

Respiratory failure

(Respiratory insufficiency)

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Respiratory failure – definition

- Failure of ability to secure the metabolic needs of organism i.e. proper oxygenation and excretion of CO₂

Clinical signs of RF are **not always present**, it is necessary the examination of **blood gases**

For diagnosis is necessary:
to follow development of clinical signs and blood gas analysis

Sings and symptoms

- Dyspnea
- Tachypnea
- Hypoxemia

Result of non adequate gasses exchange are acid base disturbances.

Presence of acidosis is not main criterion for setting diagnosis, but acid base shift (movement) allows to define duration, cause and followed treatment of RF.

**We should evaluate :
respiratory and metabolic part,
level of compensation,
if the disorder is acute or chronic**

- **Partial respiratory failure** (hypoxemia) – Type 1

$\text{PaO}_2 < 55 - 60$ torr

$\text{PaCO}_2 < 40$ torr

PA-aO_2 increased (over 10 torr)

- **Global RF** (hypoxemia + hypercapnia) – Type 2
hypoxemia + retention of CO_2)

$\text{PaO}_2 < 55 - 60$ torr

$\text{PaCO}_2 > 45$ torr

PA-aO_2 normal or increased

pH decreased

Acute /Astma bronchiale, /ARDS

- begin within minutes and days
- hypoxemia
- respiratory alkalosis or acidosis
- immediatly life threatening

Chronic /COPD/

- begin within days or months/years
- hypoxemia
- hypercapnia and metabolic compensation
- pulmonary hypertension
- potentioonnaly life threatening

Based on this evaluation we have 3 types of resp. acidosis:

- **Acute:** resp. acidosis - non compensated
- **Acute mixed:** (respiratory+metabolic) - non compensated
- **Chronic:** respiratory acidosis - partially or fully compensated

From clinical view:

- **Partial** (hypoxemic RF, hypoxemia) **Type 1**
- **Global** (hypoxemia + hyperkapnia) **Type 2**

Etiology of RF

Lung pathology

Obstructive diseases

Upper airways (Laryngitis, Epiglottitis)

Lower airways (Astma bronchiale, COPD,)

Restrictive diseases (ARDS, Pneumonia, Cystic fibrosis, Emphysema)

Trauma of lung (contusion, PNO, Hemo, Fluido)

Outside lung pathology

Cardiac dysfunction (Pulm.edema: Arrhythmia, Congestive heart failure, Valve pathology)

Neurological disease (Cerebrovascular Accident, CNS, stem, perif.nn.)

muscles or chest diseases wall

Intoxic. with drugs (Mo, diazepins) that supress resp.

Arterial hypoxemia

Definition: decreased partial pressure of oxygen in blood less than 60mmHg /8,0kPa or causing Hb O₂ saturation of less than 90%

Causes

- a) low concentration in inspired gas (FiO₂)
- b) alveolar hypoventilation
- c) impaired oxygen diffusion
- d) ventilation - perfusion inequality
- e) shunt
- f) desaturation of mixed venous blood

Hypoxemie – etiology

atelectasis

diffuse lung infiltrations

oedema

ARDS

unilateral lung diseases

Shunt (Q_s / Q_t) =

% of venous blood with no contact with fully healthy alveolo-capillary membrane

Normal values 3 – 5 %

Need of mechanical ventilation - about 30%

Hypoxemic index

$$PaO_2 / FiO_2$$

normal values above 400

need of MV below 200

shows, how is the function of lung impaired
regardless of etiology of lung disease

Therapy

T1 respiratory failure: oxygen therapy

T2 respiratory failure: (oxygen therapy and
also need of elimination of CO₂) =
mechanical ventilation

Oxygen therapy goals:

- **Concentration** of oxygen
flow v. rebreathing
(n. canula, f. mask, rebreathin mask, CPAP mask)
- **Warm**
- **Wet** nebulisation
(humidification – in mechanical ventilation
also use for drug administration:
broncholytics, mucolytics)

Toxicity of oxygen

- Emergency situations - no problem
- Chronic applications: over hours (14 hours?)
 - danger concentr. $> 50\%$
 - retrolental fibroplasia
 - brochopulmonal dysplasia
 - lungs fibrosis

Mechanical ventilation

CMV – control /continuous/ mechanical ventilation

IPPV - intermittent positive pressure ventilation

1. Total ventilatory support
2. Partial ventilatory support

CMV

- **Volume control ventilation - VCV**
- **Pressure control ventilation - PCV**
- **Intermittent mandatory ventilation - IMV**
- **Synchr. interm. mand. ventilation**
 - sIMV**
 - PsIMV**
 - VsIMV**

Objectives

- ① Understand how ventilators control breath delivery - phase, type and control variables.
- ① Understand the basic adjuncts and modes of ventilation.

Phase Variables

- ③ Trigger (start)- begins inspiratory flow
- ③ Cycling (end)- ends inspiratory flow
- ③ Limiting (continue)- places a maximum value on a "control variable"
 - pressure
 - volume
 - flow
 - time

Breath Type... Only Two (for now)!

① Mandatory

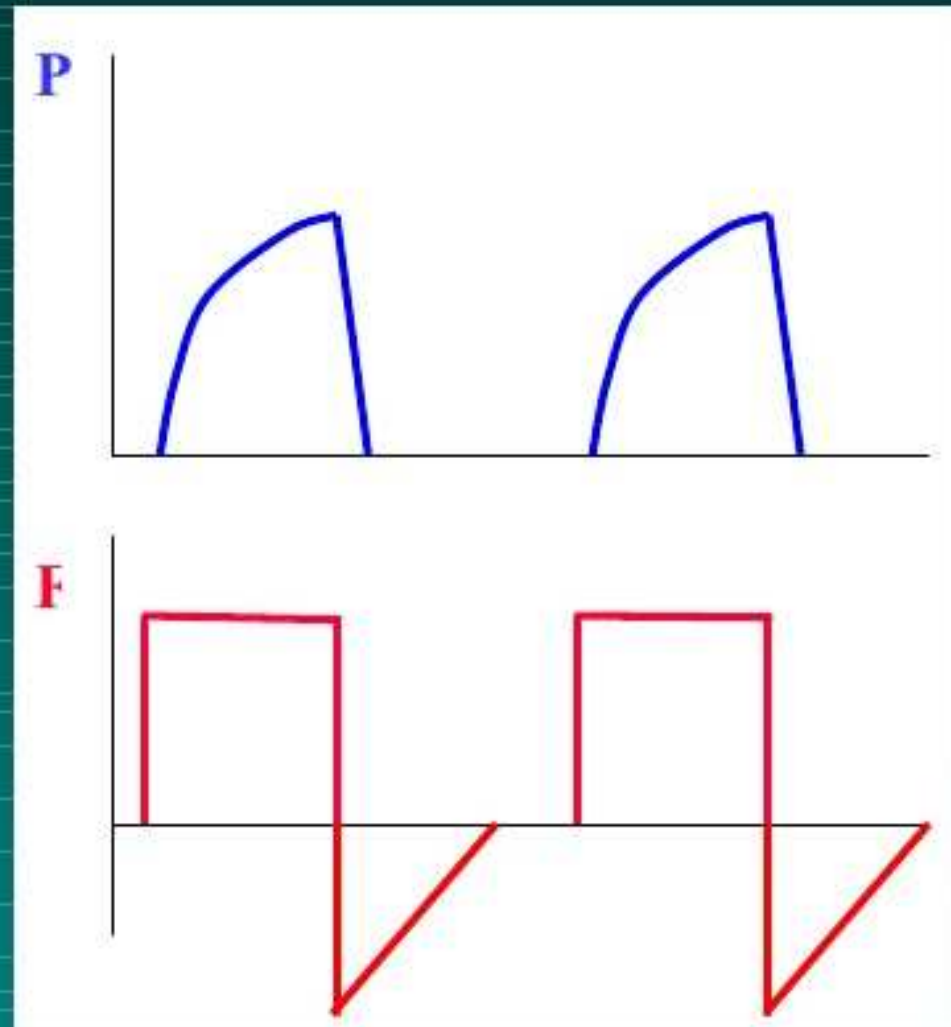
- Ventilator does the work
- Ventilator controls start and stop

② Spontaneous

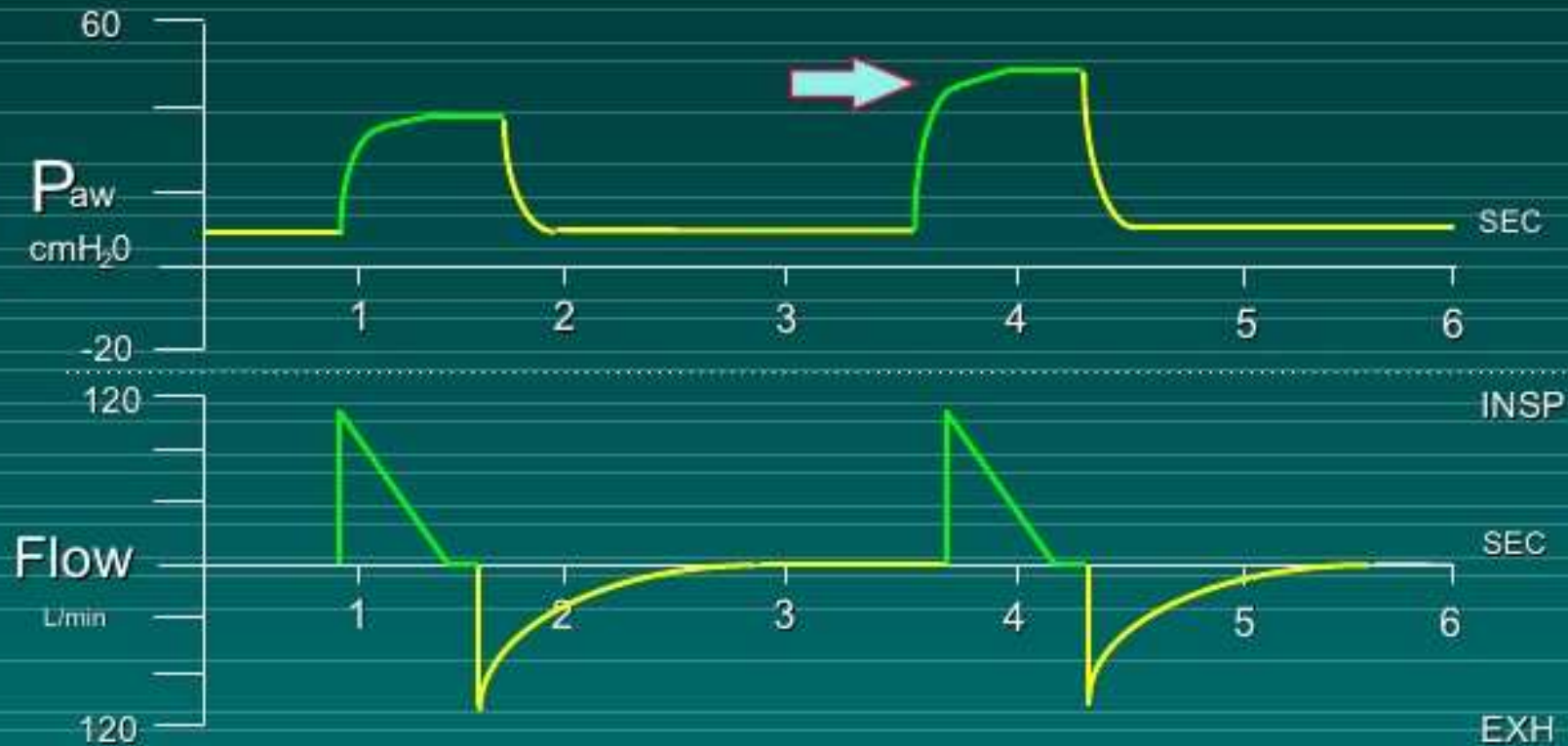
- Patient takes on work
- Patient controls start and stop

Control

Ⓜ Delivery of a mandatory breath at a set time interval - time is the trigger to start the breath



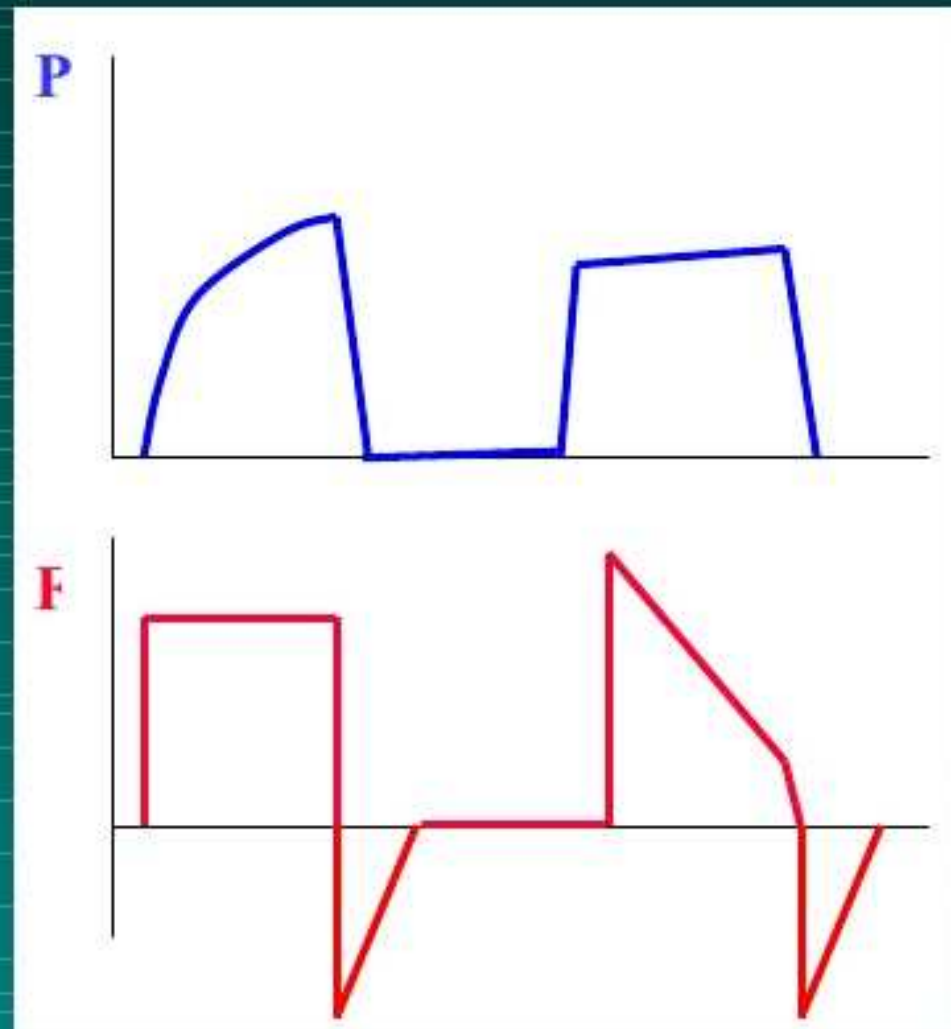
Volume Control Breath Types



If compliance decreases the pressure increases to maintain the same V_t

Pressure Control Ventilation - PCV

® The ventilator delivers a set pressure limit over a set inspiratory time



Volume vs...

Pressure Control Ventilation

Volume Ventilation

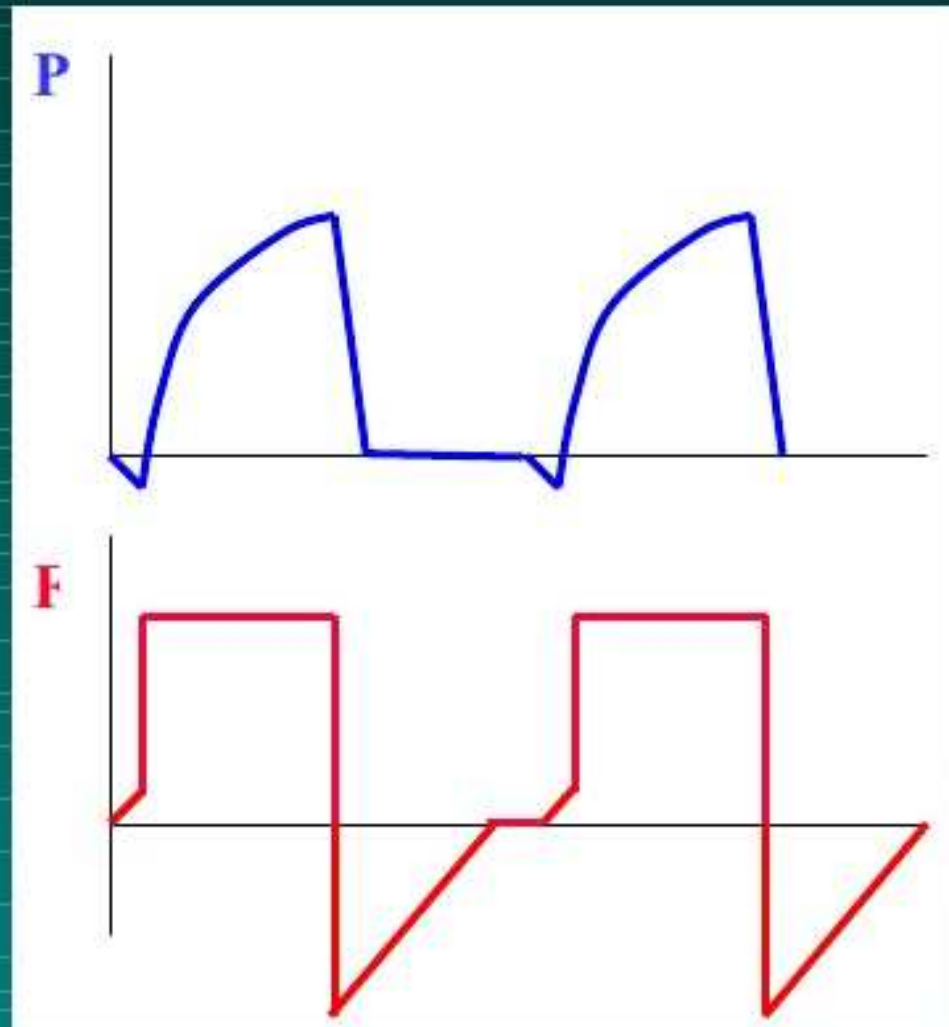
- ① Volume delivery constant
- ① Inspiratory pressure varies
- ① Inspiratory flow constant
- ① Inspiratory time determined by set flow and V_T

Pressure Ventilation

- ① Volume delivery varies
- ① Inspiratory pressure constant
- ① Inspiratory flow varies
- ① Inspiratory time set by clinician

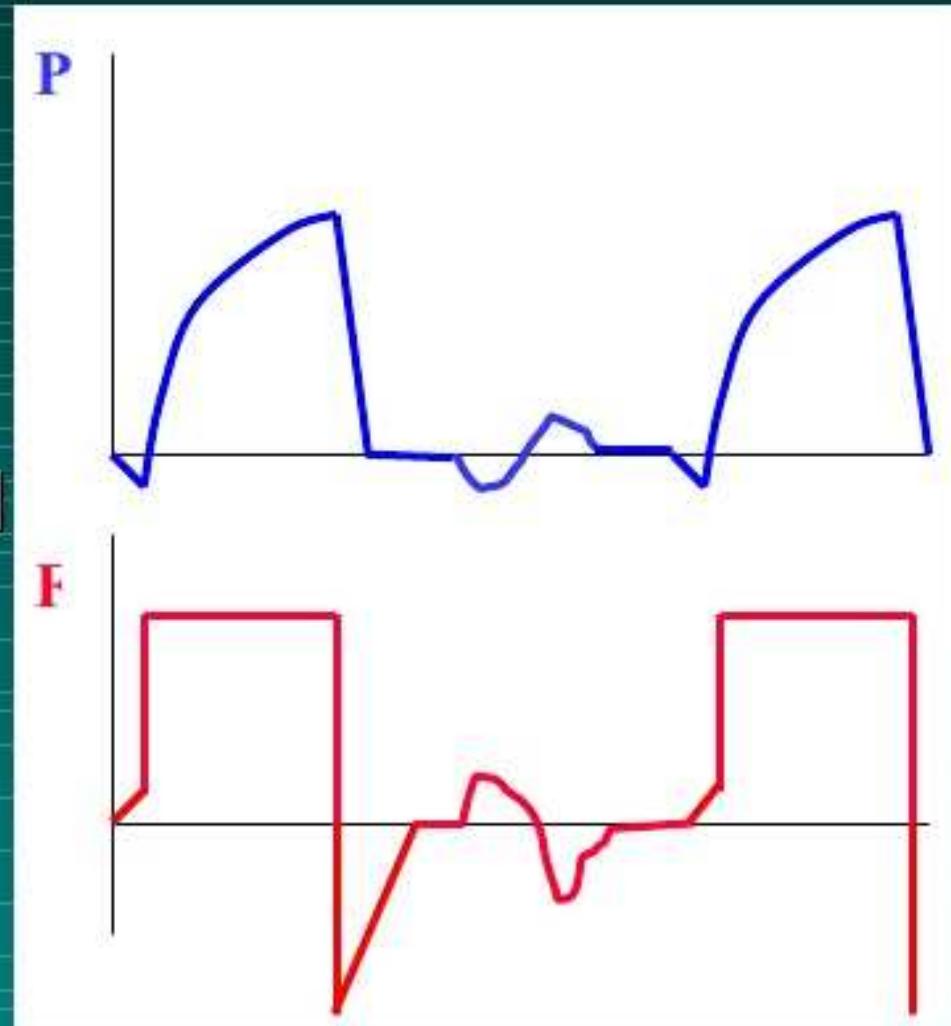
Assist, Assist Control

Ⓜ Patient is able to trigger the start of inspiration



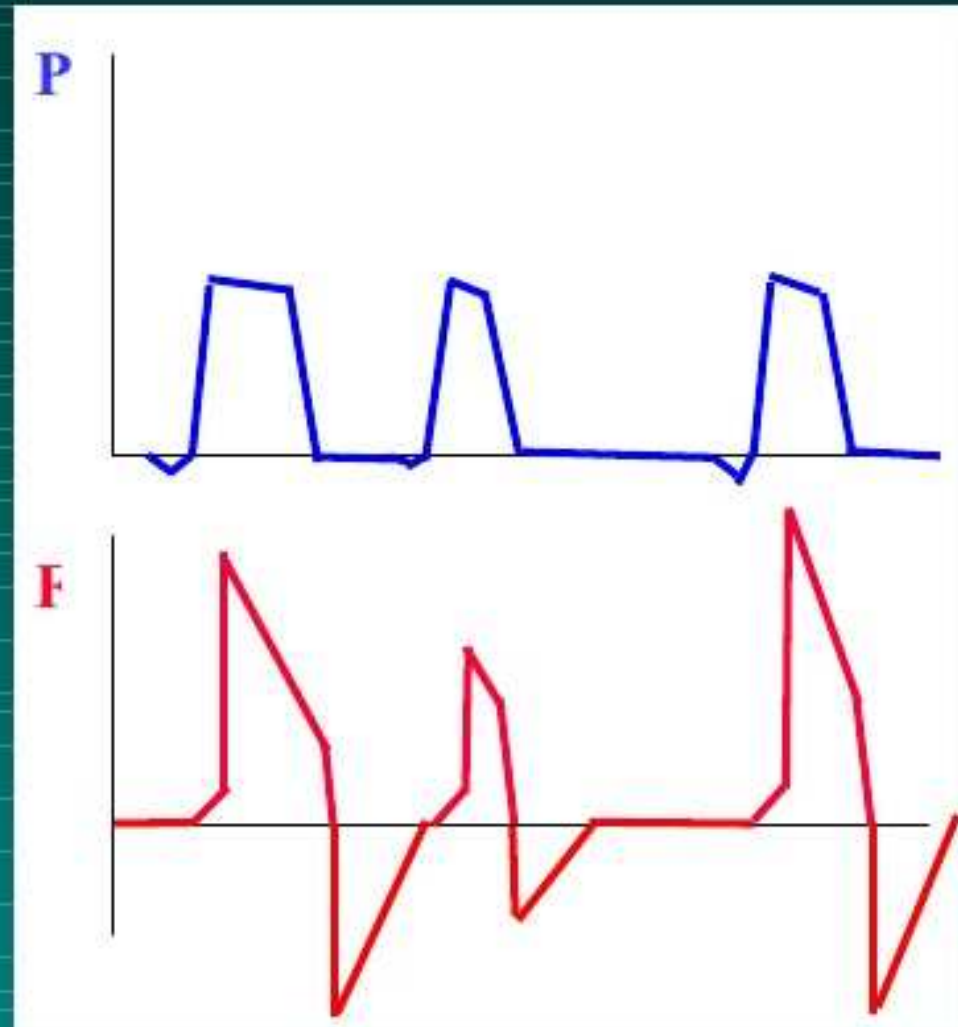
Synchronize Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation - SIMV

- ① A minimum mandatory breath rate is set with spontaneous breathing supported between the mandatory cycles



Pressure Support Ventilation - PSV

® The ventilator delivers a set pressure limit with end inspiration driven by the patient



Safety Issue - PSV

- ① PSV is a spontaneous mode of ventilation, therefore the patient must demonstrate they can trigger the ventilator and that volumes are appropriate
- ① High and low rate, apnea, and high and low tidal volume alarms need to be assessed

Potential Complications of MV

④ Ventilator malfunction

- Manually ventilate patient

④ Barotrauma

- Alveolar rupture due to overdistention
- Monitor PIP, breath sounds Pulmonary

④ Oxygen toxicity

- goal: $FIO_2 \leq .50$ and $PaO_2 \geq 70$

④ Cardiovascular compromise/arrhythmias

- Monitor vital signs

Potential Complications of MV

® Infection

- ET tube bypasses natural airway defense mechanisms
 - Nosocomial pneumonia, aspiration pneumonia
- Good handwashing, provide mouth and tube care

® Psychological

- Patients may be extremely anxious and/or agitated
- Give consistent, calming explanations, offer reassurance
- Sedation, anti-anxiety agents frequently indicated

Basic Ventilator Parameters

④ FiO_2

- Fractional concentration of inspired oxygen delivered expressed as a % (21-100)

④ Breath Rate (f)

- The number of times over a one minute period inspiration is initiated (bpm)

④ Tidal volume (V_T)

- The amount of gas that is delivered during inspiration expressed in mls or Liters. Inspired or exhaled.

④ Flow

- The velocity of gas flow or volume of gas per minute

PEEP

® Definition

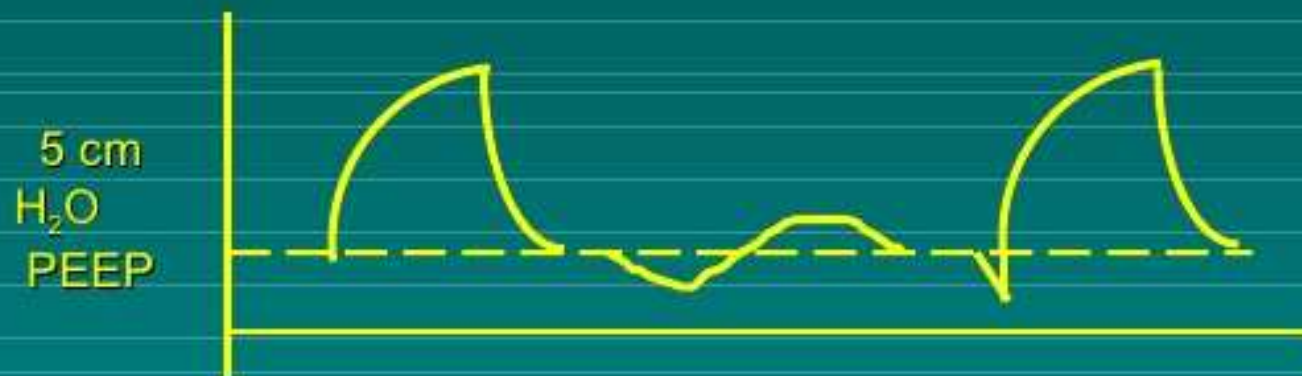
- Positive end expiratory pressure
- Application of a constant, positive pressure such that at end exhalation, airway pressure does not return to a 0 baseline

® Used with other mechanical ventilation modes such as A/C, SIMV, or PCV

® Referred to as CPAP when applied to spontaneous breaths

PEEP

- ① Increases functional residual capacity (FRC) and improves oxygenation
 - Recruits collapsed alveoli
 - Splints and distends patent alveoli
 - Redistributes lung fluid from alveoli to perivascular space



CPAP

® Definition

- Continuous positive airway pressure
- Application of constant positive pressure throughout the spontaneous ventilatory cycle

® No mechanical inspiratory assistance is provided

- Requires active spontaneous respiratory drive

® Same physiologic effects as PEEP

CPAP

- ® May decrease WOB
- ® Tidal volume and rate determined by patient
- ® Often final form of support before extubation



CPAP: continuous positive airway pressure

PEEP: positive end expiratory pressure

Most frequently used at present time:

PsIMV x CPAP/PS

Indications

1. RF
2. + other causes:
 - circulatory failure
 - brain oedema
 - multiple trauma
 - to decrease energetic consumption

some notes:

RF

Impaired oxygenation

Impaired ventilation

some notes :

- Ventilation
- Respiration
- Regulation of breathing ...brain stem...
pO₂ pCO₂ pH
- Compliance.....?
- Resistance
relationship.....Pressure v. Flow
(stenosis of upper airways)

Mechanical ventilation

- Intubation :
 - oro-tracheal
 - nasotracheal
 - tracheostomy
- Bypass of airways
 - to warm
 - to make wet
 - elimination of secrets

medication

- Analgesics.....sufentanil
- Hypnotics.....midazolam
propofol
- Muscle relaxants ?

Start versus end of MV

- Startquick
- End.....weaning.....sometimes takes time

ARF

RDS resp. distress sy

ARDS adult respiratory distress sy

ARDS acute respiratory distress sy

ALI acute lung injury

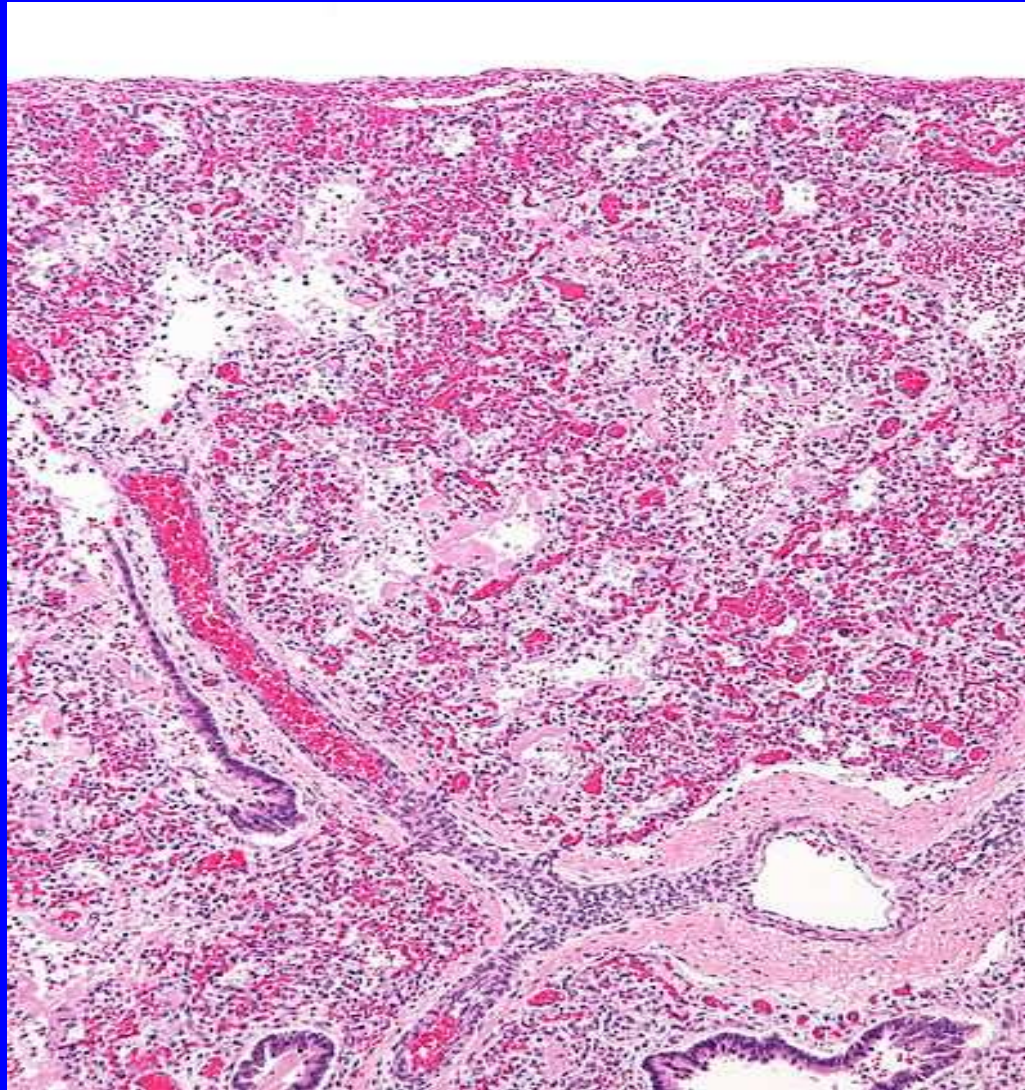
Definition of Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

- Acute onset of respiratory distress
- Hypoxemia
 - ALI: $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 300$
 - ARDS: $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 200$
- Bilateral consolidation of chest radiograph
- Absence of clinical findings of cardiogenic pulmonary edema

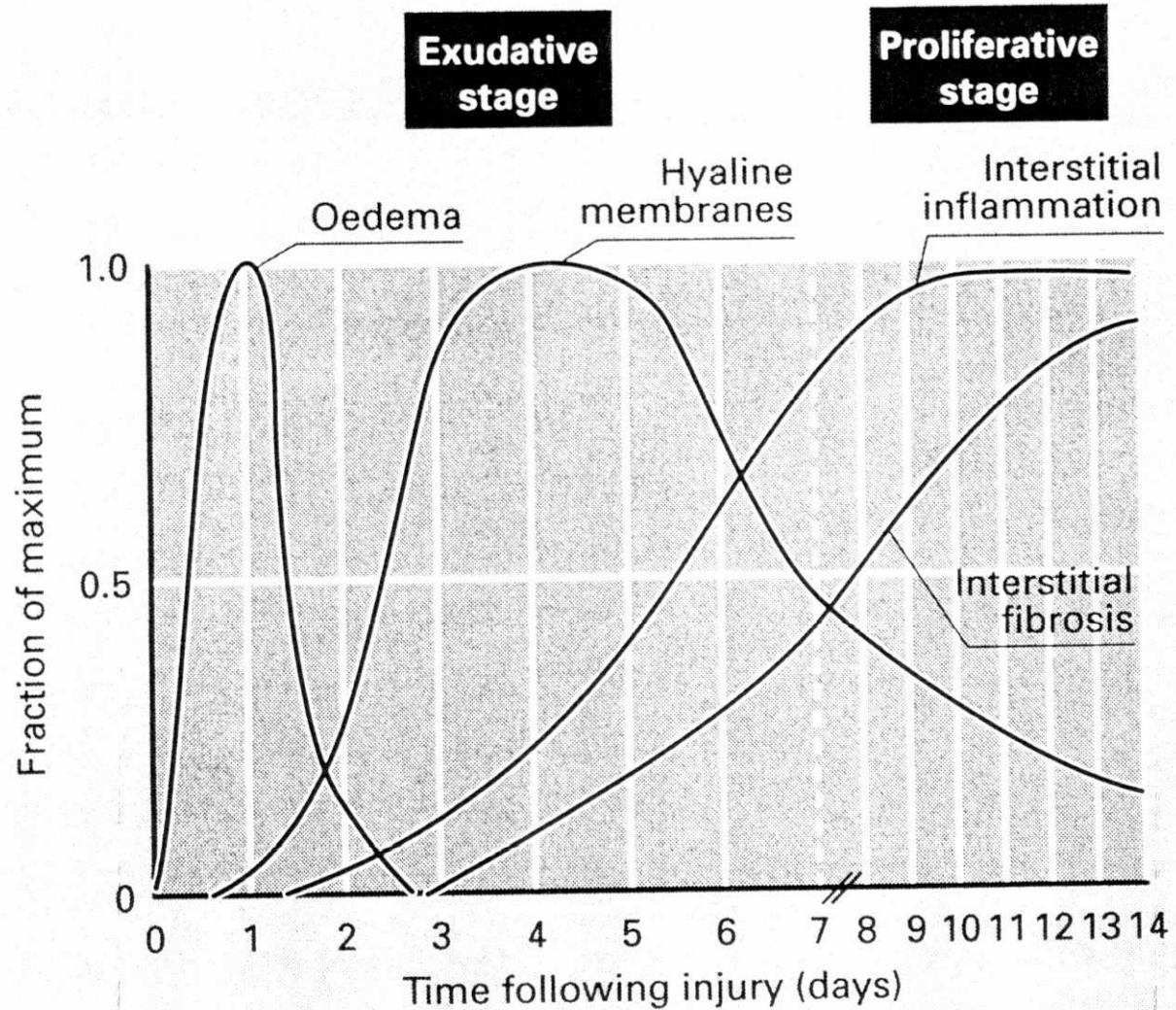
ARDS



ARDS



ARDS



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- Clinical signs....RF...blood gases...quick onset
- Xray picture.....wet lung(shock lung)
- Dif dg: cardiac failure – pulmonary edema

etiology

- Direct damage of the lung
 - aspiration
 - difuse infection
 - inhalation of toxic gases
 - lung contusion
- Indirect damage of the lung
 - sepsis, necrosis, inflamation
 - multiple trauma without lung injury, burns
 - shock, hypoperfusion
 - acute pancreatitis
 - cardiopulmonary bypass
 - (*mediators*)

Treatment of ARDS

- Nothing special
- Monitoring and hemodynamic management
- Treatment of infection + nutrition
- Avoiding iatrogenic complications:
- Support of other organ system functions
- Mechanical ventilation

Oxygen v. Inspiratory pressure of MV

Mechanical ventilation

- Lung protective strategy:
 - Limit the size of VT – 6ml/kg or end-insp.plateau airway pressure lower than 25cm H₂O
 - Increase RR
 - Level of PEEP
 - Recruitment of the lung
 - Permiseve hypercapnia
 - Mode of ventilation – pressure v. volum-control ventilation, mandatory v. spontaneuos, etc

MOD/MOF

Culmination of general excessive immune, neuroendocrine and inflammatory reaction of organism on insult, leading to failure of individual organs :

- **circulatory failure - shock**
- **lung - ALI, ARDS**
- **CNS - encephalopathy**
- **GIT - gastritis, colitis, pancreatitis**
- **coagulation - DIC**
- **metabolism**
- **immunity**
- **kidney – ARF/AKF**
- **liver - liver dysfunction/failure**