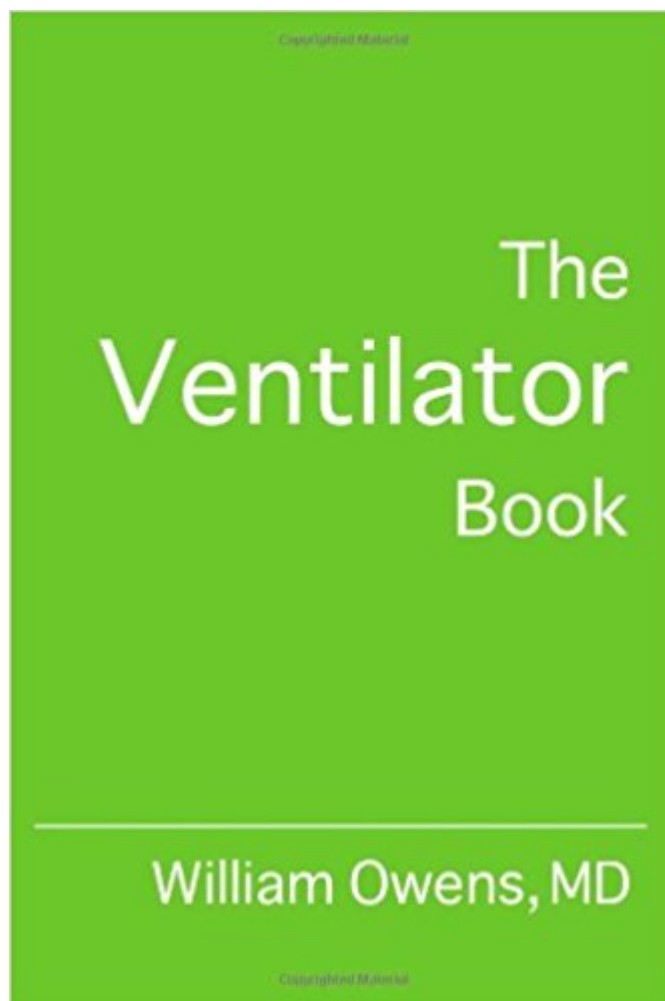


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The Ventilator Book



Synopsis

If you need something that teaches you both the concepts of mechanical ventilation and how to manage patients with respiratory failure, this is the book for you. The Ventilator Book is written to be read in the ICU or Emergency Department. It is a clearly written guide to the basics of mechanical ventilation and the treatment of respiratory failure. So...what's in the book? The How-To Guide--here's where you'll find good information about initial setup, quick adjustments, and troubleshooting. The How-To Guide is all you need to get through a busy night on call in the ICU. The Eleven Commandments of Mechanical Ventilation The Owner's Manual--this is a more in-depth discussion of different modes, PEEP, trigger, flow, and liberation from mechanical ventilation. There are also chapters on high frequency oscillatory ventilation and airway pressure release ventilation, as well as a chapter on taking care of the patient with prolonged respiratory failure. Each chapter is concise and can be read in 10-20 minutes. Appendix of Useful Knowledge--equations and formulas that are useful for attending rounds, pimping, and presentations. They can also be used from time to time to take care of critically ill patients.

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Simply written, broken down, and good information for RTs, MDs, or RNs working in with the critically ill. A concise, quick reference that would be of benefit to have on hand in an ICU, or as supplemental material for a student.

You need beginning vent training? This is the book for you. Buy it now.

Great book! It's an easy read for the down and dirty things someone needs to be comfortable in taking care of patients on vent.

Excellent review of the fundamentals. Great for ICU fellows up at night. An excellent review also for older attendings 25 years out from their fellowship (yours truly). Good illustrations of ventilator mode variables and excellent text giving sound reasoning for making choices and adjustments in common disease states.

Page 65-66 Had me laughing out loud on rounds when I was sneaking in some reading time. - Anyway, I just don't have time to read about the pathophysiology and the mechanics on breathing they way in an ideal world would exist in. (1) There is seriously no time to whip out a textbook every night managing ICU patients when you start out. (2) When speaking to my attendings, even when I was wrong, my application was sound, and to me that's a huge point with the attendings and

medicine overall. Residency is a learning experience, the more you man up justifying your reasoning with conceptual thinking, everyone considers it, more than belting out facts. The Book helped immensely in "thinking it out" on the fly. The way it is written is very conceptual. Honestly, there is no time to be relying on anything but "muscle memory."

Arrived earlier than I expected :) Good book easy to understand

I like this book. It has the basics of vent management put in a way that would benefit residents without going through detailed analysis that is more for experts. Read it if you are taking care of icu patients.

With the increasing number of NP graduates being generated every year, this book provides a great resource for those who wish to specialize in acute care! It gives you enough foundation to do your job and still provide excellent quality care as a mid level provider!

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