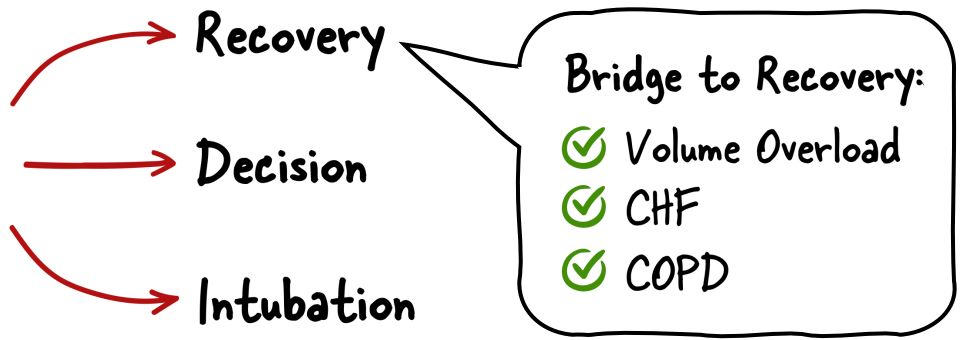


# POCKET INTENSIVIST: BIPAP

BIPAP IS A  
BRIDGE NOT A  
DESTINATION



## BIPAP TROUBLESHOOTING

- 1. Patient just needs intubation?**  
If so, don't delay!
- 2. Air leak?**  
Adjust, resize, or switch to different type of mask (eg: nasal or full face).
- 3. Oxygenation fail?**  
Increase the EPAP; if tidal volumes fall, may need to then increase the IPAP too.
- 4. Ventilation fail?**  
BiPAP can't fix low respiratory rate. If low tidal volumes, increase the IPAP. If tidal volumes ok, try increasing the EPAP in patients with COPD.

BiPAP 15/5      PEEP 5 + ΔP 10

