

Inclusion Criteria

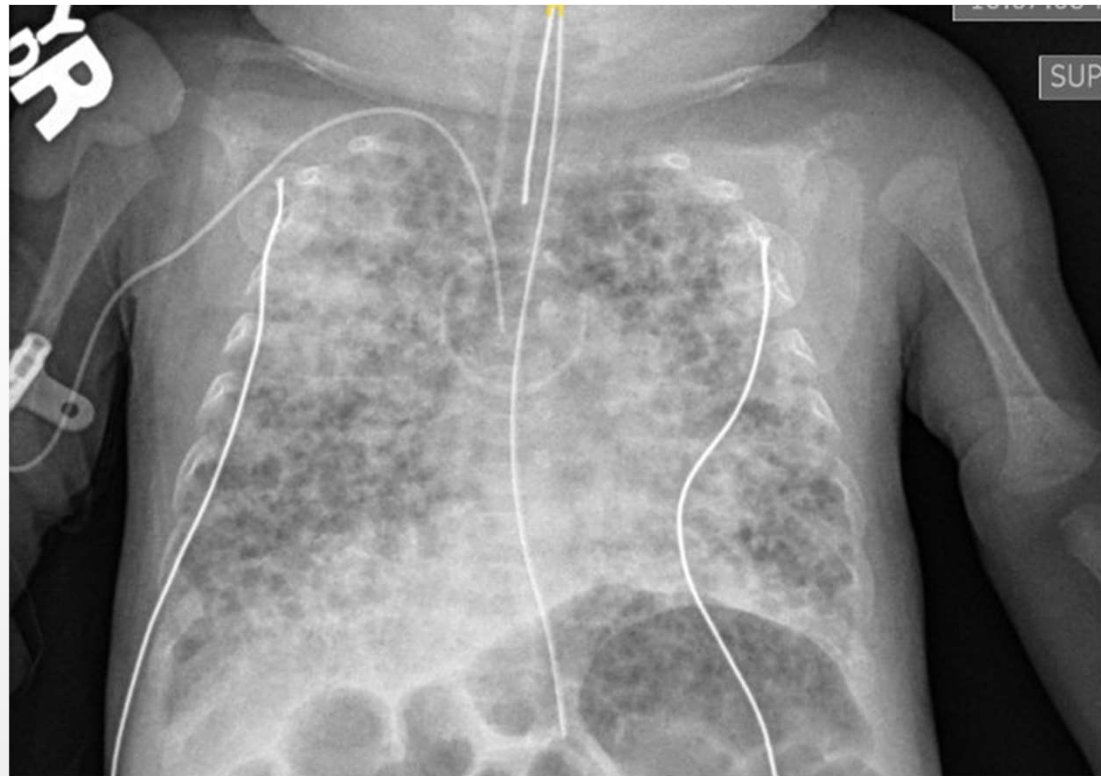
Initial Settings

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Case Review

Established BPD Ventilation Strategy

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Severe Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia

- Heterogenous disease process with variations in airway resistance and lung compliance in different regions of the lung (fast and slow compartments)
- Characterized by gas trapping, lung overinflation, \dot{V}/Q mismatch
- Results in high oxygen demand, respiratory discomfort, increased work of breathing, and frequent hypoxemic episodes

Goals of BPD ventilation strategy

- Longer inspiratory times to overcome increased airway resistance and deliver adequate tidal volumes to achieve optimal \dot{V}/Q matching
- Lower respiratory rates to increase expiratory time, facilitate complete exhalation, and reduce gas trapping
- Higher tidal volumes are required to maintain adequate minute ventilation - typically a minimum of 250 ml/min/kg

Inclusion Criteria

- Infants > 28 days of age AND ≥ 34 weeks PMA requiring supplemental oxygen and mechanical ventilation secondary to lung disease of prematurity
- Infants > 28 days of age AND ≥ 32 weeks PMA may be considered in the context of severe heterogeneous lung disease of prematurity **AND** the infant is no longer tolerating optimized high-frequency ventilation strategies (HFJV, HFOV).

Important Note

The most appropriate PMA for transitioning from a small VT/high-rate strategy aimed at preventing BPD to a large VT/low-rate strategy aimed at managing established BPD/heterogeneous CLD has not been determined. The transition phase may be identified when the small VT/high-rate strategy is no longer effective. The decision to switch strategies at < 32 weeks should be made after careful consideration and a team discussion of benefits versus risks.

Exclusion Criteria

- Term infants
- Preterm infants less than 28 days of age
- Homogeneous lung disease on chest x-ray

Relative Exclusion Criteria

- Large ETT leaks – consider ETT upsize or switch to microcuff ETT

Initial Settings

For the most accurate evaluation, it is advisable to change modes while the patient is in a calm state

Mode: SIMV +VG

MV: approx 250 ml/min/kg

RR: 10-20 bpm

To reduce risk of gas trapping...

VG: 8-12 ml/kg

If RR 10 bpm, VG 10-12 ml/kg

PEEP: set to target MAP equal to HFV MAP, titrate according to FiO₂ and FV loops

If RR 15 bpm, VG 9-10 ml/kg

Ti: 0.6-1.0 sec, adjust according to flow-time scalar to optimize patient-ventilator synchrony

If RR 20 bpm, VG 8-9 ml/kg

Slope: 1/3rd of Ti (i.e. for Ti 0.6 sec, slope should be set at 0.2 sec)

PS: 10-12 cmH₂O, adjust according to work of breathing to overcome airway resistance

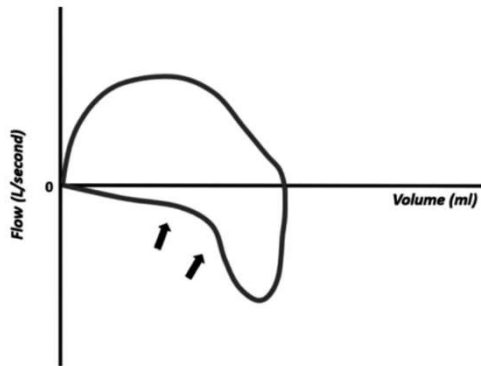
FiO₂: to achieve SpO₂ target

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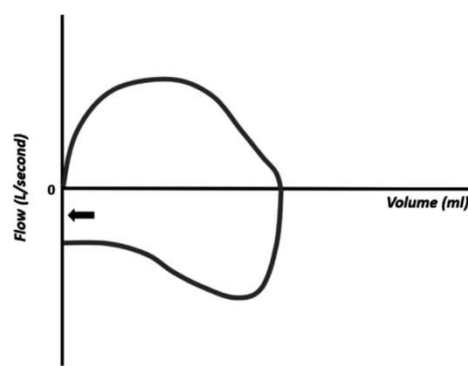
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What are we looking for?

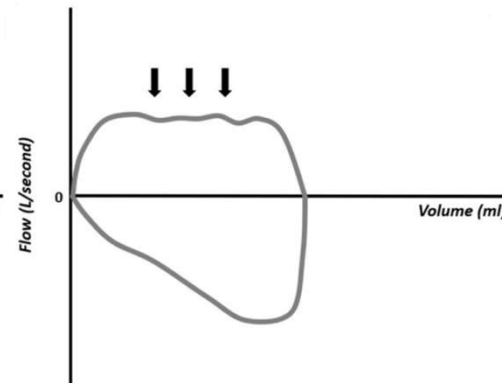
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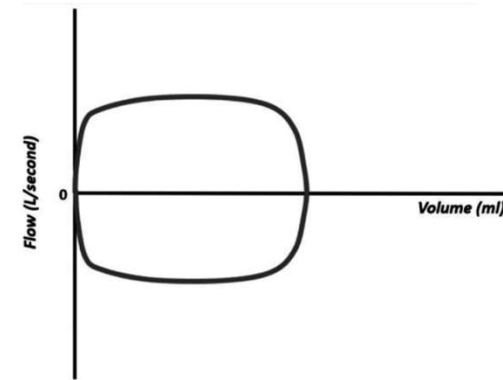
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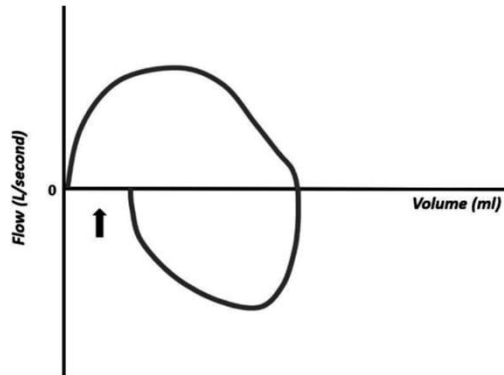
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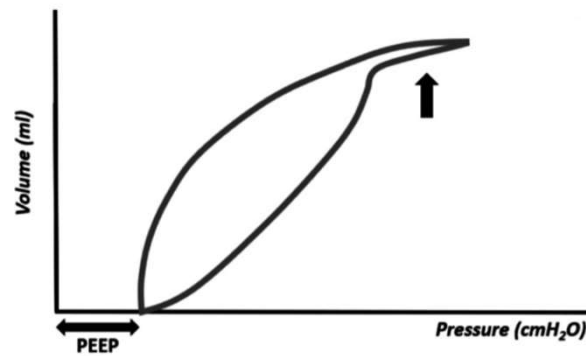
Fixed extra-thoracic obstruction



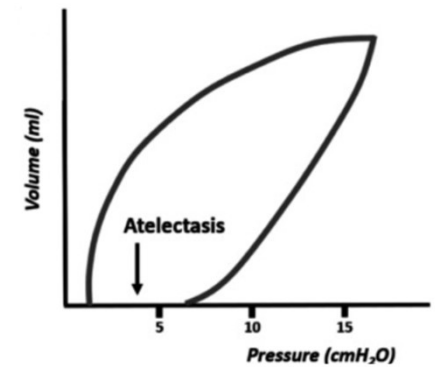
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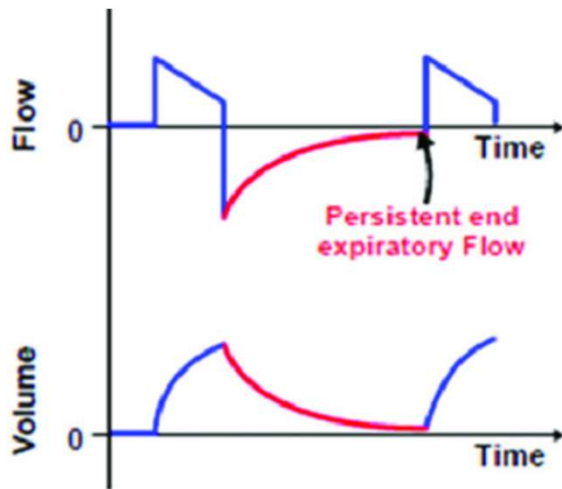
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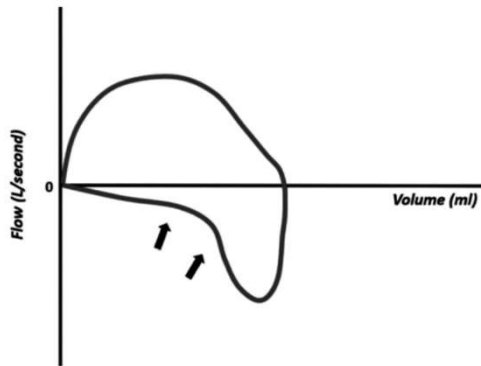
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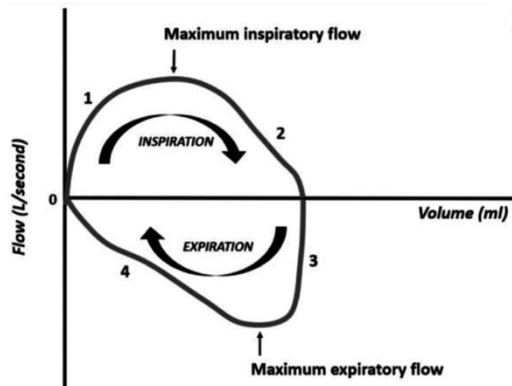
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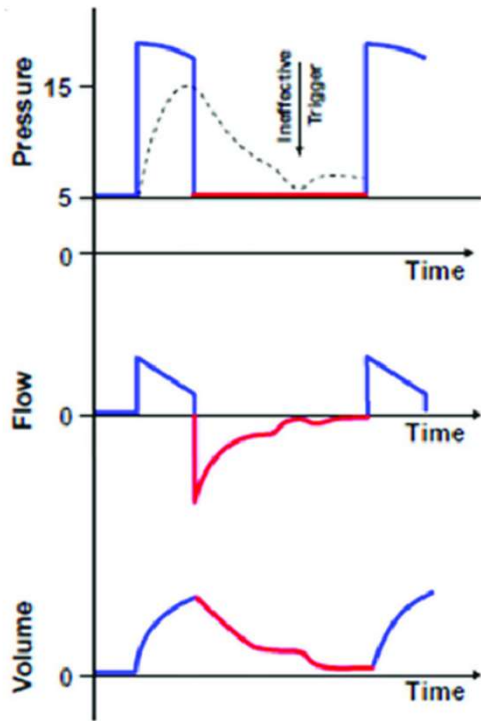


Normal Flow Volume Loop



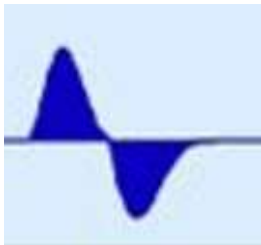
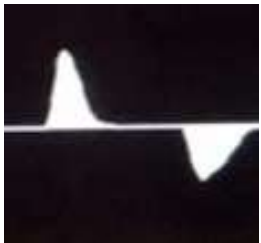
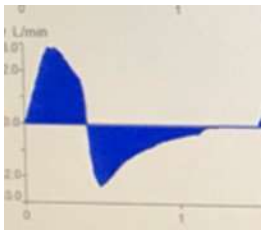
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Examine flow scalars for adequacy of I-time	<p>If there is no inspiratory pause, no significant ETT leak, and end-inspiratory flow is still positive, increase I-time by 0.05-0.1 sec and reassess. If inspiratory pause seen, decrease I-time by 0.05-0.1 sec and reassess.</p>
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Patient History

Male infant, GA: 25 weeks BW: 670 g

Emergency c-section due to antepartum hemorrhage

Antenatal steroids not given

Apgars 4, 6, 8

Intubated at 5 min, Curosurf x1, iNO x 14 hours, HFJV

Early chronic changes noted on CXR

DART at 27 weeks PMA with poor response

DART D/C'd early due to increasing abdo distention

HFJV RR 240 bpm, PIP 43, PEEP 12, Ti 0.022 s, FiO2 0.7-1.0

Transferred to SickKids at 28 weeks + 2 days PMA for segmental volvulus with necrosis, 30 cm distal ileum resected



Respiratory Course at SickKids

Managed on HFOV during bedside OR, then transitioned to HFJV for FiO₂ 0.8-1.0 and cystic changes on CXR

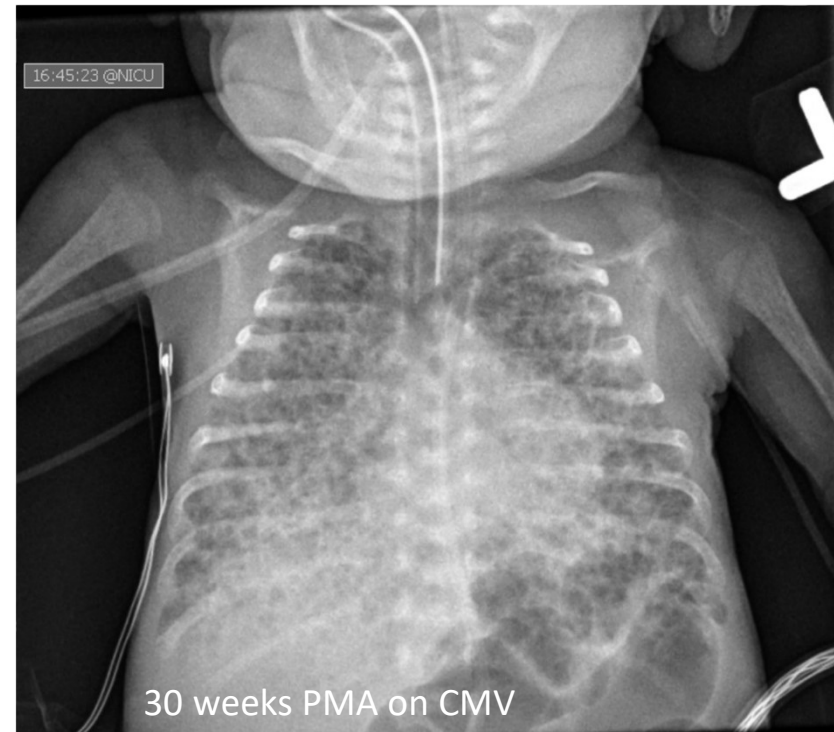
28 – 29 weeks PMA remained on HFJV, baseline FiO₂ 0.4-0.65

29 weeks + 5 days PMA – UPE, ETT up-sized from #2.5 to #3.0, had brief period of reduced FiO₂ needs but then needed 0.6-0.8

30 weeks + 1 day – trials of HFOV and CMV with no clinical improvement and worsening of CXR *

30 weeks + 2 days – back to HFJV, baseline FiO₂ 0.45-0.65

30 weeks + 4 days – 2nd course of DART, stopped after 4 days due to no improvement



Respiratory Course at SickKids

Patient required FiO2 0.8-1.0 for cares

Frequent desaturations to SpO2 50-65% requiring FiO2 1.0 and sometimes manual ventilation to recover*

31 weeks + 1 day – HFJV + sigh breaths and FiO2 0.84-1.0.
Significant atelectasis on CXR - switched to HFOV with MAP 20

31 – 32 weeks - HFOV, FiO2 0.65-0.9*
Patient required FiO2 0.9-1.0 with handling and continued to have desaturations to SpO2 55-65%

32 weeks + 4 days PMA – initiated the established BPD ventilation strategy



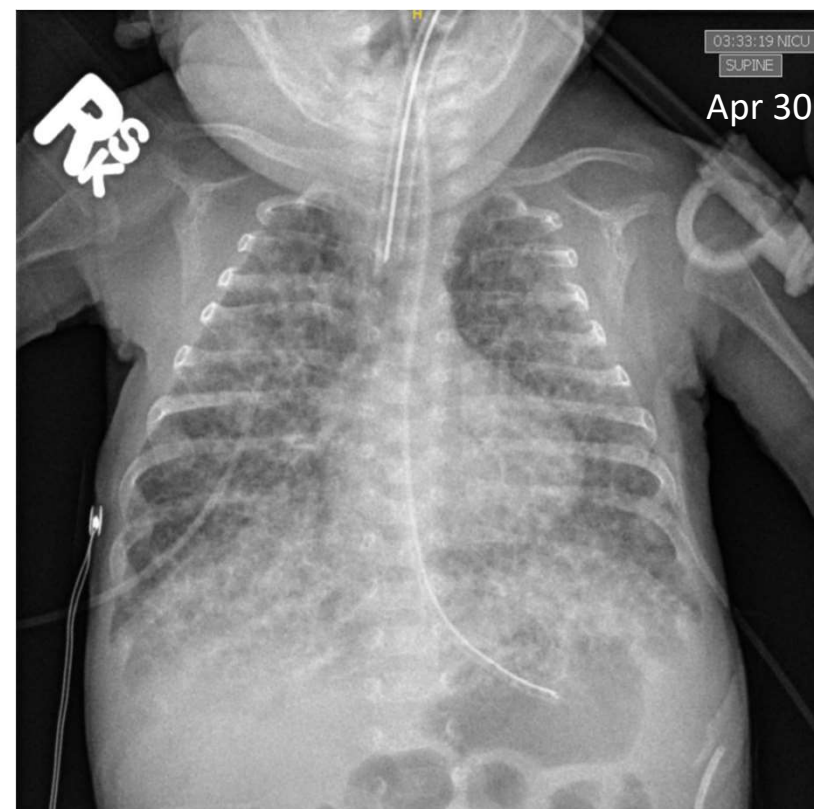
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Ti	0.6					0.6
Slope	0.2					0.2
Psupport	10					10
MAP	13					14
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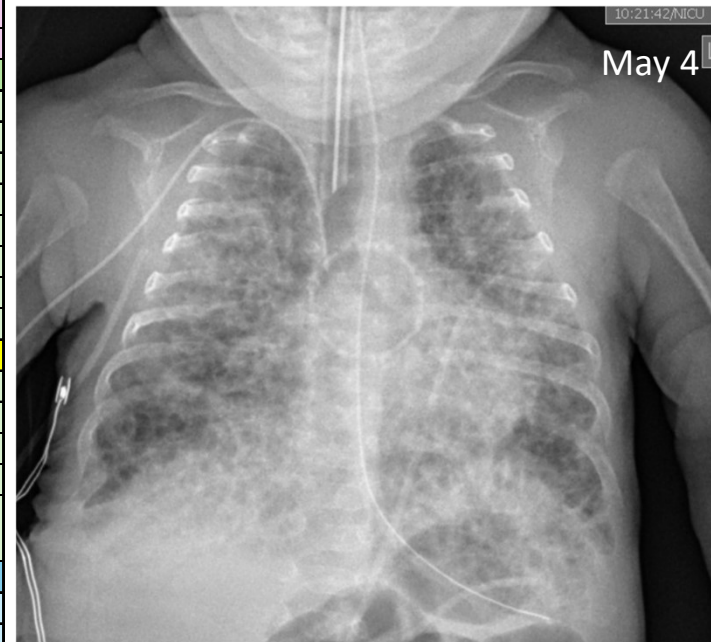
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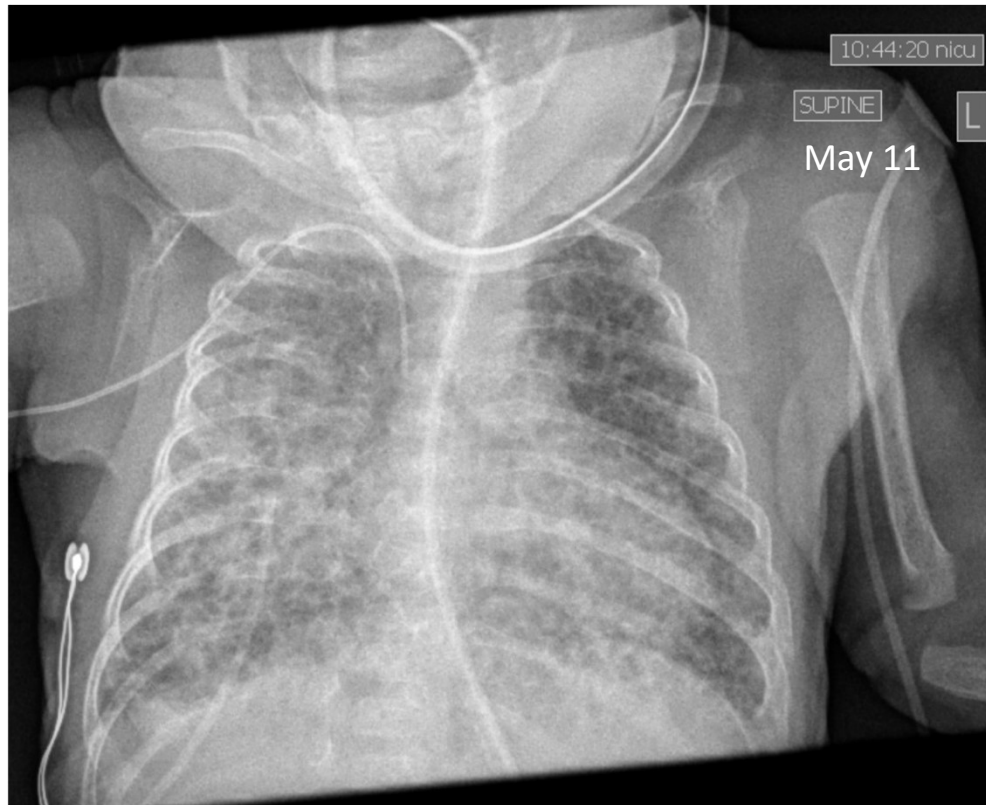
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pH	7.34	7.38	7.34	7.31		7.42		7.29		7.37	7.34	7.34
PCO2	58	56	68	70		59		72		73	73	74
PO2	33	45	62	59		37		41		47	58	37
HCO3	31	34	37	35		38		34		42	39	40
BE	4	7	9	7		12		6		14	10	11
TcPCO2	73	75	79	81		79		Et 50		Et 58	79	79
Meds	morphine 14 mcg/kg/hr, spironolactone 1 mg, clonadine 1 mcg/kg		morphine decreased to 12	morphine 10, spironolactone 1 mg, clonadine 2 mcg/kg			morphine 8, spironolactone 1 mg, clonadine 2 mcg/kg				morphine 6, spironolactone 1.5 mg, clonadine 3 mcg/kg, budesonide	

Date	22-Apr	23-Apr	27-Apr	28-Apr			29-Apr	30-Apr	01-May	02-May	04-May	06-May	12-May	13-May	15-May	17-May	19-May
Time	13:24	21:55	9:45	4:23	16:48	20:53	11:36	4:37	11:49	16:27	14:50	14:30	8:33	12:47	8:39	12:01	9:14
HR	156	144	150	136	146	143	149	145	157	152	147	159	149	131	140	153	146
SpO2	97	95	98	94	92	96	97	90	94	95	92	95	96	96	93	93	94
FiO2	0.72	0.62	0.5	0.53	0.46	0.49	0.5	0.45	0.45	0.5	0.52	0.55	0.35	0.3	0.26	0.28	0.24
TcPCO2	72.5	90	89.6	77	83.9	79				70	85.6	75.2					
EtCO2							53	48	55								
Mode	SIMV+VG	SIMV+VG	SIMV+VG	SIMV+VG	SIMV+VG	SIMV+VG	SIMV+VG	SIMV+VG	SIMV+VG	SIMV+VG	SIMV+VG	NIV CMV	NIV CMV	NIV CMV	NIV CMV	NIV CMV	NCPAP
RR(set)	20				20	20	15	15	15	15	15	40	40				
RR(total)	30				29	33			38	37	38						
PIP (meas)	25	30	31	35	38	29		33	28	37	28	24	22	21	20	19	
PEEP(set)	10					10			9	9	9	12		11	10	9	12
Ti	0.6					0.6			0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.75				
Slope	0.2					0.2			0.2	0.25	0.25	0.2	0.1				
Psupport	10					10			10	10	10						
MAP	13					14			13		16	15	15	14	13	11	
VG(set)	8.5	9	9.5	10.4	12	10.2		10.8	10.8	11.7	12.4						
VG (ml/kg)	8.5	9	8.6	9.45	10	8.5		9	9	9	9.5						
MV	0.22	0.26				0.28			0.4		0.35						
Trigger	0.4					0.4			0.4		0.4						
Pmax	32					36			42		35						
Rational		High TcPCO2	High TcPCO2	CBG	High TcPCO2	CBG	wean	CBG	wean	ETT leak, CBG		Extubated					
Date	21-Apr	23-Apr	25-Apr	28-Apr		28-Apr		30-Apr		02-May	03-May	06-May	12-May			16-May	19-May
Time	3:46	4:15	6:04	4:01		19:48		4:10		6:24	23:36	3:59	8:15			8:01	8:07
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HCO3	31	34	37	35		38		34		42	39	40	44			33	34
BE	4	7	9	7		12		6		14	10	11	16			6	6
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CXR after extubation to NIV CMV



Summary

- Patient born at 25 weeks GA, birth weight 670 g
- Volvulus and bowel resection at 28 weeks PMA
- Patient on high FiO₂ requirements on HFJV and HFOV, unable to wean settings
- No improvement with DART
- Not tolerating cares, needing FiO₂ 0.8-1.0 for handling
- Frequent significant desaturations requiring FiO₂ 1.0 and sometimes manual ventilation to recover
- Patient switched to established BPD strategy at 32 weeks + 4 days
- Sedation weaned progressively after switch to SIMV+VG
- Extubated 14 days later to NIV CMV
- 13 days after extubation – FiO₂ < 0.3 and switched to NCPAP

Take Home Points

- Use established BPD strategy only if patient has heterogeneous lung disease of prematurity, is > 28 days of age, and is no longer tolerating optimized high-frequency ventilation
 - high FiO₂ > 0.6, significant work of breathing, not tolerating handling, significant desaturation +/- bradycardia episodes, unable to wean HFV settings
- Titrate set RR and VG to maintain adequate minute ventilation, meet PCO₂ targets, and keep total RR \leq 35 bpm to maximize time for exhalation
- Set Ti according to flow-time waveform and set slope/rise time to 1/3rd of the Ti to optimize patient comfort and reduce asynchrony with the ventilator
- Titrate P_{support} according to work of breathing and increase to decrease total RR
- Adjust PEEP based on FiO₂ requirements and flow-volume loops (gas trapping and expiratory flow obstruction)
- Take care not to confuse gas trapping on CXR with hyperinflation from high PEEP; weaning PEEP may cause airway collapse and worsen gas trapping
- Look for patient efforts not rewarded with a breath – consider decreasing the flow trigger, or increasing the PEEP if significant gas trapping is suspected

ANY
QUESTIONS?

