

Nasal high flow (NHF) in pediatric care

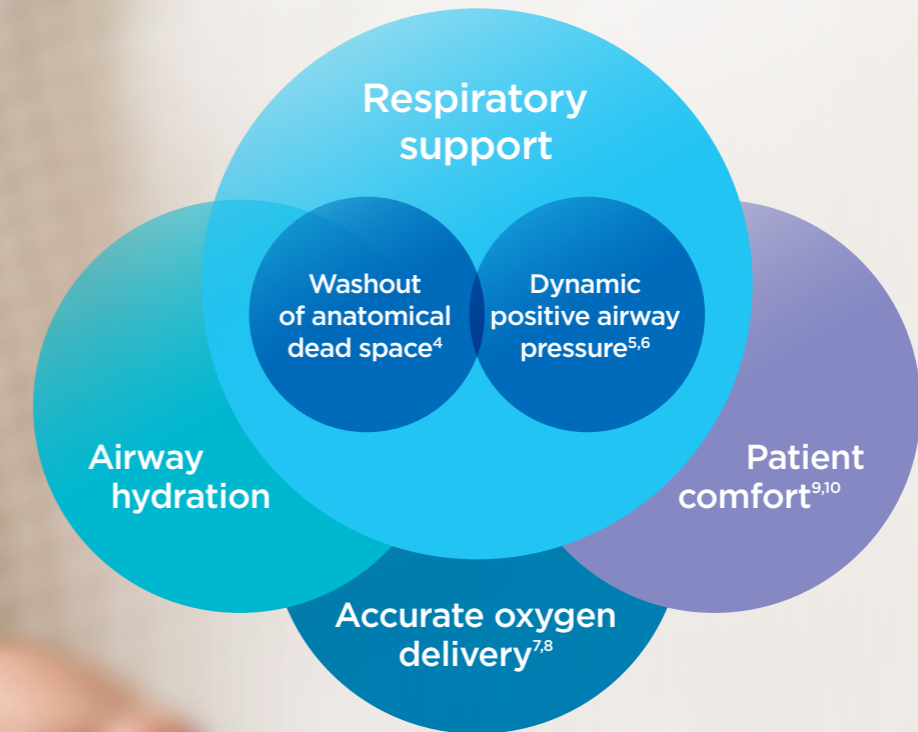
starting at flow rates
of 2 L/kg/min can:

- ↓ ED boarders¹⁻³
- ↓ intubations¹⁻⁴
- ↓ patient escalation³
- ✓ cost savings^{2,5}
- ↓ length of stay⁶

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Mechanisms of action



NHF definition:¹⁻³

Nasal high flow (NHF) is a mode of noninvasive respiratory support that delivers high flows of heated and humidified blended air and oxygen through an unsealed nasal interface.

NHF benefits

NHF offers a range of benefits compared with standard oxygen therapy, and there are several mechanisms of action associated with this therapy, including airway hydration and reduction of anatomical dead space.

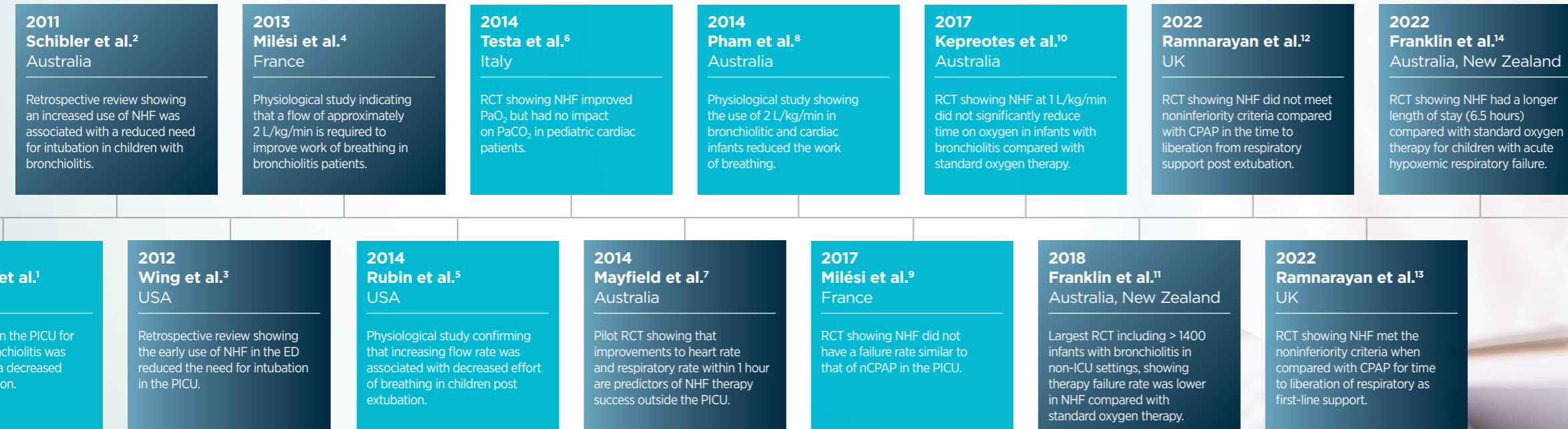
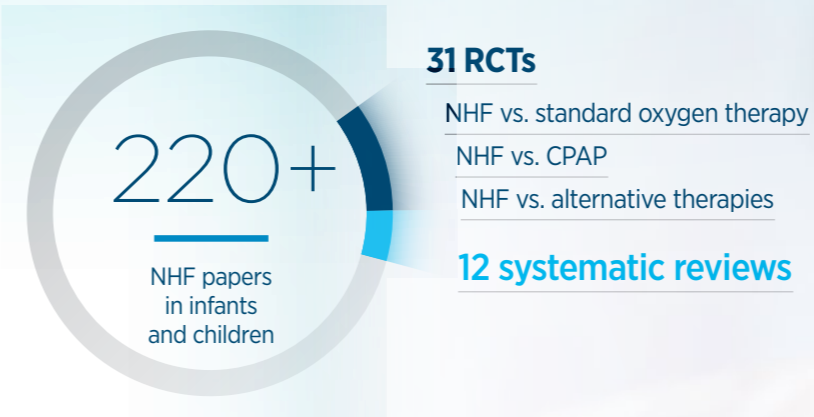
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Increasing evidence in the use of NHF for infants and children

A systematic search of available literature shows there are more than 220 peer-reviewed papers investigating the use of NHF therapy in infants and children.

Of these, 31 are randomized controlled trials (RCTs) – they compared NHF with standard oxygen therapy, continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) and alternative treatments.



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Reduce ED boarders

Schibler et al. 2011.
*Intensive Care Medicine*¹

Mayfield et al. 2014.
*Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health*²



IMPROVEMENT IN:

Respiratory rate (RR)

Heart rate (HR)

Work of breathing

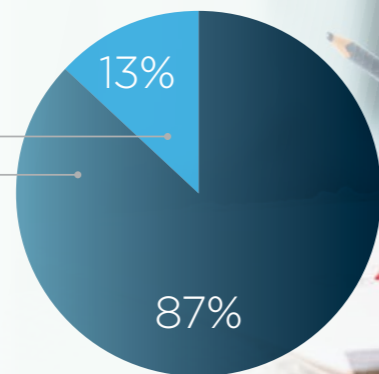
- Nonresponders requiring PICU admission can be identified within the first hour of NHF treatment by monitoring HR and RR.^{1,2}
- Infants receiving NHF at 2 L/kg/min were 4 times less likely to be admitted to PICU than those receiving standard O₂.²

Note: Standard O₂ = 100% O₂;
NHF at 2 L/kg/min = Total flow/kg/min; FIO₂ titrated

Responders to NHF (Mayfield 2014)

13% of patients did not respond to NHF and were admitted to PICU.

87% of patients responded to NHF and remained on the floor when using 2 L/kg/min vs. standard O₂.²

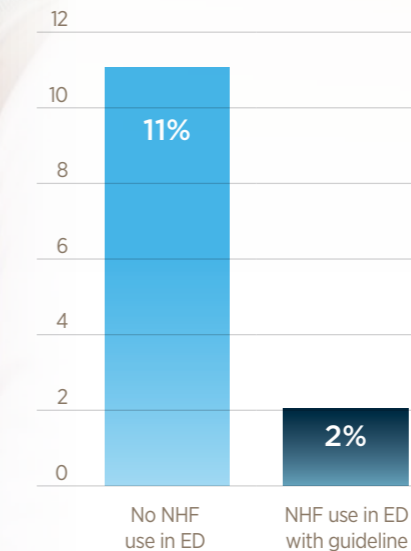


Reduce intubations

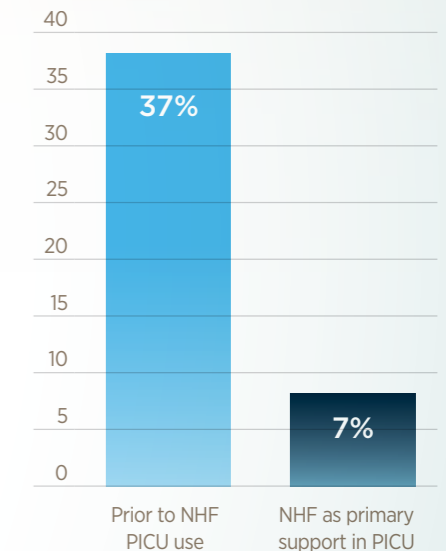
Wing et al. 2012.
*Pediatric Emergency Care*¹



Schibler et al. 2011.
*Intensive Care Medicine*²



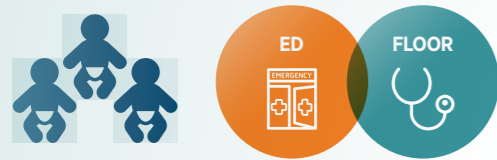
- Implementation of an NHF guideline was associated with a reduced intubation rate in the ED.



- Increasing use of NHF led to reduced intubation rates in the PICU.

Reduce patient escalation

Franklin et al. 2018.
The New England Journal of Medicine¹



1,472 patients (< 12 months) with bronchiolitis

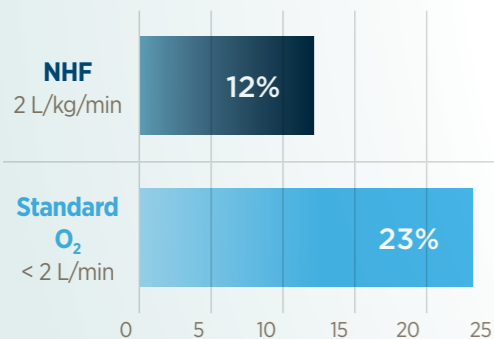
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Primary outcome

- Patients receiving NHF at 2 L/kg/min are half as likely to fail vs. standard O₂ < 2 L/min.
- All patients who failed standard O₂ received rescue NHF. – 61% of them responded to NHF and avoided PICU.

Note: Standard O₂ = 100% O₂. NHF at 2 L/kg/min = Total flow/kg/min; FiO₂ titrated

Therapy failure



1 in 9 patients met therapy failure on NHF



1 in 4 patients met therapy failure on standard O₂



Those who received NHF had significantly lower rates of escalation of care due to therapy failure than those receiving standard O₂ (p < 0.001).¹

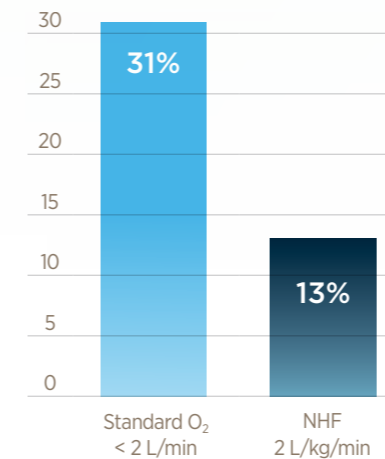
9/17 hospitals in PARIS 1 did not have a PICU

1. Franklin, et al. N Engl J Med. 378, 1121-1131 (2018).

Cost effectiveness of standardized NHF in the ED/floor

Introducing NHF in the ED

Mayfield et al. 2014¹
Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health



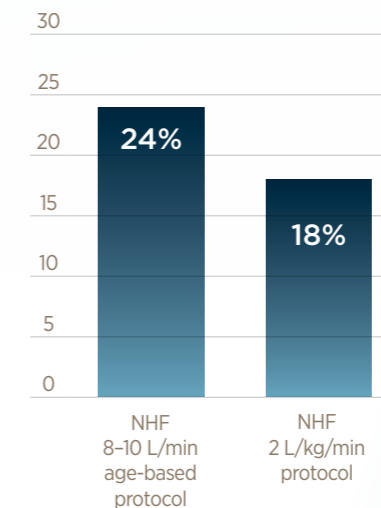
New NHF users in the ED

- PICU admissions reduced by 18%.
- Estimated US\$850K savings per year by avoiding PICU (for a 19-bed PICU).

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Age-based vs. weight-based NHF

Willer et al. 2021²
Hospital Pediatrics

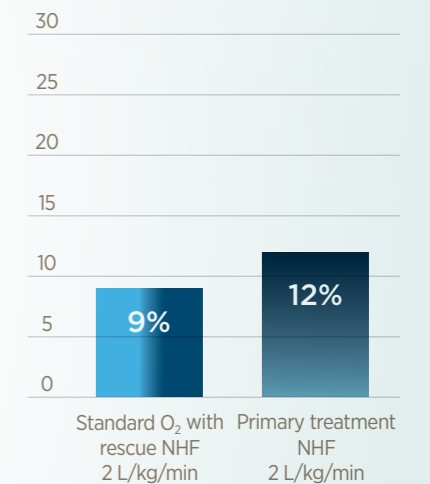


NHF users, refining protocols

- PICU admissions reduced by 6.2%.
- US\$661 savings per bronchiolitis patient by avoiding PICU.

Primary NHF vs. early rescue NHF

Vijay et al. 2020³
Archives of Disease in Childhood



Experienced NHF user, hospital wide

- No statistically significant difference in PICU admissions due to use of rescue NHF.
- Cost neutral.

Note: Cost analysis of the PARIS 1 study.⁴

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Reduce length of stay and sedation

Ramnarayan et al. 2022.
JAMA¹ "STEP UP"



573 patients, 0 to 15 years
(median age: 3 months)

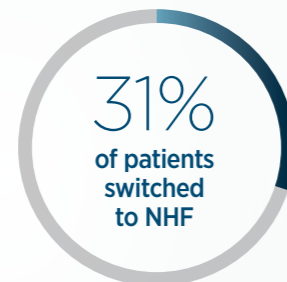


22/28 PICUs in the UK

Primary outcome

NHF as primary treatment was noninferior to CPAP for time on respiratory support.

Therapy failure was less likely in the NHF group compared with the CPAP group.

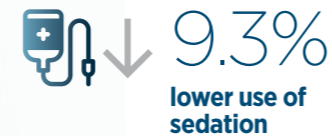


Predominantly due to discomfort

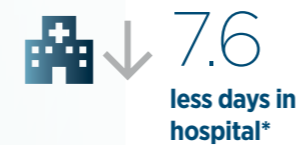


Predominantly due to clinical deterioration

Of the secondary outcomes, the NHF group had significantly:



NHF 27.7% vs. CPAP 37.0%



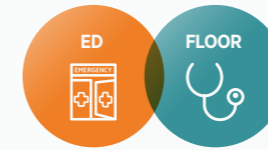
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What affects patient throughput?

Franklin et al. 2023.
JAMA¹



1,517 patients, 1 to 5 years with acute hypoxemic respiratory failure



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Primary outcome

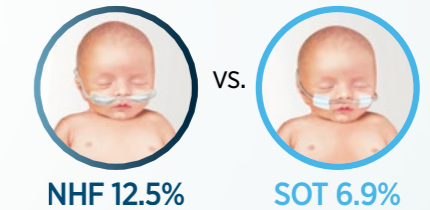
Hospital length of stay was longer in the NHF group compared with the standard oxygen therapy (SOT) group (6.5 hours, $p < 0.001$).

- All patients who failed standard O₂ received rescue NHF.

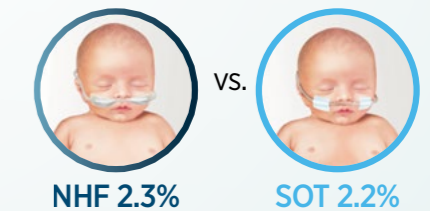
Patients receiving NHF may have been unnecessarily escalated to an on-site PICU because of the perception that they were sicker.

Points of interest

The NHF group had higher PICU admissions. However, 88% of the NHF group remained on NHF and did not require therapy escalation.



Escalation of care in non-PICU hospitals was similar.



1. Franklin et al. JAMA 329(3), 224-234 (2023).

Starting flow rates and weaning strategies

Starting flow rate

- 2 L/kg/min for patients up to 15 kg in weight has been shown to produce a rapid improvement in respiratory distress, and a reduced need for escalation of therapy.
- Weight-banding flow rates for > 15 kg have been protocolized by the PARIS 2¹ and FIRST-ABC² research groups.

Weight (kg)	≤ 15	16 – 30	31 – 50	> 50
Starting flow rate	2 L/min/kg	35 L/min	40 L/min	50 L/min

Weaning off NHF therapy

PARIS (ED)¹

Once stable, infants were weaned to 21% FiO₂, with no changes to set flow rate.

Stopping therapy

NHF therapy was stopped after 1 hour.

OR

FIRST-ABC (PICU)²

When FiO₂ was ≤ 0.40 patients were changed to receive weaning flow rates based on the patient.

Stopping therapy

When FiO₂ < 30% and/or mild respiratory distress, NHF was stopped.

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Optiflow Junior 2 interface product features



Waveflex
TECHNOLOGY

F&P Airvo™ 3 Optiflow System



Compatible with AirSpiral™ circuits and Optiflow Junior 2

HPO

High pressure oxygen



Large touch screen



Integrated battery

Interface size and flow rates

F&P Airvo 3



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Weight (kg)*	1	1.5	8	10
Correlated age**	28 wkGA	31 wkGA	6.6 mo	15.4 mo

Maximum flow rate 7 L/min



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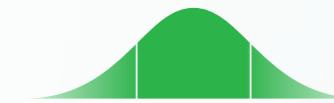


Weight (kg)*	3	3.5	18	20
Correlated age**	37.5 wkGA	40 wkGA	4.9 yr	5.6 yr

Maximum flow rate 20 L/min



XL

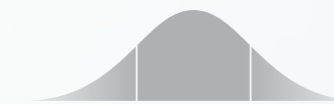


Weight (kg)*	5	7	25	30
Correlated age**	47.5 wkGA	4.7 mo	7.6 yr	9.5 yr

Maximum flow rate 25 L/min



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Weight (kg)*	8	12.5	30	40
Correlated age**	6.4 mo	2.2 yr	9.5 yr	12 yr

Maximum flow rate 50 L/min

F&P Airvo 2

wkGA = weeks of gestation; mo = months; yr = years. * Weight data is based on F&P product validation studies. ** Age data is a correlation to weight data based on a combination of Fenton, WHO and CDC growth charts.

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