

# Demonstration Safety Case Argument for the Gravity Ventilator (gVent)

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A Representative Example

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## Background and Context

COSMIC Medical began in early 2020 in Vancouver as a volunteer-driven, open-source initiative to tackle critical equipment shortages triggered by the global COVID-19 pandemic. As hospitals worldwide braced for surges in respiratory failure and ventilator demand, the founders — a mix of physicians, engineers and students — launched multiple rapid-response projects aiming to provide low-cost, easily manufactured respiratory support devices.

Within this effort, gVent emerged as a novel alternative to traditional ventilators and bag-valve-mask (BVM) systems. Rather than relying on complex, specialized medical-grade parts, which became scarce during the pandemic, gVent was designed entirely with readily available materials and simple mechanical principles, making it potentially deployable in resource-limited settings or under emergency circumstances.

## Project Objectives and Overview

gVent is a gravity- and water-based positive-pressure ventilator that uses two cylindrical vessels and a water seal to generate pressurized gases for patient ventilation. As hospital-supplied medical air/oxygen enters the system, the rising pressure pushes an inner cylinder upward; when a valve is opened, this pressurized mixture is delivered to the patient. Through control of the valve (via electronics), the system can regulate key respiratory parameters, such as inspiratory pressure, tidal volume, respiratory rate, and I:E ratio, offering both mandatory ventilation (for sedated patients) and patient-triggered support (for spontaneously breathing patients).

Because of the water-seal mechanism, gVent delivers ventilation with constant plateau pressures, reducing risk of barotrauma compared with many other low-cost ventilator designs. Prototype testing (including at a hospital simulation lab) demonstrated proof-of-concept functionality over multi-hour cycles, with pressure, flow, tidal volume, and alarm systems performing as intended.

Following the development of the technology, Critical Systems Labs Inc. developed a safety case argument for gVent as a demonstration of the Eliminative Argumentation (EA) methodology applied to a prototype medical device. This safety case was developed using CSL's *Socrates – Assurance Case Editor* product<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cosmicmedical.ca/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://github.com/COSMIC-medical/gVent>

<sup>3</sup> <https://criticalsystemslabs.com/socrates-assurance/>

The following system overview is intended to orient the reader gVent device as presented on COSMIC Medical's website (<https://www.cosmicmedical.ca/gvent>).

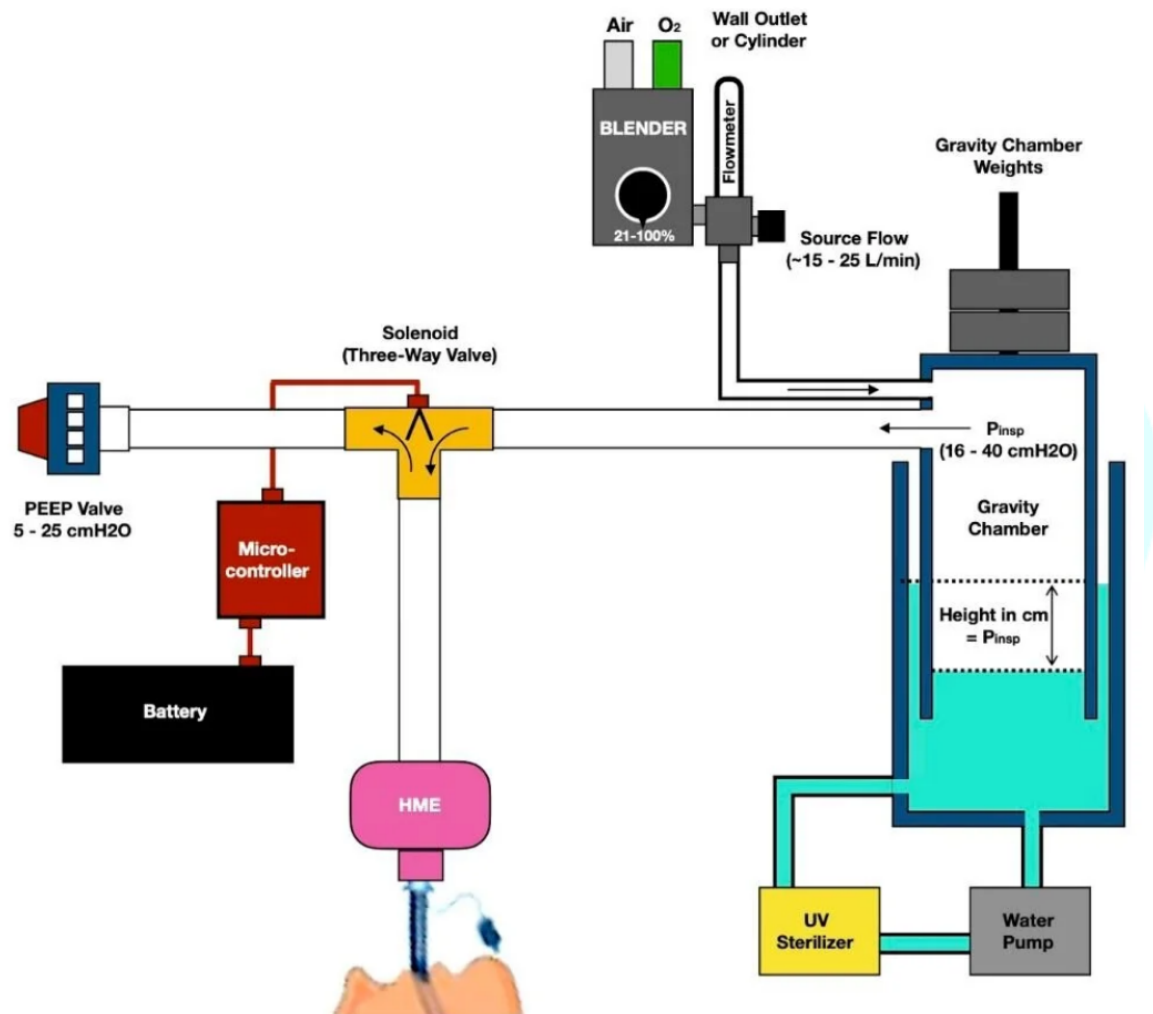


Figure 1 - System design (from <https://www.cosmicmedical.ca/gvent>)

## Argument Visualization and Supporting Artifacts

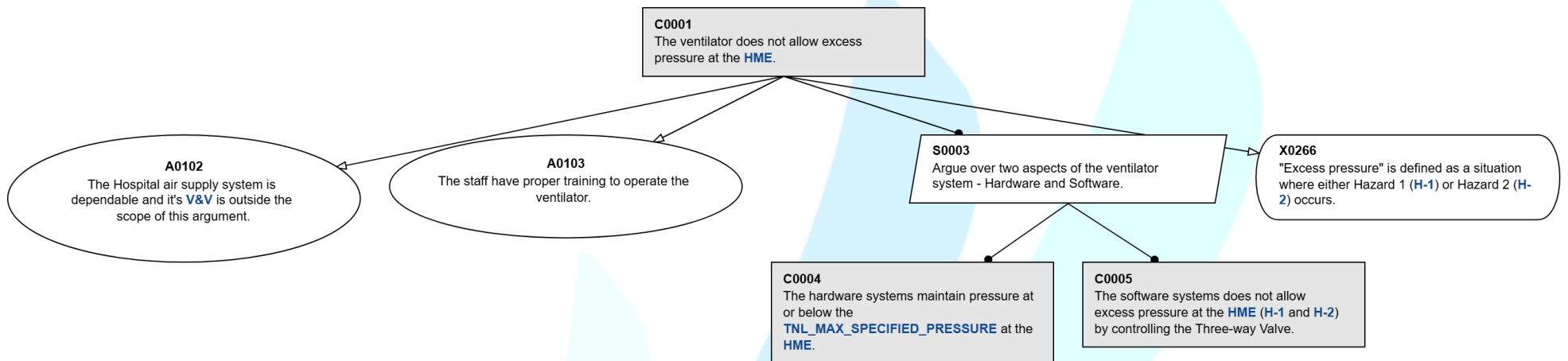
The safety case argument is presented in the remainder of this document. Each diagram corresponds to a “sub-argument” fragment. When composed together, the sub-arguments collectively make the safety case argument.

A version of this argument is available in an archival JSON format on CSL's website:

- <https://criticalsystemslabs.com/resources-hub/2025GVent/gvent-argument.json>

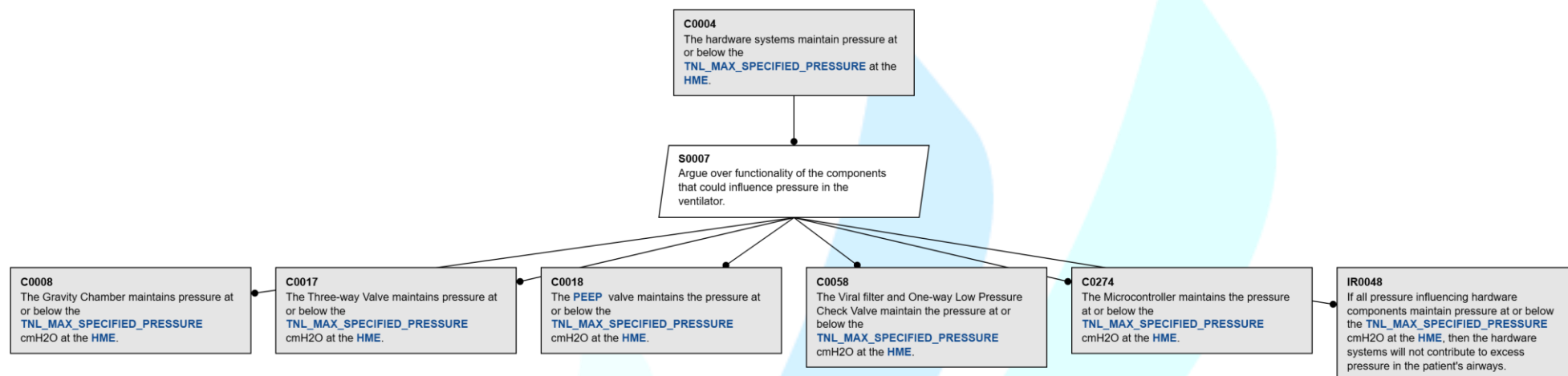
## Argument

<b>C0001 - The ventilator does not allow excess pressure at the HME.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	None	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0004</a> , <a href="#">C0005</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">HME</a> , <a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">H-1</a> , <a href="#">H-2</a> , <a href="#">V&amp;V</a>		

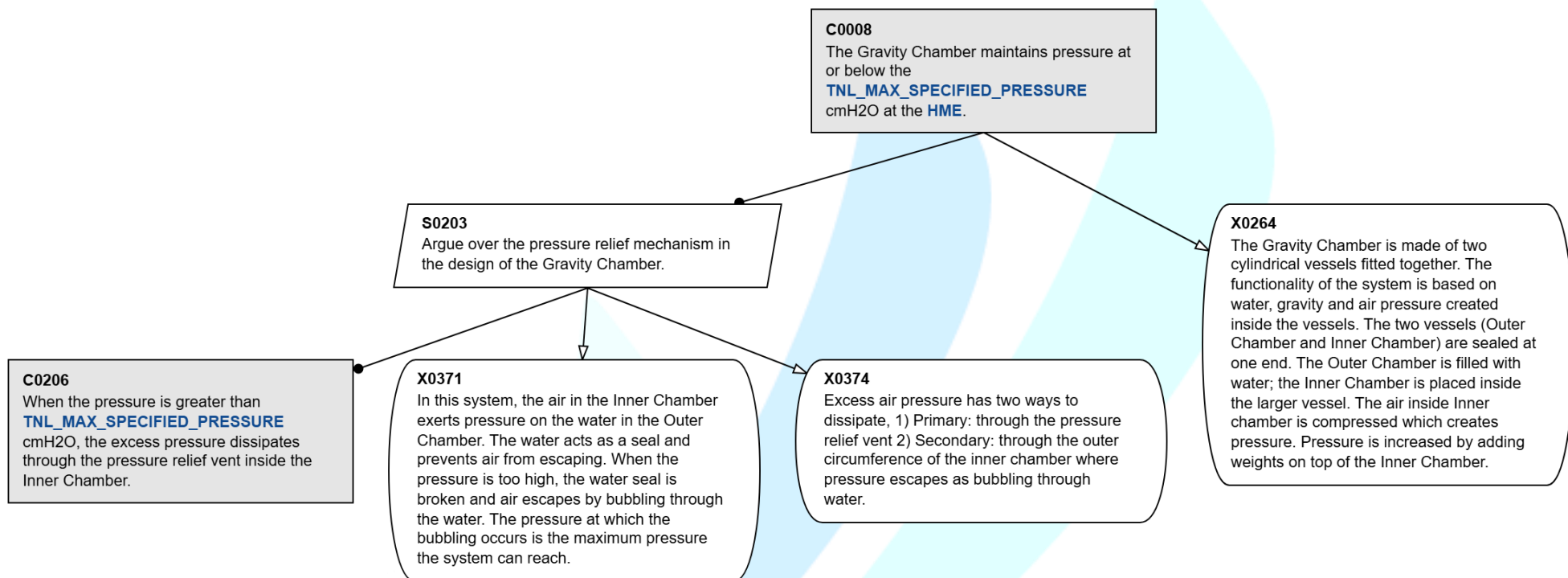




<b>C0004 - The hardware systems maintain pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE at the HME.</b>		
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0001</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b> <a href="#">C0008</a> , <a href="#">C0017</a> , <a href="#">C0018</a> , <a href="#">IR0048</a> , <a href="#">C0058</a> , <a href="#">C0274</a>
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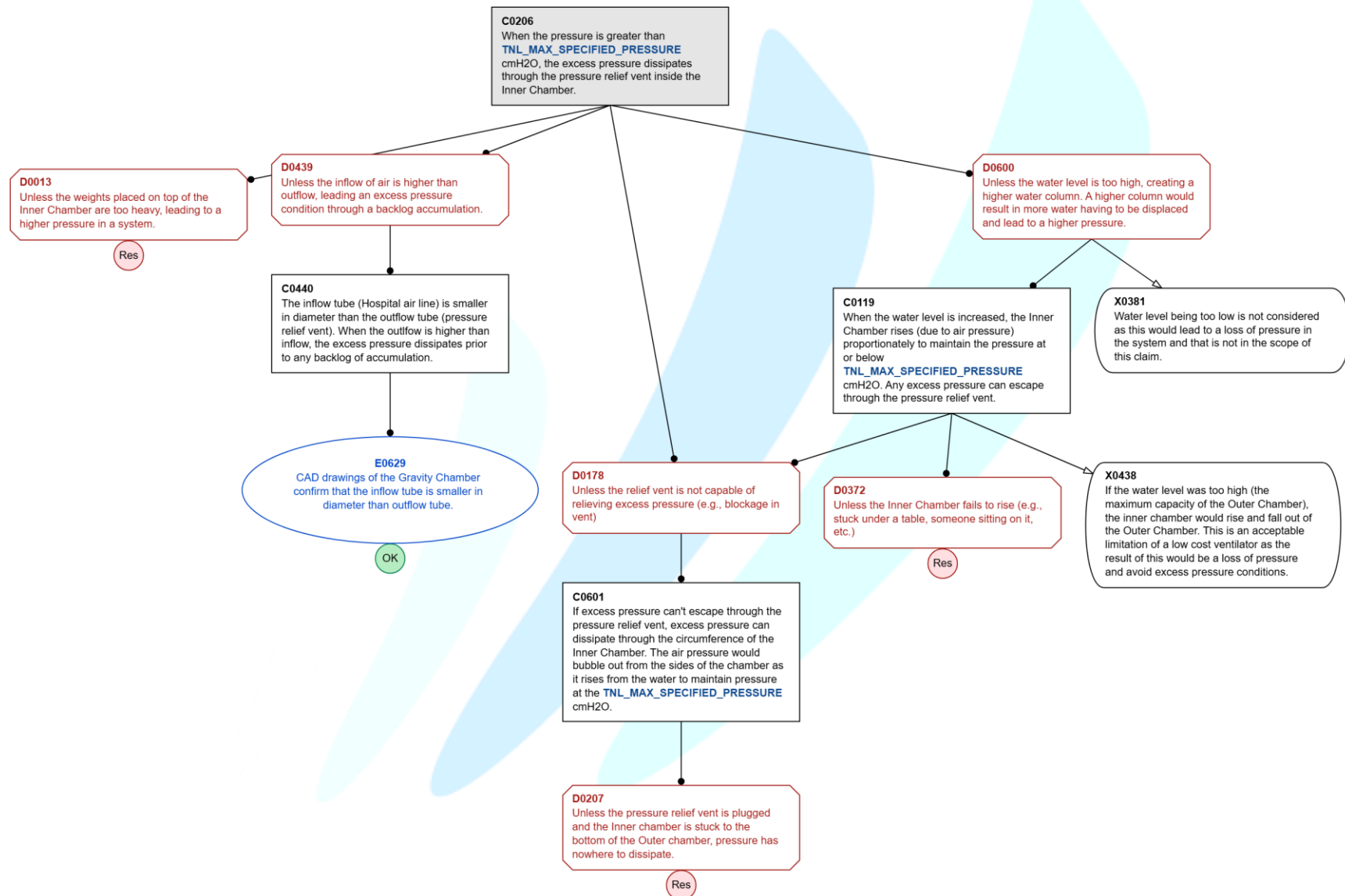


<b>C0008 - The Gravity Chamber maintains pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.</b>			
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Glossary Terms	<a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a>		

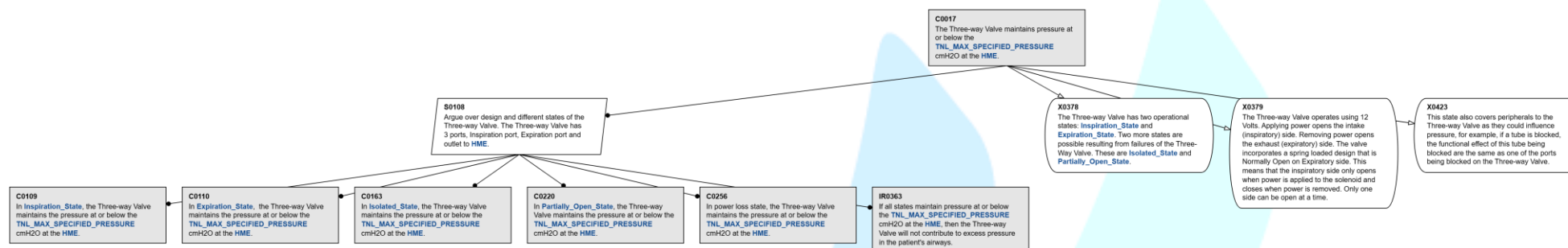


C0206 - When the pressure is greater than TNL\_MAX\_SPECIFIED\_PRESSURE cmH2O, the excess pressure dissipates through the pressure relief vent inside t...

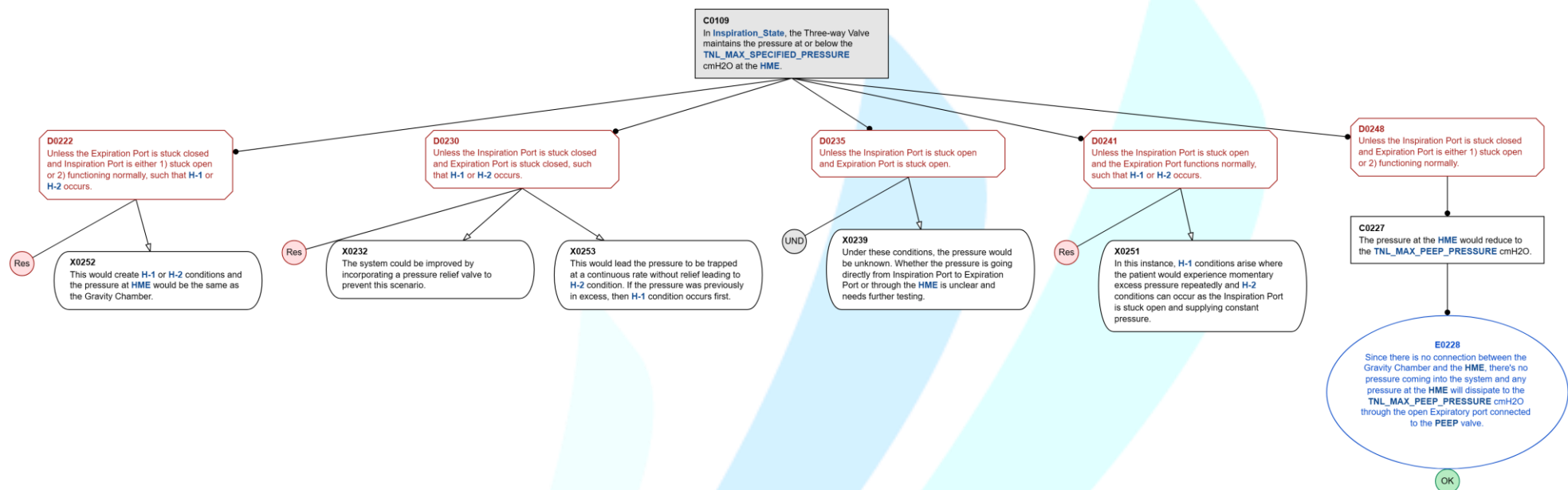
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Glossary Terms	<a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a>		



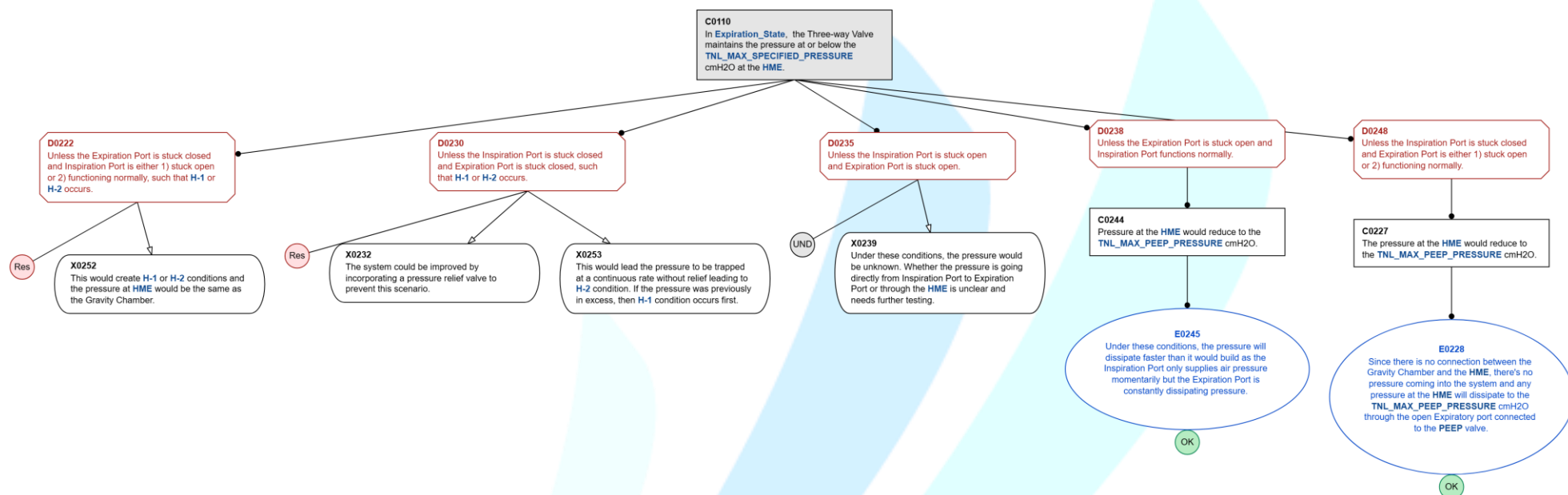
<b>C0017 - The Three-way Valve maintains pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0004</a> , <a href="#">D0580</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0109</a> , <a href="#">C0110</a> , <a href="#">C0163</a> , <a href="#">C0220</a> , <a href="#">C0256</a> , <a href="#">IR0363</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a> , <a href="#">PEEP</a> , <a href="#">Inspiration_State</a> , <a href="#">Expiration_State</a> , <a href="#">Isolated_State</a> , <a href="#">Partially_Open_State</a>		



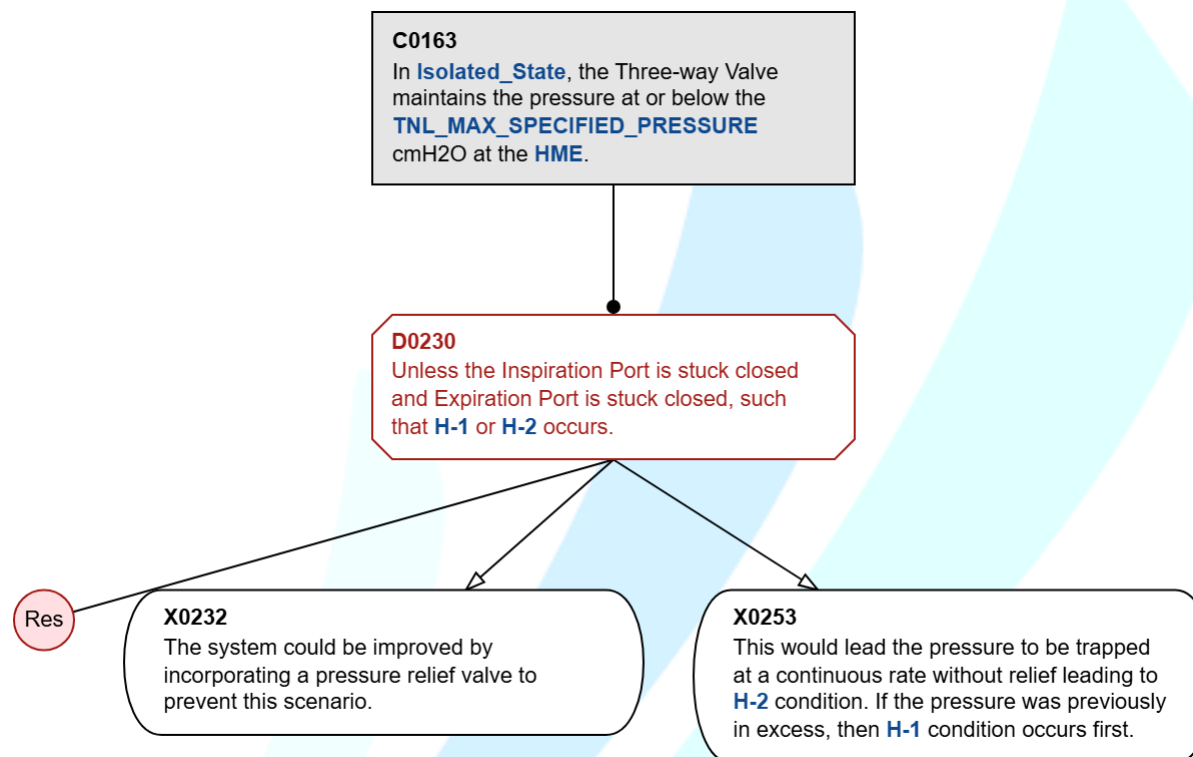
<b>C0109 - In Inspiration_State, the Three-way Valve maintains the pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.</b>			
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<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">Inspiration_State</a> , <a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a> , <a href="#">H-1</a> , <a href="#">H-2</a> , <a href="#">TNL_MAX_PEEP_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">PEEP</a>		



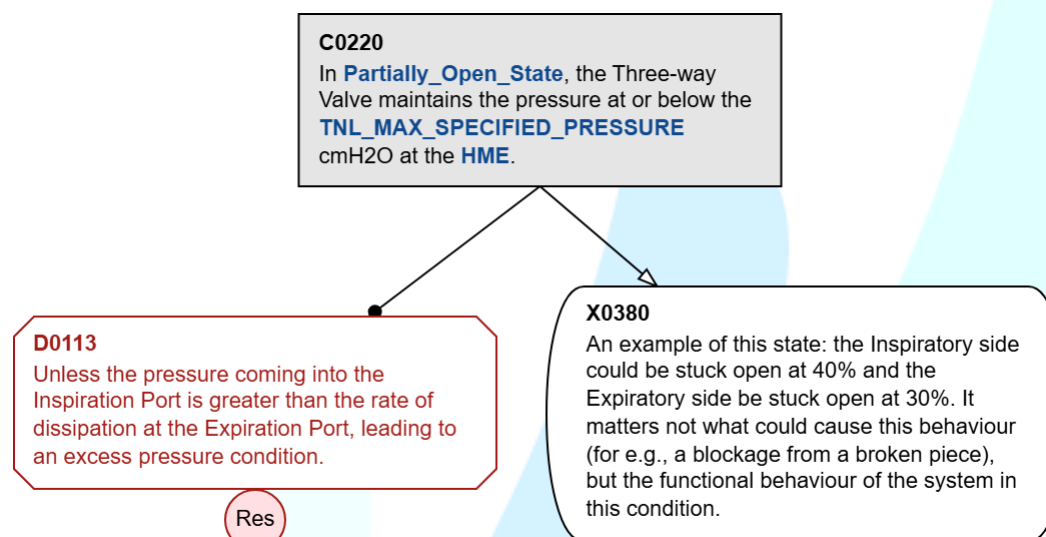
<b>C0110 - In Expiration_State, the Three-way Valve maintains the pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.</b>			
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<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">Expiration_State</a> , <a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a> , <a href="#">H-1</a> , <a href="#">H-2</a> , <a href="#">TNL_MAX_PEEP_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">PEEP</a>		



<b>C0163 - In Isolated_State, the Three-way Valve maintains the pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.</b>			
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0017</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">Isolated_State</a> , <a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a> , <a href="#">H-1</a> , <a href="#">H-2</a>		

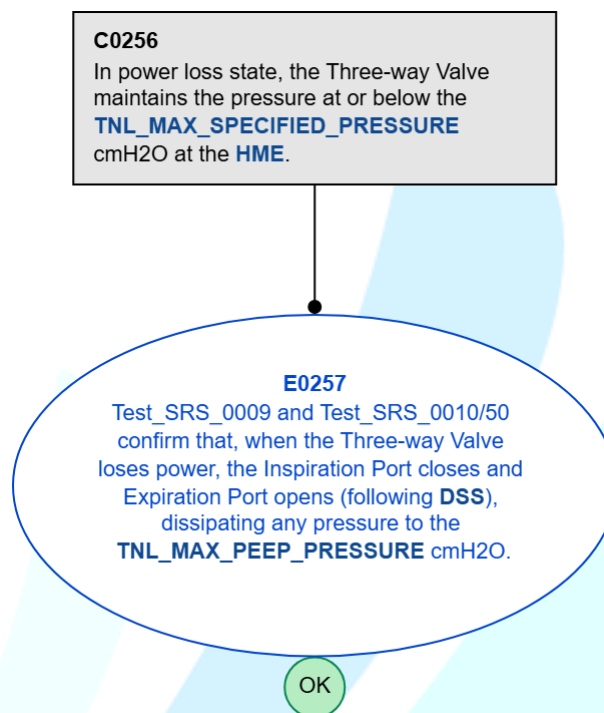


<b>C0220 - In Partially_Open_State, the Three-way Valve maintains the pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.</b>			
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0017</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">Partially_Open_State</a> , <a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a>		

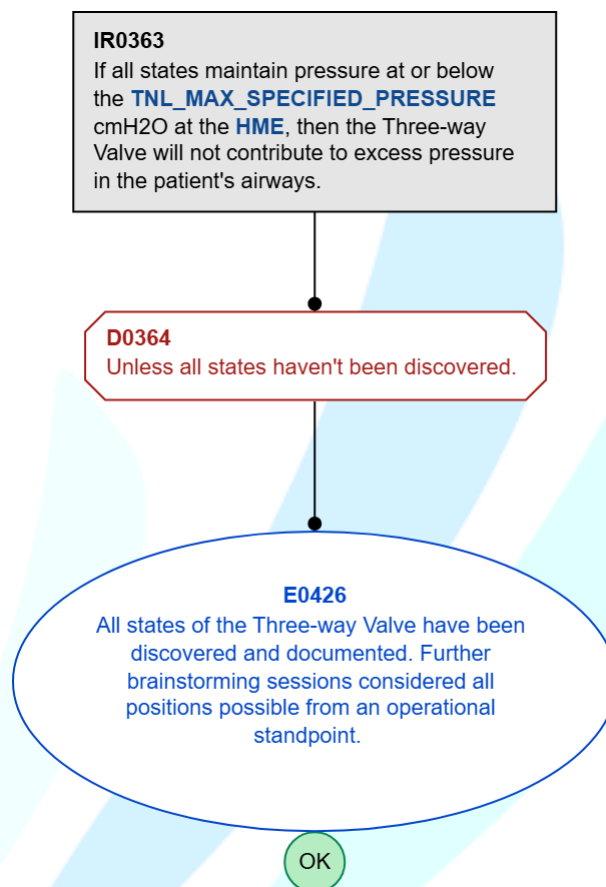




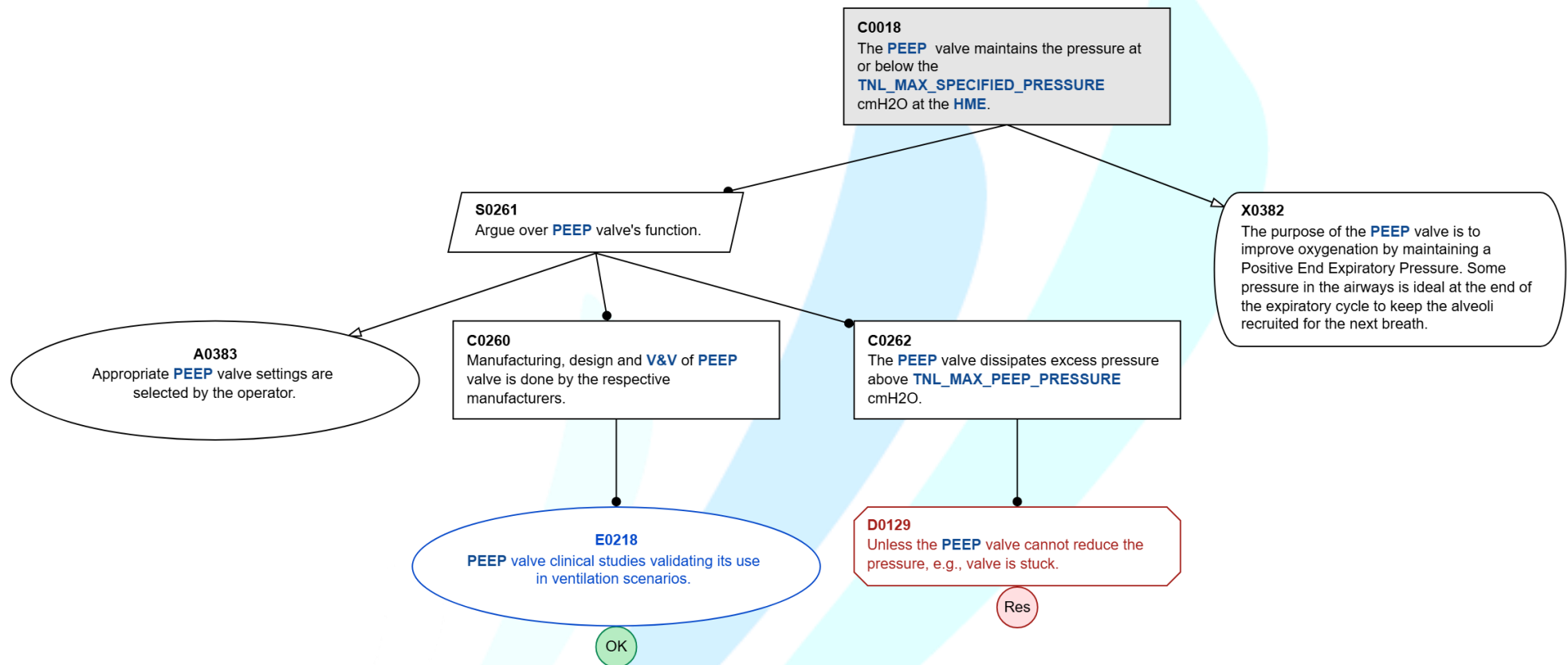
<b>C0256 - In power loss state, the Three-way Valve maintains the pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.</b>			
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Glossary Terms	<a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a> , <a href="#">DSS</a> , <a href="#">TNL_MAX_PEEP_PRESSURE</a>		



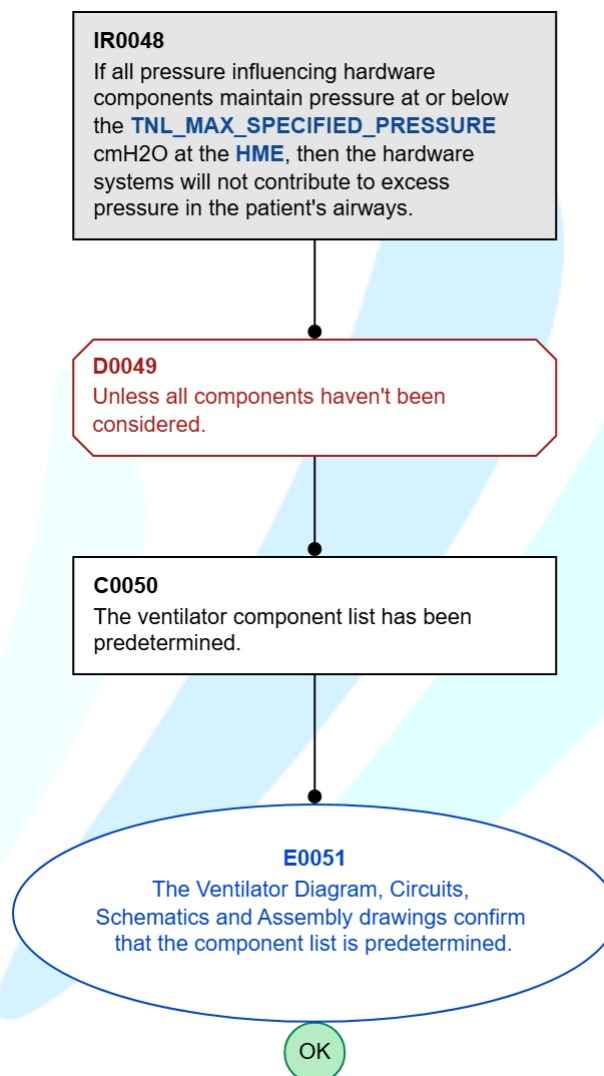
IR0363 - If all states maintain pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME, then the Three-way Valve will not contribute to...			
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Glossary Terms	<a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a>		



<b>C0018 - The PEEP valve maintains the pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.</b>			
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0004</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">PEEP</a> , <a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a> , <a href="#">V&amp;V</a> , <a href="#">TNL_MAX_PEEP_PRESSURE</a>		



IR0048 - If all pressure influencing hardware components maintain pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME, then the hard...			
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0004</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a>		



**C0058 - The Viral filter and One-way Low Pressure Check Valve maintain the pressure at or below the TNL\_MAX\_SPECIFIED\_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.**

Parent subtree(s)

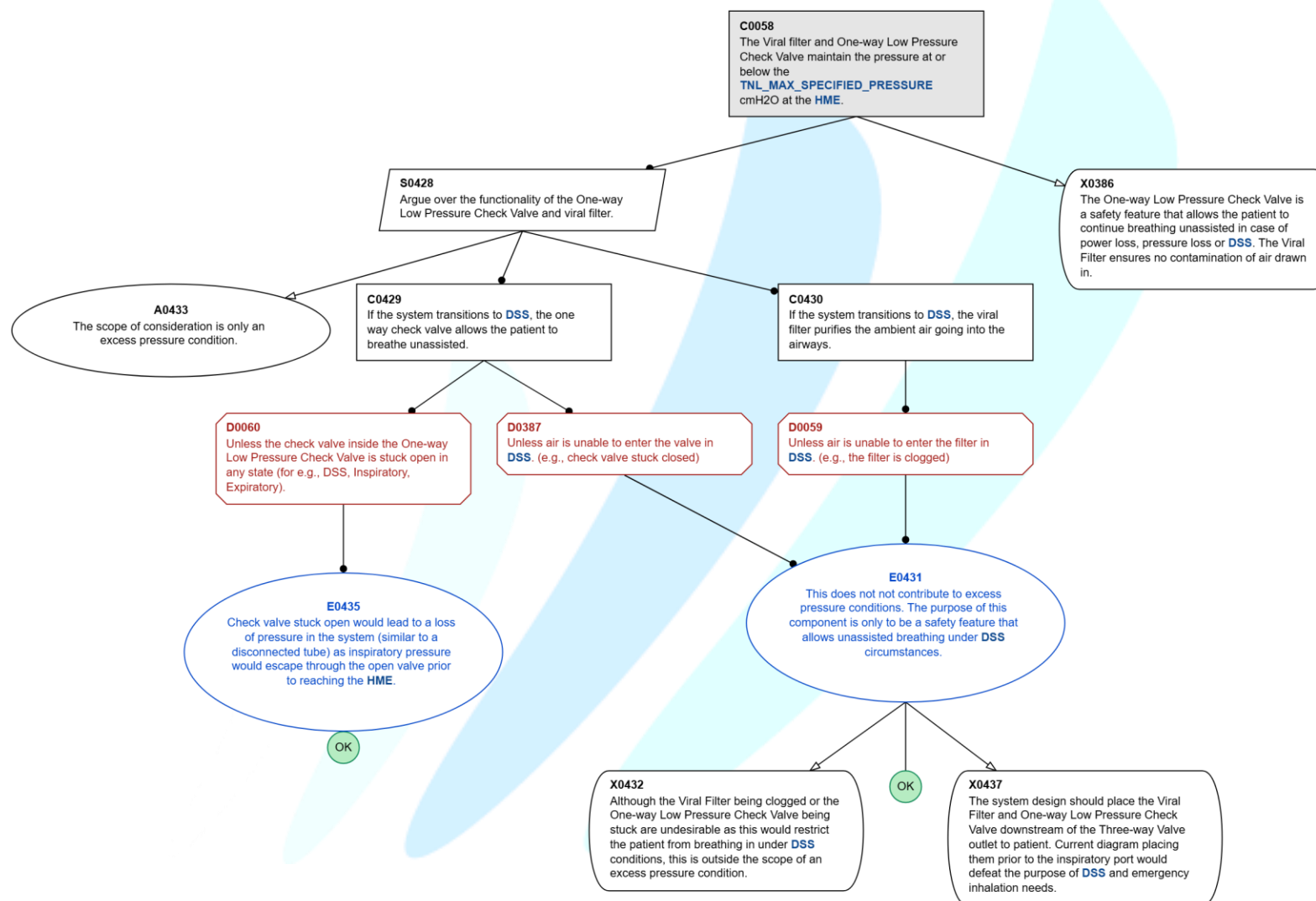
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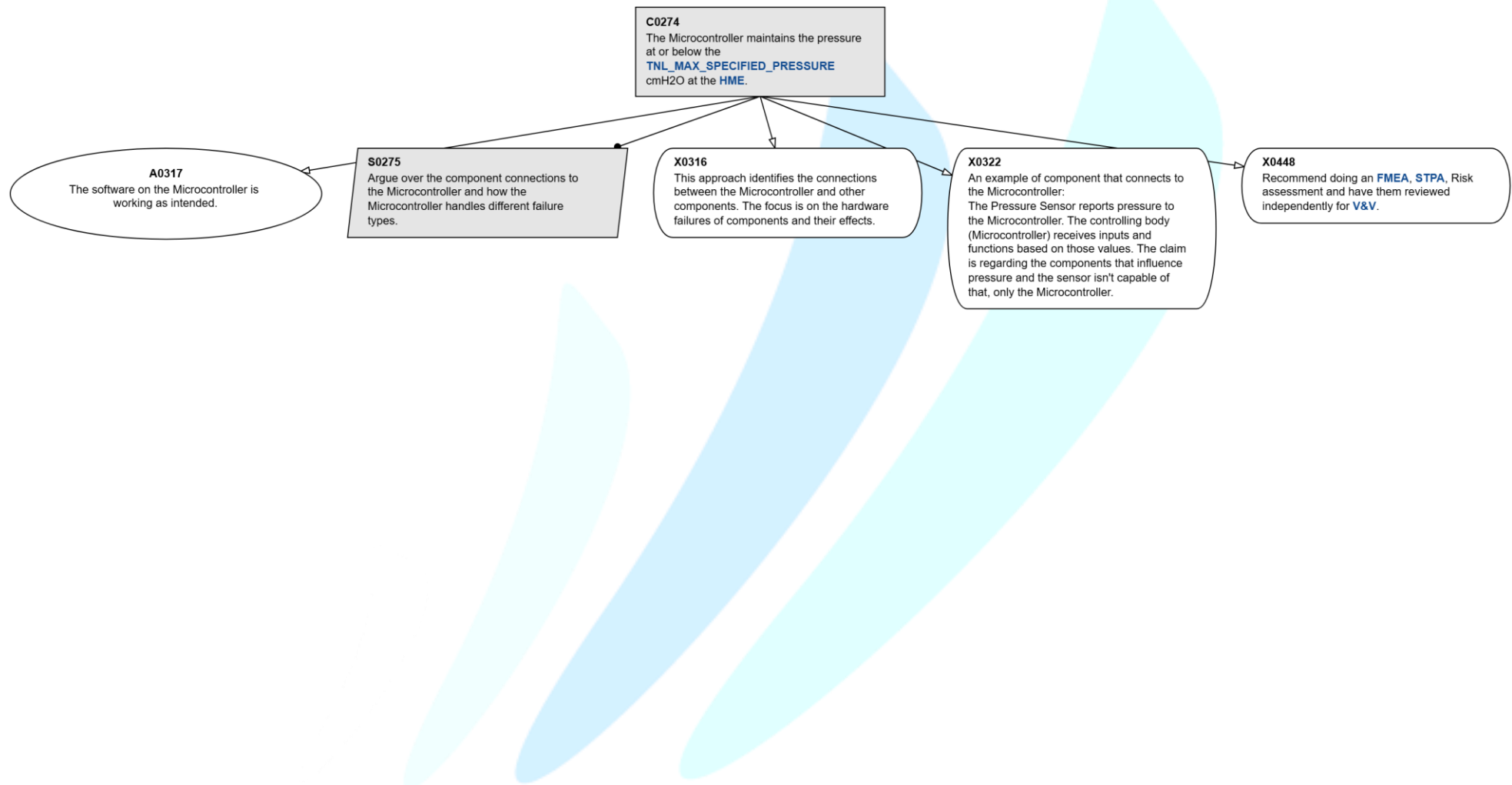
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Glossary Terms

[TNL\\_MAX\\_SPECIFIED\\_PRESSURE](#), [HME](#), [DSS](#)

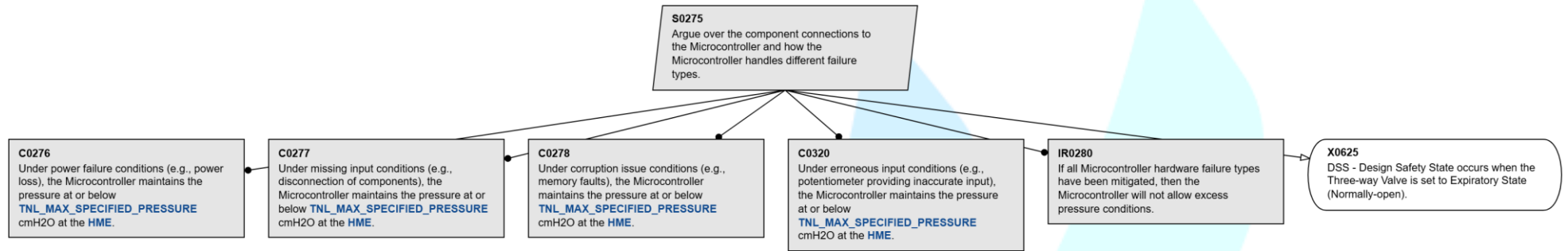


<b>C0274 - The Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0004</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">S0275</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a> , <a href="#">PEEP</a> , <a href="#">FMEA</a> , <a href="#">STPA</a> , <a href="#">V&amp;V</a>		

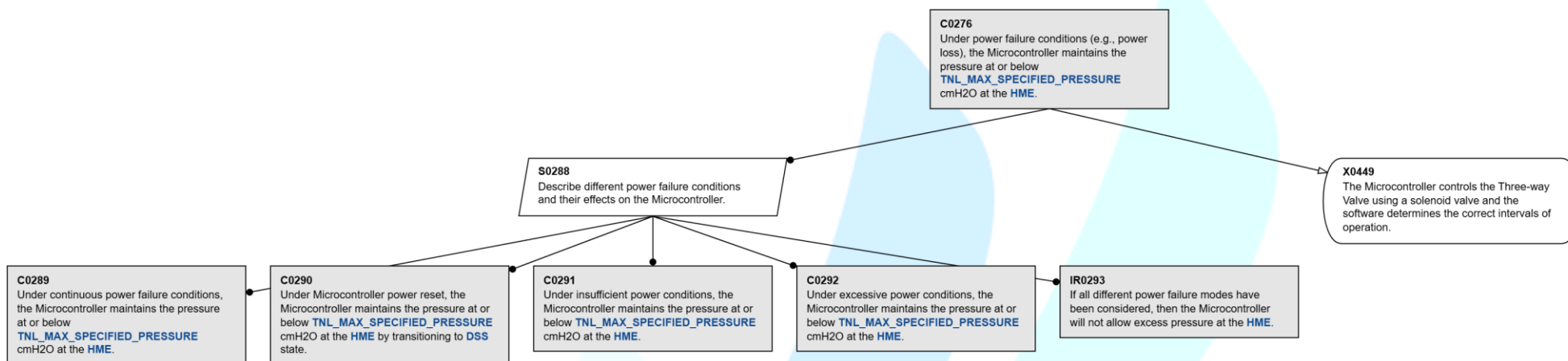


**S0275 - Argue over the component connections to the Microcontroller and how the Microcontroller handles different failure types.**

Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0274</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0276</a> , <a href="#">C0277</a> , <a href="#">C0278</a> , <a href="#">IR0280</a> , <a href="#">C0320</a>
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a>		

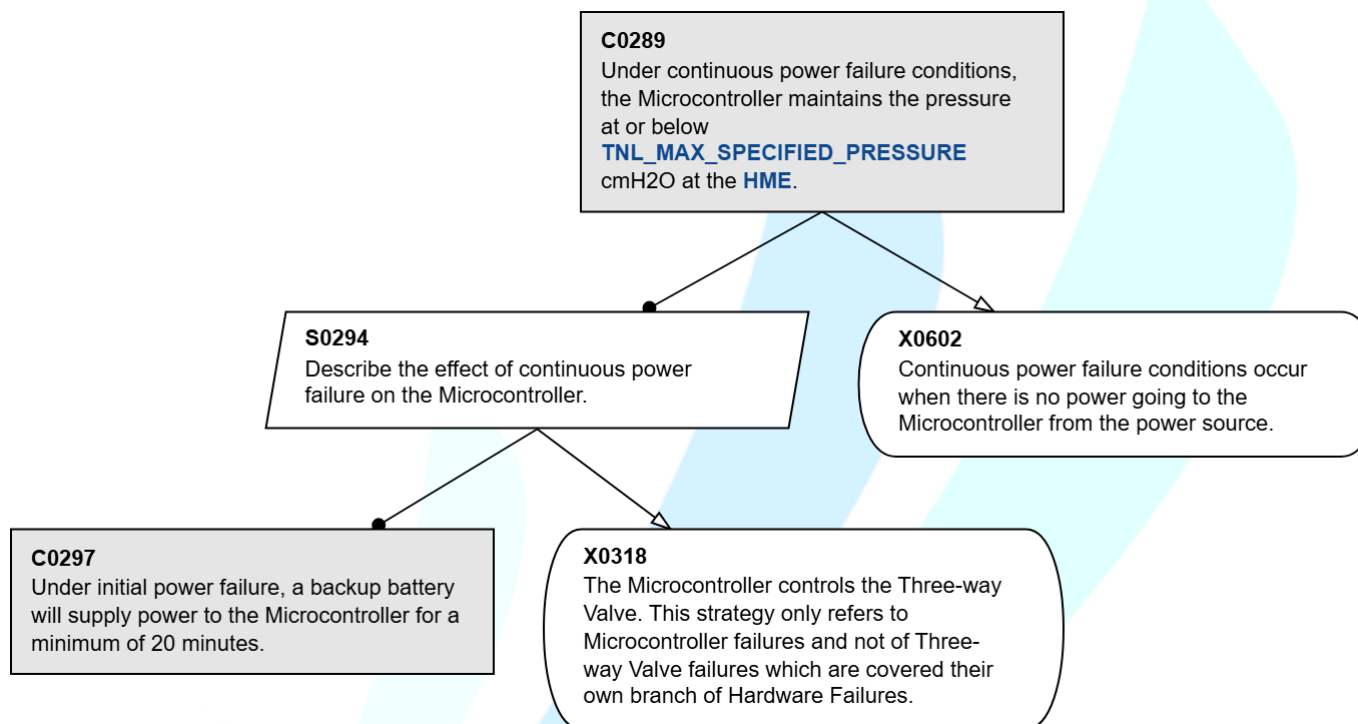


<b>C0276 - Under power failure conditions (e.g., power loss), the Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O a...</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">S0275</a> , <a href="#">C0084</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0289</a> , <a href="#">C0290</a> , <a href="#">C0291</a> , <a href="#">C0292</a> , <a href="#">IR0293</a>
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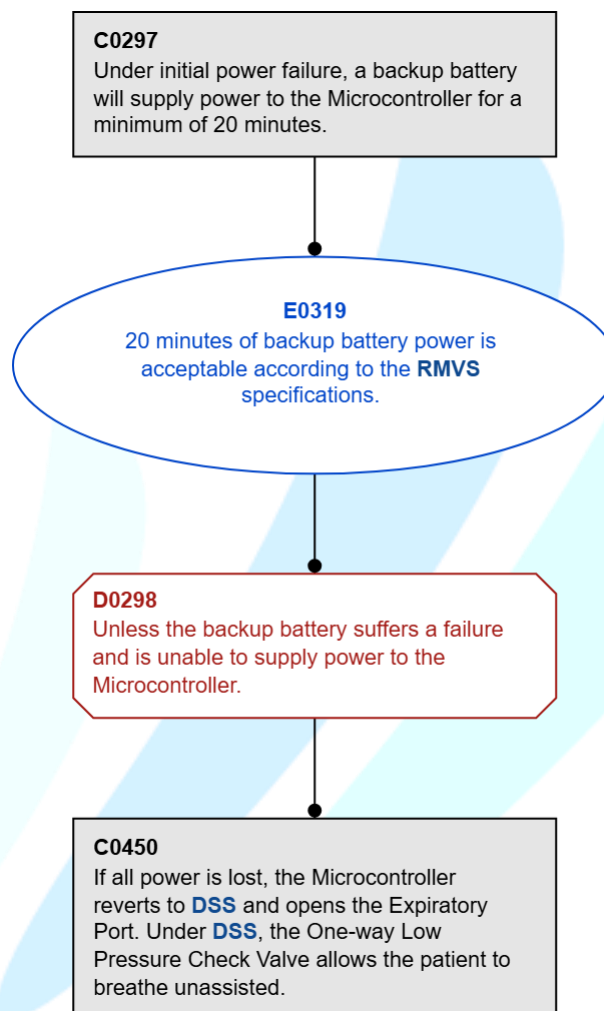




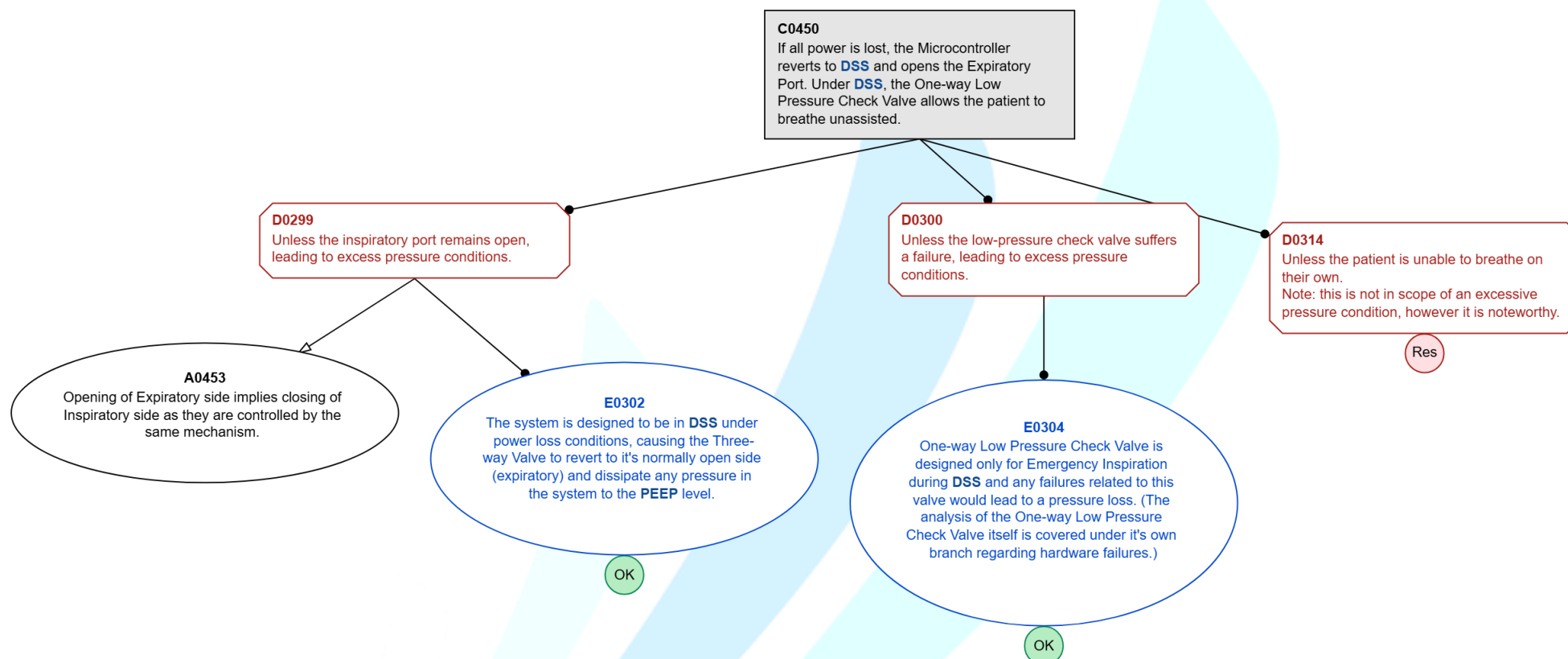
<b>C0289 - Under continuous power failure conditions, the Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HM...</b>			
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0276</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0297</a>
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a>		



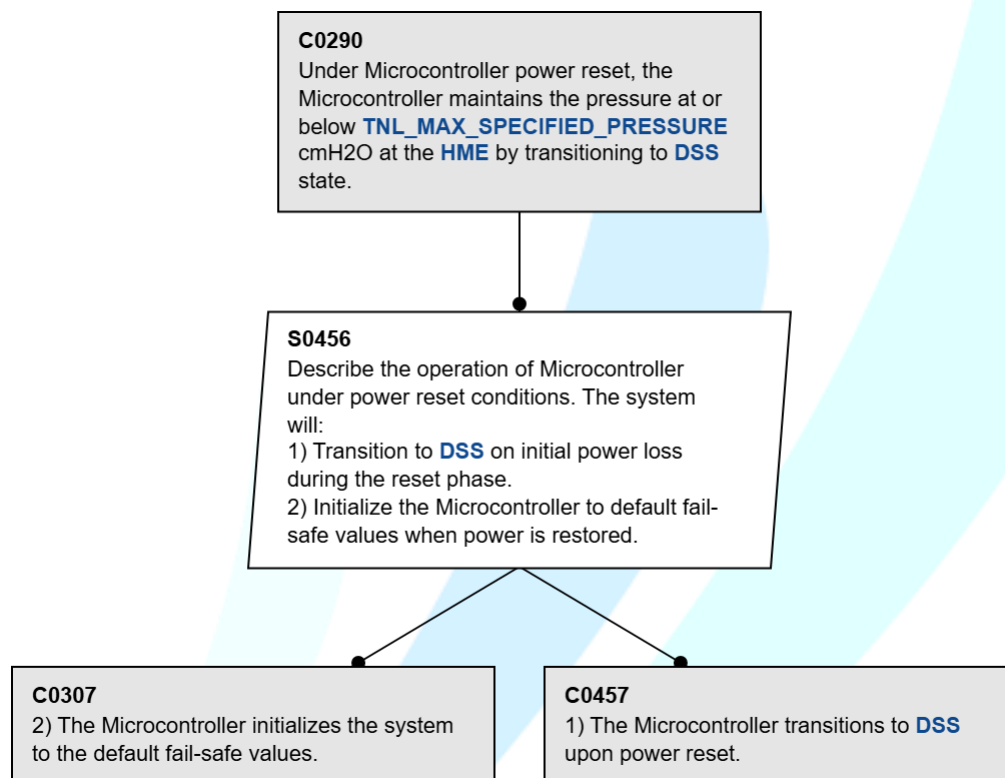
<b>C0297 - Under initial power failure, a backup battery will supply power to the Microcontroller for a minimum of 20 minutes.</b>			
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0289</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0450</a>
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">RMVS</a> , <a href="#">DSS</a>		



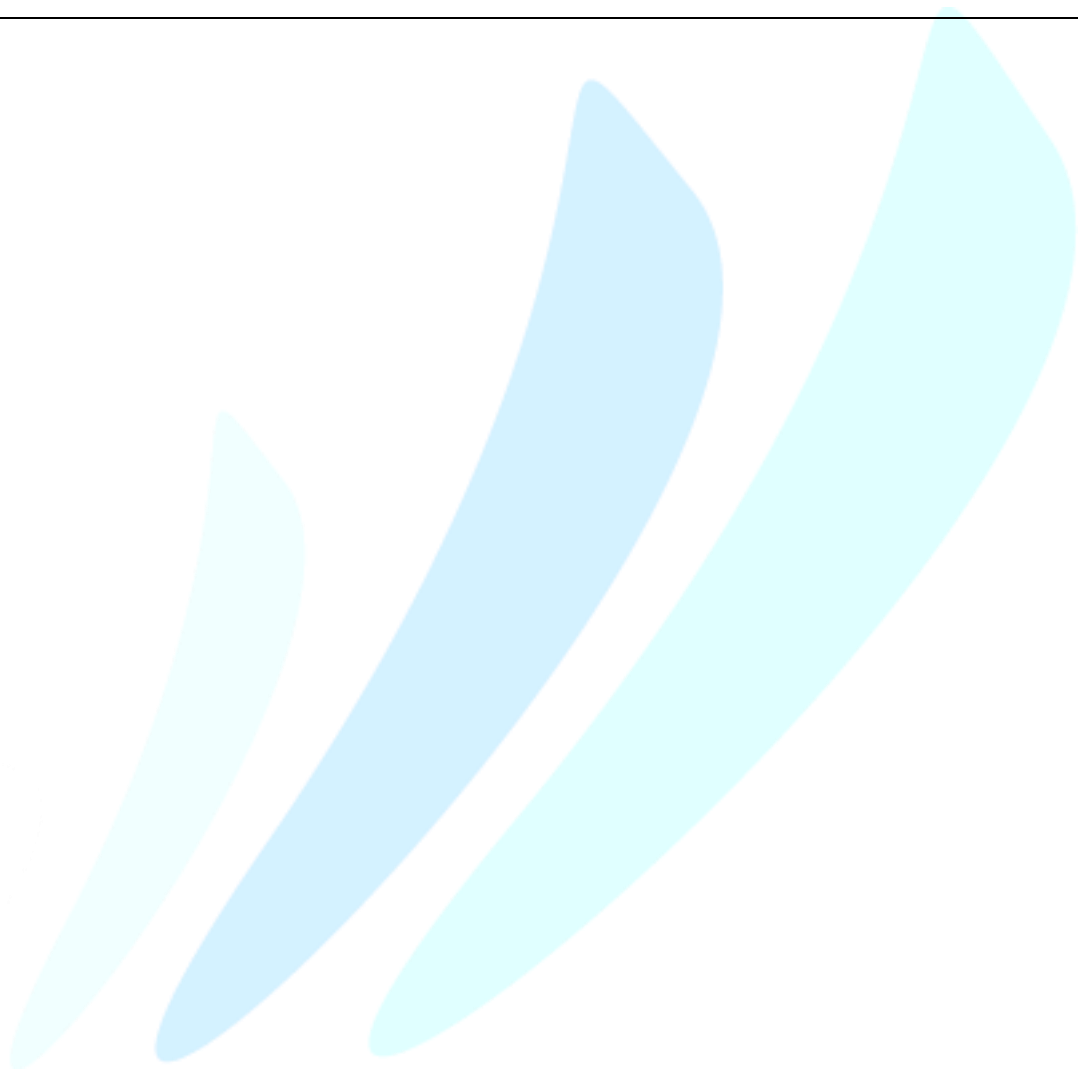
<b>C0450 - If all power is lost, the Microcontroller reverts to DSS and opens the Expiratory Port. Under DSS, the One-way Low Pressure Check Valve allo...</b>			
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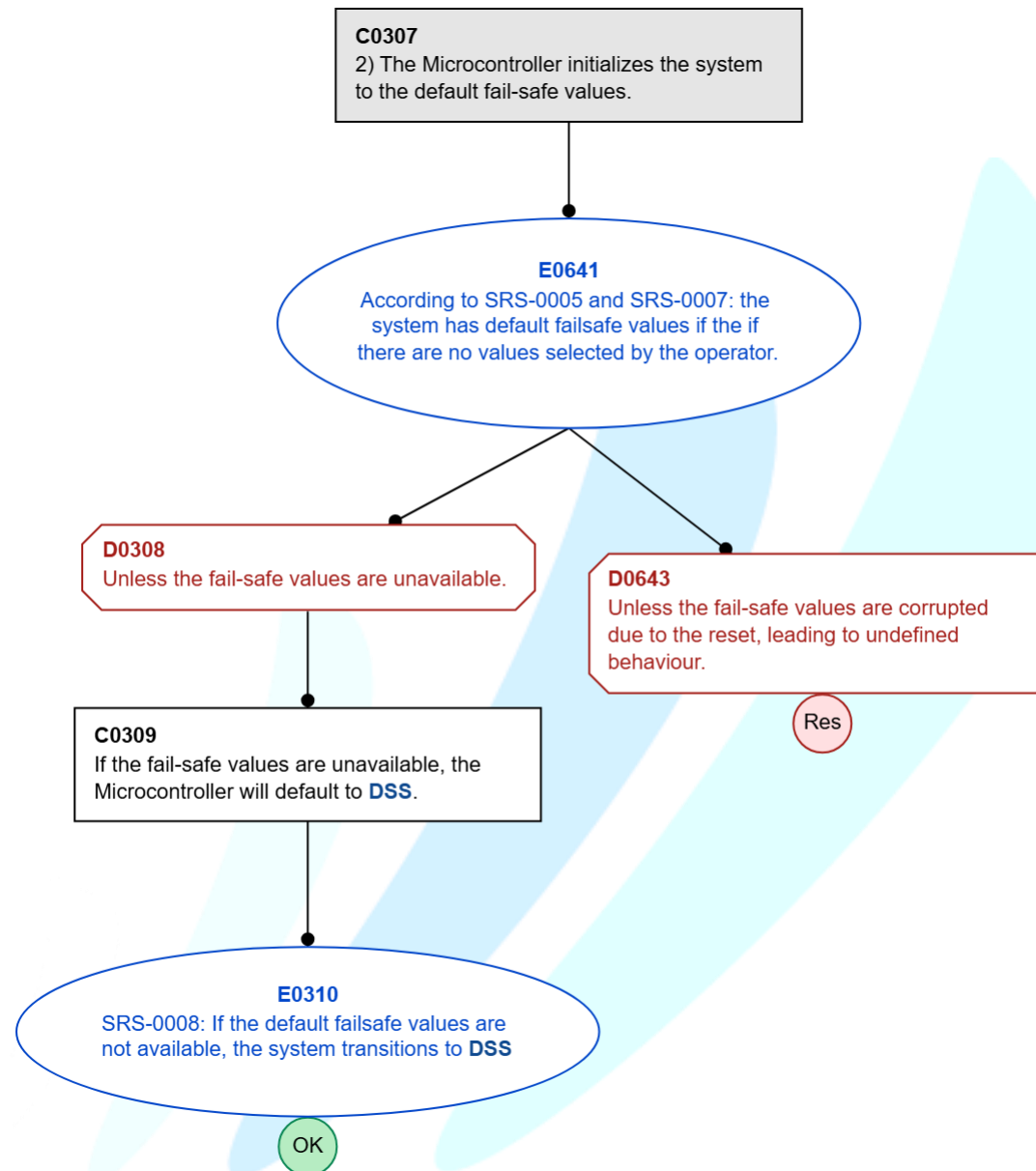


<b>C0290 - Under Microcontroller power reset, the Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME by tra...</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0276</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0307</a> , <a href="#">C0457</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a> , <a href="#">DSS</a>		

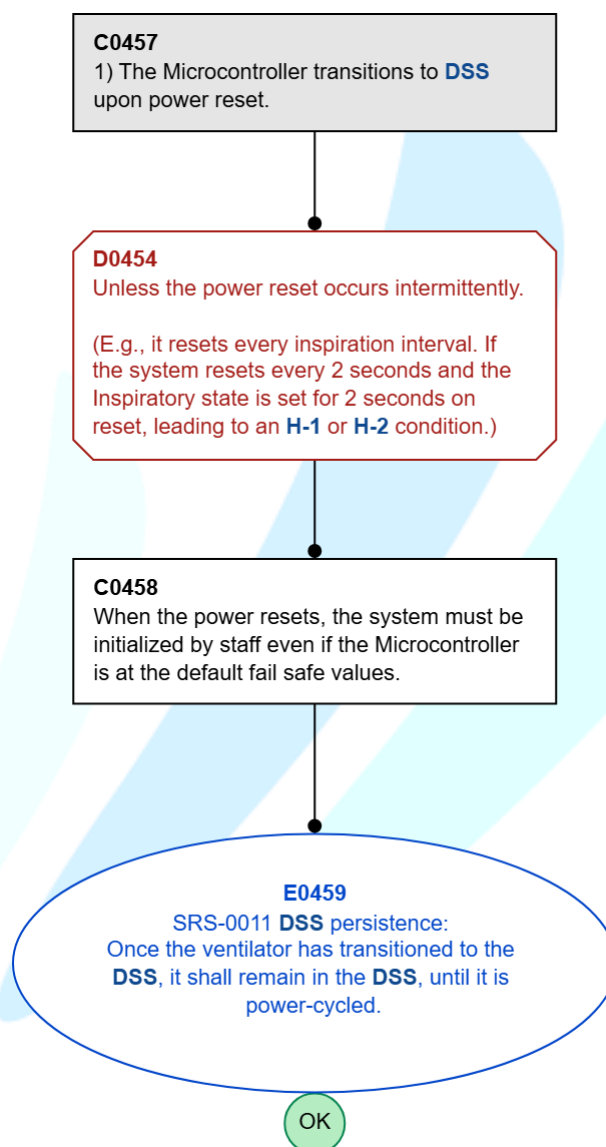


<b>C0307 - 2) The Microcontroller initializes the system to the default fail-safe values.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0290</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	None
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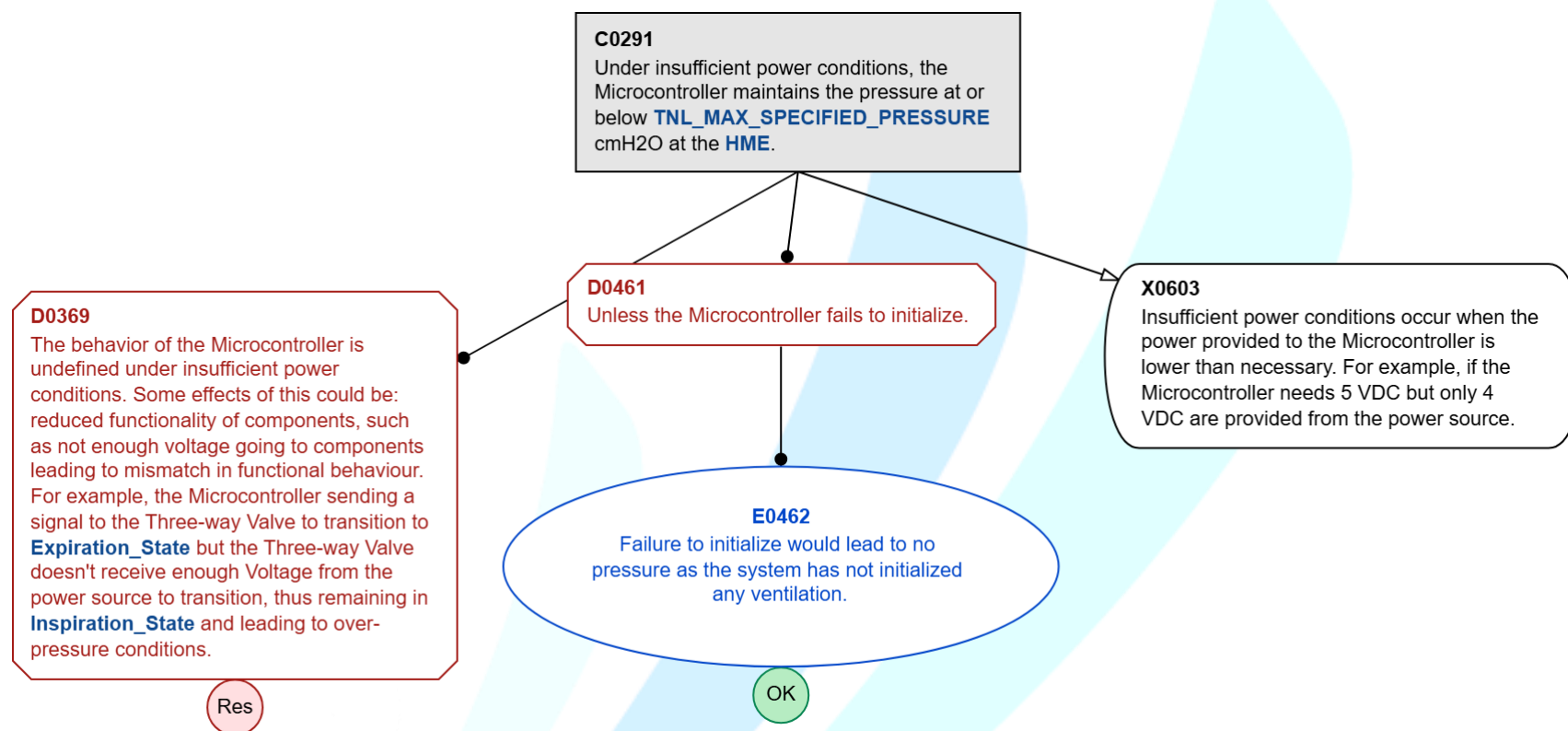




<b>C0457 - 1) The Microcontroller transitions to DSS upon power reset.</b>			
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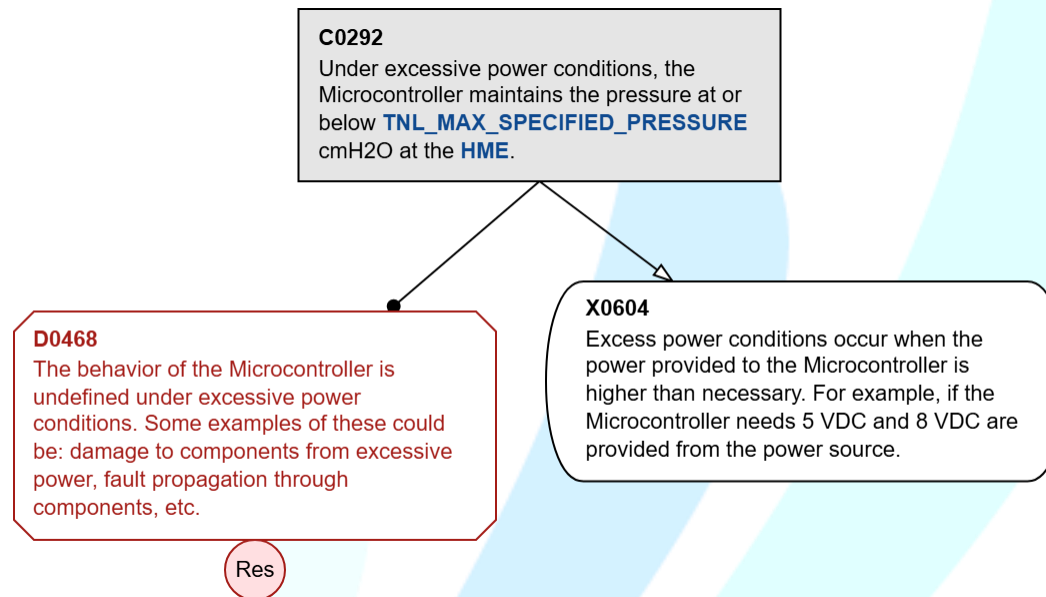


<b>C0291 - Under insufficient power conditions, the Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.</b>			
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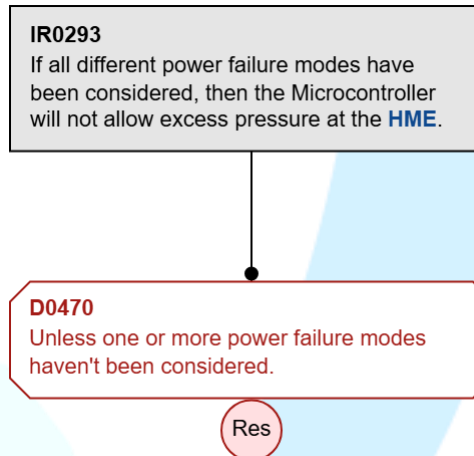




<b>C0292 - Under excessive power conditions, the Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.</b>			
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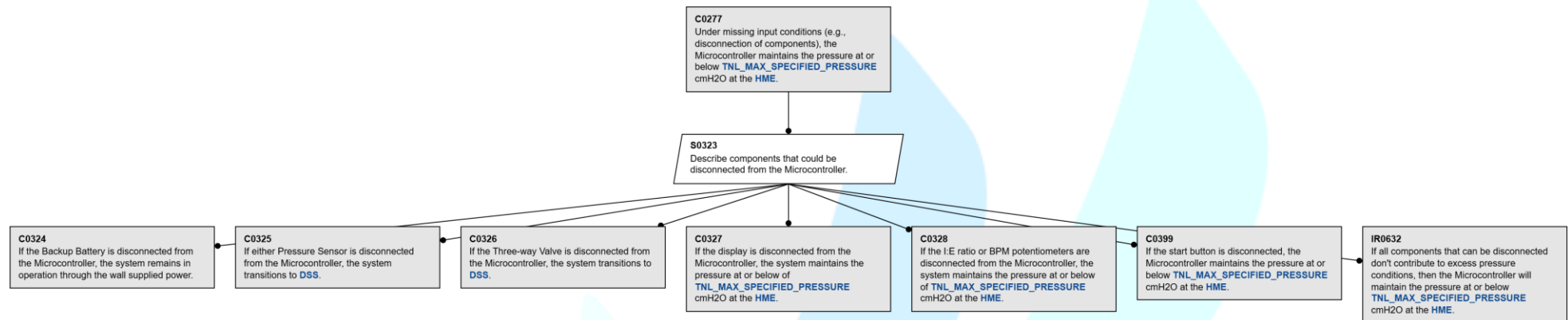
IR0293 - If all different power failure modes have been considered, then the Microcontroller will not allow excess pressure at the HME.			
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Glossary Terms	<a href="#">HME</a>		



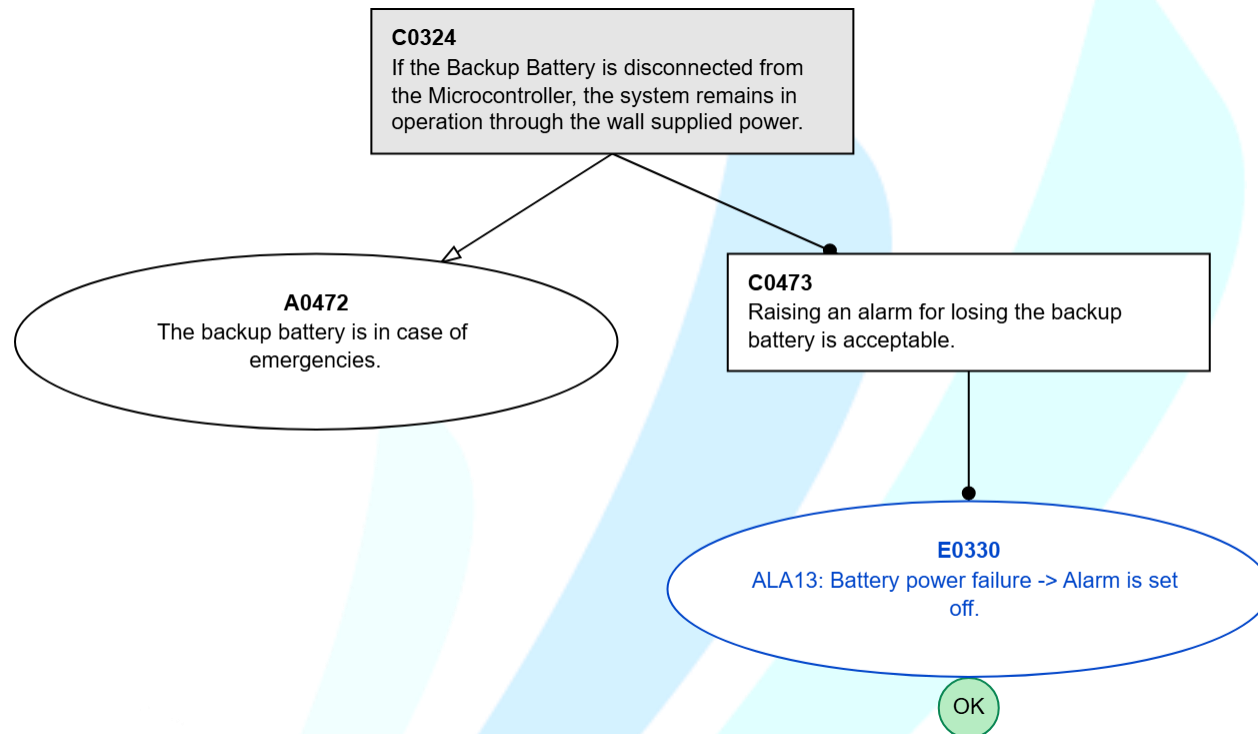
**C0277 - Under missing input conditions (e.g., disconnection of components), the Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below TNL\_MAX\_SPECIFIED...**

**Parent subtree(s)** [S0275](#) **Descendant subtree(s)** [C0324](#), [C0325](#), [C0326](#), [C0327](#), [C0328](#), [C0399](#), [IR0632](#)

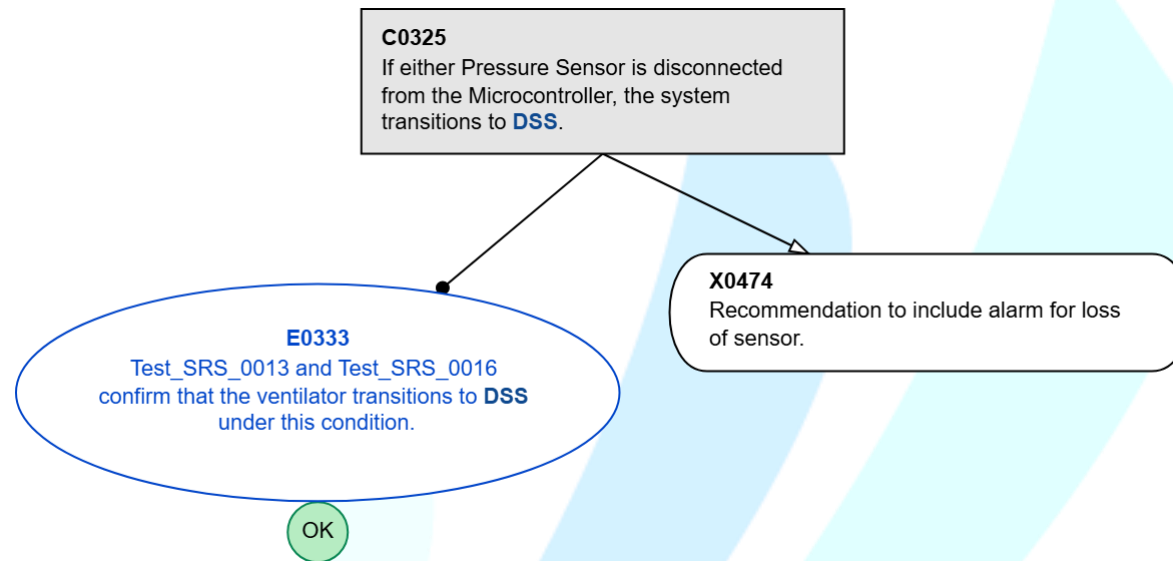
**Glossary Terms** [TNL\\_MAX\\_SPECIFIED\\_PRESSURE](#), [HME](#), [DSS](#)



<b>C0324 - If the Backup Battery is disconnected from the Microcontroller, the system remains in operation through the wall supplied power.</b>			
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0277</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		

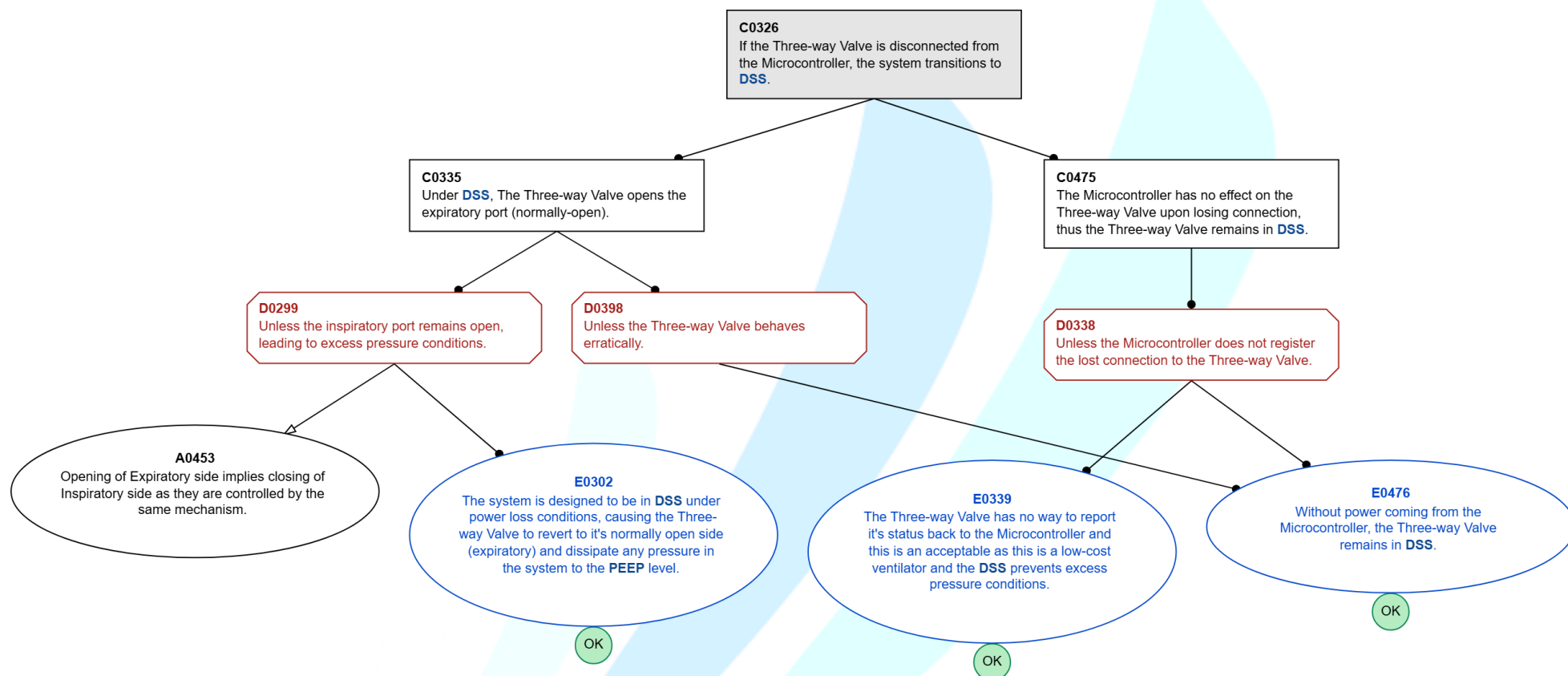


<b>C0325 - If either Pressure Sensor is disconnected from the Microcontroller, the system transitions to DSS.</b>			
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Glossary Terms	<a href="#">DSS</a>		

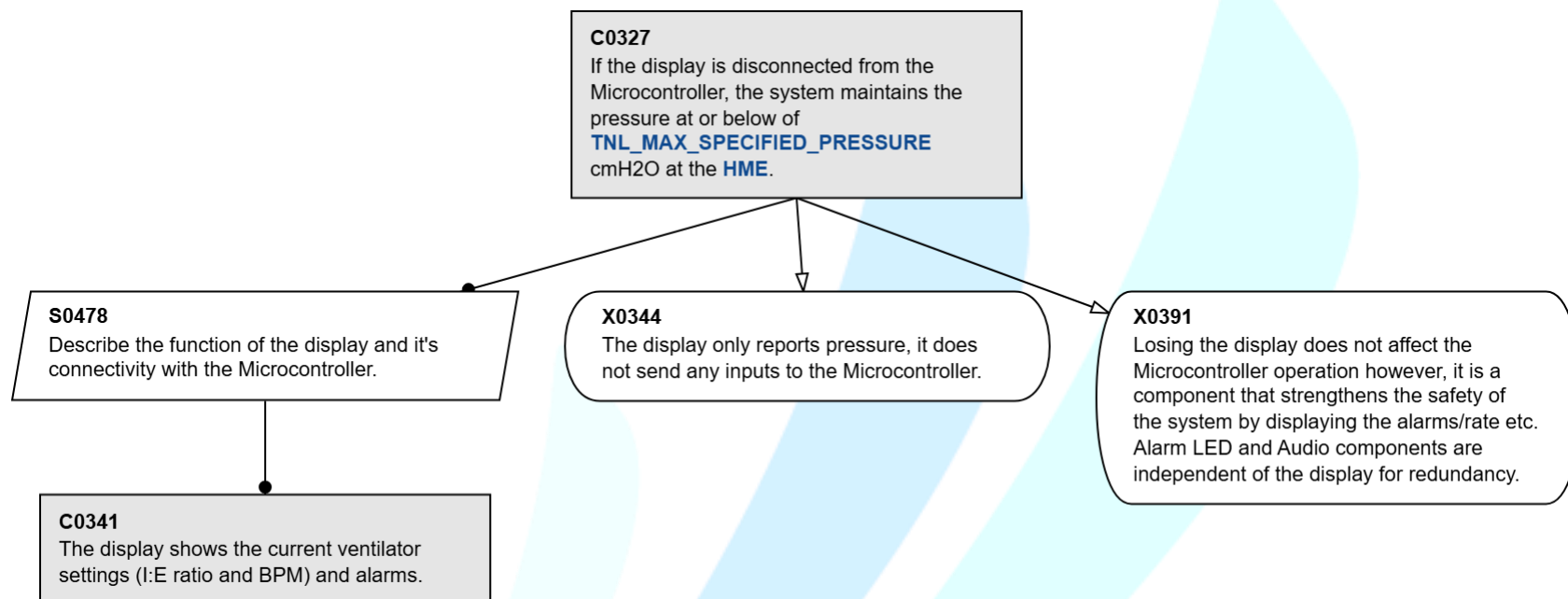


**C0326 - If the Three-way Valve is disconnected from the Microcontroller, the system transitions to DSS.**

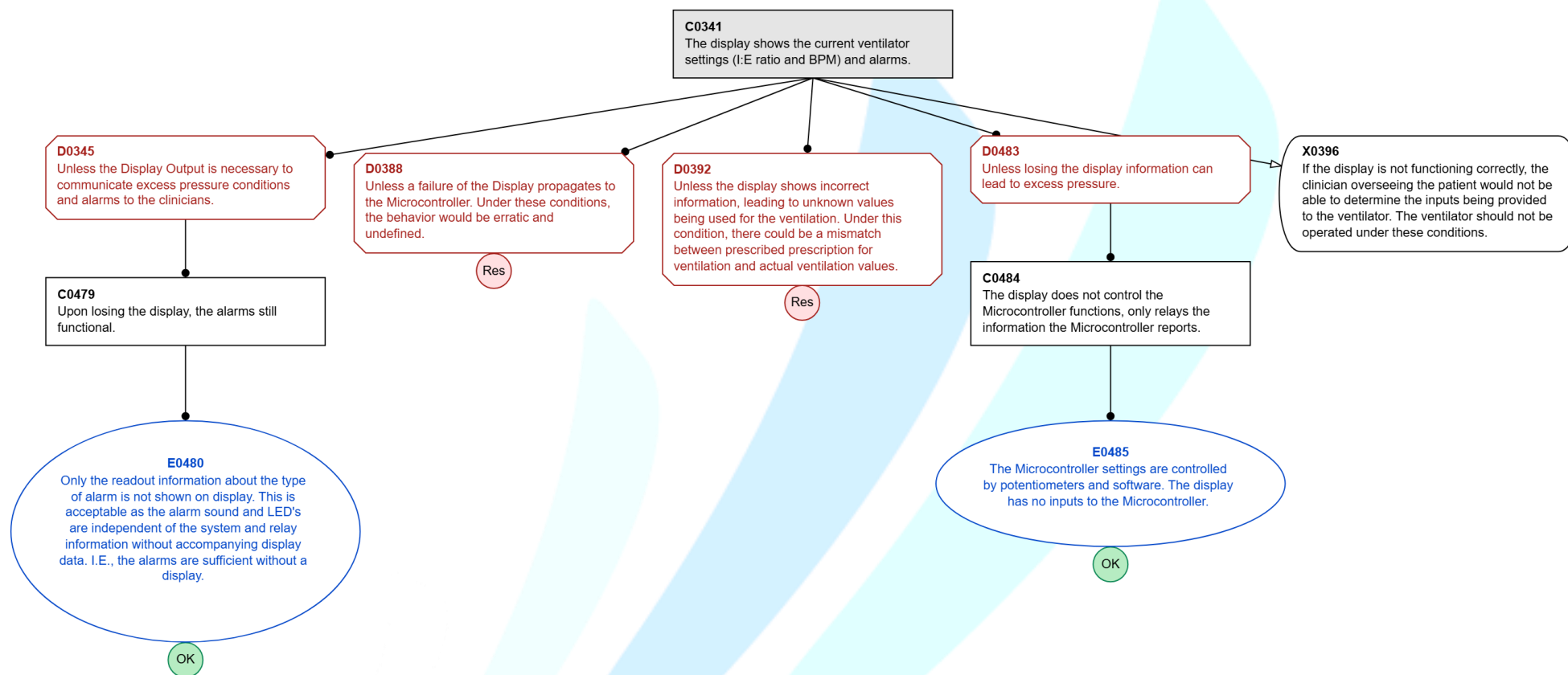
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0277</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">DSS</a> , <a href="#">PEEP</a>		



<b>C0327 - If the display is disconnected from the Microcontroller, the system maintains the pressure at or below of TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O a...</b>			
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0277</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0341</a>
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a>		

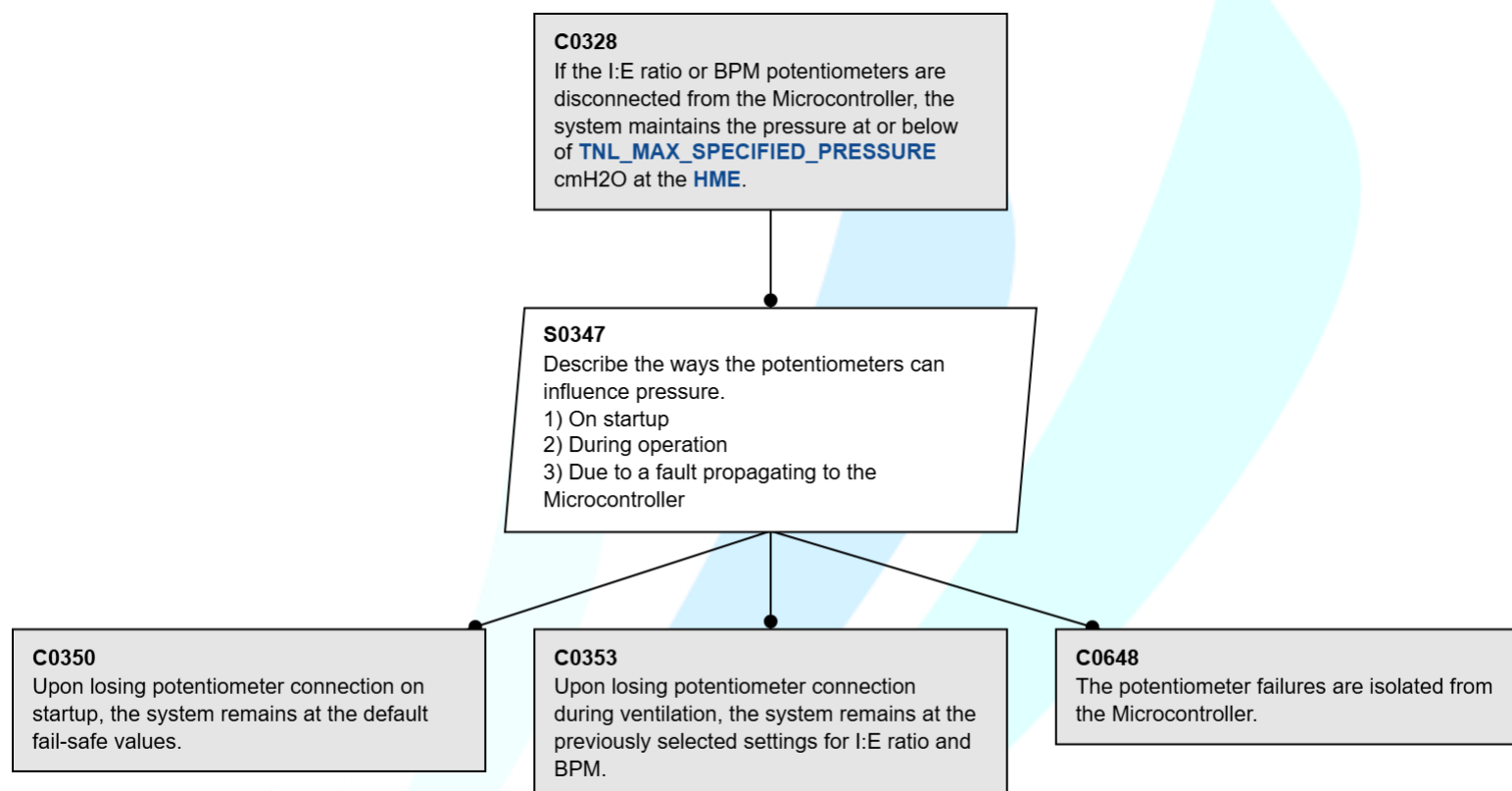


<b>C0341 - The display shows the current ventilator settings (I:E ratio and BPM) and alarms.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0327</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	None
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	None		

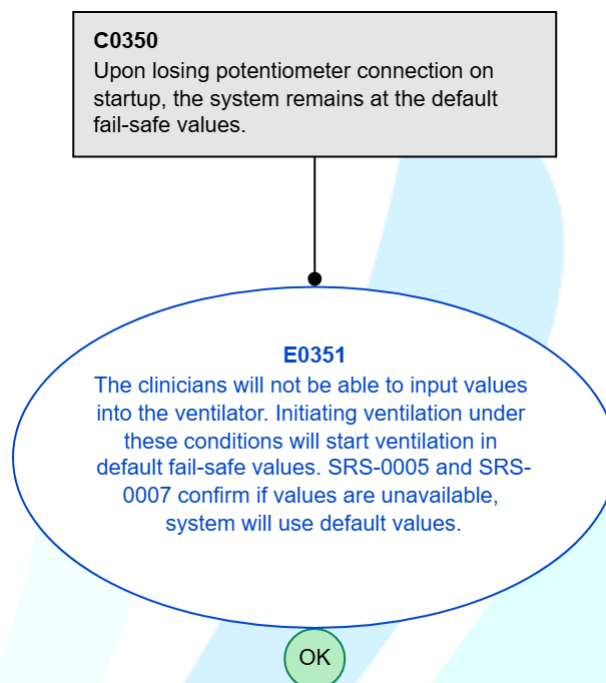




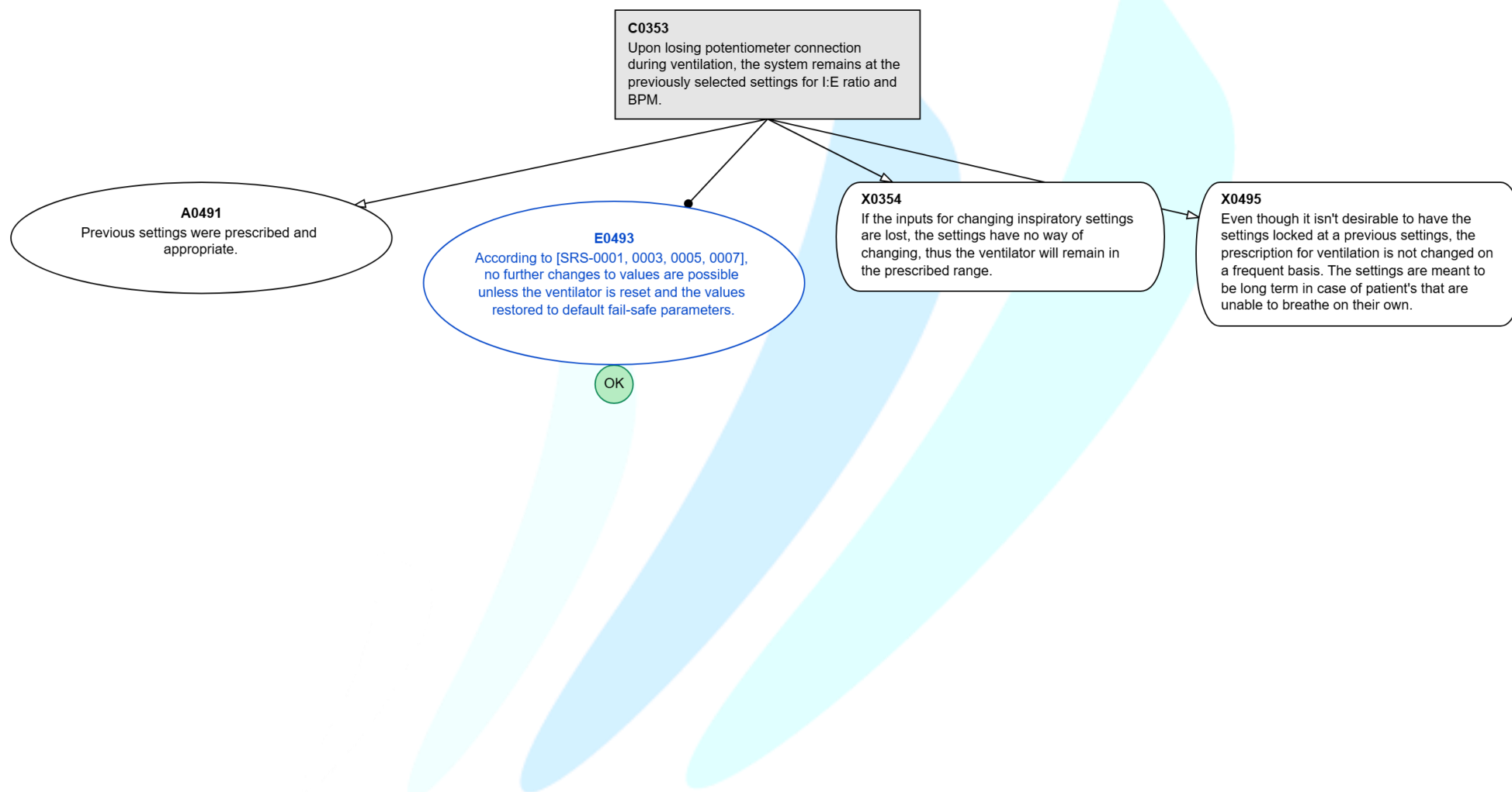
<b>C0328 - If the I:E ratio or BPM potentiometers are disconnected from the Microcontroller, the system maintains the pressure at or below of TNL_MAX_S...</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0277</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0350</a> , <a href="#">C0353</a> , <a href="#">C0648</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a>		



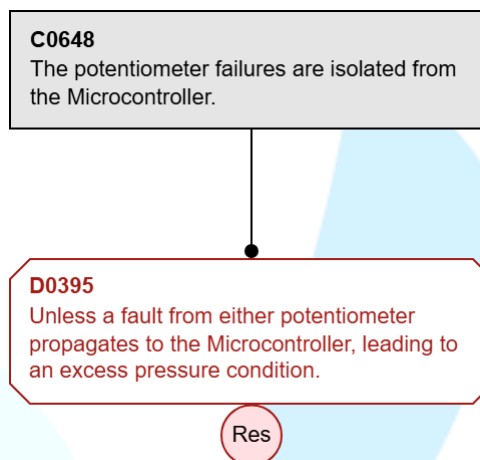
<b>C0350 - Upon losing potentiometer connection on startup, the system remains at the default fail-safe values.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0328</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	None
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	None		



<b>C0353 - Upon losing potentiometer connection during ventilation, the system remains at the previously selected settings for I:E ratio and BPM.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0328</a> , <a href="#">C0419</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	None
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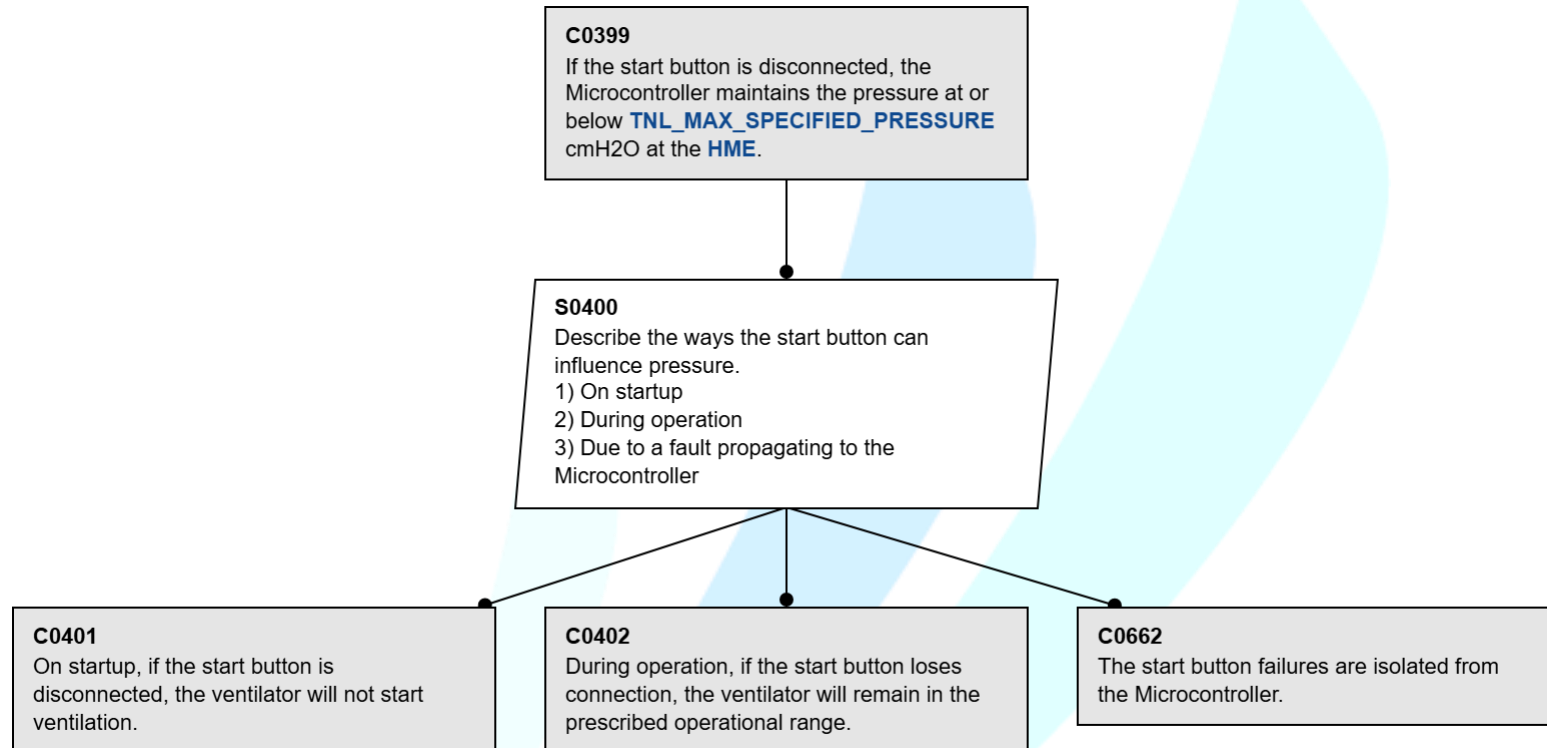


<b>C0648 - The potentiometer failures are isolated from the Microcontroller.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0328</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	None
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	None		



**C0399** - If the start button is disconnected, the Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below TNL\_MAX\_SPECIFIED\_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.

Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0277</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0401</a> , <a href="#">C0402</a> , <a href="#">C0662</a>
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a>		



<b>C0401 - On startup, if the start button is disconnected, the ventilator will not start ventilation.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0399</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	None
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	None		

**C0401**

On startup, if the start button is disconnected, the ventilator will not start ventilation.

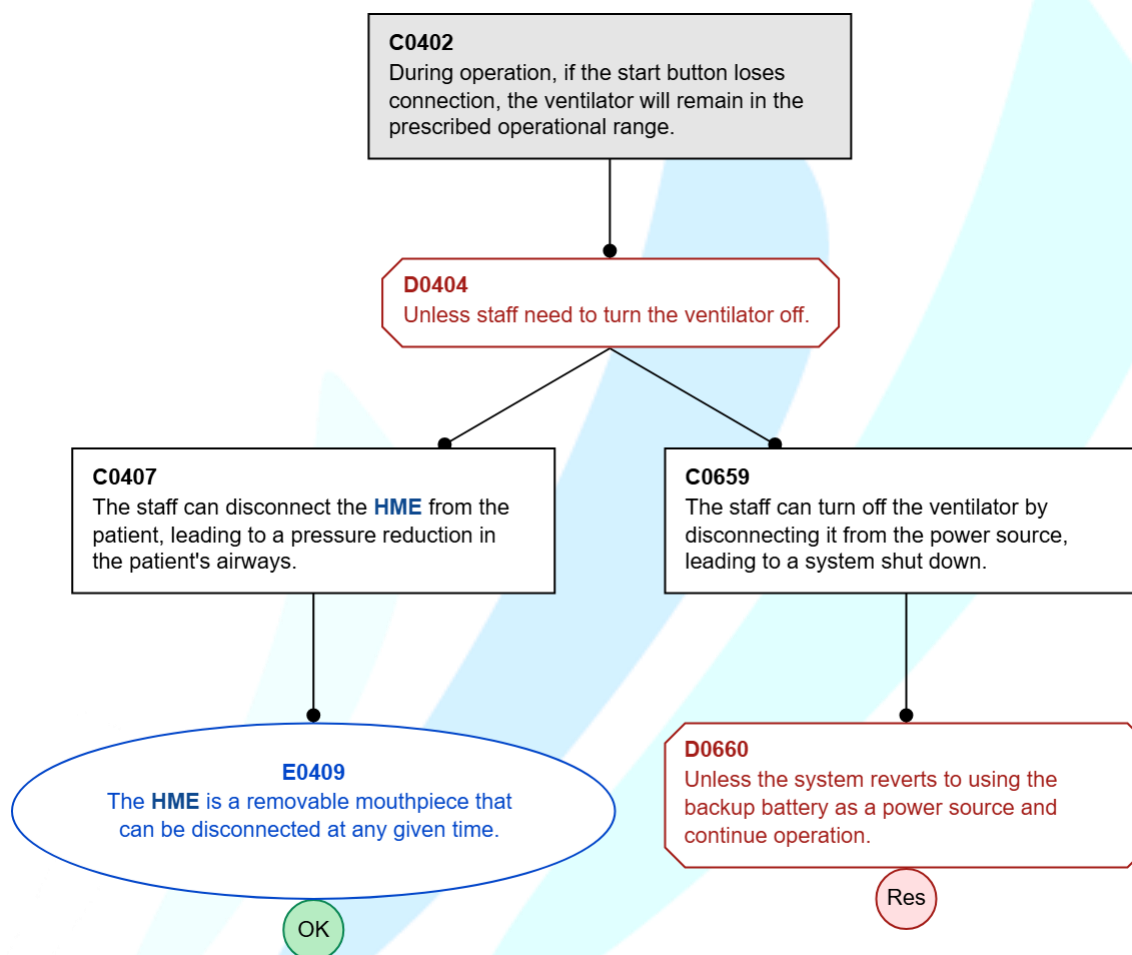
**E0408**

Circuit Diagram shows that the power button needs to be pressed for the Microcontroller to activate.

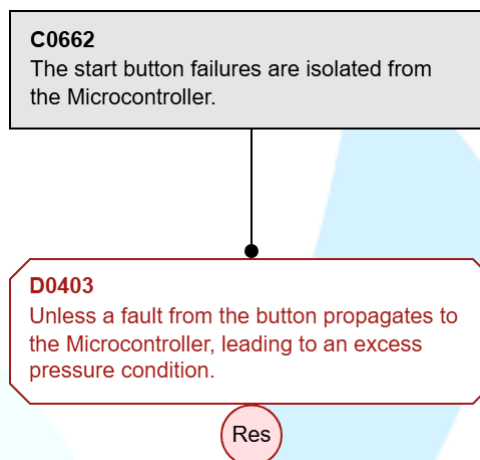
The Test\_SRS\_0003\_all true demonstrates that by pressing the start button, if all other required conditions are true, the ventilation is initialized.

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<b>C0402 - During operation, if the start button loses connection, the ventilator will remain in the prescribed operational range.</b>			
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Glossary Terms	<a href="#">HME</a>		

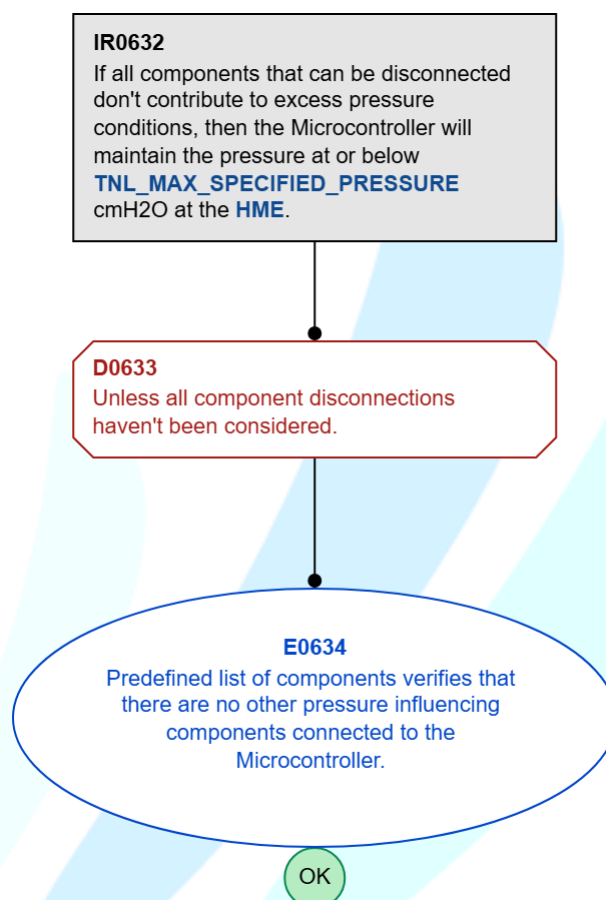


<b>C0662 - The start button failures are isolated from the Microcontroller.</b>			
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<b>Glossary Terms</b>	None		

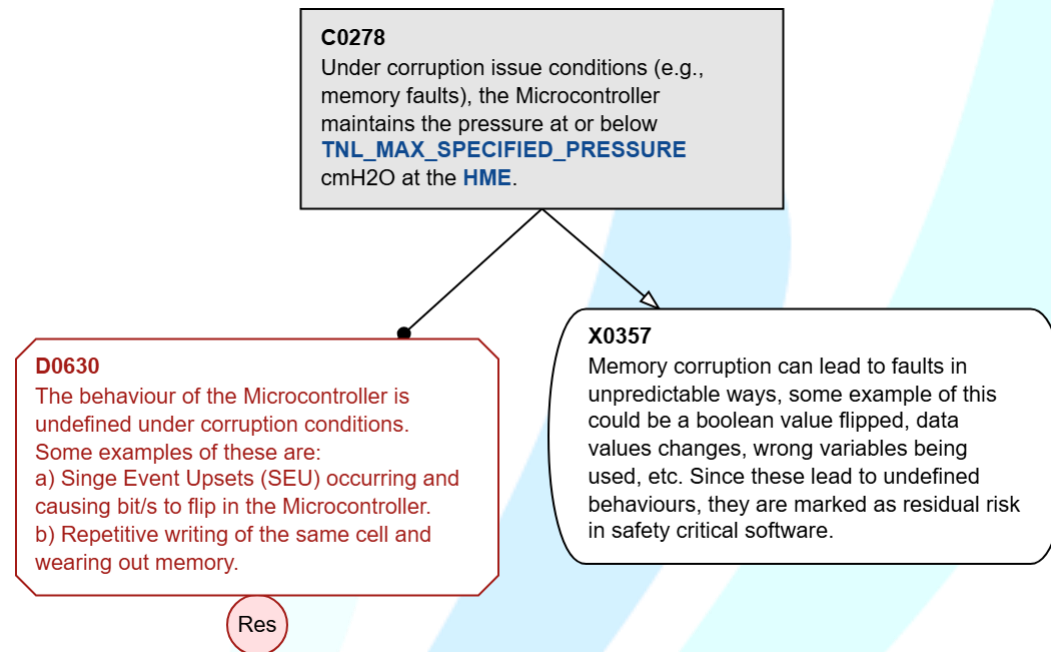




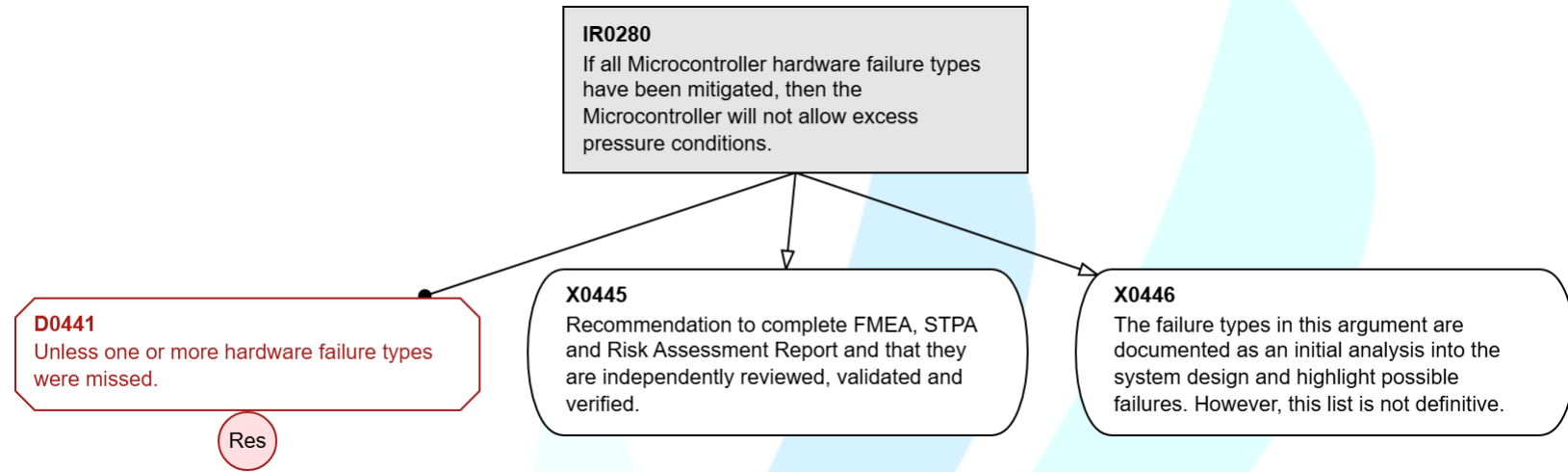
IR0632 - If all components that can be disconnected don't contribute to excess pressure conditions, then the Microcontroller will maintain the pressu...			
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0277</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a>		



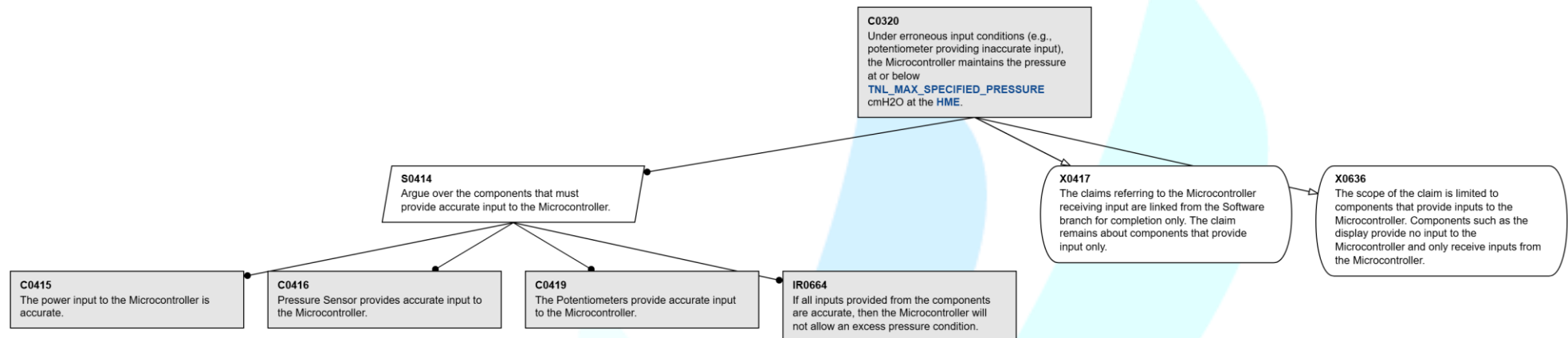
<b>C0278 - Under corruption issue conditions (e.g., memory faults), the Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE c...</b>			
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">S0275</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a>		



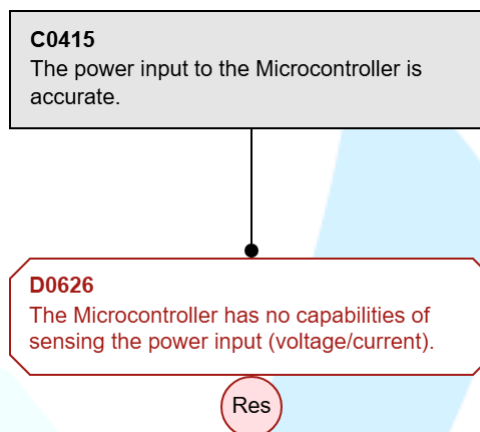
IR0280 - If all Microcontroller hardware failure types have been mitigated, then the Microcontroller will not allow excess pressure conditions.			
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Glossary Terms	None		



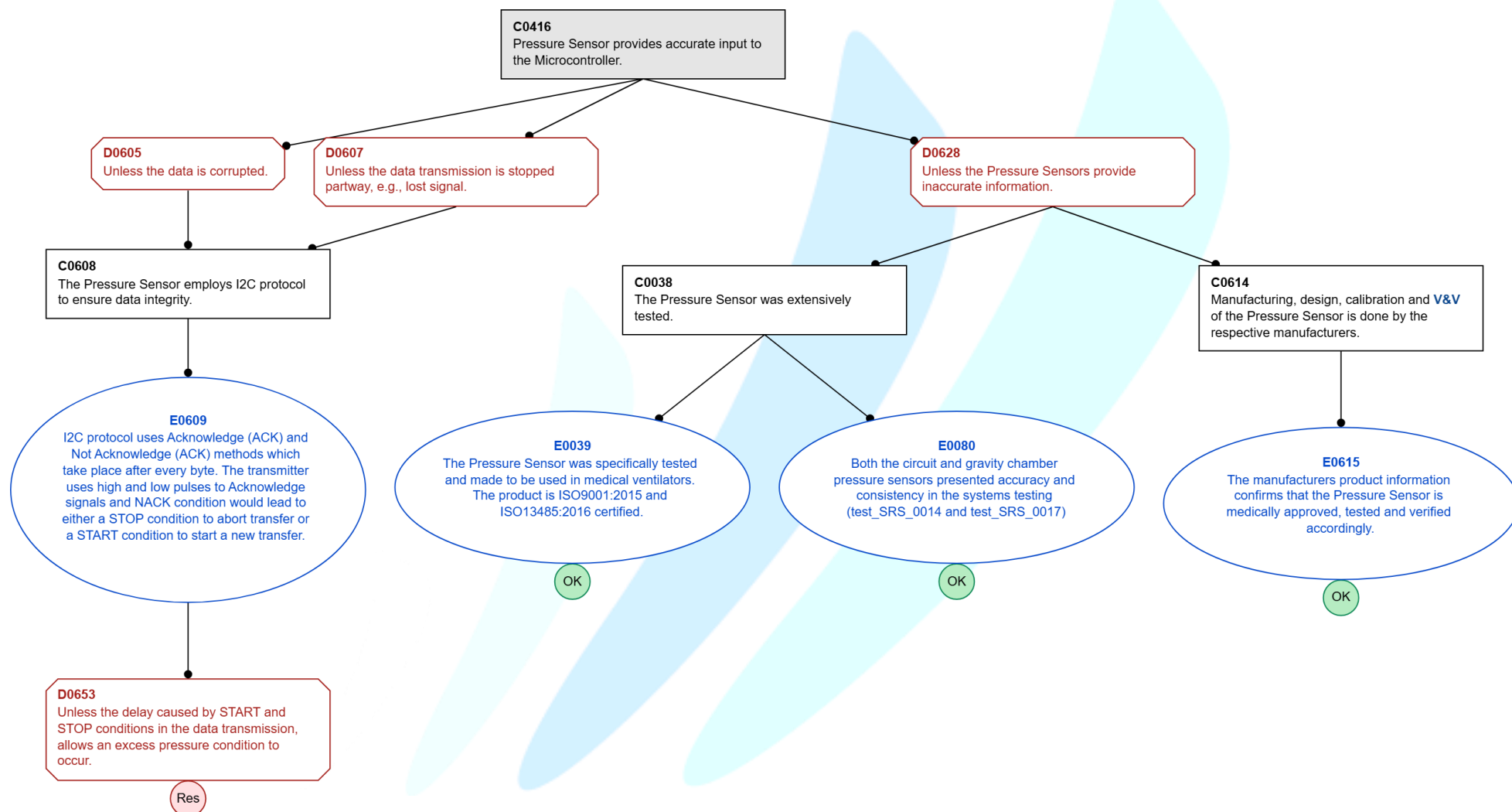
<b>C0320 - Under erroneous input conditions (e.g., potentiometer providing inaccurate input), the Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below TN...</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">S0275</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0415</a> , <a href="#">C0416</a> , <a href="#">C0419</a> , <a href="#">IR0664</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a>		



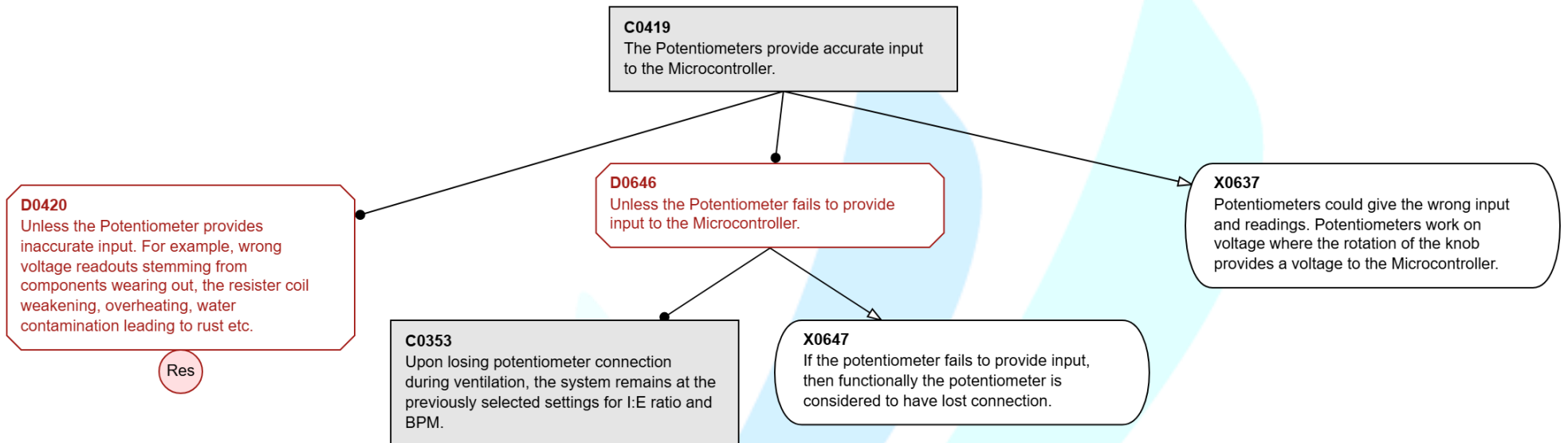
<b>C0415 - The power input to the Microcontroller is accurate.</b>			
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<b>Glossary Terms</b>	None		



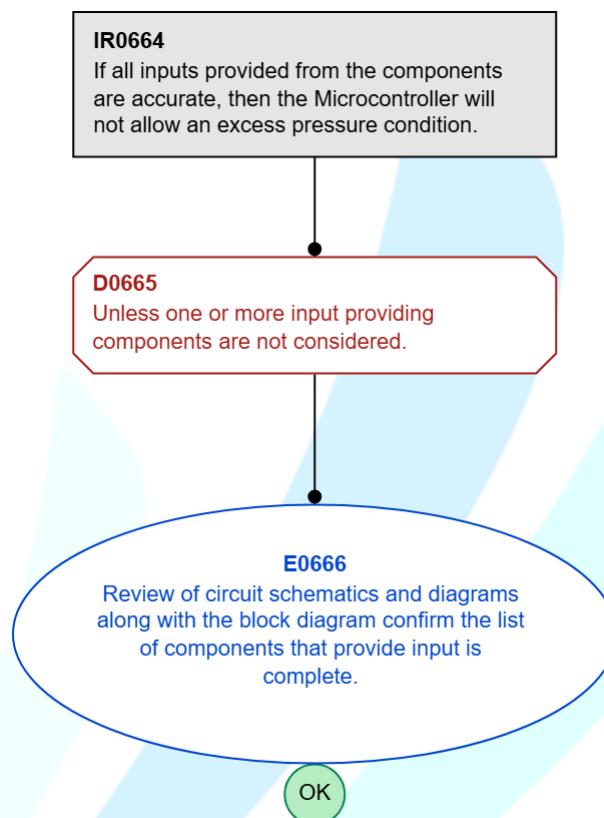
<b>C0416 - Pressure Sensor provides accurate input to the Microcontroller.</b>			
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0320</a> , <a href="#">S0029</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">V&amp;V</a>		



<b>C0419 - The Potentiometers provide accurate input to the Microcontroller.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0320</a> , <a href="#">D0114</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0353</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	None		

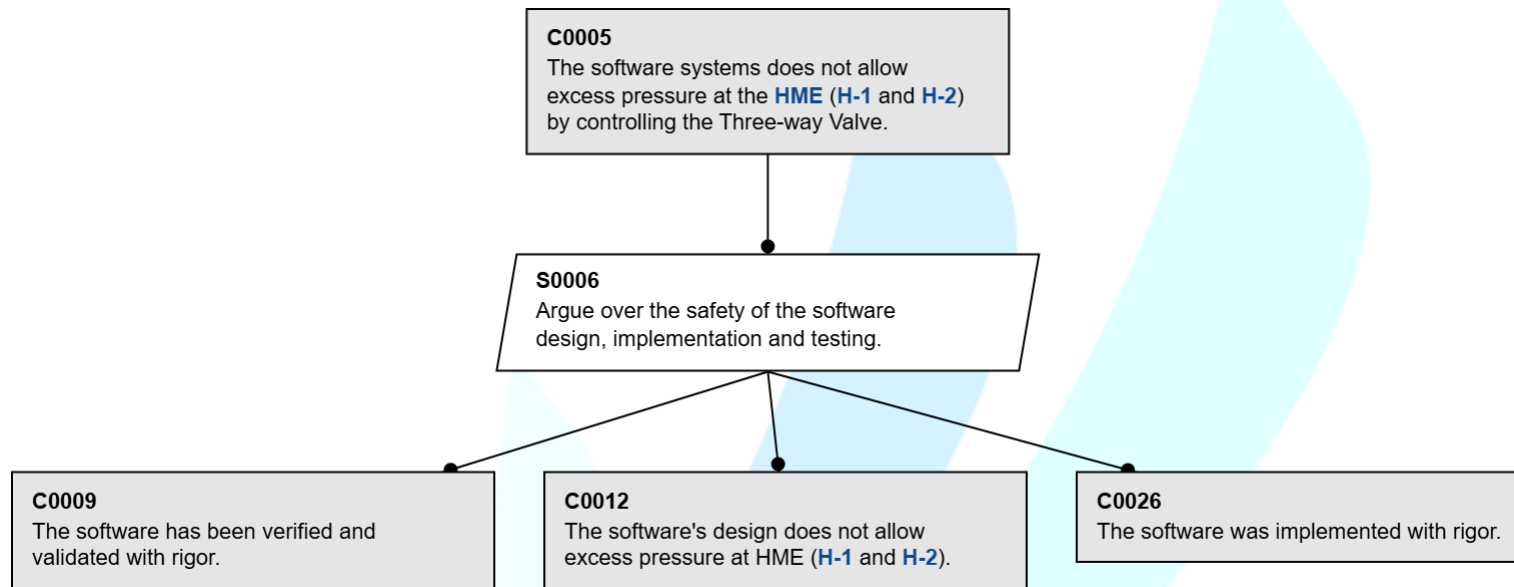


IR0664 - If all inputs provided from the components are accurate, then the Microcontroller will not allow an excess pressure condition.			
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0320</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		

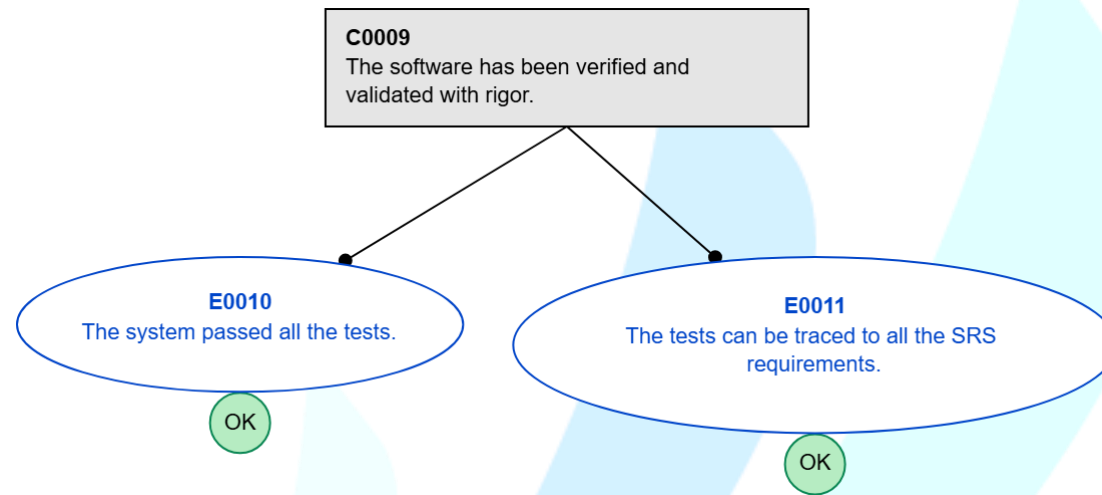




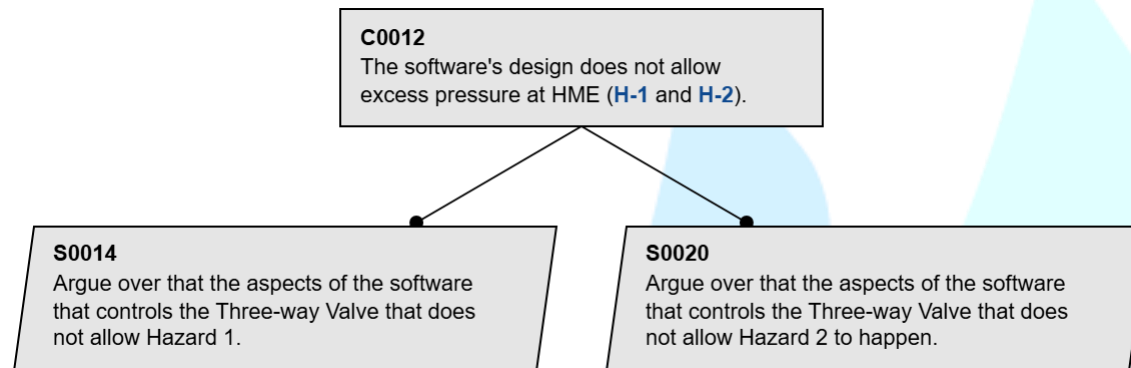
<b>C0005 - The software systems does not allow excess pressure at the HME (H-1 and H-2) by controlling the Three-way Valve.</b>			
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0001</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0009</a> , <a href="#">C0012</a> , <a href="#">C0026</a>
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">HME</a> , <a href="#">H-1</a> , <a href="#">H-2</a>		



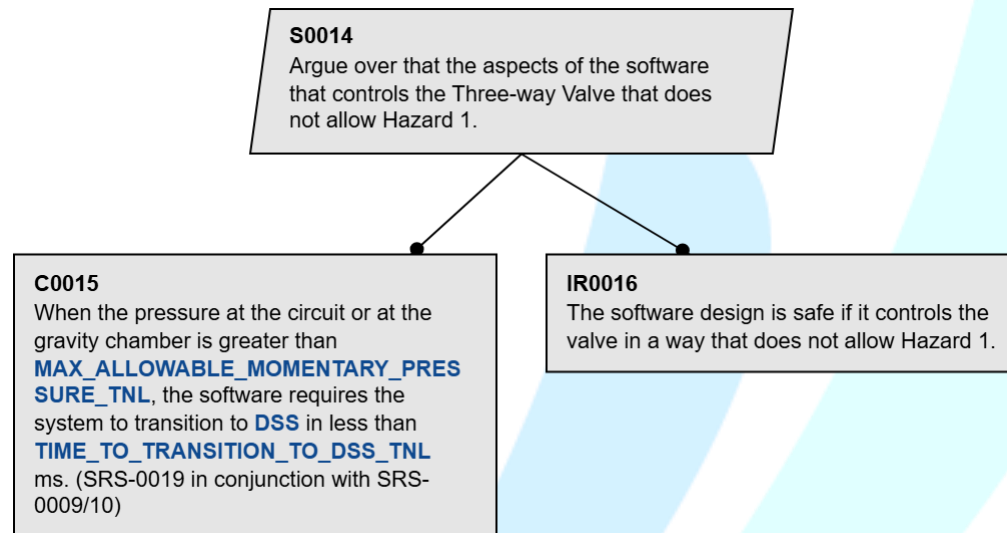
<b>C0009 - The software has been verified and validated with rigor.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0005</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	None
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	None		



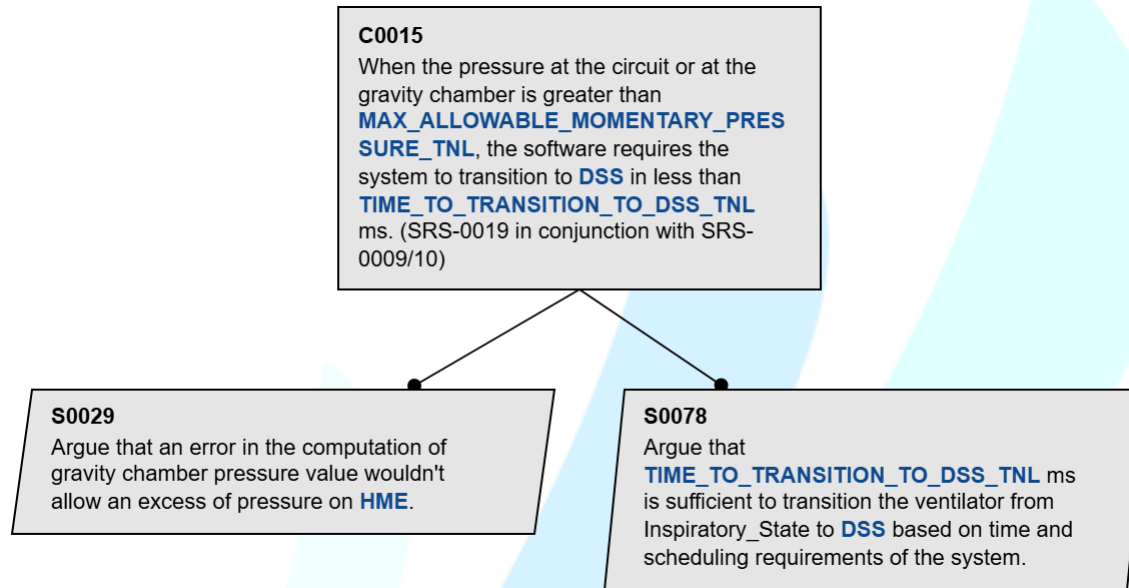
<b>C0012 - The software's design does not allow excess pressure at HME (H-1 and H-2).</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0005</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">S0014</a> , <a href="#">S0020</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">H-1</a> , <a href="#">H-2</a>		



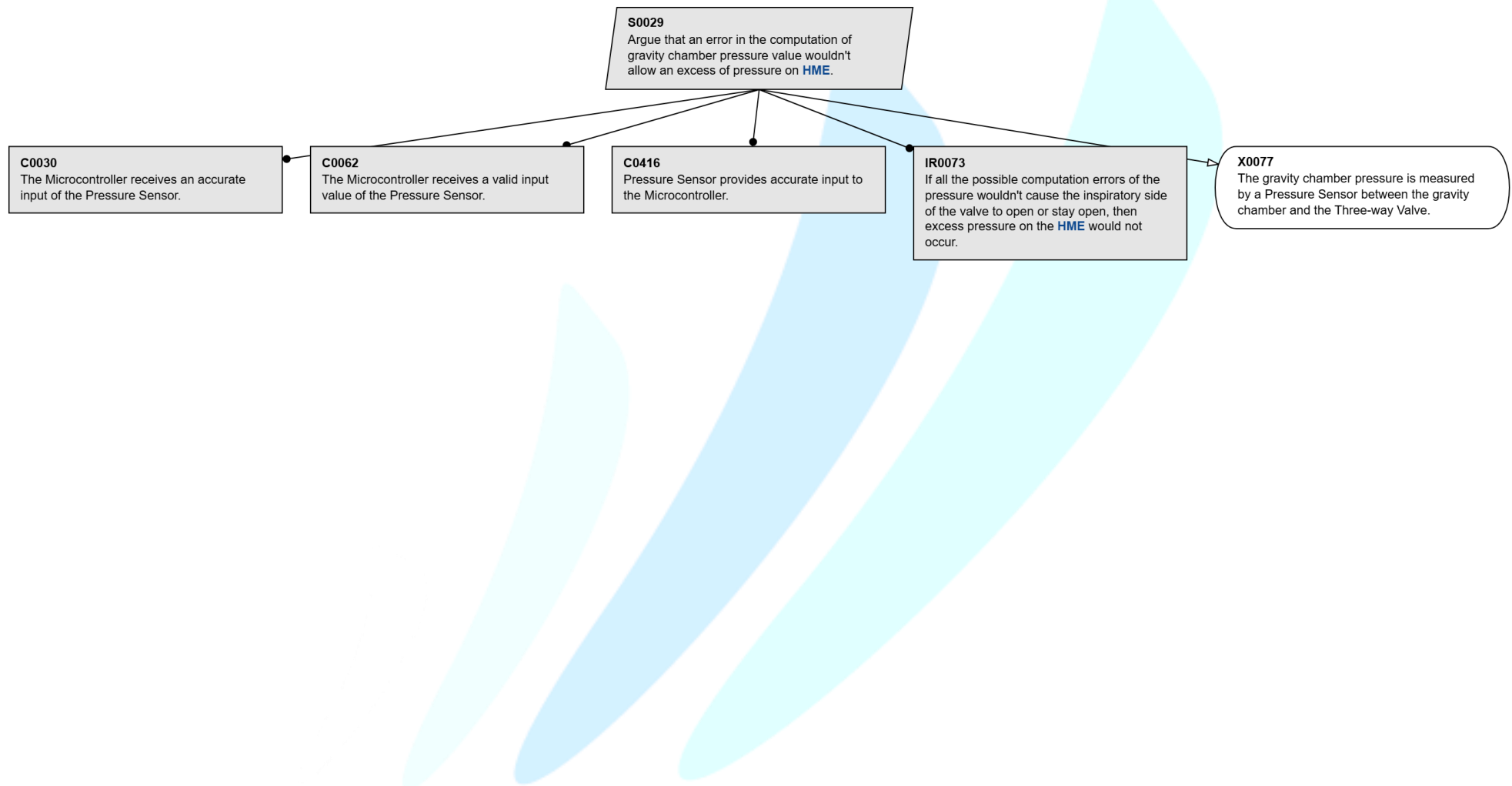
<b>S0014 - Argue over that the aspects of the software that controls the Three-way Valve that does not allow Hazard 1.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0012</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0015</a> , <a href="#">IR0016</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">MAX_ALLOWABLE_MOMENTARY_PRESSURE_TNL</a> , <a href="#">DSS</a> , <a href="#">TIME_TO_TRANSITION_TO_DSS_TNL</a>		



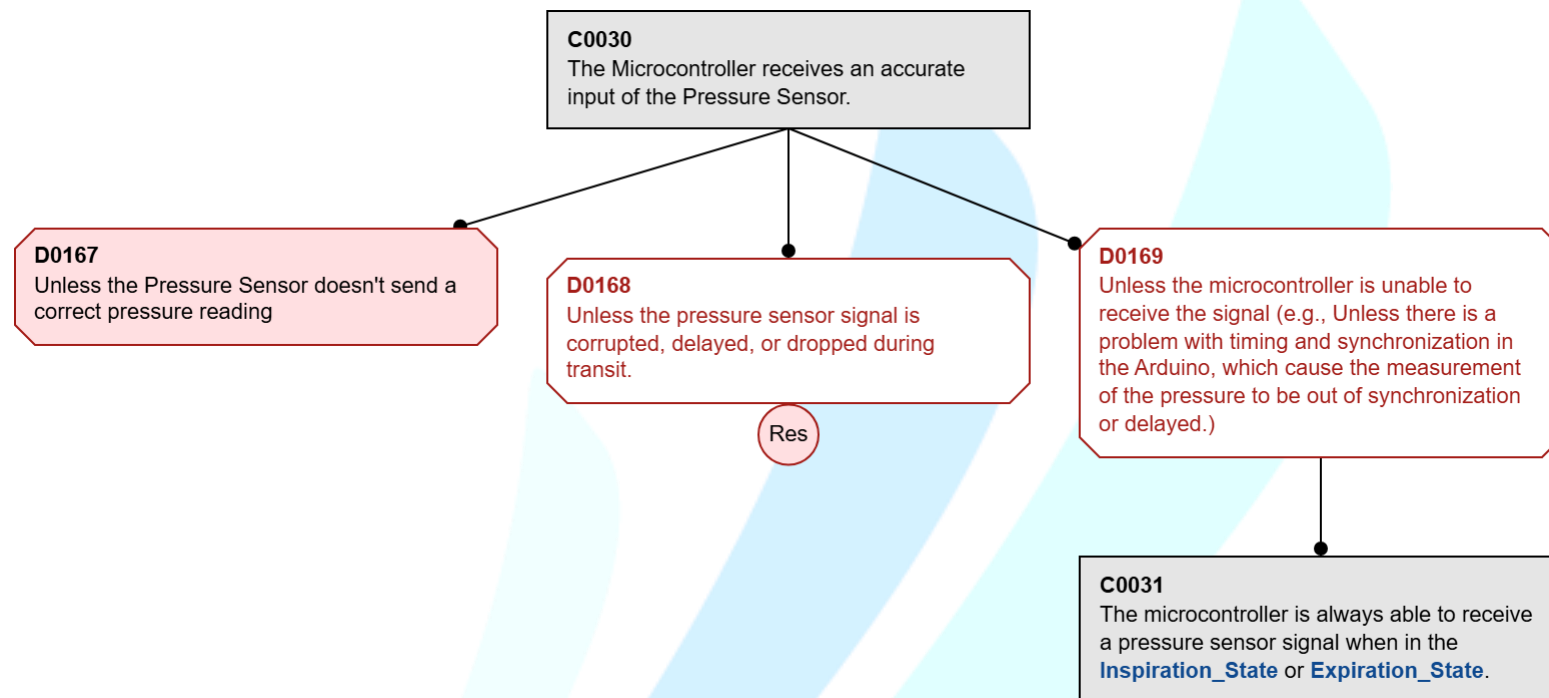
<b>C0015 - When the pressure at the circuit or at the gravity chamber is greater than MAX_ALLOWABLE_MOMENTARY_PRESSURE_TNL, the software requires the s...</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">S0014</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">S0029</a> , <a href="#">S0078</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">MAX_ALLOWABLE_MOMENTARY_PRESSURE_TNL</a> , <a href="#">DSS</a> , <a href="#">TIME_TO_TRANSITION_TO_DSS_TNL</a> , <a href="#">HME</a>		



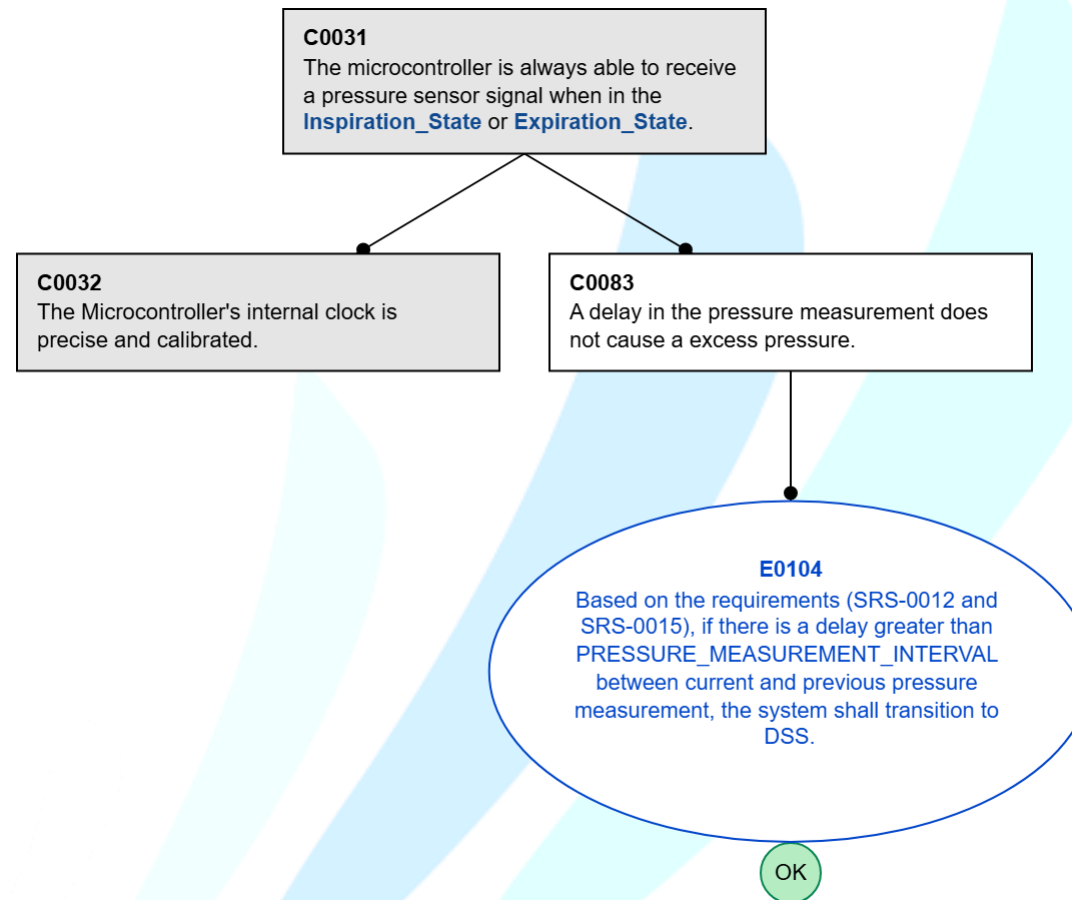
<b>S0029 - Argue that an error in the computation of gravity chamber pressure value wouldn't allow an excess of pressure on HME.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0015</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0030</a> , <a href="#">C0062</a> , <a href="#">IR0073</a> , <a href="#">C0416</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">HME</a>		



<b>C0030 - The Microcontroller receives an accurate input of the Pressure Sensor.</b>		
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">S0029</a> , <a href="#">C0099</a>	Descendant subtree(s) <a href="#">C0031</a> , <a href="#">D0167</a>
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">Inspiration_State</a> , <a href="#">Expiration_State</a>	



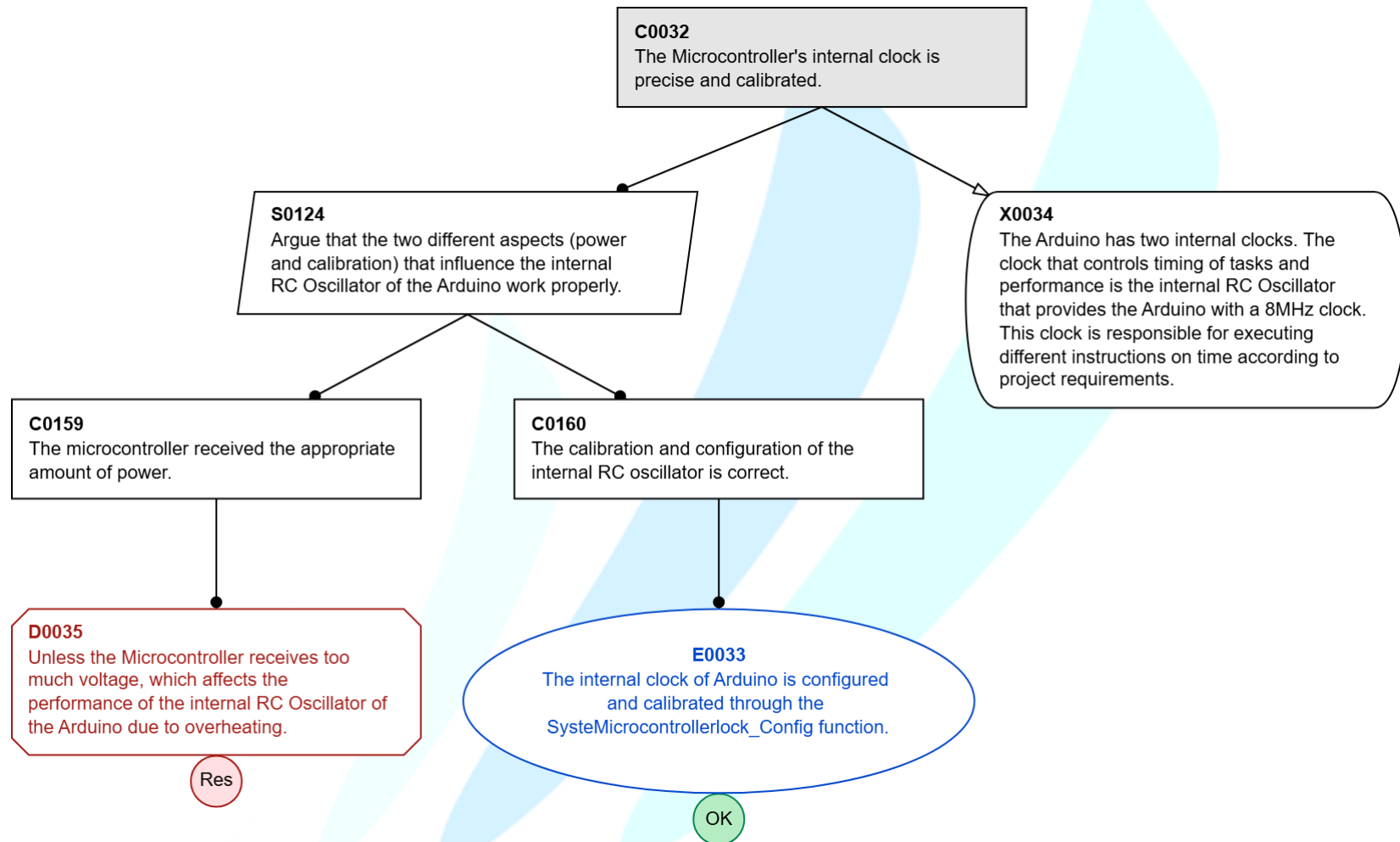
<b>C0031 - The microcontroller is always able to receive a pressure sensor signal when in the Inspiration_State or Expiration_State.</b>			
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0030</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0032</a>
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">Inspiration_State</a> , <a href="#">Expiration_State</a>		





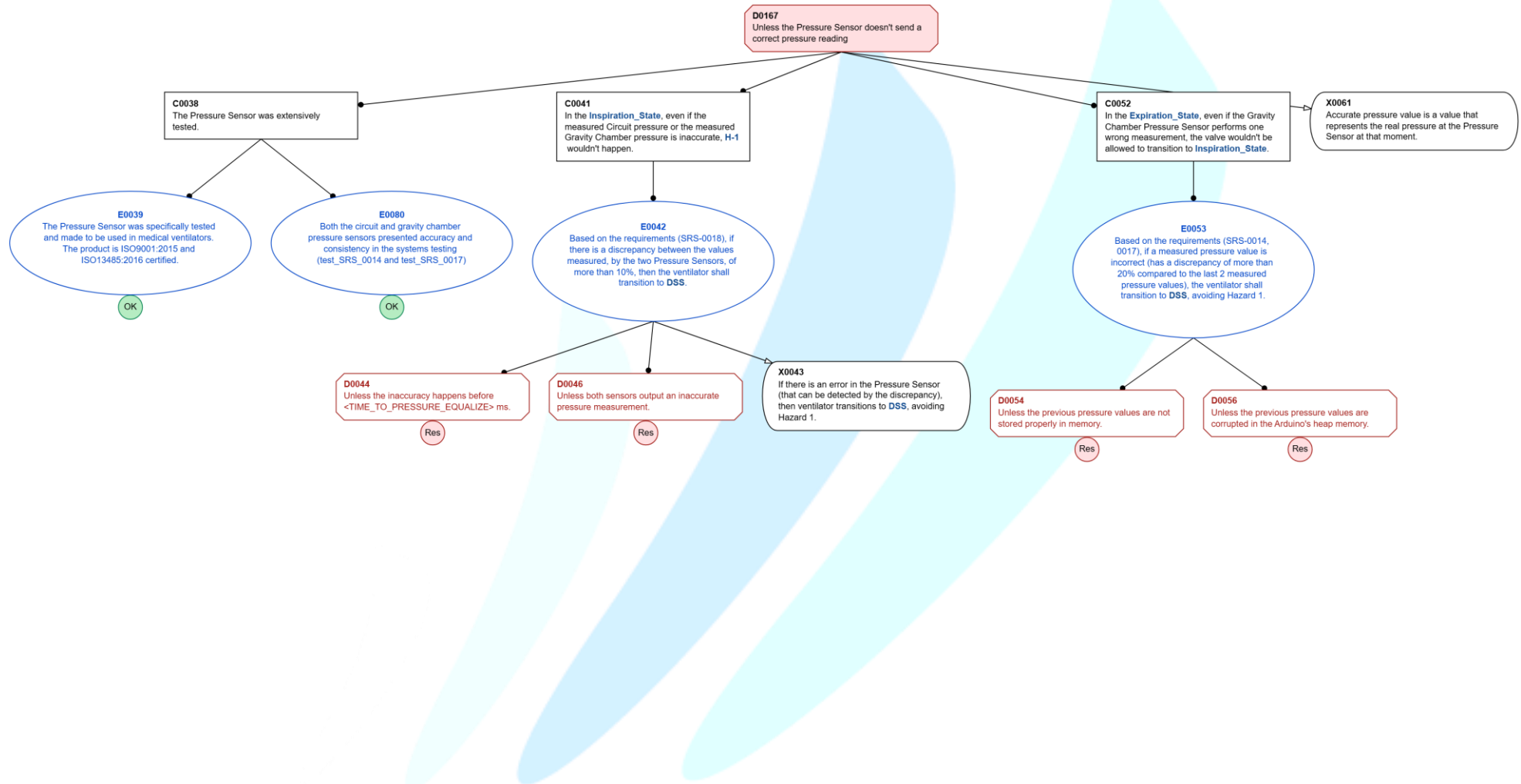
**C0032 - The Microcontroller's internal clock is precise and calibrated.**

Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0031</a> , <a href="#">S0078</a> , <a href="#">S0101</a> , <a href="#">C0022</a> , <a href="#">C0466</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	None
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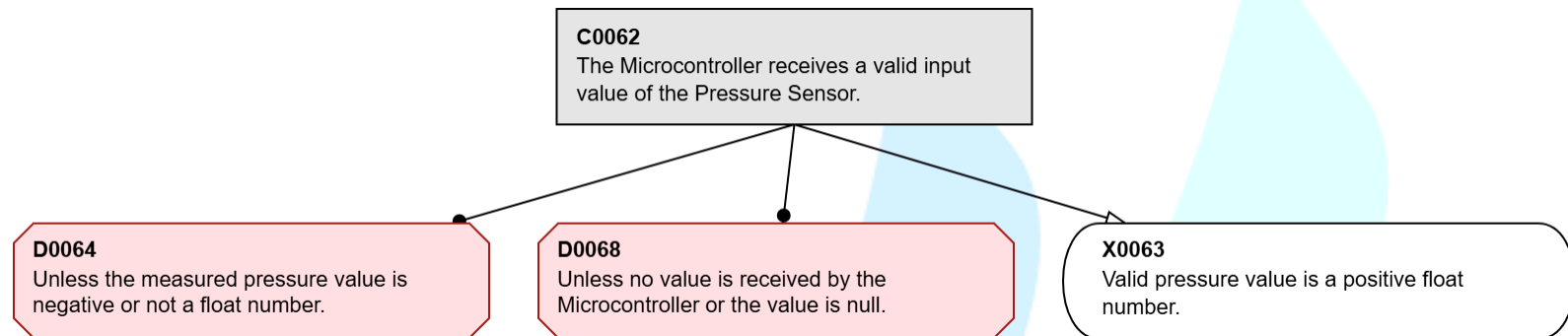


# D0167 - Unless the Pressure Sensor doesn't send a correct pressure reading

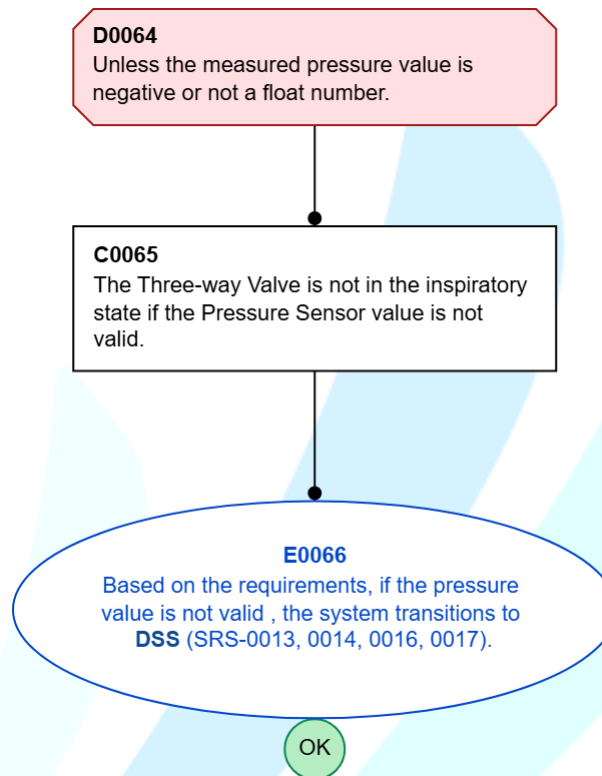
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Glossary Terms	<a href="#">Inspiration_State</a> , <a href="#">H-1</a> , <a href="#">DSS</a> , <a href="#">Expiration_State</a>		



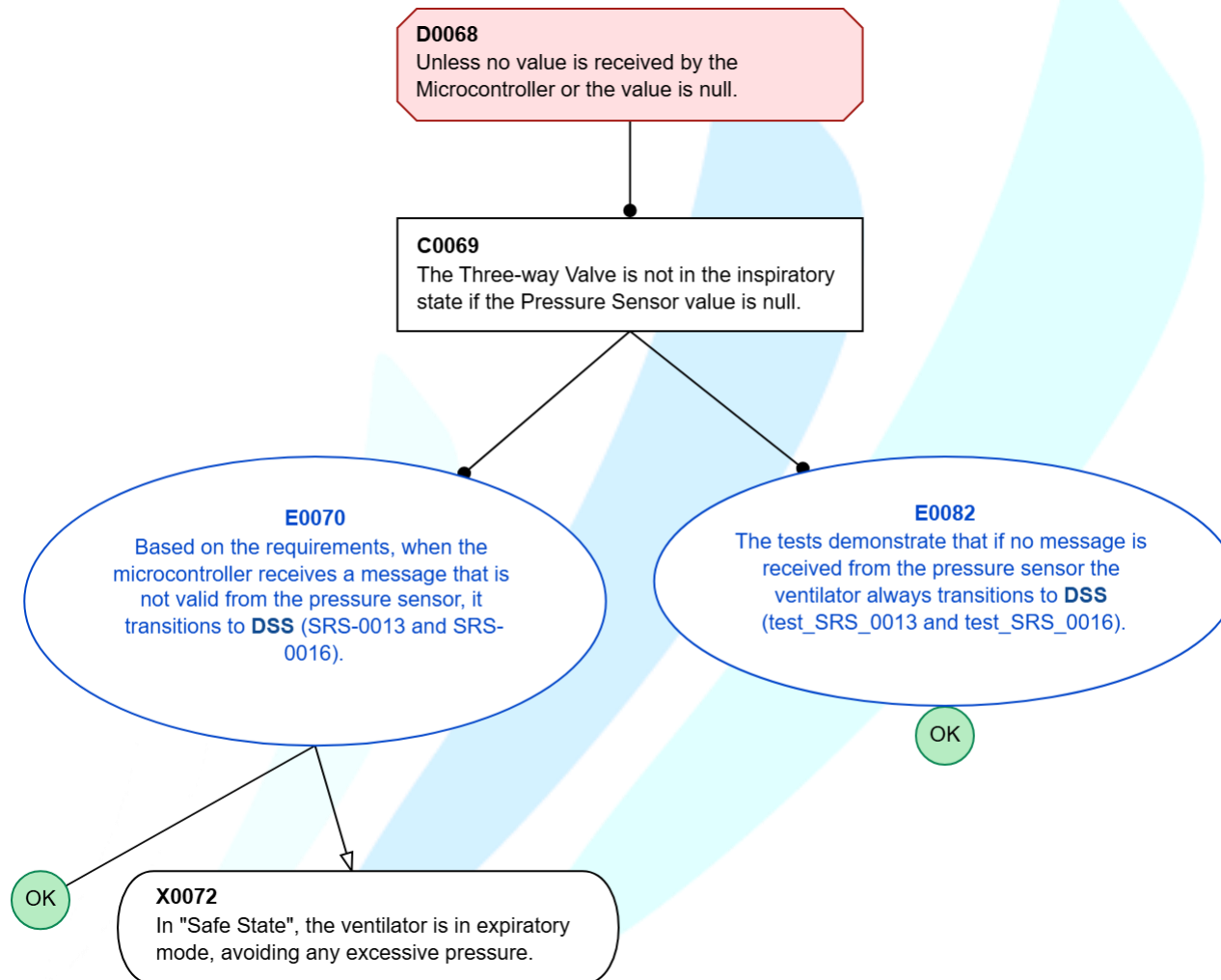
<b>C0062 - The Microcontroller receives a valid input value of the Pressure Sensor.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">S0029</a> , <a href="#">C0099</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">D0064</a> , <a href="#">D0068</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	None		



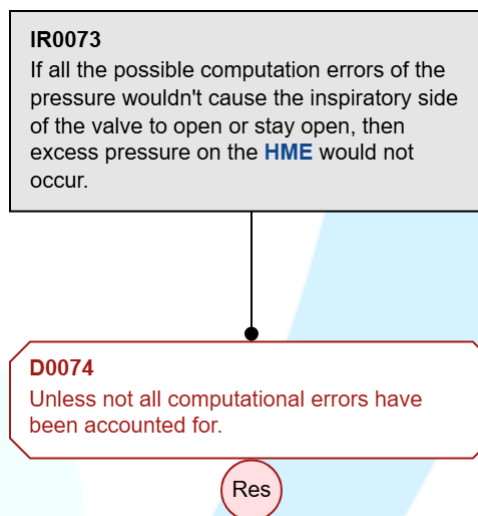
<b>D0064 - Unless the measured pressure value is negative or not a float number.</b>			
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0062</a> , <a href="#">C0023</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">DSS</a>		



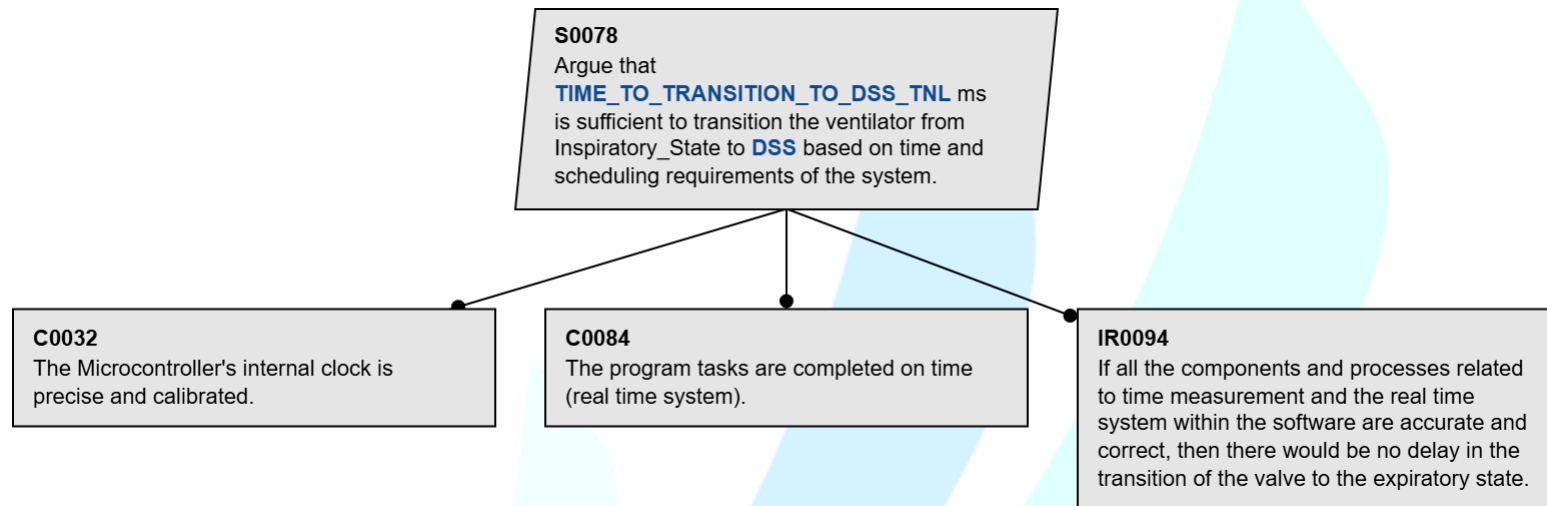
<b>D0068 - Unless no value is received by the Microcontroller or the value is null.</b>			
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Glossary Terms	<a href="#">DSS</a>		



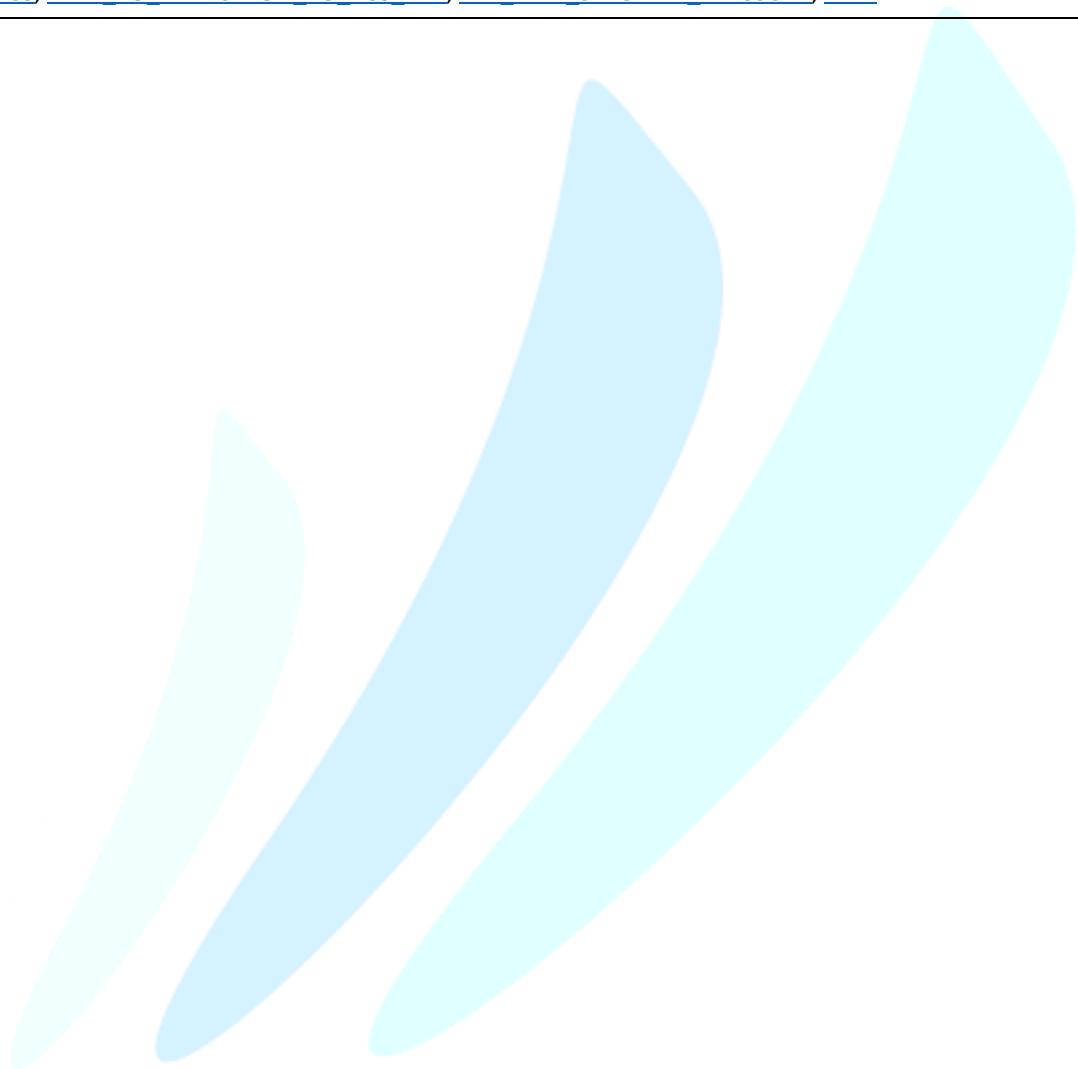
IR0073 - If all the possible computation errors of the pressure wouldn't cause the inspiratory side of the valve to open or stay open, then excess pr...			
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Glossary Terms	<a href="#">HME</a>		



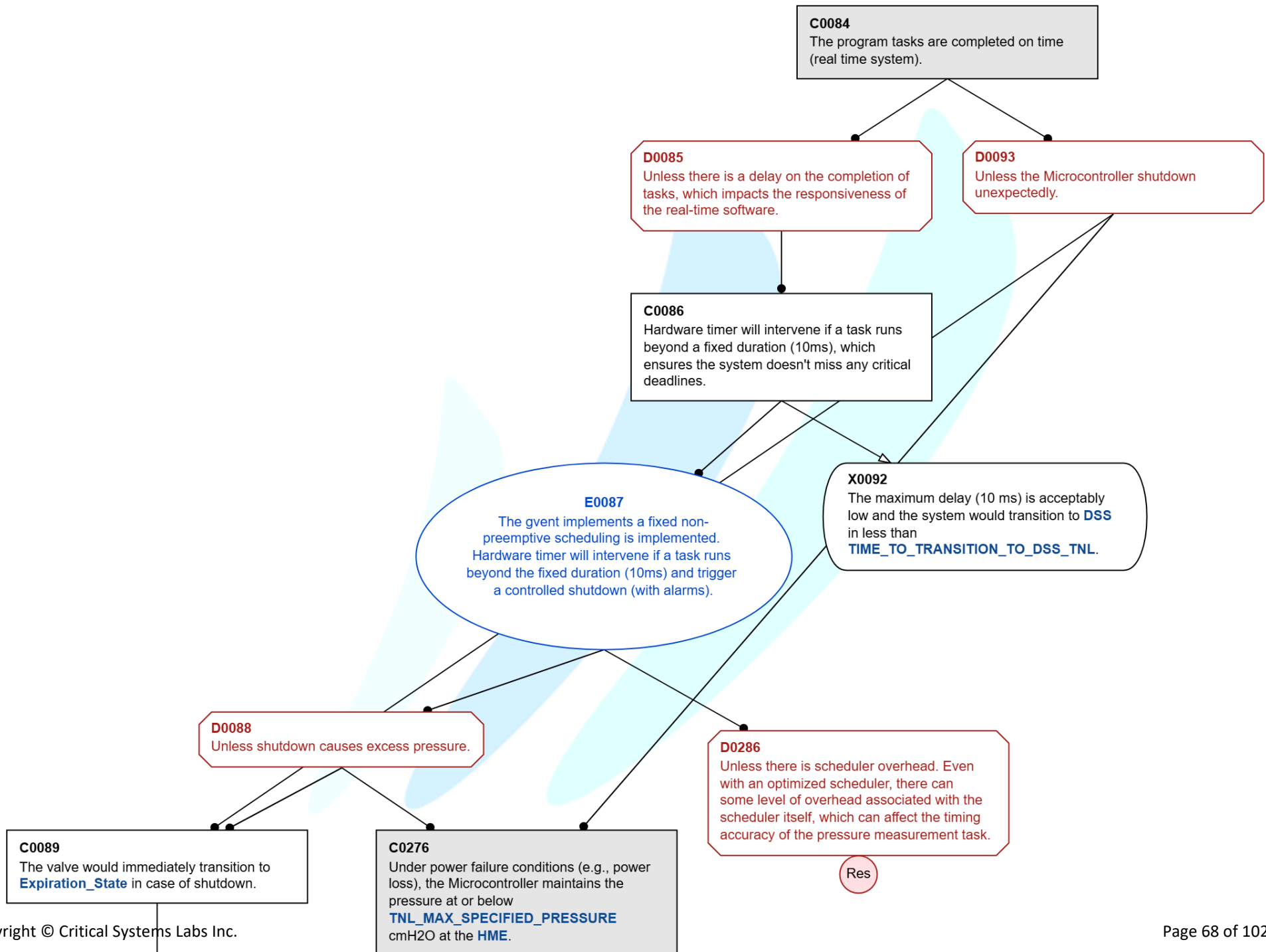
<b>S0078 - Argue that TIME_TO_TRANSITION_TO_DSS_TNL ms is sufficient to transition the ventilator from Inspiratory_State to DSS based on time and sched...</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0015</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0032</a> , <a href="#">C0084</a> , <a href="#">IR0094</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">TIME_TO_TRANSITION_TO_DSS_TNL</a> , <a href="#">DSS</a>		



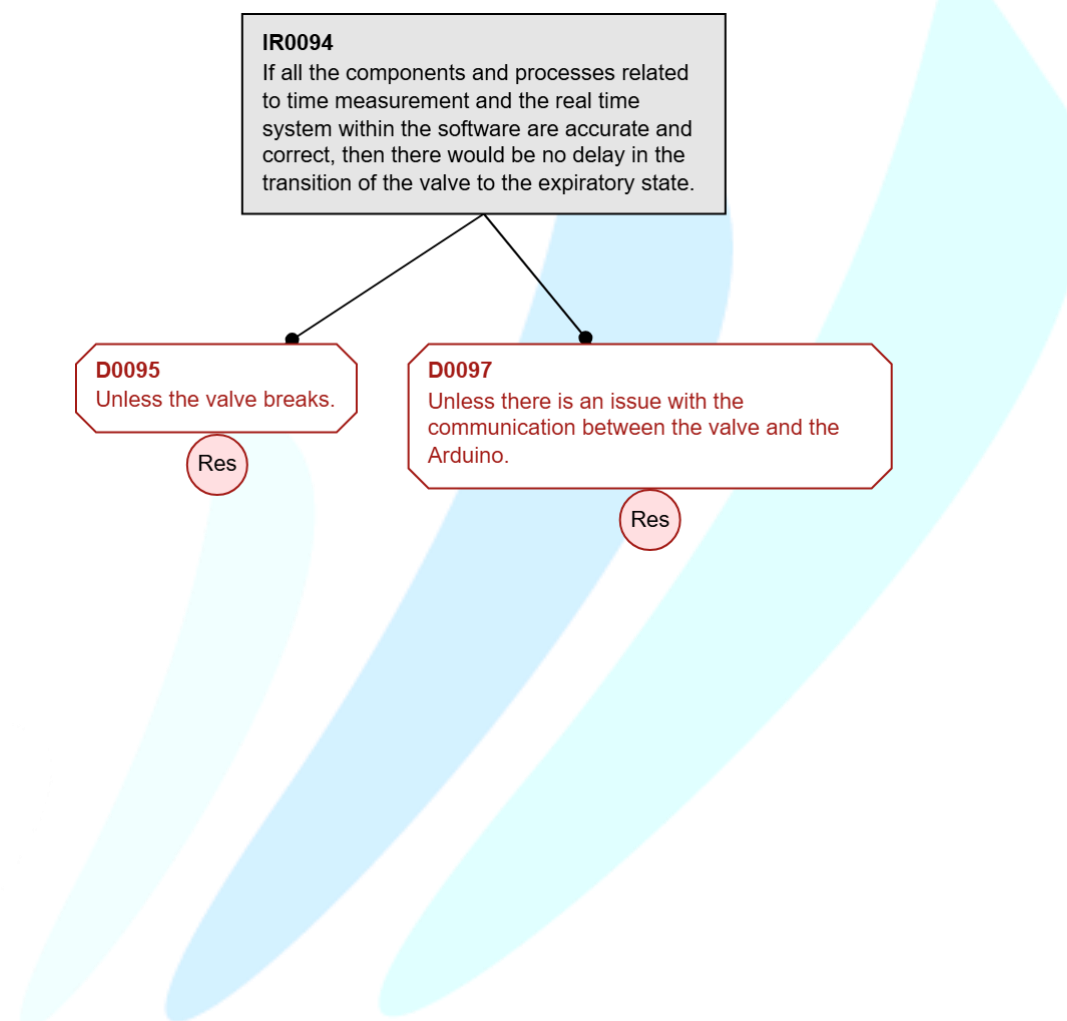
<b>C0084 - The program tasks are completed on time (real time system).</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">S0078</a> , <a href="#">S0101</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0276</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">Expiration_State</a> , <a href="#">DSS</a> , <a href="#">TIME_TO_TRANSITION_TO_DSS_TNL</a> , <a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a>		



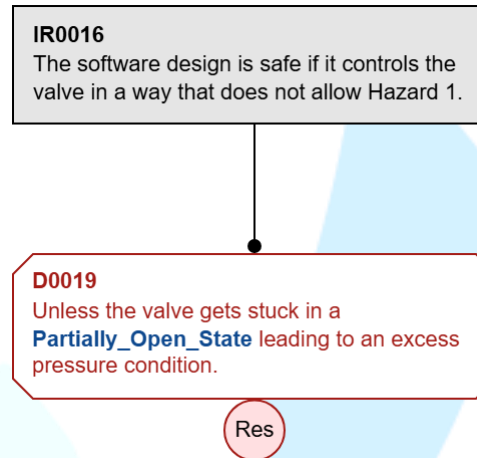




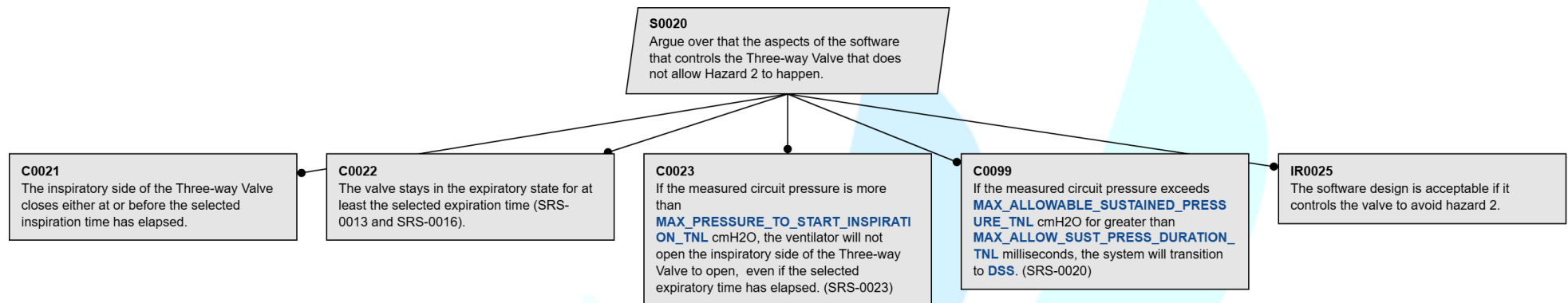
<b>IR0094 - If all the components and processes related to time measurement and the real time system within the software are accurate and correct, then ...</b>			
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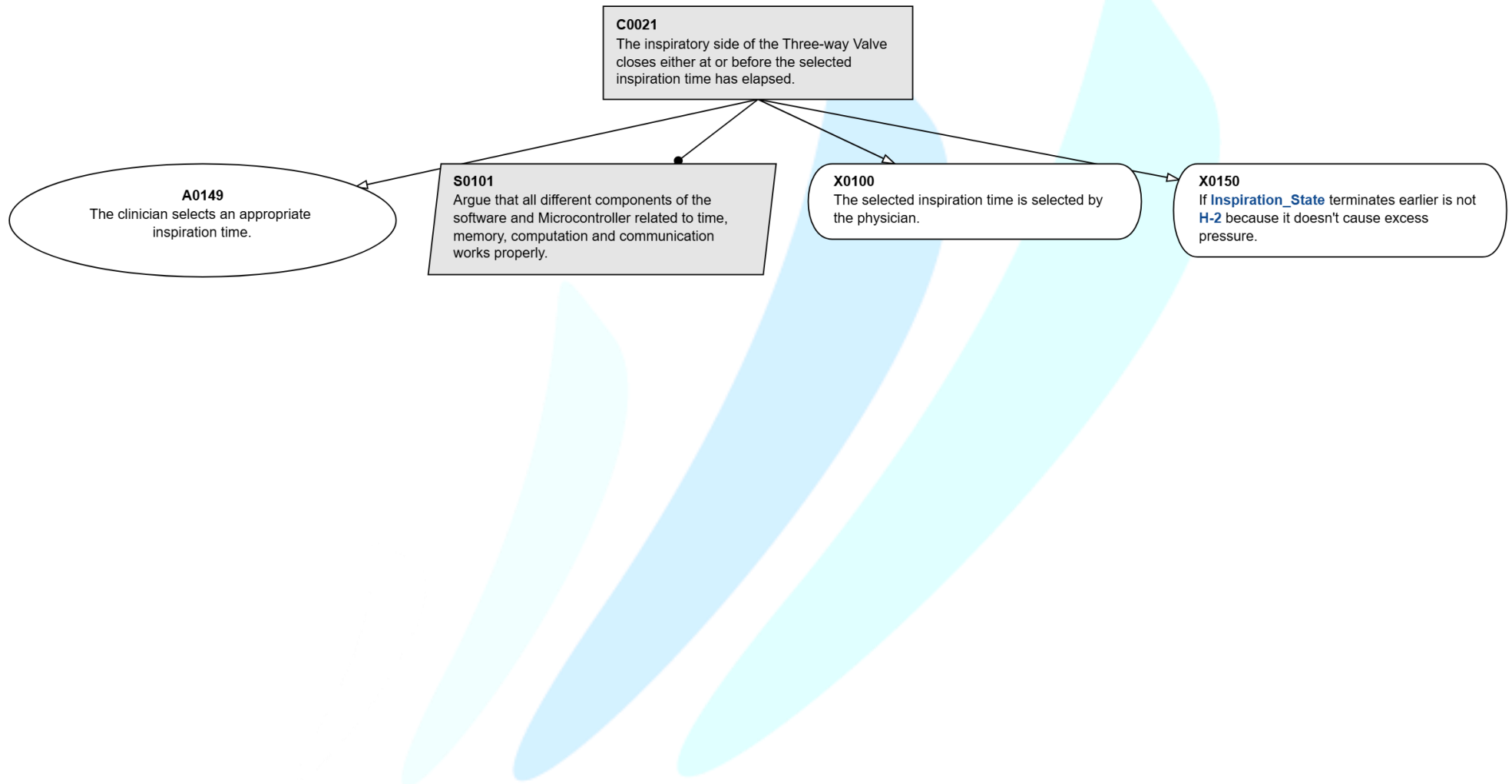
IR0016 - The software design is safe if it controls the valve in a way that does not allow Hazard 1.			
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">S0014</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">Partially_Open_State</a>		



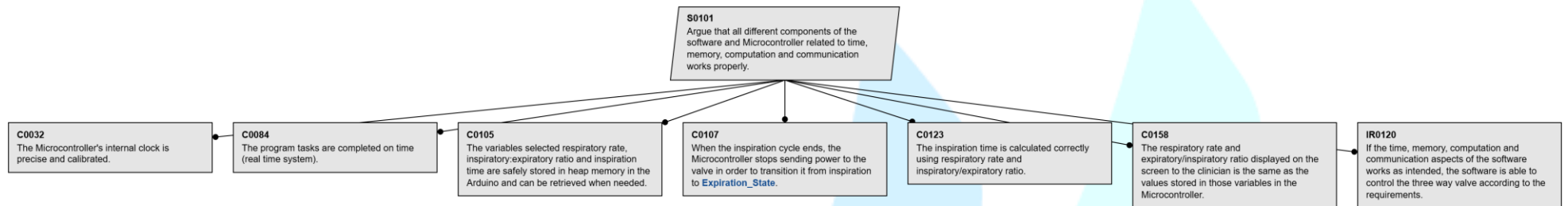
<b>S0020 - Argue over that the aspects of the software that controls the Three-way Valve that does not allow Hazard 2 to happen.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0012</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0021</a> , <a href="#">C0022</a> , <a href="#">C0023</a> , <a href="#">IR0025</a> , <a href="#">C0099</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">MAX_PRESSURE_TO_START_INSPARATION_TNL</a> , <a href="#">MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_TNL</a> , <a href="#">MAX_ALLOW_SUST_PRESS_DURATION_TNL</a> , <a href="#">DSS</a>		



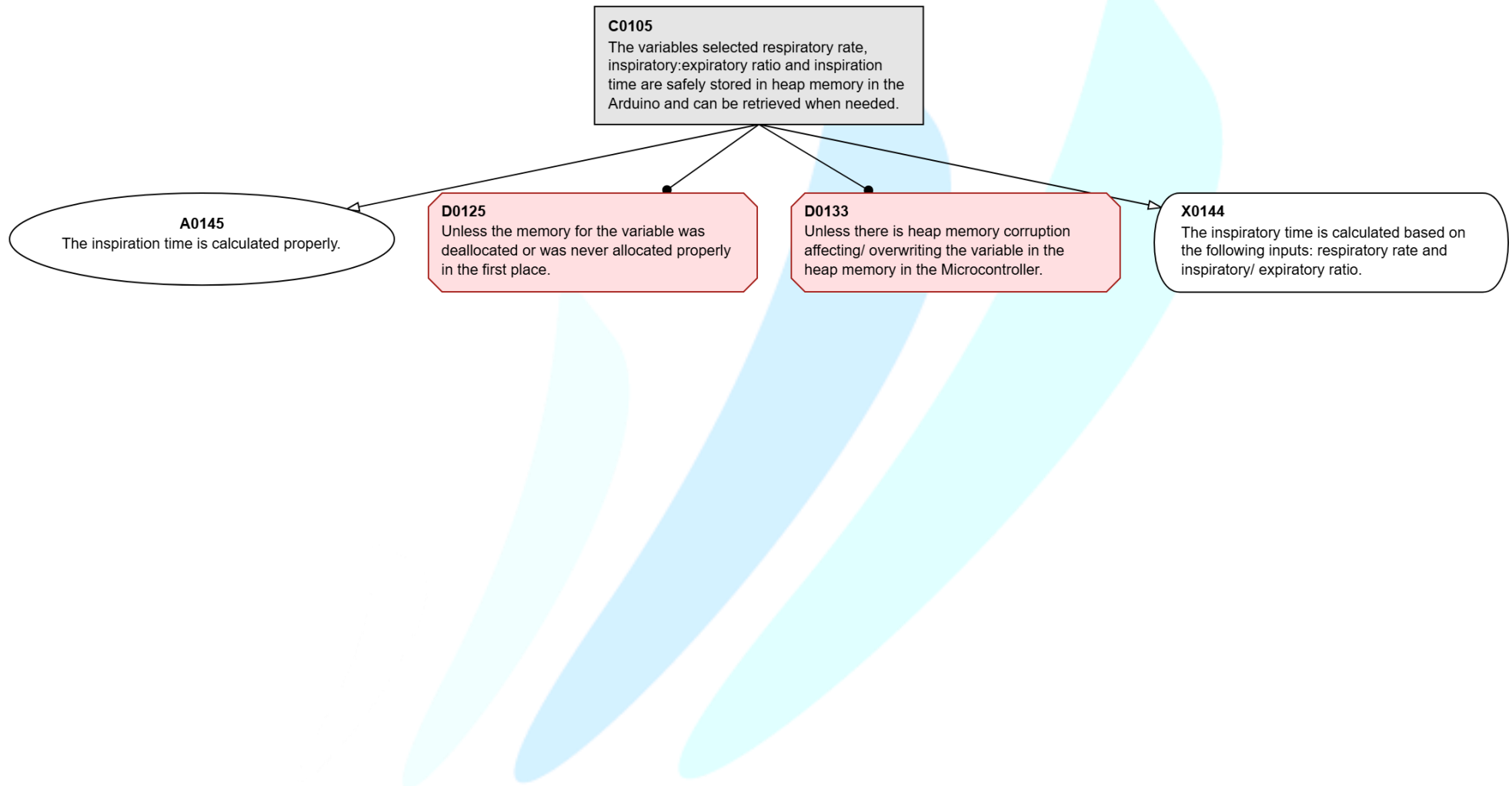
<b>C0021 - The inspiratory side of the Three-way Valve closes either at or before the selected inspiration time has elapsed.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">S0020</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">S0101</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">Inspiration_State</a> , <a href="#">H-2</a>		



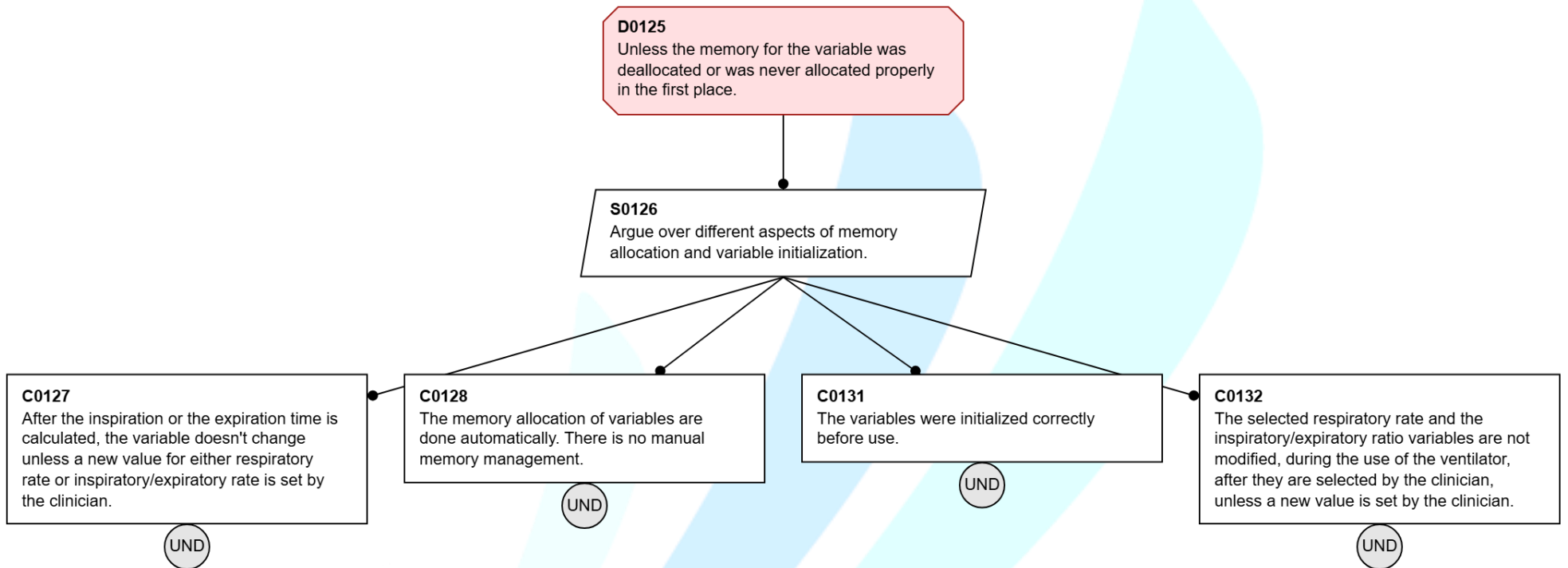
<b>S0101 - Argue that all different components of the software and Microcontroller related to time, memory, computation and communication works properl...</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0021</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0032</a> , <a href="#">C0084</a> , <a href="#">C0105</a> , <a href="#">C0107</a> , <a href="#">IR0120</a> , <a href="#">C0123</a> , <a href="#">C0158</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">Expiration_State</a>		



<b>C0105 - The variables selected respiratory rate, inspiratory:expiratory ratio and inspiration time are safely stored in heap memory in the Arduino a...</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">S0101</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">D0125</a> , <a href="#">D0133</a>
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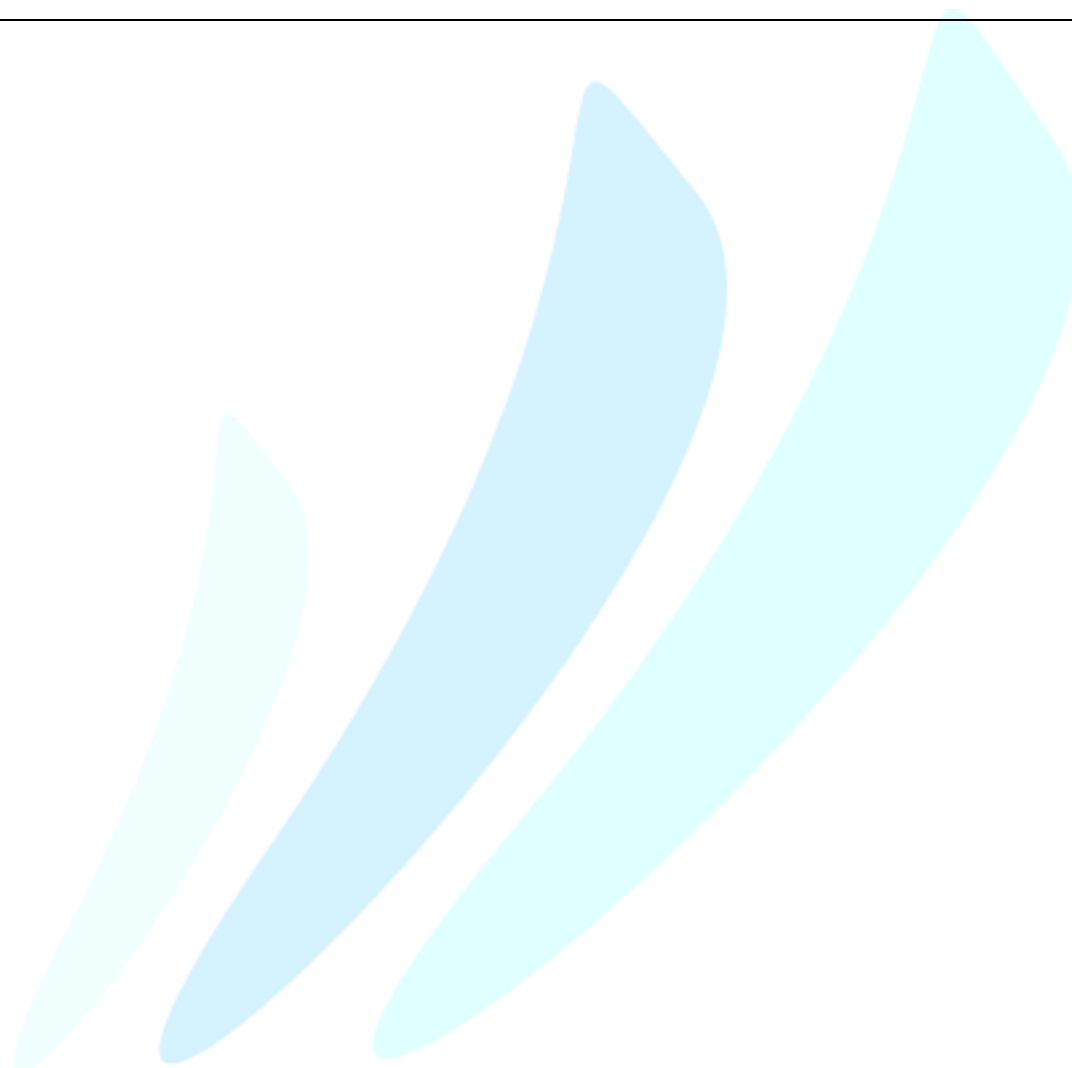


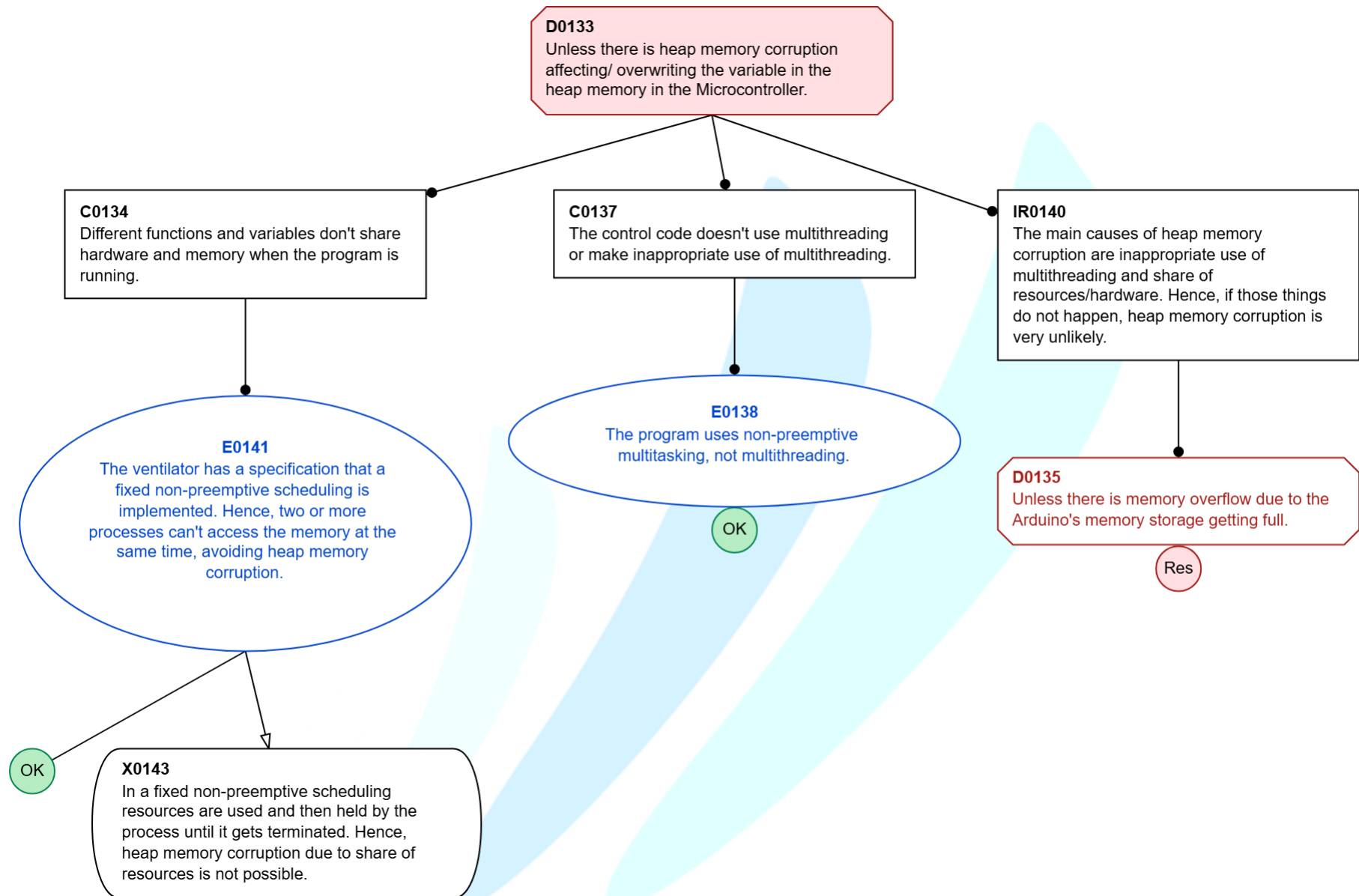
<b>D0125 - Unless the memory for the variable was deallocated or was never allocated properly in the first place.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0105</a> , <a href="#">C0165</a> , <a href="#">C0377</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	None
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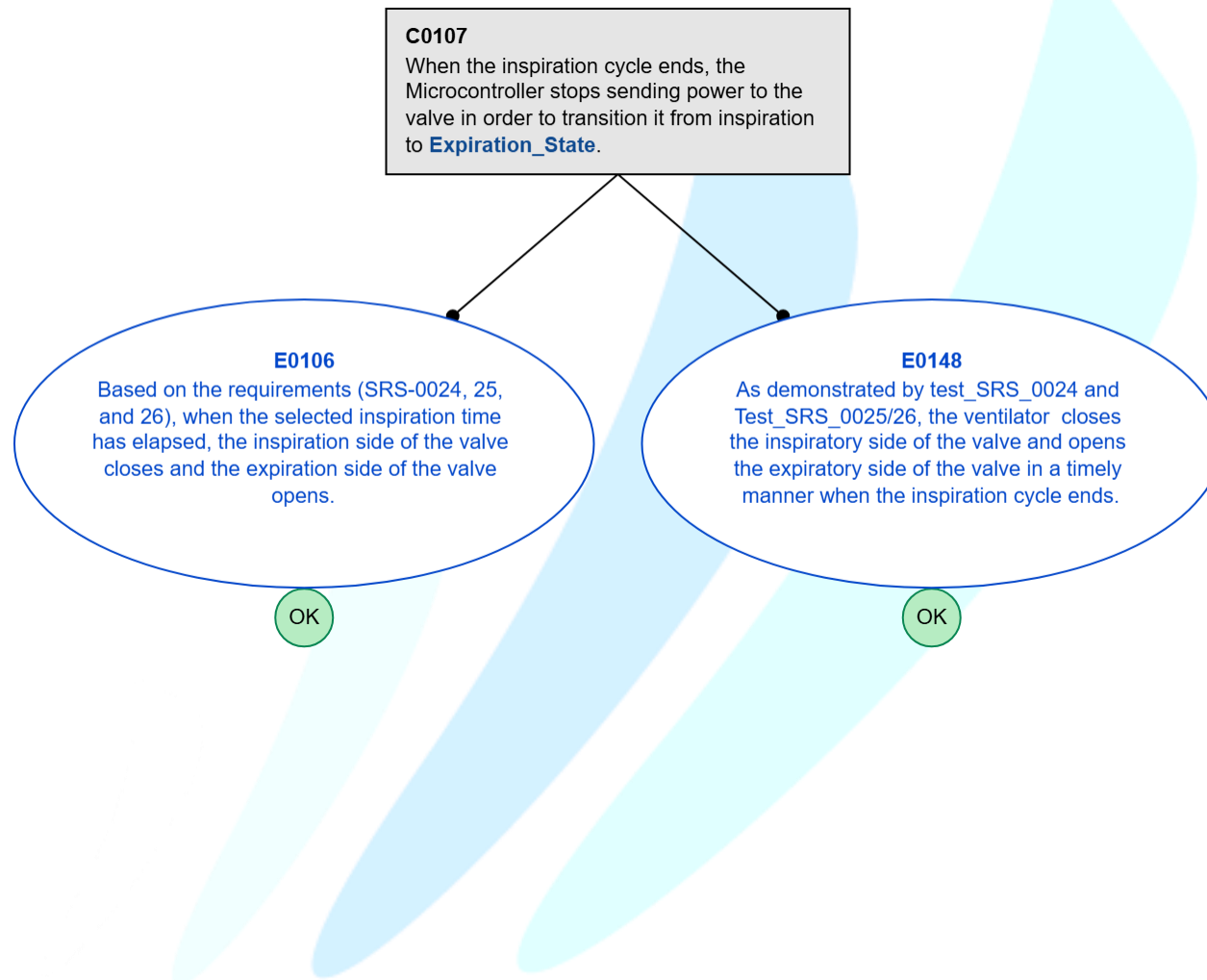


<b>D0133 - Unless there is heap memory corruption affecting/ overwriting the variable in the heap memory in the Microcontroller.</b>			
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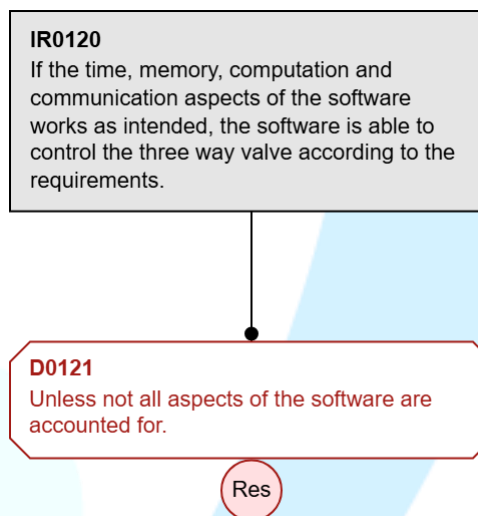




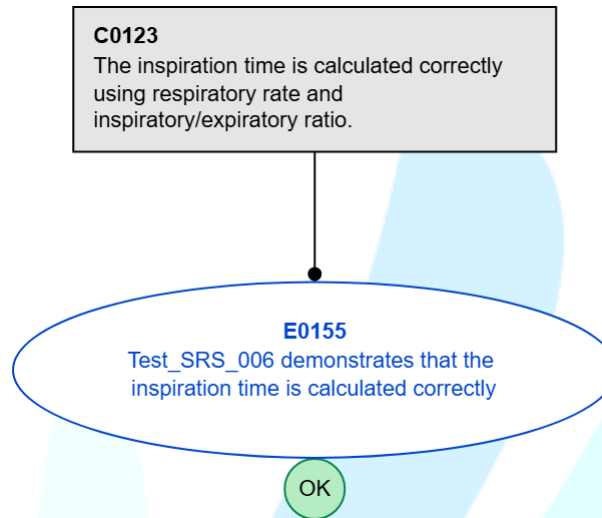
<b>C0107 - When the inspiration cycle ends, the Microcontroller stops sending power to the valve in order to transition it from inspiration to Expirati...</b>			
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Glossary Terms	<a href="#">Expiration_State</a>		



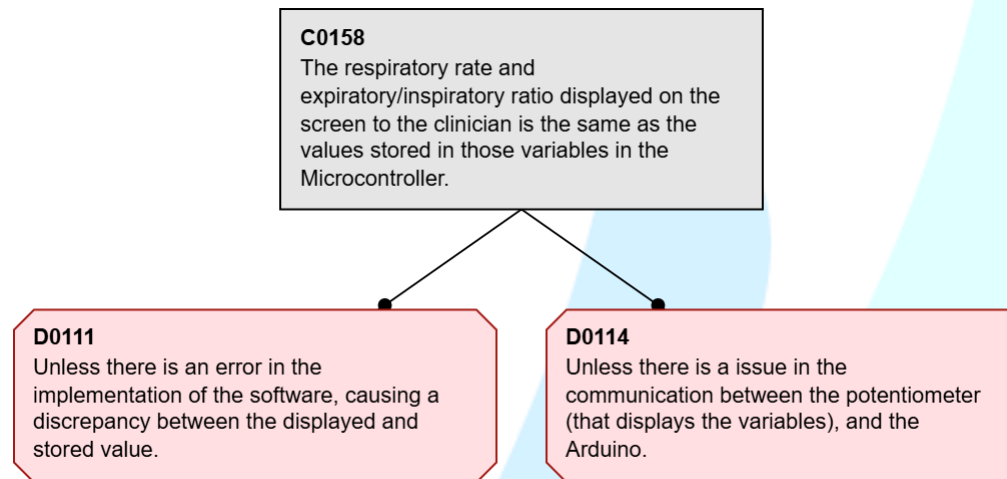
IR0120 - If the time, memory, computation and communication aspects of the software works as intended, the software is able to control the three way ...			
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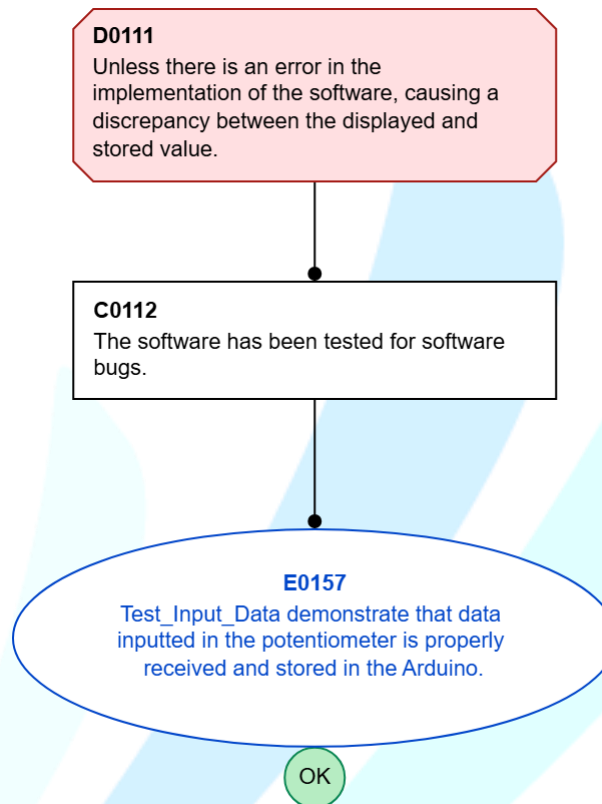
<b>C0123 - The inspiration time is calculated correctly using respiratory rate and inspiratory/expiratory ratio.</b>			
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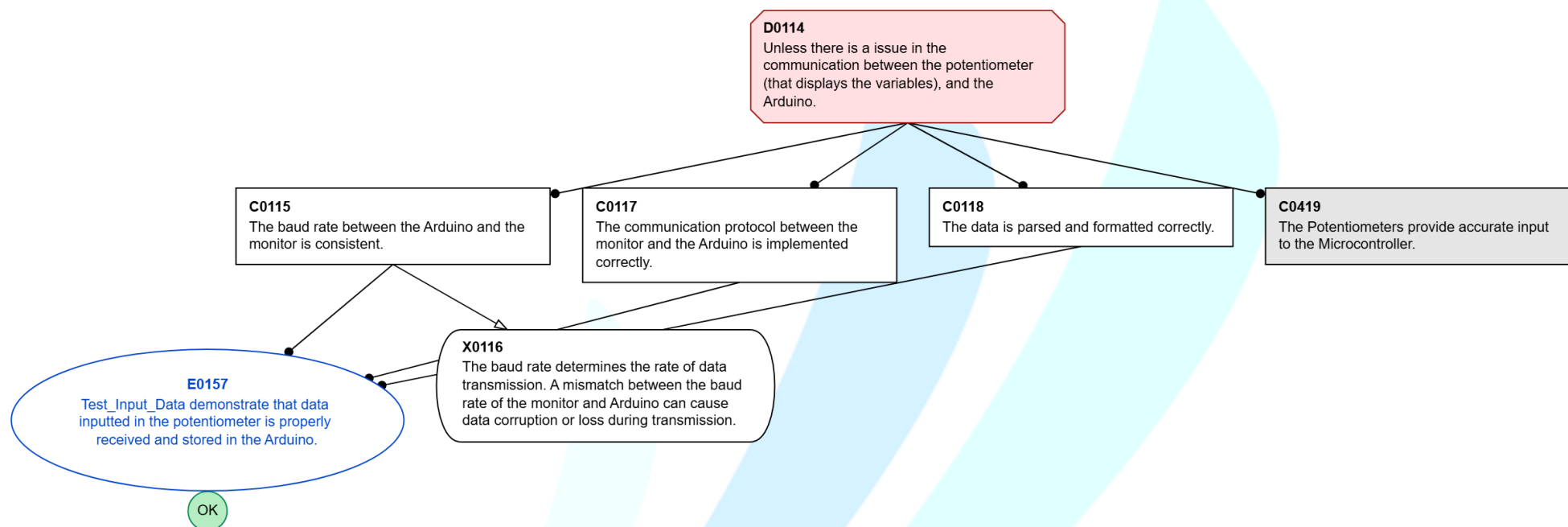
<b>C0158 - The respiratory rate and expiratory/inspiratory ratio displayed on the screen to the clinician is the same as the values stored in those var...</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">S0101</a> , <a href="#">C0022</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">D0111</a> , <a href="#">D0114</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	None		



<b>D0111 - Unless there is an error in the implementation of the software, causing a discrepancy between the displayed and stored value.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0158</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	None
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	None		



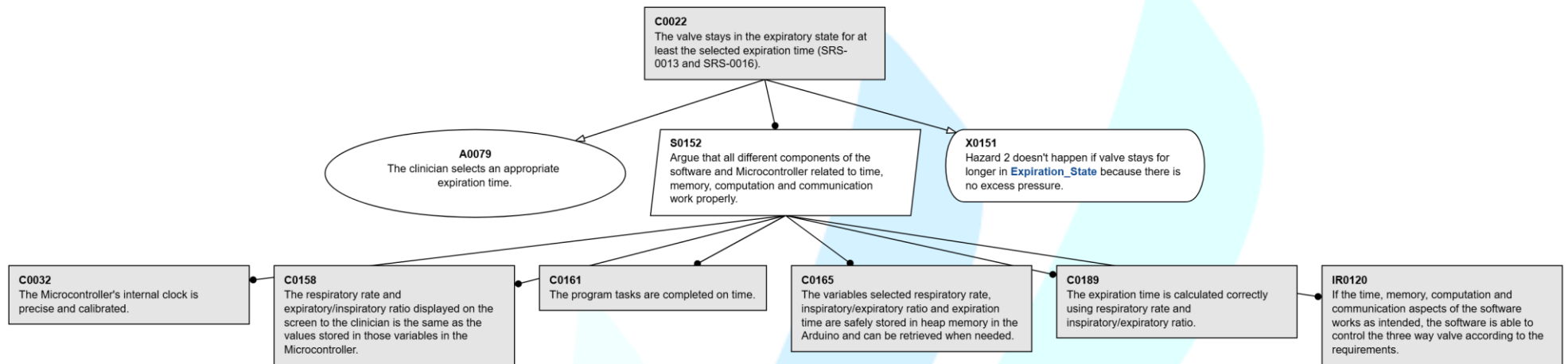
<b>D0114 - Unless there is a issue in the communication between the potentiometer (that displays the variables), and the Arduino.</b>			
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Glossary Terms	None		



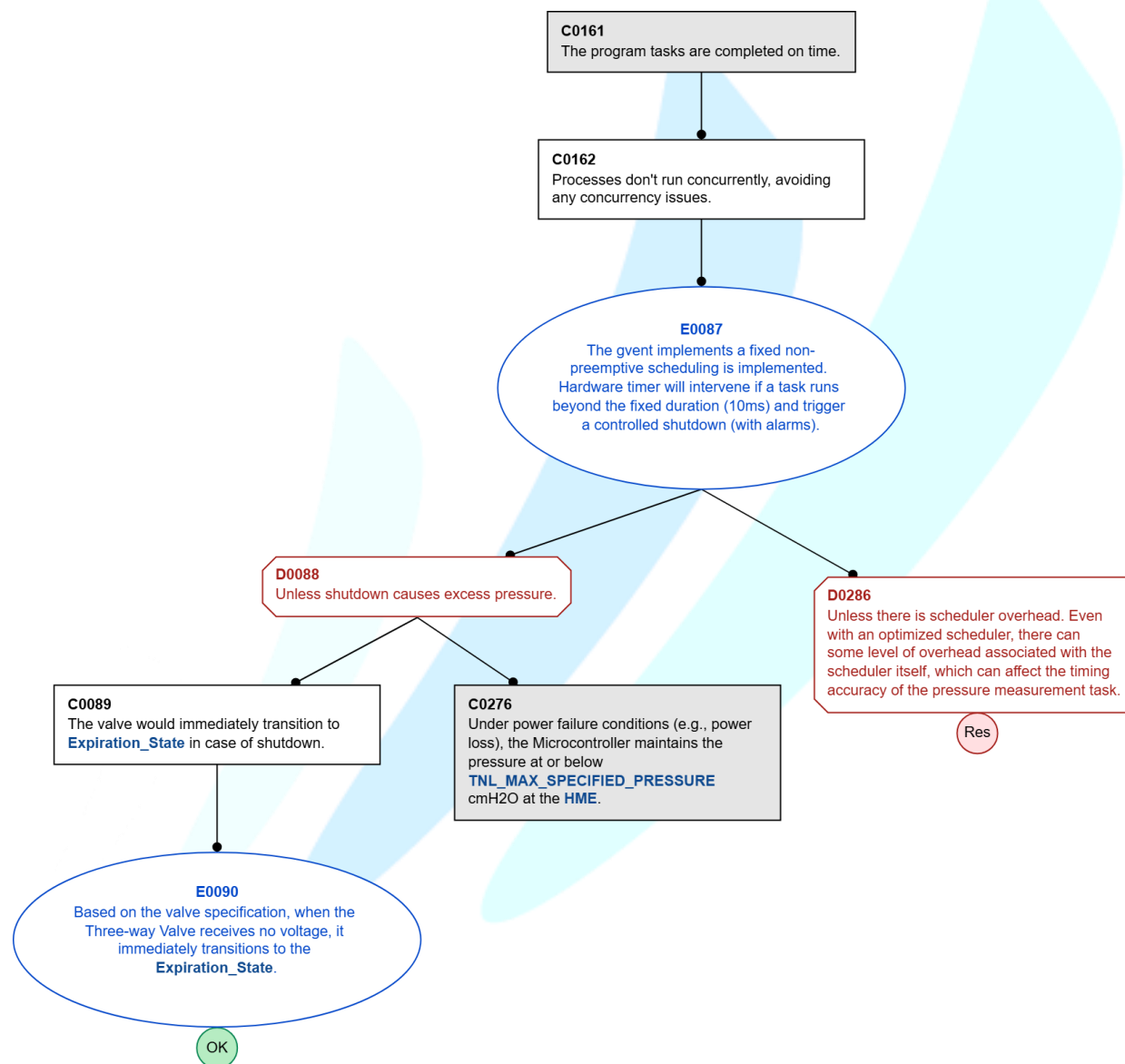


**C0022 - The valve stays in the expiratory state for at least the selected expiration time (SRS-0013 and SRS-0016).**

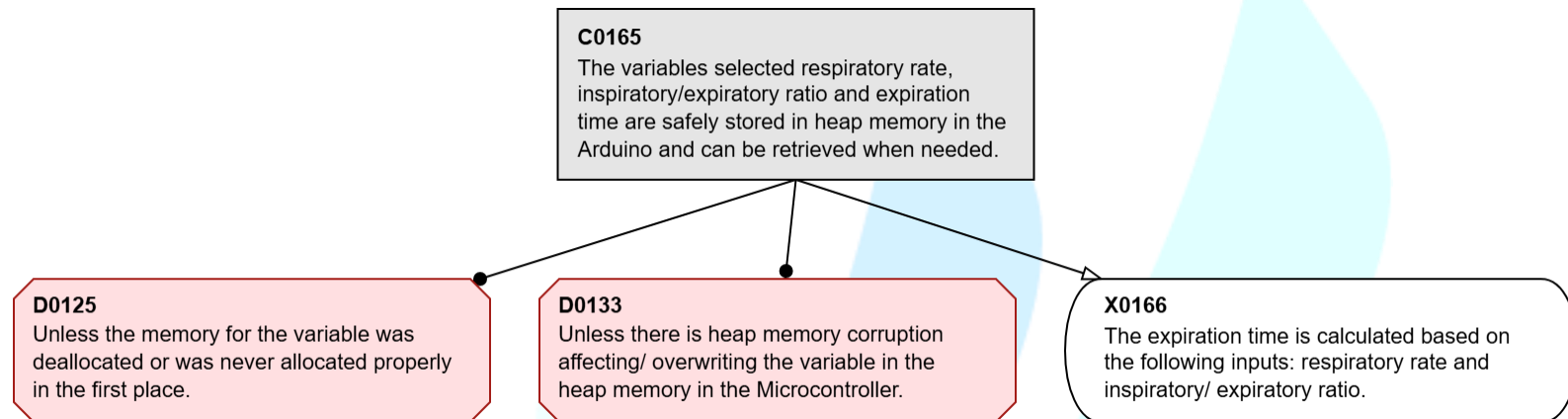
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Glossary Terms	<a href="#">Expiration_State</a>		



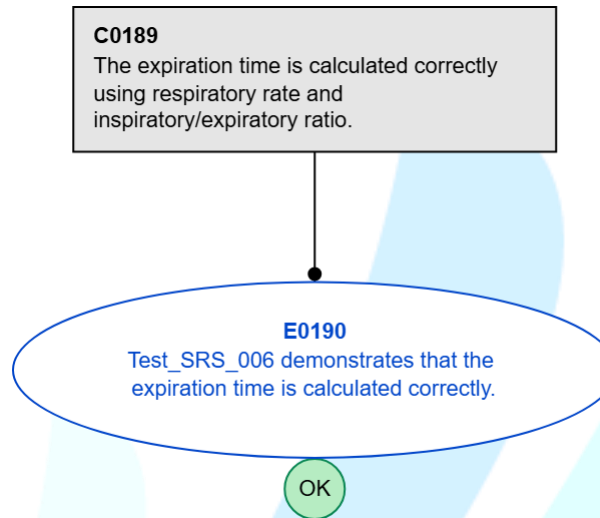
<b>C0161 - The program tasks are completed on time.</b>			
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0022</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	<a href="#">C0276</a>
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">Expiration_State</a> , <a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a>		



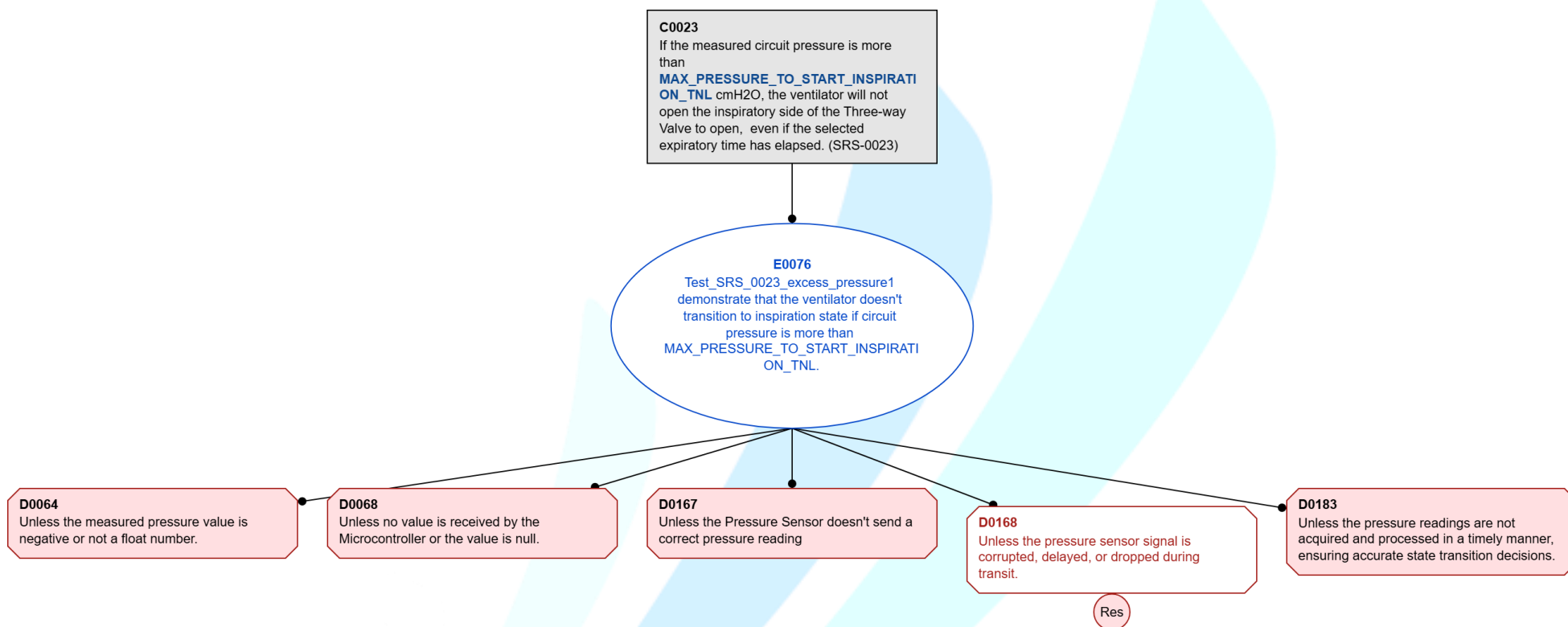
<b>C0165 - The variables selected respiratory rate, inspiratory/expiratory ratio and expiration time are safely stored in heap memory in the Arduino an...</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0022</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">D0125</a> , <a href="#">D0133</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	None		



<b>C0189 - The expiration time is calculated correctly using respiratory rate and inspiratory/expiratory ratio.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0022</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	None
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	None		



<b>C0023 - If the measured circuit pressure is more than MAX_PRESSURE_TO_START_INSPIRATION_TNL cmH2O, the ventilator will not open the inspiratory side...</b>			
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">S0020</a>	Descendant subtree(s)	<a href="#">D0064</a> , <a href="#">D0068</a> , <a href="#">D0167</a> , <a href="#">D0183</a>
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">MAX_PRESSURE_TO_START_INSPIRATION_TNL</a>		

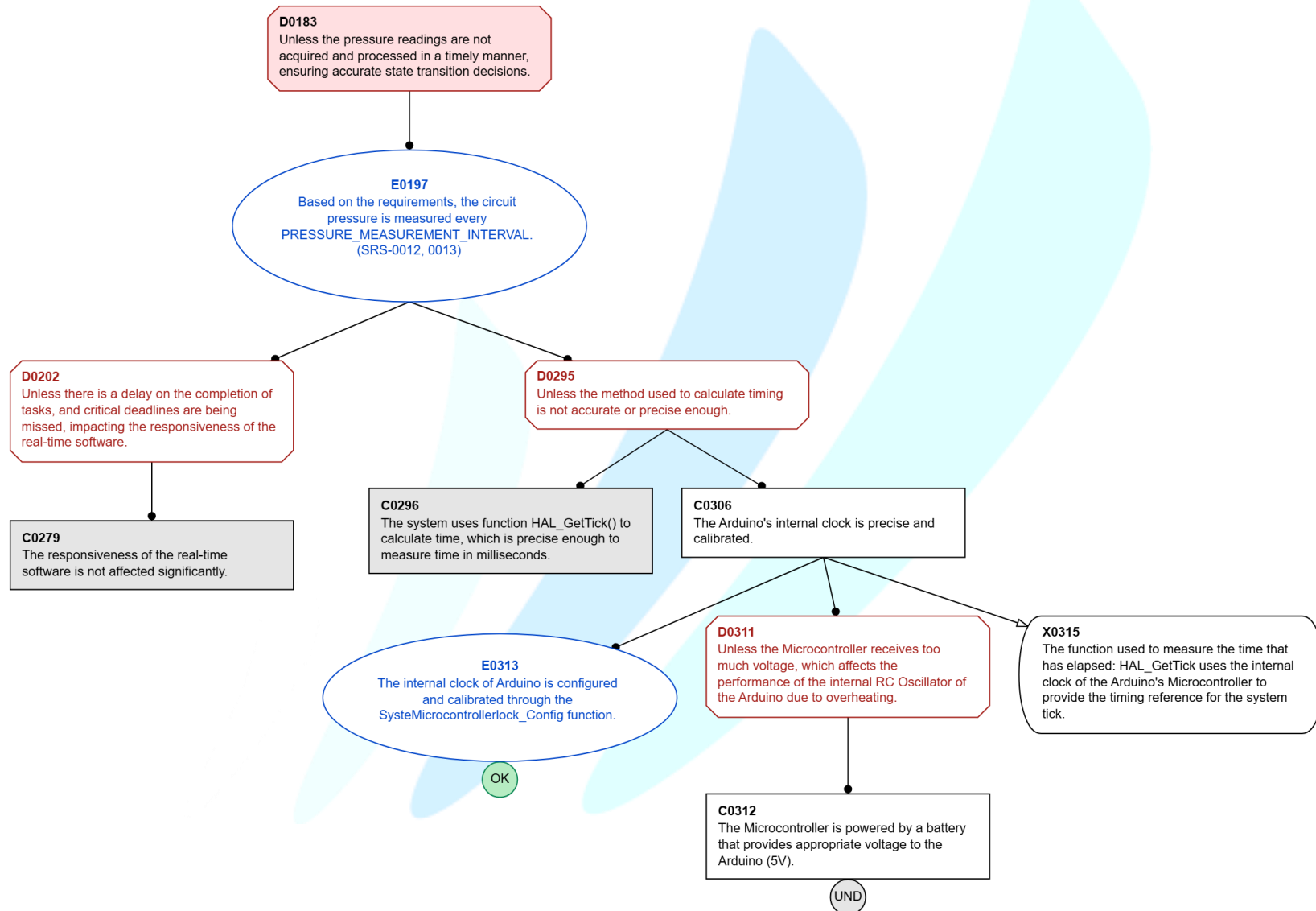


**D0183 - Unless the pressure readings are not acquired and processed in a timely manner, ensuring accurate state transition decisions.**

Parent subtree(s) [C0023](#)

Descendant subtree(s) [C0279](#), [C0296](#)

Glossary Terms None



**C0279 - The responsiveness of the real-time software is not affected significantly.**

Parent subtree(s)

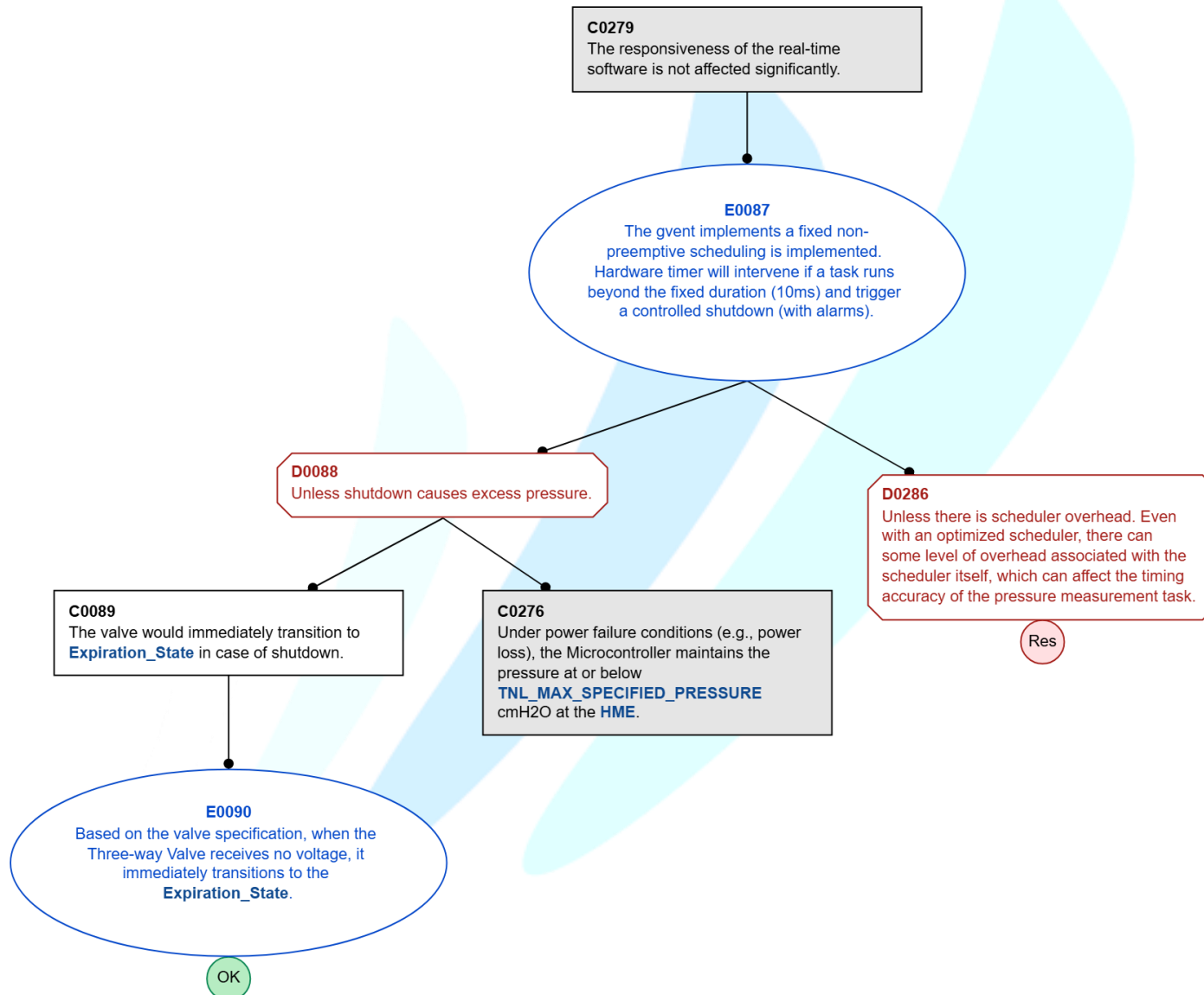
[C0196](#)

Descendant subtree(s)

[C0276](#)

Glossary Terms

[Expiration\\_State](#), [TNL\\_MAX\\_SPECIFIED\\_PRESSURE](#), [HME](#)



<b>C0296 - The system uses function HAL_GetTick() to calculate time, which is precise enough to measure time in milliseconds.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0196</a> , <a href="#">C0466</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	None
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	None		

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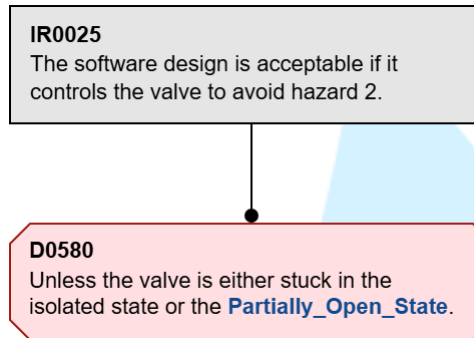
**E0301**

HAL\_GetTick() function is a part of the HAL library provided by STMicroelectronics. It returns the tick value, which represents the elapsed time in milliseconds since the Microcontroller started running. Hence, it is precise enough to measure time that has passed in milliseconds.

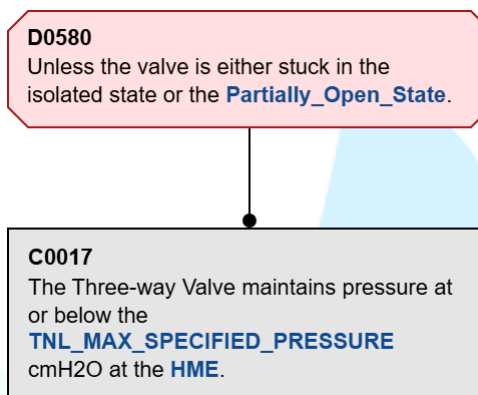
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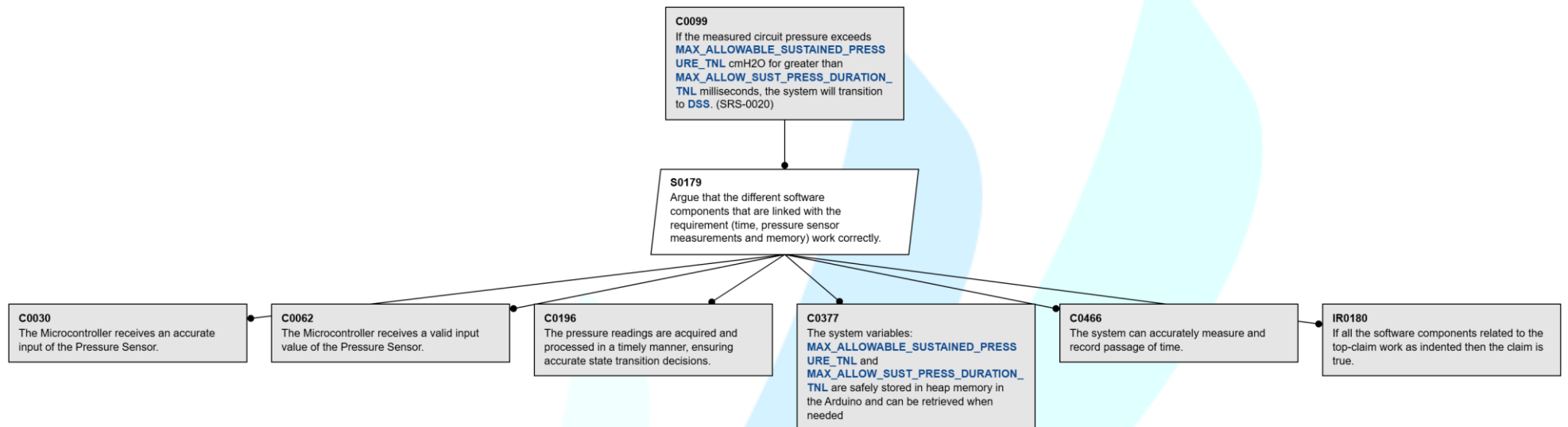
IR0025 - The software design is acceptable if it controls the valve to avoid hazard 2.		
Parent subtree(s)	<a href="#">S0020</a>	Descendant subtree(s) <a href="#">D0580</a>
Glossary Terms	<a href="#">Partially_Open_State</a>	



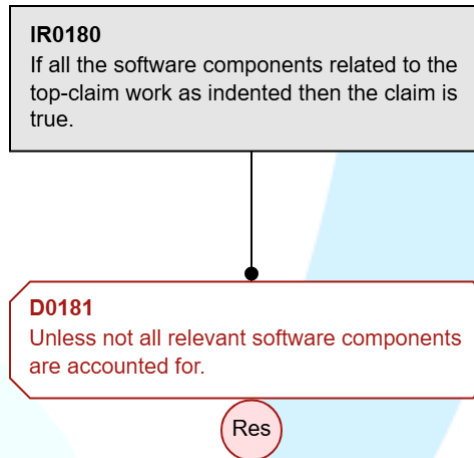
<b>D0580 - Unless the valve is either stuck in the isolated state or the Partially_Open_State.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">IR0025</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0017</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE</a> , <a href="#">HME</a> , <a href="#">Partially_Open_State</a>		



<b>C0099 - If the measured circuit pressure exceeds MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_TNL cmH2O for greater than MAX_ALLOW_SUST_PRESS_DURATION_TNL milli...</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">S0020</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0030</a> , <a href="#">C0062</a> , <a href="#">IR0180</a> , <a href="#">C0196</a> , <a href="#">C0377</a> , <a href="#">C0466</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_TNL</a> , <a href="#">MAX_ALLOW_SUST_PRESS_DURATION_TNL</a> , <a href="#">DSS</a>		



<b>IR0180 - If all the software components related to the top-claim work as indented then the claim is true.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0099</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	None
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	None		



**C0196 - The pressure readings are acquired and processed in a timely manner, ensuring accurate state transition decisions.**

Parent subtree(s)

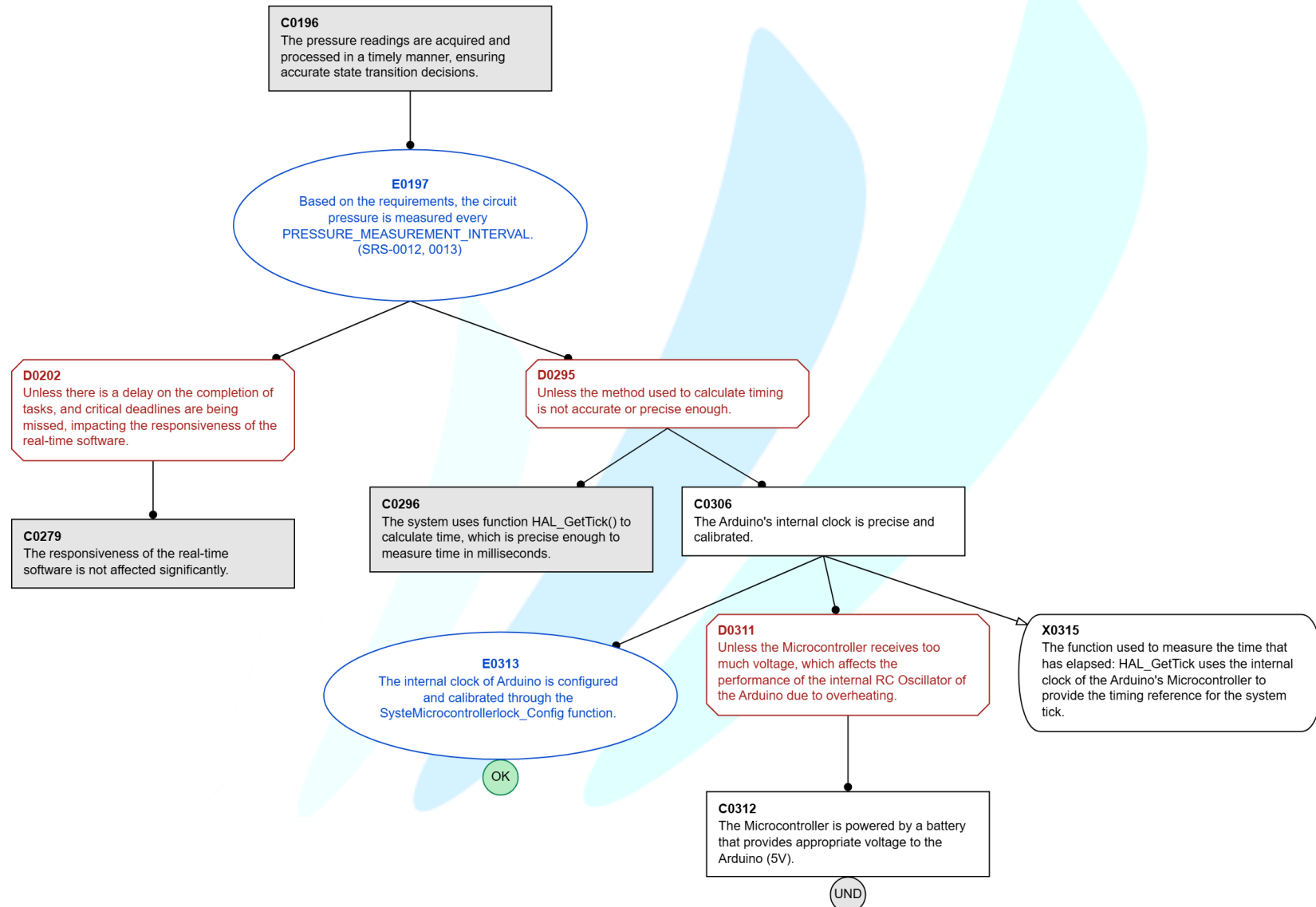
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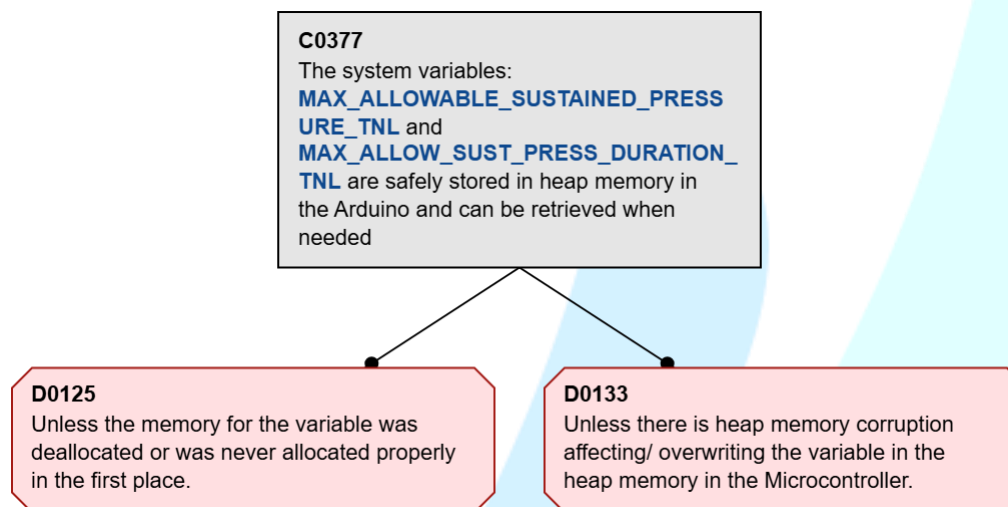
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Glossary Terms

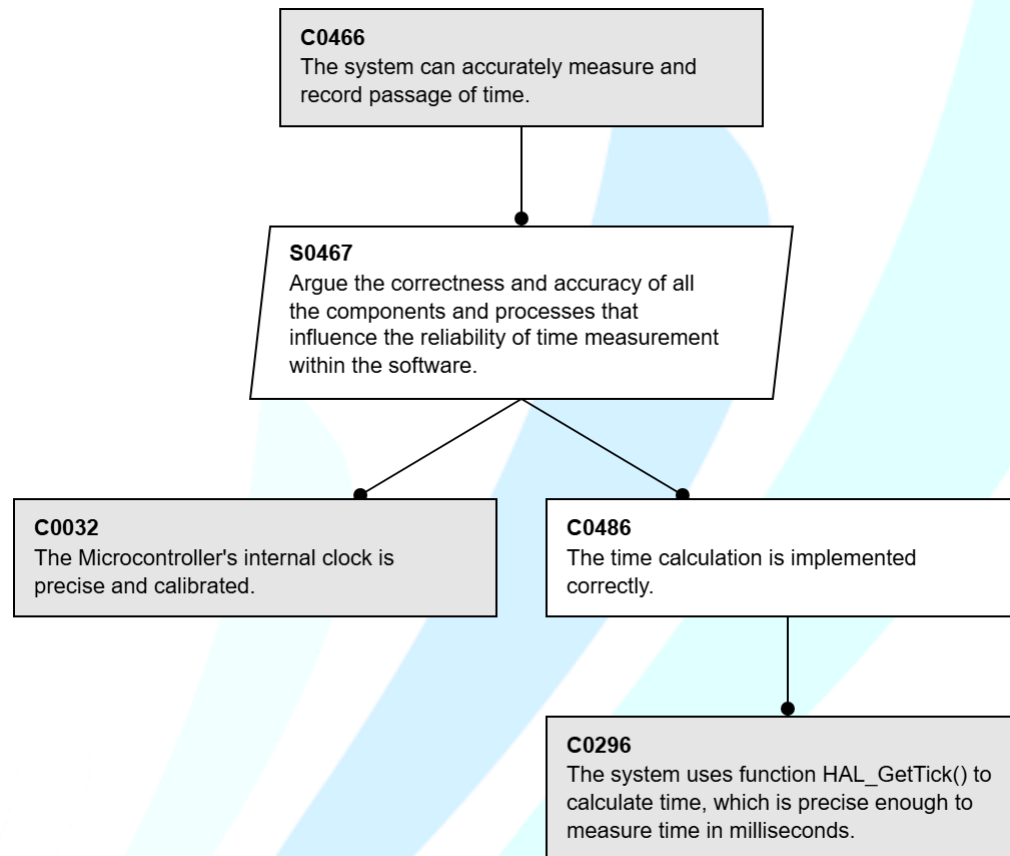
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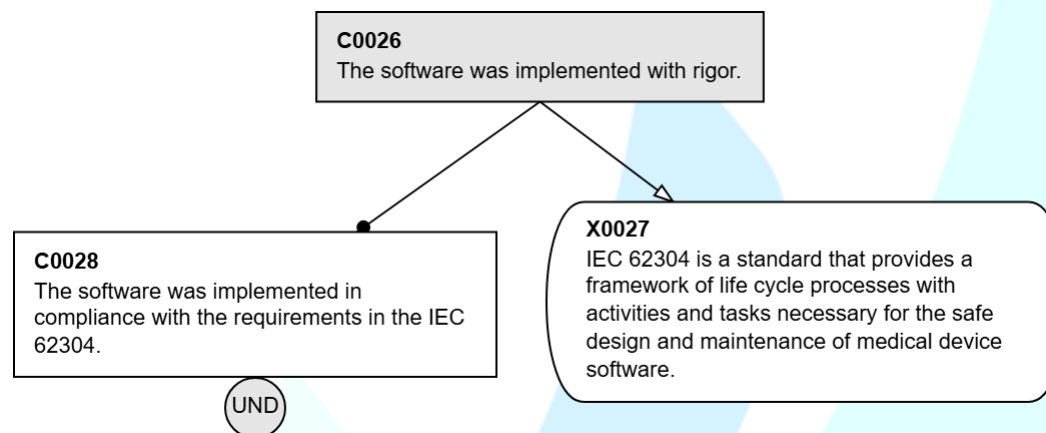
<b>C0377 - The system variables: MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_TNL and MAX_ALLOW_SUST_PRESS_DURATION_TNL are safely stored in heap memory in the Ard...</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0099</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">D0125</a> , <a href="#">D0133</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	<a href="#">MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_TNL</a> , <a href="#">MAX_ALLOW_SUST_PRESS_DURATION_TNL</a>		



<b>C0466 - The system can accurately measure and record passage of time.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0099</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0032</a> , <a href="#">C0296</a>
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	None		



<b>C0026 - The software was implemented with rigor.</b>			
<b>Parent subtree(s)</b>	<a href="#">C0005</a>	<b>Descendant subtree(s)</b>	None
<b>Glossary Terms</b>	None		





## Glossary

Term	Definition
DSS	<i>Design Safety State - In this state the expiratory side of the Three way valve is open. The state persists until the system is power cycled.</i>
MAX_ALLOWABLE_MOMENTARY_PRESSURE_TNL	<i>The maximum pressure (cmH2O) the patient's airways can withstand without being harmed irrespective of the duration of the over-pressure condition.</i>
TIME_TO_TRANSITION_TO_DSS_TNL	<i>The amount of time (ms) required for the ventilator to transition to Design Safety State.</i>
HME	<i>Heated Moisture Exchanger</i>
MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_TNL	<i>the circuit pressure (cmH2O) setpoint that if exceeded for MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_DURATION_TNL ms, would be considered unsafe by the operator.</i>
MAX_ALLOW_SUST_PRESS_DURATION_TNL	<i>MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_DURATION_TNL – the maximum time (ms) that the circuit pressure can be at or above TNL_MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_CSP cmH2O before being considered unsafe by the operator.</i>
H-1	<i>H1 occurs when the pressure at the HME momentarily exceeds MAX_ALLOWABLE_MOMENTARY_PRESSURE_TNL cmH2O for any period of time.</i>
H-2	<i>H2 occurs when the pressure at the HME exceeds MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_TNL cmH2O for a period of time exceeding MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_DURATION_TNL milliseconds.</i>
TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE	<i>The current maximum pressure set-point that the operator (e.g., doctor) has set.</i>
MAX_PRESSURE_TO_START_INSPARATION_TNL	<i>The maximum pressure (cmH2O) in the circuit so that the inspiratory side of the Three-way valve may be opened.</i>
Inspiration_State	<i>When (air can move between the Gravity Chamber and the HME) and (air cannot move between the HME and the PEEP valve).</i>
Expiration_State	<i>When (air can move between the PEEP valve and the HME) and (air cannot move between the Gravity Chamber and the PEEP valve)</i>
PEEP	<i>Positive End Expiratory Pressure</i>
TNL_MAX_PEEP_PRESSURE	<i>The set-point selected by the operator for the Positive End Expiratory Pressure. This is the pressure in cmH2O that the patient's lungs will dissipate to during the Inspiration_State</i>
V&V	<i>Verification and Validation</i>

Partially_Open_State	<i>The “partially open state” occurs when the Three-way Valve is not in fully Inspiratorion_State or Expiration_State.</i>
Isolated_State	<i>The "isolated state" occurs when air cannot flow into nor out of the HME. This occurs when either: a) the HME port of the 3-way valve is blocked or b) both the inspiratory and expiratory ports of the 3-way valve are blocked.</i>
RMVS	<i>Rapidly Manufactured Ventilator Systems</i>
FMEA	<i>Failure Mode and Effects Analysis</i>
STPA	<i>System-Theoretic Process Analysis</i>

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