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# Anesthesia machine

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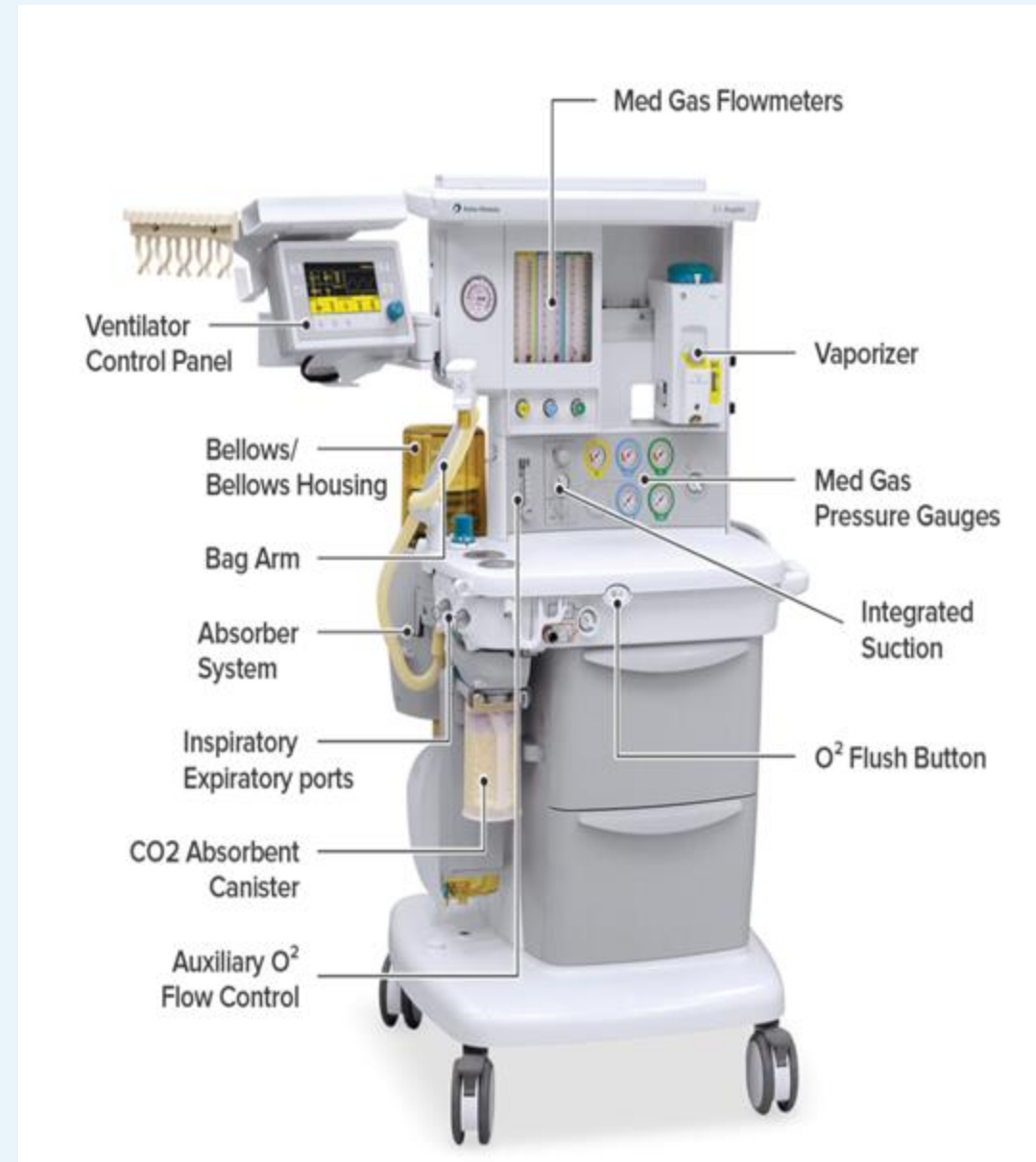
An anesthesia machine is a vital piece of equipment used in medical settings to administer anesthesia to patients during surgical procedures. It allows anesthesiologists to precisely control the delivery of gases (such as oxygen, nitrous oxide, and volatile anesthetic agents) to keep patients unconscious, pain-free, and stable throughout surgery.

# Purposes of anaesthesia machine :

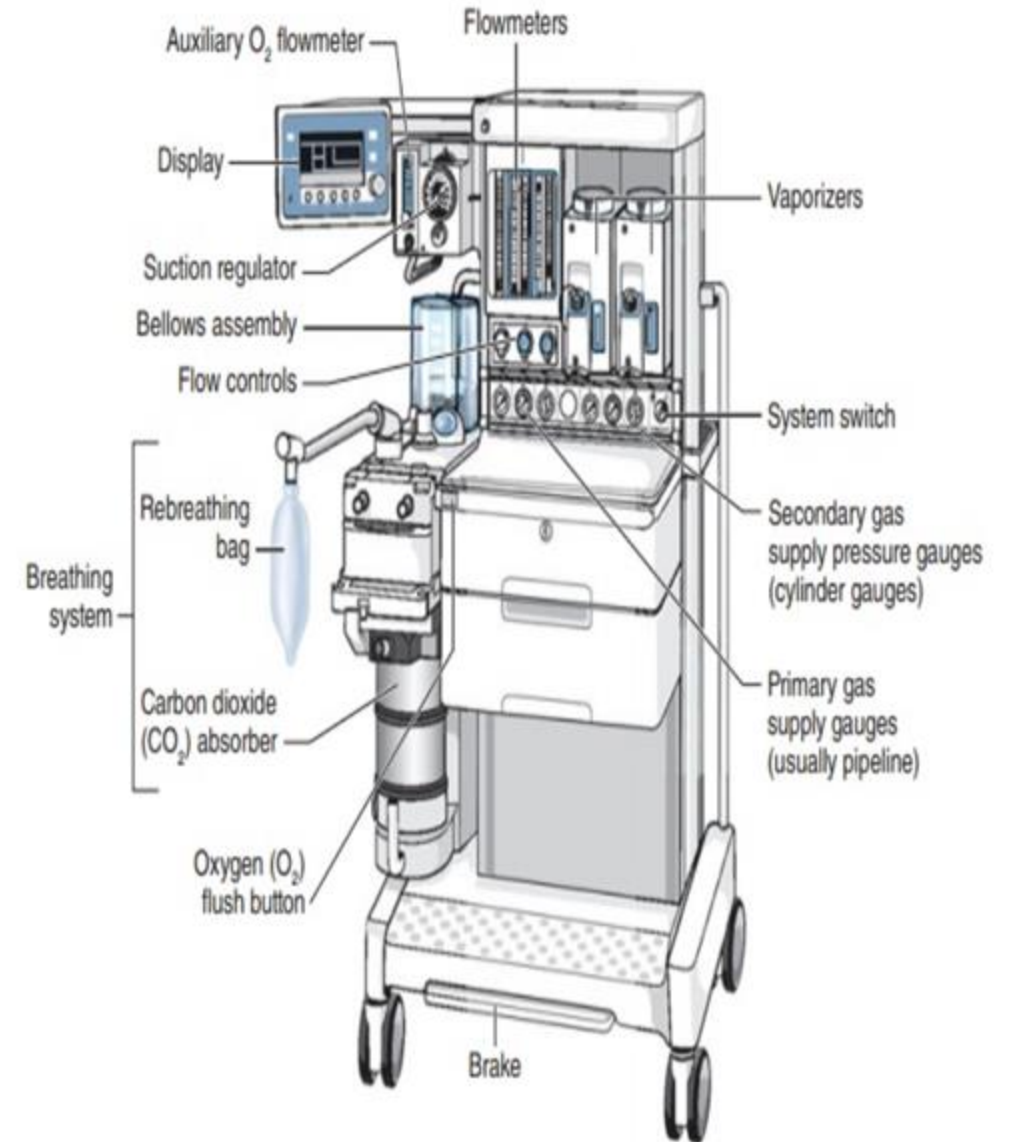
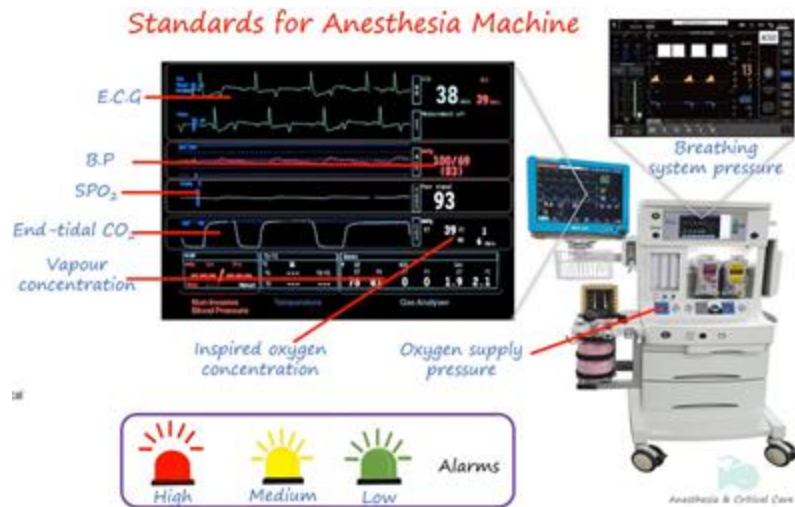
- Provides oxygen
- Accurately mixes anaesthetic gases & vapours enables patient ventilation
- Minimizes anaesthesia related risks to patients & staff


These machines typically consist of several components:

- **Gas Sources:** These machines connect to various gas sources, including oxygen, nitrous oxide, and sometimes compressed air.
- **Vaporizers:** These devices control the concentration of volatile anesthetic agents mixed with the carrier gases, ensuring accurate delivery to the patient.
- **Breathing Circuit:** A system of tubes and valves that delivers the gases from the machine to the patient's airways, often connected to a breathing mask or an endotracheal tube.
- **Ventilator:** Some anesthesia machines have integrated ventilators to assist the patient's breathing during the procedure.



- **Monitoring Equipment:** Anesthesia machines often include monitors for vital signs like oxygen saturation, blood pressure, heart rate, and respiratory rate.
- **Safety Features:** These machines have safety mechanisms to prevent over-administration of gases or other issues that might endanger the patient.





continuous Flow Anesthesia Machines: These are the traditional types that provide a continuous flow of gases to the patient. They're characterized by their reliability and steady gas delivery.

Intermittent Flow Anesthesia Machines (IFAMs): are specialized type of anesthesia delivery system designed to provide controlled intermittent flow of gases to the patient during surgical procedures.

Unlike continuous flow machines, which deliver a constant flow of gases, *IFAMs are equipped to deliver gas only during the patient's inhalation phase*. They operate using a demand valve mechanism that triggers gas delivery when the patient initiates a breath. This mechanism helps conserve anesthetic gases and oxygen since the flow is synchronized with the patient's breathing

# Type of anesthesia machines





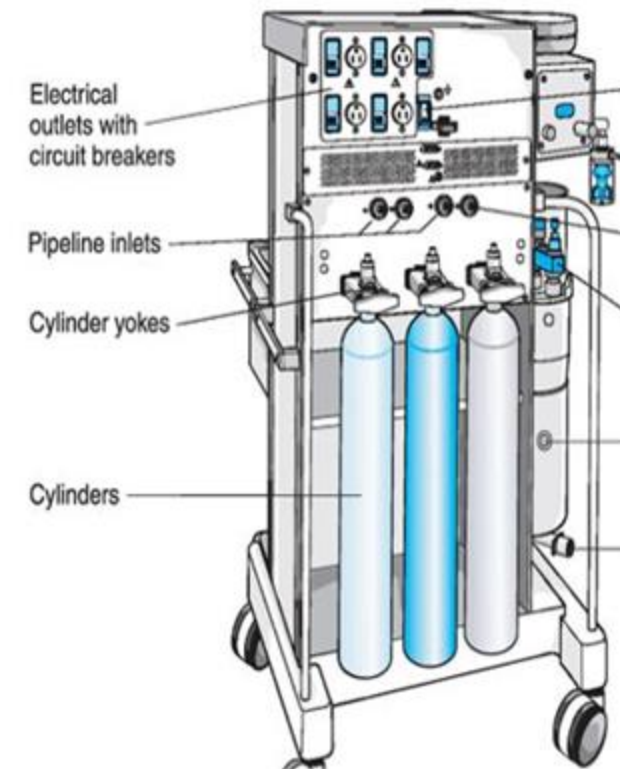
Medical gases are crucial elements used in various healthcare settings for diagnostic, therapeutic, and life-support purposes. These gases play essential roles in patient care, surgery, emergency medicine, and other medical procedures. Some common medical gases include:

- Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>): Perhaps the most fundamental medical gas, oxygen is vital for sustaining life. It's used in various treatments, from aiding respiration to supporting patients with respiratory conditions or during surgery.
- Nitrous Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O): Known as laughing gas, nitrous oxide is often used as an anesthetic agent in dental procedures and certain minor surgeries. It has both anesthetic and analgesic properties.
- Medical Air: This is a mixture of oxygen and nitrogen used for various purposes, such as operating pneumatic surgical tools, ventilating patients, and diluting certain medical gases.

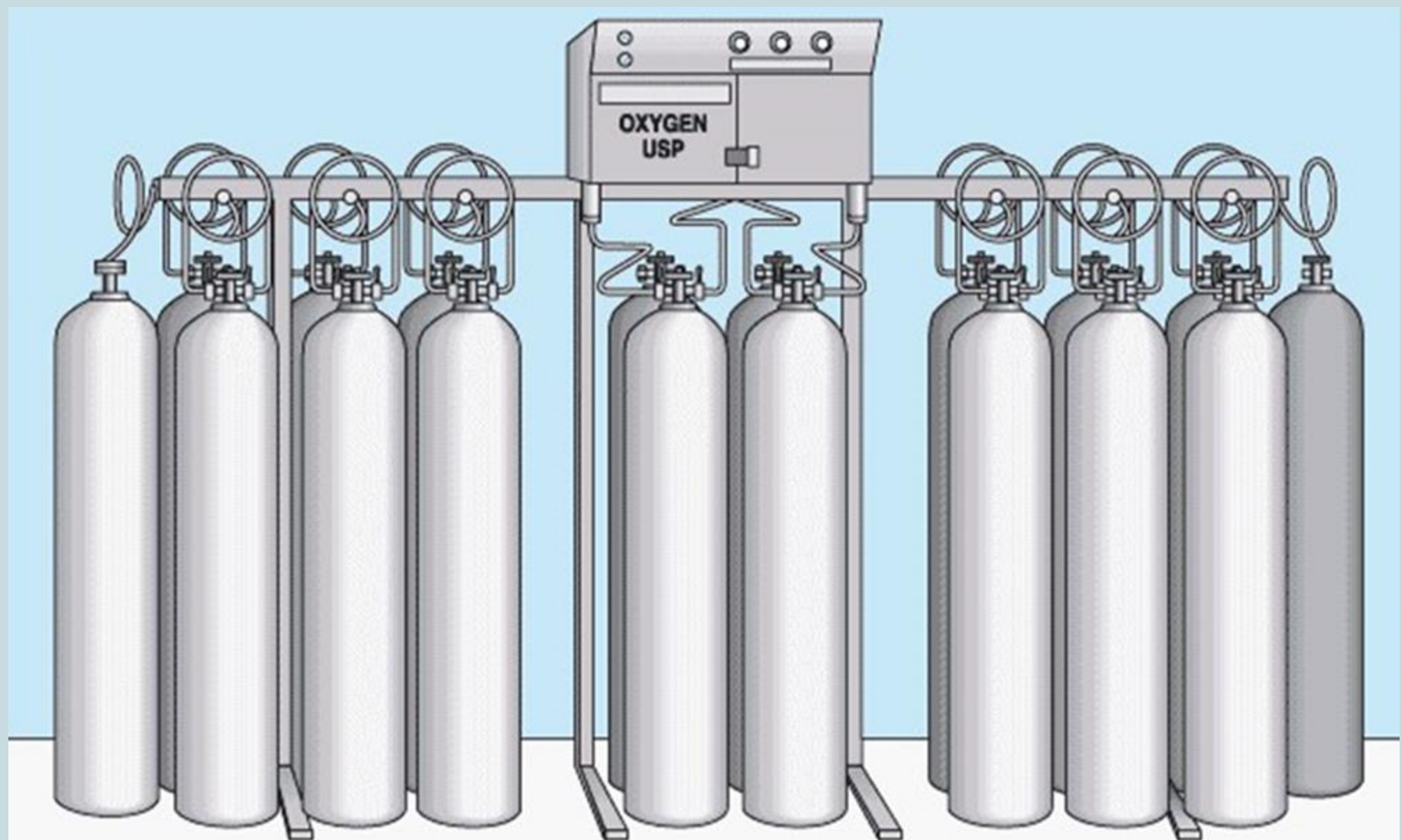
# Medical gases

# Gas sources: Cylinders

Gas	E-Cylinder Capacity <sup>1</sup> (L)	H-Cylinder Capacity <sup>1</sup> (L)	Pressure <sup>1</sup> (psig at 20 °C)	Color (USA)	Color (international)	Form
O <sub>2</sub>	625-700	6000-8000	1800-2200	Green	White	Gas
Air	625-700	6000-8000	1800-2200	Yellow	White and black	Gas
N <sub>2</sub> O	1590	15,900	745	Blue	Blue	Liquid







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A bank of oxygen H-cylinders connected by a manifold.

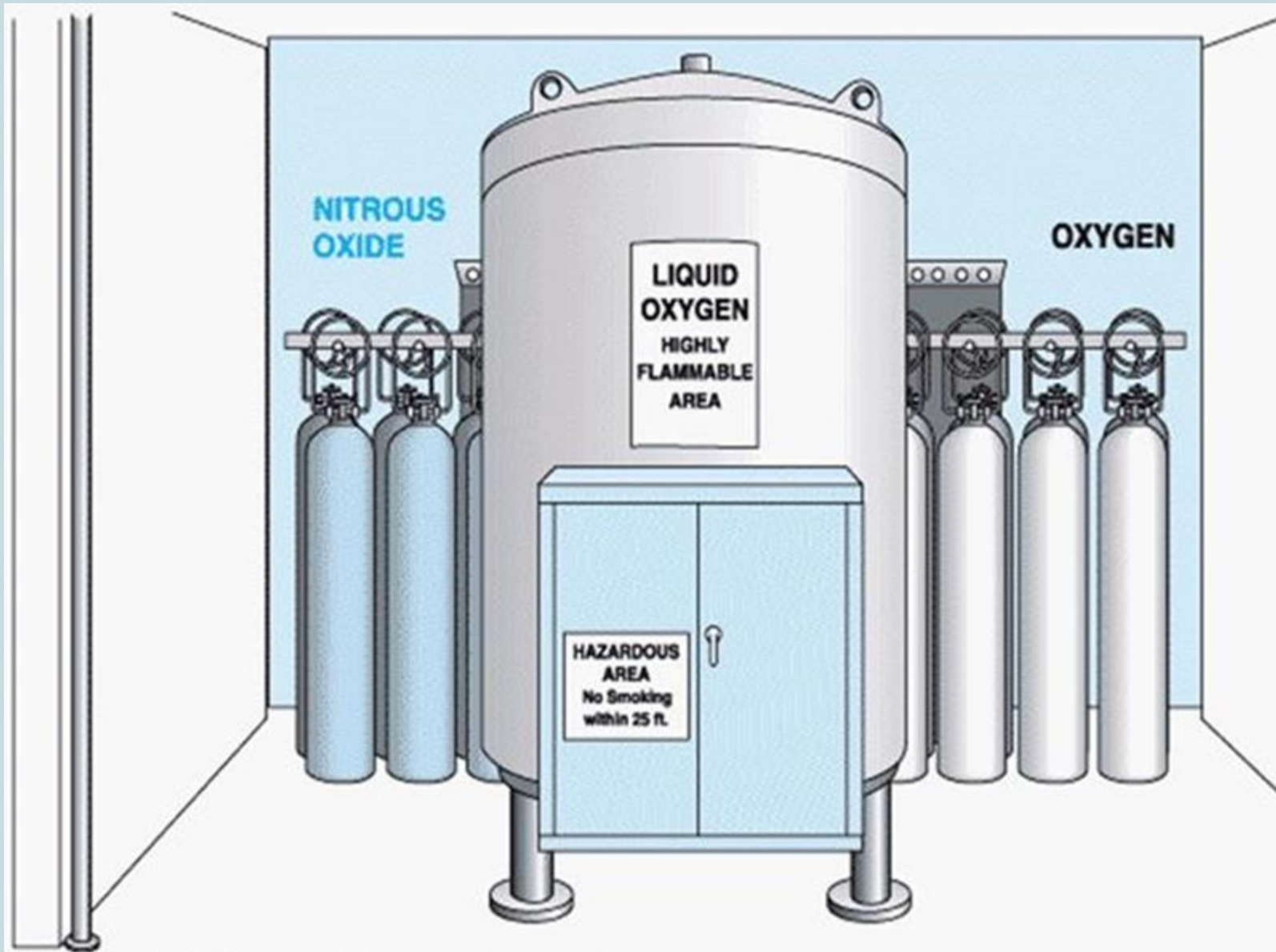
# Pipelines

Medical gases are delivered from their central supply source to the operating room through a piping network.

The tubing is *colour-coded* and connects to the anaesthesia machine through a non-interchangeable *diameter-index safety system (DISS)* fitting that prevents incorrect hose attachment.

The anaesthetist should check that the pipeline pressure displayed on the anaesthetic machine should indicate 400 kPa

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A liquid storage tank with reserve oxygen tanks in background.

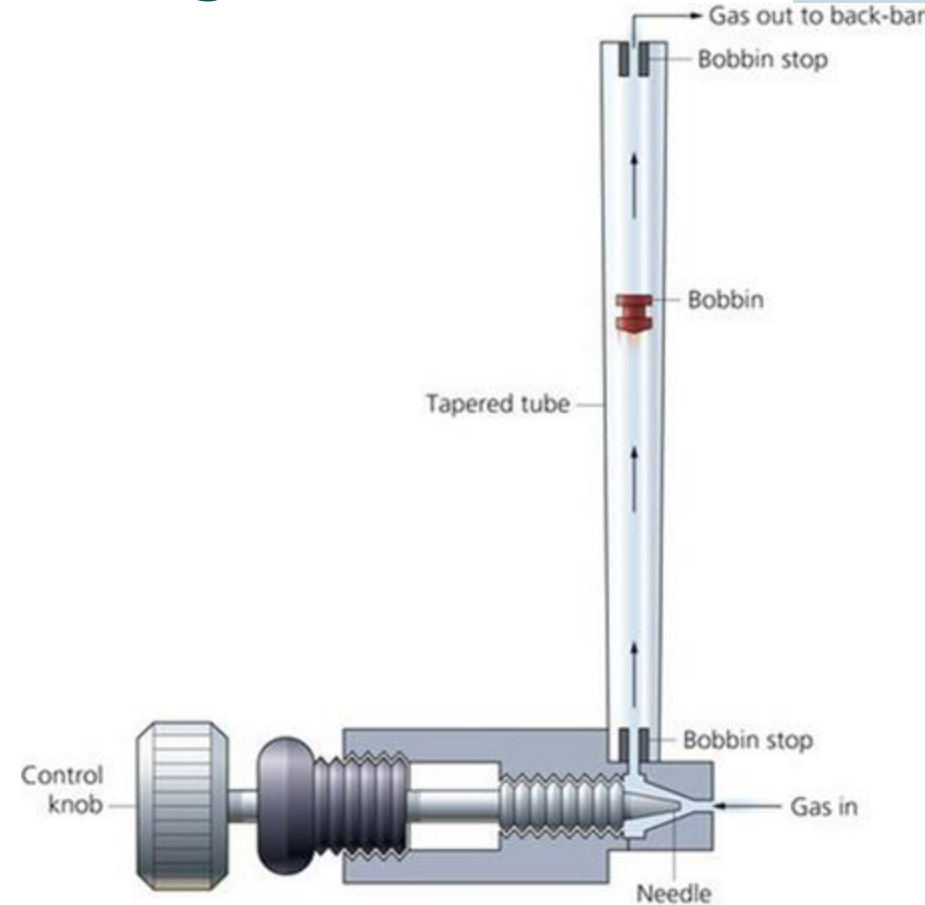
# Flowmeters and gas flow regulation

## Valves:

Ø Needle valves (for flow control).  
As the valve is opened (by turning the valve in an anticlockwise direction), the orifice around the needle becomes larger and flow increases



Flow control knobs




Flow control (needle) valve and flowmeter

# Flowmeters

Ø Tapered glass tube containing a bobbin or ball, which floats on the stream of moving gas, to indicate the flow rate of the gas passing through them.

Ø Flowmeters are specifically constructed for each gas, since the flow rate depends on both the viscosity and density of the gas.

Ø Inaccuracy in flowmeters are due to:

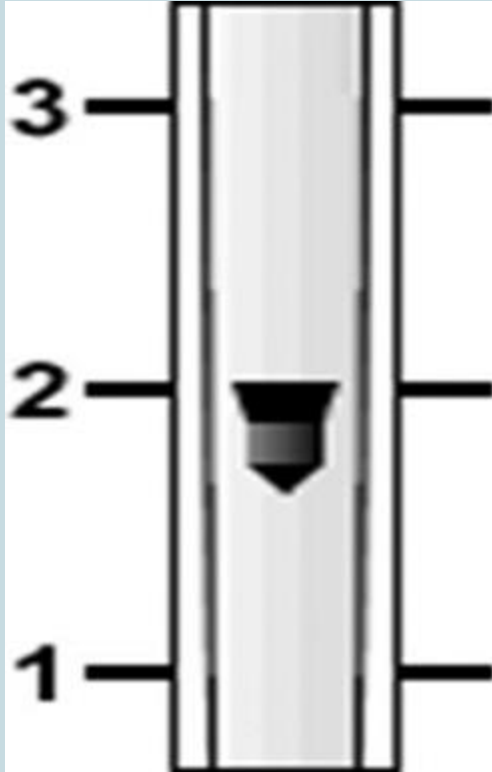
- The tube not being vertical.
  - Back-pressure, from for example, a ventilator.
  - Static electricity causing the float to stick to the tube.
  - Dirt causing the float to stick to the tube
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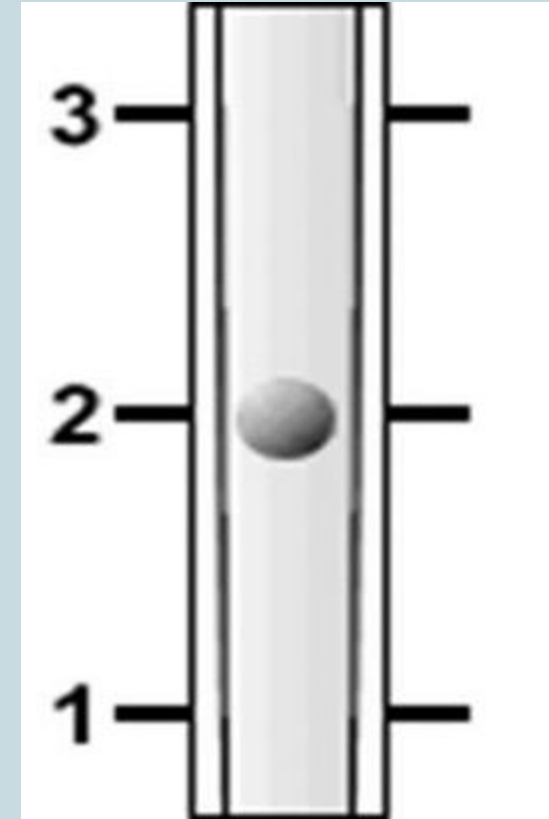




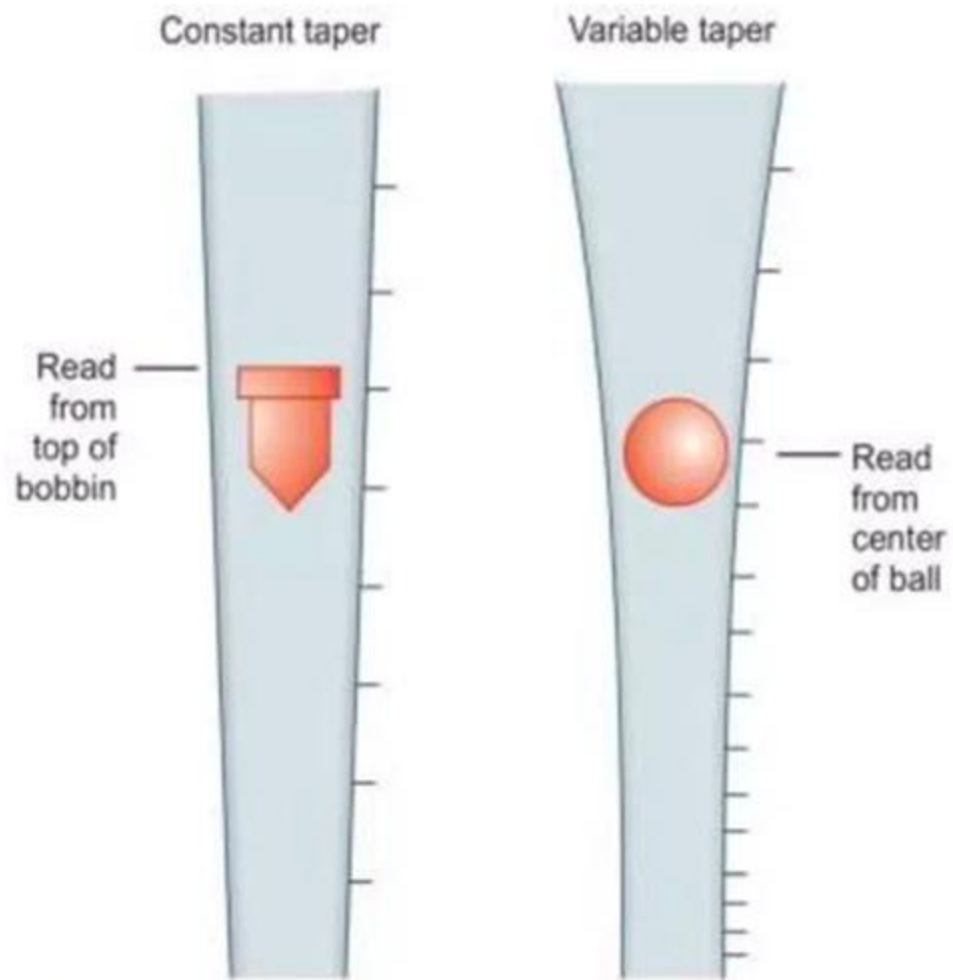
# Bobbins and balls



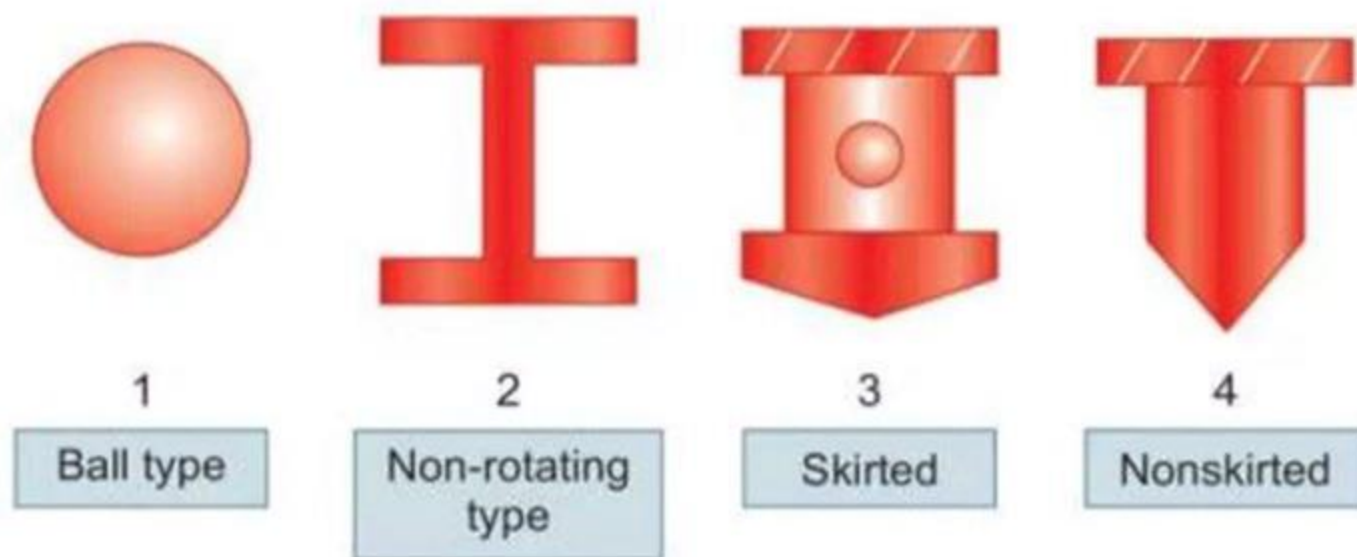
Bobbin flowmeter, reading 2 L/min



Ball-float flowmeter, reading 2 L/min



**Fig. 7** Rotameters with bobbins



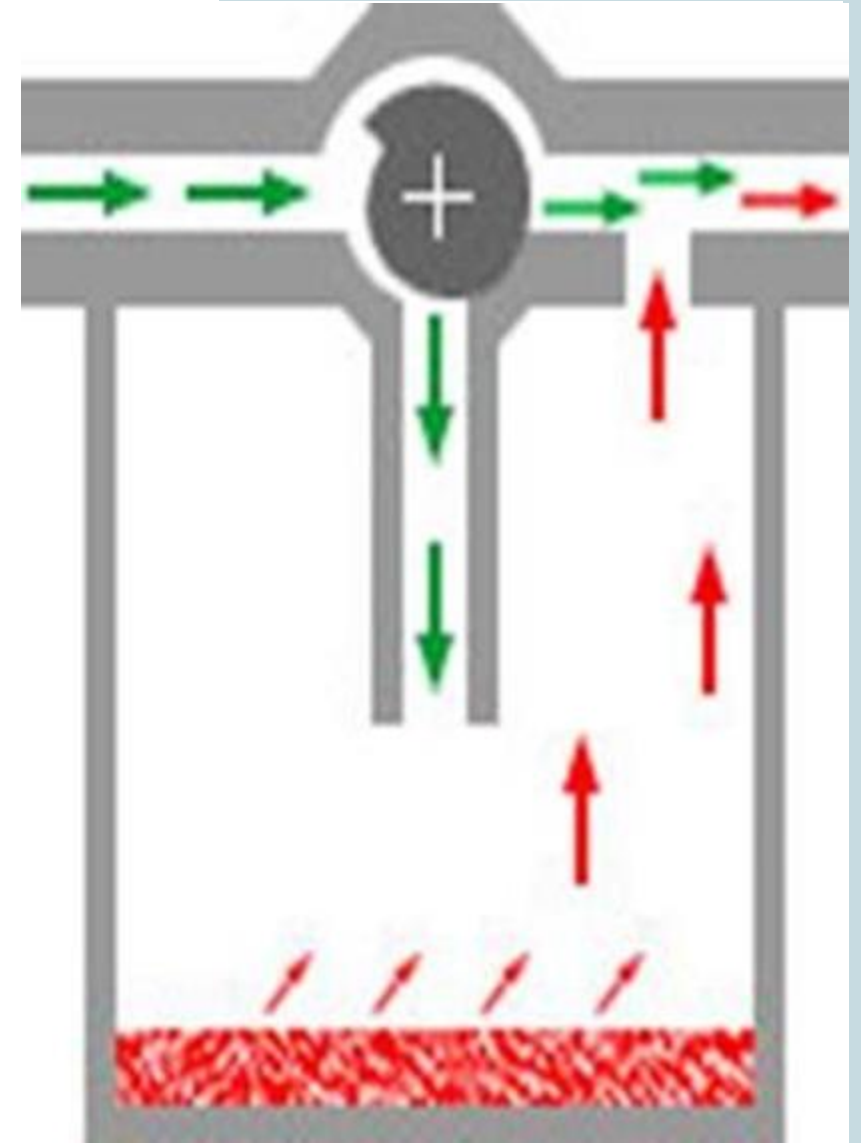
**Fig. 8** Reading a flowmeter and different types of bobbins

# Vapourisers

The purpose of an anaesthetic vaporiser is to produce a controlled and predictable concentration of anaesthetic vapour in the carrier gas passing through the vaporiser.


Most vaporisers are of the plenum type, which consists of a vaporising chamber containing the liquid anaesthetic, and a bypass.

Gas passing through the vaporising chamber volatilises the anaesthetic and is then mixed with the anaesthetic-free gas bypassing the chamber, the proportion of vapour-containing gas and bypass gas being controlled by a tap.





# Factors affecting vaporiser output

- Flow through the vaporising chamber
  - Efficiency of vaporization
  - Temperature
  - Time
  - Gas flow rate
  - Carrier gas composition
  - Ambient pressure
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# Breathing Circuits



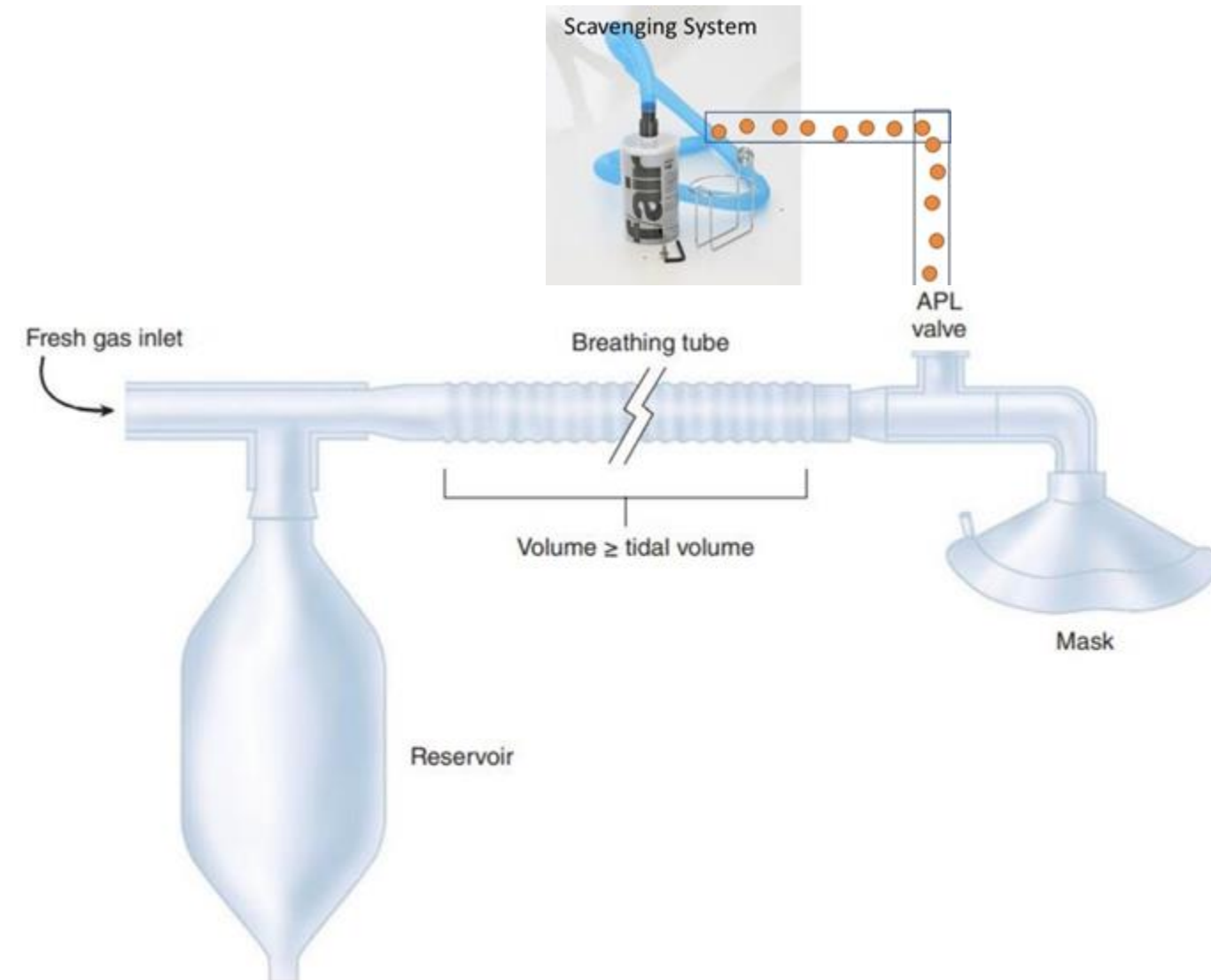
- Breathing circuits link the patient to the anaesthesia machine. Therefore, The function of the circuit is to; deliver Oxygen and anaesthetic gases to the patient, providing humidity and warmth to inspired gases, and to eliminate Carbon Dioxide.
- Types of Breathing Circuit:
  - 1)Mapleson's Circuits
  - 2)The Circle System



# Mapleson's Circuits

- Mapleson first introduced a classification for anaesthetic circuits in 1954.
- Classified into **6 types** (A, B, C, D, E, and F).
- The relative location of these components determines circuit performance and is the basis of the Mapleson's classification.
- It does not include systems with internal valves or soda lime (APL valve only so risk of rebreathing is present).
- Spontaneous ventilation vs controlled ventilation.
- **A-D** used in **adults**; E&F used in paediatrics
- The main goal is to assist respiration and prevent rebreathing.

# Components of Mapleson's Circuit:



## Components:-

1. Corrugated Breathing Tubes made of either;

rubber (reusable) or plastic (disposable)

,  
this creates a low-resistance pathway and a potential reservoir for anesthetic gases.

2. Fresh Gas Inlet (FGI)

3. Adjustable Pressure-Limiting Valve

(APL Valve, Pressure-Relief Valve, Pop-Off Valve); allows gases to exit the circuit as pressure rises.

4. Waste-gas Scavenging System; for exiting gases.

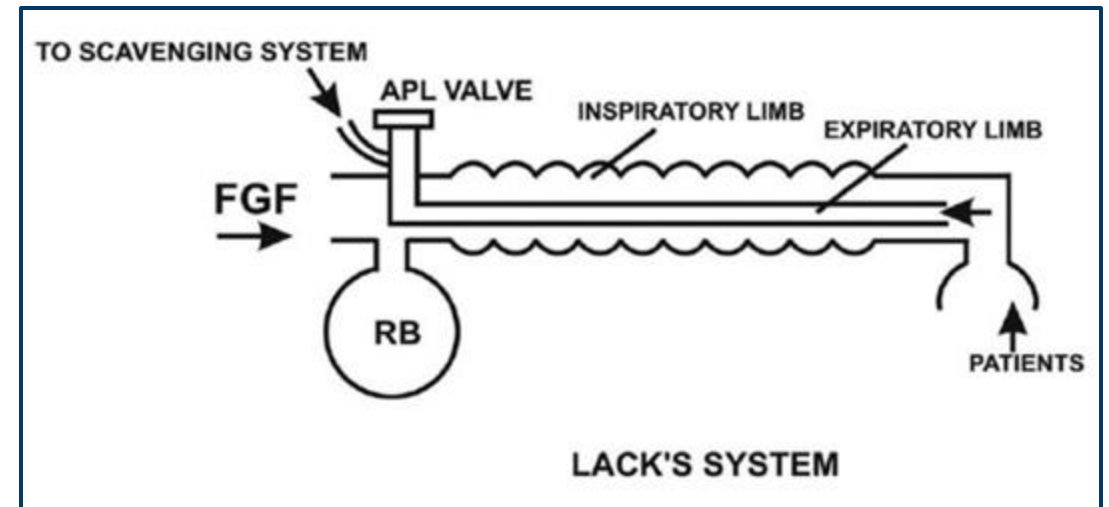
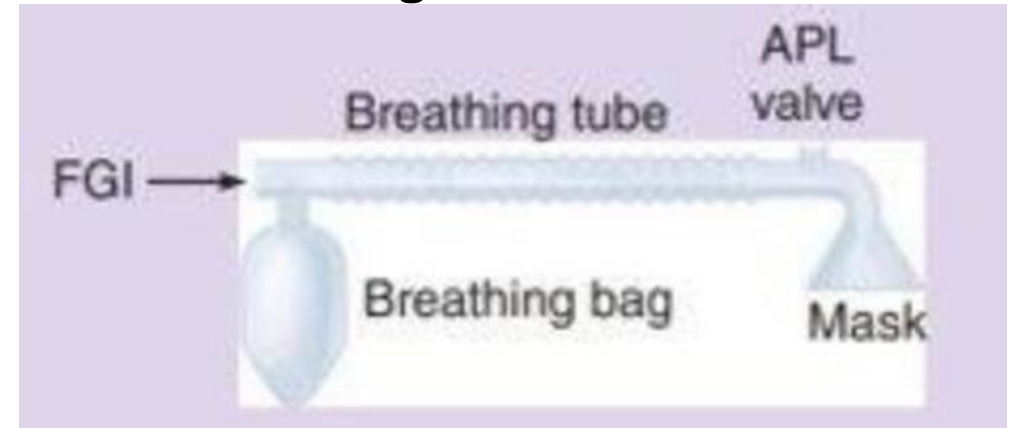
5. Reservoir Bag (Breathing Bag); a reservoir for the anaesthetic gas, and a method for positive pressure ventilation.

6. Patient Connection (to Face Mask)

# Mapleson's A (Magill Circuit)

- FGI is near reservoir bag, APL valve is near face mask.
- The most efficient Mapleson's circuit for spontaneous ventilation.
- Poor choice during controlled ventilation.
- **Enclosed Magill system** is a modification that improves efficiency.
- Coaxial Mapleson A modification (**Lack's Circuit**) provides waste gas scavenging.

Magill Circuit



# Mapleson's B



- FGI and APL valve are close to face mask (FGI being just distal to APL valve).
- Fresh gas flows are conveniently available because the FGI is near the APL valve.
- In order to prevent rebreathing fresh gas flow should be around 20-25L/min.
- Mapleson's A is more efficient.

## Required Fresh Gas Flows

**Spontaneous**

**Controlled**

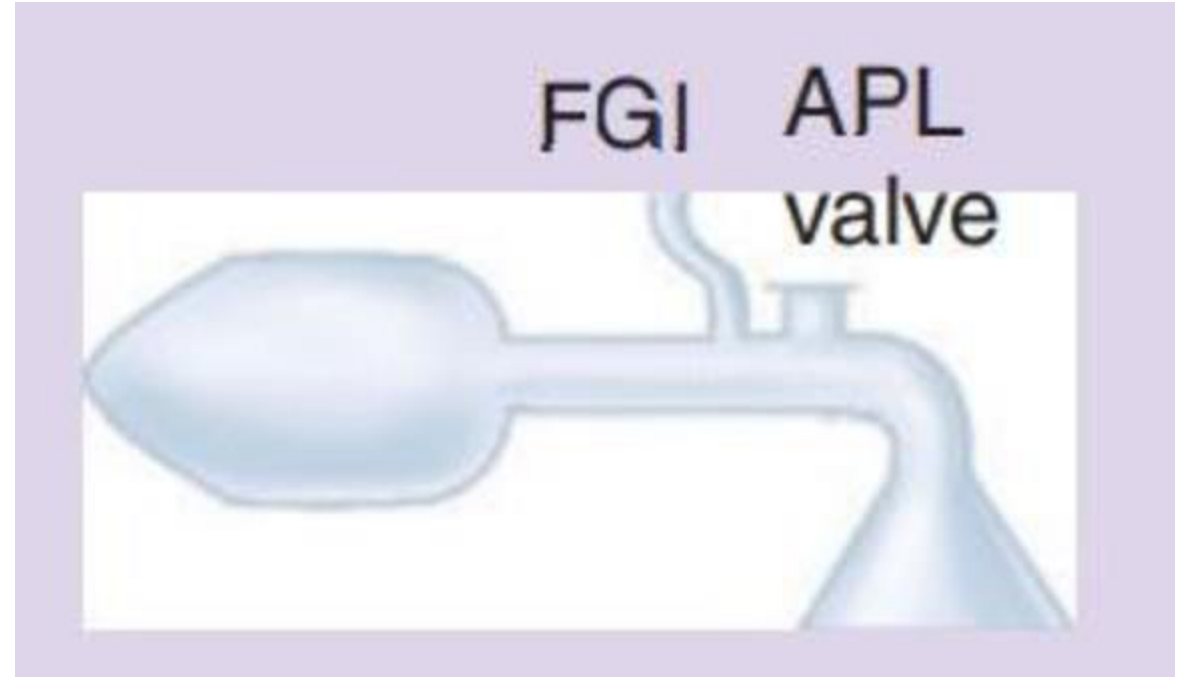
2 × minute  
ventilation

2-2½ × minute  
ventilation

# Mapleson's C (Waters' to-and-fro)

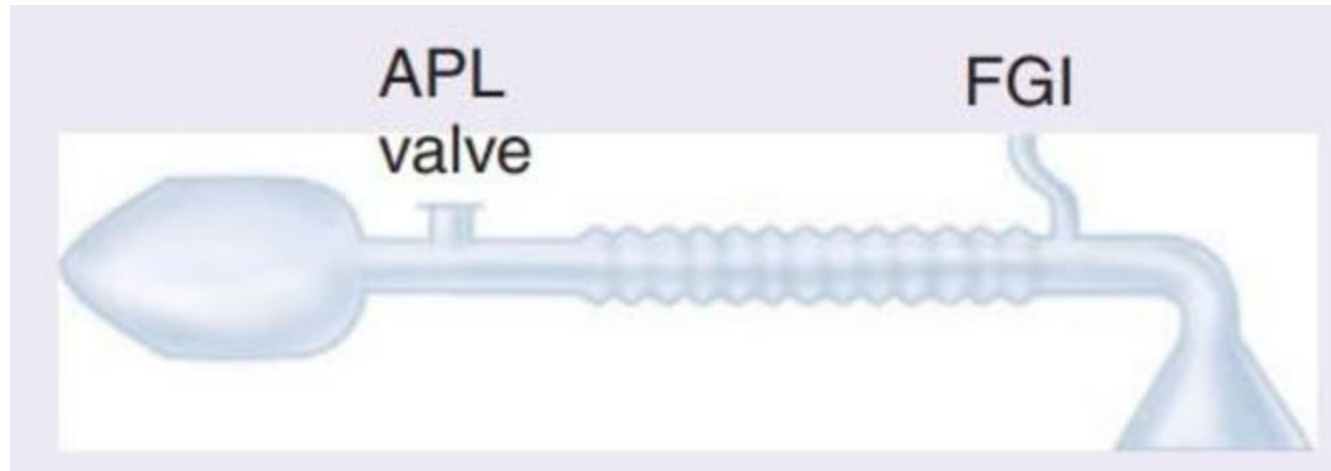
- Similar to Mapleson's B, but it has a shorter breathing tube.
- It does not have a corrugated tube.

Required Fresh Gas Flows	
Spontaneous	Controlled
2 × minute ventilation	2–2½ × minute ventilation



# Mapleson's D

- Interchanging the position of APL and FGI transforms Mapleson's A into D.
- It is efficient during **controlled ventilation**; since fresh gas flow forces alveolar air away from the patient and toward the APL valve. This alters the fresh gas requirements.
- It is also modified into **Bain circuit**.



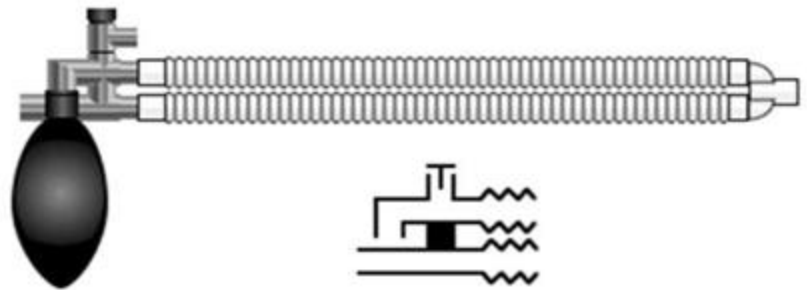
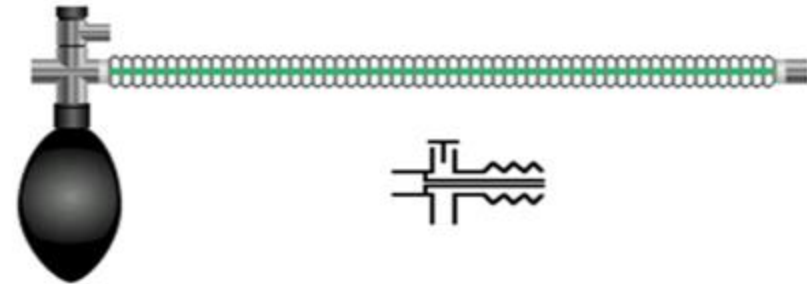
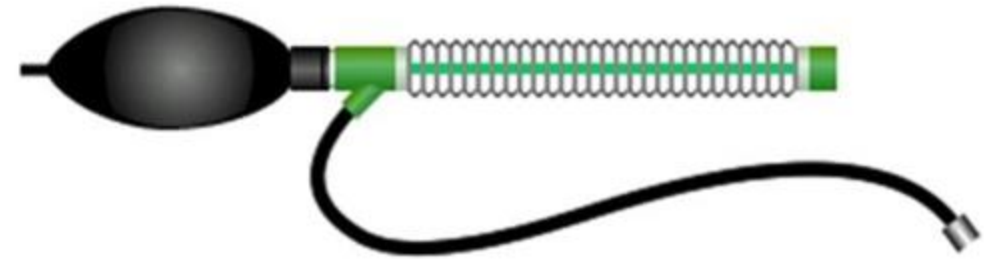
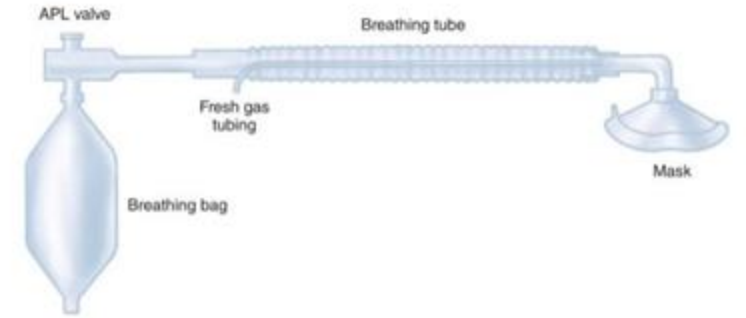
Required Fresh Gas Flows	
Spontaneous	Controlled
2-3 × minute ventilation	1-2 × minute ventilation



# Bain Circuit

- It is a popular modification of the Mapleson's D system.
- A coaxial version of the Mapleson's D system that incorporates the FGI tubing inside the breathing tube.
- This decreases circuit's bulk and retains efficiently the heat and humidity (inspired gas is warmed by the expired gas).

Disadvantage: the possibility of kinking or disconnection of FGI tube.



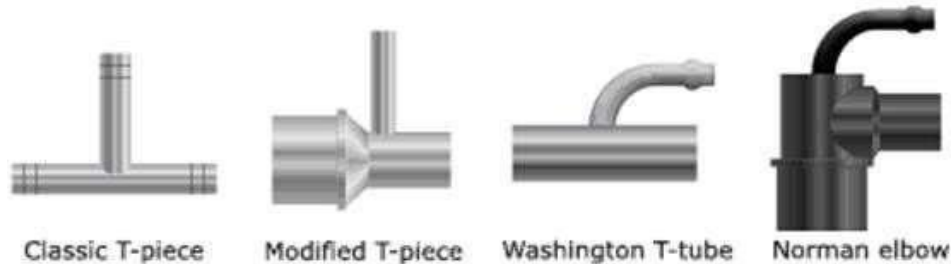
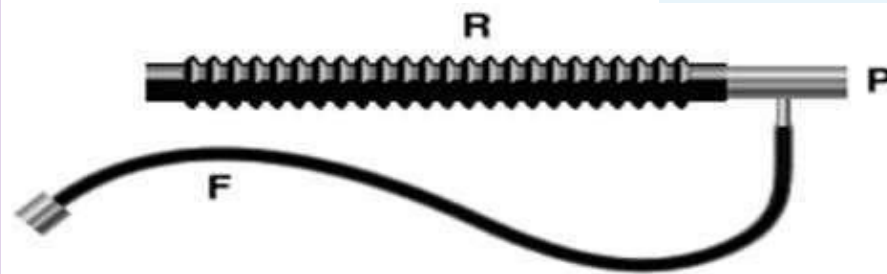
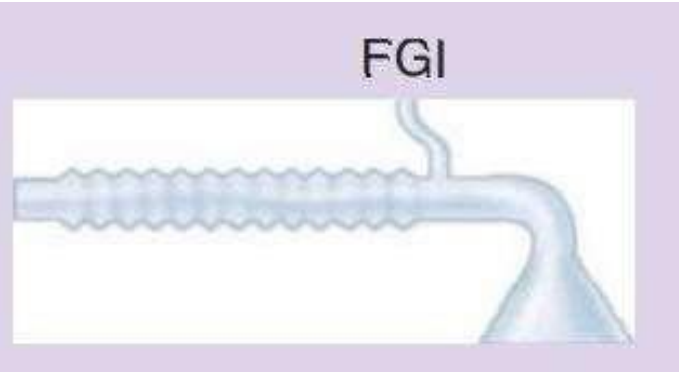
# Mapleson's E (Ayre's T-piece)

Does not have an APL valve nor a Reservoir bag. FGI is near to patient's mask.

Exhalation tubing should provide a larger volume than tidal volume to prevent rebreathing. Scavenging is difficult.

Not good for spontaneous breathing.

Used for pediatric patients weighted up to 30 Kg.



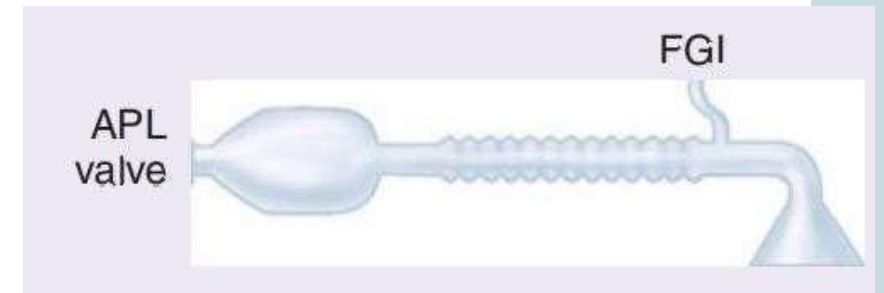
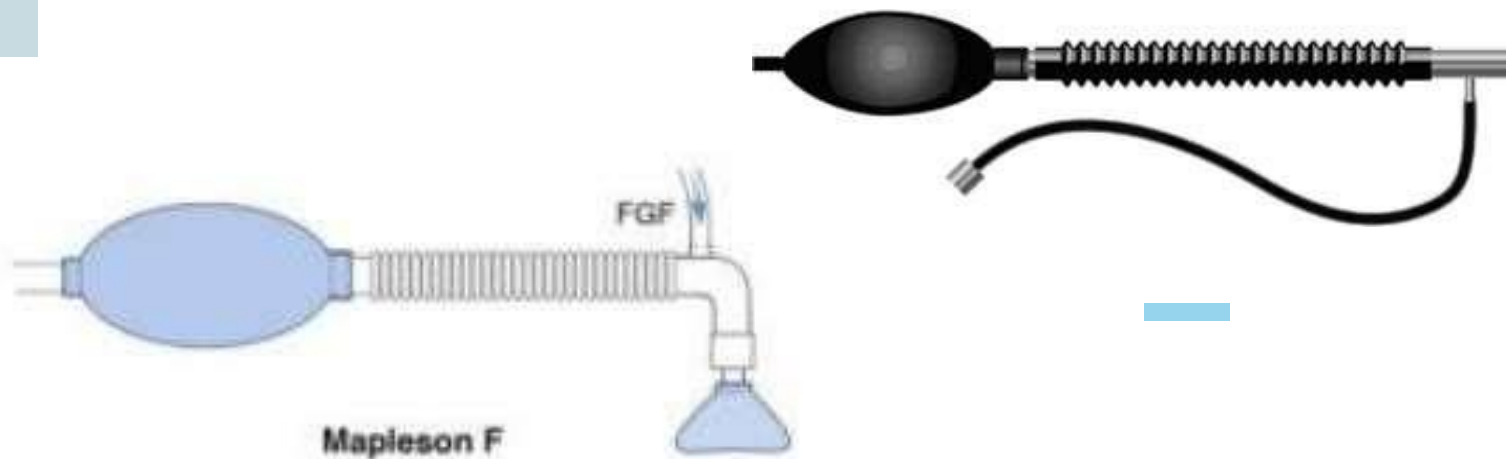
Required Fresh Gas Flows	
Spontaneous	Controlled
2-3 × minute ventilation	3 × minute ventilation (I:E-1:2)

# Mapleson's F (Jackson-Rees' modification)

It is a Mapleson E with an open-ended reservoir bag connected to the end of the breathing tube (operator end), it allows controlled ventilation and scavenging.

Does not have an APL valve. Requires higher fresh gas flow.

Not good for spontaneous breathing.



Required Fresh Gas Flows	
Spontaneous	Controlled
2-3 × minute ventilation	2 × minute ventilation

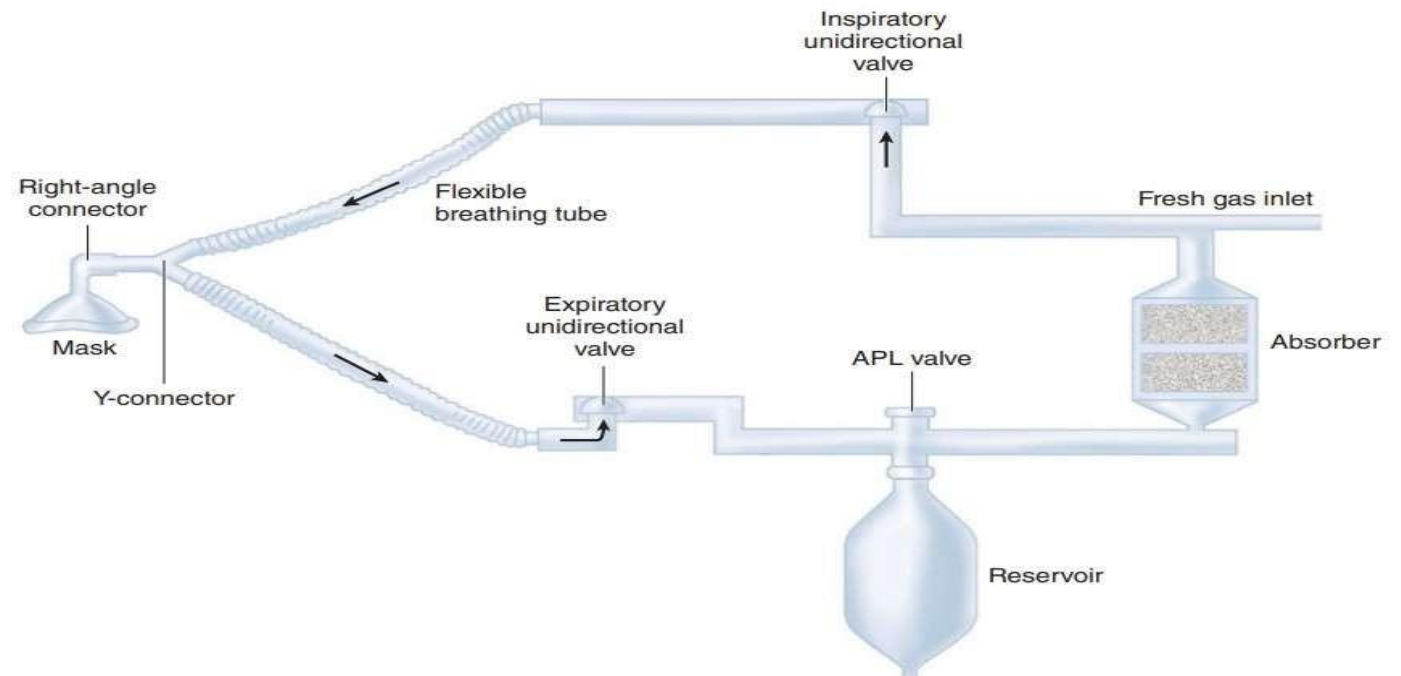
	FGI , APL	Controlled or spontaneous	Adult or pediatric	Modification
<b>Mapleson's A (Magill Circuit)</b>	FGI is near reservoir bag, APL valve is near face mask	most efficient for spontaneous Poorest for controlled	Adult	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enclosed Magill system</li> <li>2. Coaxial (Lack's Circuit) provides scavenging</li> </ol>
<b>Mapleson's B</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FGI and APL valve are close to face mask</li> <li>• Mapleson's A is more efficient</li> </ul>		Adult	
<b>Mapleson's C (Waters' to-and-fro)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Similar to Mapleson's B, but it has a shorter breathing tube.</li> <li>• It does not have a corrugated tube</li> </ul>		Adult	

	FGI , APL	Controlled or spontaneous	Adult or pediatric	Modification
<b>Mapleson's D</b>	Opposite of A	Most efficient circuit for controlled ventilation	Adult	modified into Bain circuit
<b>Mapleson's E (Ayre's T-piece)</b>	Does not have an APL valve nor a Reservoir bag. FGI is near to patient's mask.	Not good for spontaneous breathing	pediatric	
<b>Mapleson's F (Jackson-Rees' modification)</b>	Same as E + there is Reservoir bag.	allows controlled ventilation and scavenging	pediatric	

# The Circle System

The Circle System aids the breathing system by avoiding the problems that are caused the Mapleson's circuits (as; waste of anaesthetic agent, pollution of the Operating Room, loss of patient's heat and humidity) and this is achieved by adding components to the breathing system, as:

- CO2 Absorber & Absorbent
- FGI
- Unidirectional Valves; Inspiratory & Expiratory
- Breathing tubes; Inspiratory & Expiratory
- Y-shaped connector
- APL Valve
- Reservoir Bag
- Right angle (90°) connector
- Ventilation Mask

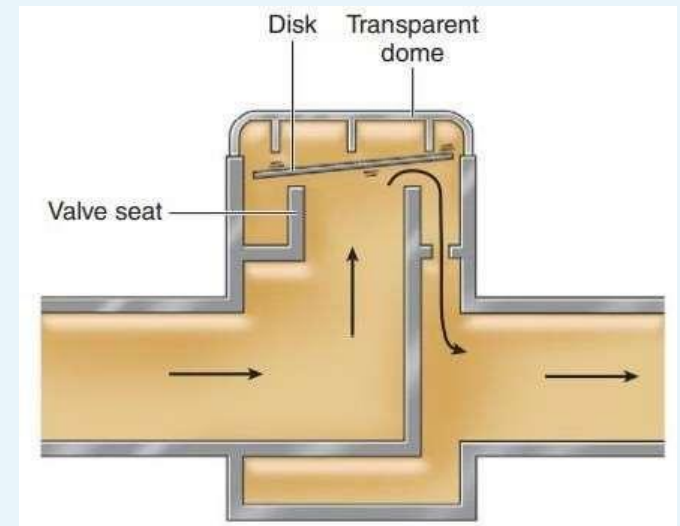
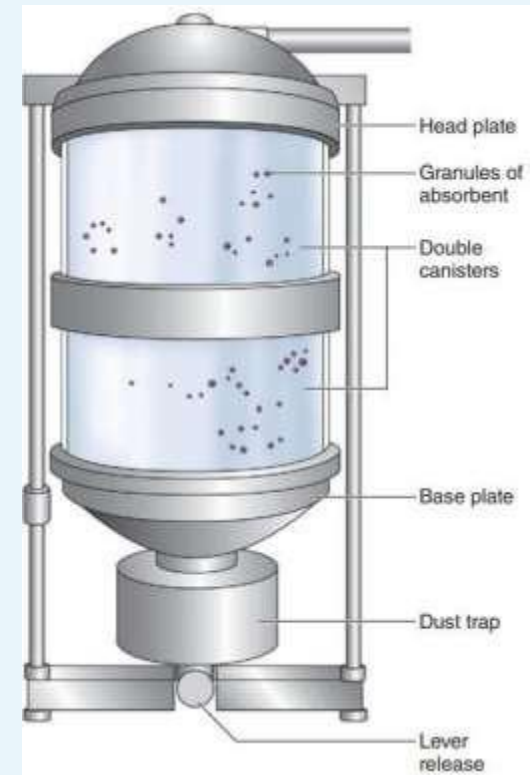




**Carbon Dioxide Absorbent:** to avoid hypercapnia upon rebreathing alveolar gas (reserves heat and humidity).

Soda Lime (more common) and Barium Hydroxide Lime are known absorbents.

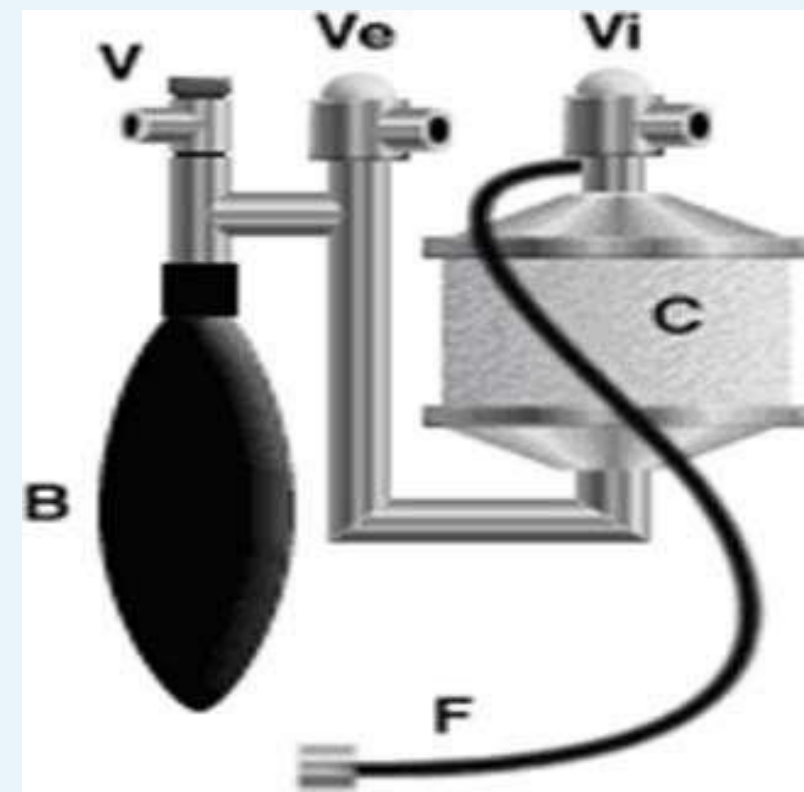
**Unidirectional Valves:** contains a ceramic or mica disk resting horizontal on an annular valve seat, this prevents reflux of gas in the circuit.



The essential features of the circle absorber are:

- Carbon dioxide absorber canister (C)
- Breathing bag (B)
- Unidirectional inspiratory (Vi) valve
- Unidirectional expiratory (Ve) valve
- Fresh gas supply (F)
- Pressure-relief valve (V)

- N.B.
- \* The breathing system most used with anaesthesia machines is the Circle System.
  - \* Bain circuit is occasionally used.



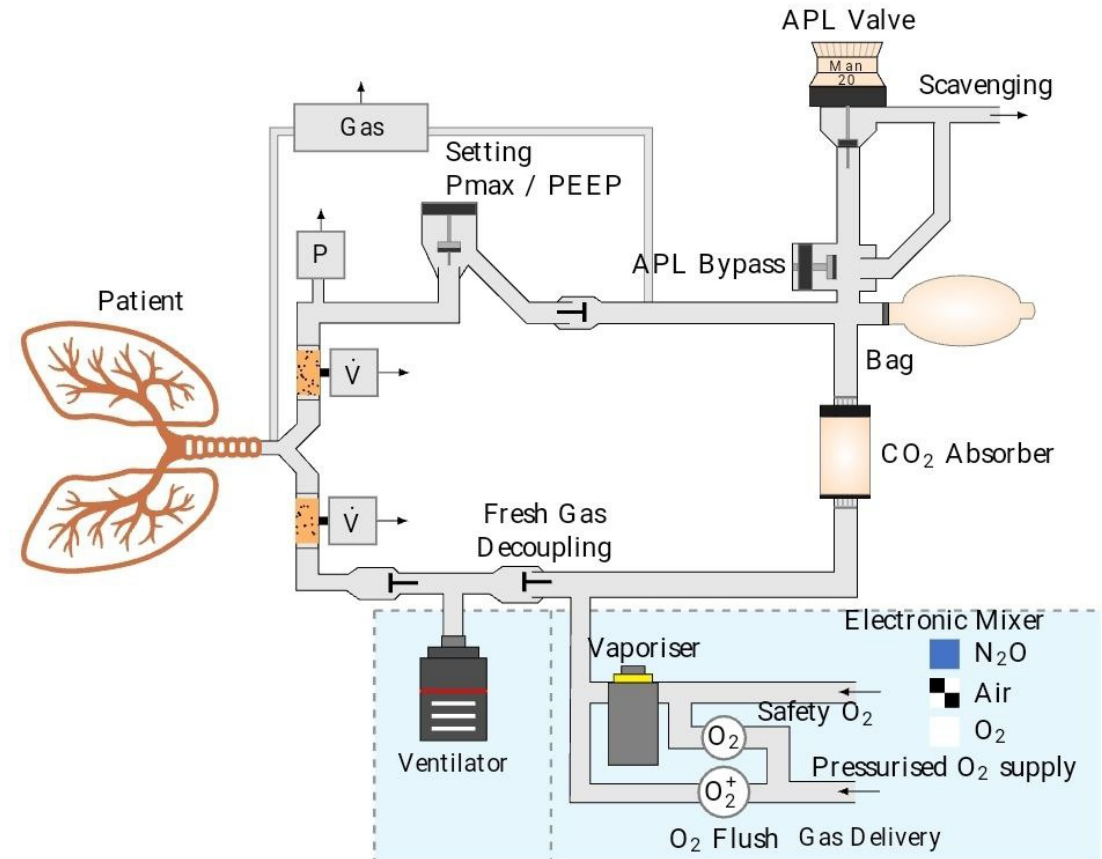
## Advantages of the circle sys:

- Economy of An. Gases & vapors.
- Economy of pt's heat & humidity.
- Less risk of polluting the OR.

## Disadvantages of the circle sys:

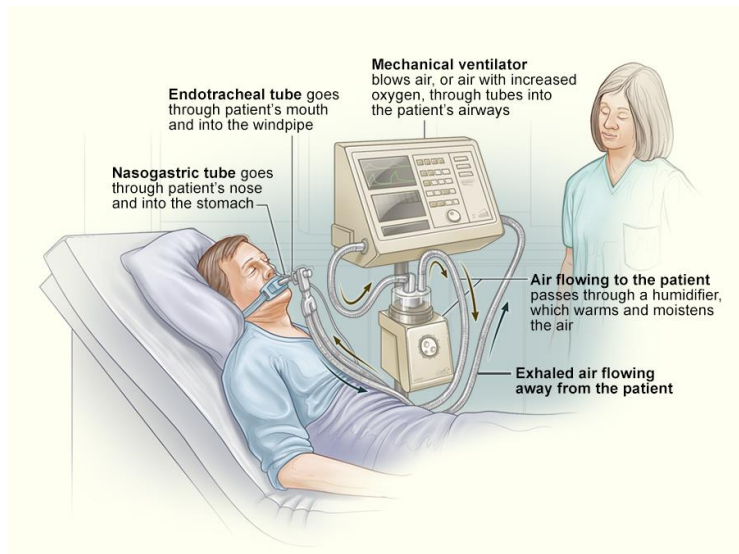
- Bulky & complex sys → liable for leakage & disconnection.
- Malfunction of unidirectional valves; if in open position → rebreathing & if in closed position → total occlusion

\* Capnogram is essential to diagnose circle sys problems



# 3 Methods of O<sub>2</sub> Delivery

1. Face mask connected to an O<sub>2</sub> tank (non-invasive)
2. Face mask connected to CPAP/BiPAP (non-invasive)
3. Mechanical Ventilation (invasive)



# Mechanical Ventilation

## Definition:

Mechanical ventilation is a medical intervention that involves the use of a machine (ventilator) to **assist or replace spontaneous breathing** in patients who are unable to breathe adequately on their own.

## General function:

Ventilators generate gas flow by creating a **pressure gradient** between the proximal airway and the alveoli.

# Indication of Mechanical ventilation

1. Need for high levels of oxygen intake:

(hypoxic respiratory failure: pneumonia, acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), or pulmonary edema)

2. Needed for assisted ventilation:

( hypercapnic respiratory failure or in surgical procedures)

3. Protection of airway against aspiration

4. Relief of upper airway obstruction

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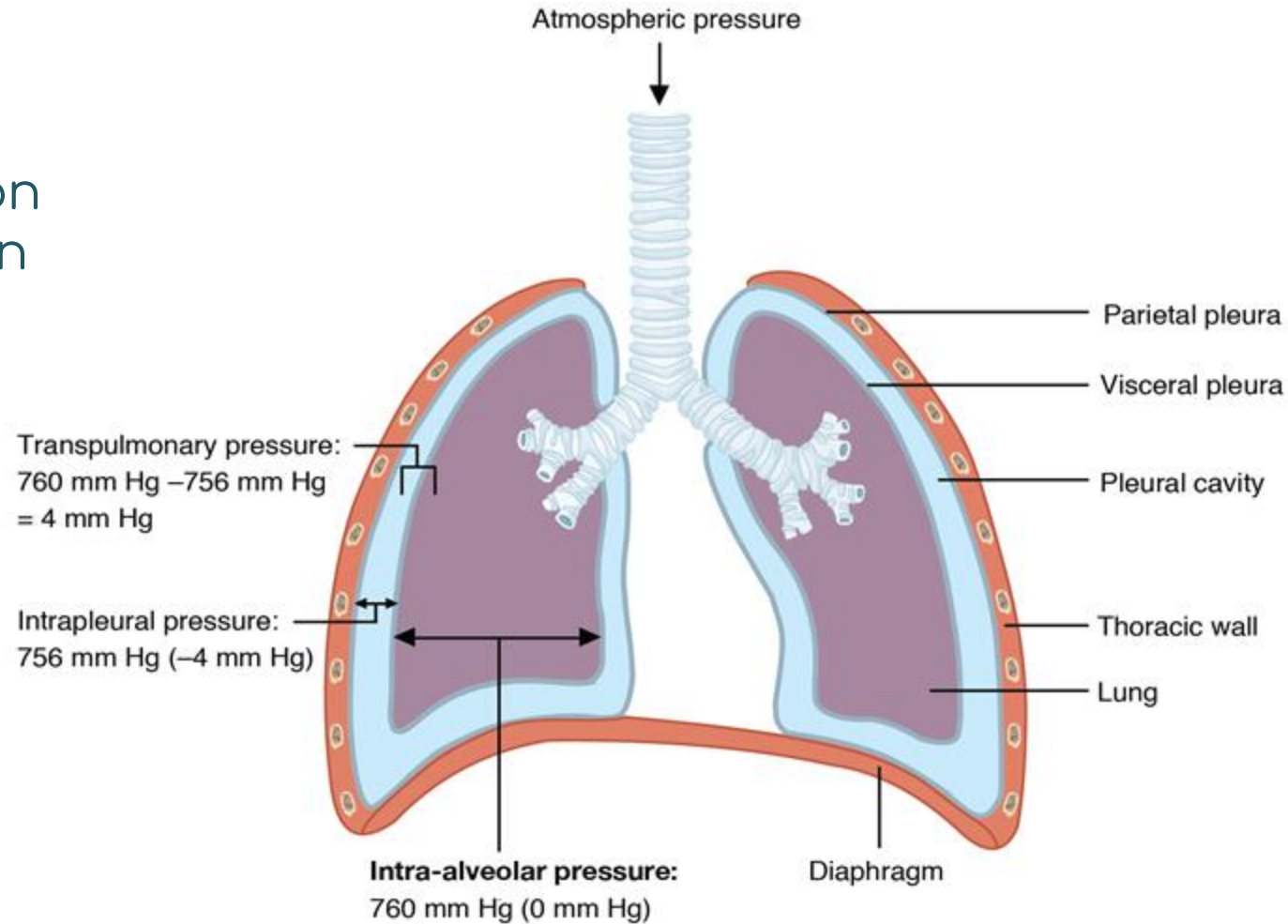
# Types of Mechanical Ventilators

All modern anesthesia machines are equipped with a ventilator, and they usually have the double circuit system design (Pneumatically powered and electronically controlled).

1. Positive pressure ventilators
  2. Negative pressure ventilators
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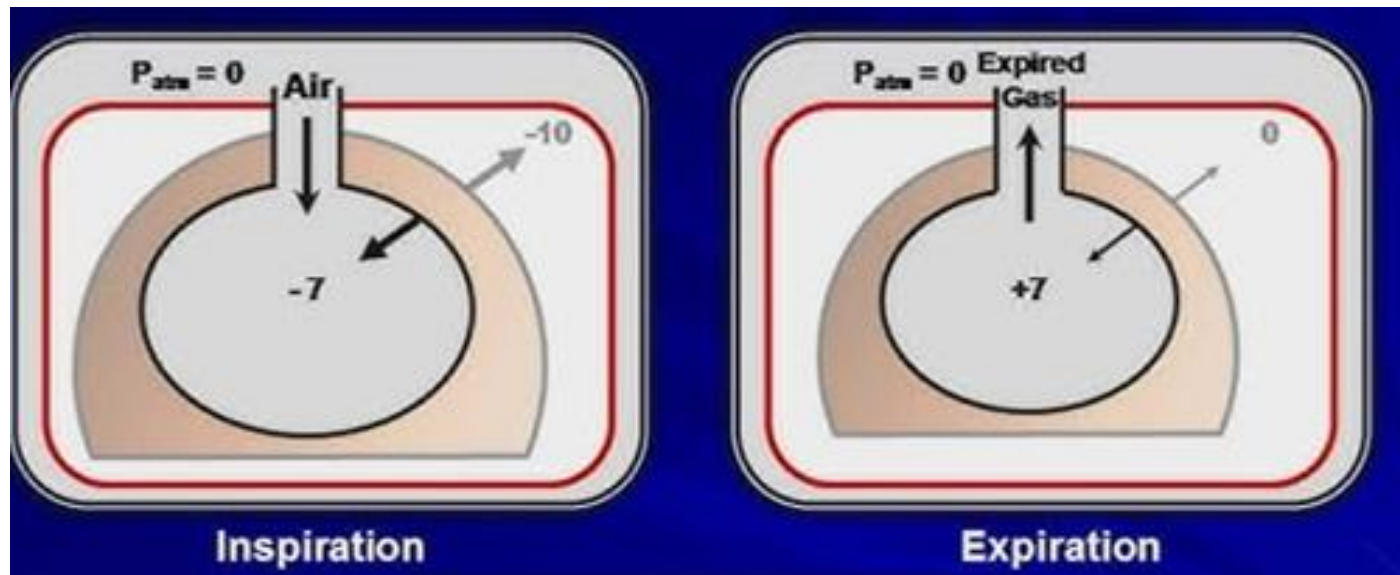
# Quick Revision

- Inspiration
- Expiration
- At rest



# Negative pressure ventilation

The thorax/entire torso except the head and neck is enclosed in cylinder or the iron lung. Pressure lower than the atmospheric pressure is applied to the extrathoracic space during inspiration.



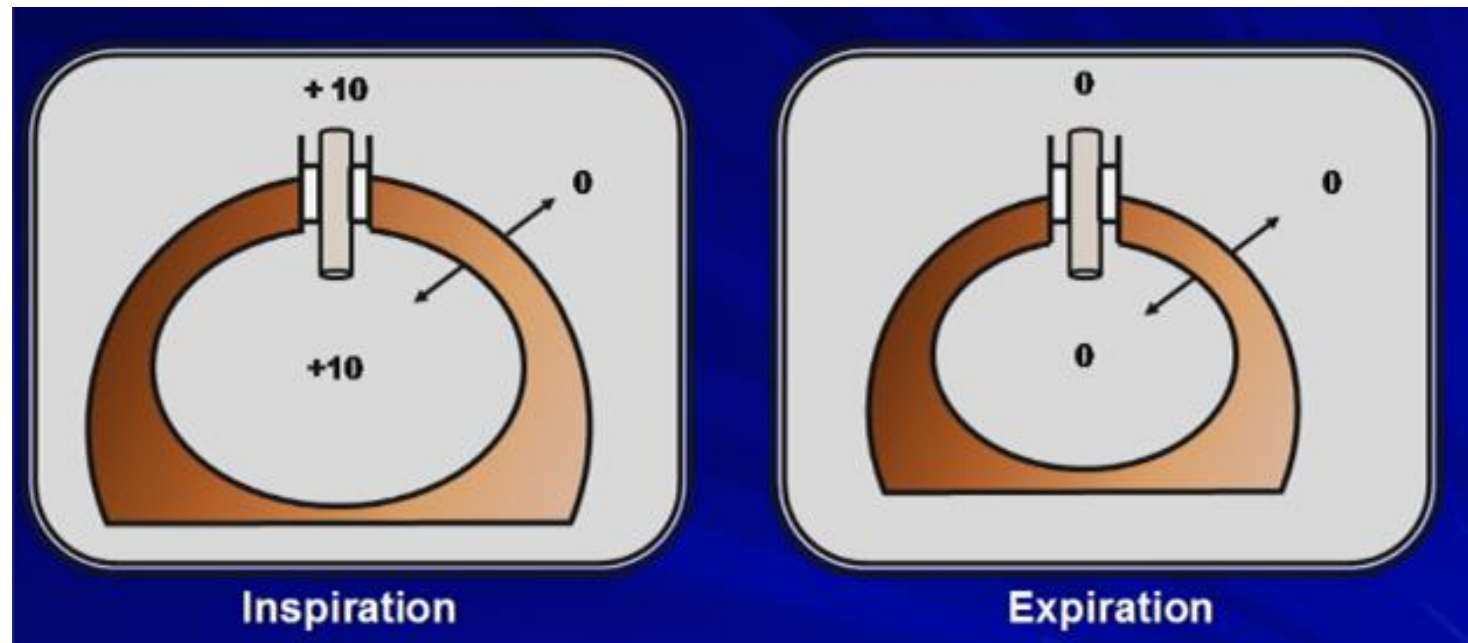
# Iron lung



Paul Alexander

# Positive pressure ventilation

Pressure higher than atmospheric pressure into the intra alveolar space during inspiration.



# Positive pressure ventilation

## Modes:

### Volume-cycled ventilation:

The ventilator delivers a **pre-set tidal volume** regardless of the pressure generated.

### Pressure-cycled ventilation:

The ventilator delivers a **pre-set target pressure** to the airway during inspiration. The resulting tidal volume delivered is therefore determined by the lung compliance and the airway resistance.

### Synchronized Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation (SIMV):

Combines mandatory breaths with patient-initiated breaths.



# Humidification in Anesthesia

**Main function of humidification:** It is to minimize the loss of water and heat, which prevents cilia damage and reduced the drying of secretions.

## **Importance:**

1. Airway protection (reduce inflammation, irritation and increased risk of airway complication(such as bronchospasm)- Especially in neonates and patients with RS infections)
2. Prevent Atelectasis and ventilation/perfusion mismatching (in prolonged dehydration)
3. Comfortability

# Types of Humidifiers

## 1. Passive:

Passive humidifiers add moisture to inhaled gases through **natural processes** (without the use of mechanical and electrical devices)

### Types of Passive Humidifiers:

- Heat and Moisture Exchangers (HMEs)/Condensers:  
Simplest

Function: Capture heat and moisture from the exhaled breath and transfer it to the inhaled air. (no addition of heat)

- Wick Humidifiers: Use a wick that absorbs water from a reservoir; air passing through the wick picks up moisture.

- Passover Humidifiers: Allow gas to flow over a water surface

## 2. Active:

Adding moisture and heat through the usage of mechanical and electrical devices

Types of Active Humidifiers:

- Heated humidifiers

(heat water to produce steam, mixed with inhaled gas)

- Ultrasonic humidifiers (ultrasonic vibration)

- Steam humidifiers



# Disadvantages of Humidifiers

- Disconnection
  - Overheating
  - Overhydration
  - Infection
  - Circuit resistance
  - Interference with other devices
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ولأنّ الخطوات التي لم تضبط بوصلتها  
خطوات متردّدة ، ،

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