



Ventilator Management

ATS Virtual Bootcamp 2021

Neal Chaisson, MD Ren Ashton, MD Susie Vehar, MD
Sherie Gause, MD Jorge Morales, MD Aman Thind, MD
Sam Wiles, MD Lillie Morgan, MD Ahmed Gohar, MD
Steve Fox, MD

ATS RBC Wiki Site – Get your primer here

Username: faculty

Password: bootcamp

Click on 2021 RBC Attendee Site



<https://wiki.thoracic.org>

The assumption today -

- Safe space to learn
- We're all learning together
- Your answer may be wrong, but I guarantee you weren't the only one thinking what you said.
- We all learn better if we interact with each other, so if you don't volunteer to answer our questions, we might call on you.
 - We're not mean. We're not picking on you.
 - Most of the people on this call have no idea who you are . . .
 - We want you to participate and learn.
 - It's fine to participate without being called on.

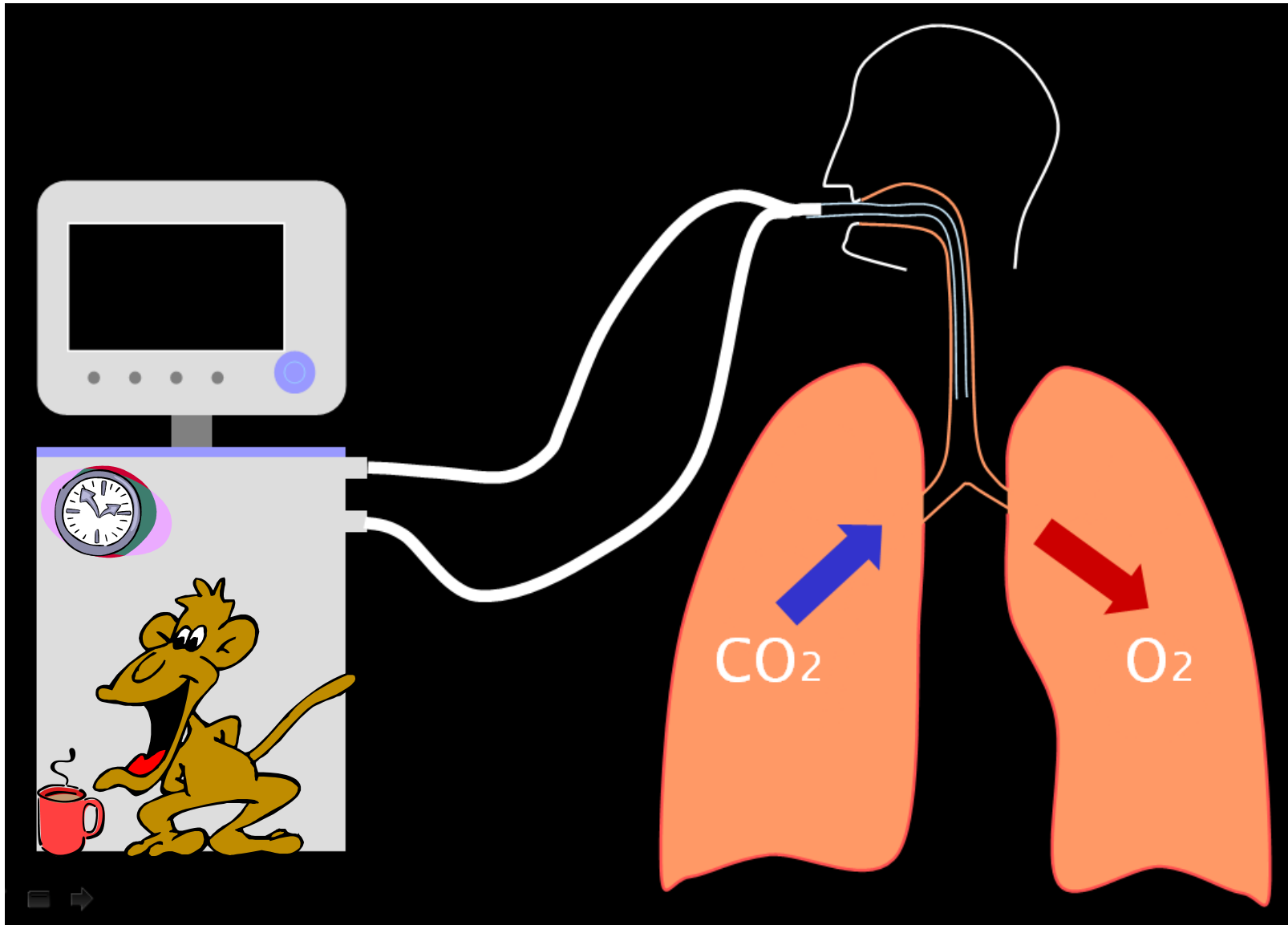
Some Basics

Ren Ashton, MD

Control Variables

Inside every vent,
is a . . .

Union **monkey**,
Who will do whatever
you tell him to do,
but you have to
worry about the
rest.



The Equation of Motion

$$P_{\text{vent}} = P_{\text{elastic}} + P_{\text{resistive}}$$

$$P_{\text{vent}} = \text{Elastance} \times \text{Volume} + \text{Resistance} \times \text{Flow}$$

- You can tell the monkey to manage either side of the equation, but you have to worry about the other side.
 - If monkey does pressure \rightarrow control variable is pressure (“pressure control mode”)
 - Alarms will tell you when volumes or flows are too low
 - If monkey does volume/flow \rightarrow control variable is volume (“volume control mode”)
 - Alarms will tell you when pressures are too high

The respiratory cycle on a ventilator:

- What signals the start of inspiration?

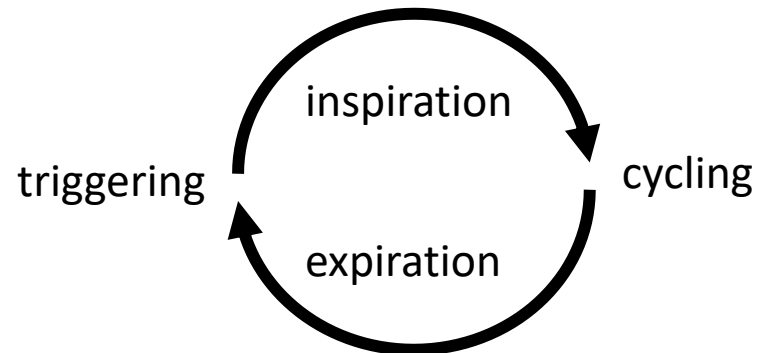
(Also called “**triggering**”)

- Preset **time** since last breath
- Patient-generated **pressure** drop
- Patient-generated inward air **flow**

- What signals the end of inspiration?

(also called “**cycling**”)

- Preset **time** since triggering
- Preset **volume** target reached
- Preset **flow** target reached



Breath Types

- Mandatory breaths
 - Breaths are either triggered, cycled or both by machine
- Spontaneous breaths
 - Breaths are both triggered and cycled by patient

- CMV = continuous mandatory breaths
- IMV = intermittent mandatory breaths
- CSV = continuous spontaneous breaths

To look forward to:

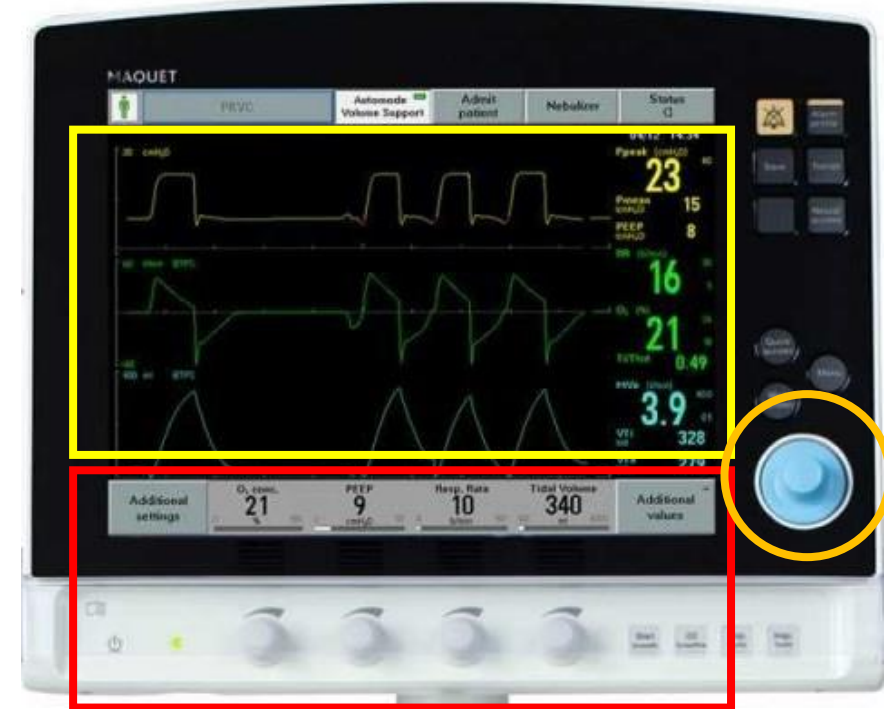
Targeting schemes – what makes modes with the same control variable and breath type distinct from each other . . .

Knob-ology



Puritan Bennett 840

- Find the **input areas**
- Find the **output areas** on
- Learn how to highlight a parameter and change the setting
 - Most vents now have touch screens and a system with **control knob/accept**
- Learn how to display waveforms and which ones are most useful
- Learn how to perform inspiratory and expiratory holds



Maquet Servo-i



Carefusion Avea

BREAK OUT SESSION START NOW

CASE 1: ARDS

CASE 1



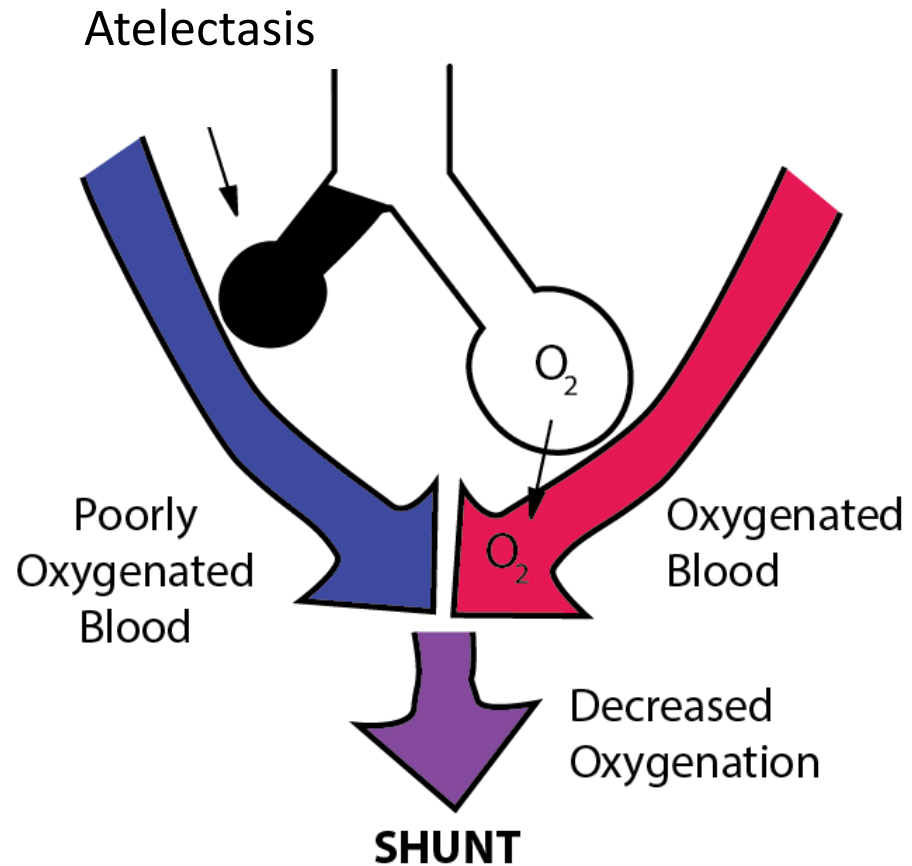
You receive a blood gas

- pH 7.32
- PaCO₂ 65 mmHg
- PaO₂ 50 mmHg

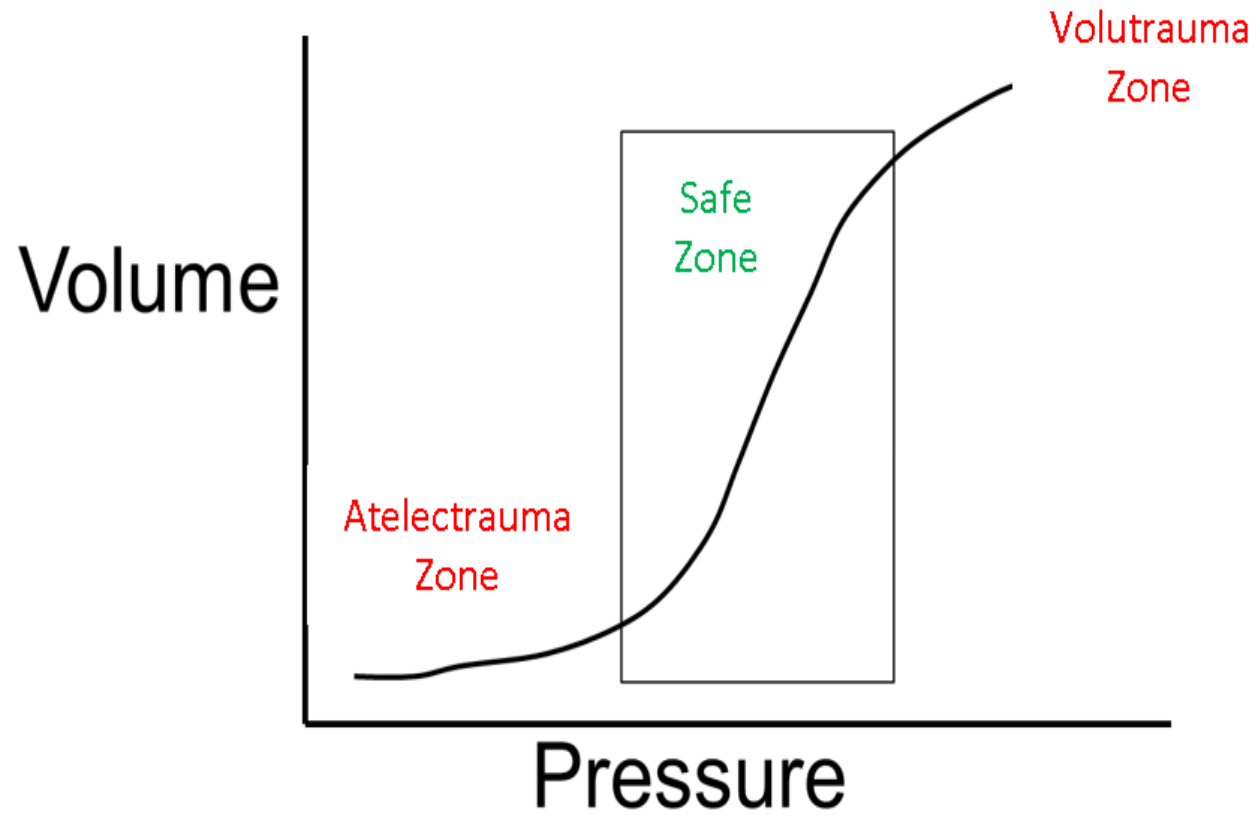


Should we make any changes to the ventilator?

Why does PEEP help improve PaO₂?



Another secret about PEEP



Which one should we adjust (PEEP or FiO₂)?



NIH NHLBI ARDS Clinical Network
Mechanical Ventilation Protocol Summary



Lower PEEP/higher FiO₂

FiO₂	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7
PEEP	5	5	8	8	10	10	10	12

FiO₂	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0
PEEP	14	14	14	16	18	18-24

Higher PEEP/lower FiO₂

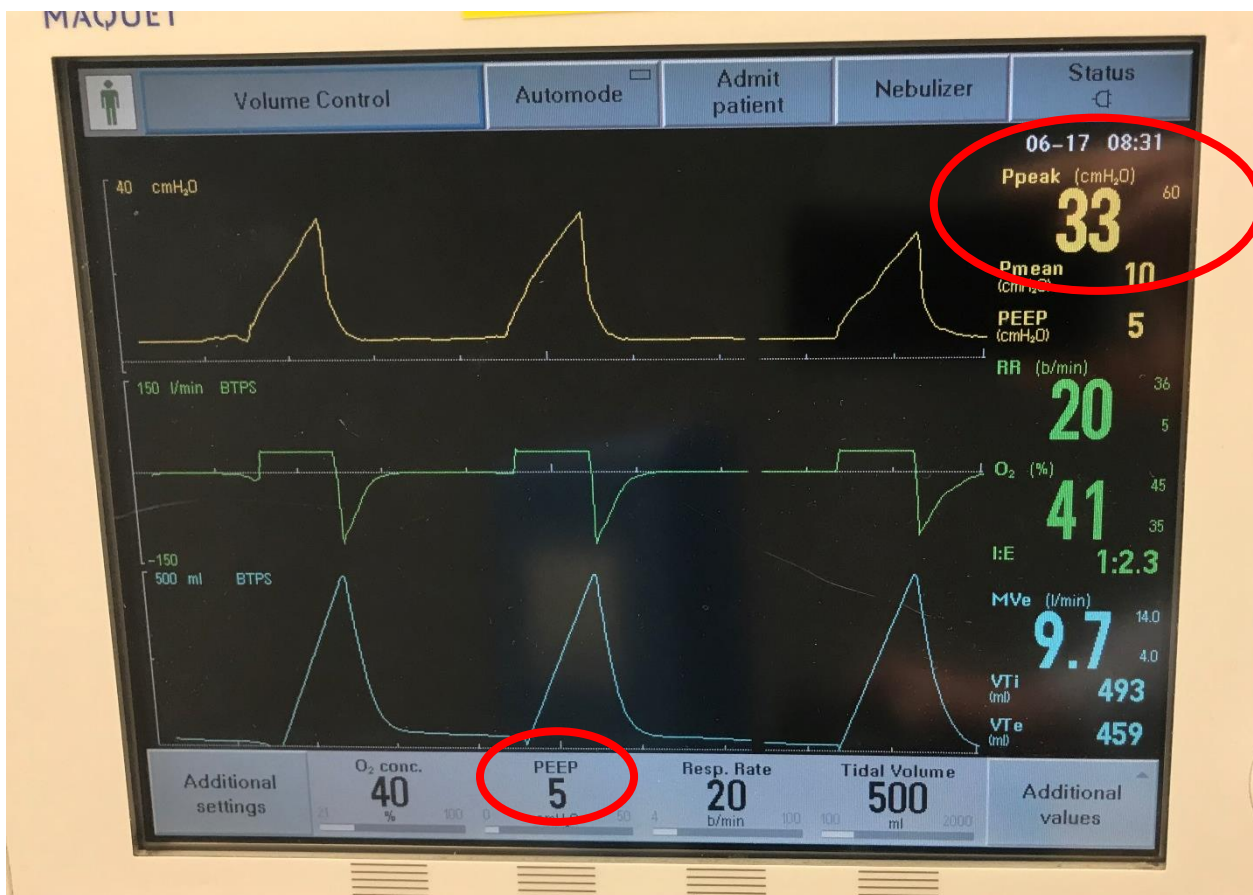
FiO₂	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
PEEP	5	8	10	12	14	14	16	16

FiO₂	0.5	0.5-0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0
PEEP	18	20	22	22	22	24

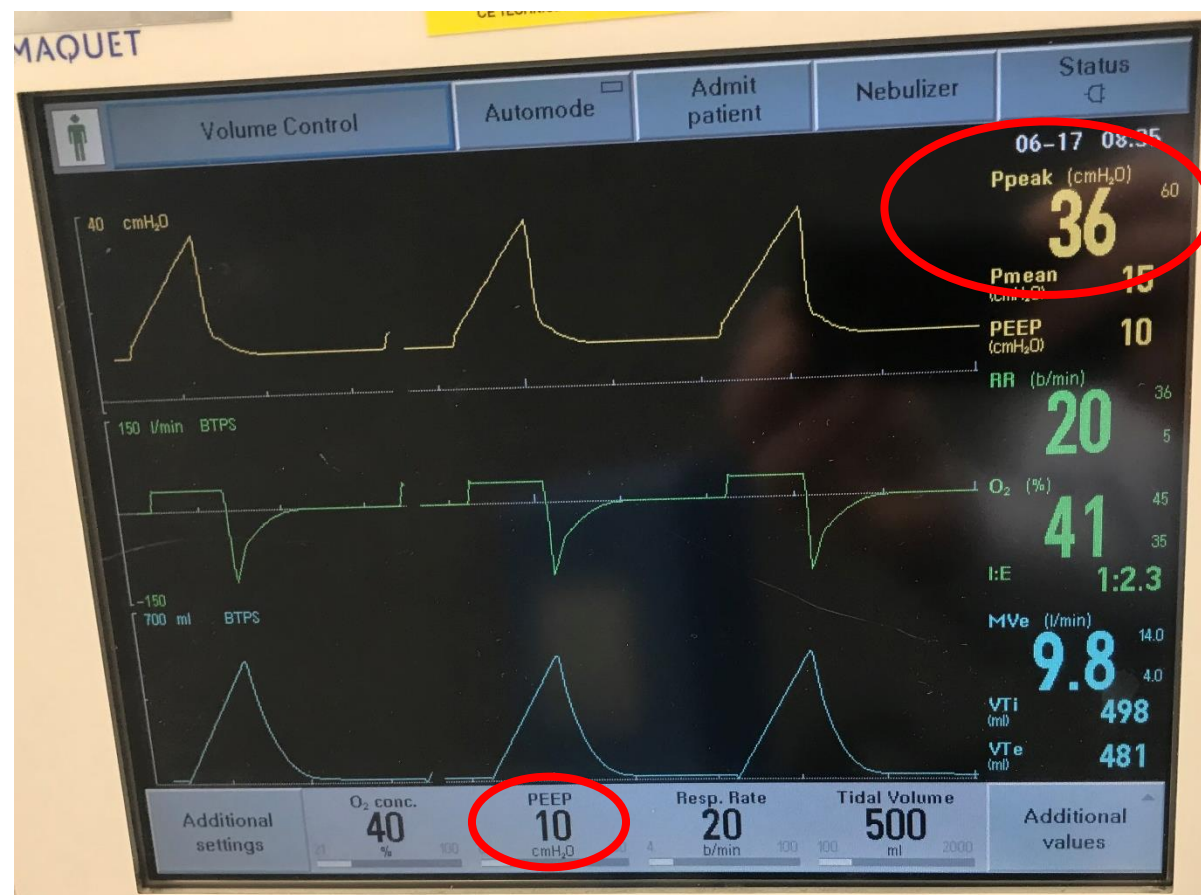
Recap

- Use PEEP and FIO₂ to adjust the PaO₂

After adjusting the PEEP, what has changed?



Initial Settings



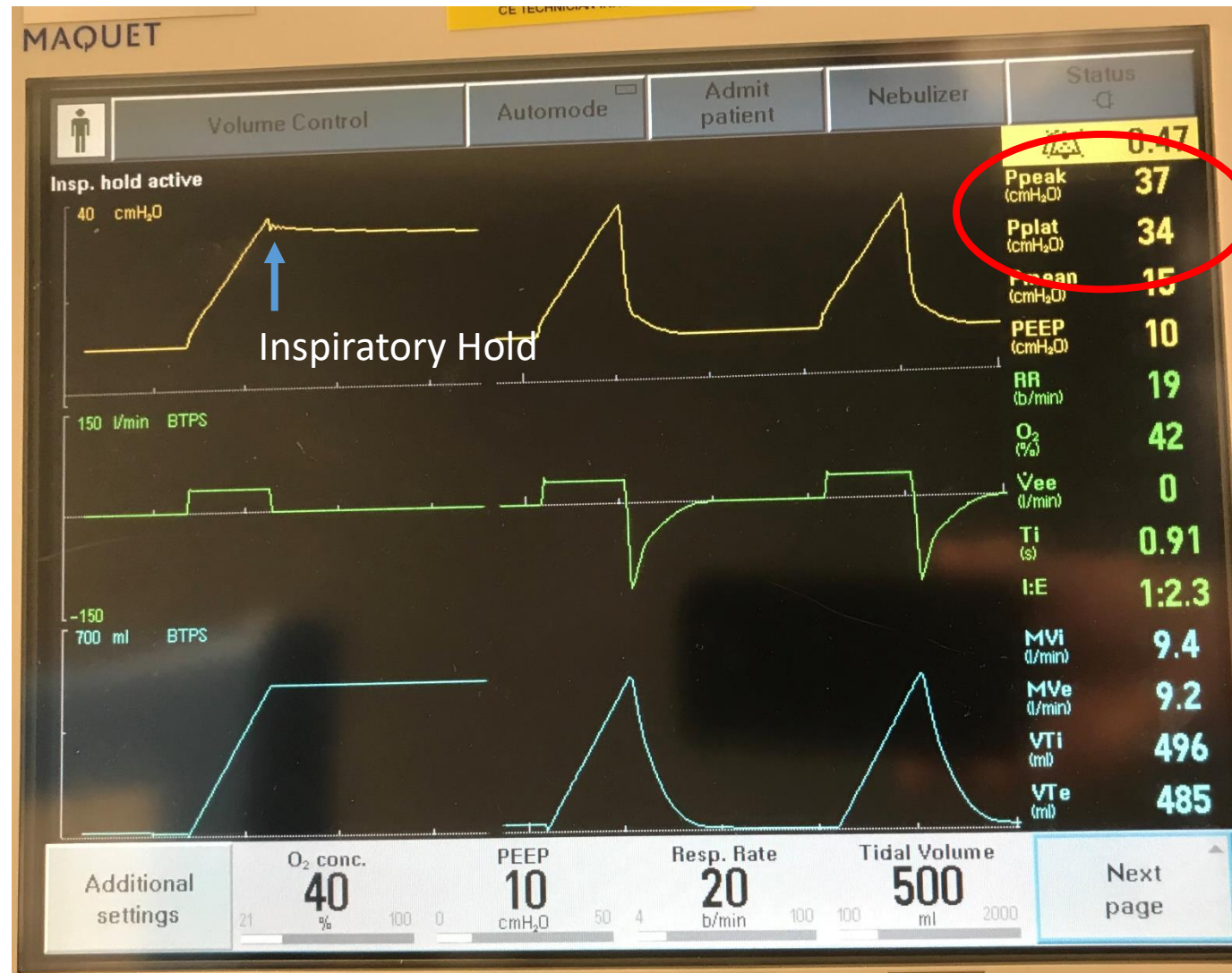
Current Settings

How do we evaluate what is causing the high peak pressures?

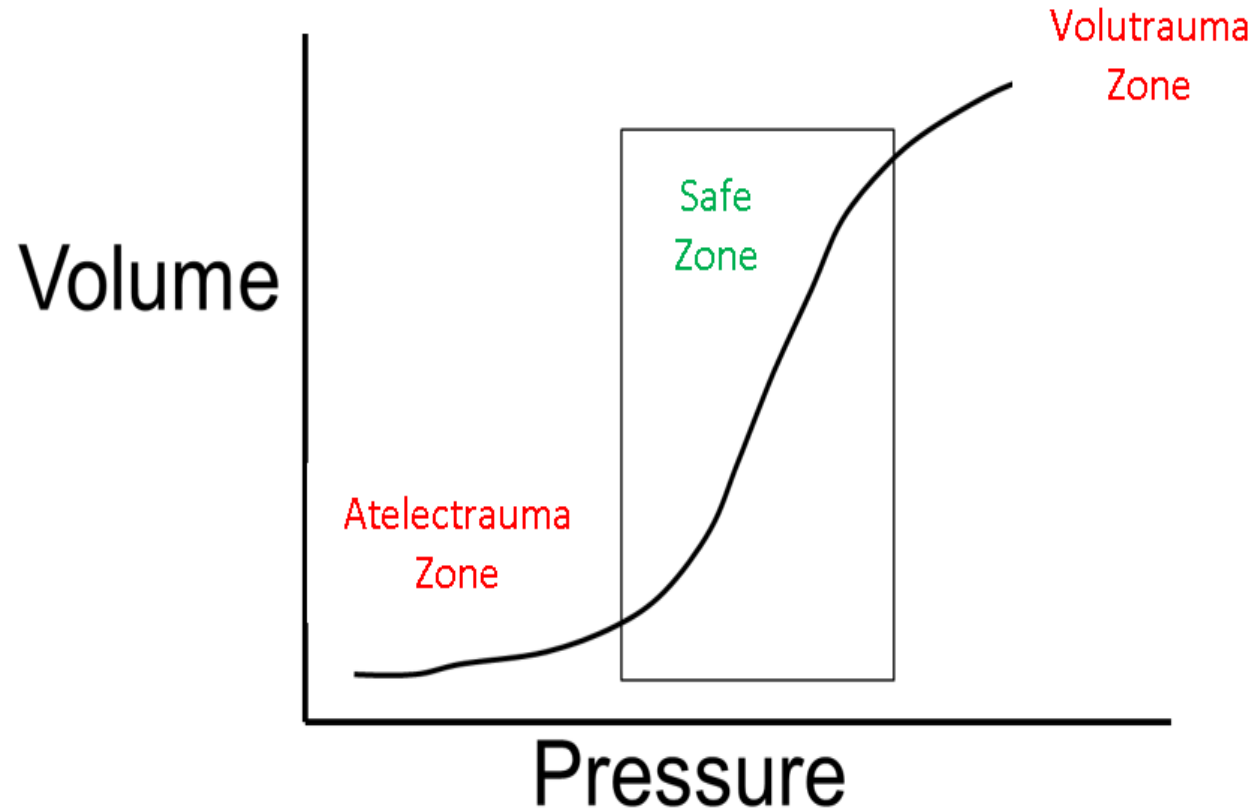
$$P_{\text{vent}} = P_{\text{elastic}} + P_{\text{resistive}}$$

$$P_{\text{vent}} = (\text{Elastance} * \text{Volume}) + \text{Resistance} * \text{Flow}$$

Plateau Pressure – No flow; measures lung elastance

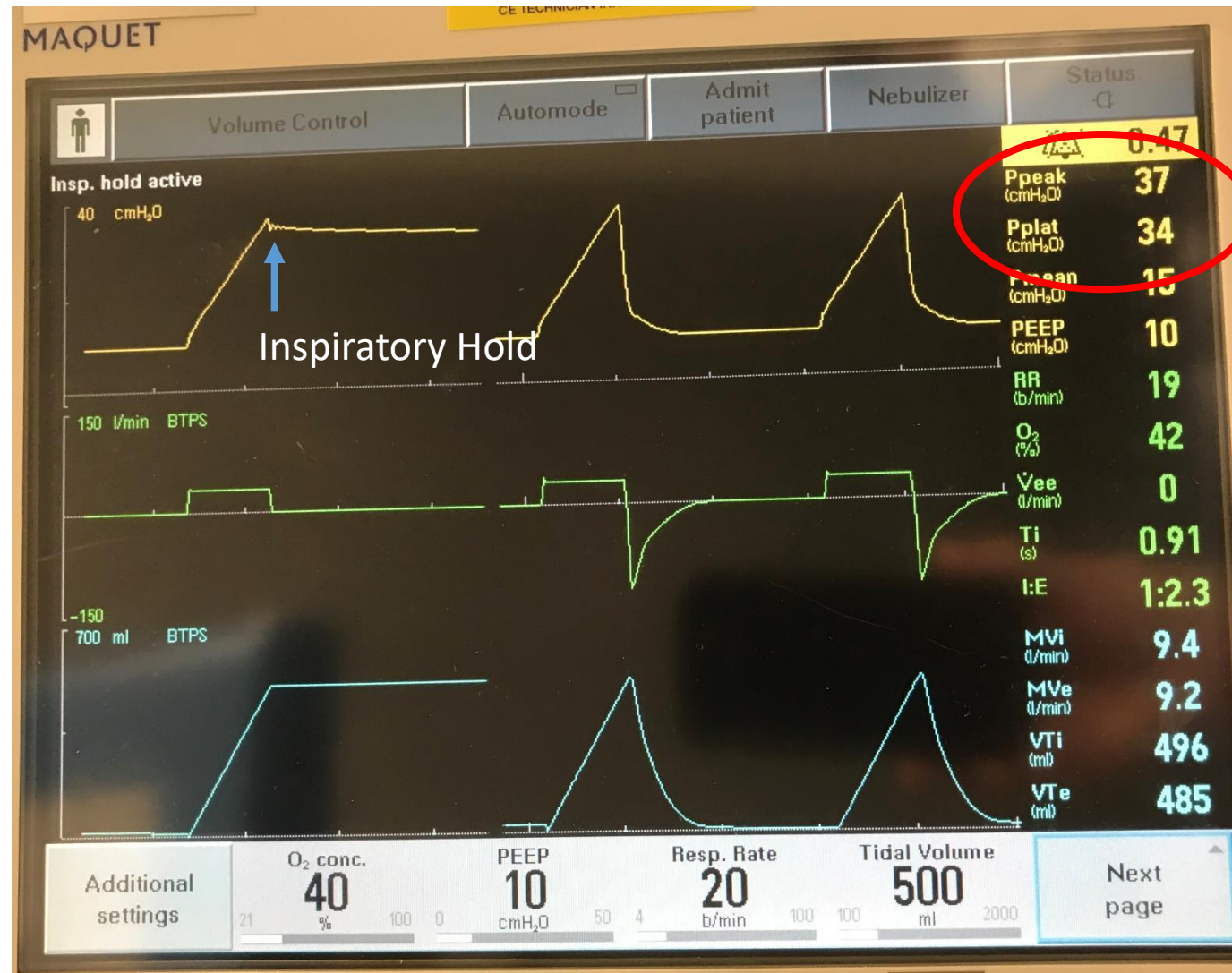


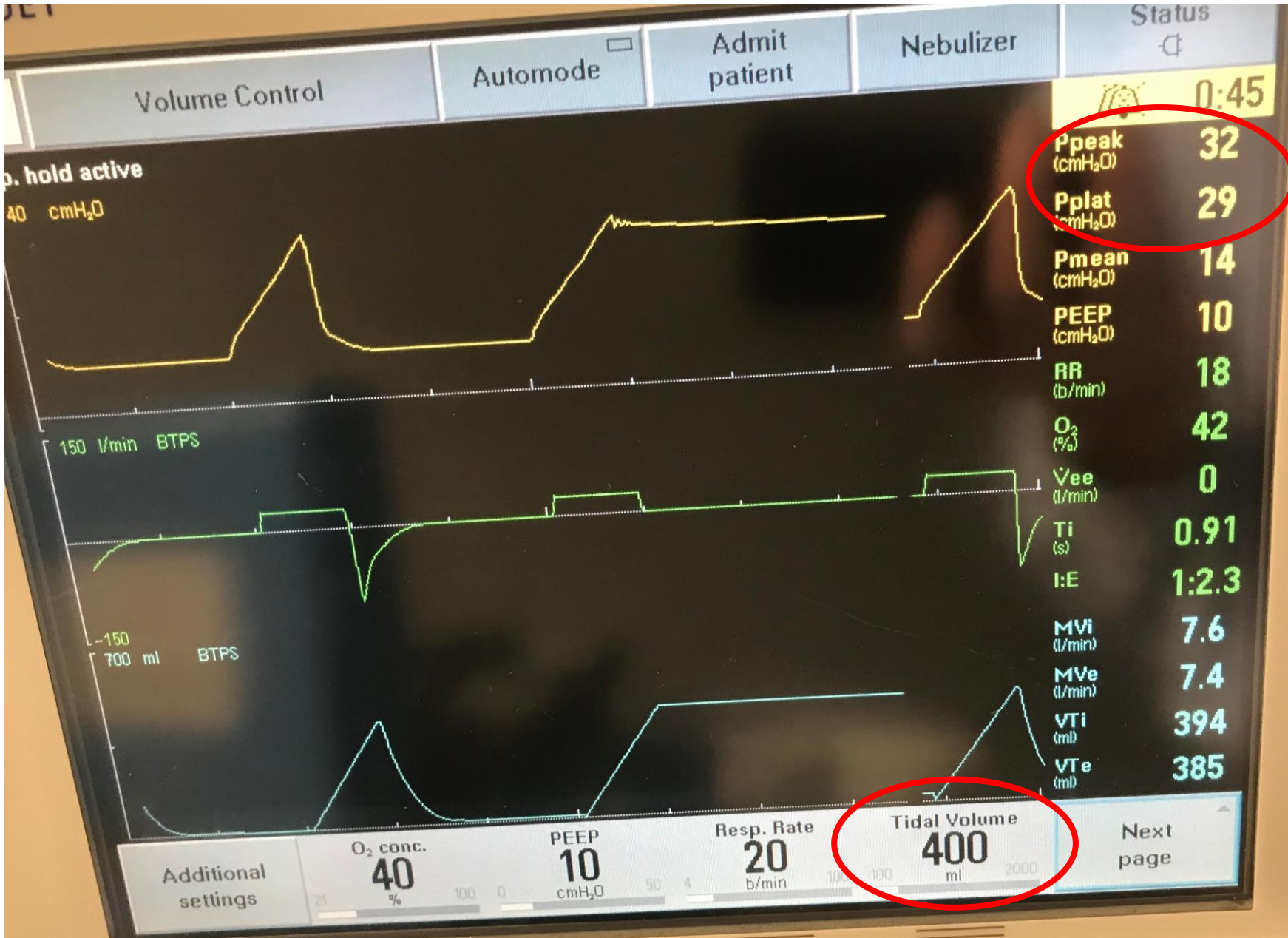
Back to the Pressure Volume Curve



What can we change to lower the plateau pressure?

$$P_{\text{vent}} = \text{Elastance} * \text{Volume} + \text{Resistance} * \text{Flow}$$

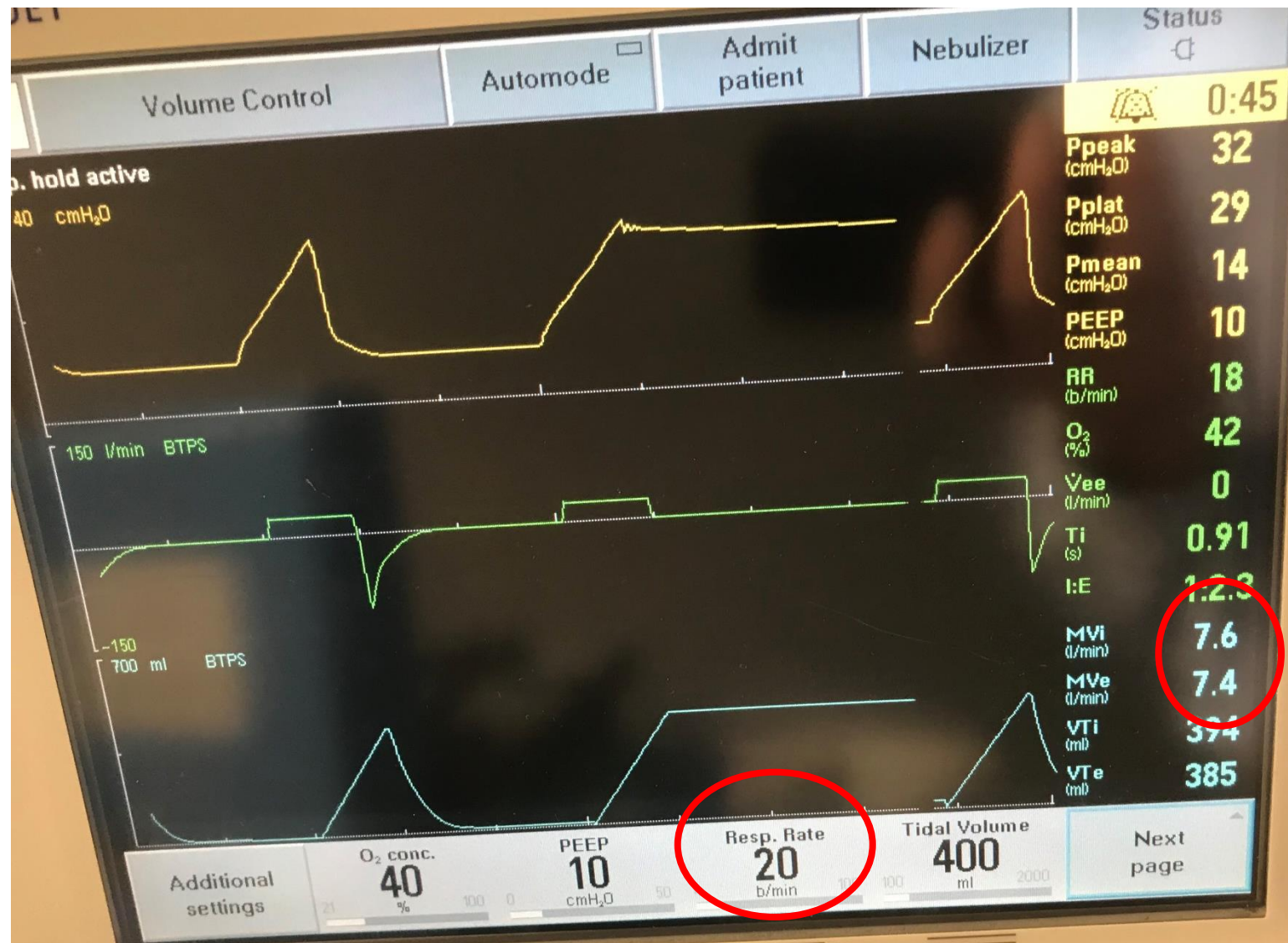




With lower V_t , what might happen?



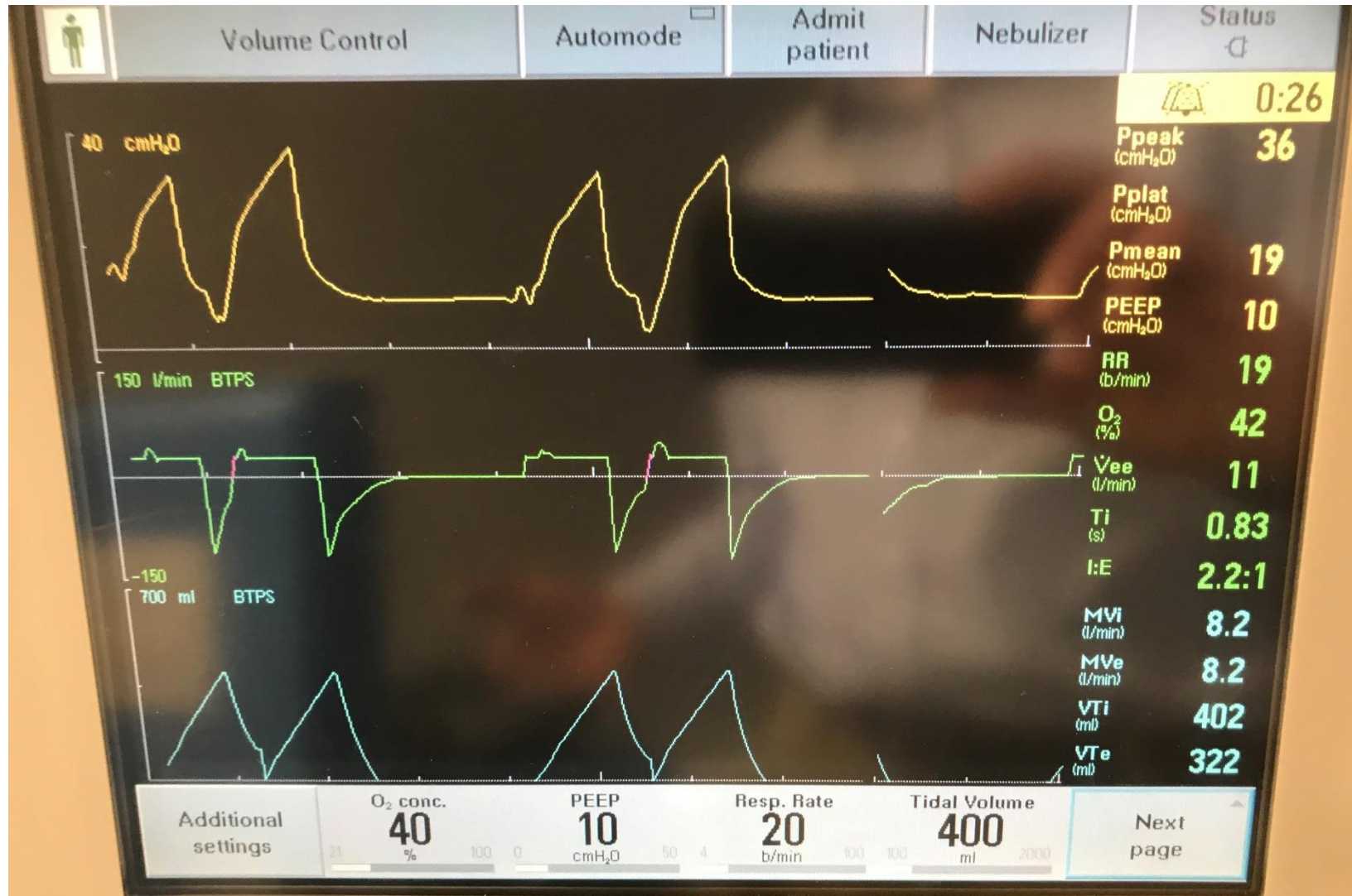
With lower V_t , what might happen?



Recap

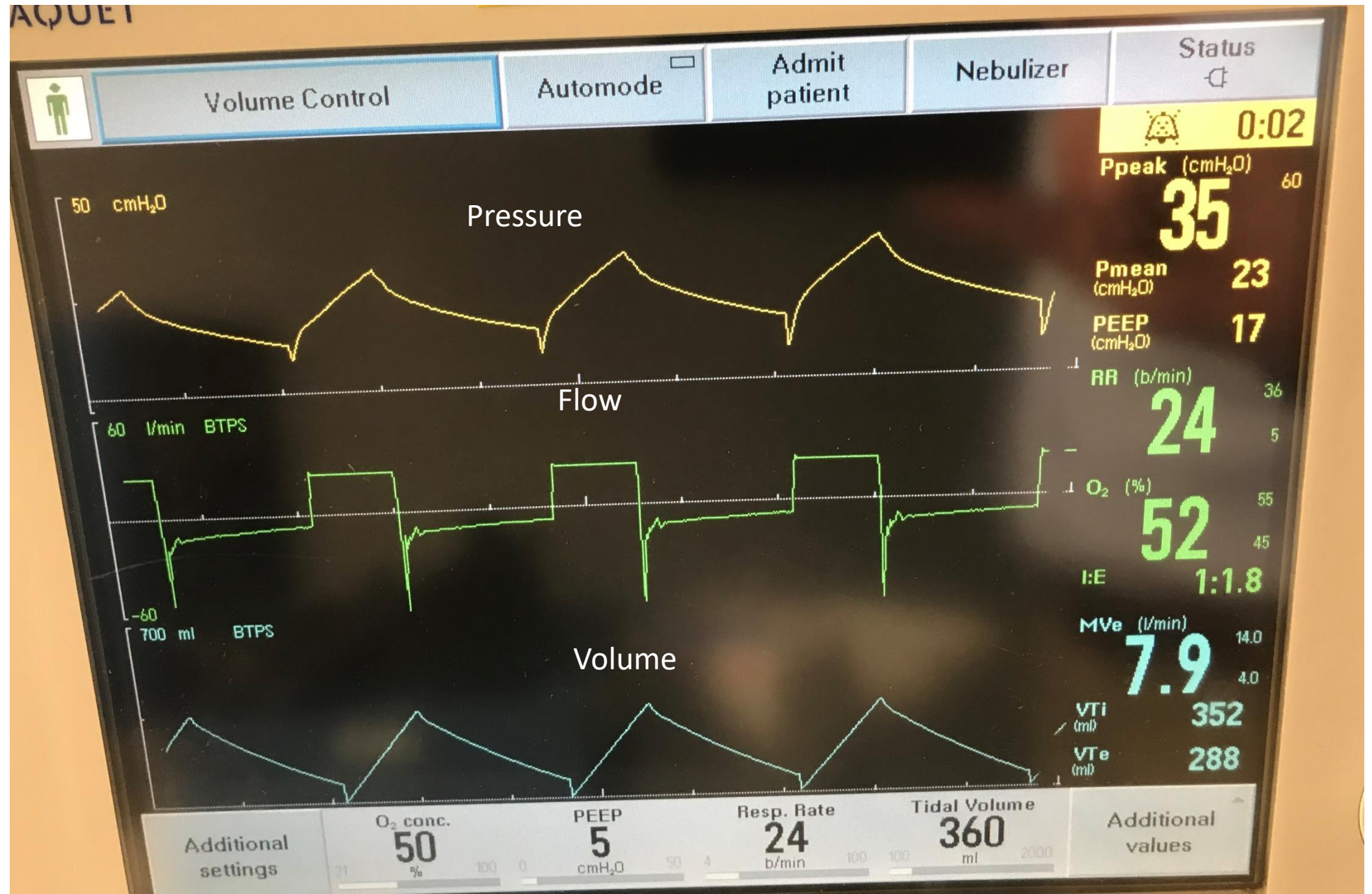
- Use PEEP and FIO₂ to adjust the PaO₂
- Use PEEP and Vt to adjust the plateau pressure
- Use Vt and Rate to adjust the minute ventilation (and pCO₂)

The patient's sedation is liberated...

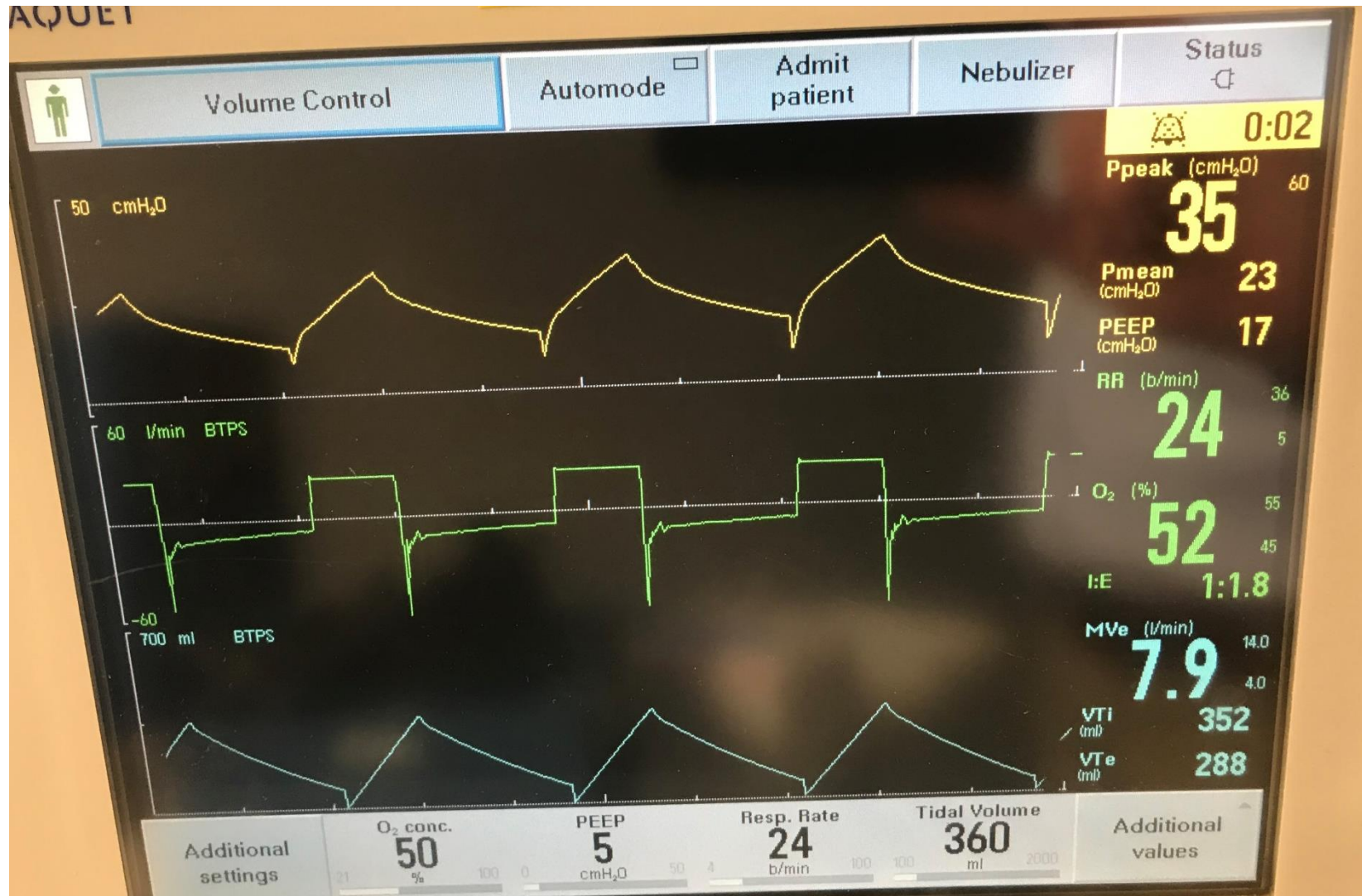


CASE 2: ASTHMA

Case 2



What is the problem with the vent waveform?

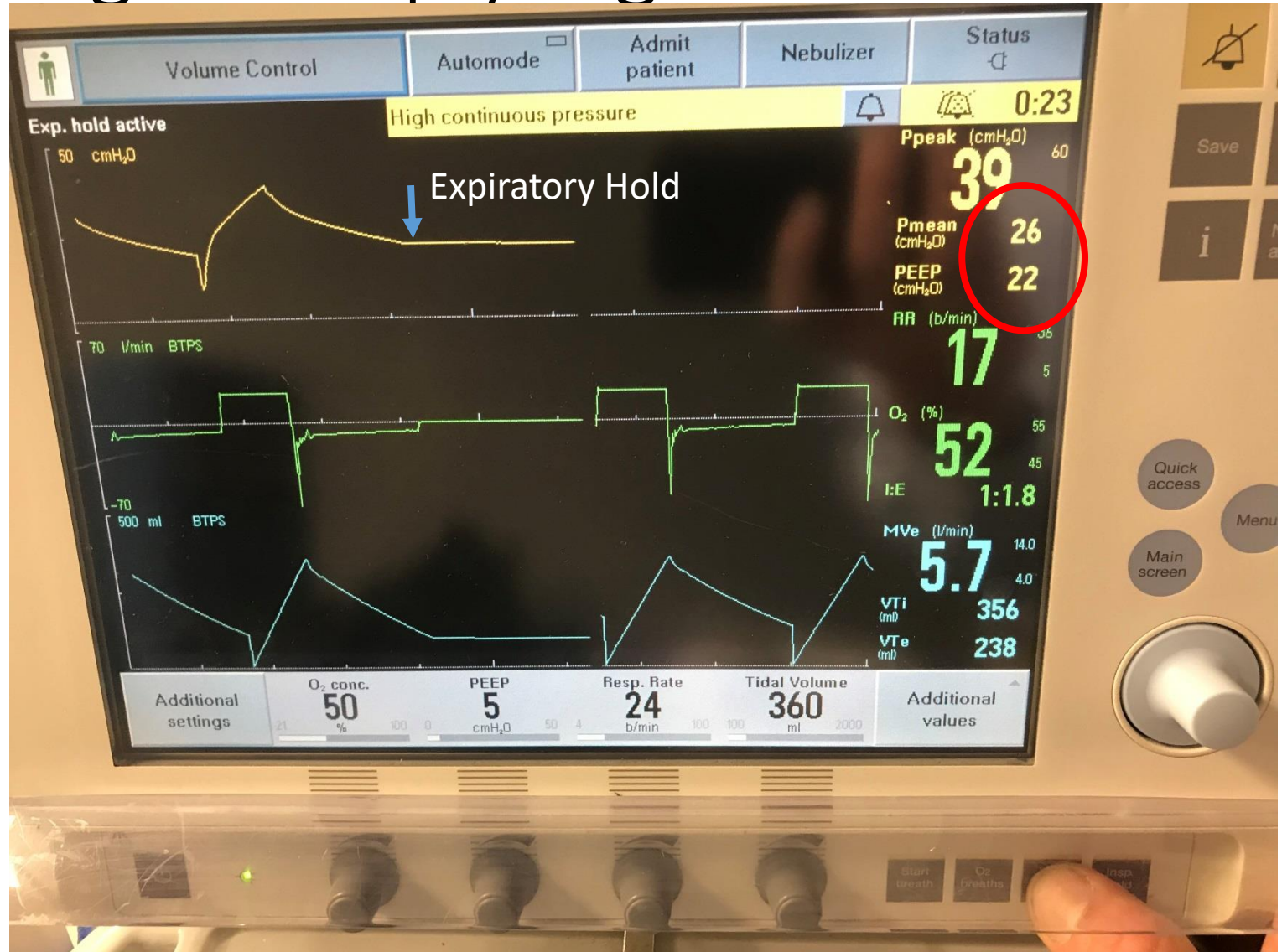


How do we know what is causing the high peak pressures?

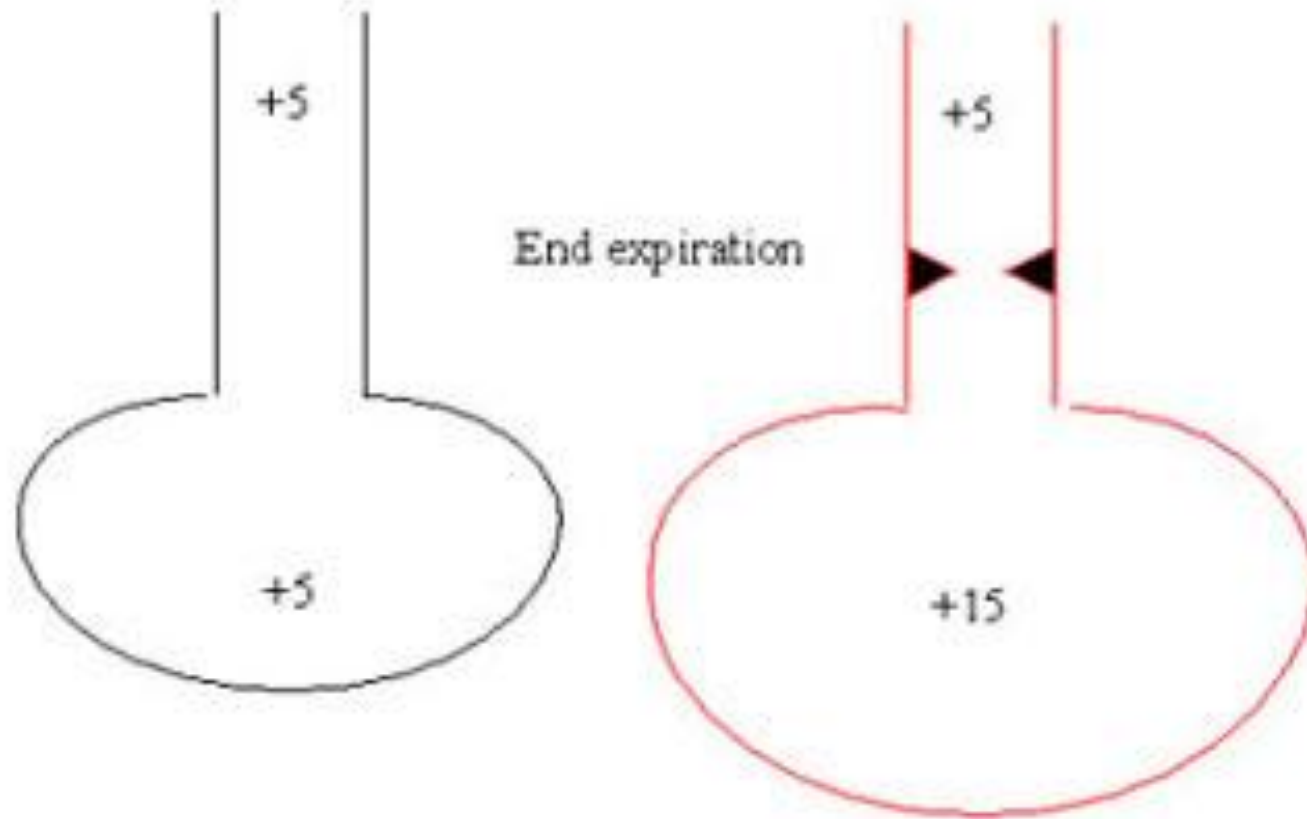
$$P_{\text{vent}} = P_{\text{elastic}} + P_{\text{resistive}}$$

$$P_{\text{vent}} = (\text{Elastance} * \text{Volume}) + \text{Resistance} * \text{Flow}$$

Is there air trapping or simply high resistance?



What is AutoPEEP?



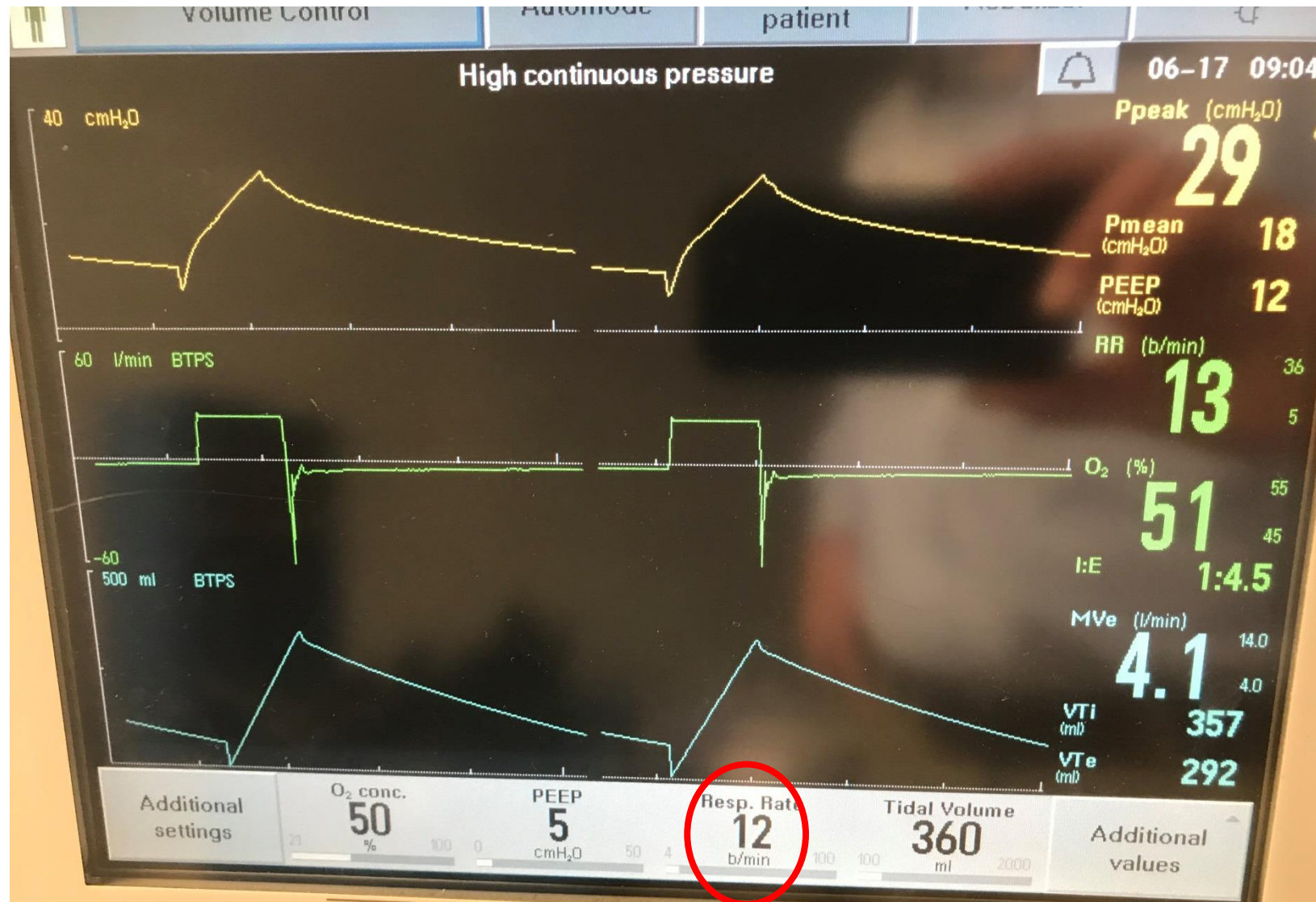
For more on Auto-PEEP...



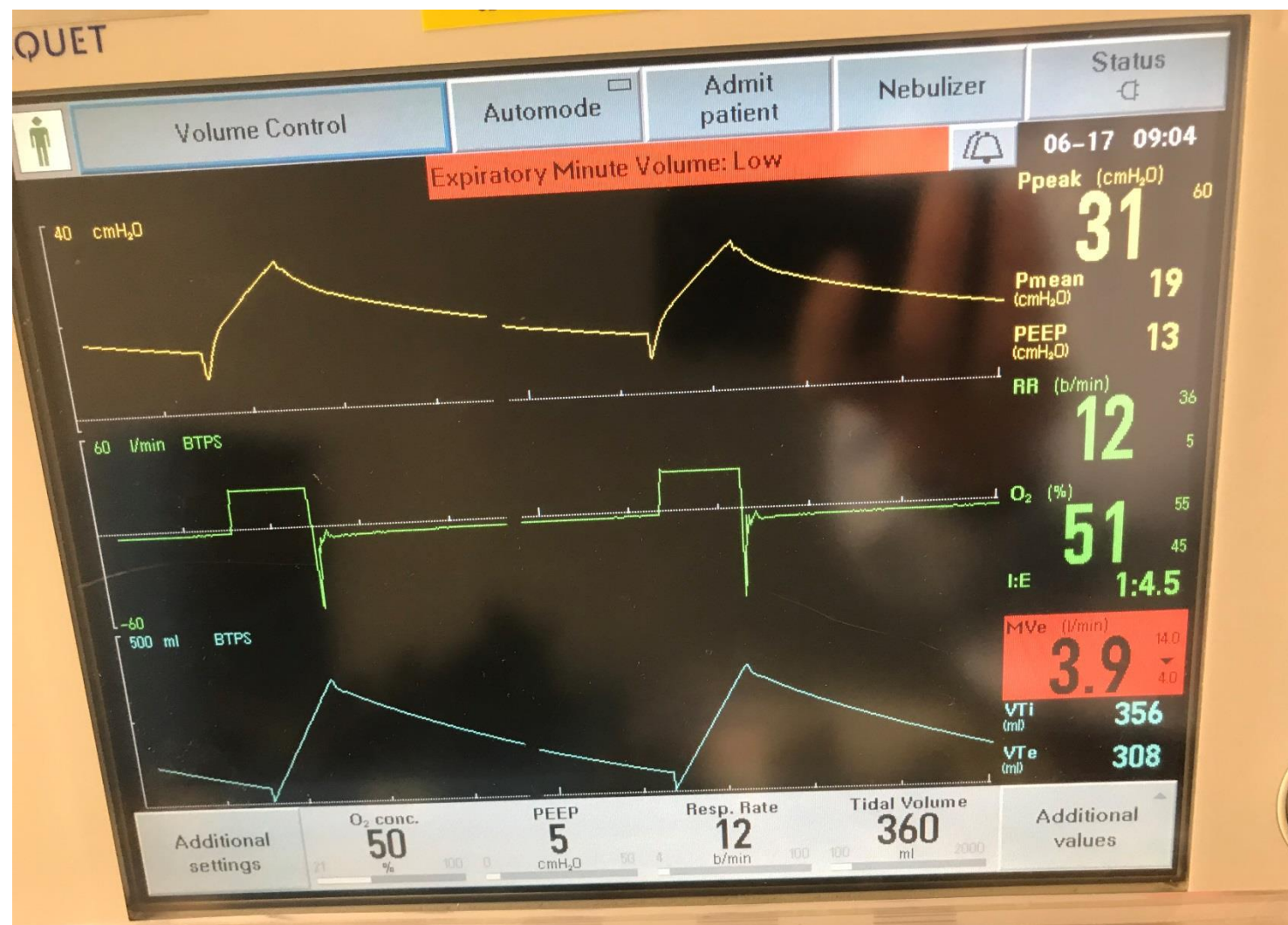
SCAN ME

Best of ATS Video Lecture Series Video

How might we correct AutoPEEP?



Uh Oh... what's wrong now!





Volume Control

Automode

Admit patient

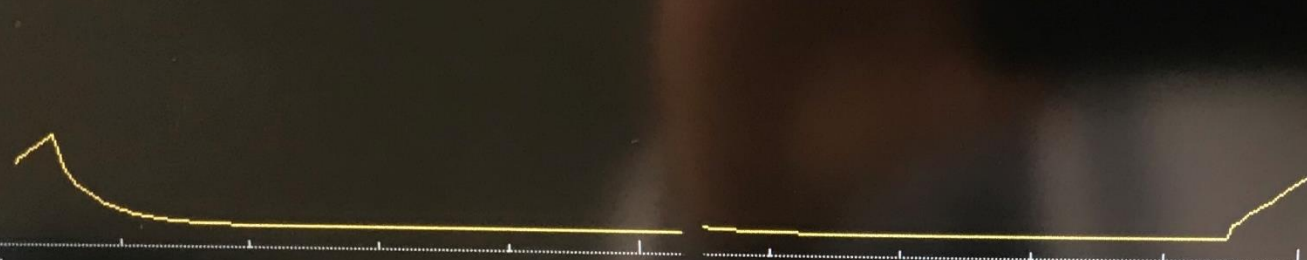
Nebulizer

Status



0:17

60 cmH₂O



Ppeak (cmH₂O) 60

25

Pmean (cmH₂O) 9

PEEP (cmH₂O) 5

150 l/min BTPS



RR (b/min) 36

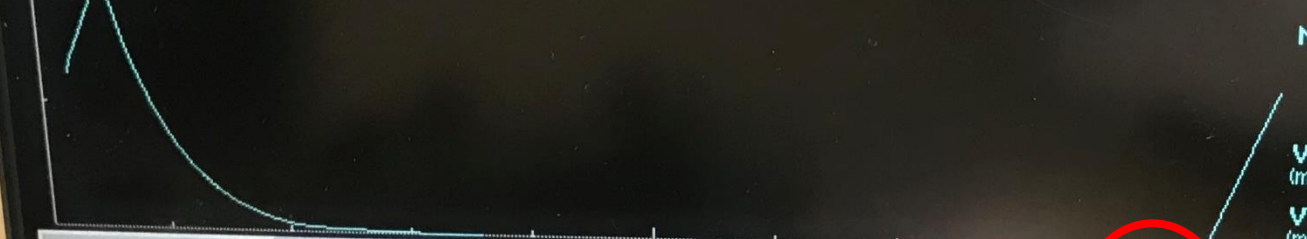
10

O₂ (%) 55

51

I:E 1:5.6

-150 500 ml BTPS



MVe (l/min) 14.0

4.8

VTi (ml) 496

VTe (ml) 650

Additional settings

O₂ conc. 50 %

PEEP 5 cmH₂O

Resp. Rate 10 b/min

Tidal Volume 500 ml

Additional values

LARGE GROUP

Key Points

- Remember the equation of motion
- Tidal volume and PEEP affect the plateau pressure
- PEEP and FIO₂ affect PaO₂
- Rate and tidal volume affect PCO₂
- Maximize expiratory time to prevent dynamic hyperinflation.
- Look at the waveforms
- Don't be afraid of the vent. It won't bite you (despite what they say).

We wish you the best in your fellowship

- Rendell Ashton, MD
- Neal Chaisson, MD
- Susie Vehar, MD
- Sam Wiles, MD
- Steve Fox, MD
- Aman Thind, MD
- Ahmed Gohar, MD
- Lillie Morgan, MD
- Sherie Gause, MD
- Jorge Morales, MD

RESIDENT
BOOT
CAMP
ATS 2021