Quick guide to initiate Non-Invasive Ventilation with single leak circuit in ST mode with Stellar

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Introduction

- NIV with a single leak circuit in ST mode (PS/PEEP + backup rate) is commonly used both in the hospital and homecare.
- The purpose of this guide is to describe the different steps to initiate ST mode with a single with leak circuit, in non-invasive ventilation with Stellar.
- You will find the procedure to ensure correct Stellar configuration regarding circuit assembly, the type of intentional leak to be used, filter positioning, oxygen administration and monitoring.
- This guide is not designed to recommend settings.
- For additional information, please refer to the Stellar user guide and the instructions for any other devices that are included in the circuit.
- Please note that printed materials may not be the latest version available for download.
Example of Single limb with leak circuit assembly

- Non-vented Full face mask
- Blue elbow
- Patient circuit connected to the ventilator
- Antibacterial/Antiviral filter

Leak valve
(Place the arrows towards the red plug)

Leak valve with anti-asphyxia protection
Example of single limb with leak circuit assembly
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Using a filter before the leak valve could cause:
1. More difficult inspiratory triggers for the patient (adjust)
2. Moisture accumulation in the filter (HME), which may require changing the filter several times a day
Turning Stellar on/off

To turn on the ventilator

• Press the power switch on the back of the device and wait until the patient interface screen is displayed

To turn off the ventilator

• Press the power switch on the back of the device, then follow the instructions on the screen
About the control panel

- **Mains power LED**: On when operating on mains power.
- **External power supply LED**: On when external battery is connected.
- **Internal battery LED**: On when internal battery is in use. Flashes when device is turned off and battery is charging.
- **Alarm LED**: Red or yellow during an alarm or during alarm testing.
- **Alarm mute button LED**: On when mute is pressed.
- **Start/Stop button**:
- **LCD screen**: Shows current treatment time (21:47:17) and date (09/04/2014).
- **Monitoring menu**
- **Setup menu**
- **Info menu**
- **Push dial (rotate/click)**
- **Therapy LED**: On during treatment. Flashes during mask fitting operation. Can be enabled or disabled (see “Setup menu: Options” on page 45).
Accessing Clinical mode

- To activate Clinical mode, press the buttons as shown in the image simultaneously for at least three seconds
- You will be shown how long the device will stay in this mode
- After the set period of inactivity or next power cycle (power on/off), the device automatically switches back to patient mode and the device beeps
- Proceed in the same way to lock the device (back to the patient mode)
Mask type and Learn Circuit

- The Learn Circuit procedure permits optimal therapy and monitoring accuracy, by measuring and storing the breathing system impedance up to and including the vent.
- Select the mask type **Trach** (select **Setup** menu, then **Clinical Settings**, then **Advanced Settings**).
Perform the Learn Circuit

1. Ensure that the therapy is turned off before performing a Learn Circuit.
2. If in use, turn off the oxygen flow.
3. Select the mask type.
4. Set up the air circuit including accessories and patient interface.
   **Note:** When performing a Learn Circuit for invasive use, do not connect a catheter mount, tracheostomy tube or HMEF.
5. Leave the air circuit unobstructed and open to the air.
6. Press to start the Learn Circuit.
7. Wait for the device to complete its automated tests (<30 sec). The results are displayed when complete.
   - If the circuit configuration has been successfully learnt, displays.
   - If unsuccessful, displays (see “Troubleshooting” on page 61).

If the Learn Circuit fails, the last Learn Circuit characteristics apply.
Select Ventilation Mode

- Access the Setup menu
- Adjust the setting according to the patients needs

Then

- Press to start ventilation
Accessing the Alarms Menu

![Diagram of Alarm Settings menu]

- **Set all alarms off**: Yes
- **Low Min Vent**: Off, Setting: 2, Current: 2, Unit: L
- **High Leak**: On
- **Non-Vented Mask**: On
- **High Pressure**: Off, Setting: 30, Current: 30, Unit: cmH₂O
- **High Resp Rate**: Off, Setting: 0, Current: 0, Unit: bpm
- **Low Resp Rate**: Off, Setting: 0, Current: 0, Unit: bpm
- **Low SpO2**: Off, Setting: 0, Current: 0, Unit: %
- **Apnea Alarm**: Off, Setting: 0, Current: 0, Unit: sec

**Alarm Volume**: Low
Adding supplemental oxygen

1. Unlock the low flow oxygen inlet on the back of the device by pushing up on the locking clip
2. Insert one end of the oxygen supply tubing into the oxygen connector port. The tubing automatically locks into place
3. Attach the other end of the oxygen supply tubing to the oxygen supply.
4. Start ventilation.
5. Turn on the oxygen source and adjust to the desired flow rate

Up to **30 L/min** can be added
Using the FiO₂ monitoring sensor

1. Before use, leave the FiO₂ sensor open to the air for 15 minutes to calibrate the sensor.
2. Attach a new FiO₂ monitoring sensor (as shown below).
3. Perform the sensor calibration.

Note: Turn off the oxygen before calibrating the sensor.
Monitoring the delivered $\text{FiO}_2$ with oxygen sensor

- Continuous monitoring of FiO2, even without ventilation
- Possibility to set a Low and High FiO2 alarm during ventilation (default values Low 20%, High 100%, default setting off)
FiO₂

- Settings:
  - IPAP/EPAP: 10/5
  - FR: 20
  - Mask: Full Face

NB: Using another type of interface may change these results
Monitoring menu (8 screens)

- Viewing ventilation data:

During ventilation the screens can be viewed by pressing and turning the Push Dial.
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