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[54] **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SIMULATING BRONCHIAL RESISTANCE OR DILATION**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

An apparatus and method for simulating bronchial resistance or dilation in real time in an integrated patient simulator during simulated medical procedures is realized by a manikin having a simulated trachea and a simulated lung, a conduit interconnecting the simulated trachea and the simulated lung for propagating a flow of gas, and a restricting device for variably restricting the flow of gas through the conduit. The restricting device includes a nautilus shaped cam and a stepper motor for rotating the cam such that a selected surface of the cam is disposed within an opening in the conduit so as to continuously vary the size of the opening.

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