

# initial settings for HAMILTON-TI ventilator

# SIMV+

(Pressure Regulated Volume Control)

Adult/Ped  
Male or Female

sets Vt at 6ml/kg IBW



Pat. height



sets Vt at 6ml/kg IBW

all other patients get **VC-Standard** **VC-Obstructive** for asthma/COPD

Start Ventilation

16 bpm - titrate to normal CO<sub>2</sub>/pH

Rate

10 bpm - titrate to fastest Rate on flow/time graph that avoids breath-stacking. Permissive hypercapnoea (pH>7.15):. sedate ++

5 (preset) -titrate using PEEP/O<sub>2</sub> scale

PEEP/  
CPAP

0 (preset)

5	5	8	8	10	10	10	12	14	14	14	16	18	18	20	22	24
30	40	40	50	50	60	70	70	70	80	90	90	90	100	100	100	100

to SpO<sub>2</sub> of 92-95%

Oxygen

100% (default)- titrate to SpO<sub>2</sub> of 86-92%

controls

I:E = 1:2 (preset)

(re-titrate TI with every Rate change to get I:E)

TI

I:E ≥ 1:4 (preset)

(re-titrate TI with every Rate change to get I:E)

# SIMV+

## troubleshooting for HAMILTON-TI ventilator

If **Vt low** and **Pressure limitation** alarms, press **Monitoring 3**

$R_{insp} < 15$  (rr<15)  
 $C_{stat} \ll 50$  (rr>50) = **Stiff lungs**

*Seek & Treat*  
- chest causes (eg: pneumothorax)  
- abdominal causes (eg: obesity, ascites)

↓ **VTe** (min 4ml/kg IBW)  
↑ **Rate** to maintain MinVol

$R_{insp} \gg 15$  (rr<15)  
 $C_{stat} > 50$  (rr>50) = **Obstructed lungs**

*Seek & Treat*  
- blocked tube  
- bronchospasm

↑ **Pressure limitation** in increments of 10 to allow VTe (max 70)  
↓ **Rate** in increments of 2 (min 4 or pH ≤ 7.1)  
↑ **I:E ratio** ≥ 1:4

$R_{insp} \gg 15$  (rr<15)  
 $C_{stat} \ll 50$  (rr>50) = **Obstructed lungs + gas trapping**

*Disconnect patient from ventilator & allow to exhale stacked breaths. When reattaching, ventilate with obstructive strategy with trouble shooting as per obstructed lungs.*

If **Vt low** and **P<sub>peak</sub> low** alarms, press **Monitoring 2**

$V_{leak} > 10\%$  (rr<10%) = **Leak**

*BVM patient*  
- if ETT leak issue; reposition/replace  
- if circuit issue; reconnect/replace

If ventilation continues to be difficult, please discuss with ICU registrar regarding further troubleshooting

# initial settings for HAMILTON-T1 ventilator

# ASV

Adaptive  
Support  
Ventilation

To be used as rescue ventilation  
mode only after consultation  
with ICU registrar

Adult/Ped  
Male or Female

sets MV ( $V_t \times \text{Rate}$ ) of 100ml/Kg IBW



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≈ **Standard strategy**

**Start Ventilation**

≈ **Obstructive strategy**

**110%** for normal lungs (*10% for dead space*)  
**130%** for febrile/ARDS/pregnancy  
**150%** for metabolic acidosis  
 -titrate by 10% to desired CO<sub>2</sub>/pH

%MinVol

**70%** for asthma/COPD  
 - titrate using **flow/time graph** to avoid breath stacking; permissive hypercapnoea (pH>7.15): sedate ++

**5 (default)** - titrate using PEEP/O<sub>2</sub> scale

PEEP/  
CPAP

0

5	5	8	8	10	10	10	12	14	14	14	16	18	18	20	22	24
30	40	40	50	50	60	70	70	70	80	90	90	90	100	100	100	100

to titrate SpO<sub>2</sub> of 92-94%

**Oxygen** **100% (default)** titrate to SpO<sub>2</sub> of 88-92%

**Controls** **Basic** **TiMax** : 1 sec

**ETS** : 40%

To be used as rescue ventilation mode only after consultation with ICU registrar

If **Low MinVol** and **Pressure limitation** alarms, press **Monitoring 3**

$$R_{\text{insp}} < 15 \quad (\text{rr} < 15)$$

$$C_{\text{stat}} \ll 50 \quad (\text{rr} > 50)$$

**Stiff lungs**

*Seek & Treat*  
 -chest causes (eg: pneumothorax)  
 -abdominal causes (eg: obesity, ascites)

$$R_{\text{insp}} \gg 15 \quad (\text{rr} < 15)$$

$$C_{\text{stat}} > 50 \quad (\text{rr} > 50)$$

**Obstructed lungs**

*Seek & Treat*  
 -kinked /blocked tube  
 -bronchospasm

↑ **Pasvlimit** in increments of 10 to allow MinVol (max 70)

$$R_{\text{insp}} \gg 15 \quad (\text{rr} < 15)$$

$$C_{\text{stat}} \ll 50 \quad (\text{rr} > 50)$$

**Gas Trapping**

*Disconnect patient from ventilator & allow to exhale stacked breaths*

↑ **Pasvlimit** in increments of 10 to allow MinVol (max 70)

If **P<sub>peak</sub> low** and **low MinVol** alarms, press **Monitoring 2**

$$V_{\text{leak}} > 10\% \quad (\text{rr} < 10\%)$$

**Leak**

*BVM patient*  
 -seek and treat ETT issue (reposition/ replace)  
 - seek and treat circuit issue (reconnect/ replace)

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**NIV-ST**  
NIV Spontaneous Timed  
(rescue breaths if apnoeic)

≈ **Standard strategy**  
(type-1 respiratory failure)

Adult/Ped  
NIV-ST  
Start Ventilation

≈ **Obstructive strategy**  
(type-2 respiratory failure)

5 (preset) -titrate using PEEP/O<sub>2</sub> scale

5	5	8	8	10	10	10	12	14	14	14	16	18	18	20
30	40	40	50	50	60	70	70	70	80	90	90	90	100	100

to SpO<sub>2</sub> of 92-95%

PEEP/  
CPAP

5 (preset)

Oxygen

100% (preset)-titrate to SpO<sub>2</sub> of 86-92%

5 (preset)-titrate to V<sub>Te</sub> ≥ 6ml/Kg IBW.  
If after 15mins, RR > 25, ↑V<sub>Te</sub> by 2ml/kg every 15 mins (max: 10ml/kg/IBW)

(if PEEP/P<sub>insp</sub>=5/5, then IPAP/EPAP = 10/5)

P<sub>insp</sub>

	5'0" 153cm	5'2" 156cm	5'4" 163cm	5'6" 168cm	5'8" 173cm	5'10" 178cm	6'0" 183cm	6'2" 188cm	6'4" 193cm
6ml/kg female	276	296	330	360	385	415	440	470	490
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8ml/kg female	364	401	438	474	511	548	485	622	658
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10ml/kg female	455	500	546	592	638	685	730	777	822
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Controls

More

P-ramp: 50ms

TiMax : 1 sec

ETS : 40%

If **Vt low** and **Pressure limitation** alarms, press **Alarms** increase pressure limitation in increments of 10 to allow VTe. *Maximum IPAP (PEEP+P<sub>insp</sub>) = 25*

If **Vt low** and **P<sub>peak</sub> low** alarms, press **Monitoring 2**

**V<sub>leak</sub> >10%** (rr<10%) = **Leak**

*BVM patient*

*- if ETT leak issue; reposition/replace*

*- if circuit issue; reconnect/replace*

## Acute Pulmonary Oedema:

- Start **PEEP at 10cmH<sub>2</sub>O** and titrate up as per **Protective strategy** while rapidly titrating high-dose IV GTN to achieve patient's normal blood pressure within 30 minutes.
- Avoid NIV if patient is hypotensive (cardiogenic shock).

## Patients on home ventilators (including Obstructive Sleep Apnoea (OSA):

Check EMR for their usual ventilator pressures, please note

- PEEP = EPAP (= CPAP if P<sub>insp</sub> = 0)
- P<sub>insp</sub> = IPAP-EPAP
- CPAP for OSA is used to splint the **upper airway** open as opposed to the alveoli. This often requires much higher levels of PEEP. If CPAP pressure is unknown, start at **(actual body-weight in kg)/10** and titrate.