

CARING FOR THE LUNGS A TEAM EFFORT

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Mechanical Ventilation

Immobility

THE ICU PATIENT

Steroids NMBA

Sedation

Mobility Impairment And The Respiratory System

Decreased clearance of secretions

Increased risk of pneumonia

• Dependent edema \rightarrow Dependent atelectasis

• Impaired respiratory motion \rightarrow Atelectasis

Increased risk of VTE



Decreased Respiratory Motion in the Supine Position

A Reduction in Functional Residual Capacity in the Supine Position¹



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Compression Forces of the Heart in the Supine Position

- In the supine position, 17% of the lung tissue volume rests under the compression forces of the heart
 - 11% of the left lower lobe tissue volume
 - 6% of the right lower lobe tissue volume



Consequences of Mechanical Ventilation

- Ventilator associated pneumonia
- Diaphragmatic Dysfunction / Atrophy
- Respiratory muscle weakness
- Impaired mucociliary motility

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Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (VAP) Rates



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DECREASE PATIENT OFFEDATIONS







General Interventions

- HOB elevation > 30 degrees
- Subglottic drainage
- ETT cuff pressure > 20 cmH2O
- Sedation protocols and daily interruption of sedation
- Weaning protocols

DAILY INTERRUPTION OF SEDATIVE INFUSIONS IN CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS UNDERGOING MECHANICAL VENTILATION

JOHN P. KRESS, M.D., ANNE S. POHLMAN, R.N., MICHAEL F. O'CONNOR, M.D., AND JESSE B. HALL, M.D.



N Engl J Med 2000;342:1471-7.



Wake up and Breath

Ventilator Free Days

ICU LOS

Mortality

The Lancet; Jan 12-Jan 18, 2008; 371

Chest Physiotherapy



Promote expansion of the lungs

Strengthen respiratory muscles

• Mobilize and clear airway secretions

HFCWC

ELTGOL

Mech In/Ex sufflation

Percussion and Vibration

Airway Clearance Therapy	Acronym	Definition
Active cycle of breathing technique	ACBT	Directed cough technique; relaxed diaphragmatic breathing and deep breathing cycles followed by forced exhalation technique
Chest physiotherapy	CPT	External chest wall manipulation, which includes one of, a combination of, or all of: percussion, vibration, and postural drainage therapy
Forced exhalation technique	FET	Directed open-glottis cough technique; also called huffing
High-frequency chest wall compression	HFCWC	External manipulation through a vest or wrap worn by the patient, which is connected to a device using bursts of air to compress the chest wall
Intrapulmonary percussive ventilation	IPV	Pneumatically powered, high-frequency short bursts of gas applied at the airway opening (ie, mask encircling the nose and mouth, mouth, or tracheostomy tube)
Mechanical insufflation-exsufflation	(none)	Mechanically applied positive-pressure breath, followed by negative pressure applied to the airway opening
Positive expiratory pressure	PEP	Exhalation against a fixed resistor that creates an increase in airway pressure; includes oscillatory PEP devices such as Flutter and Acapella

Chest physiotherapy for the prevention of ventilator-associated pneumonia

- Small study (60 patients)
- Intervention group (24 patients)
 - Postural drainage
 - Expiratory CW vibrations
 - Airway suctioning

Decreased VAP Rate OR 0.16



PHYSICAL THERAPY And EARLY MOBILITY

Decreases ICU LOS

Decreases hospital LOS

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Decreases Days on MV

Decreases Rate of Respiratory Infections

Decreases Mortality???

Lancet 2009; 373: 1874-82

Respiratory Medicine (2013) 107, 68-74



Crit Care Med 2008; 36:2238-2243

Is there any such thing as TOO MUCH 146 ICU Patients Physiotherapy?

Service A

Physio Available 6 hours/day

Physio once daily

Service B

Physio Available 24 hours/day

Physio four times daily



Multidisciplinary Collaboration



