

# CPAP clinical cases: children and adolescents

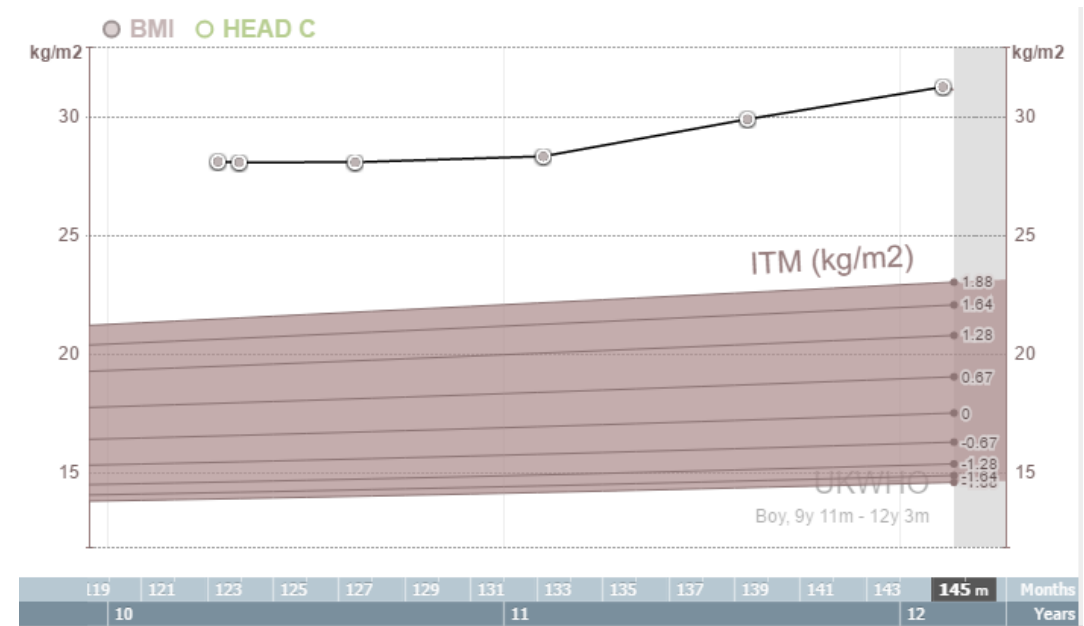
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A boy that „snores louder than his father“

# Philip

- 12-yr-old boy with severe obesity
- BW 78.4 kg (>95th p, Z +3.0)
- BMI 31.3 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (>95th p, Z +3.1)
- „Snores louder than his father“
- Tired at all times



# Philip

## Overnight polygraphy

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Time spent with SpO<sub>2</sub> <90%: 14%

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ODI 23 / h

Morning capillary blood gases:

pH 7.43, PCO<sub>2</sub> 44 mm Hg,

HCO<sub>3</sub> 28 mmol/l

## Diagnosis

- Obstructive sleep apnea syndrome (?)
- Obesity hypoventilation syndrome (?)

# Obesity hypoventilation syndrome (OHS)

## Pediatric OHS diagnosis

Definition based on consensus and expert opinion:

1. Obesity (BMI >30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) or BMI >95<sup>th</sup> percentile for age and gender or weight >95<sup>th</sup> percentile for age
2. Daytime hypercapnia (PaCO<sub>2</sub> >45 mmHg)
3. Absence of known neurological, cardiac or pulmonary causes of hypoventilation

## Prerequisite for OHS diagnosis

1. Sleep study (poly(somno)graphy) to establish SDB and
2. Daytime PaCO<sub>2</sub> to establish hypercapnia

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# Interventions

- Enrolment in a multidisciplinary weight control program
  - Plan for weight loss and maintenance
  - Life-style changes (exercise and nutrition help)
  - ENT - Adenotonsillectomy (?)
  - Bariatric surgery (?)
  - Repeat sleep study with PCO<sub>2</sub> monitoring
- **Respiratory support**  
**CPAP (?)**  
**NIV (?)**

# CPAP

## Respiratory support

- Appropriate interface
- Choice of device
  - fixed CAPA
  - auto-titrating PAP
- Start CPAP level
  - 4 cm H<sub>2</sub>O, gradual increased to the highest tolerated level
- Titration under poly(somno)graphic and PCO<sub>2</sub> monitoring

## Assessment of response

- Sleep study in 3 months
- Compliance (!)



# Auto-titrating versus fixed continuous positive airway pressure for the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea: a systematic review with meta-analyses

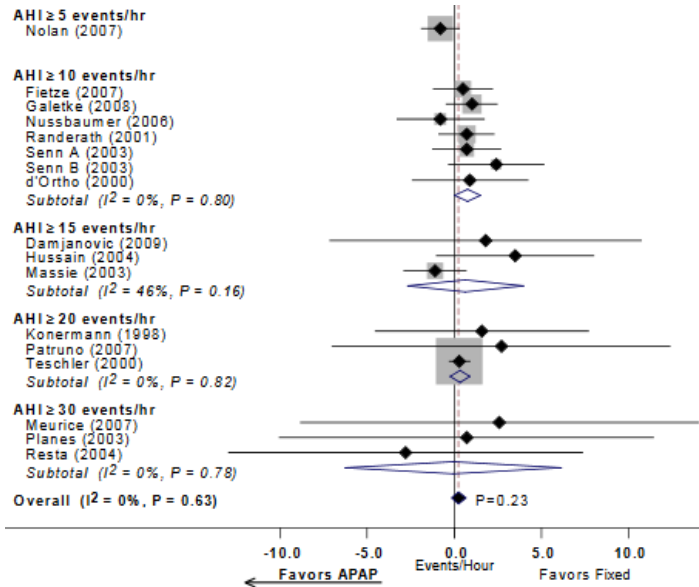


Figure 3 AHJ (events/hour) with APAP versus fixed CPAP

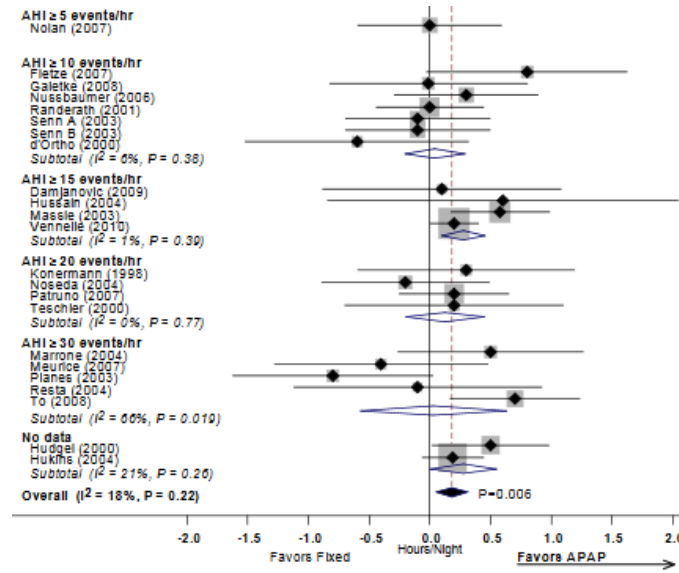


Figure 2 CPAP compliance (hour/night) with APAP versus fixed CPAP

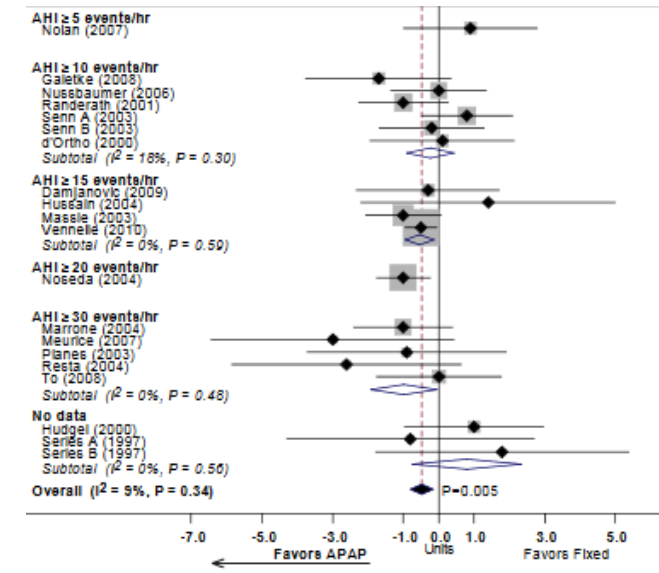


Figure 4 ESS with APAP versus fixed CPAP

- **Clinical importance** of statistically significant differences is unclear.
- **Choice of device** may be supported by: patient preference, specific reasons for non-compliance and cost.

# CPAP - assessment of response

## Sleep study after 3 months

Mean SpO<sub>2</sub> 96%

Minimal SpO<sub>2</sub> 88%

Time spent with SpO<sub>2</sub> <90%: 3%

AHI 7 / h

ODI 3 / h

Time spent with PtcCO<sub>2</sub> >50 mm Hg: 0%

Peak PtcCO<sub>2</sub>: 52 mm Hg

Morning capillary blood gases:

pH 7.42, PCO<sub>2</sub> 41 mm Hg,

HCO<sub>3</sub> 25 mmol/l

## Switch to NIV needed?

### Consider switching from CPAP to NIV if:

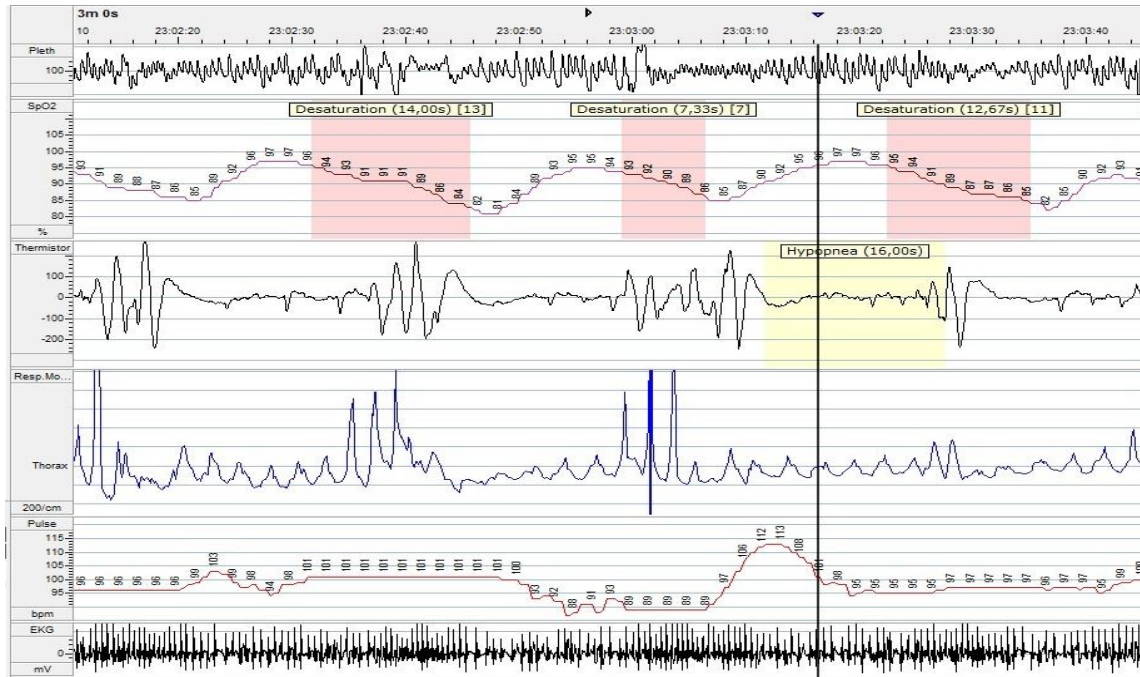
- Periods with SpO<sub>2</sub> <80% for ≥10 min
- Persistent hypopnea and RERA
- Rise of PtcCO<sub>2</sub> of ≥10 mm Hg during REM sleep or rise in diurnal PaCO<sub>2</sub> of ≥10 mm Hg (if starting PaCO<sub>2</sub> >55 mm Hg)
- CPAP intolerance

A boy with cerebral palsy and noisy breathing

# Ian

- 16-yr-old boy with cerebral palsy (GMFCS level V)
- Rattling day and night – „He never clears his airway“
- Parents concerned about long breathing pauses during sleep
- Serval times admitted to regional hospital for minor respiratory infections
- In hospital additional oxygen needed only at night

# Ian



## Overnight polygraphy

Mean SpO2 92%

Minimal SpO2 74%

Time spent with SpO2 <90%: 19%

AHI 38 / h

ODI 21 / h

Morning capillary blood gases

pH 7.36, PCO2 43 mm Hg, HCO3 28 mmol/l

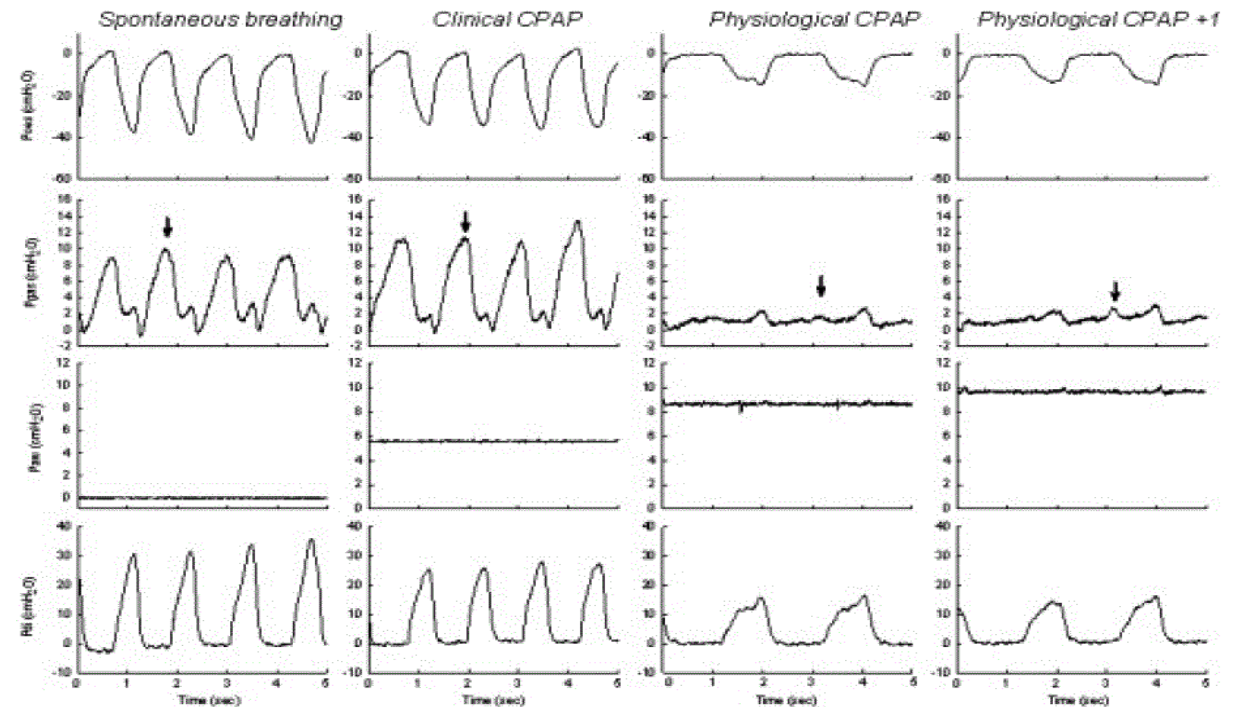
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**Drug induced sleep study  
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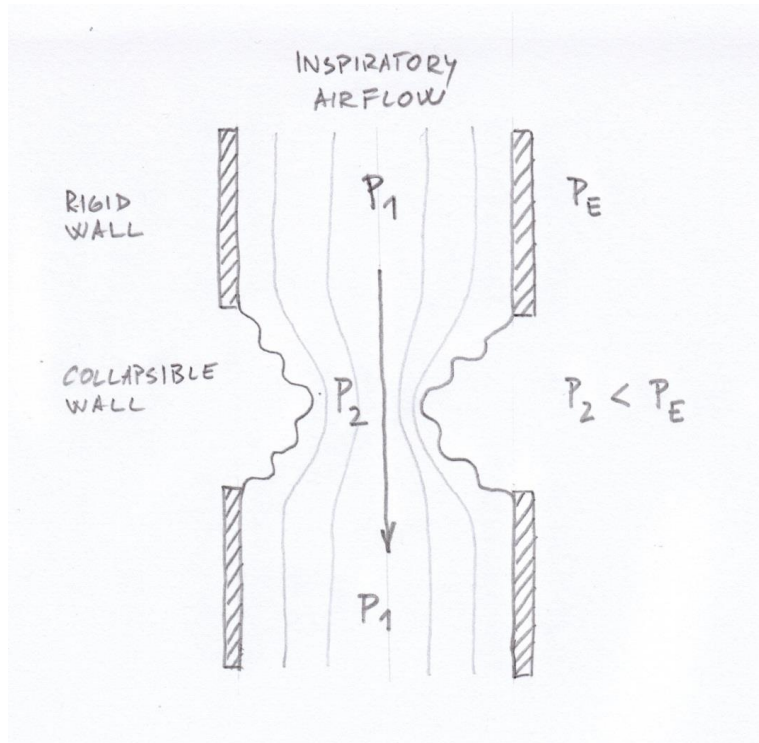


# Initiating CPAP

- Appropriate interface
- Choice of device according to manufacturers' recommendations (minimal weight)
- Start CPAP level:  
4 cm H<sub>2</sub>O, gradual increased to the highest tolerated level (8.5 ± 1.0)



# CPAP



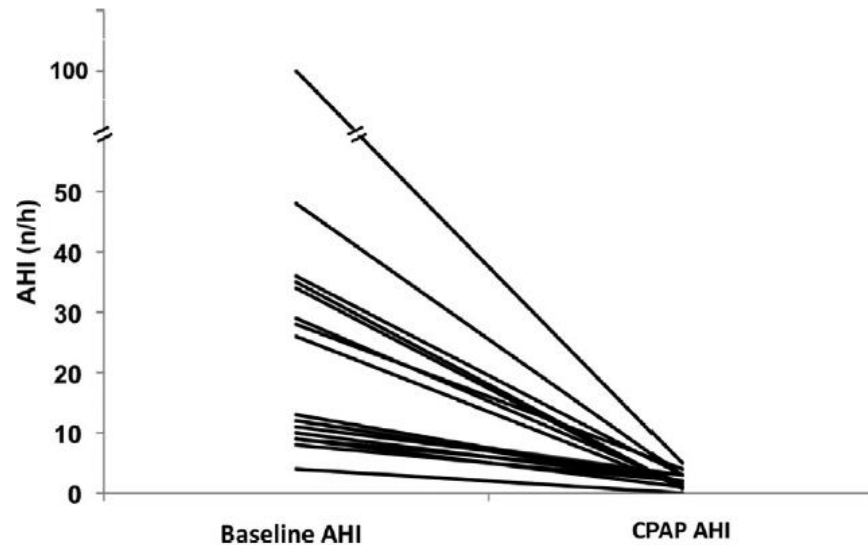


# Initiating CPAP

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## Outpatient initiation of long-term continuous positive airway pressure in children

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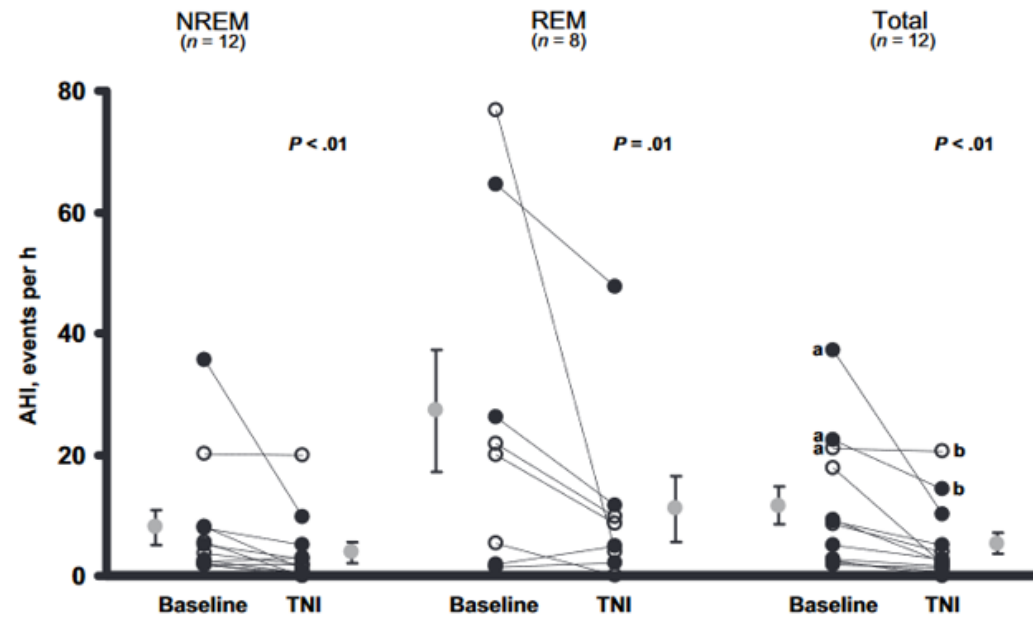
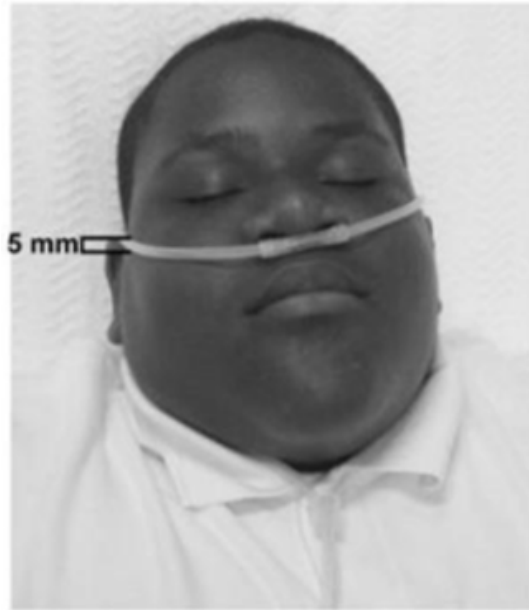
- Right approach
- Cartoons, a booklet explaining CPAP, teddy bear with a CPAP device, ...

# No CPAP tolerance

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## Effect of a High-Flow Open Nasal Cannula System on Obstructive Sleep Apnea in Children

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# No CPAP tolerance



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Brief Communication

## The Optiflow™ interface for chronic CPAP use in children

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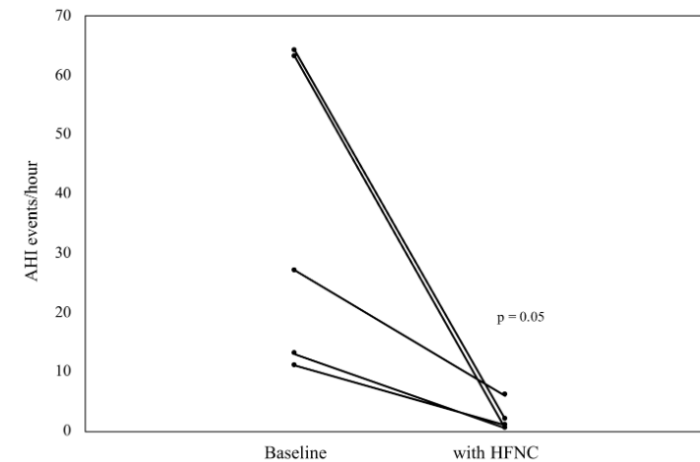
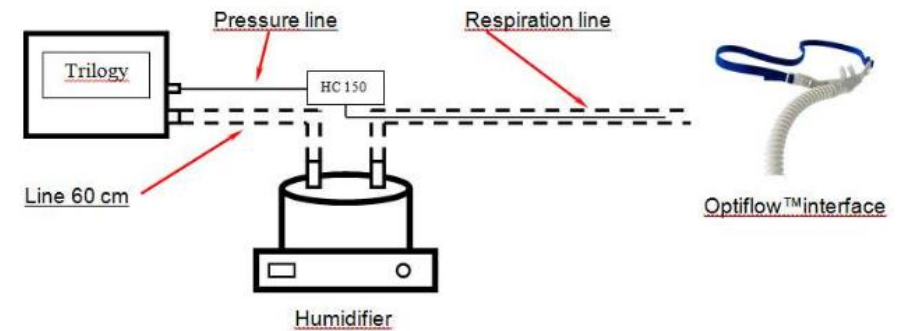
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Thank you for your attention!  
Questions?

