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# Respiratory distress syndrome and use of CPAP

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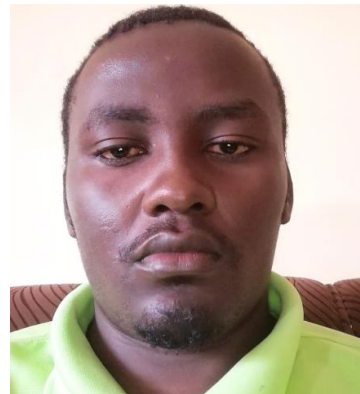
**Dr. Lydia Kanyoro**  
Lung growth and  
development



**Dr. Fareen Musa**  
Prevention and  
treatment of RDS



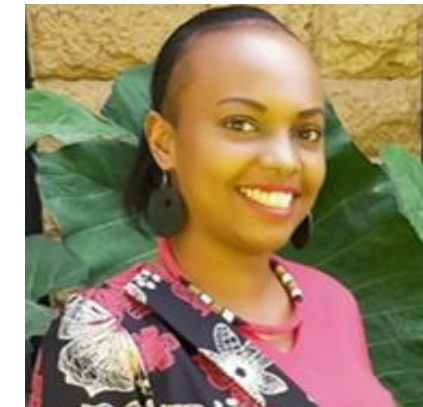
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Using CPAP



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Monitoring babies  
on CPAP



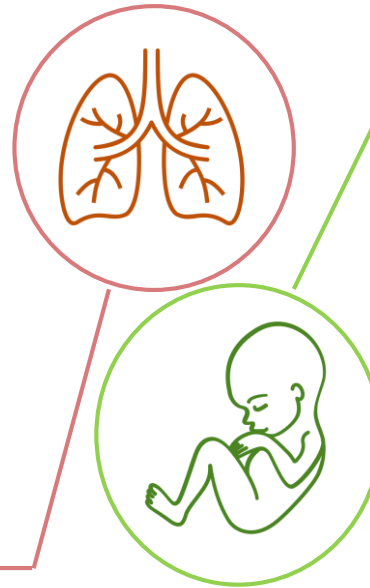
**Dr. Sylvia Mwathi**  
Complications of  
CPAP

# Introduction and definition



# Definition of respiratory distress syndrome

Disease caused by absence / inadequate production of pulmonary surfactant & related lung underdevelopment

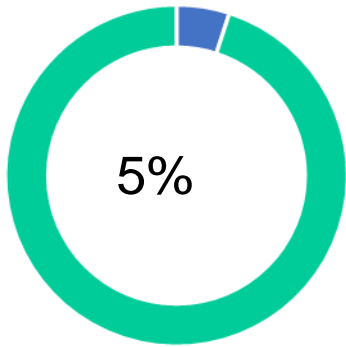


The disease is found mainly in preterm newborns (before 37 weeks' gestation)

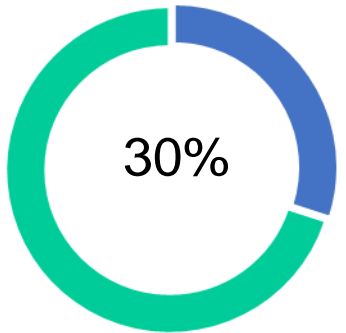
Characterized by a **progressive increase in respiratory effort** and a decrease in the amount of air entering the lungs favoring hypoxia.

# RDS increases with decreasing gestational age

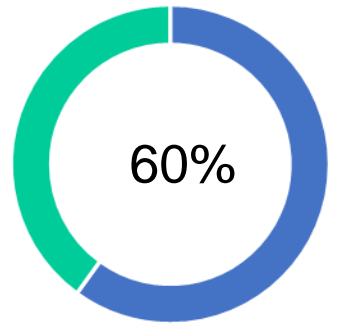
- The risk of RDS is inversely proportional to gestational age; occurs in approximately:



**Near-term infants**



**Infants <30 wks gestational age**



**Infants <28 wks gestational age**

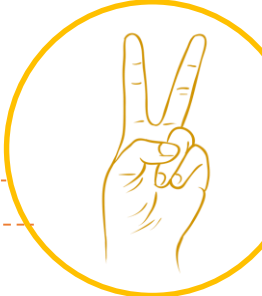
- RDS is seen soon after birth, worsens during the first few hours of life
- In contrast to Transient tachypnea of the newborn (TTN)- worse at birth but improves within hours of birth

Sweet LR, Keech C, Klein NP, et al. Respiratory distress in the neonate: Case definition & guidelines for data collection, analysis, and presentation of maternal immunization safety data. *Vaccine*. 2017;35(48 Pt A):6506-6517. doi:10.1016/j.vaccine.2017.01.046

# Why focus on RDS?



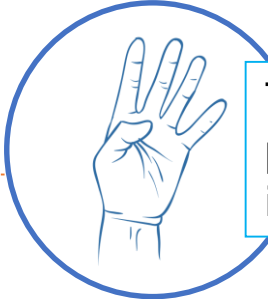
RDS affects premature neonates predominantly.



Every year, an estimated 15 million babies are born preterm (before 37 wks)  
In Kenya, preterm birth rate is 12/100 live births



Preterm birth complications are the leading cause of death among children under 5 years of age



Three-quarters of these deaths could be prevented with current, cost-effective interventions

# How Sustainable Development Goals link to prevention of preterm births and RDS



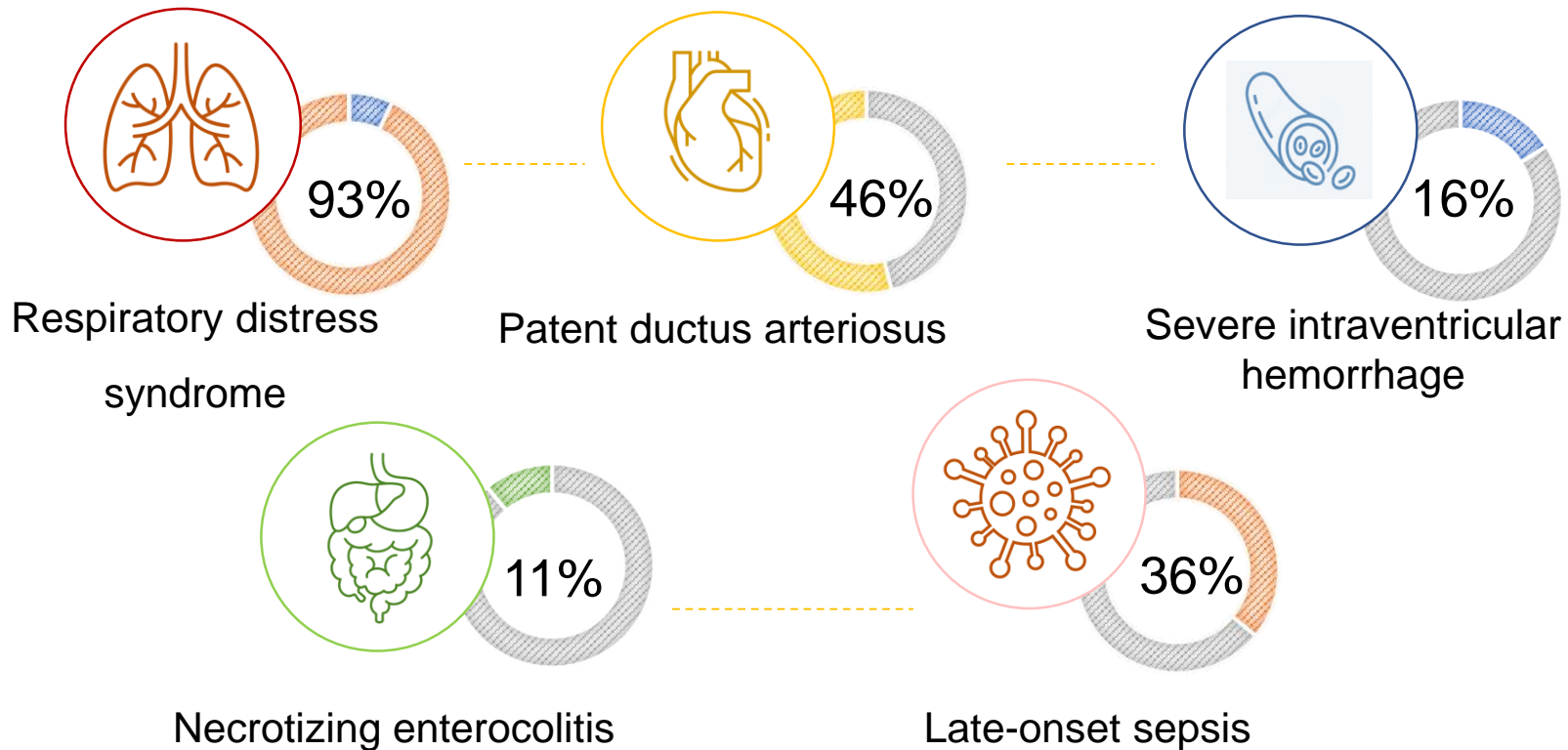
Low social economic status, poor maternal health and nutrition and limited access to health facilities has an impact on preterm births- thereby increasing chances of having premature babies at risk of RDS

**Therefore Prevention of preterm births is a complex problem involving many sectors.**



# How common is RDS?

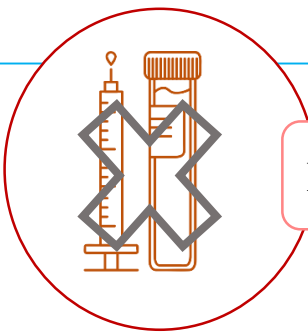
Perinatal/neonatal data were collected for 9575 infants of extremely low GA (22-28 weeks) & VLBW(401-1500 g)



Stoll BJ, Hansen NI, Bell EF, et al. Neonatal outcomes of extremely preterm infants from the NICHD Neonatal Research Network. *Pediatrics*.2010;126(3):443-456. doi:10.1542/peds.2009-2959



# How is diagnosis of RDS made?



No laboratory test to diagnose RDS

Diagnosis is based on:



Initial clinical symptoms



A chest radiograph consistent with RDS



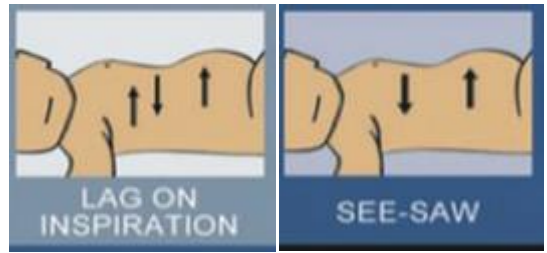
The clinical course



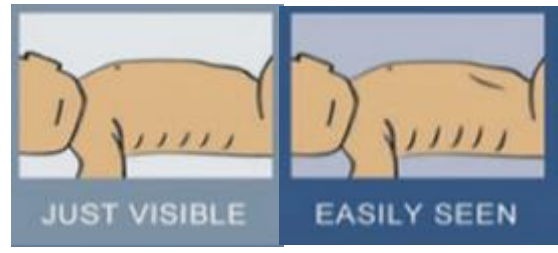
Response to surfactant treatment.

Kamath BD, Macquire ER, McClure EM, Goldenberg RL, Jobe AH. Neonatal mortality from respiratory distress syndrome: lessons for low-resource countries. *Pediatrics*. 2011;127(6):1139-1146. doi:10.1542/peds.2010-3212

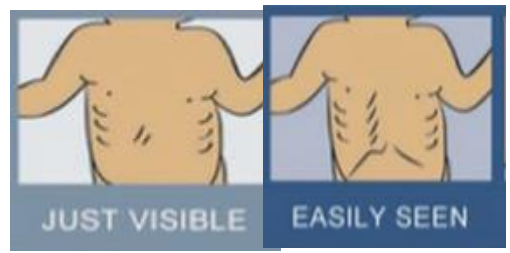
# Clinical signs of respiratory distress (increased work of breathing)



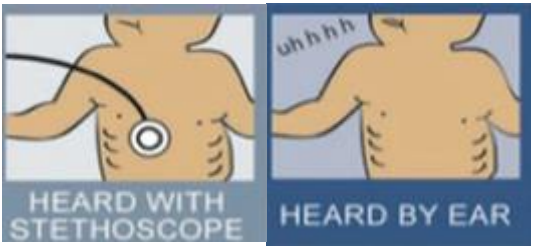
Chest movement



Lower chest wall retractions



Xiphoid retraction



Expiratory grunt



Flaring of the nasal alae

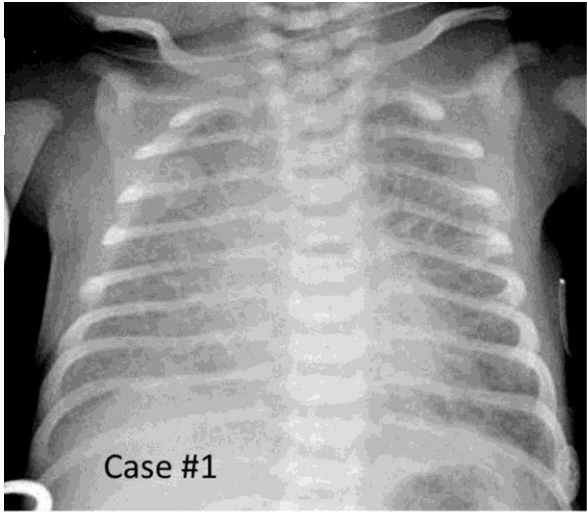


Tachypnoea. RR > 60

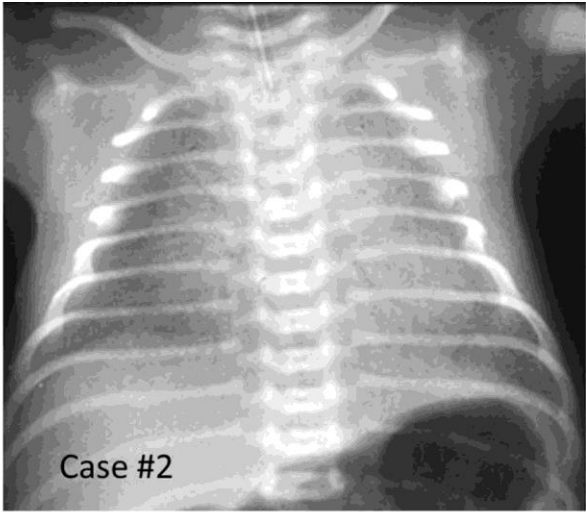
McAdams RM, Hedstrom AB, DiBlasi RM, Mant JE, Nyonyintono J, Otai CD, et al. Implementation of bubble CPAP in a rural Ugandan neonatal ICU. *Respir Care*. 2015;60:437–45.  
Silverman WA, Andersen DH. A controlled clinical trial of effects of water mist on obstructive respiratory signs, death rate and necropsy findings among premature infants. *Pediatrics*. 1956;17:1–10.

# Chest Xray findings of RDS compared to other differential diagnosis

**TTN**



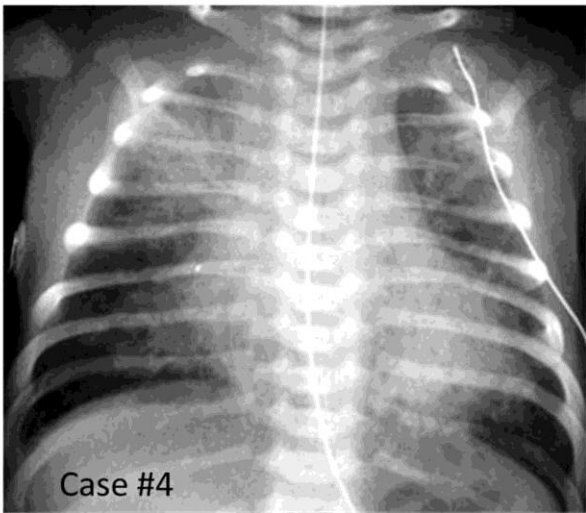
**PNEUMONIA**



**RDS**

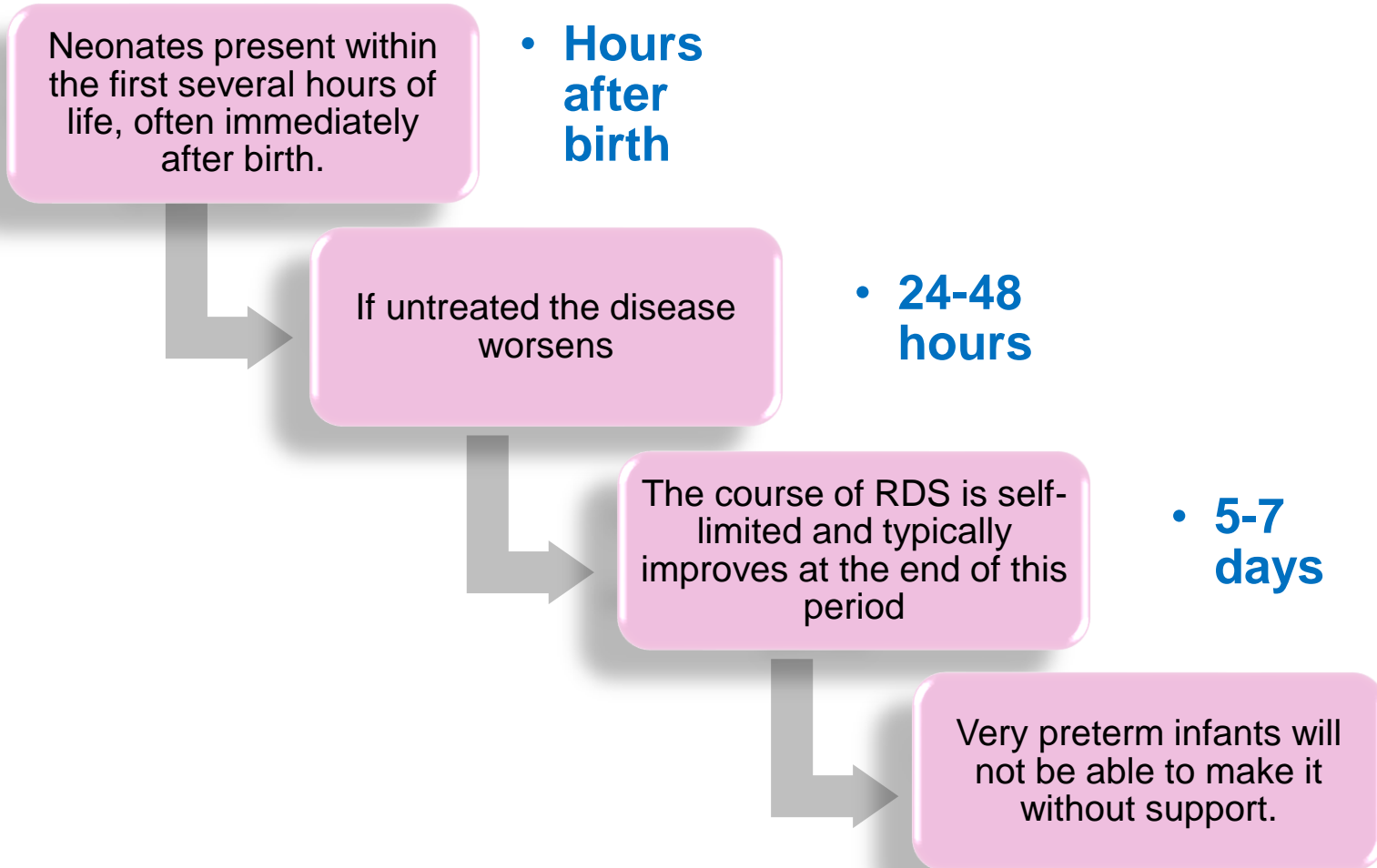


**MAS**

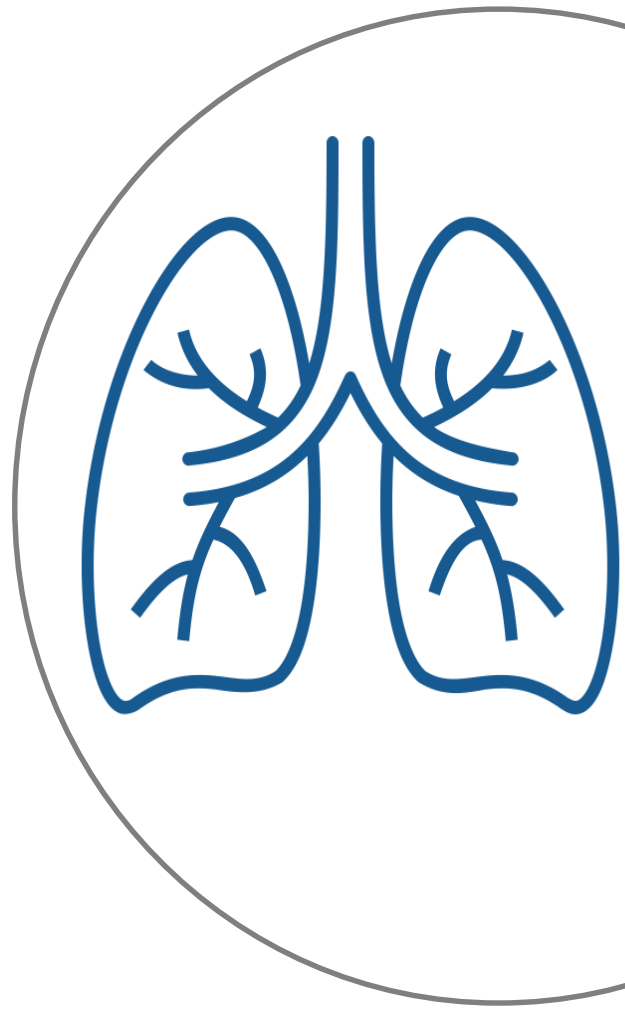


Suzanne Reuter, Chuanpit Moser, Michelle Baack. Respiratory Distress in the Newborn. Pediatrics in Review Oct 2014, 35 (10) 417-429; DOI: 10.1542/pir.35-10-417

# Clinical course of RDS



# Periods of treatment for RDS



RDS was first described by Hochheim 14 in **1903**, who noted unusual membranes in the lungs of 2 infants who died shortly after birth

**Period 1 - Before 1950s**  
There was no widely used treatment

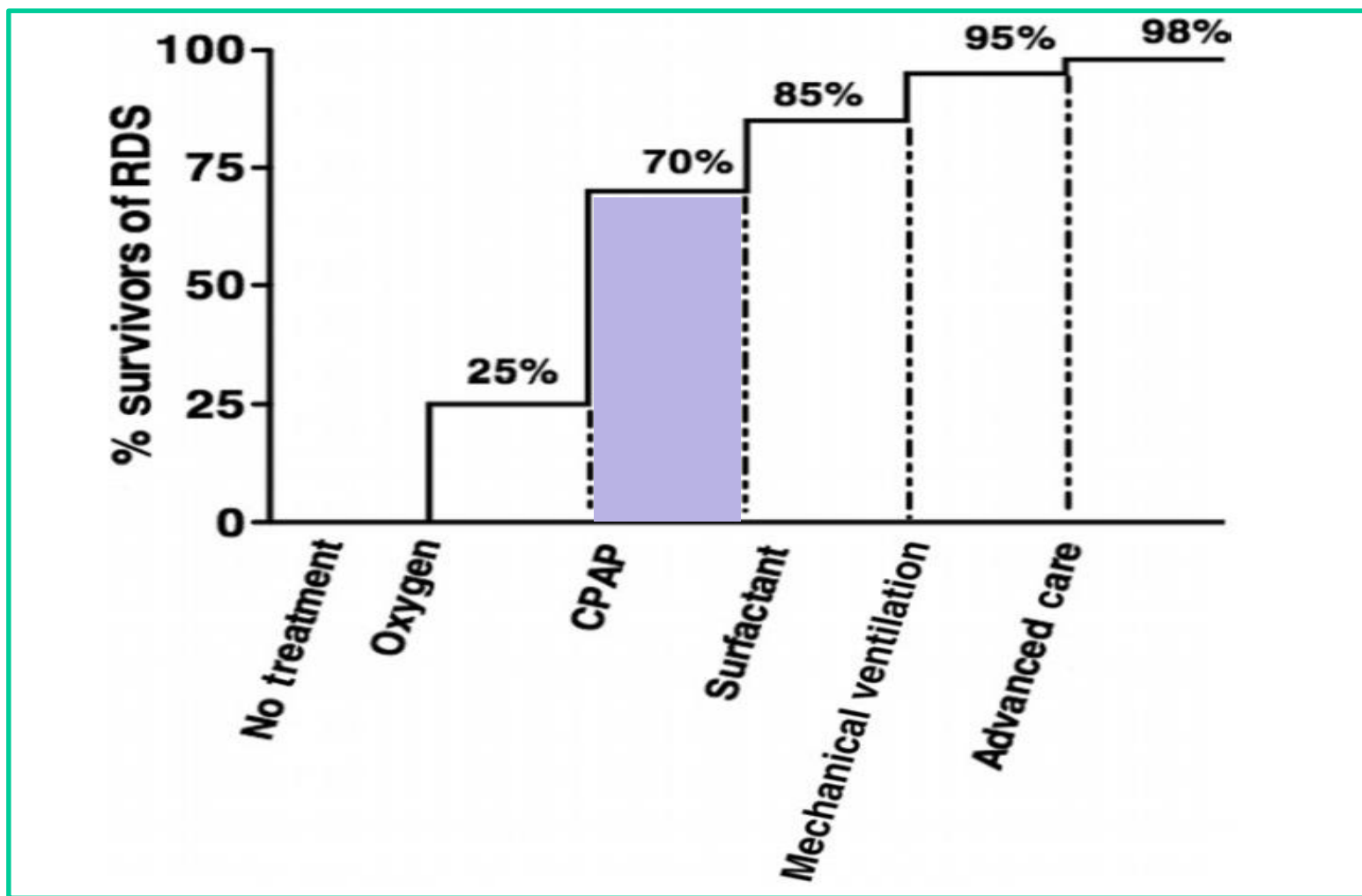
**Period 2 – 1950 - 1969**  
Oxygen therapy was the RDS specific intervention

**Period 3 – 1970 - 1989**  
CPAP therapy was the RDS specific intervention  
Later on use of mechanical ventilation for RDS was attempted

**Period 4 – After 1990**  
Antenatal corticosteroids, surfactant, advanced care technologies e.g. ECMO, high frequency oscillation

*Beena D. Kamath, Emily R. MacGuire, Elizabeth M. McClure, Robert L. Goldenberg and Alan H. Jobe, Neonatal Mortality From Respiratory Distress Syndrome: Lessons for Low-Resource Countries, Pediatrics June 2011, 127 (6) 1139-1146*

# Increased % in RDS survivors with introduction of specific treatments



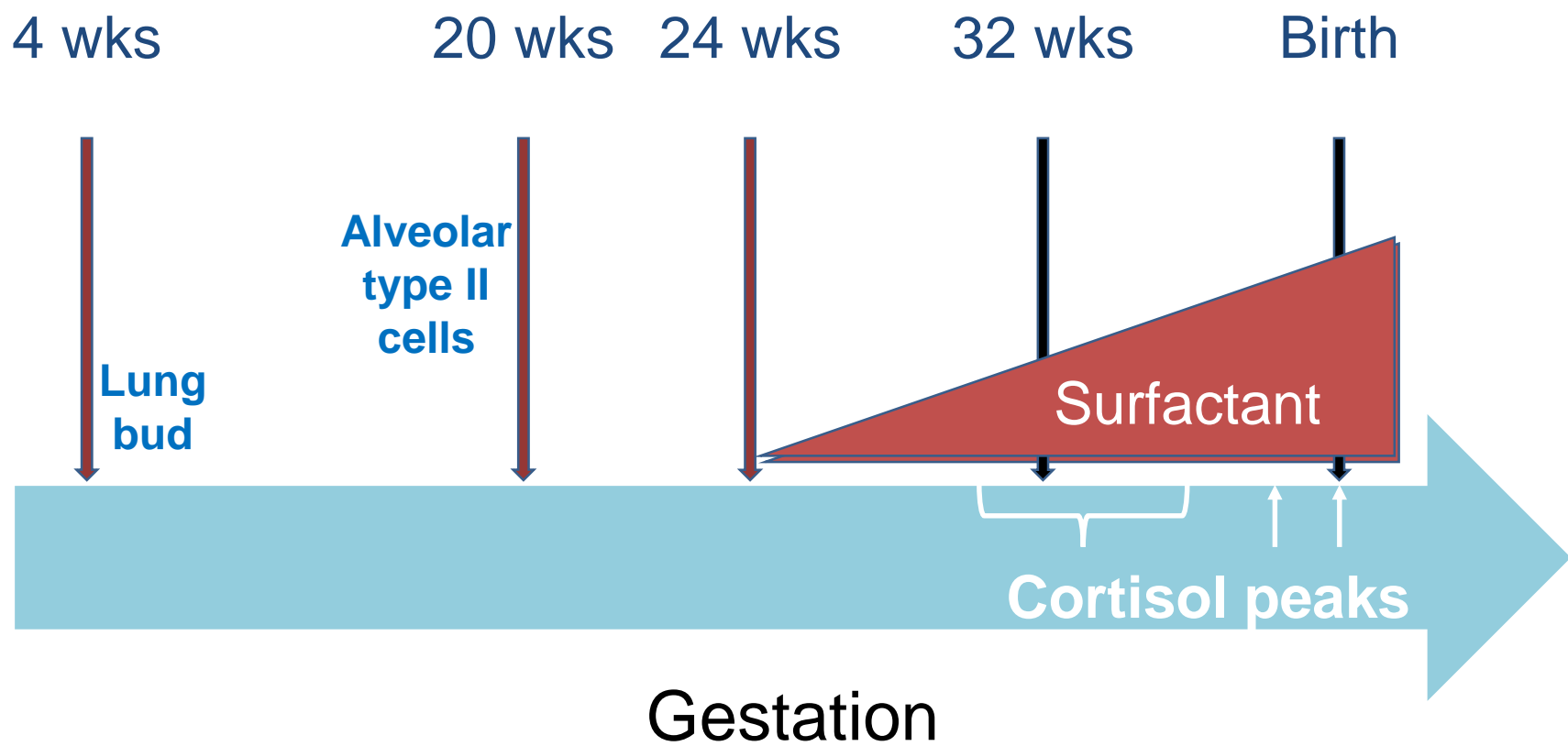
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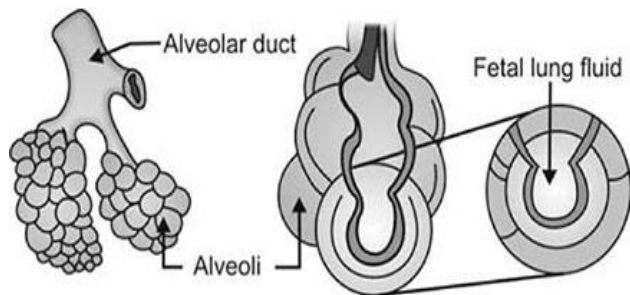
Schittny, Johannes C. "Development of the lung." *Cell and tissue research* vol. 367,3 (2017)

# Transition to extrauterine life

## Cortisol

- ✓ Levels increase at **30 - 36 wks**, **prior** to term labor & peak **at labour**
- ✓ Regulates thyroid hormones and catecholamine release

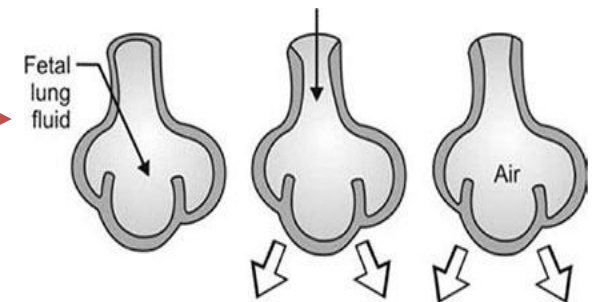
## Fetal lungs



## Birth



## Neonatal lungs



- ✓ Fetal fluid secreted into lungs
- ✓ Promotes development
- ✓ Maintains distension
- ✓ Pressure = 2 - 4cmH<sub>2</sub>O
- ✓ Mechanical stretch stimulates surfactant production

- ✓ Fluid replaced by air (labour & delivery, first breath and cry)
- ✓ Reduced secretion; increased absorption (regulated by hormones)
- ✓ Surfactant coats alveoli

Source - Neonatal Asphyxia, Resuscitation and Beyond. Dipak, Rashmi, Padmapriya. Chapter 1 – intrauterine and Natal Cardiopulmonary physiology Hillman, Noah H et al. "Physiology of transition from intrauterine to extrauterine life." Clinics in perinatology vol. 39,4 (2012)

# Surfactant

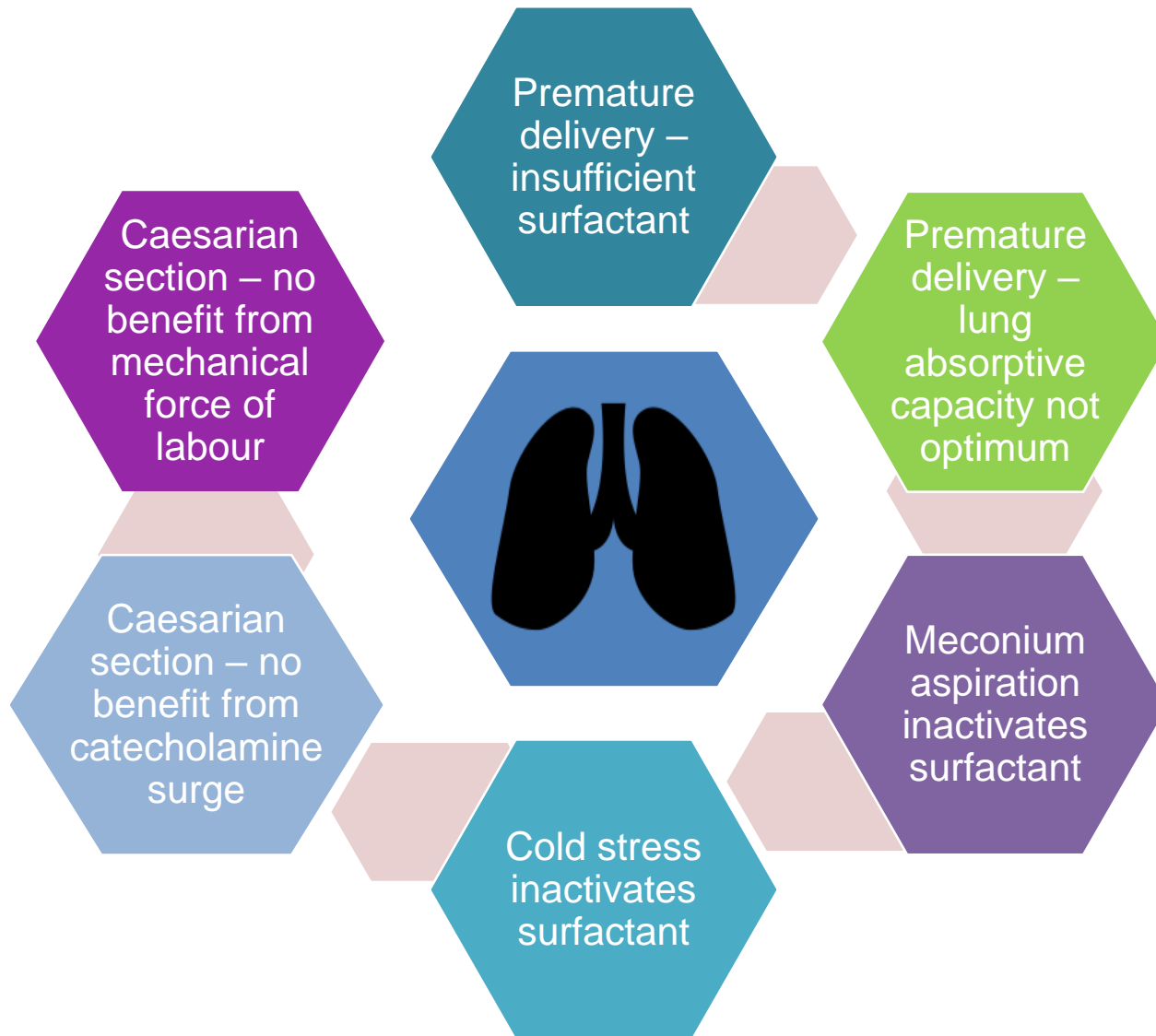


- A complex mixture of phospholipids and proteins
- Reduces surface tension at the air-liquid interface of the alveoli
- Prevents collapse of alveoli during end exhalation
- Secretion is stimulated through the action of hormones like thyroxine as well as glucocorticoids
- Mechanical stretch (distension and hyperventilation) can stimulate secretion from Alveolar type II cells

✓ Surfactant production can be hindered by inflammation, genetic defects, infection

*Nkadi, Paul O et al. "An overview of pulmonary surfactant in the neonate: genetics, metabolism, and the role of surfactant in health and disease." Molecular genetics and metabolism vol. 97,2 (2009):*

# What can go wrong during transition?

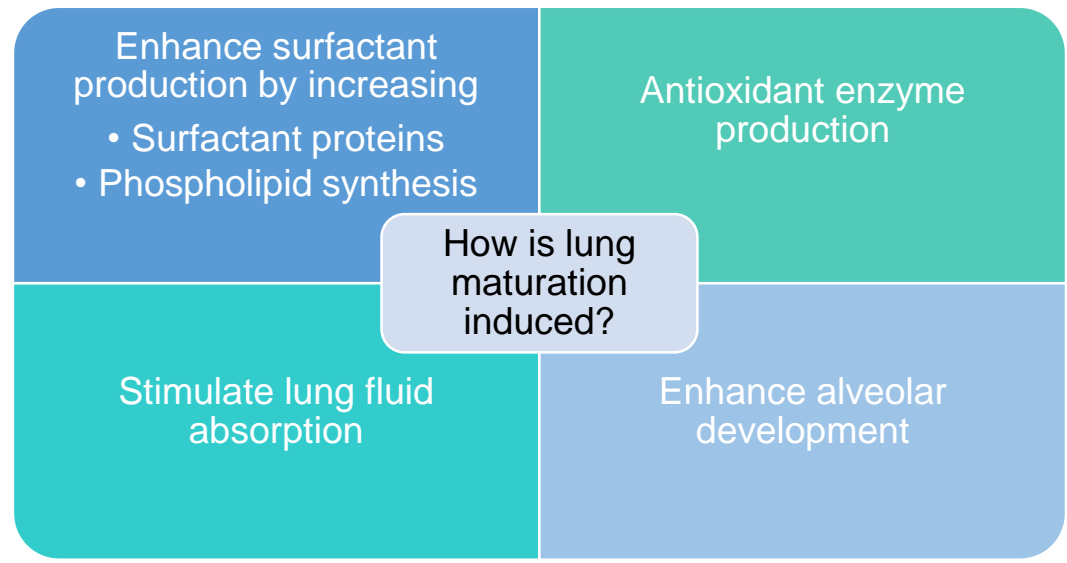


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Morton, Sarah U, and Dara Brodsky. "Fetal Physiology and the Transition to Extrauterine Life." *Clinics in perinatology* vol. 43,3 (2016):

# Prevention of RDS

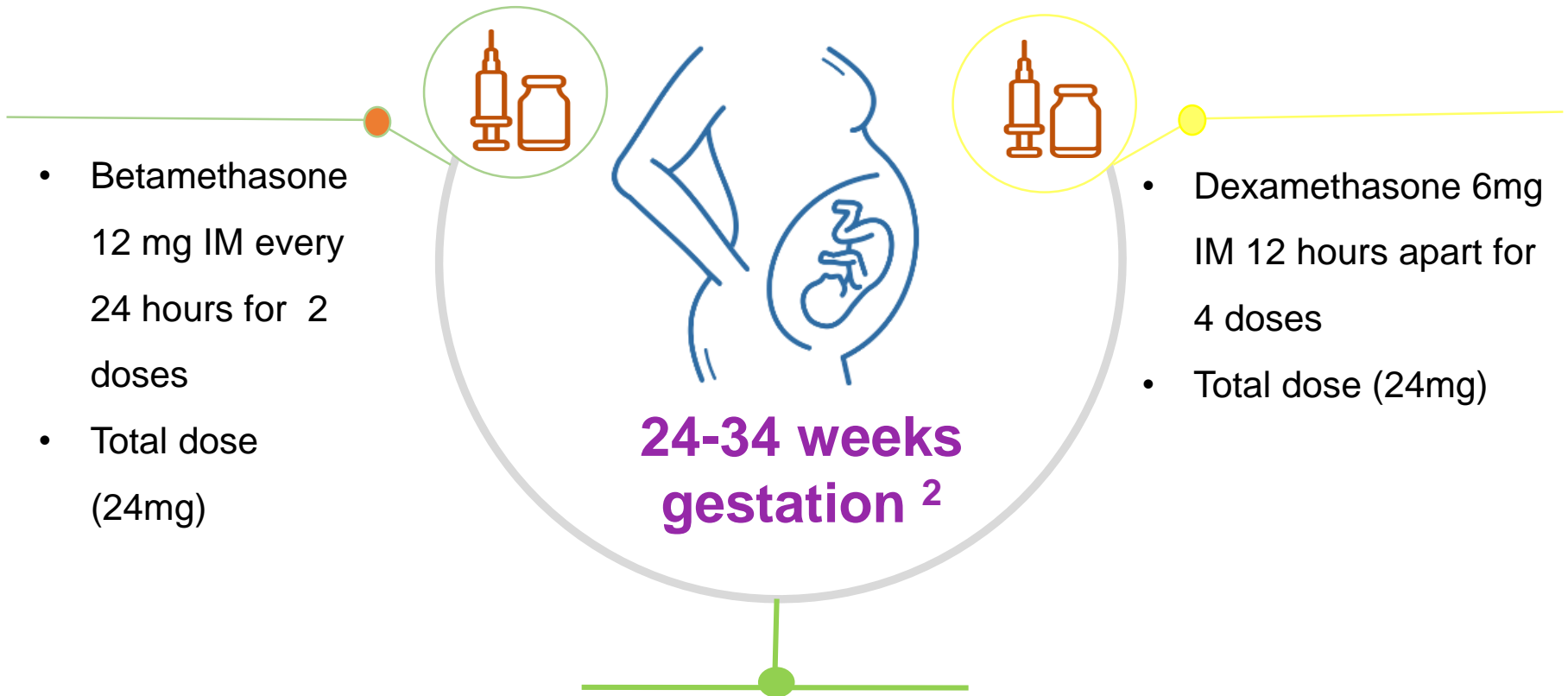


# Antenatal steroids and the fetal lung



*Glucocorticoids and Lung Development in the Fetus and Preterm Infant* R J Bolt, M M van Weissenbruch, H N Lafeber, H A Delemarre-van de Waal 2001  
*Antenatal Corticosteroids for Accelerating Fetal Lung Maturation for Women at Risk of Preterm Birth* Devender Roberts, Julie Brown, Nancy Medley, Stuart R Dalziel, 2015

# Administration of ACS



- Betamethasone 12 mg IM every 24 hours for 2 doses
- Total dose (24mg)

- Dexamethasone 6mg IM 12 hours apart for 4 doses
- Total dose (24mg)

**24-34 weeks gestation<sup>2</sup>**

- **1-7 days** before anticipated delivery<sup>1</sup>
- Betamethasone vs dexamethasone- none superior over the other.

1. Association Between Antenatal Corticosteroid Administration-to-Birth Interval and Outcomes of Preterm Neonates Melamed N, Shah J, Soraisham A, Yoon EW, Lee SK, Shah PS, Murphy KE *Obstet Gynecol.* 2015;125(6):137

2. WHO recommendations on interventions to improve preterm birth outcomes 2015

3. Brownfoot FC, Gagliardi DI, Bain E, Middleton P, Crowther CA. Different corticosteroids and regimens for accelerating fetal lung maturation for women at risk of preterm birth. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev.* 2013;8:CD006764.



# WHO recommendations on use of ACS

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Administer within 1-7 days before birth, gestational age 24-34 weeks

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IM Dexamethasone or beclomethasone (total 24mg)

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For both single and multiple gestation pregnancies

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Recommended- PROM and no signs of infection, hypertensive disorders, at risk of delivering IUGR baby, Maternal DM,.

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A single repeat course of ACS recommended if preterm birth does not occur within 7 days after the initial dose, and the risk of preterm birth is still there

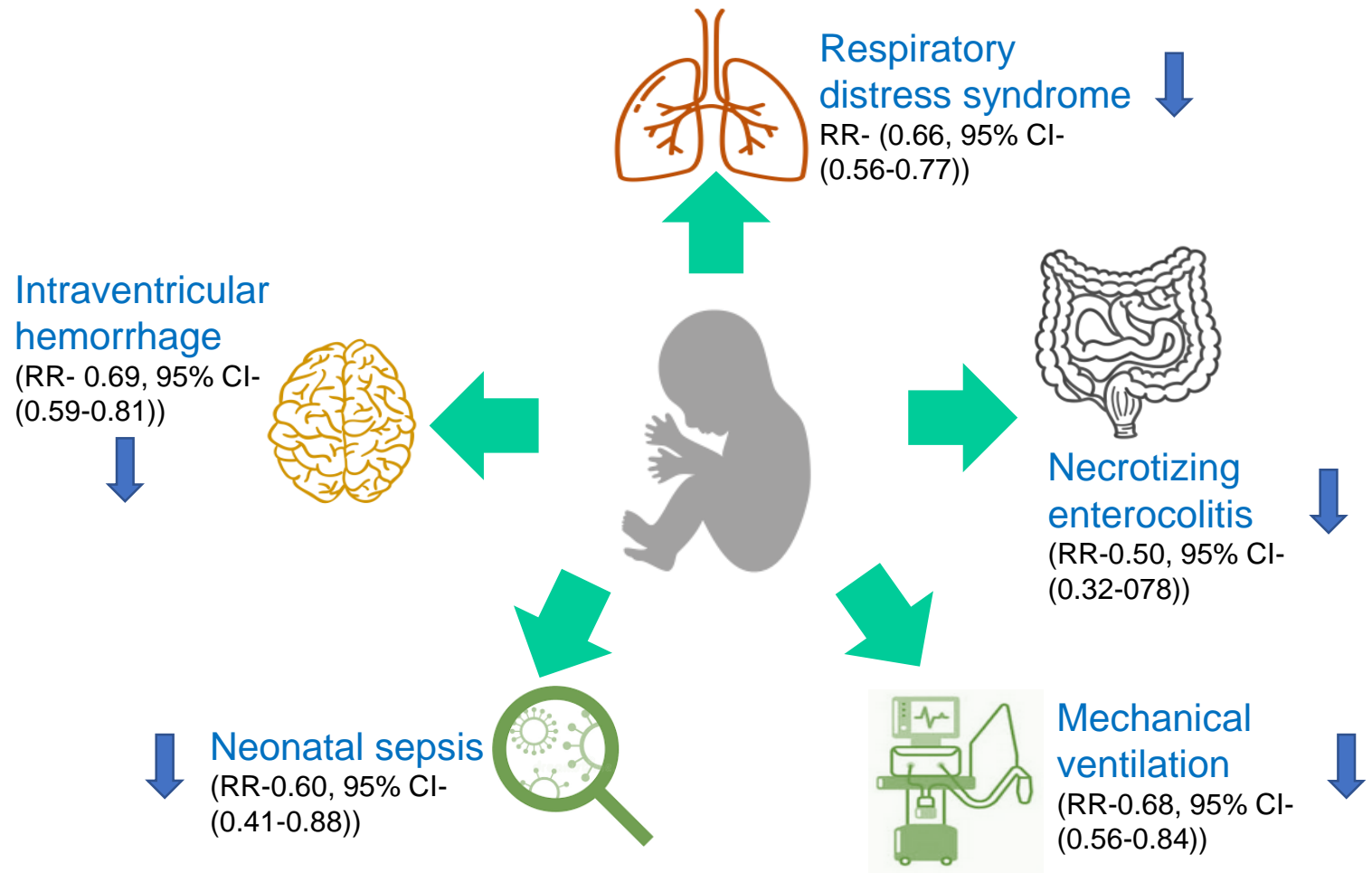
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Not for those with chorioamnionitis and those undergoing c/s for late preterms .

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# Benefits of ACS



*Antenatal corticosteroids for accelerating fetal lung maturation for women at risk of preterm birth (Review) Roberts D, Brown J, Medley N, Dalziel SR 2017*

# Management of RDS



# Approach to management



**Keep warm** and Maintain neutral thermal environment

- Reduce oxygen consumption

**A**irway patency should be ensured

**B**reathing

- Specific management
  - Surfactant use and respiratory support

**C**irculation- feeds and fluids

- Initiation of early feeds.
- Maintenance fluids

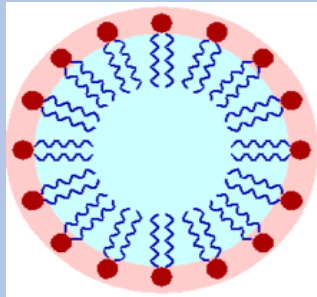
**D** - Close monitoring of vitals

- Blood sugars
- Hypotension common in early RDS
- Antibiotics, Caffeine

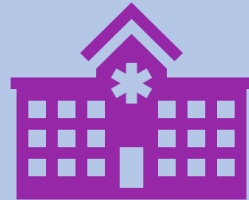
# Specific Management



# Role of Exogenous Surfactant



Reduction in:



Neonatal mortality



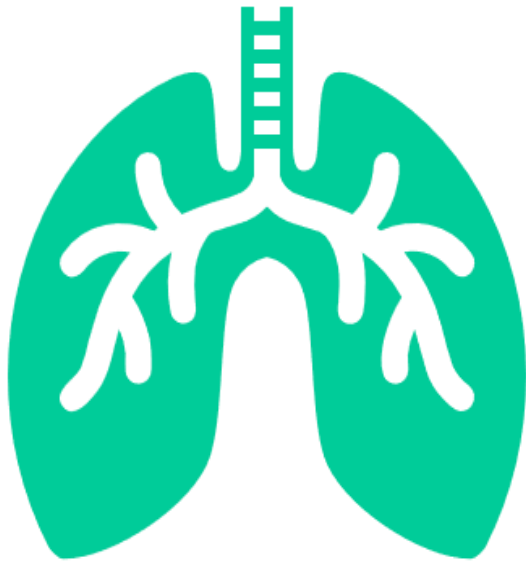
Lower rates of RDS complications e.g. pneumothorax

- Main function: reduce surface tension in the lungs <sup>1</sup>.
- Surfactant pool: term 100mg/kg vs preterms 5-10 Mg/kg <sup>2</sup>
- **Natural exogenous surfactant recommended over synthetic forms<sup>3</sup>**

1. *Surfactant for Respiratory Distress Syndrome: New Ideas on a Familiar Drug with Innovative Applications* H.J. Niemarkt, M.C. Hütten, and Boris W. Kramer 2017  
2. Sardesai S, Biniwale M, Wertheimer F, Garingo A, Ramanathan R. Evolution of surfactant therapy for respiratory distress syndrome: past, present, and future. *Pediatr Res.* 2017;81:240–248  
3. *Animal derived surfactant extract versus protein free synthetic surfactant for the prevention and treatment of respiratory distress syndrome (Review)* Ardell S, Pfister RH, Soll 2015

# Continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP)

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Non invasive method of **oxygen delivery**

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Provides **continuous distending pressure** that's keeps alveoli open during expiration

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Reduces work of breathing therefore improves oxygenation

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Decreases atelectasis and respiratory fatigue

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# Why use CPAP?

## In-utero



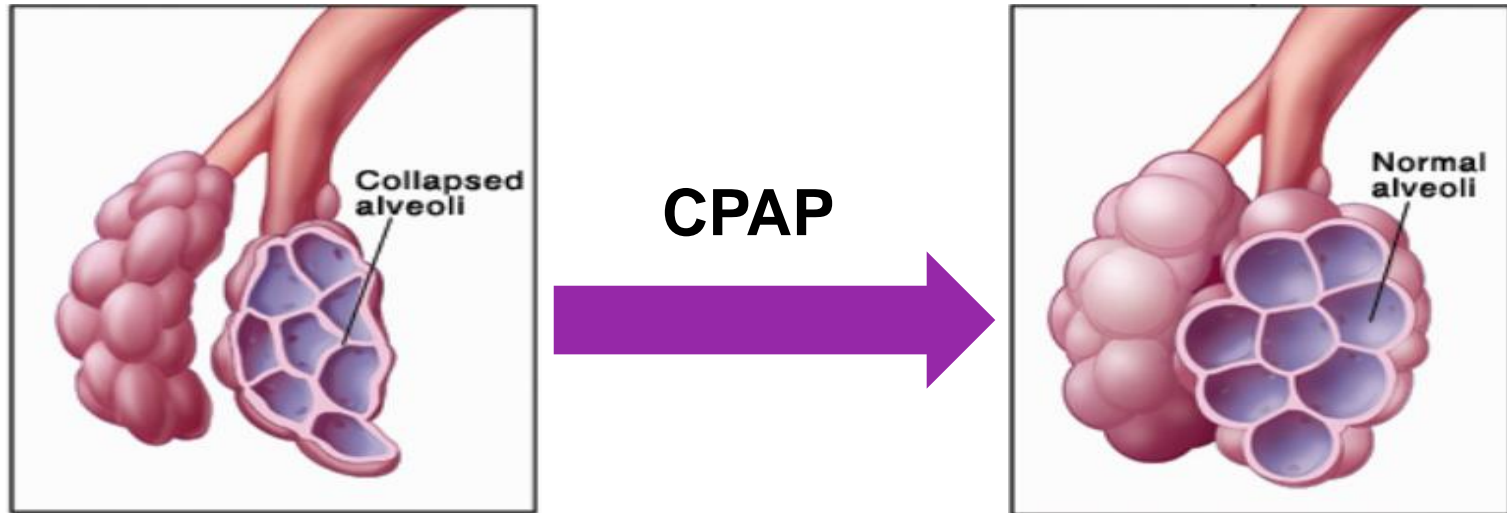
- Fetal lungs in utero remain distended due to the 3-4 cm H<sub>2</sub>O maintained by the fluid in the fetal lungs

## CPAP



- CPAP mimics normal physiology.
- Constant distending pressure at 2-3cm H<sub>2</sub>O.

# Benefits of using CPAP



**1**

Improves oxygenation

**2**

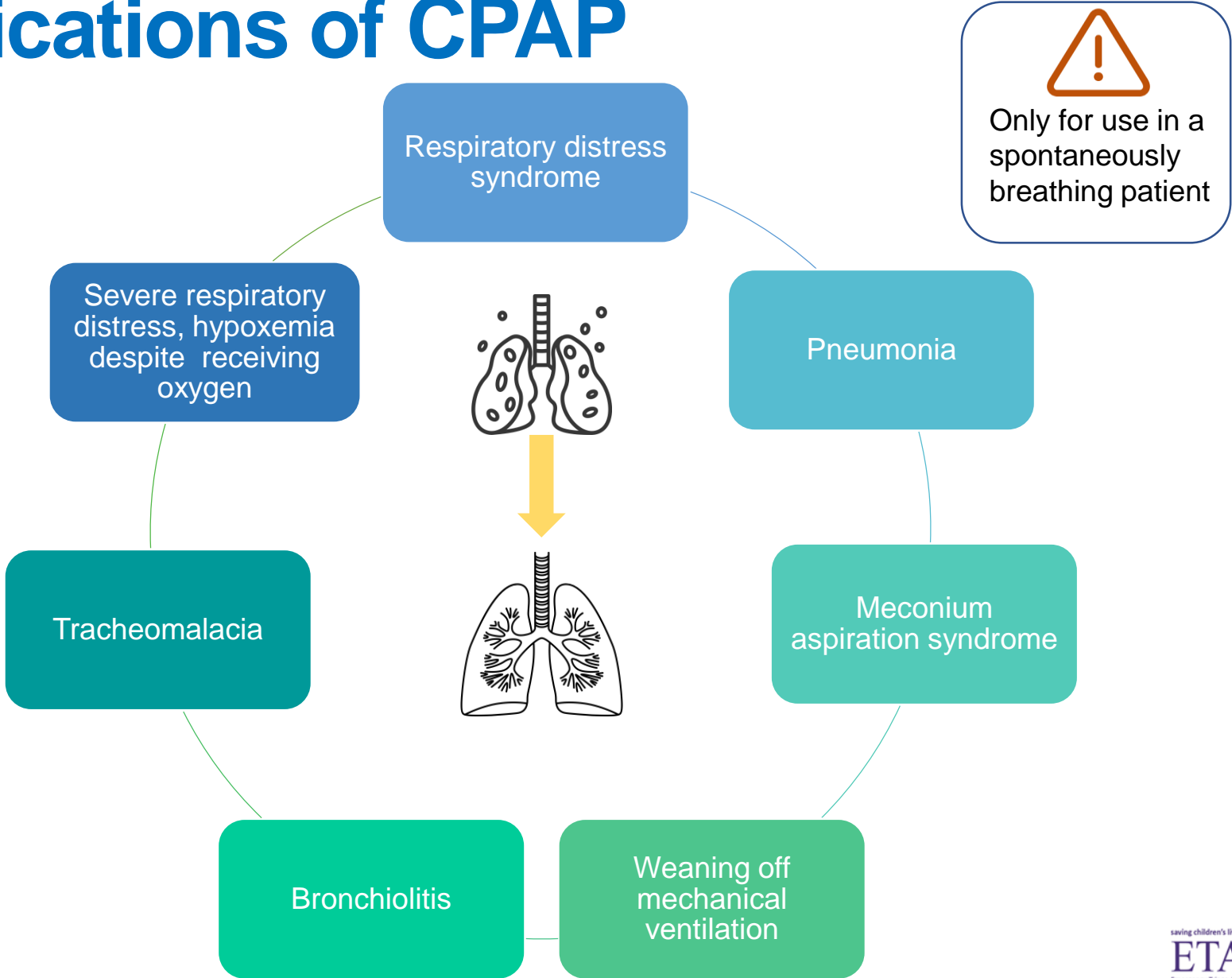
Continuous distending pressure keeps alveoli open which maintains FRC

**3**

Promotes Lung growth and development.

- Promote surfactant production

# Indications of CPAP



# Prophylactic versus Rescue CPAP

**Prophylactic  
CPAP**



**Rescue  
CPAP**

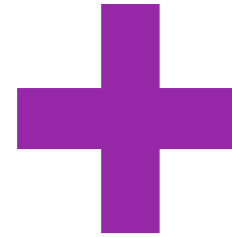
- **28-30 wks(1000-1300gms)**
- Initiated as soon as possible within the delivery room
- For the newly born with good cardiac activity and breathing spontaneously
- Not in respiratory distress
- Intended to avoid mechanical ventilation

- **Above 30 weeks(>1.3kgs)**
- Initiated after trial of oxygen therapy
- Neonate with increased work of breathing and  $SpO_2 < 90\%$  on nasal prongs at 1L/min

# How does CPAP work?



Oxygen sources provide > 90% Oxygen



Ambient air provides 21% oxygen

Blend ambient air with the oxygen from the source



- Titrate the flow rate from the oxygen source by increasing or decreasing 1L/min to achieve varying levels of  $FiO_2$  (30-100%)
- **Need for a \*\*\*blender**

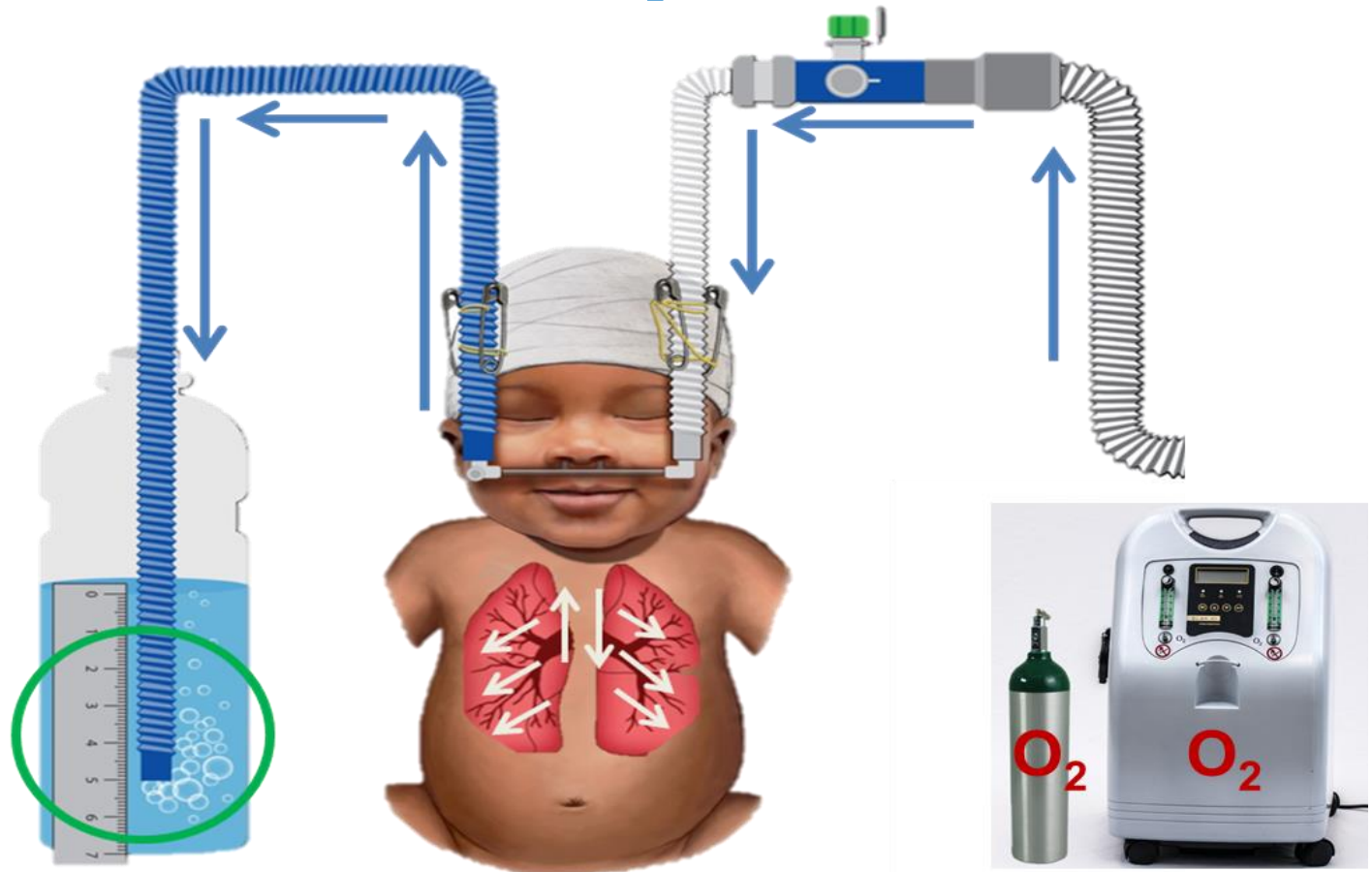


- Varying  $FiO_2$  delivered to the baby depending on the oxygen saturations.
- **Pulse oximetry is important**
- Titrate to achieve targets of 90-95%

# Using CPAP



# bCPAP Components



**Expiratory Limb**

**Interface (Nasal Prongs)**

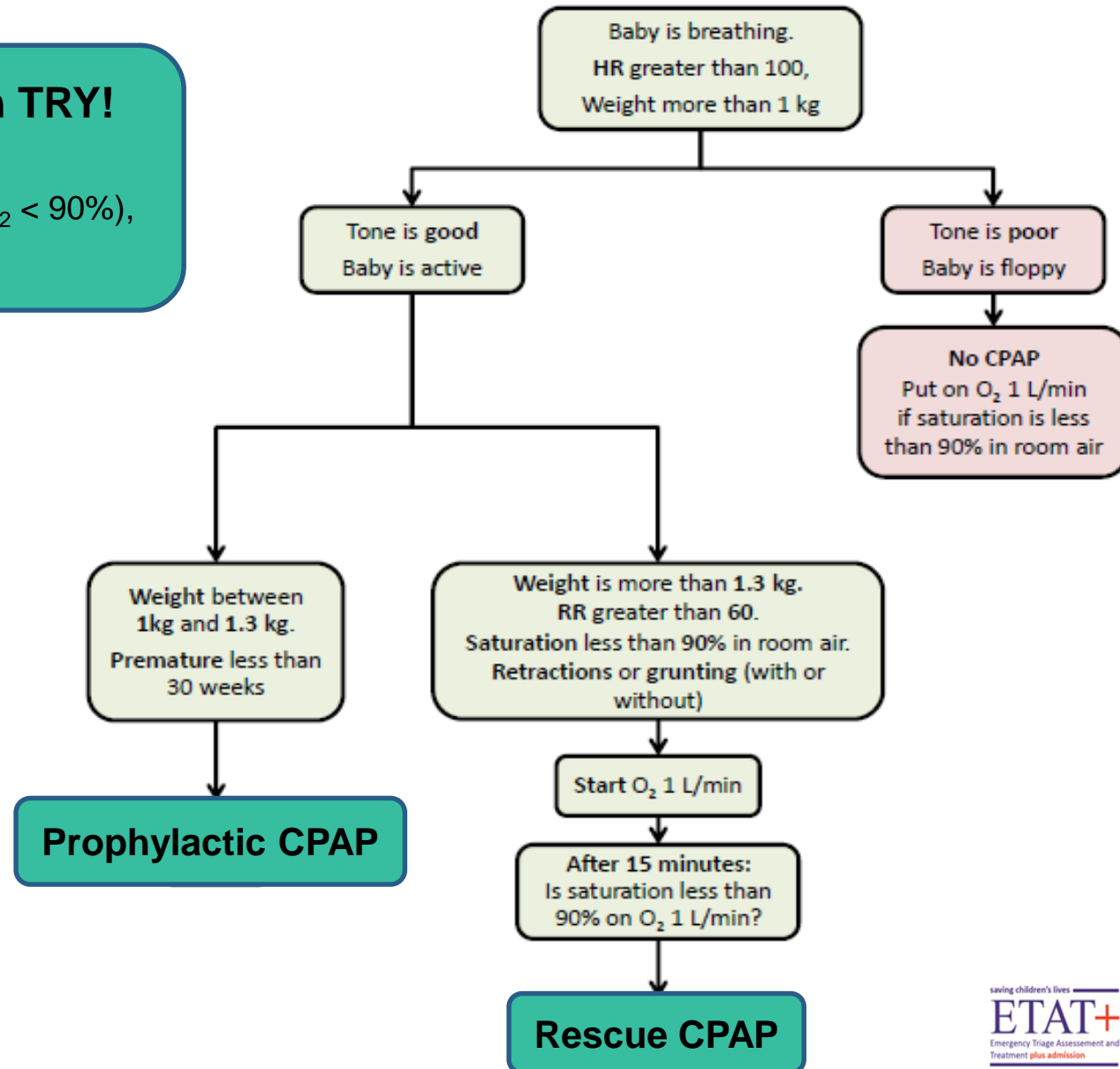
**Inspiratory Limb**



# bCPAP Initiation Criteria –TRY algorithm

## ABC assessment then TRY!

**T** – Good Tone,  
**R** - Respiratory Distress: ( $SpO_2 < 90\%$ ),  
**Y** - Yes for HR  $> 100/\text{min}$



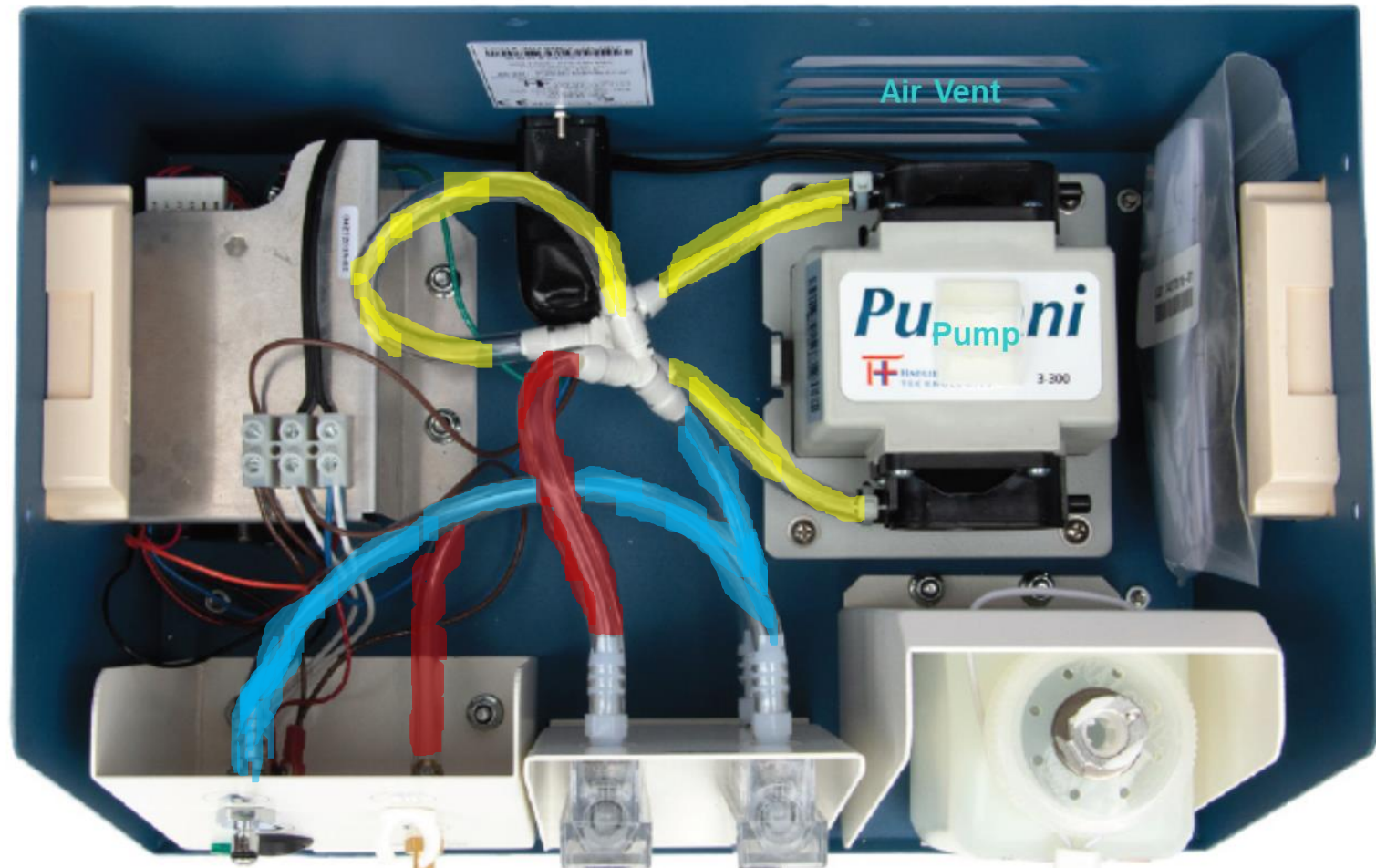


# The Pumani bCPAP



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## Back View



Patient Port    Oxygen Port    Oxygen    Total Flow    Pressure Generator Bottle

## Front View



# The Pumani bCPAP – Blending table

## Appendix A: Oxygen Blending Table

1. Choose the Total Flow Rate (L/min) to deliver to the patient.
2. Choose the Fraction of Inspired Oxygen ( $FiO_2$ ) Level to deliver to the patient.
3. The table value where the Total Flow Rate and  $FiO_2$  Level meet is the Suggested  $O_2$  Flow Rate\*.

An **Example Setting** is shown in the table to the right:

A patient requires a Total Flow Rate of 8 L/min and an  $FiO_2$  Level of 60%. Therefore, the Suggested  $O_2$  Flow Rate is 5 L/min.

OXYGEN BLENDING TABLE						
	Total Flow Rate (L/min)					
	5	6	7	8	9	10
$FiO_2$	Suggested $O_2$ Flow Rate (L/min)					
20% $O_2$	0	0	0	0	0	0
30% $O_2$	1	1	1.5	2	2	2.5
40% $O_2$	2	2.5	2.5	3	3.5	3.5
50% $O_2$	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5
60% $O_2$	3	3.5	4.5	5	5.5	6
70% $O_2$	3.5	4	5	5.5	6	7
80% $O_2$	4	4.5	5.5	6	7	7.5
90% $O_2$	4.5	5	6	7	7.5	8.5

# The Pumani bCPAP - Interface



## Assorted hats



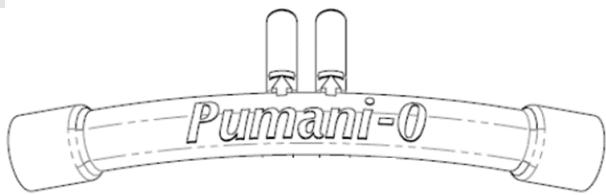
**Pumani Hat Size Selection Chart**

Patient Weight Range	Hat Size
Less than 1,500 grams	Small
1,500 grams to 3,000 grams	Medium
Over 3,000 grams	Large

## Hat Clips



## Connection Elbows



## Assorted nasal prongs

000 Size 000	0 Size 0	1 Size 1	2 Size 2	3 Size 3	4 Size 4	5 Size 5	0-5 Size 0-5 (variety)
Nasal Prong (Size 000)	Nasal Prong (Size 0)	Nasal Prong (Size 1)	Nasal Prong (Size 2)	Nasal Prong (Size 3)	Nasal Prong (Size 4)	Nasal Prong (Size 5)	Nasal Prong Variety (Size 0-5)

**Pumani Nasal Prong Size Selection Chart**

Patient Weight Range	Nasal Prong Size
Less than 1,000 grams	000 or 0
1,000 grams to 1,250 grams	1
1,250 grams to 2,000 grams	2
2,000 grams to 3,000 grams	3
3,000 grams to 4,000 grams	4
Over 4,000 grams	5

# Preparing the Pumani bCPAP



**1. Observe Hand Hygiene**



**2. Position CPAP machine 30cm from wall on a firm surface**



**3. Fill Pressure generating bottle with 6cm water**

# Preparing the Pumani CPAP



**4. Connect the patient tubing to the patient port and bottle tubing to bottle port. Must hear a click!**



**5. Connect the correct size of nasal prongs to the bottle and patient tubings using right and left elbows**





# Preparing the Pumani CPAP

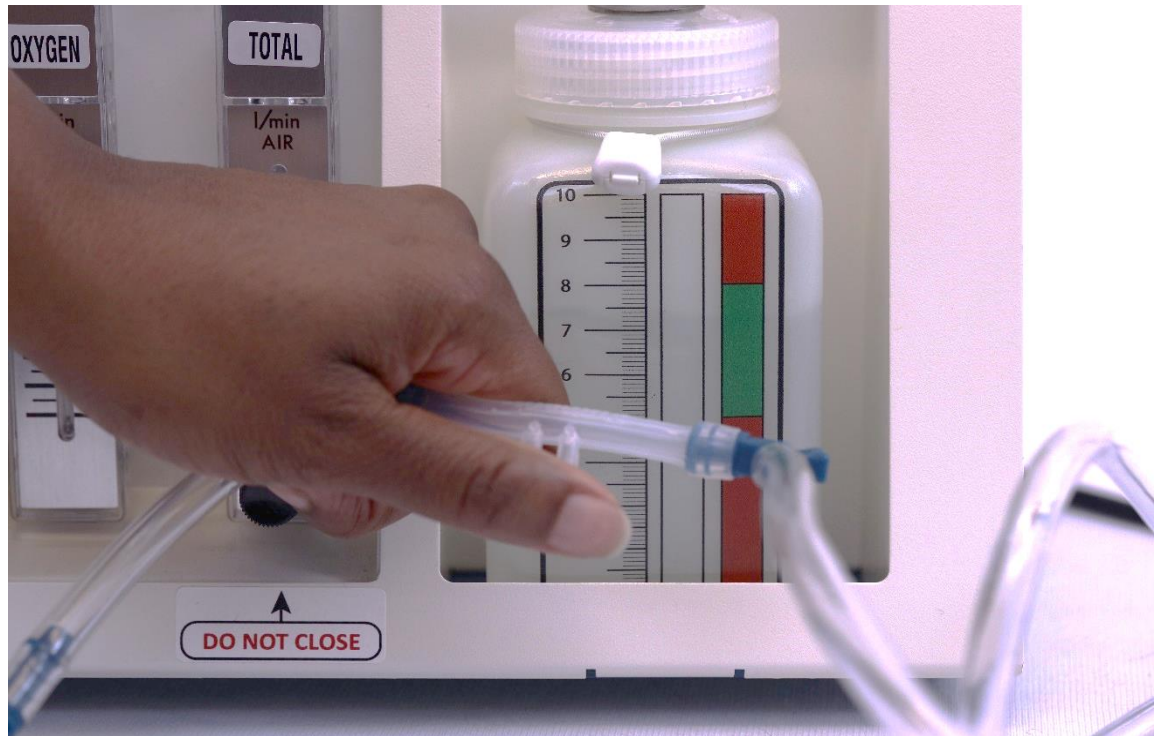


		Total Flow Rate (L/min)					
		5	6	7	8	9	10
FIO <sub>2</sub>	Suggested O <sub>2</sub> Flow Rate (L/min)						
	20% O <sub>2</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0
30% O <sub>2</sub>	1	1	1.5	2	2	2.5	
40% O <sub>2</sub>	2	2.5	2.5	3	3.5	3.5	
50% O <sub>2</sub>	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	
60% O <sub>2</sub>	3	3.5	4.5	5	5.5	6	
70% O <sub>2</sub>	3.5	4	5	5.5	6	7	
80% O <sub>2</sub>	4	4.5	5.5	6	7	7.5	
90% O <sub>2</sub>	4.5	5	6	7	7.5	8.5	

## 6. Connect an oxygen source to the CPAP machine and determine the oxygen flowrate to use

- Set the total flow at 6L/min
- Start at 50% FIO<sub>2</sub>.
- Using the blending table, read value where the total flow rate of 6L/min meets 50% FIO<sub>2</sub>
- Set value read (3L/min) on the oxygen flowmeter on the oxygen source

# Preparing the Pumani CPAP

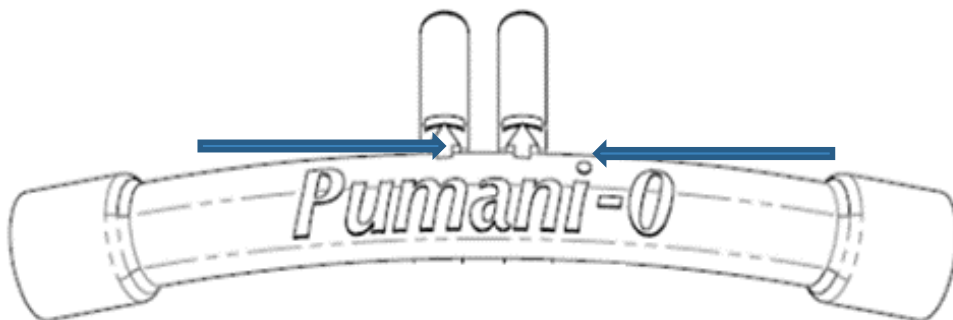
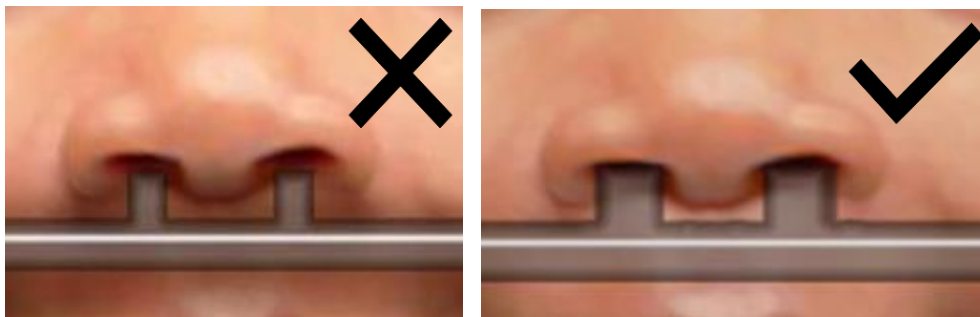


## 7. Test for functioning (bubbling)

- Turn on the machine
- Pinch the nasal prongs with your fingers.
- Water in the pressure generator bottle should bubble
- Machine is ready for use

# Preparing the Baby for CPAP

1. Determining correct size of the hat and its placement
2. Insert an orogastric tube (OGT)
3. Suction the nostrils if necessary
4. Instill a drop of normal saline in each nostril
5. Size, insert and secure nasal prongs



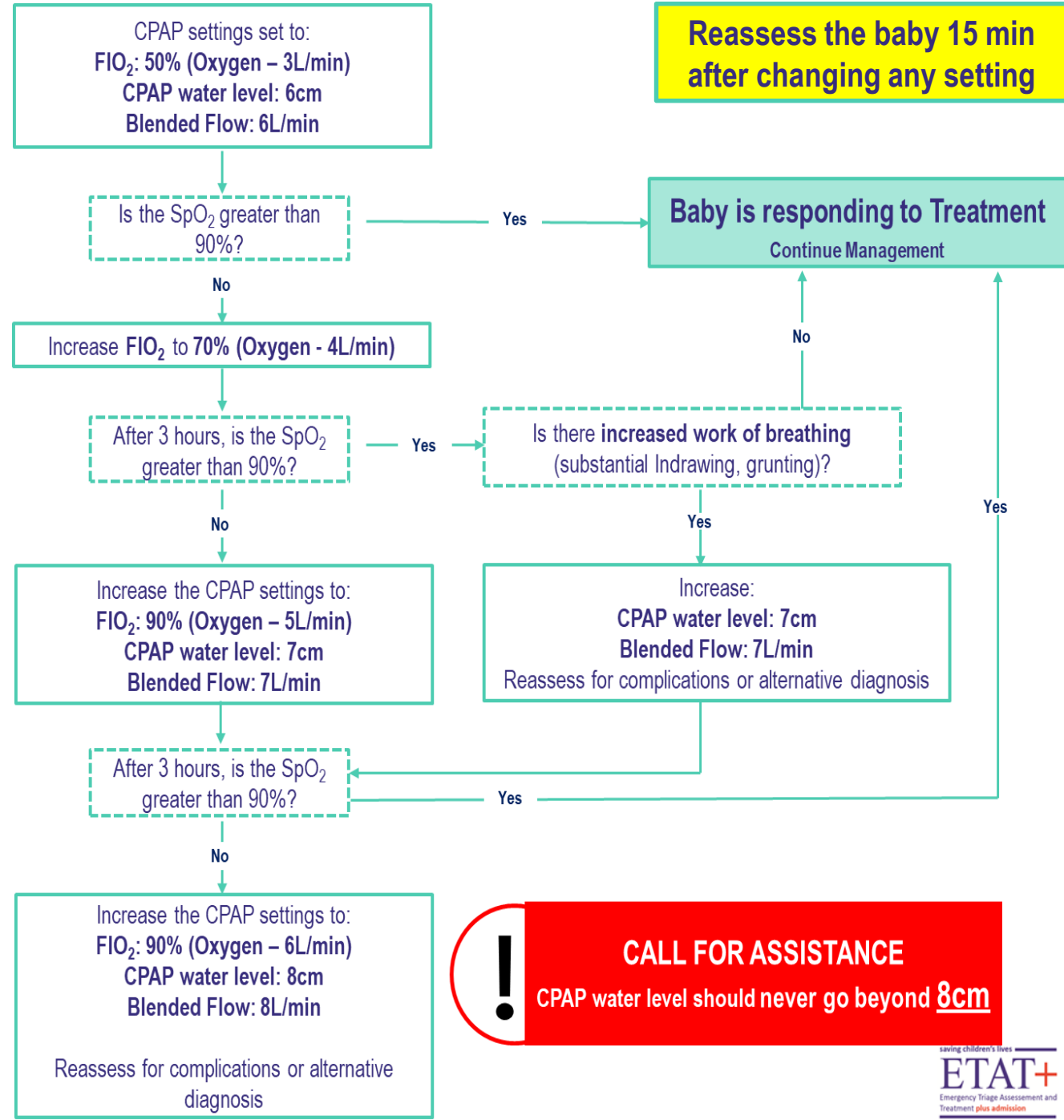
# Preparing the Baby for CPAP



6. Check for effective functioning (water bubbling)
7. Attach pulse oximeter
8. Check baby's response to bCPAP (assess WoB, HR and SpO<sub>2</sub>)
9. Increase flow rate of **oxygen by 1 liter/min every 60 seconds** to achieve **SpO<sub>2</sub> of 90-95%**.
10. Institute supportive care

# Increasing bCPAP Treatment

Always check the connection before increasing treatment  
Is the water bubbling?  
Does the baby need suctioning?

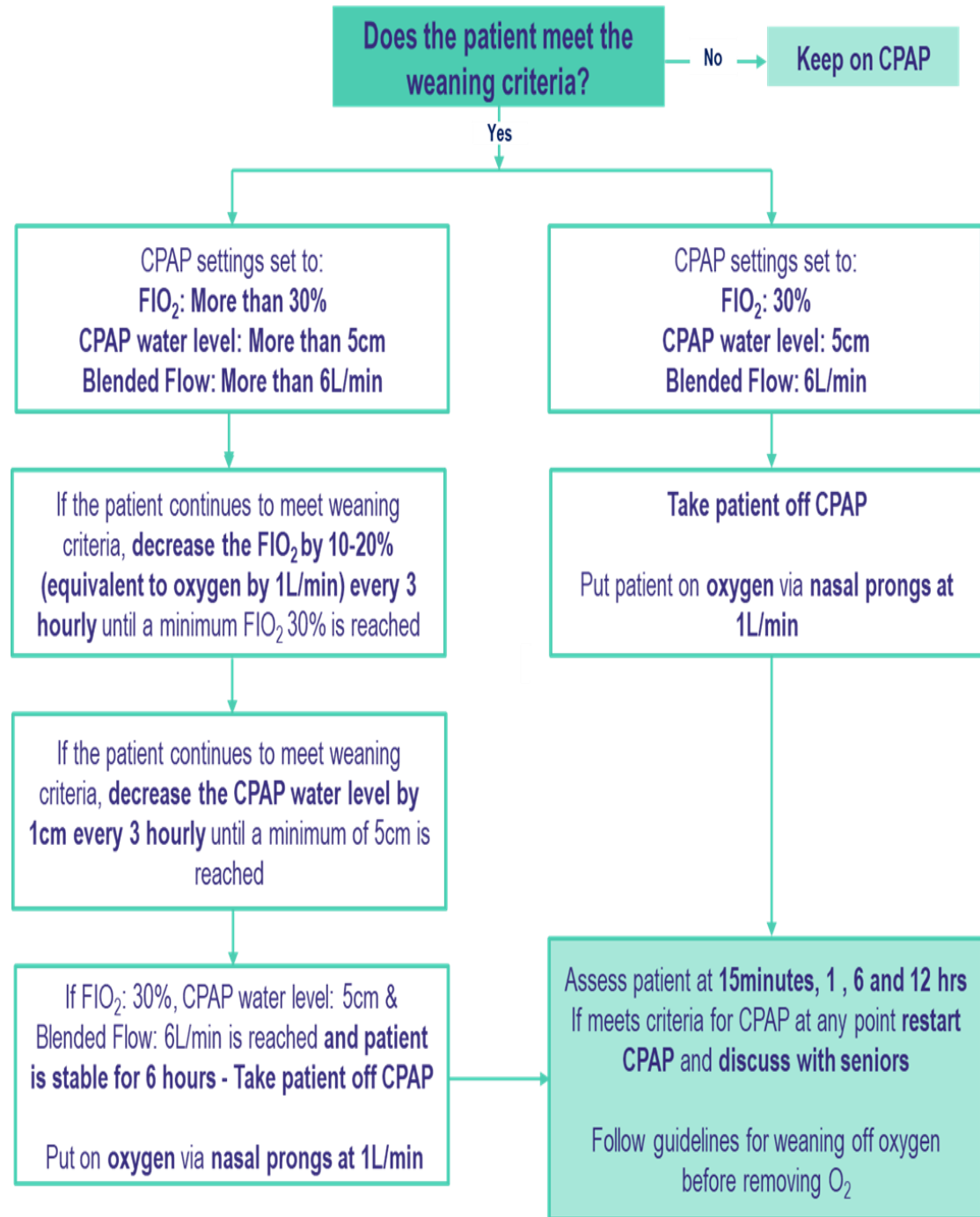




# Weaning off bCPAP

**Criteria for weaning CPAP treatment:**  
Patient is clinically stable as below:

1. Patient has been on bCPAP at least 24 hours
2. RR less than 60/minute for at least 6 hours
3. O<sub>2</sub> saturations consistently greater than 90% for at least 6 hours
4. No significant grunting, indrawing, nasal Baring, apnoea or bradycardia for at least 6 hours



# Monitoring babies on bCPAP



# Monitoring

- Vital signs
  - Work of breathing
  - Nasal blockage
  - Abdominal distension
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## Patient



## Attachment

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- Position of the prongs
- Nasal septum intact
- Tubing not kinked
- Hat snugly fit

## Functioning

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- Correct water level
- There is bubbling
- Correct total Flow rate
- Correct oxygen flow rate
- Circuit is complete



# Monitoring the patient

[HOSPITAL NAME]

NEONATAL MONITORING CHART + CPAP

Version 2.5

Name		IP NO		Sex M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>		D.O.A		D.O.B								
Date today		Diagnosis														
Birth Wt gm		Interventions: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPAP <input type="checkbox"/> Oxygen <input type="checkbox"/> Phototherapy <input type="checkbox"/> Blood transfusion <input type="checkbox"/> Exchange transfusion <input type="checkbox"/> KMC <input type="checkbox"/>														
Daily Clinician Feed and Fluid prescription		Monitoring Freq ___ hrs   Time		9.00am	9.15am	10.15am	1.15pm	4.15pm	7.15pm	10.15pm	1.15am	4.15am	7.15am	10.15am	1.15am	
Day of Life	Current Wt = gm	Vitals	Temp (°C)	36.8	36.8	36.8	36.8	36.8	36.5	36.7	36.8	36.7	36.7	36.8	36.5	
Total input(feed and fluid) 24hrs = ml			Pulse (b/min)	152	148	150	149	147	145	142	143	140	142	150	145	
Feed: BF <input type="checkbox"/> EBM <input type="checkbox"/> Term Formula <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Term Formula <input type="checkbox"/>			Resp Rate (b/min)	80	80	78	78	76	68	64	60	58	64	78	68	
Route: Cup <input type="checkbox"/> NGT <input type="checkbox"/> OGT <input type="checkbox"/>			Oxy Sat (%) or Cy <sup>0</sup> Cy <sup>+</sup>	90%	92%	93%	90%	90%	93%	95%	93%	91%	91%	93%	91%	
Volume & Frequency = _____ ml 3hrly <input type="checkbox"/> 2hrly <input type="checkbox"/>		Assessment	Resp Distress 0,+ ,+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	++	++	++	+	+				
Total 24hr Volume = _____ ml			CPAP Pressure (cm H <sub>2</sub> O)	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
IV Fluid & Additives			FiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	
Vol (ml)	Duration		Jaundice 0,+ ,+++													
Other prescribing instructions		Feed	Apnoea Y/N													
Clinician's name			Breastfeeding sufficient Y/N													
Time:			EBM vol given (ml)													
Daily IV Fluid Nursing plan		Fluid	Formula vol given (ml)													
Start time:			IV volume given													
Hourly rate= _____ ml (____ drops/min)		Output	IV Line working Y/N													
Planned vol = _____ ml in _____ hrs			Vomit Y/N													
Morning shift notes			Urine(diapers changed)													
Category: A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/>		Stool Y/N														
Afternoon shift notes		Completed by (name)														
Category: A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/>		Total feed+fluid in this shift _____ ml														
Night shift notes		Completed by (name)														
Category: A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/>		Total feed+fluid in this shift _____ ml														
		Total feed+fluid in 24hrs _____ ml														
		Deficit _____ ml														

Jaundice 0 none, +mild(face),+++severe(feet)

Tick the category of baby after assessment

Alerts : circle readings outside normal range with red pen and action

# CPAP- Infection prevention and control



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## Cleaning

Removal of visible or non visible organic and inorganic material (e.g. blood, nasal secretions) using water and a detergent or enzymatic product.



## Disinfection

Reduction in the number of viable pathogenic microbes using **chemical agents** to a level that they do not pose a threat to the normal host defenses.

High level disinfection agents:

- i) **70-90% alcohol**
- ii) **0.5% sodium hypochlorite**



## Sterilization

A process that destroys all microorganisms including bacterial spores. E.g. autoclaving, sterilization in CSSD

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# CPAP - Infection Prevention & Control

## Non-critical patient care items

- Items which come in to contact with **patient's intact skin**
- E.g. Hat, Hat clips, pressure generating bottle, the tube hanger, the CPAP machine itself
- Non metallic items to be cleaned
- Metallic items for disinfection with 70% alcohol



## Semi-critical patient care items

- Items which come in to contact with **patient's mucosa and non intact skin (non sterile body parts)**
- E.g. Elbow connectors, tubings Nasal Prongs,
- Elbow connectors & tubings for high level disinfection
- Silicon Nasal Prongs for Autoclaving



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# High Level Disinfection with 0.5% Sodium Hypochlorite

Thoroughly  
Clean

- Wear appropriate PPE
- Immerse all items in soapy water
- Scrub under the water to avoid splashing
- Rinse in clean water

Soak in 0.5%  
Sodium  
hypochlorite

- Immerse in opaque bucket for 10 - 60min
- Rinse with clean water
- Drip dry/air dry
- Discard the Na<sup>+</sup> hypochlorite immediately after use

Store in clean  
dry area

- Store in clean dry plastic bags
- Label date

# Available Guidelines

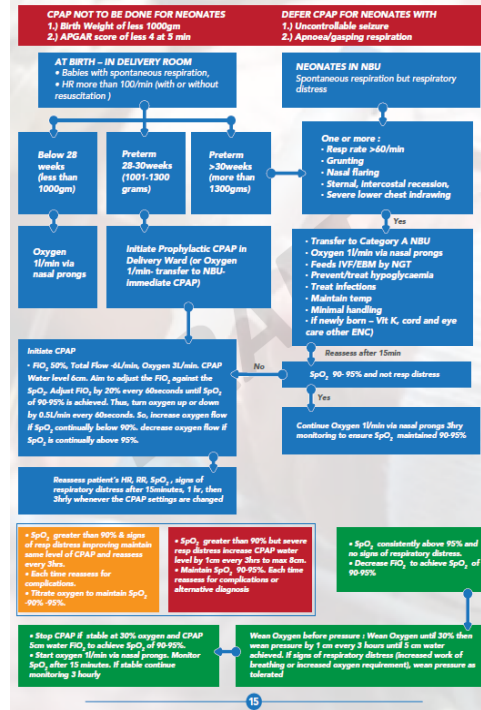
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## Comprehensive Newborn Care Protocols

Integrating Technologies with Clinical Care

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### 7. Supporting respiratory efforts - Oxygen & CPAP



### 3.) Use of Bubble Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (bCPAP)

- Indications for bCPAP**
- Preterm babies gestation age 28 - 30 weeks (prophylactic)
    - Respiratory distress syndrome
    - Respiratory distress (respiratory rate above 60/min, nasal flaring, grunting, sternal retractions and severe lower chest wall in-drawing)
    - An oxygen saturations of less than 90% after ensuring a clear airway and proper positioning on oxygen 1L/min
  - Babies above 30 weeks (Rescue) – See supporting respiratory efforts protocols.

- Family Centered Care**
- Inform the mother (parents) that their baby needs CPAP to be able to breathe better.
  - Explain what the procedure involves in layman terms – the connections to the machine, other tubings like the oral gastric tube (OGT), nasal prongs etc.
  - Explain that the procedure is safe and CPAP has been shown to improve newborn outcomes.
  - Answer any questions/concerns they may have
  - Ensure the baby is on oxygen via nasal prongs 1L/min as you explain all this to the parents

#### Items required to initiate bCPAP

Checklist for Machine Preparation	Check List for Baby preparation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bCPAP machine</li> <li>• Power cable</li> <li>• Patient (Inspiratory) tubing</li> <li>• Bottle (Expiratory) tubing</li> <li>• CPAP Bottle with a lid</li> <li>• CPAP assorted sizes nasal prongs</li> <li>• Elbow connectors</li> <li>• Oxygen tubing</li> <li>• Oxygen source</li> <li>• Distilled water (at least 500mls)</li> <li>• Trolley</li> <li>• 50cc syringe</li> <li>• Nasal prongs measuring tape</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hat or gauze roll</li> <li>• Hat clips</li> <li>• Orogastric (OG) tube</li> <li>• Normal saline in a 2ml Syringe</li> <li>• Clear adhesive Tape</li> <li>• Suction catheter size 6 and 8</li> <li>• Assorted nasal prongs (00 - 5)</li> <li>• Blue litmus paper</li> <li>• 5cc syringe</li> <li>• Stethoscope</li> <li>• Alcohol based hand rub</li> <li>• Suction machine</li> <li>• Pulse oximeter</li> </ul>

### 15. Standard Operating Procedures

# Complications of CPAP

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# Complications of CPAP

Nasal

Respiratory

Cardiac

GIT

Skin

Follow the CPAP SOPs diligently!





# Nasal complications



**A**  
**Nasal septal injury**



**C**  
**Nasal snubbing**



**B**  
**Nasal flaring**



**columella**

## Prevention

- A. Maintain **2mm** distance between columella and nasal prongs.
- B. Ensure appropriate size and correct softness of prongs.
- C. Prevent CPAP circuit weight from falling on nose.

The prongs should fill the entire nare without blanching the external nare.

# Complications of CPAP



## Pneumothorax

- CPAP increases risk of air leaks.
- Do not exceed pressures of 8cmH<sub>2</sub>O.
- Check for any air leaks in circuit

Check  
pressure  
of CPAP!



## Abdominal distention

- Excessive swallowed air.
- Feeding intolerance and desaturation episodes.
- Insertion of an OGT and 30mins after feeding the baby open OGT for drainage.

Leaving  
OGT  
open!



## Hyperinflation of lungs

- Occurs due to high CPAP pressures.
- Results in reduced cardiac output secondary to reduced venous return.

Max  
8cm  
H<sub>2</sub>O!

# Skin complications

- Constant pressure on nares , ears , head and forehead can lead to reduced skin integrity and injury causing pressure ulcers.



## Prevention

- Frequent observation every hour.
- Minimize points of contact.
- Keep skin dry and clean.
- Avoid tight fitting hat over forehead, ears and bony prominences.

First sign of skin breakdown is nasal erythema.

# Complications of oxygen therapy

Monitor SpO<sub>2</sub>, aim for O<sub>2</sub> saturation of 90-95% in order to maintain normal tissue perfusion while minimizing toxicity and titrate the FiO<sub>2</sub> based on SpO<sub>2</sub>.

## Hypoxia

SPO<sub>2</sub> - 85-89%

- Increases mortality.
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- Does not alter rates of developing:
    - ❖ Chronic lung disease- BPD
    - ❖ Blindness
    - ❖ Neurodevelopmental impairment.



## Hyperoxia

SPO<sub>2</sub> > 96%

- High SPO<sub>2</sub> induce injury by producing free radicals that cannot be metabolized by the immature antioxidant systems.
- Chronic Lung disease – BPD(<28 wks. /<1000g)
- Eye injury- ROP

# Risk factors for CPAP failure



## Infant characteristics

Weight <1000g  
Gestation <28 weeks  
Male sex



## Maternal factors

Poor antenatal steroid coverage  
PPROM



## Disease severity

FiO<sub>2</sub> >40% in the first 4 hours  
Moderate or Severe RDS on CXR  
Delayed onset of treatment

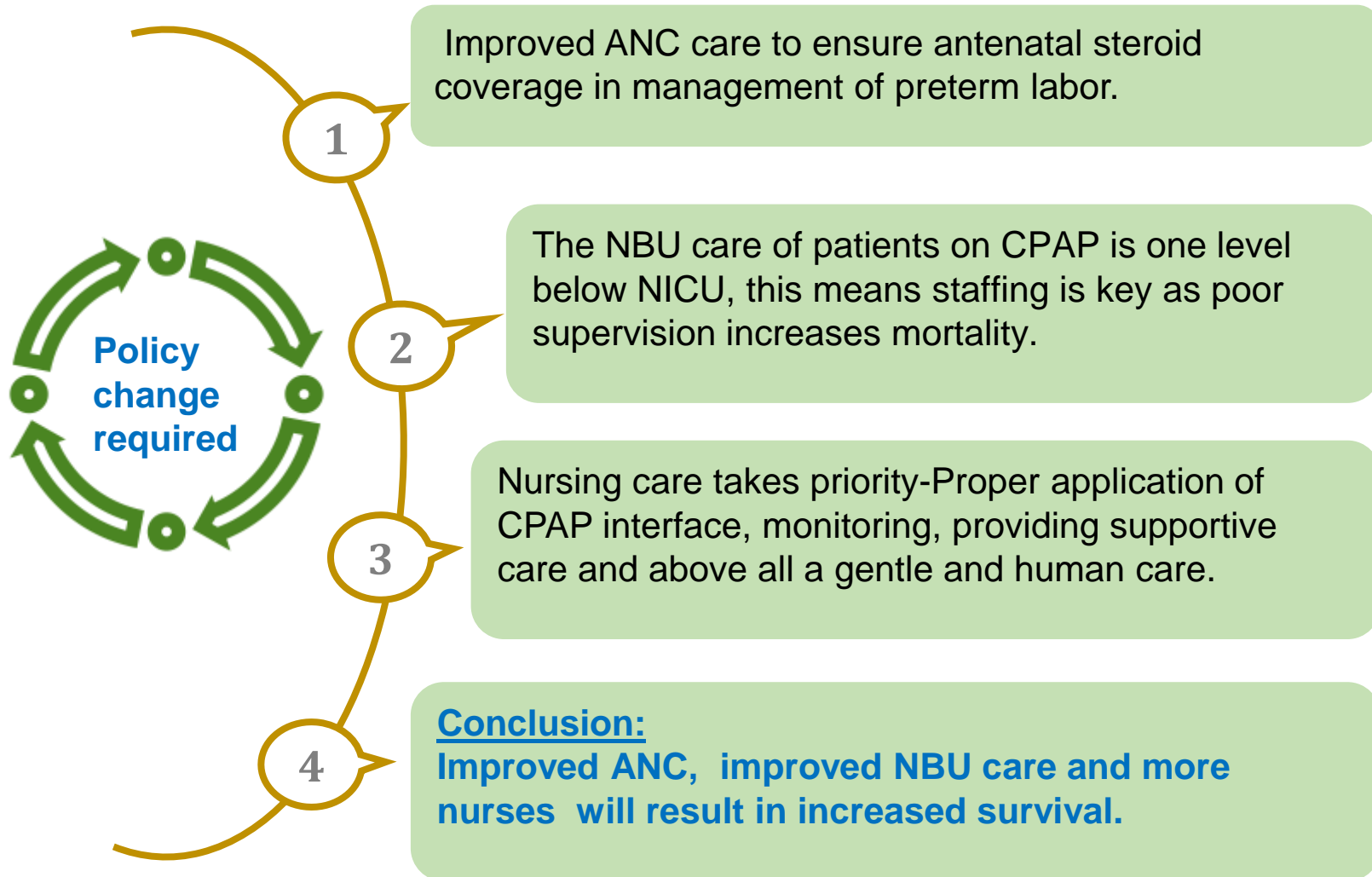
CPAP failure: Any baby who continues to have(72hrs) :

- ✓ moderate to severe recessions and grunting
- ✓ has saturations <90%
- ✓ has recurrent apneas even on a maximum CPAP pressure of 8 cm H<sub>2</sub>O and FiO<sub>2</sub> of > 40%.

There is a 35% reduction in death and use of assisted ventilation<sup>1</sup>.

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# How to increase CPAP success rates



# Summary



CPAP promotes lung growth/development and protects lung – all babies deserves the best care.

CPAP should be initiated at an  $\text{FiO}_2$  of 50%, which then is titrated upwards or downwards to achieve oxygen saturation targets of 90-95%

Regularly monitor patient to optimize CPAP benefits and reduce risk of complications