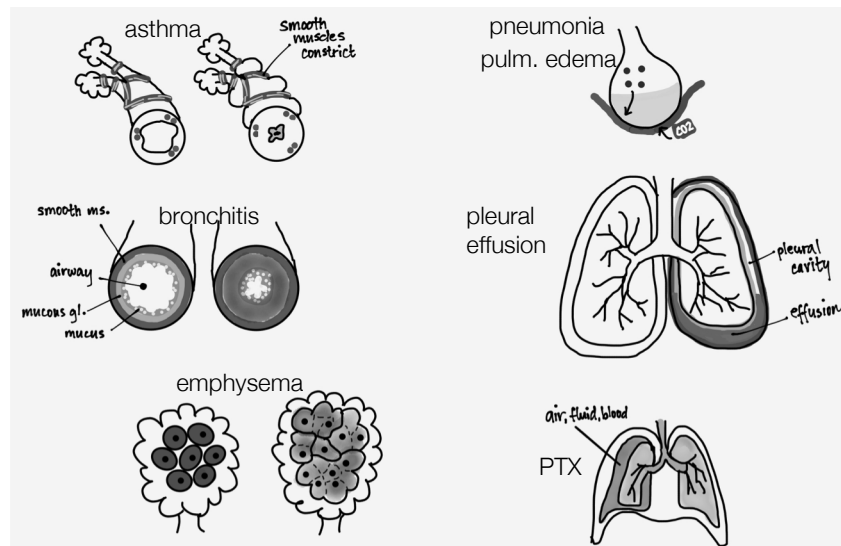
Rate of breathing, depth of breathing, or both.

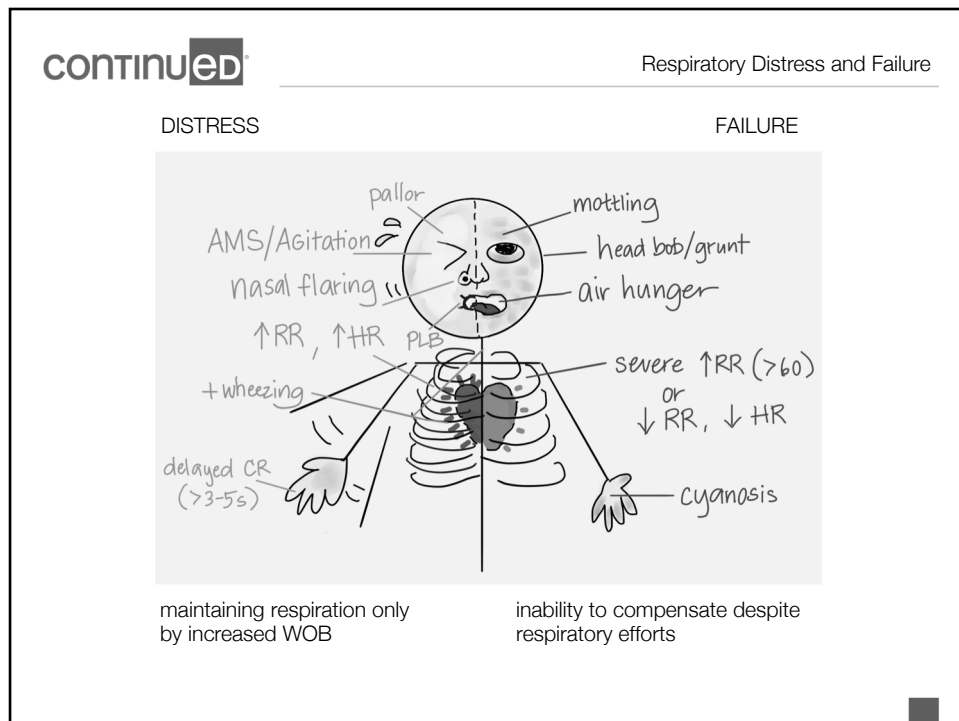
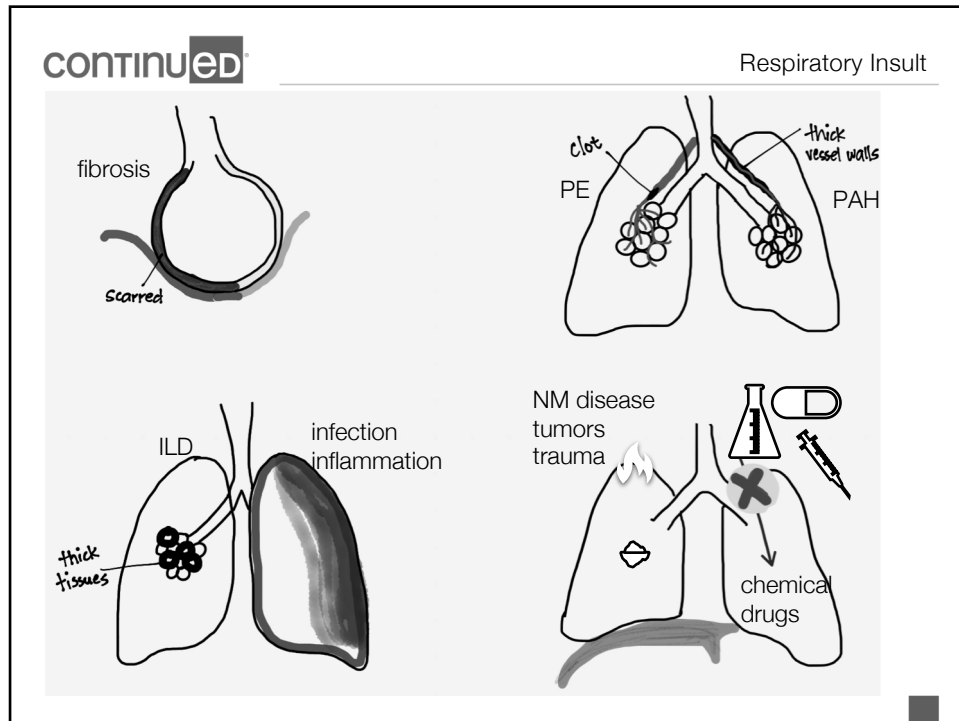
■ Mechanical (non-chemical/irritants)

Coughing/Mucus
Aspiration
Bronchospasm
Pain/Stressors

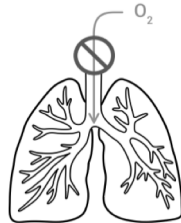


hering-breuer reflex
deflation reflex
j-receptors

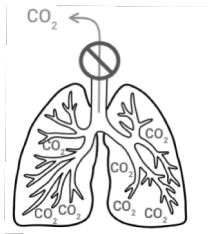




- Hypoxia / Hypoxemia



- Hypercarbia / Hypercapnia



- Pulmonary Function Tests

- V/Q Scans - examine airflow and blood flow

- ABGs - how well lungs move $(Pa)O_2$
 $(Pa)CO_2$ in blood

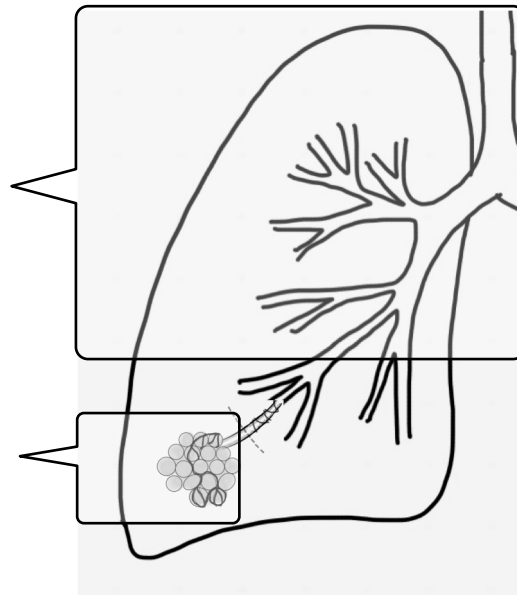
Respiratory Failure in Clinical Trials:

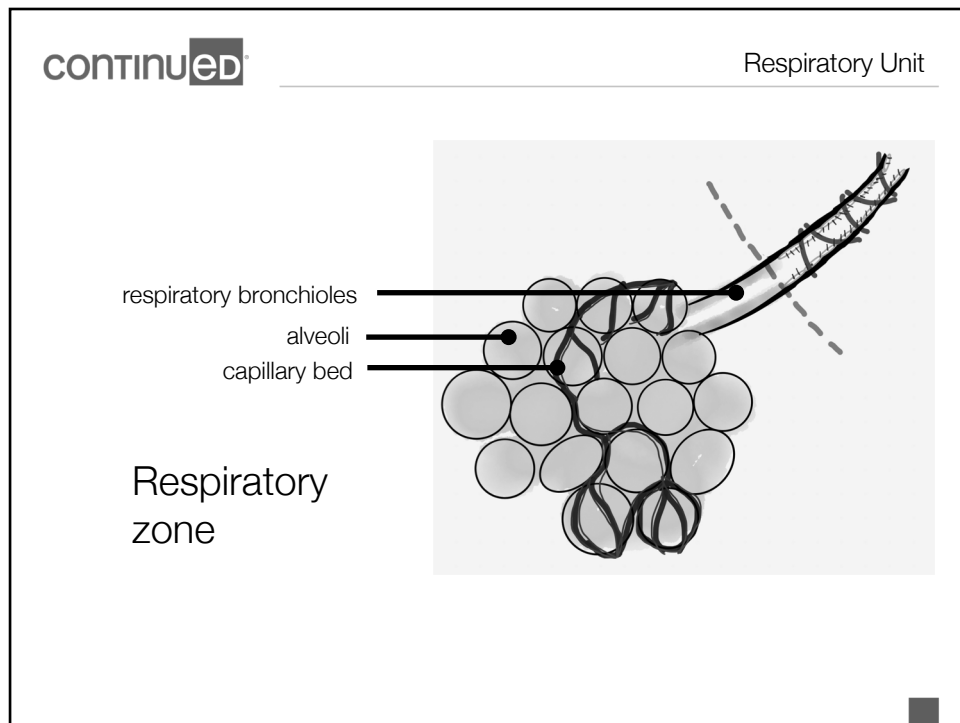
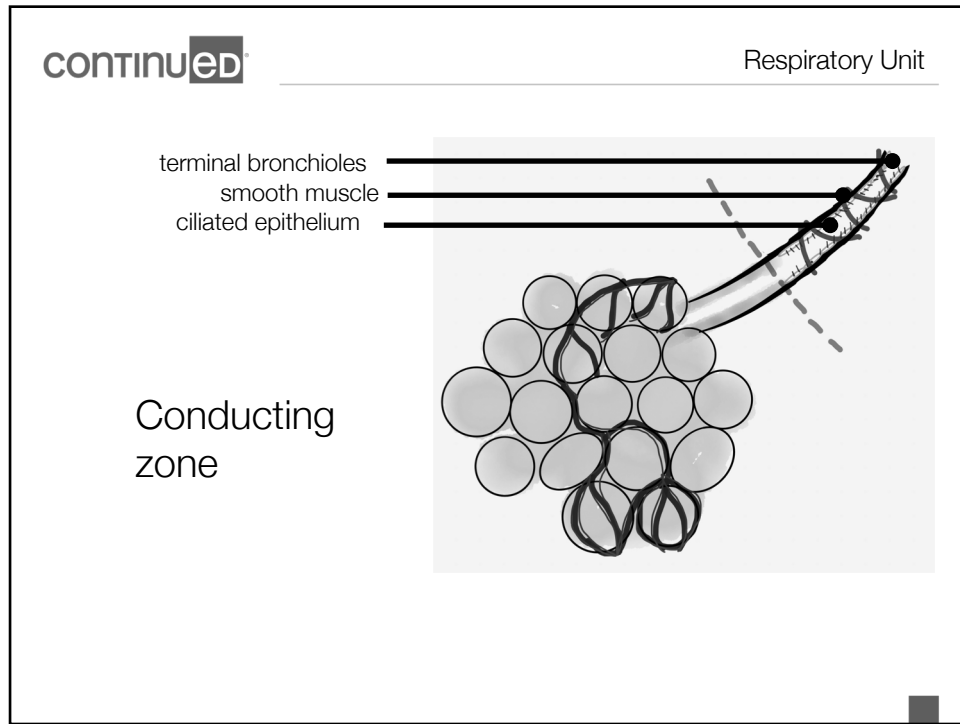
1. Tachypnea.
2. Abnormal blood gases.
3. Work of breathing.

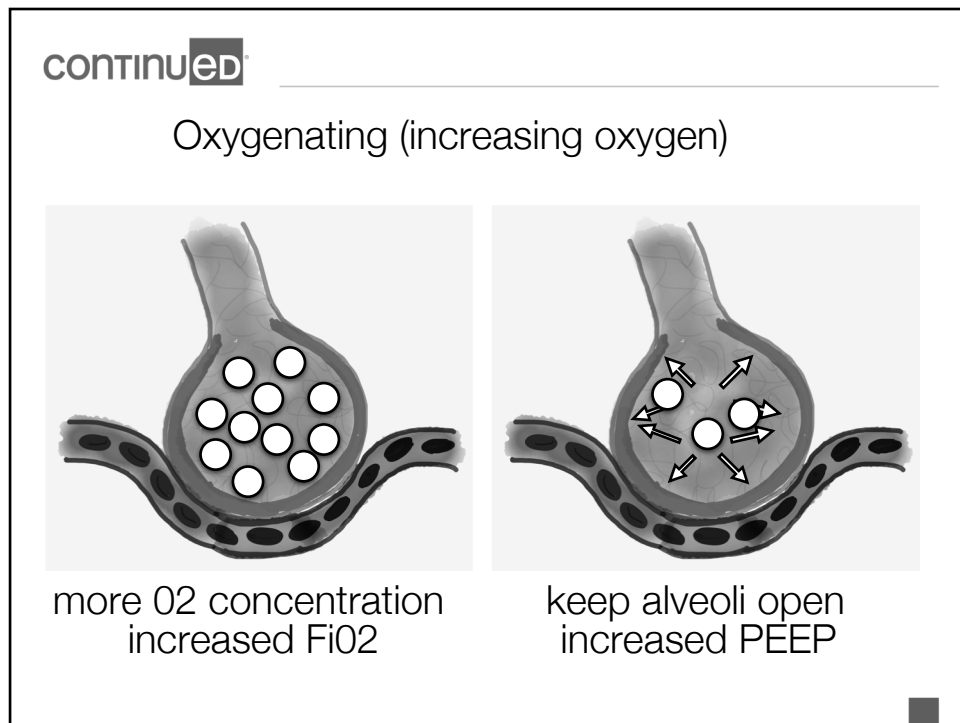
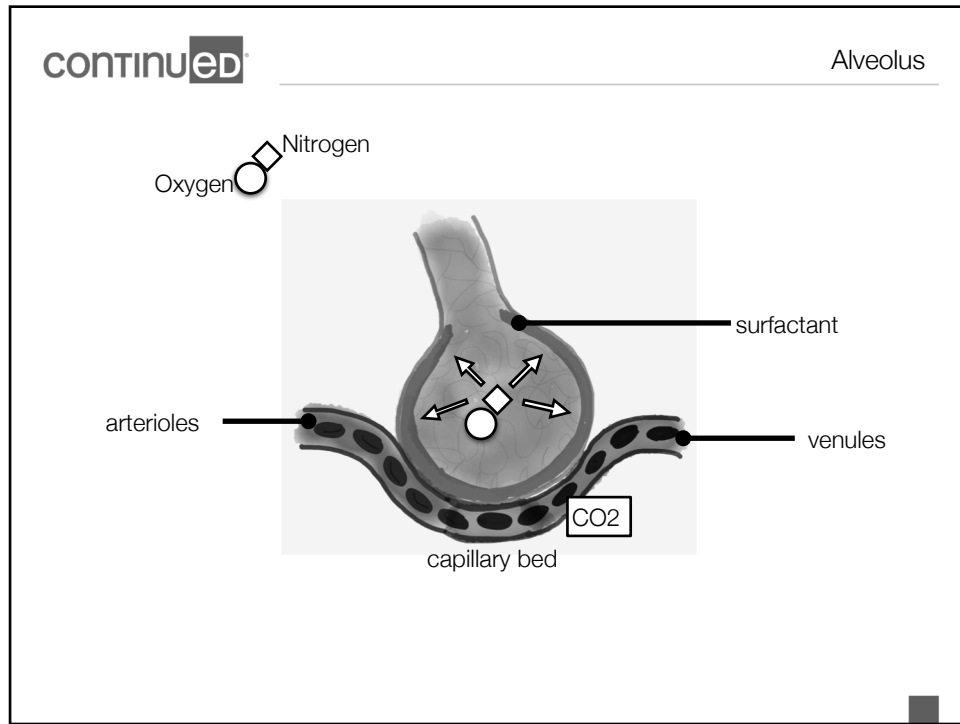
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- Airway disease

- Alveolar disease

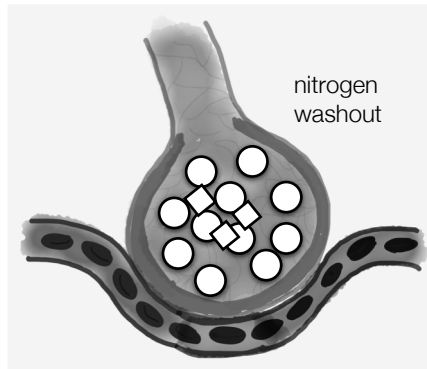




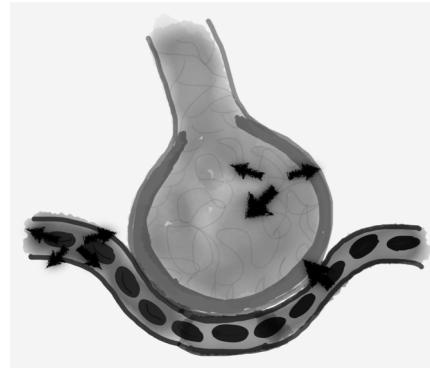


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Dangers of too much O₂



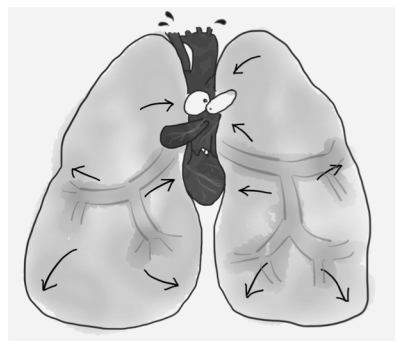
absorption atelectasis



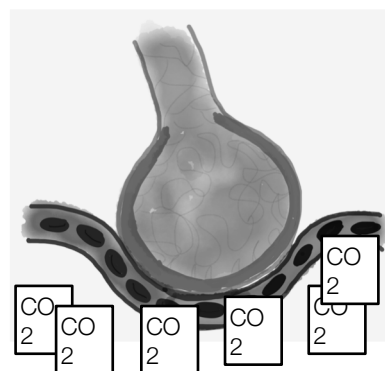
tissue destruction
from O₂ toxicity

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Dangers of too much O₂



cardiovascular
compromise

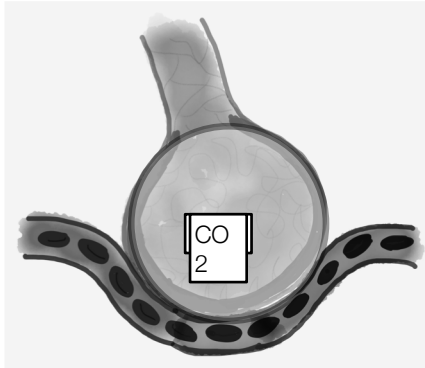


indirect CO₂
narcosis

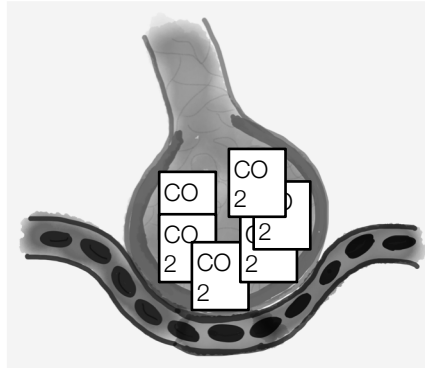
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Ventilating (removing carbon dioxide)



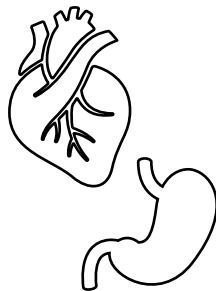
depth of breathing
increasing tidal volume



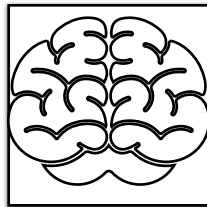
breathe faster
respiratory rate

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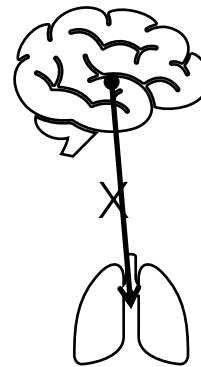
Dangers of too much CO₂



acidosis
(acidemia)



cerebral
vasodilation



depressed
drive

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Outside in and Inside out

Key concepts

Oxygen delivery

Correct oxygenation, ventilation, or both

- Positive Pressure Ventilation
- Non-invasive vs Invasive

Bag-Mask Valve

Artificial Breaths

(CPR)

CPAP

BPAP

HFNC

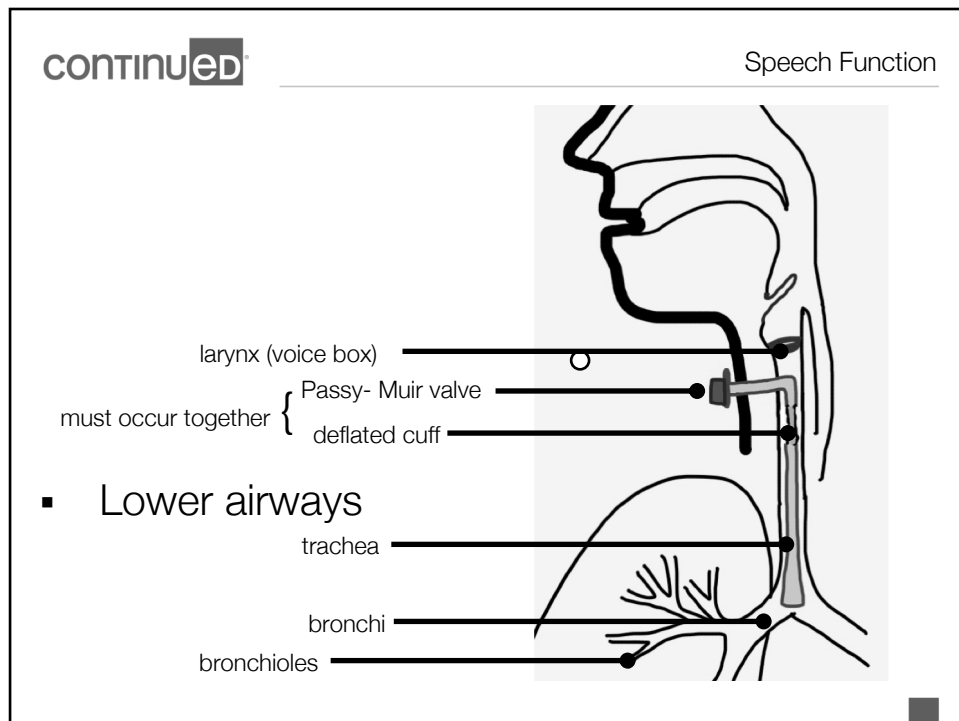
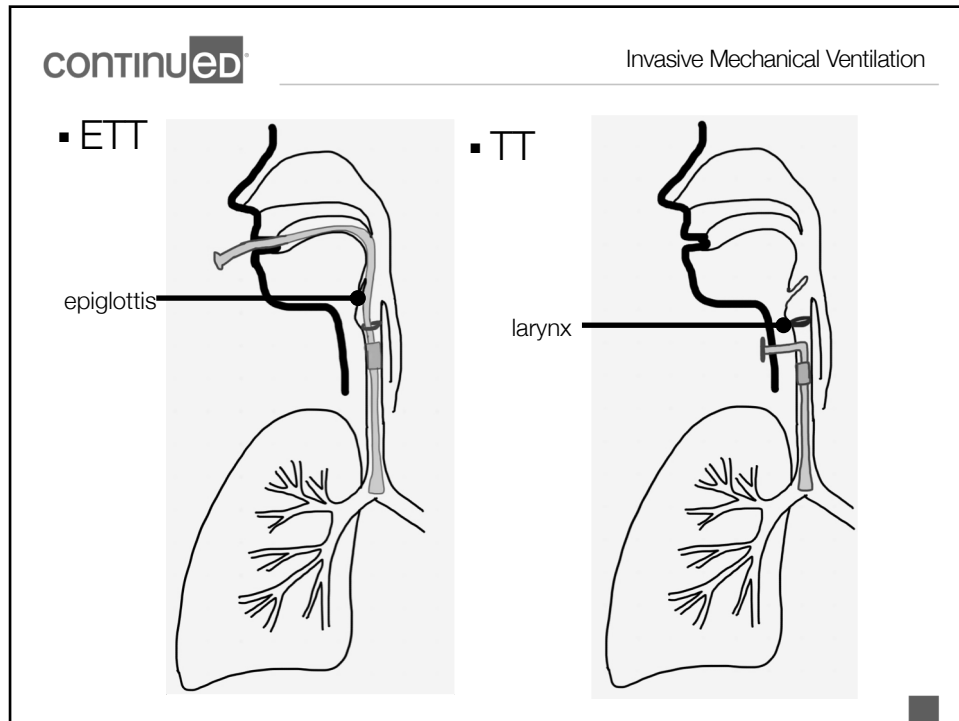
ETT (endotracheal
tube)

TT (tracheostomy
tube)

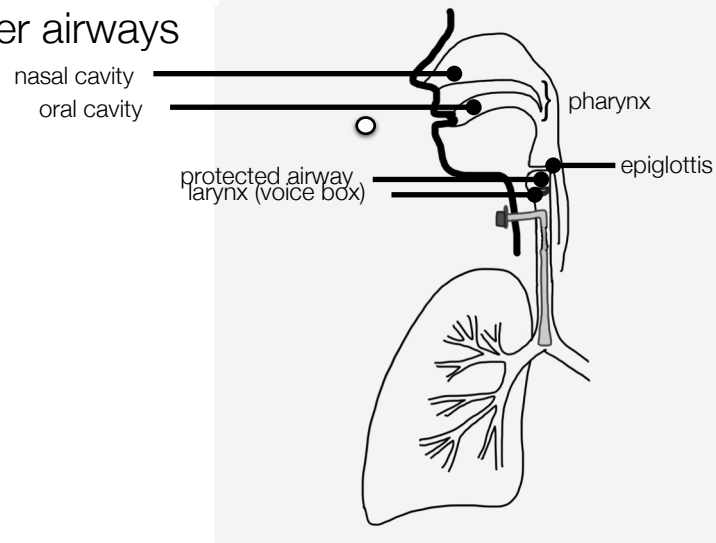
} artificial airways

} constant pressures delivered

- Provide concentrated oxygen: FiO₂ vs LPM
- Deliver volume, pressure, breaths



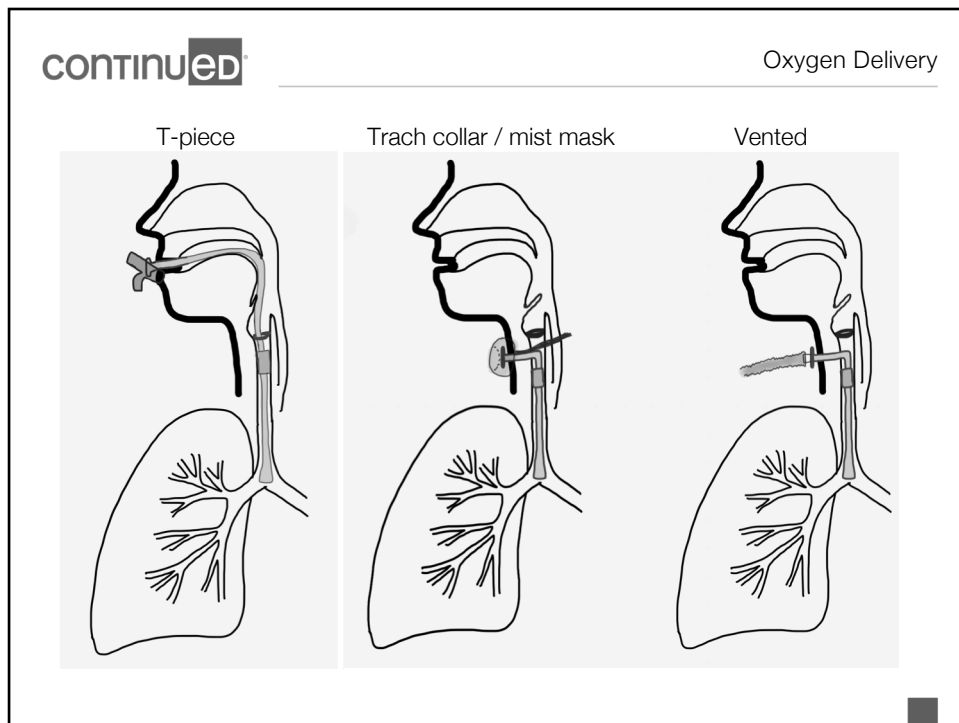
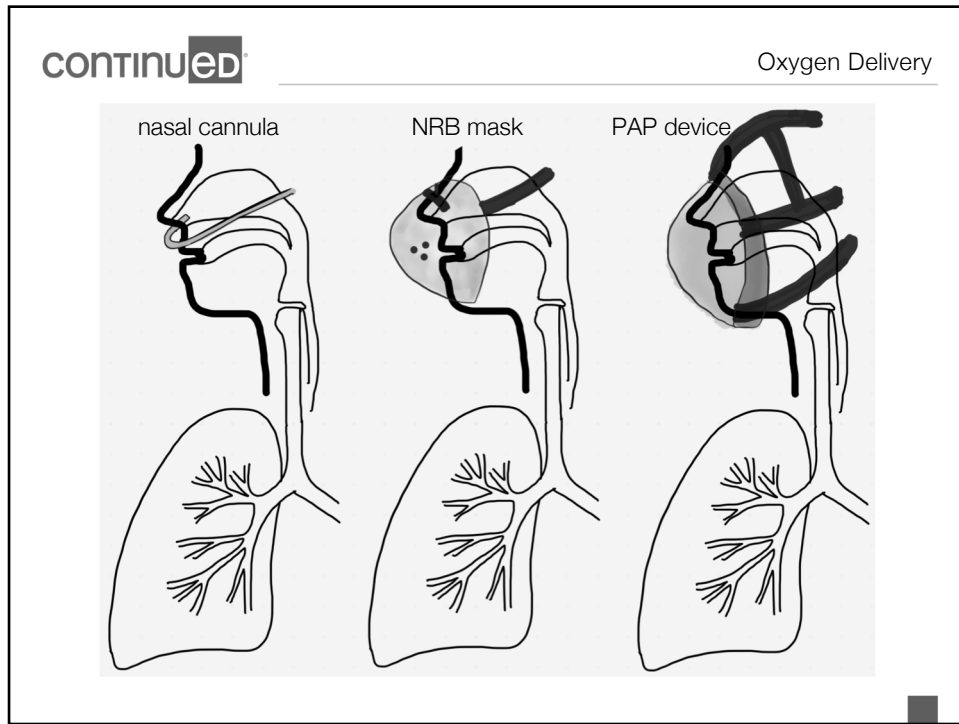
▪ Upper airways



▪ FiO₂ (O₂ concentration vs flow)

Device	Flow	FiO ₂ *
Nasal Cannula	6 LPM	40%
Simple Mask	6 LPM	35-50%
NRB	6 LPM	60%
HFNC	50 LPM	26%
Trach Collar	15 LPM	30%
ETT, TT	60-120 LPM	up to 100%

*approximate values



RT MUST BE
PRESENT AT
ALL TIMES

When mobilizing a patient on
the ventilator.

Perform MV setting
adjustments

Select appropriate O2
delivery devices

Provide bronchodilator
therapies

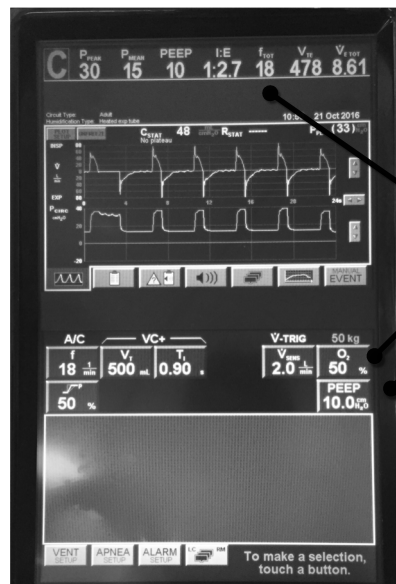
- Pt on paralytics
- Unresponsive to instructions or stimuli
- Open chests or abdomens^{*}
- Pt excessively anxious, fearful, diaphoretic
- MV: FiO2 requirements >60%^{*}
- MV: PEEP requirements >10 cmH2O^{*}
- CV: pressor changes in last 2 hours
- CV: ECMO, PAC
- acutely worsening neuro-cardiac-pulmo

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Control Mode, Assist Mode, (Assist-Control) Modes

- Control - breath is initiated by the machine, most often seen when Pts are on paralytics, or Pt has no use of respiratory muscles (Therapies contraindicated)
- Assist - breath is initiated (triggered) by the patient, then the ventilator either:
 1. delivers support via preset volume (Volume Control) or preset pressure (Pressure Control)
 2. delivers a breath to maintain a set RR if Pt doesn't trigger a breath

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Control

Assist

- RR increases with exercise
- Currently delivered FiO2
- Higher PEEP=need more oxygenation/keep alveoli open

Pt support with exercise:

- Inc. O2 (100% button)
- Remember Ambu bag
check before moving Pt

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Spontaneous Breathing and Support Modes/Settings

- Positive end-expiratory Pressure (PEEP) - pressure applied upon expiration to keep alveoli open, increasing PaO₂
- Pressure Support (PS) - Pt triggers all breaths and there is a constant set inspiratory pressure level. If there is a lung/thorax mechanical change, or a change in Pt's effort, Tidal Volume (V_t) will be affected, so PS amount must be adjusted
- CPAP or BPAP - similar to PS but non-invasive

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monitor closely

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Spontaneous Breathing

Respiratory Rate (RR)

Tidal Volume (V_t)

RSBI: Rapid Shallow Breathing Index

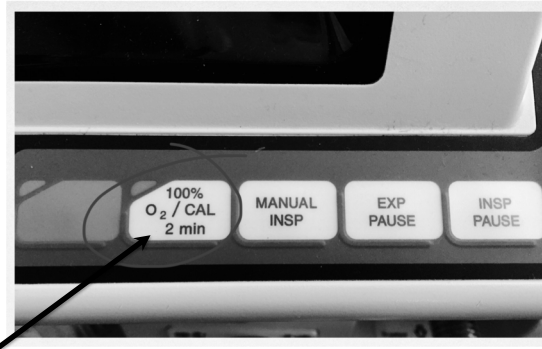
Pt support with exercise:

- Inc. Pressure support
- Inc. O₂ (100% button)
- **Never hit alarm silence**

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DO NOT ADJUST ANY SETTINGS ON THE VENTILATOR



*Therapists can press 100% O₂ ANY TIME the Pt requires it. This button will provide oxygenation for 2 minutes.

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The portable ventilator



Can you identify:

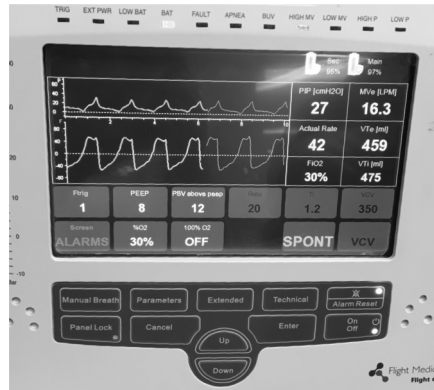
- Ventilator Mode
- Tidal Volume
- Respiratory rate
- FiO₂
- PEEP
- Other info?

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MV Parameters



- Document position of ETT before and after treatment
ex: 25 cm at teeth
- Document ventilator pre-set parameters
ex: Spontaneous w/PS of 12
Vt 350, f 20, FiO2 30%, PEEP 8
- Document patient response via vent settings
- Document flow (LPM) and FiO2 (%)
ex: 50 LPM on HFNC, FiO2 35%
ex: 6 LPM on trach collar, FiO2 30%

Spontaneous Mode PS 12

Vt 459 ml, RR 42 ————— ventilation parameters

FiO2 30%, PEEP 8 cmH2O ————— oxygenation parameters

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How can I help?

Weaning trials

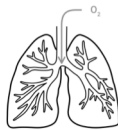
Pulmonary Toilet

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Patient Status during therapy

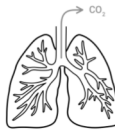
1. Oxygenation status

$SpO_2 \geq 90\%$ on $FiO_2 \leq 40\%$
 $PEEP \leq 5 \text{ cmH}_2O$



2. Ventilation status

$< 35 \text{ breaths / minute}$



3. Hemodynamic status

No active myocardial infarction
 No (or low) vasopressor infusion



Hemoglobin >7
 No significant ECG changes

4. Sedation status

No neuromuscular
 blocking agents



RASS 0 to -1

Parameters for Weaning

WOB*	O2
RSBI** <100	$FiO_2 <40\%$
No dyspnea	$PEEP <5-8$
$RR <35$	$PS <10$
accessory ms	maintain sats

Neuro	Psych
Awake	▼ Fear
Alert	▼ Anxiety
$GCS >8$	▼ Pain
No seizures	▼ Stress
Follows instructions	

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- Incentive spirometry
- DBE
- Diaphragmatic recruitment
- Breath stacking

1. Tidal volume (V_T)

V
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2. Respiratory rate (RR)

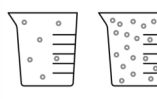


- Paced breathing
- Dyspnea control
- Volition

3. PEEP



O
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4. FiO_2 

- PLB
- PEP
- Premedicate*

- Titrate O2

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Muscular Support

- Upper airways
- Lower airways } pharyngeal-laryngeal and smooth muscles
- Inhalation
- Exhalation } diaphragm+intercostals and passive recoil
- Effortful Inspiration
- Forced Exhalation
- Coughing

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Muscular Support

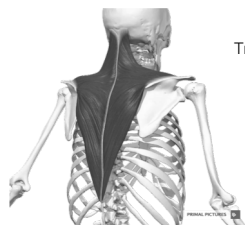
- Accessory Breathing



SCM



Scalenes



Traps



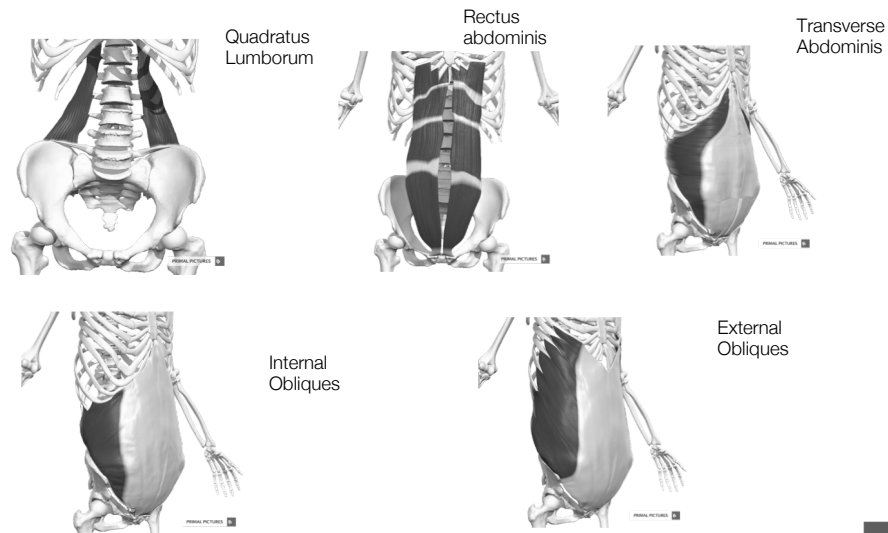
Pec Major



Pec Minor

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▪ Forced Expiration

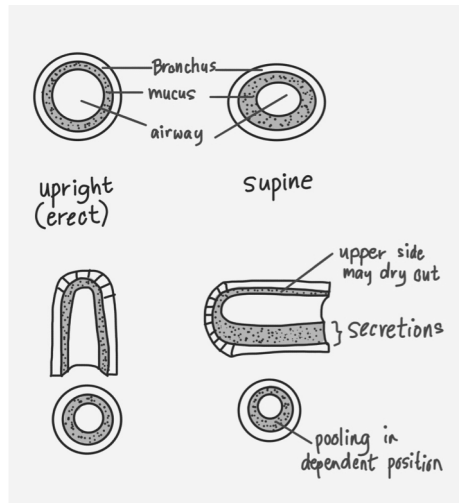


Cough

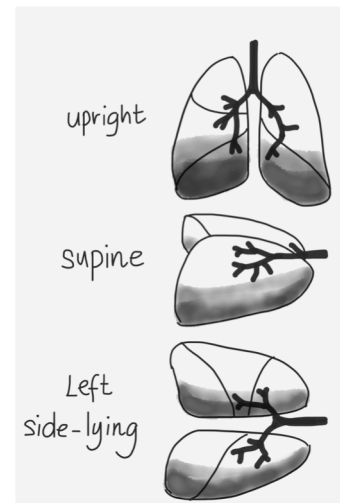
- Phases of cough
- Function of mucus (affected by hydration)
- Mucociliary transport
- Requires glottal closure (unable with ETT)

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AIRWAY RESPONSE



“PERFUSION”



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BREATHLESSNESS POSITIONS



REST AND RECOVERY

- Timed rests
- Dyspnea scales
- Sleep
- Caregiver assist
- Mobility devices
- Premedication
- Mealtimes

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Failure to Wean (extubate)

- Primary cause of failure not corrected
- Physiologic co-morbidities preventing success
- High risk for failure after extubation
- ICU acquired weakness
- Bridge to lung transplants
- Wean to PAP/CNVS

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Thank you.
Questions!

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References

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