

MECHANICAL VENTILATION

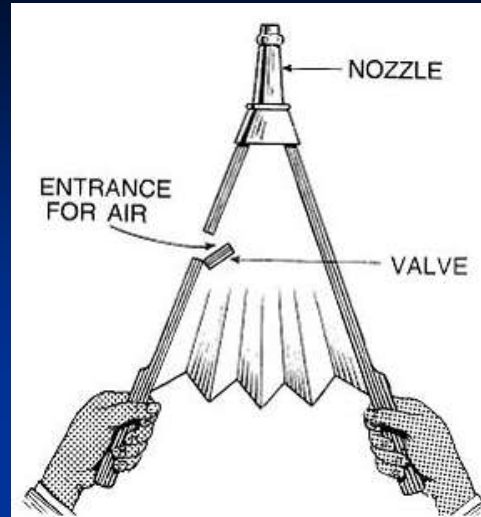


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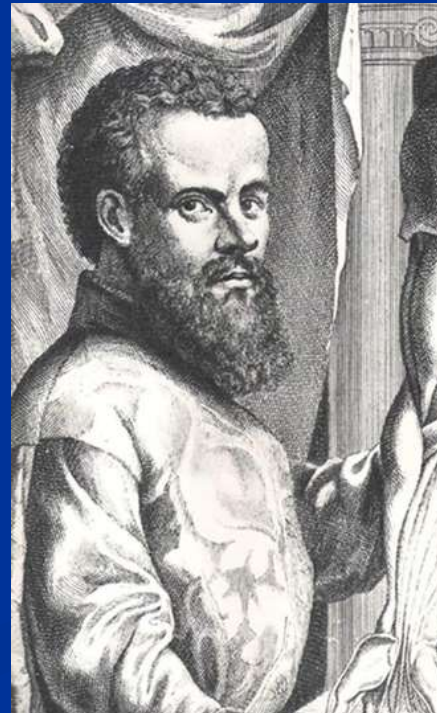
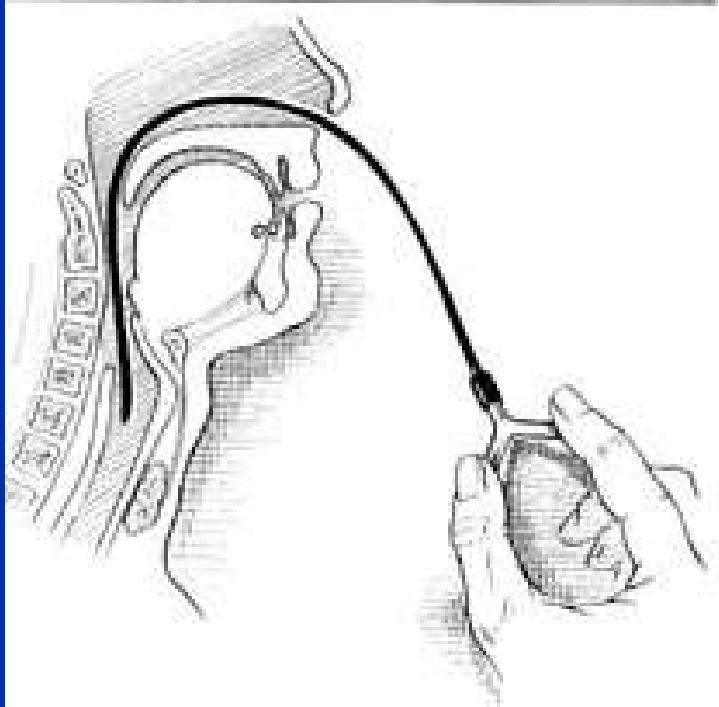
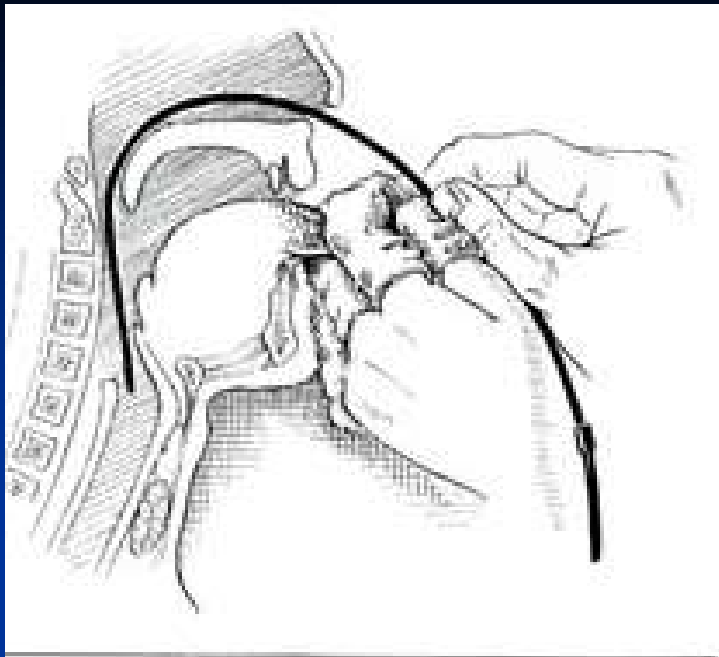
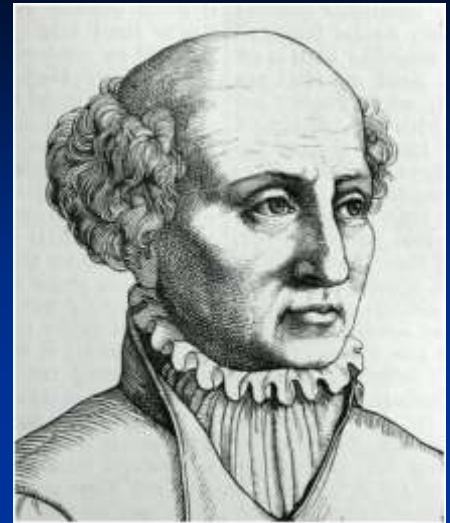
Mechanical Ventilation: Schedule

- History, Concepts and Basic Physiology – Nader
- Volume Control Ventilation (CMV, ACV) – Nader
- Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation (SIMV) – Nader
- Pressure Support Ventilation (PSV) – Nader
- Pressure Control Ventilation (PCV) – Junker
- Pressure Regulated Volume Control (PRVC) – Junker
- Airway Pressure Release Ventilation (APRV) – Junker
- Neurally Adjusted Ventilatory Assist (NAVA) – Nader

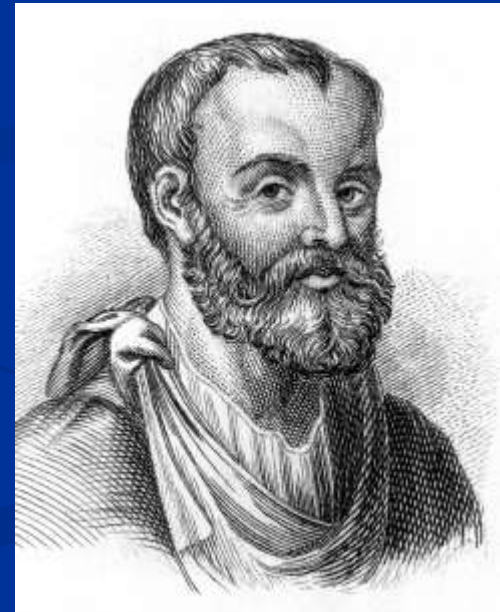
Fire Bellow



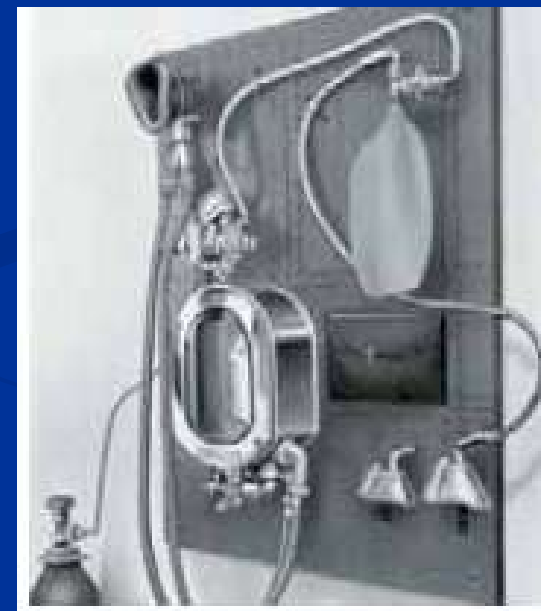
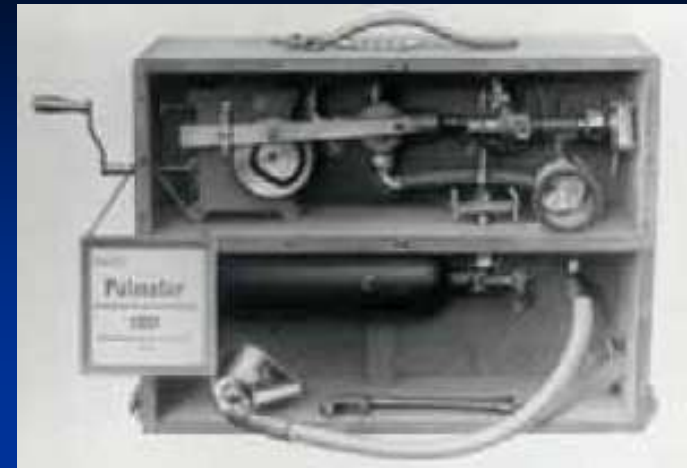
Paracelsus



Vesalius



Galen



The Drager Pulmotor
1911 *“Artificial Breathing Device”*

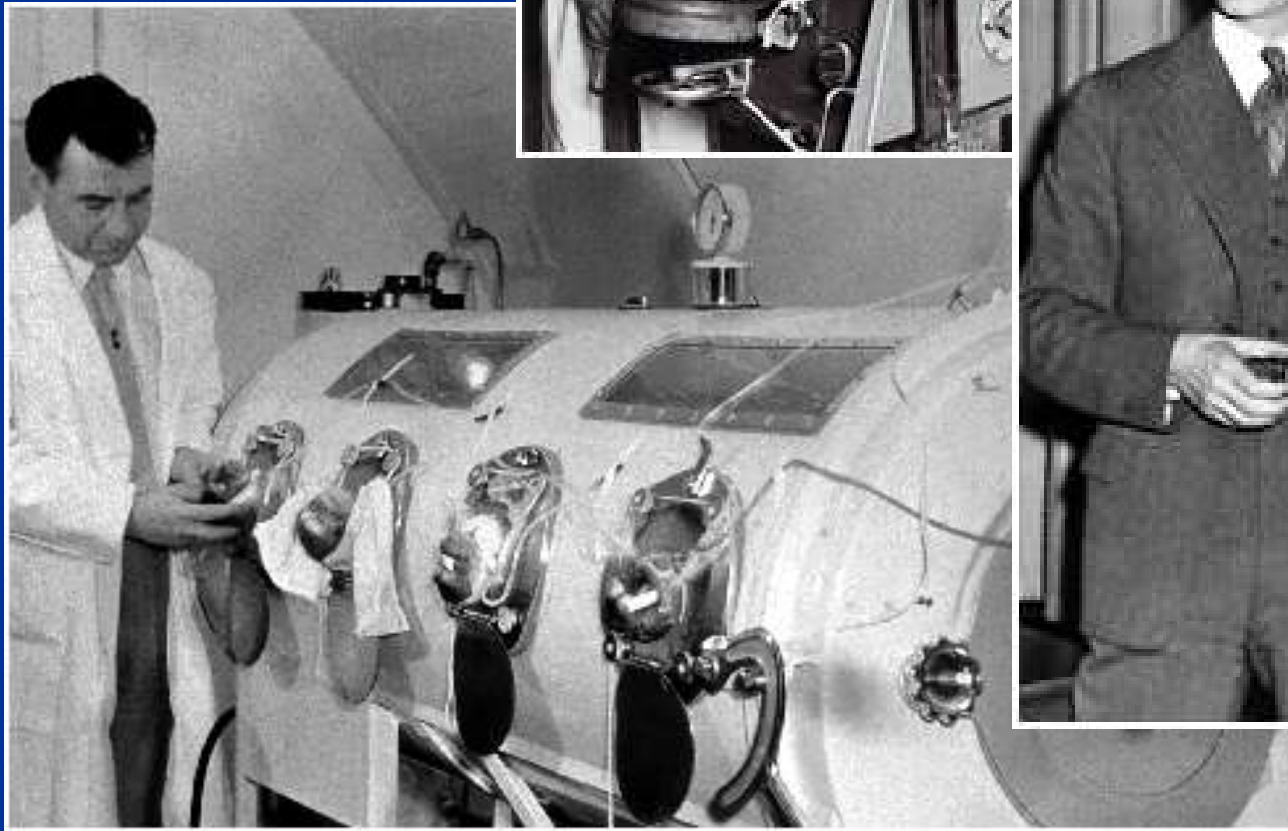


The Drager Pulmotor... *used by Fire and Police Units*

1900-1950



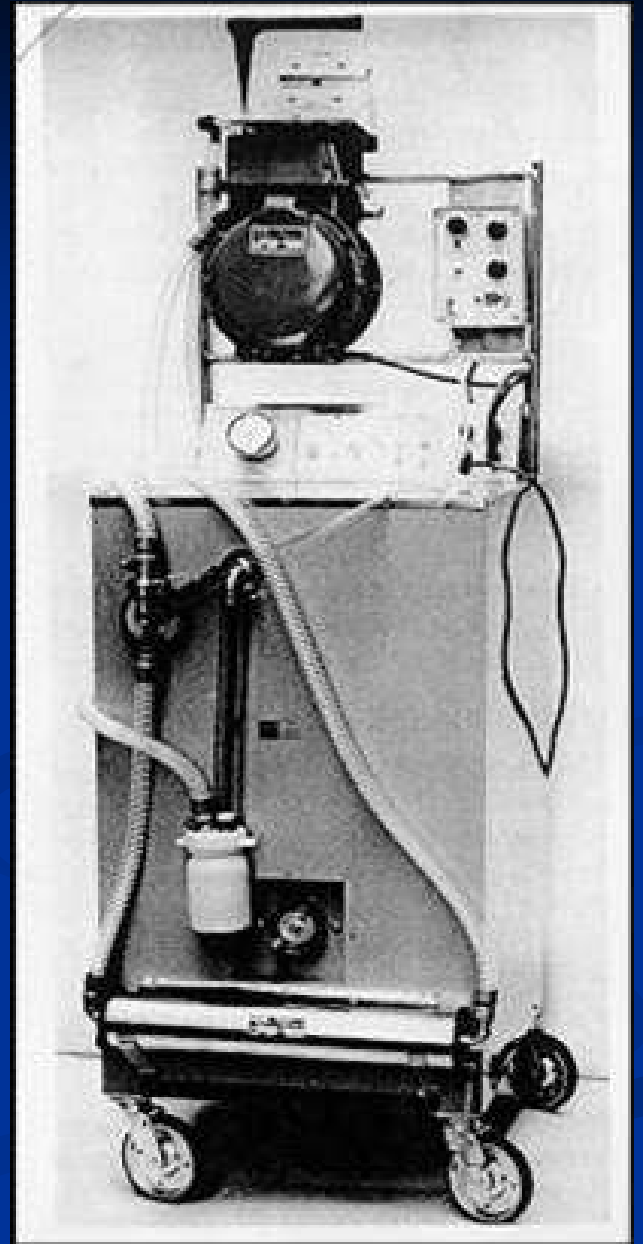
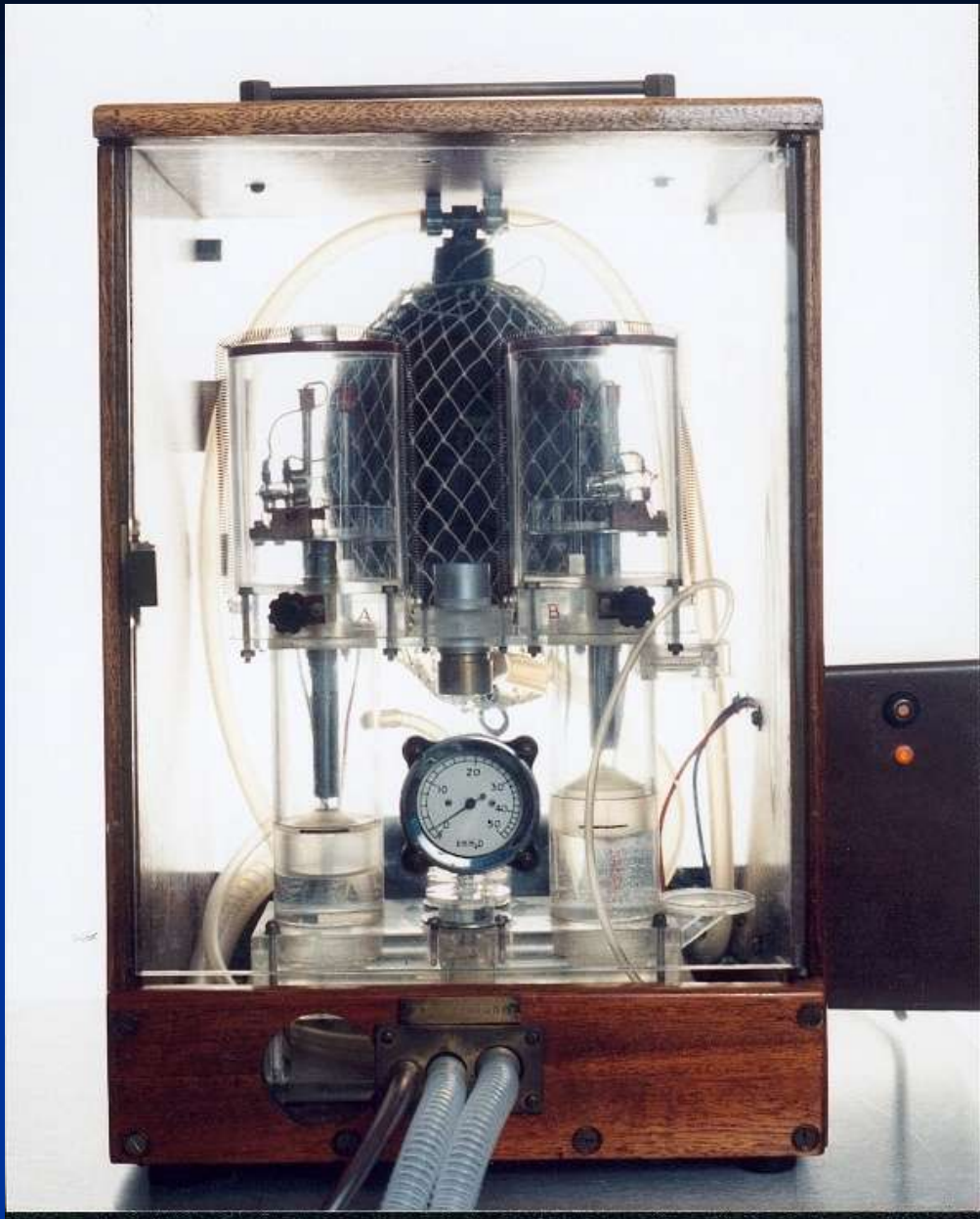
Iron Lung
1927



Philip Drinker



Rancho Los Amigos Hospital, 1953



Era of **Respiratory Intensive Care**

1950-1970

- *Bird Mark 7*
- *Bennet PR2*
- *Hamilton Standard*
- *Bear*



Then

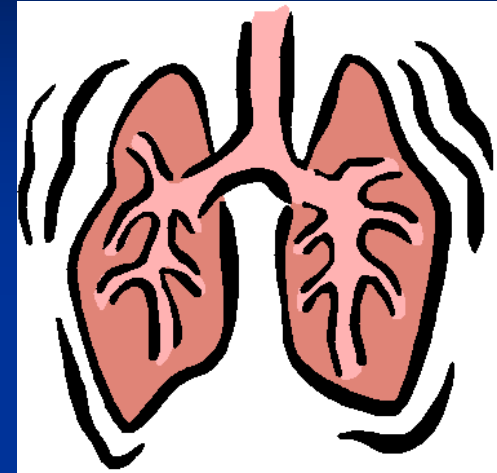


Now



Role of Mechanical Ventilation:

- Provide oxygenation and ventilatory support during respiratory failure
- Improve gas exchange
- Unload respiratory muscles
- “Buy time” for healing and recovery



1950

Controlled MV

Control/Assist

SIMV

PEEP

Assist

Pressure Support
Volume Support

Combined

APRV, BiPAP,
Automode

Complex Algorithms

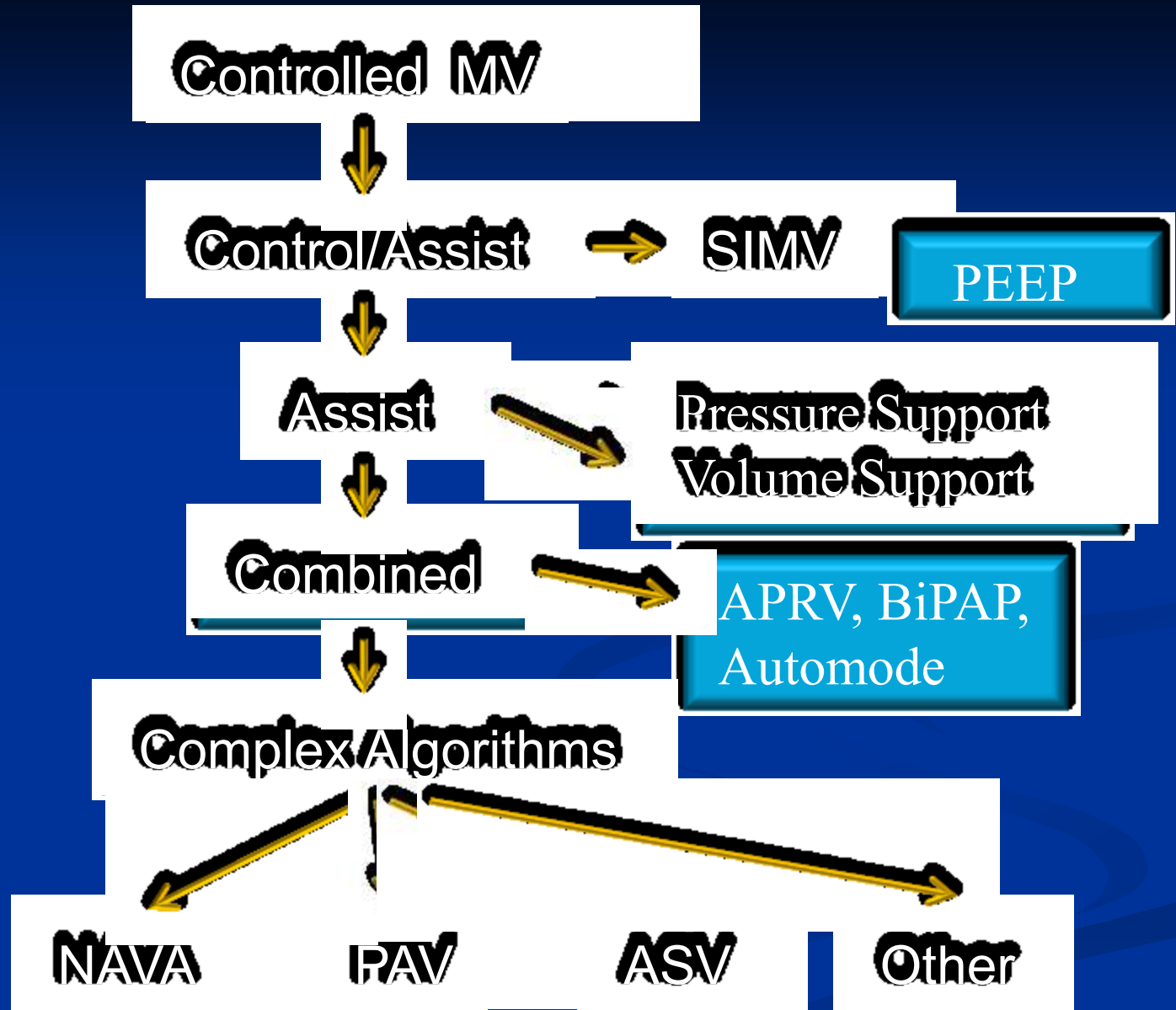
NAVA

RAV

ASV

Other

2011



Mechanical Ventilation:

Positive Pressure

Invasive

CMV, AC

SIMV

PS / PC

APRV / Bi-level

PAV, ASV, NAVA



Non-Invasive

BiPAP

CPAP

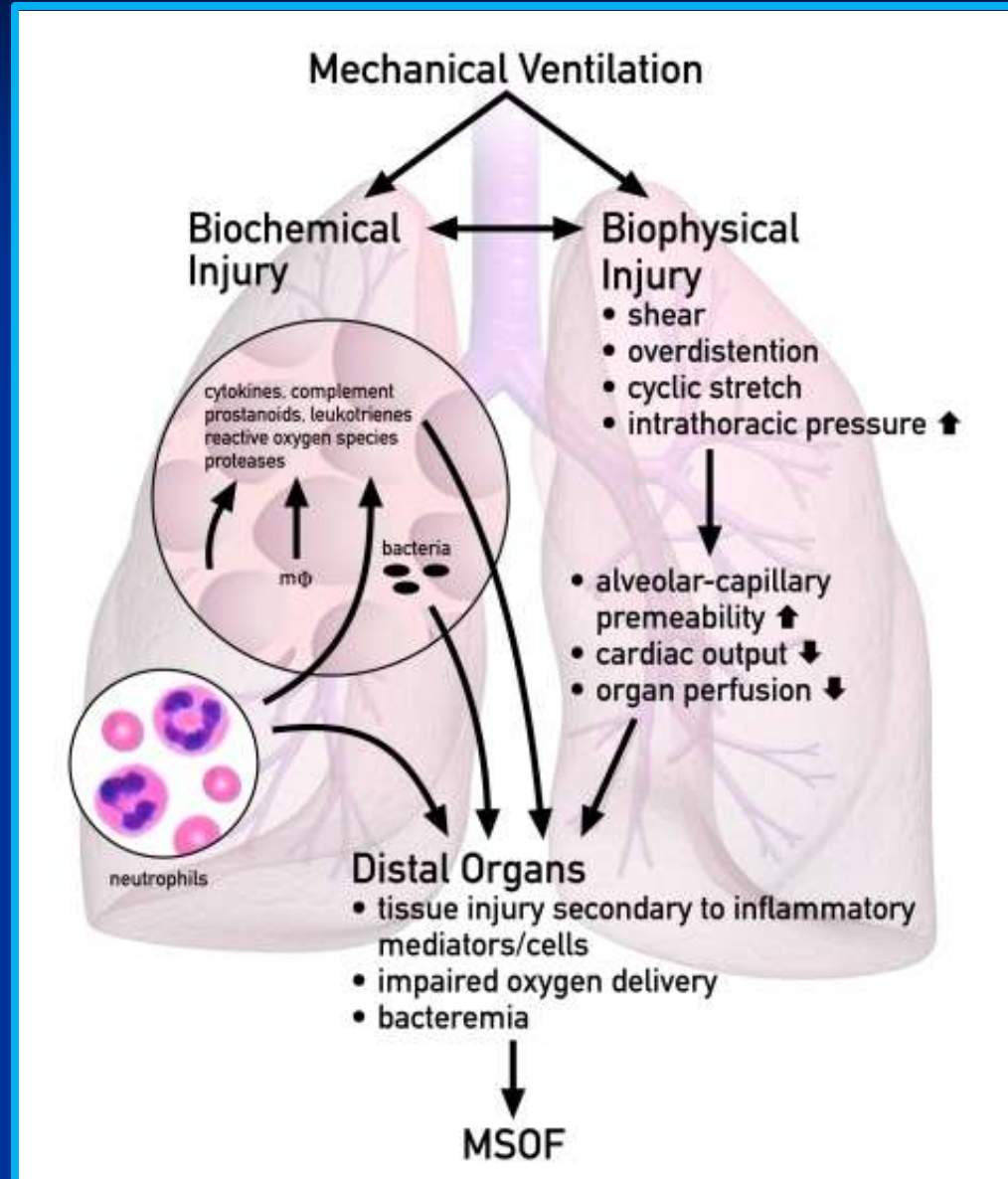


Negative Pressure

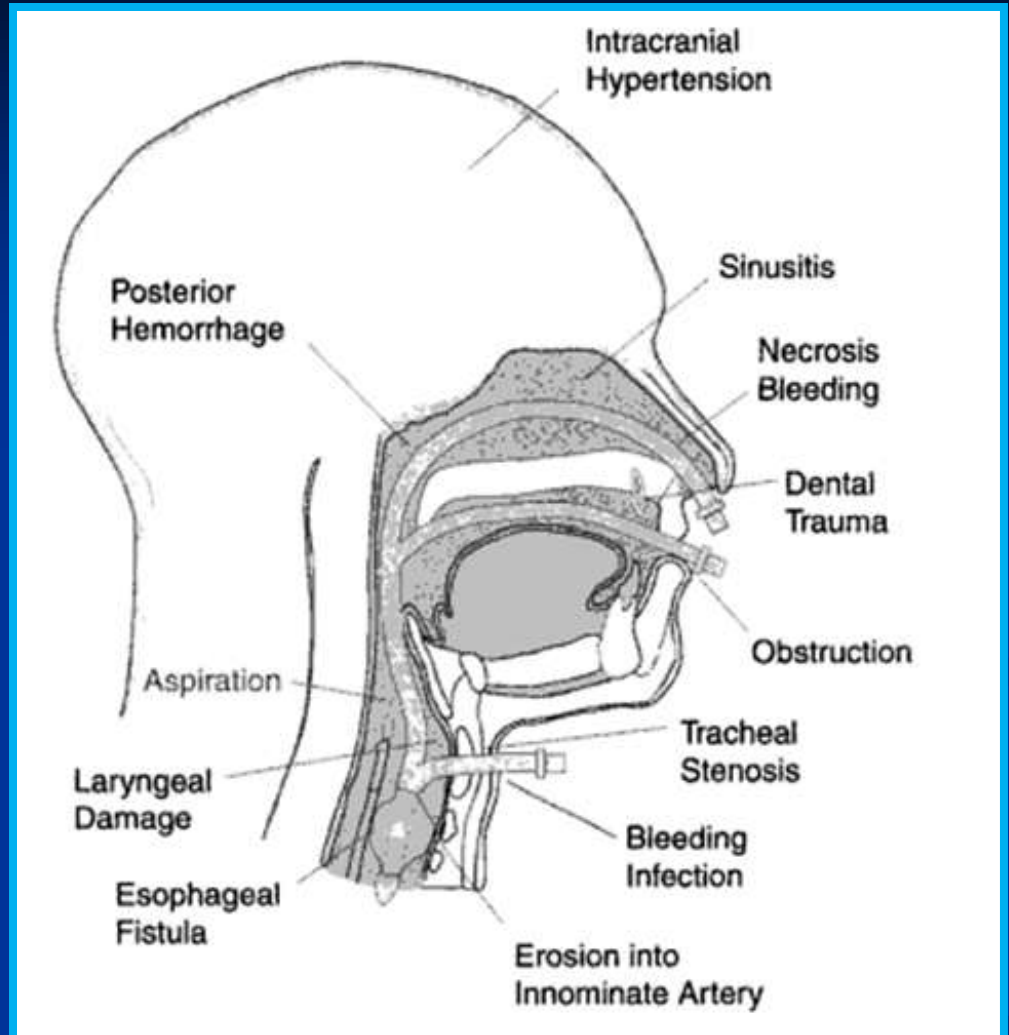
The Iron Lung



A Double-Edged Sword



- Hypotension post induction
- Hypertension due to agitation, pain, stimulation
- Hypercapnea → cerebral vasodilation
- Hypoxemia, Acidosis, PEEP



Complications of Endotracheal Intubation



CNS



Phrenic nerve



Diaphragm excitation



Diaphragm contraction



Chest wall, lung and esophageal response



flow, pressure, volume changes

Ideal Technology



Ventilator



Current Technology



Breath characteristics

Trigger: what initiates a breath

- Timer (control) vs Effort (assist)

Gas delivery target: what governs gas flow

- Set flow vs Set insp pressure

Cycle: what terminates the breath

- Volume, Time, Flow, Pressure

A ventilator breath that is **patient triggered**, **pressure targeted**, and **time cycled** is termed:

- A) Volume Assist
- B) Pressure Support
- C) Pressure Control
- D) Pressure Assist



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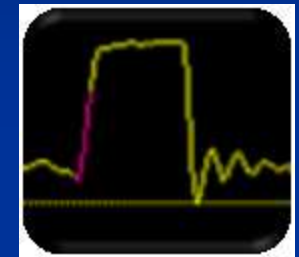
- A) Volume Assist (flow targeted, volume cycled)
- B) Pressure Support (flow Cycled)
- C) Pressure Control (machine triggered)
- D) Pressure Assist (Pressure “Assist” Control)

Breath characteristics **Summary**

	Trigger	Target / Limit	Cycle
Volume Control (VC)	Time	Flow	Volume
Volume Assist (VA)	Effort	Flow	Volume
Pressure Control (PC)	Time	Pressure	Time
Pressure Assist (PA)	Effort	Pressure	Time
Pressure Support (PS)	Effort	Pressure	Flow
Pressure Release (PR)	Time	Pressure	Time
Spontaneous (SP)	Effort	Pressure	Effort

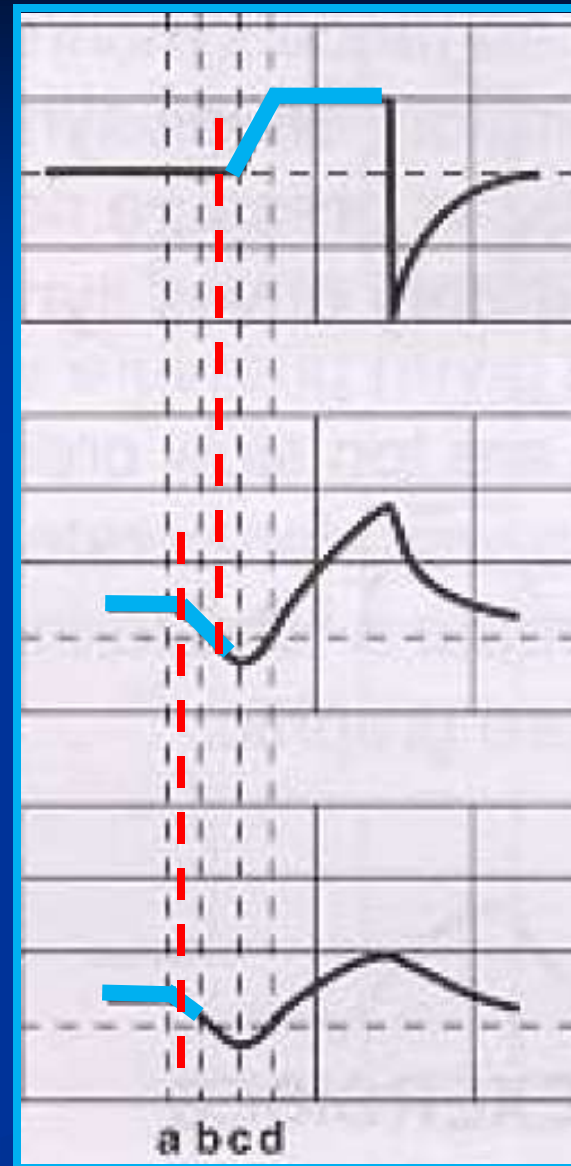
Trigger

- Level of effort needed to start a ventilator breath
- ❖ Pressure trigger - effort produces pressure drop in vent circuit
- ❖ Flow trigger - effort draws gas out of a continuous flow through the vent circuit



Trigger - Pressure

- a) Effort
 - *Short Delay*
- b) Pressure drop sensed as effort
 - *Short Delay*
- c) Flow initiation by ventilator
- d) Target reached



Flow

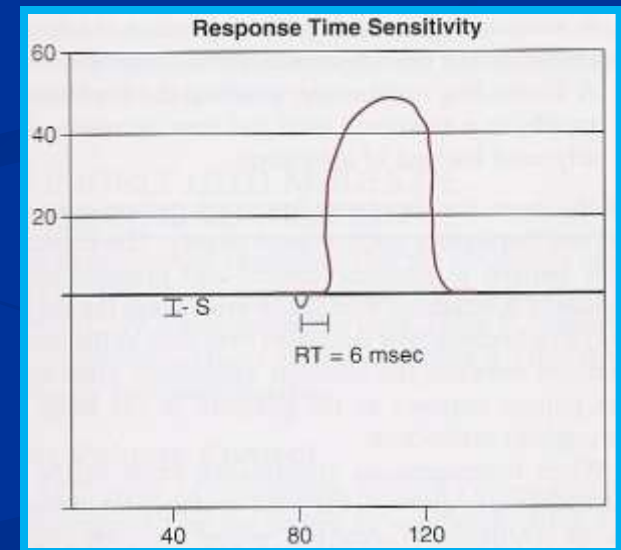
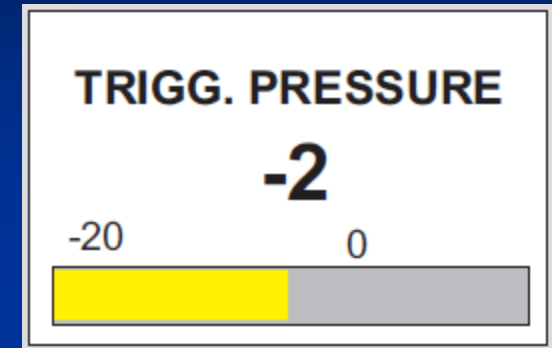
P_{AW}

P_{es}

Pressure Trigger:

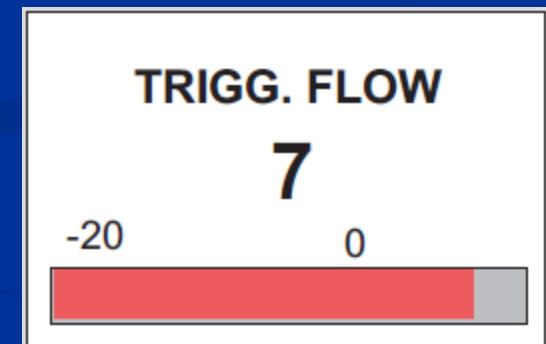
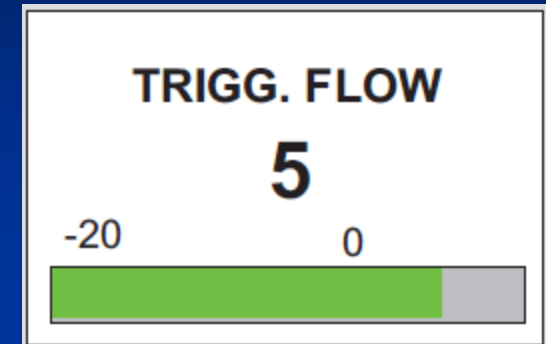
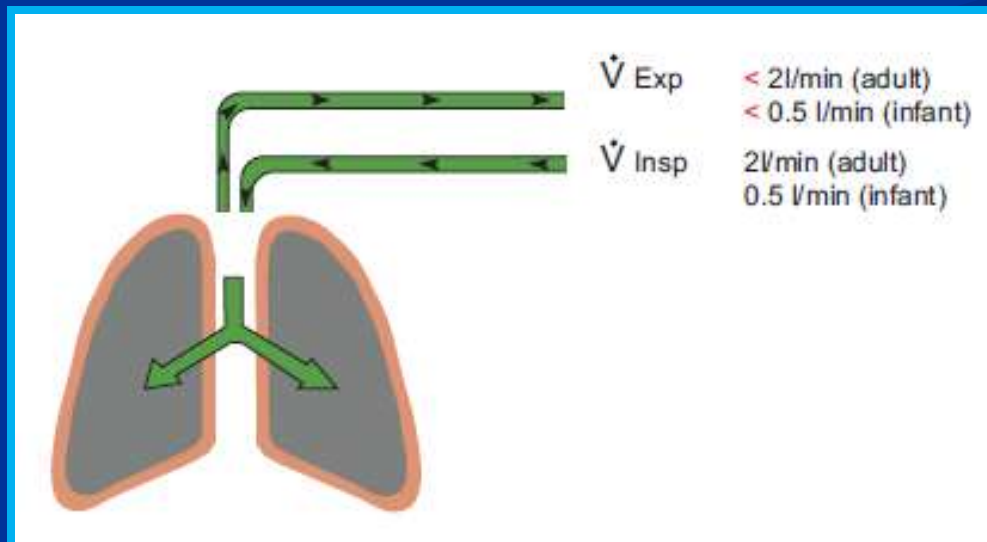
Sensitivity determined by a set pressure drop

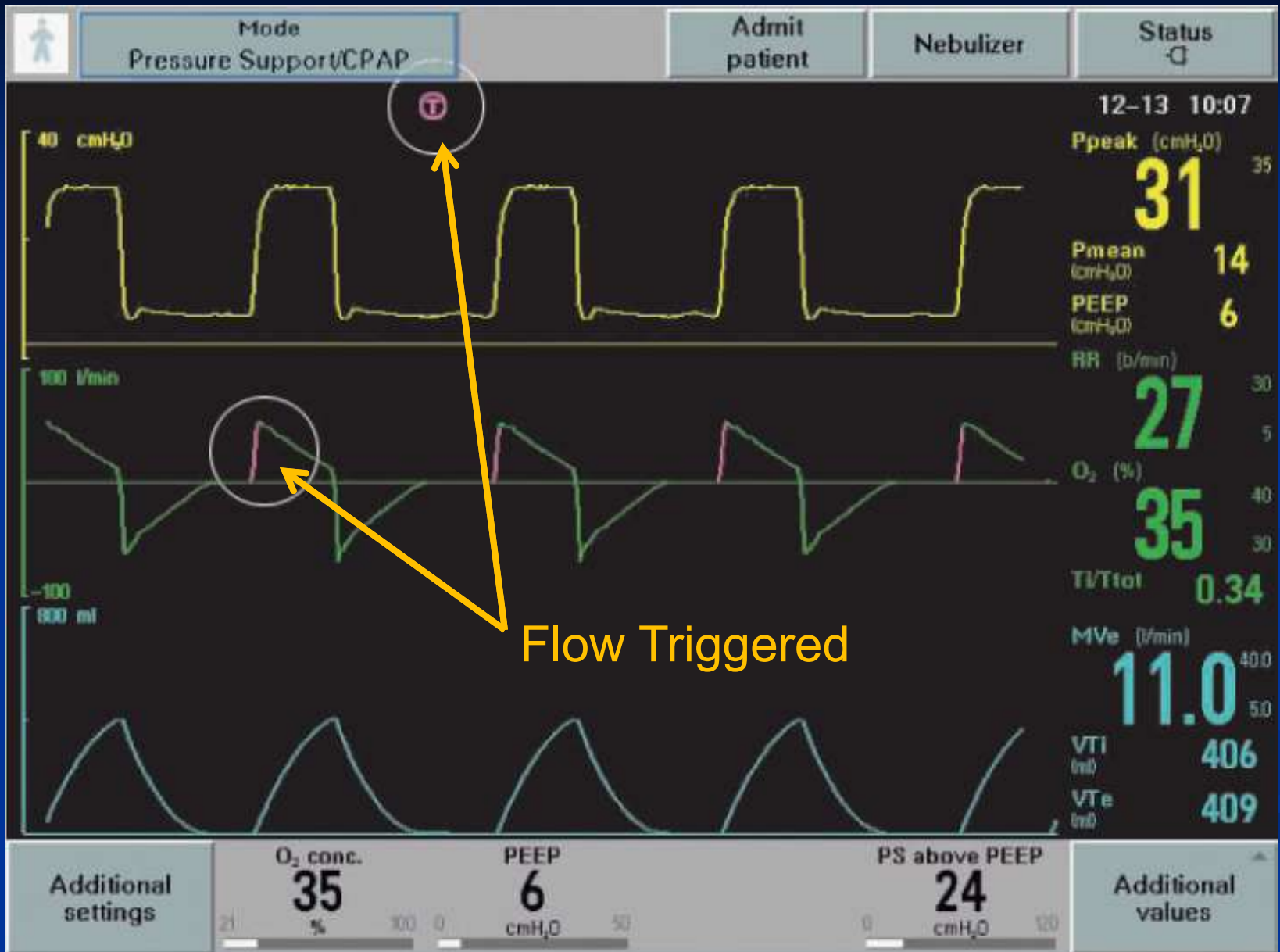
- *Too sensitive..*
 - Interference by motion, external stimulation, suctioning, air leaks in circuit or chest tubes, etc..
- *Too high..*
 - Increased work of breathing
 - Dyssynchrony, discomfort



Flow Trigger:

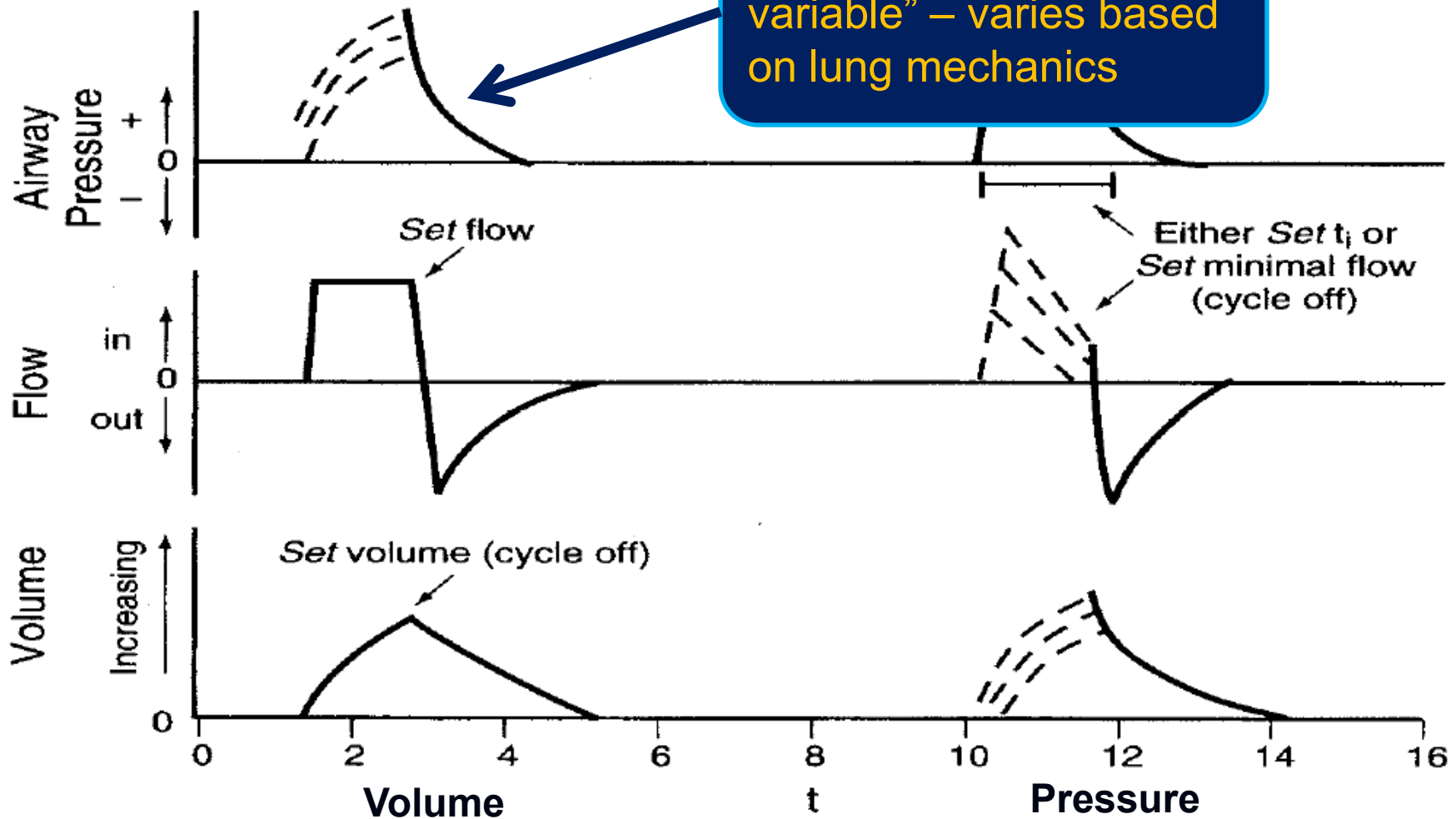
- When the difference between insp and exp flow equals the preset flow trigger → New Inspiration
- Less delay in Response Time
- Decreased work of breathing





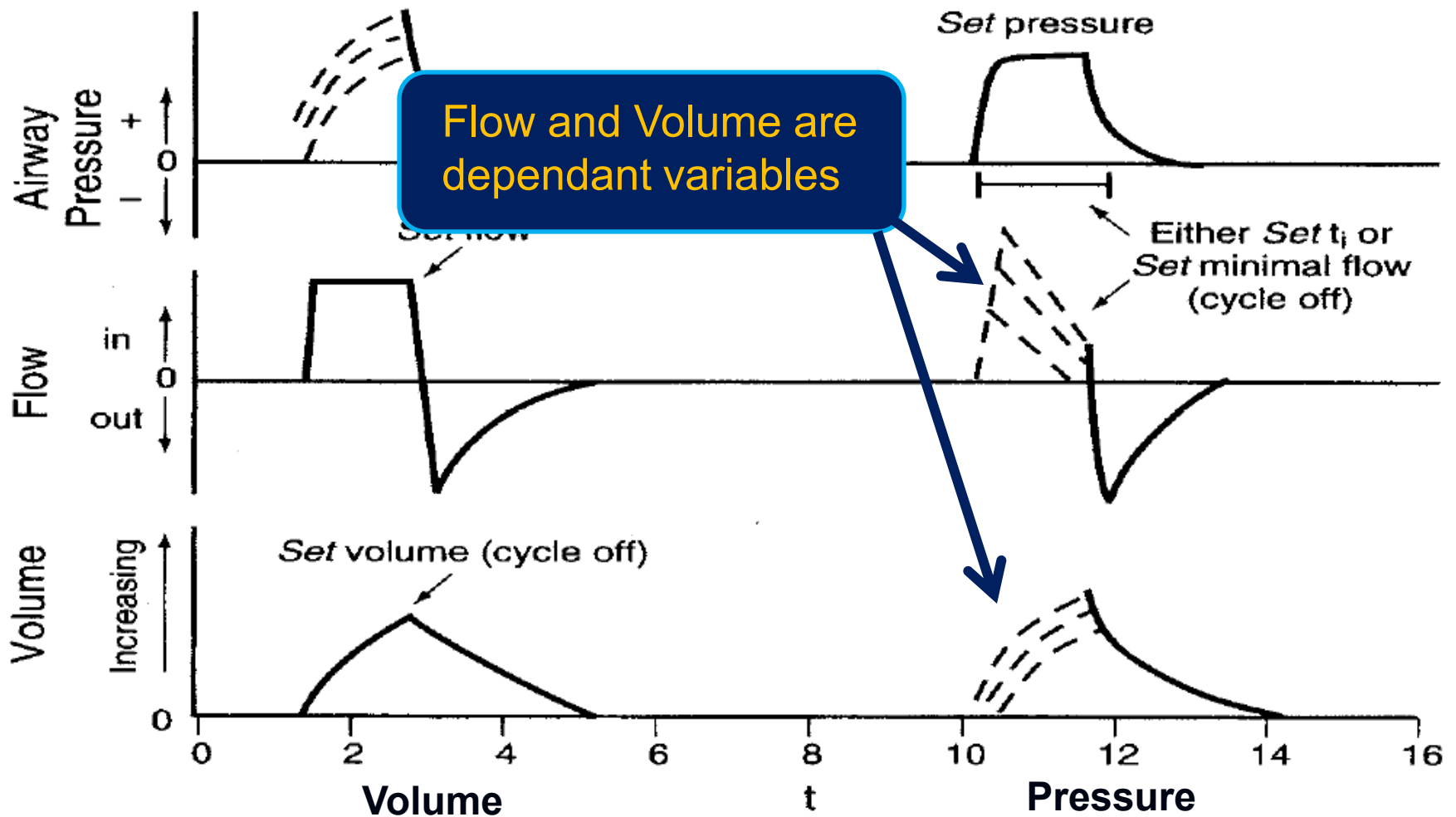
Gas Delivery

Pressure is “dependant variable” – varies based on lung mechanics



Gas Delivery

Flow and Volume are dependant variables



Cycle ...*what terminates the breath*

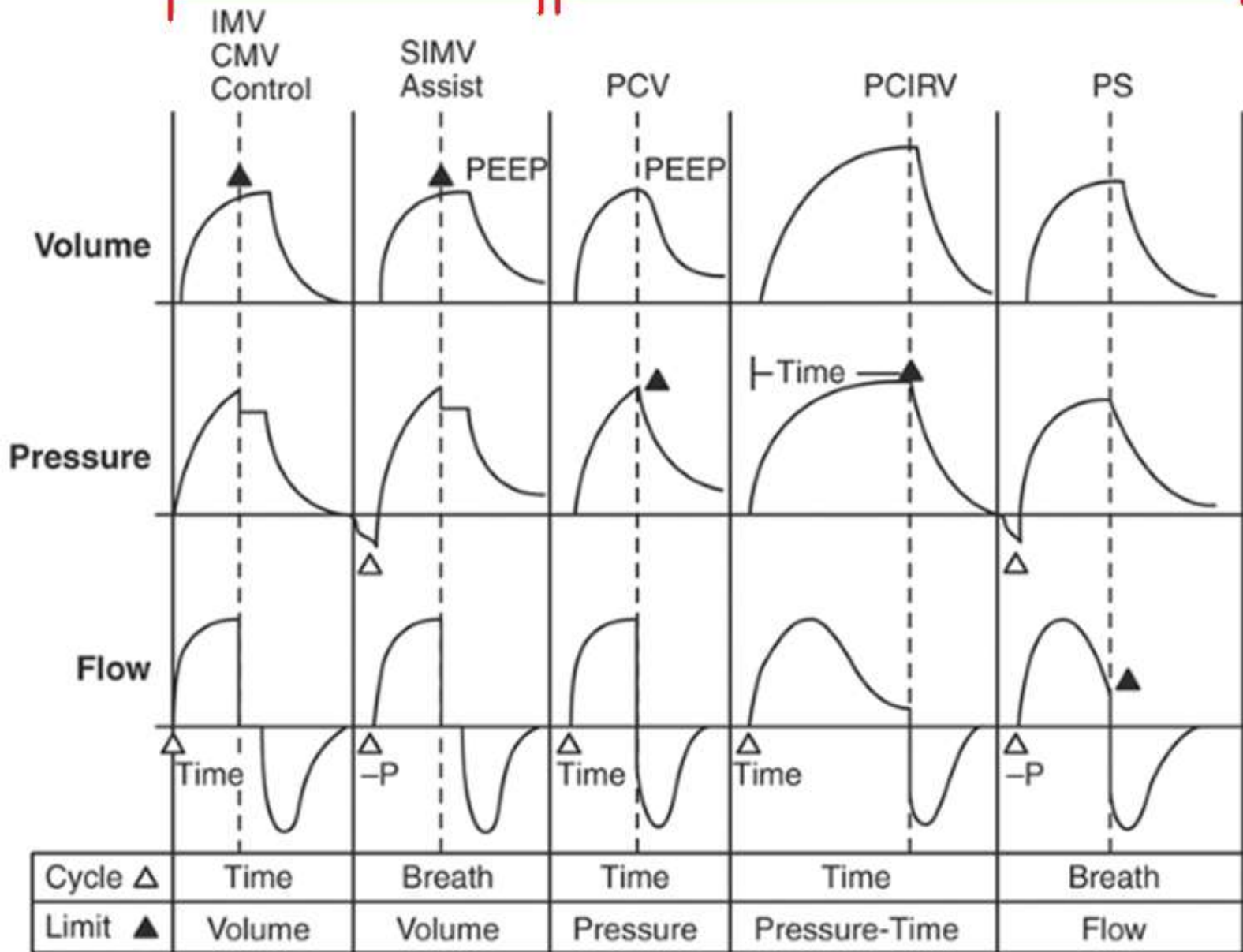
Cycling occurs in response to:

- Delivered Volume
- Elapsed Time
- Predetermined decrement in Flow Rate

After cycling occurs, exhalation valves open, inspiration ends, and passive exhalation occurs

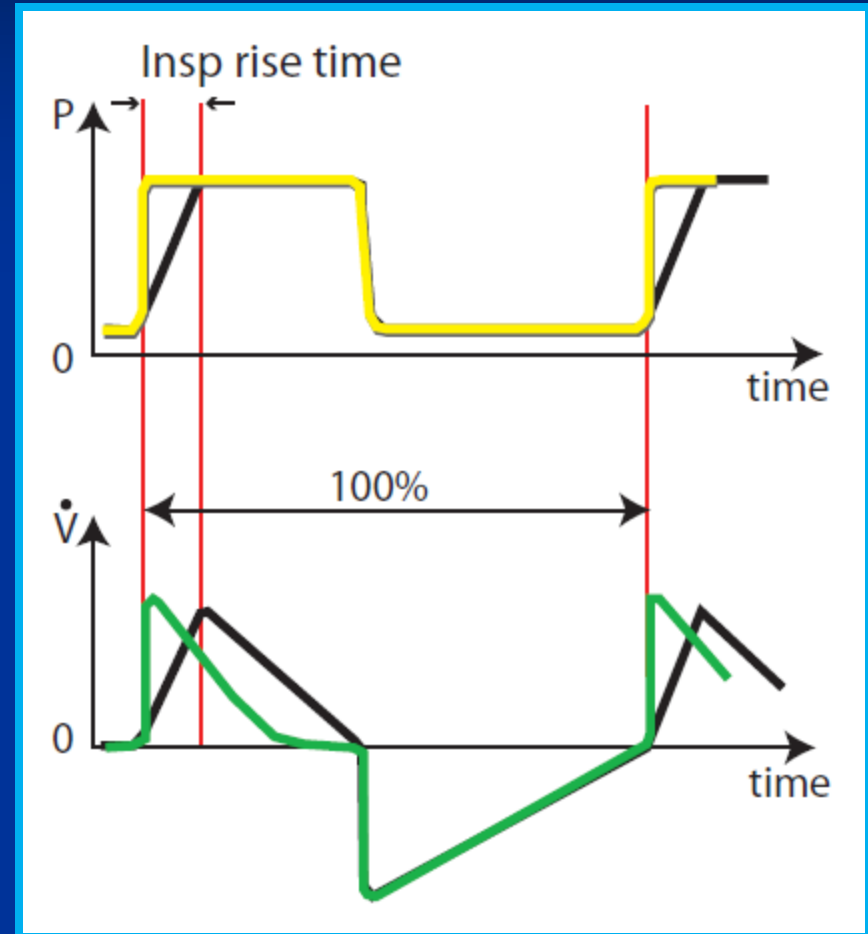
Volume Ventilation

Pressure Ventilation



Inspiratory rise time:

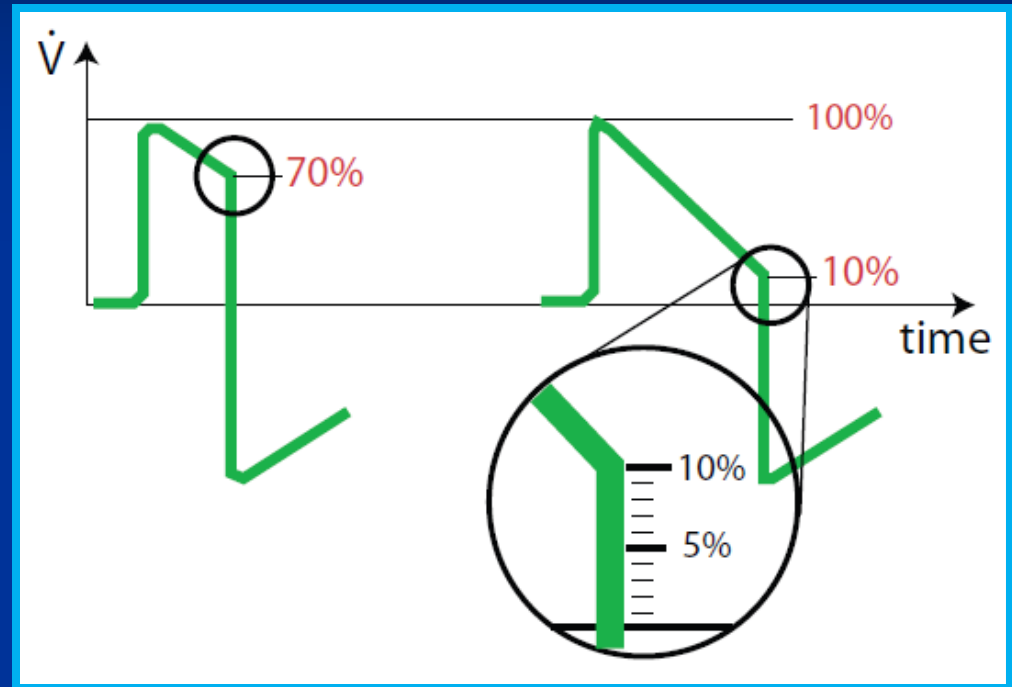
- Time taken to reach inspiratory flow or pressure at the start of each breath
- % of cycle time in controlled modes
- Time (seconds) in PS/CPAP, or VS



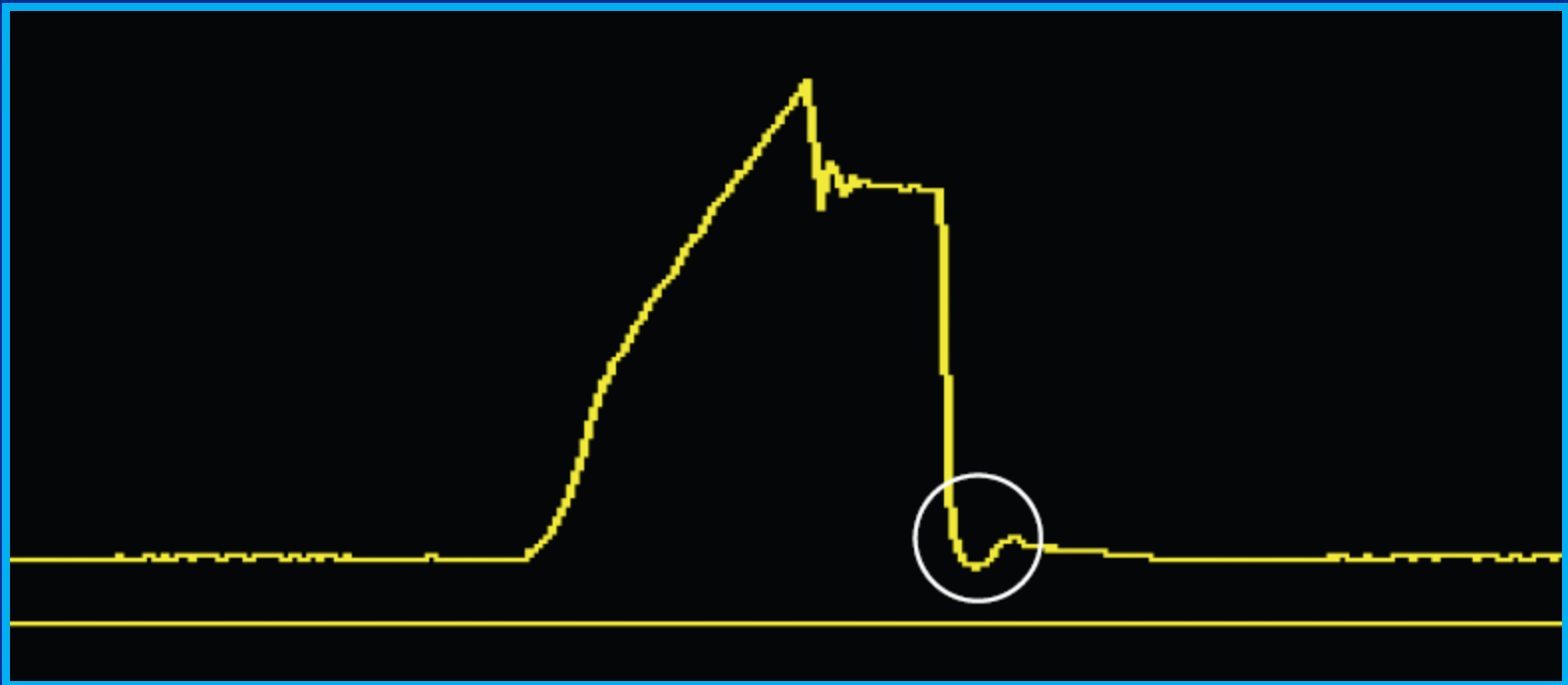
Inspiratory cycle off:

- Point at which inspiration changes to expiration

(Spontaneous and Supported modes)

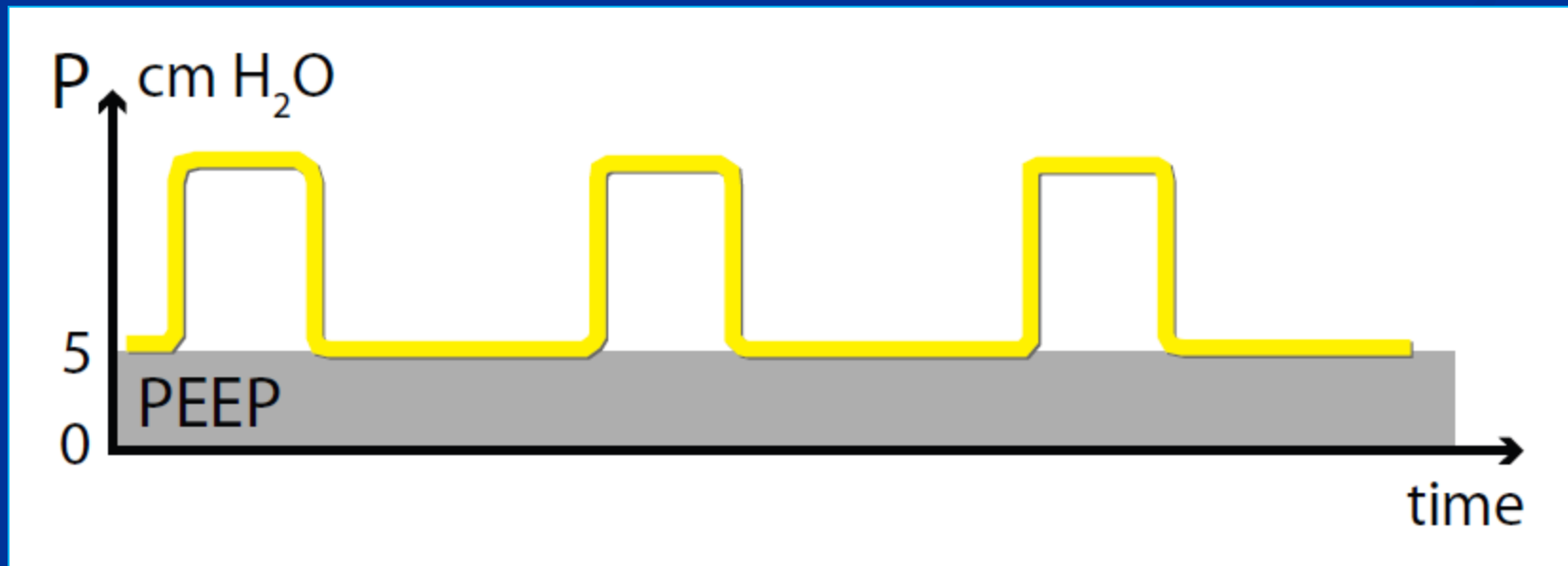


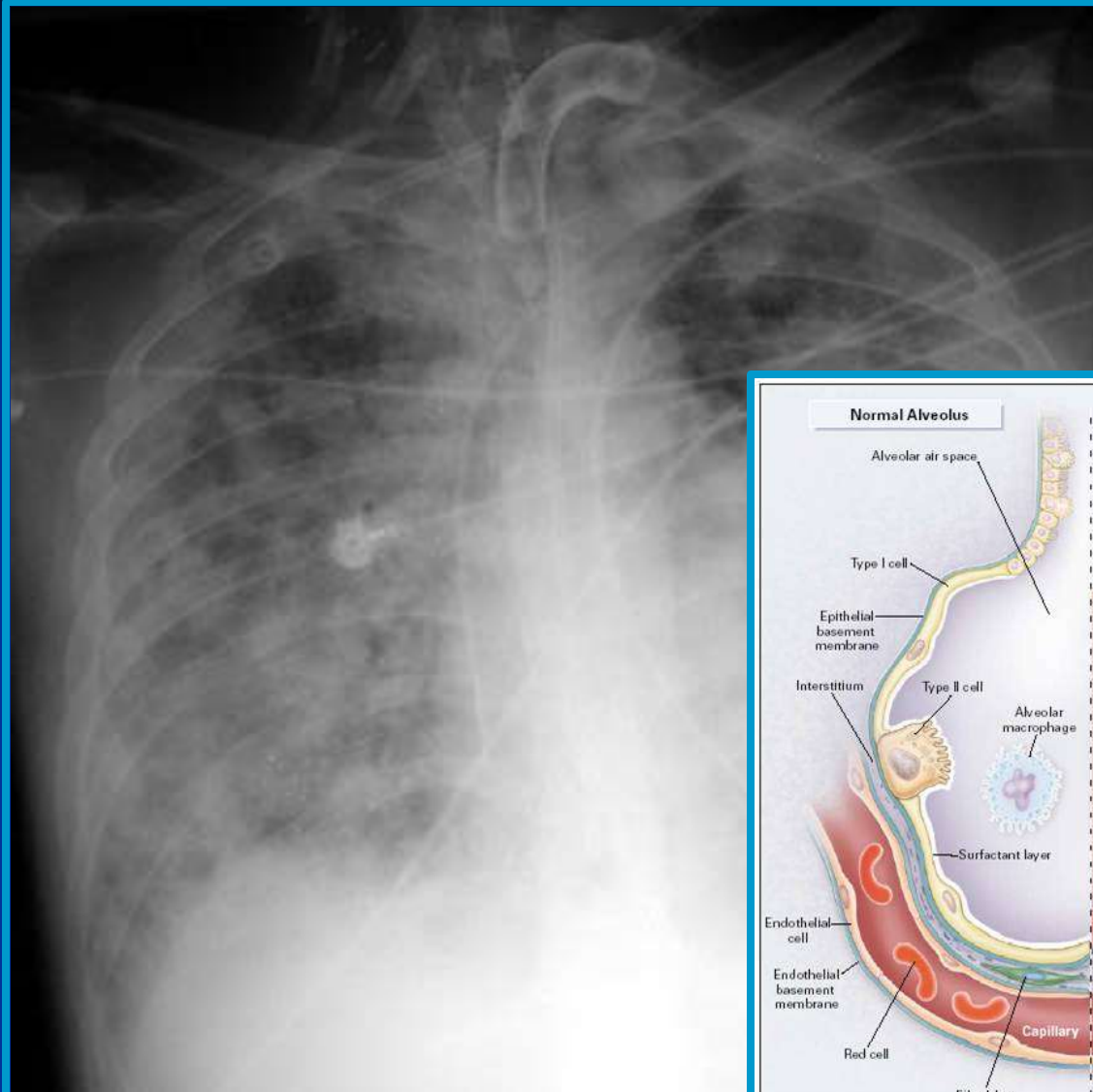
Time Constant Valve Controller



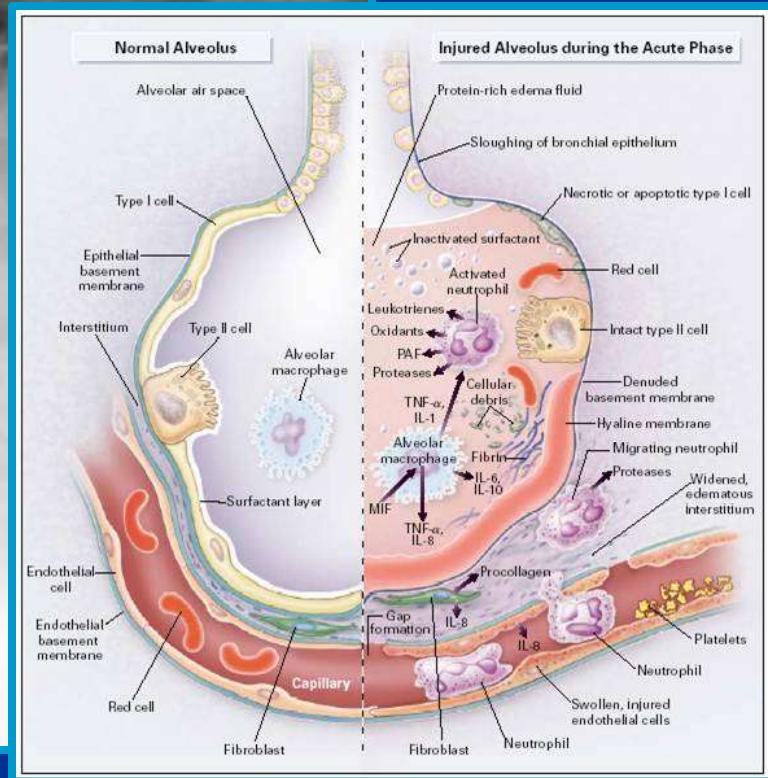
PEEP: Positive End Expiratory Pressure

- 0 – 50 cmH₂O (usually <12)
- Pressure to prevent collapse of the alveoli, small airways, and maintain FRC

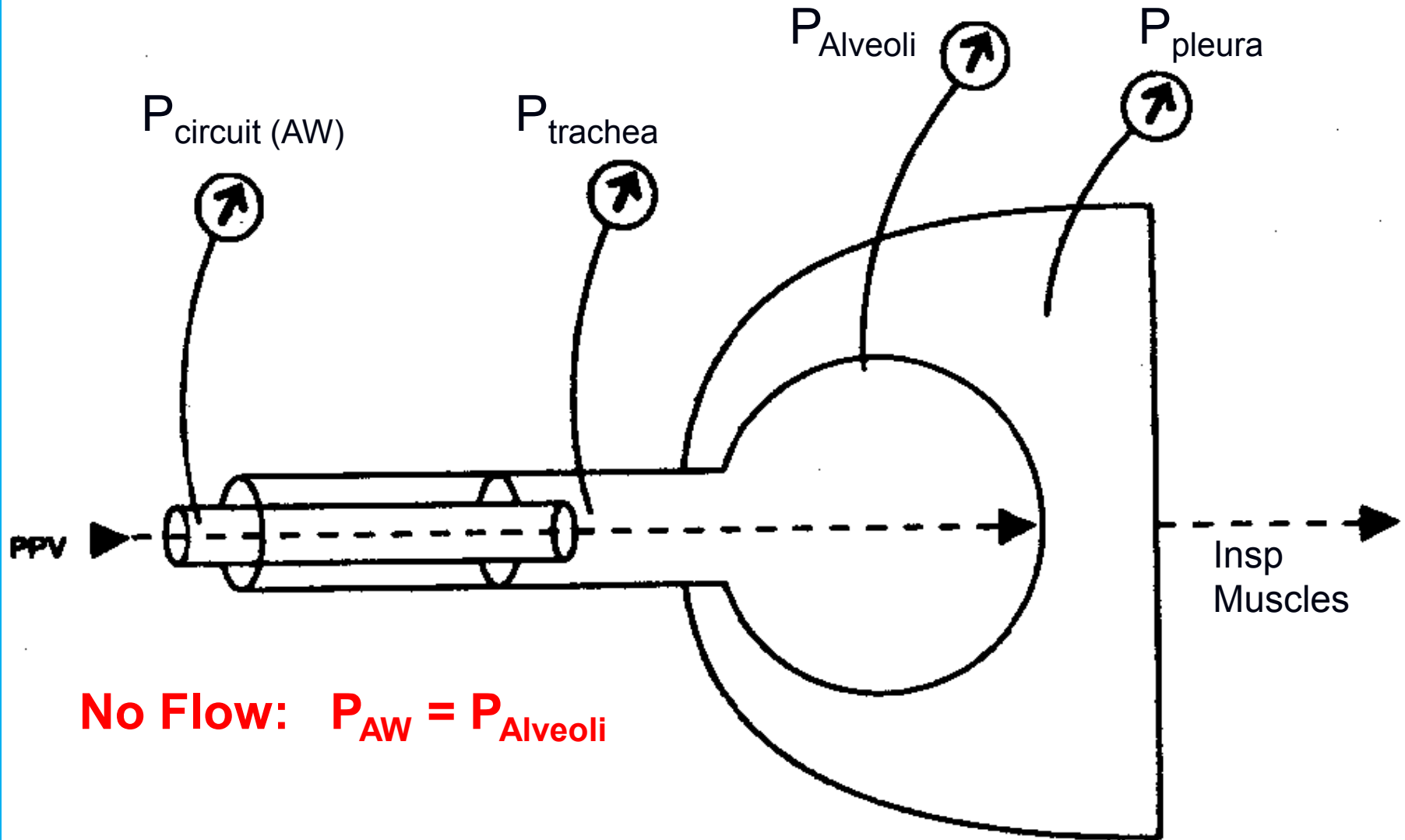




ALI / ARDS



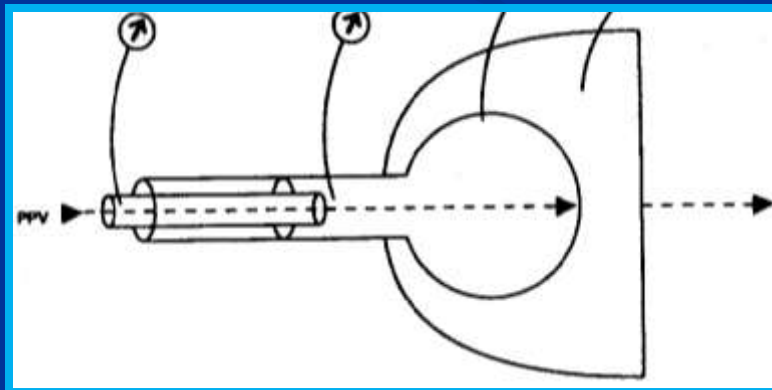
Respiratory System Mechanics



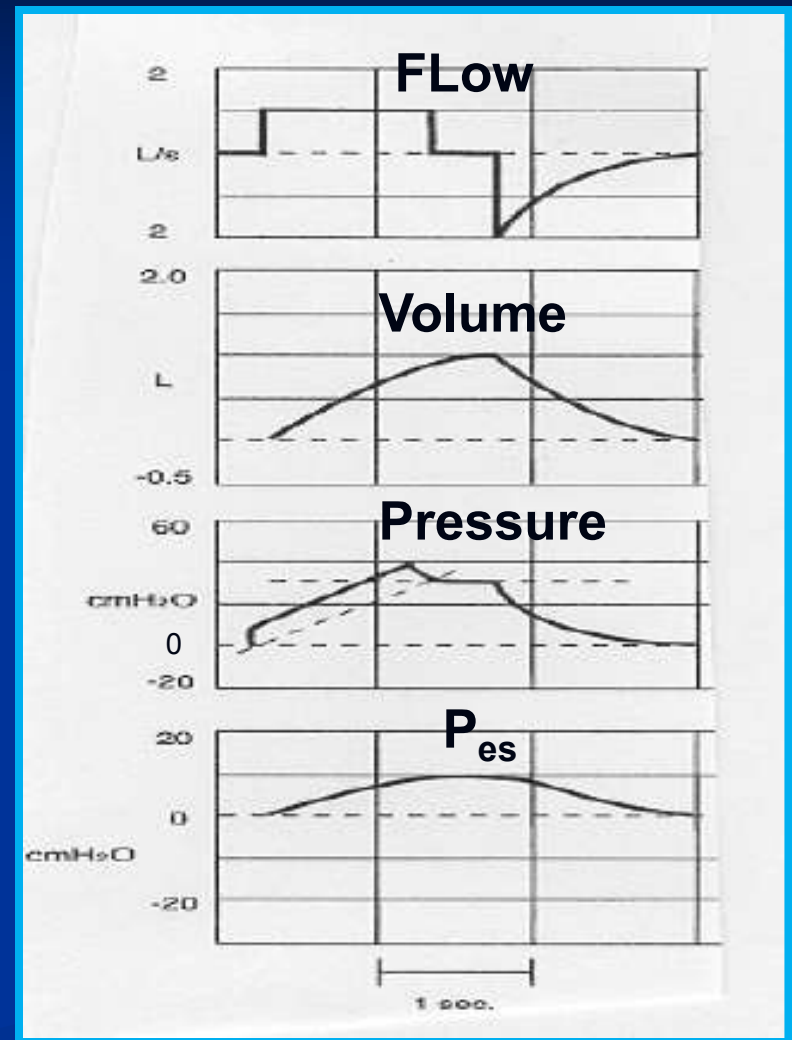
Under “No Flow” conditions (static)

- Only distending pressure in Alveoli measured
- End-Inspiratory Pressure = $P_A = P_{\text{plateau}}$
- End-Expiratory Pressure = $P_A = \text{PEEP}_i$

During “Flow Conditions”, airway pressures are affected by both **distending pressures** as well as **flow-related pressures**



- Insp flow = 1 L/sec
- Exp flow (peak) = 2 L/sec
- $V_T = 1$ Liter
- $P_{peak} = 40$ cm H₂O
- $P_{plateau} = 30$ cm H₂O
- Base P (PEEP) = 0 cm H₂O
- Peak $P_{es} = 10$ cm H₂O
- Base $P_{es} = 0$ cm H₂O



Flow Pressures:

$$P_{\text{peak}} - P_{\text{plateau}} = \text{Pressure for Flow}$$

$$40 - 30 = 10 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O}$$

Distending Pressures:

$$P_{\text{plateau}} - P_{\text{base(PEEP)}} = \text{Pressure to distend resp system (lung+cw)}$$

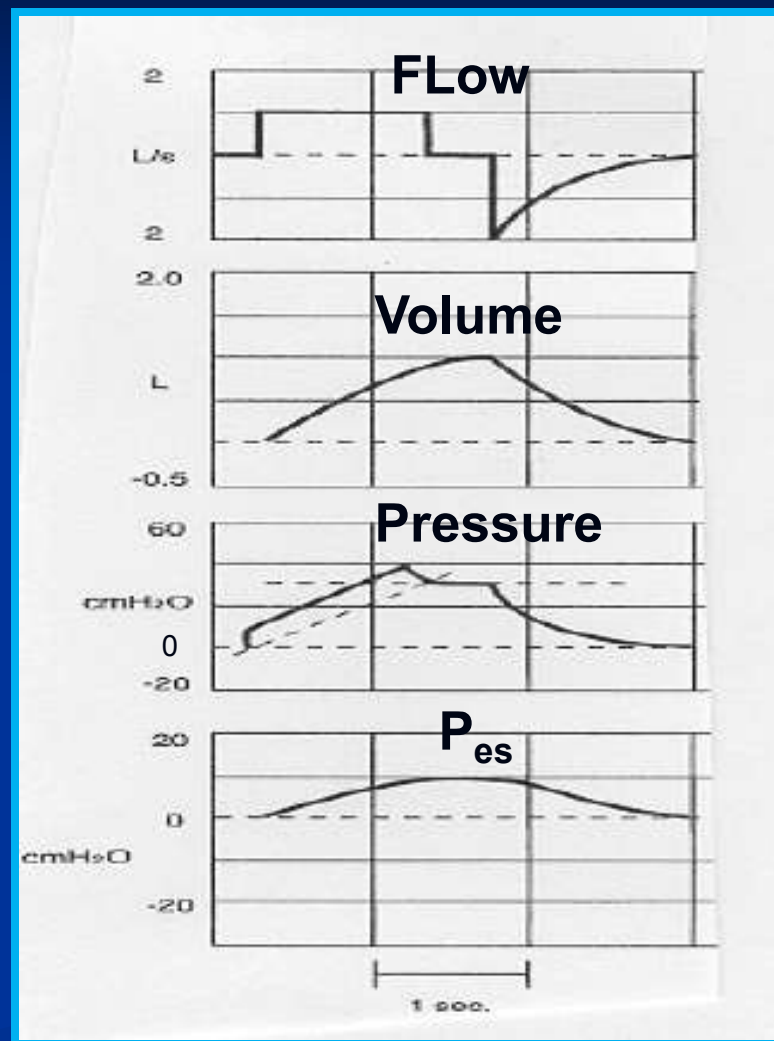
$$30 - 0 = 30$$

$$\text{Peak } P_{\text{es}} - \text{Base } P_{\text{es}} = \text{Pressure to distend chest wall } (P_{\text{CW}})$$

$$10 - 0 = 10$$

$$P_{\text{Resp system}} - P_{\text{Chest wall}} =$$

$$\text{Pressure to distend lungs = 20$$

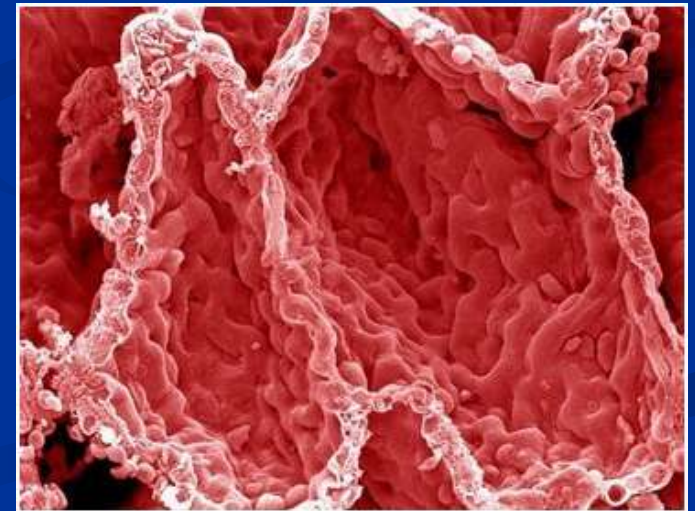
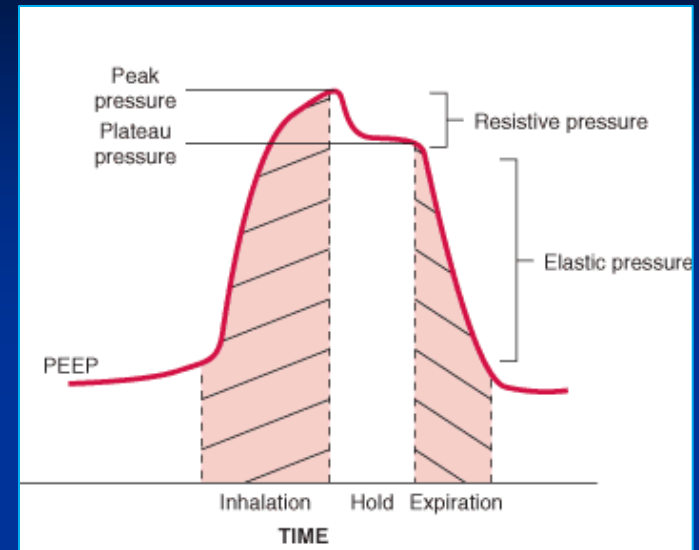


Compliance

- The inverse of lung elastance
- The pressure required to expand the lung **and change the lung volume**

$$C = V/P$$

- **C_{static}** - no air movement
- **C_{dynamic}** - during active inspiration



Compliance

$$C_{rs} = V_T / (P_{\text{plateau}} - \text{PEEP})$$

$$= 1 / (30 - 0) = .0333 \text{ L/cm H}_2\text{O}$$

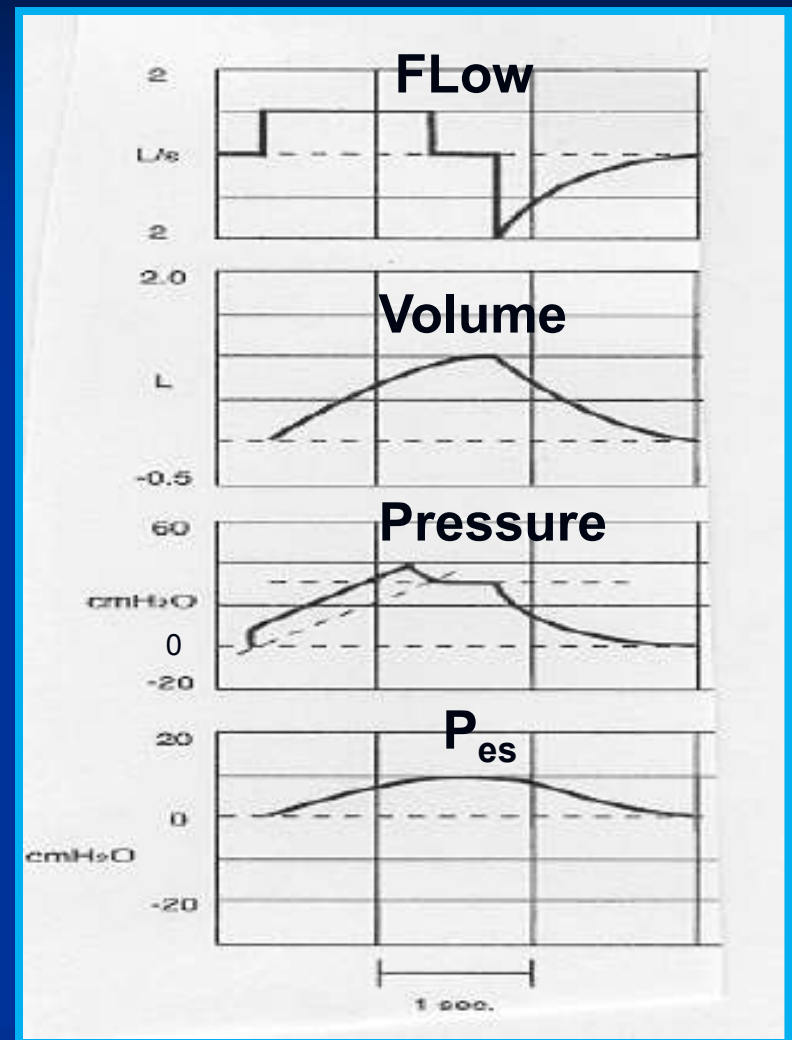
$$C_{cw} = V_T / \text{Peak } P_{es} - \text{Base } P_{es}$$

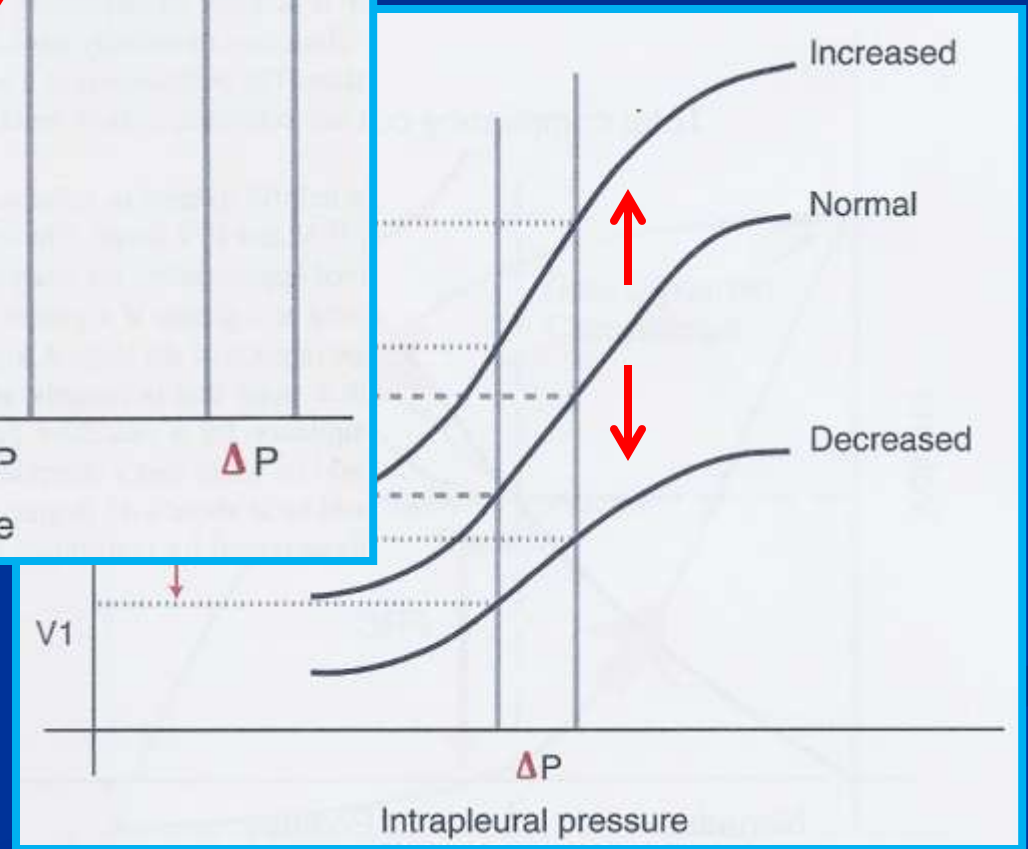
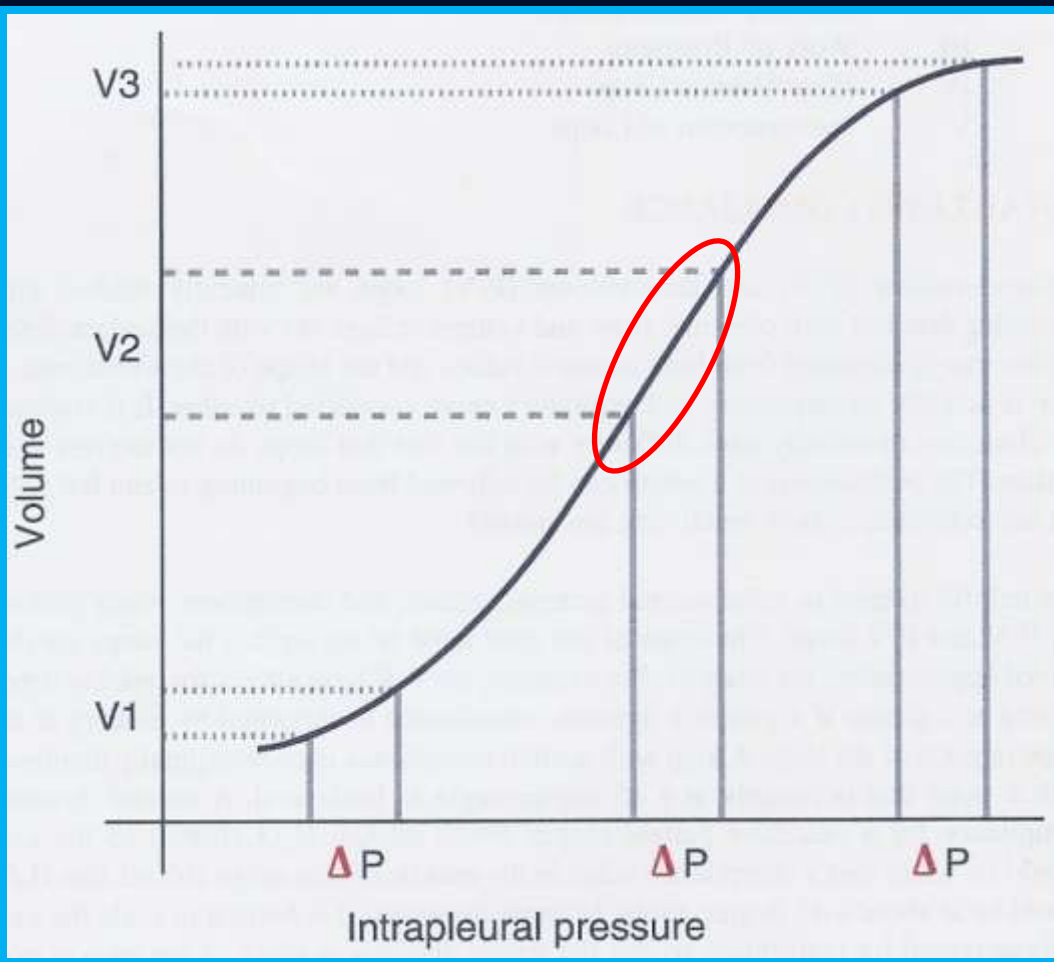
$$= 1 / (10 - 0) = .100 \text{ L/cm H}_2\text{O}$$

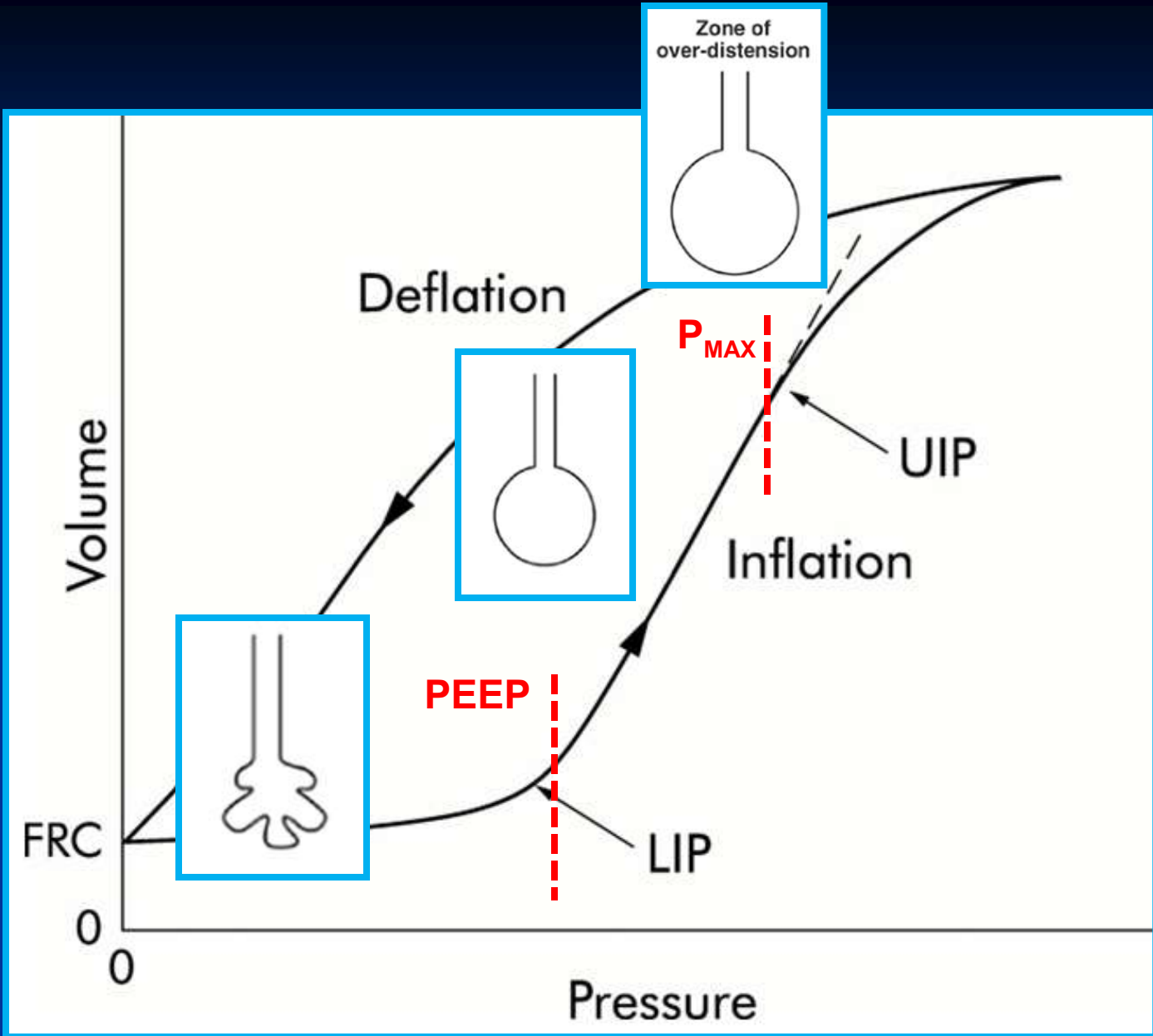
$$C_L = V_T / C_{rs} - C_{cw}$$

$$C_L = V_T / (P_{\text{plateau}} - \text{PEEP} - \text{Peak } P_{es} - \text{Base } P_{es}) = 1 / (30 - 0 - 10 - 0)$$

$$= .05 \text{ L/cm H}_2\text{O} = 50 \text{ ml/cm H}_2\text{O}$$







Resistance and Compliance

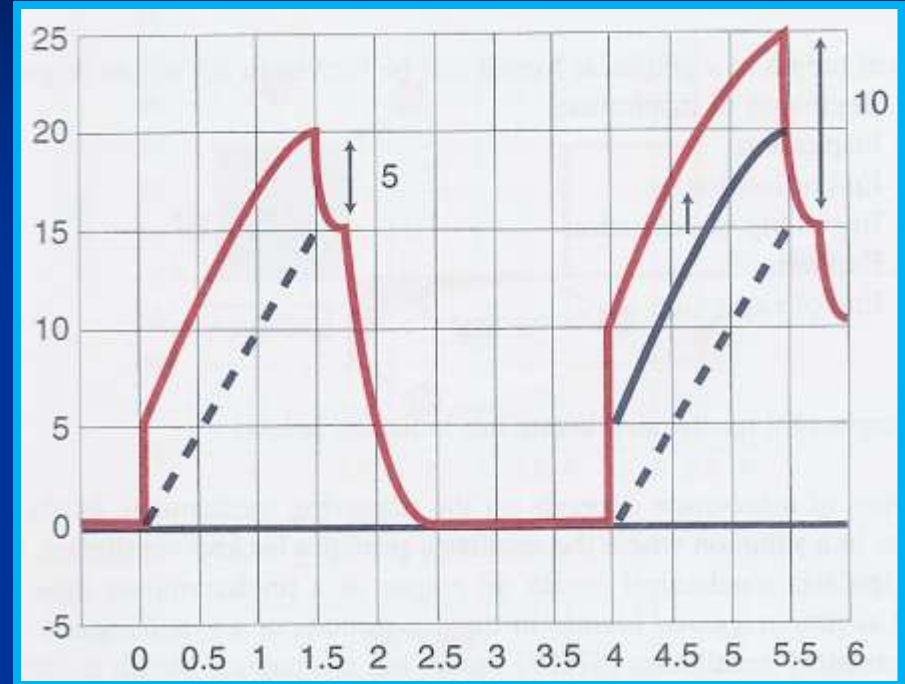
Transairway Pressure (P_{TA})

The pressure required to overcome R_{AW} as gas flows through the airways.

$$P_{TA} = \text{flow rate} \times R_{AW}$$

Alveolar Pressure (P_A):

Pressure required to deliver a tidal volume against the recoil force of the alveoli



The effect of increased airways resistance on the pressure waveform

$$P_A = P_{\text{plateau}} = P_{\text{static}}$$

$$PIP = P_{TA} + P_{\text{plateau}}$$

Resistance and Compliance

As lung compliance decreases the **static or plateau pressure** increases resulting in increased peak pressure

Example:

$$V_T = 750 \text{ mL}$$

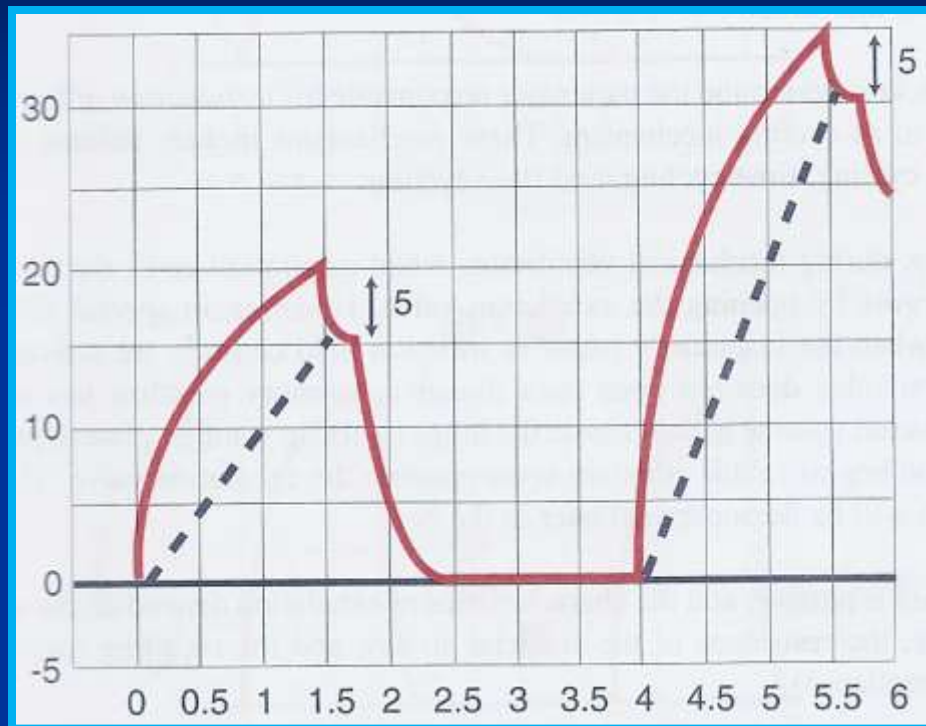
$$\text{Flow} = 5 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O}$$

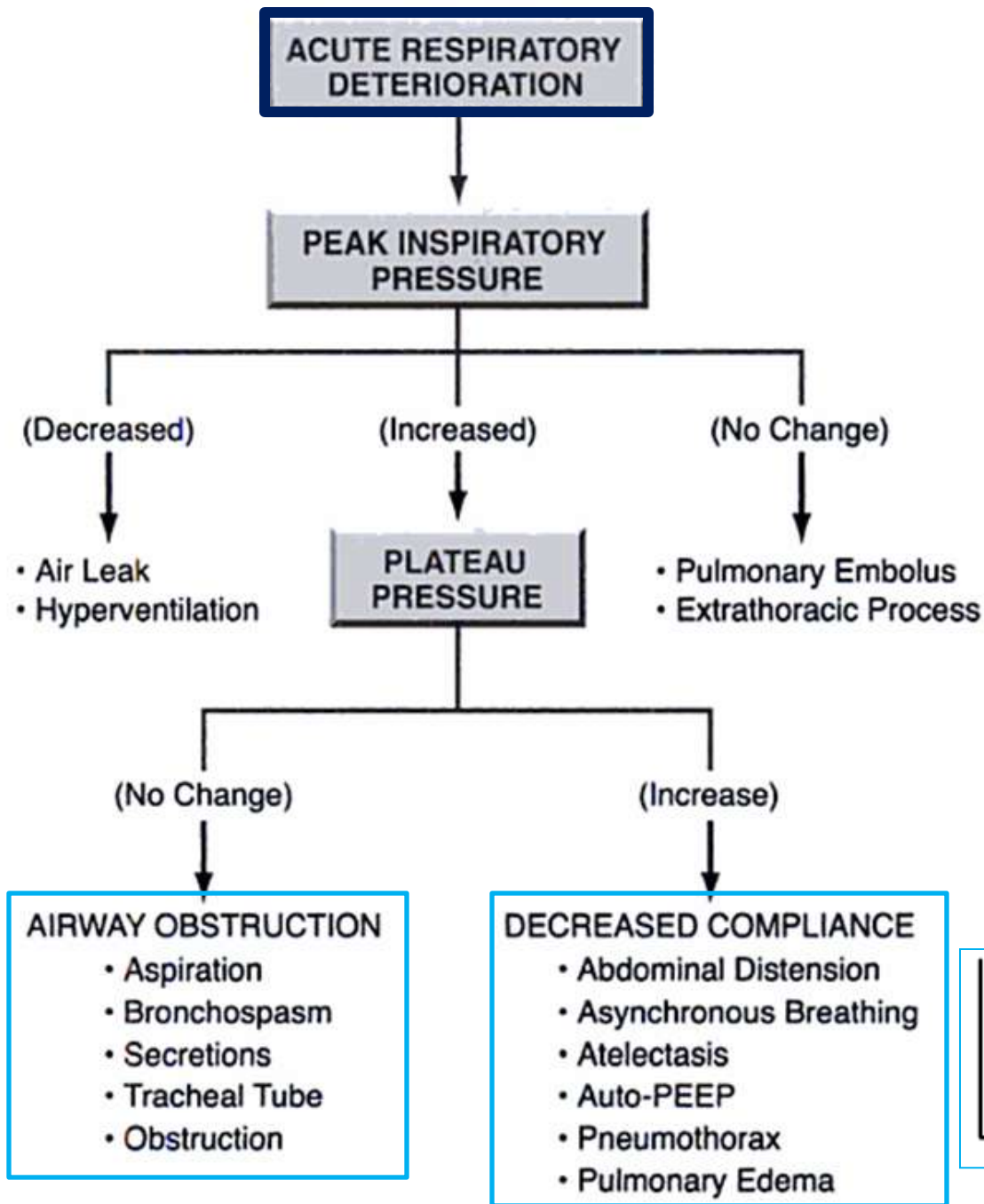
$$C_{RS} = 50 \text{ mL/cm H}_2\text{O}$$

$$P_{\text{plateau}} = 15 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O}$$

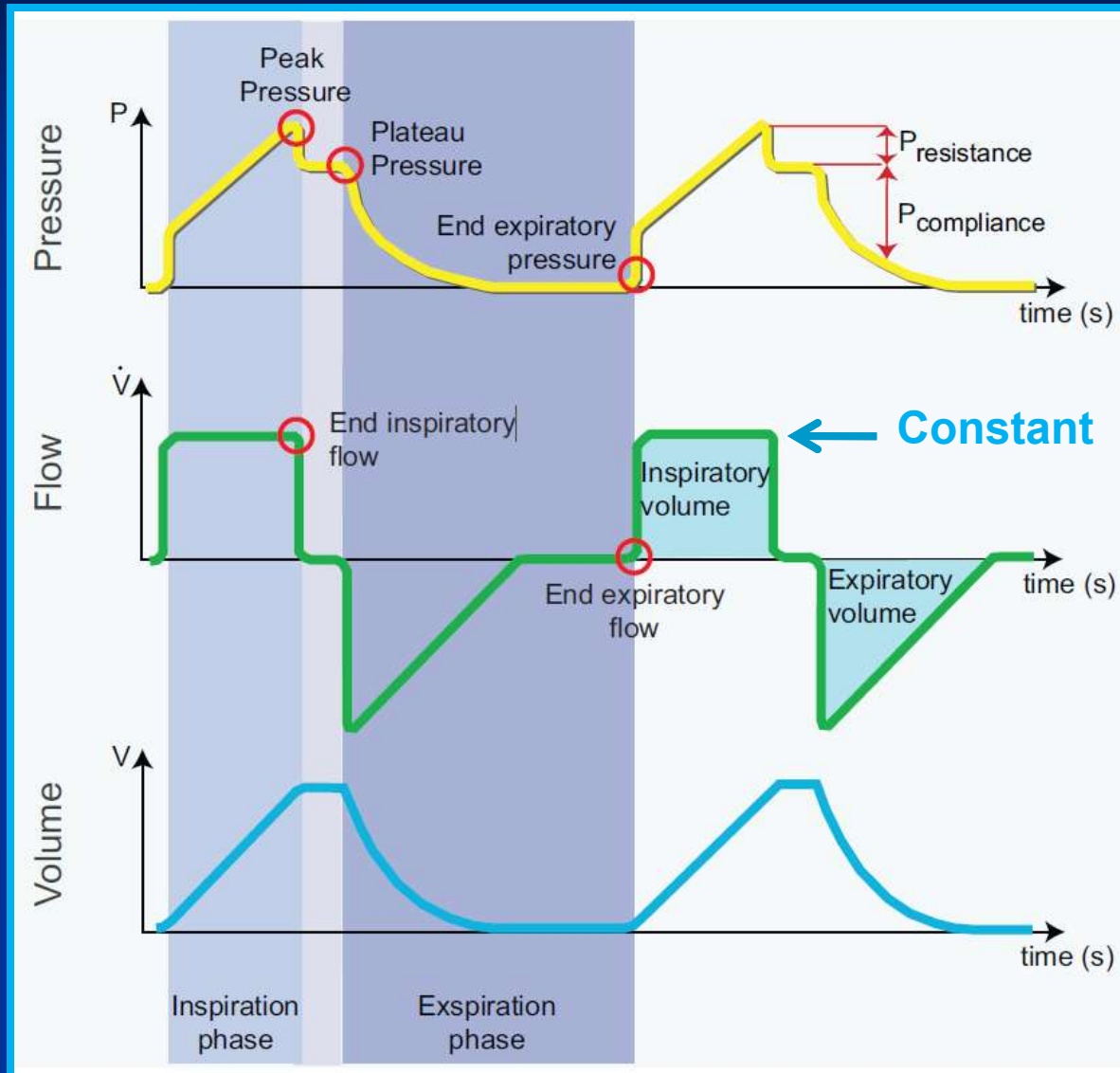
$$P_{TA} = \text{flow} \times R_{AW}$$

$$PIP = P_{TA} + P_{\text{plateau}}$$

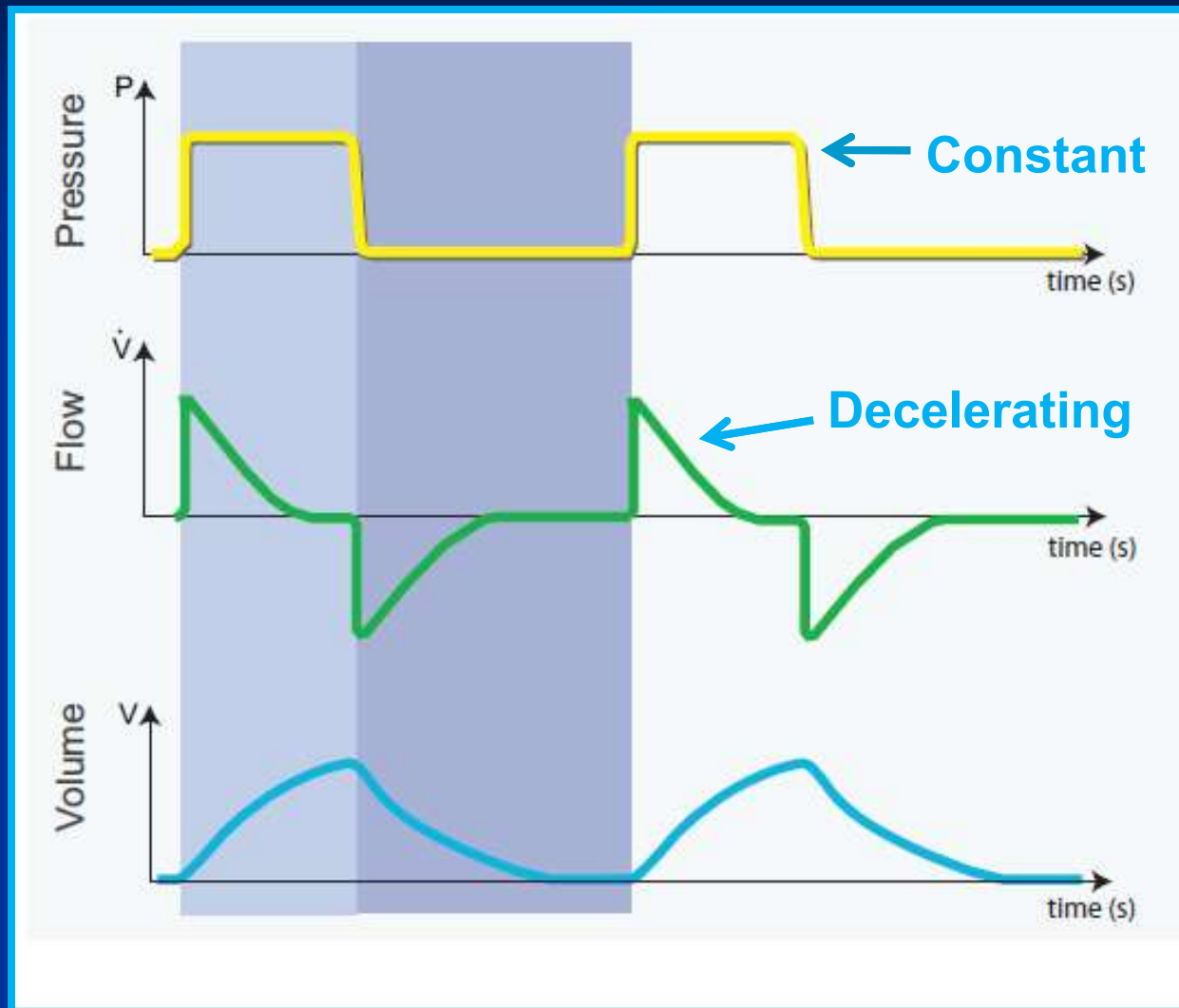




Flow Pattern: Volume Control Ventilation



Flow Pattern: Pressure Control Ventilation

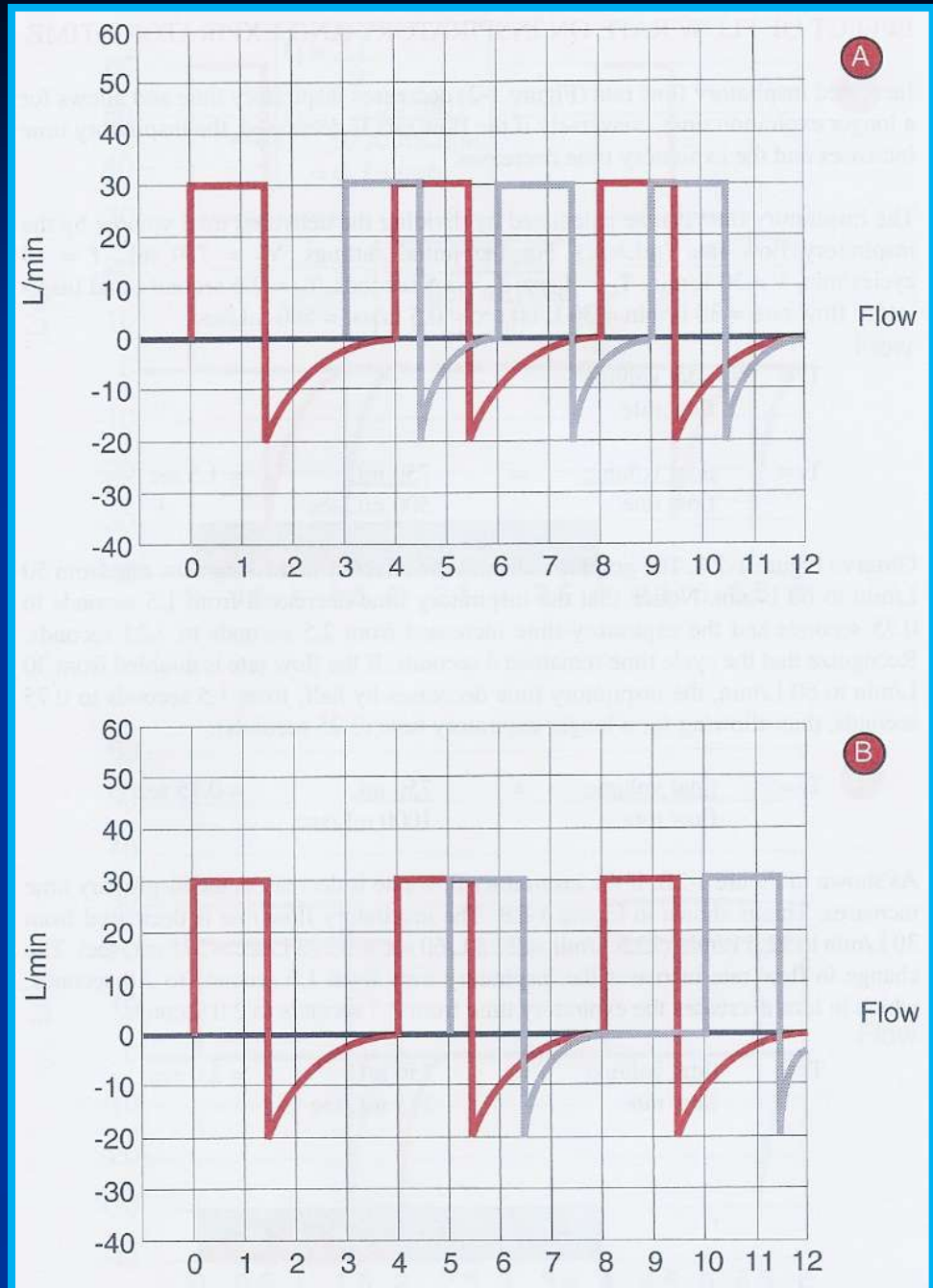


Examples: PC, PRVC, PS, VS, SIMV (PRVC, PC) + PS

Effect of changing Respiratory Frequency (f) on Cycle Time (T_c)

(A) RR increased to 20, cycle time decreases to 3 sec and expiratory time decreases to 1.5 sec

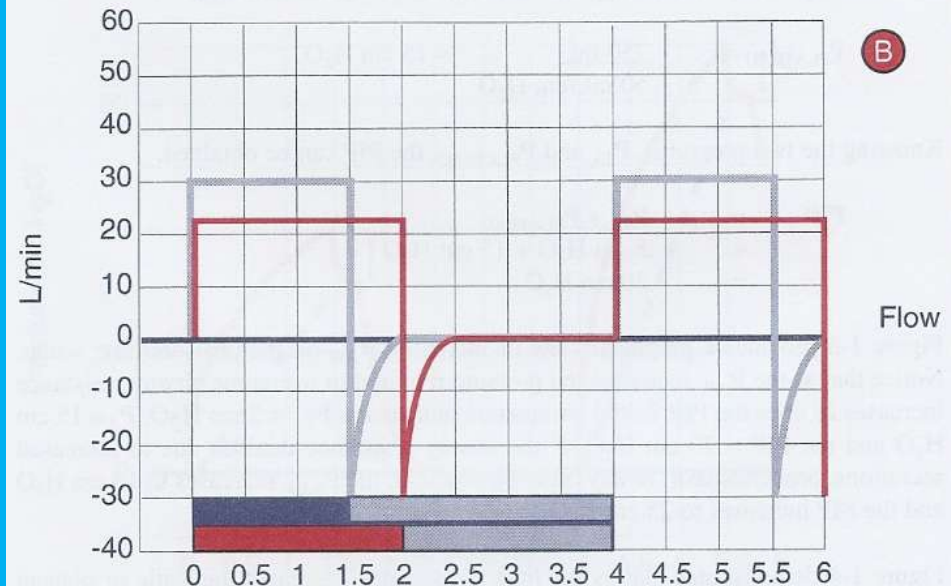
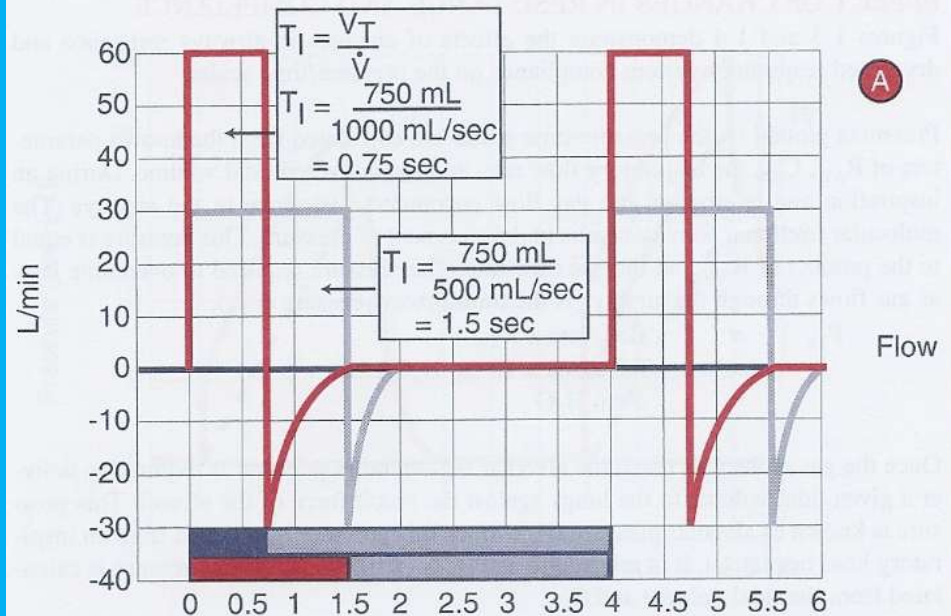
(B) RR decreased to 12, cycle time increases to 5 sec, since the inspiratory time remains unchanged, expiratory time increases to 3.5 sec



Effect of changing Inspiratory Flow Rate on Inspiratory and Expiratory times

(A) Increased Inspiratory Flow
→ Decreases insp time
→ Longer expiration time

(B) Decreased Inspiratory Flow
→ increases insp time
→ decreases exp time

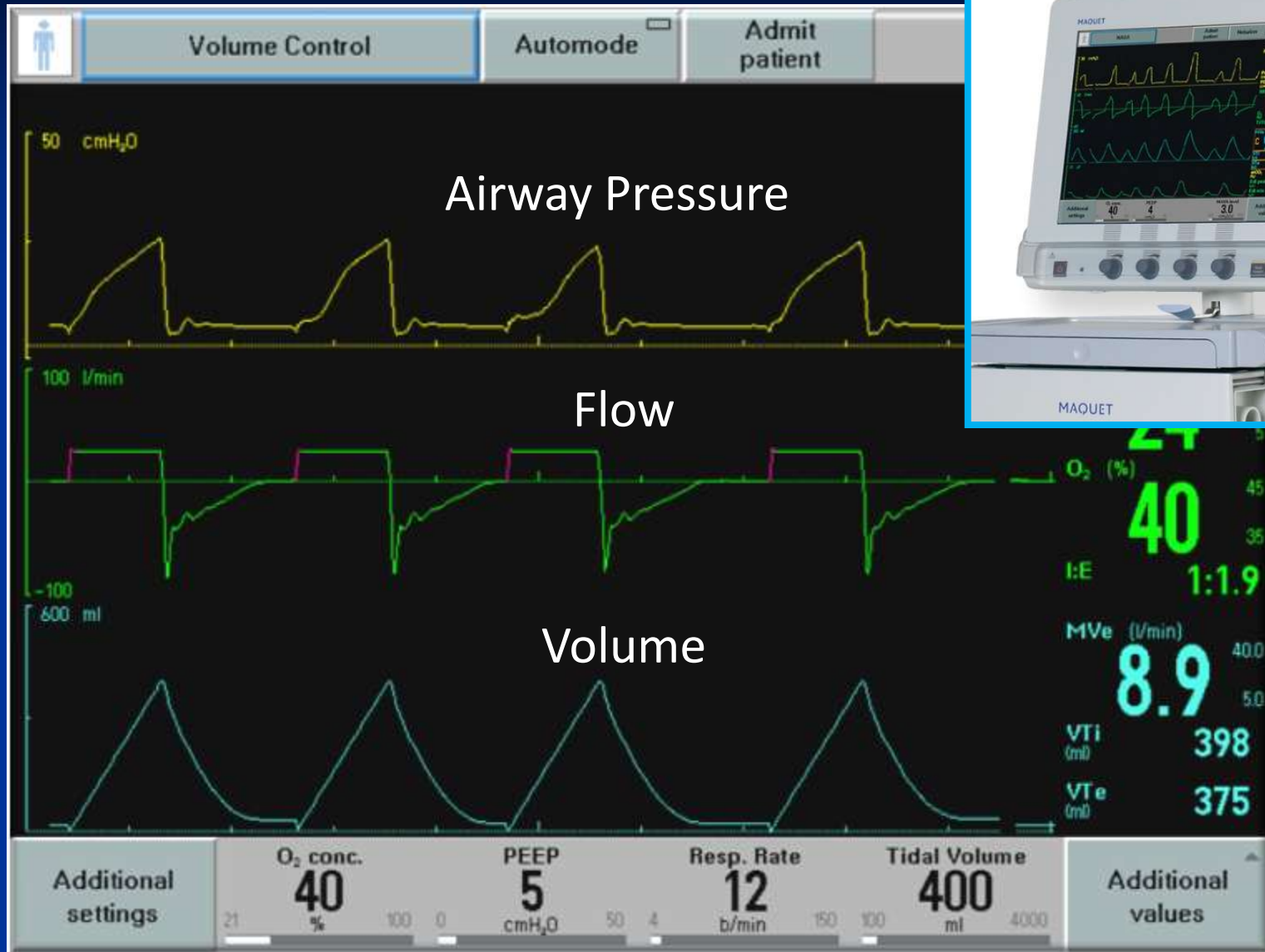


Modes of Ventilation

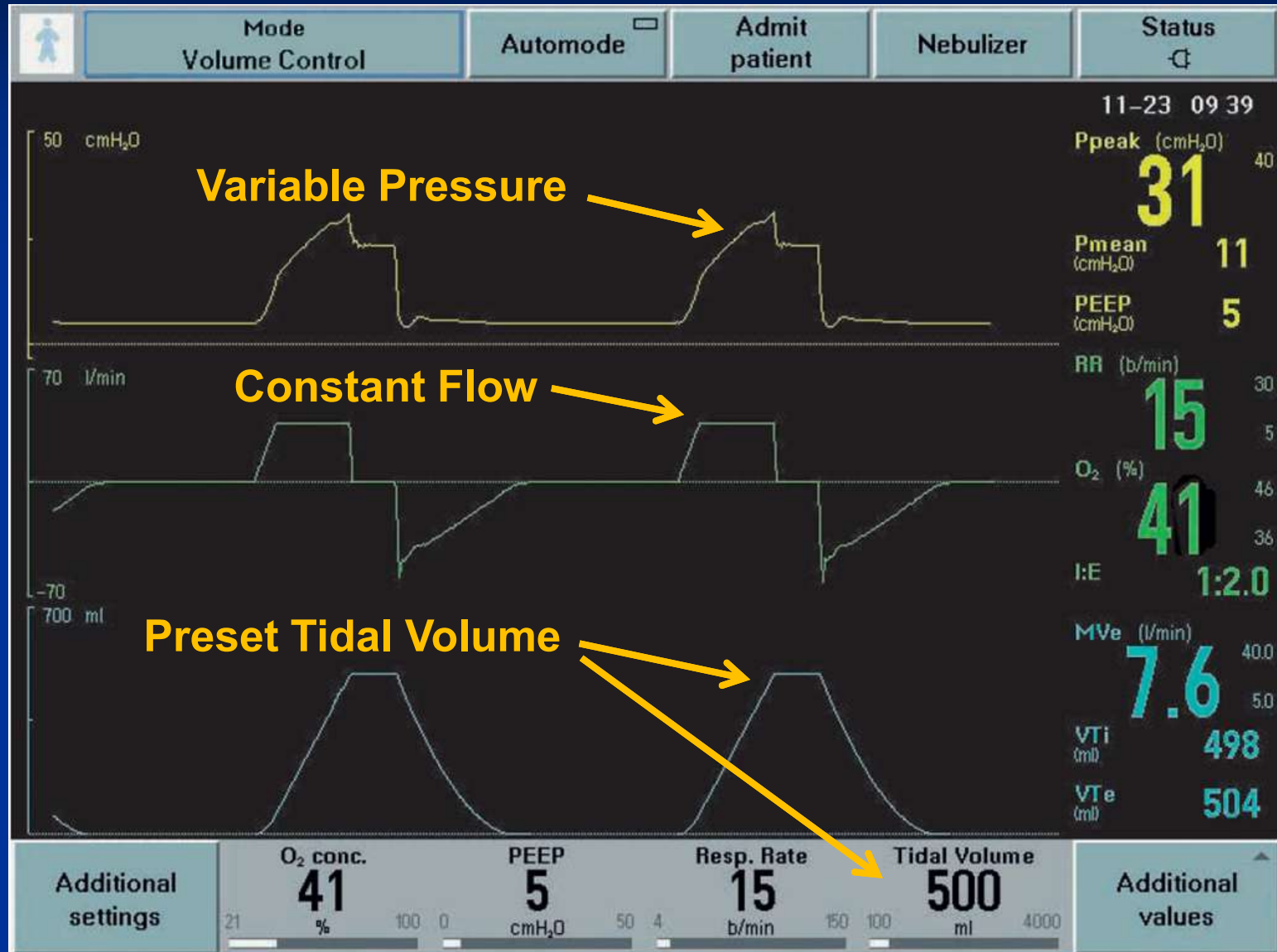
Selection of ventilator mode depends on:

- Clinical setting and patient pathophysiology
- Institutional guidelines and clinician preferences



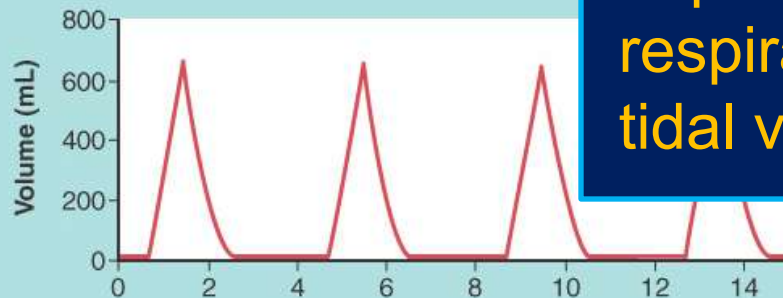
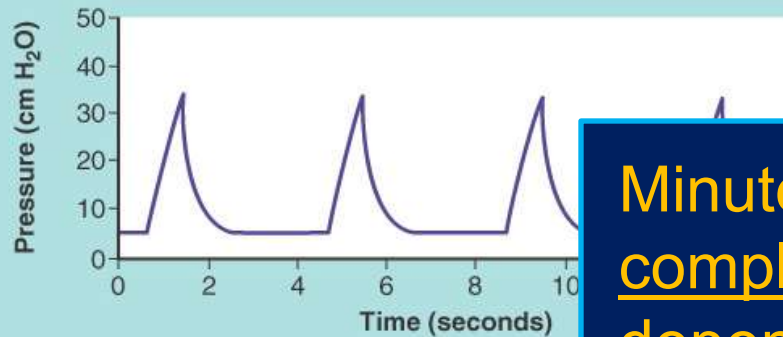
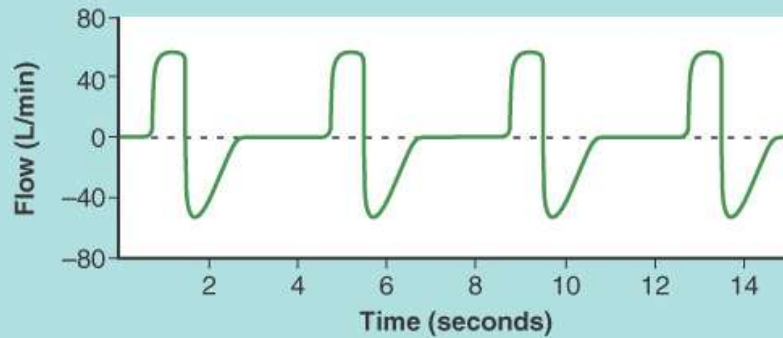


Volume Control

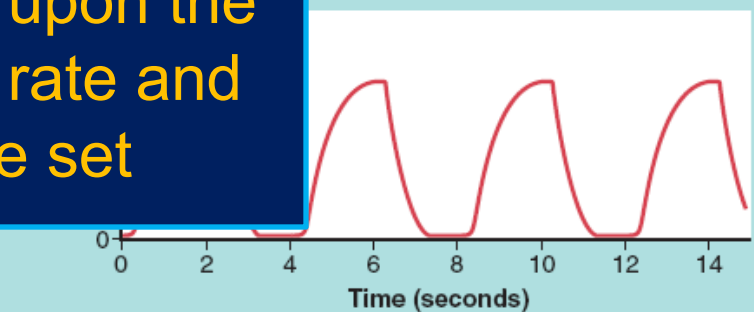
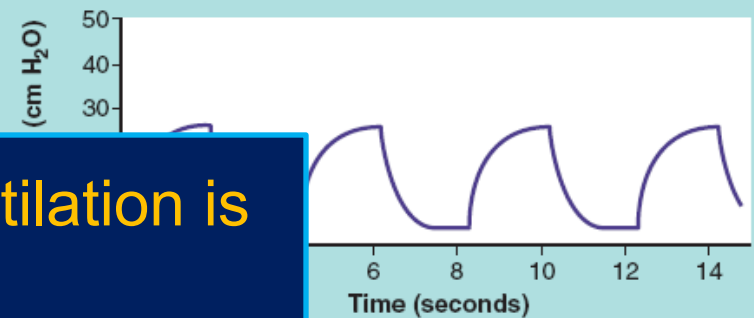
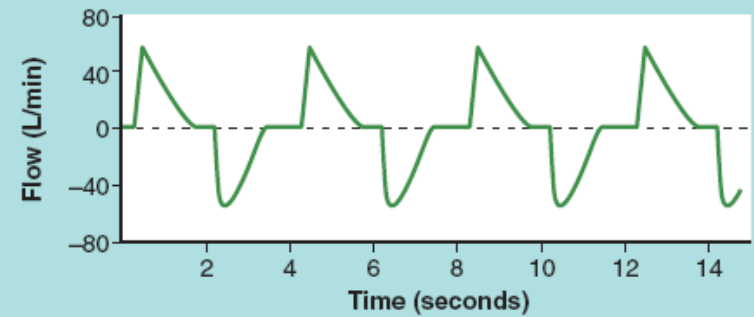


Controlled Mechanical Ventilation

Volume Targeted

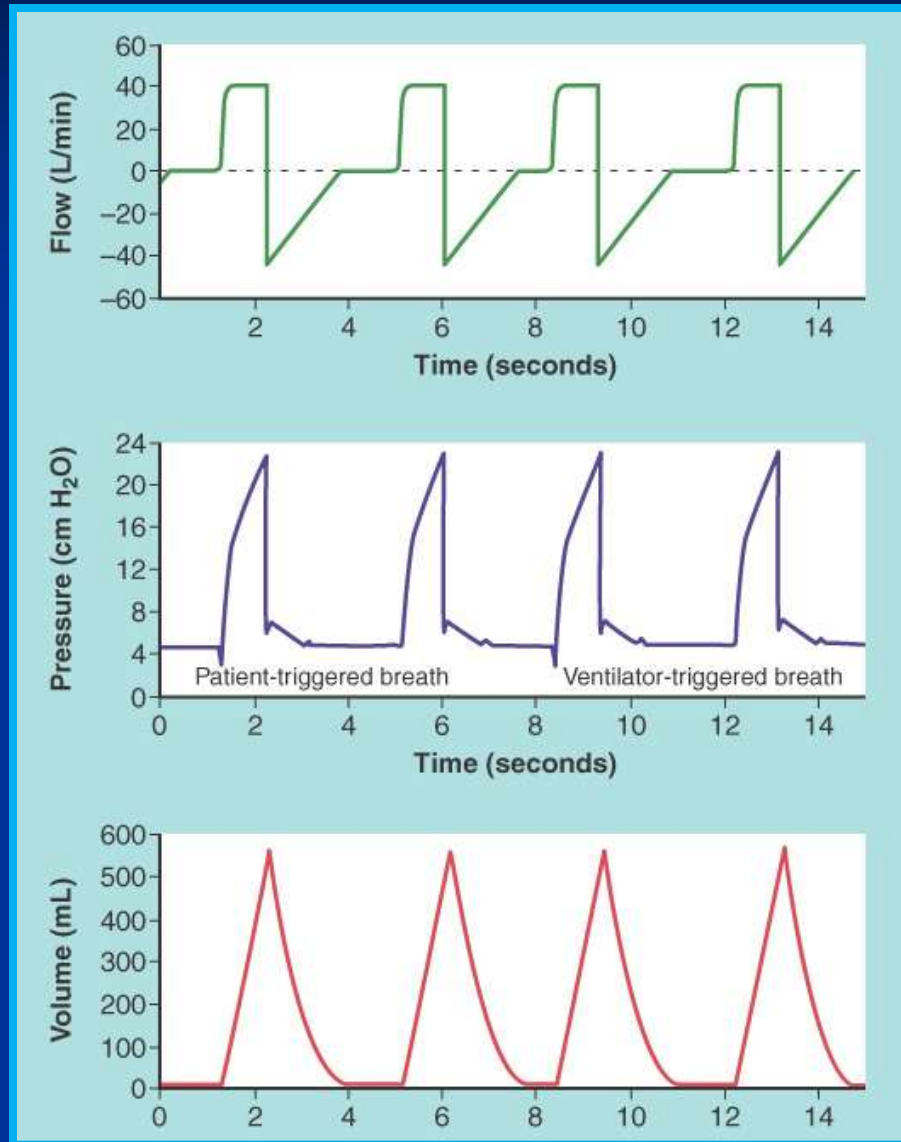


Pressure Targeted

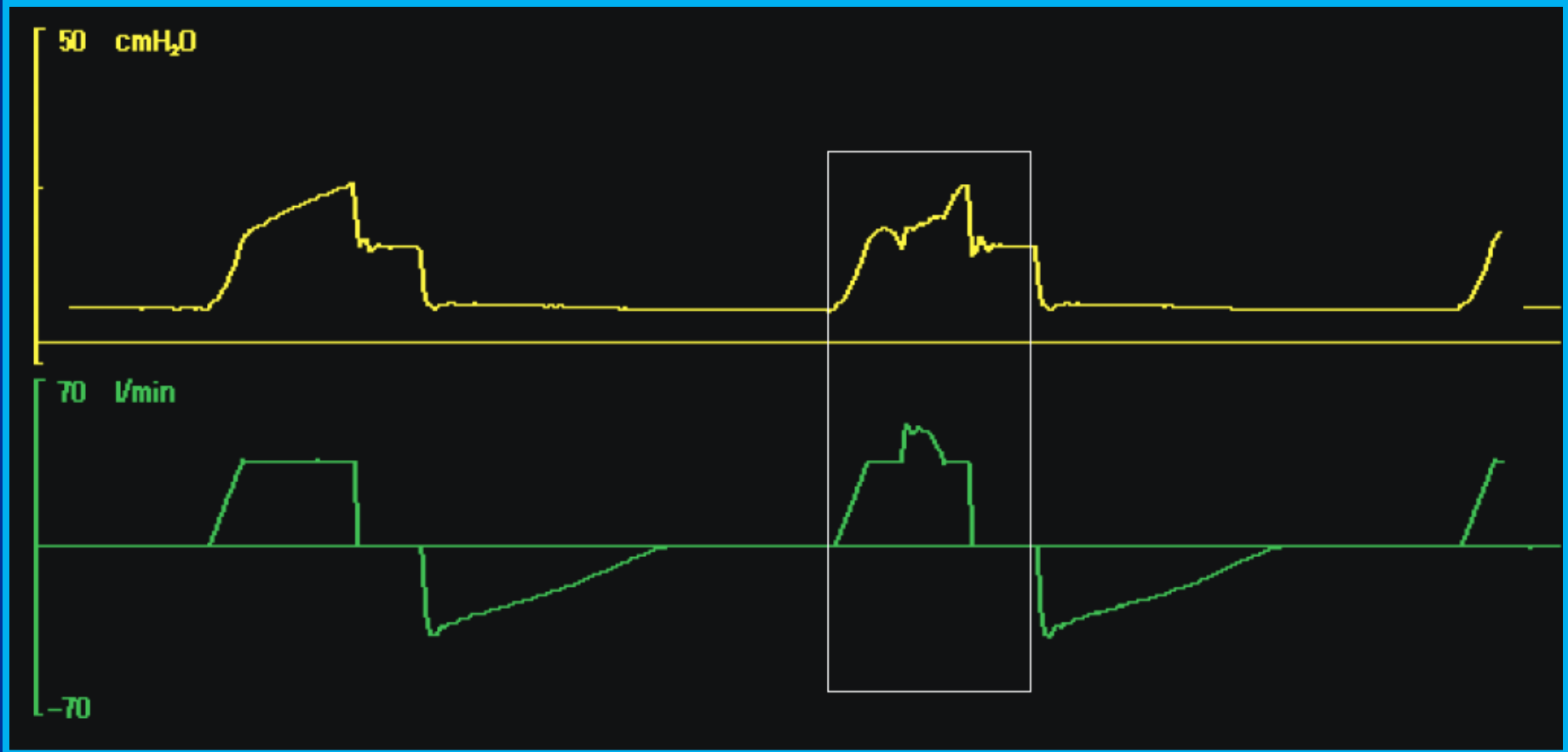


Minute ventilation is completely dependent upon the respiratory rate and tidal volume set

Volume Control: Assist Control



Volume Control: *Flow Adapted*



Volume Control: Assist Control

■ Advantages:

- Reduced work of breathing
- Guarantees delivery of set tidal volume and minute ventilation

■ Disadvantages:

- Potential adverse hemodynamic effects
- May lead to inappropriate hyperventilation and excessive inspiratory pressures
- Cannot ventilate effectively and consistently unless the airway is well sealed

Volume or Pressure

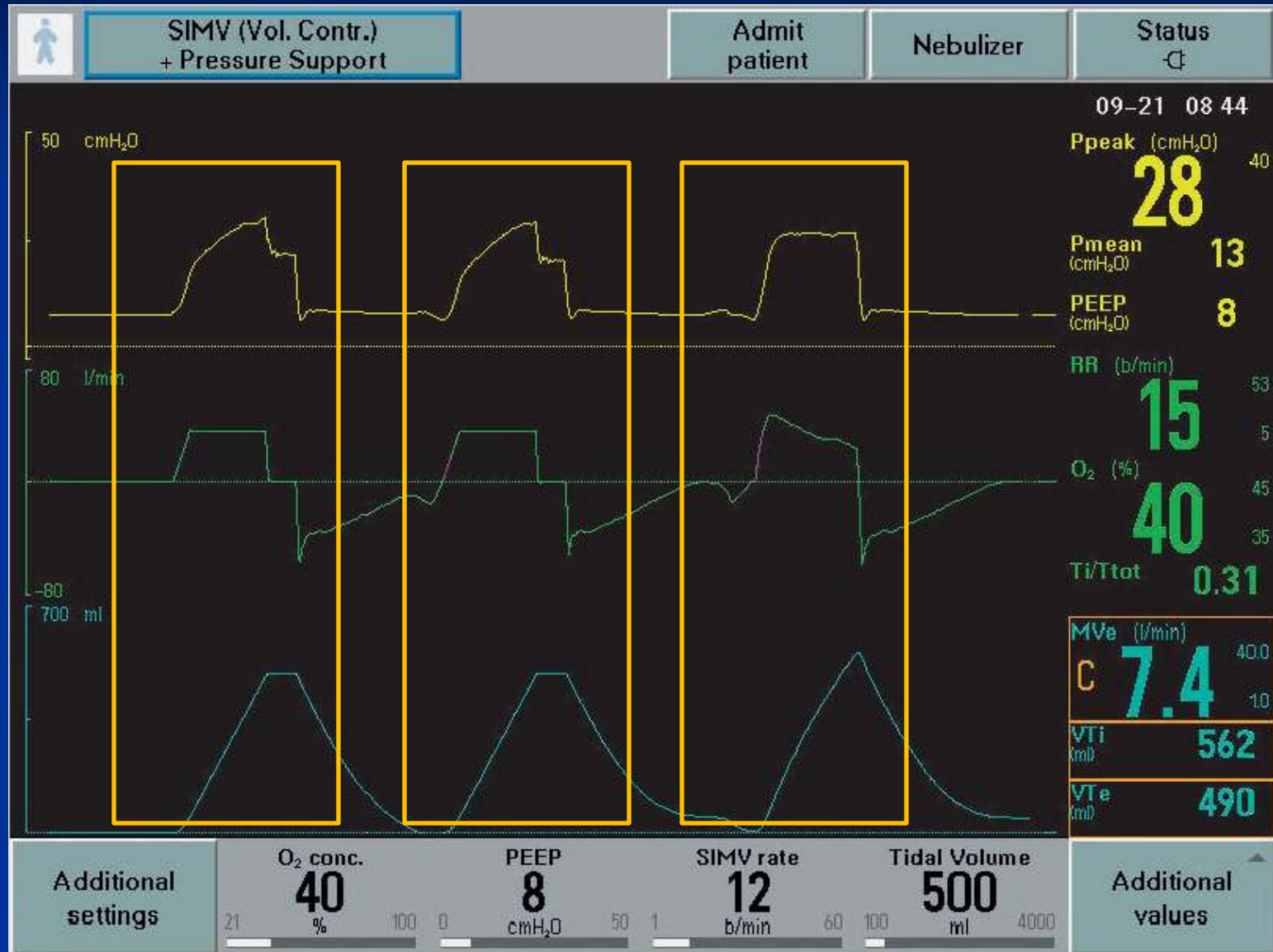
- Volume Assist:

- T_V guaranteed, less worry about CO_2 clearance

- Pressure Assist:

- Decelerating flow more comfortable
- Better synchrony and more physiological

SIMV: Synchronized Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation (Volume Control)



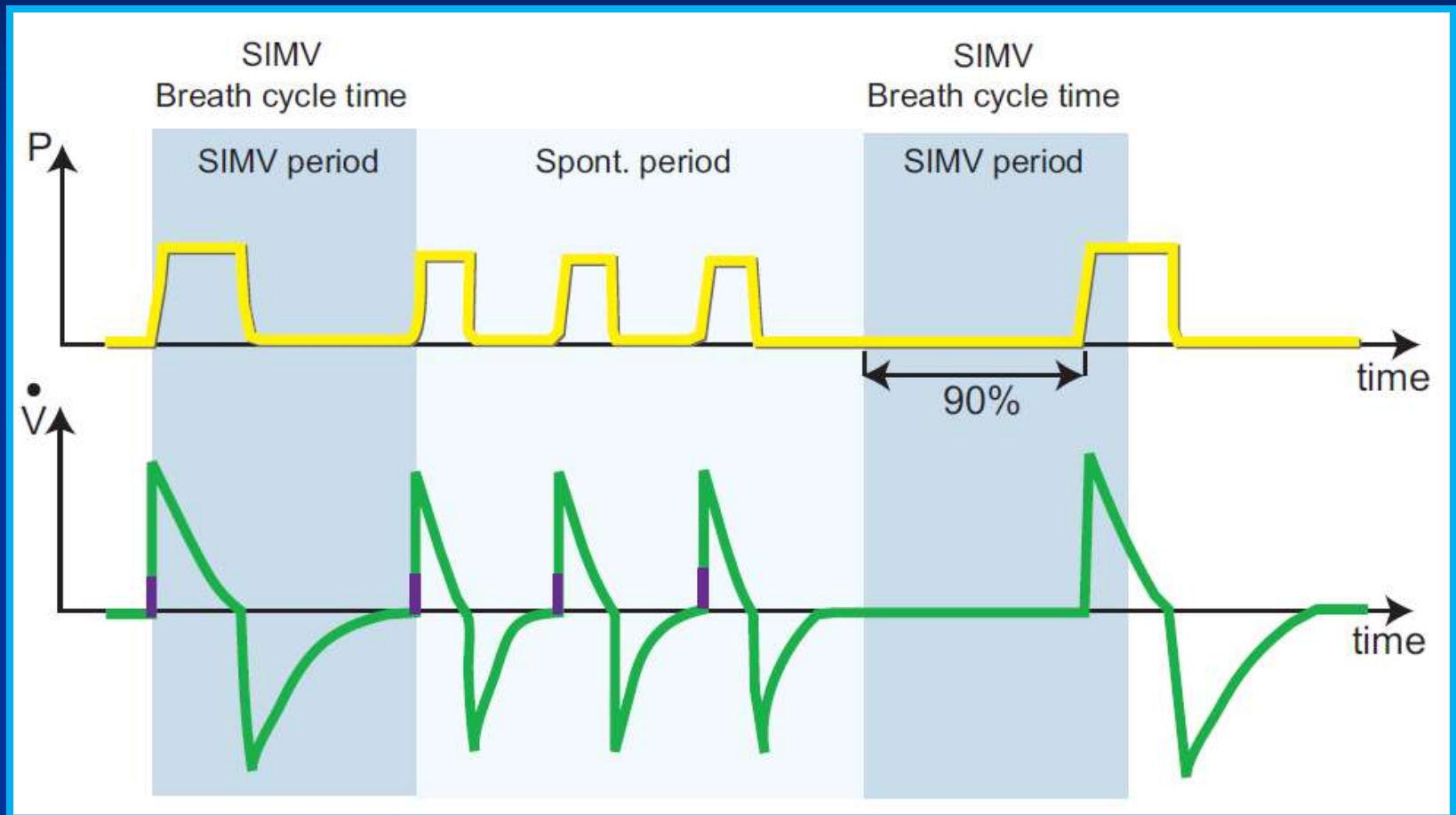
SIMV: Synchronized Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation (Pressure Control)



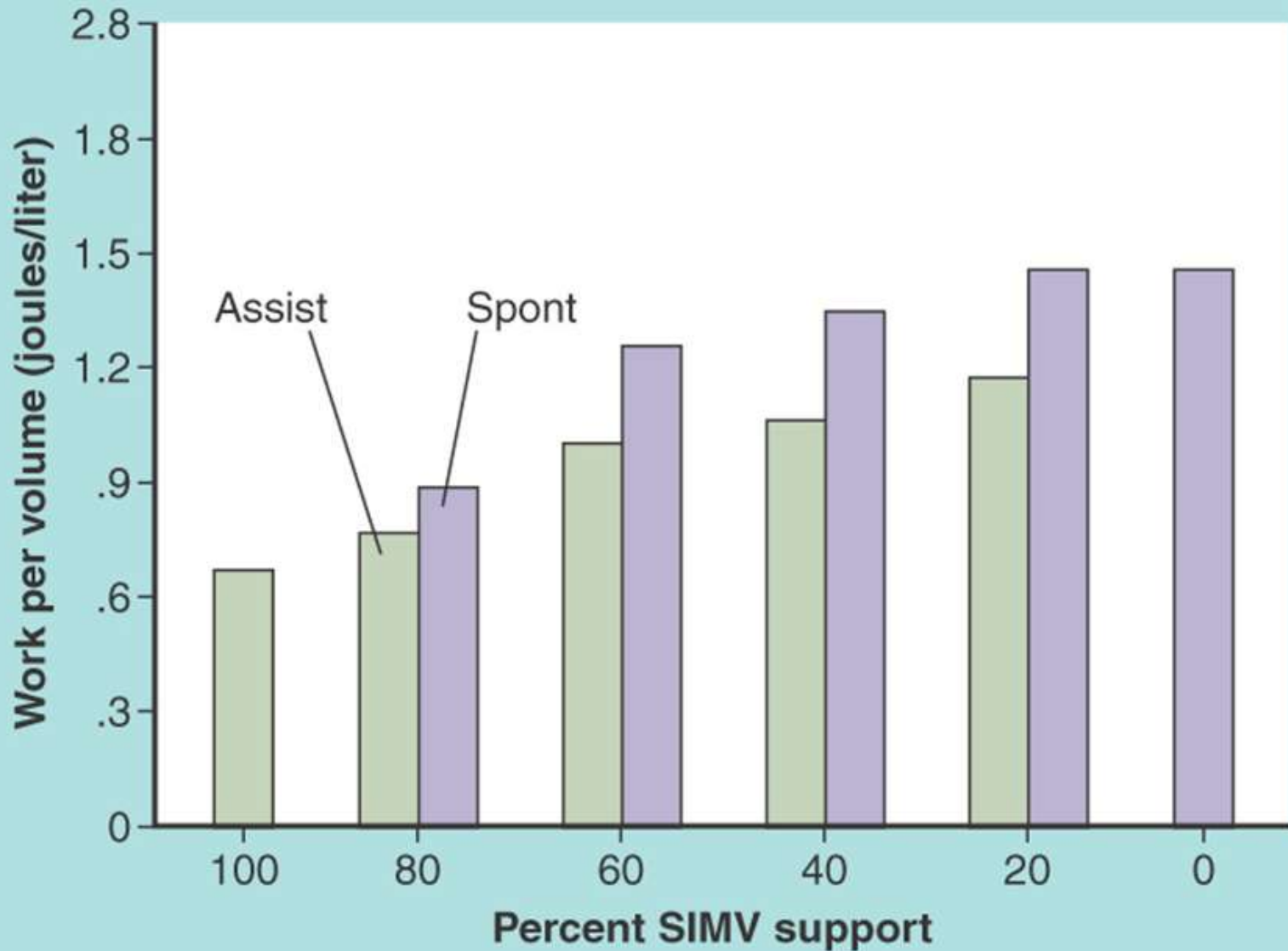
SIMV: Synchronized Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation (PRVC)



SIMV: Breath Cycle Time



Inspiratory work per unit volume done during SIMV



SIMV

■ Advantages:

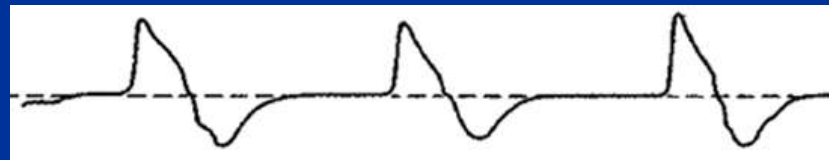
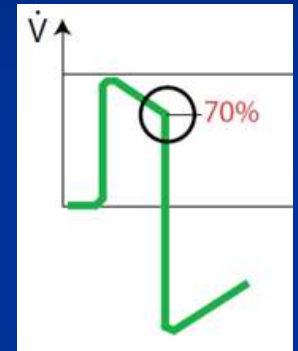
- Improved synchrony
- Preservation of respiratory muscle function
- Lower mean airway pressures
- Decreased tendency to develop auto-PEEP

■ Disadvantages:

- Increased work of breathing compared to ACV
- Not shown to be effective for weaning

Pressure Support

- Spontaneous breathing with a ventilator “boost”
- Patient triggers **all** the breaths
- Flow-cycled:
 - once triggered, the set pressure is sustained until the inspiratory flow tapers
- V_T and RR (minute volume) are a consequence of the patient-related variables (ie. the underlying disease, sedation) plus ventilator settings

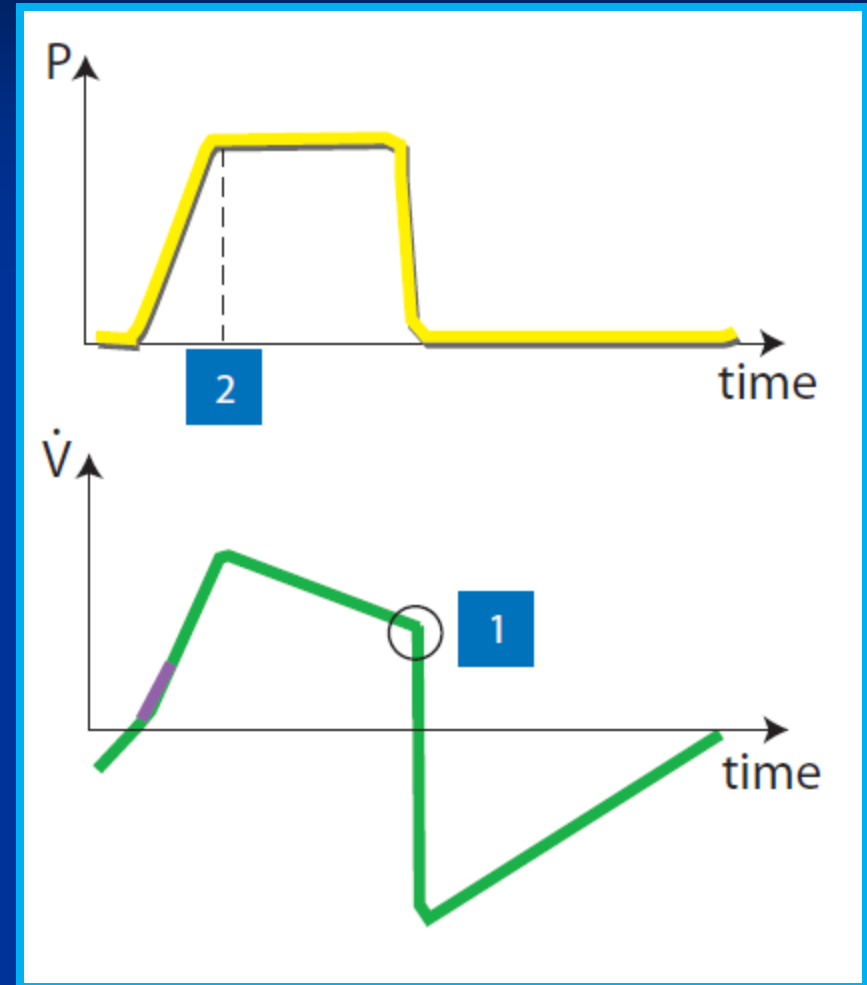


Pressure Support



Pressure Support

- Gas flows into lungs at a constant pressure
- Since pressure is constant, the flow will decrease until Inspiratory cycle off (1)
- Pressure will either rise quickly or slowly, depending on Insp rise time (2)



Pressure Support

Advantages:

- Comfortable: patient has greater control over ventilator cycling and flow rates
- Work of breathing is inversely proportional to the level of pressure support

Disadvantages:

- Close monitoring is required
- Neither tidal volume nor minute ventilation is guaranteed

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Trauma Department

■ 32 Male

MVC – LOC & TBI

GCS: 7

BP: 160/80 P: 70 R: 5

(L) Pupil 5 mm

(R) Pupil 3 mm

Bilateral Breath Sounds

Other trauma exam (-)







Ventilator Settings

Mode: Control
Tidal Volume (V_T): 750 mL
Resp Frequency (f): 15 b/min
Insp Flow Rate (V): 30 L/min

Airway Resistance (R_{AW}):
10 cm H₂O/L/sec

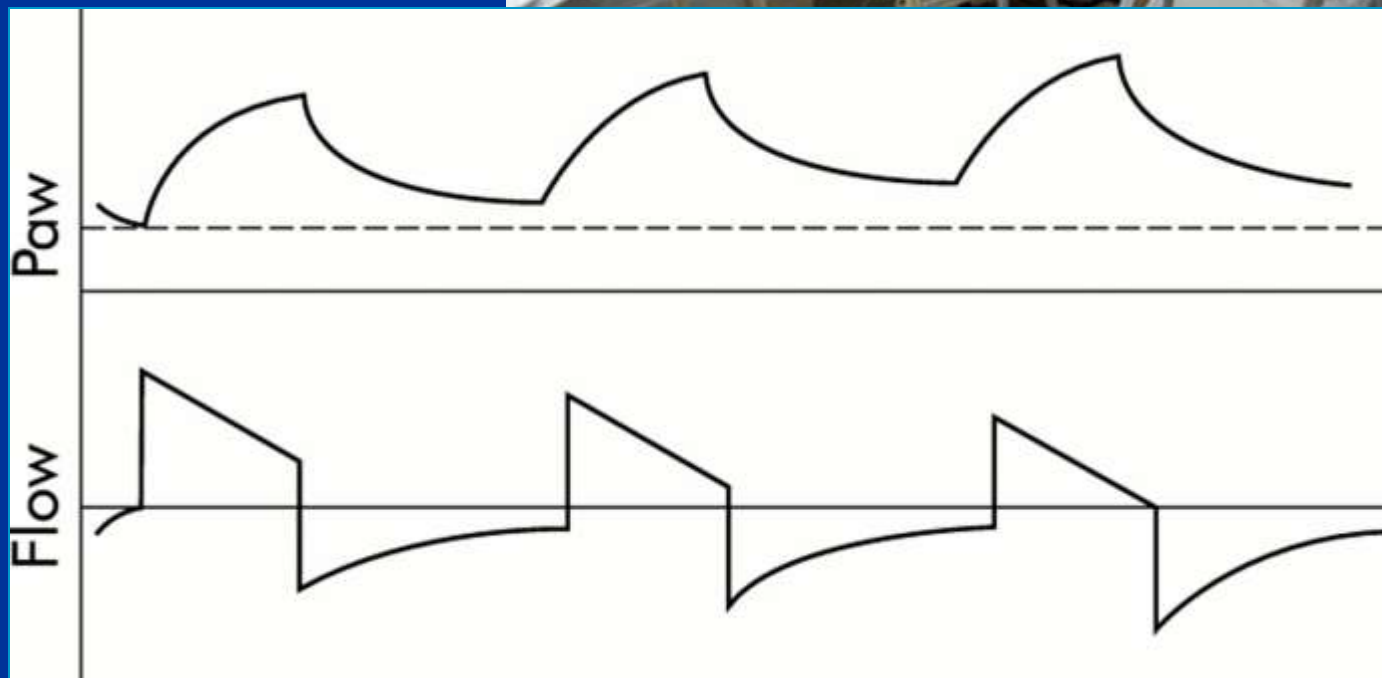
Respiratory System Compliance (C_{RS}):
0.05 L/cm H₂O
50 mL/cm H₂O

Neurosurgery resident:
“ No sedation for Neuro Exam ”



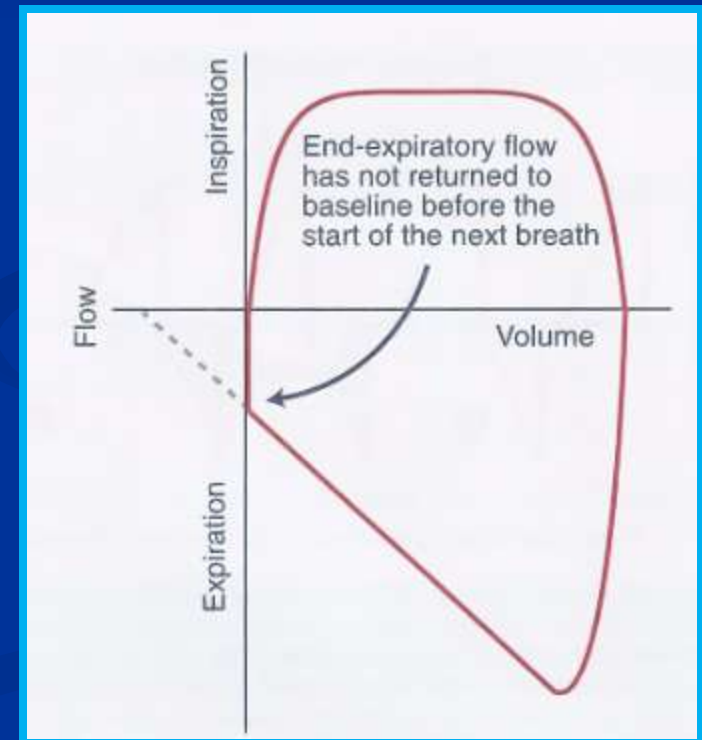
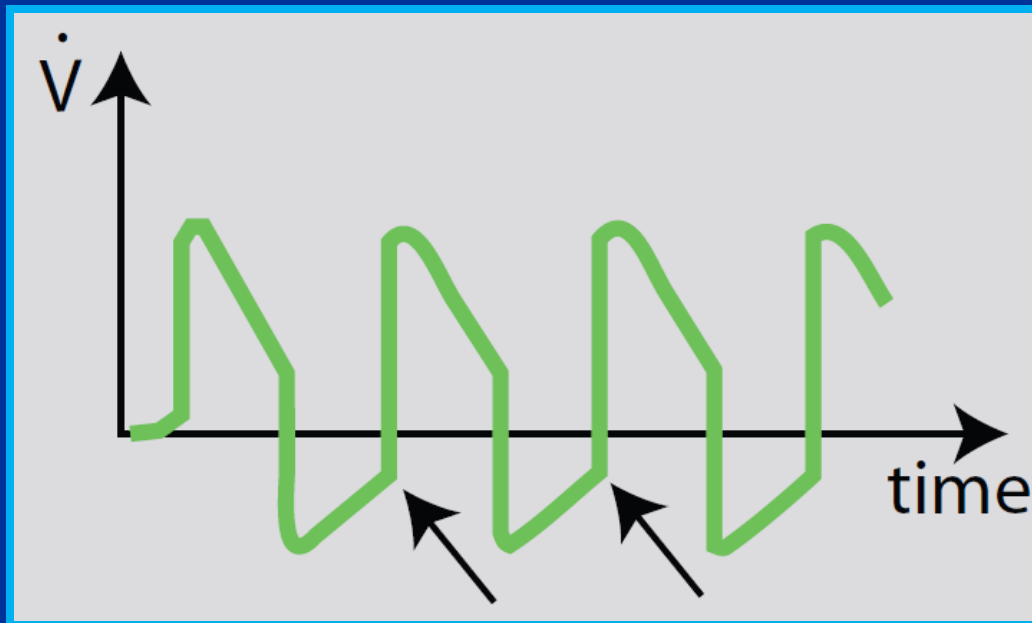
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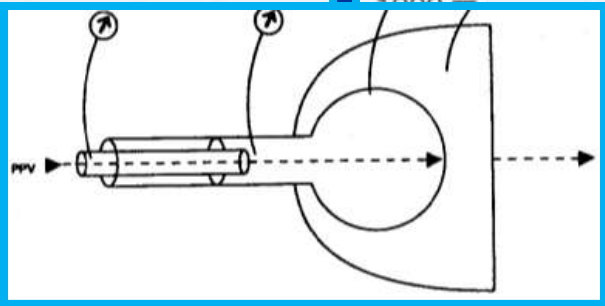
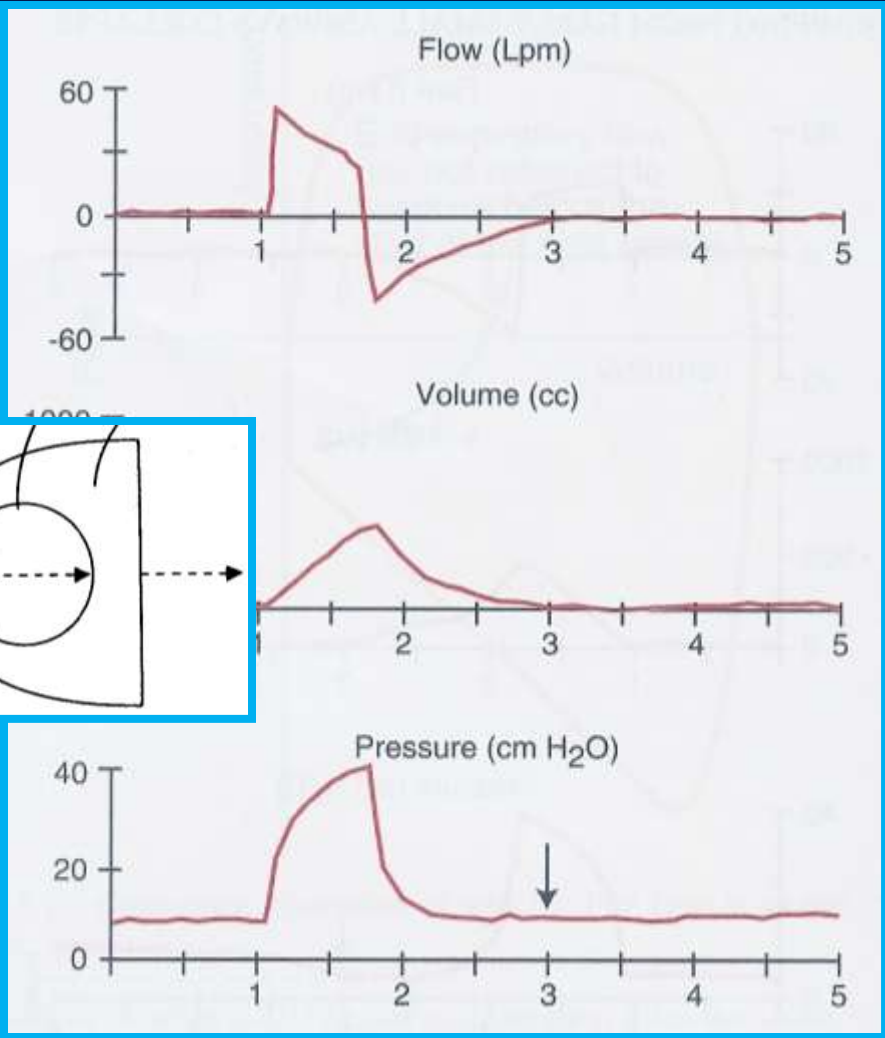
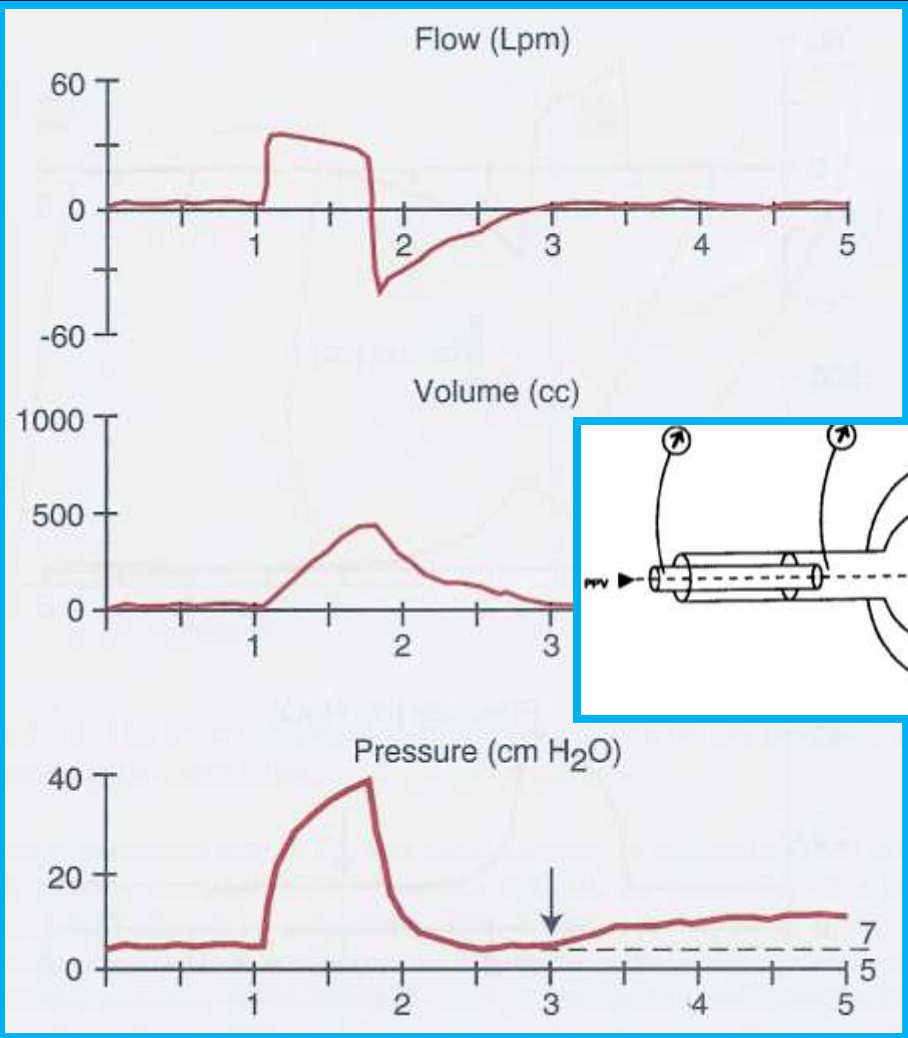
ALARM !
BP: 80/40
P: 120
R: 40



Auto PEEP:

- High respiratory rate, short expiratory time
- Not enough time to exhale → Air Trapping



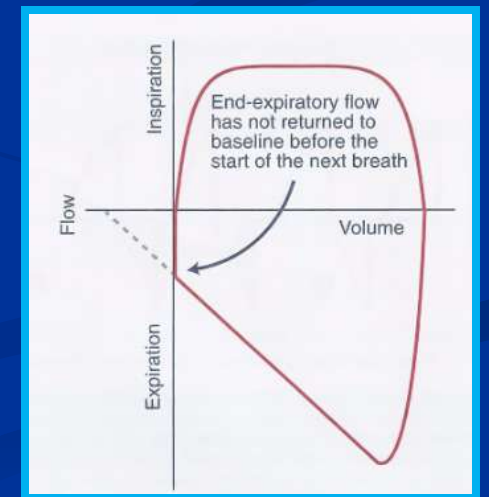
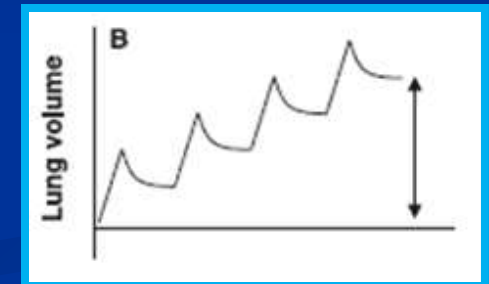
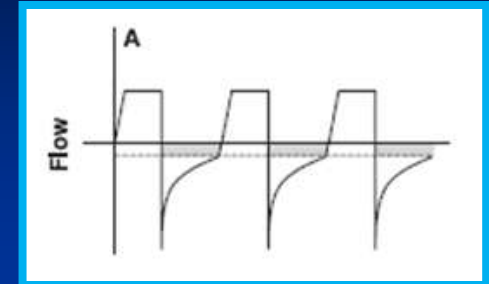


Determinants of AutoPEEP

- Minute Ventilation (V_T and RR)
- Expiratory Time constant
 - Longer I:E ratio = short expiratory time
- High resistance, floppy lung

Clues to diagnosis..

- Increase P_{Peak} and $P_{Plateau}$ (VC)
- Decreases in V_T (PC)
- Problems with inspiratory trigger
- Dyssynchrony
- Hemodynamic abnormalities ..



Treatment of AutoPEEP

- Decrease Minute Ventilation (RR, V_T)
- Increase Inspiratory Flow / pattern
→ Increase Expiratory Time
- Treat underlying cause
(Bronchodilators, suction)
- Apply extrinsic PEEP
- Sedation
- Disconnect ventilator circuit



56 year old man with SAH, receiving MV using Volume Assist Control for last 36 h. Settings are:

V_T : 600 R: 24 FiO_2 : 0.4 PEEP: 5. You decide to switch him to Pressure Support with 22cm Insp Pressure to obtain comparable V_T . He becomes dyspneic and appears to be triggering the ventilator only 8-10 times/min. Next maneuver should be ?



Figure 69-A

\dot{V} = airway flow; V_T = tidal volume; P_{aw} = airway pressure

- A. Provide sedation and continue current settings
- B. Switch from Pressure to Flow triggering
- C. Add 5 cmH₂O additional PEEP and increase until better trigger
- D. Switch to SIMV with back up rate of 8 along with PS
- E. Return to volume assist Control with backup rate 6/min.

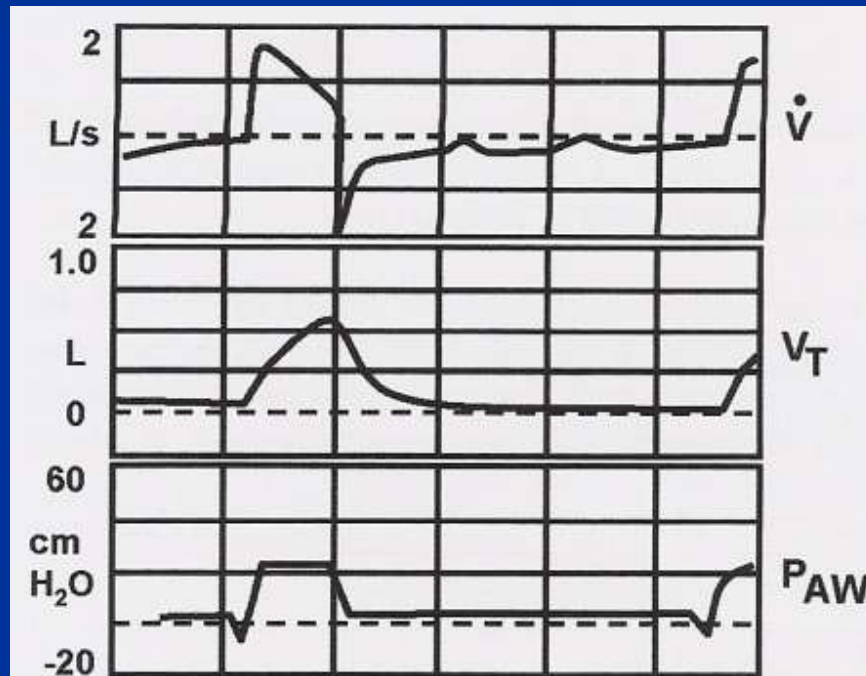
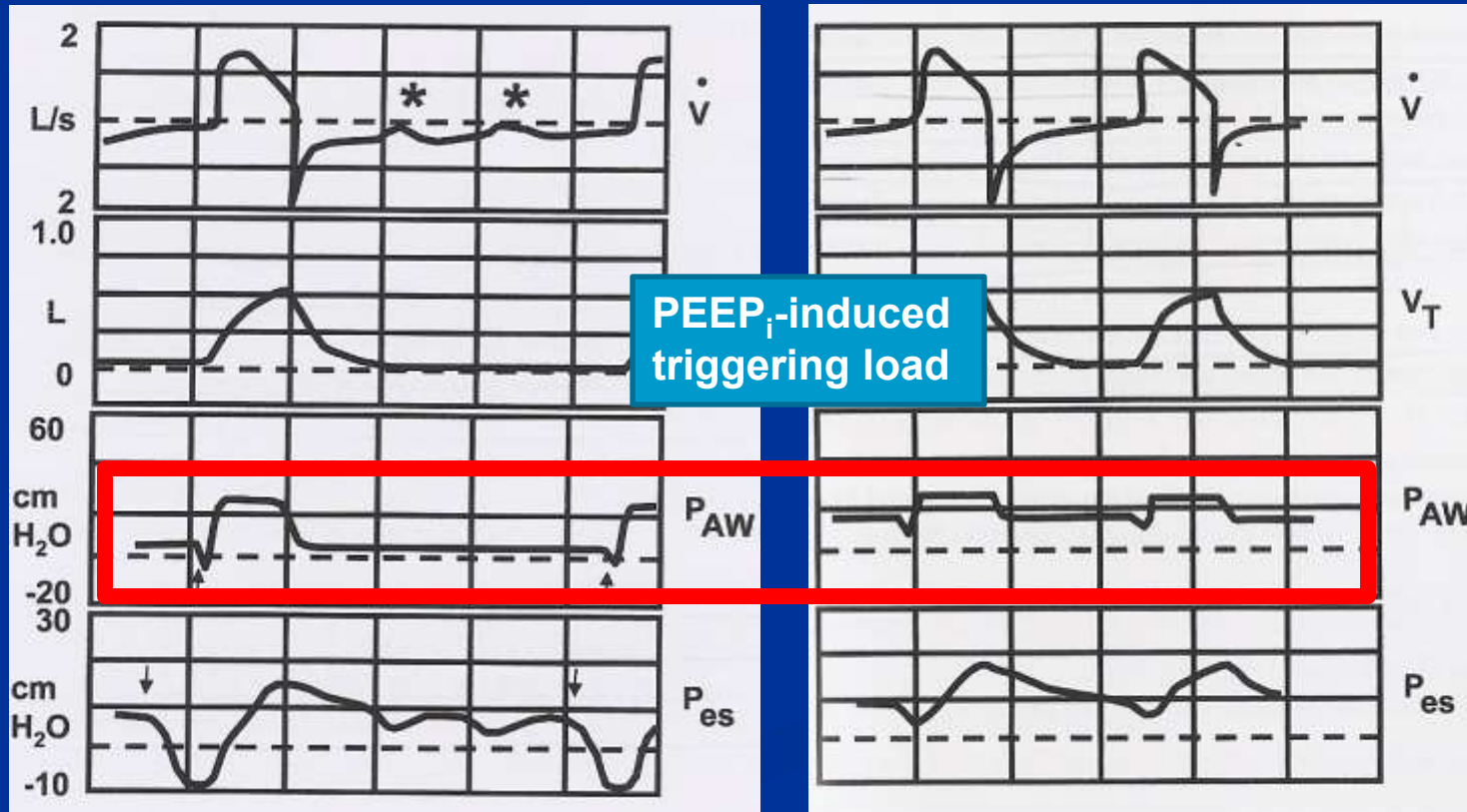


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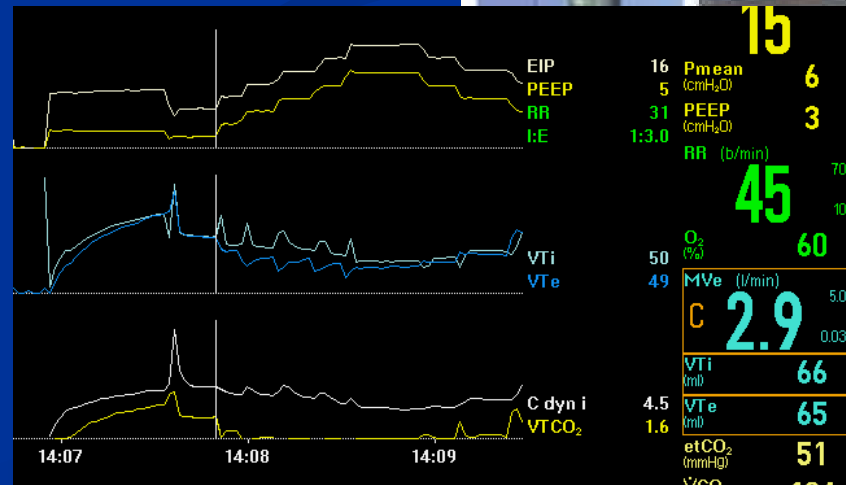
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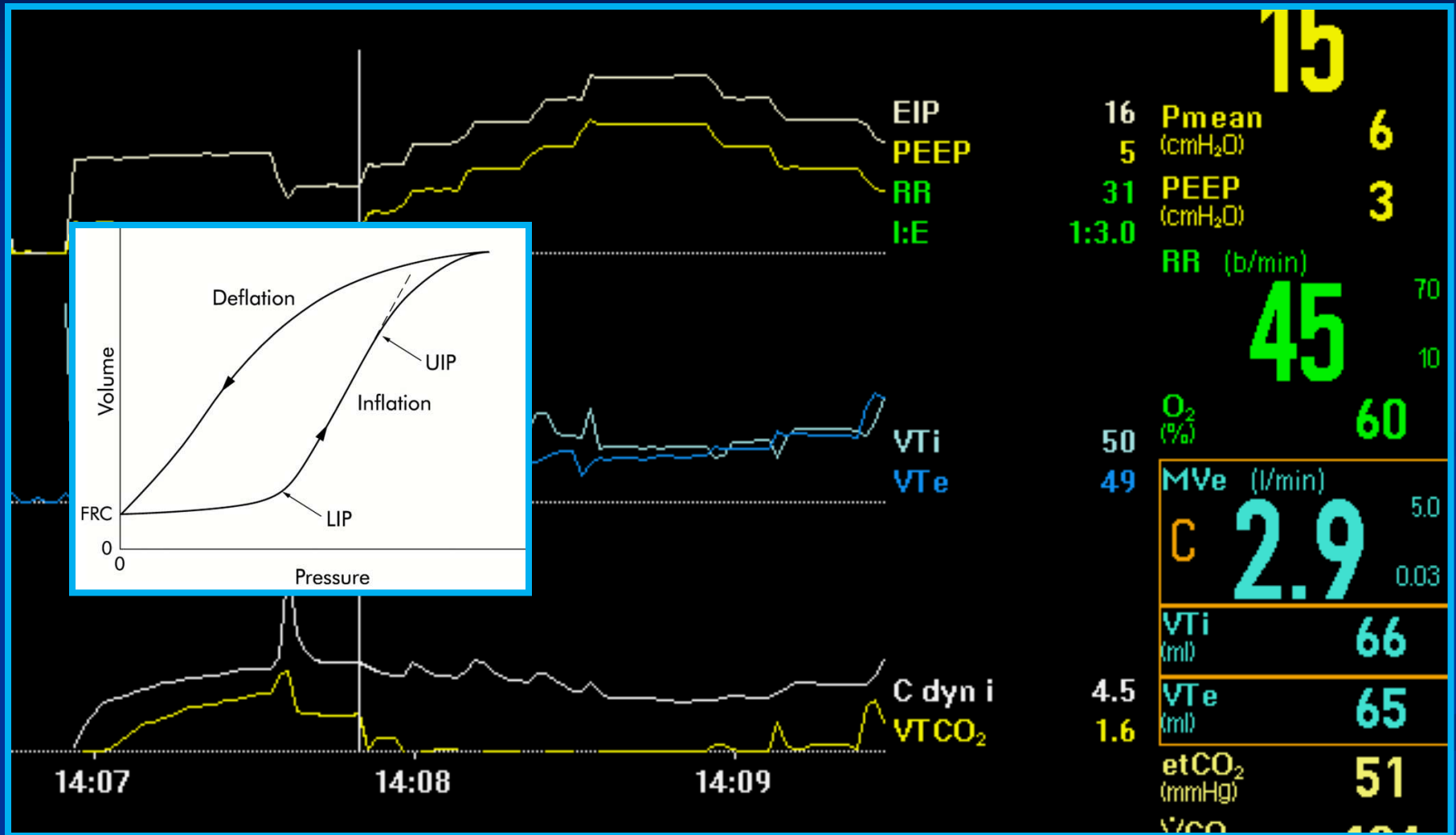
Modern Ventilators:

■ Computer Based & Smart Use complex algorithms

- Airway Pressures (ARDs Net)
- Mode Switch
- Waveform analysis
- Synchrony
- Patient Comfort
- Weaning
- Open Lung Tool



Open Lung Tool (OLT)

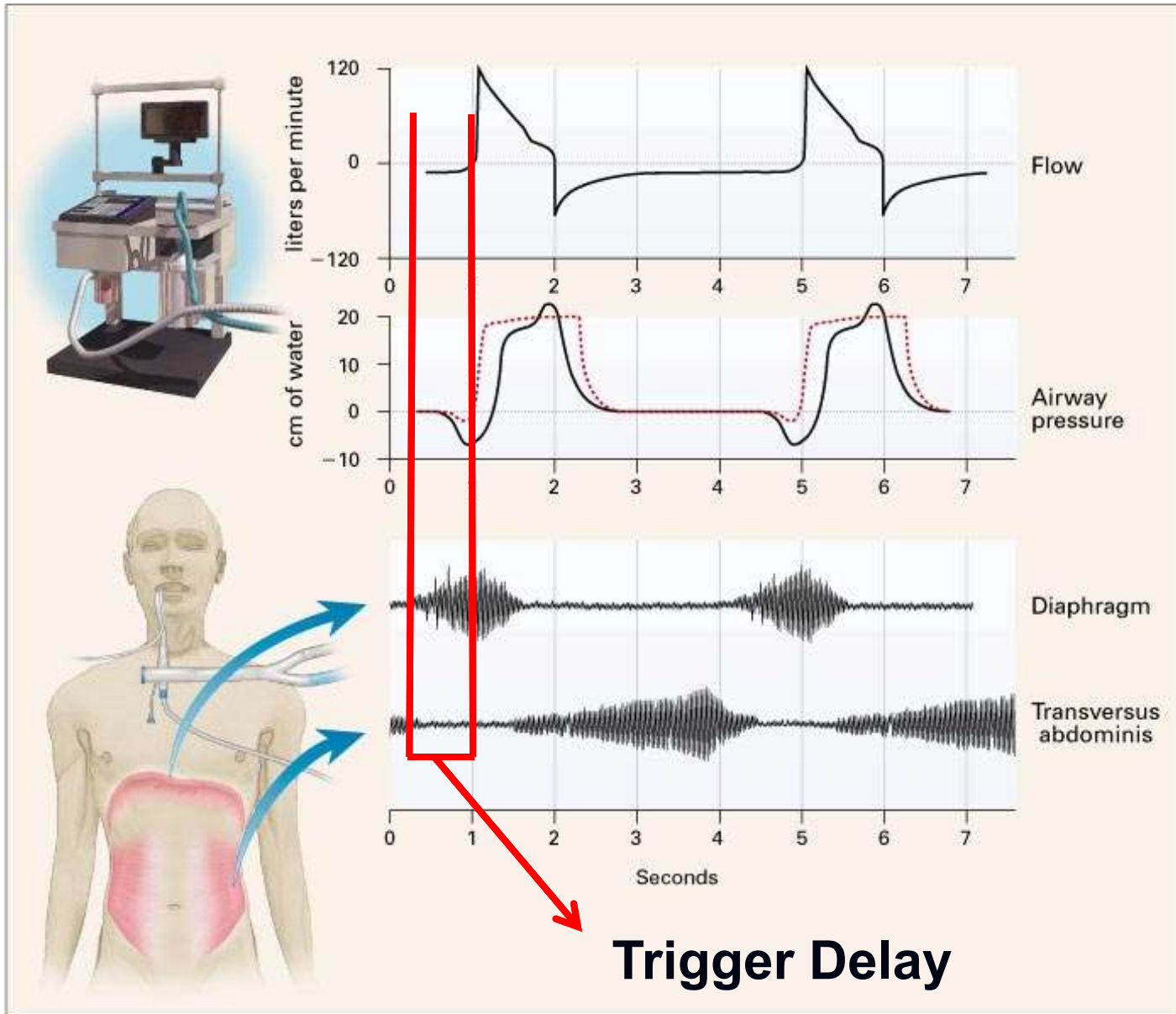


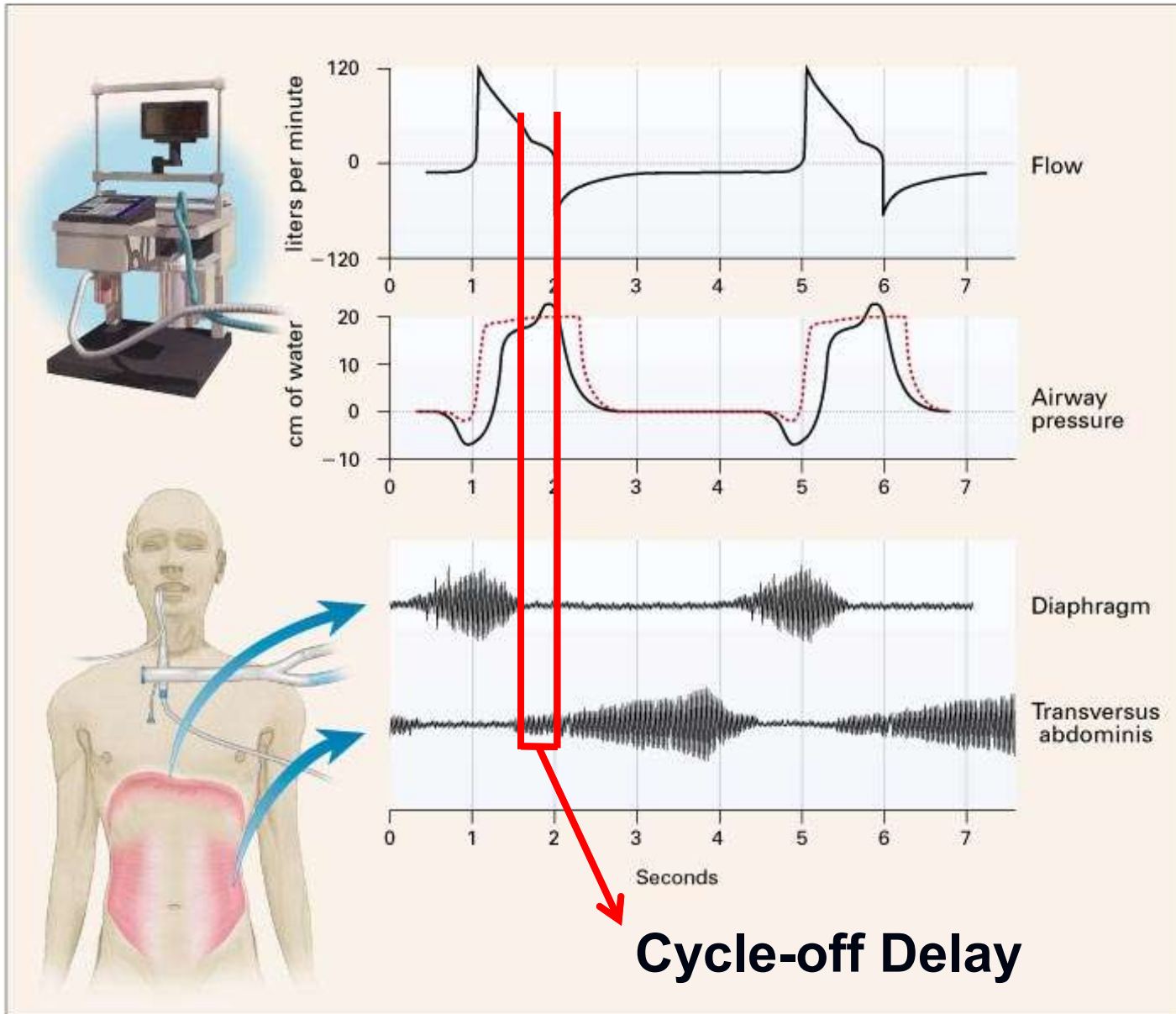
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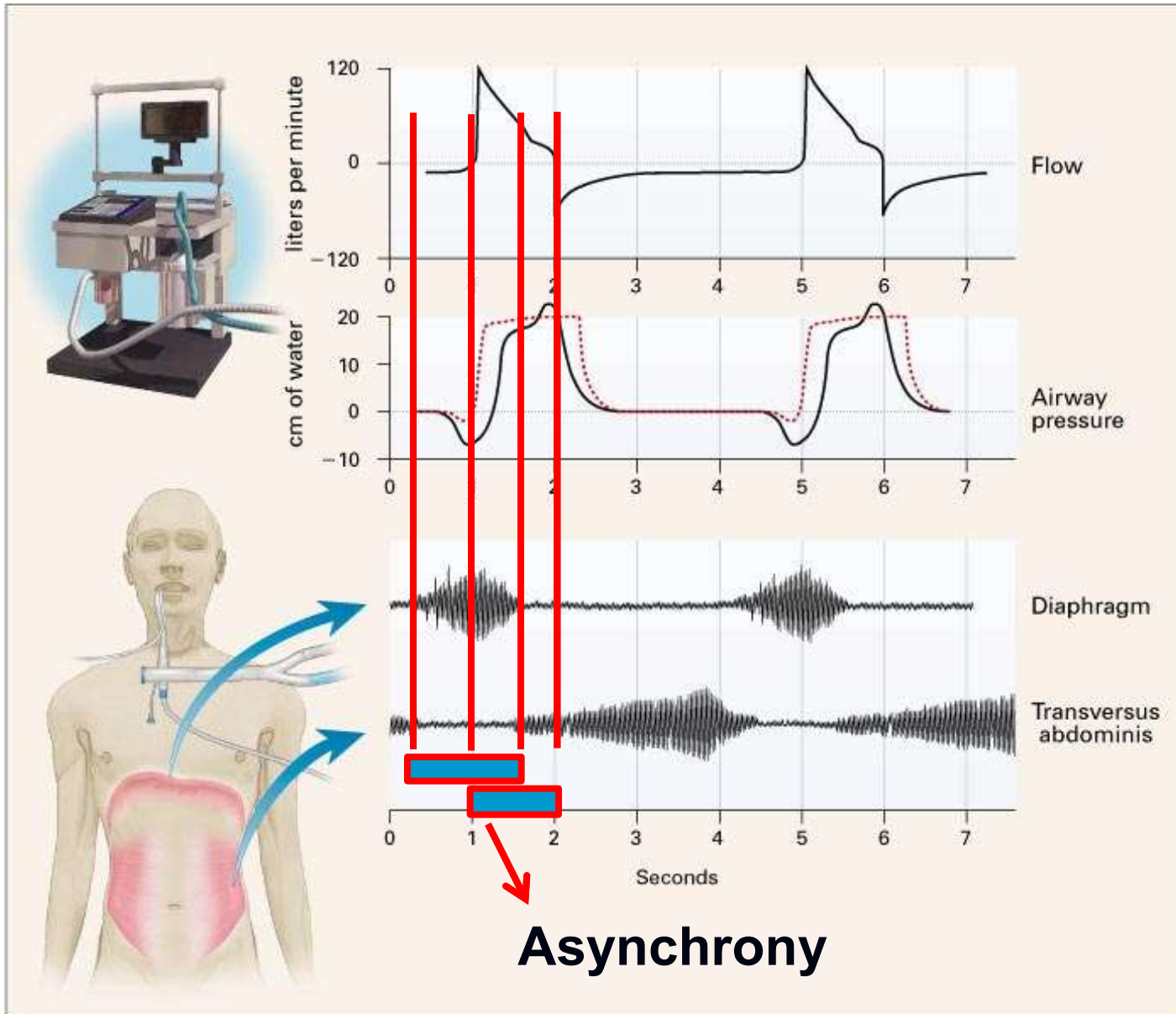
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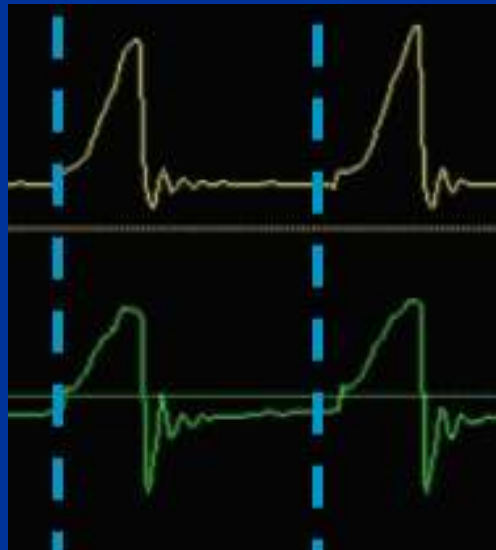




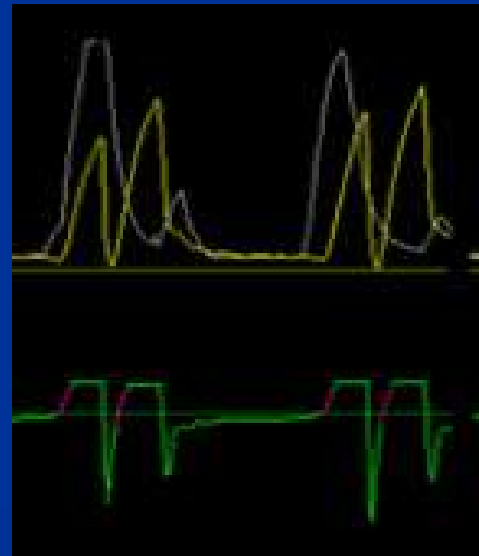


Synchrony:

- **Initiation, delivery** and **termination** of the patient's and the ventilator's breaths coincide with each other



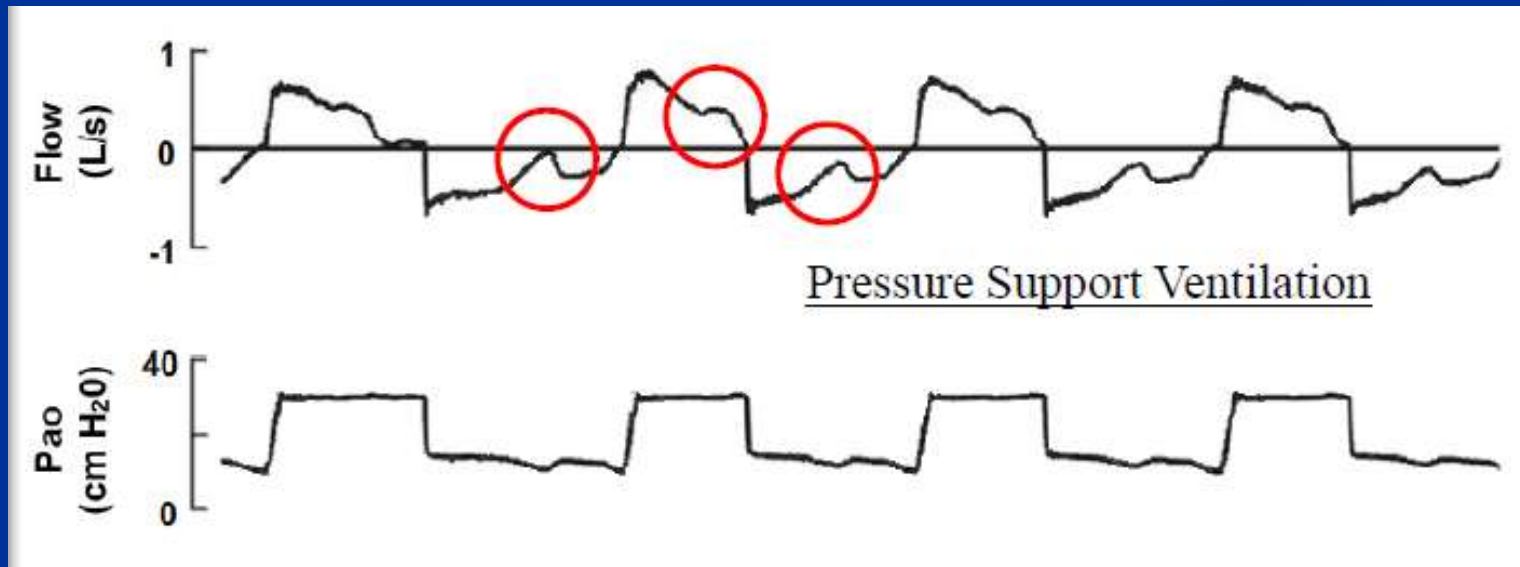
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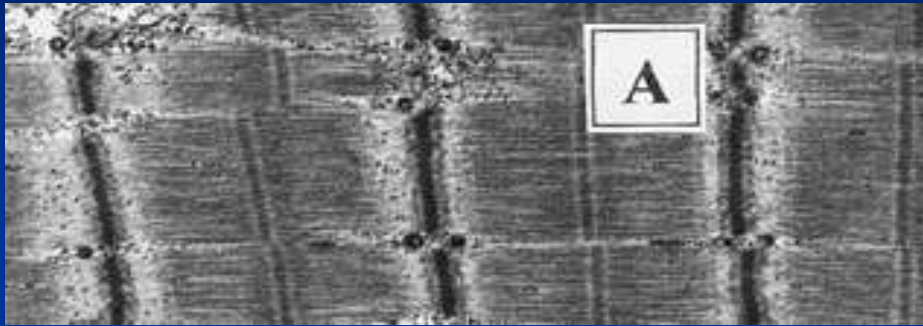


Dyssynchrony

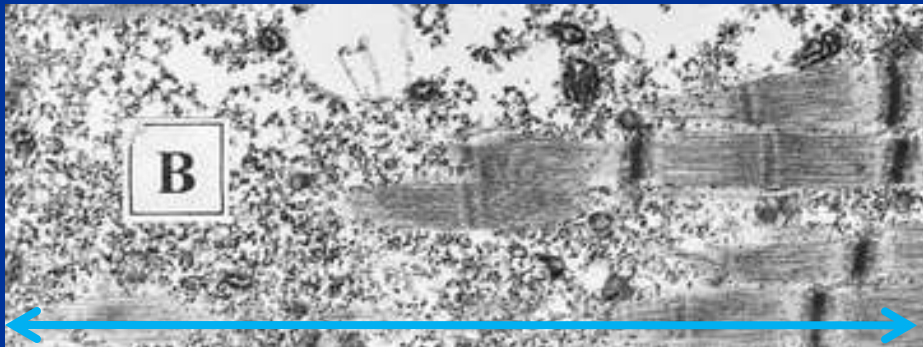
Dyssynchrony:

- 20-30% of patients on ventilators exhibit dyssynchrony
- Patients with frequent ineffective triggering may receive excessive levels of ventilatory support





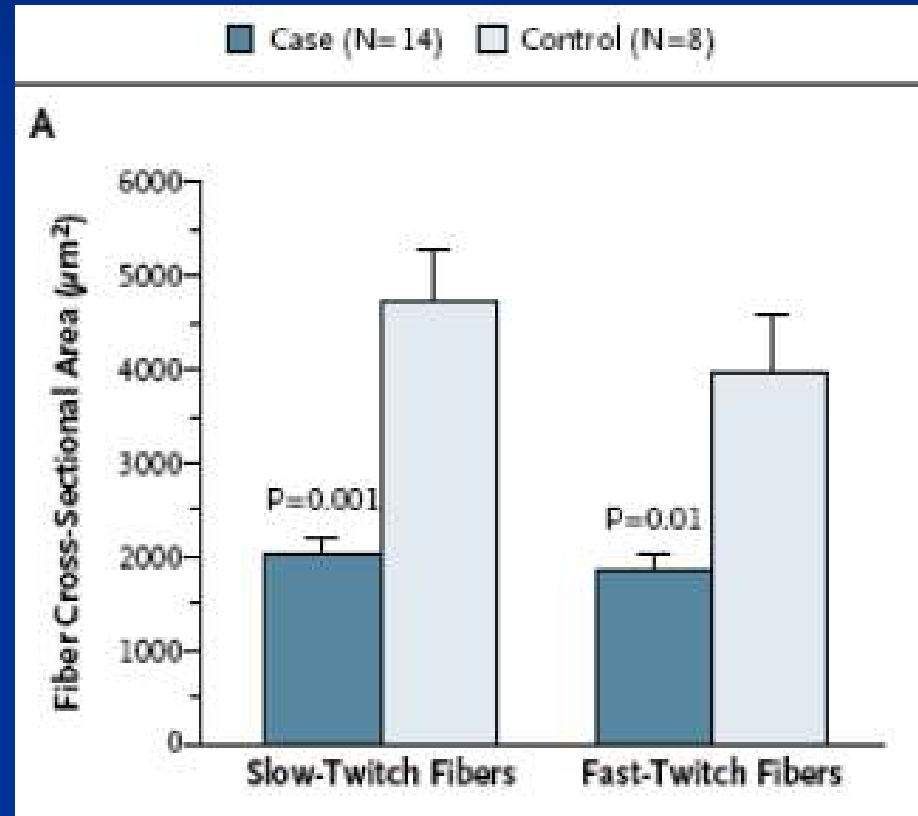
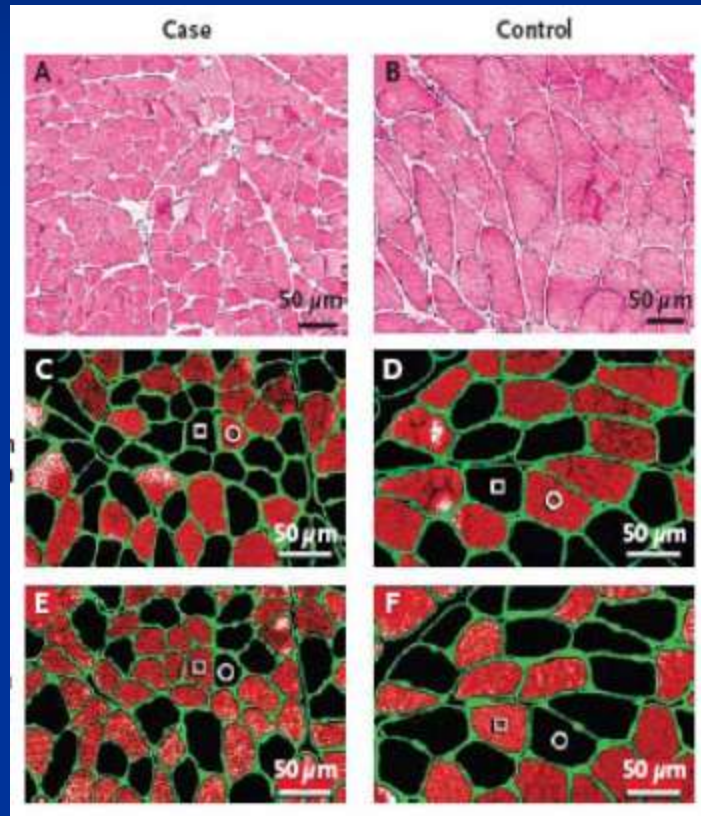
**Normal
Muscle**



**Wasted
Efforts**

Eccentric contractions

Rapid **Disuse Atrophy** of Diaphragm Fibers during asynchronous ventilation:



Usual solution to Patient-Ventilator Asynchrony:

- Adjust Ventilator Settings
- Increase Sedation
- Neuromuscular blockers



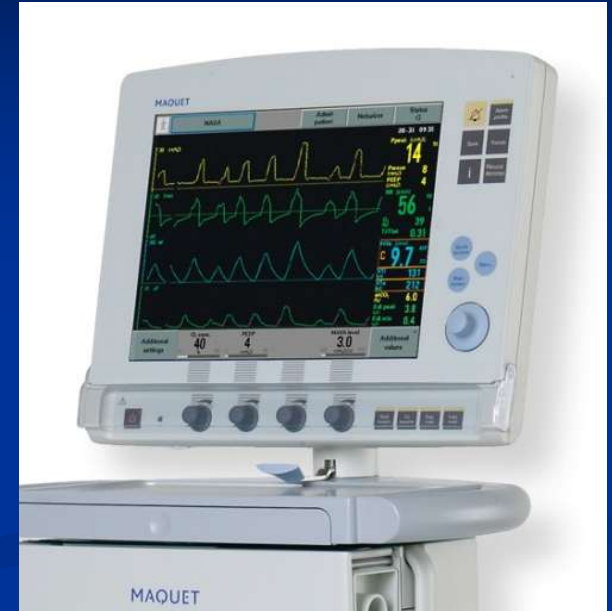
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Prolonged ICU stay

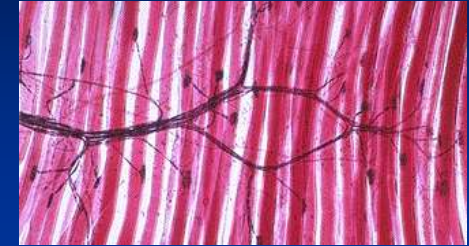
Neurally Adjusted Ventilatory Assist: (NAVA)

- New **Spontaneous, Interactive** mode of mechanical ventilation
- Delivers ventilatory assist in **Proportion** to and in **Synchrony** with the patient's Edi signal

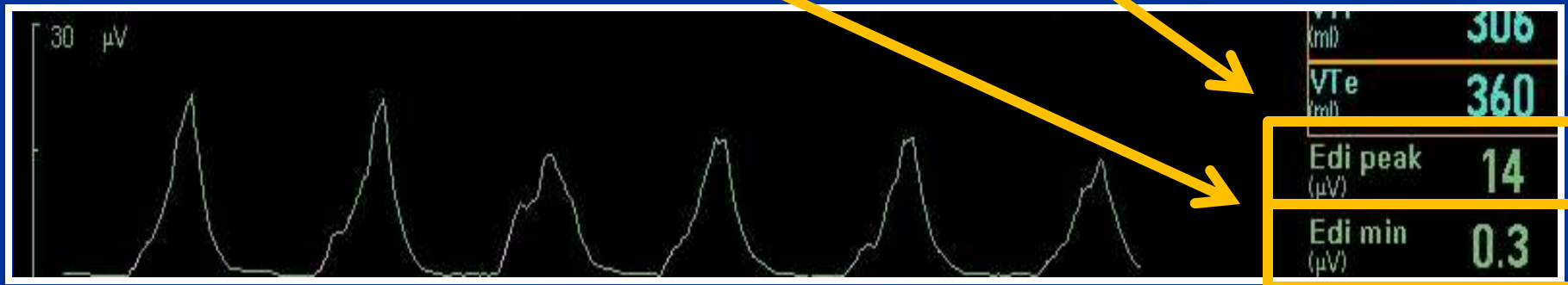


Edi Signal:

- **Edi** - Electrical Activity of diaphragm
(measured 62.5 times per second)



- **Edi Peak** – The amount of impulse sent to generate tidal volume breath by breath.
- **Edi Min** – The tonic contractility of the diaphragm at rest. Physiologic reflection of derecruitment.





Central nervous system



Phrenic nerve



Diaphragm excitation



Diaphragm contraction



Chest wall, lung and esophageal response



flow, pressure changes

Ideal Technology



Ventilator

Current Technology





Central nervous system



Phrenic nerve



Diaphragm excitation



Diaphragm contraction



Chest wall, lung and esophageal response



flow, pressure changes

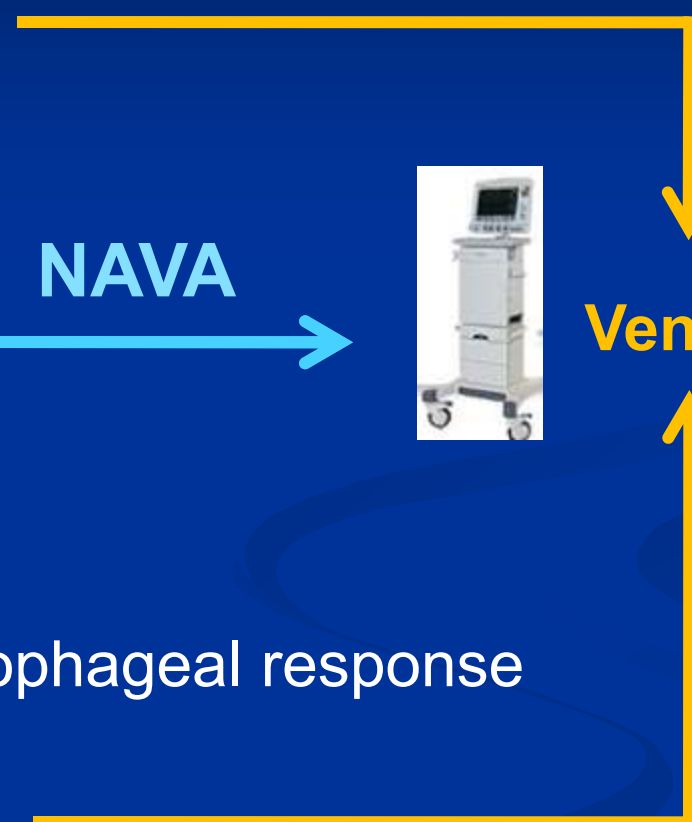
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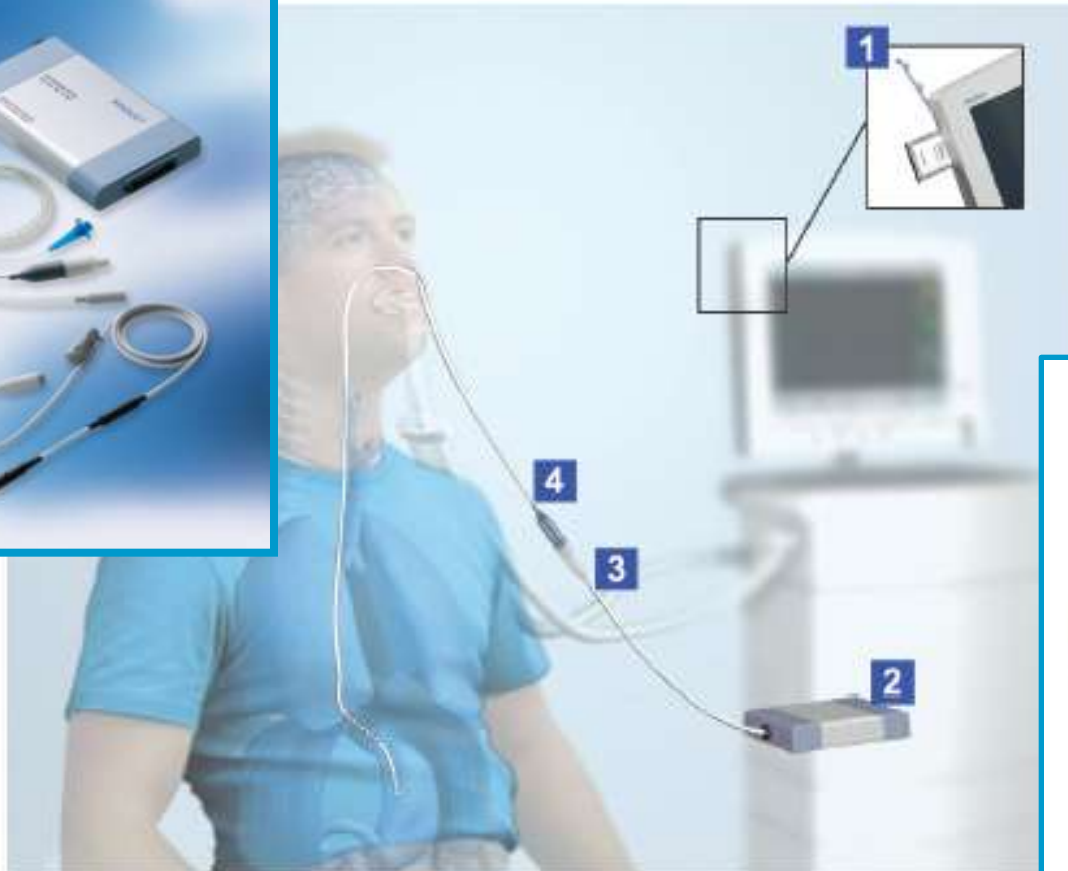


Ventilator

Ideal Technology

Current Technology





1. NAVA software option – if not already factory-installed software can be installed using a PC Card.
2. Edi Module
3. Edi Cable
4. Edi Catheter

Servo-i ventilator

Edi Catheter Sizes

Size 6 Fr / 49 cm

Neonate



Size 6 Fr / 50 cm

Neonate



Size 8 Fr / 100 cm

Pediatric



Size 12 Fr / 125 cm

Pediatric



Size 8 Fr / 125 cm

Adult



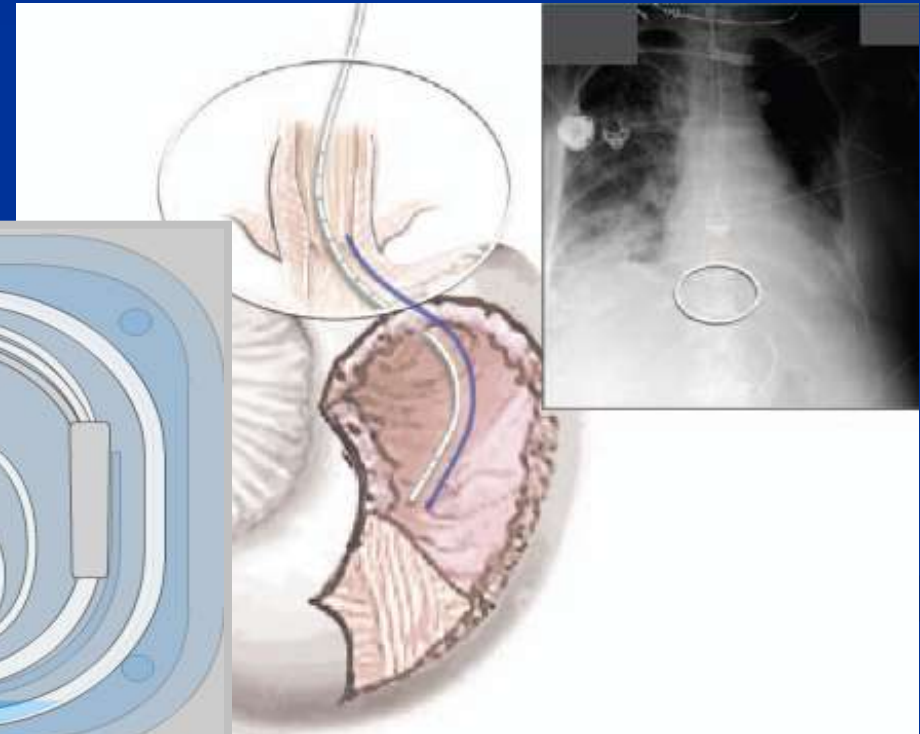
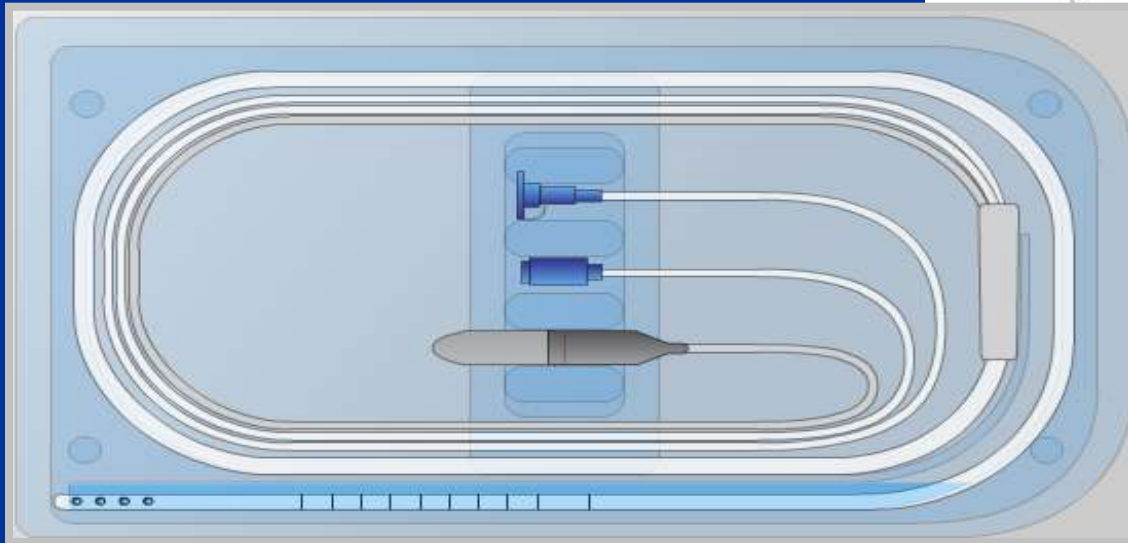
Size 16 Fr / 125 cm

Adult



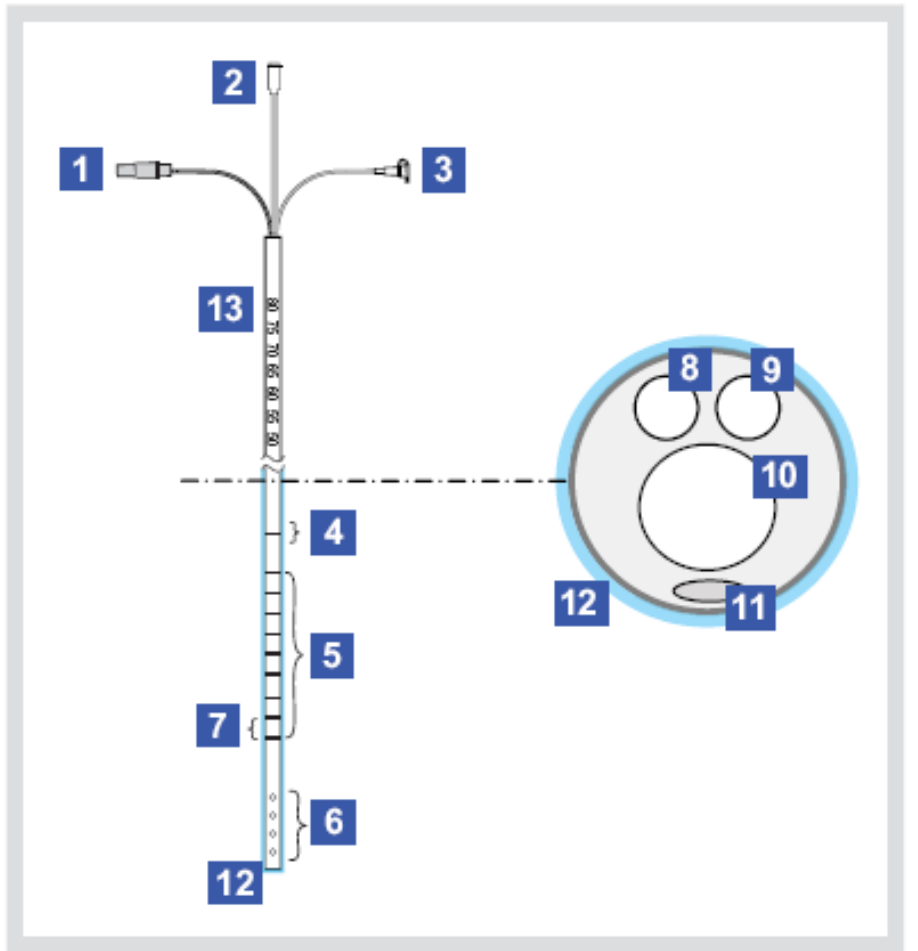
Instructions for catheter:

1. Dip the Edi Catheter in **water** for a few seconds to activate its lubrication prior to insertion, avoiding wetting connectors.
2. Insert Catheter and advance it down the esophagus
3. Confirm placement



Edi Catheter Anatomy:

1. Connection to Edi cable
2. Nutrition feed
3. Evacuation (only 12 and 16 Fr)
4. Reference electrode
5. Electrodes (9)
6. Holes for nutrition/evacuation
7. Inter Electrode Distance (IED)
8. Lumen for electrodes
9. Sump lumen (only 12 and 16 Fr)
10. Feeding lumen
11. Barium strip for X-ray identification
12. Coating for easier insertion and better electrical conductivity (indicated in the picture with light blue)
13. Scale in centimeters from the tip

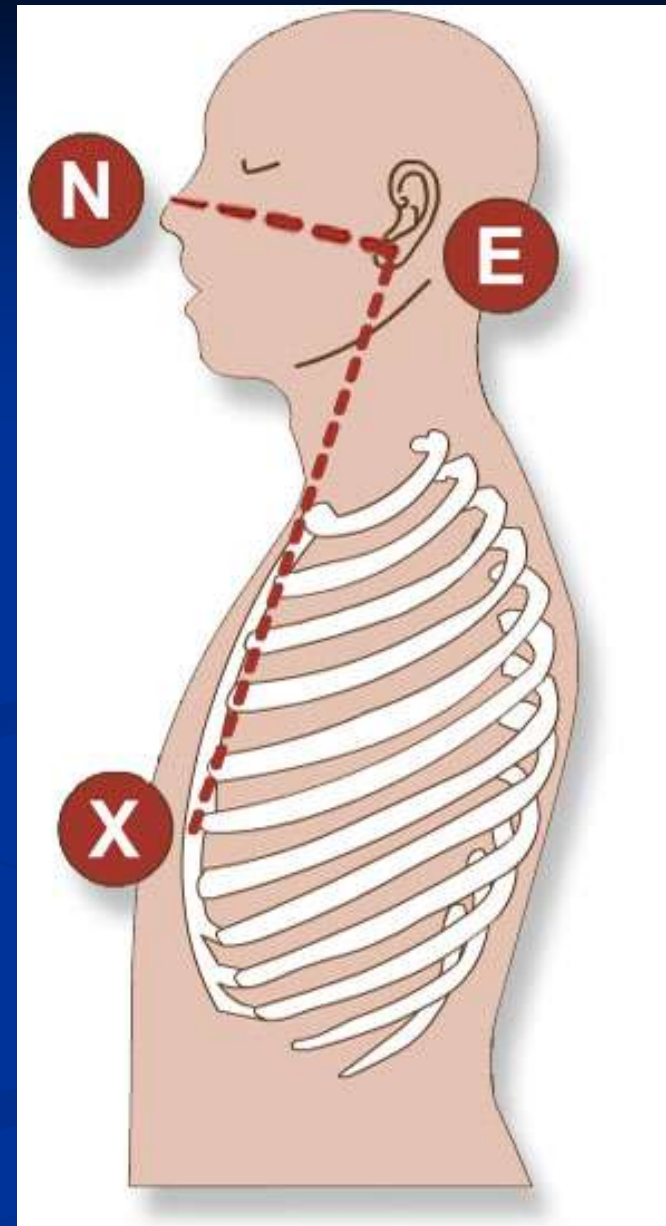


Insertion Depth:

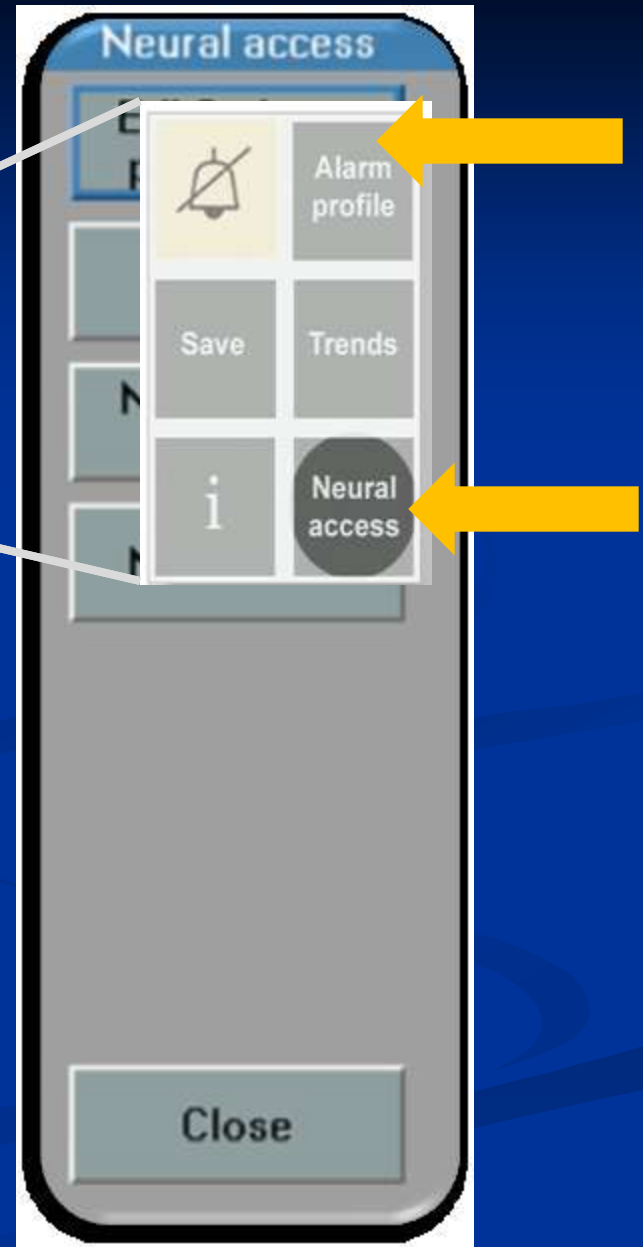
Coefficient for nasal insertion = 0.9

Coefficient for oral insertion = 0.8

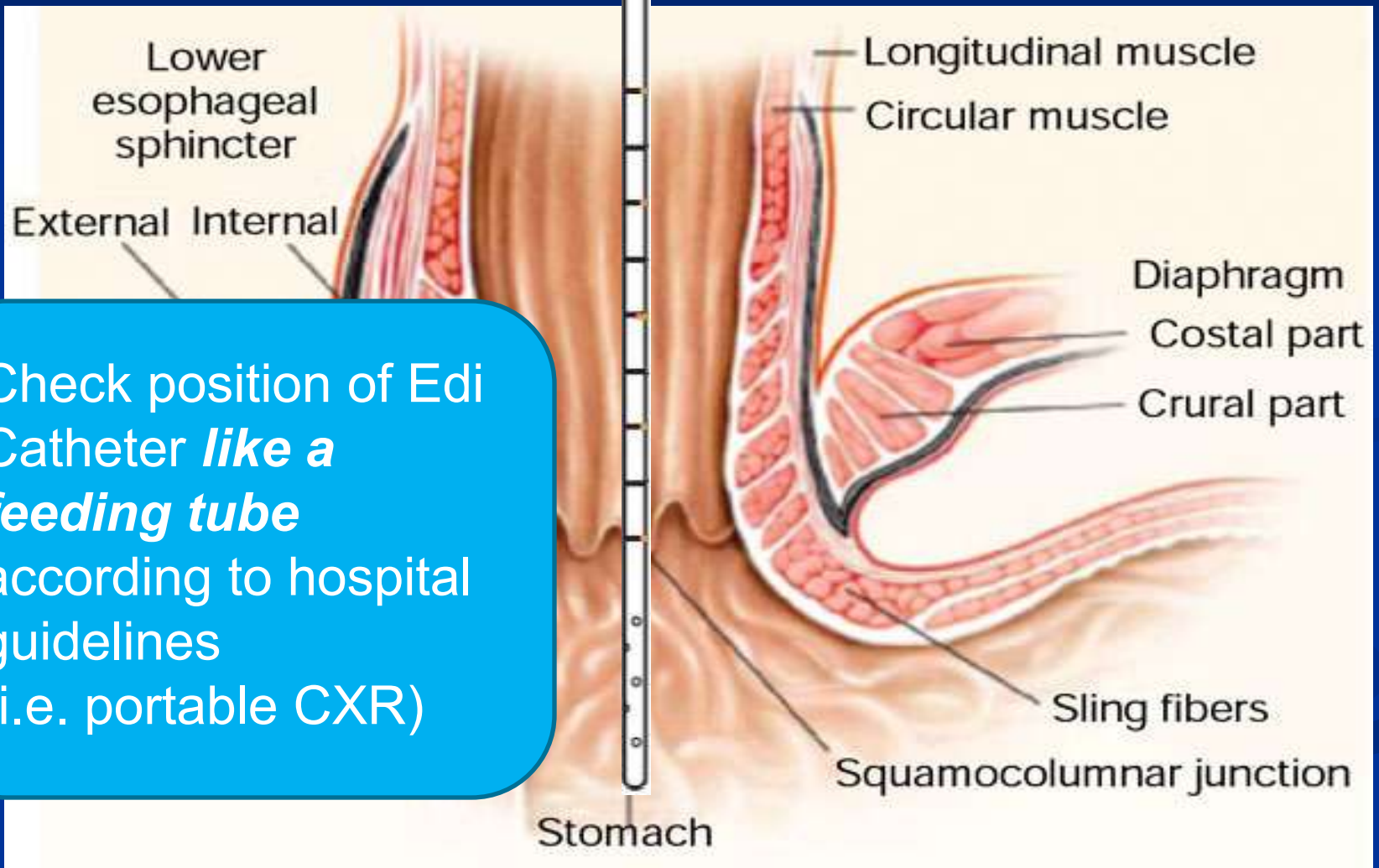
Insertion distance Y for oral insertion	
Fr/cm	Calculation of Y
16 Fr	$NEX \text{ cm} \cdot 0.8 + 18 = Y \text{ cm}$
12 Fr	$NEX \text{ cm} \cdot 0.8 + 15 = Y \text{ cm}$
8 Fr 125 cm	$NEX \text{ cm} \cdot 0.8 + 18 = Y \text{ cm}$
8 Fr 100 cm	$NEX \text{ cm} \cdot 0.8 + 8 = Y \text{ cm}$
6 Fr 50 cm	$NEX \text{ cm} \cdot 0.8 + 3.5 = Y \text{ cm}$
6 Fr 49 cm	$NEX \text{ cm} \cdot 0.8 + 2.5 = Y \text{ cm}$



Catheter Insertion:

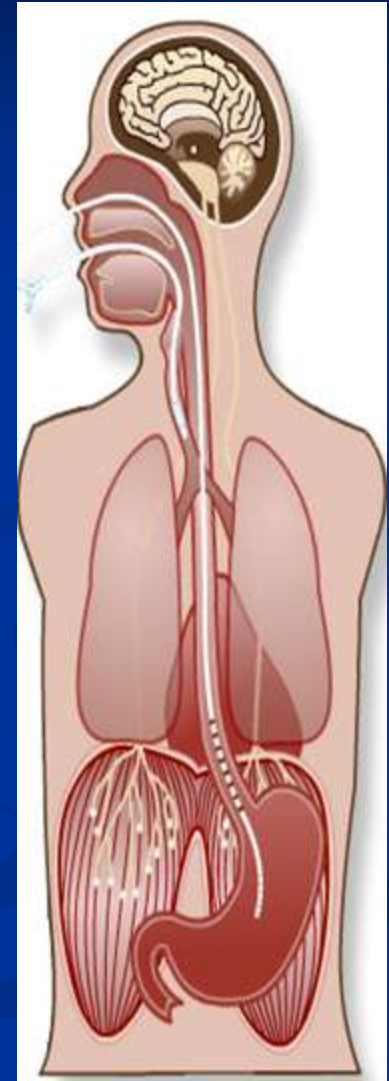
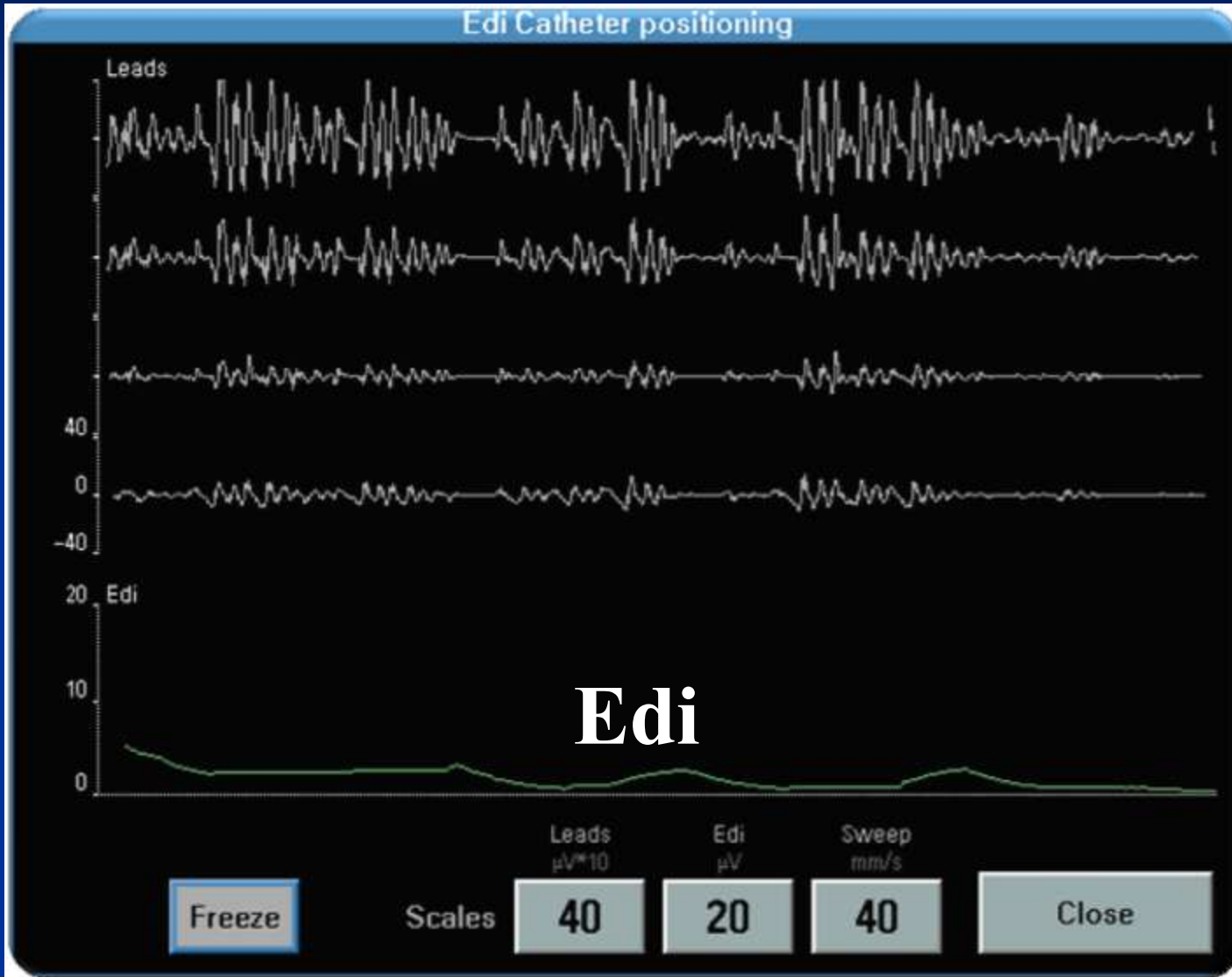


Edi Catheter Insertion:



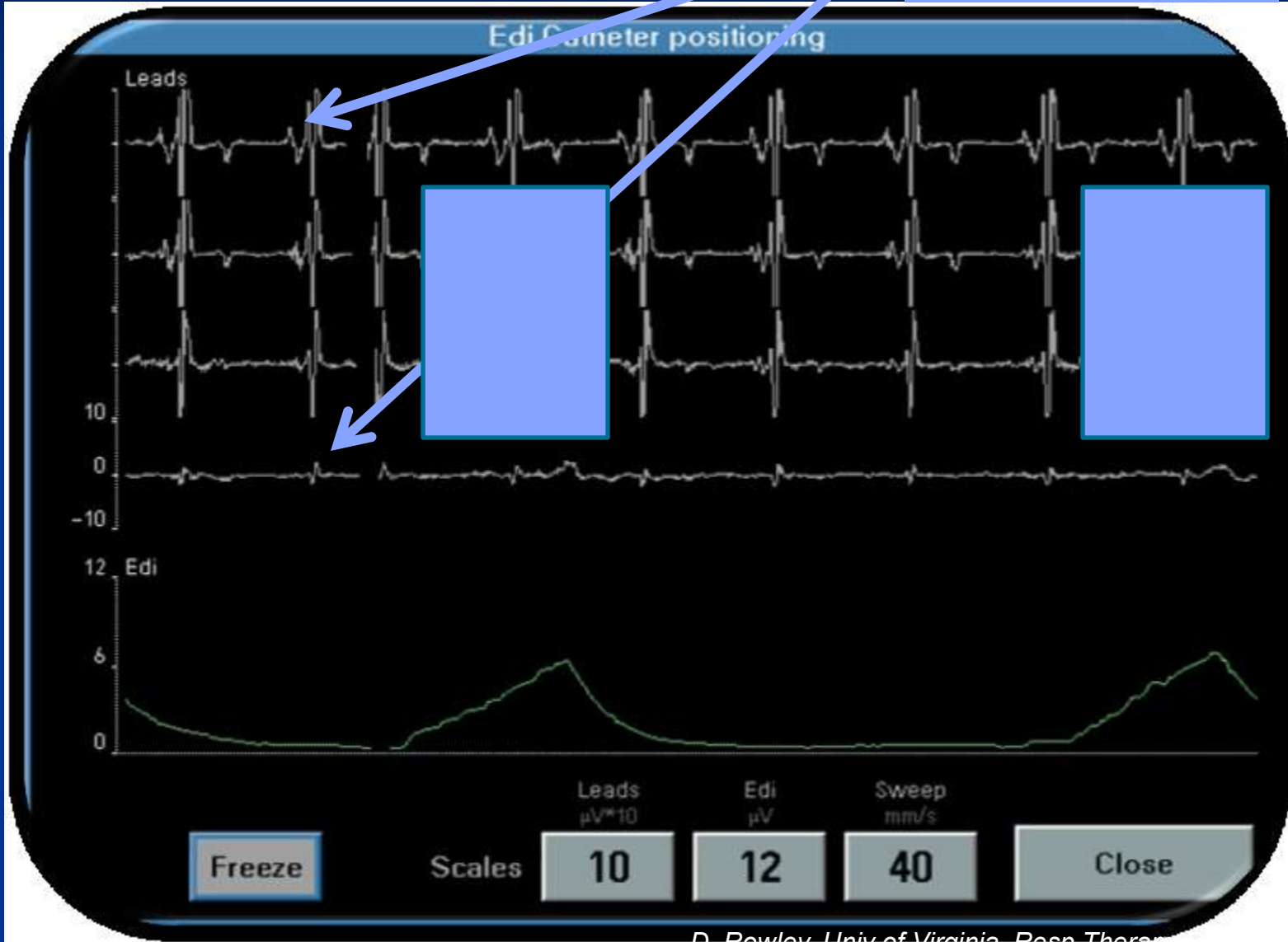
Check position of Edi Catheter *like a feeding tube* according to hospital guidelines (i.e. portable CXR)

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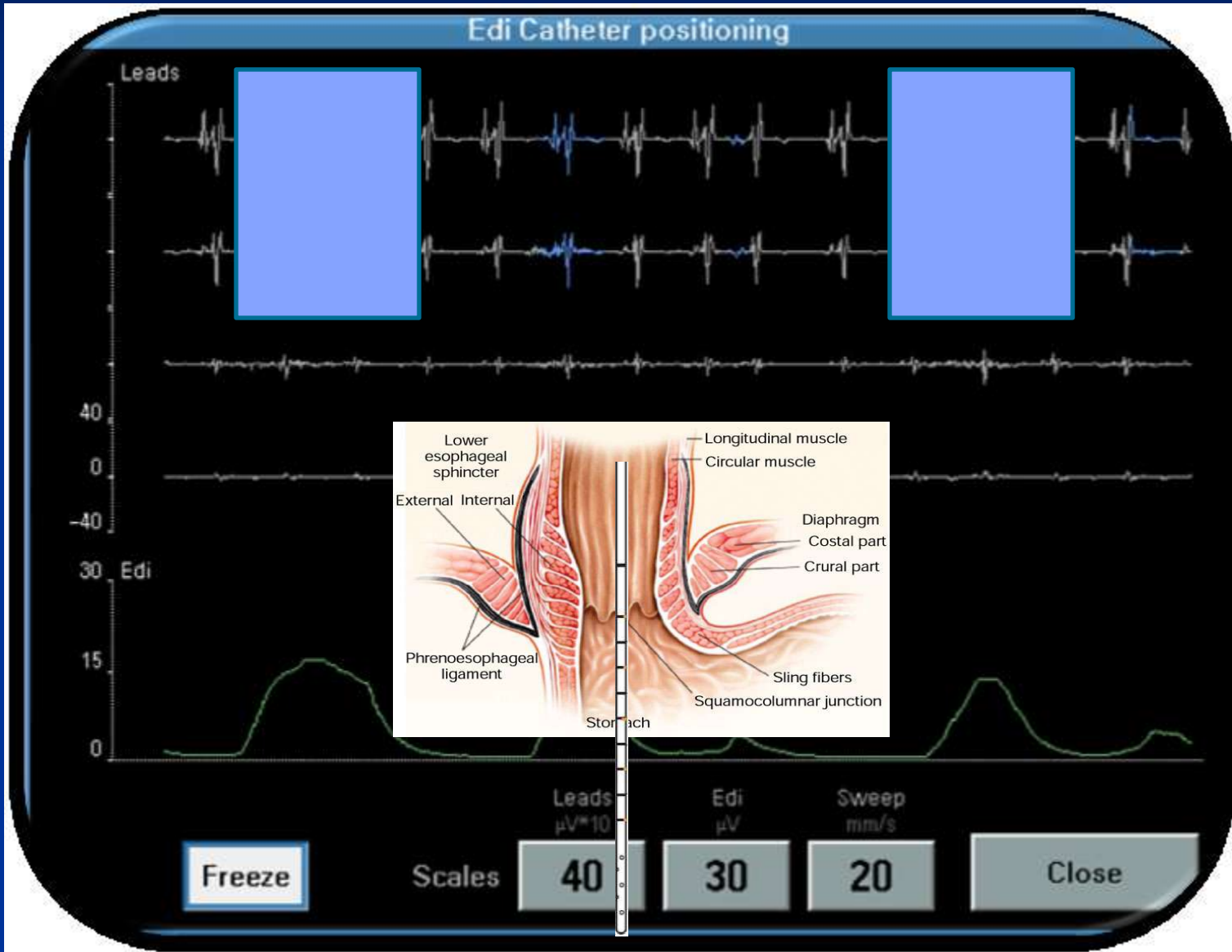


Good position:

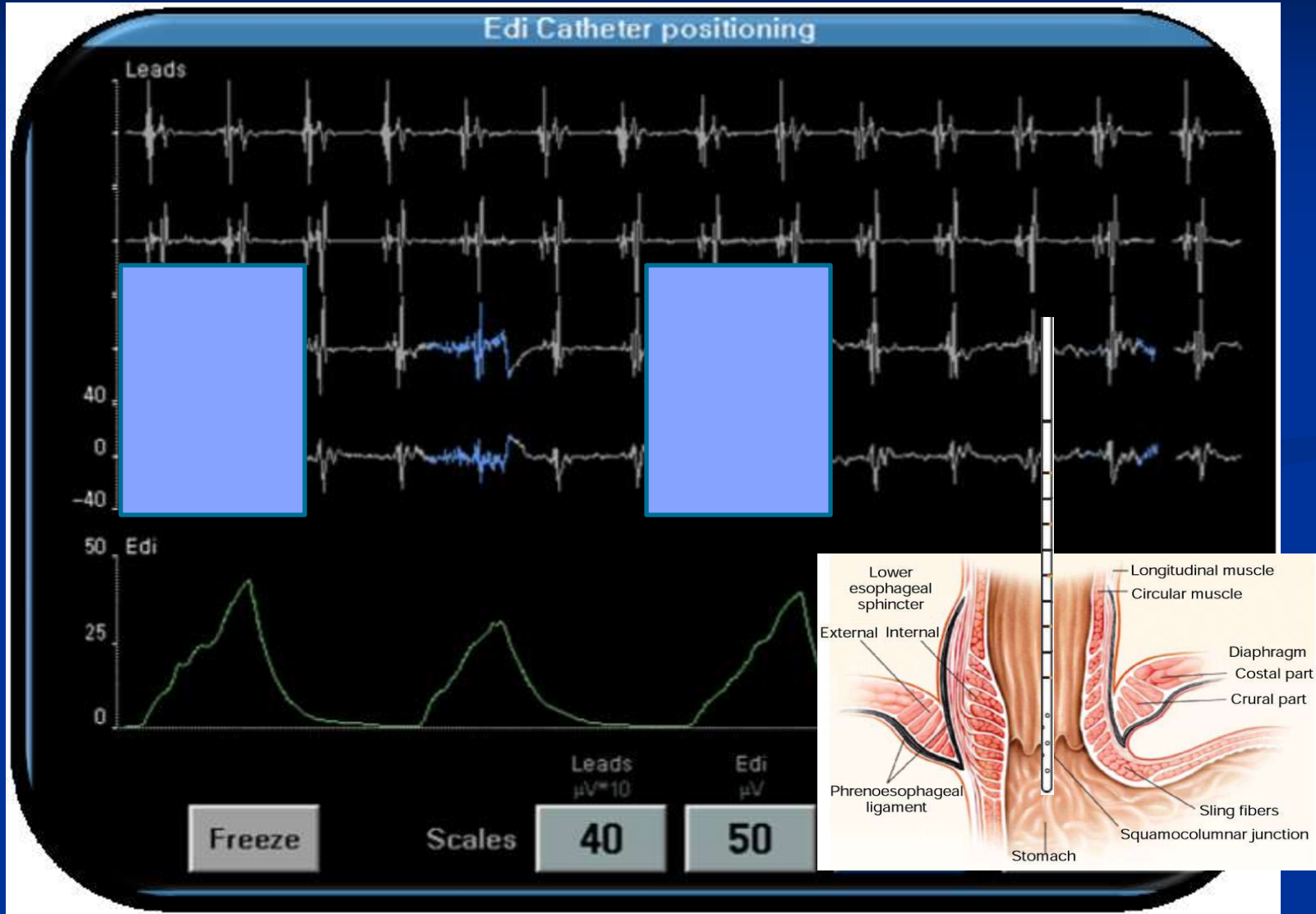
P-wave / QRS
Progression



Too Deep... (pull catheter back)

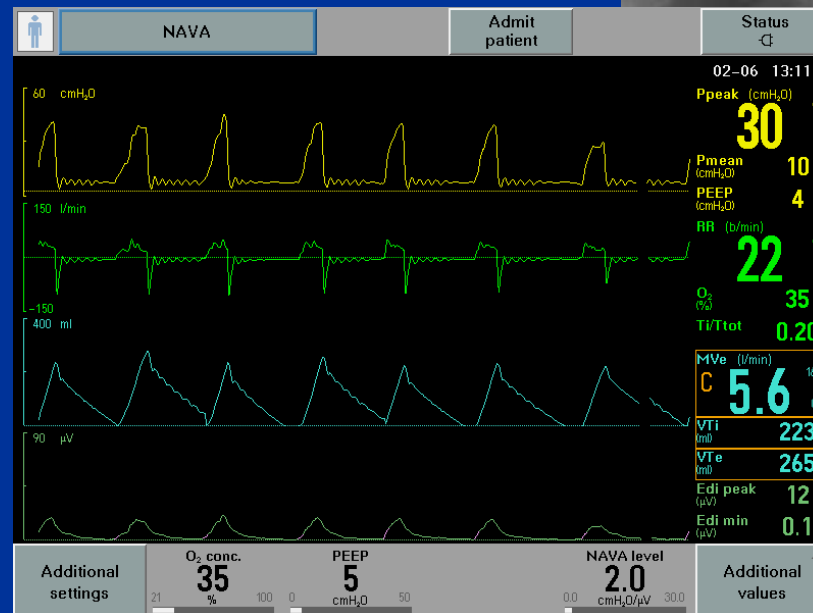
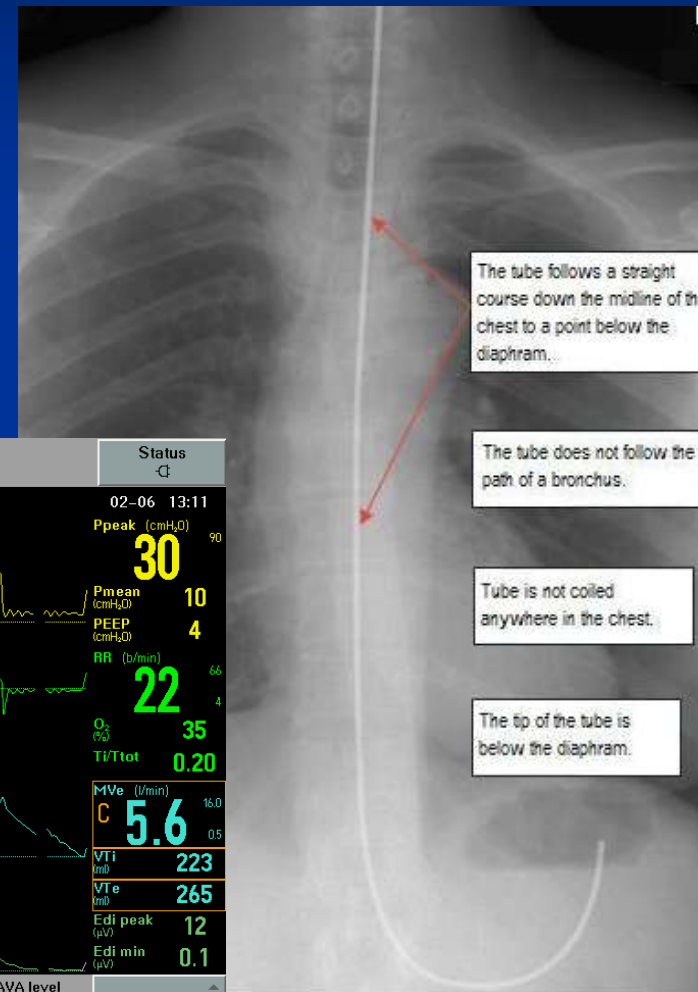


Too Shallow.. (advance catheter)

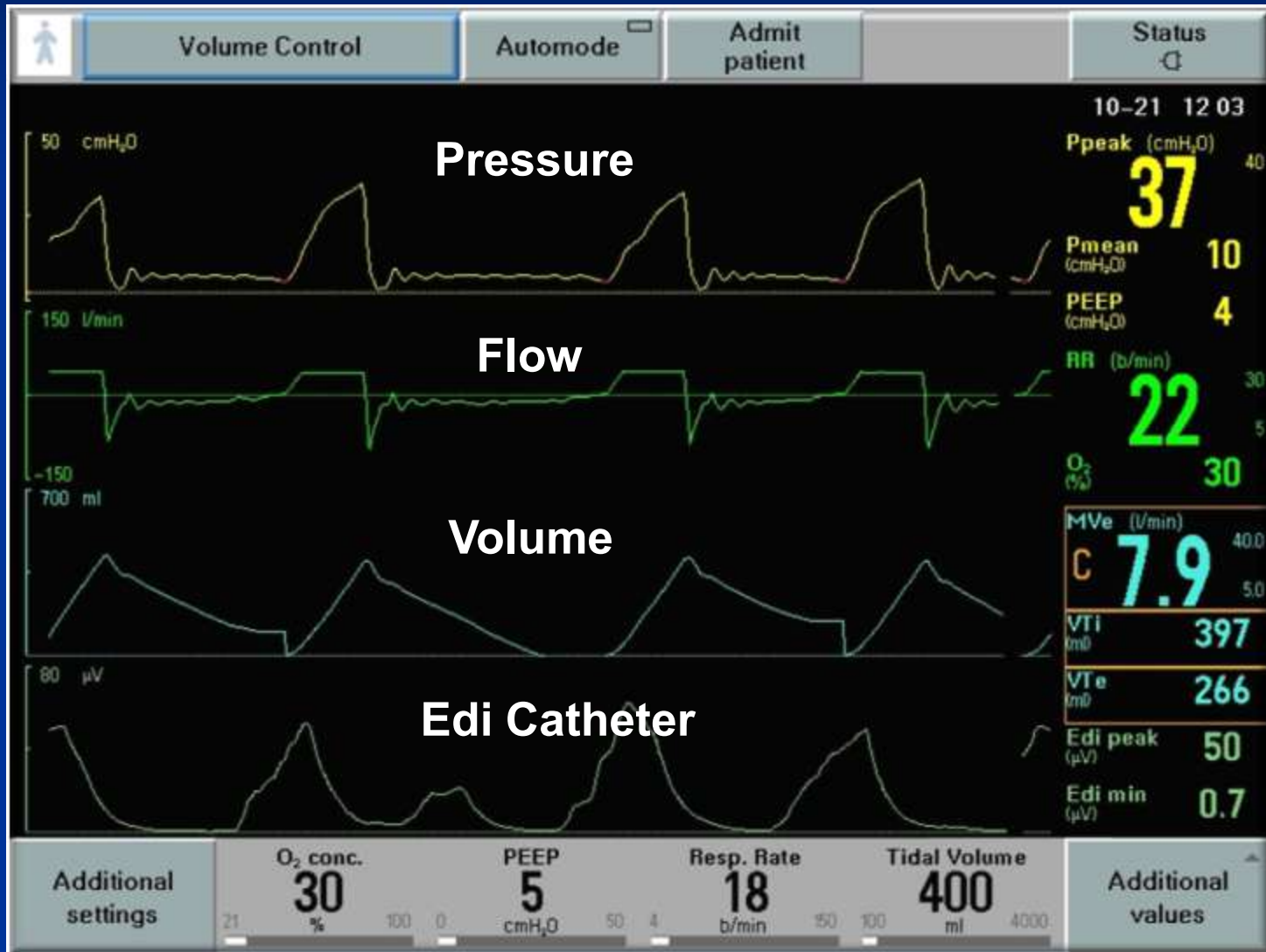


Factors affecting Edi signal:

- Muscle relaxants / paralytics
- CNS depressant drugs, sedation
- Hyperventilation
- High PEEP , High support pressure



Volume Control with Edi:

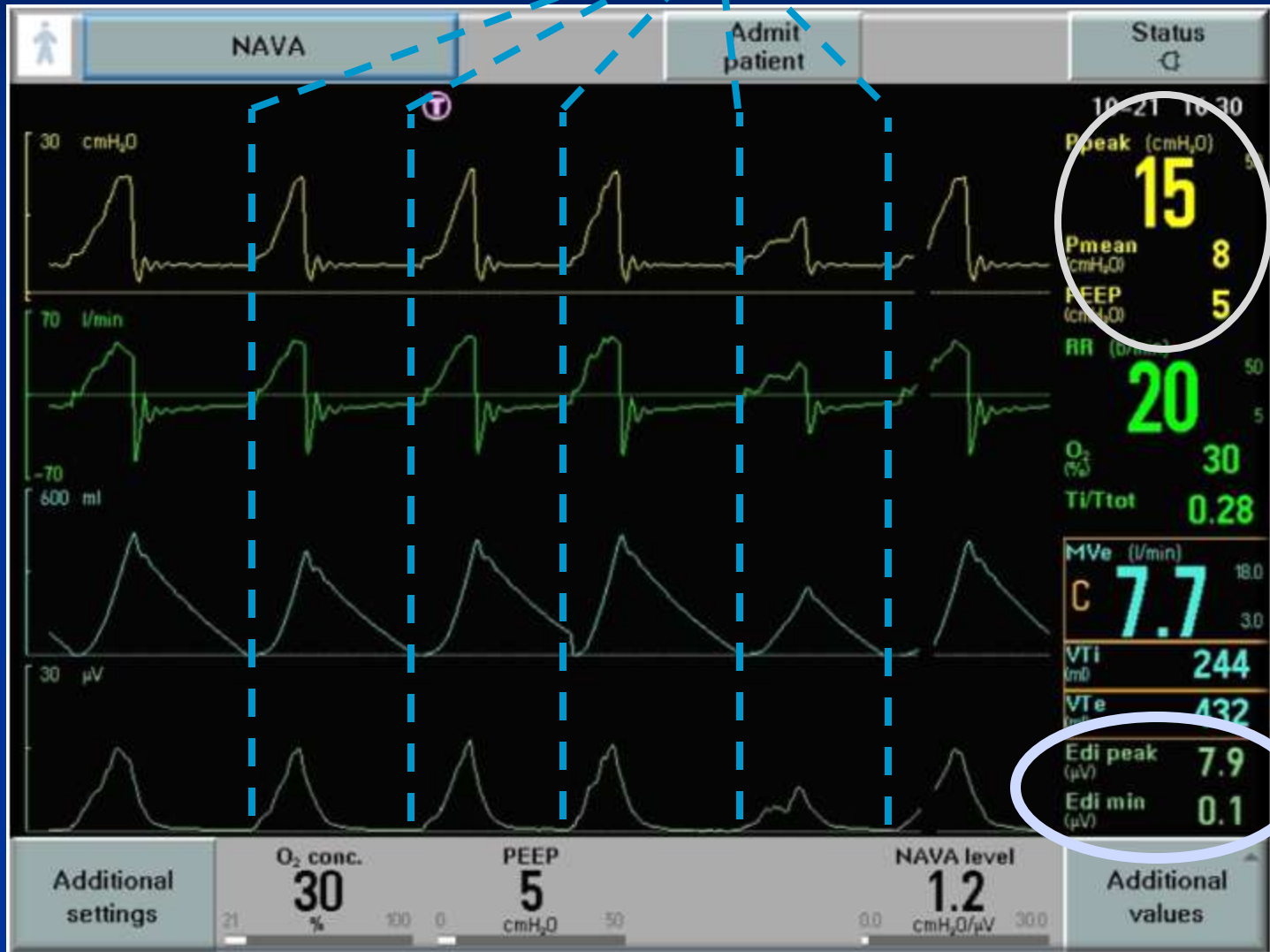


NAVA Pre-view: *unmasking asynchrony*



Same patient on NAVA:

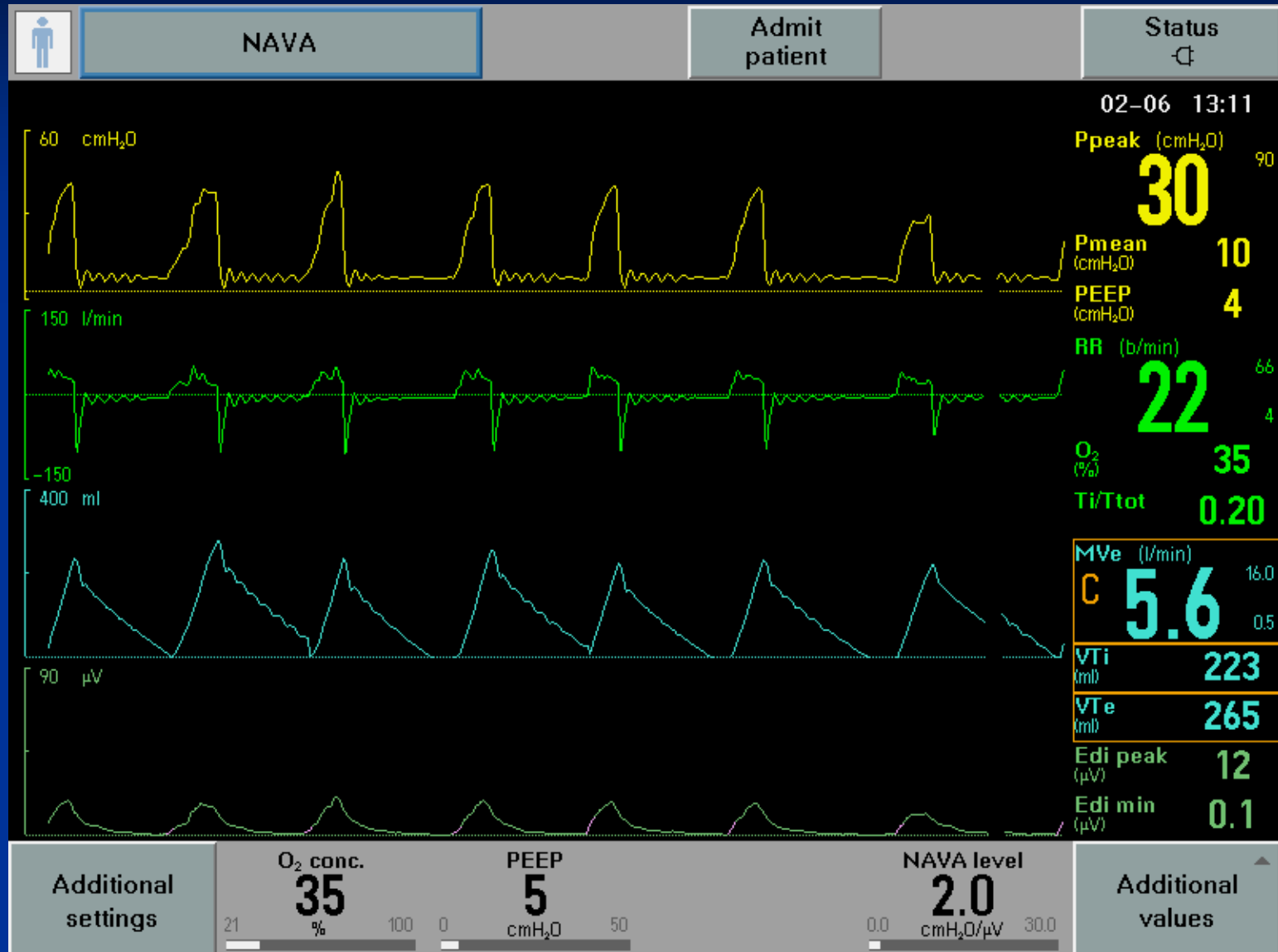
Breath to Breath Synchrony
Decreased Airway Pressure



Asynchrony during VC:



Same Patient on NAVA:



Set Ventilation Mode

NAVA

NAVA Ppeak est. 20 cmH₂O

Basic

NAVA level
1.2
cmH₂O/ μ V

PEEP
5
cmH₂O

O₂ conc.
30
%

Trigg. Edi

Trigg. Edi
0.5
 μ V

0.1-2.0 micro volts

Pressure Support

Trigg. Flow
2

Insp. cycle off
30
%

PS above PEEP
18
cmH₂O

Backup ventilation

PC above PEEP
20
cmH₂O

Apnea Backup

Show Previous Mode

time: 11:49

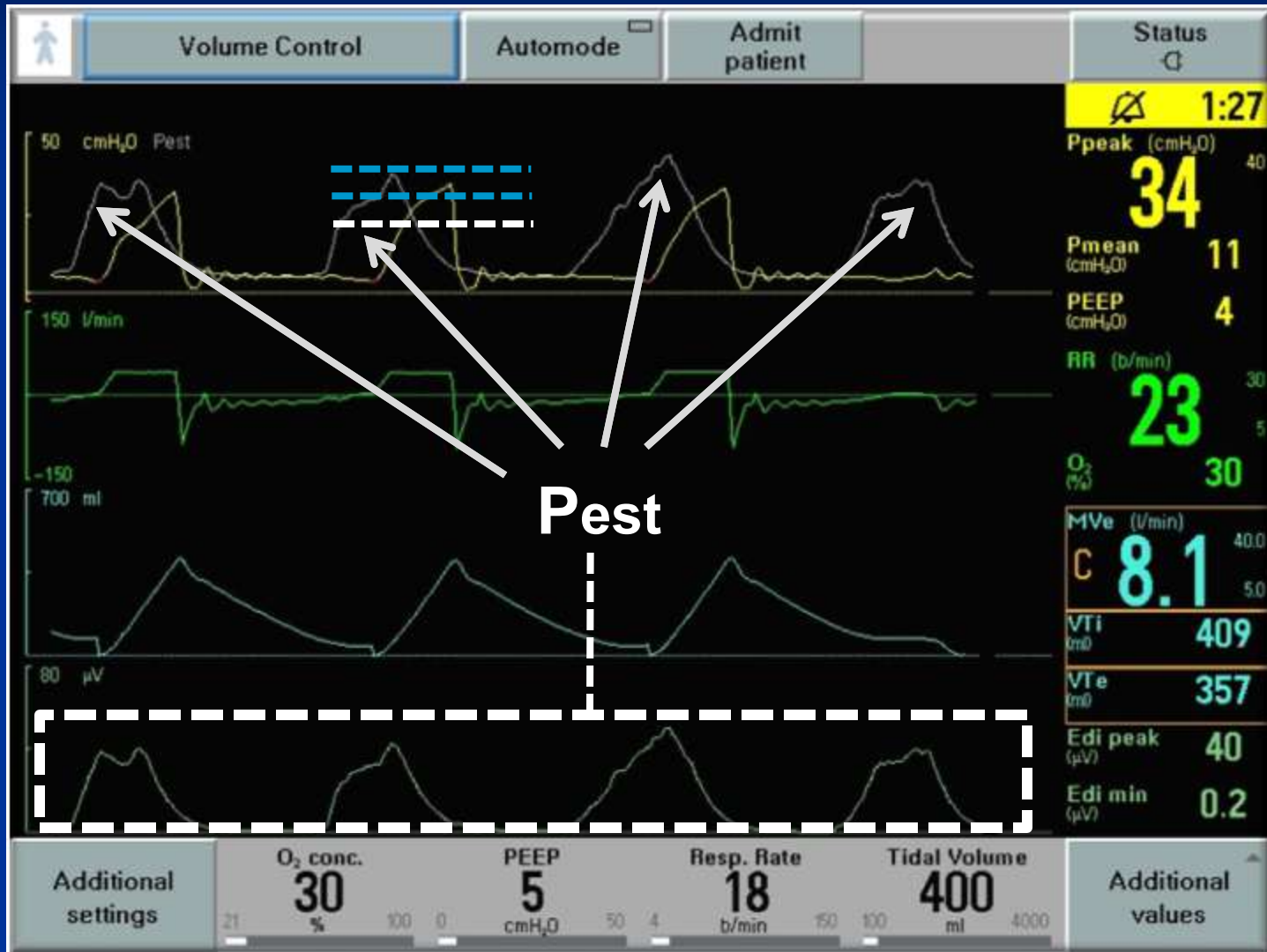
Cancel

Accept

Starting NAVA: Preview Screen



Increase NAVA level until **Pest peak** = current PAP



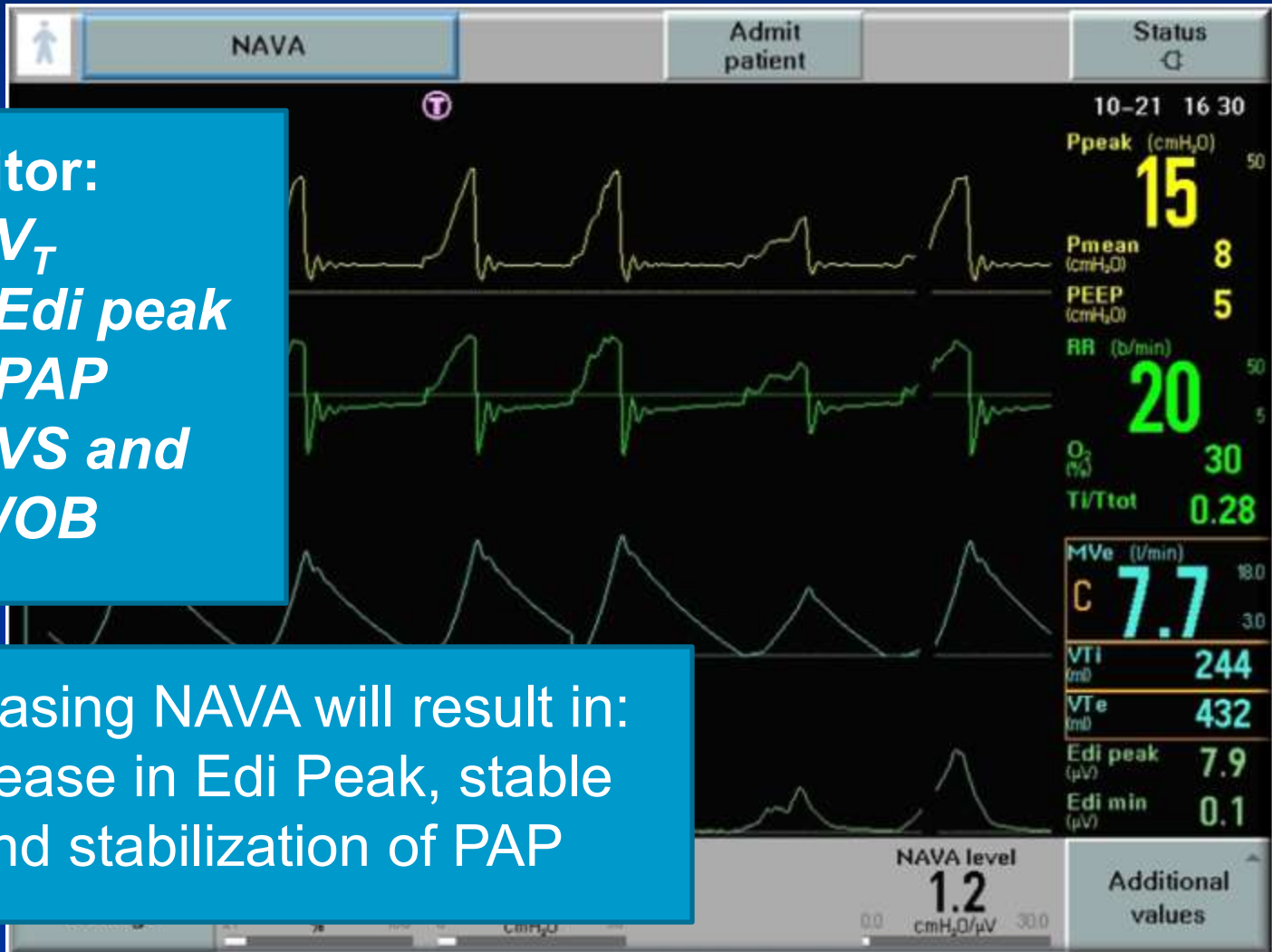
Estimated Ppeak (Pest) in NAVA = NAVA Level x (Edi peak – Edi min) + PEEP

Activate NAVA mode

Monitor:

- V_T
- *Edi peak*
- *PAP*
- *VS and WOB*

Increasing NAVA will result in:
Decrease in Edi Peak, stable V_t , and stabilization of PAP



NAVA Inspiration:

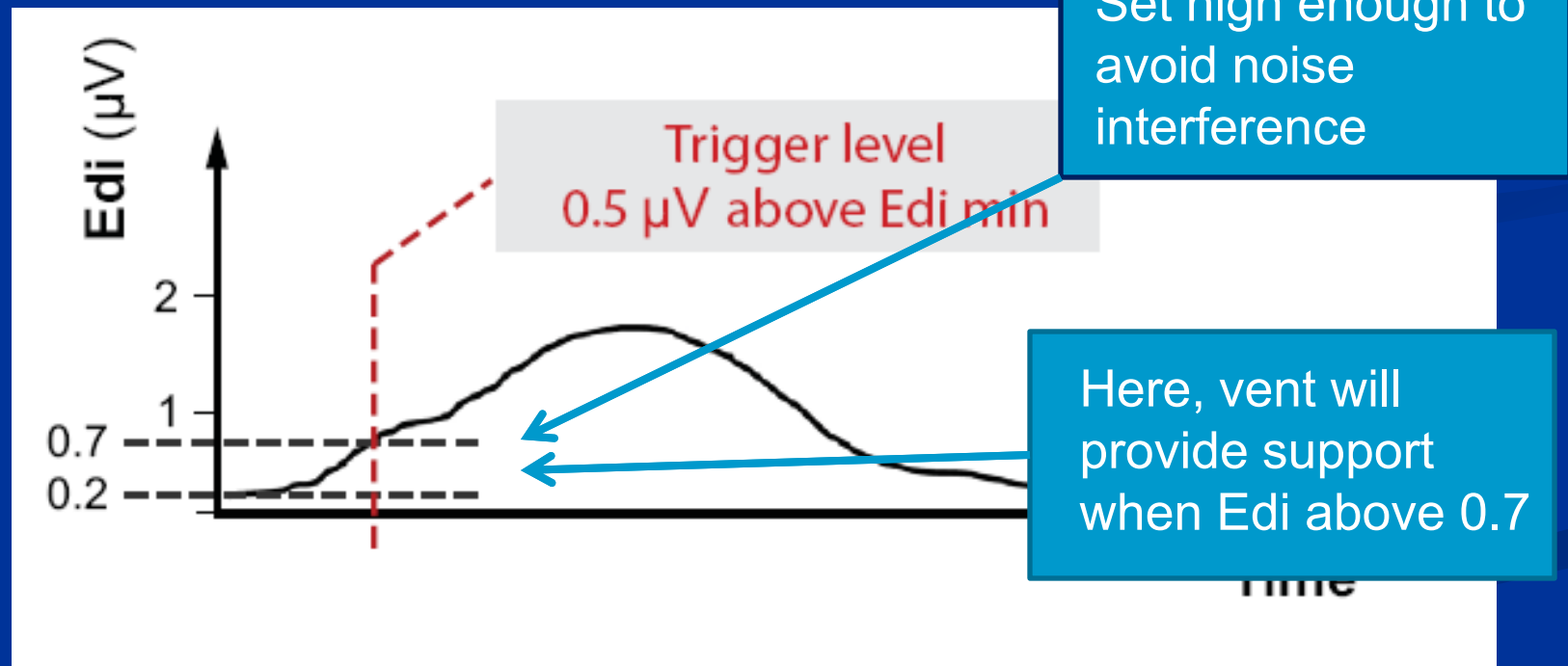
- Triggering of a breath is either **Edi**, **flow** or **pressure** trigger
- Even if the breath is triggered on flow or pressure, **the breath delivered to the patient remains proportional to the patient's Edi signal**
- **1st come 1st serve basis**



1: Edi Triggered Breath
2: Flow Triggered Breath

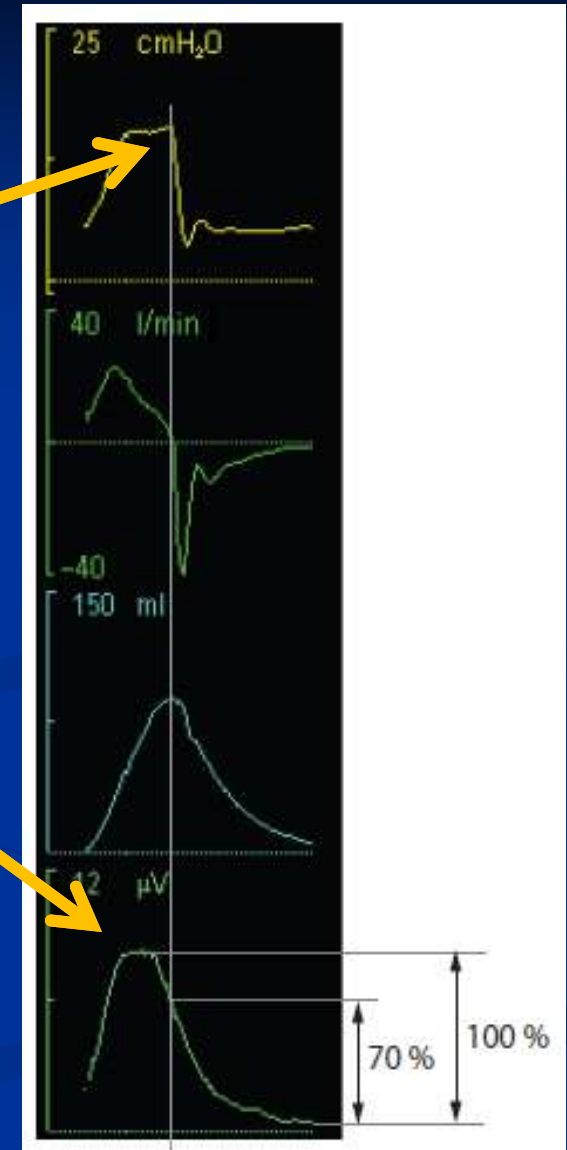
NAVA Inspiratory Trigger:

- NAVA is triggered by an increase in Ed_i from the Ed_i minimum and not at any absolute level of Ed_i



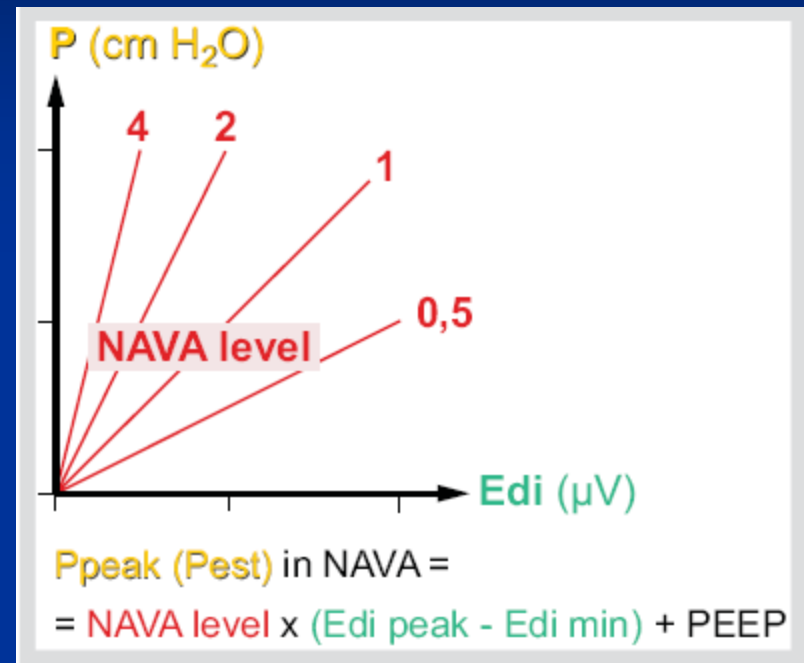
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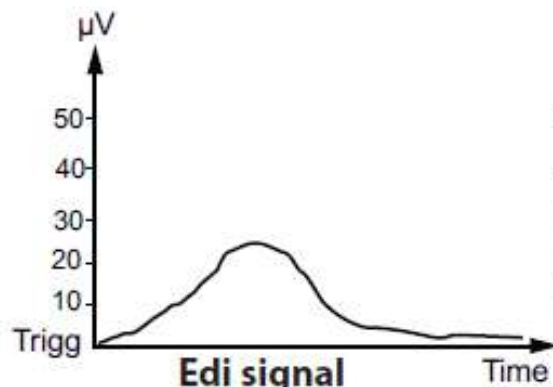
- If the **pressure** increases 3 cmH₂O above the inspiratory target pressure
- When the Edi signal decreases **below 70%** of the peak value during the ongoing inspiration
- Also, If the upper pressure/time limit is exceeded
(time for adults = 2.5 sec)



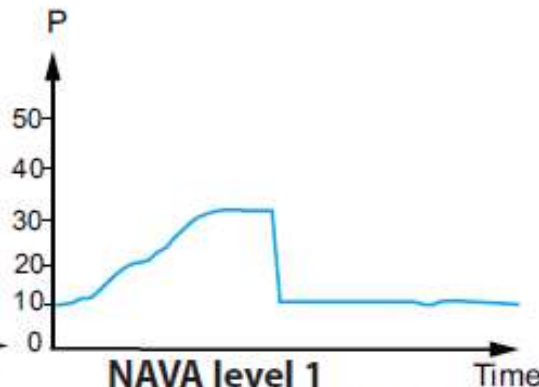
The NAVA signal – *what it means*

- NAVA level is **the factor by which the Edi signal is multiplied to adjust the amount of assist delivered to the patient**
- NAVA level **varies** for different patients because they will require different assist levels.
- Typically **1.0 - 4.0** cmH₂O/ μ V

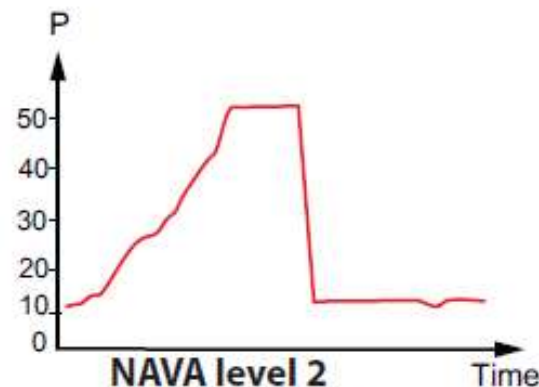




Edi signal
 Edi peak 22 μV
 Edi min 0.2 μV



NAVA level 1
 Set PEEP 10 cmH_2O
 Estimated P peak 31.8 cmH_2O
 $((22-0.2) \times 1 + 10 = 31.8)$



NAVA level 2
 Set PEEP 10 cmH_2O
 Estimated P peak 53.6 cmH_2O
 $((22-0.2) \times 2 + 10 = 53.6)$

The pressure delivered by the ventilator is derived from the following formula:

NAVA level x (Edi signal – Edi min) + PEEP

NAVA: Physiologic Principles

- Neural signal is increased as respiratory muscles weaken relative to load
- Synchrony in assist delivery is inherent
- Unloading can be done objectively
- Proportional assist gives freedom for variable breathing
- Patient 'Oscillator' controls breath timing and tidal volume

What we know so far...

- NAVA Improves patient ventilator synchrony (potentially less sedation)
- Allows real time monitoring of respiratory drive
- Adapts to patient's altered respiratory drive and reflexes
- Less damage to muscles, less disuse atrophy

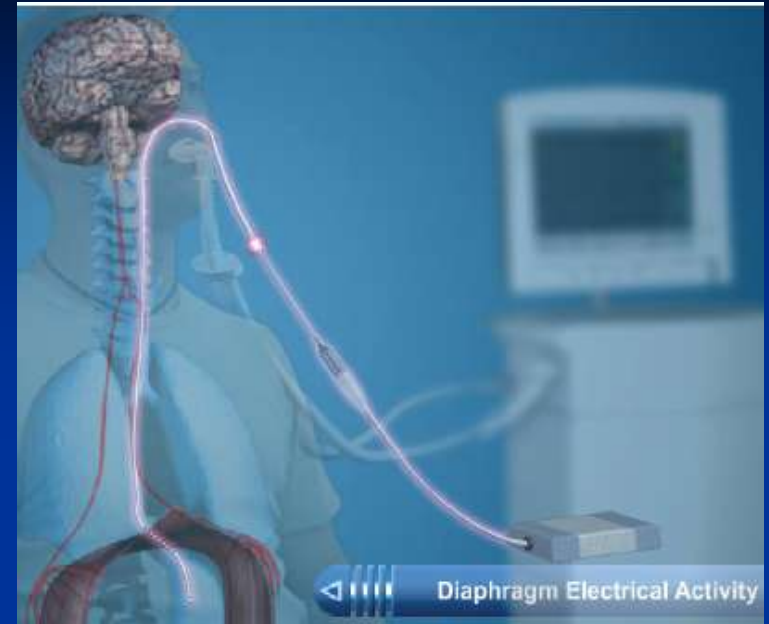


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Applications

- Good tool for weaning..
 - Can **watch Edi signal decrease as respiratory function improves**
- Proportional assist gives freedom for variable breathing
- The patient will control **Tidal Volume & Respiratory Rate**



Applications:

- Spinal Cord Injury
- Cardiothoracic surgery
- Edi signal as a tool to detect over-sedation and neuromuscular recover (ie. Guillan Bare)



Limitations:

- Lack of large randomized clinical trials
- Uncertainty whether synchrony leads to better outcome
- Reliability of equipment – NAVA Catheter integrity after prolonged ventilation
- Cost of equipment and resources

