NEWER VENTILATORY MODES:
RATIONALE & CLINICAL APPLICATION

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"But that life may ... be restored to the animal, an opening must be attempted in the trunk of the trachea, in which a tube of reed or cane should be put; you will then blow into this, so that the lung may rise again and the animal take in air. ... And as I do this, and take care that the lung is inflated in intervals, the motion of the heart and arteries does not stop..."

Andreas Wesele Vesalius, 1543
EVOLUTION OF MECHANICAL VENTILATORS

- Volume Control
- Pressure Control/Support
- Dual Mode
Classifying Modes of Ventilation

A. Start
Trigger mechanism:
What starts the breath?

B. Limits
What is controlled and what is variable?

C. End
Cycle mechanism:
What causes the breath to end?
Targeting

**Control**
- Flow
- Pressure

**Target**
- Time
- Pressure
- Volume

Volume control
Targeting

Control
- Flow
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Time-cycled pressure control
Targeting

**Control**
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Volume targeted pressure control
Microprocessor Control

Microprocessor

Pressure 3500 cm H₂O

solenoid

Inhalation valve (resistor)

exhale valve

Tidal volume 500 ml
Pressure 35 cm H₂O
New Modes of Mechanical Ventilation: Background

• Introduction of the microprocessor-controlled ventilator
  – Better control of flow & exhalation valves
  – Increased monitoring capabilities
  – Increased pt-ventilator interaction
  – “Dual modes” of ventilation introduced

The Problem: Conventional Ventilation

Ideal Mode of Ventilation
Delivers a breath that:

• Synchronizes with the patient’s spontaneous respiratory effort
• Maintains adequate and consistent tidal volume and minute ventilation at low airway pressures
• Responds to rapid changes in pulmonary mechanics or patient demand
• Provides the lowest possible WOB
Why new modes?

- Conventional modes are uncomfortable
- Need for heavily sedation & paralysis
- Patients should be awake and interacting with the ventilator
- To enable patients to allow spontaneous breath on inverse ratio ventilation
- Lung protective ventilation: VILI
- Scientific jargon: Number of studies on ventilatory modes exceed the number of patients treated!
VOLUME VS PRESSURE

VOLUME CONTROL

PRESSURE CONTROL
Newer Methods of Ventilatory Support: dual modes

• 1st generation dual modes: VAPS, Press. Aug., PRVC & VS
  – Allow variable flow delivery and pressure “targeted” ventilation approach
  – Attempt to deliver a set tidal volume (TV)
  – Allow peak airway pressure to vary breath to breath
New Modes of Mechanical Ventilation: Examples of the first dual modes

- Volume Assured Pressure Support (VAPS) & Pressure Augmentation
- Pressure Regulated Volume Control (PRVC) & similar modes
- Volume Support Ventilation (VS or VSV) & similar modes
**VAPS: Volume Assured Pressure Support**

- Combines volume ventilation & pressure support  
  - (for mech., vol. limited breaths only)
- Uses TV, peak flow, and pressure sup./control settings
- Targets PS level with at least set peak flow first
- Continues until flow decreases to set peak flow, then:
  - If TV not delivered, peak flow maintained until vol. limit
  - If TV or more delivered, breath ends
Benefits of VAPS

- Lower peak airway pressure
- Reduced patient work of breathing
- Improved gas distribution
- Less need for sedation
- Improved patient comfort
Applications of VAPS

- A patient who requires a substantial level of ventilatory support and has a vigorous ventilatory drive to improve gas distribution and synchrony
- A patient being weaned from the ventilator and having an unstable ventilatory drive to supply a back-up tidal volume as a “safety net” in case the patient’s effort or/and lung mechanics change
Pressure Regulated Volume Control (PRVC)

• Combines volume ventilation & pressure control
  – (for mech., time-cycl. breaths only)
• Set TV is “targeted”
• Ventilator estimates vol./press. relationship each breath
• Ventilator adjusts level of pressure control breath by breath
Synonyms of PRVC

• Pressure-regulated volume control (PRVC; Siemens 300; Siemens Medical Systems)

• Adaptive pressure ventilation (APV; Hamilton Galileo; Hamilton Medical, Reno, NV)

• Autoflow (Evita 4; Drager Inc., Telford, PA)
Settings for PRVC

- Minimum respiratory rate
- Target tidal volume
- Upper pressure limit: 5 cm H2O below pressure alarm limit
- FIO2
- Inspiratory time or I:E ratio
- Rise time
- PEEP
Pressure Regulated Volume Control

• First breath = 5-10 cm H2O above PEEP
• V/P relationship measured
• Next 3 breaths, pressure increased to 75% needed for set TV
• Then up to +/- 3 cm H2O changes per breath
• Time ends inspiration
Pressure Regulated Volume Control
(Siemens Servo 300)

- From Siemens prod. literature
Advantage of PRVC

• Decelerating inspiratory flow pattern
• Pressure automatically adjusted for changes in compliance and resistance within a set range
  – Tidal volume guaranteed
  – Limits volutrauma
  – Prevents hypoventilation
• Maintaining the minimum Ppk that provides a constant set VT
• Automatic weaning of the pressure as the patient improves
Disadvantage of PRVC

• Pressure delivered is dependent on tidal volume achieved on last breath
• Intermittent patient effort → variable tidal volumes
• Asynchrony with variable patient effort
  Richard et al. Resp Care 2005Dec
• Less suitable for patients with asthma or COPD
Newer Ventilator Dual Modes:

- AutoFlow: Drager ventilators Evita 4, Evita 2 dura
- Adaptive Support Ventilation (ASV): Hamilton Galileo
Newer Ventilator Dual Modes: Drager vent’s AutoFlow

- First breath uses set TV & I-time
  - Pplateau measured
- Pplateau then used
- V/P measured each breath
- Press. changed if needed (+/- 3)
- Then similar to PRVC

Newer Ventilator Dual Modes: Drager vent’s AutoFlow

- Allows spont. breathing:
  - expiration and
  - inspiration
- Exp. efforts at peak insp. pressure open exh. valve; Ppeak maintained
- Active exhalation valve is a key feature

CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM

• Closed-loop system able to provide automatic readjustment of VT and/or respiratory rate dependent on parameters achieved in last breath

• Goldilocks Principle
  – Proportional assist ventilation (PAV)
  – Neurally adjusted ventilatory assistance (NAVA)
  – Knowledge-based system (KBS)
  – Adaptive support ventilation (ASV)

Critical Care Medicine 4/00 by MacIntyre N

Adaptive Support Ventilation (ASV) -- a new concept in mechanical ventilation

• ASV very versatile mode, easy-to-use and extremely safe mode of ventilation  (Int Care Med 2005;31:192)

• **Ventilates virtually all intubated patients** - whether active or passive and regardless of lung disease – based on ventilation strategy tailored to individual condition  (Int Care Med 2004;30:84)

• **Requires fewer user interactions and gives fewer alarms**  (Anesth Analg 2003;97:1743-50)

• **Facilitates shorter ventilation times**  
  (Cartiothorac Vasc Anesth 2003;17:571-75)
ASV working principle

• Clinician enters pt. data & % support
• Vent. calculates needed min. vol. & best rate/TV to produces least work
• Targeted TV’s given as press. control or press. support breaths
  – If pt.’s f > “set” by vent., mode is PS
  – If pt.’s f < “set” by vent., mode is PC-SIMV/PS
  – If patient is apneic, all breaths are PC
• Rate where WOB is minimal:
  \[ RR = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 + \frac{4\pi^2 RCE \cdot (V_A/V_D)}{2\pi^2 RC_e}}} \]
• Press. adjusts in +/- 2 cm H₂O to achieve TV
ASV Input

- **Ideal body weight:** determines dead space
- **High-pressure alarm:** 5 cm H2 O above PEEP to 10 cm H2 O below set Pmax
- **Mandatory RR**
- **PEEP**
- **FiO2**
- **Insp time (0.5–2 secs), exp time (3 × RCe to 12 secs)**
ASV : MONITORING

ASV target graphics screen:
1. Minute volume curve showing target volume
2. Safety frame showing limits for lung protective ventilation
3. Current tidal volume-respiratory frequency
4. The optimal tidal volume-respiratory frequency combination with which the patient will be ventilated
ASV Evidence

- ASV Evidence
- ASV(N=18) vs SIMV + PS (N=16)
- Standard management for rapid extubation after cardiac surgery
- ↓ Ventilatory settings manipulations
- ↓ High-inspiratory pressure alarms
- Outcome: same

ASV Evidence

- Partial ventilatory support: ASV provided
- MV comparable to SIMV-PS.
- ASV: central respiratory drive & inspiratory load ↓
- Improved patient-ventilator interactions
- Decreased sedation use
- Helpful mode in weaning
- Versatile mode

*Critical Care Medicine 2002*

Proportional Assist Ventilation

- PAV - currently on PB 840 in US prototype ventilators, Drager Evita 4 & Respironics BiPAP Vision
- Muscle pressure = (normal elastance x volume) + (normal resistance x flow) + abnormal load
- Pmus + Pappl = PEEPi + Pres + Pel
- The goal is to maintain a constant fraction of work per breath done by ventilator(% SUPPL)
- PAV/PAV+

Proportional Assist Ventilation

• Automatically adjusts flow, volume and pressure needed each breath
• PAV requires only PEEP & FiO2, % volume assist(reduces work of elastance), % flow assist(reduces work of resistance's)
PAV : ALGORITHM

• Four breath start-up
• Each includes an end-inspiratory maneuver that yields patient’s compliance and resistance
• First breath delivered using predicted resistance for artificial airway and conservative estimate for patient’s resistance and compliance based on IBW
• Each valid measurement is then factored in until fifth breath, which is first PAV+ breath
• Measurements for compliance and resistance are then taken randomly every 4-10 breaths.
• Flow and volume assessed every 5 milliseconds
Proportional Assist Ventilation

• Real-time assessment of WOB

Effort is amplified by a factor of 4 with a proportionality ratio of 3:1
PAV : BENEFITS

- Comfort : Think about power steering in a car
- Improves synchrony b/w neural & machine inflation time: **Neuroventilatory coupling**
- Lower peak airway pressure
- Less need for paralysis and/or sedation
- Increases sleep efficiency
- Non invasive use of PAV in COPD & Kyphoscoliotic patients: delivered through nasal mask; improves dyspnea score (BiPAP vision TM)

PAV : LIMITATIONS

• Patient controls breathing pattern-worsening of respiratory alkalosis

• Patient triggered mode
  – (Unless back-up mode present)

• Cannot compensate for leaks (prototypes)
Knowledge-based weaning system (KBW) : SMARTCARE™

• Clinical data from patient interpreted in real time to adjust level of PSV to maintain RR, VT, and PetCO2 within a predefined range (comfort zone)

• Level of PS adjusted automatically and eventually reduced to minimal level at which SBT is analyzed

• KBW first able to predict patient’s readiness to be weaned in 51% of cases, with a failure rate (as defined by reintubation) of 29%

KBW: APPLICATIONS

- Recent multicenter RCT compared KBW and standard weaning procedures - total duration of MV reduced by nearly 4 days (from 12 days to 7.5 days)
- Limitations
  - transient system interruption or voluntarily stop because of worsening of clinical condition (ACMV)
  - CO2 sensor dysfunction
- Weaning tool in medical patients mechanically ventilated for more than 24 hours and not so-easy to wean

Neurally Adjusted Ventilatory Assist

NAVA: new mode of mechanical ventilation that delivers ventilatory assist in proportion to inspiratory neural effort, which offers delivery of ventilatory assist with better integration into respiratory control feedback loop.

Potential Benefits of NAVA

Benefits of NAVA

- Improve patient ventilator interaction
- Cycle on and off synchrony

Meet patient demands breath to breath

- Enhance respiratory monitoring from Edi signal
- Evaluate severity of illness and WOB
- Sedation Levels
- Diaphragmatic Function
LIMITATIONS

• Inserting an esophageal catheter: relatively invasive
• Very few clinical data available so far with NAVA
• Use of sedatives, analgesics, and other central depressants or stimulants: impact on Eadi
• Interpretation of waveforms and execution requires skill and expertise

Main characteristics of proportional assist ventilation (PAV), neurally adjusted ventilatory assist (NAVA), knowledge based system (KBS), and adaptive support ventilation (ASV)

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*Abbreviations:* EMG$_{dia}$, diaphragmatic electromyographic activity; Flow$_{insp}$, inspiratory flow; PCV, pressure controlled ventilation; P-SIMV, pressure controlled intermittent mandatory ventilation; PSV, pressure support ventilation; RR, respiratory rate; WOB, work of breathing.
Open Lung Concept: HFOV and APRV

- Represent open-lung strategies designed to recruit and maintain adequate end-expiratory lung volume, attenuate atelectrauma, and improve oxygenation.
- Ideal in achieving lung protection and mitigating VALI.
- Very low tidal volumes with HFOV and ability to maintain spontaneous breathing with APRV.
- In early ALI/ARDS: better primary mode of lung-protective ventilation.
- In rescue situations when conventional ventilation is no longer adequate and safe.

High Frequency Ventilation

• Defined by FDA
  • Ventilator that delivers more than 150 breaths/minute

• Delivery of “sub-tidal volumes”
  • Usually less than or equal to anatomical dead space volume

• HFV devices are unique and differ on delivery method
## HF RATIONALE & DEVICES

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*Standing waves can create high alveolar/airway pressure relationships near lung resonance frequencies.*

_Chest 2007; 131:1907–16_
HFOV: Clinical studies in ALI and ARDS

- Case series in “rescue” situations, where conventional ventilation has arguably failed
- Only two published RCT where HFO compared with conventional MV in adult ALI and ARDS

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HFOV INDICATIONS & SETTINGS

Oxygenation failure:
- FIO2 > 0.7 and PEEP ≥ 14 cm H2O

Ventilation failure:
- pH < 7.25 with tidal volume ≥ 6 mL/kg predicted body weight
- Plateau airway pressure ≥ 30 cm H2O

Initial HFO settings
- Bias flow 40 L/min
- Inspiratory time 33%
- mPaw 34 cm H2O
- FIO2 1.0

Contraindications to HFO.
- Known severe air flow obstruction.
- Intracranial hypertension

Crit Care Med 2007; 35:1649–1654
HFOV : LIMITATIONS

- Incidences of pneumothorax and hemodynamic instability similar in two RCT
- Another concern is heavy sedation and frequent paralysis, which patients may require during HFOV
- Potentially actually improves patient outcomes : awaits findings from future trials

APRV

• A mode of ventilation along with spontaneous ventilation to promote lung recruitment of collapsed and poorly ventilated alveoli
• Continuous positive airway pressure with short, intermittent releases
• The short release along with spontaneous breathing promote CO₂ elimination
• Release time is short to prevent the peak expiratory flow from returning to a zero baseline
• Always implies inverse ratio ventilation
AKA

- BiVent – Servo
- APRV – Drager
- BiLevel – Puritan Bennett
- APRV – Hamilton
- ? Duo PAP- Hamilton
Possible Contraindications

- Unmanaged increases in intracranial pressure.
- Large bronchopleural fistulas
- Possibly obstructive lung disease
- Technically, it may be possible to ventilate nearly any disorder
Terminology

• **P High** – the upper CPAP level. Analogous to MAP (mean airway pressure) and thus affects oxygenation

• **PEEP/Plow** is the lower pressure setting.

• **T High**- is the inspiratory time IT(s) phase for the high CPAP level (P High).

• **T PEEP or T low**- is the release time allowing CO₂ elimination
APRV : RATIONALE

Frawley, P & Habashi N, APRV – Theory And Practise, AACN Clinical Issues, 2001
APRV: Initial Settings

P high 20-30 cm H₂O (= PLATEAU), according to the following chart.

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<th>P/F MAP(Phigh)</th>
<th>T High (s)</th>
<th>T low (s)</th>
<th>Freq(&lt;20)</th>
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T high range 4-6 sec.

T low = 0.5 -.8 sec and P low = 0 – 5 cm
APRV : ADJUSTMENTS

Increase $\text{PaO}_2$
- Increase $F_1\text{O}_2$
- Increase P High in 2 cm H$_2$O increments
- Increase T high slowly (0.5 sec/change)
- Recruitment Maneuvers
- *Maybe* shorten T low

CO$_2$ Elimination
- Decrease T High
- *Means* more release/min
- Increase P High
- 2-3 cm H$_2$O/change
- Increase T low
Weaning From APRV

1. FiO\textsubscript{2} SHOULD BE WEANED FIRST. (Target < 50% with SpO\textsubscript{2} appropriate.)

2. Reducing P High, by 2 cmH\textsubscript{2}O increments until the P High is below 20 cmH\textsubscript{2}O.

3. Increasing T High to change vent set rate by 5 releases/minute

4. The patient essentially transitions to CPAP with very few releases.

5. Patients should be increasing their spontaneous rate to compensate.
APRV Benefits

- Preservation of spontaneous breathing and comfort with most spontaneous breathing occurring at high CPAP
- ↓WOB
- ↓Barotrauma
- ↓Circulatory compromise
- Better V/Q matching
- Less sedation & analgesia

Disadvantage of APRV

• APRV does not completely support CO$_2$ elimination, but relies on spontaneous breathing

• Volumes change with alteration in lung compliance and resistance

• If spontaneous efforts not matched during transition from $P_{\text{high}}$ to $P_{\text{low}}$ and $P_{\text{low}}$ to $P_{\text{high}}$, may lead to increased work load and discomfort for the patient

• Limited staff experience with this mode may make implementation of its use difficult
MMV

- Mandatory Minute Ventilation (PS ± VC)
- A modified version of SIMV
  - During SIMV patient always receives set number of mandatory breaths
  - During MMV if patient’s spontaneous MV ≥ set MV mandatory breaths disappear
- Clinical situations where it is useful:
  - Post operative patients
  - Periodic apnea
- Set low minute alarm appropriately
New Modes of Mechanical Ventilation:
Other neat stuff

- Auto mode switching: more support to less and less to more (without alarms)
  - Servo 300’s Auto Mode:
    - VC or PRVC ⇔ VS; or PC ⇔ PS
- Automatic tube compensation: Drager Evita 4
- May be useful with pressure support
- Adds additional pressure to overcome resistance imposed by tube diameter and flow
- Settings:
  - Tube type (ETT, Trach)
  - Degree of compensation (set @ 100%)
- Those who have failed previous extubation attempts
- The “difficult to wean” patient
New Modes of Mechanical Ventilation: Summary

• Older modes & ventilators:
  – passive, operator-dependant tools

• New modes on new generation ventilators:
  – adaptively interactive
  – goal oriented
  – patient centered

• “Not all that glitters is gold”