

Ventilator Pocket Guide

Foundational Equations

Ohm's Law	$\Delta P = FR = P_{aw} - P_{alv} = P_{pl} - PEEP_{total}$
Equation of Motion	$P_{aw} = FR + \frac{V_t}{C} + PEEP_{total}$
Compliance	$C = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta P}$
Natural Decay Equation	$V_i(t) = V_o e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} = V_o e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$
Calculating τ, General Case	$\tau = \frac{V_t F}{\ln(\frac{P_{plat} - P_{PEEP}}{P_{plat} - P_{PEEP}})}$
Alveolar Gas Equation	$P_{AO_2} = F_{IO_2}(P_{atm} - P_{H_2O}) - \frac{P_{aCO_2}}{RQ}$, where $RQ = 0.80$
Mech Power, VC	$MP_{VC} = 0.098 \cdot RR \cdot V_t [PIP - \frac{1}{2}(P_{plat} - P_{PEEP})]$
Mech Power, PC	

Respiratory Equations

Mechanical Power

$$MP_{VC} = 0.098 \cdot RR \cdot V_t [PIP - \frac{1}{2}(P_{plat} - P_{PEEP})] \approx \frac{VE(P_{peak} + P_{PEEP} + \frac{Q_{insp}}{6})}{20}$$

- Vent Waveforms

Alveolar Gas Equation

$$P_{AO_2} = F_{IO_2}(P_{atm} - P_{H_2O}) - \frac{P_{aCO_2}}{RQ}$$

Substituting back in to RQ equation: $RQ = \frac{P_{aCO_2}}{\frac{V_{AP_ACO_2}}{KVO_2}} = \frac{VO_2}{V_a} k$

$$V_T = V_A + V_D, \text{ where } V_A = 350 \text{ and } V_D = 150$$

Dead Space Fraction

$$\frac{V_D}{V_T} = \frac{P_{ACO_2} - P_{ECO_2}}{P_{ACO_2}}$$

Formal measurement of P_{ECO_2} requires volumetric capnography, which requires a capable ventilator or a dedicated measurement device.

Thankfully, $P_{ECO_2} \approx ETCO_2$, so an approximation would $\frac{V_D}{V_T} = \frac{P_{ACO_2} - ETCO_2}{P_{ACO_2}}$

Alveolar ventilation

$\$P_{\{A\}}O_2 = F_iO_2(P_{\{atm\}} - P_{\{H_2O\}}) - \frac{P_{AO2}}{RQ}$
 $\dot{V}_A = k \frac{\dot{V}CO_2}{P_{ACO_2}} \implies \dot{V}CO_2 = \frac{\dot{V}AP_{ACO_2}}{k}$

To convert F_{ACO_2} into P_{ACO_2} , we have $F_{ACO_2}(P_{atm}) - PH_2O = P_{ACO_2}$. Similarly, using F_{ECO_2} , we can show $P_{ECO_2} = F_{ECO_2}(P_{atm}) - P_{H_2O}$.

$Volume_{\{expiredCO2\}} = Volume_{\{producedAlvCO2\}}$

$V_{TF_ECO_2} = V_{AF_ACO_2}$

$V_{TF_ECO_2} = (V_T - V_D)F_{ACO_2}$, and we can convert F_{ACO_2} into P_{ACO_2}

PULM

Equation of Motion

$P_{\{delivered\}} = P_{\{resistive\}} + P_{\{elastic\}}$

$P_{\{aw\}} = \dot{V}R + \frac{V_t}{C} + PEEP_{\{total\}} + P_{\{musc\}}$

CARDS

$TPG = mPAP - PCWP$

$SVR = \frac{MAP - CVP}{CO} \cdot 80$

$CO = LVOT_{\{area\}} \cdot LVOT_{\{VTI\}} \cdot HR$

Swan-Ganz Equations

$CO = \frac{VO_2}{C_a - C_v}$, where $C_v = ScvO_2$ (mixed venous oxygen content)

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