



# Respiratory Guard System: New Technology

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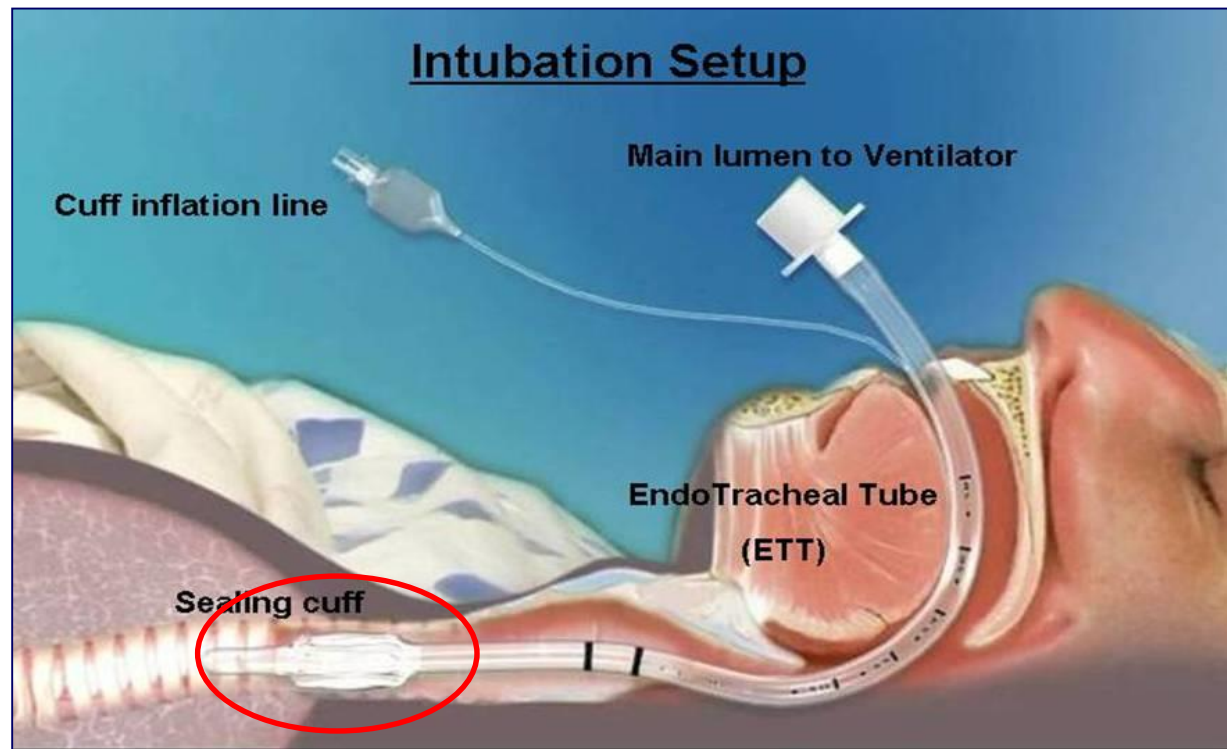


# DISCLOSURES

None



# Ventilation Associated Pneumonia(VAP) – Aspiration



- The main reasons for inflammatory complications:
  - Improper management of the upper airway
  - Improper management of cuff pressure
  - Insufficient evacuation of subglottic secretions

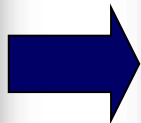
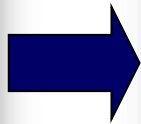
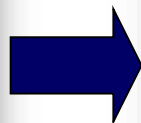


# Improper management of cuff pressure

## Causes



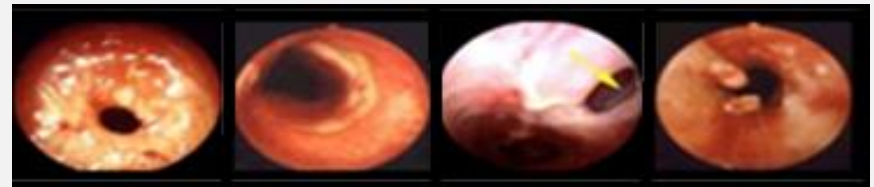
**Inappropriate  
ventilation pressure  
& tube resistance**



## Complications

Secretion leakage into the lungs  
> Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (VAP)

Uncontrolled pressure on tissue  
> Injury to the trachea & vocal cords



Tracheal  
Stenosis

Ulceration

Fistula

Tracheal  
Granulomas

Increased Work of Breathing  
> Longer weaning process  
> ARDS (Acute Respiratory Distress  
Syndrome)





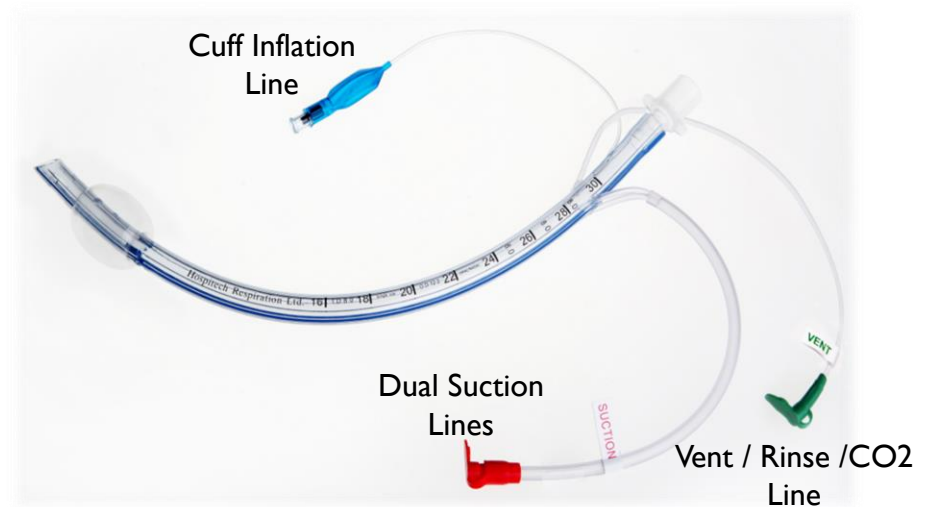
# The AnapnoGuard Solution

- The AnapnoGuard system (*Hospitech Respiration Ltd.*) is an innovative device that reduces Ventilator Associated Complications by:

The Control Unit



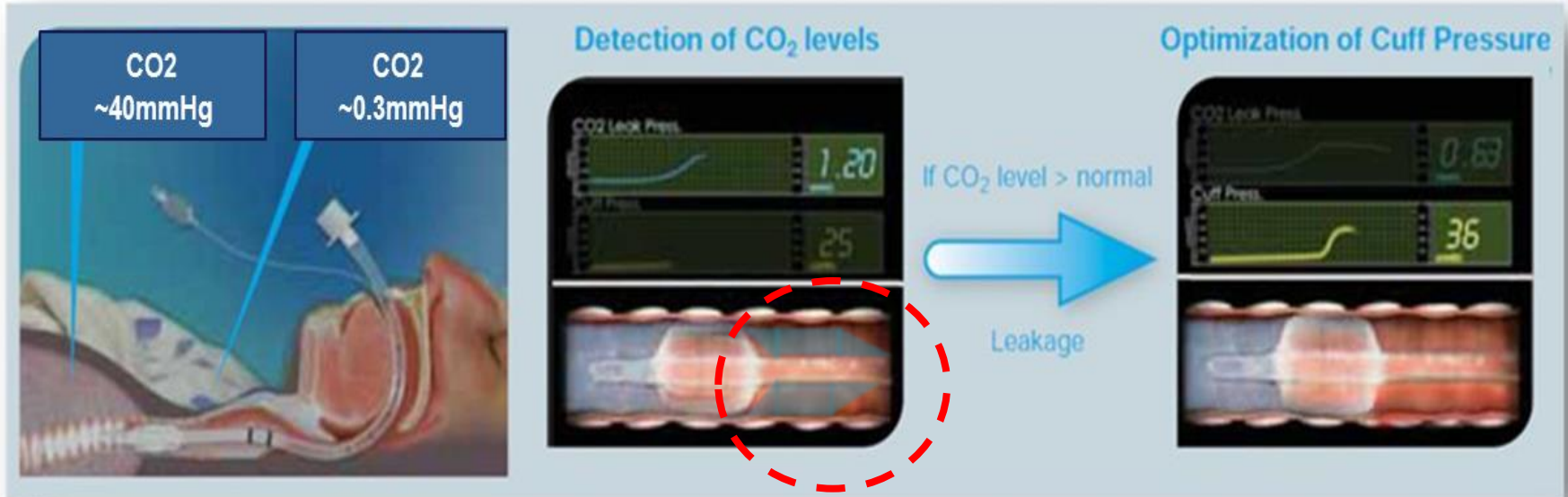
The multi lumen ETT



- Continuous monitoring of CO2 leaks and adjustment of ETT cuff pressure
- Effective rinsing and evacuation of subglottic secretions



# Cuff Pressure Optimization

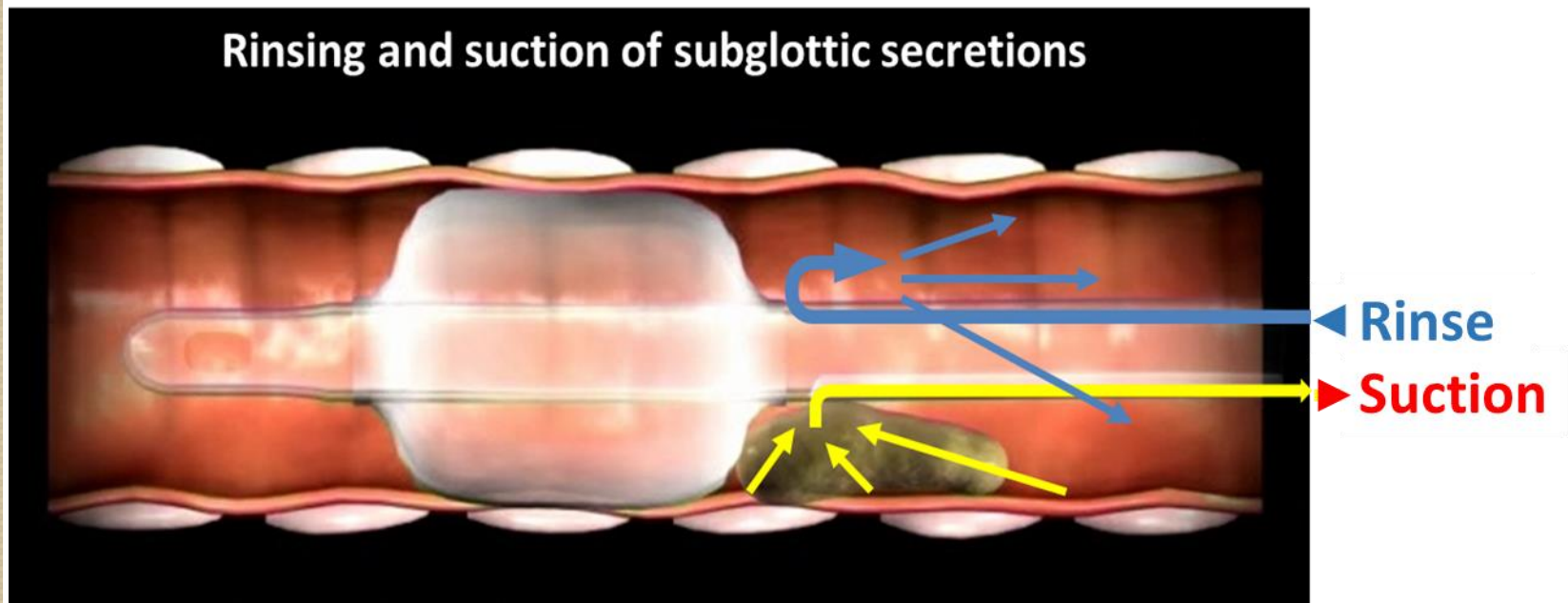


- Detects leaks around the ETT cuff based on the CO<sub>2</sub> level above the cuff
- Automatic closed loop adjustment of cuff pressure to ensure effective sealing at minimal pressure

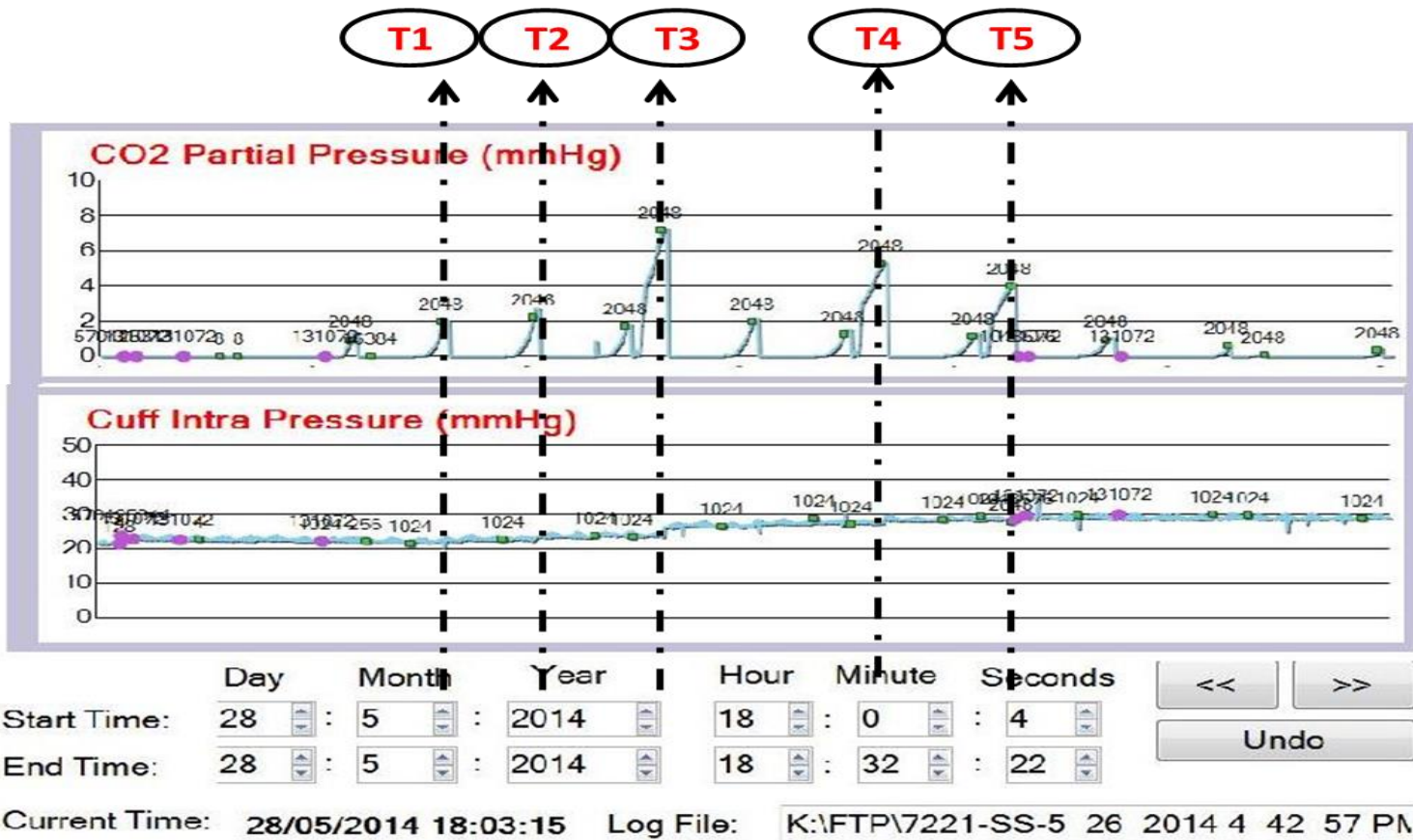




# Effective Rinsing and Evacuation of Secretions



- Simultaneous intermittent rinsing and suctioning







# STUDY TO EVALUATE THE EFFICACY OF THE ANAPNOGUARD 100 SYSTEM IN PREVENTION OF AIR LEAK AROUND THE ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE CUFF IN INTUBATED PATIENTS

A Prospective Randomized multi center Study

## Study Group (34)

- Anapnoguard system and ETT
- Automatic suction
- Automatic cuff pressure control

## Control Group (30)

- Anapnoguard system and ETT
- Automatic suction
- Manual cuff pressure control



# Leaks around the Endotracheal tube CUFF

A Prospective Randomized Study

## Inclusion Criteria

- Age above 18 years
- Subject expected to receive MV for more than 12 hours;
- Connection of the ETT to the AnapnoGuard system within 12 hours from intubation initiation;
- Subject or subject's legally acceptable representative signed the Informed Consent Form

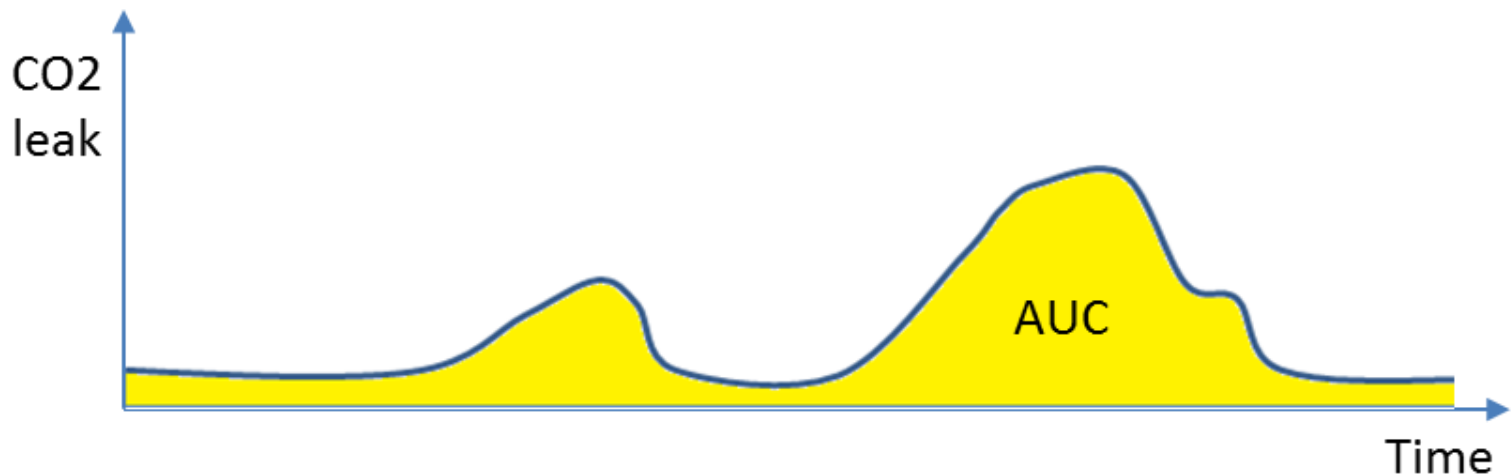
## Exclusion Criteria

- Subjects with facial, oropharyngeal or neck trauma
- BMI>40
- Difficult intubation (defined as more than 3 intubation attempts)



## Primary Endpoint

Overall duration and level of CO<sub>2</sub> leakage, as assessed by the **Area Under the Curve (AUC)** of CO<sub>2</sub> leakage over time



### Secondary Confirmatory Endpoints

- Number of CO<sub>2</sub> leakage readings at or above 2 mmHg
- Number of the cuff pressure measurements within the safety accepted range (24 and 40cmH<sub>2</sub>O)



## Baseline Characteristics

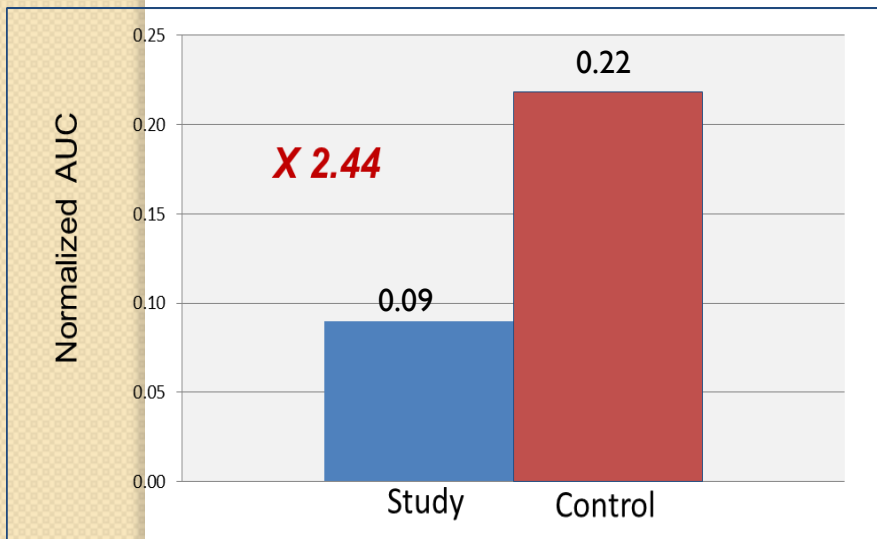
Parameter	Study Group	Control Group	P-Value
<b>General Parameters</b>			
<b>N</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>Gender</b>	----	----	----
<b>Male</b>	23 (67.6%)	18 (60.0%)	0.606
<b>Female</b>	11 (32.4%)	12 (40.0%)	
<b>Age (years)</b>	65.0 ( $\pm$ 18.8)	66.7 ( $\pm$ 11.2)	0.658
<b>Weight (kg)</b>	78.6 ( $\pm$ 12.6)	77.5 ( $\pm$ 17.7)	0.772
<b>Height (cm)</b>	167.3 ( $\pm$ 10.4)	165.3 ( $\pm$ 9.3)	0.424
<b>BMI (kg/m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	28.0 ( $\pm$ 4.1)	28.5 ( $\pm$ 6.6)	0.761



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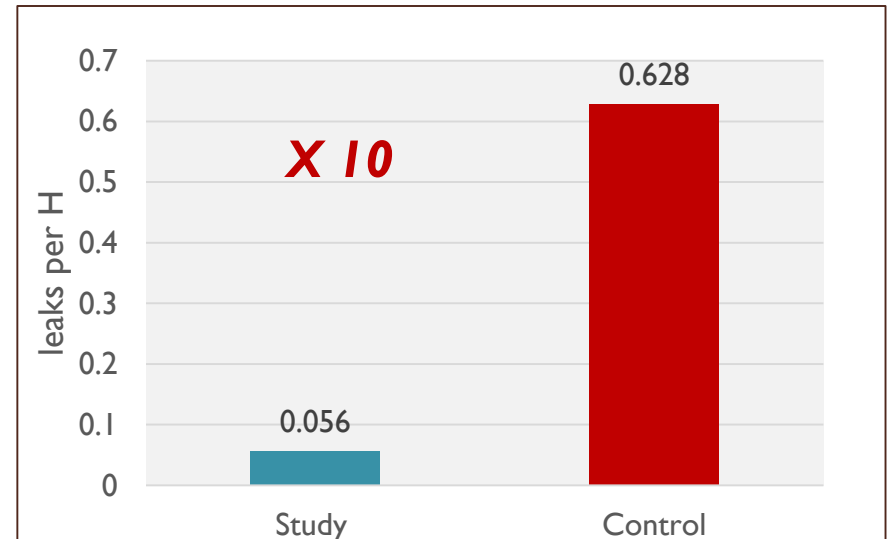
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Study Results - AUC

Total CO2 leakage over time (AUC)



Primary Endpoint  
P<0.001

# of Large CO2 leaks above 2mmHg (per h)



Secondary Endpoint  
P<0.001



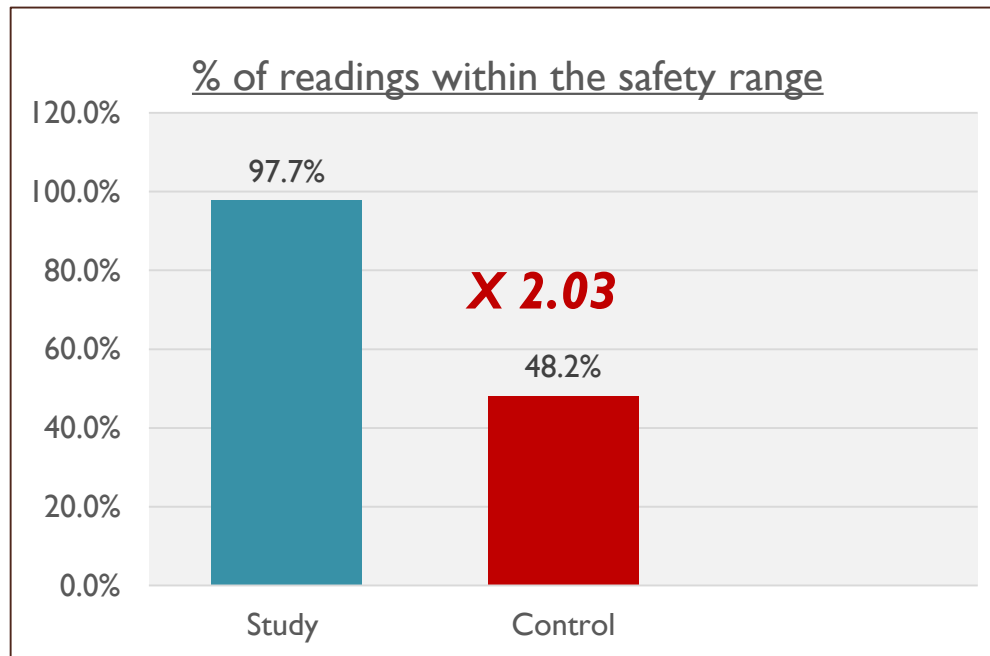


# Leaks around the Endotracheal tube CUFF

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## Study Results – cuff pressure within range

# of cuff pressure measurements within range (24-40cmH2O)



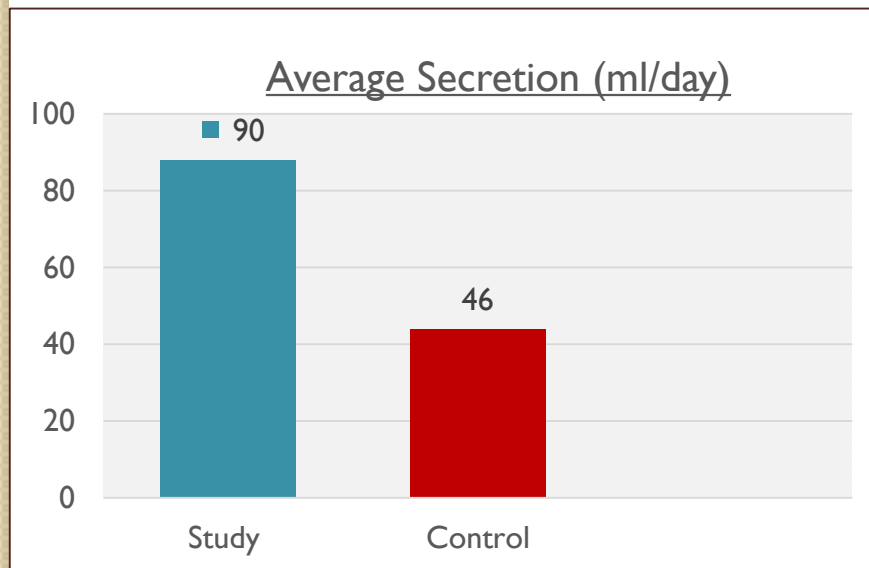
Secondary Endpoint  
P<0.001



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## Other observations – Evacuation of Subglottic Secretions



Rinse and suction - Both Groups  
Cuff control – Study group only





# Summary

- Automatic management of the cuff helps prevent leaks around the ETT cuff, especially significant leaks ( $>2\text{mmHg}$ ) over time
- CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring helped maintaining the cuff pressure within desired range of 24-40 cmH<sub>2</sub>O
- Better sealing of the trachea – less aspirated secretion while maintaining minimal pressure on the surrounding tissue thus preventing injury.
- Following this study - FDA approval



**Thank you**