

Examples of Waveforms

Plateau has curved, “shark-fin” appearance

- Bronchospasm
- asthma
- COPD



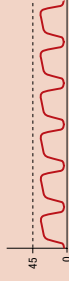
Slow rate with increased EtCO₂

- Hypoventilation
- Partial airway obstruction



Rapid rate with decreased EtCO₂

- Hyperventilation
- Hypoperfusion



Decreased EtCO₂, variable waveform

- Intermittent apnea
- Patient is talking



CO₂ Detection

When CO₂ is not detected — waveform is either dashes “- - -” or flat solid line near bottom of scale — several factors must be quickly evaluated as possible causes:

Equipment issues

- Disconnection of the FilterLine set from the endotracheal tube (ETT)
- System is purging due to fluid in the patient/device connection from ET administration of medications, mucus or blood
- System is auto-zeroing
- Shock was delivered and system is resetting
- Loose FilterLine to device connection

Loss of airway function

- Improper placement of ETT
- ETT dislodgment
- ETT obstruction

Physiological factors

- Apnea
- Massive pulmonary embolism
- Exsanguination
- Inadequate CPR
- Loss of perfusion

Critical Points of Information

1. A waveform is displayed when any CO₂ is detected, but CO₂ must be > 3mmHg for a numerical value to be displayed, and the CO₂ must be > 8mmHg for a valid breath and respiratory rate (RR) to be detected and the apnea alarm to function.
2. The CO₂ waveform is compressed (displayed at 12.5/mm/sec sweep speed) to provide more data in the 4 second screen. There is a slight delay between when the breath occurs and when it appears on the screen. Printouts are at 25mm/sec. Continuous print may be changed to 12.5mm/sec if desired.
3. The monitor shows the maximum CO₂ value over the last 20 seconds. If the EtCO₂ values are increasing, the change can be seen with every breath. However, if the values are continually decreasing, it will take up to 20 seconds for a lower numerical value to be displayed in the CO₂ area. As such, the EtCO₂ value may not always match the CO₂ waveform.
4. The Orion capnography module performs self-maintenance within the 1st half hour of monitoring and once an hour during continuous monitoring. This self-maintenance includes “auto-zeroing.” Self-maintenance is also initiated if the surrounding temperature changes 8°C or more or the surrounding pressure changes > 20mmHg.
5. The CO₂ module is reset after a shock and the CO₂ waveform reappears in less than 20 seconds.
6. The CO₂ function is activated when the gold ring of the FilterLine connector contacts the device CO₂ port. It is possible for the FilterLine to become loose and still have an EtCO₂ value and CO₂ waveform, but they may be invalid. Make sure the FilterLine is firmly seated and tight.

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CAPNOGRAPHY

AN OBJECTIVE TOOL FOR ASSESSING RESPIRATORY STATUS

Maximizing capnography monitoring in LIFEPAK® 12 Defibrillator/Monitors



End-tidal CO₂ (EtCO₂) is the measurement of carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the airway at the end of each breath. Capnography provides a numeric reading value and graphic display (waveform) of CO₂ throughout the respiratory cycle.

Capnography is an objective monitoring tool for patients in respiratory distress or any patient who might have, metabolic, circulatory or ventilatory problems. It may be used to confirm, monitor and document ET tube intubation. A nasal-oral cannula is used to assess, monitor and document the respiratory status of the non-intubated patient. EtCO₂ monitoring with LIFEPAK defibrillator/monitors may be used on patients of any age.

Getting Started

1. Turn LIFEPAK 12 defibrillator/monitor ON. If CO₂ is not already displayed, select channel 2 or 3 to monitor the CO₂ waveform.
2. Ensure FilterLine is firmly seated and tight.
 - Attach the FilterLine to the monitor and turn clockwise until FilterLine is firmly seated.
3. Attach the FilterLine to the patient.

EtCO₂ Value: Maximum EtCO₂ value over last 20 seconds.

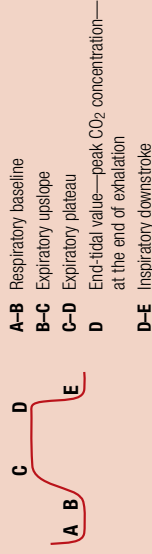
Waveform: Real time monitoring of CO₂ throughout respiratory cycle.

CO₂ Alarms: Indicators of possible abnormalities in CO₂ values.

Normal Ranges:

Arterial PaCO₂ 38–45mmHg

Airway EtCO₂ 35–45mmHg (4–6 Vol. %)



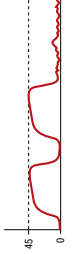
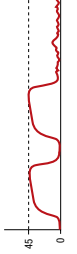
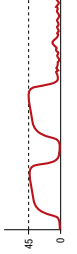
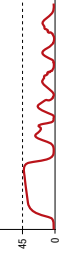
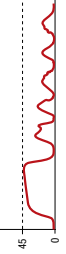

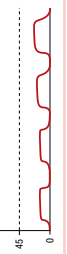


Normal Waveform:



Applications for Non-intubated Patients

- Ventilatory compromise
 - COPD
 - hyper and hypoventilation
 - apnea or inadequate breathing
 - monitoring during sedation
 - monitoring of EtCO₂ during head injury
 - Metabolic compromise
 - diabetic ketoacidosis
 - hypermetabolic states
 - Circulatory compromise
 - all types of shock
- ## Applications for Intubated Patients
- Verification of ET tube placement
 - Monitoring ET tube and determination of tube dislodgment
 - Determination of effective CPR during cardiac arrest
 - Early detection of ROSC

Troubleshooting Tips

Observation	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
ALARM APNEA message appears and waveform is solid line at or near zero.	A valid breath was initially detected and then no breath has been detected for 30 seconds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the patient. See Critical Point 1.
	FilterLine connection to device is loose.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twist FilterLine connector clockwise until tight and firmly seated.
	FilterLine is disconnected from patient or ETT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check ventilation equipment (if used) for leaks or disconnected tubing.
CO₂ FILTERLINE OFF message appears and waveform is ---.	FilterLine set disconnected or not securely connected to device.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect FilterLine set to device port. • Twist FilterLine connector clockwise until tight and firmly seated.
CO₂ FILTERLINE PURGING message appears and waveform is ---.	FilterLine set is kinked or clogged with fluid or rapid altitude change occurred.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disconnect and then reconnect the FilterLine set. • Twist FilterLine connector clockwise until tight and firmly seated.
CO₂ FILTERLINE BLOCKAGE message appears and waveform is ---.	The message appears after 30 seconds of unsuccessful purging.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disconnect and then reconnect the FilterLine set. • Change FilterLine set.
	FilterLine set is kinked or clogged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twist FilterLine connector clockwise until tight and firmly seated.
CO₂ INITIALIZING message appears and waveform is ---.	FilterLine set just connected to device. Defibrillation shock delivered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. • None. System resets automatically within 20 seconds.
AUTO ZEROING message appears and waveform is ---.	Module is performing self-maintenance. Defibrillation shock was delivered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. • None. System resets automatically within 20 seconds. See Critical Points 4 and 5.
	EtCO ₂ values are erratic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twist FilterLine connector clockwise until tight and firmly seated. • Check for connection leaks and line leaks to patient, and correct, if necessary. • No action required. • Check the patient.
	EtCO ₂ values are consistently higher than expected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. • Check ventilator, increase ventilatory rate/ bagging. • Supportive measures (e.g., pain relief). Check waveform for elevated baseline • Contact qualified service personnel.
	EtCO ₂ values are consistently lower than expected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twist FilterLine connector clockwise until tight and firmly seated. • See CO₂ Detection- Physiological Factors • Check ventilator, decrease ventilatory rate/ bagging. • Ventilator malfunction, contact qualified service personnel.
	CO ₂ waveform stays elevated for several seconds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release bag reservoir completely with expiration. • Check waveform for elevated baseline.
	Sudden extreme increase in EtCO ₂	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
	xxx appears instead of EtCO ₂ value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact qualified service personnel.

Note: To decrease the likelihood of FilterLine connection becoming loose during use, hand-straighten the tubing after removal from the package before connecting to patient or device.