INSPIRE - 100

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An Emergency Ventilator Device

TekMedika

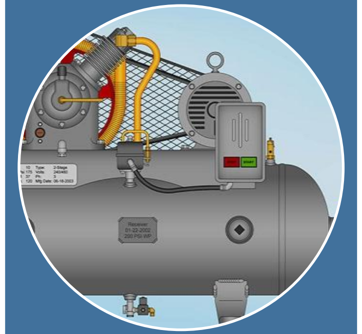
- *Unmatched Affordability*
- *Unmatched Remote Monitoring via WiFi*
- *Unmatched Ease-of-use*
- *No need for compressed Air Pipeline*
- *Connect to Oxygen Cylinder or Concentrator*
- *Full range of Mainstream Respiration Parameters*
- *Breath Synchronization for Patient Comfort*
- *Field Upgradeable*
- *Rugged and Robust*

Setting the Context

The Problem Statement

The Motivation

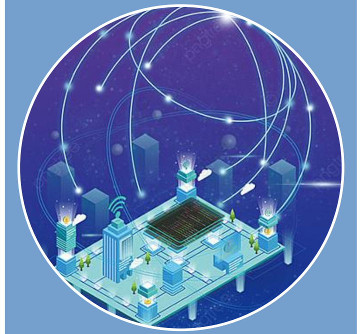
Evolution of Ventilators



Iron Lung Age

Pneumatic Age

µController Age



Smart “E”-Age

Most-used Ventilation Modes have not changed

- Volume and Pressure Control
- Control BPM, I/E, VT and PS
- Monitor pressures and flow
- Safety Alarm systems

Diminishing Returns from what has evolved …

- Exotic Ventilation modes
- Multitude of Sensors
- Touch-screen Displays

The Problem

Scarcity & Affordability

India has amongst the lowest per capita ICU beds in the World*

- 1.46 beds / 1000 people*
- 3.65 ICU beds / Lakh people*
- Only half of ICU beds are equipped with Ventilators
- A meagre 1.8 Ventilators for one lakh people*

ICU ventilators are expensive equipment

- Unaffordable in remote clinics

Ventilator Ambulances are

- Non-existent except in few urban centers,

** As per April 2020 Study by Center for Disease Dynamics, Economics & Policy at Princeton University, USA*

Respiration Assist Devices

Categories – Usage and Pricing

Less than Rs 50,000

CPAP

Less than Rs 1 Lakh

BiPAP

AFFORDABLE feature set for PHC, Small Clinic, and Ambulance Use?

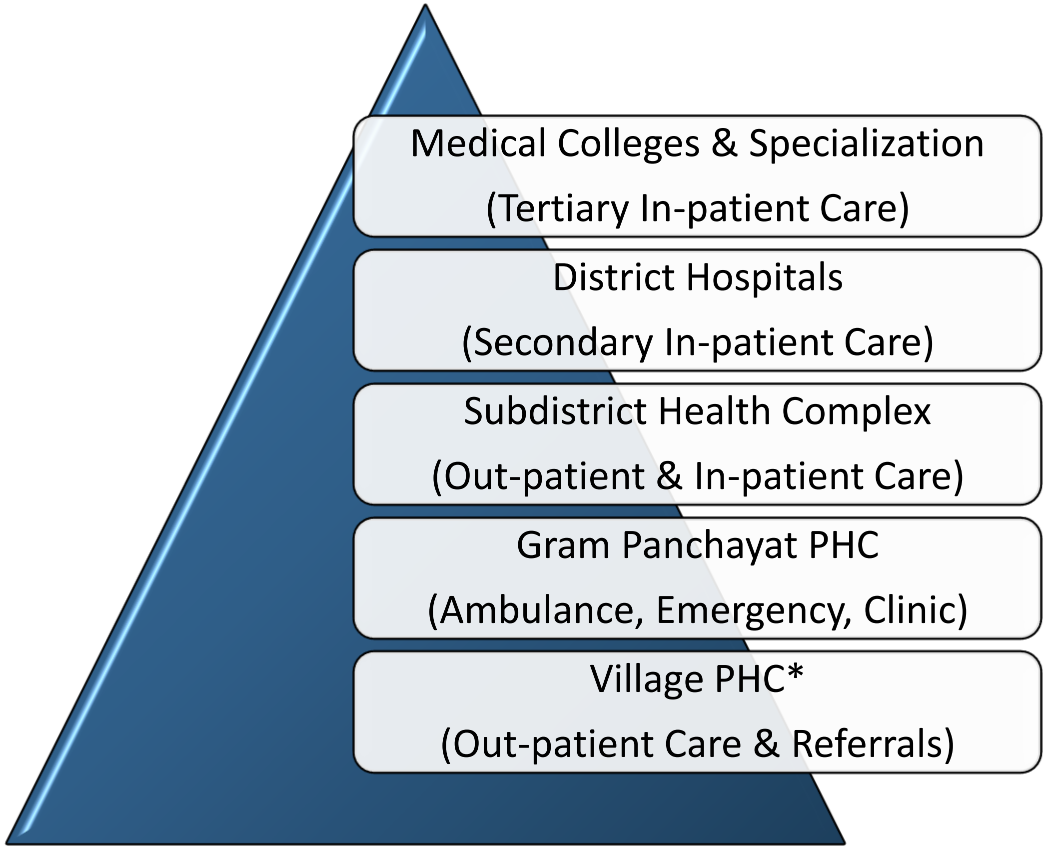
Big Hole

Rs 10 Lakhs ++

ICU Ventilator

TekMedika Preliminary and Confidential

The Motivation



Medical Colleges & Specialization
(Tertiary In-patient Care)

District Hospitals
(Secondary In-patient Care)

Subdistrict Health Complex
(Out-patient & In-patient Care)

Gram Panchayat PHC
(Ambulance, Emergency, Clinic)

Village PHC*
(Out-patient Care & Referrals)

As of 2021, there were **1,56,231 Primary Health Centers (PHCs) in India with minimal infrastructure*

- Provide a robust, portable ventilator system for facilities that lack sophisticated hospital infrastructure
- A system that requires minimum training and provides ventilation support from initiation to weaning with full range of mainstream parameters
- A system that can supplement the scarce, expensive ICU Ventilators, sparing them for more complex cases
- A system within the budget of the bottom of the pyramid at a fraction of the cost of an ICU Ventilator
- A system to bridge the gap between nothing and an expensive ICU ventilator
- A system that works in harsh uncontrolled environments and as a travel ventilator

INSPIRE-100 Details

System Components

Technical Details

Elegance in Simplicity

- *Simple, Easy-to-read Front Control Panel*
- *Prominent, Always-on Parameters Display*
- *Menu-driven HMI*
- *Prominent, Tactile Control Buttons*
- *LCD Screen for Menu and Message Display*
- *Colored LEDs show System state at-a-glance*
- *Brightness and Buzzer Volume Controls*
- *Backed by Comprehensive Remote Displays*

Product Overview

Salient Features

Exceptionally Budget Friendly

Comprehensive Remote Monitoring

Easy-to-use
Easy-to-train
Rugged & Robust

Works without Compressed air or Piped O_2

Complete Set of Mainstream Respiration Parameters

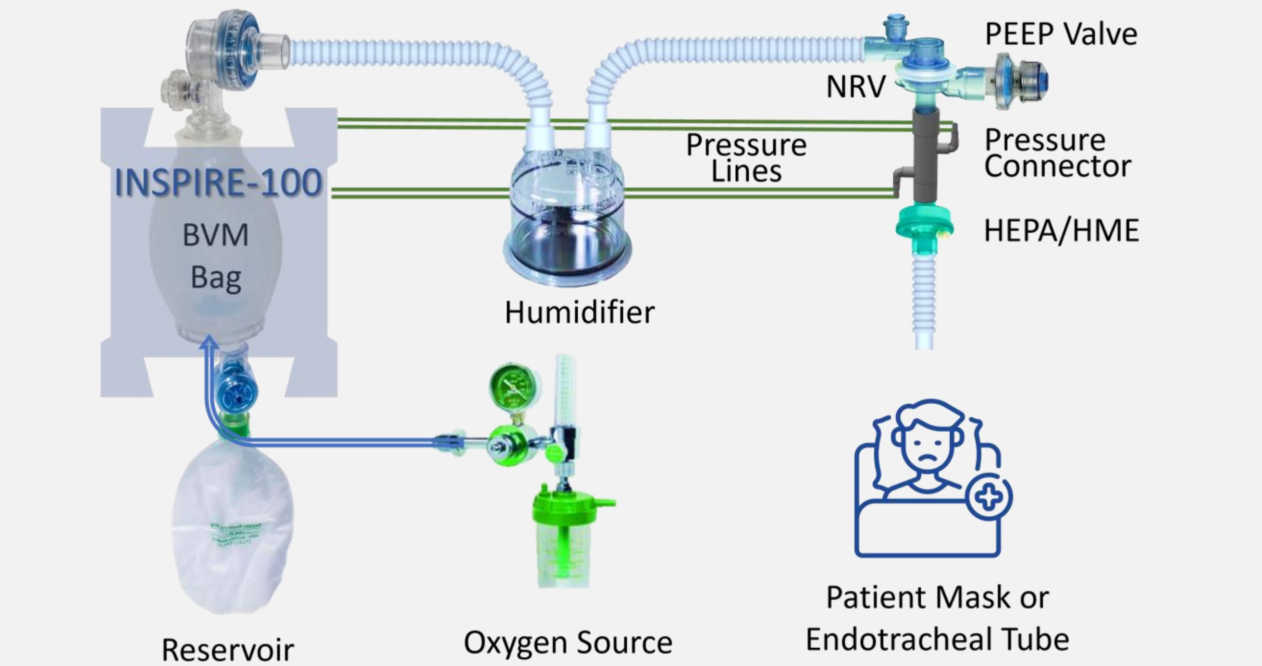
Power Consumption 100W

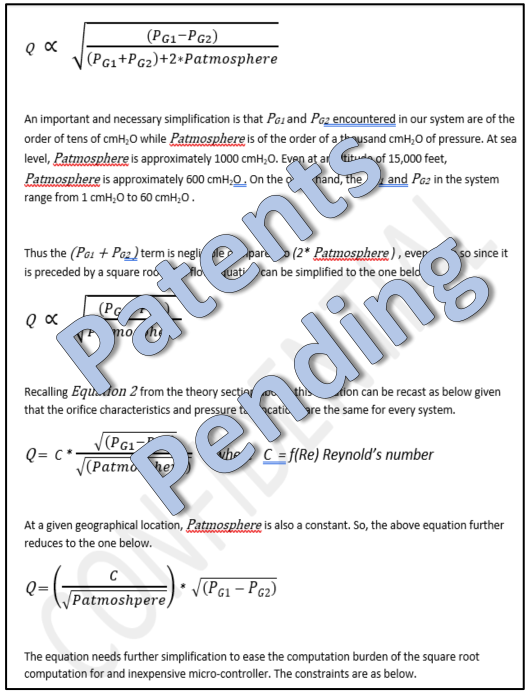
Patient Comfort

Mandatory Breaths synchronized with Patient-initiated Breaths

No breath stacking

Breathing Circuit





$$Q \propto \sqrt{\frac{(P_{G1}-P_{G2})}{(P_{G1}+P_{G2})+2*Patmosphere}}$$

An important and necessary simplification is that P_{G1} and P_{G2} encountered in our system are of the order of tens of cmH_2O while *Patmosphere* is of the order of a thousand cmH_2O of pressure. At sea level, *Patmosphere* is approximately 1000 cmH_2O. Even at an altitude of 15,000 feet, *Patmosphere* is approximately 600 cmH_2O . On the other hand, the P_{G1} and P_{G2} in the system range from 1 cmH_2O to 60 cmH_2O .

Thus the $(P_{G1} + P_{G2})$ term is negligible compared to (2* *Patmosphere*) , even [illegible] so since it is preceded by a square root [illegible] flow equation can be simplified to the one below.

$$Q \propto \frac{\sqrt{(P_{G1}-P_{G2})}}{\sqrt{Patmosphere}}$$

Recalling *Equation 2* from the theory section above, this equation can be recast as below given that the orifice characteristics and pressure tap locations are the same for every system.

$$Q= C * \frac{\sqrt{(P_{G1}-P_{G2})}}{\sqrt{(Patmosphere)}} \quad \text{where } C = f(Re) \text{ Reynold's number}$$

At a given geographical location, *Patmosphere* is also a constant. So, the above equation further reduces to the one below.

$$Q=\left(\frac{C}{\sqrt{Patmoshpere}}\right) * \sqrt{(P_{G1}-P_{G2})}$$

The equation needs further simplification to ease the computation burden of the square root computation for and inexpensive micro-controller. The constraints are as below.

Technical Specifications

Commonly used Ventilation Modes

CMV	Continuous Mandatory Ventilation
ACV	Synchronized Assist Control Ventilation
SIMV	Synchronized Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation
PSV	Pressure Support Ventilation (BiPAP equivalent)

Full Set of Alarm Alerts

- Max Pressure
- Pressure Leak
- Pressure Loss
- Airway Blockage
- Coughing Hiccupping
- Inconsistent Parameters
- Extreme Parameters
- System Temperature
- And many more …

Volume Controlled Breaths

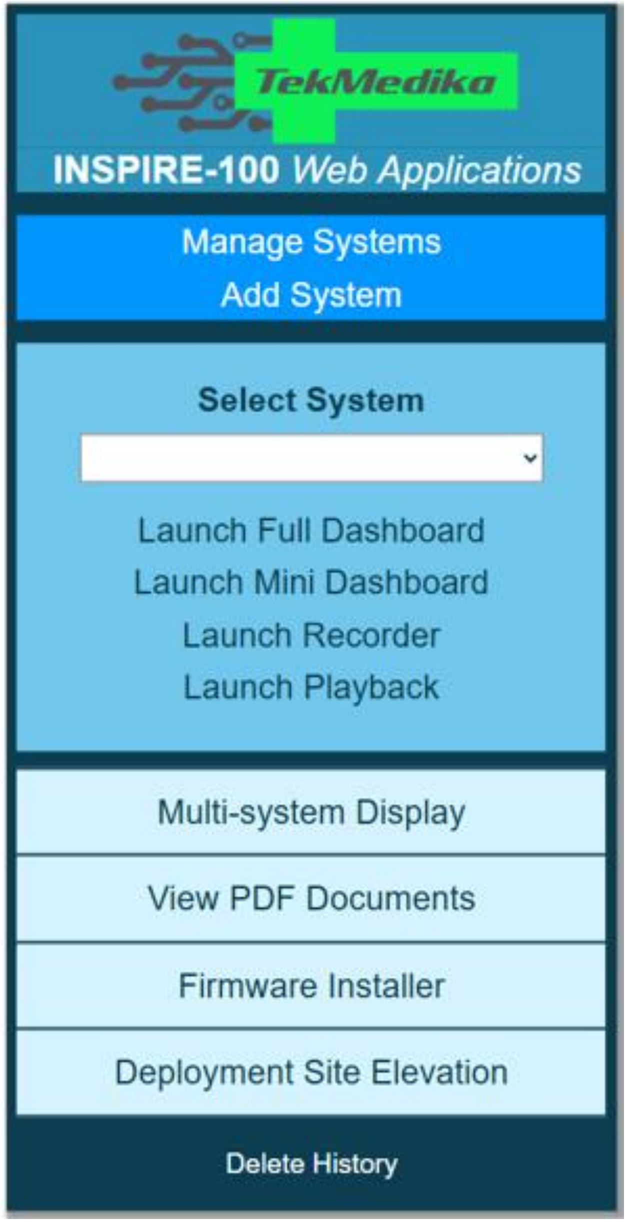
Tidal Volume	**200 - 600 ml**
Respiratory Rate	**10 - 30 bpm**
I:E Ratio	**1:1 1:2 1:3**
PEEP	**4 - 15 cmH_2O**
Max Pressure	**15 - 60 cmH_2O**
FiO_2 Support	**System Managed** **Externally Controlled**

Pressure Supported Breaths

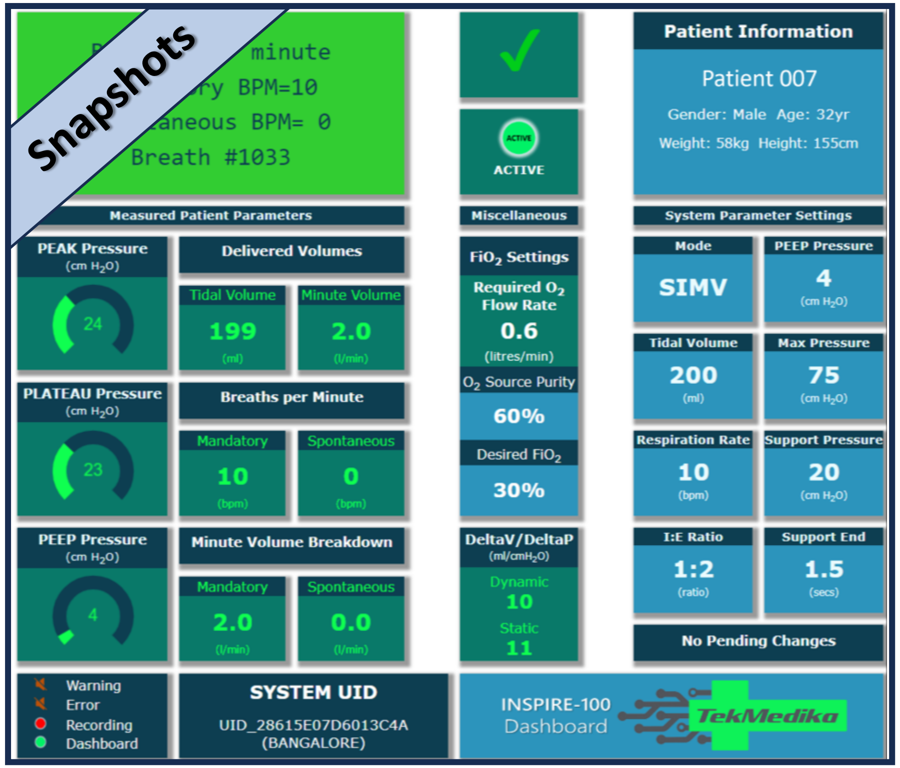
Support Pressure	5 - 20 cmH_2O
Support Pressure Termination	Flow Triggered 10 – 60%

Elaborate Remote Monitoring

- ✓ **Live Dashboard**
- ✓ **Detailed Breath Waveforms**
- ✓ **Charts for all Parameters**
- ✓ **Detailed Statistics**
- ✓ **System Alerts and Alarms**
- ✓ **Recording and Playback**
- ✓ **Multi-system Display**



Remote Monitor Screenshots



P minute
ry BPM=10
aneous BPM= 0
Breath #1033

✓
ACTIVE

Patient Information
Patient 007
Gender: Male Age: 32yr
Weight: 58kg Height: 155cm

Measured Patient Parameters

PEAK Pressure (cm H_2O) 24
PLATEAU Pressure (cm H_2O) 23
PEEP Pressure (cm H_2O) 4

Delivered Volumes
Tidal Volume 199 (ml)
Minute Volume 2.0 (l/min)

Breaths per Minute
Mandatory 10 (bpm)
Spontaneous 0 (bpm)

Minute Volume Breakdown
Mandatory 2.0 (l/min)
Spontaneous 0.0 (l/min)

Miscellaneous
FiO_2 Settings
Required O_2 Flow Rate 0.6 (litres/min)
O_2 Source Purity 60%
Desired FiO_2 30%
DeltaV/DeltaP (ml/cmH_2O)
Dynamic 10
Static 11

System Parameter Settings
Mode SIMV
PEEP Pressure 4 (cm H_2O)
Tidal Volume 200 (ml)
Max Pressure 75 (cm H_2O)
Respiration Rate 10 (bpm)
Support Pressure 20 (cm H_2O)
I:E Ratio 1:2 (ratio)
Support End 1.5 (secs)
No Pending Changes

Warning
Error
● Recording
● Dashboard

SYSTEM UID
UID_28615E07D6013C4A
(BANGALORE)

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Dashboard
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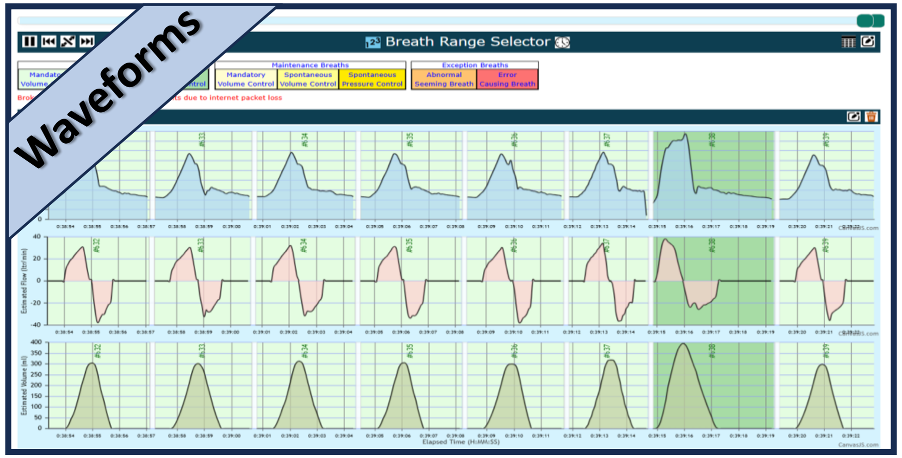
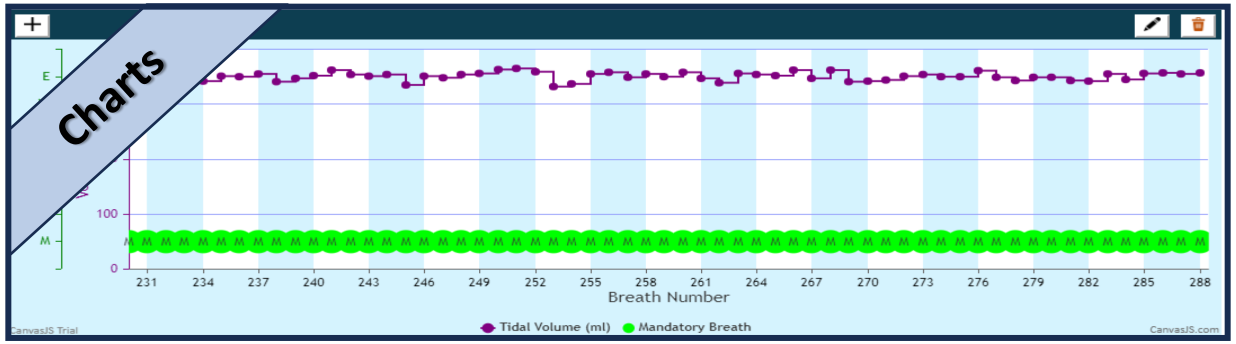
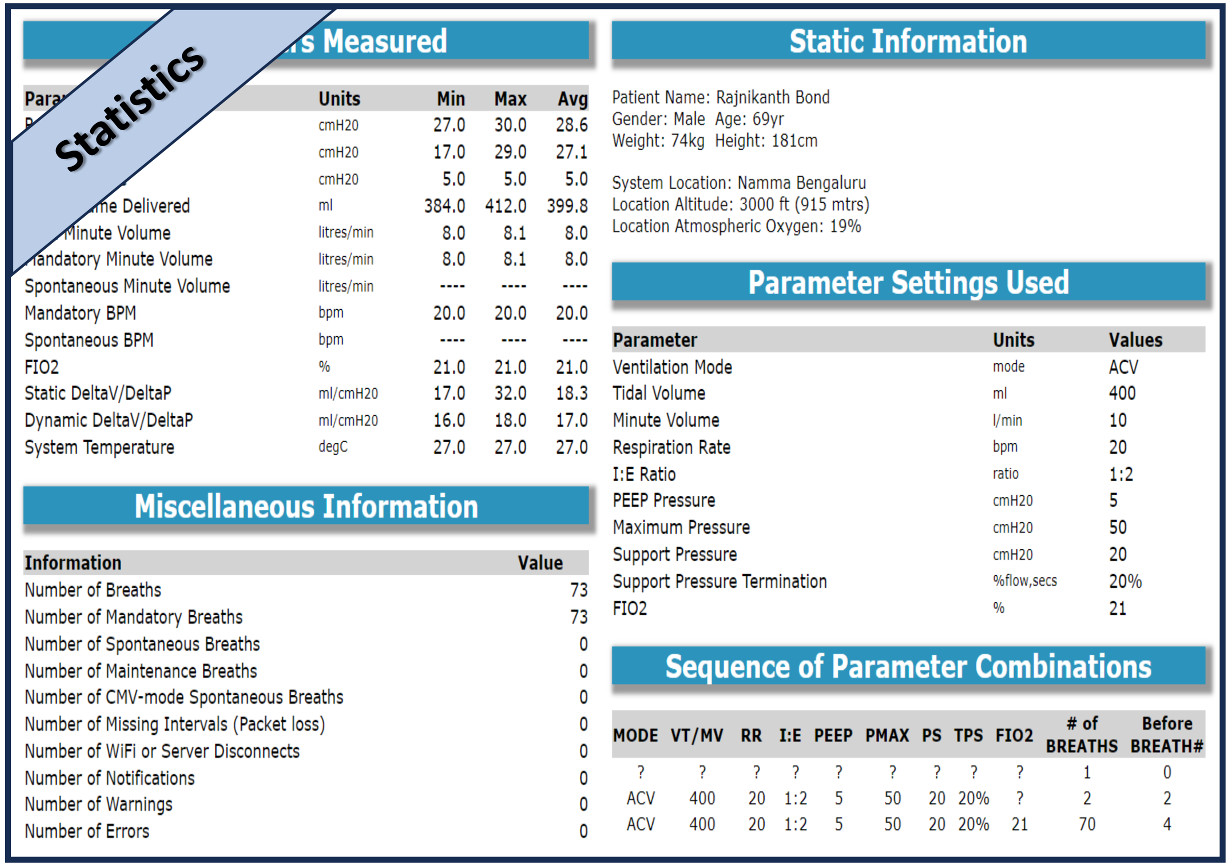






s Measured

Para	Units	Min	Max	Avg
P	cmH20	27.0	30.0	28.6
	cmH20	17.0	29.0	27.1
	cmH20	5.0	5.0	5.0
me Delivered	ml	384.0	412.0	399.8
Minute Volume	litres/min	8.0	8.1	8.0
andatory Minute Volume	litres/min	8.0	8.1	8.0
Spontaneous Minute Volume	litres/min	----	----	----
Mandatory BPM	bpm	20.0	20.0	20.0
Spontaneous BPM	bpm	----	----	----
FIO2	%	21.0	21.0	21.0
Static DeltaV/DeltaP	ml/cmH20	17.0	32.0	18.3
Dynamic DeltaV/DeltaP	ml/cmH20	16.0	18.0	17.0
System Temperature	degC	27.0	27.0	27.0

Miscellaneous Information

Information	Value
Number of Breaths	73
Number of Mandatory Breaths	73
Number of Spontaneous Breaths	0
Number of Maintenance Breaths	0
Number of CMV-mode Spontaneous Breaths	0
Number of Missing Intervals (Packet loss)	0
Number of WiFi or Server Disconnects	0
Number of Notifications	0
Number of Warnings	0
Number of Errors	0

Static Information

Patient Name: Rajnikanth Bond
Gender: Male Age: 69yr
Weight: 74kg Height: 181cm

System Location: Namma Bengaluru
Location Altitude: 3000 ft (915 mtrs)
Location Atmospheric Oxygen: 19%

Parameter Settings Used

Parameter	Units	Values
Ventilation Mode	mode	ACV
Tidal Volume	ml	400
Minute Volume	l/min	10
Respiration Rate	bpm	20
I:E Ratio	ratio	1:2
PEEP Pressure	cmH20	5
Maximum Pressure	cmH20	50
Support Pressure	cmH20	20
Support Pressure Termination	%flow,secs	20%
FIO2	%	21

Sequence of Parameter Combinations

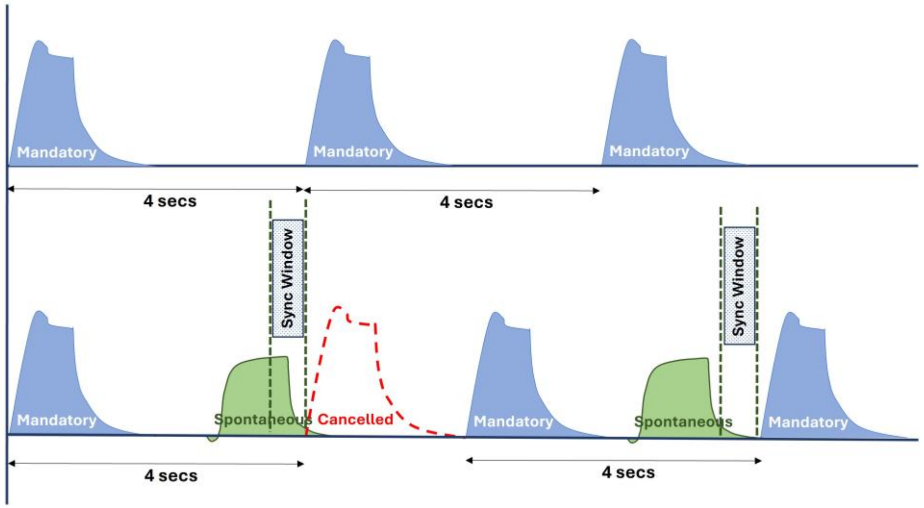
MODE	VT/MV	RR	I:E	PEEP	PMAX	PS	TPS	FIO2	# of BREATHS	Before BREATH#
?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	1	0
ACV	400	20	1:2	5	50	20	20%	?	2	2
ACV	400	20	1:2	5	50	20	20%	21	70	4

Breath Synchronization

Synchronize Mandatory breaths with Spontaneous breaths
Prevent breath stacking

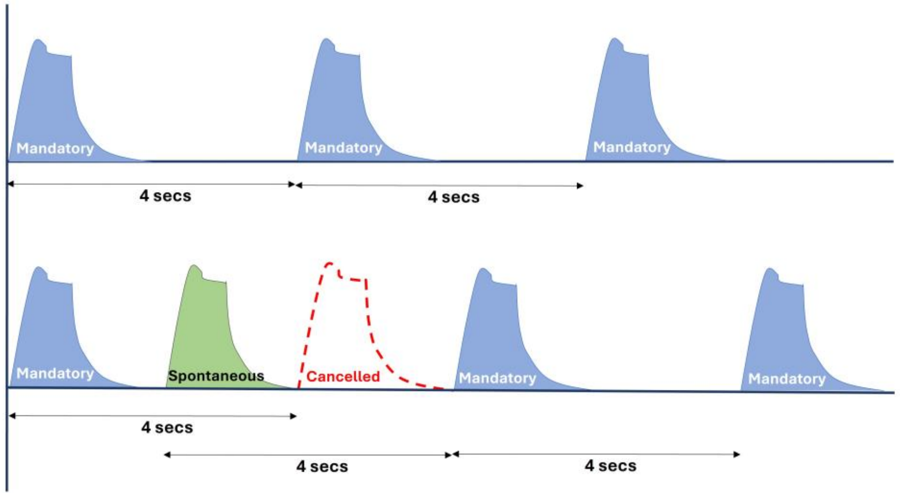
Breath Synchronization in SIMV Mode

e.g. RR=15 bpm (4 secs per breath)



Breath Synchronization in ACV Mode

e.g. RR=15 bpm (4 secs per breath)



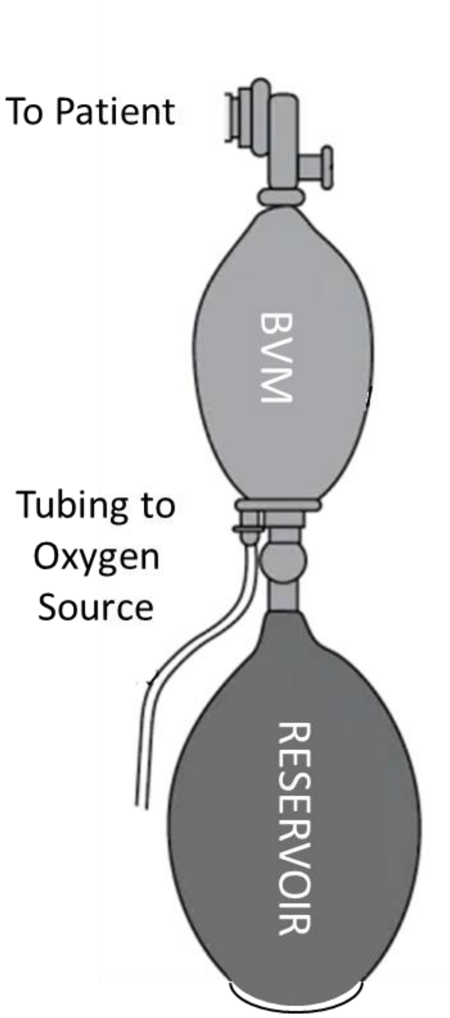
FiO_2 Settings

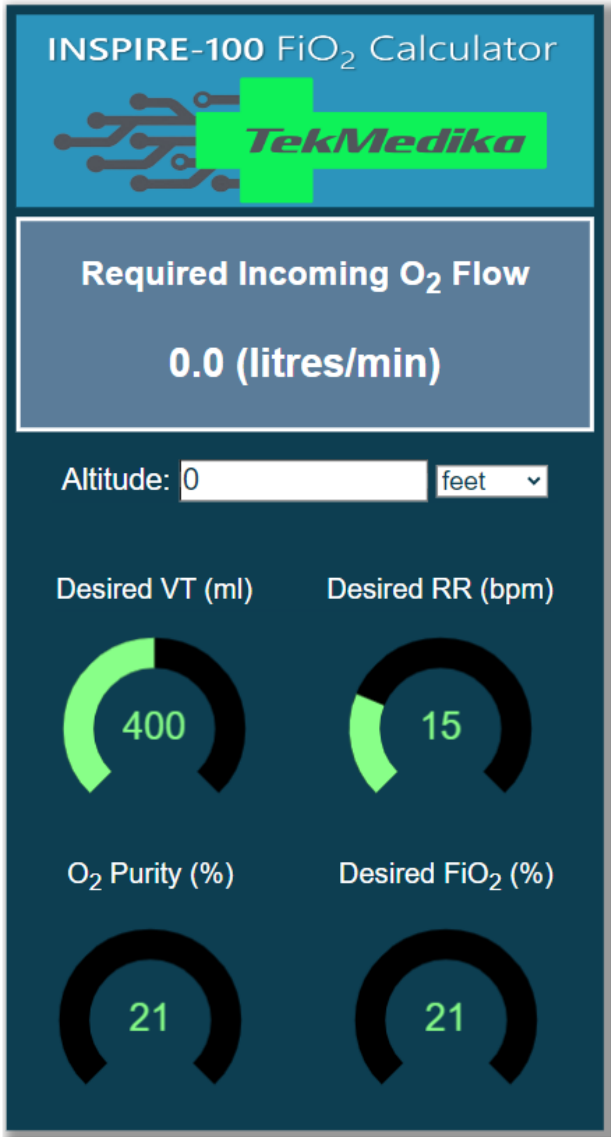
Without the Reservoir bag, FiO_2 delivered is the Atmospheric O_2 content at site

FiO_2 delivery with the Reservoir bag is mathematically modelled, calibrated and verified in the Lab to provide +/- 10% accuracy

Front-panel guides the user in setting the appropriate input O_2 flow rate from the O_2 source for a given FiO_2

The mathematical model provides for an O_2 concentrator as an O_2 source (purity < 100%)




INSPIRE-100 FiO_2 Calculator

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Required Incoming O_2 Flow

0.0 (litres/min)

Altitude: 0 feet

Desired VT (ml): 400

Desired RR (bpm): 15

O_2 Purity (%): 21

Desired FiO_2 (%): 21

Alarms & Safety Features

Enforcement of Pre-use checks

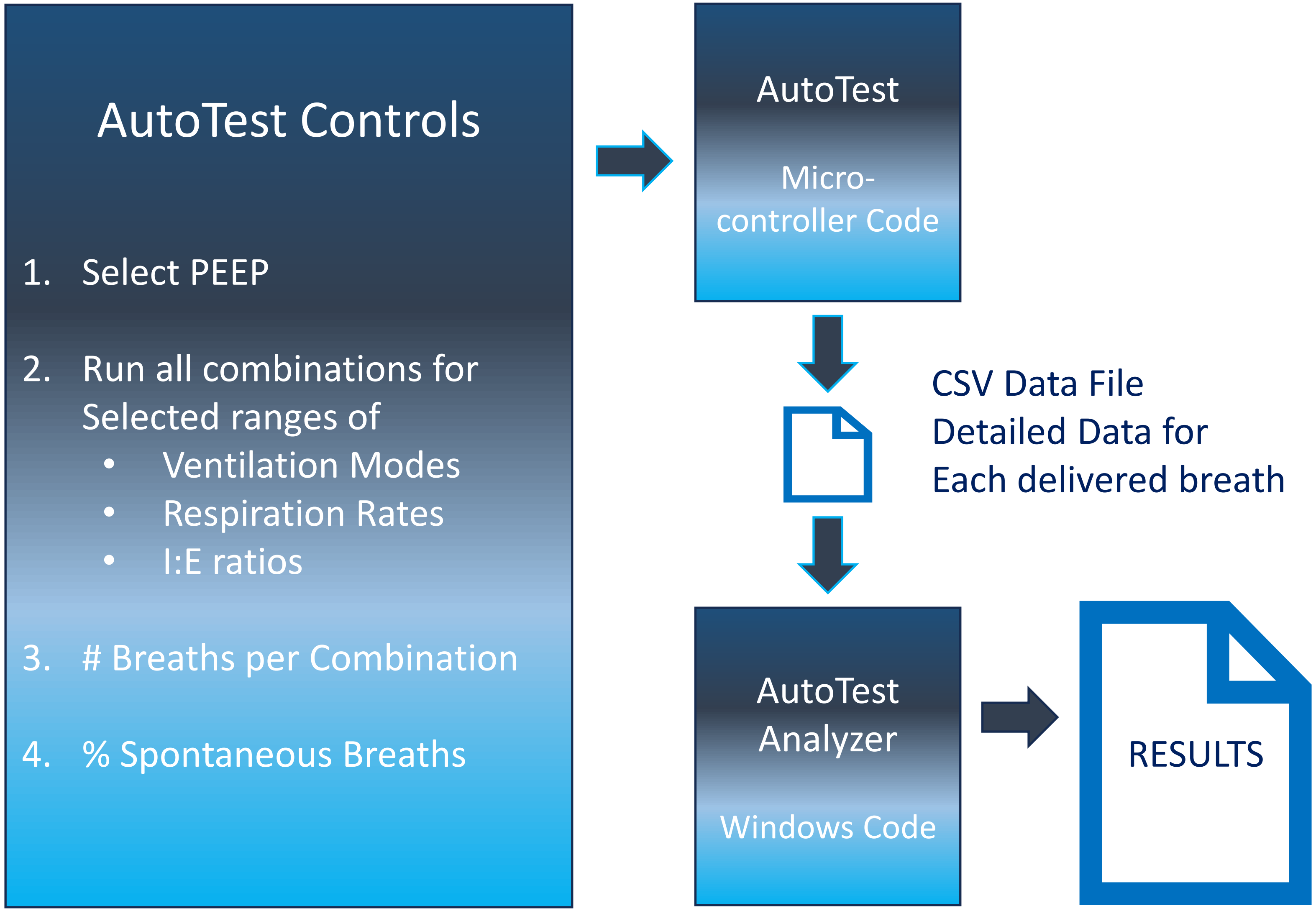
Maintenance Breaths till Alarm situation rectified

Alarms, Warnings and Notifications

- Max Pressure Alarm
- Pressure Leak Alarm
- Pressure Loss Alarm
- Airway Blockage Alarm
- System Temperature Alarm
- Sensor Failure Alarm
- Breathing Circuit Failure Alarm
- Detect coughing/hiccupping fits
- Inconsistent input parameters
- Extreme parameter combination warnings
- And many more …

- Pre-Use Checks
  - Mandatory
    - Check Sensors
    - Set Pressures
    - Set FiO2
  - Recommended
    - Breathing System
      - Insp. Pause
      - Spont. Trigger
      - Flow Alerts
      - SIMV Sync Window
      - BVM Bag
    - Display
      - LED Lights
      - Number LEDs
      - Brightness
      - Alarms
      - Buzzer Volume
    - Miscellaneous
      - Breath Shapes
      - Motor
      - Power Backup
  - Optional
    - Checker Status
      - Curr Status
      - Prev Status
    - System UID
    - Date Time
    - Reading Speed
    - Factory Reset

Extensive Automated Testing



AutoTest Controls

1. Select PEEP
2. Run all combinations for Selected ranges of
    - Ventilation Modes
    - Respiration Rates
    - I:E ratios
3. # Breaths per Combination
4. % Spontaneous Breaths

AutoTest

Micro-controller Code

CSV Data File
Detailed Data for
Each delivered breath

AutoTest
Analyzer

Windows Code

RESULTS

BACKUP

CPAP *v/s* BiPAP *v/s* INSPIRE-100 *v/s* ICU-VENTILATOR

CPAP	BiPAP	Respimatic 100	ICU Ventilator
Continuous Positive Airway Pressure	Continuous Bi-Level Airway Positive Pressure	Mechanical Ventilation with 4 most-used ventilation modes and controls	Mechanical Ventilation with very sophisticated modes and controls
Non-invasive	Non-invasive	Non-invasive + Invasive	Non-invasive + Invasive
High Flow + PEEP	Inspiratory Pressure + PEEP	Tidal Volume + Support Pressure + PEEP	Tidal Volume + Support Pressure + PEEP
Useful for Type 1 respiratory Failure (Hypoxemic)	Useful for Type 2 respiratory Failure (Hypercopnic)	Useful for Hypoxemic and Hypercopnic respiratory failure	Useful for Hypoxemic and Hypercopnic respiratory failure
Continuous flow of air at a constant pressure. Increases mean airway pressure to recruit collapsed alveoli	Continuous flow of air at different constant pressures during inspiration and expiration breathing phase	Independent control over the volume, the respiration rate and pressure	Independent control over the volume, the respiration rate and pressure
Useful only when patient can breathe on his own	Useful only when patient can breathe on his own	Useful when patient can or CANNOT breathe on his own	Useful when patient can or CANNOT breathe on his own
Only Spontaneous breaths that are patient triggered.	Only Spontaneous breaths that are patient triggered.	Spontaneous breaths + Mandatory breaths controlled by RR and I:E	Spontaneous breaths + Mandatory breaths controlled by RR and I:E
External FiO2 control	External FiO2 control	System assisted FiO2 control	Direct FiO2 control
Breath Synchronization N/A	Breath Synchronization N/A	Full Breath Synchronization	Full Breath Synchronization
No Tidal Volume control	Indirect Tidal Volume control (IPAP-EPAP)	Direct Tidal Volume control	Direct Tidal Volume control
No Respiration Rate control	No Respiration Rate control	Direct Respiration Rate control	Direct Respiration Rate control
No Inspiration:Expiration ratio control	No Inspiration:Expiration ratio control	Direct Inspiration:Expiration control	Direct Inspiration:Expiration control
External Humidity control	External Humidity control	External Humidity control	Direct Humidity control
No display of Peak, Plateau or PEEP	No display of Peak, Plateau or PEEP	Full display of Peak, Plateau and PEEP	Full display of Peak, Plateau and PEEP
Minimal alarm signals	Minimal alarm signals	Full set of Alarm signals	Full set of Alarm signals
No remote monitoring	No remote monitoring	Sophisticated Remote WEB Dashboard	Minimal Remote monitoring (if any)

Thank You