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Only **41%**

of patients who are artificially ventilated for at least 14 days, will survive the next year.¹

Avoid ICU-acquired weakness

Start the weaning process as early as possible to help reduce ventilation time, improve sedation management and optimise patient interaction.

Encourage spontaneous breathing, which helps train of respiratory muscles and start early mobilisation activities.





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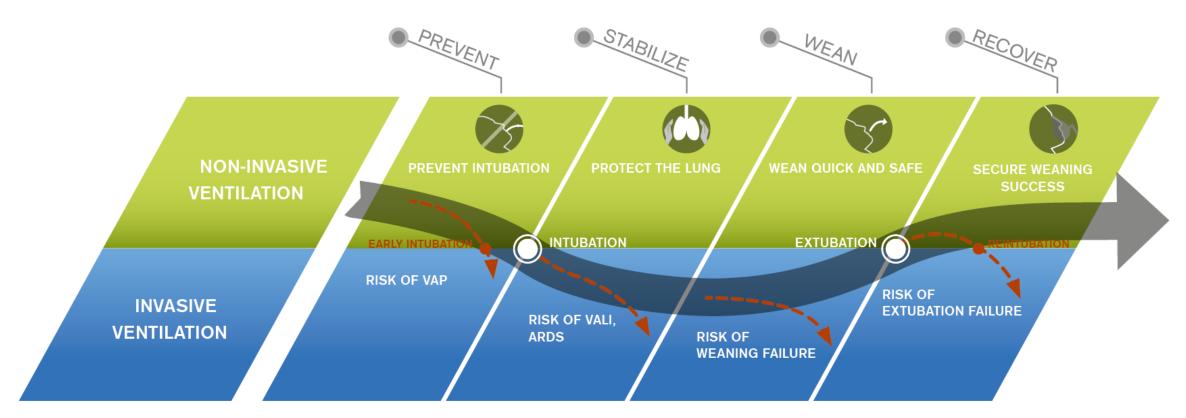
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Step-by-step guidance leads you through every procedure.



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As non-invasive as possible, as invasive as necessary: The variability and diversity of our treatment tools for use along the respiration pathway enable you to administer protective mechanical ventilation therapy in your ICU.

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Safeguarding High-Flow O₂-Therapy

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Safeguarding

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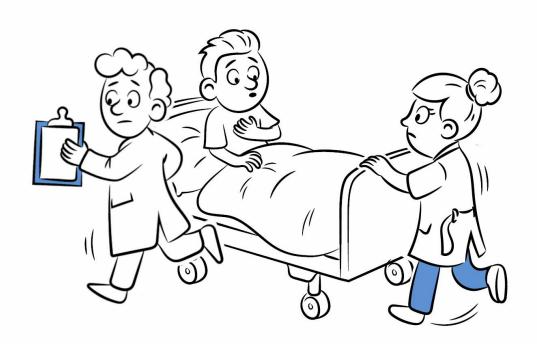
O₂-Therapy (high flow oxygen therapy) is suitable for use as respiratory support for adults, paediatric patients, and neonates who can inhale and exhale spontaneously.

Seamless transition

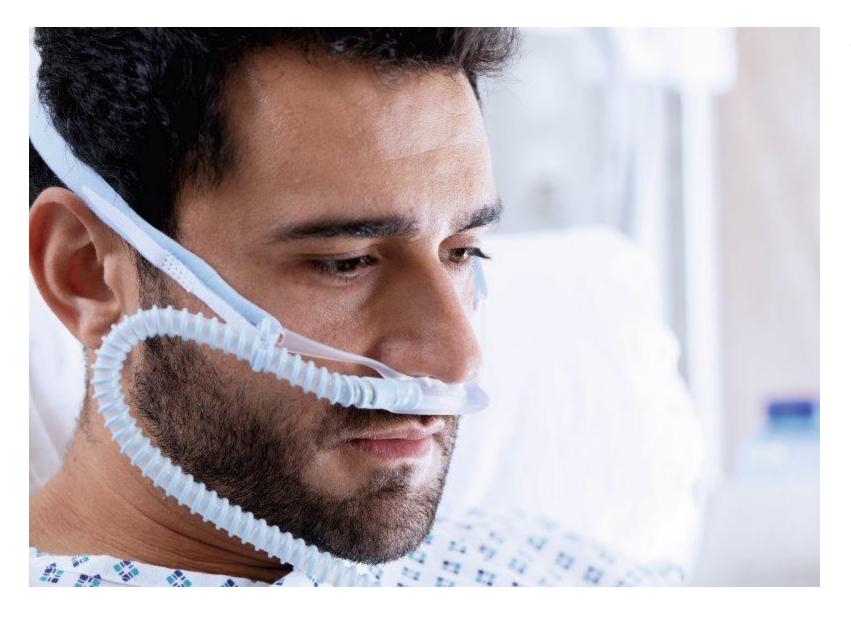
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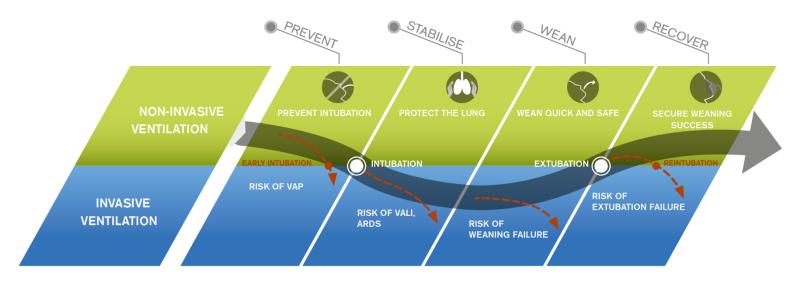
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The Respiration Pathway

Support whenever you need it



Prevent

Avoiding intubation as long as possible helps to decrease the possibility of patients developing VAP.

Stabilise

Stabilising your patient is crucial to protecting their lungs from potential conditions such as VALI, which could result in ALI or ARDS.

Wean

Weaning your patient efficiently reduces incidences of ALI or ARDS.

Recover

Ensuring successful weaning and avoiding reintubation improves your patient's recovery.

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Physiology and Physics of High Flow Oxygen Therapy

Physiology, HFOT provides a consistent and high concentration of warmed, humidified oxygen that meets or exceeds patients' inspiratory flow demands, reducing work of breathing, decreasing dead space, and improving oxygenation by increasing alveolar ventilation.

From a physics perspective, HFOT utilizes principles such as laminar flow to deliver a high and stable flow rate of gas through large-bore nasal cannulas, creating a slight positive airway pressure that helps keep alveoli open, reducing atelectasis and improving gas exchange.

The high flow also flushes carbon dioxide from the upper airway, decreasing rebreathing and dead space, which enhances overall ventilation efficiency.



Literature – FLORALI & Frat et al., 2015

The FLORALI trial (Fluid and Oxygen in Patients with Acute Lung Injury) primarily investigated the effectiveness of high-flow nasal cannula (HFNC) oxygen therapy compared to standard oxygen therapy and noninvasive ventilation in patients with acute hypoxemic respiratory failure.

It found that HFNC was associated with lower intubation rates and improved patient outcomes, especially in cases of moderate hypoxemia.

The study by Frat et al. published in the New England Journal of Medicine 2015. The trial demonstrated highflow oxygen therapy's effectiveness in reducing intubation rates among patients with hypoxemic respiratory failure, specifically in the context of acute respiratory failure due to pneumonia, cardiogenic parmonar, cedema, or other causes.

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High-Flow Oxygen through Nasal Cannula in Acute Hypoxemic Respiratory Failure

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ABSTRACT

Whether noninvasive ventilation should be administered in patients with acute hypox- The authors' affiliations are listed in the emic respiratory failure is debated. Therapy with high-flow oxygen through a nasal cannula may offer an alternative in patients with hypoxemia.

We performed a multicenter, open-label trial in which we randomly assigned patients without hypercapnia who had acute hypoxemic respiratory failure and a ratio of the partial pressure of arterial oxygen to the fraction of inspired oxygen of 300 mm Hg or less to high-flow oxygen therapy, standard oxygen therapy delivered through a face mask, or noninvasive positive-pressure ventilation. The primary outcome was the proportion of patients intubated at day 28; secondary outcomes included all-cause mortality in the intensive care unit and at 90 days and the number of ventilator-free days at day 28.

A total of 310 patients were included in the analyses. The intubation rate (primary This article was published on May 17, 2015, outcome) was 38% (40 of 106 patients) in the high-flow-oxygen group, 47% (44 of 94) at NEJM.org. in the standard group, and 50% (55 of 110) in the noninvasive-ventilation group (P=0.18 for all comparisons). The number of ventilator-free days at day 28 was sig- DOI: 10.1056/NEIMoal503326 nificantly higher in the high-flow-oxygen group (24±8 days, vs. 22±10 in the standard-oxygen group and 19±12 in the noninvasive-ventilation group; P=0.02 for all comparisons). The hazard ratio for death at 90 days was 2.01 (95% confidence interval [CI], 1.01 to 3.99) with standard oxygen versus high-flow oxygen (P=0.046) and 2.50 (95% CI, 1.31 to 4.78) with noninvasive ventilation versus high-flow oxygen (P=0.006).

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Literature – ROX-Index & Christophe Girault et al,. 2024

Recent reviews from 2023–24 emphasize that flow rates in respiratory support devices, such as HFNC, significantly influence treatment effectiveness, with higher flows improving oxygenation and reducing work of breathing.

Christophe Girault et al. published their study on the performance of the ROX index in predicting high-flow nasal oxygen outcomes in COVID-19-related hypoxemic acute respiratory failure in the journal Respiratory Medicine.

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ROX index performance to predict high-flow nasal oxygen outcome in Covid-19 related hypoxemic acute respiratory failure

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Abstract

Background: Given the pathophysiology of hypoxemia in patients with Covid-19 acute respiratory failure (ARF), it seemed necessary to evaluate whether ROX index (ratio SpO₂/FiO₂ to respiratory rate) could accurately predict intubation or death in these patients initially treated by high-flow nasal oxygenation (HFNO). We aimed, therefore, to assess the accuracy of ROX index to discriminate

Literature – S. Ozckowski, F. Vargas R. Parke



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ERS clinical practice guidelines: high-flow nasal cannula in acute respiratory failure

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Physiologic Effects of High-Flow Nasal Cannula Oxygen in Critical Care Subjects

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INTRODUCTION: High-flow nasal cannula (HFNC) can deliver heated and humidified gas (up to 100% oxygen) at a maximum flow of 60 L/min via nasal prongs or cannula. The aim of this study was to assess the short-term physiologic effects of HFNC. Inspiratory muscle effort, gas exchange, dyspnea score, and comfort were evaluated. METHODS: Twelve subjects admitted to the ICU for acute hypoxemic respiratory failure were prospectively included. Four study sessions were performed. The first session consisted of oxygen therapy given through a high-F_{1O2}, non-rebreathing face mask. Recordings were then obtained during periods of HFNC and CPAP at 5 cm H2O in random order, and final measurements were performed during oxygen therapy delivered via a face mask. Each of these 4 periods lasted ~20 min. RESULTS: Esophageal pressure signals, breathing pattern, gas exchange, comfort, and dyspnea were measured. Compared with the first session, HFNC reduced inspiratory effort (pressure-time product of 156.0 [119.2-194.4] cm H₂O × s/min vs 204.2 [149.6-324.7] cm $H_2O \times s/min$, P < .01) and breathing frequency (P < .01). No significant differences were observed between HFNC and CPAP for inspiratory effort and breathing frequency. Compared with the first session, PaO2/FIO2 increased significantly with HFNC (167 [157-184] mm Hg vs 156 [110–171] mm Hg, P < .01). CPAP produced significantly greater P_{nO2}/F_{IO2} improvement than did HFNC. Dyspnea improved with HFNC and CPAP, but this improvement was not significant. Subject comfort was not different across the 4 sessions. CONCLUSIONS: Compared with conventional oxygen therapy, HFNC improved inspiratory effort and oxygenation. In subjects with acute hypoxemic respiratory failure, HFNC is an alternative to conventional oxygen therapy. (ClinicalTrials.gov registration NCT01056952.) Key words: high-flow nasal cannula; continuous positive airway pressure; oxygen therapy; acute hypoxemic respiratory failure; inspiratory effort. [Respir Care 2015;60(10):1369-1376. © 2015 Daedalus Enterprises]

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Nasal high-flow therapy delivers low level positive airway pressure

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Background. The aim of this prospective study was to determine whether a level of positive airway pressure was generated in participants receiving nasal high flow (NHF) delivered by the OptiflowTM system (Fisher and Paykel Healthcare Ltd, Auckland, New Zealand) in a cardiothor-

Methods. Nasopharyngeal airway pressure was measured in 15 postoperative cardiac surgery adult patients who received both NHF and standard facemask therapy at a flow rate of 35 litre min . Measurements were repeated in the open mouth and closed mouth positions. Mean airway pressure was determined by averaging the pressures at the peak of inspiration of each breath within a 1 min period, allowing the entire pressure profile of each breath to be included

Results. Low level positive pressure was demonstrated with NHF at 35 litre min-1 with mouth closed when compared with a facemask. NHF generated a mean nasopharyngeal airway pressure of mean (sp) 2.7 (1.04) cm H₂O with the mouth closed. Airway pressure was significantly higher when breathing with mouth closed compared with mouth open (P<0.0001).

Conclusions. This study demonstrated that a low level of positive pressure was generated with NHF at 35 litre min⁻¹ of gas flow. This is consistent with results obtained in healthy volunteers.

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the delivery of up to 60 litre min-1 of heated and humidified gas via a wide bore nasal cannula. However, the

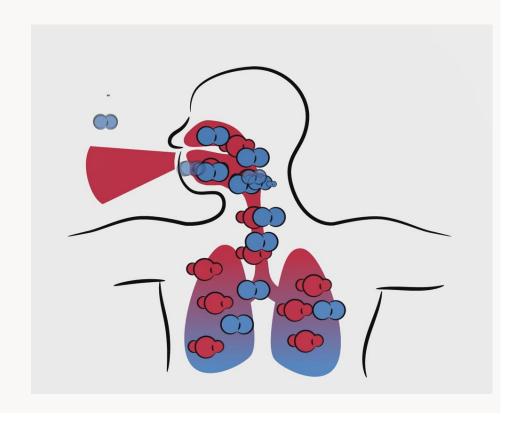
Patients with respiratory failure are typically treated with been reports that NHF may be beneficial in the treatment three main respiratory support strategies, depending on the of obstructive sleep apnoea, attributable to a flow-related severity of their illness. These are traditional oxygen pressure effect. There has been a similar pressure effect therapy, non-invasive ventilation, and invasive mechanical reported in healthy adult volunteers⁸⁻⁹ where a positive ventilation. A new respiratory support therapy has relationship between flow and airway pressure has also recently been introduced into the adult arena. NHF allows been described. However, to date there have been no

High-Flow Oxygen Therapy – Mechanisms of action

- Flushing of anatomical dead space
- Reduced work of breathing
- Enhanced humidification:

Improved mechanisms
Reduction in the metabolic cost
Better mucociliary clearance

- Better control of the patient's FiO2
- Positive airway pressure improves alveolar recruitment



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An Experimental and Numerical Investigation of CO₂ Distribution in the Upper Airways During Nasal High Flow Therapy

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Combines computational modelling and experimental measurements to analyse how nasal high-flow (NHF) therapy influences CO2 clearance in the upper respiratory tract.



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The research demonstrates that NHF improves CO2 removal by flushing out exhaled gases from the upper airways, thereby reducing dead space and enhancing ventilation efficiency. This mechanistic insight supports the physiological benefits of NHF in promoting better gas exchange, highlighting its role in reducing hypercapnia and improving patient outcomes during respiratory support, as well as informing optimal flow settings for effective therapy.

Velocity Distribution Over Sagital Plane

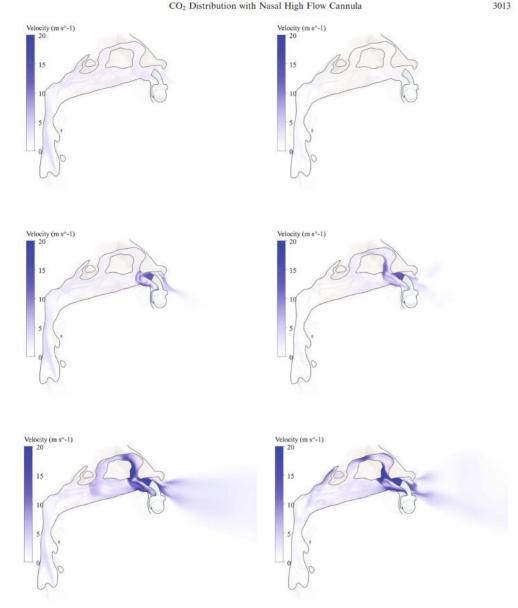
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Middle – 30 L/M

Bottom – 60 L/M

Left - Midway through expiration

Right – Instant in time prior to the transition between expiration and inspiration



CO2 Volume Fraction Displayed Over Sagital Plane

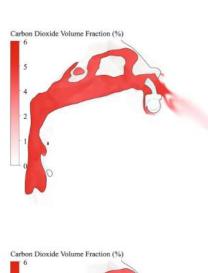
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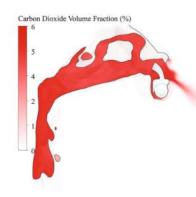
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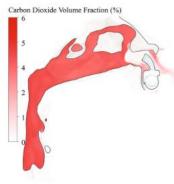
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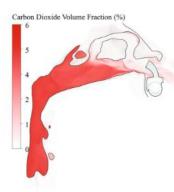
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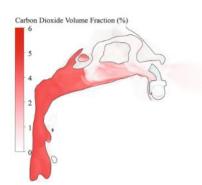
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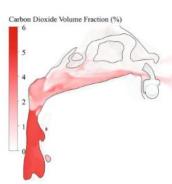








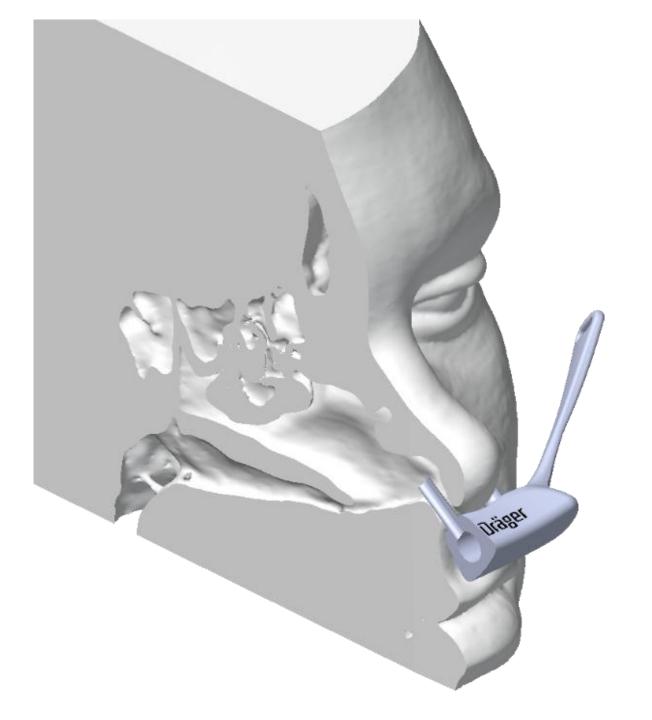




Conclusion

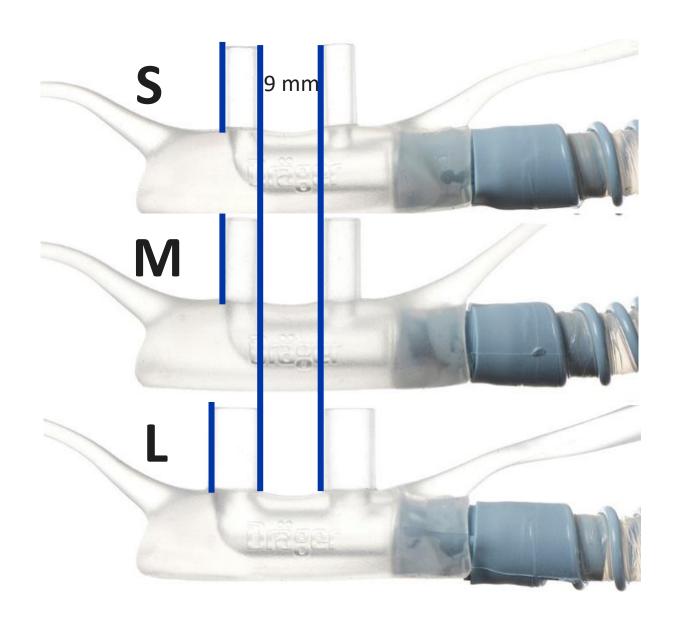
"Numerical simulation of the flow and CO2 concentration within the upper airway of a subject undergoing nasal high flow therapy have been performed. The numerical simulations were validated using an experimental model and the results are consistent with previously reported airway measurements.

A nasopharyngeal washout phenomenon was observed and the amount of CO2 cleared from the nasal cavity was found to increase in a flow dependant manner over the range of flows simulated." (Van Hove et al., 2016.)



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