

Nuts and Bolts of Bubble Nasal CPAP

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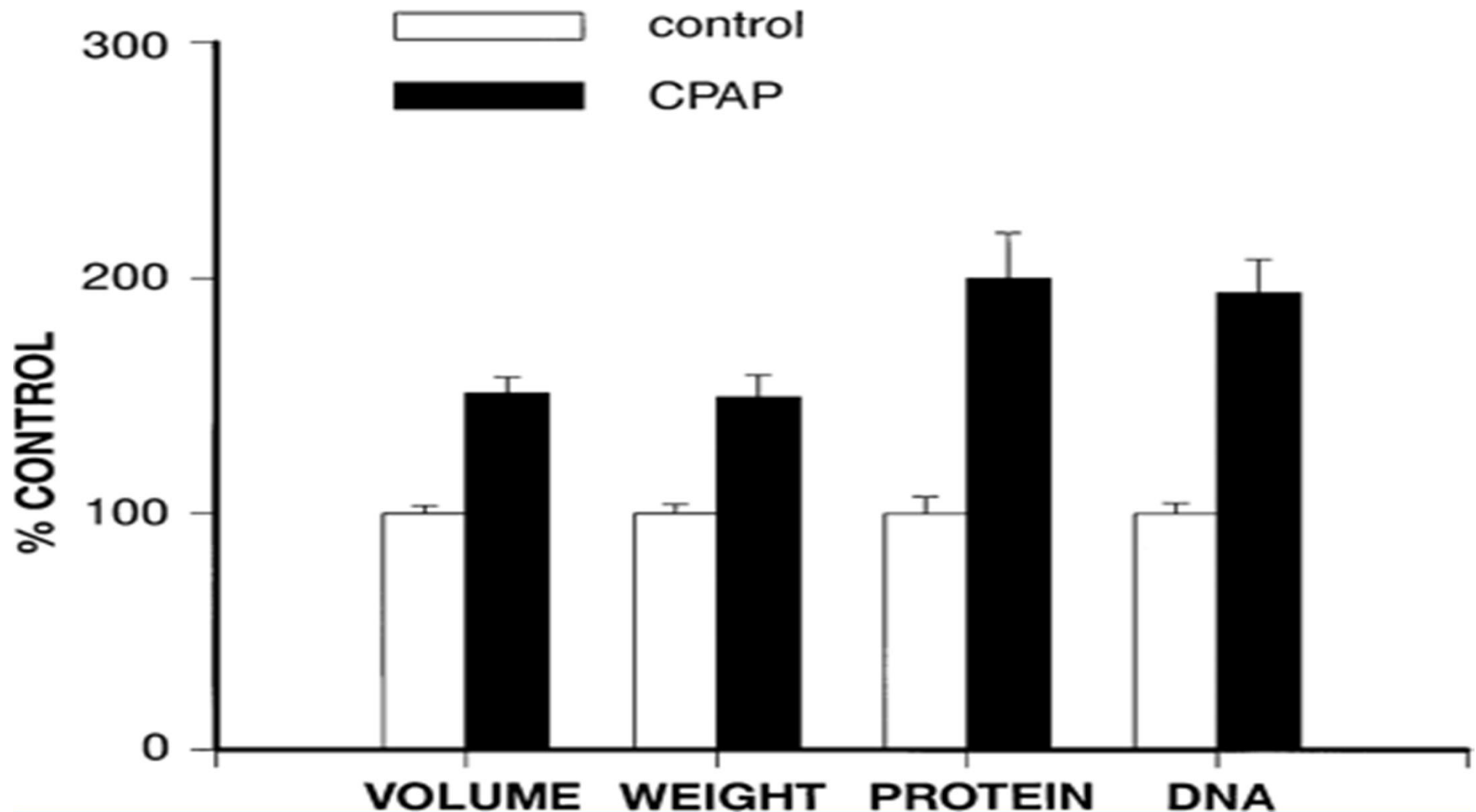
Continuous Positive Airway Pressure

- To a spontaneous breathing patient, a positive pressure is applied to the airways throughout the respiratory cycle
- Nasal CPAP has been used at Columbia University NICU since 1973 for over 30,000 infants

CPAP

Effects

1. Increases transpulmonary pressure and functional residual capacity (FRC)
2. Prevents alveolar collapse, decreases intrapulmonary shunt and improves lung compliance
3. Conserves surfactant
4. Prevents pharyngeal wall collapse
5. Stabilizes the chest wall
6. Increases airway diameter and splints the airways
7. Splints the diaphragm
8. Stimulates growth of the immature lung
9. Bubble CPAP has HFV effect/stochastic resonance



Lung volume, lung weight, and protein and DNA contents at end of study were higher in CPAP-exposed than in control animals (all $P < 0.01$). Strain-induced growth of the immature lung. Zhang S. et al. J. Appl Physiol 1996;81:1471-6

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graph TD; A((Premature baby)) --> B((Structural lung immaturity)); A --> C((Surfactant deficiency (RDS)))
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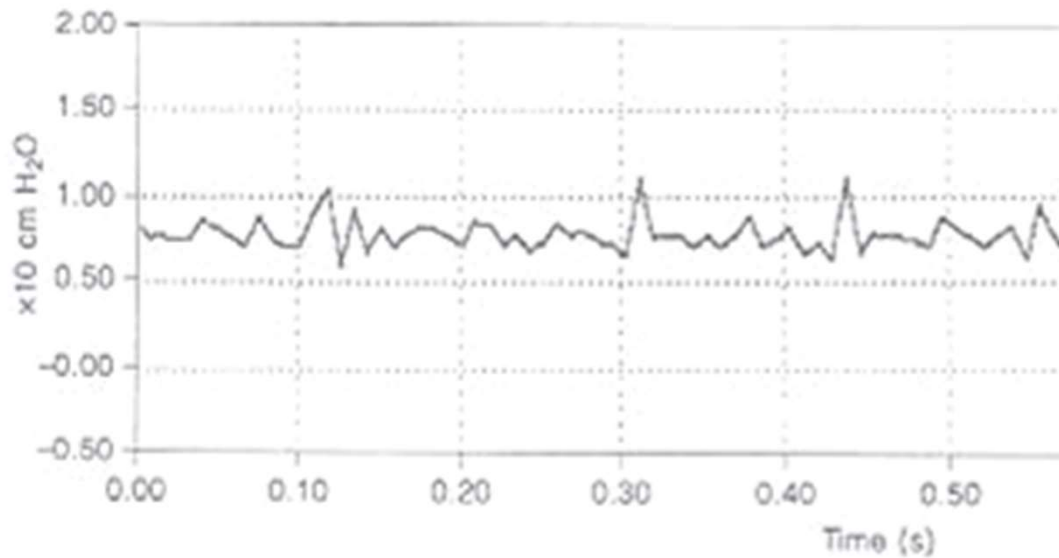
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CPAP

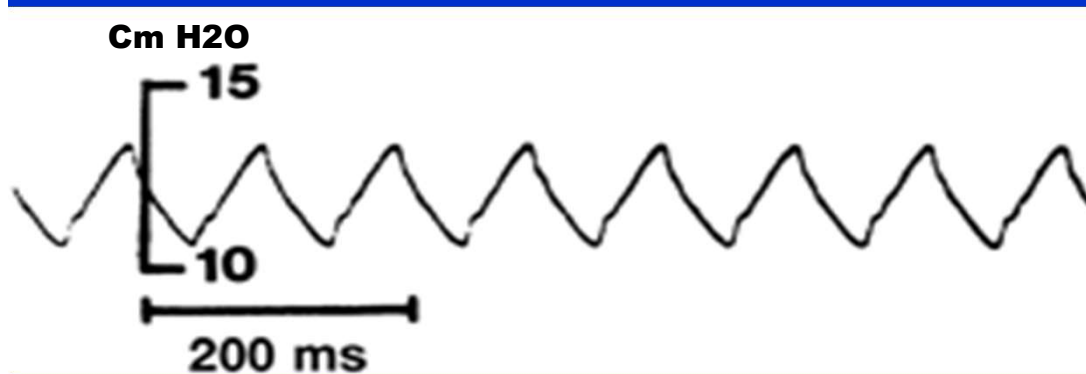
- CPAP is not just for RDS
- CPAP stimulates the growth of the immature lung
- keeping the premature infants on CPAP, even on room air CPAP, as long as they are symptomatic (e.g., tachypnea, retraction or apnea & bradycardia.)



Waveform produced at
airway with underwater
Bubble CPAP

Amplitude 2-4 cm H₂O,
Frequency 15-30 Hz

Lee K-S et al: Biol Neonate 73: 69-75, 1998



Waveform produced at
airway with **HFOV**
(Sensormedics)

Set I-time 0.3

Set Frequency 10 Hz

Thome U: J Appl Physiol: 84(5):1520-7, 1998

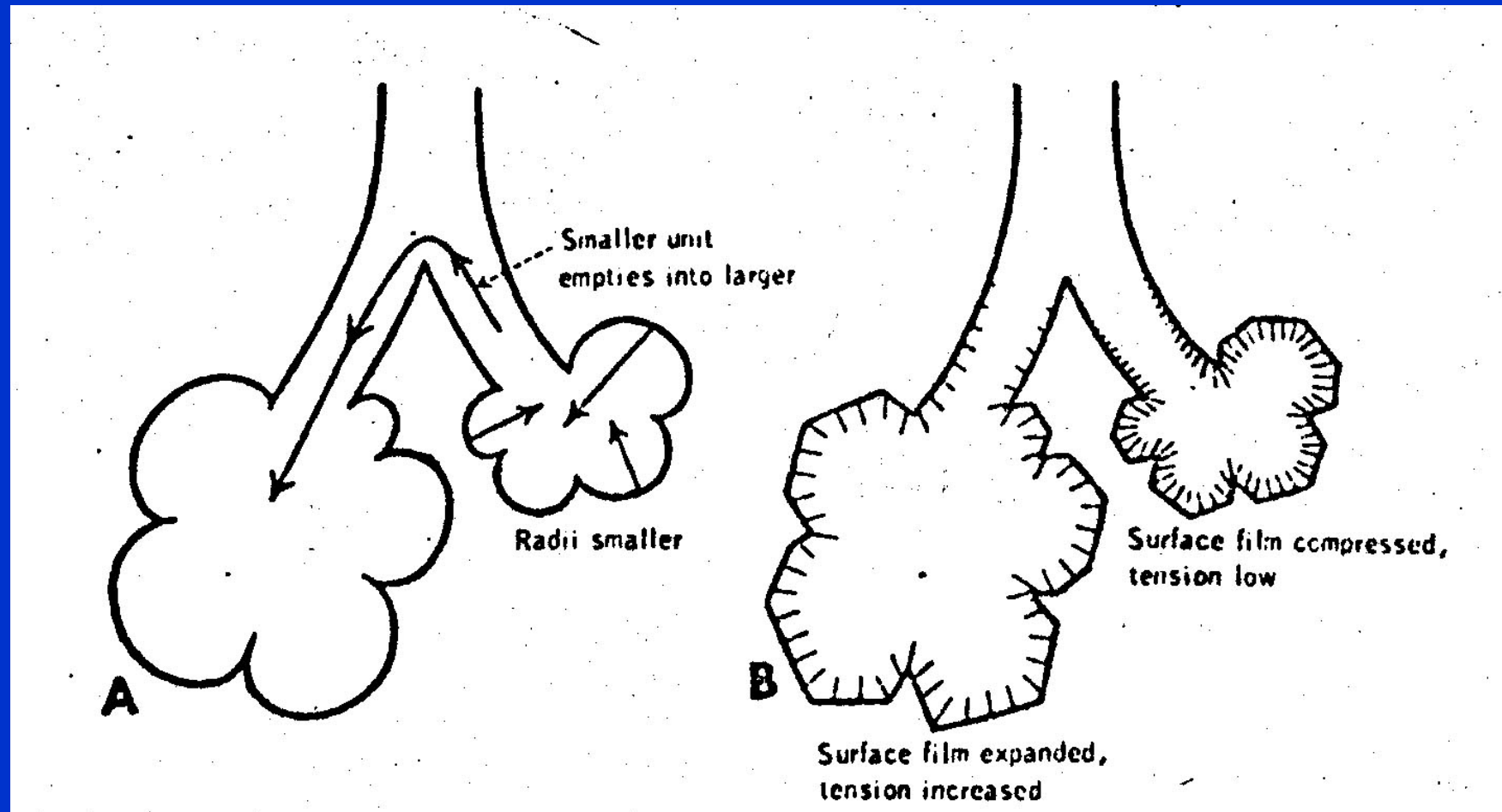
CPAP

Indication

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2. Apnea and bradycardia of prematurity
3. Meconium aspiration syndrome (MAS)
4. Airway closure disease, e.g. bronchiolitis, BPD
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6. Partial paralysis of diaphragm
7. Respiratory support after extubation

Effect of alveolar radius and surface tension on alveolar stability w/ and w/o surfactant

$$P = 2 T/r$$

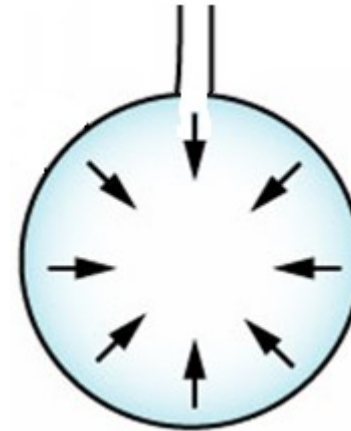
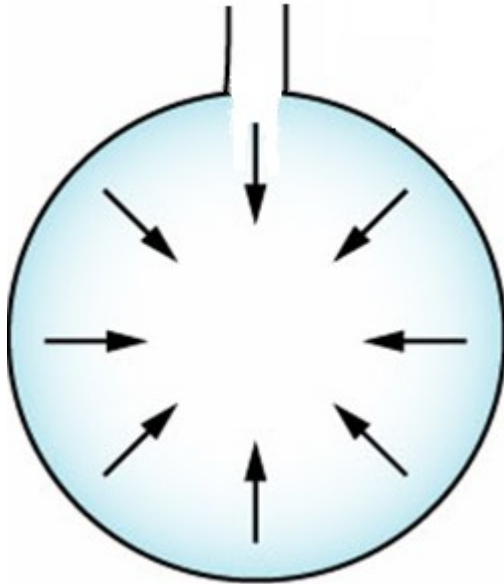


Law of Laplace : $P = 2T/r$

P : pressure

T : surface tension

r : radius



CPAP



Larger alveolus

$$r = 2$$

$$T = 3$$

$$P = (2 \times 3) / 2$$

$$P = 3$$

Smaller alveolus

$$r = 1$$

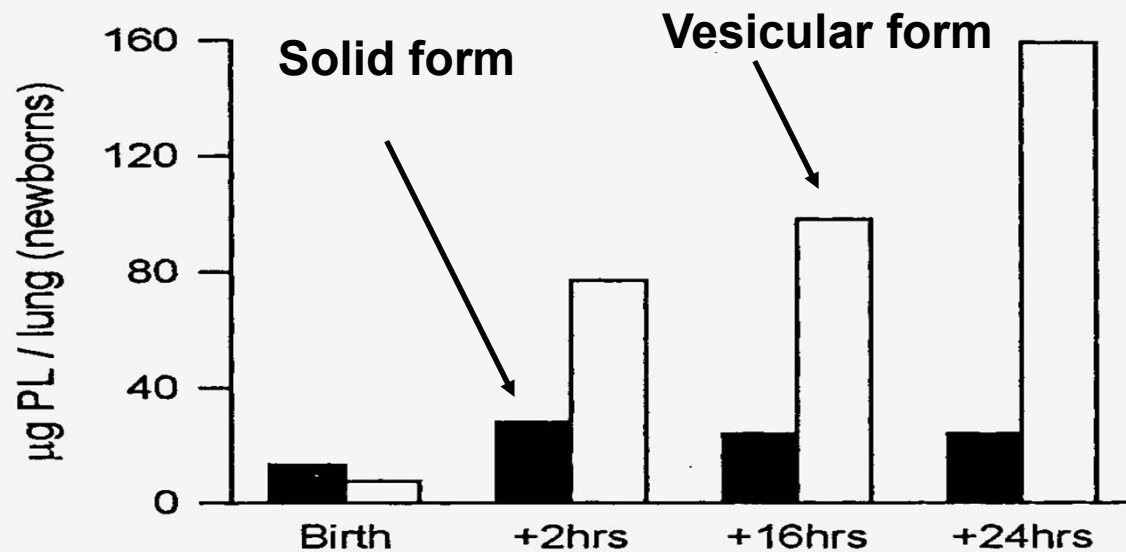
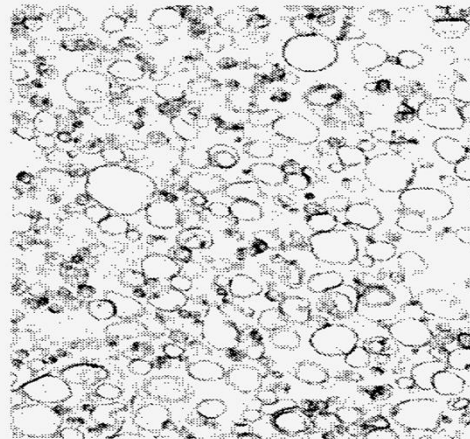
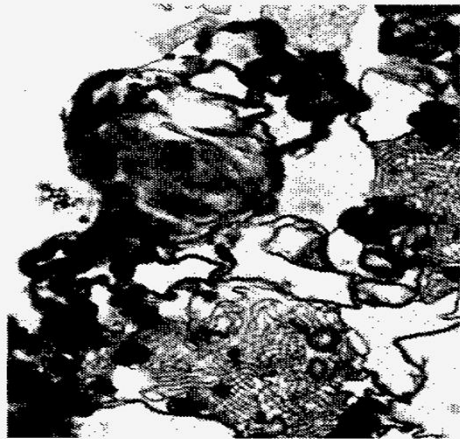
$$T = 3$$

$$P = (2 \times 3) / 1$$

$$P = 6$$

Natural response of surfactant producing cells to birth

Spain CL et.al. Ped. Research, 1987



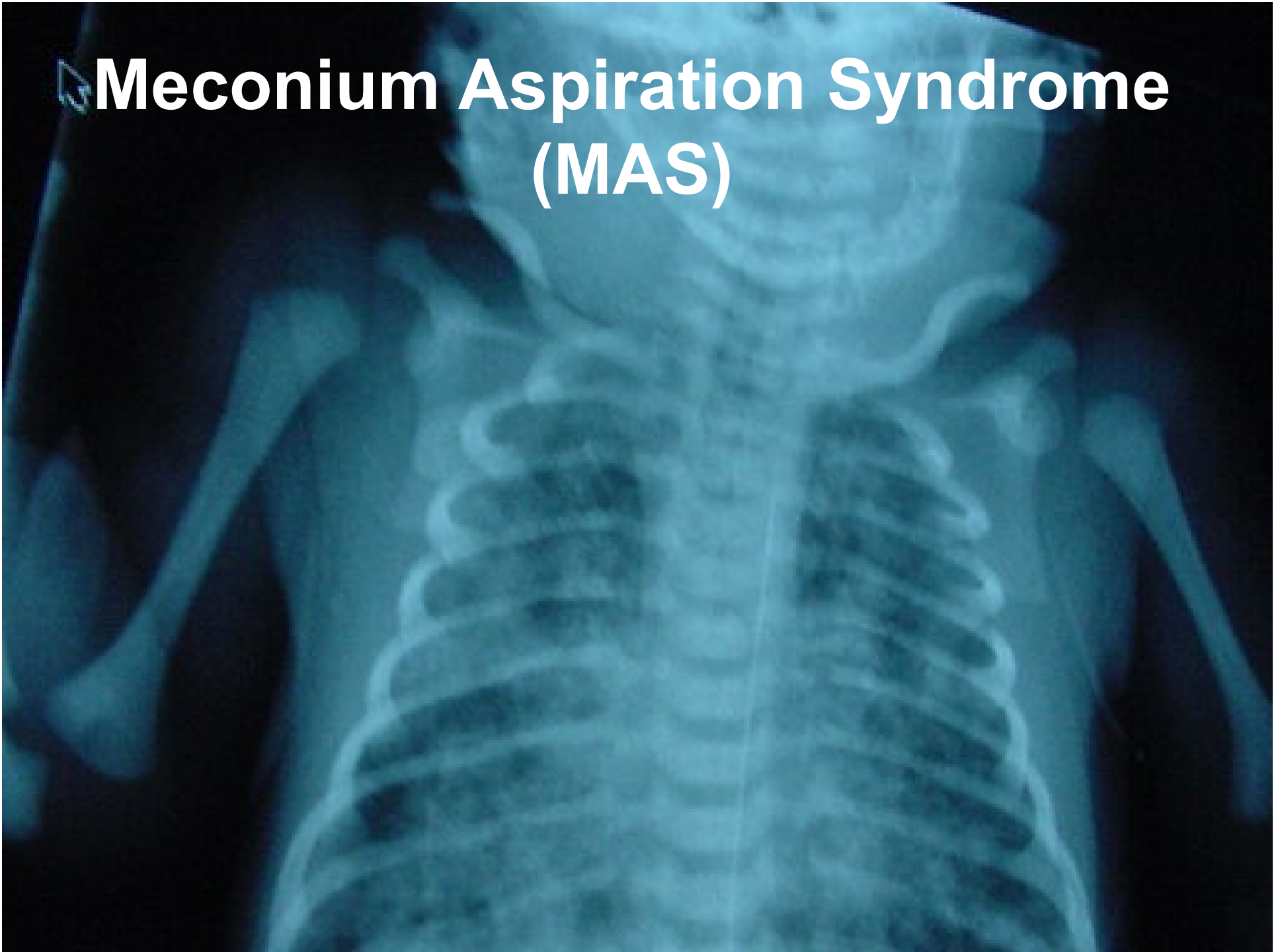
At onset of breathing, amount of surfactant pool increases significantly

CPAP

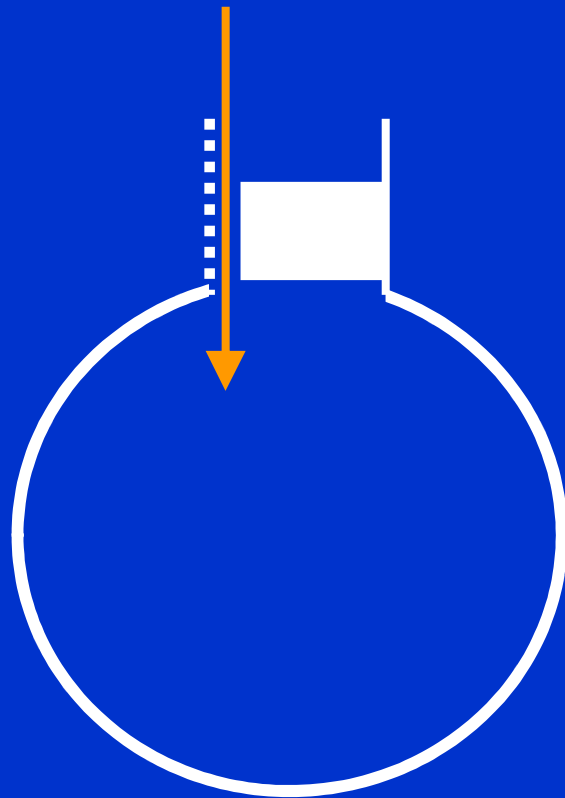
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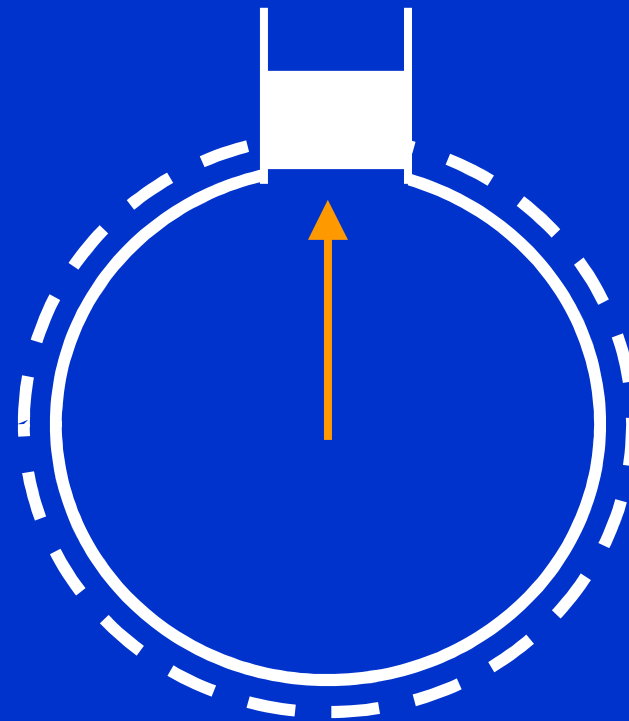
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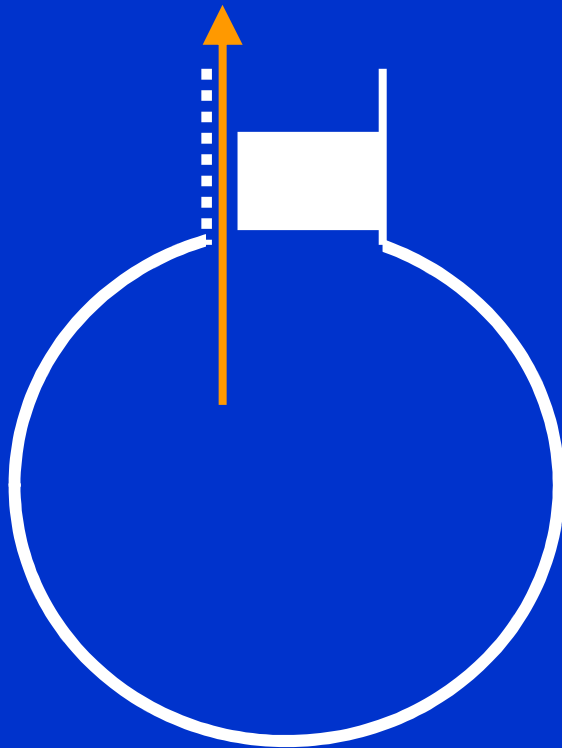


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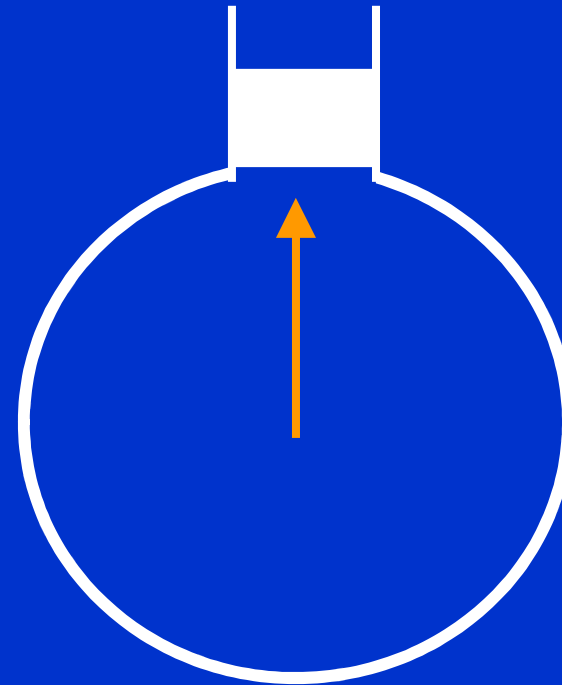


Expiration

Meconium Aspiration Syndrome (MAS)

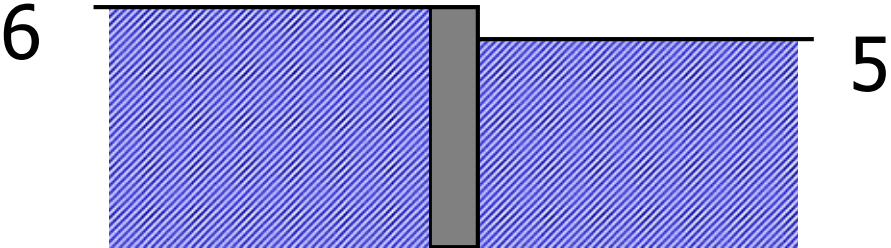
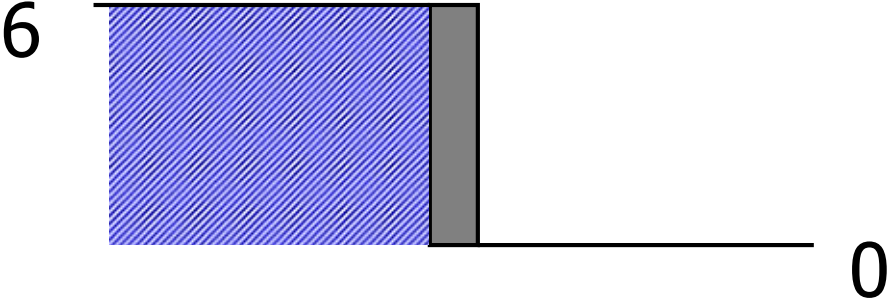
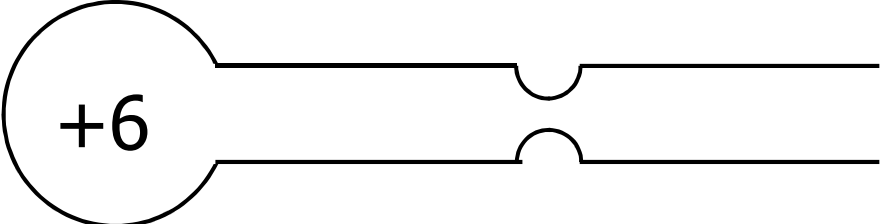


With CPAP



No CPAP

Waterfall Effect

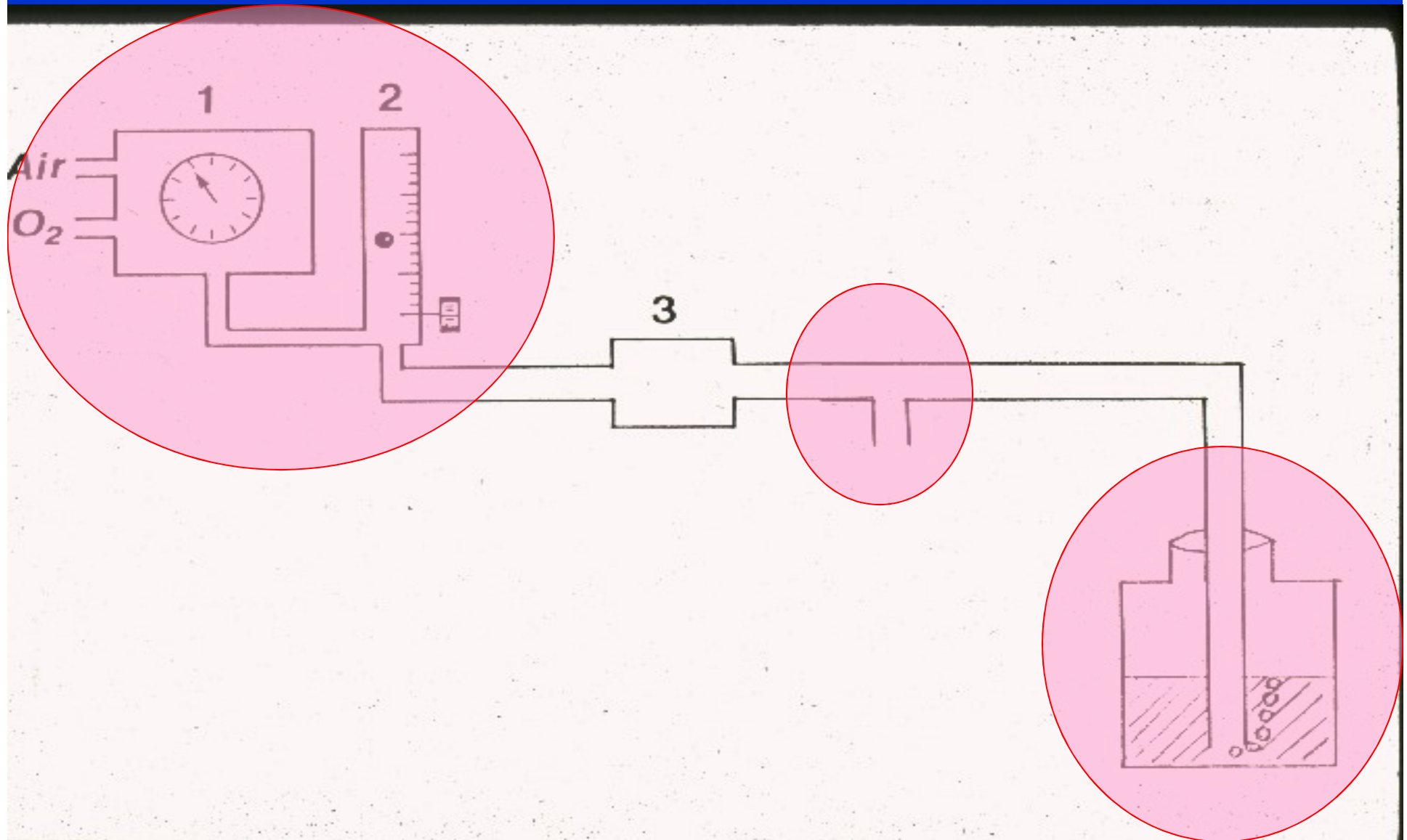


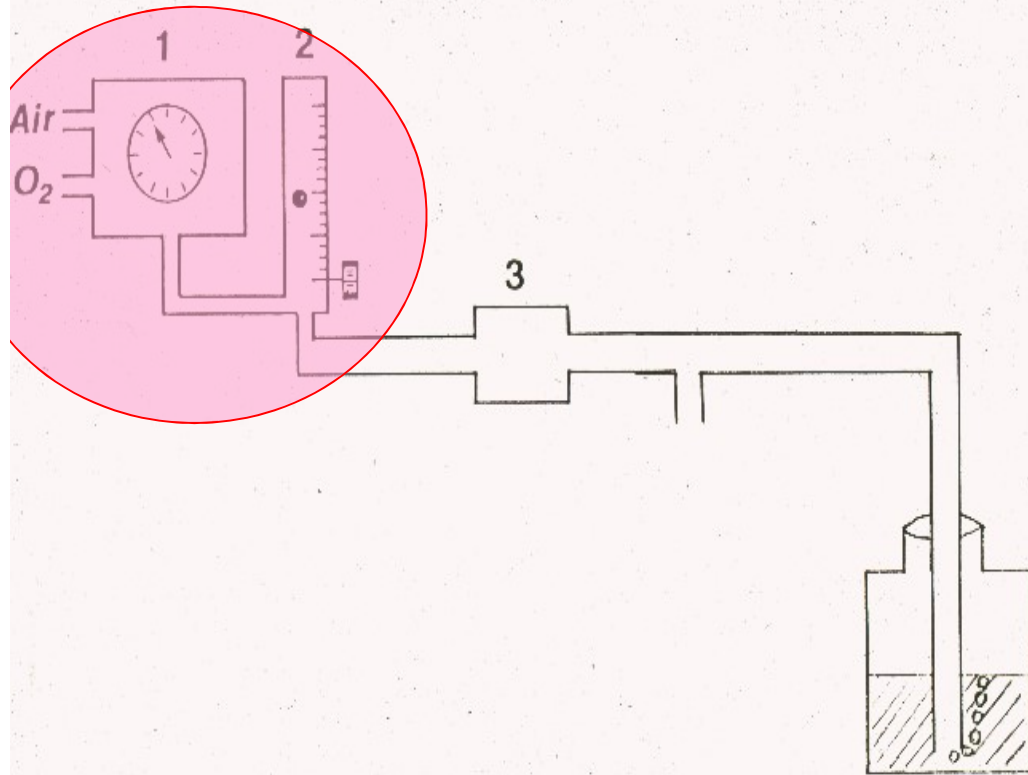
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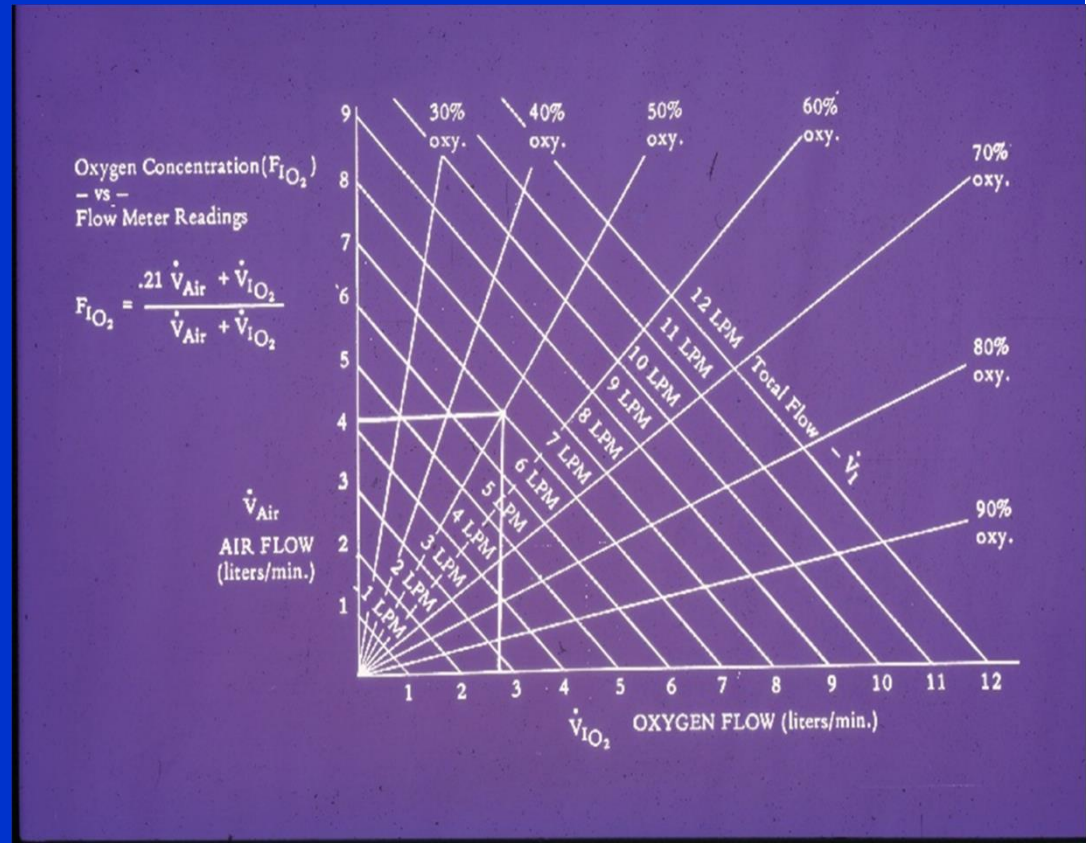
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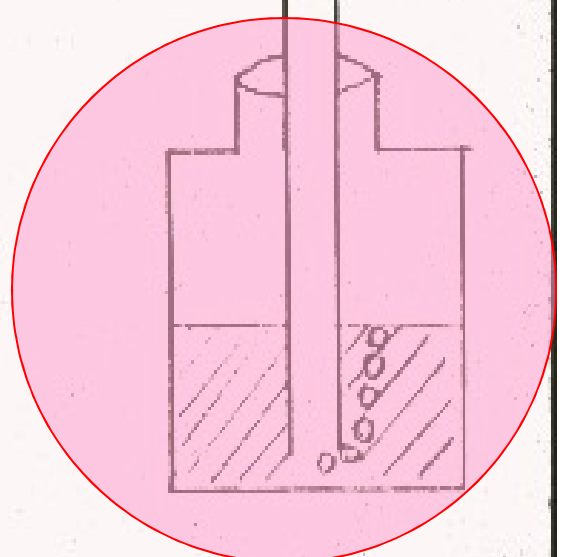
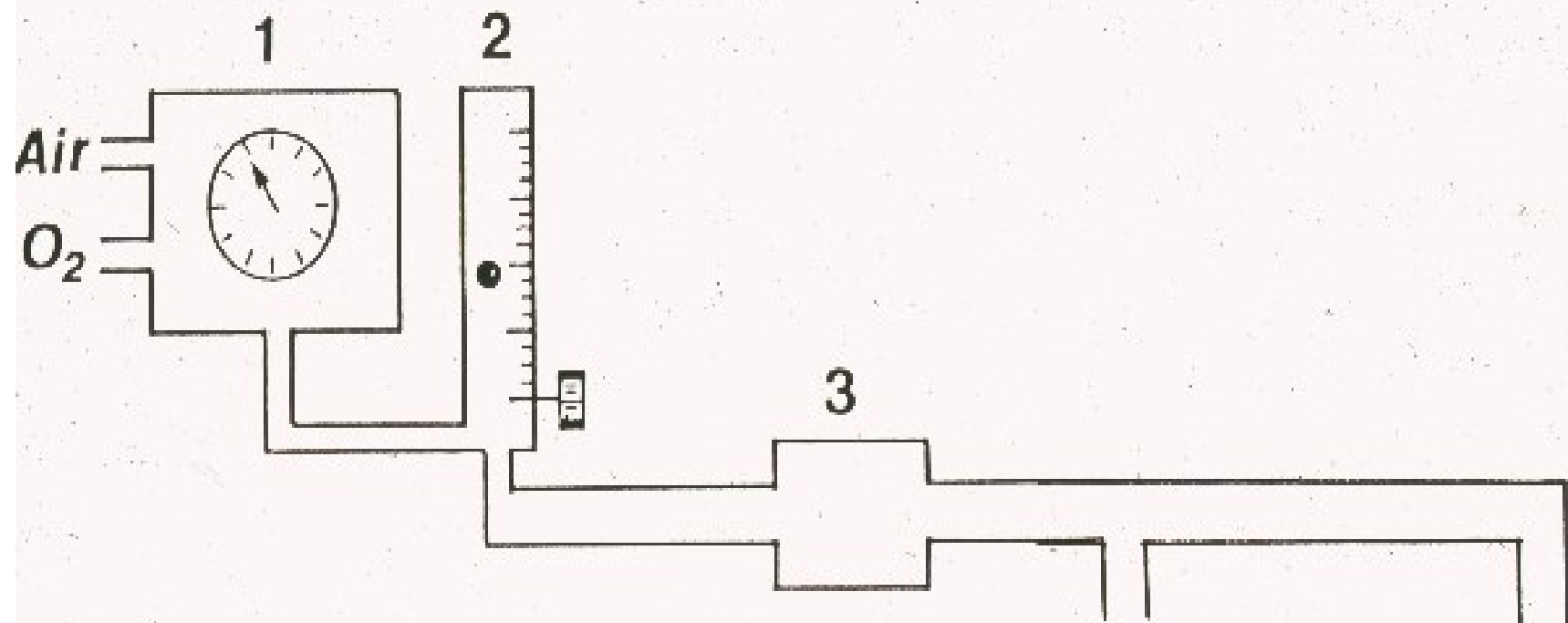
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CPAP Device



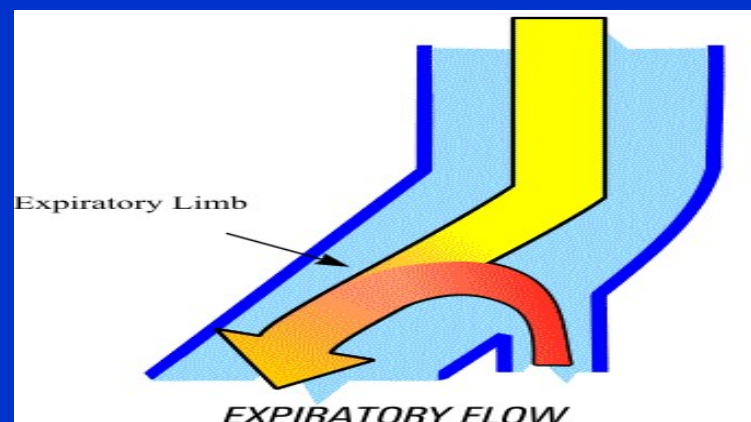
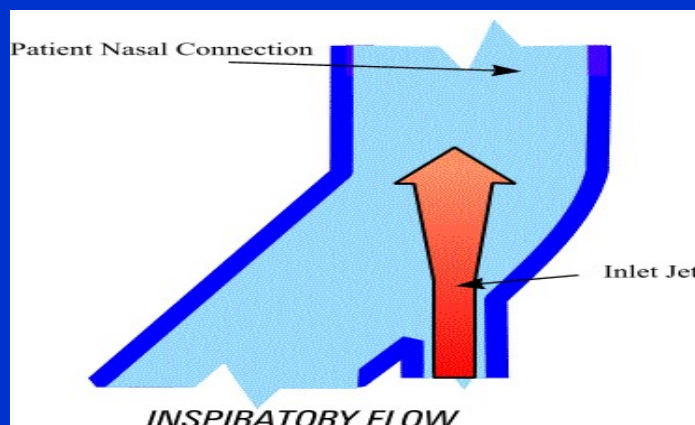




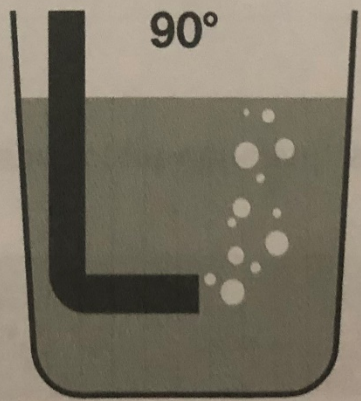
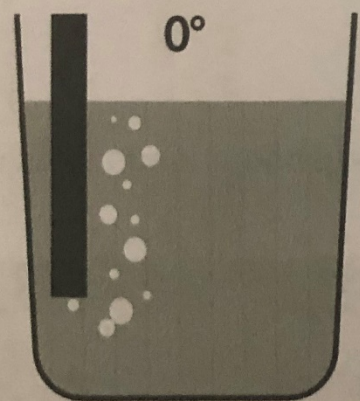
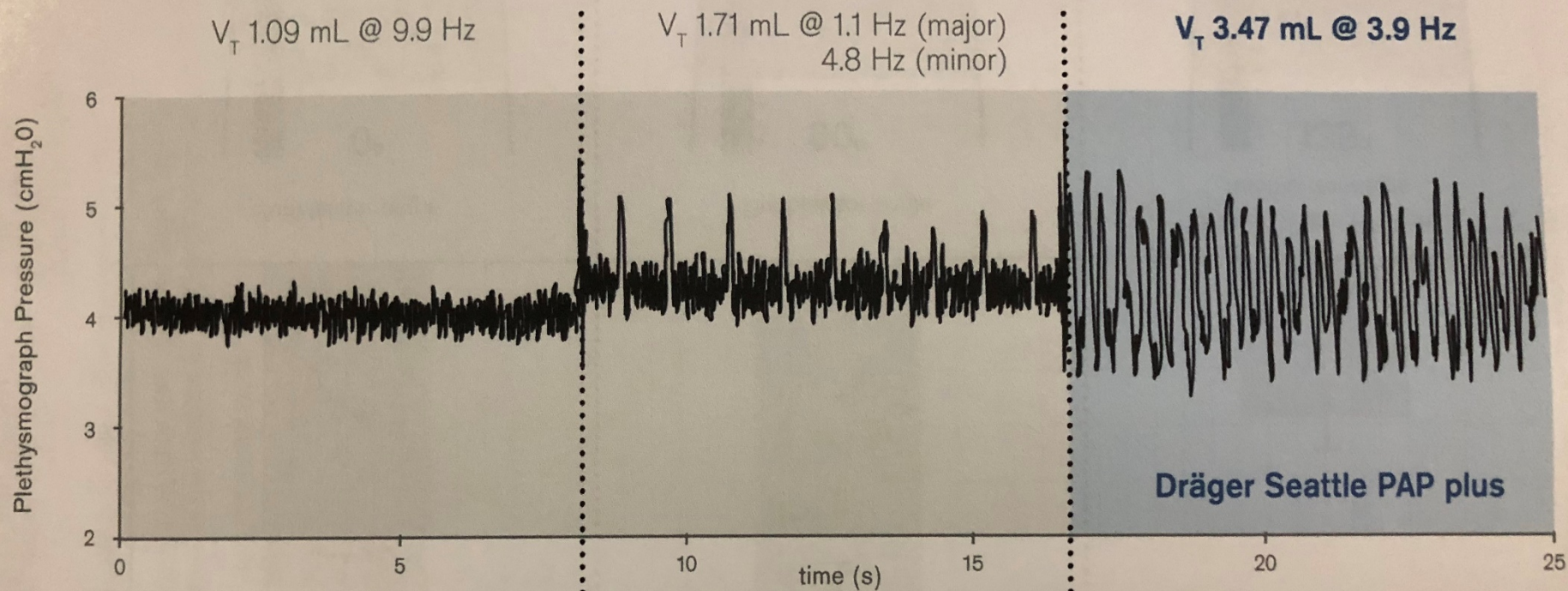


Modes of positive pressure generation

- **Threshold resistors** – the level is determined by the force applied to the surface area of the valve. The pressure generated is independent of flow. (*Water bubble CPAP*)
- **Variable pressure-flow resistors** – the level of PEEP/CPAP is directly proportional to the product of the gas flow through the orifice of the expiratory pressure valve and the resistance of the valve. (*Ventilator provided CPAP*)
- **Variable flow-** Flow opposition with fluidic flow reversal during expiration (coanda effect) (Infant flow driver)



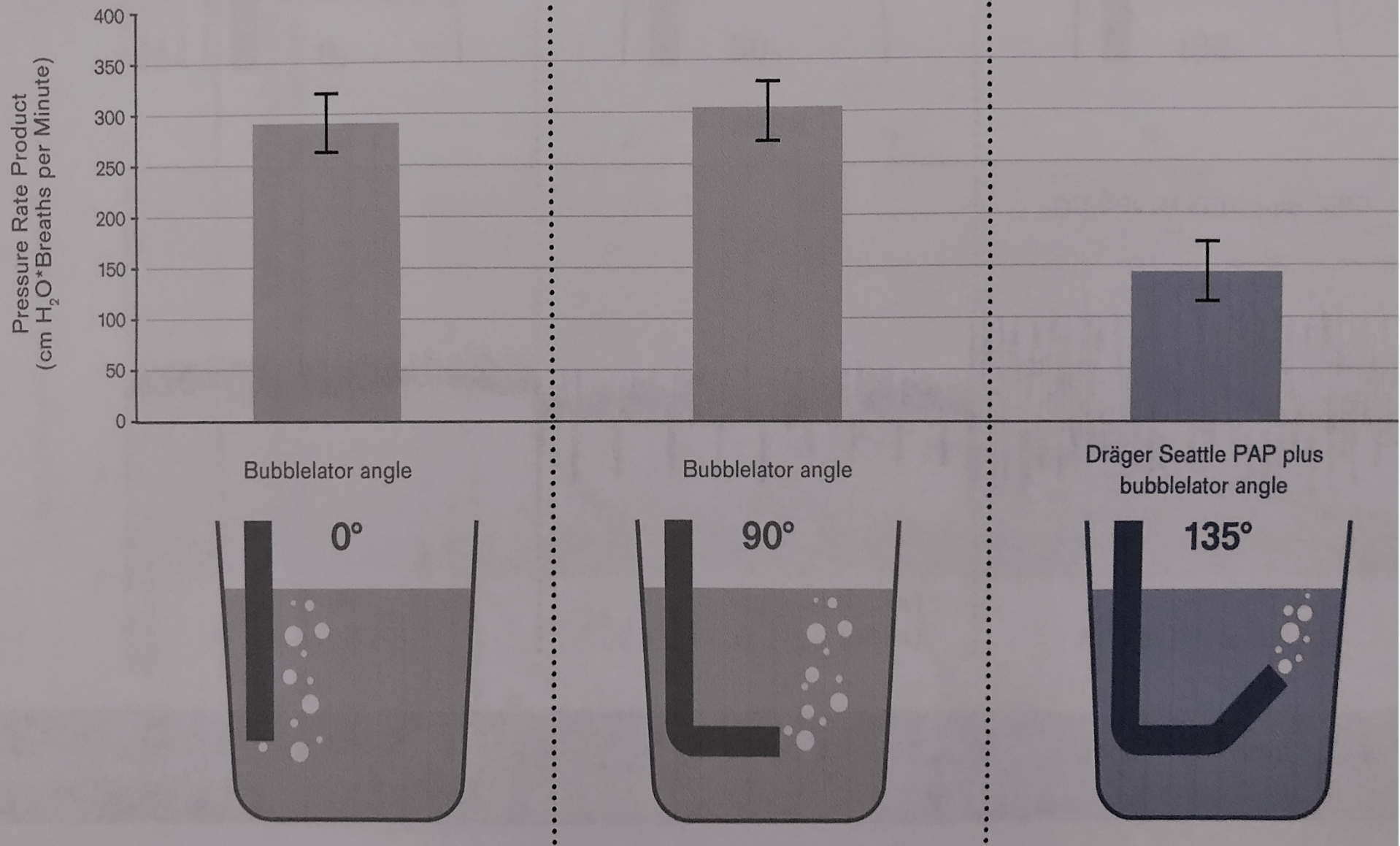
EFFECT OF ANGLE ON OSCILLATIONS



Ref: Noninvasive Respiratory Support of Juvenile Rabbits by High-Amplitude Bubble Continuous Positive Airway Pressure, Robert M Diblasi et al. Pediatric Research volume 67, pages 624-629 (2010)

ANGLE OF BUBBLELATOR SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCES WORK OF BREATHING (WOB)

Work of breathing in spontaneously-breathing, surfactant-deficient, seven-week-old rabbits*



Bubble-CPAP vs Ventilator-CPAP

All infants with bubble CPAP had:

- a lower minute volume with a mean reduction in MV of 39% ($p < 0.001$)
- 7 % reduction in respiratory rate ($p = 0.004$)
- With no change in transcutaneous CO_2 and oxygen saturation values

Lee K-S et al: Biol Neonate 73: 69-75, 1998

Physiological Advantage of Bubble versus Ventilator-derived CPAP

- Lower PaCO₂
- Higher PaO₂, PH, FRC
- Less V/Q mismatch
- Lower alveolar protein

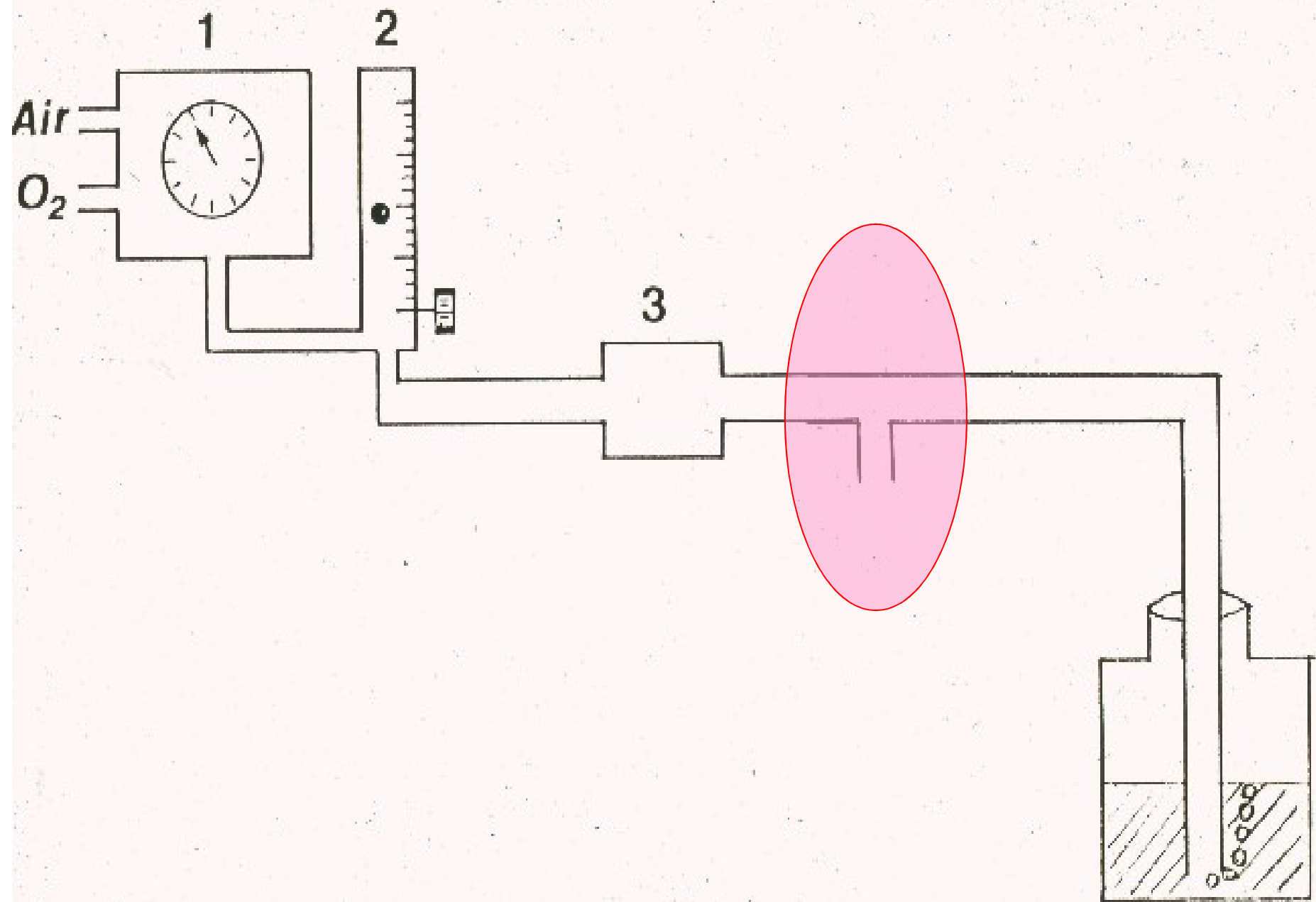
Bubble Continuous Positive Airway Pressure Enhances Lung Volume and Gas Exchange in Preterm Lambs

Jane Pillow et al. Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2007 ; 176(1): 63–69.

B-NCPAP vs V-NCPAP

- Randomized crossover study in 18 premature infants (<1500 g) with mild respiratory distress
- Work of breathing, breathing asynchrony, respiratory rate, heart rate, tidal volume, minute ventilation, lung compliance or TcPCO₂ was not significantly different
- TcPO₂ was higher with B-NCPAP (P=0.01)

Courtney, SE et al.:Journal of Perinatology (2011) 31, 44–50;



CPAP Devices (Interface)

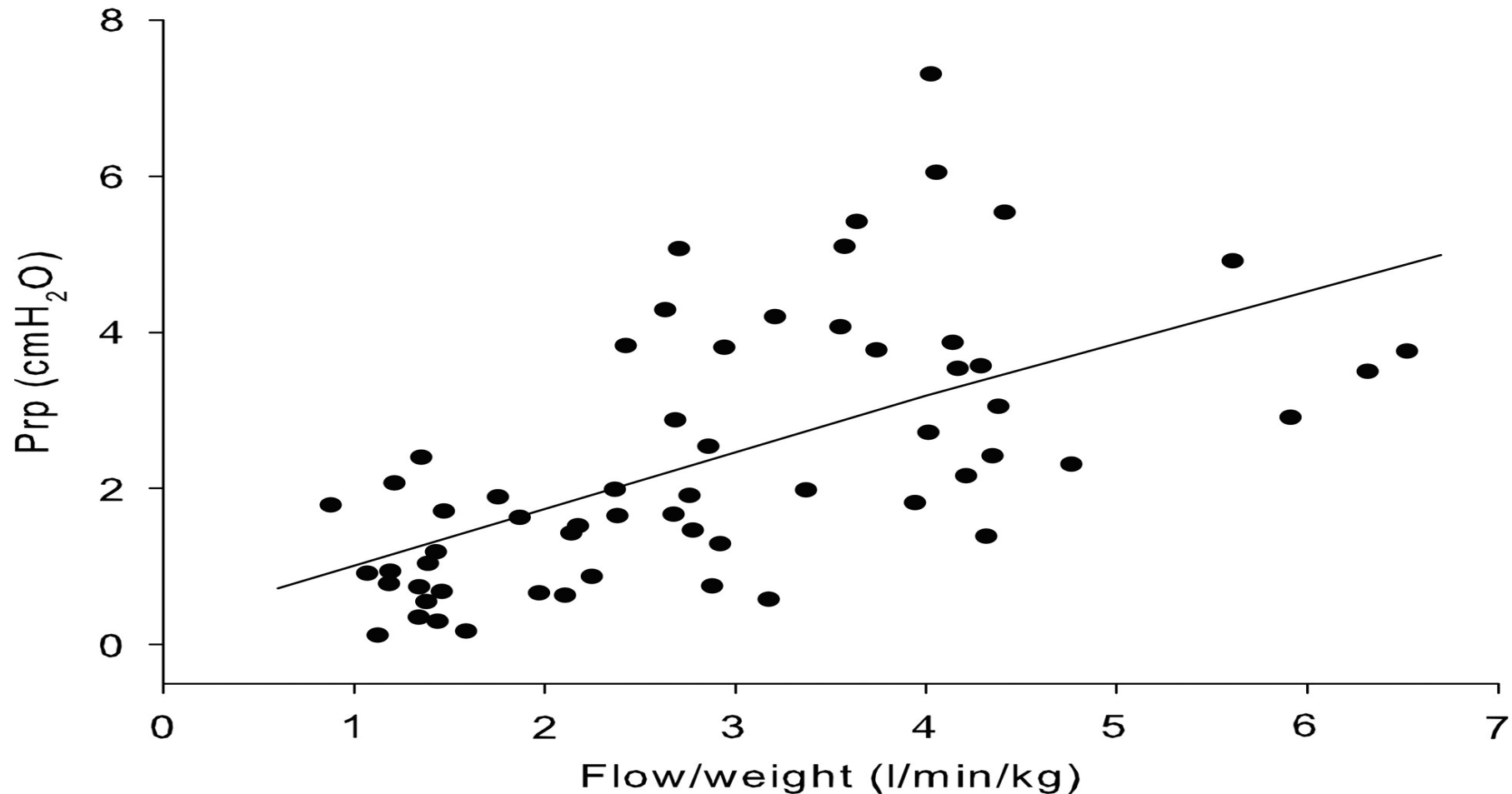
- Head hood
- Face shield
- Face mask
- Nasal mask
- Nasal prongs – Hudson, Babi-plus nCPAP
INCA, Draeger, Fisher&Pakel, SiPAP, Arabella
Infant Flow, NeoPAP
- Nasal cannula – *Vapotherm, Ram Cannula*
- Nasal pharyngeal tube
- Endotracheal tube

Nasal Cannula



Nasal CPAP

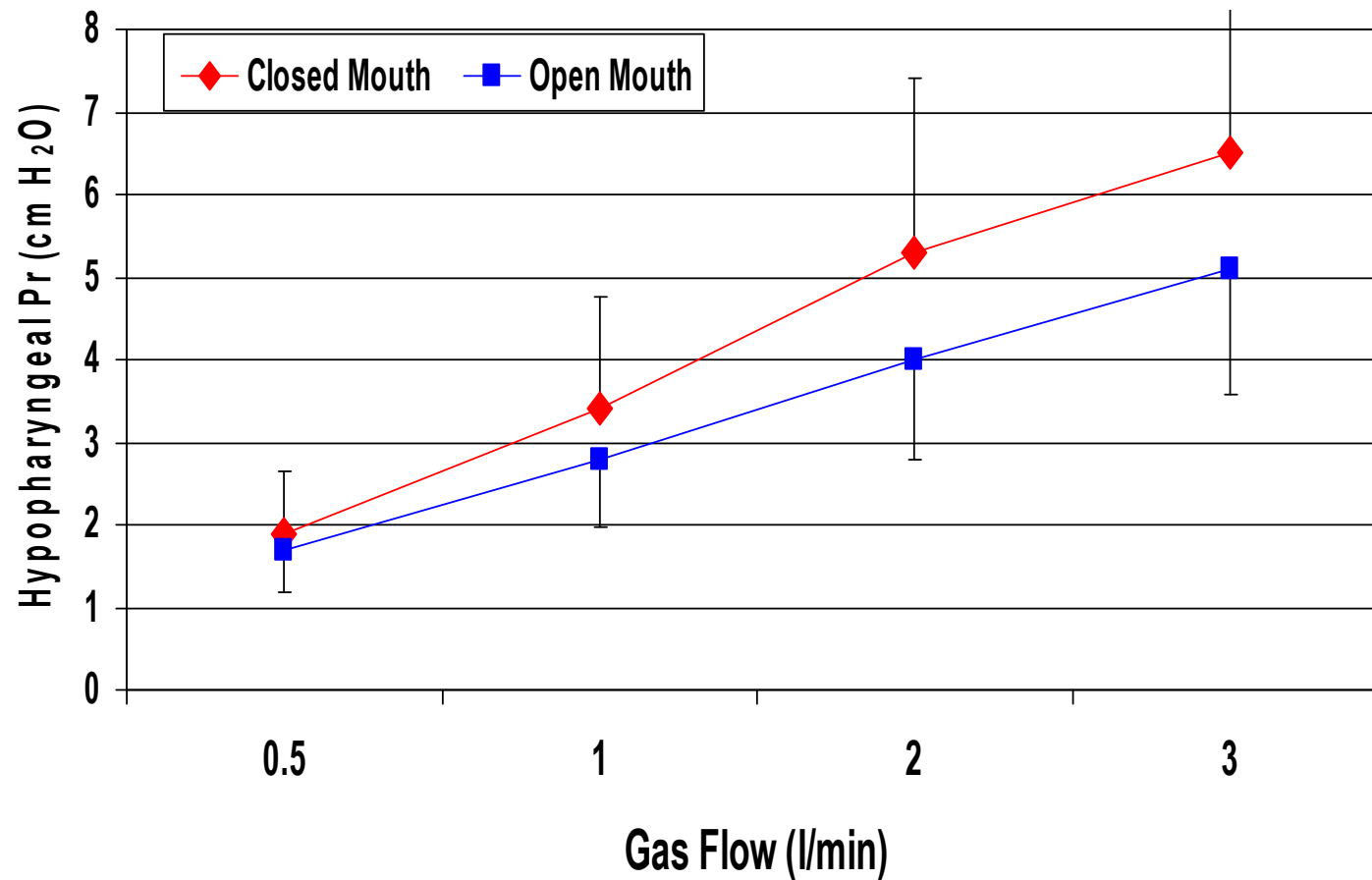




Linear regression between flow rate divided by infants' weight and end-expiratory Prp in heated, humidified, high-flow, nasal cannula (HHHFNC) ($Prp=0.3+0.7*V'$; $r^2=0.37$)

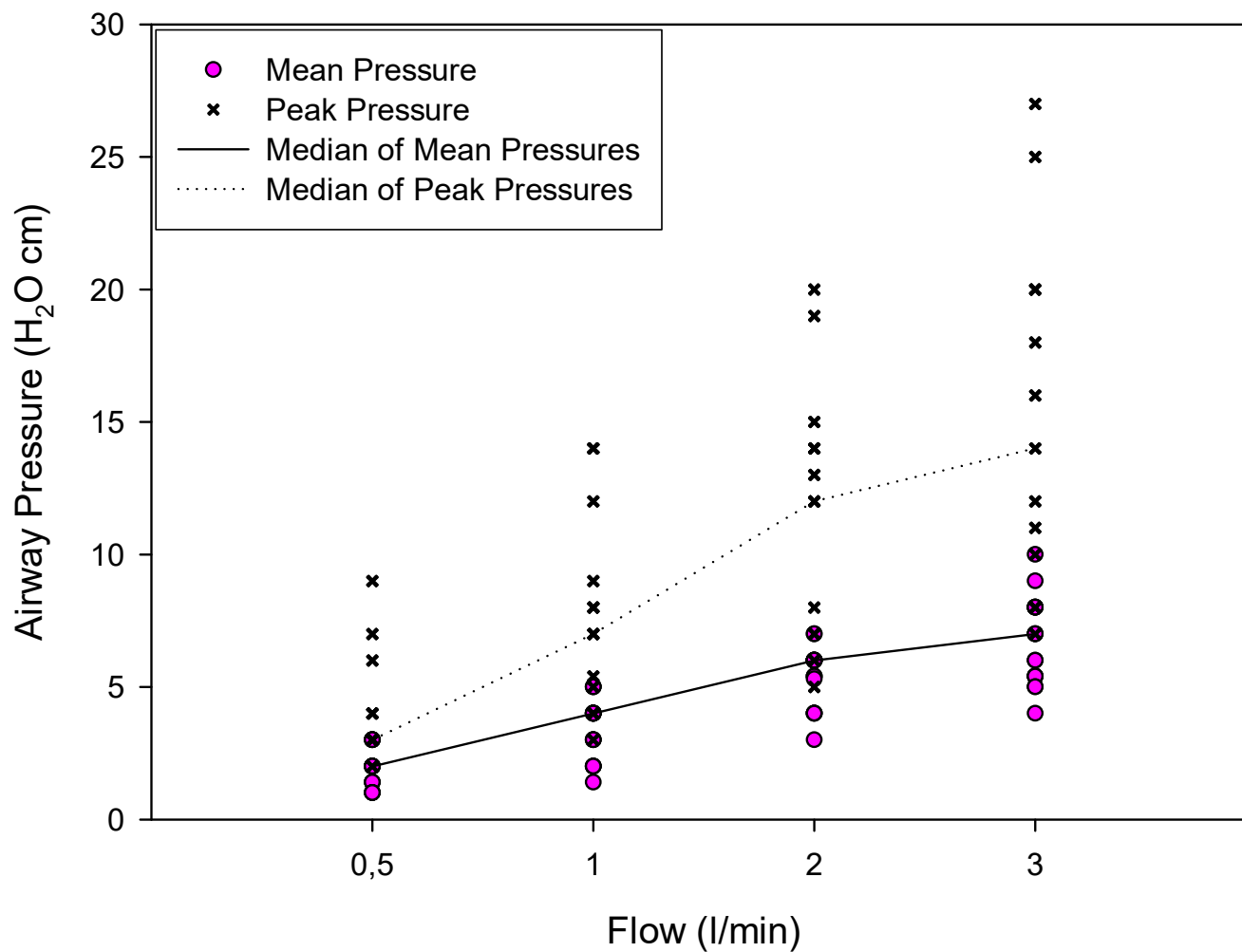
Respiratory Mechanics during NCPAP and HHHFNC at equal distending pressure, Anna Lavizzari et al. Arch Dis Child Fetal Neonatal Published online 30 April 2014

Mean hypopharyngeal pressures and Gas flow in preterm infants with nasal cannula





Presión Hipofaríngea en prematuros con cánula nasal: Relación con el flujo de gas

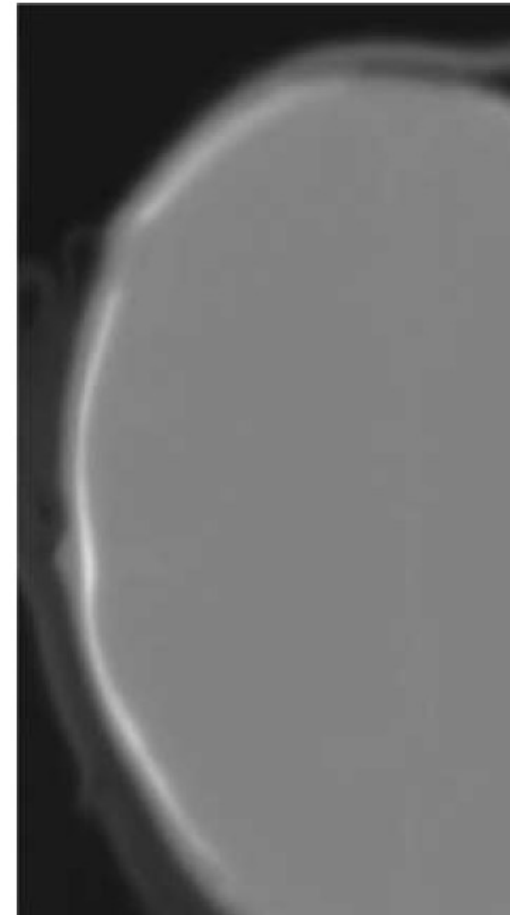
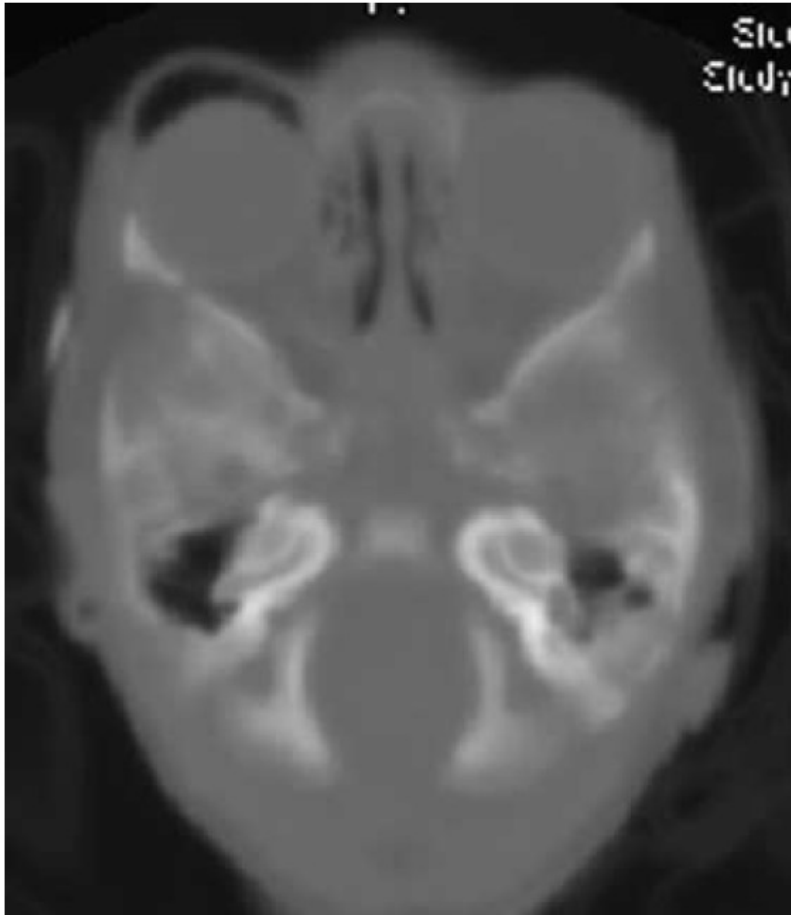


Hypopharyngeal oxygen concentration and pressure delivered by nasal cannula in preterm infants

Alvaro Quintero et al. PAS 3450-3, 2009

Gas Flow	Hypopharynx FiO ₂	Hypopharynx Pressure
LPM	Median (Range)	Median (Range)
0.1	0.28 (0.23 – 0.42)	
0.3	0.44 (0.30 - 0.61)	
0.5	0.53 (0.37 - 0.69)	2.7 (1.3 – 13.6)
1	0.69 (0.49 - 0.90)	4.7 (1.3 – 19)
2	0.75 (0.53 - 0.91)	5.4 (4.0 -20.4)

Subcutaneous scalp emphysema, pneumo-orbitis and pneumocephalus in a neonate on high humidity high cannula



Nasal Cannula

- The CPAP and FiO_2 delivered will depend upon the cannula size, flow, anatomy of nose and space between cannula and nose
- No safety mechanism to assure that excessive positive pressure is not given
- **“ ---High-flow nasal cannula should not be used as a replacement for delivering CPAP.”** – Kubicka et al. Pediatrics 2008;121:82-88
- **“ --- easy may not be safe.”** –Finer, 2005

HFNC vs CPAP

Use of HFNC in ELBW infants is associated with:

- ❖ A higher risk of death or BPD
- ❖ Increased respiratory morbidities
- ❖ Delayed oral feeding, and
- ❖ Prolonged hospitalization.

Dalal K. Taha et.al. J Pediatr 2016;173:50-5)

			HHHFNC	nCPAP
Collins, 2013	Extubation Failure	Total	15/67	22/65
(J Pediatr)		28-32 wk	7/37	8/36
		<28 wk	2/30	1/29
	BPD		24/67 (36%)	28/65(43%)
Manley, 2013	Extubation Failure	Total	52/152	39/151
(NEJM)		26-32 wk	26/120	20/120
		<26 wk	26/32	19/31
	BPD		47/152 (31%)	52/151 (34%)

Incidence of BPD

CHONY (6/99 –7/02)

Proposed New Definition

BW(g)	GA(wks)	O₂ (36 wks)	Mild	Mod.	Severe
< 750	25.4 ± 2.0	1 8.3%	31.6%	15.0%	3.3%
750-1000	26.9 ± 1.8	1.4%	16.9%	1.4%	0
1001-1250	29.0 ± 1.8	1.1%	0	1.1%	0
Total	27.4 ± 2.4	5.9%	14.1%	5.0%	0.9%

Sahni et al. J Perinatol 25(1):41-6, 2005.

Reasons for different results in previous CPAP studies

- The difference in devices used and experiences of caregivers
- The difference in threshold of CPAP failure
- Studies did not show significant reduction of BPD because CPAP therapy was discontinued too early to take advantage of stimulation of lung growth

Nasal CPAP

Maintenance (1)

1. Observe baby's vital signs, oxygenation and activity
2. Systematically check CPAP systems, inspired gas temperature, air bubbling out of acetic acid solution. Empty condensed water in the circuit
3. Check CPAP prongs position and keep CPAP cannulae off the septum at all times. A snug cap is used to securely hold the tubings in place and using self-adhesive Velcro to keep cannulae away from the septum if necessary

Nasal CPAP

Maintenance (2)

4. Suction nasal cavities, mouth, pharynx and stomach q4h and prn
5. If baby swallows lot of air, insert gastric tube and suction should be more often.
6. Change the baby's position
7. Change CPAP circuit once a week

Nasal CPAP

Weaning

- CPAP is kept at 5 cmH₂O
- FiO₂ is adjusted to keep PaO₂ in 50's, or oxygen saturation around 90% (alarm 85 -95%)

Nasal CPAP

Discontinued

- No tachypnea or retraction
- No apnea and bradycardia
- FiO_2 is room air

Three CPAP weaning methods

- M1:** Taken 'OFF' CPAP with the view to stay 'OFF'
- M2:** Cycled on and off CPAP with incremental time 'OFF'.
- M3:** As with M2, cycled on and off CPAP but during 'OFF' periods were supported by 2 mm nasal cannula at a flow of 0.5 l/min.

Methods of weaning preterm babies <30 weeks gestation off CPAP: a multicentre randomised controlled trial

	M1 (n=56)	m ² (n=69)	M3 (n=52)	Sig
Time of wean‡	11.3±0.8	16.8±1.0 [*]	19.4±1.3 [*]	p<0.0001
Total days CPAP	24.4±0.1	38.6±0.1 [*]	30.5±0.1 [*]	p<0.0001
CGA OFF CPAP	31.9±0.1	34.1±0.1 [*]	32.8±0.2 [*]	p<0.0001
Oxygen duration‡	24.1±1.5	45.8±2.2 [*]	34.1±2.0 [*]	p<0.0001
BPD	7/56 (12.5%)	29/69 (42%)†	10/52 (19%)	p=0.011
Length of Admission	58.5±0.1	73.8±0.1 [*]	69.5±0.1 [*]	p<0.0001
CGA at D/C#	35.8±0.1	36.9±0.1 [*]	36.9±0.1 [*]	p<0.0001

CGA: corrected GA;

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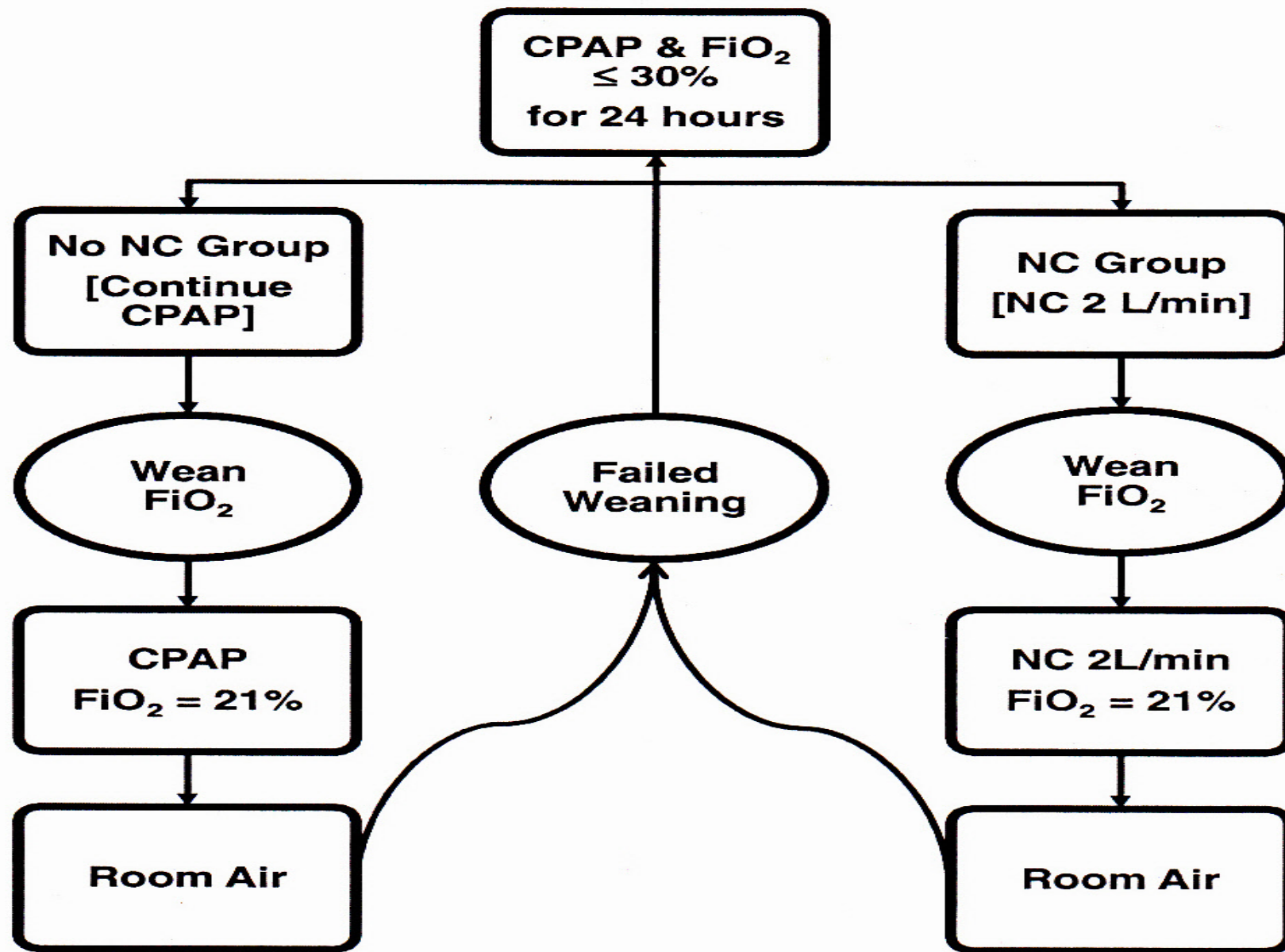
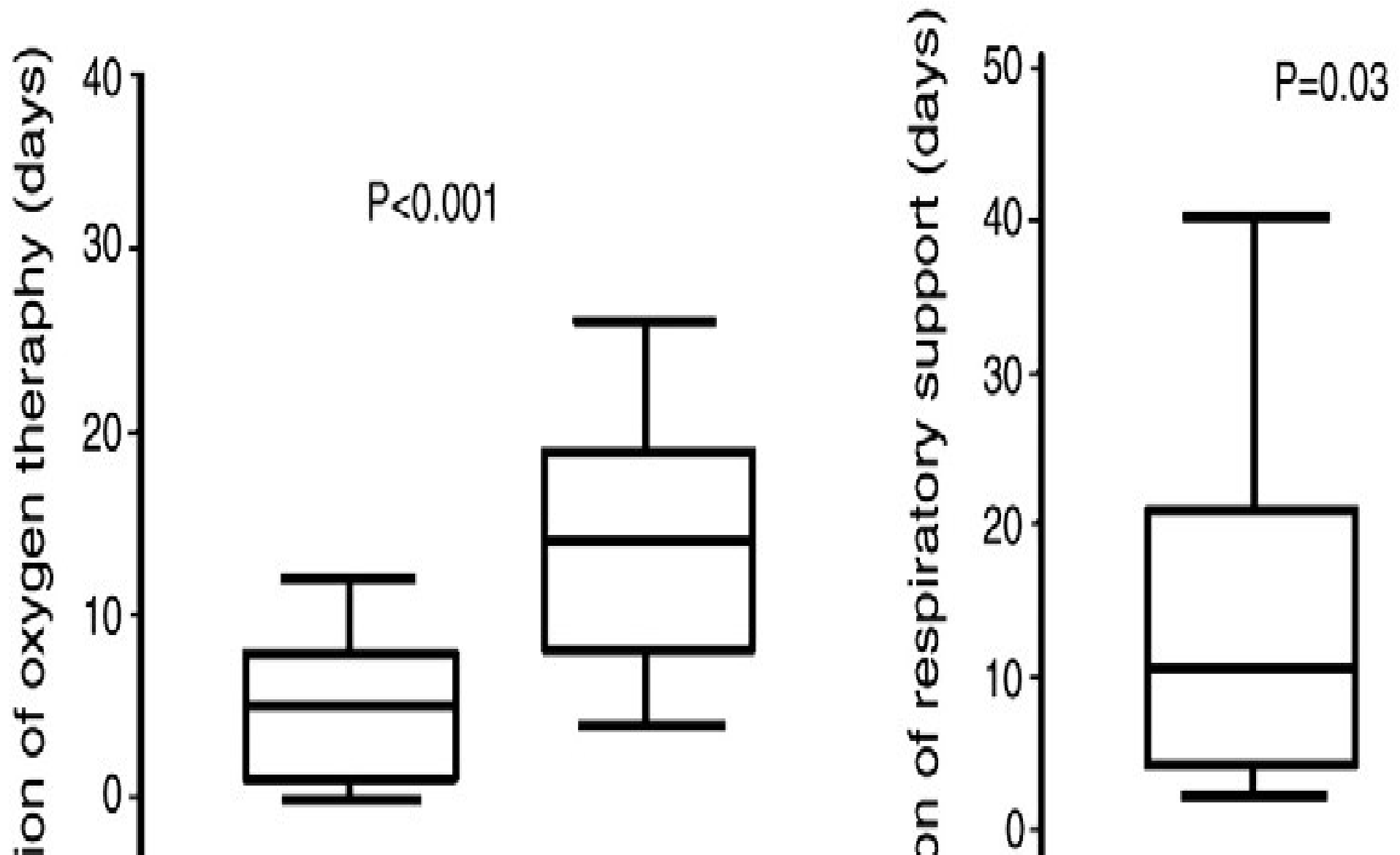


Fig. 1. Study design algorithm for weaning off NCPAP. NC: nasal cannula, NCPAP: nasal continuous positive airway pressure.



Duration of oxygen exposure and respiratory support in the two groups. Data are expressed in median and interquartile range. Mann–Whitney test was used.

Nasal CPAP

Complications (1)

- Nasal obstruction from secretions or improper application of nasal prongs
- Gastric distention from swallowing air, abdominal distention, especially in infants on aminophylline or caffeine
- Nasal septum erosion or necrosis
- Fluctuating FiO_2
- Air leak: <5%, usually occurs during acute phase

Nasal CPAP

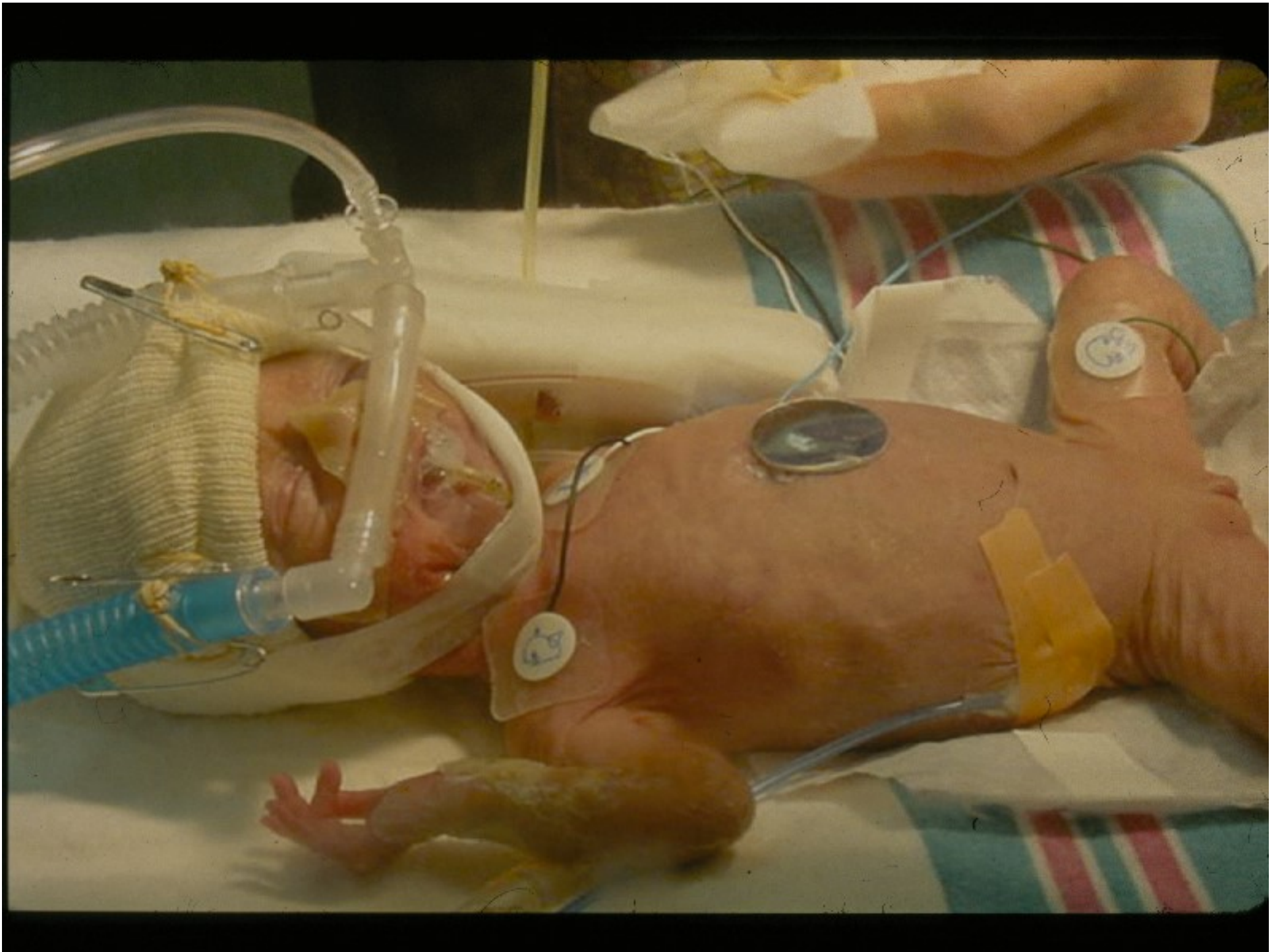
Complications (2)

- Pneumothorax, if occurs, usually occurs within the first few days of use, not after a week. Furthermore, pneumothorax is generally less severe and less frequent in infants on CPAP compared to intubated infants on mechanical ventilation.
- Most of complications are preventable
- The majority of the problems can be attributed to inappropriate use, wrong device or a lack of training and experience

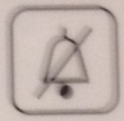
CPAP

Novel Application

- Mechanical ventilation via nasal CPAP cannulae
- Preferably in SIMV, A/C or pressure support mode. Infant Star Sync is not available anymore.
(using Servo I, N or U with NAVA).
- PIP: 15-20 cmH₂O, PEEP: 5 cmH₂O
- Indications:
 - ✓ Frequent A&B
 - ✓ High PaCO₂
 - ✓ Laborious breathings



Trigger | -10 | 0 | 20 | 40 | 60 | Paw | cm H₂O | Alarm

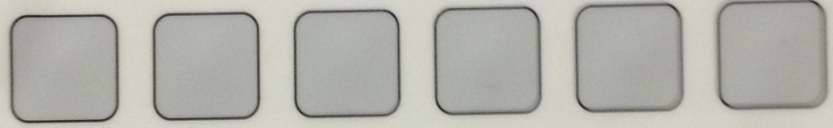


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fset	40 bpm	Pinsp	20 cmH ₂ O	
I:E	1: 2.0	PEEP	5.0 cmH ₂ O	Δ 8100
O ₂ conc	21 %	Trig	1.0	

Confirm

Cal. Config.



O₂-Conc.%

50 60 70 80 90

40 30 25 21 100

Tin

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0,3 0,2 0,1 2 s

Tex

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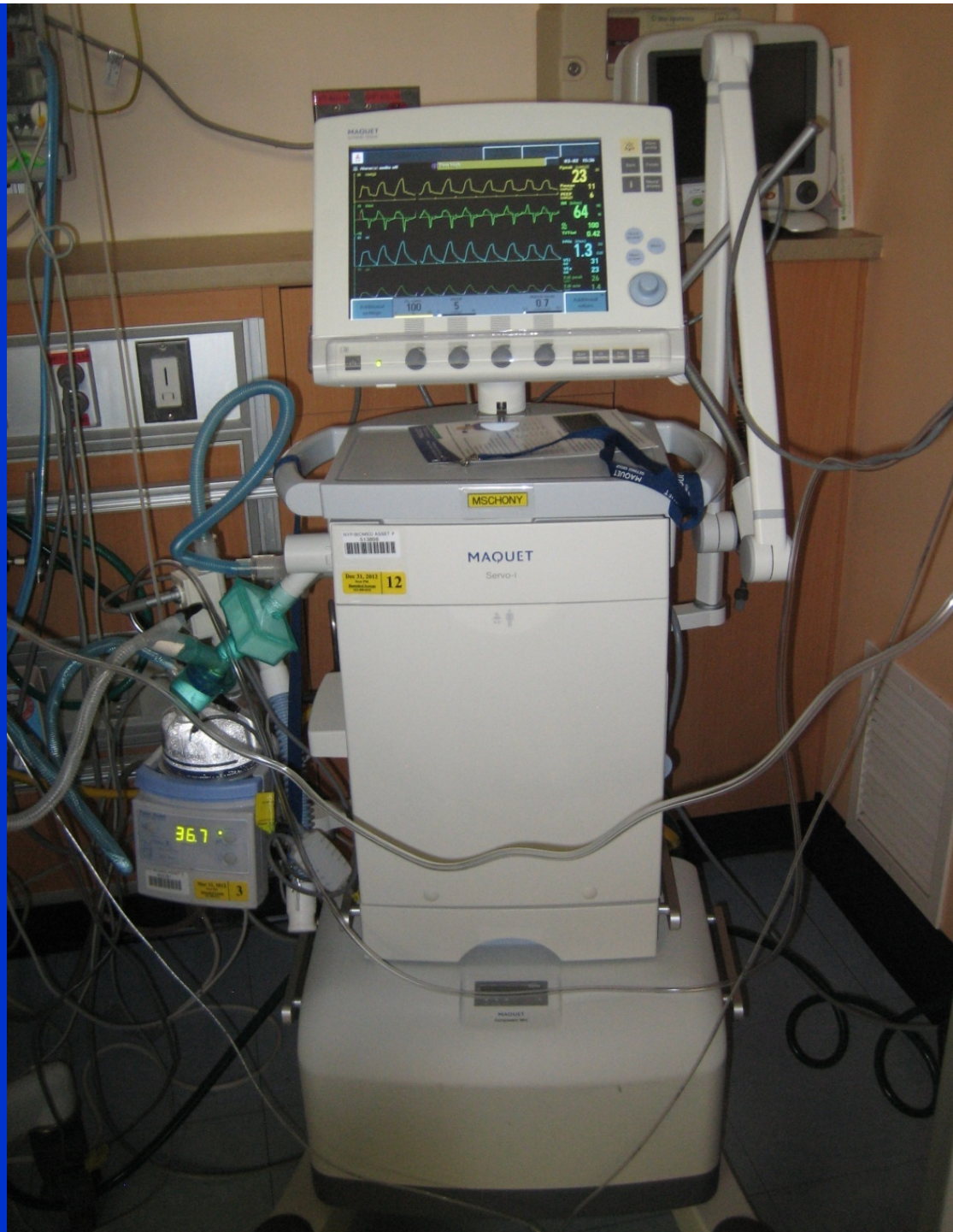
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PEEP/CPAP

6 10 15

3 0 25 cm H₂O

Caution - Consult accompanying documents





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Quick access

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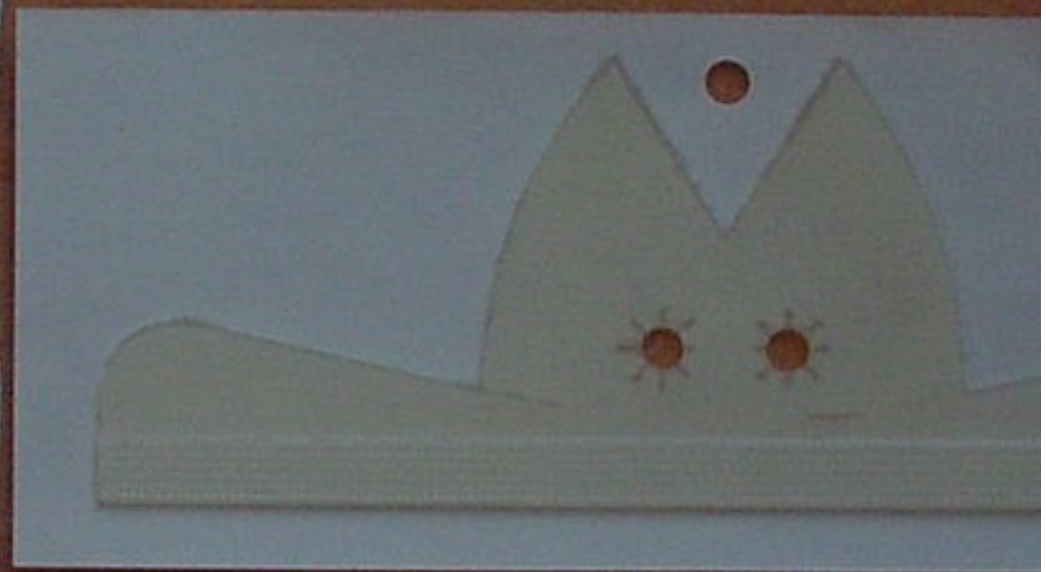
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Mechanical Ventilation

Indications

1. Marked retractions on CPAP (not due to nasal obstruction)
2. Frequent apnea and bradycardia on CPAP
3. $\text{PaO}_2 < 50$ mm Hg with $\text{FiO}_2 > 60\%$
4. $\text{PaCO}_2 > 70$ mm Hg (except 1st ABGS)
5. Intractable metabolic acidosis
($\text{BD} > 10$ meq/L after Rx with NaHCO_3)
6. Other (Cardiovascular collapse, Neuromuscular disorder, Congenital diaphragmatic hernia, or for Surgery, MRI, Cardiac catheterization, etc.)

The Columbia Experience with CPAP



 **Morgan Stanley**
Children's Hospital
of New York-Presbyterian
Columbia University Medical Center

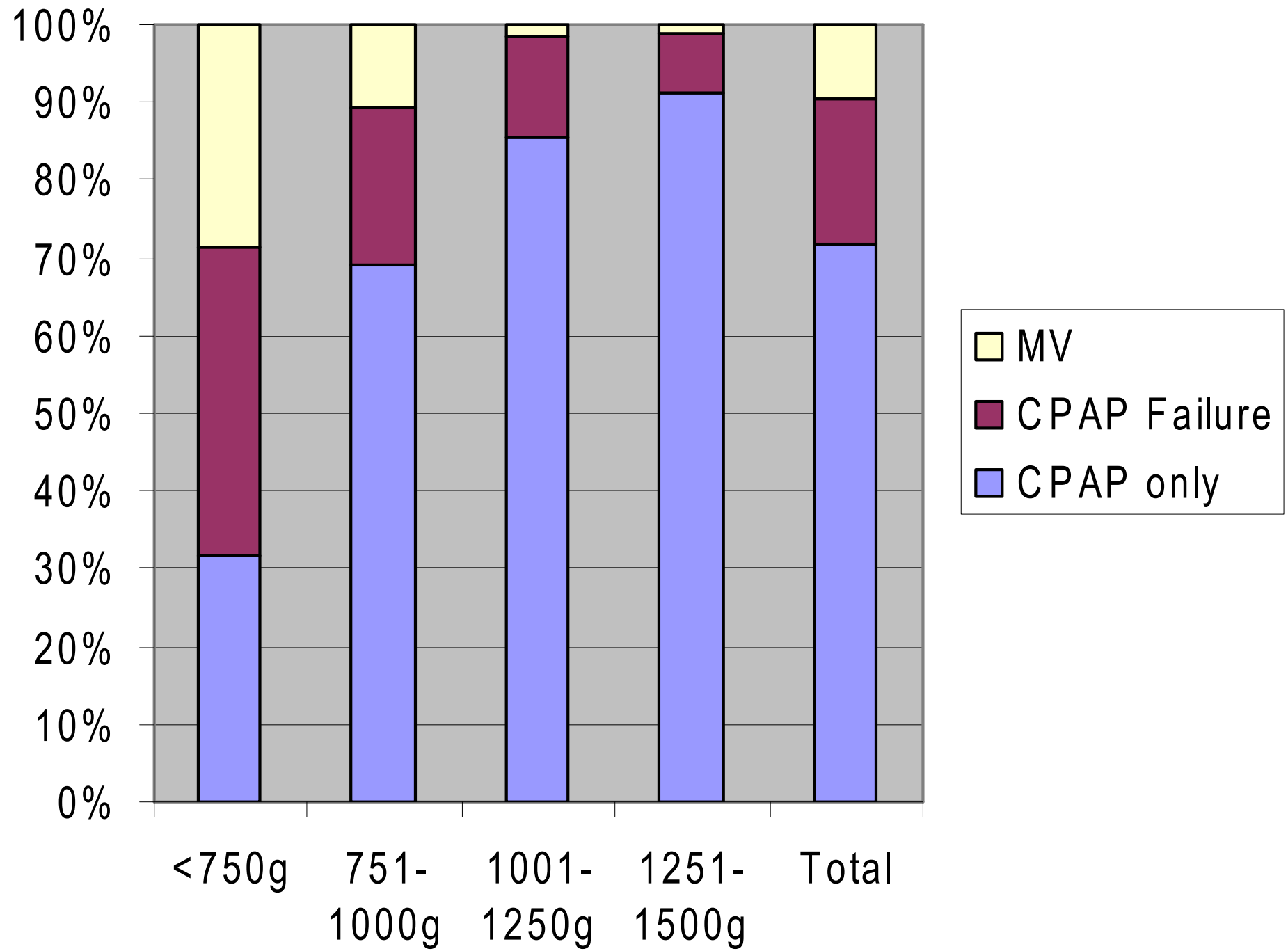
The Columbia Experience (1997-1999)

A retrospective database review for a cohort of all live inborn VLBW infants (BW 500-1500g) born between Jan 1, 1997 and Dec 31, 1999 (three calendar years).

- 320 infants were divided into three groups :
 - 1) CPAP only group (n = 230): received only bubble NCPAP for respiratory support during the first 24 hrs of life.
 - 2) CPAP failed group (n = 60): Infants managed initially with NCPAP who required intubation within 24 hrs of birth.
 - 3) Vent only group (n = 30): Infants requiring intubation immediately following birth.

The Columbia Experience (1997-1999)

BW(gm)	CPAP Only(%)	CPAP/ IMV(%)	IMV (%)	Total	Expired (%)
500-750	21(31.8)	26(39.4)	19(28.8)	66	11(16.7)
751-1000	58(69)	17(20.2)	9(10.7)	84	6(7.1)
1001-1250	59(85.5)	9(13)	1(1.4)	69	0
1251-1500	92(91)	8(7.9)	1(1)	101	7(6.9)
Total	230(71.9)	60(18.8)	30(9.4)	320	24(7.5)



BPD

(Required oxygen supplement at 36 wks PCA)

BW(gm)	CPAP only	CPAP/IMV	IMV	Total
500-750	0/21	1/26	3/19	4/66
751-1000	1/58	0/17	0/9	1/84
1001-1250	0/59	0/9	0/1	0/69
1251-1500	1/92	1/8	0/1	2/101

Intraventricular Hemorrhage (IVH Grade III-IV)

BW(gm)	CPAP only	CPAP/IMV	IMV	Total
500-750	1/21	3/26	4/19	8/66
751-1000	0/58	0/17	0/9	0/84
1001-1250	1/59	0/9	0/1	1/69
1251-1500	0/92	1/8	0/1	1/101

Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP Stage 3-4)

BW(gm)	CPAP only	CPAP/IMV	IMV	Total
500-750	4/21	5/26	3/19	12/66
751-1000	0/58	0/17	0/9	0/84
1001- 1250	0/59	0/9	0/1	0/69
1251- 1500	0/92	0/8	0/1	0/101

Mortality before Discharge

BW(gm)	CPAP only	CPAP/IMV	IMV	Total
500-750	0/21	3/26	8/19	11/66
751-1000	1/58	3/17	2/9	6/84
1001-1250	0/59	0/9	0/1	0/69
1251-1500	3/92	3/8	1/1	7/101

The strategy of

Early nasal CPAP therapy first and

**Surfactant replacement only for
rescue**

**does not jeopardize outcome of very
low birth weight infants**



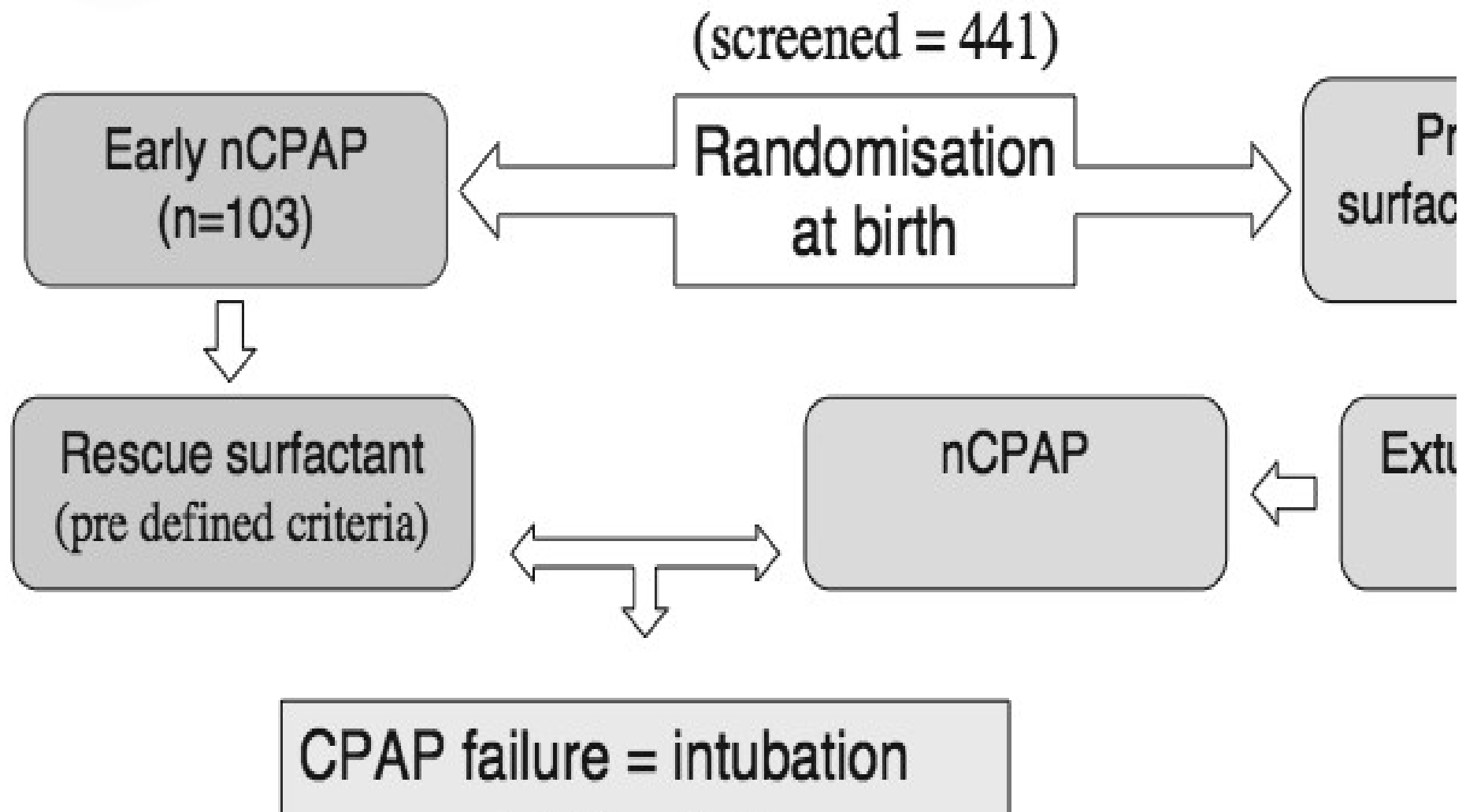
CURPAP study

(R Plavka, U Simeoni et al. ESPR: Arch Dis Child 2008;93(Suppl

- **Question:** is the prophylactic administration of surfactant superior to early rescue treatment in spontaneously breathing infants supported on nCPAP, in reducing the need for mechanical ventilation, during the first 5 days of life?
- **Population:** 25-28 weeks infants (European multicent
- **Outcome:**



CURPAP study: method





CURPAP study: preliminary results

Parameter	nCPAP	
Gestational age (median in weeks)	27	
Birth weight (g)	913 \pm 200	9
Antenatal steroids	98%	
CPAP failure \Rightarrow mechanical ventilation	31%	
Pneumothorax	1%	
Mortality	10.7%	
BPD	22%	



Summary of the CURPAP study

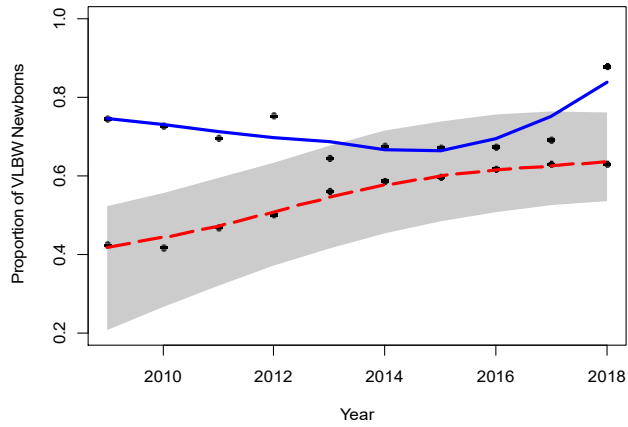
- Prophylactic surfactant is not superior to early rescue surfactant therapy after
- Surfactant was halved in the nCPAP group

NICU Quality and Outcome, 2013

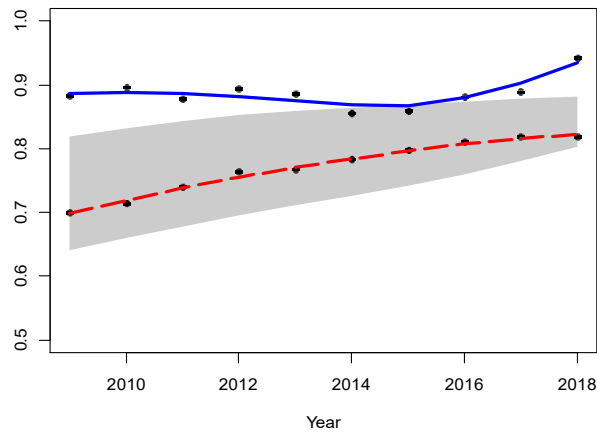
501 – 1500g

	MSCH (Columbia)	Vermont Oxford
Incidence of BPD	7.7%	34.6%
Nosocomial infection	5.8%	13.4%
Incidence of IVH	13.5%	25.9%
Incidence of Severe ROP	6.3%	7.8%
Incidence of NEC	5.5%	6.7%
Neonatal Mortality rate	9.5%	15.0%

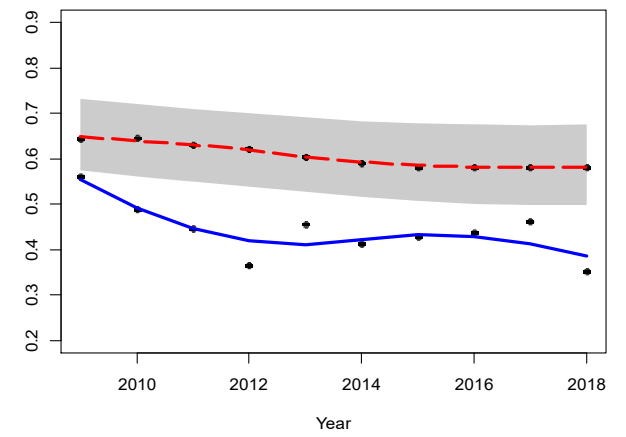
CPAP prior to Ventilator



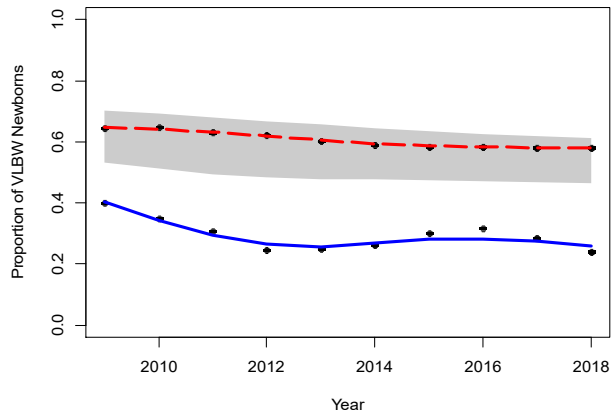
Treated with CPAP



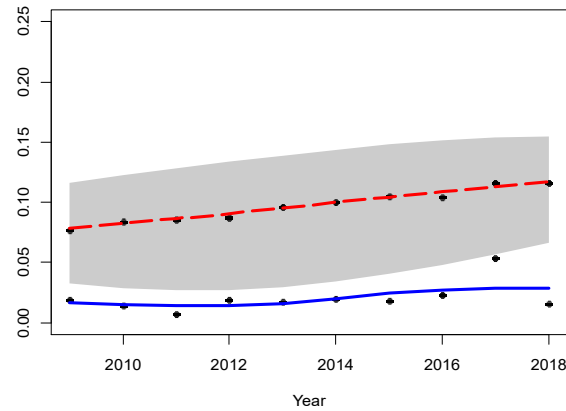
Use of Mechanical Ventilation



Treated with Surfactant



Treated with Postnatal Steroids



— Gentle Respiratory Support Strategy

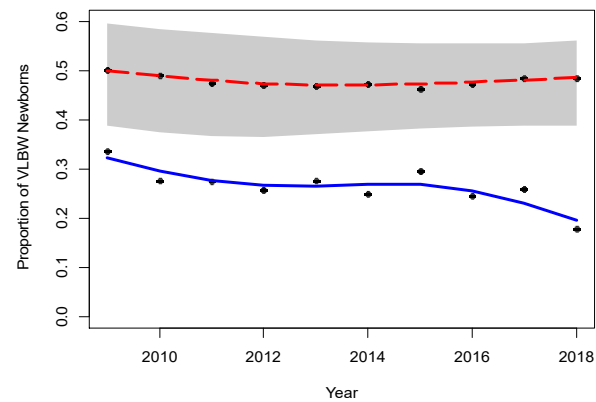
- - - Median VON Type-C

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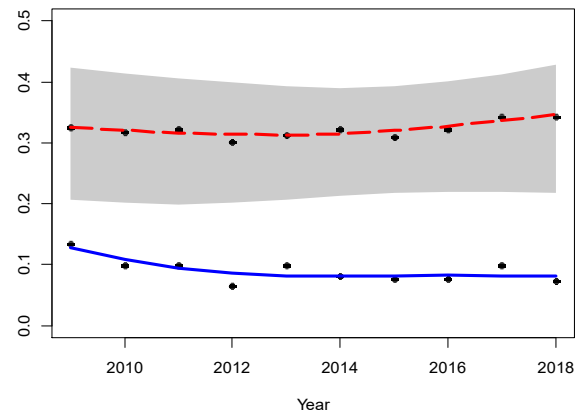
2009 -2018, 401-1500 gm

3867 vs VON 123,089

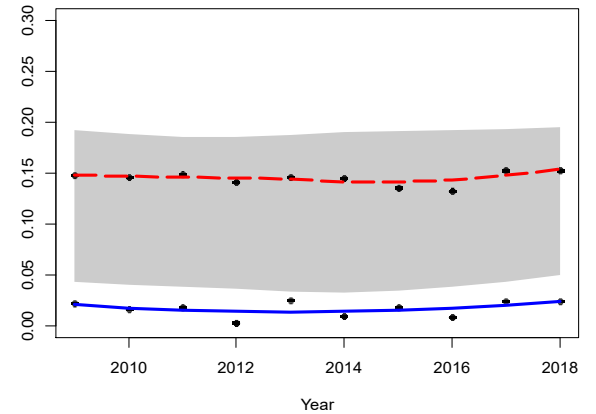
On Oxygen at 28 days age



On Oxygen at 36 weeks PMA



Discharged Home on Oxygen



**Do not brand a form of
therapy as useless,**

**when in reality it was only
inappropriately applied.**



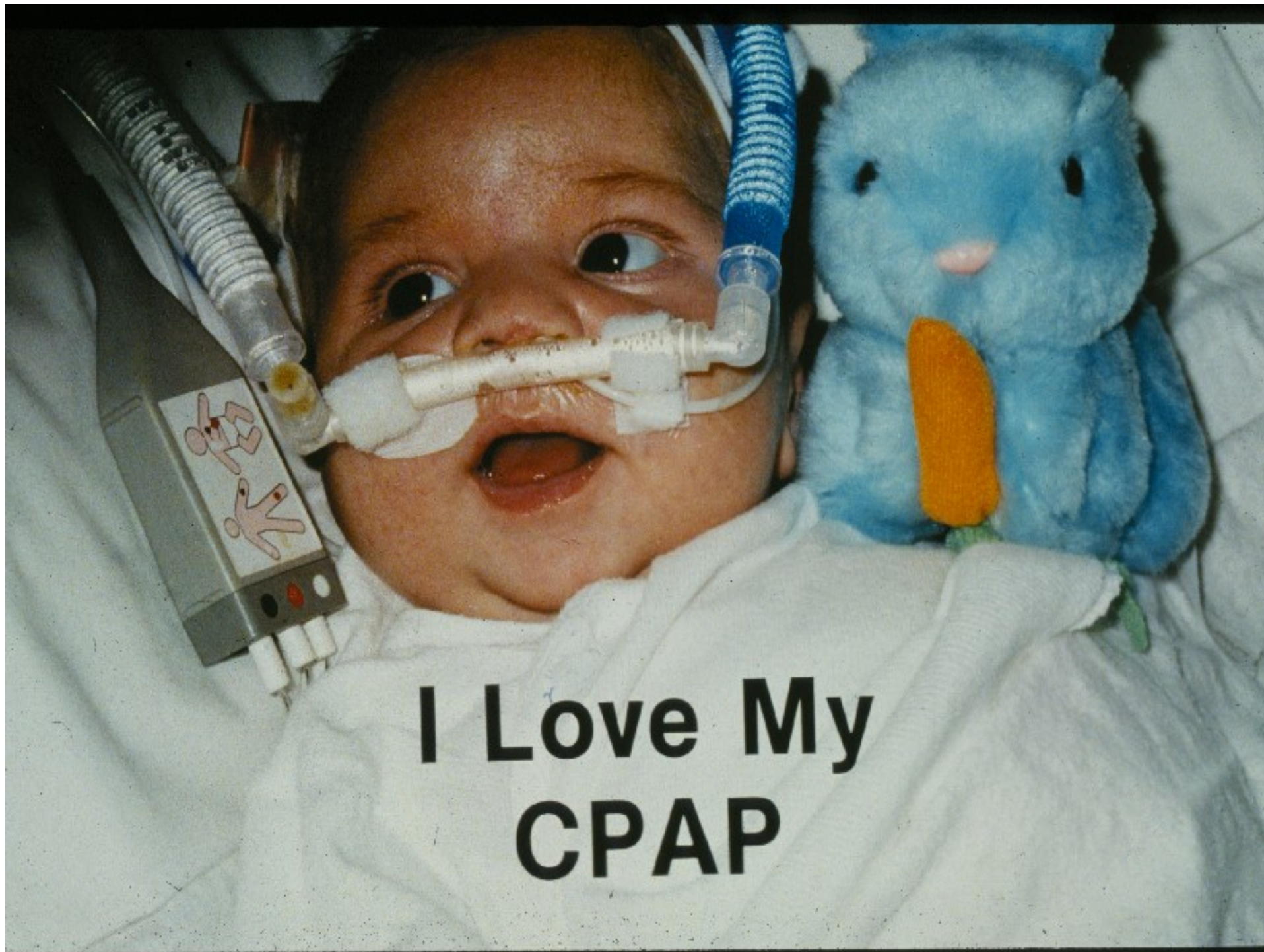


Key strategies for the successful use of nasal CPAP therapy

1. Choose the right bubble nasal CPAP device and interface
2. Familiarize caregivers with the device
3. Learn to use nasal CPAP correctly, gain experience, increase in the comfort level of Staff and it takes a village
4. Initiate nasal CPAP early. No weight limit
5. Maintain nasal CPAP with meticulous airway care & pay attention to details
6. Tolerate PaCO₂ up to 60's mmHg & FiO₂ up to 60%
7. Extended use of nasal CPAP till on room air without respiratory distress to enhance the growth of the premature lung

Teamwork is a key element for success





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Thank You for your attention