

# NON-INVASIVE VENTILATION (What Are The Evidences)



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# First Use

“And the God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils breath of life, and man became a living soul”

Genesis 2:7

# Introduction

Perhaps the only consensus about mechanical ventilation of infants is that, all else being equal, **avoidance of mechanical ventilation is the best way to avoid lung injury.**

*Jobe A, Journal of Pediatrics, September 2006*

# Introduction

Therefore,  
strategies to minimize this lung  
injury, such as nasal CPAP,  
could lower the incidence of  
BPD.

*Bancalari and del Moral , Journal of perinatology, 2006*

*Bancalari et al, Semin neonatology, 2003*

# Mechanisms of Damage to the Immature Lung

## ❖ **Over distension**

Excessive VT : PIP – PEEP

Prolonged inspiratory time

PEEP, gas trapping

## ❖ **Insufficient FRC:** Low PEEP

❖ Infection-Inflammation

❖ Oxygen toxicity

❖ Improper conditioning of the inspired gas: Temperature, humidity

❖ Increased pulmonary blood flow - PDA

# What's wrong with Ventilation?

## Doctor's don't know:

- ⚡ When to start
- ⚡ How to prevent lung damage
- ⚡ How to wean or when to stop

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***Dr. Alan H. Jobe,***

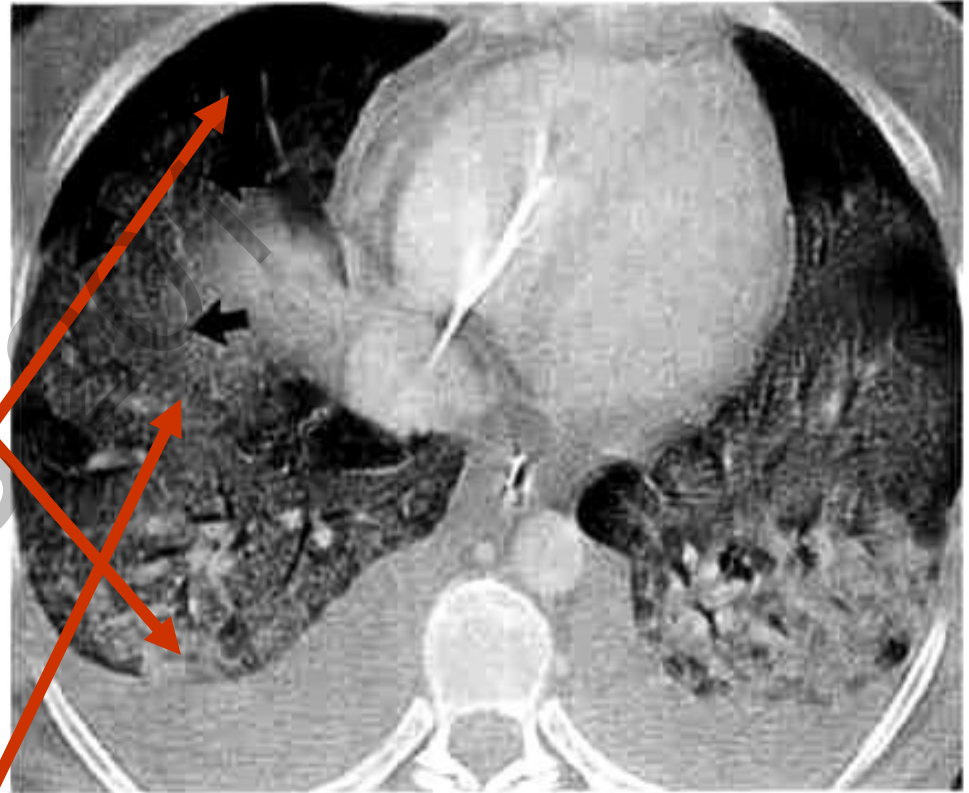
***"The Journal of Pediatrics" 2005***

“There is perhaps nothing more dangerous for the preterm lung than an anxious physician with an endotracheal tube and a bag”.

# Acute Lung Injury

☛ In acute lung injury (ALI) there are 3 regions of lung tissue:

- Severely diseased regions with a **limited ability** to "safely" recruit.
- Uninvolved regions with normal compliance and aeration. **Possibility of overdistension** with increased ventilatory support.
- Intermediate regions with **reversible** alveolar collapse and edema.



Ware et al., NEJM, 2000



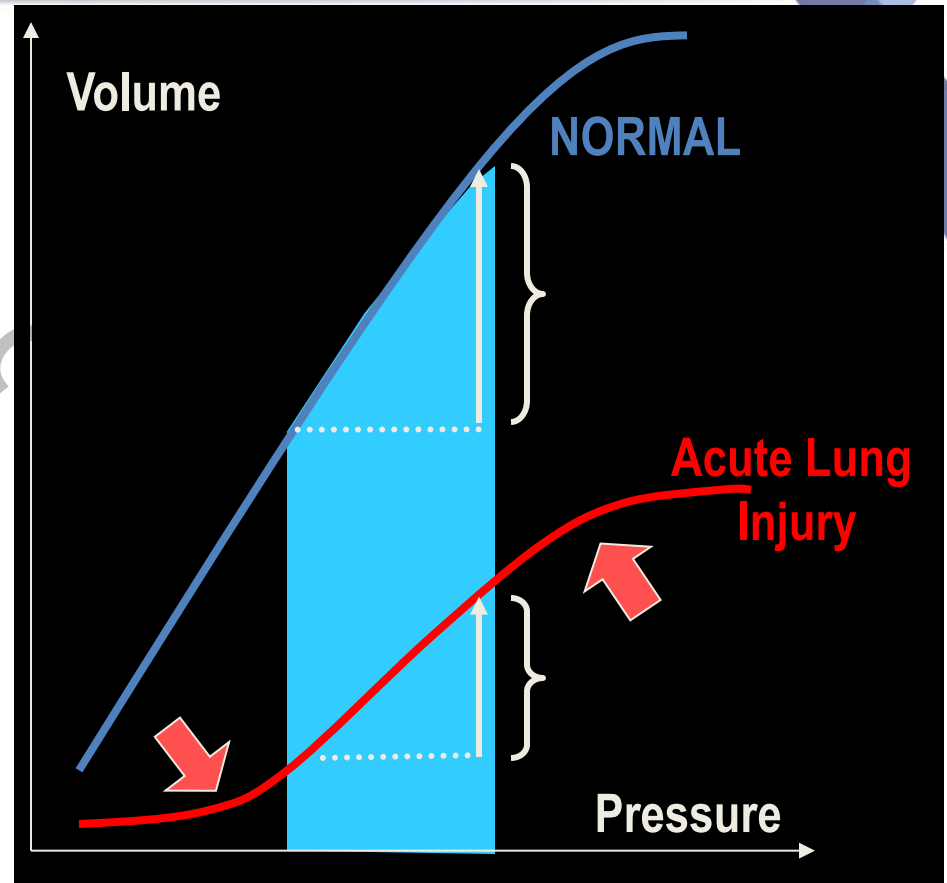
# Respiratory Mechanics

ALI is associated with a decrease in lung compliance.

- Less volume is delivered for the same pressure delivery during ALI as compared to normal conditions.

Lower and upper inflection points:

- At the lower end of the curve, the alveoli are at risk for derecruitment and collapse.
- At the upper end of the curve, the alveoli are at risk of alveolar overdistension.

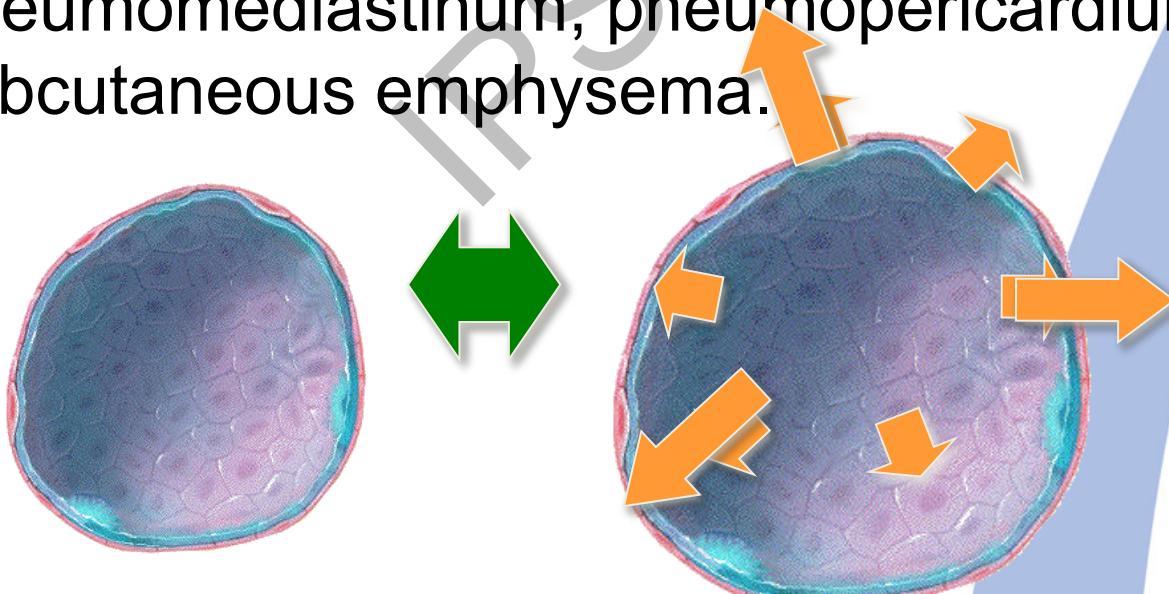


# Ventilator Associated Lung Injury

- All forms of positive pressure ventilation (PPV) can cause ventilator associated lung injury (VALI).
- VALI is the result of a combination of the following processes:
  - Barotrauma
  - Volutrauma
  - Atelectrauma
  - Biotrauma

# Barotrauma

- High airway pressures during PPV can cause lung overdistension with gross tissue injury.
- This injury can allow the transfer of air into the interstitial tissues at the proximal airways.
- Clinically, barotrauma presents as pneumothorax, pneumomediastinum, pneumopericardium, and subcutaneous emphysema.



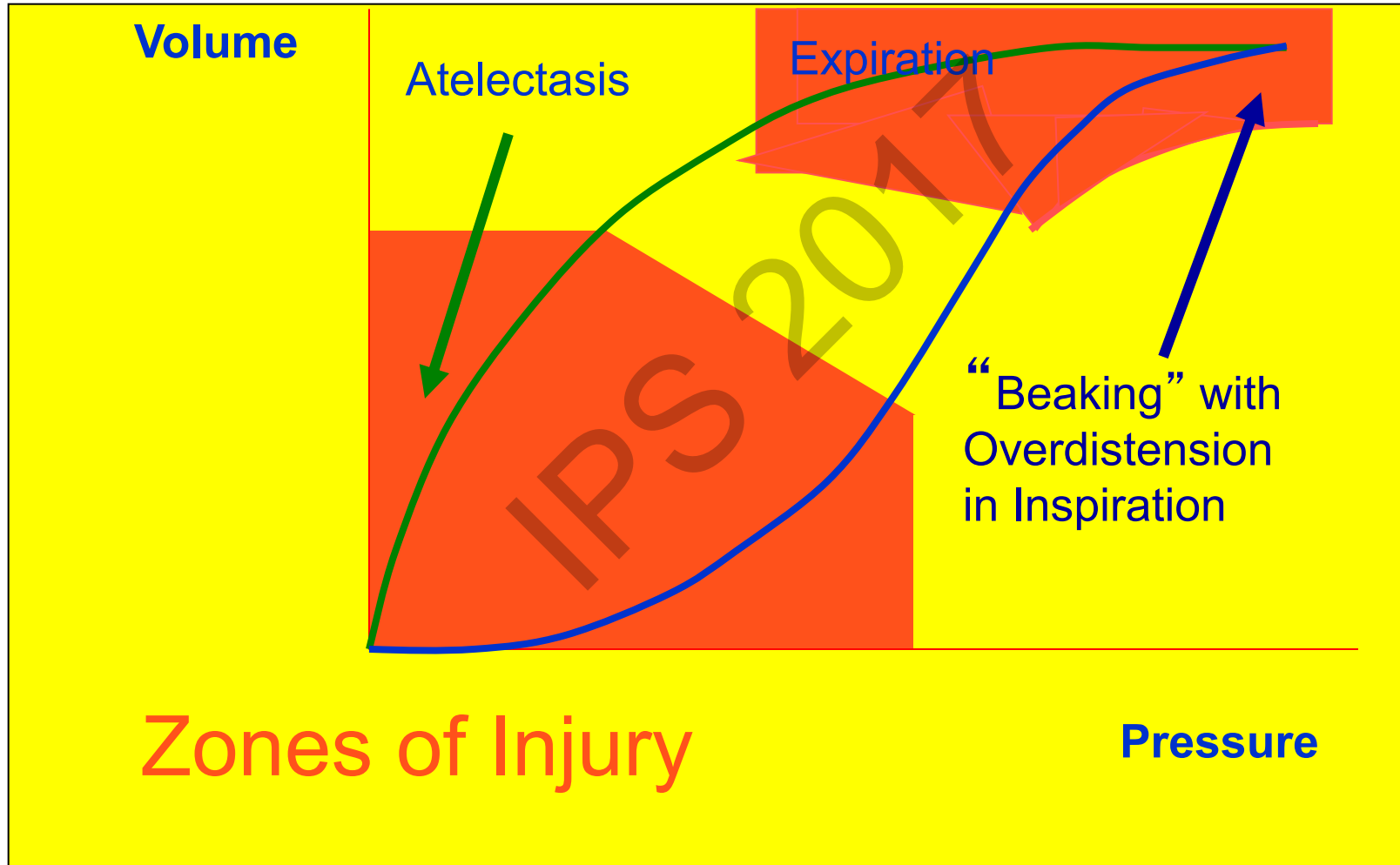
Slutsky, Chest, 1999

# Volutrauma

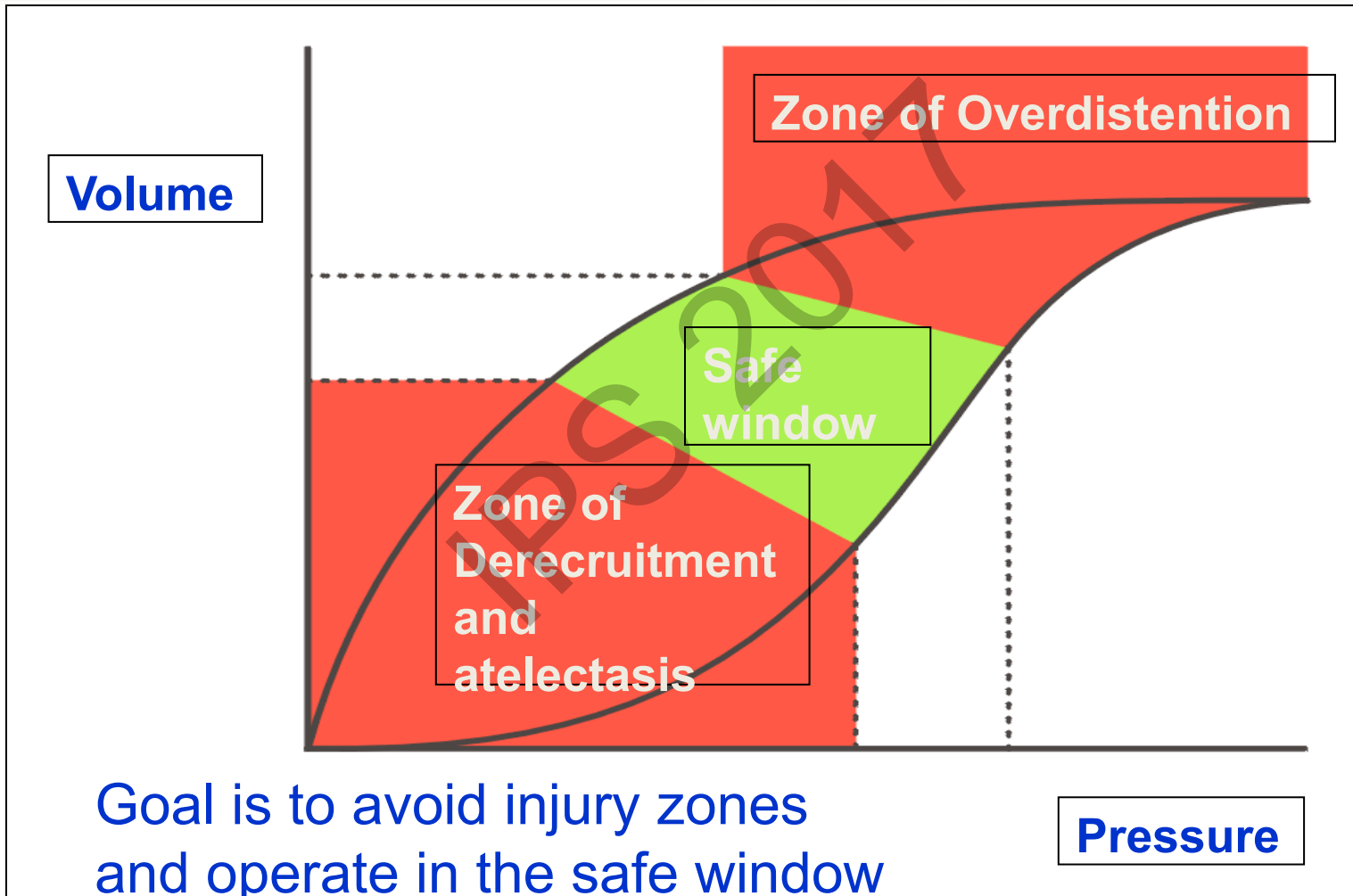
- ❖ Lung overdistension can cause diffuse alveolar damage at the pulmonary capillary membrane.
- ❖ This may result in increased epithelial and microvascular permeability, thus, allowing fluid filtration into the alveoli (pulmonary edema).
- ❖ Excessive end-inspiratory alveolar volumes are the major determinant of volutrauma.



# Pressure-Volume Loop



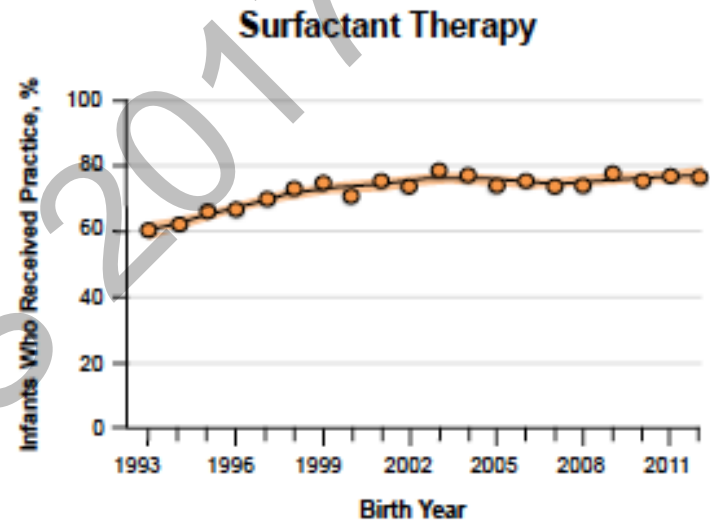
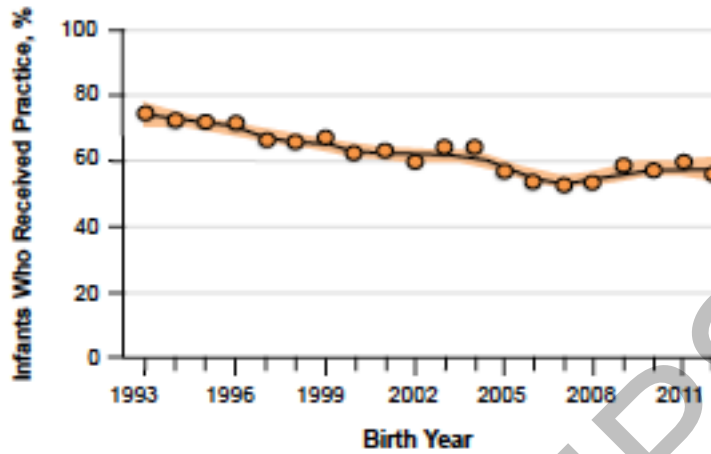
# Open Lung Ventilation Strategy



## Respiratory support for infants 22-28 weeks gestation surviving more than 12 hours of life

	2003-2007 N = 8546	2008-2012 N = 8034	2012 N = 1756
Any conventional ventilation	82%	87%	83%
Any non-invasive ventilation	80%	96%	100%
CPAP highest	8%	9%	11%

Stoll JAMA 2015





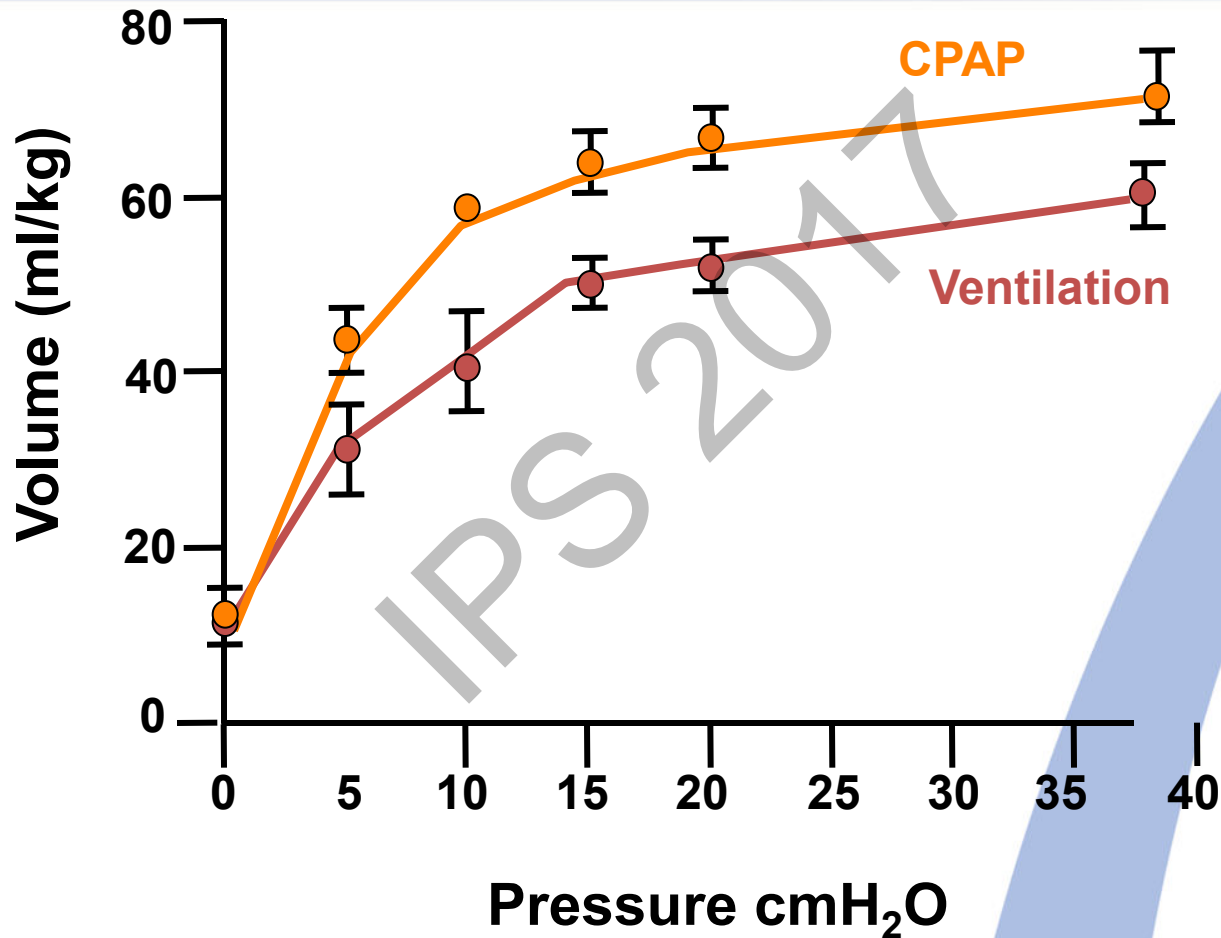
# Surfactant

	RR	95%CI	NNT	95% CI
Natural surfactant	0.86	0.76-0.98	50	20-1000
Multiple doses	0.63	0.39-1.02	14	7-1000
Prophylaxis	0.61	0.48-0.77	20	14-50
Early	0.87	0.77-0.99	33	17-1000

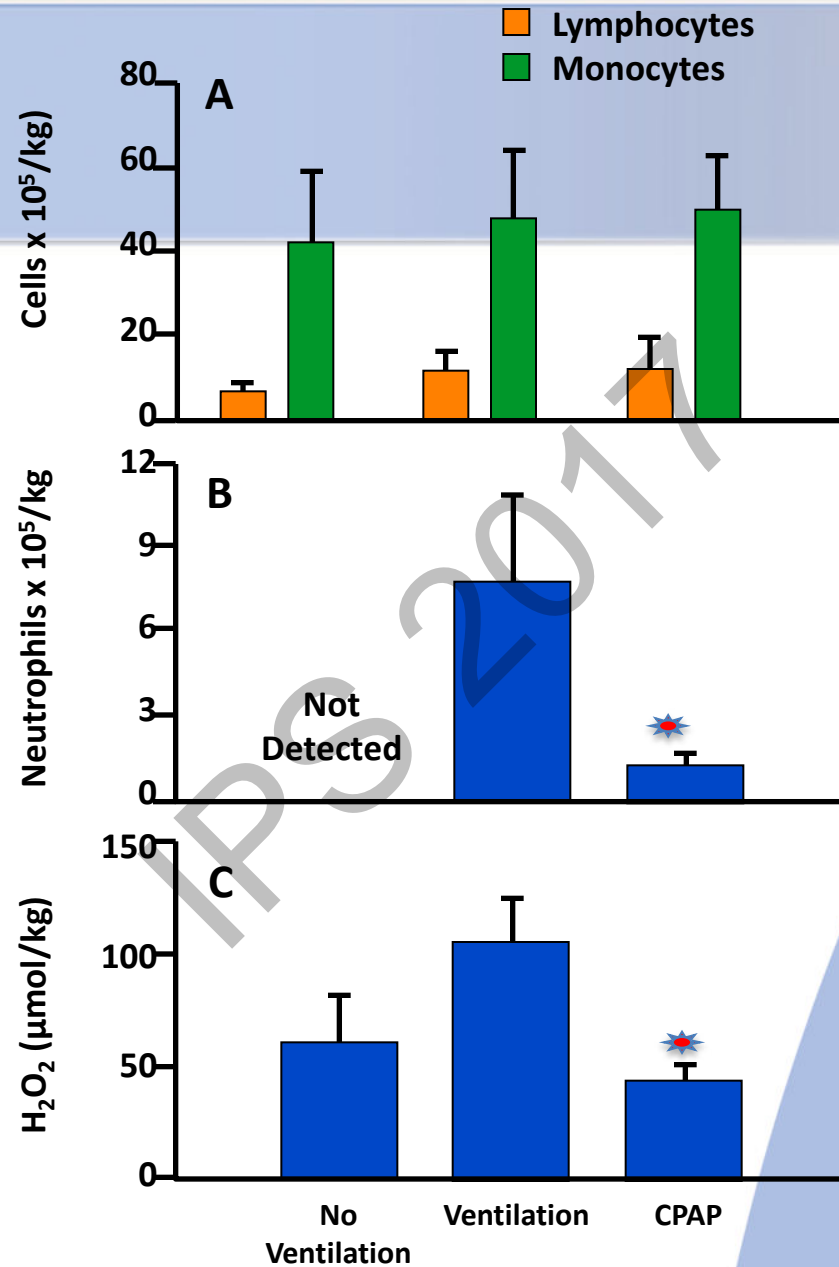
HL Halliday Journal of Perinatology 28: s47, 2008

# CPAP Decreases Acute Lung Injury in Preterm Lambs

## CMV vs. Bubble CPAP x 2 hours



(Jobe AH: Pediatr. Res. 2002)



## Do clinical markers of barotrauma and oxygen toxicity explain interhospital variation in rates of chronic lung disease

Case-cohort study to evaluate the relationship between NICU practices and the occurrence of BPD

	<i>Babies</i>	<i>Boston</i>
BPD	4%	22%*
CPAP	63%	11%*
Ventilation	29%	75%*

# Controversies

- ⚡ Early vs. late Surfactant
- ⚡ Clinical Practices and Biases
- ⚡ Ventilatory Stability

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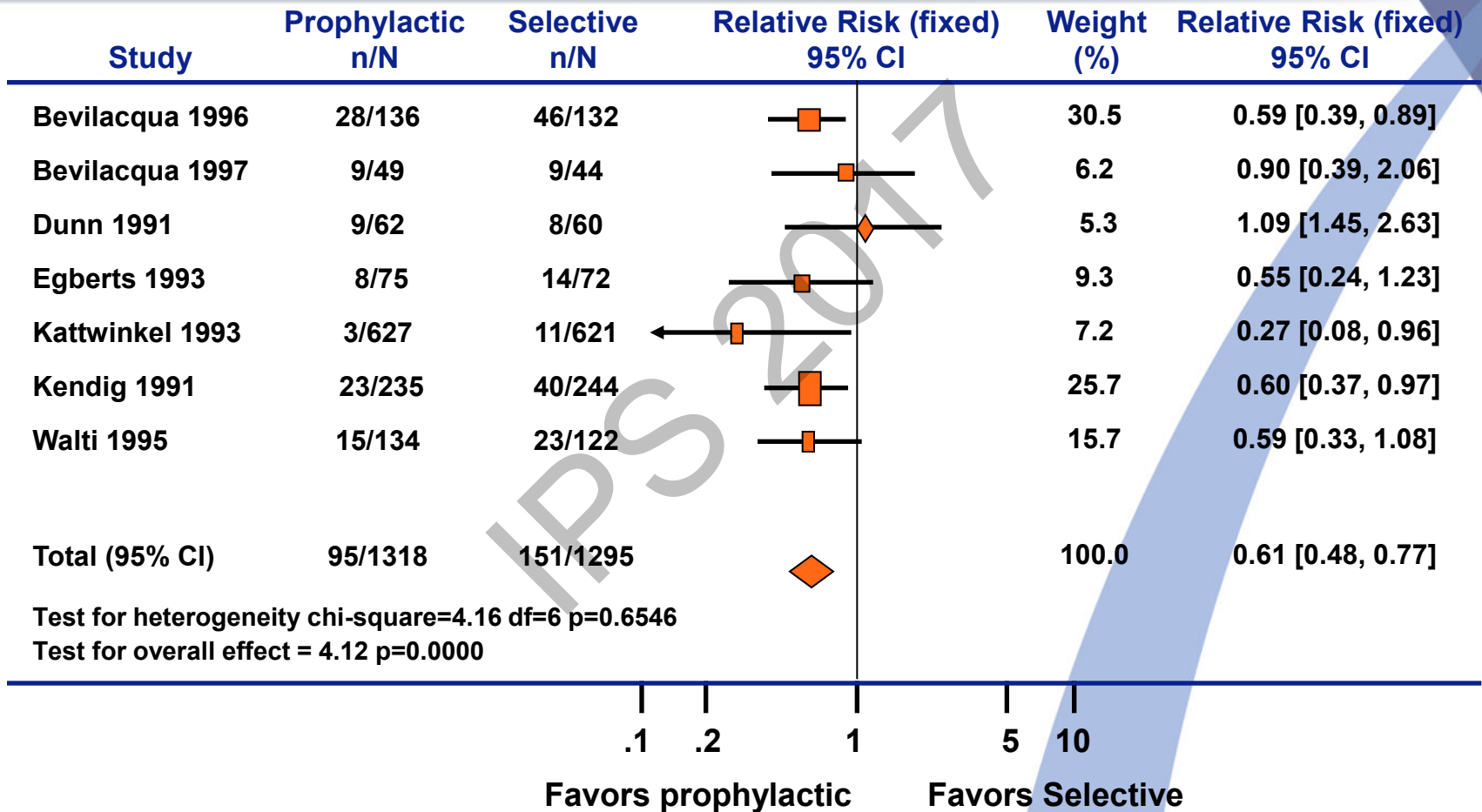
## European consensus guidelines on management neonatal RDS

Sweet D, Bevilacqua, Carnielli V, Greisen G, Plavka R, Saugstad OD, Simeoni U, Speer CP, Valls-i-Soler and Halliday H

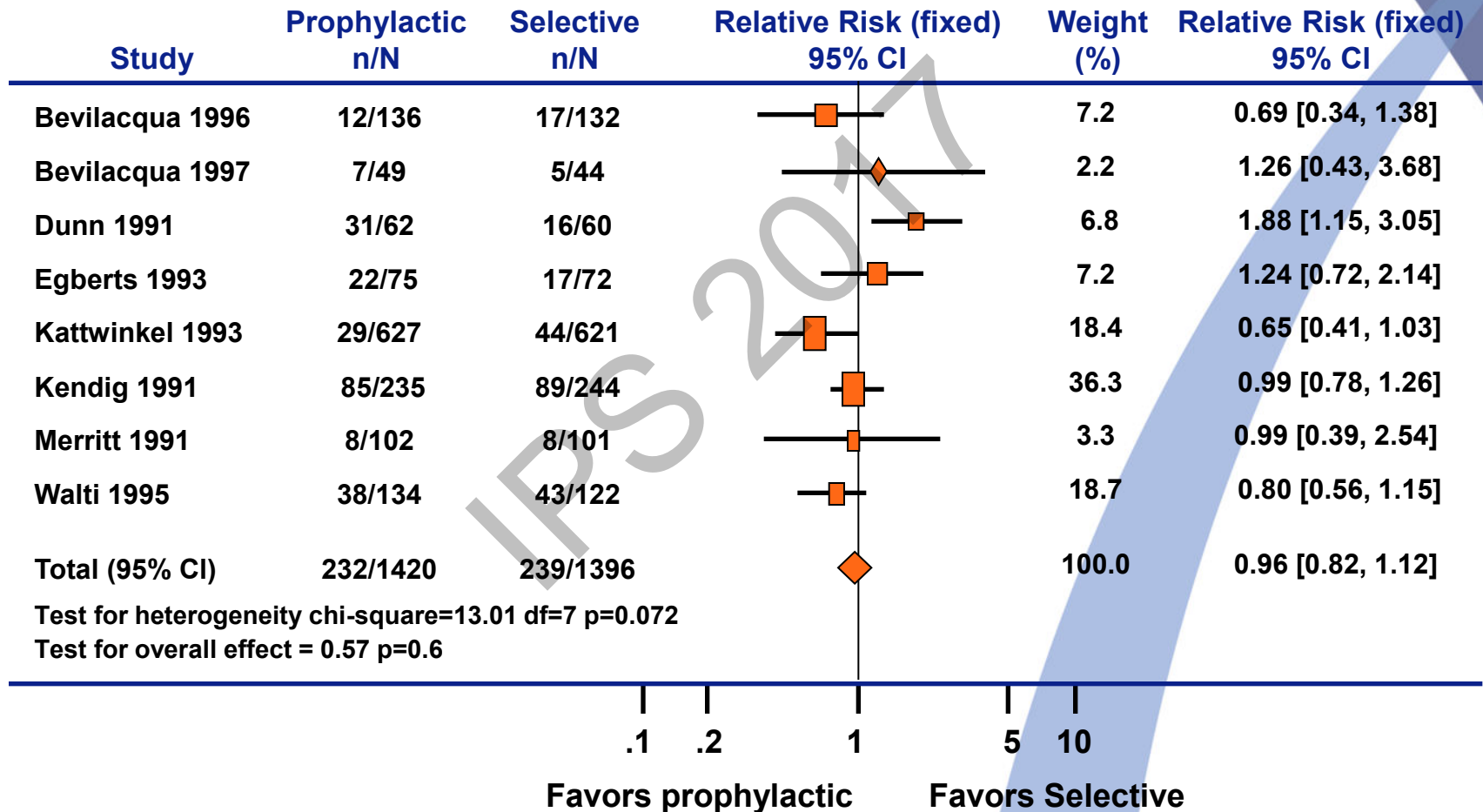
- **PROPHYLACTIC SURFACTANT** (within 15 ´ of birth) should be given to **almost all babies** under 27 weeks ´ gestation, and should be **considered** for all babies over 26 week but <30 weeks ´ gestation if intubation is required in the delivery room or if the mother has not received prenatal corticosteroid (A)
- **CPAP** should be initiated in all babies at risk of RDS, such as those <30 weeks ´ gestation until their clinical status can be assessed (D)

**J.Perinat.Med 2007, 35:175-186**

# Prophylaxis vs. Selective SRT: Mortality



# Prophylaxis Vs. Selective SRT: BPD





# CURPAP Study

(R Plavka, U Simeoni et al. *ESPR: ARCH Dis Child* 2008;93 (Suppl II):A34)

# Nasal CPAP or Intubation at Birth for Very Preterm Infants

Colin J. Morley, M.D., Peter G. Davis, M.D., Lex W. Doyle, M.D., Luc P. Brion, M.D., Jean-Michel Hascoet, M.D., John B. Carlin, Ph.D., for the COIN Trial Investigators

# Support Trial

(Finer, *NEJM*, 2010)

## Early CPAP vs. IPPV in extremely low gestational age newborns

	Death/BPD		IPPV		Surfactant	
	CPAP	MV-Surf	CPAP	MV-Surf	CPAP	MV-Surf
COIN 25-28 wks	34%	39%	58.7%	100%	38%	77%
SUPPORT 24-28 wks	49%	54%	83.1% 24.8 d	99.7% 27.7d	67%	99%
VON (CPAP) 26-30 wks	31%	37%	52%	96%	46%	99%
VON (ISX)	29%	37%	59%	96%	98%	99%

## Early CPAP vs. ventilation trials in extremely low gestational age newborns complications

Trial	Pneumothorax		Severe IVH		PVL	
	CPAP	Surfactant	CPAP	Surfactant	CPAP	Surfactant
COIN	9%	3%	9%	9%	3%	4%
SUPPORT	7%	7%	14%	11%	--	--
VON	5%	3%	3%	4%	--	--

# IFDAS trial and outcomes

Merran Thomson 2014

Infants 27-29 wks randomised before birth to one of 4 regimes

	CPAP + Surf (50)	CPAP (63)	IPPV + Surf (55)	Conventional (69)
O <sub>2</sub> at 36 w – survivors	25%	22%	24%	30%
O <sub>2</sub> at 36 w + Died	30%	25%	31%	38%

## Conclusions

- CPAP without surfactant does not appear to be harmful
- CPAP seems to be as effective as ventilation

# Summary of Recent Trials

	Gestational Age	Enrollment, <i>n</i>	Surfactant Treated, %	BPD or Death, <i>n/N</i> (%)		Risk Ratio (95% Confidence Interval)
				CPAP	Control	
SUPPORT	24 <sup>0</sup> -27 <sup>6</sup>	1,316	67	323/663 (49)	333/653 (54)	0.91 (0.83-1.01)
COIN	25 <sup>0</sup> -28 <sup>6</sup>	610	38	104/307 (34)	118/303 (39)	0.80 (0.58-1.12)
VON	26 <sup>0</sup> -29 <sup>6</sup>	432	15	68/223 (31)	76/209 (37)	0.83 (0.64-1.09)
CURPAP	25 <sup>0</sup> -28 <sup>6</sup>	208	74	23/105 (22)	22/103 (21)	1.03 (0.61-1.72)
Neocosur	800-1,500 g	256	37	18/131 (14)	24/125 (19)	0.72 (0.41-1.25)
Total		2,822		539/1,429 (38)	573/1,393 (41)	0.92 (0.84-1.00)

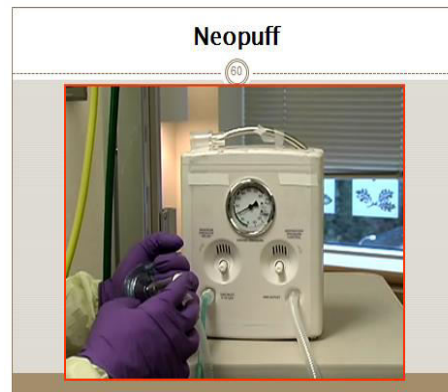
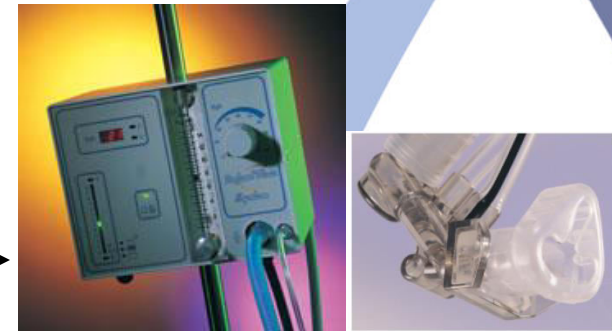
COIN=Continuous Positive Airway pressure or Intubation at Birth trial; CURPAP=Efficacy of Combining Prophylactic Curiosur with early Nasal CPAP in Delivery Room study; Neocosur=South American Neocosur Network trial; SUPPORT=Surfactant Positive Airway Pressure and Pulse Oximetry trial; VON=Vermont Oxford Network Delivery Room Management trial.

# How do the results of these trials help US ?

- ❖ **NCPAP is effective** in the initial management of RDS and can be used starting in the delivery room to avoid IPPV in infants with good respiratory effort
- ❖ **NCPAP is more successful in infants over 26-27 wks**
- ❖ NCPAP is effective after extubation to prevent respiratory deterioration and apnea

# CPAP Pressure Generators

- Ventilator CPAP
- Flow Driver CPAP
- “Bubble Bottle” CPAP
- Others



# BNCPAP

## Bubble CPAP vs IFD / Vent.-CPAP

📌 [Gupta, Sinha, Donn; J Perinatol 2009](#)

## Early bubble CPAP and outcomes in ELBW preterm infants.

📌 [Narendran V, Donovan EF, Hoath SB, Akinbi HT, Steichen JJ, Jobe AH. 2009](#)

## Bubble- and vent.-derived NCPAP – work of breathing & gas exchange

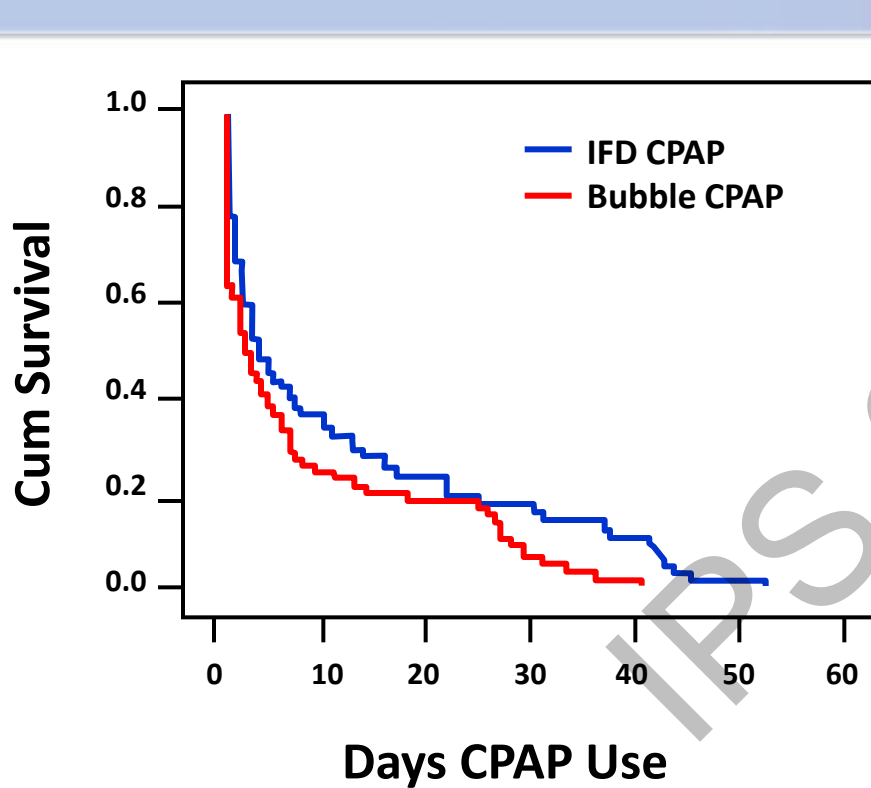
📌 [Courtney SE et al., J Perinatol 2010](#)



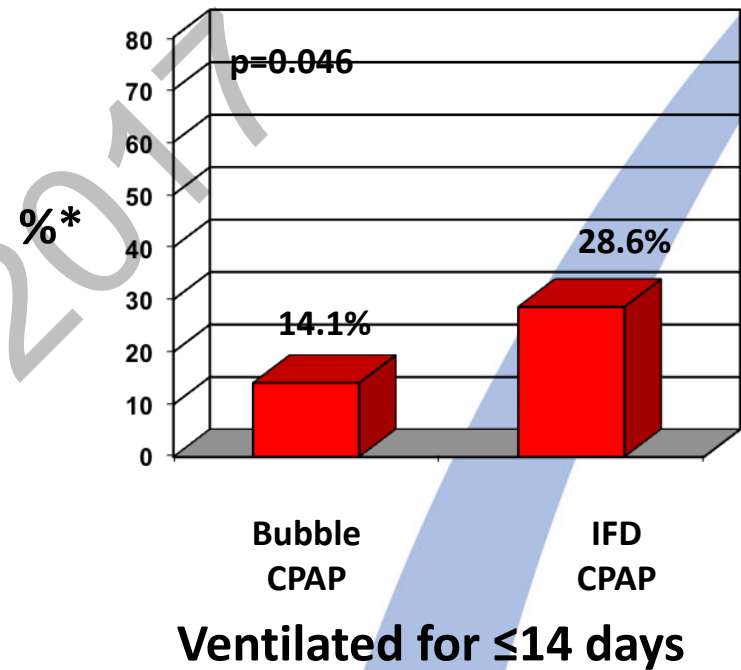
## Physiological Explanation of the Advantages of Bubble CPAP

- The increased area under the flow-volume curve and the more efficient utilization of inspired  $O_2$  in the bubble CPAP groups are suggestive of *increased airway patency*.
- “Promotion of airway opening events likely explains the short term improvement in respiratory physiology”.

# Randomized controlled Trial of Post-Extubation Bubble CPAP vs. Infant Flow Driver in Preterm Infants with RDS



 \*% CPAP failure



## Is Nasal Ventilation a Better Alternative?

### ➤ Possible mechanisms of action:

- Increase in  $V_t$  and  $V_e$
- Upper airway stimulation may reduce apnea
- **Higher mean airway pressure**: Better lung stability and gas exchange
- **Reduced dead space**: Clears exhaled gas from proximal airway

# NIPPV: Efficacy and lung pressure transmission

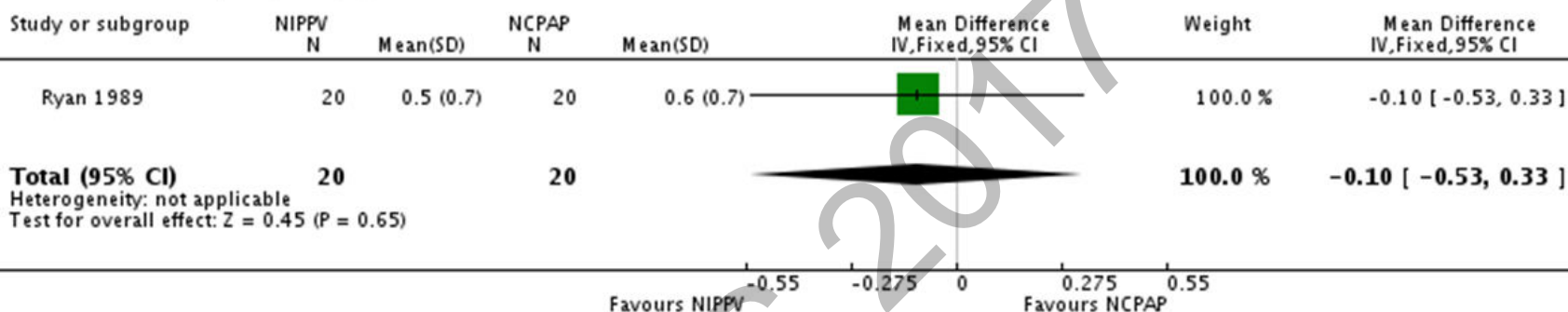
- ▀ An *in vitro* study using short bi-nasal prongs (SBP) or a small caliber cannula (RAM)
- ▀ Using the lung model, a small amount of CO<sub>2</sub> was infused and the amount remaining after 100 seconds was determined.
- ▀ Pressure transmission to the “lung” and tidal volume were also measured.

# NIPPV: Physiologic Principles

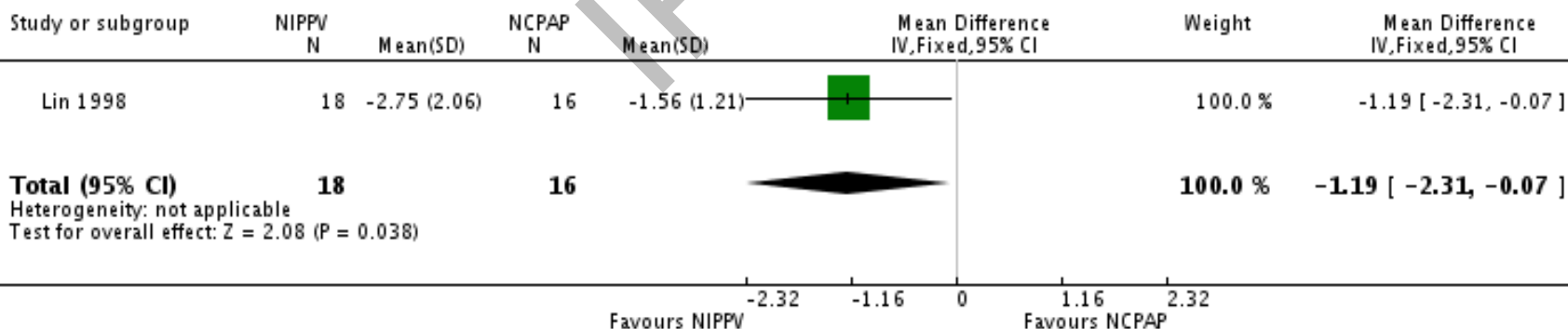
- ❖ In awake and sleeping adults, NIPPV produces vocal cord adduction and glottal narrowing resulting in lower tidal volumes and apneic episodes.
- ❖ Data suggest that using higher peak pressures does not consistently increase the likelihood of chest inflation.

# NIPPV vs NCPAP for Apnea

Review: Nasal intermittent positive pressure ventilation (NIPPV) versus nasal continuous positive airway pressure (NCPAP) for apnea of prematurity  
Comparison: 1 NIPPV vs NCPAP  
Outcome: 2 Rate of apnea (events/hr)



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Comparison: 1 NIPPV vs NCPAP  
Outcome: 3 Change in rate of apnea (events/hr)



Lemyre B, Davis PG, De Paoli AG. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2002*

	N	Mean GA (weeks)	No	Benefit
Kugelman	86	30.6 / 31.1	Yes	Significant
Bisceglia	88	30.6 / 29.8	No	No
Kishore	76	28-34	No	Significant
Meneses	200	30.1 / 29.0	No	No
Shi	179	24-32	No	Significant
<i>Kirpilani</i>	200	26.2 / 26.1	Both	No

Outcome: respiratory failure or need for intubation/surfactant

## N-IPPV vs. N-CPAP in RDS Failure: Need for intubation

	<u>Population</u>	<u>N-CPAP</u>	<u>N-IPPV</u>	<u>p</u>
Kugelman A. 2007	n = 84 GA: 24-34 w	49 %	25 %	0.04
Sai Sunil Kishore M. 2011	n = 76 GA: 28-34 w BW: ≥ 750 g	41 %	19 %	0.036
Lista G. 2010	n = 40 GA: 28-34 w	15 %	10 %	NS
Meneses J. 2011	n = 200 GA: 26-33 w	34 %	25 %	NS

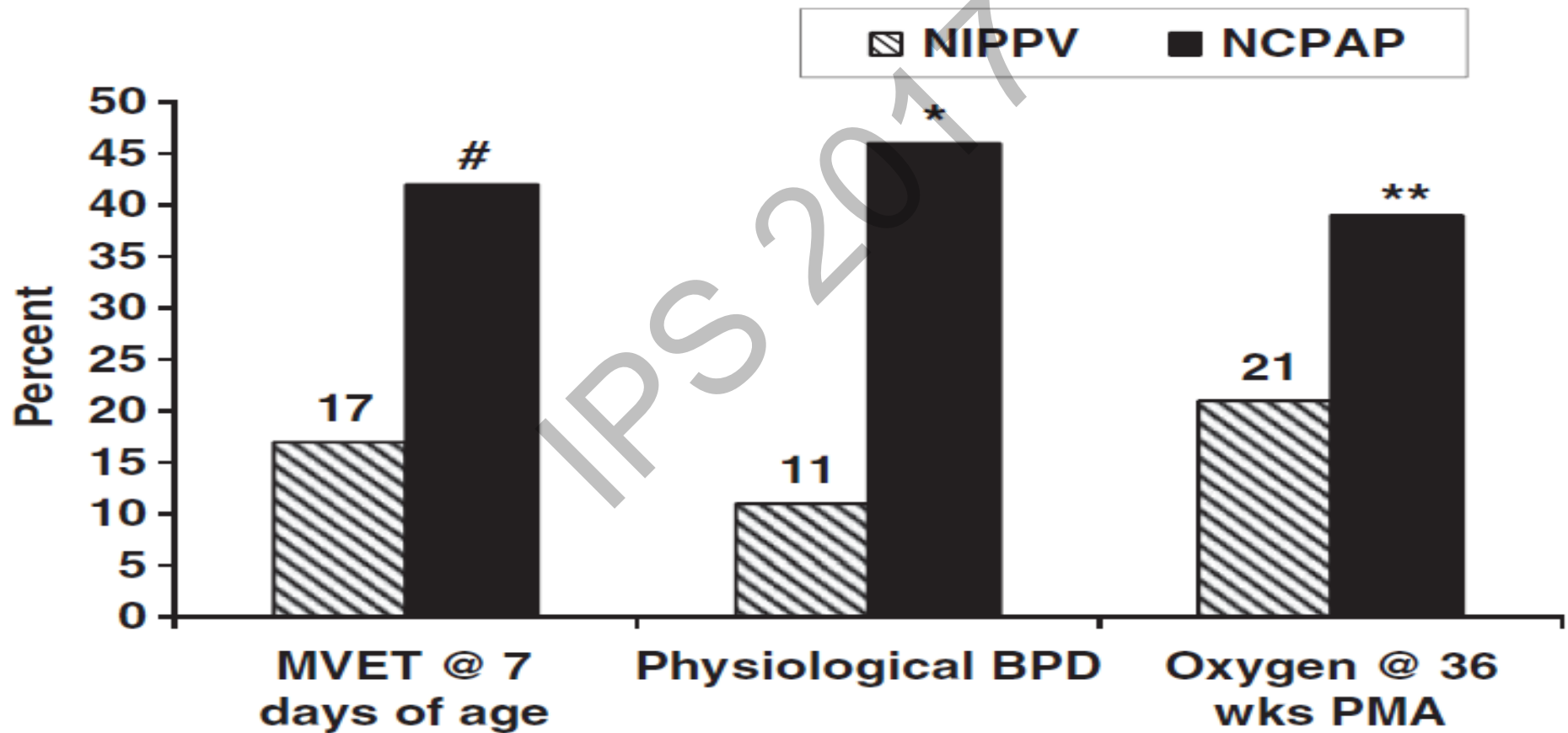


## N-IPPV vs. N-CPAP in RDS BPD: O2 at 36 wks

	<u>Population</u>		<u>N-CPAP</u>	<u>N-IPPV</u>	<u>p</u>
Kugelman A. 2007	n = 84 GA: 24-34 w	BPD:	17 %	2 %	0.04
Sai Sunil Kishore M. 2011	n = 76 GA: 28-34 w BW: ≥ 750 g	BPD: Death or BPD:	10 % 31 %	3 % 16 %	NS* NS*
Lista G. 2010	n = 40 GA: 28-34 w	BPD:	0	0	NS
Meneses J. 2011	n = 200 GA: 26-33 w	BPD: Death or BPD:	5 % 42 %	11 % 40%	NS* NS**
Kirpalani H. 2012	n = 493 (on non-invasive support, ≤7 days) GA: < 30w BW: < 1000 g	Death or BPD:	29 %	30 %	NS

\*: Estimated from published data; \*\*: Author's personal communication

## NIPPV after surfactant treatment for RDS in preterm infants <30 weeks' gestation: a randomized, controlled trial



## RCTs: NIPPV or CPAP for Post-extubation Failure

	N	Synchronized	Benefit
Khalaf	32	Yes	Significant
Friedlich	41	Yes	Significant
Barrington	54	Yes	Significant
Khorana	48	No	No
Moretti	63	Yes	Significant
Kirpilani	845	Both	Marginal
O'Brien	133	No	No

*Outcome: respiratory failure or need for intubation*

# What Settings to Use with NIV?

## After Extubation

- PIP: 2-4 > on ventilator
- PEEP: 4-6 cm H<sub>2</sub>O
- RR: 10-25
- IT: 0.3-0.5
- Flow: 8-10 l/min

## Rx of RDS

- PIP: 18-20
- PEEP: 4-6
- RR: 40
- IT: 0.4-0.5
- Flow: 8-10

# BiPAP

⚙️ **Nasal continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) versus bi-level nasal CPAP in preterm babies with respiratory distress syndrome: a randomised control trial**

Gianluca Lista, NICU, 'V.Buzzi' Children's Hospital, Milan, Italy;  
Arch Dis Child Fetal Neonatal Ed 2010;95:F85-F89  
doi:10.1136/adc.2009.169219

# Humidified High Flow Nasal Cannula (HHFNC)

- Used when weaning off NCPAP
- Used when a baby does not tolerate or has complications of NCPAP
- Used as an alternative to NCPAP



# HHFNC – Advantages and Disadvantages

- Simple
- More comfortable
- Less labor intensive, both nursing and RT
- Easier to provide developmentally directed care
- Kangaroo care
- The pressure being delivered to the baby is unregulated
- Actual pressure delivered is not known
- Difficult to provide heat and humidity
- No safety relieve valve if pressure is too high

# NIV-NAVA

- ❖ New modality
- ❖ More Physiological
- ❖ Exact Pressures giving to the baby is in control and known
- ❖ No errors due to leakage
- ❖ More studies needed



# Minimally Invasive Surfactant Therapy (MIST)

## Conclusions

Surfactant can be effectively delivered via a vascular catheter, and this method of MIST deserves further investigation.

Dargaville PA, Aiyappan A, Cornelius A, Williams C, De Paoli AG.  
Arch Dis Child Fetal Neonatal Ed doi:10.1136/adc.2010.192518

# Aerosolized Surfactant Administration

## Aerosurf

- Aerosolized, synthetic, protein containing surfactant (**Lucinactant**)
- No intubation required for administration
- Delivered through nCPAP
- Survives the aerosolization process
- May significantly expand the clinical utility of surfactants through and beyond the neonatal period

# AEROSURF

- Data from Pilot Phase 2 trial are encouraging
- Acceptable safety profile
- Justification for next trial
- Potential to revolutionize the management of RDS in the neonatal intensive care unit

# CONCLUSION

- Many **very premature** infants can be managed with NCPAP or NIPPV from birth
- Difficult to predict** which infants will fail and require intubation and mechanical ventilation
- Success** depends on gestational age, degree of lung disease, respiratory drive, and **team's attitude and skills**

# CONCLUSION

- ❖ **Use of NIPPV** instead of CPAP may reduce the number of infants that need intubation and **shortens the duration of MV**
- ❖ There is no clear evidence that non invasive respiratory support improves short or long term outcome in ELBW infants

# Recommendation

- ❖ Preterm infants with RDS weighing **< 1500 gms.** should be allowed time to demonstrate if they can achieve acceptable ventilation and oxygenation on CPAP.
- ❖ During that time period, these infants must be monitored closely. If ventilation is not improving or oxygenation is worsening, or inadequate with an **FiO<sub>2</sub> of 60%**, these infants should be intubated.

# ALGORITHM

Targeted O2 sat 90-95%

Preterm > 26 wk in  
Resp Distress

BNCPAP 5 cm H2O

O2 > 40%, CO2 > 60  
PEEP > 7

Intubate and give  
Surfactant,  
extubate and start  
on CPAP (can go up to 7)

In CV compromise,  
frequent apneas

Intubate and give  
Surfactant, cont.  
mech. vent. and try  
to wean as soon as  
possible

O2 < 40%, CO2 < 60  
PEEP 5

Cont. CPAP  
With close  
monitoring

# Minimally-Invasive Ventilation Workshop

Continuous positive airway pressure  
ventilation

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# Introduction

- ✓ Progress in neonatal intensive care is closely linked to improvements in the management of respiratory failure in small infants.
- ✓ Current modalities of ventilatory assistance range from more benign continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) to various modes of mechanical ventilation (including high frequency ventilation).

*polin and Sahni, Seminars in Neonatology, 2002*

# Introduction

- ✓ The advent of less invasive methods of delivering CPAP has permitted earlier treatment of infants with RDS and avoided the need for mechanical ventilation.

*polin and Sahni, Seminars in Neonatology, 2002*

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✓ The early initiation of nasal CPAP in combination with a tolerance to elevated  $PCO_2$  levels has reduced the incidence of BPD..... in many centers.

*Kamper et al , 2004 (the ETFOL study)*

✓ BPD is a complex pulmonary disease, characterized by inflammation and abnormal lung repair.

*Reese et al 2001, polin and Sahni 2002*

While prenatal, natal and postnatal events are important in its pathogenesis, **Ventilation** is thought to be a major contributing factor.

*Jobe and Ikegami 2001*

# Effects of CPAP in the infant with respiratory distress

1. **Reduces upper airway** occlusion by decreasing upper airway resistance and increasing the pharyngeal cross sectional area.
2. **Reduces right to left shunting.**
3. **Reduces obstructive apneas.**
4. **Increases the FRC.**
5. **Reduces inspiratory resistance** by dilating the airways. This permits a larger tidal volume for a given pressure, so reducing the work of breathing.
6. **Reduces the compliance** of very compliant lungs and, in these lungs, reduces the tidal volume and minute volume.

7. **Increases the compliance and tidal volume of stiff lungs** with a low FRC **by stabilizing the chest wall** and counteracting the paradoxical movements.
8. Regularizes and **slows the respiratory rate.**
9. **Reduces the incidence of apnea.**
10. **Increases the mean airway pressure** and improves ventilation perfusion mismatch.
11. **Conserves surfactant** on the alveolar surface.
12. **Diminishes alveolar edema.**
13. The increased pressure helps overcome the inspiratory resistance of an endotracheal tube.

- ❖ Nasal CPAP after extubation reduces the proportion of babies requiring re-ventilation.
- ❖ Oxygenation is related to the surface area, and carbon dioxide elimination is related to the minute volume. Normalizing lung volume improves oxygenation and carbon dioxide elimination.

# Indications for CPAP

1. Spontaneously breathing babies with respiratory distress at birth.
2. Increased work of breathing indicated by: recession, grunting, nasal flaring, increased oxygen requirements or increased respiratory rate.
3. Poorly expanded or infiltrated lung fields on chest x-ray.
4. Atelectasis.
5. Pulmonary edema.
6. Pulmonary hemorrhage.
7. Apnoea of prematurity.
8. Recent extubation.
9. Tracheomalacia or other abnormalities of the airways, predisposing to airway collapse.
10. Phrenic nerve palsy.

# Contraindications to CPAP

1. The need for ventilation because of ventilatory failure—inability to maintain oxygenation.
2. Upper airway abnormalities (cleft palate, choanal atresia).
3. Tracheo-oesophageal fistula.
4. Diaphragmatic hernia.
5. Severe cardiovascular instability.



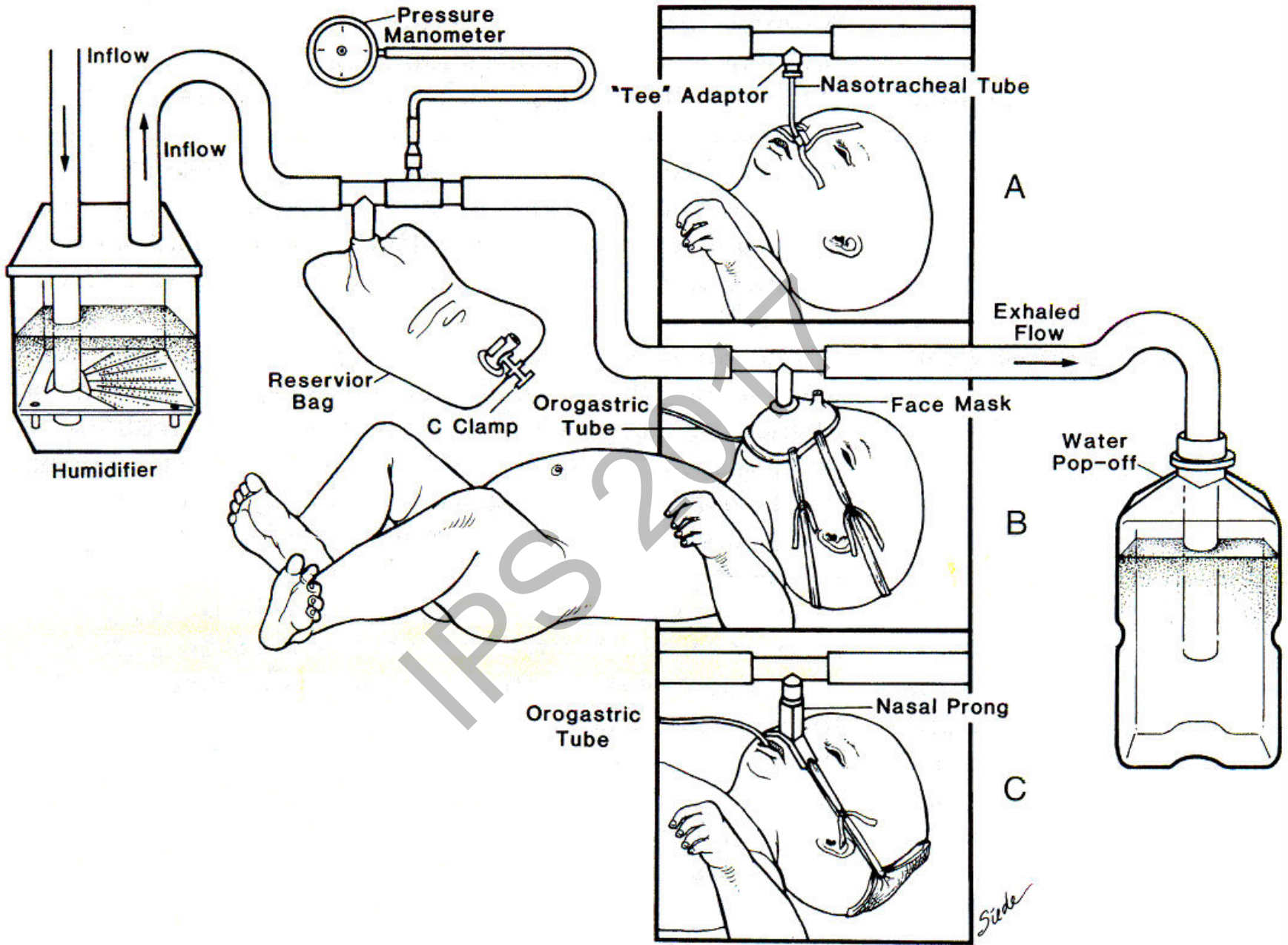
# “Bubble” nasal continuous positive airway pressure system



# CPAP delivery systems

The CPAP delivery system consists of three components:

the circuit for continuous flow of inspired gases, the interface connecting the CPAP circuit to the infant's airway, and a method of creating positive pressure in the CPAP circuit.



The amount of CPAP may be varied by a change in the amount of gas flow into the system or by the amount of obstruction to the outflow (5 cm of fluid level in the case of bubble nasal CPAP).

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# Many techniques are available to deliver CPAP

Nasal cannulae

Face masks

Nasal prongs

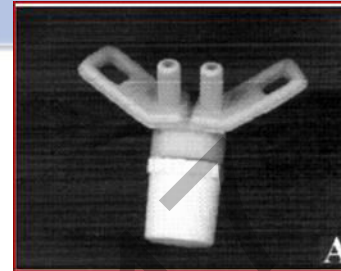
Nasopharyngeal tubes

Head box with nasal seal

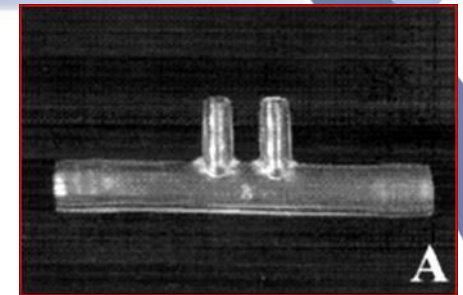
& Endotracheal tubes.

# Types of prongs

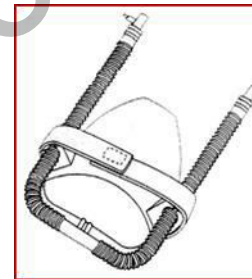
- Argyle



- Hudson



- Inca



- Fisher & Paykel



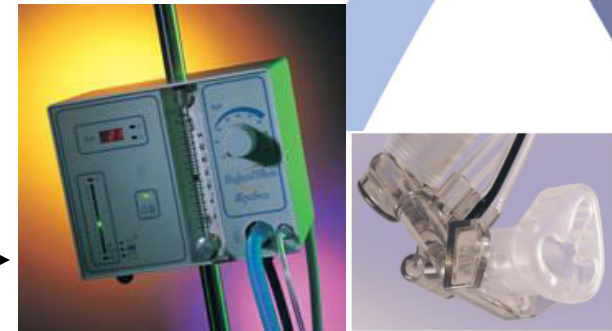
- EME



- Others

# CPAP Pressure Generators

- Ventilator CPAP
- Flow Driver CPAP
- “Bubble Bottle” CPAP
- Others



# Bubble Nasal CPAP

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# Why “Bubble” Bottle CPAP?

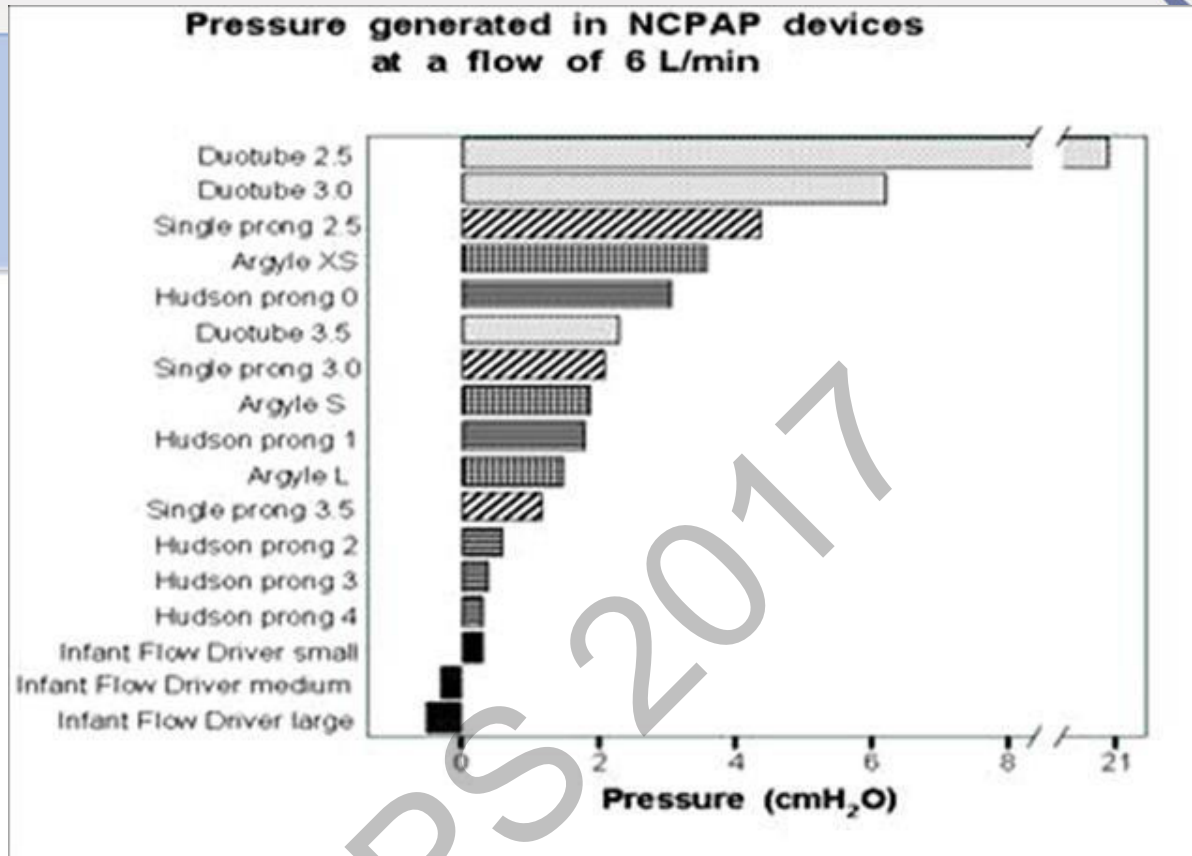
- Cheap
- Readily available
- Effective Oscillation/vibration may contribute to effect (15-30 HZ)\*

*\*Nekvasil et al, 1992. Pillow and Travadi, 2005. Lee et al, 1998*

# Nasal Prong Interface

What to use?

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*De Paoli et al, Arch Dis Child Fetal Neonatal Ed 2002*

- The higher the resistance, the lesser the pressure transmitted through the prongs to the nose of the baby.
- Hudson prongs and the infant flow driver have the least resistance to flow.

# Advantages and disadvantages of Nasal Prongs CPAP

## *Advantages*

Easy to apply; flexible and enable change in infant's position; low airway resistance, easily controlled, stabilized and eliminates need for intubation.

## *Disadvantages*

Nasal septal erosion or necrosis; nasal obstruction from secretions or improper position of CPAP prongs; abdominal distension from swallowing air.

*Polin and Sahni, Seminars in neonatology 2002*

- Building the Bubble Bottle NCPAP Delivery System
- Initiating Bubble Bottle NCPAP Delivery System
- Care of the Infant on NCPAP

# Building the bubble CPAP apparatus

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# Bubble CPAP Delivery System



# Preparation (1)

## Gather the following equipment

- Oxygen/Air flow sources
- Oxygen blender with flow meter
- Oxygen tubing to lead from the blender to the humidifier
- Oxygen analyzer (optional)
- Humidifier filled to the appropriate level with sterile water
- Corrugated circuit tubing with humidifier connections
- Humidifier temperature probe
- Nasal prong CPAP set



## Preparation(2)

# Gather the following equipment

- 500-1000 cc bottle of 0.25% acetic acid or sterile water
- 10cc syringe / 3 cc syringe
- Luer plug/prn adapter/Pressure tubing
- 4 small safety pins
- 2 small rubber bands
- Tegaderm
- Gauze swabs
- Paper measuring tape
- Tape- adhesive

# NASAL PRONG SIZE

size 0 for  $< 700$  g

size 1 for 700-1000 g

size 2 for 1000-2000 g

size 3 for 2000-3000 g

size 4 for 3000-4000 g

size 5 for  $> 4000$  g

For infants at the high end of any of the weight ranges, consider using the larger prongs appropriate for the next higher weight range

# Nasal CPAP Set up (1)

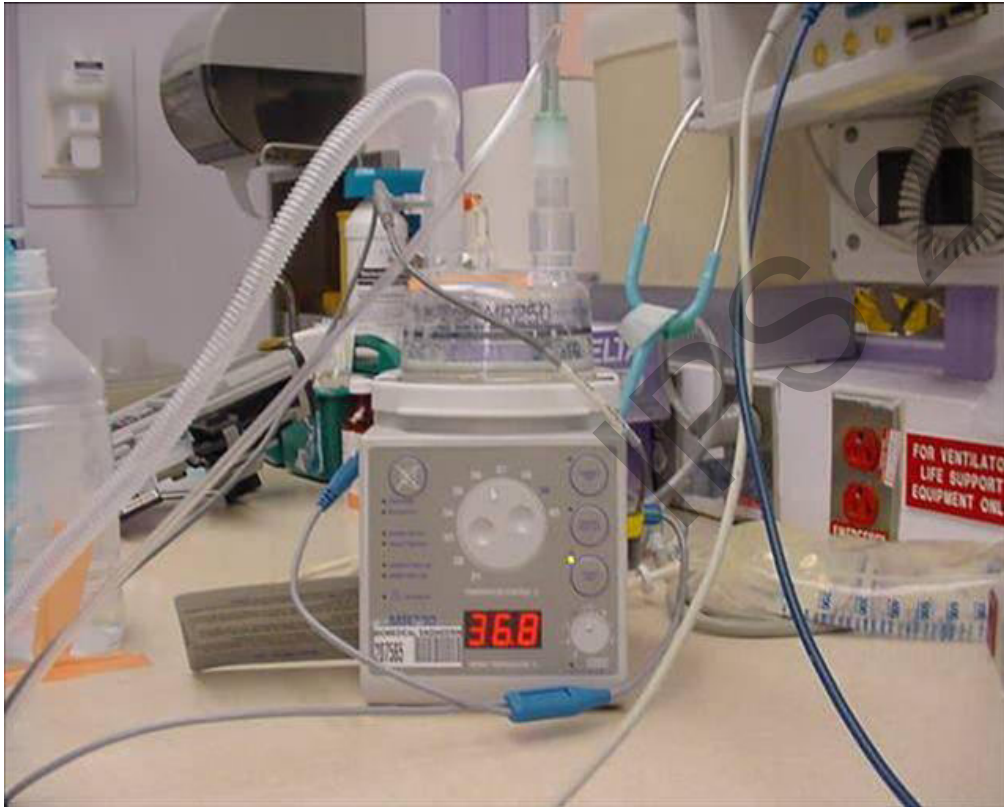


1. Attach the oxygen tubing to the flow meter and blender, and connect the tubing to the humidifier
2. Set the flow meter to deliver 5 – 10 liters per minute



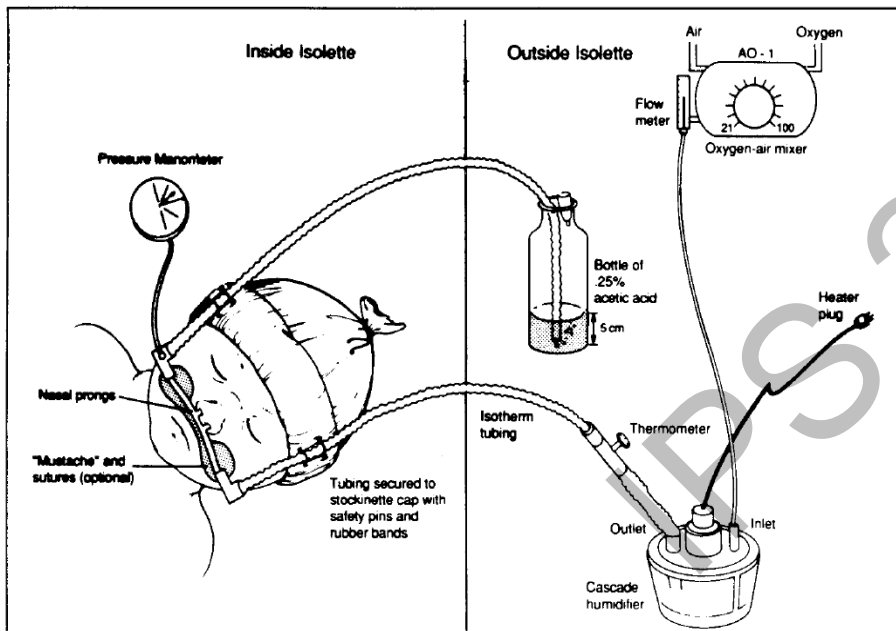
Flow 5 – 10 lpm

# Nasal CPAP Set up (2)



3. Turn on the humidifier, set the temp at  $36.8 - 37.3^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and chamber temp.(-2)
4. Attach one corrugated tube to the humidifier

# Nasal CPAP Set up (3)



5. Connect the humidifier tube temperature probe to the corrugated tubing going to the baby
6. Choose appropriate size nasal prongs and attach them to the corrugated tubing

# Nasal CPAP Set up (4 )



7. Attach corrugated circuit tube to the other side of prongs. Fix the Luer plug in place over the opening in the elbow of the prongs

# Nasal CPAP Set up (5)



7. Secure measuring tape to the outlet bottle containing 0.25% acetic acid or sterile water, with the 7 cm mark at the base
8. Empty fluid to the 0 mark



# Nasal CPAP Set up (6)



9. Place the end of the corrugated tube into the water to a depth of 5 cm to create 5 cm of CPAP
10. Fix the tubing in place by sliding the 10cc/3cc syringe (plunger removed) into the neck of the bottle



# KEY POINTS FOR MAINTAINING OPTIMAL NCPAP

- ⚡ Correctly set up and maintain low resistance delivery circuit
- ⚡ Securely attach interface
- ⚡ **Assure minimal pressure leaks**
- ⚡ **Maintain optimal airway**
- ⚡ **Prevent nasal septal injury**
- ⚡ Provide meticulous attention to details
- ⚡ Resist the temptation to ‘improve’ the system
- ⚡ Encourage committed and skilled caregivers

# CIRCUIT MAINTENANCE

- ⦿ Flow between 5-10 l/m (7-8 l/m)
- ⦿ **Humidification**
- ⦿ Corrugated tubing clear of excess rain out
- ⦿ 5cm water pressure
- ⦿ Change circuit (less nasal prongs) weekly.



# Maintaining Optimal Airway Care: Humidification

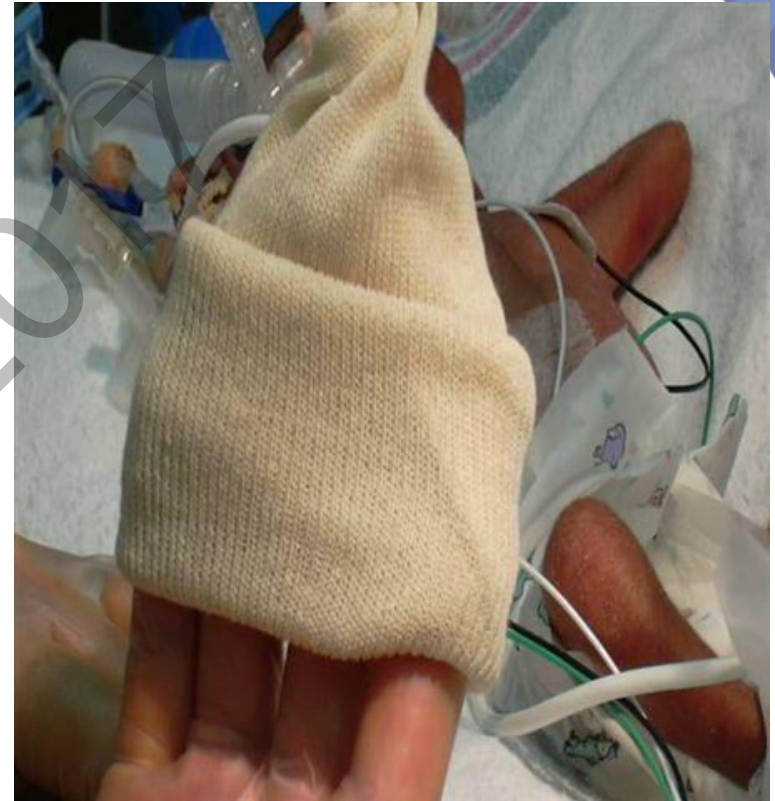


- Maintain adequate humidification of the circuit to prevent drying of secretions.
- Adjust settings to maintain gas humidification at or close to **100%**.
- Set the humidifier temperature to 36.8-37.3° C.

# Securely attached interface

- ▀ **Snug fitting hat**
- ▀ **Snug fitting nasal prongs**
- ▀ **Velcro moustache**
- ▀ **Chin strap**

# STOCKINETTE HAT



# SECURING THE HAT





# VELCRO MOUSTACHE



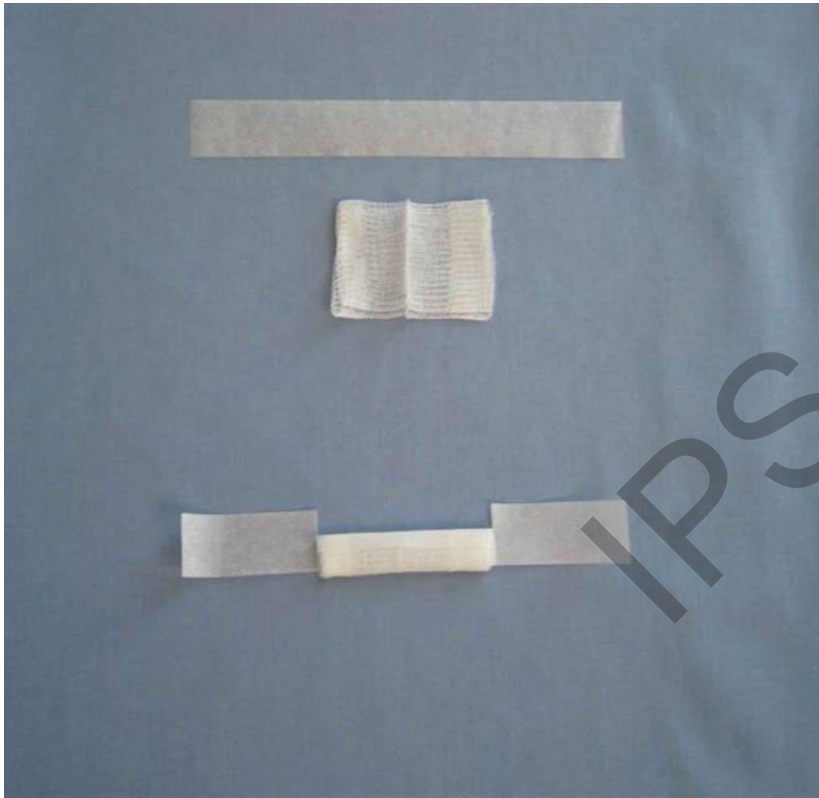


# MINIMIZE PRESSURE LEAKS

- Snug fitting prongs
- Closed mouth
- Velcro moustache



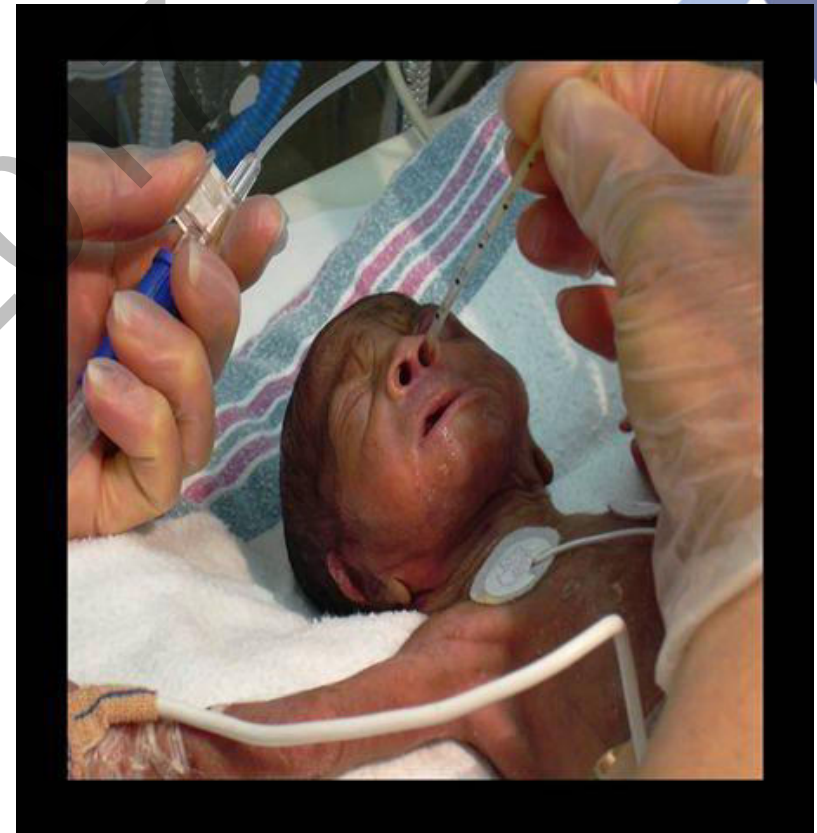
# CHIN STRAP



# OPTIMAL AIRWAY

- Effective upper airway clearance
- The 'sniff' position
- Suction
- Humidification
- If in doubt, Suction!

# SUCTION



# Maintaining Optimal Airway Care: Suctioning



- Suction the mouth, nose and pharynx  
**q 3 hr**
- For symptomatic infants more frequent suctioning may be needed



# Maintaining Optimal Airway Care: Suctioning



- Moisten the nares with **normal saline or sterile water** to lubricate the catheter and loosen dry secretions.
- It may be necessary to pass the suction catheter more than once to ensure adequate airway clearance.

# PREVENT NASAL SEPTAL INJURY

## Nasal Septal Injury Is Absolutely Preventable

- Snug fitting prongs
- Secure hat
- Correct positioning and attachment of corrugated tubing
- Velcro moustache
- Careful, frequent observation
- Avoid gels, creams, shields
- Careful positioning of the infant

# A CUSHION OF AIR IS THE BEST PROTECTION'



# NASAL SEPTUM



# METICULOUS ATTENTION TO DETAILS

- Use the checklist
- Start with a great hat
- Keep the airway clear
- Avoid shortcuts
- Think 'low resistance'
- Clinical assessment vs. lab values
- Monitor pre-ductal saturation

# Care of the Infant on NCPAP



# Success with NCPAP

NCPAP is successful when meticulous attention is paid to both the infant and to the NCPAP Delivery System. This involves vigilance in:

- Monitoring the infant's condition
- Maintaining an optimal airway
- Maintaining a patent CPAP delivery circuit
- Prevention of complications which may arise from NCPAP

# Monitoring the Infant's Condition



- Once NCPAP is applied, the infant's condition must be monitored frequently
- Observe the infant **q 1 hr** over the first **4 hours** of life, and then **q 3-4 hr** thereafter while on NCPAP.
- Any infant experiencing significant respiratory distress while on NCPAP requires closer observation for change in condition.



# Monitoring the Infant's Condition



## Recommended monitoring:

- Respiratory status (RR, work of breathing)
- Pre ductal oxygen saturation
- Cardiovascular status (HR, BP, perfusion)
- GI status (abdominal distention, bowel sounds)
- Neurological state (tone, activity, responsiveness)
- Thermoregulation (temp)

# Prevent Complications

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# Complications associated with bubble nasal CPAP

## Pneumothorax / PIE

- more in the acute phase
- not a contraindication for continuing CPAP

## Nasal obstruction

- Remove secretions and check for proper positioning of the prongs

## Nasal septal erosion or necrosis

- Keep prongs away from the septum

## Gastric distension

Intermittent or continuous aspiration of the stomach

## Feeding intolerance

# Preventing Complications: Nasal Septal Injury



- Septal injury is preventable
- Damage to the septum arises when poorly fitted or mobile prongs cause pressure and/or friction.
- Excess moisture from gels, lubricants or duoderm-like products undermines the skin integrity.
- Avoiding these factors will maintain an intact septum

# Preventing Complications: Nasal Septal Injury



To prevent damage to the nasal septum:

- Evaluate the nasal septum q 30-60 min.
- Use correct prong size
- Secure prongs in place correctly
- Use Velcro mustache

# Preventing Complications: Nasal Septal Injury



To prevent damage to the nasal septum:

- Maintain distance of 2-3 mm between bridge of prongs and septum
- Avoid twisting of prongs
- Do not use creams, gels, ointments or adhesive barriers (Duoderm) on the septum



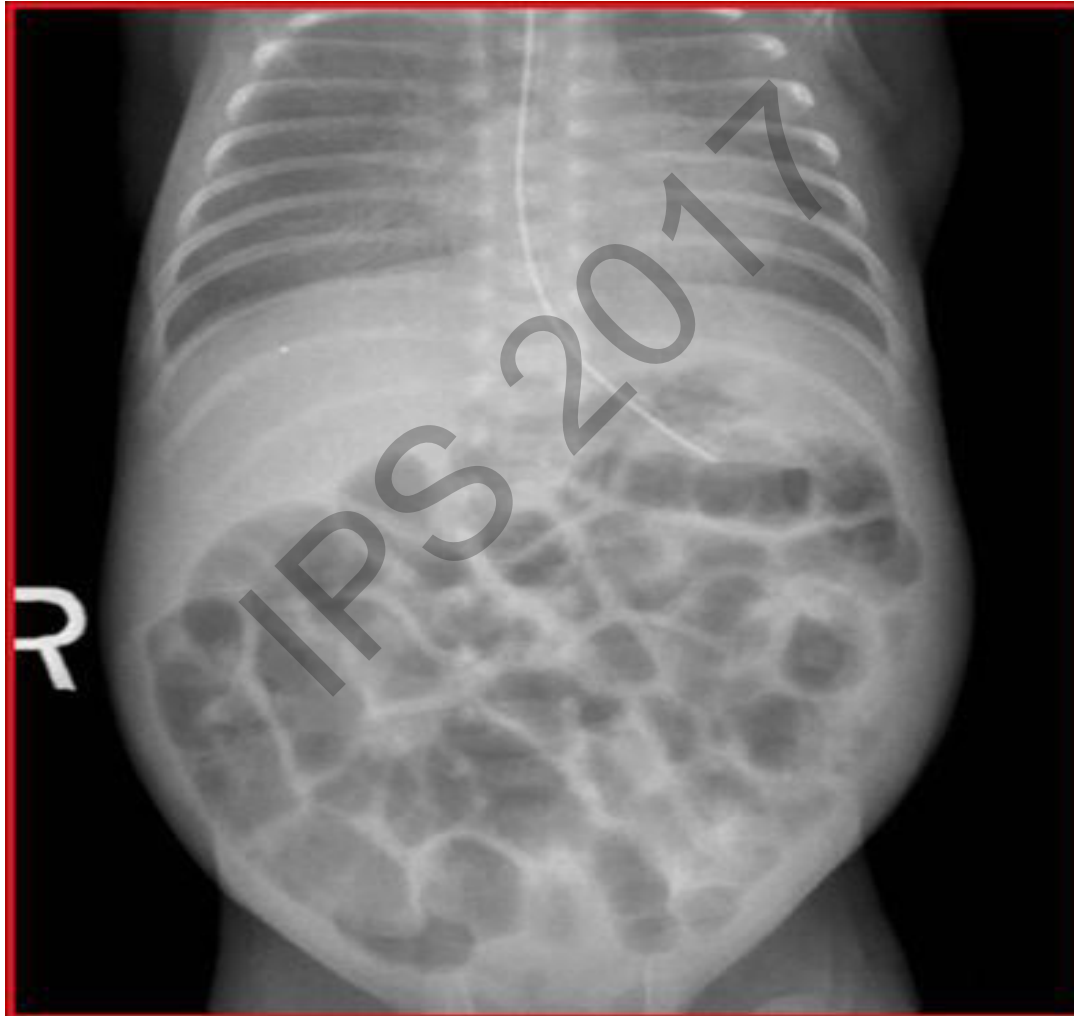
# Preventing Complications: Gastric Distention



- NCPAP is not a contraindication to enteric feeding.
- Infants may experience mild abdominal distention during NCPAP delivery from swallowing air.



# ***CPAP Belly***



# Preventing Complications: Gastric Distention



To prevent gastric distention:

- Assess the infant's abdomen regularly
- Pass an oro-gastric tube to aspirate excess air before feeds **q 2-4 hr**
- An **8 Fr** oro-gastric tube may be left indwelling to allow for continuous air removal

# Preventing Complications: Gastric Distention



To prevent gastric distention:

- If feeding continuously consider venting the tube **q2hr.**
- Place the infant prone with knees under the chest to relieve gastric pressure and encourage passing of stools and flatus.

# Preventing Complications: **Pneumothorax**

- Pneumothorax, if occurs, is likely to occur during the acute phase of respiratory distress
- Pneumothorax is usually not due to NCPAP and is not a contraindication to continuing NCPAP

# Positioning While on NCPAP



- The infant on NCPAP may be positioned supine, prone, or side lying
- When positioning supine or side lying support airway alignment with a **neck roll.**

# Positioning While on NCPAP



- When positioning prone place a **chest pad** under the infant.
- Make a firm pad using linen which is the same size as the infant's chest
- Do not use beanbags or gel pillows under the chest as these will not provide adequate support



# Phototherapy While on NCPAP



- The infant may receive phototherapy while on NCPAP
- Place the eye patches over the eyes and secure them with paper tape to the tubing or hat
- Do not allow the eye patches to obstruct your view of the nasal septum and prongs



# Evaluating the Performance of the NCPAP Delivery System



- The NCPAP system must be evaluated for optimal performance
- From the flow meter to the nasal prongs to the bubble bottle; check the entire delivery circuit
- Evaluate the system q2-3 hr

# Evaluating the Performance of the NCPAP Delivery System

## CHECKLIST FOR MAINTAINING CPAP

This checklist may be used daily to check the performance of the NCPAP delivery system.

Criteria	Criteria Met/Not Met	Additional Information
<b>CIRCUIT AND BUBBLER:</b>		
Blended air/oxygen gas supply		
Flow between 5-10 liters/min		
Humidifier temperature correct (36.8-37.3)		
Humidifier water level correct		
Oxygen analyzer correctly set		
Corrugated tubing correctly placed		
Excess rainout (afferent tubing) drained		
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Gas bubbling continuously		
Water level at 5 cm H <sub>2</sub> O		
<b>INTERFACE:</b>		
Nasal prong size correct		
Nasal prongs positioned correctly		
Hat fits snugly		
Mustache suitable and effective (if > 4 hr of age)		
Chin strap correct size and position		
Septum intact		
<b>POSITIONING:</b>		
Head position correct (if prone)		
Neck roll correct size and position if supine or side-lying		
<b>MONITORING/SUCTONING:</b>		
Predactical oxygen saturation probe		
Documentation in nurse's record of q3-6 hourly nasal/oral suction as appropriate		

- Use a bedside Checklist that lists the key points necessary to maintain effective CPAP.

# Respiratory Failure on NCPAP



If an infant develops symptoms of respiratory failure on NCPAP then one or more of the following may apply:

- The infant is not receiving effective CPAP
- CPAP is not sufficient to treat the infant's respiratory disease
- An underlying condition is contributing to the infant's respiratory failure

# Respiratory Failure on NCPAP



Take the following steps  
**PRIOR** to intubation:

- Evaluate the infant's condition
- Check that the CPAP delivery system is functioning correctly
- Optimize the airway (suction, reposition)
- Consider contributing factors
- ? Increase CPAP pressure to **7cm water**

# Respiratory failure on CPAP

## 1) Symptoms:

- Significant apnea
- Respiratory failure (  $PCO_2 > 65$  mmHg)
- Progressive hypoxemia
- Severe respiratory distress

# Procedures prior to intubation:

- Evaluate the infant's clinical condition: Is the clinical condition compatible with the blood gas evaluation?
- ⦿ Check the NCPAP delivery system for proper functioning: Is the system bubbling properly? Are air leaks by mouth and nose minimized?
- ⦿ Suction the infant and reposition the nasal prongs: Are the nares obstructed? Are the prongs the correct size and position?
- ⦿ Increase the CPAP to 7 cm H<sub>2</sub>O: Does the infant respond to higher pressure?

**If the infant continues to show evidence of respiratory failure.....then, intubate.**

## CHECKLIST FOR EVALUATING CPAP DELIVERY SYSTEM DURING RESPIRATORY FAILURE

Please complete this checklist on all study infants receiving bubble NCPAP who are experiencing respiratory distress and failure. This checklist must be completed prior to removing the infant from NCPAP for intubation.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria	Criteria Met/Not Met	Additional Information
Nasal prong size correct		
Nasal prongs positioned correctly		
Hat fits snugly		
Corrugated tubing correctly placed		
Mustache suitable and effective (if > 4 hr of age)		
Neck roll correct size and position if supine or sidelying		
Chin strap correct size and position		
Head position correct (if prone)		
Gas bubbling continuously		
Airway suctioned		
PEEP increased to 7 cm H <sub>2</sub> O		
Infant's clinical condition consistent with definition of respiratory failure AFTER these measures taken		
Oxygen requirement: Blood Gas Values:	FiO <sub>2</sub> : _____ PH: _____ PaO <sub>2</sub> : _____ PaCO <sub>2</sub> : _____	
Date/Time Obtained:	Date/time: _____	

# WEANING FROM CPAP

## When to Wean

- If less than **7 days old**, must meet all of the following criteria:
  - $F_iO_2$  0.21
  - No respiratory distress
  - No significant apnea/bradycardia episodes
- If more than **7 days old**
  - At discretion of the neonatal team



# WEANING FROM CPAP

## How to Wean

- Strategy (none tested/proven to date)
  - › Remove from CPAP.....??
  - › Cycle off (e.g. 1 hour off, 2 hours on, increase time off progressively)

# Bubble nasal CPAP is to be removed completely and not weaned when the infant has met the criteria for removing the CPAP

## Indications for removal from NCPAP are:

- Infant is **> 72** hours post extubation
- Infant is stable in room air with oxygen saturations **>90%**
- Infant has no evidence of tachypnea or retractions
- Infant has minimal to no apnea or bradycardia events

# Procedures for removal of NCPAP

- \* The infant's nose and mouth should be suctioned thoroughly prior to, and after removal of NCPAP.
- \* The infant is carefully monitored after removal of the NCPAP for evidence of tachypnea, retractions, or increased apnea and bradycardia.
- \* The infant is suctioned every 6 hours for the first 24 hours after the removal of NCPAP.

# Indications for reintroducing NCPAP

If the infant develops **frequent apnea and bradycardia episodes, tachypnea or retractions**, the nasal CPAP is reintroduced.

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**The more you do it, the better you get at it. And the better you get, the easier you will feel.**

**Intubating them is easy.  
Getting and keeping them  
off the ventilator is the  
challenge!**



**THANKS**

**Any Questions**



**Thank You**



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