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**LifePulse<sup>®</sup>**  
**High Frequency**  
**Jet Ventilator**  
**Pocket Guide**

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**Recommendations include only general guidelines and may not apply to all situations. Each patient should be managed individually and may require more advanced adjustments.**

# Pre-Use Testing

The LifePulse should pass **two** tests to ensure proper operation. Perform the System Test **and** the Operational Test using a test lung prior to starting the LifePulse on a patient.

## System Test:

1. Attach the LifePort Adapter to ET tube to a test lung while the conventional port is open to air
2. Press SYSTEM TEST (or TEST) button
3. Verify the LifePulse runs through the test sequence and returns to Standby mode with an audible (and visual in 204) alarm.
4. Press AUDIO PAUSED (or SILENCE) to cancel the alarm.
5. Perform the Operational Test

## Operational Test:

1. Press ENTER to activate the default settings (PIP: 20, Rate: 420, I-time: 0.02) while attached to the test lung.
2. Verify that the READY indicator illuminates, and the monitored PIP reaches the set PIP, and PEEP is 0.0 +/- 1.0 cmH<sub>2</sub>O when no PEEP is supplied by the conventional ventilator.

# HFJV I-time

Recently clinicians have shared changing HFJV I-time can be advantageous, depending on a patient's pathophysiology and the pathogenesis of the disease or disorder.

## Rationale:

- Some patients have longer inspiratory time constants, therefore they may benefit from a small increase in tidal volume delivered over a slightly longer period of time.

## Application:

- Longer HFJV I-time can be considered once you have established that increasing HFJV PIP (generally  $>35$  cmH<sub>2</sub>O) is ineffective for controlling PCO<sub>2</sub> and all other settings have been optimized.

## Clinical Considerations:

- Raise I-time in increments of 0.004 to 0.006 seconds
- The expiratory time constant must also be considered and you may have to lower HFJV rate to maintain an I:E ratio if gas trapping occurs
- Raising I-time may also result in a slight improvement in Oxygenation. (creates slightly more MAP, or results from improved ventilation)

SETTING	WHEN TO RAISE	WHEN TO LOWER
HFJV PIP <i>Establish <math>\Delta P</math></i>	To $\downarrow$ CO <sub>2</sub>	To $\uparrow$ CO <sub>2</sub>
HFJV Rate	To $\downarrow$ CO <sub>2</sub> <u>only with</u> low compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence of hyperinflation to extend expiratory time</li> <li>To <math>\uparrow</math>CO<sub>2</sub> when weaning</li> </ul>
HFJV I-time	To $\downarrow$ CO <sub>2</sub> <i>When jet PIP ineffective</i>	To $\uparrow$ CO <sub>2</sub> when weaning
CMV PEEP	To $\uparrow$ MAP for oxygenation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compromised C.O.</li> <li>Adequate oxygenation and FiO<sub>2</sub> &lt; 0.40</li> <li>Hyperinflation due to hypercompliance</li> </ul>
CMV Rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Reverse atelectasis</li> <li>To <math>\uparrow</math>MAP with compromised C.O.</li> <li>To offset significant A/B spells</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence of air leaks</li> <li>Resolved atelectasis</li> <li>Evidence of hyperinflation</li> </ul>
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**HYPOcarbia: PaCO<sub>2</sub> too low?**

Yes

To Raise PaCO<sub>2</sub> try the following in order:

- Decrease HFJV PIP
- Decrease HFJV Rate
- Decrease HFJV I-time
- Increase CV PEEP

Yes

PaCO<sub>2</sub> too high?

Go to Hypercarbia  
flowchart

No

Maintain current settings  
for ventilation and assess  
oxygenation

**HYPERcarbia: PaCO<sub>2</sub> too high?**

Yes

To Lower PaCO<sub>2</sub> try the following in order:

- Increase HFJV PIP
- Increase HFJV I-time
- Increase HFJV Rate\*
- Decrease CV PEEP\*\*

PaCO<sub>2</sub> too low?

Yes

Go to Hypocarbia  
flowchart

No

Maintain current settings  
for ventilation and assess  
oxygenation

\*Increasing HFJV Rate increases minute ventilation. However, *if lungs are hyperinflated, decreasing HFJV rate may lower PaCO<sub>2</sub> by increasing exhalation time.*

\*\*Decreasing CV PEEP increases delta pressure and lowers PaCO<sub>2</sub>, but will also lower MAP, which may lower PaO<sub>2</sub>

## Hypoxemia with Underinflation or Atelectasis?

Yes

To Raise PaO<sub>2</sub> try the following in order:

- Increase CV PEEP
- Increase CV Rate (3-5 bpm)
- Increase CV PIP
- Increase CV I-time
- Increase FiO<sub>2</sub>

PaCO<sub>2</sub> too high?

Yes

Underinflation or atelectasis still present?

No

Maintain current settings for ventilation and assess oxygenation

Yes

Decrease FiO<sub>2</sub> until <0.40 then decrease PEEP

No

Discontinue CMV Rate and go to optimal PEEP flow chart



## Hypoxemia with overinflation or P.I.E./Air leak

Yes

To decrease gas trapping and raise PaO<sub>2</sub>  
try the following in order:

- Decrease/eliminate CV Rate
- Decrease HFJV Rate
- Optimize CV PEEP
- Increase FiO<sub>2</sub>
- Decrease HFJV PIP

Yes

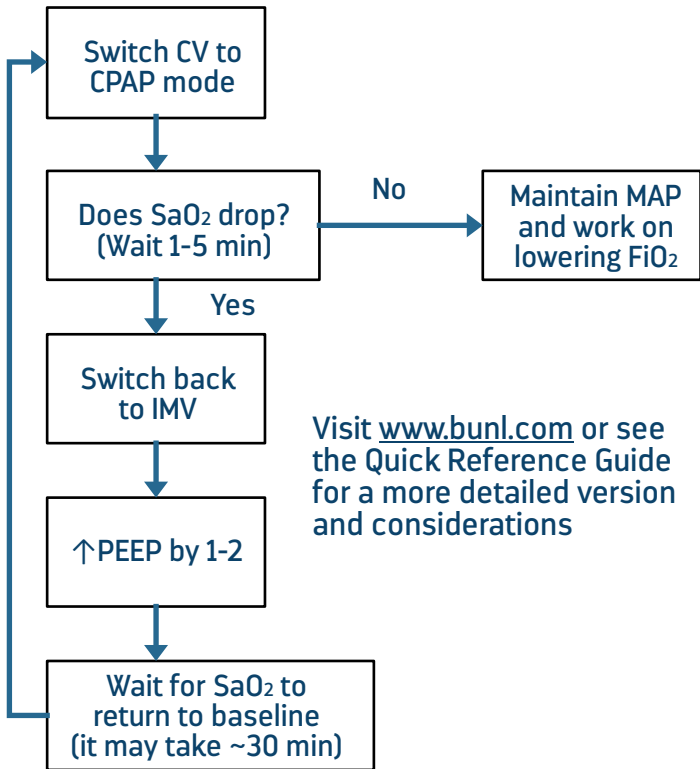
PaO<sub>2</sub> too high?

Decrease FiO<sub>2</sub>  
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# Finding Optimal PEEP

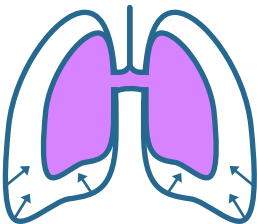
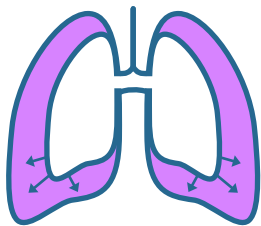


# SERVO

Servo is the driving pressure automatically regulated to maintain Jet PIP. Servo changes as lung volume and mechanics change. Once stable blood gases are achieved and baseline value is determined servo pressure should be trended and maintained.

## Increased Servo

- Improved Compliance
- Less Airway Resistance
- Increased ETT Leak
- Condensation in the Pressure Line
- Cracked LifePort Adapter
- Leaks in Jet or CMV System
- Increase in Pulmonary Air Leaks



## Decreased Servo

- Worsening Compliance
- Increased Airway Resistance
- Kinked or Obstructed ETT
- Right Mainstem ETT
- Kinked or Obstructed Jet Circuit
- Tension Pneumothorax

# Notes

Bunnell sets the standard for Gentle Ventilation through the support of dedicated healthcare professionals and the use of LifePulse High Frequency Jet Ventilator.

Customers are supported 24/7/365 through the Bunnell hotline offering clinical and technical support along with providing emergent rental and delivery of our life-saving products.



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