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The author responds:

I would like to thank Mr Goodman for informing the readers of RESPIRATORY CARE and me about the success of the transtracheal oxygen catheter, which was considered a decade ago, along with the reservoir cannula and demand oxygen valve, to be a novel way to deliver oxygen.\(^1\) The fourth novel strategy was combined demand-flow and transtracheal therapy.\(^1\) However, the study by Bliss et al\(^2\) concerned demand valves that delivered oxygen to the nasal airway (see the Methods section). That study was the focus of my editorial.\(^3\)

My sightings of the transtracheal catheter are rare. This may be supported by Mr Goodman’s map that shows his company has much less market penetration in Utah than in Colorado.

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