

## THE CLINICAL PROBLEM

Trauma is a leading cause of mortality in both military and civilian populations Tension pneumothorax (TP) represents a mixture of respired gases Rapid decompression of TP, via needle thoracostomy (NT), is a lifesaving maneuver Current guidelines recommend operators utilize auditory cues for a "gush of air" in an austere, loud prehospital environment which is often impossible It remains difficult for field providers to rapidly confirm therapeutic decompression in the field



Figure 2 The Pneumeric Capnospot device transitions from a dark purple color to a bright yellow color when CO2 is detected. A) Colormetric paper is Purple in ambient air (CO2 ~0.10%) B) Colormetric paper turns bright Yellow when exposed to expired air (CO2 > 3.0%)

- Convincing Animal and Human study data Small, lightweight, and portable Objective confirmation of success or failure Earlier detection than vital sign changes

- Compatible with existing leur-lock devices

**Figure 1** *Clinical photograph from a civilian trauma* center showing multiple needle decompressions in both the anterior and the lateral locations. Note that two of the needles in the anterior site have been inserted at locations medial to the midclavicular line. Reproduced with Permission: Journal of Special Operations Medicine

## **OUR SOLUTION**



Reduces number of procedures Color change is visible in low light Box of 6 individual products Product weighs five (5) grams each