Optiflow Nasal High Flow (NHF) delivers respiratory support to your spontaneously breathing patients, by providing heated, humidified air and oxygen at flow rates up to 60 L/min through the unique Optiflow nasal cannula.

Read on to discover more about:
- mechanisms
- physiological effects
- clinical outcomes and how using Optiflow NHF can reduce escalation, thereby avoiding its associated costs.

With Optiflow NHF, you can independently titrate flow and oxygen concentration (FiO₂ 21 - 100%) according to your patient’s needs.

The mechanisms of action differ from those of conventional therapies, as do the resulting physiological effects and clinical outcomes.

Read more about mechanisms at: fphcare.com/opti/mechanisms
Respiratory support

**Reduction of dead space**
- Clearance of expired air in the upper airways
- Reduces rebreathing of gas with high CO₂ and depleted O₂
- Increases alveolar ventilation

**Dynamic positive airway pressure**
- Breath- and flow-dependent airway pressure
- Promotes slow and deep breathing
- Increases alveolar ventilation

**Airway hydration**
- Optimal Humidity
- Prevents desiccation of the airway epithelium
- Improves mucus clearance

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**Patient comfort**
- Optimal Humidity
- Open system No seal required
- Comfortable and easy to use
- Patient tolerance

**Supplemental oxygen when required**
- Confidence in the delivery of blended, humidified oxygen from 21% to 100%

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Adapted from Masclans et al.²
PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS & CLINICAL OUTCOMES

The mechanisms of respiratory support, airway hydration, patient comfort and supplemental oxygen contribute to distinct physiological effects...

- **IMPROVES** ventilation and gas exchange
- **REDUCES** respiratory rate \(^{5,8,11,13-16}\)
- **REDUCES** carbon dioxide \(^{1,3,17}\)
- **INCREASES** tidal volume \(^5\)
- **INCREASES** end-expiratory lung volume \(^5\)
- **IMPROVES** mucus clearance \(^7\)
- **IMPROVES** oxygenation \(^{2,5,8-10,12,13,16,18}\)
... and clinical outcomes:

**REDUCES** escalation of care when used:

- as a first-line respiratory support\(^{10}\)
- post-extubation\(^{9,19-22}\)

**REDUCES** mortality rate\(^{10}\)

**IMPROVES** symptomatic relief\(^{8,10,11}\)

**IMPROVES** comfort and patient compliance\(^{8,9,11,19,22}\)

Read clinical studies and other evidence at: fphcare.com/opti/evidence-library
Frat 2015

The New England Journal of Medicine

STUDY

A 23-center study compared NHF to use of a non-rebreather mask (standard oxygen) and NIV as a primary treatment. The primary outcome was the number of patients intubated at day 28 (not attained).

METHOD

310 pre-intubation patients in acute hypoxemic respiratory failure (PaO₂:F𝑖O₂ ≤ 300 mmHg) were randomized to receive NHF, non-rebreather mask or NIV.

RESULTS

- NHF significantly reduced ICU (p=0.047) and 90-day mortality (p=0.02)
- The primary outcome was not met for all patients (p=0.18), however, NHF significantly reduced the need for intubation in more acute patients (PaO₂:F𝑖O₂ ≤ 200 mmHg) (p=0.009)
- Significant increase in ventilator-free days on NHF (p=0.02)
- NHF significantly reduced intensity of respiratory discomfort (p<0.01) and dyspnea (p<0.001)

Ischaki 2017

European Respiratory Review

Acute hypoxaemic respiratory failure*

Criteria for immediate or imminent intubation are present.

**NO**  

NHF initiation  
- F𝑖O₂ 100%  
- Flow rate 60 L·min⁻¹  
- Temperature 37°C  

**YES**  

Intubation and invasive MV  
NHF for improving pre-oxygenation and peri-laryngoscopy oxygenation  
- F𝑖O₂ 100%  
- Flow rate 60 L·min⁻¹  

Within 1-2 h

Noninvasive MV  
Short trial [1-2 h]

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- F𝑖O₂ based on target SpO₂ [≥88–90%]  
- Flow rate based on < 25-30 breaths·min⁻¹ and patient comfort  
- Temperature based on patient comfort.

**NO**  

Monitoring  
Presence of prognostic factors within hours [maximum 48 h]

**YES**  

**NO**  

Weaning from NHF  
Firstly decrease F𝑖O₂. When F𝑖O₂ <0.4% decrease flow rate by 5 L·min⁻¹.

**YES**  

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MV = mechanical ventilation; SOT = standard oxygen treatment.

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**STUDY**

A 7-center study compared the efficacy of NHF to use of conventional oxygen therapy (COT) post-extubation. The primary outcome was reintubation within 72 hours.

**METHOD**

527 patients at low risk of reintubation (age < 65; APACHE score < 12; BMI < 30 etc.) were randomized to receive NHF or COT (via nasal prongs or a non-rebreather).

**RESULTS**

- **NHF significantly reduced reintubation** (p=0.004) and post-extubation respiratory failure (p=0.03)
- Successfully extubated patients (in both groups) had a shorter duration of mechanical ventilation (p<0.001), ICU stay (p<0.001) and hospital stay (p=0.005)

![Graph](image1)

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**STUDY**

A 3-center non-inferiority study compared use of NHF to bi-level positive airway pressure (BPAP) post-extubation. The primary outcomes were reintubation and post-extubation respiratory failure within 72 hours.

**METHOD**

604 patients at high risk of reintubation (age > 65; APACHE score > 12; BMI > 30 etc.) were randomized to receive NHF or BPAP. The non-inferiority margin was 10%.

**RESULTS**

- NHF was non-inferior to BPAP for preventing reintubation: 22.8% (66/290) NHF group vs. 19.1% (60/314) BPAP group reintubated
- NHF was non-inferior to BPAP for preventing post-extubation respiratory failure: 26.9% (78/290) NHF group vs. 39.8% (125/314) BPAP group had post-extubation respiratory failure
- No patients in the NHF group suffered adverse effects requiring withdrawal of the therapy, compared to 42.9% of patients in the BPAP group (p<0.001)
- Median ICU length of stay was lower in the NHF group: 3 days (NHF) vs. 4 days (BPAP) (p=0.048)

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When are the effects of Optiflow NHF seen?

Sztrymf\textsuperscript{13} associated Optiflow NHF with sustained beneficial effects on oxygenation and physiological parameters for patients with acute respiratory failure. Similarly Rittayamai\textsuperscript{14} showed significant improvement in post-extubation patients. These studies may provide guidance on patient responses to the therapy.

**Usage**

There is an ever-increasing body of clinical literature which may provide guidance on the day-to-day application of Optiflow NHF.
What flow rates and ranges are used?

The adjacent table lists starting flows and flow ranges used in clinical studies.

### Average airway pressure

Average pressure increases approximately 0.5 - 1 cmH₂O per 10 L/min.²,4,30

Pressure ranges are cannula and patient dependent. For illustrative purposes only.
COST BENEFITS
Use Optiflow NHF to reduce escalation\textsuperscript{10,20}, thereby avoiding associated costs.

A patient’s journey through the hospital may include periods of escalation and de-escalation of care. Consider this conceptual model, showing two patients’ journeys through the hospital. The costs for these journeys are denoted by the areas of blue and red.

Using Optiflow NHF as a first-line therapy (both pre-intubation and post-extubation) may reduce a patient’s escalation ‘up the acuity curve’, resulting in better patient outcomes and reduced costs of care.

We call this F&P Optiflow FIRST.
Evaluate **F&P Optiflow** FIRST

Publications in the NEJM and JAMA suggest Optiflow NHF may improve patient outcomes\(^\text{10}\) and reduce the need for higher level support\(^\text{20,21}\) thereby avoiding the associated costs".\(^\text{31}\)

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