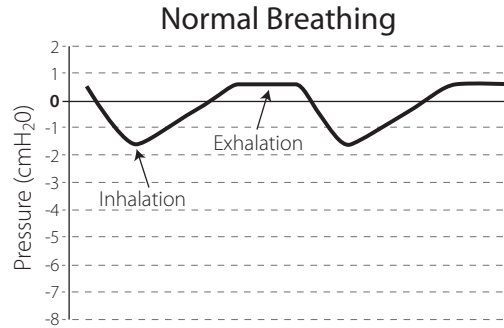


# How the ResQGARD® Works During Hypotension

The ResQGARD impedance threshold device (ITD) enhances circulation during basic and advanced life support care. This simple, non-invasive device regulates pressures in the chest during breathing to improve blood flow to the heart and brain.

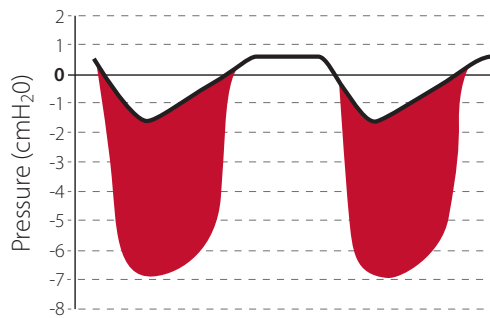
## The Problem: Hypotension



## The Solution: ResQGARD®

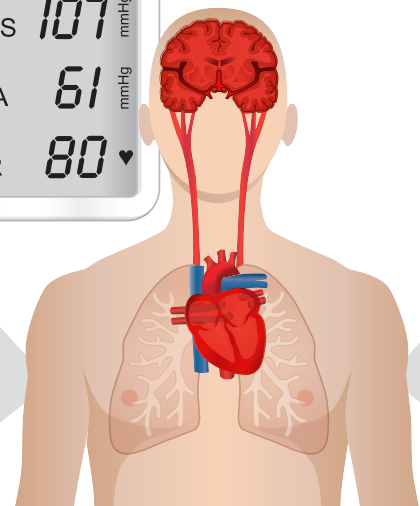
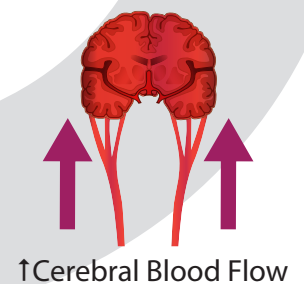
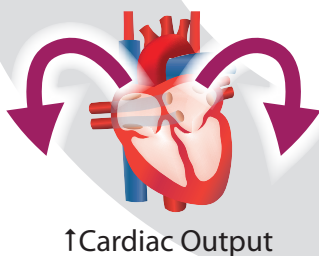
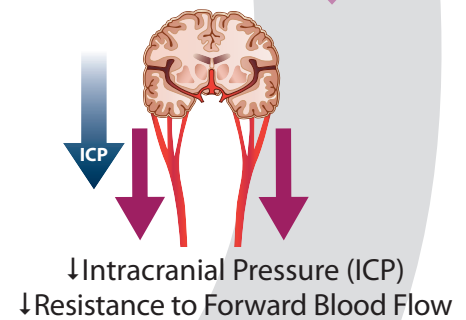
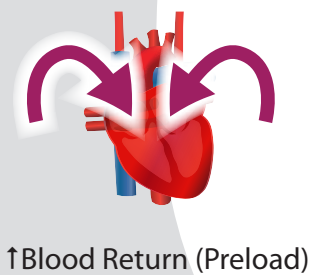


### Respiratory System Impact



Circulatory System Impact

Nervous System Impact



↑ Vital Organ Blood Flow

# How it Works

## The Problem: Hypotension

During normal inhalation the chest expands and the diaphragm moves down, creating a slight negative pressure (or vacuum) inside the chest (approx -1.5 cmH<sub>2</sub>O). This vacuum pulls air into the chest and helps return some blood back to the heart.

During exhalation, the chest comes in and the diaphragm moves up, creating a slight positive pressure (approx 0.5 cmH<sub>2</sub>O) that forces air out of the chest.

As shock develops, eventually the body is no longer able to compensate and the blood pressure drops.

## The Solution: ResQGARD

The ResQGARD ITD optimizes the relationship between the respiratory, circulatory and nervous systems to enhance circulation during states of poor perfusion.<sup>1-7</sup>

The ResQGARD creates a slight amount of therapeutic resistance only while the patient inhales. This enhanced vacuum:

- Draws more blood back to the heart. When preload is increased, it results in improved cardiac output on the subsequent contraction of the heart.
- Lowers intracranial pressure (ICP), which decreases resistance to forward blood flow to the brain, and results in increased cerebral blood flow.

The net result of both of these mechanisms is improved blood flow to the vital organs.

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The generally cleared indication for the ResQGARD is for a temporary increase in blood circulation during emergency care, hospital, clinic and home use. Research is ongoing to evaluate the benefit of the ResQGARD for indications related to specific etiologies. The studies listed here are not intended to imply specific outcome-based claims not yet cleared by the US FDA.



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