



Ventilation : getting started

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Intermittent Positive Pressure Ventilation

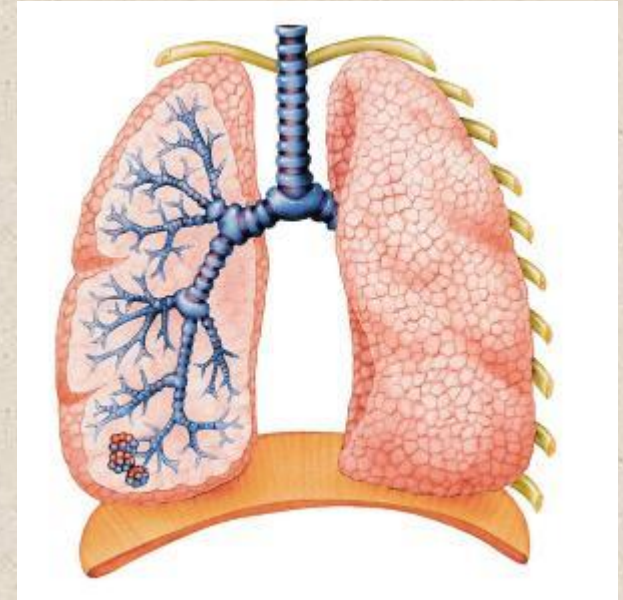


Blowing air into the lungs.

Why ventilate?



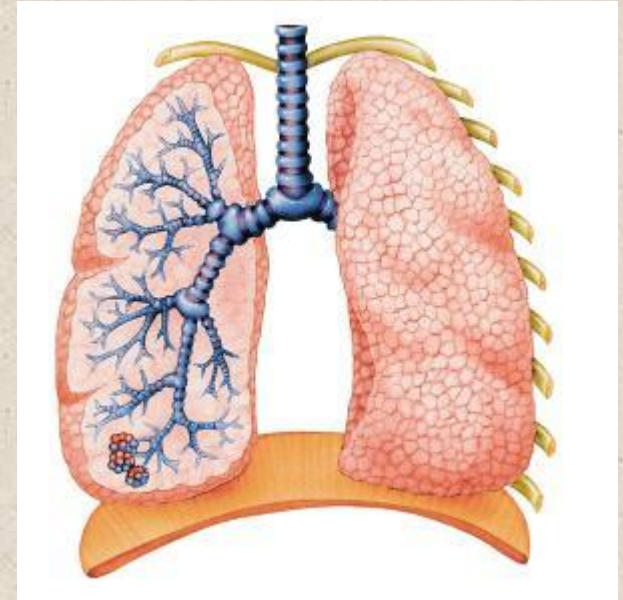
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Why ventilate?





- Pulmonary functions
 - **Oxygen**
 - arterial blood >> cells
 - **Carbon dioxide**
 - venous blood << cells
- “Respiratory Failure”
 - actual
 - imminent



Respiratory Failure



- FAILURE OF OXYGENATION 
 - Low SaO_2 = THE problem!
 - Low O_2 in blood \rightarrow low O_2 in cells \rightarrow cells die
- Failure of CO_2 elimination 
 - $\uparrow \text{PaCO}_2$: low attributable damage
 - unless $\uparrow \text{ICP}$, $\uparrow \text{PAP}$, massive acidosis
 - $\uparrow \text{PaCO}_2 \rightarrow \uparrow \text{SNS tone, } \downarrow \text{inflammation}$

Respiratory Failure : Classification



- "Type 1"
 - low PaO_2
 - normal PaCO_2
- "Type 2"
 - low PaO_2
 - high PaCO_2

Can you
remember
this?

Does this
help you fix
the
problem?

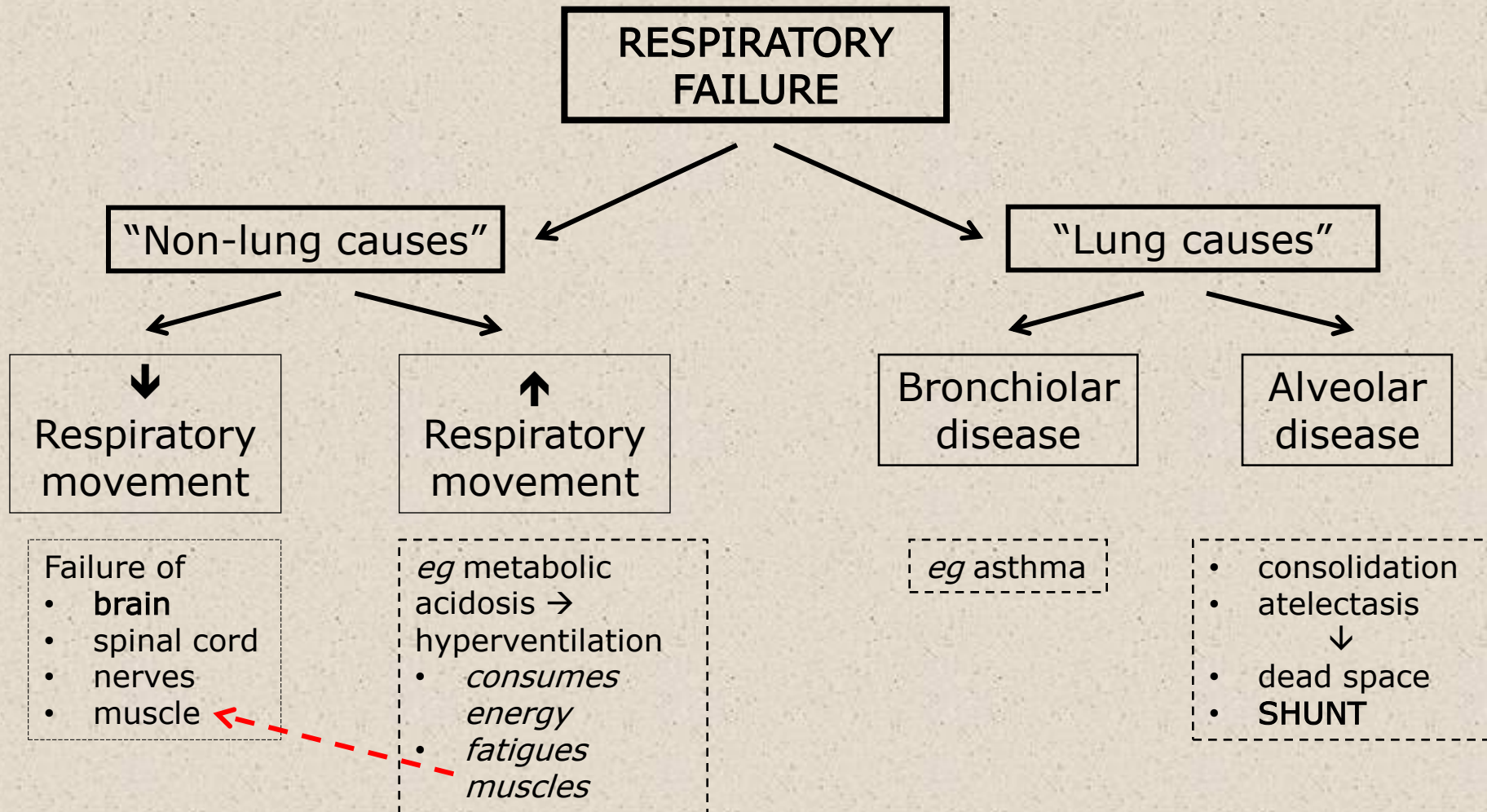
Before we ventilate...



- We MUST recognize:
 - why is there respiratory failure?
 - what do we want IPPV to fix?
- Affects:
 - immediate goals
 - methods of ventilation
 - endpoint

Respiratory failure mechanisms

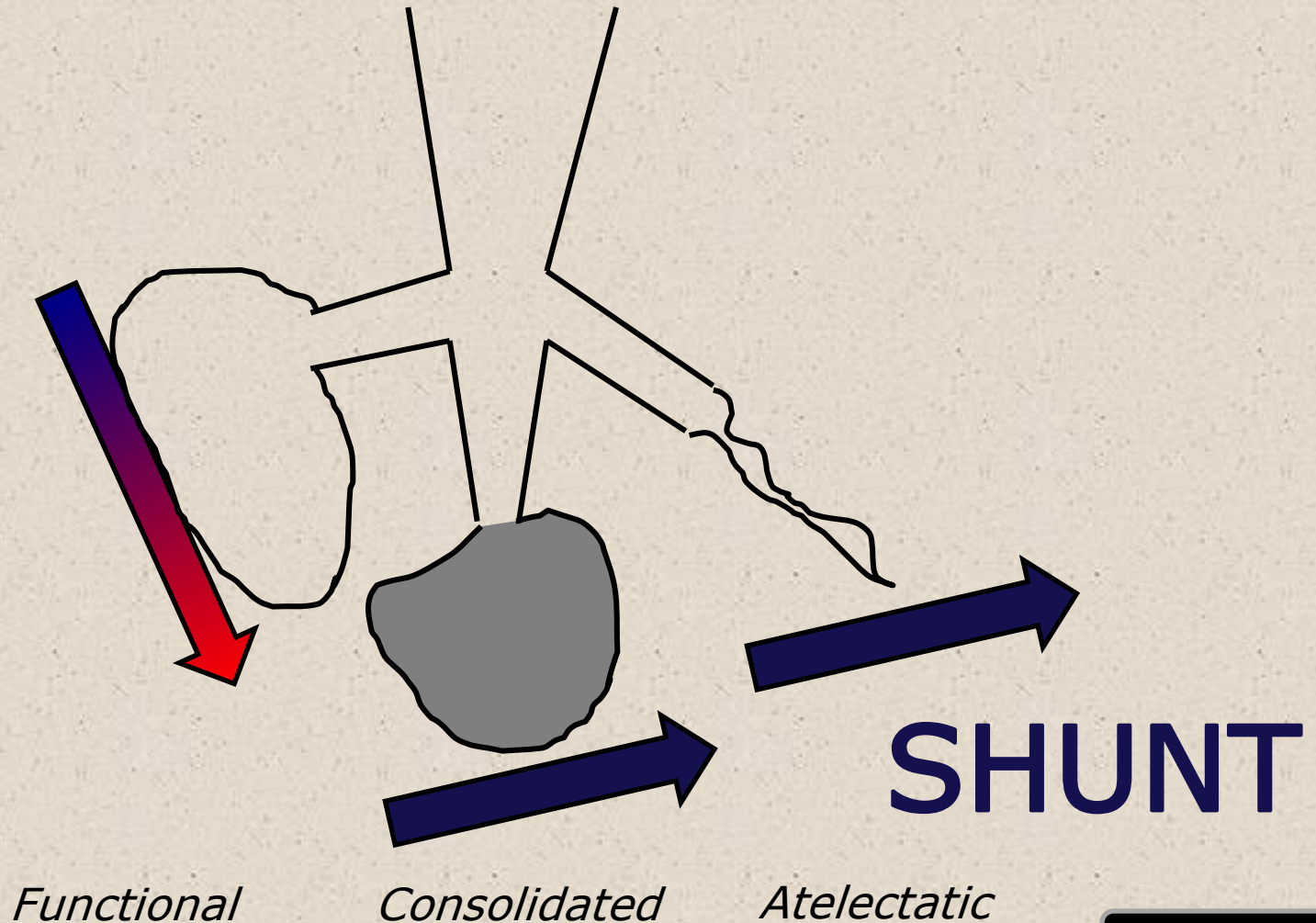
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Alveolar disease



- *3 alveolar populations*
- → Effects on capillary blood
- "1 red cell, 1 alveolus"



Shunt



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- Management:
 - recruit atelectatic alveoli
 - IPPV may help
 - prevent atelectasis worsening
 - IPPV helps ... PEEP
 - clear consolidation
 - time, drugs ... IPPV not helpful
 - **don't damage functional alveoli**
 - **BEWARE: IPPV may injure them!**

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... IPPV goals



- Do the above...
WHILE MINIMIZING DAMAGE!
- Lungs made for negative pressure
 - POSITIVE PRESSURE CAUSES LUNG DAMAGE.
 - IPPV rarely helps lung
 - ? recruitment = exception ?

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- **Oxytrauma**
 - = chemical damage from high FiO_2
 - Get **FiO_2 below 60%** as soon as possible
 - only need to achieve SaO_2 of 90%!

Starting strategies



- 2 fundamental strategies

- “Lung protective”

DEFAULT

- “Neuroprotective”

If ↑ ICP

also severe Pulmonary Hypertension

?? severe Metabolic Acidosis ??

“Lung protective ventilation”



- = Default strategy
 - for almost all types of Respiratory Failure
- Goal : $\text{SaO}_2 = 90\%$
- With
 - $V_T \leq 6\text{ml} / \text{kg IDEAL mass for height}$
 - $P_{\text{plateau}} \mid P_{\text{max}} \leq 30 \text{ cmH}_2\text{O}$
 - $\text{PEEP} \geq 10 \text{ cmH}_2\text{O}$
 - recruitment if diffuse atelectasis likely
 - $\text{FiO}_2 < 60\% \text{ ASAP}$ (though start at 100%)

“Neuroprotective ventilation”



Try do all the above ($\text{SaO}_2 \geq 90\%$),
but also keep $\text{PaCO}_2 = 5.0 \pm 0.2 \text{ kPa}$

Controlling PaCO₂



- PaCO₂ inverse to Minute Volume
 - Minute Volume = $V_T \times \text{Respiratory Rate}$
- \uparrow PaCO₂ ? : fix by \uparrow Minute Volume!
 - \uparrow Respiratory Rate :
 - (practical maximum 24 / min in adult)
 - PaCO₂ still \uparrow ? : $\uparrow V_T$, $\uparrow P$ above the limits
 - Brain takes precedence over lungs.
- Only “neuroprotect” if really indicated!
 - $\uparrow V_T$, $\uparrow P$ to \downarrow PaCO₂ damage lungs



Non-invasive ventilation?

- Endotracheal intubation = default
- Non-invasive ventilation – very useful!
 - avoids perils of intubation
 - not for unskilled use on sick patients
 - IF SEVERE RESPIRATORY FAILURE : INTUBATE
 - NIV useful alone for
 - COPD exacerbations
 - Cardiac failure



“It’s all so complicated!”

"Modes" of ventilation



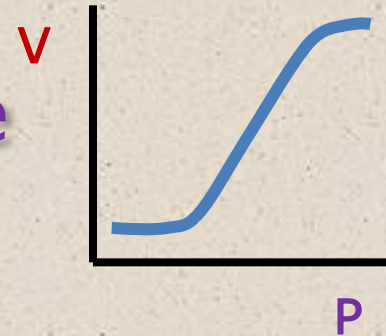
- Dozens of ways ventilators could work!
- Manufacturer terminology inconsistent
- Defined by
 - Gasflow targeted to achieve
 - a certain tidal volume "Volume modes"
 - a certain pressure "Pressure modes"
 - Degree of patient interaction allowed
 - Controlled
 - Assisted
 - Supported
 - Mixed (SIMV-like)

Volume modes vs pressure modes



- Primary machine target =
 - achieve set VOLUME over a set time |
 - blow air to set PRESSURE for set time

- $V_T = \text{compliance} * \text{driving Pressure}$
 - set one parameter – check the other



- Either can achieve the same effect!
 - if targets achieved
- No overall outcome differences

Volume modes



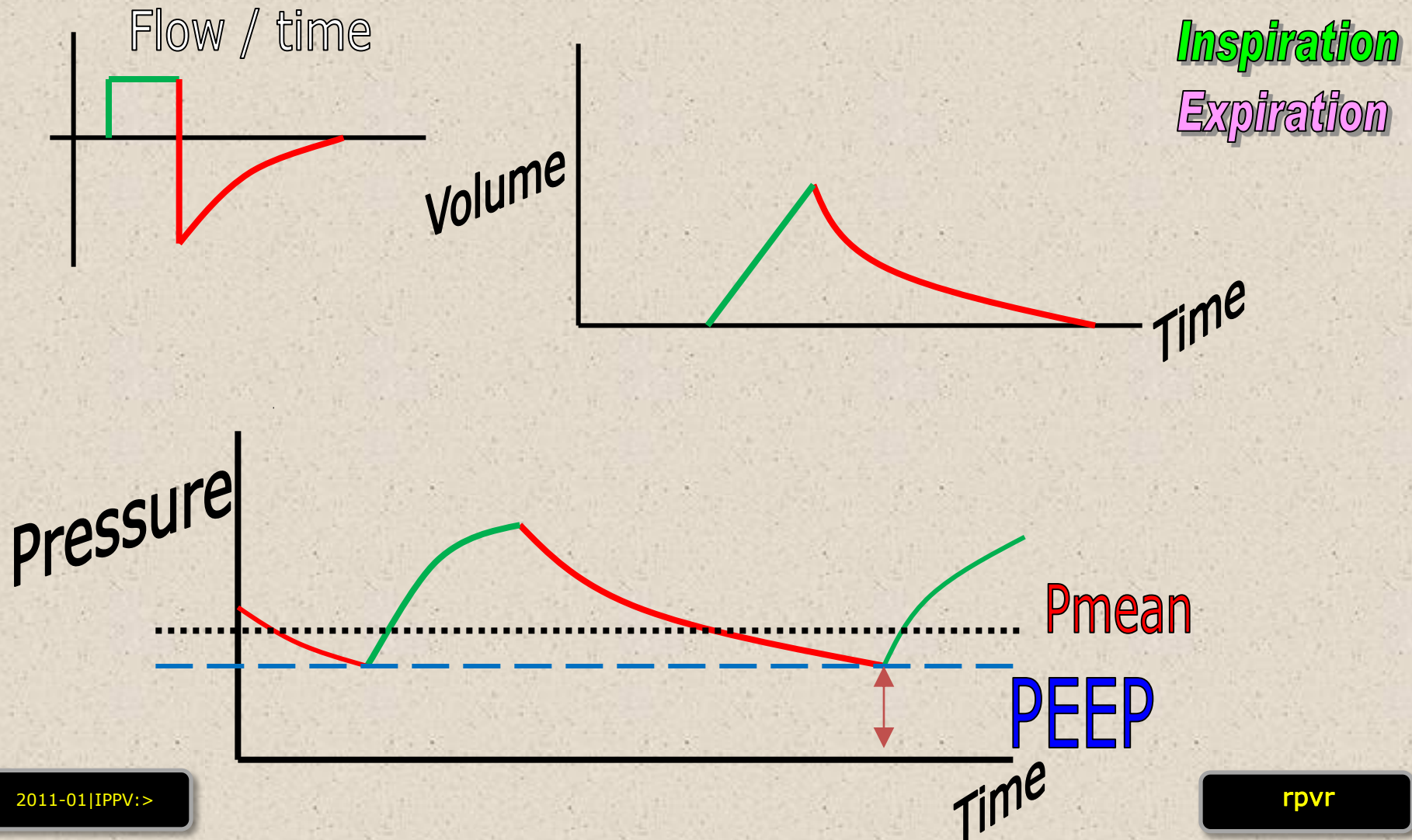
- Pros:
 - always get a guaranteed volume
 - NB in OR
 - may recruit collapsed lung better (but high P's!)
- Cons
 - patient dyssynchrony
 - squarewave gasflow on older machines
 - high pressures can occur
 - set pause | plateau time

Pressure modes



- Pros
 - pressure limited
 - gasflow more physiological – patient synchrony
 - copes with leaks
 - paediatric uncuffed ett
- Cons
 - T_i setting vital, variable VT if not monitored
 - does not recruit already-collapsed lung as well

Volume mode





Volume Control

Automode

Admit
patient

Nebulizer

Status
⊖

10-24 13:59

30 cmH₂OPpeak (cmH₂O)

23

40

Pmean
(cmH₂O)

10

PEEP
(cmH₂O)

6

70 l/min



RR (b/min)

16

30

5

O₂ (%)

40

45

35

I:E

1:2.0

-70
400 ml

MVe (l/min)

C

4.9

40.0

2.0

VTi
(ml)

301

VTe
(ml)

306

Additional
settingsO₂ conc.

40

21

%

100

0

PEEP

6

cmH₂O

50

4

Resp. Rate

16

b/min

150

Tidal Volume

300

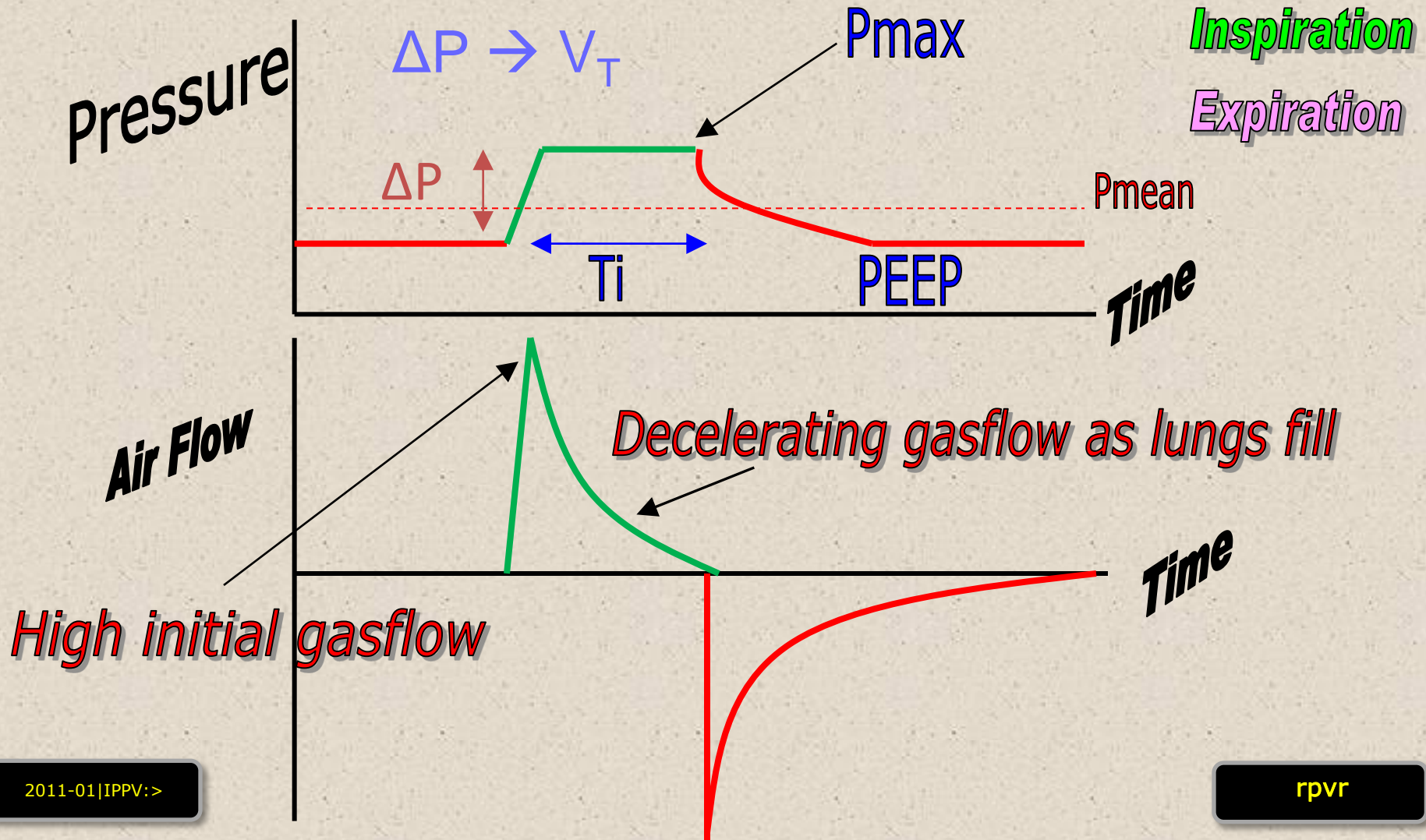
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4000

Additional
values

Pressure Control





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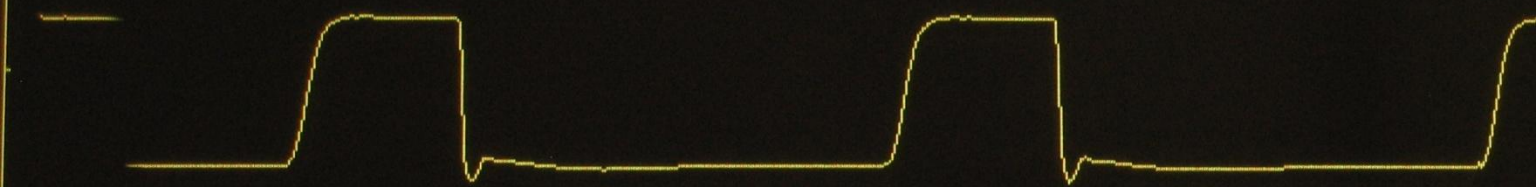
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(ml)

298

VTe
(ml)

303

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21 % 100 0

PEEP

6

cmH₂O 50 4

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16

b/min 150 0

PC above PEEP

14

cmH₂O 120Additional
values



Modes: patient interaction

Mode	Starting inspiration / Trigger	Ending inspiration/ Cycle to expiration/ Control Ti inspiration duration	Patient input
Controlled	Ventilator	Ventilator	0
Assisted	Patient	Ventilator	+
Supported	Patient	Patient	++

- Controlled or Assisted modes can be Volume or Pressure targeted.
- Supported modes : Pressure targeted
- Controlled and Assisted modes often combined into "Assist-Control"
- SIMV effectively a mix of all 3...

All this data

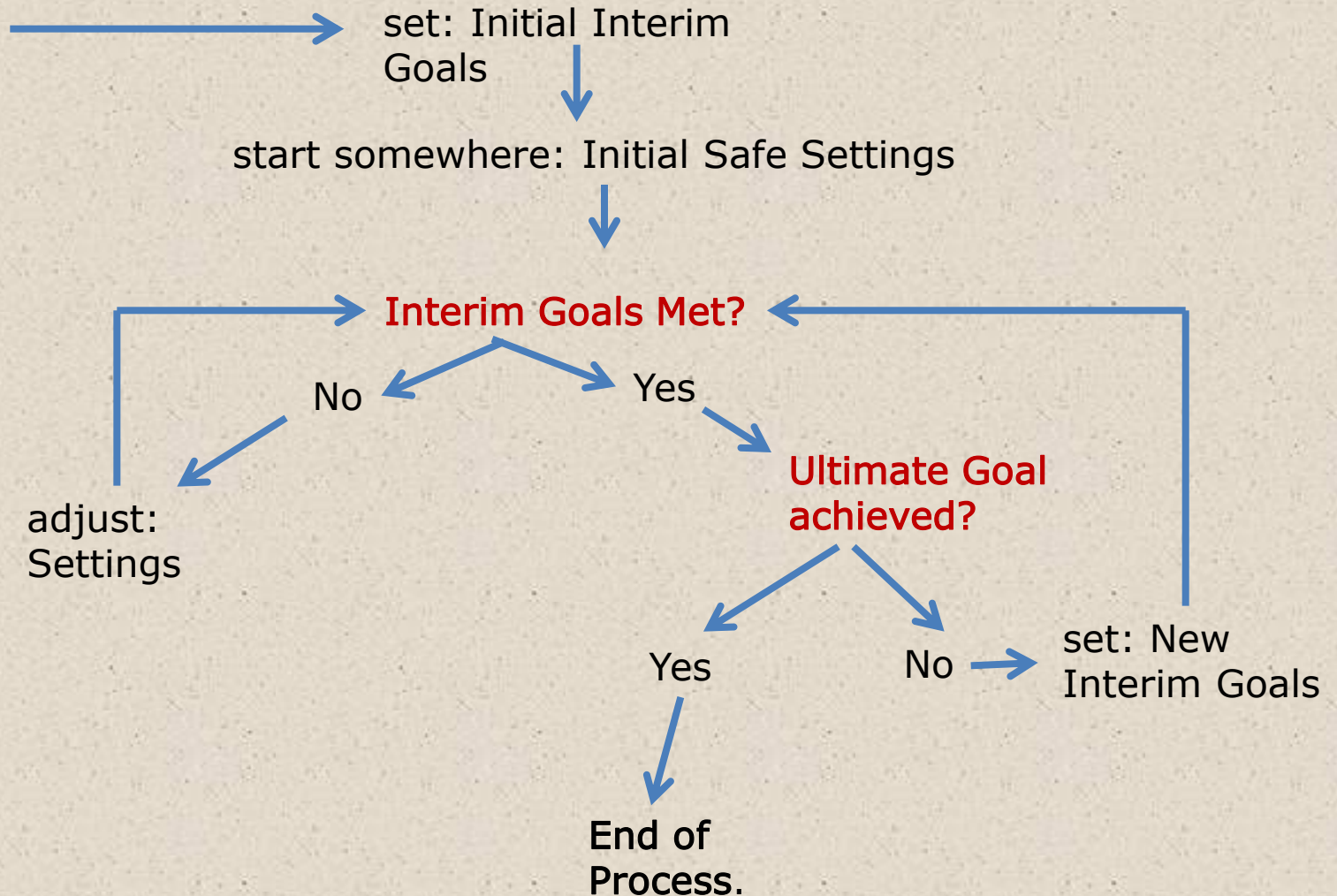


What do I *do*?!!

Critical care cycle



THINK!:
Ultimate
Goal



Initial goal



- “Capture”
 - Anaesthetize
 - Intubate
 - Deep sedation
 - Control ventilation (Assist-CONTROL mode)
- ± Recruit (if: skills✓ pathology✓)
- Oxygenate!
 - FiO₂ 90%
 - Lung-protective limits



“THE PMB WAY”

Universal initial ventilator settings : Bear 1000 : Adult & Paediatric $\geq 10\text{kg}$

Preset:

Mode:	Pressure Control	(=Pressure-Targeted Assist-Control)
PEEP:	10	cmH ₂ O
Rate:	15-20	breaths/min
FiO ₂ :	100	%
Assist Sensitivity	1	cmH ₂ O
Inspiratory Time	1.0 – 1.5	s
Inspiratory Pressure	5	cmH₂O (above PEEP)
Slope	-3	

Connect patient.

Adjust **Inspiratory Pressure** over first few breaths, to maximum 20cmH₂O

Goal: Measured Tidal Volume = 6ml/kg ideal mass for height ($F \approx 400\text{ml}$, $M \approx 500\text{ml}$)

For first hour: review every 10minutes

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Preset:

Mode:	IPPV AutoFlow	(=Volume-Targeted Assist-Control)
PEEP:	10	mbar
Rate:	15-20	breaths/min
FiO ₂ :	100	%
Flow Sensitivity	1	L/min
T _{insp}	1.0 – 1.5	s
Ramp	0.2	s
Tidal Volume	6ml/kg ideal mass for height	(Female ≈ 400 ml Male ≈ 500 ml)

Connect patient.

Observe measured P_{max}. If P_{max} exceeds 30mbar, increase T_{insp} to maximum 2s. If still exceeding 30mbar, reduce set Tidal Volume by 50ml.

If measured Tidal Volume significantly below set Tidal Volume, check for leaks.

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Once captured



- First hour
- Take away excess
 - FiO_2 ... if $\text{SpO}_2 \geq 95\%$... only need 90%
 - Pressure ... if V_T high
- First hour dynamic
 - many changes likely
 - reassess q10min

Once stabilized



- Encourage spontaneous respiration
 - in 90% of patients
 - diaphragm moving → basal recruitment
 - Reduce sedation
 - Reduce set rate
 - ASSIST-Control ... patient-triggered breaths

Over time



- Continuous reduction : remove un-needed
- Wean toward a SUPPORT mode
- As lungs improve...
 - reduce inspiratory pressures
 - give patient full control
 - wean PEEP last
- T-piece trial usually unnecessary



Pre-extubation checklist.

All parameters should be met prior to attempting extubation.

- ☐ Original cause(s) Respiratory Failure fixed
- ☐ Oxygenation Index < 5 (unless chronic lung disease confirmed)
- ☐ No mandatory breaths required
- ☐ RSBI (on PS 6cmH₂O) < 80
- ☐ Minimal / thin, clearable secretions
- ☐ Adequate cough
- ☐ Can protect airway: GCS > 9 | No local anatomical complications

Occasional exception



- Extreme lung pathology | Deranged CNS
- Obsolete ventilator



- Keep deeply sedated.
- Keep on Assist-Control mode.
- Meet lung-protective targets
- Once daily: sedation hold
 - T-piece trial (15 mins)
 - Pass → extubate | Fail → resedate for 24h



Summary



- Target = oxygenate
 - Adequate SaO_2 to sustain life
- Protect lungs
- Hit target – exact method less important
- Get control
- Continual reassessment, adjustment
- Reduce intervention as patient improves
- Patient focus



Thanks to HRH!

Questions?

