



# MV in COPD exacerbations

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# AECOPD a worldwide problem

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- 1990 COPD 6<sup>th</sup> most common cause of death
- 2020 to become the 3<sup>rd</sup>

# Relevant alterations in AECOPD

## ERS/ATS guidelines 2017 ERJ 2017; 49:1600791

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AECOPD = episodes of increasing respiratory symptoms, particularly **dyspnea, cough & sputum** production, and increased sputum **purulence**

- ↓ Have a negative impact on QOL
- ↓ Accelerate disease progression
- ↓ Can result in hospital admissions & death

# Landing of a COPD patient in the ICU

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- Postoperatively due to emergency, urgency or scheduled surgery
- Admitted through SMURD or by transfer from a noninvasive clinic - usually COPD exacerbations

Fundamental physiologic abnormality

Can we change the outcome with perioperative MV strategy?

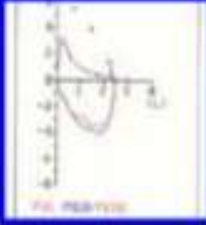
MV in the ICU

How long can a COPD patient live on a ventilator?

Guidelines?!

# COPD: Diagnosis and Spirometric Staging

Spirometry		Pre-Drug* % PRB	
		PRB	% PRB
FVC (L)	2.44	53	57
FEV1 (L)	1.29		
FEV1/FVC (%)	53		
FEF25-75% (L/S)	0.76		
PEFmax (L/S)	3.15		
PIF50% (L/S)	0.83		
PIF50/PIF50 (%)	22		

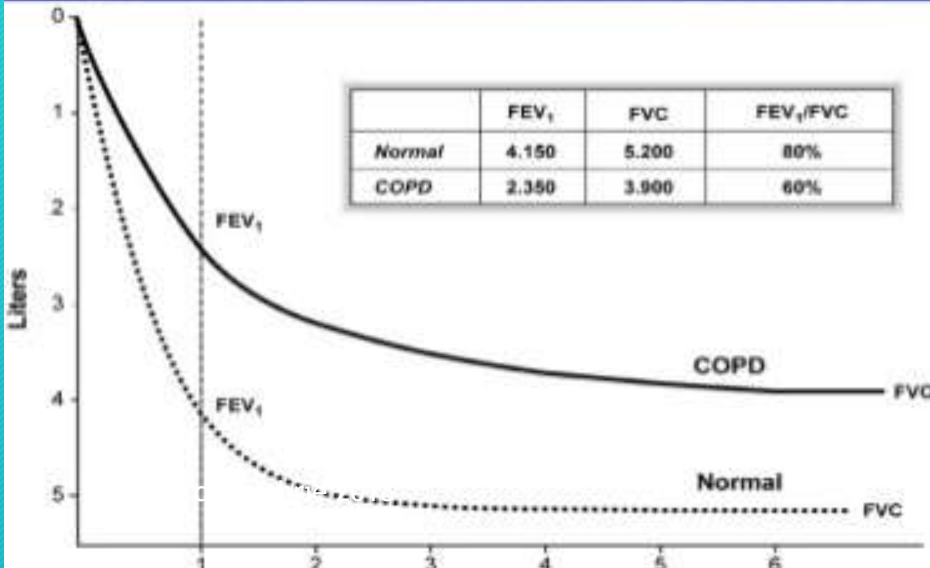


The reduced FEV1/FVC (< 70%) indicates airflow limitation and is necessary for the diagnosis of COPD

The FEV1 percent-predicted then defines spirometric severity (in this case, moderate)

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# AECOPD

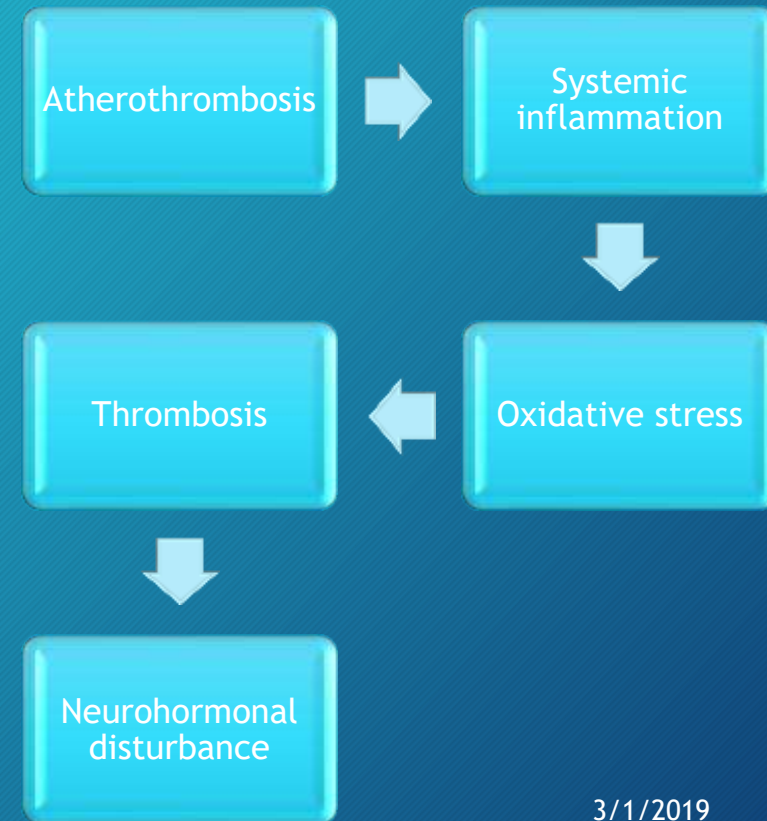
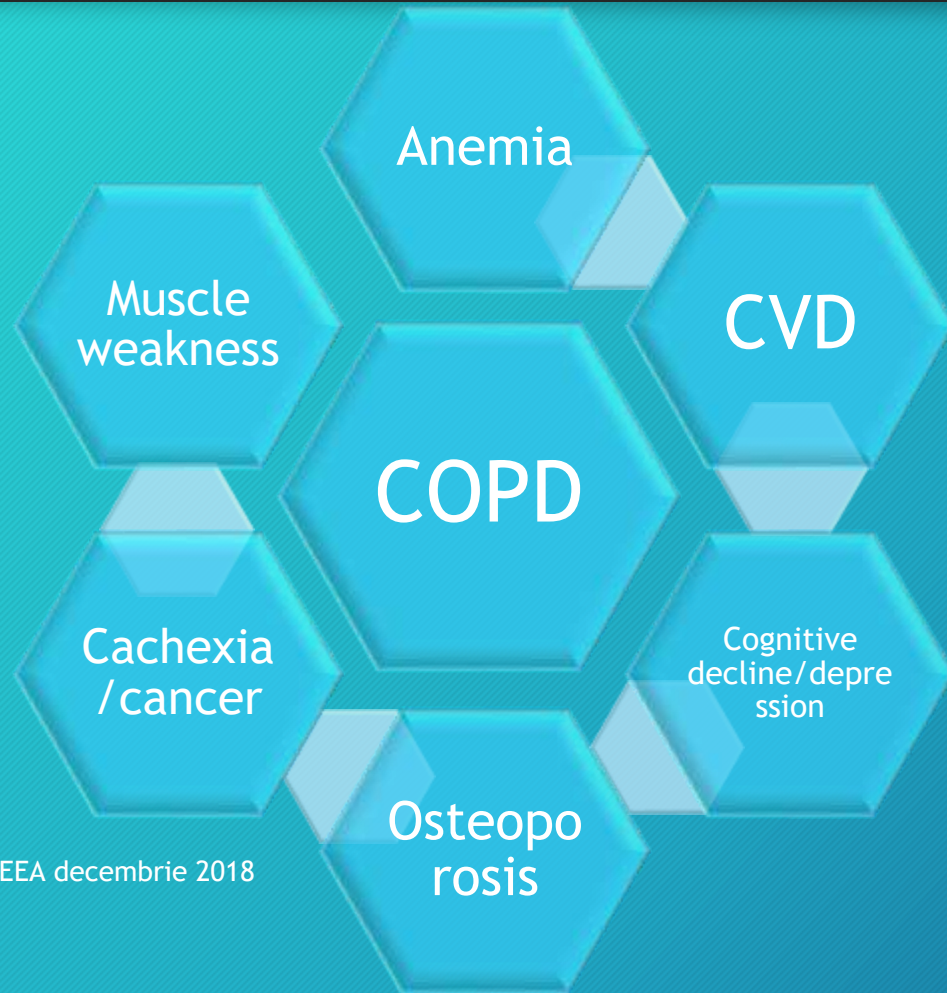
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Fundamental and pathological hallmark of COPD: **expiratory flow limitation** ↓ EFL

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# Systemic effects of COPD/mechanisms

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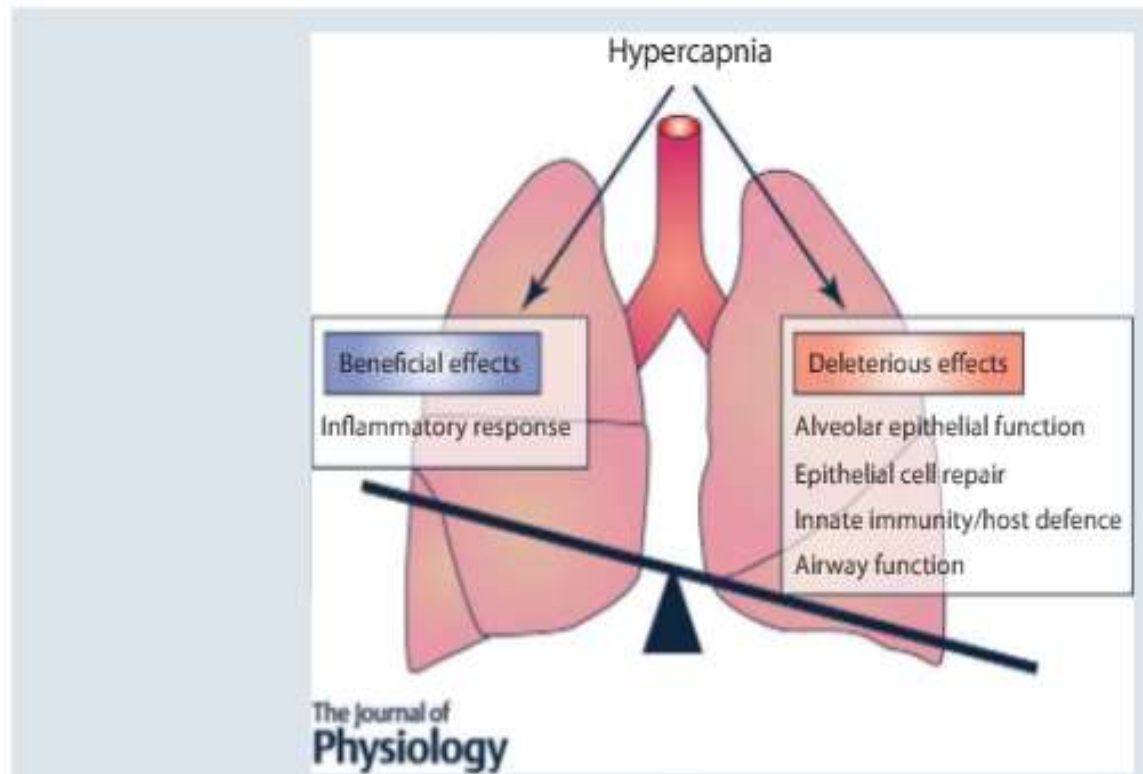


SYMPOSIUM REVIEW

# Effects of hypercapnia on the lung

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Lung edema clearance enhanced by CO<sub>2</sub>!

# Hyperinflation in COPD/ Static Hyperinflation

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↓pulmonary elasticity due to emphysema

↓pulmonary recoil pressure to oppose chest recoil

Recoil forces balanced at << normal resting volumes



# AECOPD characteristics

**Dynamic hyperinflation** = fundamental characteristic of COPD and asthma

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- ↑ end-expiratory pulmonary volume (EELV) over the predicted RLC (residual lung capacity)
- ↑ EELV > VR relaxation volume of the respiratory system

## Conditions:

Bronchospasm

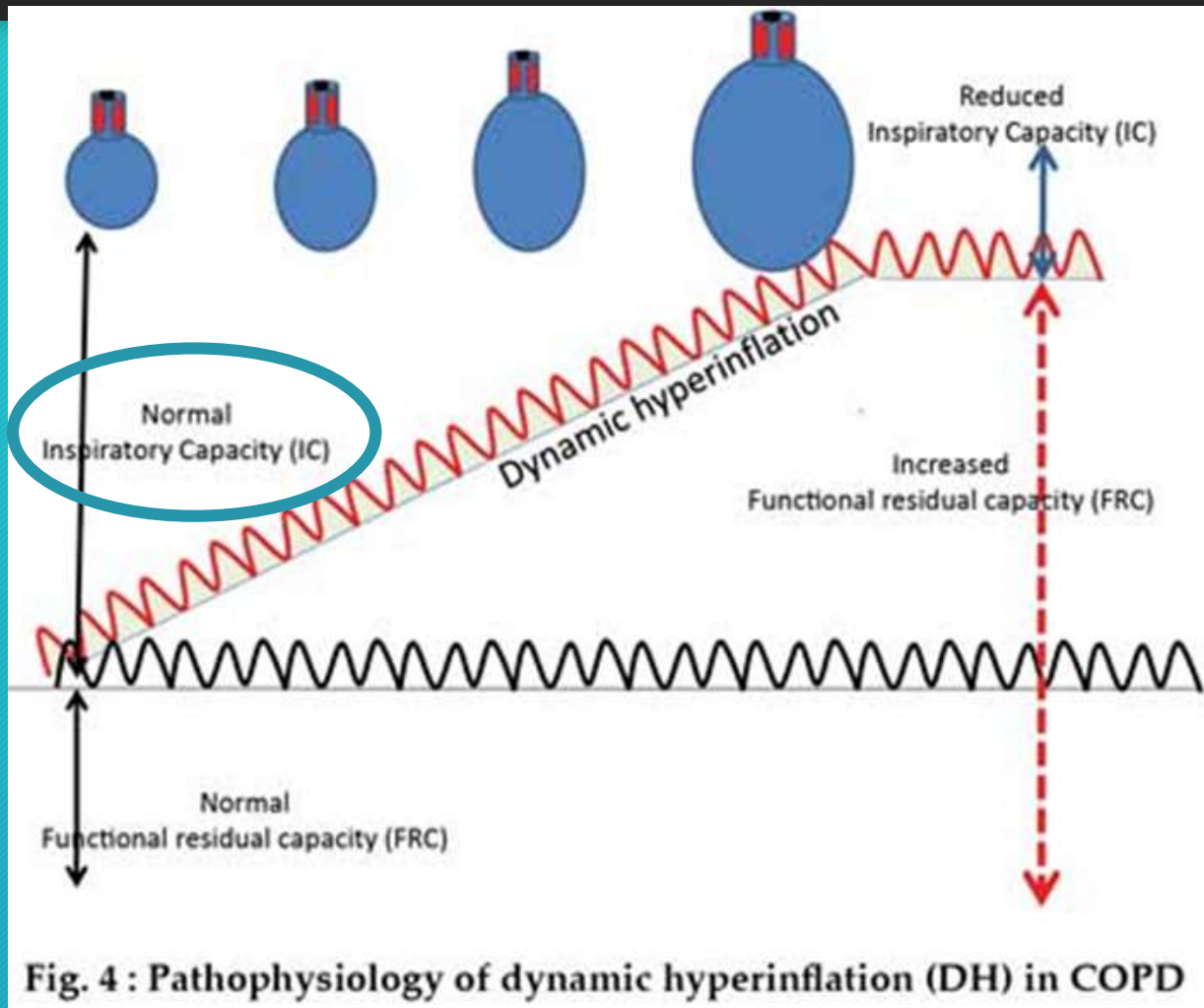
Exacerbations AECOPD

↑ ventilation due to ↑ chemostimulation &

↑ respiratory neural drive

- May be aggravated by mechanical ventilation

$\uparrow \text{TLC} \geq 120\%$  of anticipated TLC = thoracic hyperinflation  
 $\uparrow \text{FRC} \geq 120\%$  of anticipated FRC = lung hyperinflation



$\uparrow \uparrow \text{IC}$  or  $\text{IC}/\text{TLC}$   
= indirect measure of lung hyperinflation when TLC is stable.

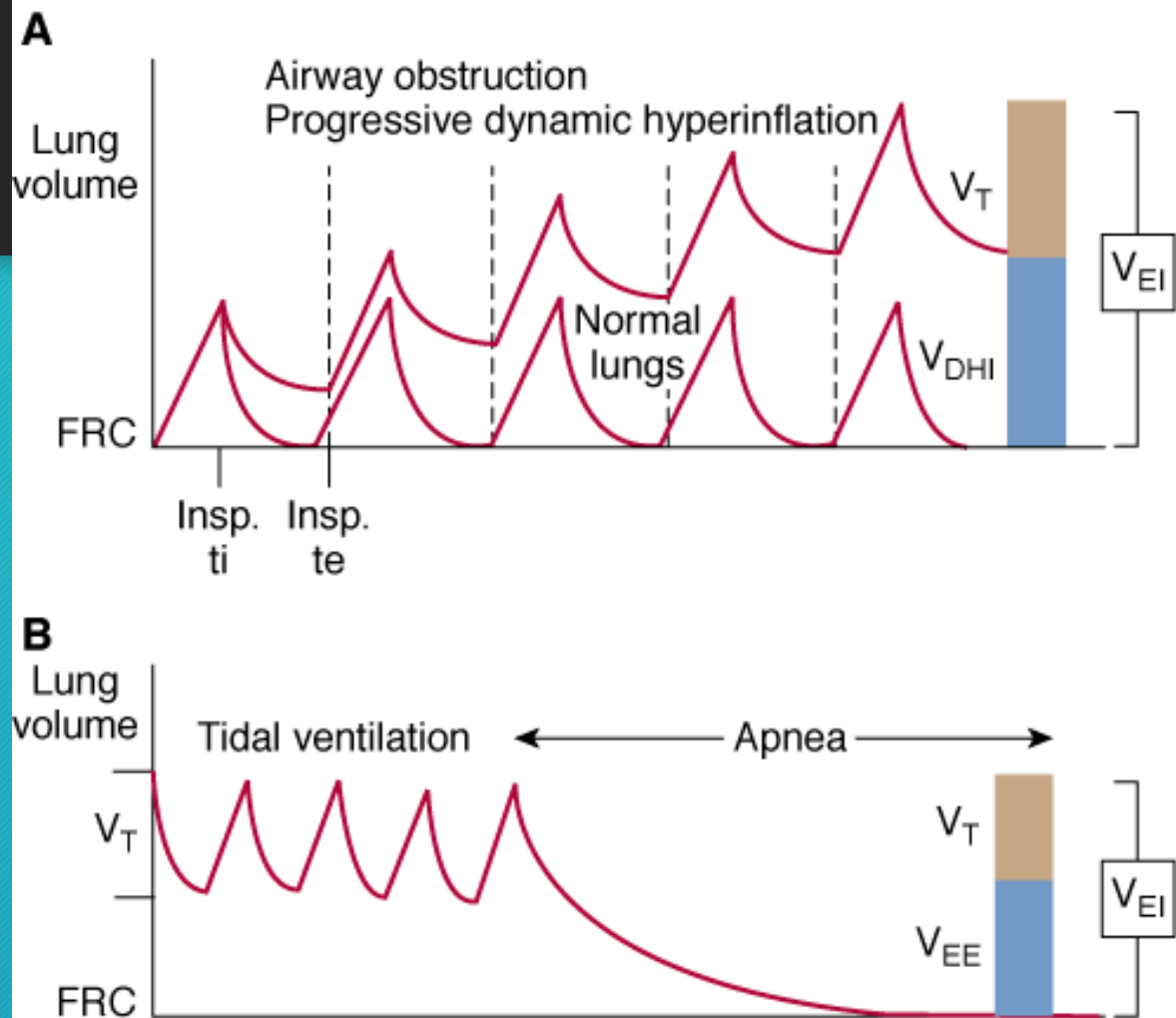
$\text{IC}/\text{TLC} < 25\%$   
associated with  $\uparrow \text{CV}$  mortality,  $\downarrow$ LV filling,  $\downarrow$ EDV +  $\downarrow$ exercise tolerance.

Fig. 4 : Pathophysiology of dynamic hyperinflation (DH) in COPD

# DH

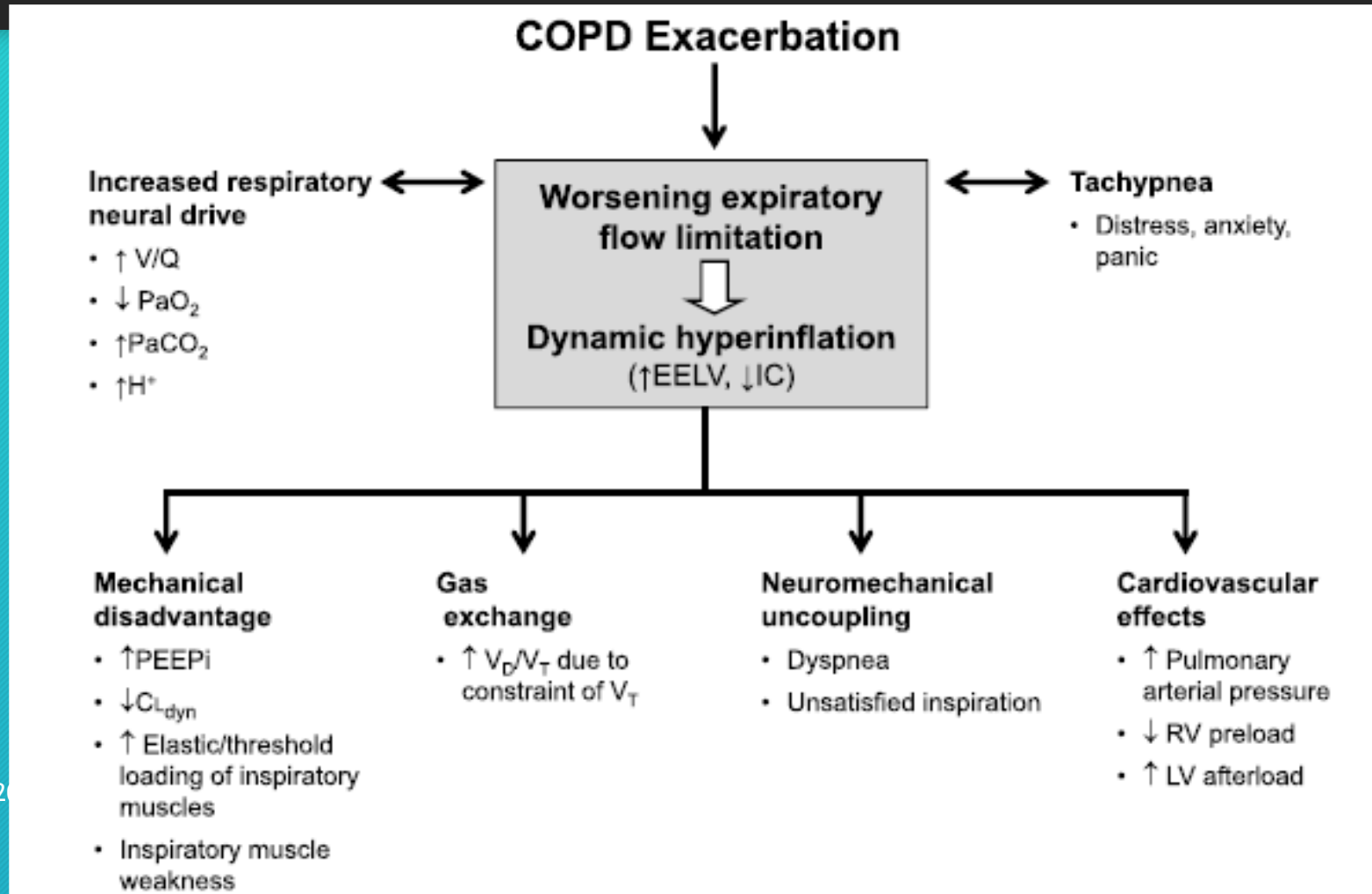
↑ RV > 120%  
anticipated  
value =  
pulmonary gas  
trapping

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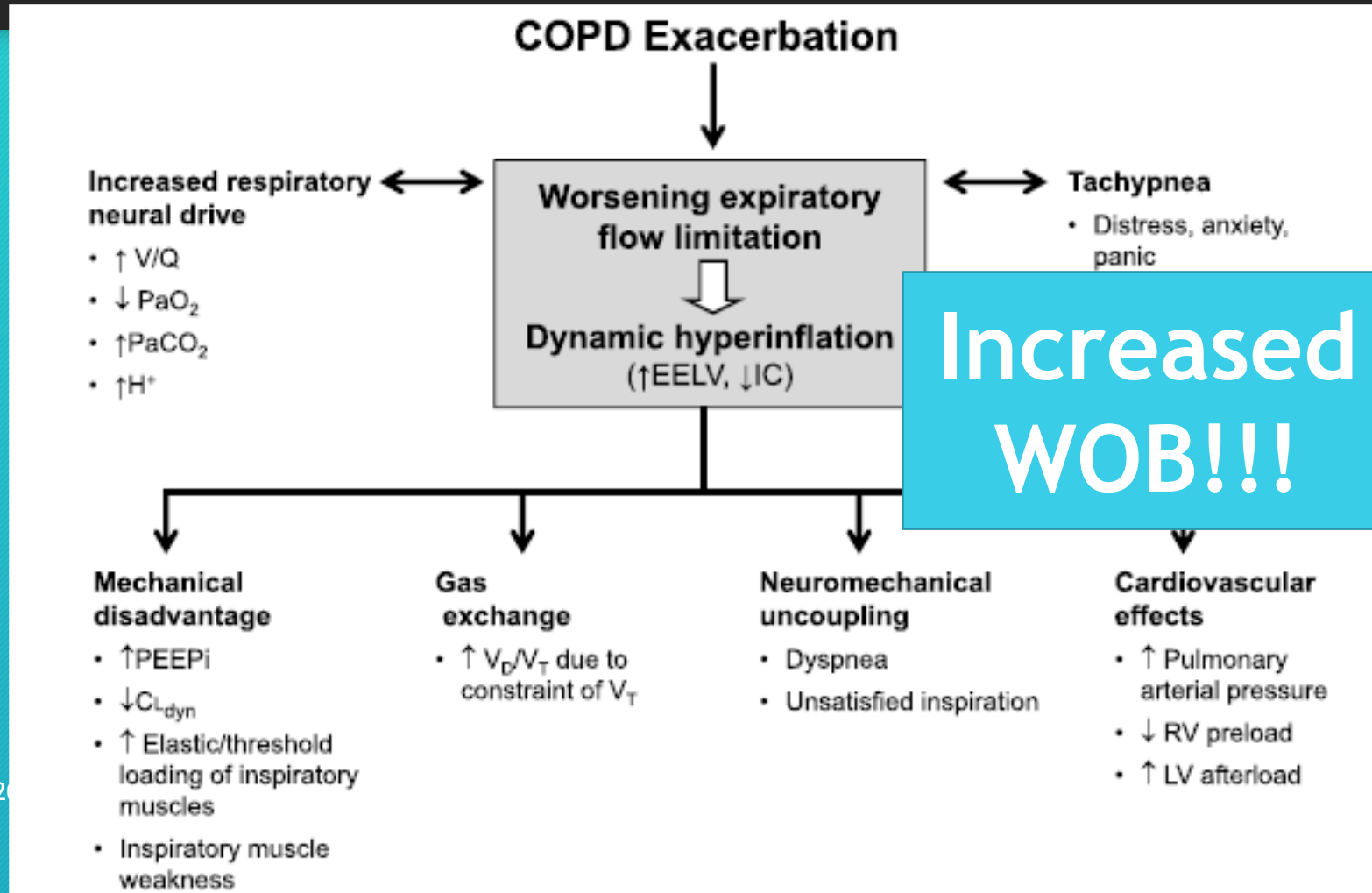


# Negative consequences of Dynamic Hyperinflation in AECOPD

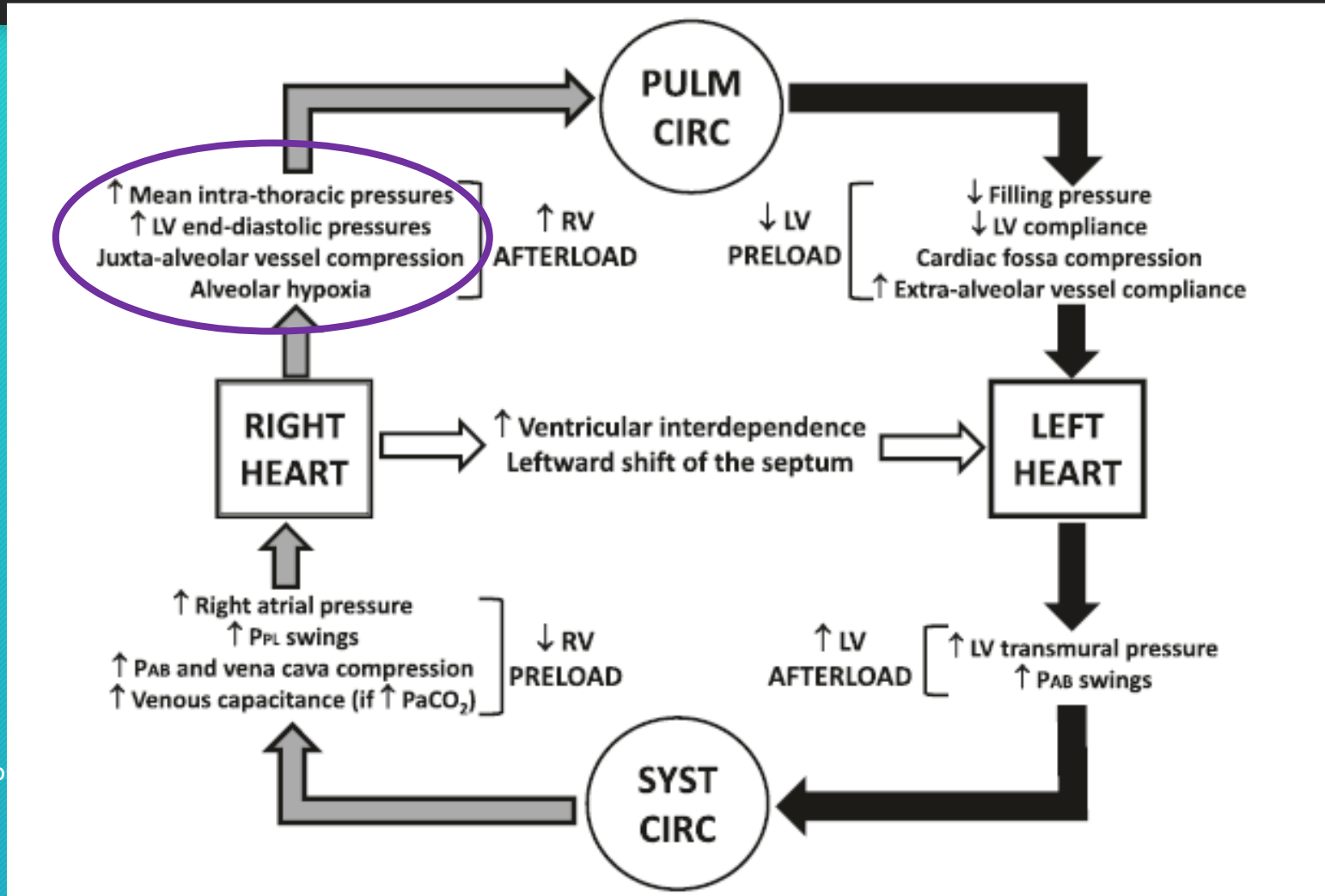
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# Negative consequences of Dynamic Hyperinflation in AECOPD



# Potential deleterious effects of DH on cardiopulmonary interactions in COPD.



Cellular stretch, danger signals,  
 $VD/VT \uparrow \rightarrow \uparrow VE/VO$ , Tissue  
hypoxia

Inflammation

Airway oedema, mucus plugging  
Parenchymal destruction

Dynamic  
hyperinflation

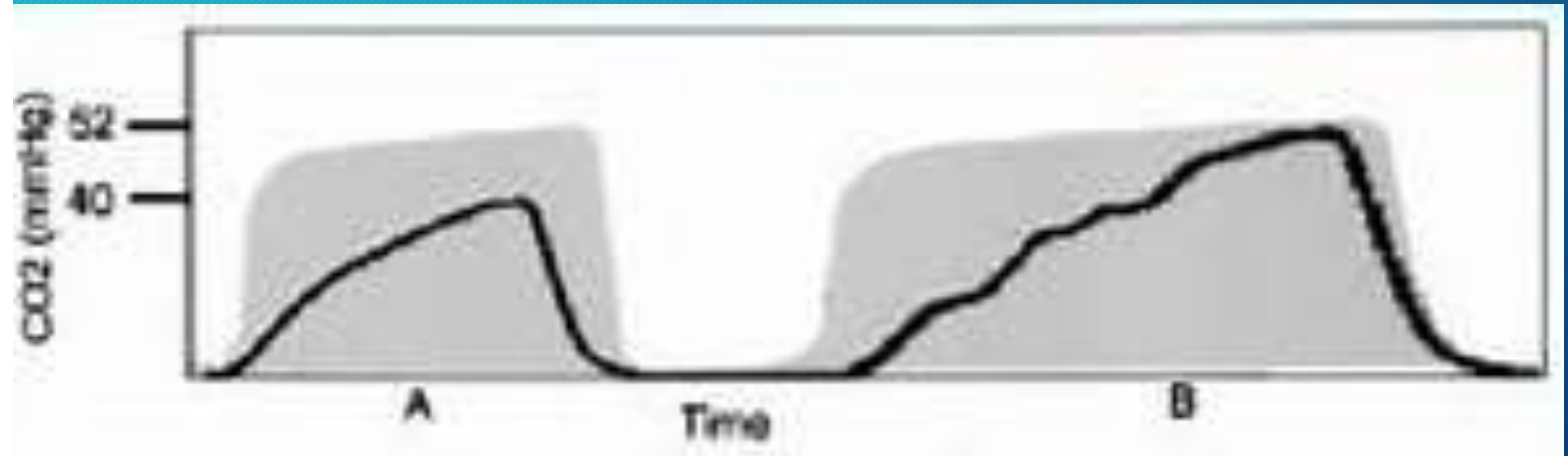
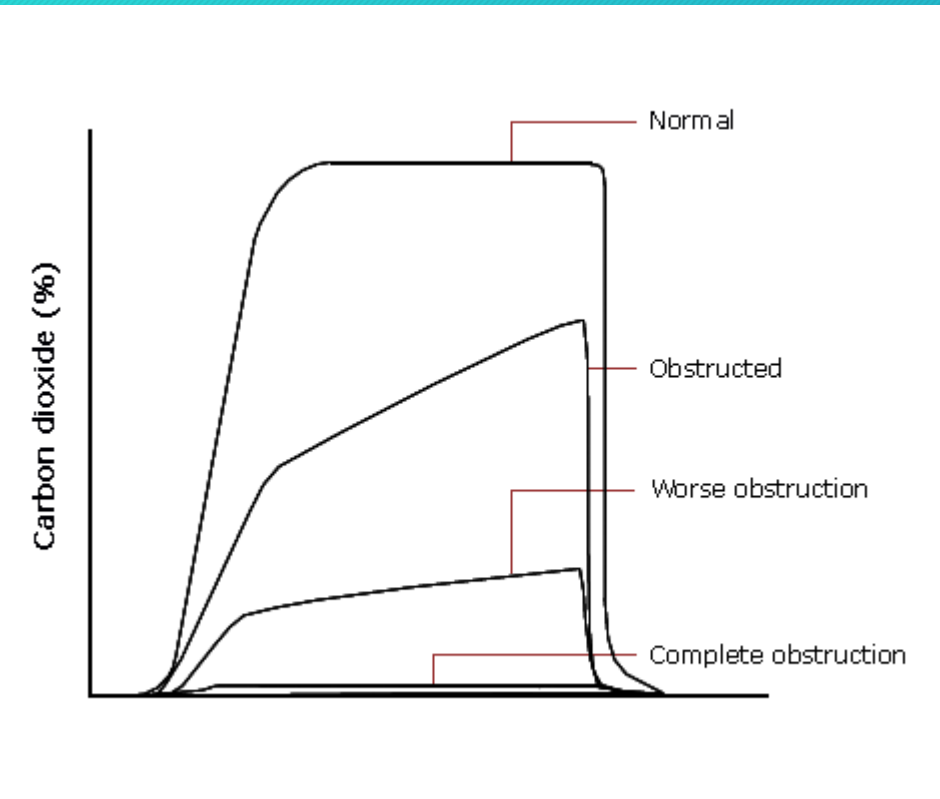
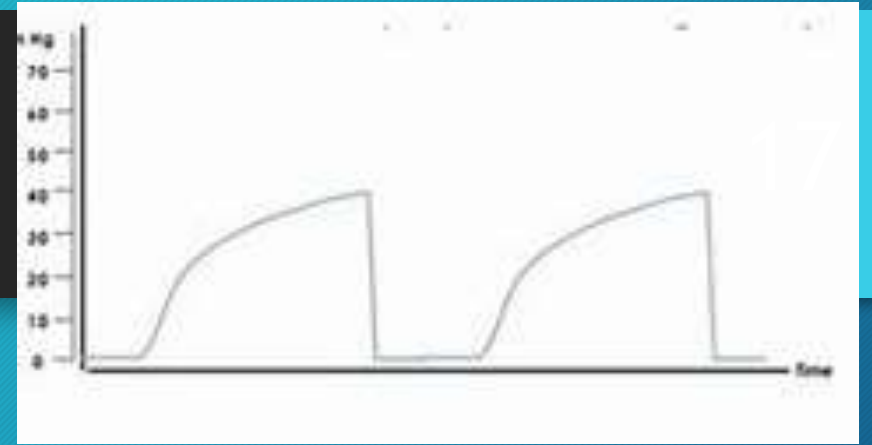
# Diagnosing DH

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- Slow filling of a manual ventilator bag
- Capnography trace not reaching plateau
- Expiratory flow not reaching zero in flow-time/volume graph
- Measure intrinsic PEEP
- If mechanically ventilated, ↑circuit impedance increases iPEEP!



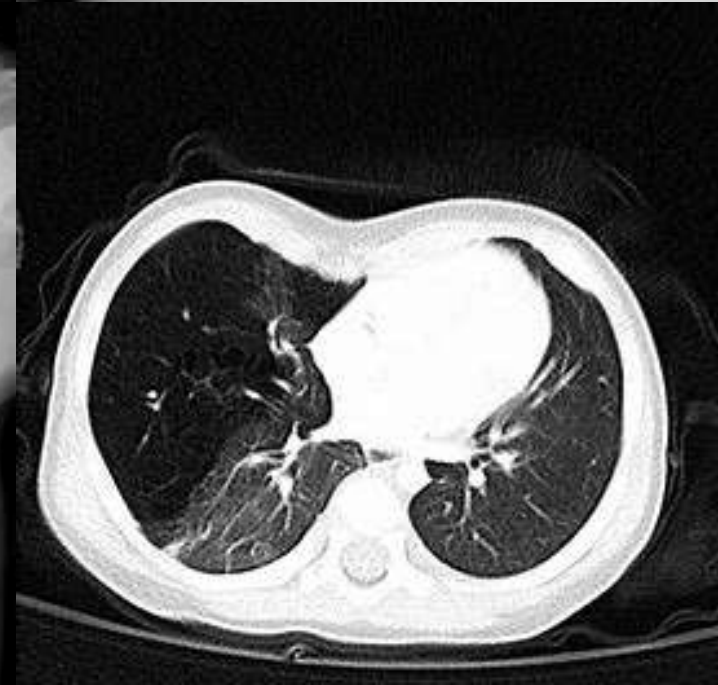
# Sharkskin shape capnogram



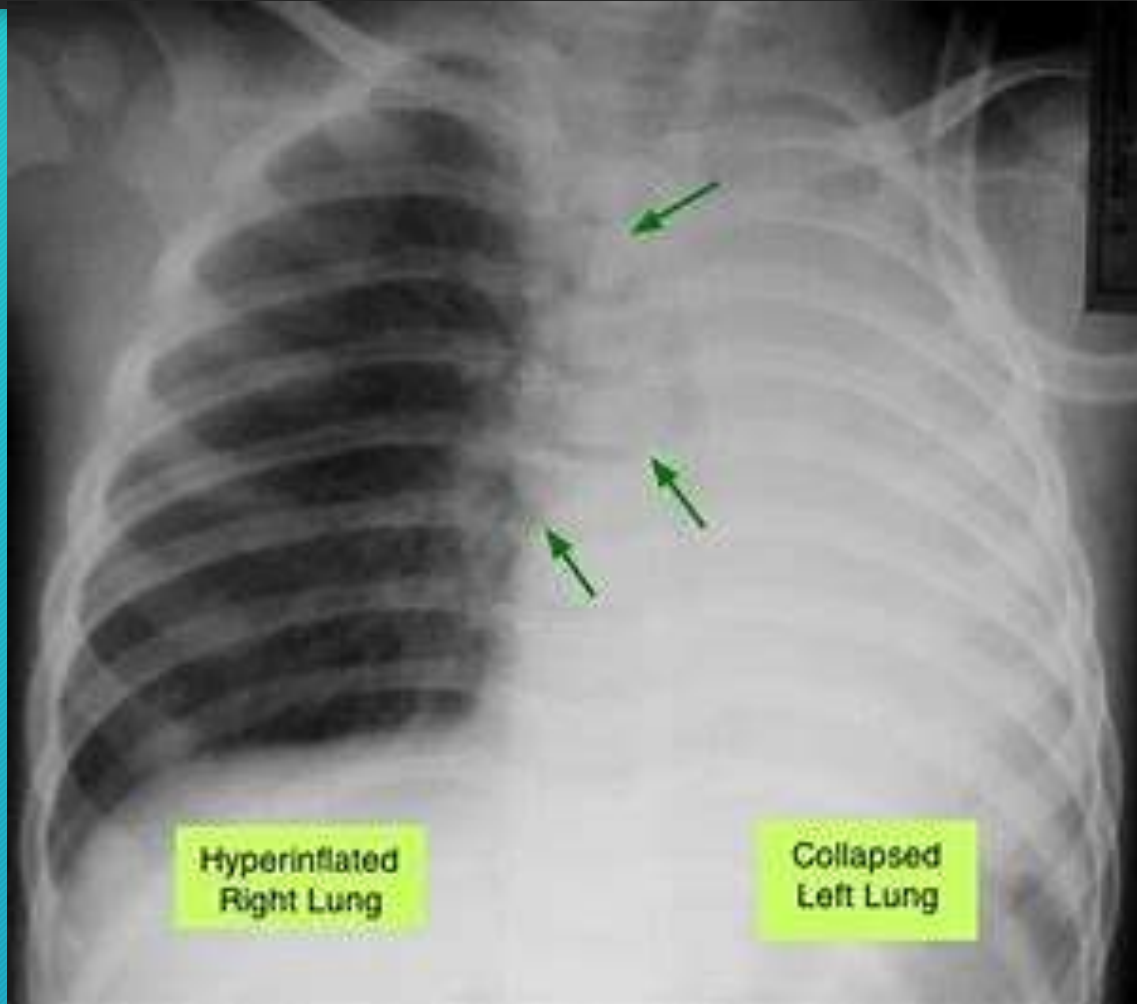
**COPD =  $\uparrow$ PaCO<sub>2</sub>-ETCO<sub>2</sub>**

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- Bronchoscopy to remove bronchial plugs → ↓ HI of the lungs with free bronchi
- Disconnection from MV + external thoracic compression
- PEEP → ↑ homogeneity



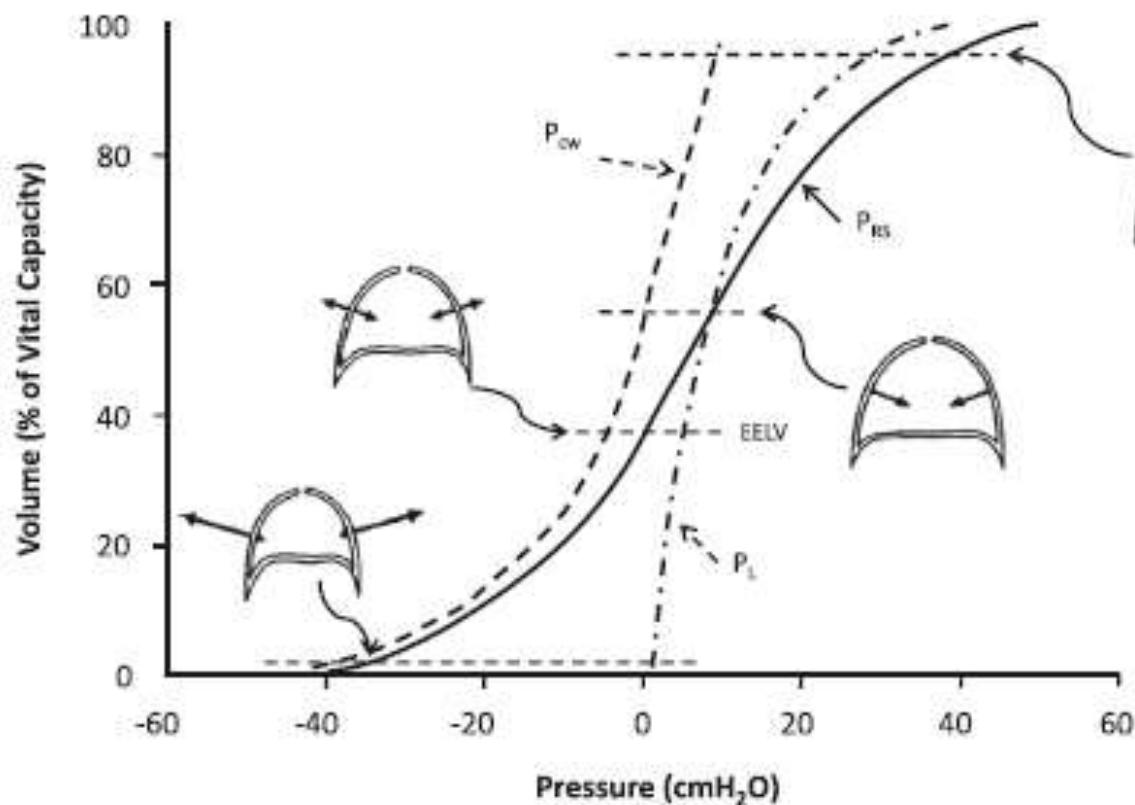
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# AECOPD characteristics

## Relaxation in sitting position V/P curves

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O'Donnell et al. *COPD Research and Practice* (2015) 1:4  
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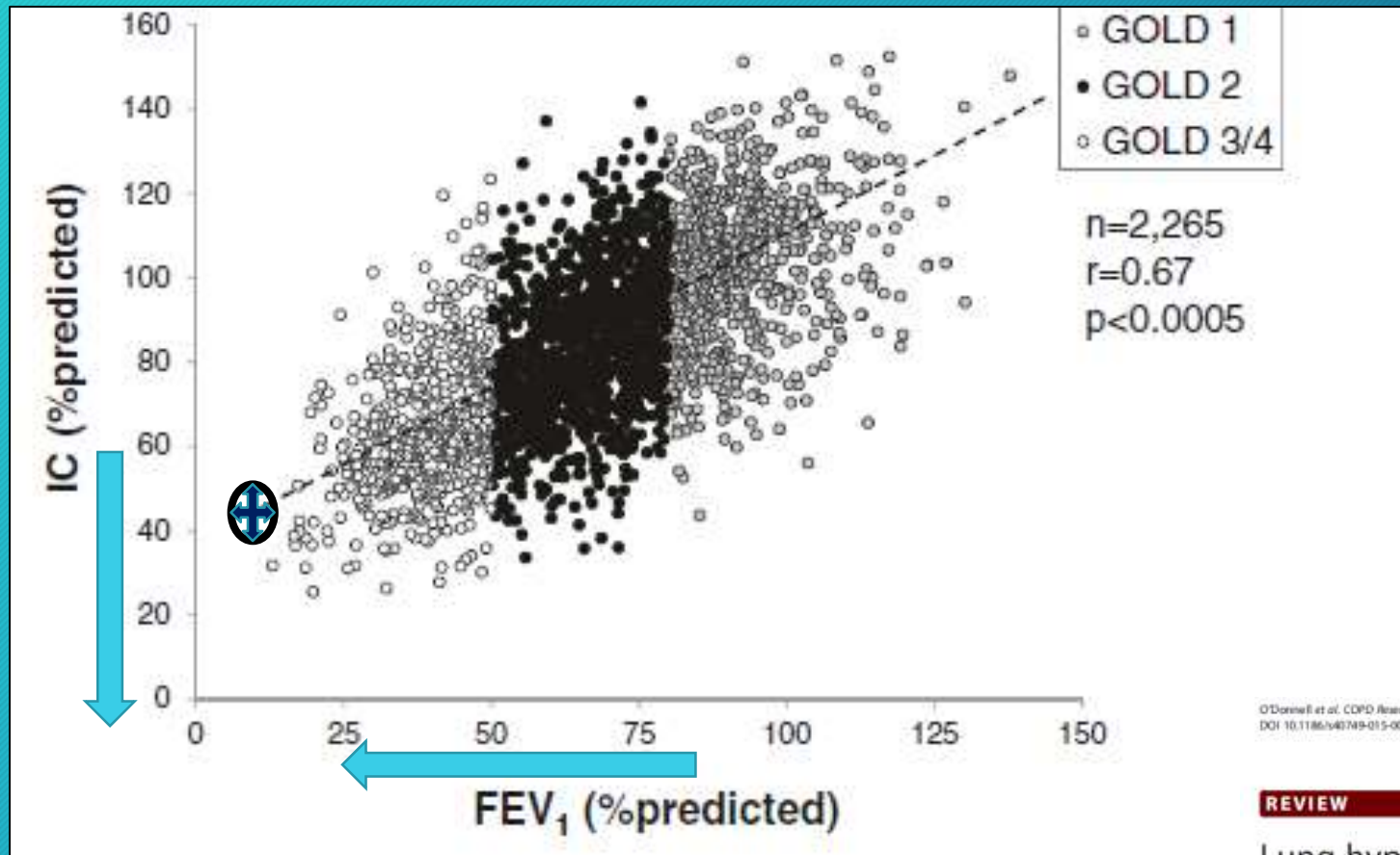
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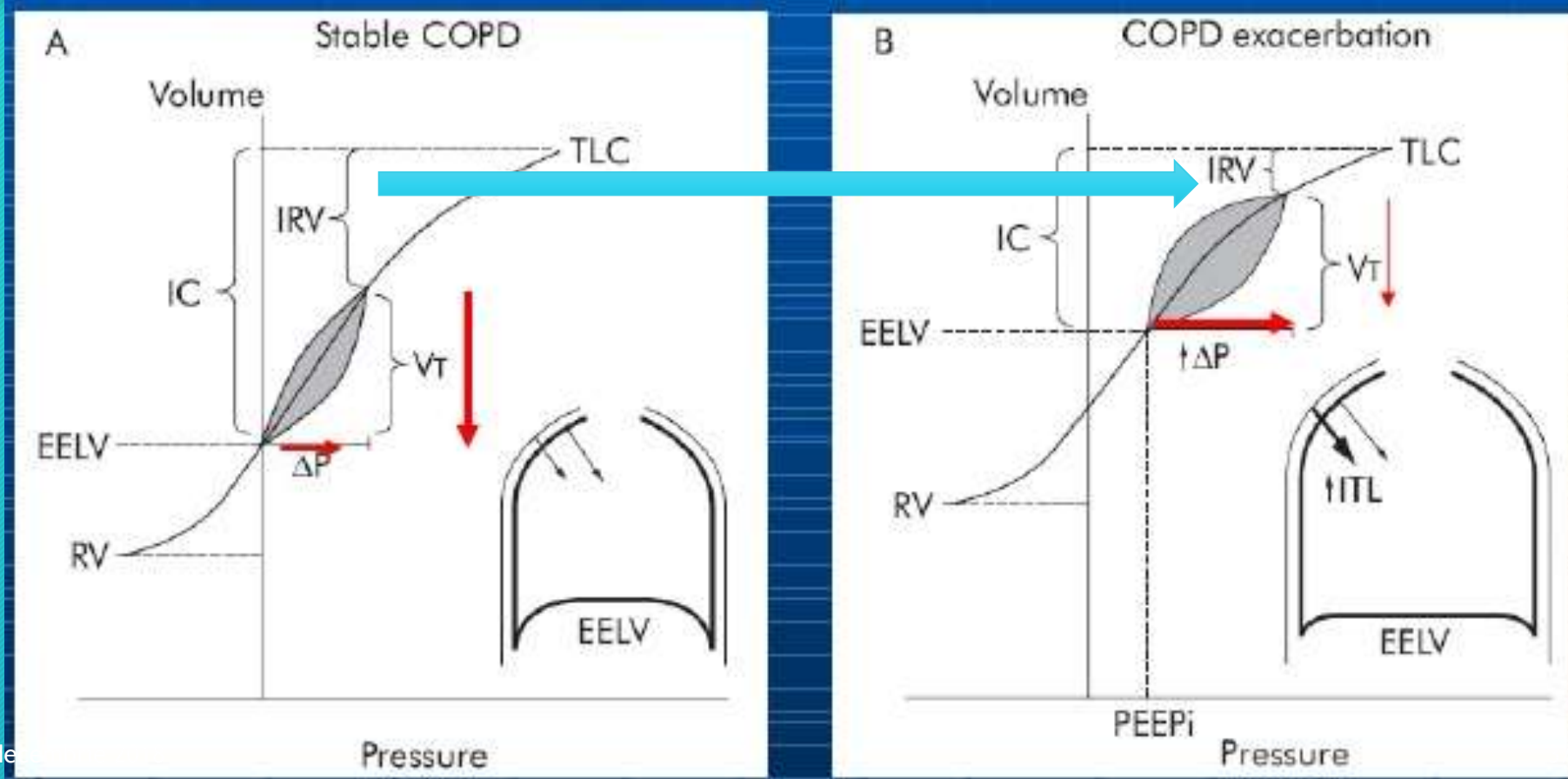
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# Mechanical effects of AECOPD

Thorax 2006; 61:354-61

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# How to ventilate an AECOPD patient?

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# GOLD indications for ICU admission

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- Severe dyspnea that responds inadequately to initial emergency therapy
- Confusion, lethargy, coma
- Persistent or worsening hypoxemia  $\text{PaO}_2 < 6.7\text{kPa}$ , 50mmHg
- Severe worsening hypercapnia  $\text{PaCO}_2 > 9.3\text{kPa}$ , 70mmHg or
- Severe, worsening respiratory acidosis  $\text{pH} < 7.30$  despite supplemental  $\text{O}_2$

# Indications for NIPPV

Ahmed S et al, Indian J Anaesth. 2015, 59(9):589-598

- pH 7.30-7.25
- Nonresponders to medical therapy PaO<sub>2</sub><50mmHg, PaCO<sub>2</sub> > 80-90mmHg, pH≤7.2 with following:
  - Sick, but not moribund
  - Able to protect airway
  - Conscious and cooperative
  - Haemodynamically stable
  - No excessive respiratory secretions
  - Few comorbidities
  - Pts who have declined intubation
  - As a weaning facilitator
  - Home NPPV for pts with recurrent admissions

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**TABLE 14. SELECTION AND EXCLUSION CRITERIA FOR NIPPV**

Selection criteria (at least two should be present)	Exclusion criteria (any may be present)
Moderate to severe dyspnea with use of accessory muscles and paradoxical abdominal motion	Respiratory arrest
Moderate to severe acidosis (pH 7.30–7.35) and hypercapnia ( $P_{aCO_2}$ 6.0–8.0 kPa, 45–60 mm Hg)	Cardiovascular instability (hypotension, arrhythmias, myocardial infarction)
Respiratory frequency > 25 breaths/min	Somnolence, impaired mental status, uncooperative patient
	High aspiration risk; viscous or copious secretions
	Recent facial or gastroesophageal surgery
	Craniofacial trauma, fixed nasopharyngeal abnormalities
	Extreme obesity

From Kramer and coworkers (197).

Agitation!

# **Noninvasive Ventilation for Acute Exacerbations of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: “Don’t Think Twice, It’s Alright!”**


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4) Should NIV be used in patients who are hospitalised with a COPD exacerbation associated with acute or acute-on-chronic respiratory failure?

6) Should pulmonary rehabilitation be implemented in patients hospitalised with a COPD exacerbation?



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- 21 trials
- Only NIV considered for pts with hospitalized AECOPD associated with acute on chronic respiratory failure
- The 4<sup>th</sup> (7 all) rec: For patients who are hospitalized with a AECOPD associated with acute or acute on chronic respiratory failure, we recommend the use of NIV.
- Power of rec? **Strong**
- Evidence quality? **Low**



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Drawback:  
Lack of blinding  
No reports on nosocomial  
pneumonia!!!



# BTS guidelines 2017/ Recommendations

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For most pts with AECOPD the initial treatment should be **optimal medical therapy and targeting an SpO<sub>2</sub> of 88-92%** A

**NIV** should be started when **pH < 7.35 and pCO<sub>2</sub> ≥ 6.5 kPa and RR > 23 breath/min** persist or develop after 1 hour of optimal therapy A

Severe acidosis alone does not preclude a trial of NIV in an appropriate area with ready access to staff who can perform safe endotracheal intubation. B

The use of NIV **should not delay escalation to IMV** when this is more appropriate C  
The practice of NIV should **be audited** regularly to maintain standards C

- Advanced age alone should not preclude a trial of NIV A
- Warnings to change the management strategy: worsening of pH, RR: clinical review, change of interface, adjustment of settings, consider IMV
- !!! In **sleep disorders breathing** pre- AHRF, or evidence as a complication, use **controlled NIV during night**.

# BTS guidelines / red flags for NIV



## Red flags

- pH < 7.25 on optimal NIV
- RR > 25/min
- New onset confusion

## Check

- Synchronization
- Mask fit
- Exhalation port
- Give physiotherapy
- Bronchodilators
- Consider anxiolytic

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1. Systematic ABG assessment
  1. Assess  $paO_2$  -  $O_2$  if required
  2. Interpret **pH**
  3. Interpret  $paCO_2$
  4. Interpret metabolic component
  5. Identify the origin - respiratory or metabolic
  6. Interpret results in light of patient's history

# NIV pressure-cycled BiPAP (IPAP + EPAP)

- ↓ the effort of breathing
- Resting respiratory muscles
- ↓ respiratory rate
- ↓ CO<sub>2</sub> levels
- ↑ O<sub>2</sub> levels
- Correcting pH as alveolar ventilation improves
- ↑ the volume of each breath
- ↓ the need for tracheal intubation

# Exclusion criteria for NIV BiPAP

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- Severe comorbidities
- Severe cognitive impairment
- Facial burns/trauma/surgery
- Vomiting
- Fixed upper airway obstruction
- Undrained pneumothorax
- Inability to protect airway
- Upper GI surgery
- Copious respiratory secretions
- Dying patient
- Bowel obstruction
- Life-threatening hypoxemia
- Haemodynamic instability

# Initial FiO<sub>2</sub>

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Slightly higher than that the patients received prior to CPAP

Adjusted to achieve the required SaO<sub>2</sub> 88-95%

# Settings Target saturations 88-92%

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- Sitting/semirecumbent
- 10cmH<sub>2</sub>O for IPAP
- 4-5cmH<sub>2</sub>O for EPAP
- IPAP titration in 2-5 increments at a rate of 5cm every 10min
- Maximum target IPAP 20cmH<sub>2</sub>O
- EPAP can be increased to a max of 6 cmH<sub>2</sub>O (increments of 1)
- Every EPAP increase should be associated with an IPAP increase (titrated up by 2).



# Success of NIV

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- pH improving
- Respiratory rate decreases
- Better PaCO<sub>2</sub>, PaO<sub>2</sub> at 4 hours of acute NIV BiPAP
- If successful, the recommended duration of therapy is of 48-72 hours
  - D1 as long as possible
  - D2 16hrs
  - D3 12 hrs

# Weaning from BiPAP

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- ABGs within normal parameters for the patient
- **SpO<sub>2</sub> > 85%** in room air or 24-28% O<sub>2</sub> by a Venturi mask
- **RR < 25/min**
- No use of accessory muscles
- Able to talk in full sentences

# NIV failure

- pH worsening/respiratory rate after 4 hours of BiPAP
- Failure to tolerate BiPAP
- GCS decline
- Hypotension
- Uncorrected hypoxemia
- No change in both pH and respiratory rate at 4 hours

**20-40% failure**

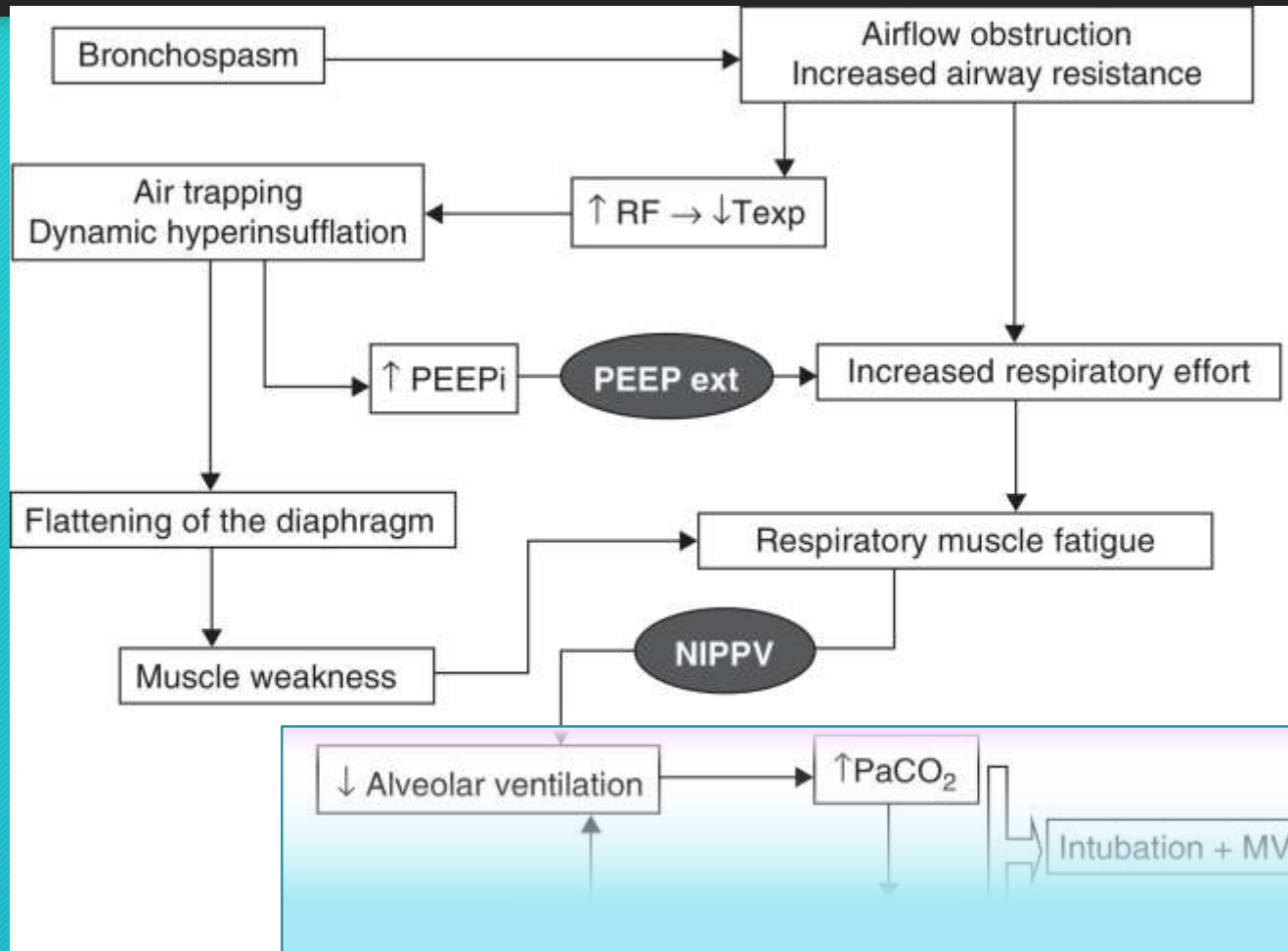
# BTS evidence statements

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- Intubation is indicated if NIV is failing unless it is agreed that **this is not desired by the patient or it is deemed not in the patient's best interest.** Level 1+.
- Neither patients characteristics nor pathophysiological parameters are sufficiently robust to predict success of NIV or MIV but, in general, the more adverse features that are present and the greater the physiologic disturbance the higher the chance of treatment failure or death. Level 2++

# Shifting from NIV to IMV

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Hypercapnic encephalopathy



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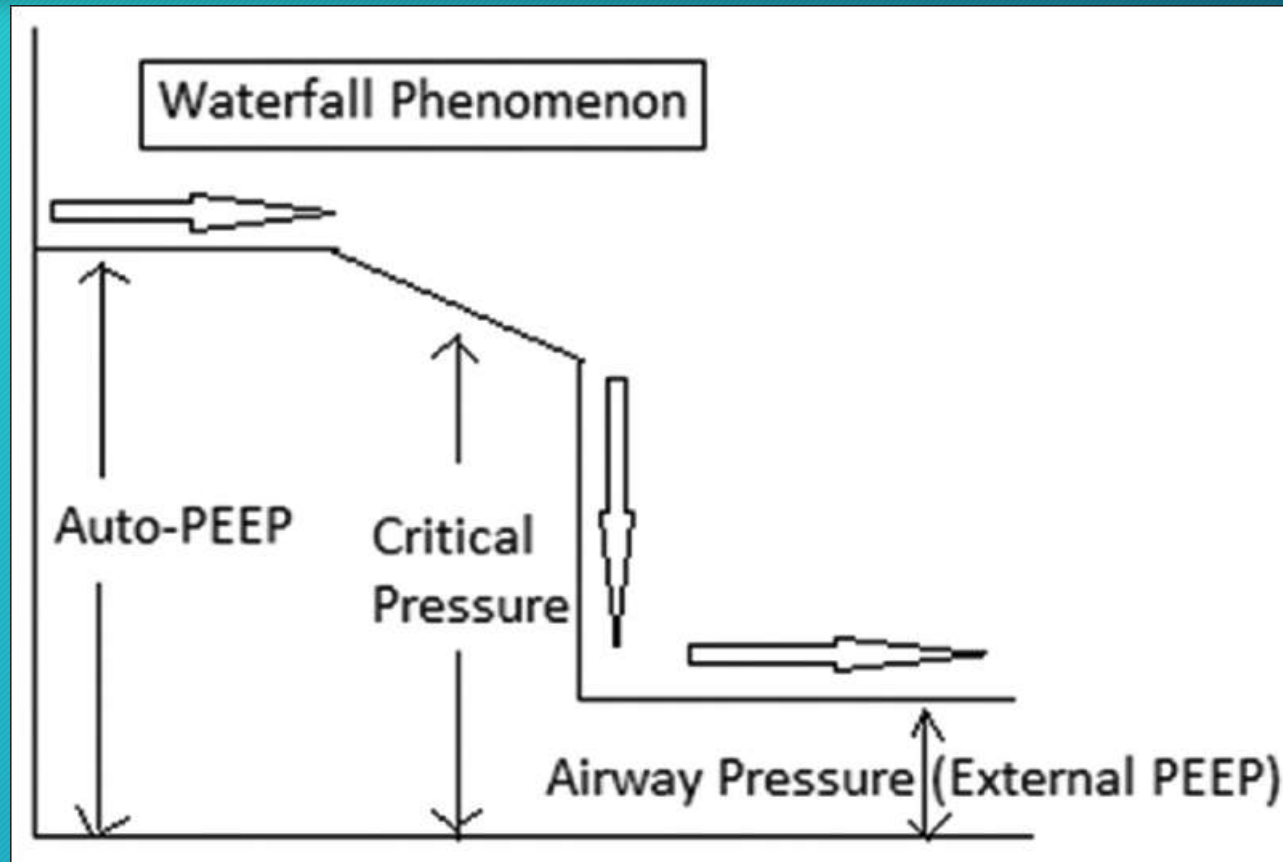
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- Pulmonary rehabilitation: initiated during hospitalization increased exercise capacity, but also mortality?!

7	For patients who are hospitalised with a COPD exacerbation, we suggest not initiating pulmonary rehabilitation during hospitalisation	Conditional	Very low
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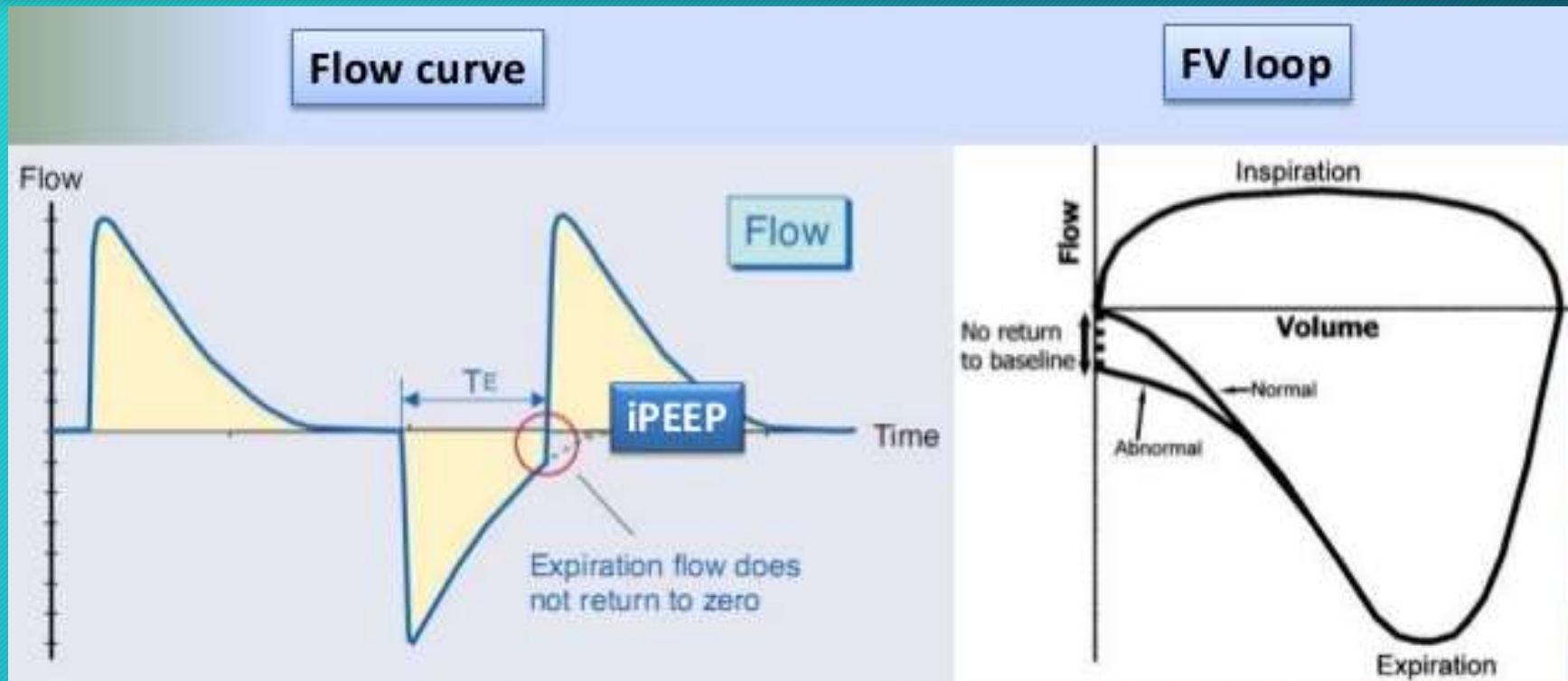
# PEEP for COPD/waterfall perspective

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# Airtrapping in COPD \ iPEEP = air trapping + expiratory muscle contraction

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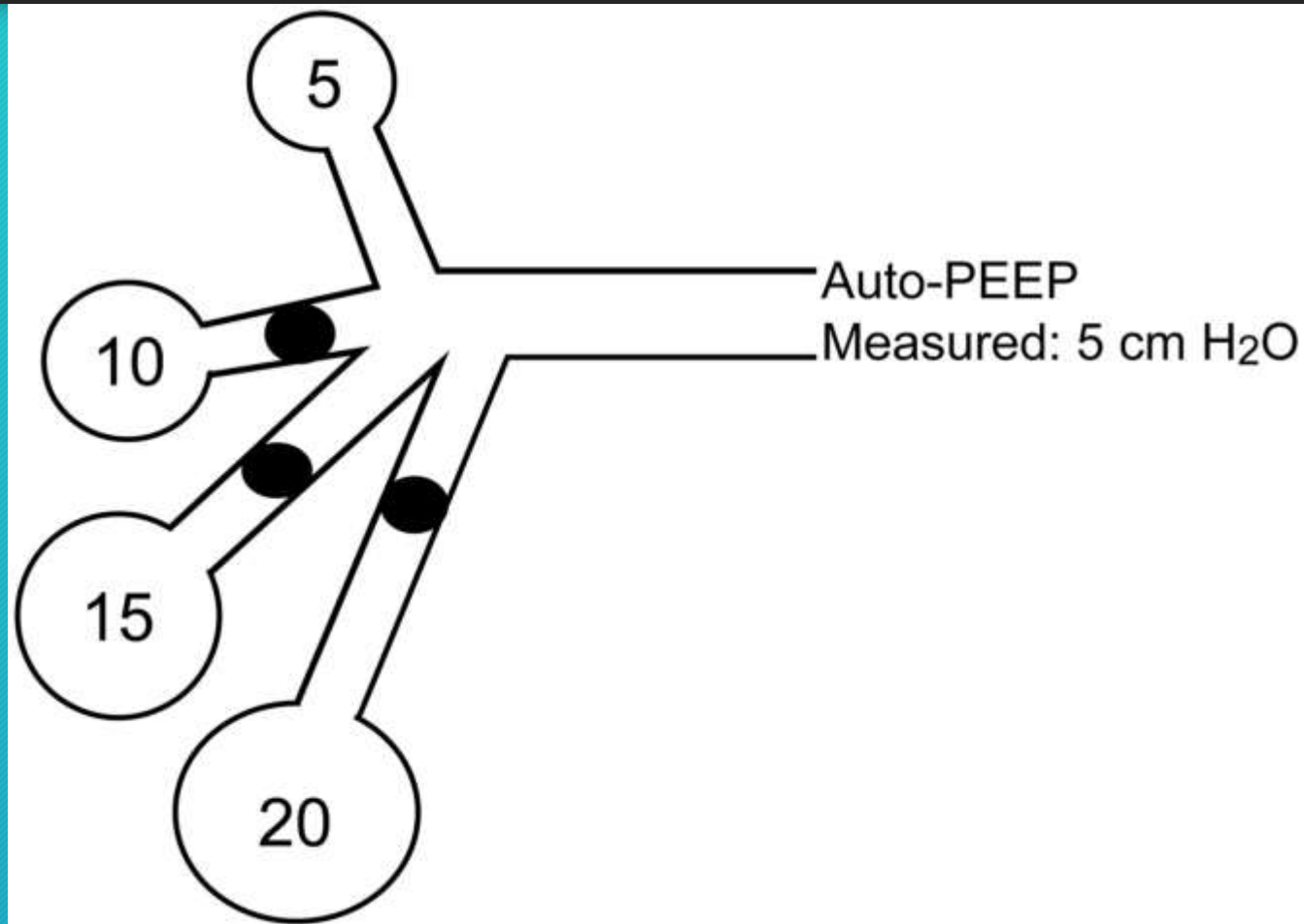


1. Allow more time for expiration
2. Increase inspiratory flow rate
3. Provide ePEEP



# Reasons to perform bronchoalveolar lavaj, suction

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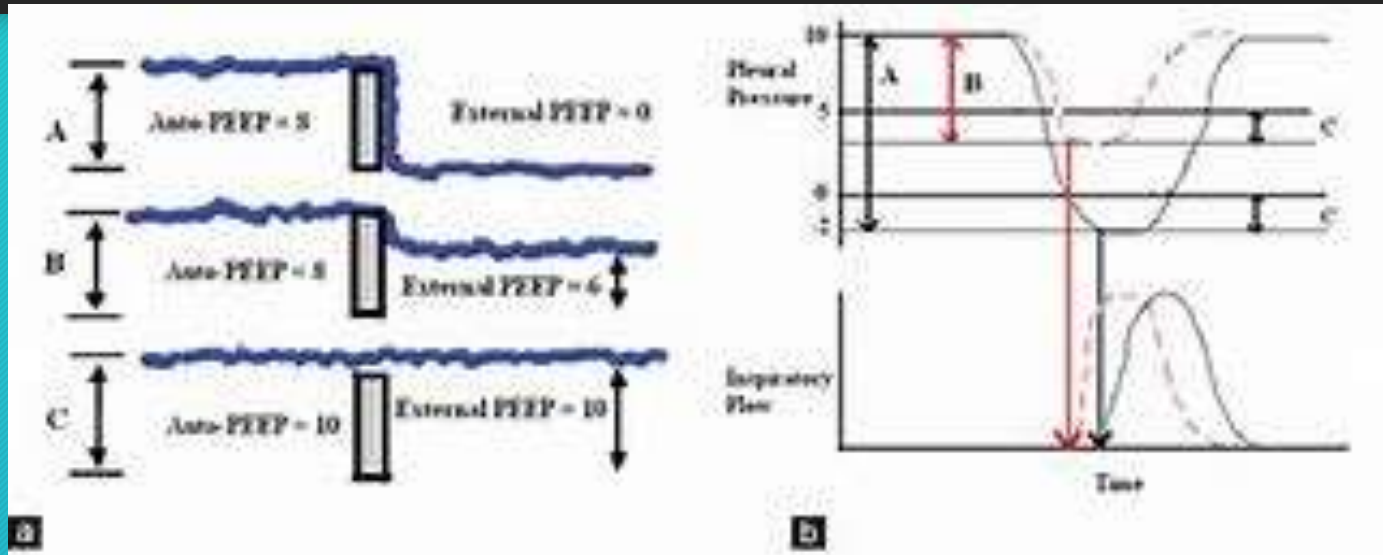
# Management of autoPEEP

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- ↓ minute volume
- ↑ exhaling duration
- Extrinsic PEEP
- Sedation
- Fever control
- Bronchodilators

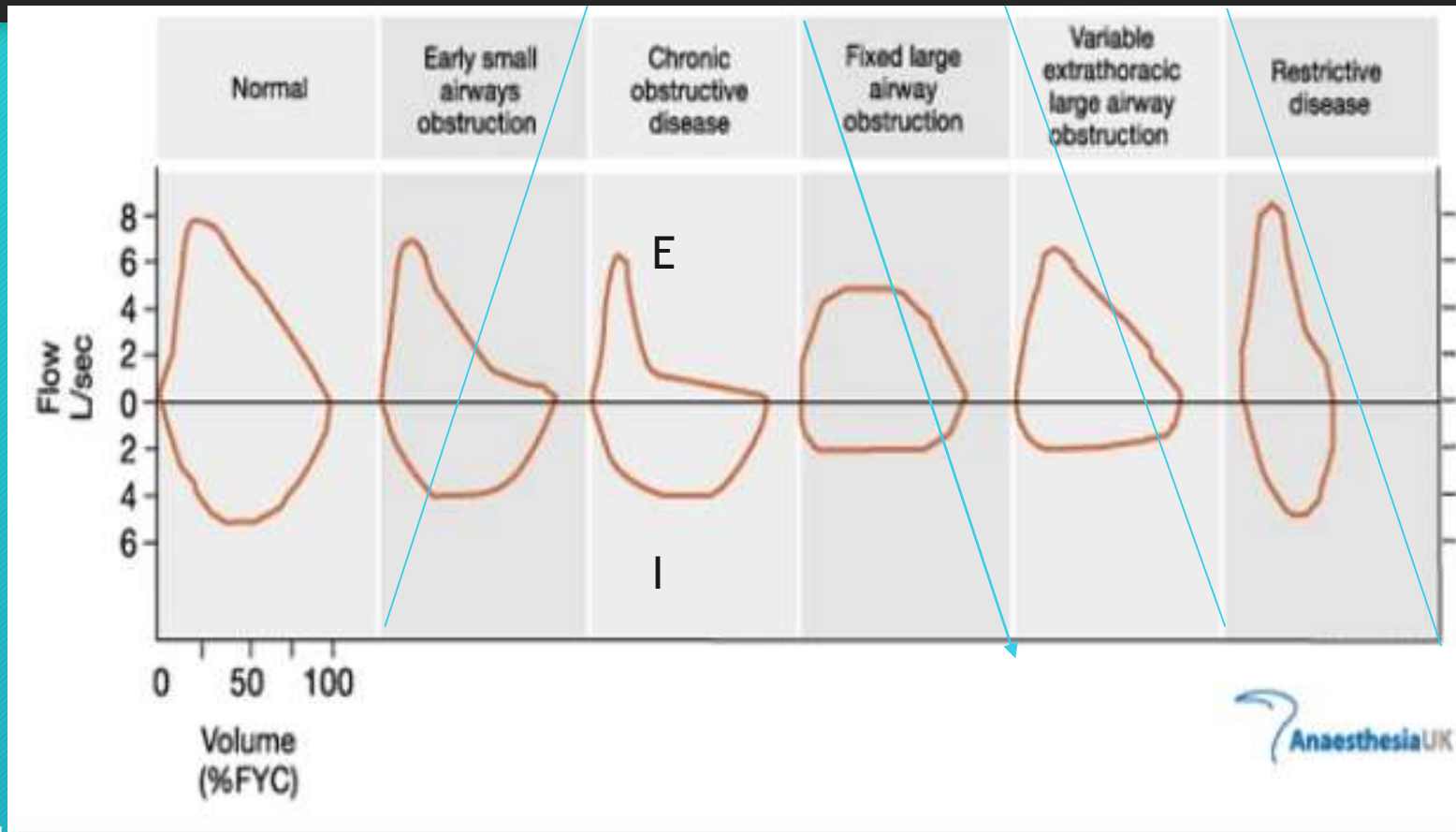
# Effect of extrinsic PEEP on WOB

## Provide ePEEP!

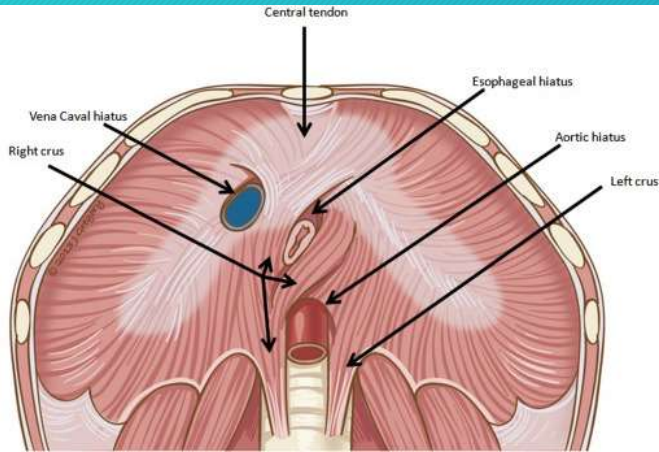
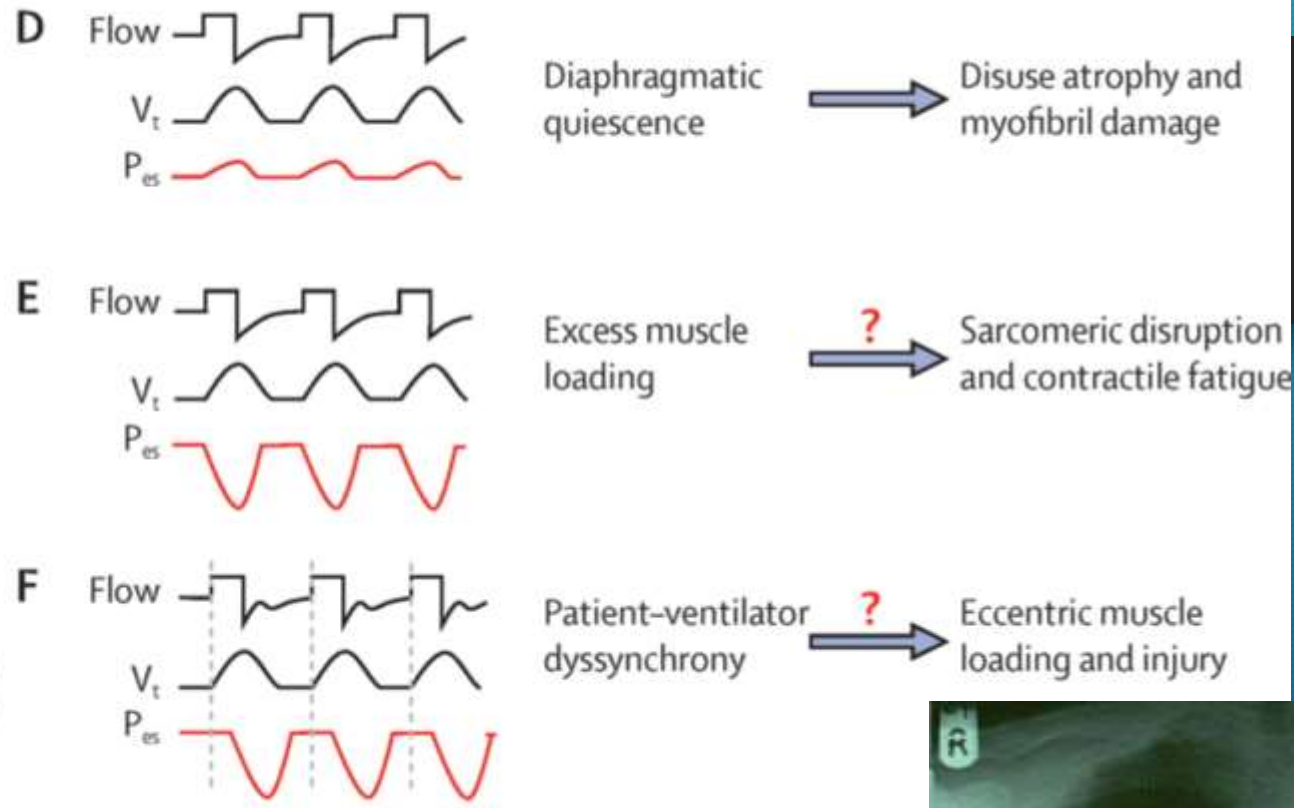
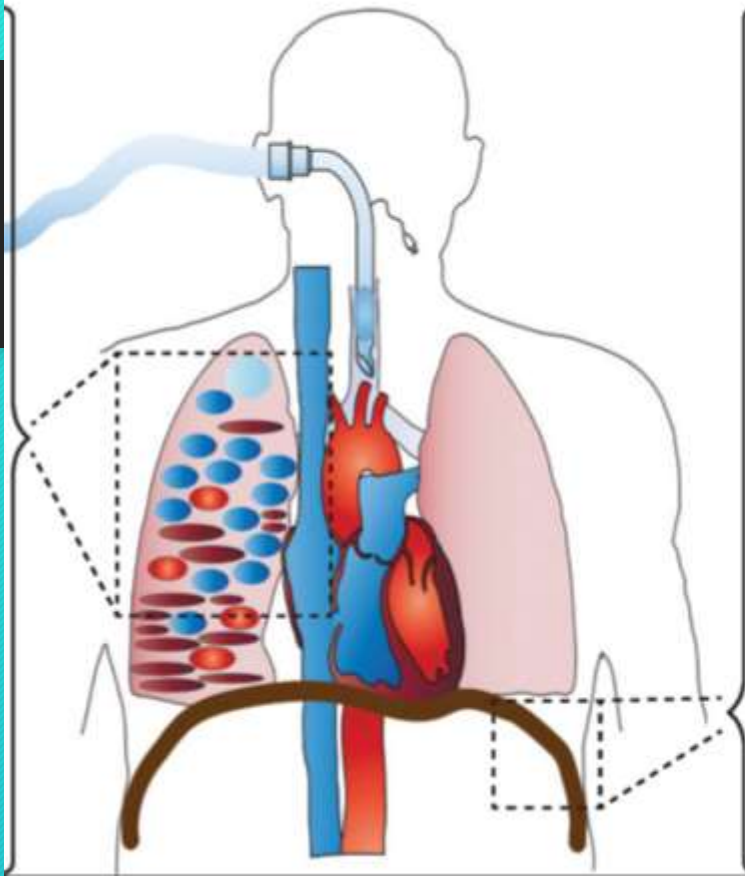


Panel	Auto-PEEP cm H <sub>2</sub> O	Ventilator Trigger Sensitivity	External PEEP cm H <sub>2</sub> O	Negative Pressure required to initiate ventilator breath
A	8	2	0	$8 + 2 - 0 = 10$
B	8	2	6	$8 + 2 - 6 = 4$
C	8	2	10	$8 + 2 - 10 = 0$

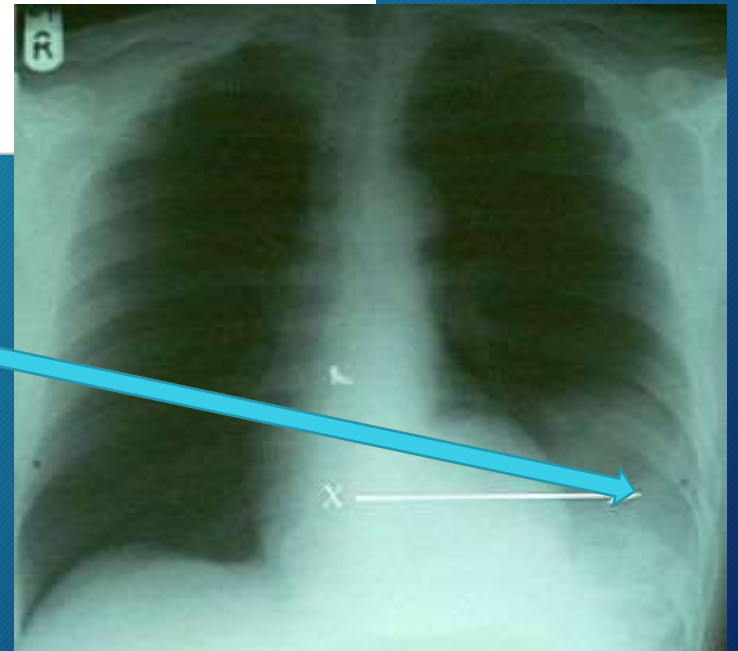
# Flow volume loops



### ventilator-induced diaphragm dysfunction



Effects of MV on the diaphragm: flattened, split



# Ventilation strategy for AECOPD

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- Primary goal:  $\uparrow$ PaO<sub>2</sub> to 60mmHg & SaO<sub>2</sub> to 90%
- VT 8-10ml/kg
- Minventil 115ml/kg
- Long expiratory times
- High inspiratory flow allow short inspiratory times → longer expiratory time for any given RR
- Lower RR
- Volume control more versatile vs pressure control

# Minute ventilation

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- VT 6-7ml/kg
- RR 12/min. IC is reduced
- Low MV  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  PaCO<sub>2</sub> = the price payed for preventing DH
- Literature suggestion: Risk of DH >>> permissive hypercapnia
- ! Provide enough ventilation to keep a Normal PH, nor a normal PaCO<sub>2</sub>

# Ventilator related factors

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- **Narrow ET**
- **External PEEP**
- **Insensitive triggering**
- **Decreased triggering threshold of the ventilator**



# Readiness to wean

Boles JM et al. Resuscitation 2008, 17, 74-97

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## Clinical assessment

- Absence of excessive tracheo-bronchial secretions
- Resolution of disease acute phase for which the patient was intubated

## Objective measurements

- Stable CV status (<140/min, sBP 90-160mmHg, no or minimal vasopressors)
- Stable metabolic status
- Adequate oxygenation  $SaO_2 > 90\%$  on  $FiO_2 \leq 0.4$ ;  $P/F \geq 150$ mmHg;  $PEEP \leq 8$ cmH<sub>2</sub>O
- Adequate pulmonary function:  $fR < 35$ /min;  $fR/VT < 105$ resp/min/l;  $MIP \leq -20$ - $-25$ cmH<sub>2</sub>O;  $VT > 5$ ml/kgc; no significant acidosis
- Adequate mentation: no sedation or adequate mentation on sedation

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- Adequate oxygenation  $P/F > 27 \text{ kPa (200mmHg)}$
- $PEEP < 10\text{cmH}_2\text{o}$
- Adequate alveolar ventilation  $\text{pH} > 7.3, \text{PaCO}_2 < 6.5\text{KPa}$
- Fluid balance optimized

## 1<sup>st</sup> SBT

- 30min
- T tube or low PS: 5-8mmHg  $\pm$  5 cmH2O PEEP
- To avoid SIMV!

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### Box 2 Risk factors for extubation failure following invasive mechanical ventilation (IMV)

- Positive fluid balance
- Raised rapid shallow breathing index during spontaneous breathing trial
- Pneumonia or pulmonary disease as the cause requiring IMV
- Increased age
- Prolonged duration of IMV
- Anaemia
- Increased severity of illness
- Low albumin
- Previous failed extubation
- Bulbar dysfunction

# After extubation

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1. Venturi Mask
2. Reservoir nonrebreathing masks 10-15l/min
3. Nasal cannulae  $FiO_2$  0.45



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### Humidification with NIV

#### *Recommendation*

6. Humidification is not routinely required  
(Grade D).

#### *Good practice point*

Heated humidification should be considered if the patient reports mucosal dryness or if respiratory secretions are thick and tenacious.

# Air humidifiers/filters HMEFs AARC guidelines 2012

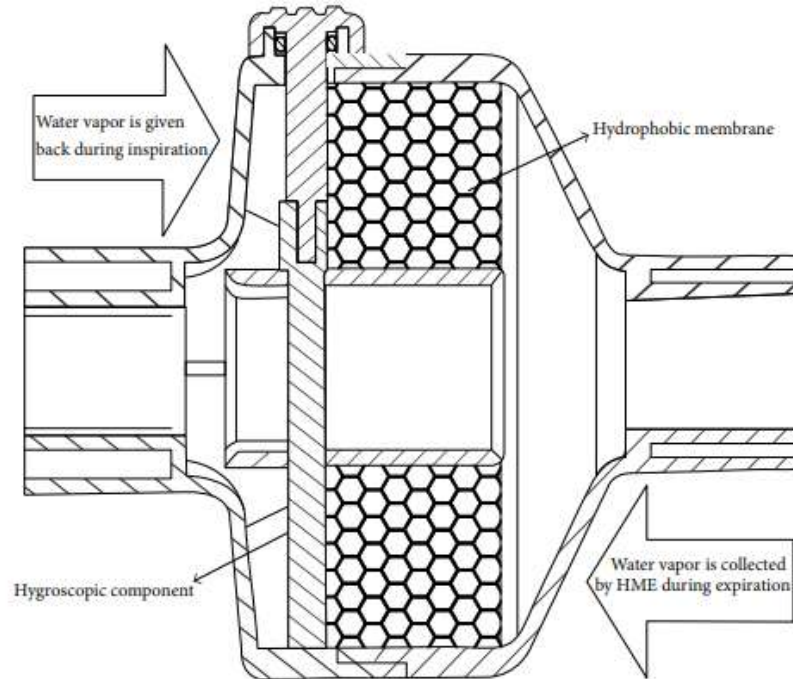


FIGURE 5: HME.

TABLE 2: Contraindications for heat and moisture exchangers according to AARC Clinical Practice Guidelines 2012 [11].

- (i) Patients with thick or copious secretions.
- (ii) When there is loss in expired tidal volume (e.g., large bronchopleurocutaneous fistulas or presence of endotracheal tube cuff leak).
- (iii) In patients managed with low tidal volumes like those with ARDS.
- (iv) In difficult to wean patients and those with limited respiratory reserve.
- (v) Hypothermic patients with body temperature of  $<32^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- (vi) In patients with high minute ventilations volumes ( $>10\text{ L/min}$ ).

# Standards of humidifiers used with intubated pts

HMEF Heat Moisture Exchange Filters

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- Moisture output at least 33g or
- Absolute humidity of 75% 9



# TS or NOT? When?

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## BTS/ICS

It is accepted that translaryngeal intubation beyond 10 days can be detrimental.

In AHRF due to COPD, and in many patients with NMD or OHS, NIV - supported extubation should be employed in preference to inserting a tracheostomy.



Clinical Investigations in Critical Care

## Survival and Long-term Follow-up of Tracheostomized Patients With COPD Treated by Home Mechanical Ventilation: A Multicenter French Study in 259 Patients

To define more clearly the value of home mechanical ventilation by tracheostomy (HMVT) in patients with advanced COPD, a retrospective French multicenter study group analyzed the prognostic factors and long-term survival of 259 patients with severe COPD, who were tracheostomized for at least 1 year. Seventy-eight percent of the patients died by the end of the observation period. The actuarial survival rate for the overall study population was, therefore, 70 percent at 2 years, 44 percent at 5 years, and 20 percent at 10 years. These results appear to be better than those of the major published series and compare to the prognosis of COPD patients treated by long-term oxygen therapy (LTO) 15 hr/24 hr. The parameters most closely correlated with a survival for more than 5 years were age <65 years, use of an uncuffed cannula, and a  $\text{PaO}_2 >55$  mm Hg in room air during the 3 months after tracheostomy ( $p < 0.01$ ). This study, therefore, confirmed the feasibility of HMVT in COPD and should lead to a review of the place of permanent tracheostomy in the long-term prognosis of severe COPD patients.

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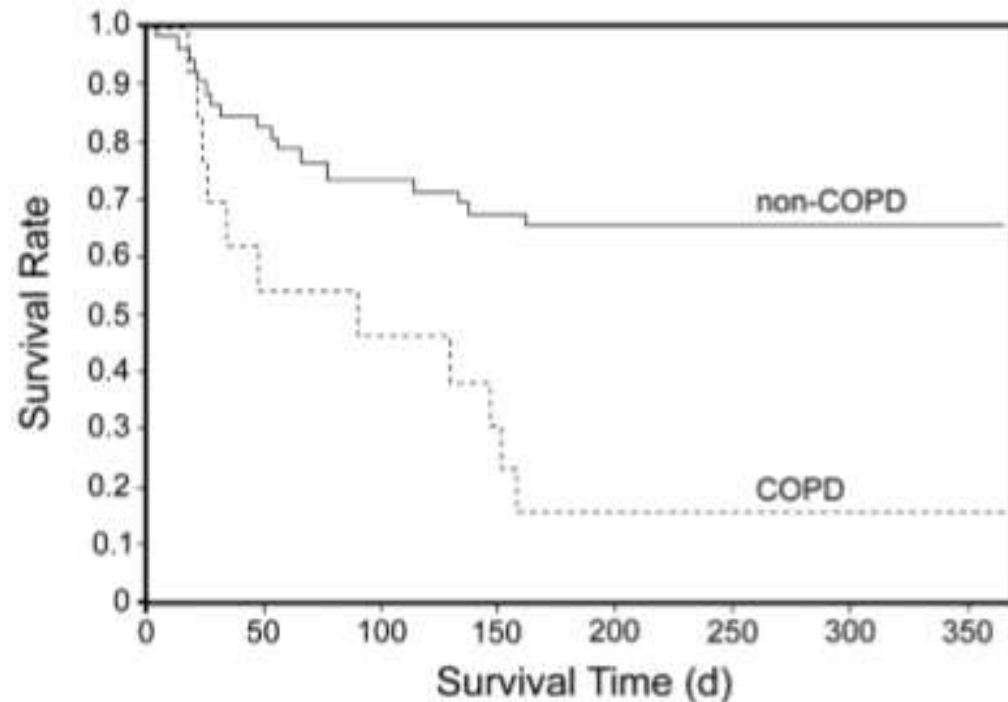
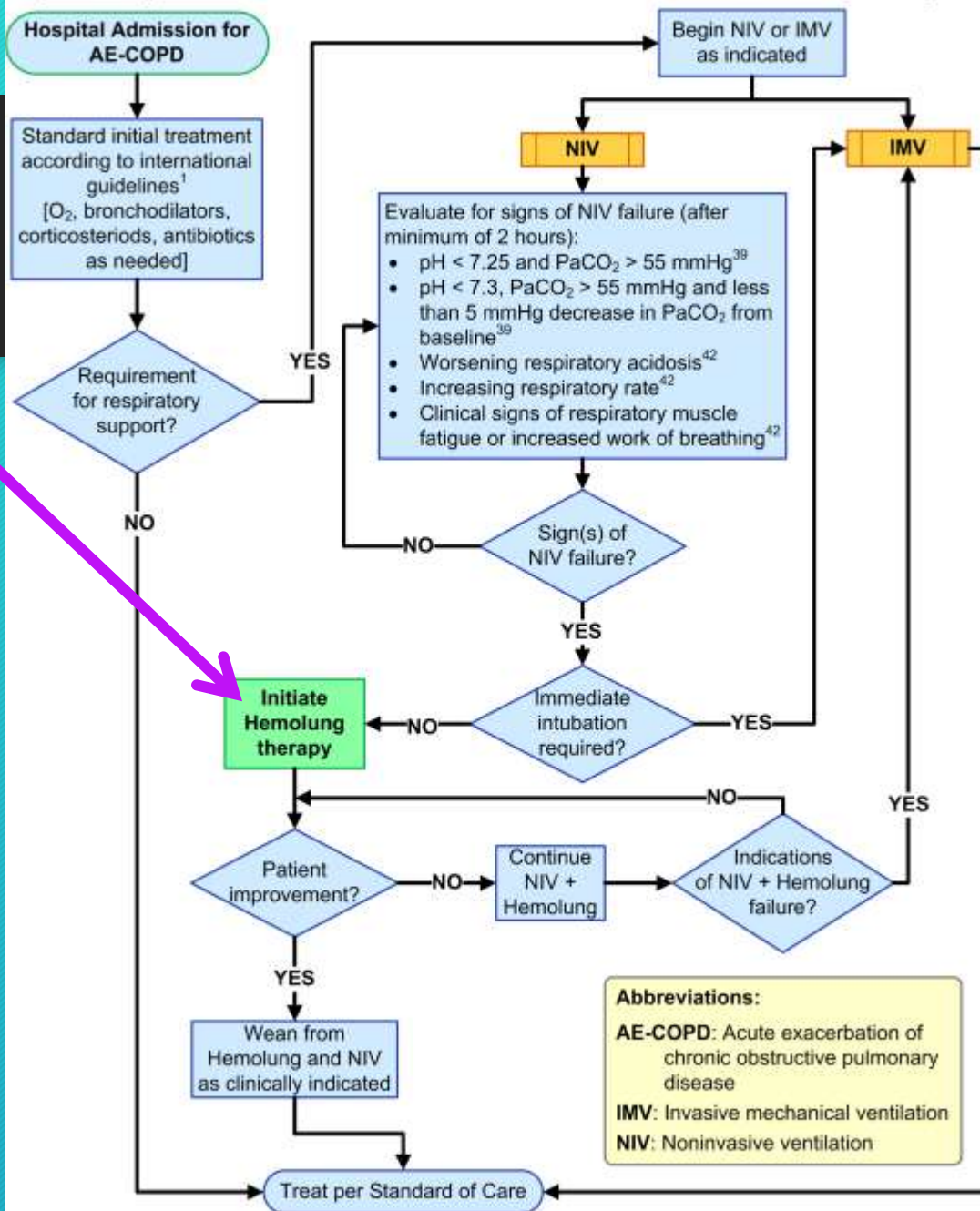


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# Survival on the long run?


# ECCO<sub>2</sub>R

Figure 1: Algorithm for use of low-flow ECCO<sub>2</sub>R in acute exacerbation of COPD failing NIV





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ECCO2R

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**2 italian ICUs (May 2011-Nov 2013)**

**Added to NIV when at risk for NIV failure (at least 2 hrs of  
continuous NIV)**


**aPH  $\leq$  7.3**

**PaCO<sub>2</sub> > 20% of baseline**

**RR  $\geq$  30/min or accessory resp muscles/paradoxical abd  
movements**



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Clinical efficacy:  
the ability to  
wash out  
excessive CO<sub>2</sub> by  
increasing  
alveolar  
ventilation.

# ECCO2R interruption

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Reversion to NIV only when all the following were preserved for at least 12 hrs:

- RR < 25/min
- **pHa > 7.35**
- PaCO<sub>2</sub> < 20% of baseline
- No accessory muscle work and/or paradoxical abd movements

# ECCO2R adverse events 52%

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## Mecahnical

- Membrane lung failure
- Clots/air in circuit
- Pump malfunction
- Tubing rupture

## Patient related

- Vein perforation
- Significant bleeding (ICU, packed red cells)
- DH instability
- +... a lot!



# AECOPD suggestions / recommendations

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- a. NIV
- b. NIV + ECCO2R (del Sorba et al)
- c. IMV : Intubated or tracheostomized
- d. IMV + ECCO2R (case reports)

# Prolungmeter

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# AECOPD outcome

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**CCI pts = chronic critical pts**

**= successfully survived an initial insult, but do not recover readily enough to be liberated from intensive care.**

**CCI = organ dysfunction that lasted for 14 days or longer and requiring ICU treatment.**

Nelson GI et al. Crit Care Med, 2017, 45(12):2104

# How long can a COPD patient live on a ventilator?

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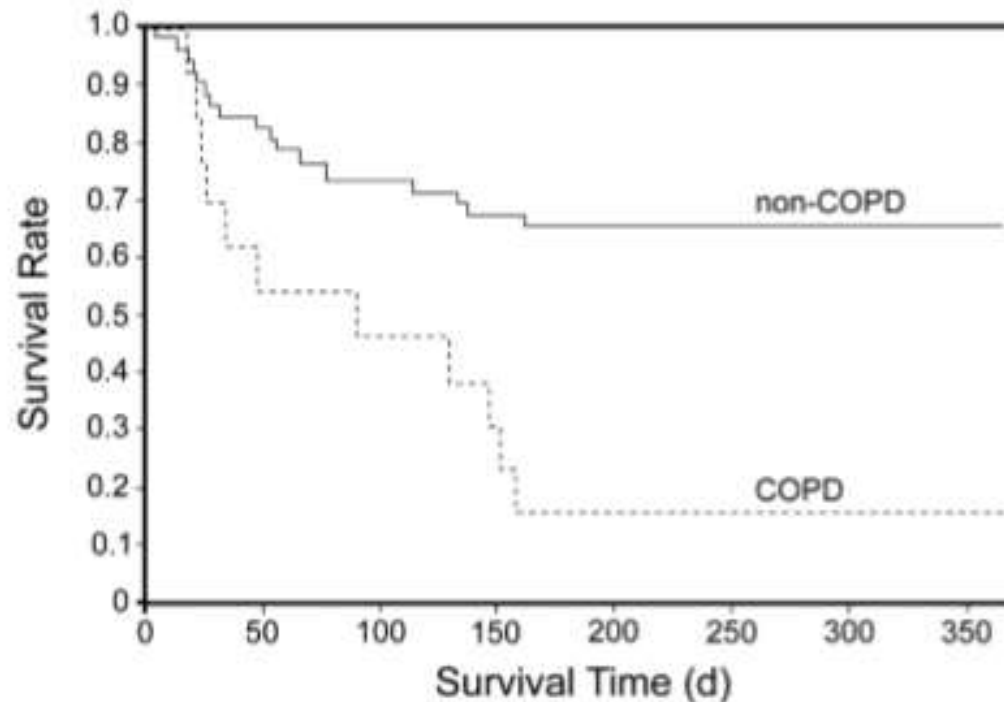


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LONG-TERM SURVIVAL IN PATIENTS WITH TRACHEOSTOMY AND PROLONGED VENTILATION

Table 1. Survivors Versus Non-survivors at One Year

	Non-survivors (n = 29)	Survivors (n = 36)	P
<u>Demographic Characteristics</u>			
Age, median (IQR), y	76 (68–82)	57 (33–68)	< .001
Male, no. (%)	16 (55)	23 (64)	.60
White, no. (%)	25 (86)	27 (75)	.35
History of tobacco smoking, no. (%)	18 (62)	19 (53)	.62
History of alcohol abuse, no. (%)	2 (7)	5 (14)	.45
Body mass index, median (IQR), kg/m <sup>2</sup>	25 (22–31)	26 (22–30)	.67
<u>Comorbidities</u>			
Charlson score, median (IQR)	3 (2–4)	2 (0–3)	.13
COPD, no. (%)	11 (38)	2 (6)	.002
Trauma, no. (%)	1 (3)	8 (22)	.04
Neuromuscular disease, no. (%)	2 (7)	5 (14)	.44
Major surgery, no. (%)	11 (38)	11 (31)	.61
Congestive heart failure, no. (%)	7 (24)	8 (22)	.56
Ejection fraction < 45%, no. (%)*	4 (17)	4 (13)	> .99
Dialysis, no. (%)	7 (24)	5 (14)	.35
Diabetes mellitus, no. (%)	11 (38)	7 (19)	.16
<u>ICU Admission Characteristics</u>			
ICU Admission source, no. (%)			.74
Direct admission	1 (4)	0 (0)	
Emergency room	9 (31)	11 (31)	
Floor	9 (31)	9 (25)	
Operating room	9 (31)	15 (42)	
Other hospital	1 (4)	1 (3)	
APACHE III score, median (IQR)	81 (63–92)	64 (51–91)	.14
APACHE III hospital predicted mortality, median (IQR)	0.38 (0.17–0.93)	0.23 (0.08–0.43)	.06
<u>ICU treatments and complications</u>			
Acute lung injury, no. (%)†	20 (69)	20 (56)	.31
Shock, no. (%)†	18 (62)	23 (64)	> .99
Platelet count ≤ 150×10 <sup>9</sup> /L‡	25 (86)	23 (68)	.14
Do-not-resuscitate status at hospital admission, no. (%)	2 (6.9)	3 (8.3)	> .99
<u>Outcomes</u>			
Days of mechanical ventilation, median (IQR), d§	24 (18–34)	24 (17–40)	.94
Hospital stay, median (IQR), d	42 (25–83)	43 (30–61)	.86
Hospital Disposition, no. (%)	(n = 10)	(n = 36)	.06
Home	1 (10)	11 (31)	
Other Hospital	0 (0)	3 (8)	
Nursing Home	7 (70)	9 (25)	
Rehabilitation	2 (20)	13 (36)	

\* Echocardiograph data were available from 54 patients.

† At any time during intensive care unit (ICU) stay.

‡ Lowest value during ICU stay.

§ Patients who were continued on mechanical ventilation were excluded from analysis.

APACHE = Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation

# COPD deceased 5x > survivors 1 year following discharge

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<u>Comorbidities</u>			
Charlson score, median (IQR)	3 (2–4)	2 (0–3)	.1
COPD, no. (%)	11 (38)	2 (6)	.0
Trauma, no. (%)	1 (3)	8 (22)	.0
Neuromuscular disease, no. (%)	2 (7)	5 (14)	.4
Major surgery, no. (%)	11 (38)	11 (31)	.6
Congestive heart failure, no. (%)	7 (24)	8 (22)	.5
Ejection fraction < 45%, no. (%)*	4 (17)	4 (13)	> .9
Dialysis, no. (%)	7 (24)	5 (14)	.3
Diabetes mellitus, no. (%)	11 (38)	7 (19)	.1
<u>ICU Admission Characteristics</u>			
ICU Admission source, no. (%)			.7
Direct admission	1 (4)	0 (0)	
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# Long-term survival for COPD patients receiving noninvasive ventilation for acute respiratory failure

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**Table 2** Survival and observation time of COPD patients versus non-COPD patients receiving NIV for the first time

	<b>COPD</b>	<b>Non-COPD</b>
Patients, n (male/female)	216 (95/121)	37 (14/23)
Age, years (median)*	72 (45; 66; 79; 91)	71 (24; 62; 80; 88)
Mean survival of mortal patients, days (median)*	227 (0; 15; 810; 2224)	15 (0; 4; 177; 1302)
Mean observation time of survivors, days (median)*	2097 (1707; 1822; 2509; 2582)	2002 (1609; 1728; 2412; 2508)

Note: \*(min; 25th percentile; 75th percentile; max).

Abbreviations: COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; NIV, noninvasive ventilation.

The primary focus of this present study has not been evaluation of the indication for NIV treatment; since 2008, an annual national surveillance of patients with COPD (Dansk Register for KOL [DrKOL]) has been launched, registration practice (International Classification of Diseases [ICD]-10) has been reviewed, and audits performed. In Denmark, treatment with NIV was provided to 9% of all COPD patients admitted with an exacerbation in 2009 and 10% in 2010 and 2011.<sup>9</sup>

**AECOPD = high risk**  
**Poor prognosis**  
**??!! What is achievable with NIV**  
**outside the ICU**  
**pH<7.25 worse outcome at NIV**  
**initiation**

## Conclusion

Our study confirms that patients with hypercapnic respiratory failure are a high-risk group, often with a poor prognosis. It casts some doubt as to what is achievable from NIV in a non-ICU setting and suggests that regular audits are required to ensure that the right patients are offered the right treatment when admitted with mild hypercapnic respiratory failure. However, the 5-year survival rate was higher than earlier anticipated, justifying the broad approach to NIV treatment in this setting. The high 30-day mortality rate for all NIV-initiated patients was higher (29.3%) than for the group of patients with COPD (24.3%), and this supports the notion that NIV should be dedicated primarily to patients with COPD in exacerbation. The 30-day mortality rate for COPD

patients receiving NIV was similar in an audit from 2010, and patients with pH < 7.25 had a worse outcome than patients presenting with higher pH at NIV initiation (unpublished data). Monitoring of patient outcomes in a real-life setting is necessary to ensure optimal selection of patients for NIV in a non-ICU setting.



## Non-invasive ventilation in acute exacerbations of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: long term survival and predictors of in-hospital outcome

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Table 4 Variables at 4 hours associated with failure of treatment

Variable	Univariate analysis p value	Multivariate analysis	
		Odds ratio	p value
<b>At enrolment</b>			
H <sup>+</sup>	<0.001	1.23 (1.05 to 1.43) per nmol/l	<0.01
Pao <sub>2</sub>	0.035		
Paco <sub>2</sub>	<0.001	1.77 (1.28 to 2.45) per kPa	<0.01
Allocation to NIV	0.038		
<b>At 1 hour</b>			
Fall in H <sup>+</sup>	0.119		
Change in Pao <sub>2</sub>	0.193		
Change in Paco <sub>2</sub>	0.276		
Change in respiratory rate	0.209		
<b>At 4 hours</b>			
Fall in H <sup>+</sup>	0.035	0.89 (0.82 to 0.97) per nmol/l	<0.01
Change in Pao <sub>2</sub>	0.896		
Change in Paco <sub>2</sub>	0.104		
Change in respiratory rate	0.009	0.92 (0.84 to 0.99) per breath/min	0.04

Paco<sub>2</sub>, Pao<sub>2</sub> = arterial carbon dioxide and oxygen tensions; NIV = non-invasive ventilation.

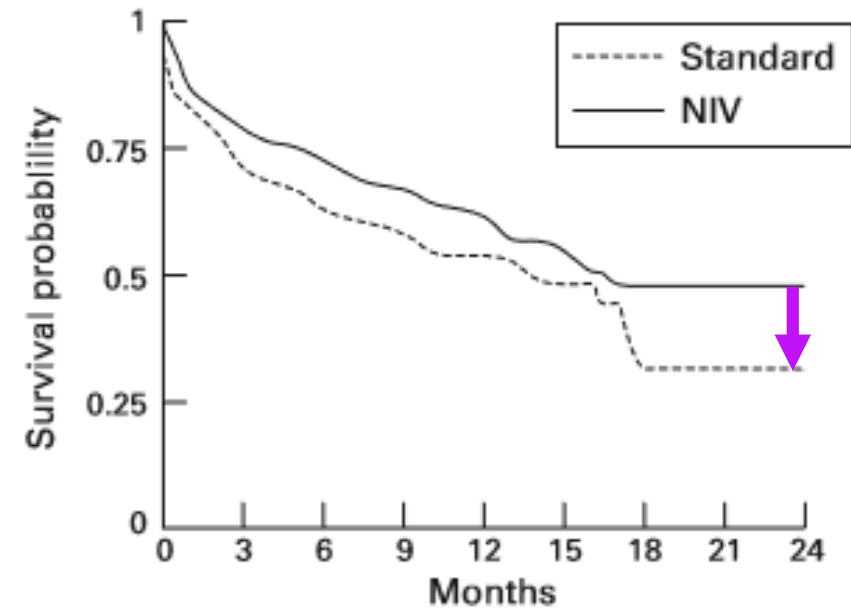


Figure 1 Kaplan-Meier plot of survival from enrolment. Median survival 13.4 months in standard treatment group v 16.8 months in NIV group ( $p=0.12$ ).

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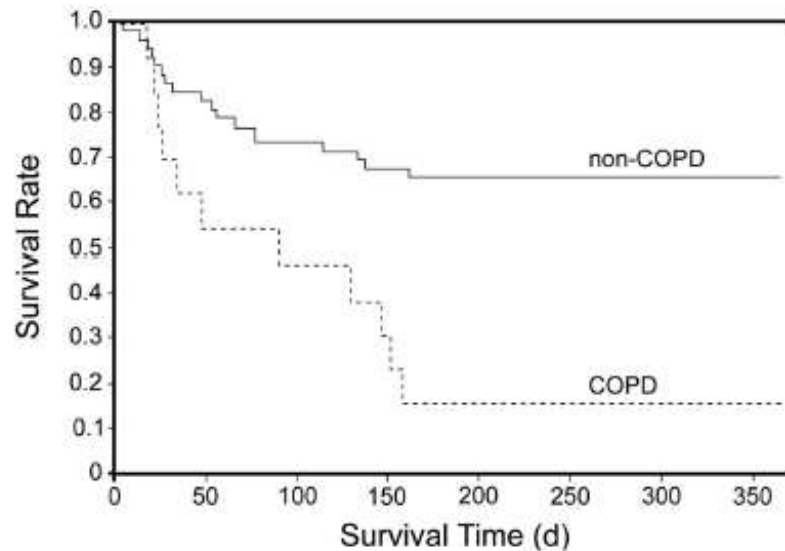


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Table 2. Causes of Death After Hospital Discharge

Patient Number	Age (y)	COPD	Cause of Death Per Medical Record or Death Certificate	Days of Survival After Discharge
1*	85	No	Respiratory failure (hypercapnic, hypoxic respiratory failure, diaphragmatic weakness)	28
2	87	No	Gastric carcinoma	31
3	76	No	Stroke (cerebral infarct)	29
4	41	No	Stroke (acute right cerebellar hemorrhage)	70
5	77	Yes	Stroke (not specified)	46
6	88	No	Unknown	80
7	81	Yes	Unknown	23
8	74	Yes	Respiratory failure (COPD, squamous-cell lung cancer, and stroke)	58
9	52	Yes	Respiratory failure (sepsis, acute respiratory distress syndrome)	84
10	68	No	Necrotizing pancreatitis (massive bleeding)	49

\* Patient discharged on mechanical ventilation

# Effects of Hypercapnia and Hypercapnic acidosis on hospital mortality in Mechanically Ventilated Patients

Turuvoipati R et al. Crit Care Med, 45:e642-e656

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“Hypercapnic acidosis during the first 24 hrs on intensive care admission is more strongly associated with increased hospital mortality than compensated hypercapnia or normocapnia.”

ANZICS = 1 245 694 pts /47198 mechanically ventilated.

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**COPD was an independent risk factor for 1 year survival!**

- There is evidence of “prognostic pessimism” among clinicians caring for patients with AECOPD.
- Rec 37. Clinicians should be aware that they are likely to underestimate survival in AECOPD treated by IMV. Grade B
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- Rec 38. Clinicians should discuss management of possible future episodes of AHRF with patients following an episode requiring ventilatory support because there is a high risk of recurrence. Grade B

COMMENTARY

# Acute exacerbation of COPD: is it the "stroke of the lungs"?

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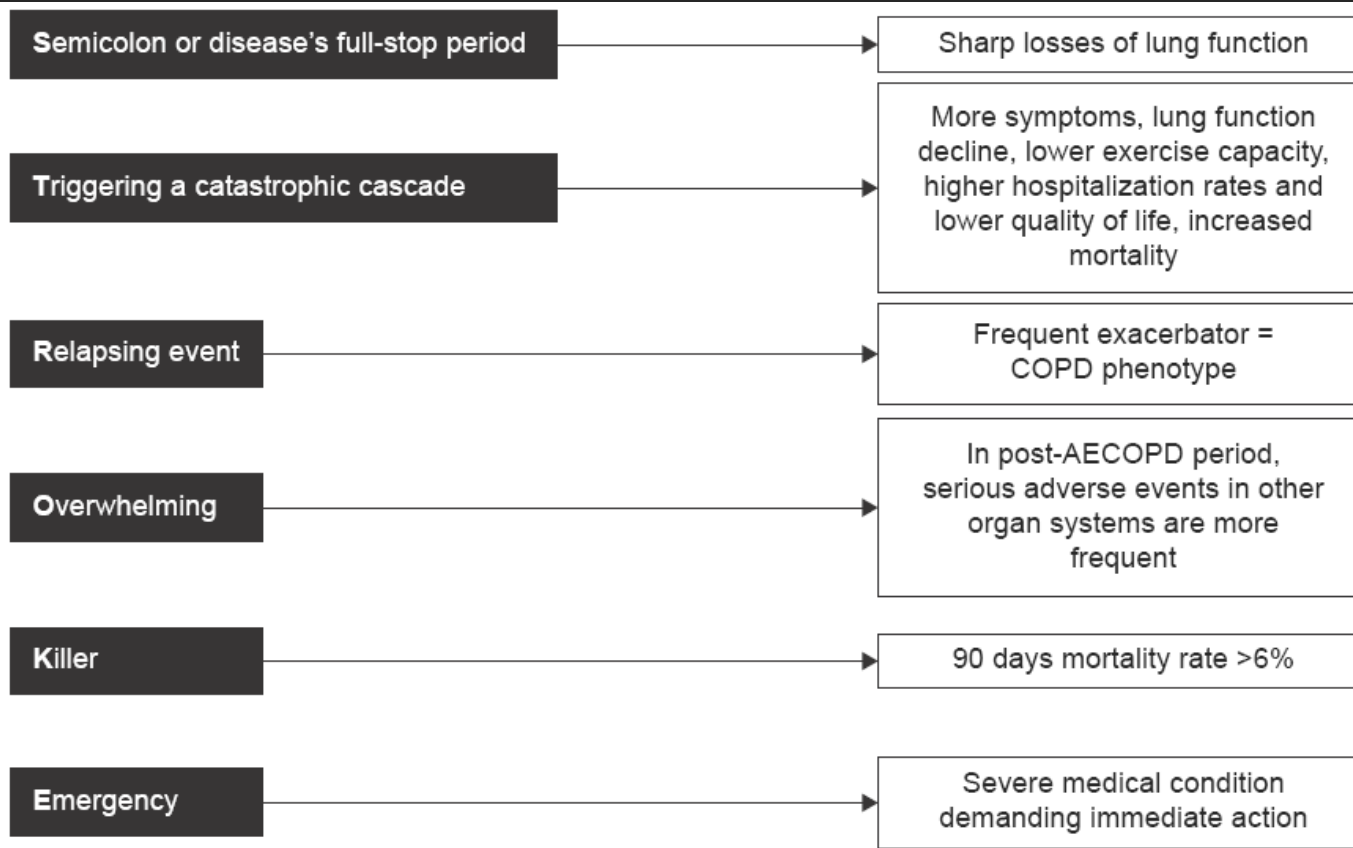
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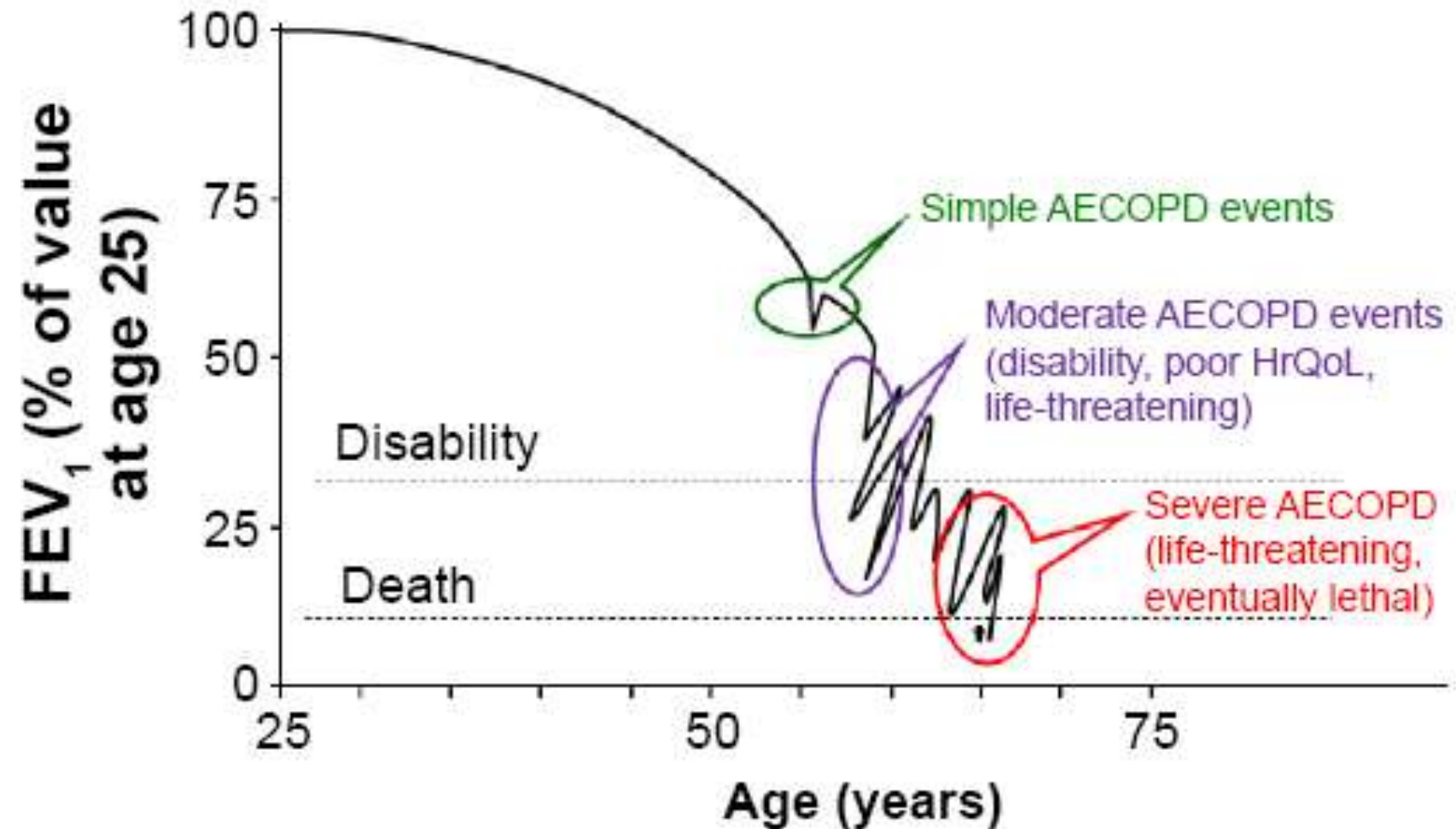


**Figure 2** AECOPD is the "stroke of the lungs".

**Abbreviation:** AECOPD, acute exacerbation of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

# Semicolon evolution of lung dysfunction in COPD due to AECOPD

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# Management COPD perioperatively

Slinger P.IARS 2013 review course lectures; [www.iars.org](http://www.iars.org)

- Nocturnal hypoxemia
- RV dysfunction
- All pts COPD stage II or III need ABGs to identify patients at risk of developing hypercapnia
- Bullae - blebs asymptomatic until >50% of the hemithorax ( + restrictive respiratory disease)

**Recently: reduction interventional bronchoscopy - unidirectional br valves.**

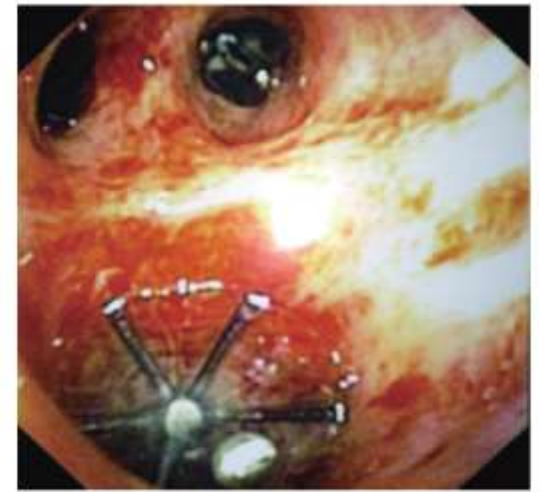


Figure 1 Three Spiration “intrabronchial” valve (IBV) occluding subsegmental airways.



# Management COPD perioperatively

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## 4 perioperative complications:

- Atelectasis
- Bronchospasm
- Respiratory tract infections
- Pulmonary edema



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