

## APRV A PREVENTION MODE

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## AIRWAY PRESSURE RELEASE VENTILATION

- · KNOWN TO MOST AS A RESCUE MODE
- INVERSE RATIO WITH CPAP
- EXPIRATORY BREATHE "RELEASED" FOR <1 SEC

Phigh: Set Pplat coming from conventional vent mode or set at Mean Pressure + 3-5mmHg (<30mmHg)

Plow: Set at 0

Thigh: Start with 4-6 seconds

T low: 50-75% of PEFR (0.5-0.8 seconds)

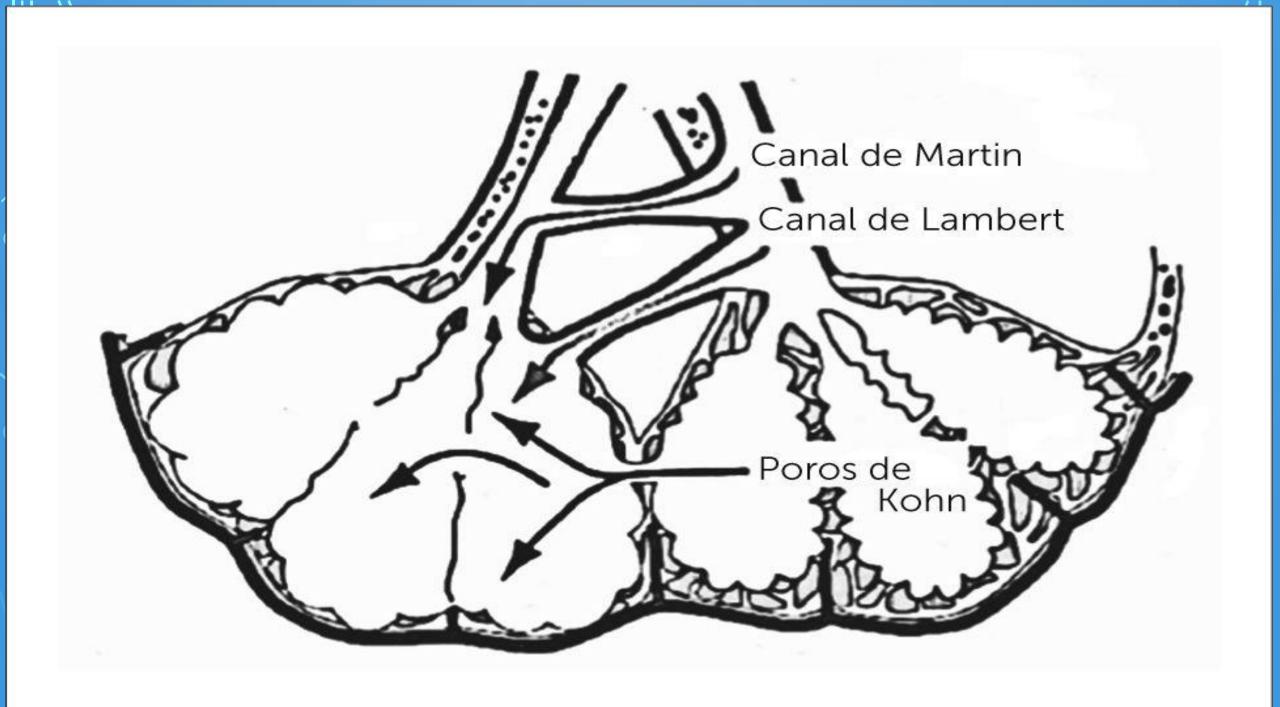


## Purpose of APRV

Lung Opening Tool For Recruitment
Increases Oxygenation
Spontaneous Breathing at any time
Lung Protection

## Lung Opening Tool

·Already open alveoli that are filled with inspired gas give derecruited alveoli a shared exchange through the pores of Kohn, canals of Lambert, and channels of Martin causing recruitment of atelectatic alveoli



## Increasing Oxygenation

·Better V/Q match due to spontaneous breathing and lung recruitment. Helps improve venous return due to pleural pressures decreasing in turn increasing cardiac output

(Ann Thorac Med. 2007 Oct-Dec; 2(4): 176-179)

# Benefits of Spontaneous Breathing

- Causes intrathoracic pressure to decrease
- •Allows the patient to cough, which contributes to mucous clearance.
- Enables patient towards weaning

(Respiratory Care Feb. 2012 Vol 57 No.2)

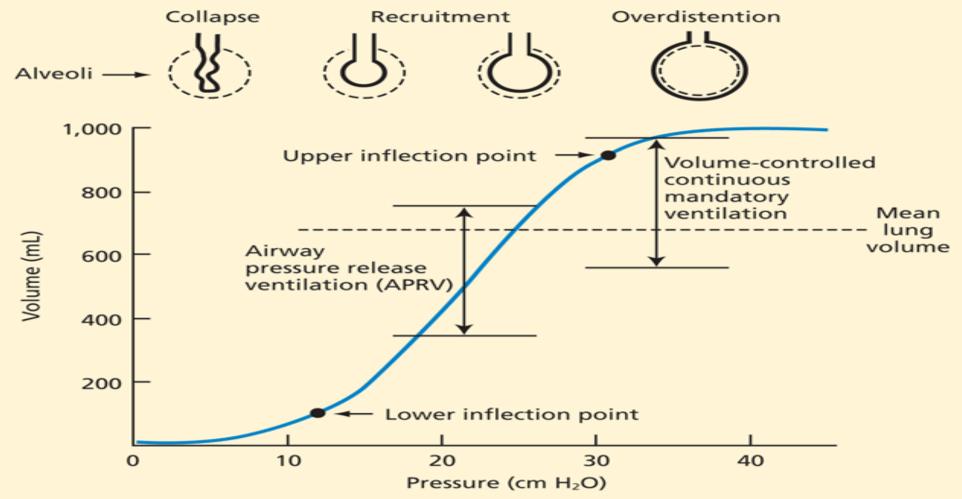


## Lung Protection

- ·When lungs are consistently opening and closing from ventilator assisted breathing, the tissues and alveoli are subjected to trauma. Alveolar damage can occur, called shearing, and alveolar edema begins.
- ·Some alveoli may not recruit open while some may over-inflate. This is called dynamic alveolar heterogeneity

(JAMA Surg. 2016; 151(1):64-72), (Shock. 2013 January; 39(1): 28-38)

#### Compliance curve of the lung with its lower and upper inflection points



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## APRV vs. Conventional Ventilation

- ·Promotes Spontaneous Breathing
- ·Prevents Lung Damage
- ·Provides Increase in Oxygenation/Compliance
- Phases out Sedation Faster-Less Days on a Vent/In ICU

(Intensive Care Med 2017 43:1648-1659)

\*\*Proper training and exercise of the mode should be taken into consideration with caution with any lung disease that requires and extended length of time for exhalation or already have hyperinflation challenges, such as COPD, Emphysema, or severe Asthma\*\*

A good model to follow is Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Maryland, who uses APRV as their "initial and sole model of ventilation". This promotes and incorporates the practice of APRV as a prevention mode, which has proven successful

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3539171/

### SUMMARY OF APRV

Airway Pressure Release Ventilation is a mode that is proven to open up the lungs, increase oxygenation while contributing to protection as it recruits open and keeps open the lungs allowing the patient to spontaneously breathe anytime

With the right knowledge and training, APRV has the potential to serve patients as not only a rescue mode, yet as a prevention mode

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