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Symbols and their subgrouping into main symbols and modifiers are consistent with approved nomenclature formulated circa 1980 by the Commission of Respiratory Physiology (International Union of Physiological Sciences) and the Publications Committee of the American Physiological Society. The following groupings of pulmonary-respiratory symbols are adapted from Fishman. Main symbols are typically capital letters set on the line and are the first elements of an expression. The same letter may stand for one entity in respiratory mechanics and another in gas exchange (eg, P stands for pressure in respiratory mechanics and partial pressure in gas exchange). The following are examples (note