GENERATOR Intraoperative CRF

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# The GENERATOR Trial

# INTRAOPERATIVE CASE REPORT FORM

Driving Pressure During General Anesthesia For Minimally Invasive Abdominal Surgery

Patient Identification Number:   _ _ _	
Day of Surgery ( <i>dd-mm-yy)</i> :   - _ - _ - _	
ocal Investigator 1 or 2 (preoperative)	
ocal Investigator 1 (intraoperative)	
ocal Investigator 2 (postoperative)	

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Print and store pre- and intraoperative CRF separately from postoperative CRF

	Intraoperative										
1. Anesthetic overview											
Predicted bodyweight:  For calculation see preoperative	_ ,   kg e CRF page 4 or	preoperati	ve eCRF	Tidal Volume:   _  ml Tidal volume = 8 x predicted bodyweight. For automatic calculation see preoperative eCRF.							
Start of anesthesia   _  i.e. time of induction	nd of anesthesia  _ . time of extubation or echanical ventilation		:   (hh:mm) scharge from operation room in case patient remains on Body temperature at end of surgery >35.0 °C					С [	]Yes □No		
Maintenance of anesthes	sia	□Volatile	e TIVA (to	tal intravenous	anesthesia)	Combined					
Epidural		□Yes	□No	If yes:	□Thoracic	□Lumbar					
Neuromuscular blocking a administered	agents	□Yes	□No	If yes:	☐ Non-dep	olarizing (e.g., rocu	ronium)	Depolarizing (e.g.,	succinylcholine	If non-	depolarizing agent:
					What was us muscle relax succinylcholi		e of	□No maintenance	□ Non-depola	rizing	Depolarizing
Neuromuscular function moduring surgery	nonitoring	□Yes	□No								
TOF ≥ 90 at end of surger antagonization	ry without	□Yes	□No		If no:						
	Used anta		Used antag	gonist: Sugammadex		□ch	nolinesterase inhibitor		No antag	gonist	
2. Surgical overview											
Start of surgery   : i.e. time of surgical incision	(hh:mm)		End of surgery  _ i.e. time skin closed	_  :   (1	nh:mm)						
3. Randomization											
Randomization group:    Individualized high PEEP group   See mechanical ventilation settings on the intraoperative CRF.				ext page. Comp	lete the entire	Standard PEE See mechanical variables' (skip p	ventilatio	on settings on the next pa	age, after continu	e to page	e 5 'intraoperative

### **Mechanical ventilation settings**

# Mechanical ventilation settings for both randomization groups

Volume controlled mechanical ventilation during the entire period of surgery

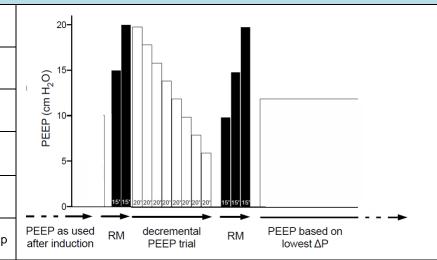
FiO<sub>2</sub> 0.40 or higher (target SpO<sub>2</sub> >90%)

I:E ratio = 1:2

Respiratory rate adjusted to normocapnia (ETCO $_2$  between 35-45 mm Hg or 4.6-5.9 kPa)

Tidal volume 8 ml/kg Predicted Body Weight (PBW)

PEEP 5 cm H<sub>2</sub>O at starting point and continued intraoperative for the control group



# Mechanical ventilation settings for the intervention group only

## How to perform recruitment maneuver (RM)

Performed before and after the decremental PEEP trial or after any disconnection from the mechanical ventilator. Only performed in the intervention group and only in hemodynamically stable patients.

Ventilator remains in volume controlled mode

Tidal volume remains at 8 ml/kg Predicted Body Weight (PBW)

Respiratory rate set at 15 breaths per minute

PEEP starts at 10 cm H<sub>2</sub>O after intubation

Increase PEEP in steps of 5 cm H<sub>2</sub>O every 15 seconds – up to PEEP of 20 cm H<sub>2</sub>O. End of recruitment maneuver.

# How to perform decremental PEEP trial

Performed after the first recruitment maneuver to determine the optimal PEEP. Only performed in the intervention group. The decremental PEEP trial is repeated after: (i.) a radical change in patient position or (ii.) a radical change in intra—abdominal pressure (e.g. conversion to laparotomy). Accordingly, if the additional decremental PEEP trial results in a different optimal PEEP level, this PEEP will be used until the end of surgery or until another radical change in patient position or intra—abdominal pressure. If the decremental PEEP trial has been repeated, please proceed to section 13 on page 11.

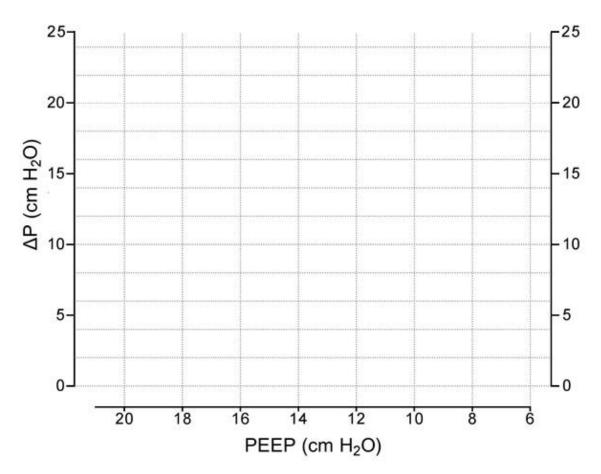
Ventilator remains in volume controlled mode

Respiratory rate set at 15 breaths per minute

PEEP starts at 20 cm  $H_2O$ 

Decrease PEEP in steps of 2 cm  $H_2O$  every 20 seconds – till PEEP of 6 cm  $H_2O$ . List the measured driving pressures in table 4 on the next page. Use table 4 to fill in figure 1 on the next page. For graph examples see next page.

	4. Recruitment (RM) and decremental PEEP trial for the intervention group only. Follow these steps and fill in the open white fields									
Step	these steps and	I fill in the open white fields								
1	Document the	intraoperative variables on page (	6, the first column 'after induction'							
2		ory pause' on the ventilation mac	hine and set inspiratory pause at 15%	. If applicable, increase the max	ximum pressure limit of the					
		Time phase (hh:mm:ss)	PEEP level							
3	<b>RM 1,</b> step 1	Start: t=00:00:00 - 00:00:15	15							
4	<b>RM 1,</b> step 2	00:00:15 - 00:00:30	20							
		±	•	Plateau pressure (Pplat)	Driving pressure (△P)					
5	DPT, step 1	00:00:30 - 00:00:50	20	cm H <sub>2</sub> O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O					
6	DPT, step 2	00:00:50 - 00:01:10	18	cm H <sub>2</sub> O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O					
7	DPT, step 3	00:01:10 – 00:01:30	16	cm H <sub>2</sub> O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O					
8	DPT, step 4	00:01:30 - 00:01:50	14	cm H <sub>2</sub> O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O					
9	DPT, step 5	00:01:50 - 00:02:10	12	cm H <sub>2</sub> O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O					
10	DPT, step 6	00:02:10 - 00:02:30	10	cm H <sub>2</sub> O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O					
11	DPT, step 7	00:02:30 - 00:02:50	8	cm H <sub>2</sub> O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O					
12	DPT, step 8	00:02:50 - 00:03:10	6	cm H <sub>2</sub> O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O					
13 14		$\Delta P$ of the previous steps (5-12): $\Delta R$ EEP-graph in the figure on page								
15	<b>RM 2,</b> step 1	Start: t=0 - 00:00:15	10							
16	<b>RM 2,</b> step 2	00:00:15 - 00:00:30	15							
17	<b>RM 2</b> , step 3	00:00:30 - 00:00:45	20							
18	Set PEEP at th	ne optimal level (PEEP level resul	ting in de lowest driving pressure)							
19	Are the RM an	d DMT performed conform protoc	ol? Yes No, reason:							



**Figure 1.** Please fill in this figure with the collected values in the decremental PEEP trial (table above, page 4). This chart MUST be used during the decremental PEEP trial. With every step calculate the resulting driving pressure by subtracting PEEP form the plateau pressure after 20 seconds. Draw a smooth line using the 8 PEEP - driving pressure points. Determine the nadir of the driving pressure and use this level of PEEP till end of anesthesia. This chart MUST be filed in the local site investigator file, either digitally or on paper.

**Figure 2.**  $\Delta$ P/PEEP-graph examples. The arrow represents the optimal PEEP to be chosen. If the  $\Delta$ P curve shows a flat line (D), PEEP will be set at 12 cm H<sub>2</sub>O. If multiple PEEP levels result in the lowest  $\Delta$ P (E), choose the <u>highest PEEP!</u>

For more  $\Delta P/PEEP$ -graph examples see page 15 of this CRF.

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Intraoperative CRF

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	5. Intraoperative variab	oles* □ Indiv	ridualized high PEEP	□ Standard PEEP grou	p * Record intraoperati	ive variables hourly after ind	uction and immediately after	the RM.
		After induction directly after induction	Before RM 1 in surgical starting position  □N/A: control group	After RM2 after PEEP is set at lowest ∆p  □N/A	hr 1 □N/A	hr 2 □N/A	hr 3 □N/A	hr 4 □N/A
	Time [hh:mm]							
SI	PEEP [cm H <sub>2</sub> O]							
hete	VT [mL]							
parameters	Ppeak [cm H <sub>2</sub> O]							
_	Pplateau [cmH <sub>2</sub> O]							
espiratory	I:E	1:	1:	1:	1:	1:	1:	1:
espi	RR [/min]							
Ř	FiO <sub>2</sub> [0-1]							
	SPO <sub>2</sub> [%]							
	ETCO <sub>2</sub> [kPa or mmHg]							
	IAP [cm H₂O]							
0	Systolic BP [mmHg]							
무	Diastolic BP [mmHg]							
	Position*	□Neutral	□Neutral	□Neutral	☐ Neutral	□Neutral	□Neutral	□Neutral
	Trendelenburg: 15-30 degrees head-down;	□Trendelenburg	□Trendelenburg	☐Trendelenburg	☐ Trendelenburg	□Trendelenburg	□Trendelenburg	□Trendelenburg
	*Extreme Trendelenburg: >30 degrees head-down.	□Extreme Trendelenburg	□Extreme Trendelenburg	□Extreme Trendelenburg	□Extreme Trendelenburg	□Extreme Trendelenburg	□Extreme Trendelenburg	□Extreme Trendelenburg
		□Anti Trendelenburg	☐Anti Trendelenburg	☐Anti Trendelenburg	☐ Anti Trendelenburg	□Anti Trendelenburg	□Anti Trendelenburg	□Anti Trendelenburg
				erative complications of				
Re	scue strategy for desatu	ration (SpO <sub>2</sub> ≤ 90%	or if preoperative Spo	O₂ <90% an absolute d	ecrease in SpO₂>5%)	1	* see page	8 for rescue therapy
		□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no
A c	decrease in mean arterial	pressure (MAP) be	low 65 mmHg and las	sting for >1 minute	ı	ı		,
		□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no
Va	soactive drugs defined a	s more than needed	d to compensate for v	asodilating effects of a	anesthesia, according	g to decision of the a	nesthesiologist in ch	arge
		□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no
Ne	w arrhythmias needing i	ntervention as sugg	ested by the Advanc	ed Cardiac Life Suppor	rt Guidelines		1	
		□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no

6. Intraoperative variables\*

\* Record intraoperative variables hourly after induction and immediately after the RM.

		hr 5 □N/A	hr 6 □N/A	hr 7 □N/A	hr 8 □N/A	hr 9 □N/A	hr 10 □N/A	hr 12 □N/A
	Time [hh:mm]							
S	PEEP [cm H <sub>2</sub> O]							
nete	VT [mL]							
Respiratory parameters	Ppeak [cm H₂O]							
	Pplateau [ <i>cmH</i> <sub>2</sub> <i>O</i> ]							
	I:E	1:	1:	1:	1:	1:	1:	1:
	RR [/min]							
R	FiO <sub>2</sub> [0-1]							
	SPO <sub>2</sub> [%]							
	ETCO <sub>2</sub> [kPa or mmHg]							
	IAP [cm H <sub>2</sub> O]							
_	Systolic BP [mmHg]							
무	Diastolic BP [mmHg]							
	Position*	□Neutral	□Neutral	□Neutral	☐ Neutral	□Neutral	□Neutral	□Neutral
	*Trendelenburg: 15-30 degrees head-down;	□Trendelenburg	□Trendelenburg	□Trendelenburg	☐ Trendelenburg	□Trendelenburg	□Trendelenburg	□Trendelenburg
	Extreme Trendelenburg: >30 degrees head-down.	□Extreme Trendelenburg	□Extreme Trendelenburg	□Extreme Trendelenburg	□Extreme Trendelenburg	□Extreme Trendelenburg	□Extreme Trendelenburg	□Extreme Trendelenburg
		☐Anti Trendelenburg	☐Anti Trendelenburg	☐Anti Trendelenburg	☐ Anti Trendelenburg	☐Anti Trendelenburg	☐Anti Trendelenburg	☐Anti Trendelenburg
_			the following intraopera					
Res	scue strategy for desatu	` •	1		•	ĺ		8 for rescue therapy
A =		□ yes □ no	☐ yes ☐ no	☐ yes ☐ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no
AC	ecrease in mean arterial	1	1		D		D	
Vac	soactive drugs defined a	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no
Va	soactive drugs defined a		i .			1		1
Ne	w arrhythmias needing i	│ □ yes □ no ntervention as sugg	│  □ yes □ no ested by the Advanced	□ yes □ no I Cardiac Life Supp	□ yes □ no ort Guidelines	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no
	<i>,</i>	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no	□ yes □ no

ue therapy	therapy for desaturation high individualized PEEP g				p Rescue therapy for desaturation standard PEEP group						
	Step	PEEP	FiO <sub>2</sub>			Step	PEEP	FiO <sub>2</sub>			
	1	20	0.4			1	5	0.4			
	2	18	0.4			2	5	0.5			
	3 4	16	0.4			3	5	0.6			
	4 5	14 12	0.4 0.4			4	5 5	0.7 0.8			
	6	12	0.5			6	6	0.8			
	7	12	0.6			7	RM	0.0			
	8	10	0.6			•		<ul> <li>Perform rescue strategy if SpC</li> </ul>	O <sub>2</sub> ≤ 90%		
	9	8	0.6					<ul> <li>Start at the level of PEEP set a</li> </ul>	fter the		
	10	6	0.6					decremental PEEP trial			
	11	6	0.7					<ul> <li>Please note (encircle) to which strategy is performed</li> </ul>	ı step resci	ie	
	12	6	0.8					Strategy is performed			
7. Did the pa	tient receiv	e the alloc	ated PEEP level during surgery?	□ yes □	] no	If i	no, adjuste	ed PEEP level to:   _ cm H2O	If no, s	pecify reason:	
Decrease in r	mean arteria	l pressure l	pelow 65 mmHg for more than one minu	ute not respoi	nding to	o fluids ar	nd/or vasoa	active drugs	□ yes	□ no	
New arrhythn	nias not resp	onding to t	he treatment suggested by the Advance	ed Cardiac Lif	fe Supp	ort Guide	elines		□ yes	□ no	
Need for a do	sage of vas	oactive dru	gs at the highest level tolerated, accordi	ing to decisio	on of the	e anesthe	siologist in	charge	□ yes	□ no	
Need of mass	sive transfus	ion, more t	han 5 units of blood to maintain Ht>21%	% (Hb>7 mg/d	dl)				□ yes	□ no	
Surgical com	plication dete	ermining life	e-threatening situations						□ yes	□ no	
Other reason	(specify):								□ yes	□ no	
8. Where oth	er ventilatio	on settings	s changed (TV, FiO <sub>2</sub> , e.g.) for clinical ı	reasons (pre	e-appro	ved prot	tocol devia	ations)	□ yes	□ no	
If yes, specify	<b>/</b> :										
9. Protocol v	violation? M	lisinterpretati	ion of study protocol, thus no clinical reason	for changing v	ventilatio	n.			□ yes	□ no	
If yes, specify	/.	☐ Differen	ce between selected PEEP and correct	PEEP >2 cm	n □ H <sub>2</sub>		ce betweer	n selected PEEP and correct PEEP	≤2 cm	☐ Other	
If other, spec	ify:										
10. Decreme	ntal PEEP t	rial repeat	ed? If the decremental PEEP trial has been	repeated, ple	ase pro	ceed to se	ction 13 on I	page 11.	□ ves	□ no	

11.	Intraoperative n	nedicatio	on										
				Cumulative	dose			С	umulative dose mL			(	Cumulative dose mL
	Dobutamine	□Yes	□No	mg			Crystalloids	□Yes	□No		Red blood cells*	□Yes	□No
sbn	Dopamine	□Yes	□No	mg			If yes, cumul dose:	ative			FFP	□Yes	□No
oic dr	Epinephrine	□Yes	□No	mg							Platelets	□Yes	□No
otrop	Ephedrine	□Yes	□No	mg		m	Colloids	Colloids	sion	Omniplasma	□Yes	□No	
or in	Norepinephrine	□Yes	□No	µg		Fluid				ansfu	Other	□Yes	□No
Vasoactive or inotropic drugs	Phenylephrine	□Yes	□No	µg						Tra	If other, specif	y:	
	Other	□Yes	□No				Albumin	□Yes	□No		* E.g. packed re	d blood ce	lls, cell saver
	If other, specify:			_			If yes, cumul dose:	ative					
				Cum	ulative mL								
	Urine production	□Yes	□No		□им*								
Ħ	Blood loss	□Yes	□No		□им*								
Total Out	Ascites	□Yes	□No		□nm*								
Tota	Other	□Yes	□No		□им*								
	If other, specify:			_									

<sup>\*</sup>NM = Not measured

\*only if deemed clinically necessary

	After induction	After RM2	hr 1	hr 2	hr 3	hr 4	hr 5
рН							
PaO <sub>2</sub>							
PaCO <sub>2</sub>							
НСО3							
	hr 6	hr 7	hr 8	hr 9	hr 10	hr 11	hr 12
рН							
PaO <sub>2</sub>							
PaCO <sub>2</sub>							
HCO <sub>3</sub>							

Measurement unit PaO2	□mmHg	□kPa
Measurement unit PaCO2	□mmHg	□kPa
Measurement unit HCO3	□mmol/L	□mEq/L

	13. Repeated recruitment (RM) and decremental PEEP trial for the intervention group only Follow these steps and fill in the open white fields										
Corres	Corresponding hour of repeated decremental PEEP trial:   _										
Step	Step										
		Time phase (hh:mm:ss	*	PEEP level							
1	<b>RM 1</b> , step 1	Start: t=00:00:00 - 00:0	0:15	15							
2	<b>RM 1,</b> step 2	00:00:15 - 00:00:30		20							
			_			Plateau pressur	e (Pplat)	Driving pressure (△P)			
3	DPT, step 1	00:00:30 - 00:00:50		20		cm H <sub>2</sub>	2 <b>O</b>	cm H <sub>2</sub> O			
4	DPT, step 2	00:00:50 - 00:01:10		18		cm H <sub>2</sub>	<u>2</u> O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O			
5	DPT, step 3	00:01:10 - 00:01:30		16		cm H <sub>2</sub>	<u>2</u> O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O			
6	DPT, step 4	00:01:30 - 00:01:50		14		cm H <sub>2</sub>	<u>2</u> O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O			
7	DPT, step 5	00:01:50 - 00:02:10		12		cm H <sub>2</sub>	<u>2</u> O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O			
8	DPT, step 6	00:02:10 - 00:02:30		10		cm H <sub>2</sub>	<u>2</u> O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O			
9	DPT, step 7	00:02:30 - 00:02:50		8		cm H <sub>2</sub>	<u>2</u> O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O			
10	DPT, step 8	00:02:50 - 00:03:10		6		cm H <sub>2</sub>		cm H <sub>2</sub> O			
11		△P of the previous steps	(3-10): ∆								
12	<b>RM 2</b> , step 1	Start: t=0 - 00:00:15		10							
13	<b>RM 2</b> , step 2	00:00:15 - 00:00:30		15							
14	<b>RM 2</b> , step 3	00:00:30 - 00:00:45		20							
15	Set PEEP at th	ne optimal level (PEEP le	vel resu	Iting in de lowest driv	ring pressure)						
16	Are the RM an	d DMT performed confor	m proto	col?	No, reason:						
		emental PEEP trial resultient position or intra-al			EEP level, this PE	EP will be used ur	ntil the end	of surgery or until another			
	n PEEP level	,									
decrem	reason for reponental PEEP tria	al	☐Radical change in position ☐Conversion			to laparotomy		adical change in intra- I pressure			
PEEP	trial was repeate			_  minutes							
	e decremental F ed again?	PEEP trial been	□No	□Yes, ple	ase proceed to the n	ext page					

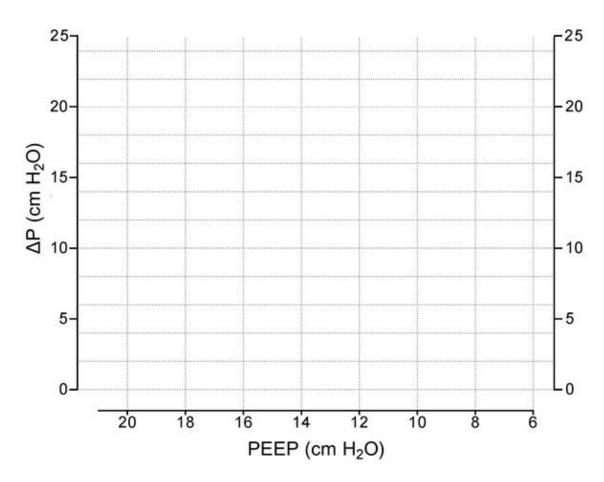


Figure 1. Please fill in this figure with the collected values in the decremental PEEP trial (table above, page 4). This chart MUST be used during the decremental PEEP trial. With every step calculate the resulting driving pressure by subtracting PEEP form the plateau pressure after 20 seconds. Draw a smooth line using the 8 PEEP - driving pressure points. Determine the nadir of the driving pressure and use this level of PEEP till end of anesthesia. This chart MUST be filed in the local site investigator file, either digitally or on paper.

Patient identification number:   _ _  (study number of patient)	
! Chosen PEEP LEVEL:   _ cm H <sub>2</sub> O!	

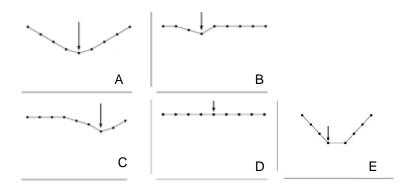
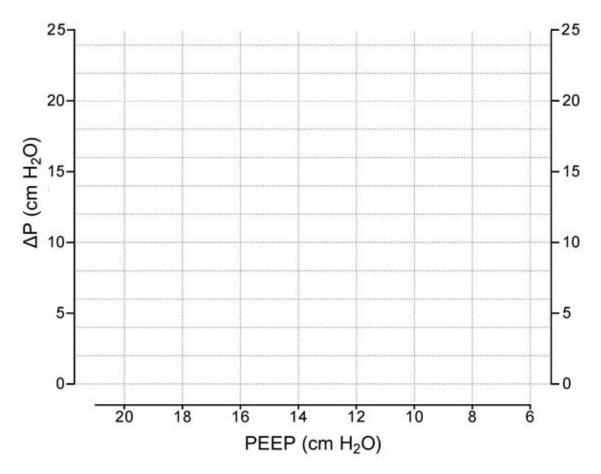


Figure 2.  $\Delta P/PEEP$ -graph examples. The arrow represents the optimal PEEP to be chosen. If the  $\triangle P$  curve shows a flat line (D), PEEP will be set at 12 cm H<sub>2</sub>O. If multiple PEEP levels result in the lowest  $\Delta P$  (E), choose the highest PEEP!

For more  $\Delta P/PEEP$ -graph examples see page 15 of this CRF.

14. Repeated recruitment (RM) and decremental PEEP trial for the intervention group only Follow these steps and fill in the open white fields							
Corresponding hour of repeated decremental PEEP trial:							
Step							
		Time phase (hh:mm:ss)	PEEP	level			
1	<b>RM 1,</b> step 1	Start: t=00:00:00 - 00:00	:15 15				
2	<b>RM 1,</b> step 2	00:00:15 - 00:00:30	20				
		-	<del></del>			Plateau pressure (Pplat	) Driving pressure (△P)
3	DPT, step 1	00:00:30 - 00:00:50	20			cm H <sub>2</sub> O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O
4	DPT, step 2	00:00:50 - 00:01:10	18			cm H₂O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O
5	DPT, step 3	00:01:10 - 00:01:30	16			cm H₂O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O
6	DPT, step 4	00:01:30 - 00:01:50	14			cm H₂O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O
7	DPT, step 5	00:01:50 - 00:02:10	12			cm H <sub>2</sub> O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O
8	DPT, step 6	00:02:10 - 00:02:30	10			cm H <sub>2</sub> O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O
9	DPT, step 7	00:02:30 - 00:02:50	8			cm H₂O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O
10	DPT, step 8	00:02:50 - 00:03:10	6			cm H₂O	cm H <sub>2</sub> O
11	Calculate the $\Delta P$ of the previous steps (3-10): $\Delta P$ = Pplat - PEEP						
12	<b>RM 2</b> , step 1	Start: t=0 - 00:00:15	10				
13	<b>RM 2,</b> step 2	00:00:15 - 00:00:30	15				
14	<b>RM 2,</b> step 3	00:00:30 - 00:00:45	20				
15	Set PEEP at the optimal level (PEEP level resulting in de lowest driving pressure)						
16	Are the RM and DMT performed conform protocol?						
If the additional decremental PEEP trial results in a different optimal PEEP level, this PEEP will be used until the end of surgery or until another radical change in patient position or intra-abdominal pressure.							
Chosen PEEP level							
Specify reason for repetition of the decremental PEEP trial			☐Radical change in position ☐Conversion to laparotomy ☐Other radical change in intra- abdominal pressure				
	ng did it take be trial was repeate	efore the decremental ed?	_ _  minutes				



**Figure 1.** Please fill in this figure with the collected values in the decremental PEEP trial (table above, page 4). This chart MUST be used during the decremental PEEP trial. With every step calculate the resulting driving pressure by subtracting PEEP form the plateau pressure after 20 seconds. Draw a smooth line using the 8 PEEP - driving pressure points. Determine the nadir of the driving pressure and use this level of PEEP till end of anesthesia. This chart MUST be filed in the local site investigator file, either digitally or on paper.

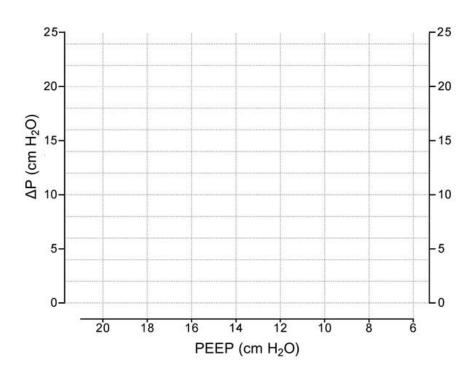
Patient identification number: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (study number of patient)

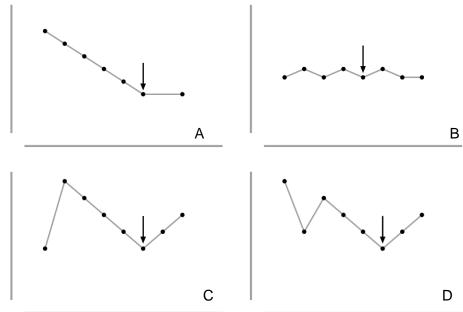
! Chosen PEEP LEVEL: \_\_\_\_ cm H<sub>2</sub>O!

**Figure 2.**  $\Delta$ P/PEEP-graph examples. The arrow represents the optimal PEEP to be chosen. If the  $\Delta$ P curve shows a flat line (D), PEEP will be set at 12 cm H<sub>2</sub>O. If multiple PEEP levels result in the lowest  $\Delta$ P (E), choose the <u>highest PEEP!</u>

For more  $\Delta P/PEEP$ -graph examples see page 15 of this CRF.

### **Appendix** Additional $\Delta P/PEEP$ -graph examples





**Appendix I.**  $\Delta P/PEEP$ -graph examples. The arrow represents the optimal PEEP to be chosen. If multiple PEEP levels result in the lowest  $\Delta P$  (**A**), choose the highest PEEP. If no clear nadir is present and driving pressure is fluctuating between a difference of 2 cm H<sub>2</sub>O at maximum (**B**) a flat line should be considered and PEEP 12 cm H<sub>2</sub>O should be selected.

Physiologically, the curve cannot be biphasic, if you find a biphasic curve, consider repeating the intervention or critically check whether (multiple) measuring points is/are invalid.

Some ventilators have their maximum pressure limited at 30 cm  $H_2O$  as a default setting. When this is the case, the PEEP titration may result in 'incorrect' lower Pplateau values at high PEEP levels ( $\mathbf{C}$ ). To prevent this, we strongly advise to manually increase the maximum pressure limit of the ventilator to 40 cm  $H_2O$ .

Manipulation of the abdomen by surgeon, insertion of instruments (e.g. gastric tube) or changes of patient position can influence the measurement of Pplateau, resulting in invalid measurements (**D**). In this casus the second PEEP point is invalid due manipulation of the abdomen, the arrow represents the correct PEEP.