

Model simulations of arterial oxygen saturation and arterial oxygen partial pressure/inspired oxygen fraction ratio. (a) Inspired oxygen fraction (FiO₂) versus arterial oxygen saturation (SaO₂). (b) FiO₂ versus the partial pressure of oxygen in arterial blood (PaO₂)/FiO₂ ratio. Simulations performed using shunt = 0–30%, parameter Δ PO₂ (fA2) = 0 kPa (0.9), oxygen consumption = 0.26 l/min, alveolar minute volume = 5.25 l. Points a and b, the PaO₂/FiO₂ ratios for FiO₂ = 0.19 (point a) and FiO₂ = 0.57 (point b) – corresponding to the extremes of the relevant range of FiO₂ (thick solid line).

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