



Module 3:

Oxygen Delivery Systems

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Objectives

Upon completion of this module, the learner will be able to:

- Review the basics of PaO₂ vs. SaO₂
- Identify common Supplemental Oxygen - Low Flow Systems

PaO₂

- Partial pressure of dissolved O₂ in arterial blood
- Normal range 80 to 100 mmHg
- Measured by arterial blood draw
- Decreased PaO₂ seen with increased age and elevation (Denver residents: 65 to 80mmHg is normal)

Pulse Oximetry (SaO₂)

- O₂ combines with hemoglobin to form oxyhemoglobin
- Uses absorption of specific waveforms of light to compare oxyhemoglobin vs deoxyhemoglobin wavelengths
- SaO₂ is ratio of oxygenated hemoglobin to total hemoglobin
- Indirectly measures PaO₂. Less invasive

Oxyhemoglobin Dissociation Curve

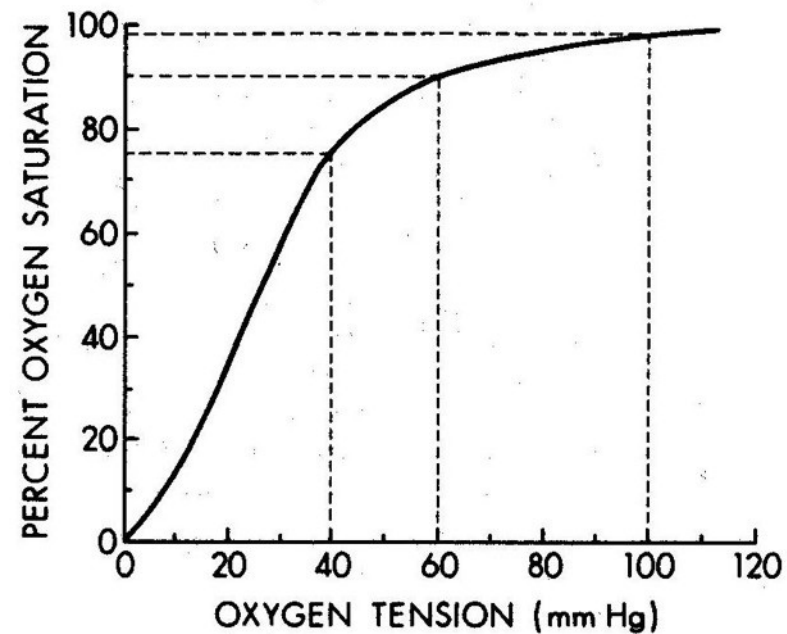


FIGURE 5.1. Oxyhemoglobin dissociation curve.

Supplemental Oxygen

Low Flow Systems

- Provides relatively stable FiO_2 levels as long as respiratory rate and pattern are stable
- Can deliver high FiO_2 , but actual amount will vary from breath to breath
- Examples include nasal cannula, simple face mask, face tent & non-rebreather mask

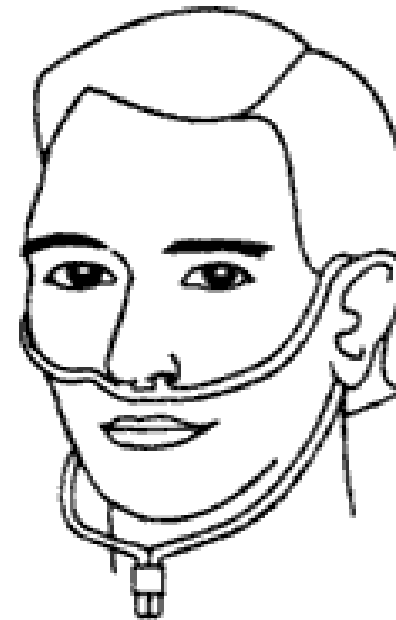
Supplemental Oxygen High Flow Systems

- Indicated in patients with variable respiratory rate and pattern to provide appropriate FiO_2 to meet a patient's respiratory demand
- Examples include Venturi mask, nebulizer, high flow nasal cannula, and mechanical ventilation (generally utilize corrugated tubing)

Nasal Cannula



<http://www.vitalitymedical.com/nasal-cannula.html>



<http://www.ozoneservices.com/products/OLP/med/inhalation/cannula.htm>

Nasal Cannula

- Low flow device
- Most common device used for mild hypoxia
- Can be set between 1 and 6 LPM (24% to 40% FiO₂)
- FiO₂ increases approximately 4% with each liter of O₂

Simple Face Mask



<https://www.indiamart.com/proddetail/simple-face-mask-10653961173.html>



<https://opentextbc.ca/clinicalskills/chapter/5-5-oxygen-therapy-systems/>

Simple Face Mask

- Low flow device
- Can be set between 5 and 10LPM (35-55% FiO₂)
- Useful when moderate amount of O₂ needed

Non-Rebreather Mask



<https://medtree.co.uk/non-rebreathing-mask>



http://www.beademing.eu/N_frame.html?http://www.beademing.eu/Non--rebreather-masker-Kind--N_art_46.html

Non-Rebreather Mask

- Low flow device with high FiO₂
- Uses a reservoir bag to deliver a higher concentration of O₂
- One way valve prevents patient from inhaling expired air
- Can be set between 10 and 15 LPM (80 to 95% O₂)
- Useful in severely hypoxic patients who are ventilating well

Venturi Mask



<http://www.ecvv.com/product/2855402.html>

Venturi Mask

- High flow device
- Allows precise measurement of O₂ delivered
- Utilizes different sized ports to change amount of FiO₂ (24% to 50%)
- Useful in COPD patients where precise O₂ prescription is crucial

Trach Collar



<https://www.mountainside-medical.com/products/tracheostomy-mask-adult>

Trach Collar

- High flow device
- Provides O₂ or humidified room air to trach
- Settings similar to Venturi mask

Humidifier



<http://www.bawmed.com/Oxygen-Flowmeter-With-Humidifier-p178762.html>

Humidification

- Can be connected to any flow meter to provide moisture to O₂
- Useful in long-term use of O₂ or when high amount of O₂ is required