

VENTILATION MODALITIES: THERE ARE SO MANY TO USE!

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At the end of this presentation the learner will be able to:

- 1) Discuss basic physiology associated with normal lung function.
- 2) Discuss physiological effects of mechanical ventilation.
- 3) Understand the physical basis of mechanical ventilation.
- 4) Discuss specific settings associated with the various ventilation modes.
- 5) Identify the different ventilation modes best for specific settings.

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VENTS

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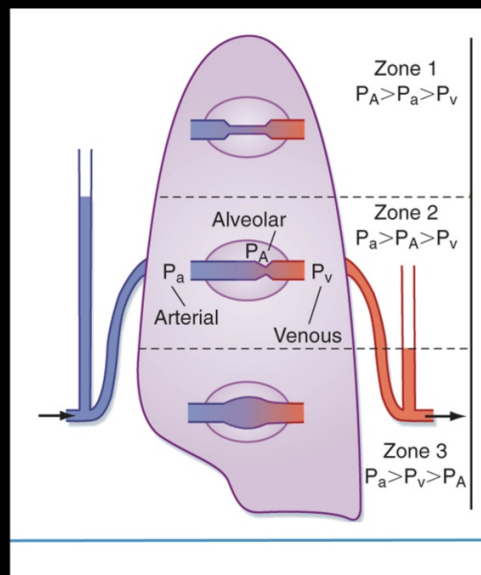
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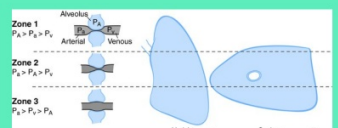
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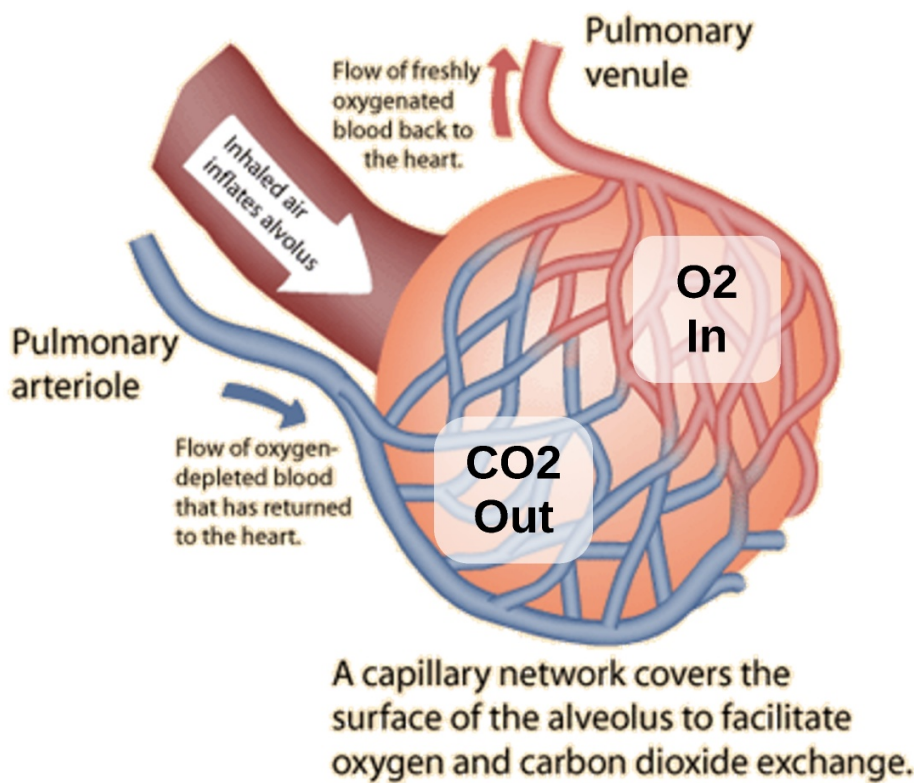


COMPLIANCE
VS
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GAS
EXCHANGE

VENTILATION/
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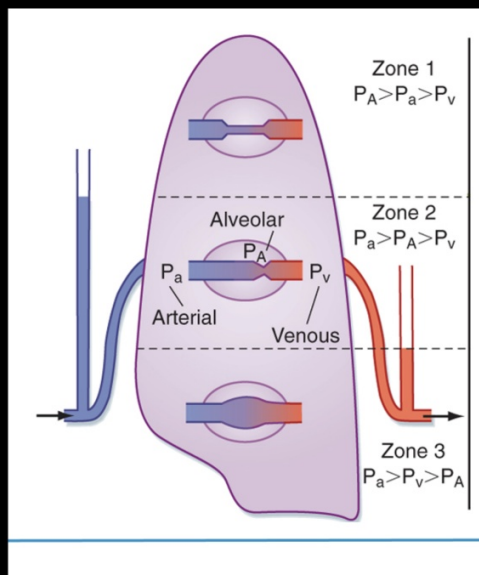
Oxygenation and Ventilation

**GAS
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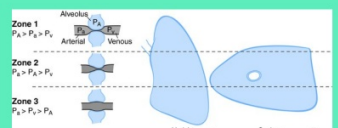
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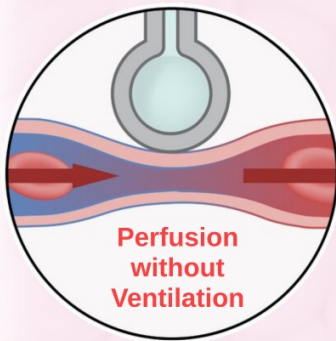
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Shunt perfusion

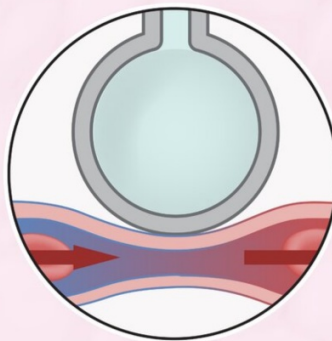
Normal

Dead space ventilation

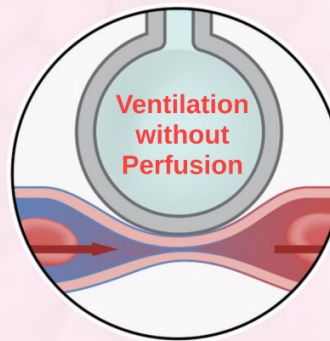


Wasted perfusion
(e.g., airway obstruction,
pneumonia)

Low V/Q



$V/Q \sim 0.8$



Wasted ventilation
(e.g., pulmonary embolism,
cardiogenic shock)

High V/Q

Zero

V/Q

Infinity

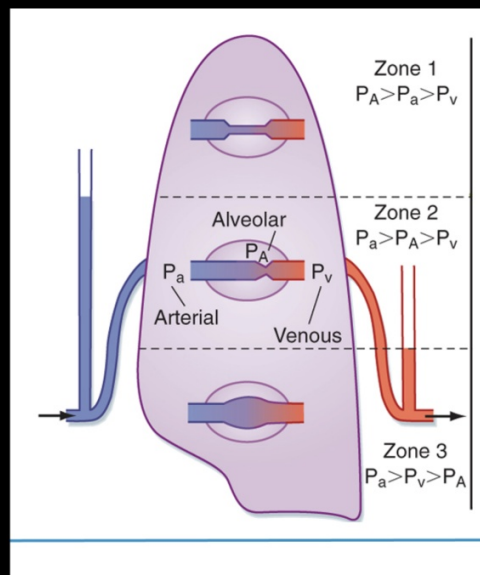
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MATCHING**

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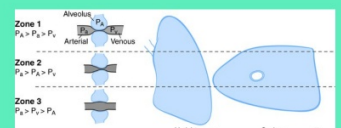
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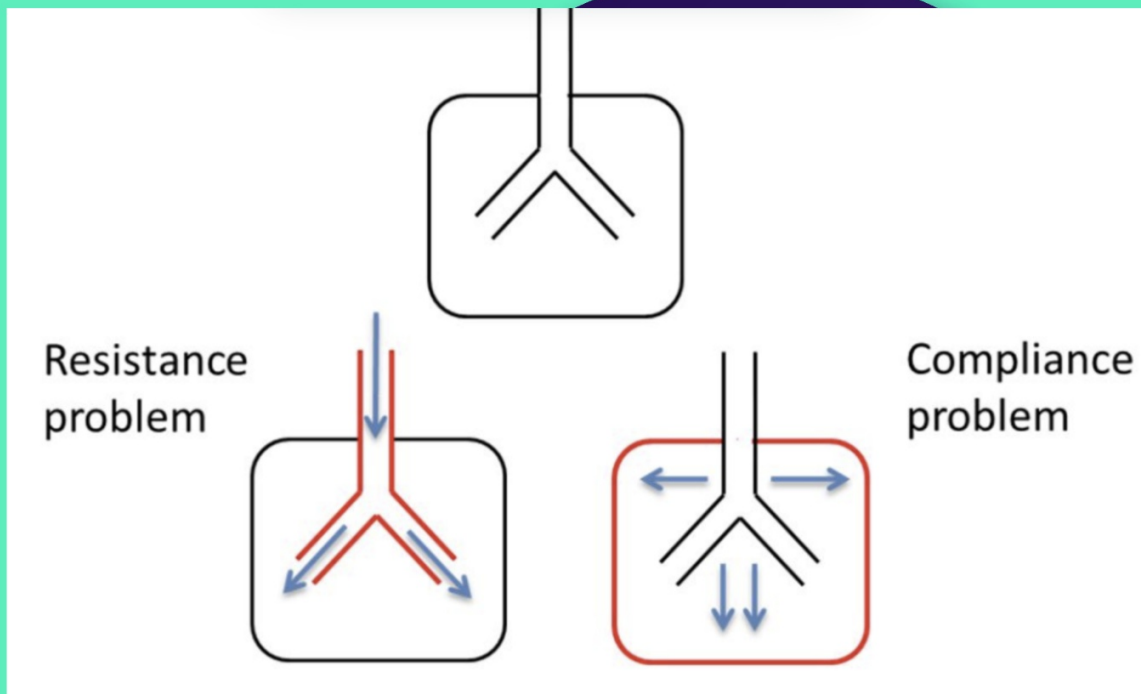
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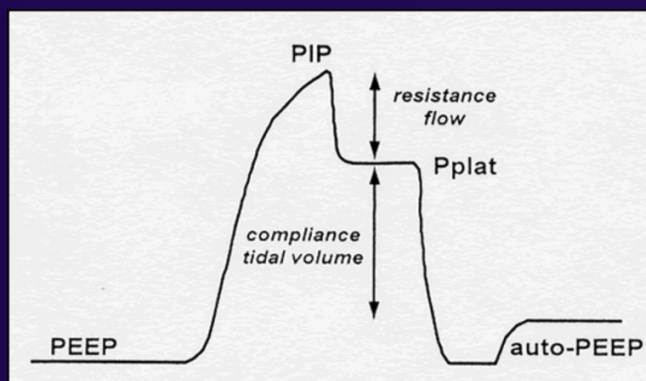




INSPIRATORY & PLATEAU

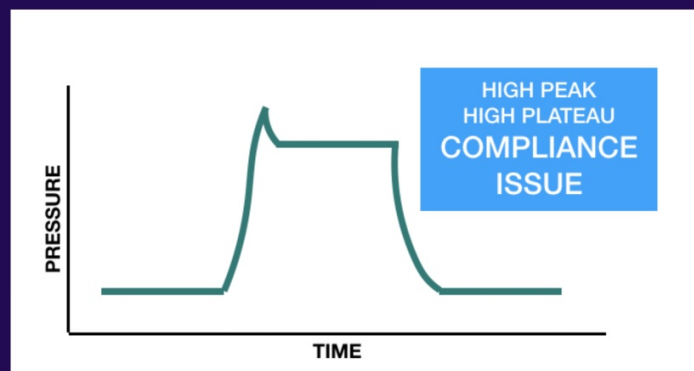
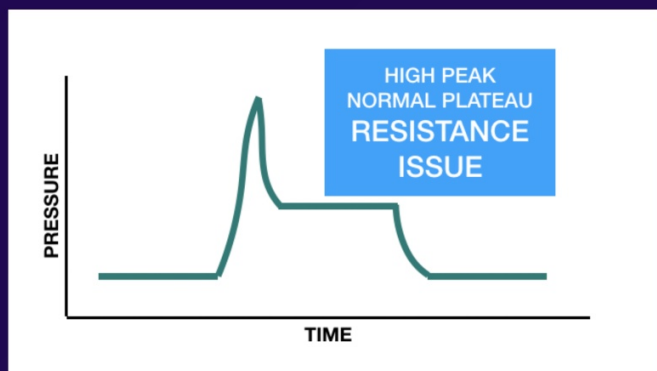
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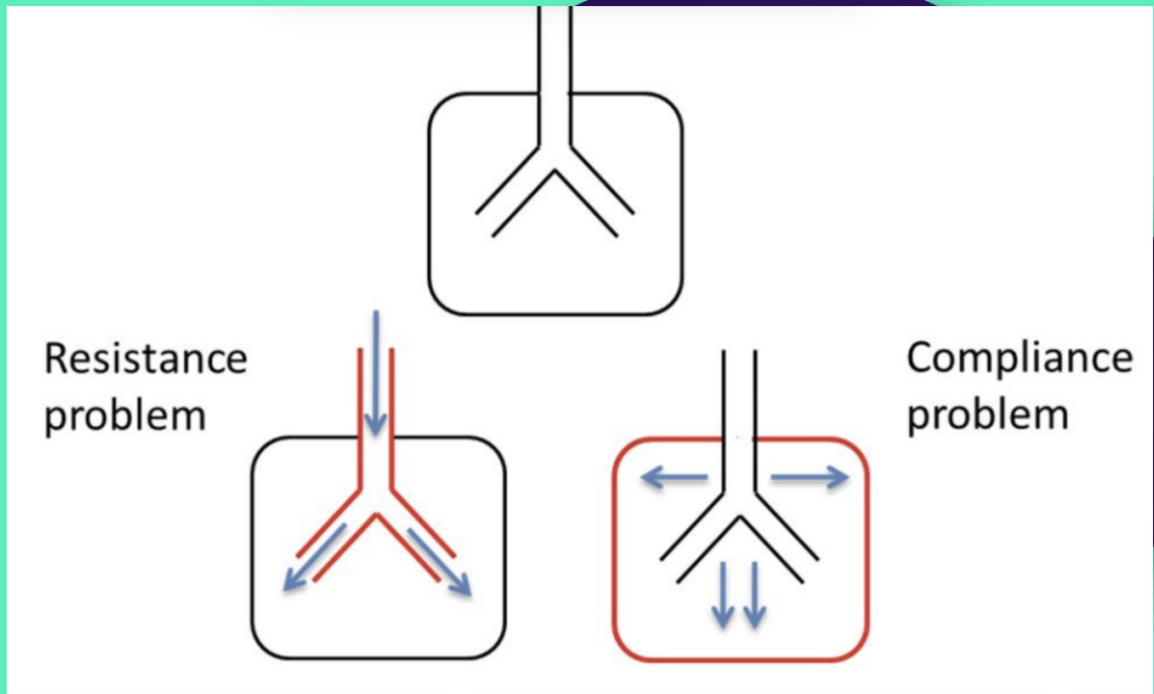
Volume change per unit pressure
Lungs are very compliant



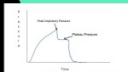
RESISTANCE

Change in transpulmonary pressure needed to produce flow of gas





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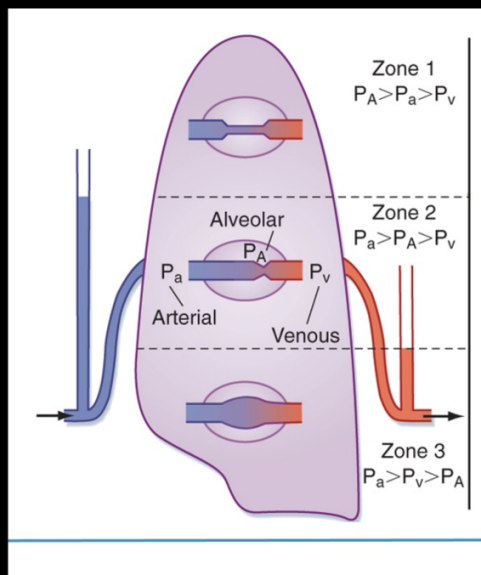


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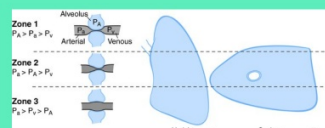
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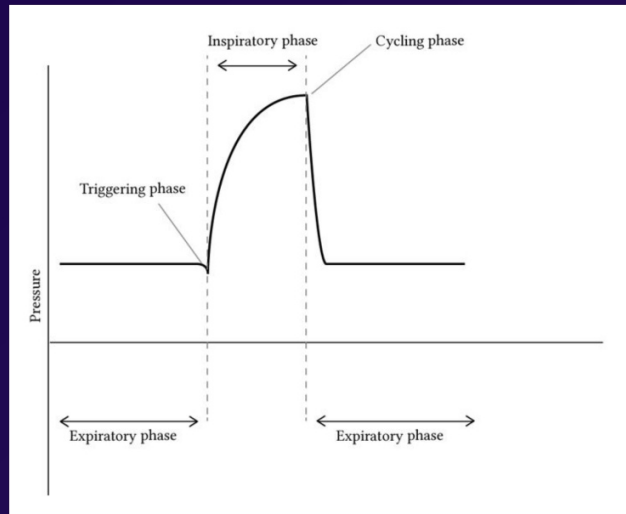
ICU VS. ANESTHESIA

Considerations

Comorbidities
+
Anesthesia Type
+
Positioning
+
Procedure
+
Pharmacology

TERMS

VARIABLES



PHASE
VARIABLE

TRIGGER
VARIABLE

CYCLE
VARIABLE

PHASE VARIABLES

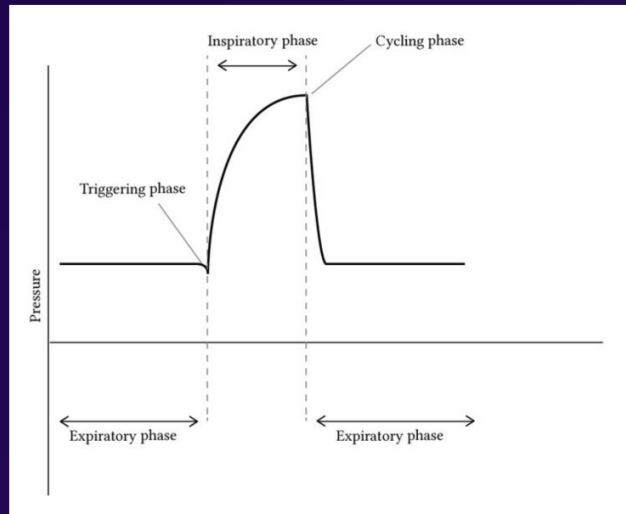
4 phases:

- 1) Change from expiration to inspiration
- 2) Inspiration
- 3) Change from inspiration to expiration
- 4) Expiration

Variables measured

Pressure
Volume
Flow
Time

VARIABLES



**PHASE
VARIABLE**

**TRIGGER
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TRIGGER VARIABLE (Initiates inspiration)

Time

Breath initiated according to set frequency
independent of patient effort

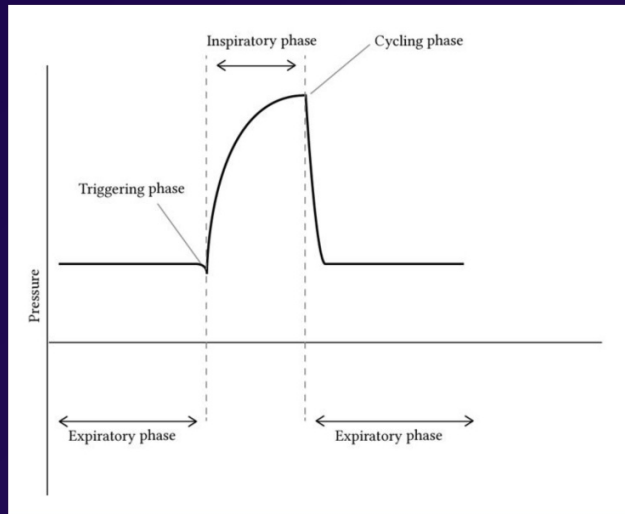
Pressure

Drop in baseline pressure sensed with
patient effort and breath given independent
of set frequency

Flow/Volume

Inspiratory effort sensed by flow or volume
into the lungs

VARIABLES



**PHASE
VARIABLE**

**TRIGGER
VARIABLE**

**CYCLE
VARIABLE**

CYCLE VARIABLE

(Used to end inspiration)

Preset value reached

Pressure

Preset pressure is reached

Volume

Preset volume flows through ventilator valve

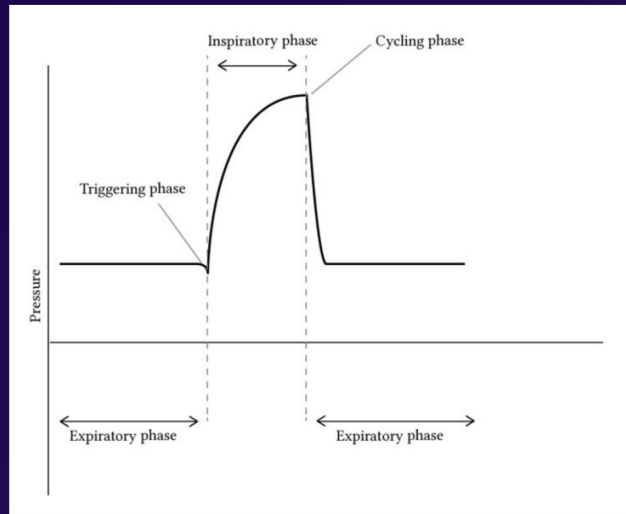
Flow

Delivers flow until preset level is reached (PSV)

Time

Preset inspiratory time cycle as elapsed

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Targeted end points

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Understanding nuances is important

Mainly treating O₂ and CO₂

VCV

PCV

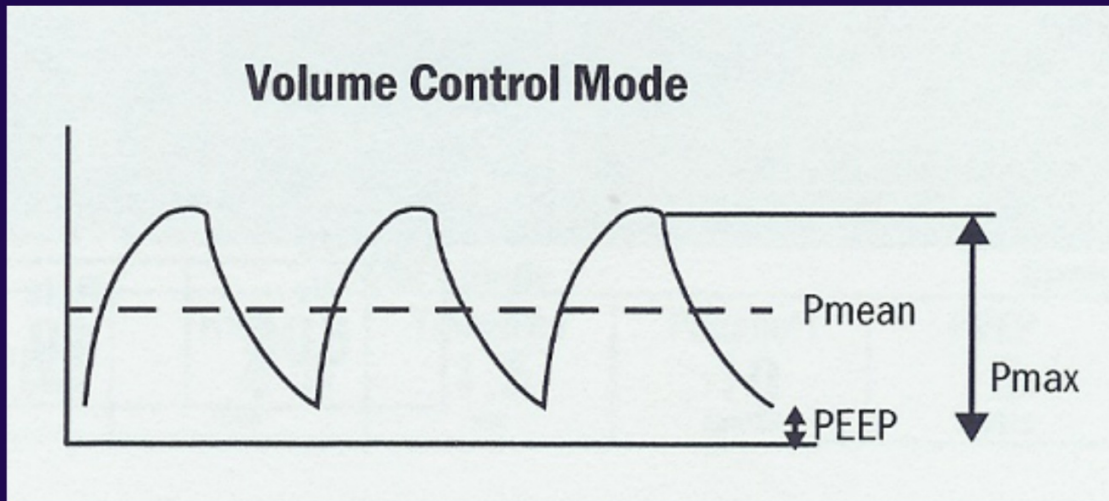
SIMV

PCVG

PSV
PRO

CPAP

VOLUME CONTROLLED VENTILATION (VCV)



Key Points

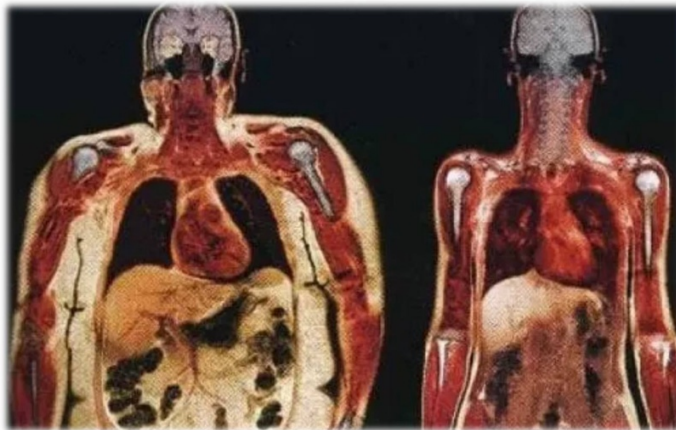
- Volume Limited
- Time Cycled
- Constant Flow

Tidal Volume

on the Ventilator
is Based on

**IDEAL BODY
WEIGHT**

not Actual Body
Weight

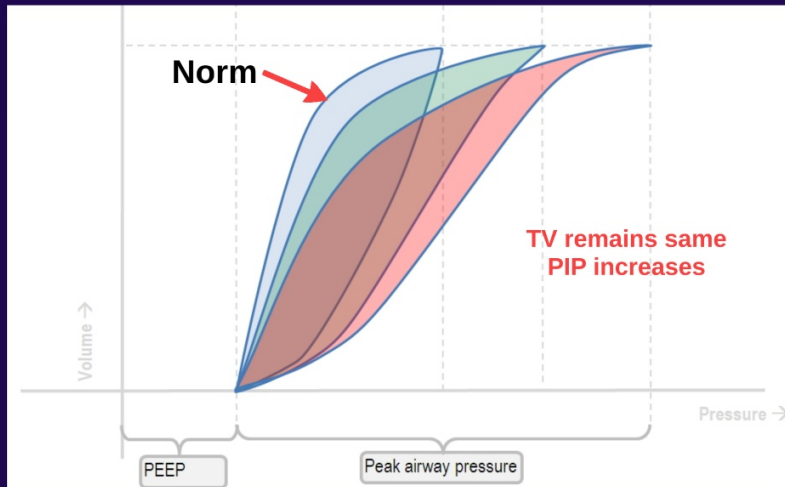


Women: Ideal body weight in pounds = $100 + 5 \times (\text{height, in} - 60)$

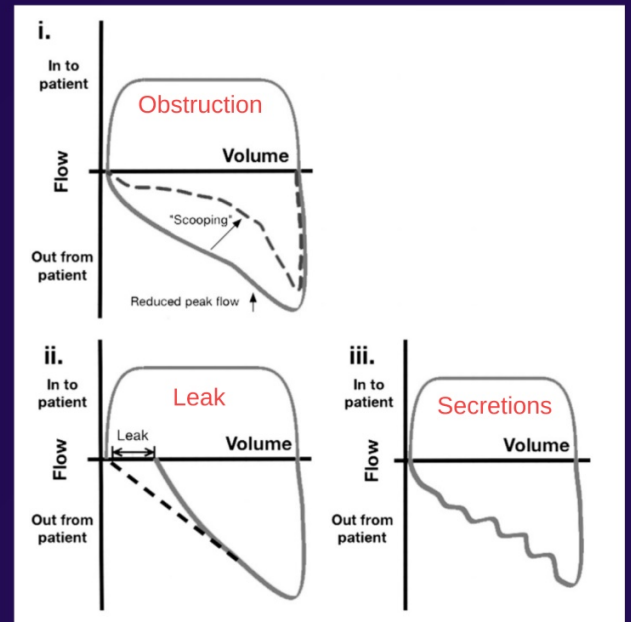
Men: Ideal body weight in pounds = $110 + 5 \times (\text{height, in} - 60)$

VOLUME CONTROLLED VENTILATION

Decreased Compliance



Obstruction, Leak, and Secretions



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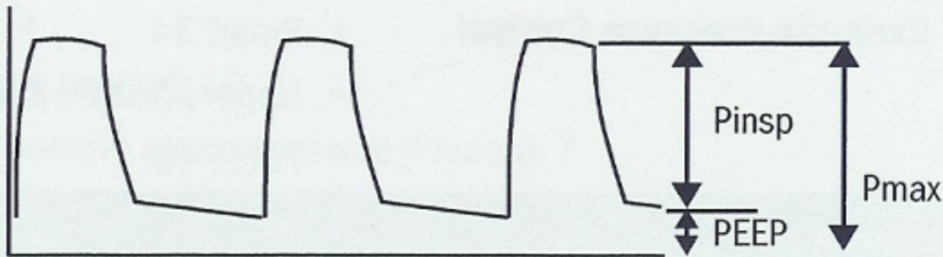
PCVG

PSV
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PRESSURE CONTROLLED VENTILATION (PCV)

Pressure Control Mode



Key Points

- Pressure Limited
- Time Cycled
- Decelerating Flow Pattern

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SYNCHRONIZED INTERMITTENT MANDATORY VENTILATION (SIMV)

- Spontaneous breathing between mandatory machine cycled breaths supported
- Mandatory breaths VCV or PCV
- Spontaneous breaths supported by pressure support (PS)
- Support can be flow triggered or pressure triggered

Trigger Window

- Amount of time during expiratory cycle that ventilator is sensitive to negative pressure generated by diaphragm

Sensitivity

- How much negative pressure patient needs to produce before a support is triggered

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PRESSURE-CONTROLLED VOLUME-GUARANTEED (PCVG)



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PRESSURE SUPPORT VENTILATION - PRO (PSV PRO)

- Pressure targeted ventilation
- Responsive to patient's effort
- Augment patient's spontaneous respiration
- Backup mode for apnea (PROtect)
- Weaning, preventing atelectasis, or LMA
- Caution with changing trigger window and sensitivity

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PRO

CPAP

CONTINUOUS POSITIVE AIRWAY PRESSURE (CPAP)

- Noninvasive ventilation
- Helps maintain patent airway
- Active in both inspiratory **AND** expiratory phase
- Improves oxygenation **AND** ventilation
- Gold standard treatment for OSA
- Help avoid loss of FRC before extubation



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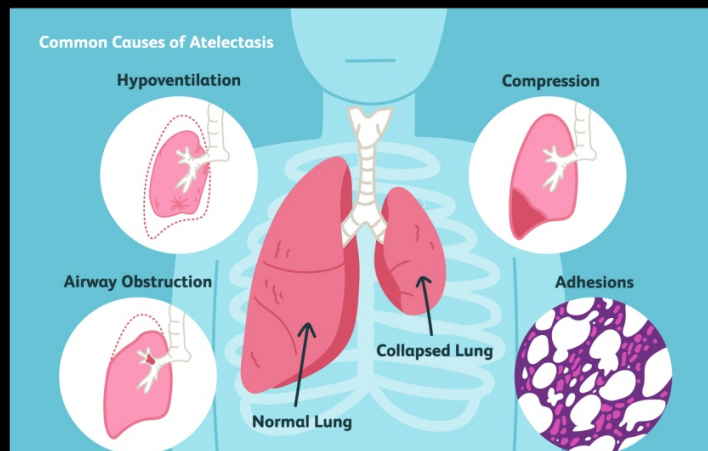
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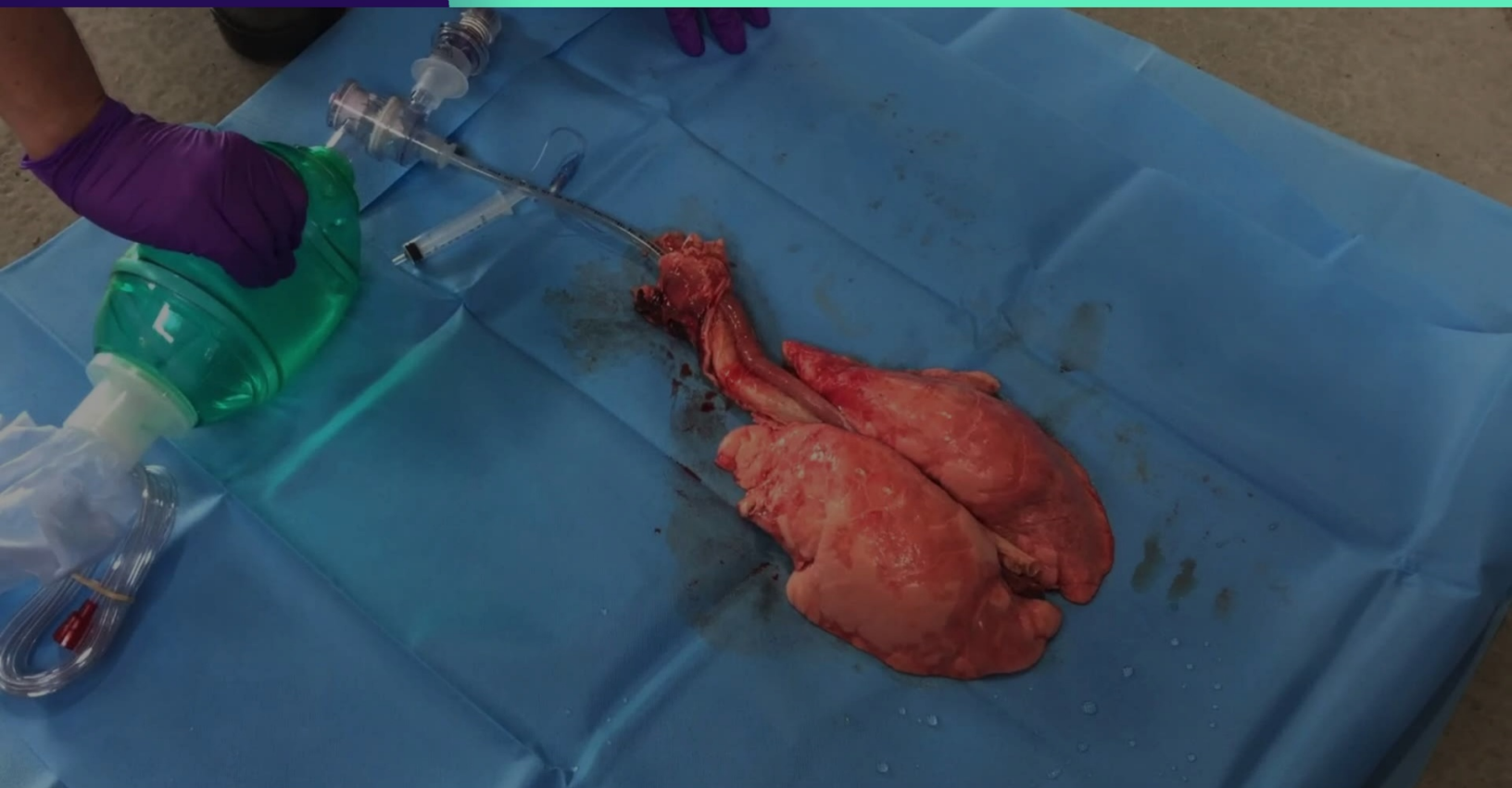
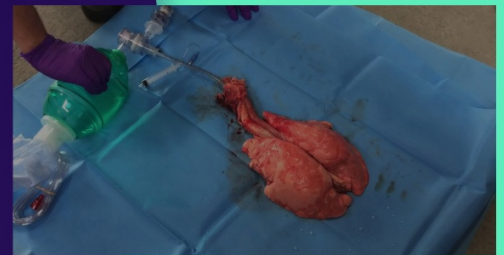
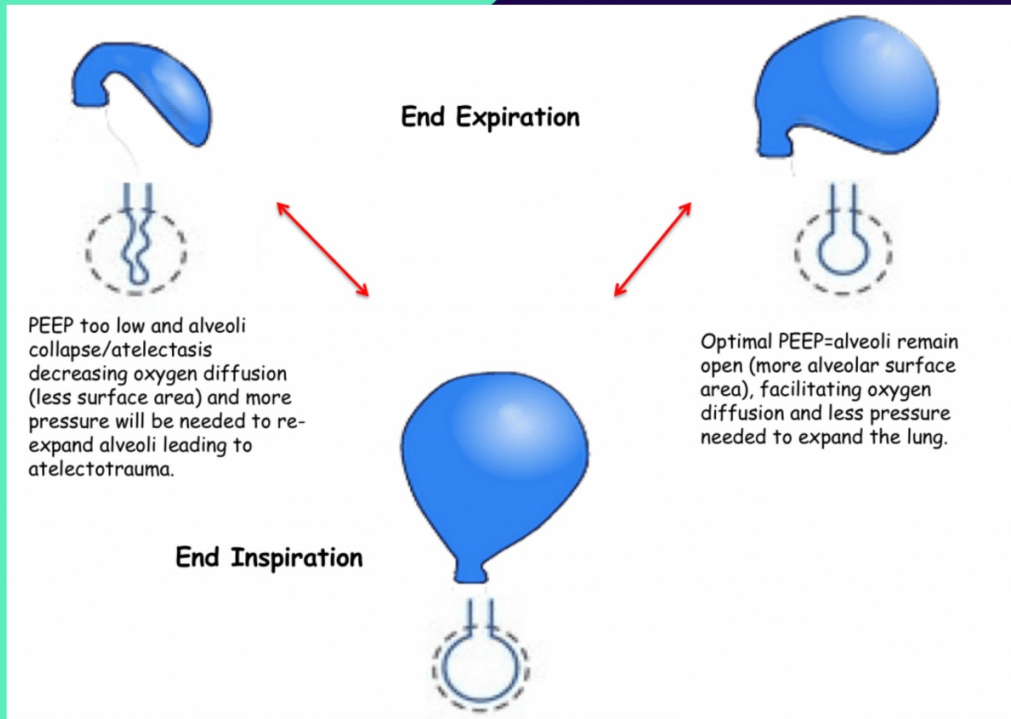
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O₂
CONCENTRATION

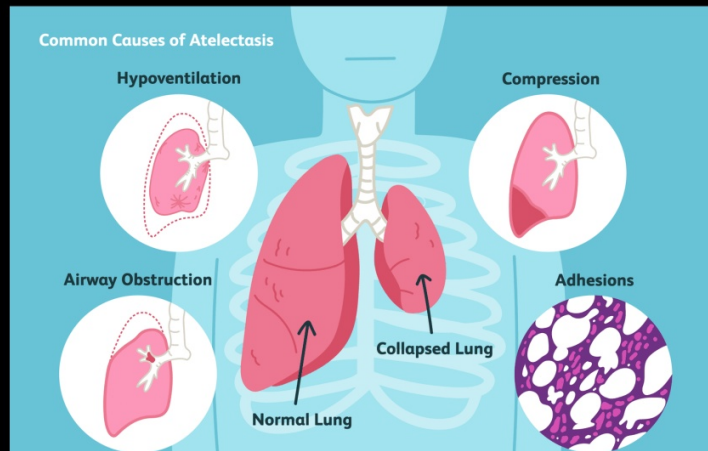
I:E
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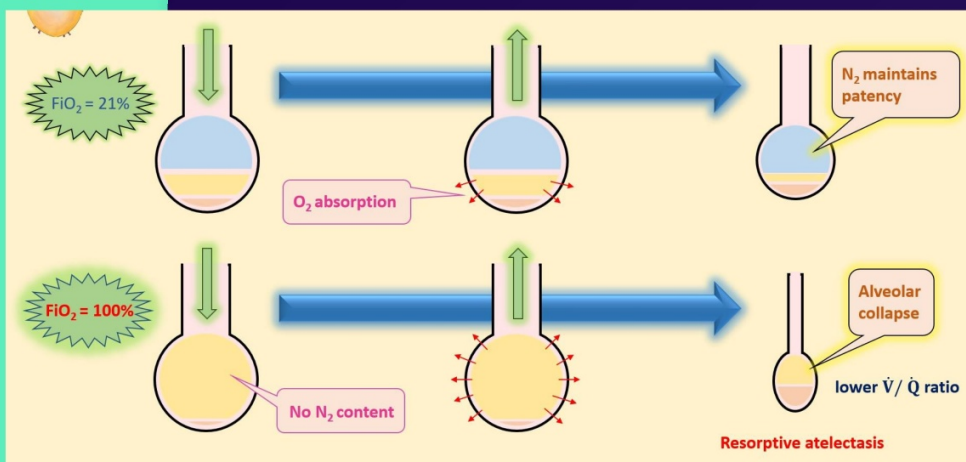
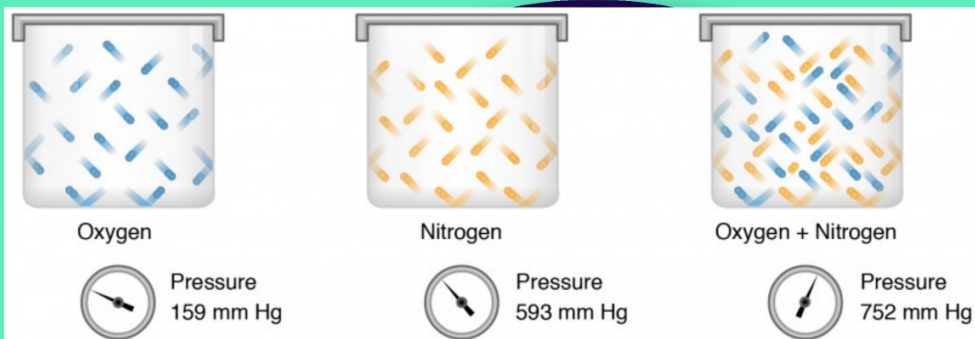
ATELECTASIS



O_2
CONCENTRATION

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FI_{O_2}



Data

Atelectasis

FI_{O_2} 1.0 = 5 min
 FI_{O_2} 0.4 = 40 min

Shunt

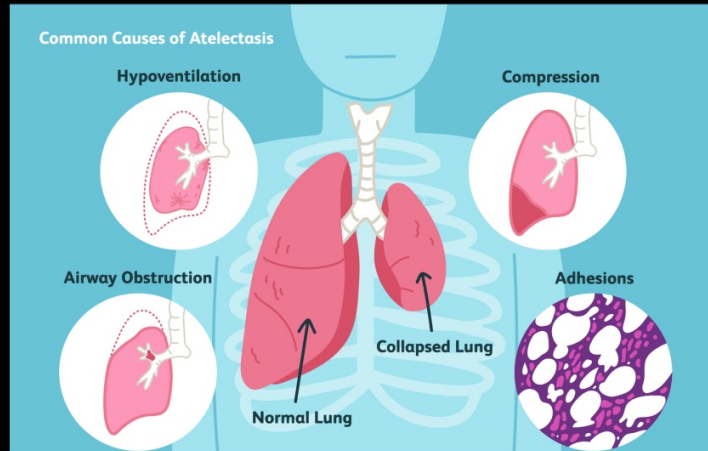
FI_{O_2} 1.0 = 6.5%
 FI_{O_2} 0.3 = 2.1%

Proxymenate

FI_{O_2} 0.8 = 0.58%
atelectasis
 FI_{O_2} 1.0 = 6.8%
atelectasis

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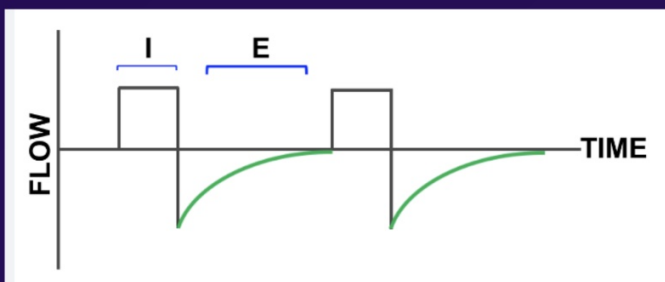
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I:E
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Normal I:E is 1:2

Higher I:E

- beneficial in conditions where it is difficult for air to leave the lungs (*i.e. asthma, COPD*)

Shorter I:E

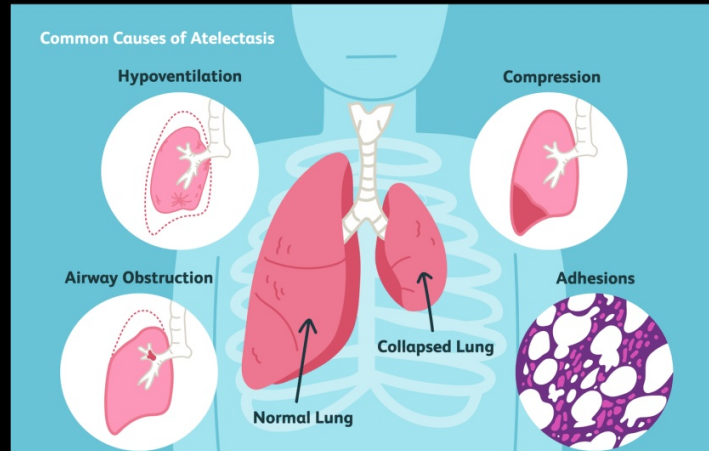
- used with patients difficult to ventilate
- *monitor for gas trapping*

Inverse I:E

- increases mean airway pressures and can improve oxygenation, gas exchange, and arterial oxygenation
- *increased intrathoracic pressure and decreased cardiac output*

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