# Severe Emphysema and Bronchoscopic Lung Volume Reduction (BLVR)

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#### Air Trapping and Hyperinflation in Emphysema



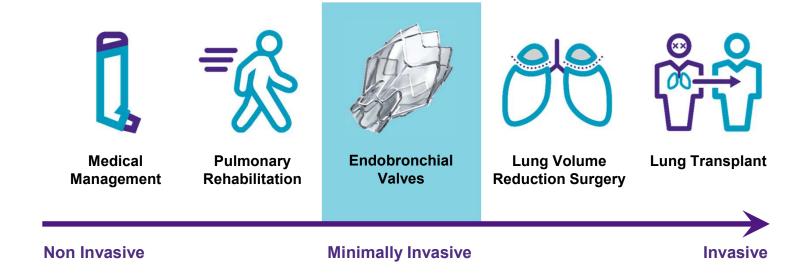
Tissue is elastic with large surface area
Breathing is easy; lung expands and contracts
normally



Tissue destruction reduces elasticity and gas exchange

Air is trapped in the diseased portion of the lungs, increasing lung volume and putting pressure on the diaphragm, making patient persistently breathless

### **Spectrum of Treatment Options**



### **How it Works**



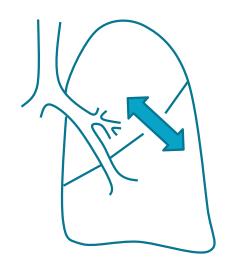


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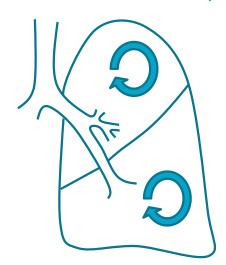
#### What is Collateral Ventilation?

- Collateral ventilation is airflow between lobes "through channels that bypass the normal airways"\*
- Only lobes WITHOUT collateral ventilation should be treated with endobronchial valves

#### Collateral Ventilation (CV+)



#### **No Collateral Ventilation (CV-)**



<sup>\*</sup>E J Cetti, A J Moore, and D M Geddes. Collateral Ventilation. Thorax. 2006 May; 61(5): 371-373.

#### **Key Entry Criteria**



#### **Inclusion**

- Age 40 to 75 years
- BMI < 35 kg/m2
- Stable with < 20mg</li> prednisone daily
- Nonsmoking for 4 months
- Post-bronchodilator FEV<sub>1</sub> ≥15% or ≤ 45% of predicted
- RV ≥ 175% predicted (body pleth)
- TLC ≥ 100% predicted
- DLCO ≥ 20% predicted
- PaCO2 ≤ 50mm Hg room air



#### **Exclusion**

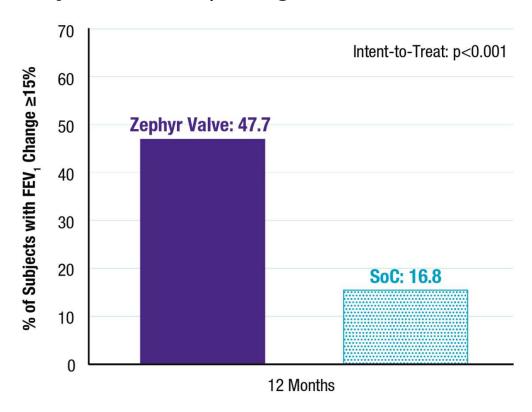
- >2 pneumonia episodes in last year
- MI or CHF < 6 months</li>
- Unable to discontinue anticoagulants or platelet activity inhibitors for 7 days • Presence of A1ATD
- Pulmonary hypertension (SPAP >45 mm Hg)

- Pulmonary nodule requiring surveillance
- WBC >10,000 cells/µL
- 6 MWD < 100 or > 500 meters after PR
- Plasma cotinine level >13.7 ng/ml or carboxyhgb >2.5% if using nicotine products

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#### **LIBERATE: Primary Outcome**

#### Percent of Subjects with FEV₁ Change from Baseline to 12-months of ≥15%



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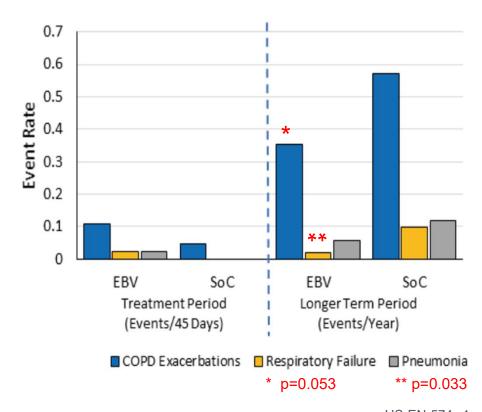
#### **Serious Adverse Events**

# Serious Adverse Events Occurring in at Least 3.0% of Subjects in Either Group

	TREATMEN Day Procedure/Ra to 45	of Indomization	LONGER-TERM PERIOD 45 Days from the Study Procedure/Randomization until 12-month Visit Date			
	EBV (N=128)	SoC (N=62)	EBV (N=122)	SoC (N=62)		
Death	4 (3.1%) <sup>a</sup>	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.8%)	1 (1.6%)		
Pneumothorax	34 (26.6%)*	0	8 (6.6%) Includes 5 pneumo- thoraces from revision procedures	0		
COPD exacerbation	10 (7.8%)	3 (4.8%)	28 (23.0%)	19 (30.6%)		
Pneumonia	1 (0.8%)	0	7 (5.7%)	5 (8.1%)		
Respiratory failure	2 (1.6%)	0	1 (0.8%)	2 (3.2%)		
Arrhythmia	0	0	1 (0.8%)	2 (3.2%)		
Diverticulitis	0	0	1 (0.8%)	2 (3.2%)		

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#### **Adjudicated Events**



<sup>\*</sup> P<0.05

#### **Diagnostic Work Up**

#### **Pulmonary function testing**

- Spirometry (Post-BD FEV<sub>1</sub> >15 and ≤ 45%)
- Body Plethysmography (RV ≥ 175%, TLC ≥ 100%)
- DLCO

#### **Arterial Blood Gas level**

- Collected on room air, D/C supplemental
   O<sub>2</sub> for 10 minutes prior to sampling
- $PaCO_2 < 50 \text{ mm HG}$ ,  $PaO_2 > 45 \text{ mm HG}$

6-Minute Walk Test (100-500m)

#### HRCT

- Thin slice (≤ 1.0 mm preferred)
- Complete lungs with no artifacts
- Supine only
- Perfusion Scan (if available)
- Echocardiography
  - No congestive heart failure, LVEF <45%</li>
  - No uncontrolled pulmonary hypertension, sPAP >45mm Hg

#### **Patient Selection Process**

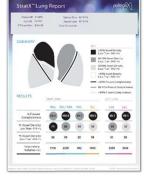
#### **Clinical Screening**

15-45% FEV1
≥175% RV
≥ 100% TLC
(Spirometry, PFTs)

Diagnosis of Emphysema (CT Scan)

Medically Stable, No Disqualifying Comorbidities

#### **Lobe Evaluation**



Noninvasive: StratX<sup>®</sup> Analysis Platform

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Procedure:
Chartis® Pulmonary
Assessment System

Treatmen t



# Patient Selection Criteria For Zephyr Valve Based on Multiple RCTs



- Diagnosis of emphysema confirmed by CT
- BMI < 35 kg/m2
- Stable with ≤ 20mg prednisone (or equivalent) daily
- Residual volume ≥ 175% predicted (≥ 200% if homogeneous)
- FEV1 15-45% predicted
- TLC ≥ 100% predicted
- 6MWD 100-500m (150-500m if homogeneous)
- Not actively smoking (for at least 4 months)
- Target lobe with little or no collateral ventilation (as measured by Stratx and/or Chartis Assessment)

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#### **Indications for Use**



#### Contraindications

The Zephyr Valve is contraindicated for:

- Patients for whom bronchoscopic procedures are contraindicated
- Patients with evidence of active pulmonary infection
- Patients with known allergies to Nitinol, Nickel, Titanium, or Silicone
- Patient who have not quit smoking
- Patients with large bullae encompassing greater than 30% of either lung



#### Warnings

The Zephyr Valve should be used with caution and only after careful consideration in patients with:

- Prior lung transplant, LVRS, median sternotomy or lobectomy
- Congestive heart failure (Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction <45%); myocardial infarction</li>
- FEV<sub>1</sub>< 15% of predicted value</li>

Source: Zephyr Valve IFU

#### Patient Exclusion Criteria Zephyr Valve Based on Multiple RCTs

Patients should be excluded from the treatment with the Zephyr Valve based on the following criteria:

- Medical conditions or other circumstances make it likely that the patient will be unable to complete the
  preoperative and postoperative pulmonary diagnostic and therapeutic program required for the procedure
- Severe hypercapnia (PaC02 ≥50 mm Hg on room air) and/or severe hypoxemia (PaO2 ≤45 mm Hg on room air)
- Unstable cardiac arrhythmia or stoke
- Unstable pulmonary hypertension (sPAP>45mg Hg)

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# **Assessing Collateral Ventilation – Chartis System**





No collateral airflow, high likelihood of good treatment response



Collateral airflow, low likelihood of good treatment response

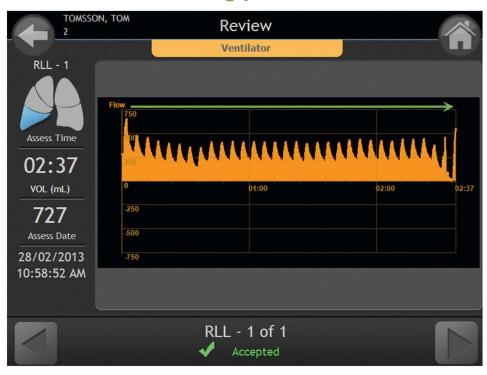
Availability of Chartis console models may vary by country

#### **Chartis Assessment — Volume Ventilation**

# **Even downward trend of airflow** CV-



# No downward trend CV+



# **Zephyr Valve Procedure**







#### **Post-Valve Placement Recommendations**

- Inpatient Care
- Length of stay
  - Minimum of 3 hospital nights post-procedure for observation
  - Possibly longer stay based on physician's discretion and if there is persistent chest discomfort or pain on the treated side
- Chest tube
  - Chest tube kit should be kept by bedside
  - Chest tube should be able to be placed 24/7 within 15-30 minutes
- Continuous monitoring of vitals signs and pulse oximetry
- Obtain chest x-ray immediately post extubation
- Give Nebulized treatment of ipratropium & albuterol immediately post extubation & q4h
- Give corticosteroid/antibiotic at the discretion of the attending physician if needed
- Have pulmonary physician perform physical exam and check x-ray for pneumothorax before transferring to medical floor/ICU

#### **Day of Discharge**

- Obtain CXR and have physician check for pneumothorax before discharge
- Go over the discharge medications
- Give patient ID card with emergency info (stating # of valves inserted & in which treated lobe with phone # of physician)
- Schedule patient to return for follow-up visit with treating pulmonary physician in a week
- Inform patient to call if he/she has any increased symptoms of shortness of breath, cough, purulent sputum, fever, chills or hemoptysis
- Inform patient to go to the nearest ER if symptoms are severe or persist

#### **Long Term Follow-Up**

- It is critical for primary pulmonologist and treating center to communicate regarding the procedure, outcomes, and potential complications
- Treating physician and referring physician should decided together on optimal approach for follow-up
- Assess if patient is stable, restart maintenance pulmonary rehabilitation at outpatient center and maintenance at home with app (if available)
- Treating physician should see patient at 1 week, 30-45 days, schedule 3, 6 and 12 month visit (and annual visits)

#### Case

- 68 yo woman with emphysema referred for Zephyr evaluation
- Met all inclusion criteria with no contraindications
- Valves were inserted 4/19/22



Over the last few years, Susan Steffel had noticed that she got winded more easily.

"Just a flight of stairs, I'd have to catch my breath after," said Steffel, 68, who lives in a two-story house in Beaver Lake.

In April, Steffel, who has emphysema, had three tiny, one-way valves placed in the airways of the left lower lobe of her lung. The use of the procedure is part of a relatively new program at Creighton University Medical Center-Bergan Mercy.

A duckbill valve like those in a whoopie cushion, a

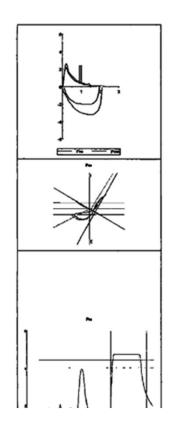
Zephyr valve is designed to let air out of — but not back
in — less functional parts of the lungs, which become
hyperinflated over time in people with emphysema. The
hyperinflated areas take up more than their share of
space in the chest, crowding the functional parts of the
lung and hampering their ability to expand and contract
normally with breathing.



Steffel
JULIE ANDERSON, THE WORLD-HERALD

### **Pre-procedure testing**

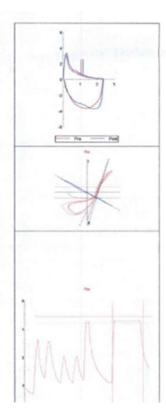
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	Pred .	Actual	LLN %	Pred	Actual	Pred%	Chng
SPIROMETRY							
FVC (L)	3.13	1.98	2.44	63	2.24	71	+12
FEV1 (L)	2.39	0.93	1.80	38	1.02	42	+10
FEV1/FVC (%)	77	47	67	60	46	59	-2
FEF 25-75% (L/sec)	2.08	0.30	0.84	14	0.43	20	+42
FEF Max (L/sec)	5.93	2.40	4.21	40	2.62	44	+9
FEF50%/FIF50% (%)	90-100	19			15		-20
Expiratory Time (sec)		9.65			10.73		+11
— LUNG VOLUMES –							
TLC (Pleth) (L)	4.85	6.43	3.93	132			
SVC (L)	3.13	2.03	2.44	64			
IC (L)	2.07	1.91		92			
TGV (L)	2.32	4.53	1.16	195			
ERV (L)	1.06	0.12		11			
RV (Pleth) (L)	1.90	4.40	0.94	232			
RV/TLC (Pleth) (%)	39	68	25	174			
Raw (cmH2O/L/s)	1.86	3.22	1.15	173			
sGaw (1/cmH2O*s)	0.20	0.07	0.14	34			
— DIFFUSION —							
DLCOunc (ml/min/mmH	23.16	12.35	13.08	53			
DLCOcor (ml/min/mmH	23.16	12.24	13.08	52			
DL/VA (ml/min/mmHg/	4.52	3.60		79			
VA (L)	4.82	3.40		70			
Hgb (gm/dL)	12-18	13.7					



☐ Male ☐ Female	67	Height:	162.6 cm	Weight: 200 lbs 90, 9 kg	
COPD COPD		Forehead Pro Yes X	bes Used No	Clinic PFT Lab	
Baseline Resting (pre-v	ralk):		415 Meters Actual: 270		
вр <u>/28/80</u> spo	2 <u>99%</u> нк	82	Borg Fatigue	Borg Dyspnea 2	
O2 flow rate and delive	ry device		Assist device used to ambu	late	
Medications taken befo	re the test (dose & tir	ne) <u>&amp;</u>	•		
Immediately Post Test:  BP 136 84 Sp02 897 HR 1/0 Borg Fatigue 2 Borg Dyspnea 1/5  Recovery!  BP 1/0/80 Sp02 997 HR 84 Borg Fatigue 2 Borg Dyspnea 2-3  Summary Data:  Sp02 on room air at rest 997 Lowest Sp02 on room air with activity 897  Sp02 on supplemental 02 at rest N/A Sp02 on supplemental 02 with activity 1/4  Lowest Sp02 on 02 with activity, if applicable N/A Sp02 on 4 lpm, if applicable N/A					
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3 90%	99 Rum	Air			
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# **Post-procedure testing**

	Pre-Bronch		Post-Bronch				
	Pred	Actual	LLN %	Pred	Actual	Pred%	Chng
SPIROMETRY							
FVC (L)	3.06	2.34	2.37	76	2.39	77	+2
FEVI (L)	2.33	1.08	1.74	46	1.19	51	+10
FEV1/FVC (%)	76	46	67	60	50	65	+8
FEF 25-75% (L/sec)	1.99	0.37	0.75	18	0.47	23	+27
FEF Max (L/sec)	5.79	3.16	4.08	54	3.56	61	+12
FEF50%/FIF50% (%)	90-100	13			18		+38
Expiratory Time (sec)		9.80			9.74		+0
LUNG VOLUMES							
TLC (Pleth) (L)	4.83	5.64	3.91	116			
SVC (L)	3.06	2.25	2.37	73			
IC (L)	2.02	1.24		61			
TGV (L)	2.34	4.39	1.19	187			
ERV (L)	1.04	1.01		96			
RV (Pleth) (L)	1.92	3.39	0.96	176			
RV/TLC (Pleth) (%)	40	60	25	151			
Raw (cmH2O/L/s)	1.86	1.81	1.15	97			
sGaw (1/cmH2O*s)	0.20	0.11	0.14	55			
DIFFUSION							
DLCOunc (ml/min/mmH	22.77	11.55	12.69	50			
DLCOcor (ml/min/mmH	22.77	11.38	12.69	49			
DL/VA (ml/min/mmHg/	4.46	3.49		78			
VA(L)	4.81	3.26		67			
Hgb (gm/dL)	12-18	13.9					



□ Male ▼Female	Age: (48	Heights U Sches	cm	199 lbs	k
COPD, 136thma;	Zephyr	Forehead Probes Used Yes No	]	Room: Cet	niePFT
	, +	15 M 7 8 9 10 Pred: <u>410 M</u> eters	11 Actual: <u>3</u> 41		
вр <u>120/78</u> sp02 <u>9</u>	8 HR (A	Borg Fatigue_	3	Borg Dyspnea_	<u></u>
02 flow rate and delivery device	none	Assist device	used to amb	ulate	e
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Immediately Post Test: BP 144 74 Sp02 9 Recovery:					
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2	93	94		
3	92	99		
4	91	ÓάΙ		¥ 90
5	92	103		
6	91	104		
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#### **Case Summary**

- Pre-testing
  - FEV1 1.02 L (42%)
  - FVC 2.24 L (71%)
  - TLC 6.43 L (132%)
  - RV 4.40 L (232%)
  - 6 MWT 270 m (65%) 6 MWT 340 m (83%)

- Post-testing
  - FEV1 1.19 L (51%)
  - FVC 2.39 L (77%)
  - TLC 5.64 L (116%)
- RV 3.39 L (176%)