

Mechanical Ventilation



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- ◆ A mechanical ventilator is a machine that helps a patient breathe (ventilate) when he or she cannot breathe on his or her own for any reason
- ◆ The purpose of mechanical ventilation is to support the respiratory system until the underlying cause of respiratory failure can be corrected
- ◆ Most ventilatory support requires an artificial airway however, it may be applied without an artificial airway and is called noninvasive ventilation



intubation & MV is indicated for:

1. Ventilation

PaCO₂ more than 50 mm Hg, with a pH of 7.25 or less

2. Oxygenation

PaO₂ less than 60 mm Hg on a FiO₂ greater than 0.5

3. Increased work of breathing (WOB) -use of accessory muscles, abnormal breathing Patterns, dyspnea

4. Keep airway patency

Obstructive Lung Disease

- ◆ Obstruction can occur when inflammation and swelling cause the airways to become narrowed or blocked, making it difficult to expel air from the lungs. This results in an abnormally high volume of air being left in the lungs
- ◆ Common obstructive diseases include COPD, asthma, bronchitis, emphysema and Cystic fibrosis (CF).

Restrictive Lung Disease

- ◆ The compliance of the lung is reduced, which increases the stiffness of the lung and limits expansion
- ◆ Common causes of decreased lung compliance are ARDS ,pulmonary fibrosis, pneumonia and pulmonary edema

ARDS

- ◆ Diagnosis criteria for ARDS – Berlin definition (all 4 components must be present)
 1. Acute onset (1 week or less)
 2. Hypoxemia (PF ratio < 200 mmHg with a minimum of 5 cmH₂O PEEP (or CPAP))
 3. Pulmonary edema (bilateral opacities on CXR)
 4. Non-cardiogenic (not caused by cardiac failure)

ARDS Severity	PaO₂/FiO₂*	Mortality**
Mild	200 – 300	27%
Moderate	100 – 200	32%
Severe	< 100	45%

*on PEEP 5+; **observed in cohort

<https://lifeinthefastlane.com/ccr/acute-respiratory-distress-syndrome-ards-definitions/>

Positive-Pressure Ventilation

- ◆ Force air into the lungs via an artificial airway
- ◆ Movement of gases into the lung through the use of positive pressure is the opposite of spontaneous breathing
- ◆ Many of the complications of mechanical ventilation are related to air being forced into the lungs under positive pressure.



What is mechanical ventilation?

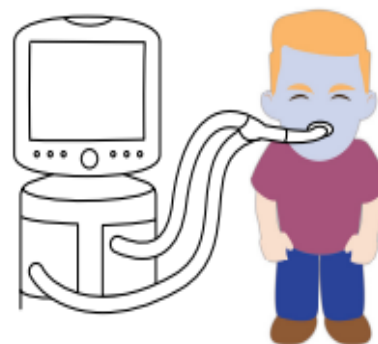
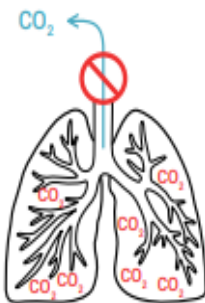


It's not that simple

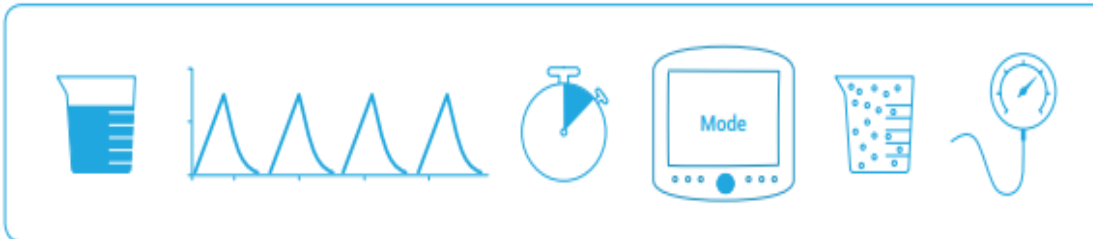
Mechanical ventilation

All Full respiratory support OR **Some** Partial respiratory support

Ventilation



Oxygenation



Ventilator Settings

- ◆ Fraction of Inspired Oxygen
- ◆ Tidal Volume
- ◆ Respiratory Rate
- ◆ Inspiratory-to-Expiratory Ratio
- ◆ Inverse Inspiratory-to-Expiratory Ratio
- ◆ Flow rate
- ◆ Positive End-Expiratory Pressure
- ◆ Peak Inspiratory Pressure and plateau airway pressure (Pplat)



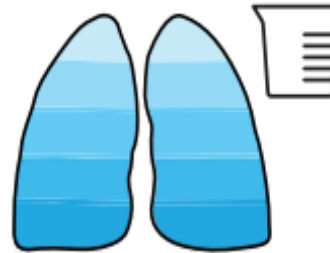
Which settings are available for my patient?

Parameters

- 1. Tidal volume (V_T) L or mL
- 2. Respiratory rate (RR) breaths/min
- 3. PEEP cmH₂O
- 4. FiO₂ %
- 5. Flow L/min

Parameters

1. Tidal volume (V_T)



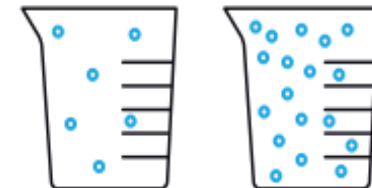
2. Respiratory rate (RR)



3. PEEP



4. FiO₂



5. Flow





What are the initial values for each parameter?

Parameters	Initial values
1. V_T	6–8 mL/kg
2. RR	10–20 breaths/min
3. PEEP	0–5 cmH ₂ O
4. FiO ₂	100%
5. Flow	40–60 L/min

$$6-8 \text{ mL/kg} \times 65 \text{ kg} = 390 \text{ mL} \approx 400 \text{ mL}$$

10–20 breaths/min	15 breaths/min
0–5 cmH ₂ O	5 cmH ₂ O
100%	100%
40–60 L/min	60 L/min



Initial values

1. Tidal volume (V_T)

Use ideal body weight based on gender and height, not actual weight.



2. Respiratory rate (RR)

10–20 breaths/min

3. PEEP

0–5 cmH₂O

4. FiO₂

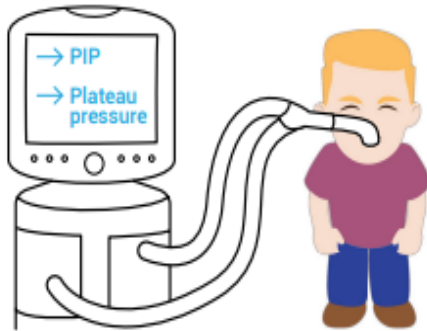
100%

5. Flow

40–60 L/min



How do I monitor and measure pressure inside the lungs?



PIP	< 35 cmH ₂ O
Plateau pressure	< 30 cmH ₂ O

Correct by

1. Checking for causes of resistance
2. Reducing V_T
3. Changing mode.

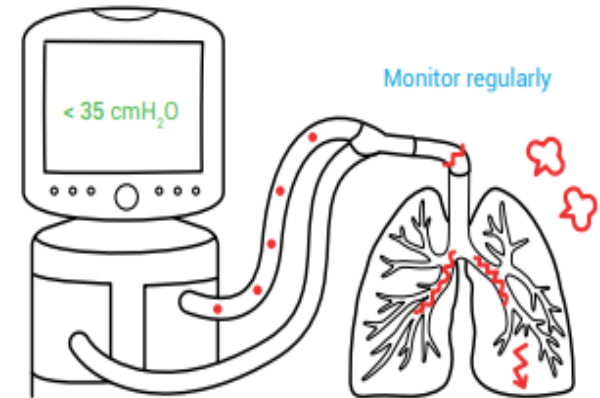
PIP and plateau pressure monitoring

PIP = Peak inspiratory pressure

PIP is the highest level of pressure applied to the lungs during inhalation.

Resistance anywhere along the path from the ventilator to the lungs can cause an increase in PIP.

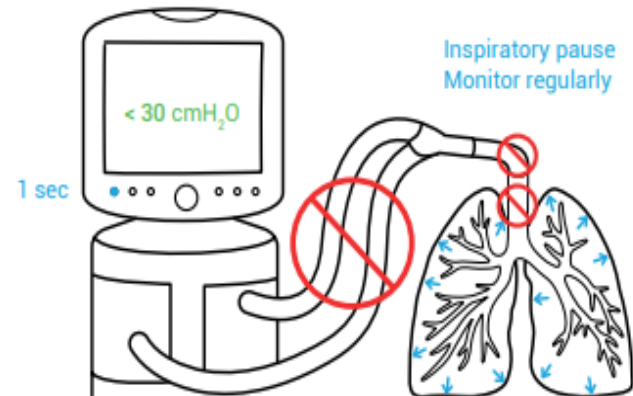
PIP should be kept below 35 cmH₂O.



Plateau pressure

Plateau pressure is the pressure in the lungs during peak inspiratory hold.

Plateau pressure should be kept below 30 cmH₂O.



Dräger

13:02

VC-AC

Internal battery is missing

To confirm, press "Alarm reset".

Paw cmH₂O



Flow L/min



PIP cmH₂O

24

P_{mean} cmH₂O

16

MV L/min

15.4



Alarms...



Ventilation settings...



Data...



Day/Night



Freeze waveforms

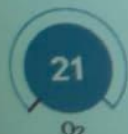
Ventilation settings

VC-CMV/
VC-AC

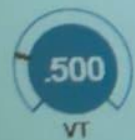
VC-SIMV

PC-SIMV+

SPN-CPAP



O₂



VT



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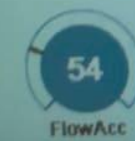


RR

Flow trigger 4.0

General settings

More settings



FlowAcc



P_{max}



PEEP



Sensors/
Parameters...



System
setup...



Key lock

ext.

int.

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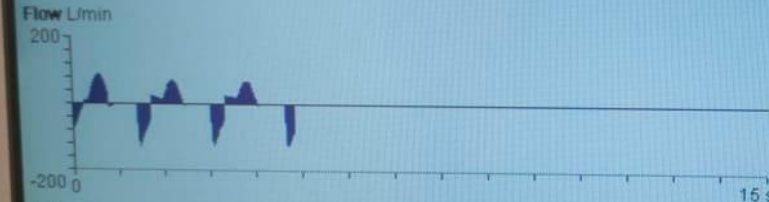
Dräger

13:03

VC-AC

MV high

To confirm, press "Alarm reset".



PIP cmH₂O
24

Pmean cmH₂O
16

MV L/min
15.6

VT_e L
0.535

FI_{O2} Vol%

VC-AC

21
O₂

.500
VT

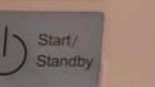
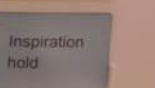
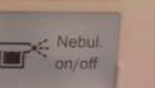
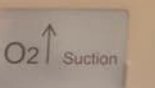
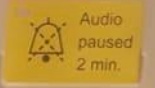
1.1
Ti

14
RR

5
PEEP

- Alarms...
- Ventilation settings...
- Data...
- Day/Night
- Freeze waveforms
- Sensors/Parameters...
- System setup...
- Key lock

Audio paused 2 min.



ext.

int.

Savina 300

Modes of Mechanical Ventilation

- ◆ Modes of mechanical ventilation describe how breaths are delivered to the patient. Modes of ventilation are classified as volume, pressure, or dual modes.

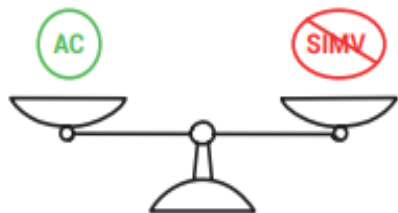
Volume Ventilation

- ◆ Assist/control (A/C)
- ◆ Synchronized intermittent mandatory ventilation (SIMV)



Which initial mode of ventilation should I use?

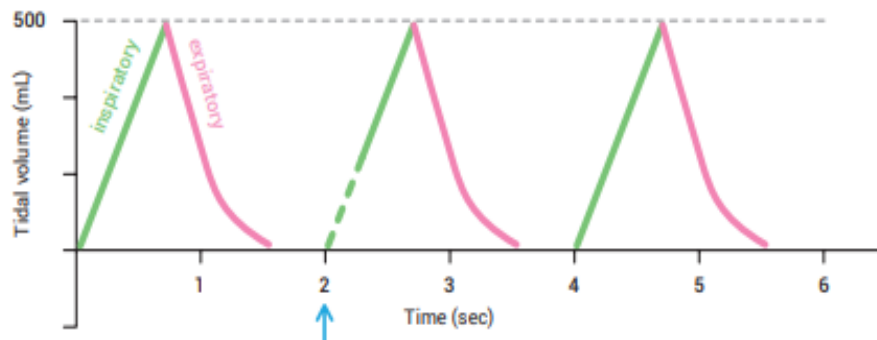
Reduce the work of breathing



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AC versus SIMV

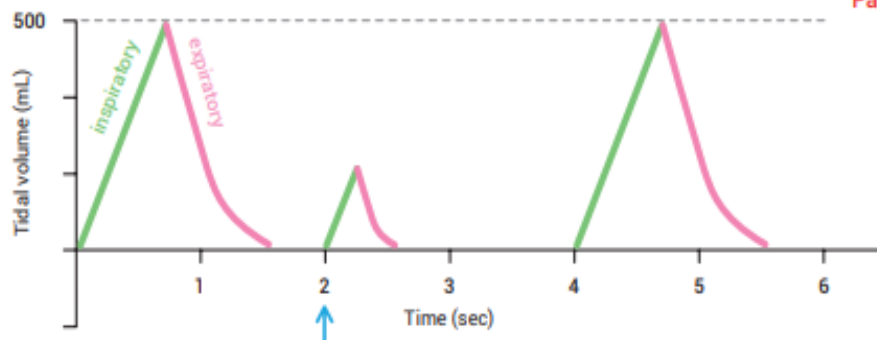
AC mode



Ideal for muscle recovery
Ventilator does work



SIMV mode



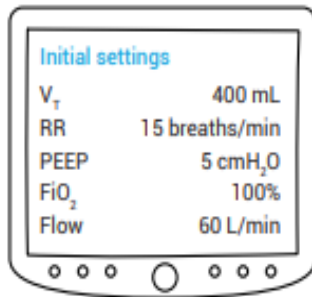
Patient responsible for breath
Hypoventilation



Respiratory rate (RR) = 15 breaths/min
 Tidal volume (V_T) = 500 mL



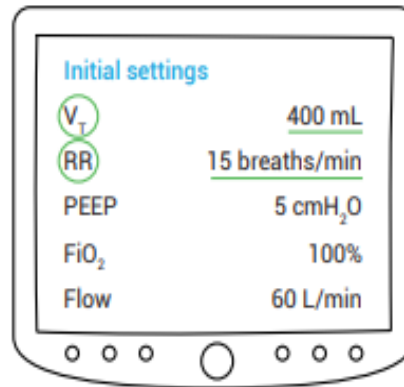
How do I assess for adequate ventilation?



65 kg



Assessing ventilation



Ventilation = Removal of CO₂

Minute ventilation

= 400 mL x 15 breaths/min

= 6 L/min → Is this adequate removal of CO₂?



Check PaCO₂ on ABG

ABG results (PaCO₂)

35–45 mmHg

<35 mmHg

>45 mmHg

Interpretation

Acceptable range

Hyperventilating

Hypoventilating

Recommendation

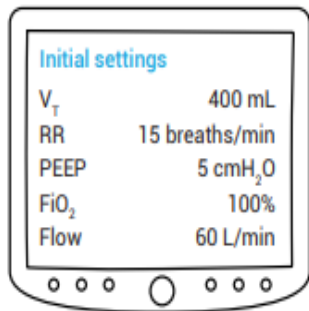
Maintain settings

Decrease minute ventilation (V_T or RR)

Increase minute ventilation (V_T or RR)



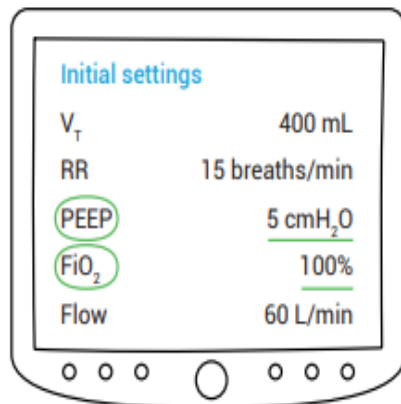
How do I assess for adequate oxygenation?



65 kg



Assessing oxygenation



Is this adequate intake of O₂?



Check PaO₂ on ABG

ABG results (PaO₂)

80–100 mmHg

<80 mmHg

>100 mmHg

Interpretation

Acceptable range

Hypoxemia

Hyperoxemia

Recommendation

Maintain settings

Increase FiO₂? Increase PEEP

Reduce FiO₂

Pressure Ventilation

- ◆ In pressure ventilation the ventilator is set to allow air to flow into the lungs until a preset inspiratory pressure has been reached.
- ◆ The V_T the patient receives is variable and depends on lung compliance and airway and circuit resistance



Why volume ventilation and not pressure ventilation?



Key:
amount of
CO₂ exhaled

Minute ventilation

$$V_T \times RR$$

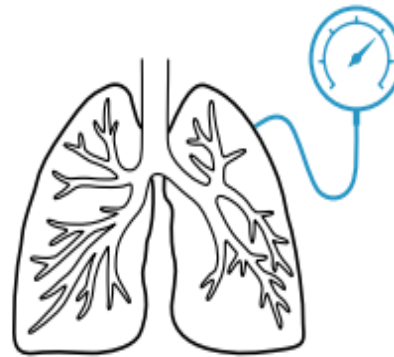
Note

Some people will still benefit from pressure, but more will benefit from volume ventilation.



Volume versus pressure

Pressure



RR = 14 breaths/min

$$V_T = ?$$

Minute ventilation

$$= V_T \times 14 \text{ breaths/min}$$

$$= ?$$

We can't calculate minute ventilation without V_T!

Volume



RR = 14 breaths/min

$$V_T = 600 \text{ mL}$$

Minute ventilation

$$= 0.6 \text{ L} \times 14 \text{ breaths/min}$$

$$= 8.4 \text{ L/min}$$

We can calculate minute ventilation to ensure enough CO₂ is exhaled.

Pressure modes

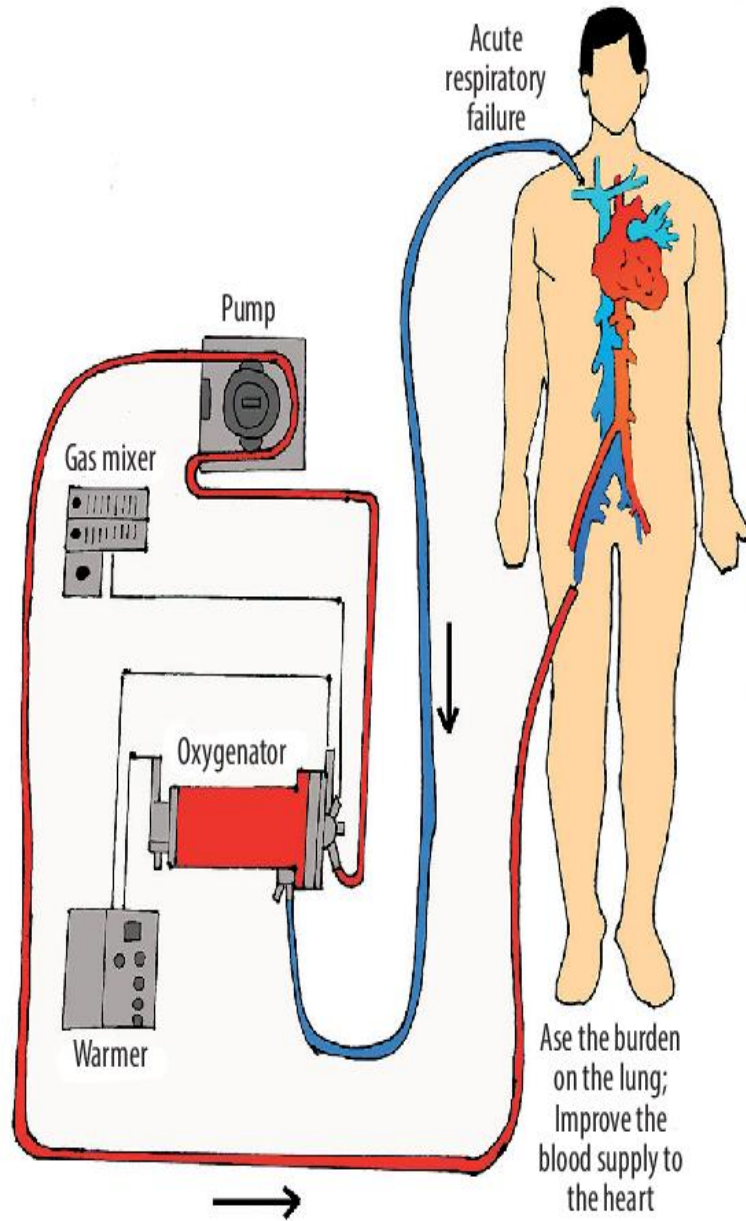
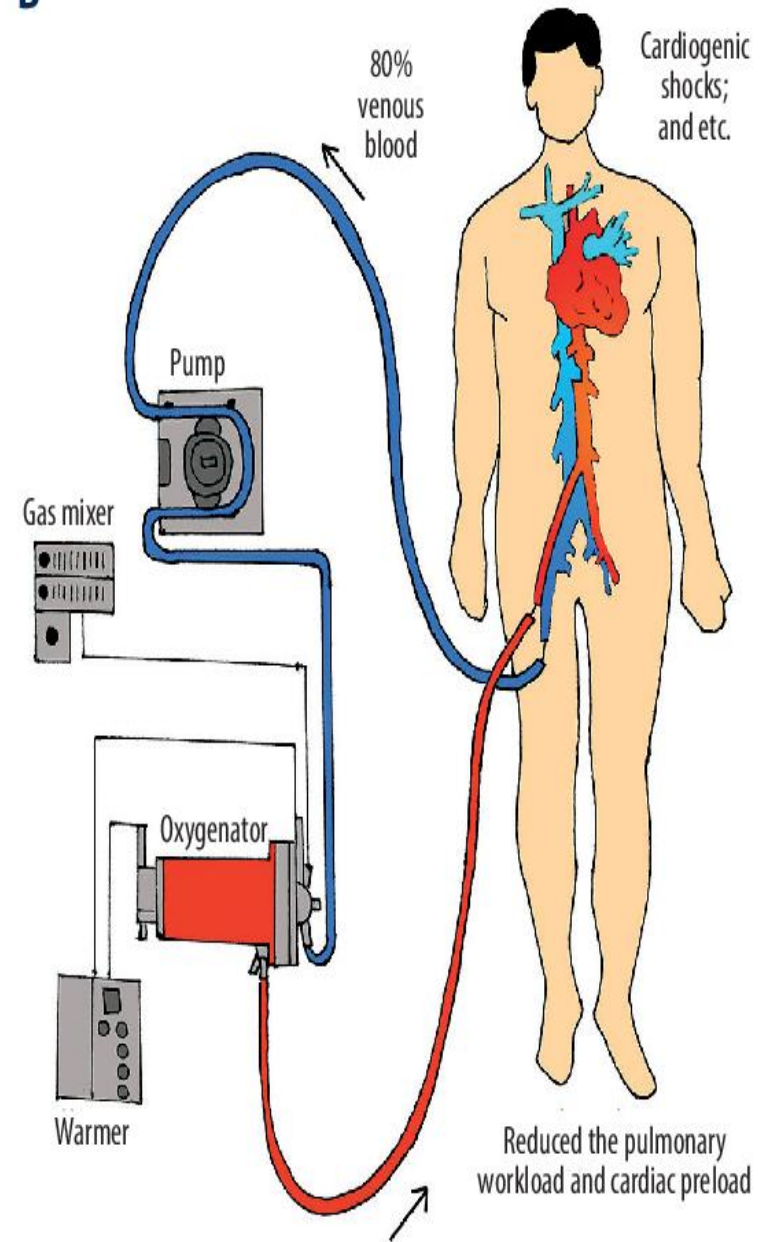
- ◆ Continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP)
 - The patient must have a reliable respiratory drive and adequate VT because no mandatory breaths or other ventilatory assistance is given. The patient performs all the WOB.
 - CPAP provides pressure at end expiration, which prevents alveolar collapse and improves the functional residual capacity and oxygenation.

Pressure support

- ◆ The patient's spontaneous respiratory activity is augmented by the delivery of a preset amount of inspiratory positive pressure.
 - ◆ PS may be used as a stand-alone mode or in combination with other modes, such as SIMV, to augment the VT of the spontaneous breaths
- Typical levels of PS ordered for the patient are 6 to 12 cm H₂O

Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation

- ◆ The ECMO machine replaces the function of the heart and lungs
- ◆ ECMO is used to help people whose:
 - Lungs cannot provide enough oxygen to the body even when given extra oxygen
 - Lungs cannot get rid of carbon dioxide even with help from a mechanical ventilator

A**B**

Care of the Ventilated Patient

- ◆ Including analgesia , sedation & psychological support.
- ◆ Humidification.
- ◆ Physiotherapy & Tracheal suction.
- ◆ Monitoring.

Complication of Artificial Ventilation

- ◆ Inability to intubate or dislodgment or blockage of ETT.
- ◆ Prolonged intubation may lead to damage the larynx(vocal cord) so Tracheostomy performed with in 14 days and most of the perform percutaneous Tracheostomy earlier.
- ◆ VAP
- ◆ Cardiovascular problems.
- ◆ Barotraumas: effects of high pressures.
- ◆ Volume trauma.

Weaning:

- ◆ Resolution of the cause (disease) is the **most important** indicator of readiness for discontinuation.
- ◆ Level of consciousness.
- ◆ Vital signs are stable.
- ◆ Arterial blood gases are within acceptable values.

Weaning methods:

- ◆ **SIMV:** place patient on SIMV mode and decrease the rate by 2 breaths every 15-20 min or as tolerated until you reach 4-6 breaths/min.
- ◆ **CPAP:** place patient on CPAP of 5 cm H₂O and pressure support of 10 for 20-30 min. If tolerated by the patient we can go ahead and extubate, otherwise place back on SIMV and attempt weaning the next day.

Spontaneous Breathing Trial (SBT):

- Another weaning method. Remove patient from ventilator and place him/her on a T-piece. Start with 5 min and work up to 20-30 min.
- The contraindication of this method for intubated patients that it increases the patients' **work of breathing**. Tracheostomy patients' can benefit from this method.

General Guidelines for weaning:

- ◆ Weaning is preferably done during the day to allow patients to rest during the night; avoid weaning during shift change.
- ◆ **Do not** begin weaning until evidence of significant improvement in the initial precipitating illness.
- ◆ Evaluate the ability of the patient to sustain spontaneous breathing.

weaning

- ◆ Stop or modify weaning process if distress appear.
- ◆ Do not fatigue the patient's ventilatory muscles (do not wean to exhaustion).
- ◆ Monitor clinical signs closely.

