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Salk Institute Symposium Part 3

Neuromuscular/Respiratory Equipment and Uses

In this issue, we are continuing our series on the findings presented at the Salk Symposium in La Jolla in November, 2009. The first was the basic physiology article on musculoskeletal support for Respiratory Systems and in the second article, Dr. Noah Lechtzin, Director of the John Hopkins ALS Clinic, gave us further information on that structure and Diseases affecting it, Diagnostic tools and Treatment. Our final in this series on the Equipment and Devices for patients who have breathing disorders is in this newsletter. The presentation in full is available via PolioToday.org or on 3 DVDs.

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What is The Best Respiratory Support For Breathing Muscle Weakness?

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Three Goals of Supporting Breathing Muscle Weakness

Ventilation:

What is the best means of support?

Tracheostomy ventilation:

Traditional means of support

Secure means of ventilation

Noninvasive ventilation:

Easily applied and removed

Use "as needed" ventilation

Less complications

Noninvasive Ventilation

Ventilation Alternatives:

1. Noninvasive bilevel pressure (BiPAP)

Pressure support ventilation

(augmentative)

IPAP (Inspiratory Positive Airway Pressure)

EPAP (Expiratory PAP)

IPAP

Difference = Pressure Support

EPAP

More “fluid” means of support

Spontaneous/Timed Ventilation Mode

Important “ventilator” feature for neuromuscular ventilation

Provides backup support ventilation during REM sleep.

Considerations in Initiating Bilevel Pressure Ventilation

S/T Ventilator Features:

Ventilator Synchrony

Rise time

Inspiratory time max.

Inspiratory & expiratory trigger sensitivity

“Wide Span” bilevel pressure support

EPAP 3-5 cwp to flush exhaled gas

IPAP to improve PS



Chronic rhinitis

Claustrophobia?

Bulbar (mouth/upper airway) weakness

There are several types of devices that aid one or more of these functions.

SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING

- Sleep Apnea
 - Intermittent cessation of breathing
 - Obstructive
 - Central
 - Mixed



Bilevel Pressure Ventilation Interface Alternatives



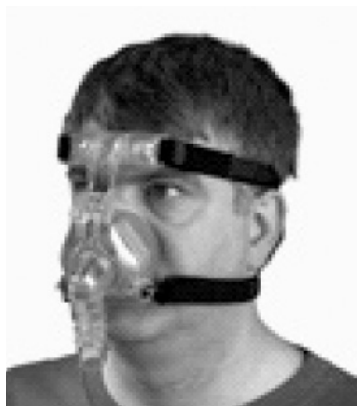
Determining The Correct Interface:

Nasal/Facial architecture?

Primary nasal/oral breathing?

Anatomic

Previous nasal injury



Interface Alternatives For Claustrophobia



Non-invasive Bilevel Pressure Ventilation

Ventilation Alternatives:

1. AVAPS (average volume insured pressure support)

Self adjusting pressure support increases breathing support with progressive weakness.

Based on a pre-set tidal volume.

2. Pressure Control

More effective?

Less air in the stomach

Aids To Noninvasive Ventilation

Sleep Comfort Care Pad

Soft adherent gel barrier

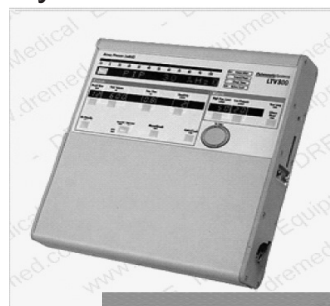
Decreases nasal bridge pressure

May improve mask seal Farrell Valve or

Super Valve: Reduces air in the stomach

with the use of BiPAP Volume/Pressure

Cycled Home Ventilators

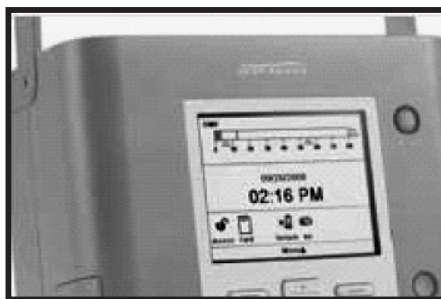
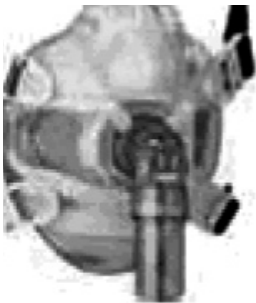




Volume-Cycled /Pressure-Time Cycled Home NIV

Combining non-vented
mask with:

1. volume- cycled ventilation



2. PS no longer effective
3. Development of gastric air

Three Goals of Supporting Respiratory Muscle Weakness

2. Hyper-inflation Therapy

Why Hyper-inflation?

Range of motion exercise for the lungs
and chest wall.

- > Decreases atelectasis
- > Improves lung & chest wall flexibility.
- > Can improve (decrease) the

work of breathing.

3. Cough Augmentation Therapy:
Manual Hyperinflation Alone

Hyperinflation + Abdominal Compres- sion

3. Mechanical In-Exsufflation

Manual Cough Augmentation

Quad Cough Maneuver

Improves expiratory cough flows

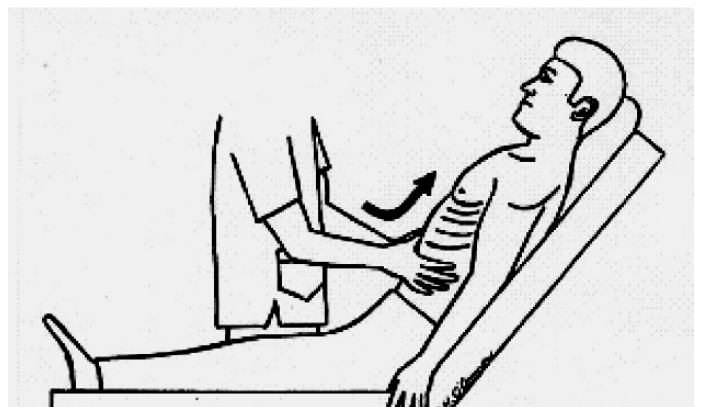
Kirby NA, Arch Phys Med Rehabil

1966;47:705-10

Abdominal splint prevents paradoxical mo-
tion

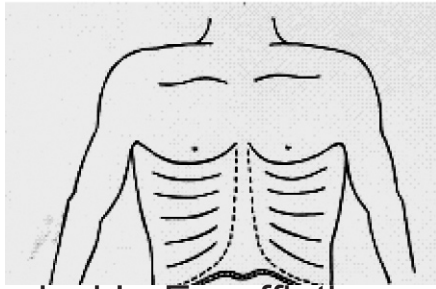
Requires skilled caregiver and coordinated
effort

Inspiratory volume dependent



2. Pressure/time-cycled Applications:

1. High IPAP not tolerated



Mechanical In-Exsufflation

Mechanical

In-Exsufflation (MIE):

Insufflation Phase

Positive pressure limited hyperinflation

Immediate \pm Pressure Change

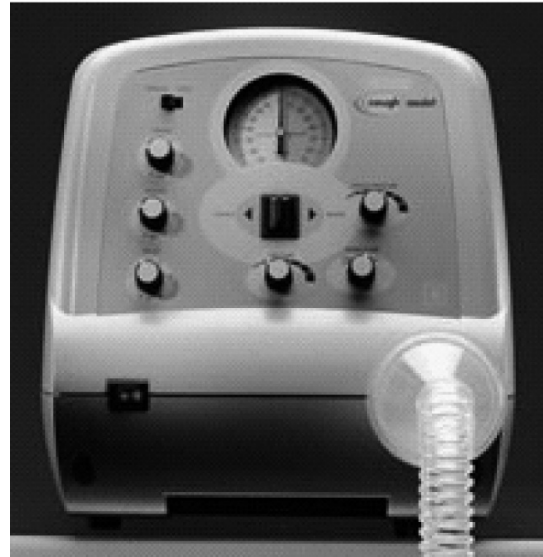
Exsufflation Phase

Negative Pressure limited expiratory velocity.

Mean 30 / -30 cwp

Range 15 to 40 / -20 to -50

Miske LJ, et al Chest 2004; 125:1406-1412



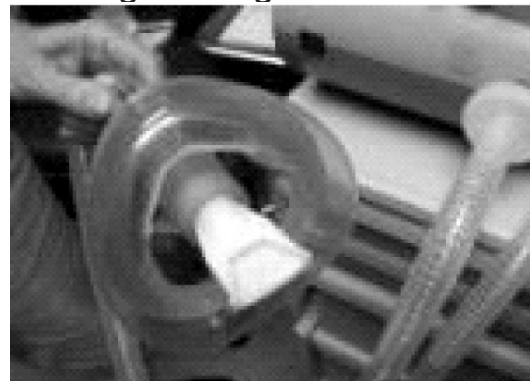
Modified In-exsufflation Mask Can Manage Oral Airway Weakness

Indication: Ineffective

Exsufflation due to:

1. Enlarged tongue
2. Tongue/oral muscle weakness

Modified mouthpiece mask prevents tongue blockage during exsufflation



Mechanical In-Exsufflation

Adult Pressure Settings:

Range \pm 60 cwp

Optimal 40 / -40 cwp

J.H. Emerson Cough Assist Guidelines

Chest wall/abdominal restriction

Airway resistance

> \pm 60 cwp

Gomez-Marino E. et al, Phys Med Rehabil 2002;81:579-583

Pediatric Pressure Settings:

Mechanical In-Exsufflation

MIE via Tracheostomy

Benefits:

Well tolerated

Decreased frequency

Decreased secretion stimulation

Mucus Mobilization Therapy

An Adjunct to Cough
Augmentation Therapy

Indications:

Airway disease affecting mucus clearance
Mucus plugging should be done with cough
augmentation habil 2003;82:750-53

Decreased airway trauma

Ventilation with MIE

Mucus plugging

Should be done with cough augmentation



Home Oximetry Monitoring

Indications:

Developing hypoventilation
Developing respiratory infection

Protocol:

Oxygen saturation less than 95% indicates:
Lack of adequate ventilation
Developing lung congestion due to respira-
tory infection

Tracheostomy Ventilation

Indications

The development of bulbar weakness

Noninvasive ventilation no longer
tolerated

Noninvasive ventilation not effective

Personal choice to undergo
tracheostomy ventilation

Home Ventilation Resources

International Ventilator Users Network
(IVUN)

Post-polio Network

"Take Charge Not Changes"

A comprehensive program of homecare sup-
port



This presentation included some case studies for which we had too much space limitation to include. It is hoped that for those who want or need additional information, or clarification, you will go to the original sources, Dr. Lechtzin and Mr. Boitano. The editors had to make decisions as to the content that was of the greatest interest or benefit to our readers and apologize that we are unable to include everything that was presented by the three experts who were at the Symposium.

I would also like to suggest that you go online to the PPSManager.com for related articles which have recently appeared on these subjects.

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Rancho Los Amigos Meeting

Sunday May 23rd
2 PM - 4 PM- Dr. S. Perlman
 Joint Mtg with OCPPSG
Villa Park City Council Chambers
 (see map at bottom right)

Future Rancho SG Meetings

Saturday June 26th
Annual
Picnic & Bar-be-que
 Map in June 1 Issue

Saturday July 24-
Documentary Film
"The Final Inch"

Orange County Meeting
Sunday, May 23rd
2PM - 4PM

Dr. Susan Perlman
 UCLA Neurology Dept.
Annual Update on Research and
Findings on Post-Polio

Future PPSG of OC Meetings

Saturday June 12th 2-4 PM

Getting Seated for a Wheelchair

St. Jude's PT/OT & Seating Ctr
 Julie Simpson, Mgr, Lori Morris &
 Brian Arakaki

SATURDAY July 10th

To be determined

