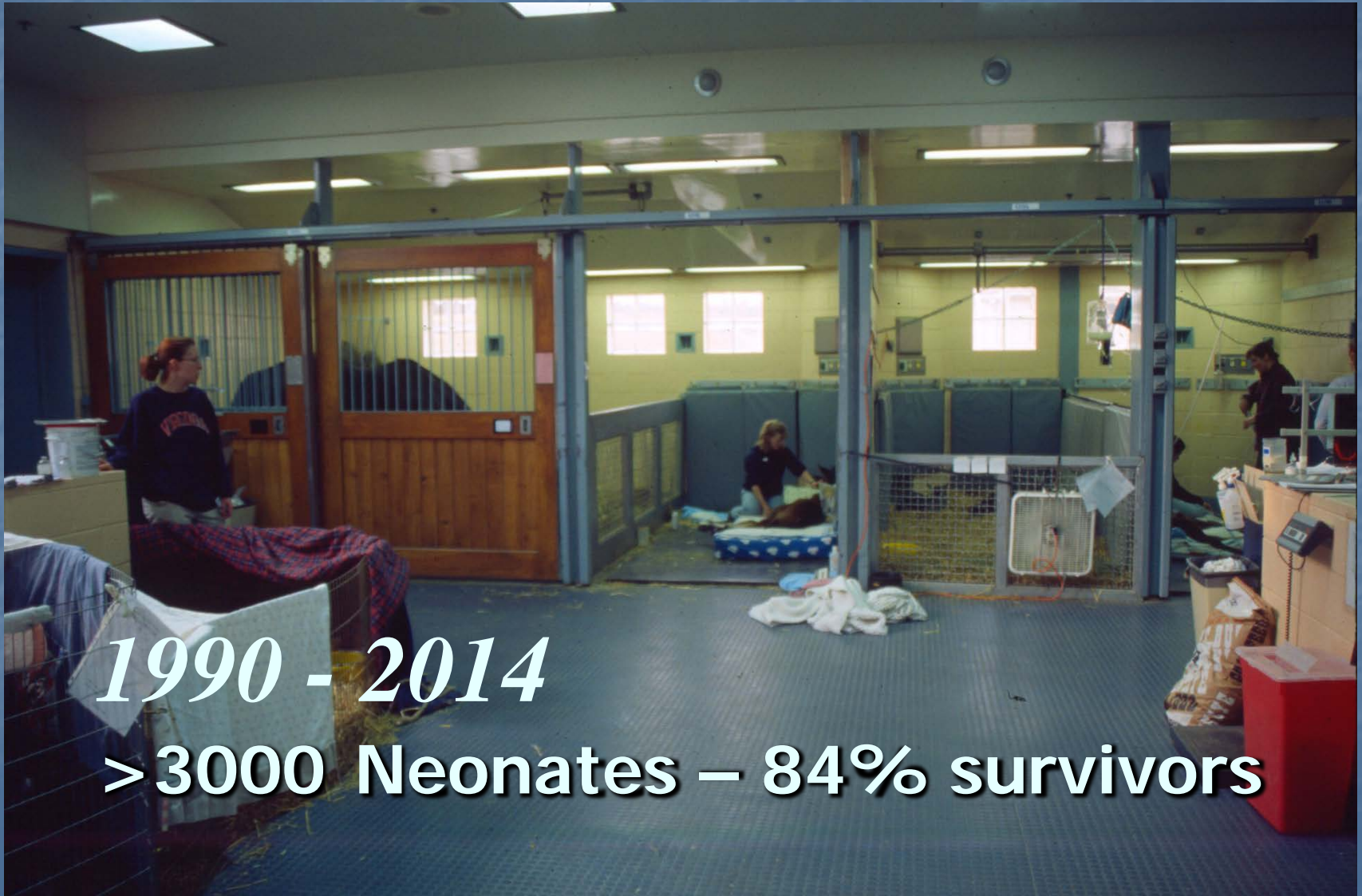


Mechanical Ventilation of the Neonatal Foal



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1990 - 2014

> 3000 Neonates – 84% survivors

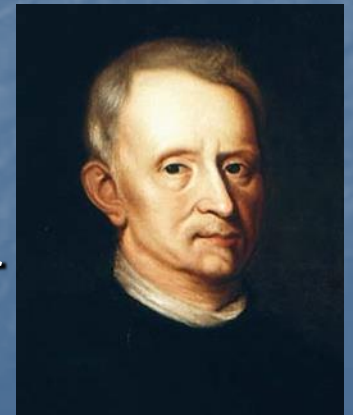
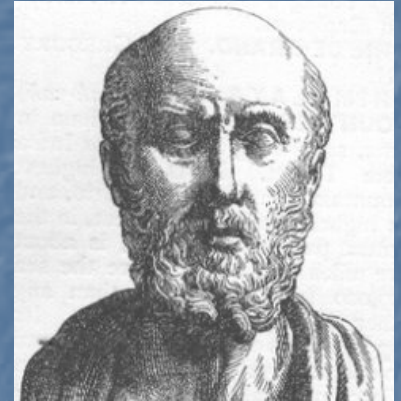




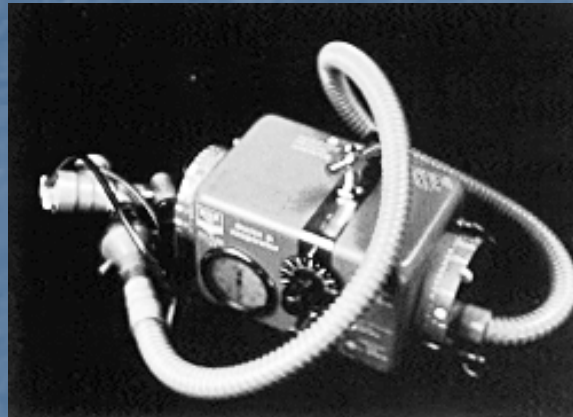


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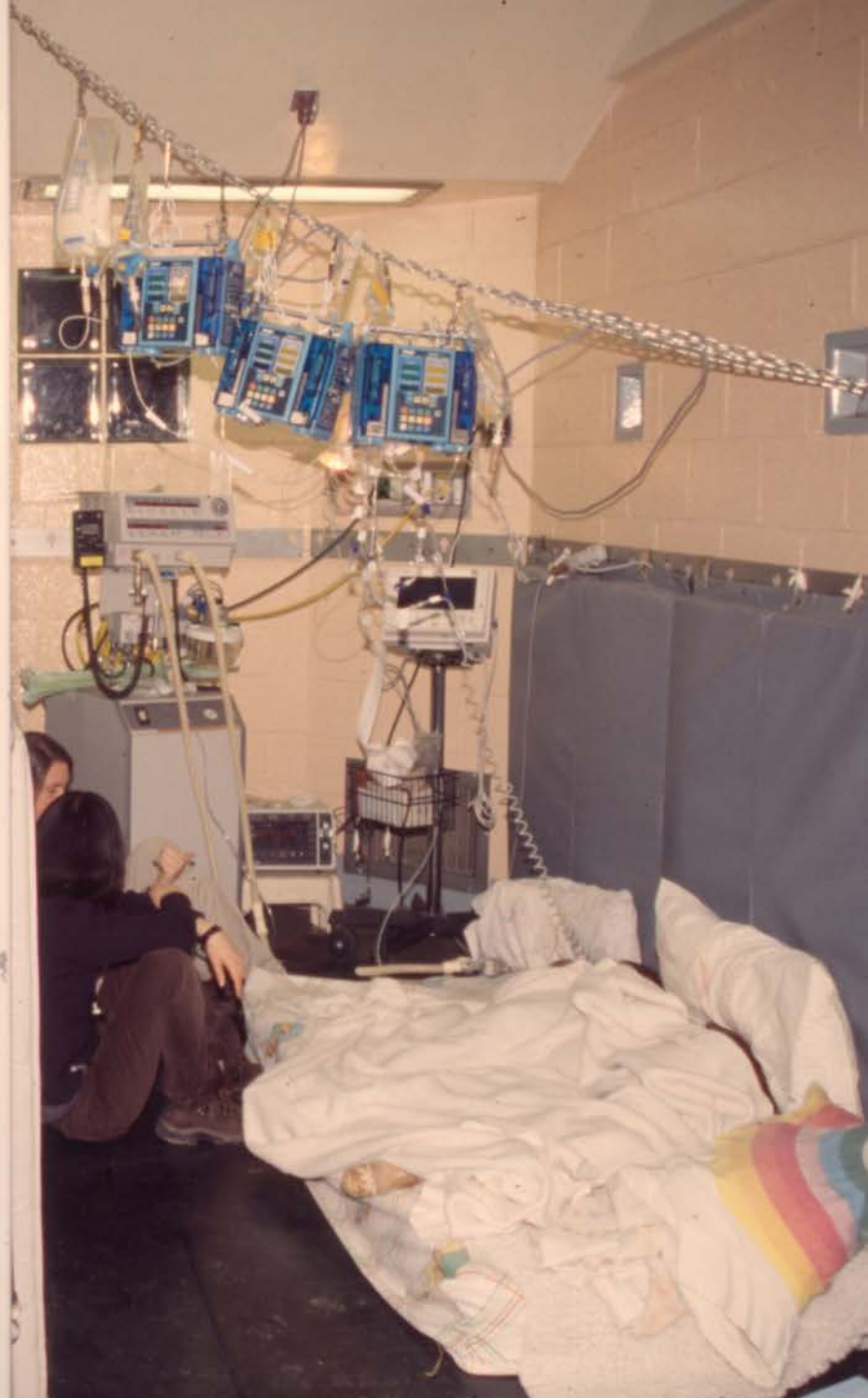
- 10th Century BC - Hebrew doctors
- 4th Century BC - Hippocrates
- 1667 – Hooke - bellows inflate dog's lungs
- 1806 – Chaussier
 - O₂ Rx, Intubation/ventilation – premature/newborns
- 1845 – 1st ventilator manufacture
- 1887 – Case series – 50 children ventilated
- 1904 – Negative pressure ventilator
- 1905 – CPAP
- 1907 – Positive pressure mechanical ventilator
- 1960-1970 – Birth of neonatology
- 1963 – First baby successfully ventilated



First Successfully Ventilated Infant 1963









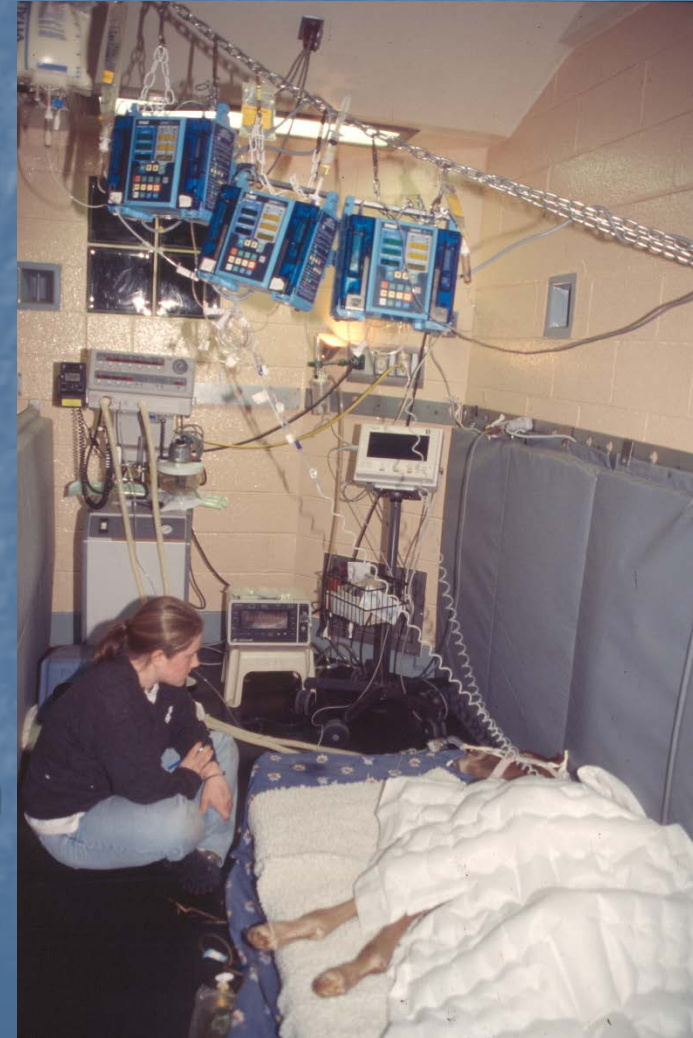
Ventilation of NICU Patients

- Equine Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
 - First foals ventilated 35 years
 - Ventilating foals with secondary respiratory failure
 - Botulism or neonatal encephalopathy
 - 80% of such patients survive to discharged
 - Many become productive athletes
 - Most challenging cases
 - Viral pneumonia
 - ARDS
 - Sepsis - MODS



Positive Pressure Ventilation Goals

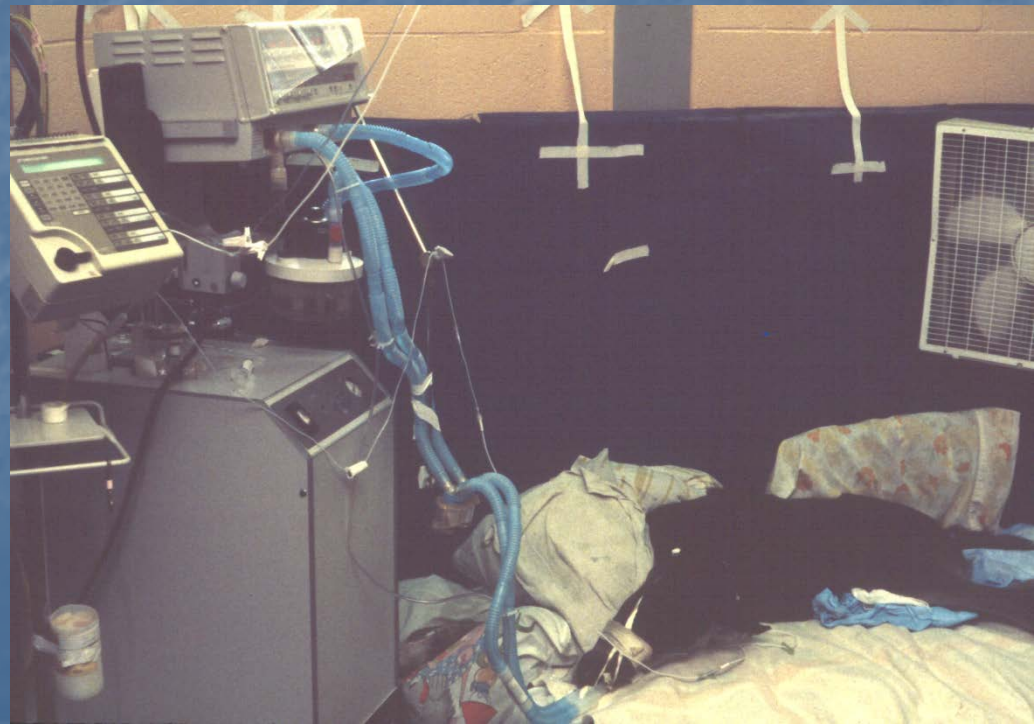
- Pulmonary gas exchange
 - Support exchange
 - Allow manipulation V/Q matching
- Manipulate lung volume
 - Returning normal FRC
- Decrease work of breathing
 - Allow fatigued muscles to rest
 - Decrease O₂ and energy utilization
 - Redirect perfusion



Positive Pressure Ventilation

Clinical Indications

- Neonatal Encephalopathy
- Weakness
- Persistent pulmonary hypertension
- Acute respiratory failure
 - ARDS
 - Infectious pneumonia
 - Non-infectious pneumonia
- Upper airway obstruction
- Septic shock
- Neuromuscular disorders



Goal of Ventilation

Provide respiratory support while therapies for underlying cause of the acute event are initiated and allow time for recovery

Three cases



Case 1

- 50-day-old Morgan colt
- June 13
 - Normal in the morning
 - Evening found down in the field
 - Weak
- Rx
 - Intravenous fluids
 - Antibiotics
 - Tube fed milk
- June 14 6:00 a.m.
 - Respiratory distress
 - Cyanotic

Ventilation Case 1

- Admission Physical Exam
 - Weak, no eyelid tone
 - No tongue tone, weak tail tone
 - Shallow, rapid respiratory pattern
 - Mark nostril flare
- Therapy
 - Botulism antitoxin
 - Intravenous fluids
 - Intravenous ceftiofur sodium
 - Indwelling nasogastric tube
 - Ventilation



Case 1

	Adm	40 min	2 hr
pH	7.325	7.265	7.289
Pco ₂	56	68	70
Po ₂	40	229	243
SAT	64.5	99.7	99.7
HCO ₃	29.6	31.1	33.5
BE	+2.7	+2.6	+5.5
RA		10 lpm	10 lpm



Ventilator Modes

- Continuous mandatory ventilation (CMV)
 - Volume controlled (VC-CMV)
 - Pressure controlled (PC-CMV)
- Intermittent mandatory ventilation (IMV)
 - Volume controlled (VC-IMV)
 - Pressure controlled (PC-IMV)
- Continuous Spontaneous Ventilation (CSV)
 - Pressure support ventilation (PSV)
 - Continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP)
- Proprietary modes



Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation (IMV)

- Combination of spontaneous and CMV
- Mechanical breath is synchronized with spontaneous breaths
- Mandatory set rate
- Spontaneous efforts
 - Can trip mandatory breaths

Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation (IMV)

- If spontaneous breathing occurs faster
 - Extra breaths
 - Warmed, Humidified, Oxygen-enriched gas
 - No preset volume or pressure
- IMV is better tolerated than CMV
 - Extra breaths completely patient controlled
 - Timing, depth, duration
 - Pressure Support Ventilation (PSV)
 - Preset breaths
 - Unforgiving



Pressure Support Ventilation (PSV)

- Partial ventilatory support
 - Assist flow-cycled mode
 - Support spontaneous breathing effort
 - Providing satisfactory oxygenation
 - Decreased the work of breathing
- Breathing controlled by foal
 - Inspiratory time
 - Inspiratory flow rate
 - Tidal volume
- Reduced work of breathing
- "Off-switch" value
 - 25% of the peak flow
 - Fixed low inspiratory flow rate



Pressure Support Ventilation Detrimental

- Dyspneic despite ventilation
 - Risk of alveolar collapse
- High initial flow rate
 - Early termination of PS
 - Not provide sufficient minute ventilation
- Low initial flow rate
 - Late termination
 - Deliver large TV
- Ventilator-patient dyssynchrony

Pressure Support Ventilation

New Ventilators

- Pressure targeted, time-cycled breath
 - Control inspiratory time
- Control of the pressure slope
 - Rapid peak resulting in a higher peak flow and thus a shorter inspiratory time
 - Slow peak initial flow resulting in a longer inspiratory time
- Allow adjustment of the "off-switch"
 - Flow criteria

Pressure Support Ventilation New Ventilators

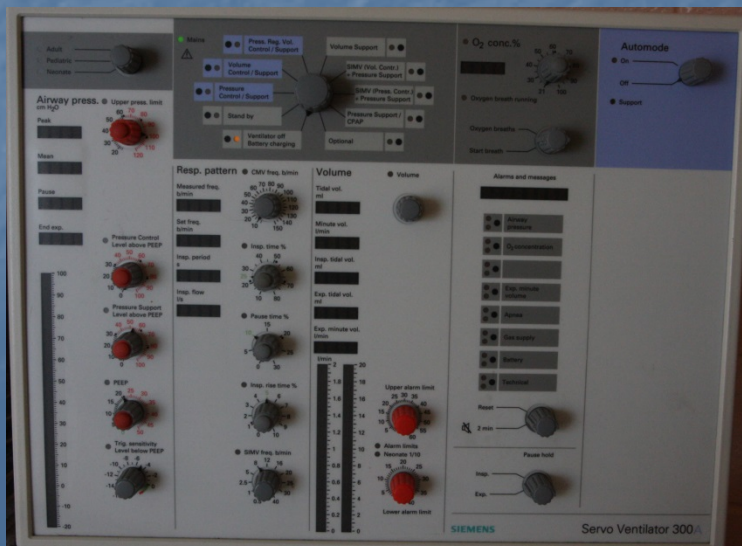
- Volume Support Ventilation

- Pressure support

- Target volume

- Breath to breath changes in parameters

- Adjust Pressure Support to a volume goal



Positive End-Expiratory Pressure (PEEP)

Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)

- PEEP
 - Positive pressure between ventilator breaths
- CPAP
 - Positive pressure throughout spontaneous respiration
- Physiologic effect
 - Increase functional residual capacity (FRC)
 - Decreases intrapulmonary shunting
 - Increase V/Q mismatch

PEEP/CPAP

- Ideal FRC – best compliance
- Ideal FRC – least airway resistance
 - Less atelectasis
- Cardiovascular effects
 - Excessive PEEP
 - Decrease cardiac return
 - Increase pulmonary Resistance
 - Depends on the lung compliance
 - Low compliance less transmitted to vessels
 - Hypovolemia – increase negative effect
- V/Q matching

Progressive Atelectasis



PEEP

- Full recruitment
 - Requires 15 to 20 minutes
 - PEEP does not recruit but stabilizes lung
 - Break in circuit – begin again
- Optimal PEEP
 - Maximum improvement pulmonary function
 - Minimal hemodynamic compromise
 - Inflection points on PV curves
 - PEEP/CPAP grid
 - Pao₂
 - Static Compliance
- Optimal PEEP is a balance
 - Holding open recruitable alveoli - diseased regions
 - Not overdistending alveoli - healthier lung

PATIENT DATA



AIRWAY PRESSURE

cmH₂O

MEAN AIRWAY PRESSURE

PEAK AIRWAY PRESSURE

PEEP/CPAP

PLATEAU PRESSURE

ASSIST

SPONTANEOUS

SIGH

PLATEAU

RATE/I:E

RATE bpm

I:E RATIO

liters

TIDAL VOLUME

MINUTE VOLUME

SPONT. MINUTE VOLUME

VENTILATOR SETTINGS

PEEP/CPAP



TIDAL VOL liters

SET RATE bpm

PEAK FLOW lpm

O₂%

TIDAL VOLUME

RESPIRATORY RATE

PEAK INSPIRATORY FLOW

7

8

9

SENSITIVITY

O₂%

PLATEAU

4

5

6

1

2

3

HIGH PRESSURE LIMIT

LOW INSPIRATION PRESSURE

LOW PEEP/CPAP PRESSURE

0

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LOW EXHALED TIDAL VOL

LOW EXHALED MINUTE VOL

HIGH RESPIRATORY RATE

ENTER

CLEAR

CMV

SIMV

CPAP

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MANUAL INSPIRATION

MANUAL SIGH

AUTOMATIC SIGH

NEBULIZER

100% O₂ SUCTION

VENTILATOR STATUS

HIGH PRESSURE LIMIT

LOW INSPIRATORY PRESSURE

LOW PEEP/CPAP PRESSURE

LOW EXHALED TIDAL VOLUME

LOW EXHALED MINUTE VOLUME

HIGH RESPIRATORY RATE

I:E

APNEA

LOW PRESSURE O₂ INLET

LOW PRESSURE AIR INLET

EXHALATION VALVE LEAK

LOW BATTERY

CAUTION

NORMAL

LAMP TEST

ALARM SILENCE

ALARM RESET

Ventilator Settings

- F_{iO_2}
 - Dictate by
 - Pre-ventilation P_{aO_2}
 - Response to INO_2
 - Usually 0.3-0.5
- TV
 - Depends on lung pathology
 - Goal – maintain low airway pressures
 - Usually 6 – 10 ml/kg
 - Species differences – stacking breaths
- Respiratory rate
 - Often set by patient
 - Machine rate – minimal rate
 - Set with TV to achieve a minute volume (P_{aCO_2})
 - Usually 20 – 30 and adjusted with $ETCO_2$
 - Target pH not P_{aCO_2}
 - Permissive hypercapnia vs appropriate hypercapnia



Ventilator Settings

- Peak Flow (insp time; insp rise time)
 - Determines inspiratory time of machine breath
 - Setting depends on
 - Pulmonary mechanics
 - Airway resistance
 - Time constants
 - Airway pressure gradients
 - No clear formula
 - Initially set
 - Inspiratory time is similar to unventilated patient
 - I/E ratio of approximately 1:2 ($\frac{1}{3}$ resp cycle)
 - Dynamically adjusted
 - Prevent negative airway pressures
 - Improperly set peak flow
 - Source of patient-ventilator dyssynchrony

Ventilator Settings

- **Inspiratory pause**
 - Depends on airway resistance
- **Trigger sensitivity**
 - Pressure based or flow based
 - Flow based smoother transition
 - Pressure - 2-3 cm H₂O
 - Non-respiratory triggering
 - High pressure used in weaning
- **PEEP/CPAP**
 - Usually 4 – 9 cm H₂O
 - Initially 4 – 5 cm H₂O
 - Once the foal is stable adjust by aid of
 - Flow loops
 - Compliance grid
 - Pao₂ grid



Ventilator Settings

- Pressure Support
 - Level dependent on
 - Resistance and compliance of ventilator
 - Airway resistance
 - Lung compliance
 - Inspiratory effort
 - Absence of lung disease 8 – 12 cmH₂O
 - Low compliance as high as 20 – 25 cm H₂O
 - Higher PS helpful in patient-ventilator dyssynchrony
 - When inspiratory effort exceeds rate of gas delivery

No Sedation



Case 1

Ventilator Set Up

- Goals
 - Decrease work of breathing
 - Maintain FRC
- Mode: Pressure Support with CPAP
 - PS initially set at 9
 - Normal lungs
 - CPAP initially set at 4
 - Normal lungs
- Parameters set by foal
 - Tidal Volume = 5.6 – 6.2 ml/kg (7 ml/kg)
 - RR 32
 - PIP = 18-20 mmH₂O

Case 1

	7 hr	HD 2	HD 2	HD 7		
pH	7.393	7.385	7.396	7.414		
Pco ₂	53	51	51	48	mode	PS
Po ₂	97	74	127	114	TV	550-680
SAT	96.7	92.8	98.4	98.4	RR	32 – 26
Cont		17	17.4	17.1	PIP	20 – 18
HCO ₃	32	31	31	31	P _{Plat}	24 – 18
BE	+6.5	+5.2	+6.0	+6.0		
FIO ₂	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3		
PEEP	4	4	5	5		
ETCO ₂	53	48	49	48		
PS	9	11	11	11		



Ventilator Settings

- All ventilator settings
 - Adjusted dynamically
 - Success dependent on tailoring to the individual
- Monitor
 - Pulmonary mechanics
 - ETCO_2
 - Airway pressures
 - Clinical status
 - ABG determinations





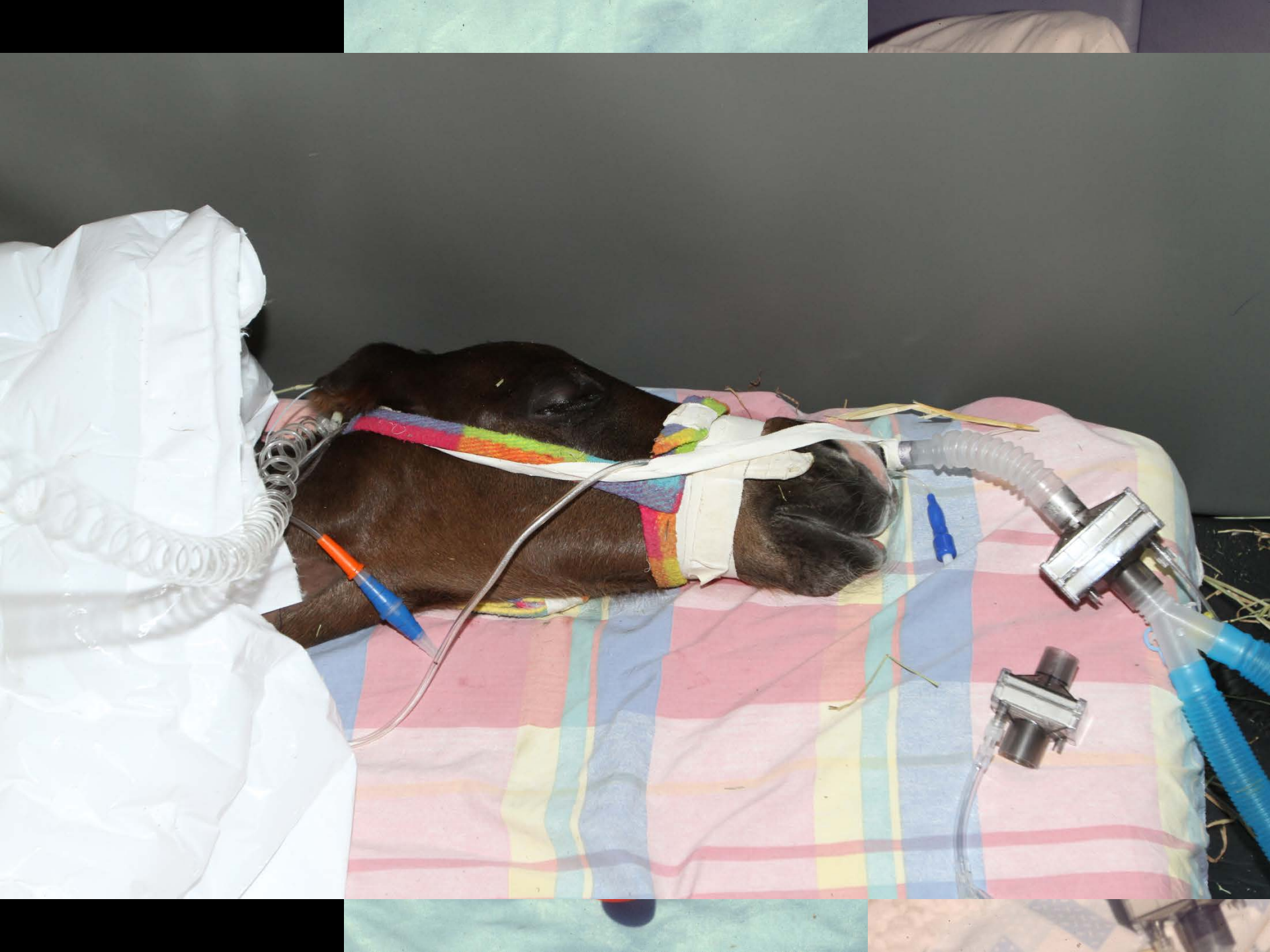
Preconditioning Ventilator Gases

- Heat and moisture must be added
 - Drying and cooling causes mucosal injury
 - Response of the trachea
 - Proliferation of goblet cells
 - Production of discharge
 - Becomes desiccated, tenacious
 - Obstruct airway/endotracheal tube
- Active humidifiers
 - External water source
 - Electrical powered heating elements
 - Intratracheal temperature > 35C
 - Water content > 40 mg/L



Preconditioning Ventilator Gases

- Passive Humidifiers - HME filters
 - Trap heat and moisture from exhaled breath
 - Effective with average foal
 - Antimicrobial filter
- Limitations of HME filters
 - Large foals (>70 kg)
 - Large minute volumes
 - Add a cold active humidifier
 - Hypothermic patients
 - Airway discharge
 - Obstruct the filter – dangerous situation





Cold Cascade
Humidifier
in line

Monitoring During Ventilation

- Arterial blood gas (ABG)
- Capnography
- FIO_2
- Tidal Volume/Minute Volume
- Airway pressure
- Compliance/Resistance
- Endotracheal tube



Capnography

- Endotracheal cuff integrity
- Ventilator leaks
- ETCO_2 depends on
 - PaCO_2
 - Cardiac output
 - Alveolar dead space ventilation
 - Pulmonary perfusion
 - Airway time constants (R_z)
 - CO_2 production (metabolic rate)
 - Bicarbonate therapy
- Changing V/Q relations
- Other valuable information



Case 1

Problems

- $\text{ETCO}_2 = 0$
- Long inspiration
- Flow meter shows a dramatic \downarrow TV
- Common problem
 - Have foal sitter monitor cuff
 - Often slow leak
 - Bad valve – use hemostat or clamp
 - Leaking cuff – replace endotracheal tube



Case 1

	HD 9	HD 9
pH	7.304	7.443
Pco ₂	76	52
Po ₂	115	111
SAT	97.5	98
Cont	16.0	16.3
HCO ₃	38	36
BE	+9.6	+10.8
FIO ₂	0.35	0.35
ETCO ₂	72	52
Mode	PS	PS
PS	20	12





Weaning from Ventilation

- When?
 - Consider as soon as begin ventilation
 - Goal: keep ventilation period short
- Indications
 - Cardiovascular stability
 - Metabolic stability
 - Sepsis Controlled
 - Original problem has resolved/improved
- No reliable predictor foal is ready



Case 1

Weaning

- 1st weaning challenge HD 6
 - Off the ventilator
 - Good breathing efforts
 - ETCO₂ increased
 - Foal became cyanotic (on INO₂)
 - Aerophagia - increased abdominal size
 - 10 minute trial
- 2nd weaning trial HD 8
 - After 22 minutes Paco₂ 48 → 60



3rd Weaning Attempt

	HD 10	3 pm	6 pm	3 am	6 am	HD 14
pH	7.443	7.365	7.394	7.338	7.031	7.420
Pco ₂	52	55	50	64	129	49
Po ₂	111	72	184	79	49	120
SAT	98	91	99	92	60	98
HCO ₃	36	32	31	34	34	32
BE	+10.8	+5.4	+5.5	+6.7	-1.3	+7.0
FIO ₂	0.35	8 lpm	10 lpm	8 lpm	0.5	4 lpm
ETCO ₂	52				84	
Mode	PS	off	off	off	PS	off

Outcome

- Successful weaning HD 14
- Standing day 15
- Dysphagia
 - HD 22 – able to swallow water
 - HD 23 – able to swallow solids
- Hospital Discharge HD 30



Case 2



Case 2

Clinical Problems

- Septic Shock
- Bacteremia/Sepsis
 - *Pantoea agglomerans*
- Neonatal Encephalopathy
 - Somnolent, Facial nerve paresis
 - Seizure-like activity
- Neonatal Enteropathy
 - Fetal diarrhea, dysmotility
- Neonatal Nephropathy
- Other problems
 - Urachitis, hepatomegaly
 - Linear dermal necrosis, patent urachus
 - Angular limb deformity



Case 2

	Adm	1 hr
pH	7.339	7.349
Pco ₂	60	58
Po ₂	44	144
SAT	77	100
Cont	13	15
HCO ₃	32	32
BE	+5.6	+5.9
INO ₂	RA	10 lpm



Neonatal Encephalopathy

- *4 hours*
 - *Respiratory effort decreased*
 - *Apneustic breathing (breath holding)*



Case 2

	Adm	1 hr	4 hr	5 hr
pH	7.339	7.349	7.284	7.354
Pco ₂	60	58	82	62
Po ₂	44	144	80	250
SAT	77%	100	97	100
Cont	13.3	14.9	15.4	16.4
HCO ₃	32	32	34	35
BE	+5.6	+5.9	+10.5	+8.2
INO ₂	RA	10 lpm	10 lpm	15 lpm



Caffeine for Central Hypoventilation

- Naturally occurring methylxanthine
 - Theophylline, aminophylline
- Mechanism of action
 - Mild, direct general CNS stimulant
 - Increases respiratory center output
 - Increases chemoreceptor sensitivity to CO₂
 - Cardiac stimulate - increases cardiac output
 - Increases renal blood flow
 - Mild diuretic

Caffeine for Central Hypoventilation

- Response monitored through ABG
- High therapeutic index
 - Effective blood levels 5-20 $\mu\text{g/ml}$
 - Toxic levels > 40 - 50 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ in humans
 - Safer than aminophylline
- Adverse effects
 - Hyperactive - more difficult to manage
 - Tachycardia - have not seen

Case 2

Neonatal Encephalopathy

- *10 hours*
 - *Apneic respiratory pattern*
 - *40 second apneic period*
 - *Cluster breathing in-between*



Case 2

	Adm	1 hr	4 hr	5 hr	10 hr	12 hr
pH	7.339	7.349	7.284	7.354	7.276	7.451
Pco ₂	60	58	82	62	85	45
Po ₂	44	144	80	250	105	141
SAT	77%	100	97	100	100	100
Cont	13.3	14.9	15.4	16.4	16.1	15.5
HCO ₃	32	32	34	35	40	32
BE	+5.6	+5.9	+10.5	+8.2	+11	+7.4
INO ₂	RA	10 lpm	10 lpm	15 lpm	10 lpm	10 lpm

Case 2

Neonatal Encephalopathy

- *12 hours*
 - *Periods of somnolence and nonresponsiveness*
 - *Apneic respiratory pattern with cluster breathing*
 - *Facial nerve paresis*
 - *Right ear lower and slower to respond*
 - *Ears are not synchronized*
- *21 hours*
 - *Seizure-like activity*
 - *Opisthotonus*
 - *Tonic/Clonic marching activity*
 - *Treated with intravenous phenobarbital*

Case 2

	27 hr	29 hr
pH	7.313	7.269
Pco ₂	75	85
Po ₂	118	119
SAT	100	100
Cont	14.5	14.7
HCO ₃	38	39
BE	+10.4	+10.3
INO ₂	10 lpm	10 lpm



Ventilate

- Goals
 - Increase alveolar ventilation
 - Maintain FRC
- Mode: IMV/PS with PEEP/CPAP
 - TV = 460 ml (8.5 ml/kg)
 - PIP = 18 cmH₂O
 - PS initially set at 9 cmH₂O
 - Normal lungs
 - PEEP/CPAP = 4 cmH₂O
 - Normal lungs
 - Peak flow = 60 lpm
 - RR = 24
 - Foal's rate 33
 - FIO₂ = 0.4



Case 2

	27 hr	29 hr	31 hr	36 hr		
pH	7.313	7.269	7.353	7.428	mode	SIMV
Pco ₂	75	85	67	50	TV	460 ml
Po ₂	118	119	96	164	PF	60
SAT	100	100	99	100	RR	38
Cont	14.5	14.7	13.9	14.4	PEEP	4
HCO ₃	38	39	38	33	PS	9
BE	+10.4	+10.3	+10.9	+8.3	P _{peak}	24
FiO ₂	10 lpm	10 lpm	0.4	0.5	P _{plat}	18
ETCO ₂			54	46		

Weaning

- Began asking when? within 12 hours
- After 21 hours – PS trial

Case 2

	48 hr	52 hr	57 HR	60 hr	48 hr	52 hr
pH	7.447	7.473	7.392	mode	SIMV	PS/CPAP
Pco ₂	45	40	54	TV	460 ml	520-75
Po ₂	242	91	252	PF	60	
SAT	100	100	100	RR.7	36	22
Cont	14.5	14.1	14.3	PEEP	4	4
HCO ₃	31	29	33	PS	9	6
BE	+7.2	+6.0	+7.7	P _r peak	21	
FIO ₂	0.5	0.35	10 lpm	P _r plat	16	
ETCO ₂	42	38				



Case 3 Septic Shock



Case 3

- Admission - 8 hr old
- Septic shock - *Streptococcus* bacteremia
 - Minimally responsive
 - Hypothermic (36.8 C)
 - Hypotonia
 - Pupils were pinpoint, iris edema
 - Inappropriately low heart rate
 - Cold legs, and poor peripheral perfusion
- Admission lab work
 - Leukopenic (WBC = 528 cells/ul)
 - Hypoglycemia – required 20 mg/kg/min to get > LO

Case 3 Therapy

- Intranasal oxygen
- Shock doses of fluids
- Plasma
- Antimicrobials
- Ventilation
- Dobutamine
- Norepinephrine



Benefits of Mechanical Ventilation

- Traditional
 - Improve gas exchange
 - Improve V/Q matching
 - Decrease shunt fraction
- Benefit of decreasing work of breathing
 - Normal quiet breathing
 - Inhalation active process
 - Requires energy
 - 3% - 5% O₂ consumed
 - Exhalation is a passive
 - Requires no energy, O₂

Benefits of Mechanical Ventilation

- Pulmonary failure 2ndary to septic shock
 - Respiratory distress
 - Work of breathing
 - O_2 required up to 50% of available O_2
 - Diverts perfusion resources
 - Accessory muscles recruited
- Relieving work of breathing
 - Redistribution of O_2
 - Redistribution of perfusion
 - Sparing energy resources
- Ventilation foals with septic shock
 - Improve perfusion, increase BP
 - Improved glucose balance



Case 3



Ventilate

- Goals
 - Decrease the work of breathing
 - Correct pulmonary hypertension
 - Maintain FRC
- Initial settings
 - Mode: PS with CPAP
 - PS initially set at 18 cmH₂O
 - Based on ease of breathing and resulting TV
 - PEEP/CPAP = 8 cmH₂O
 - FIO₂ = 1.0
- Set by foal
 - TV = 180 ml (7 ml/kg)
 - PIP = 32 cmH₂O
 - RR = 48



Case 3

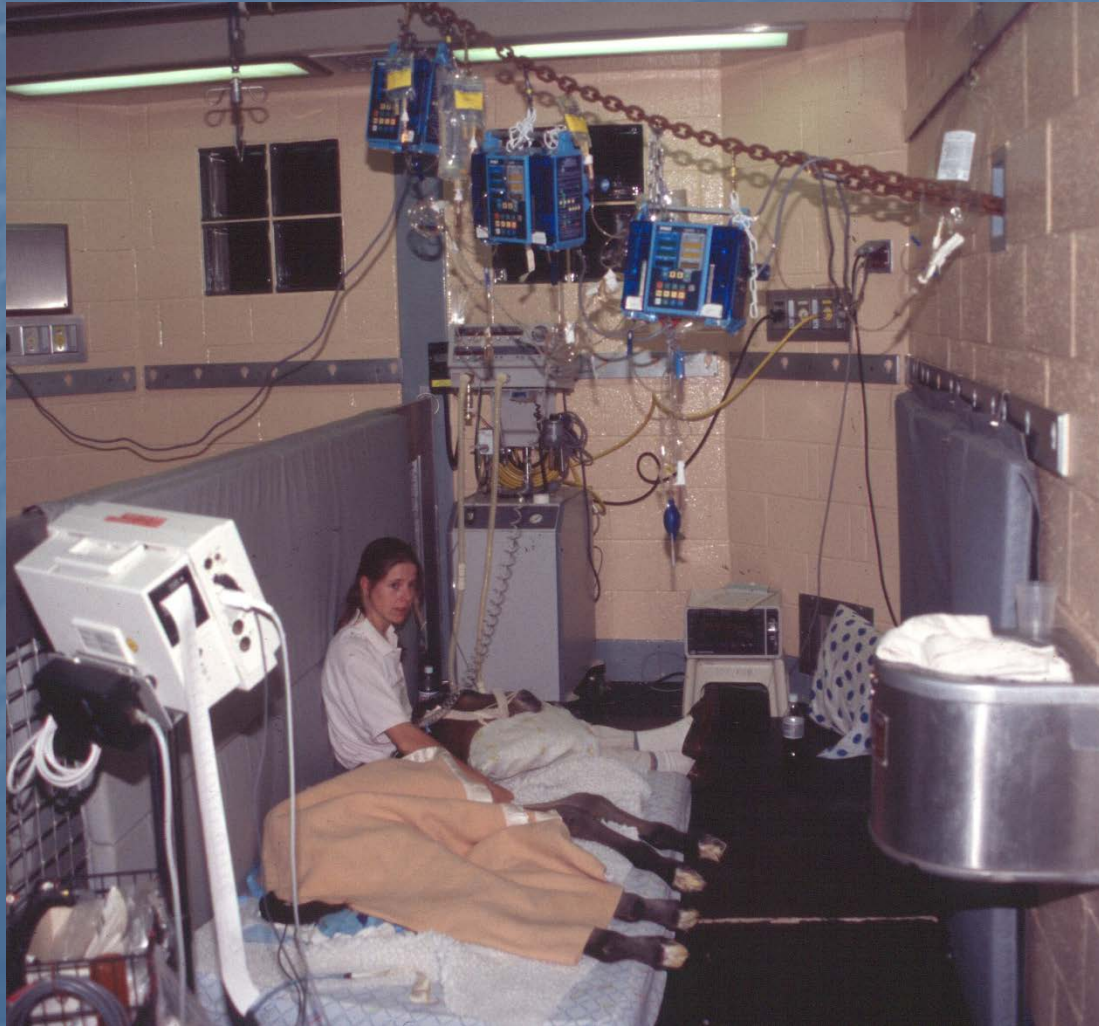
	Adm	1 hr	1.5 hr	Mode	PS
pH	7.220	7.072	7.073	TV	180
Pco ₂	65	70	62	RR	48
Po ₂	22	20	248	PEEP	8
SAT	27.7	21.2	99.6	PS	18
Cont	5.1	3.4	14.9	P _{peak}	32
HCO ₃	27	20	18		
BE	-1.7	-9.6	-11.3	NO	20 ppm
FIO ₂	0.21	1.0	1.0		

Case 3

	3.75 hr	4 hr	5 hr	6 hr	Mode	PS
pH	7.000	7.062	7.089	7.061	TV	220
Pco ₂	96	92	84	98	RR	45
Po ₂	73	25	146	96	PEEP	10
SAT	86.3	29.4	97.8	92.3	PS	24
Cont	11.4	4.1	14.1	13.2	P _{peak}	35
HCO ₃	24	26	26	28		
BE	-7.5	- 4.6	- 4.6	- 3.1	NO	20 ppm
FIO ₂	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.50		

Case 3

- Multifocal necrotizing interstitial pneumonia



Pulmonary Hypertension

- Sequela to many cases of ALI
- Increased pulmonary vascular resistance
 - Inflammatory mediators
 - Severe hypoxemia

Pulmonary Hypertension

- Neonate
 - Right to left shunting
 - Foramen ovale
 - Ductus arteriosus
 - Reversion to fetal circulation
 - Adaptive advantage
 - Achieve adequate systemic cardiac output
 - Neonate's unique ability
 - Exist in a hypoxemic state
 - Regain CO by shunting
 - Survive pulmonary hypertension without systemic ischemia

Pulmonary Hypertension

- 1.0 $F_{I_{O_2}}$ trial
 - $P_{aO_2} < 100$ torr after 15-20 min
 - Shunt fraction $> 30\%$
 - Cause of the hypoxemia extrapulmonary
 - Large cardiac shunt
 - PPHN

Pulmonary Hypertension

- Pulmonary hypertension
 - Failure to make the birth transition – PPHN
 - Imbalance of vasodilators and vasoconstrictors
 - Nitric oxide and endothelin
 - Regression to fetal circulation – PPHN
 - Perinatal hypoxemia
 - Cytokine showers
 - Secondary
 - Pulmonary disease
 - Septic shock
 - ALI

Pulmonary Hypertension Therapy

- Traditional therapy
 - Maximize exposure to O₂
 - Ventilation with 100% oxygen
 - Alkalinize arterial pH
 - Mild hyperventilation
 - Treatment with bases
 - Maintain systemic blood pressure
 - Counterbalance the pulmonary pressure
 - ALI will counteract these approaches
- Inhaled NO therapy
 - 5 to 20 ppm
 - Immediate effect
 - Significant pulmonary toxicity possible
 - Free radicals

