



ARDS & Mechanical Ventilation

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The Berlin ARDS Definition

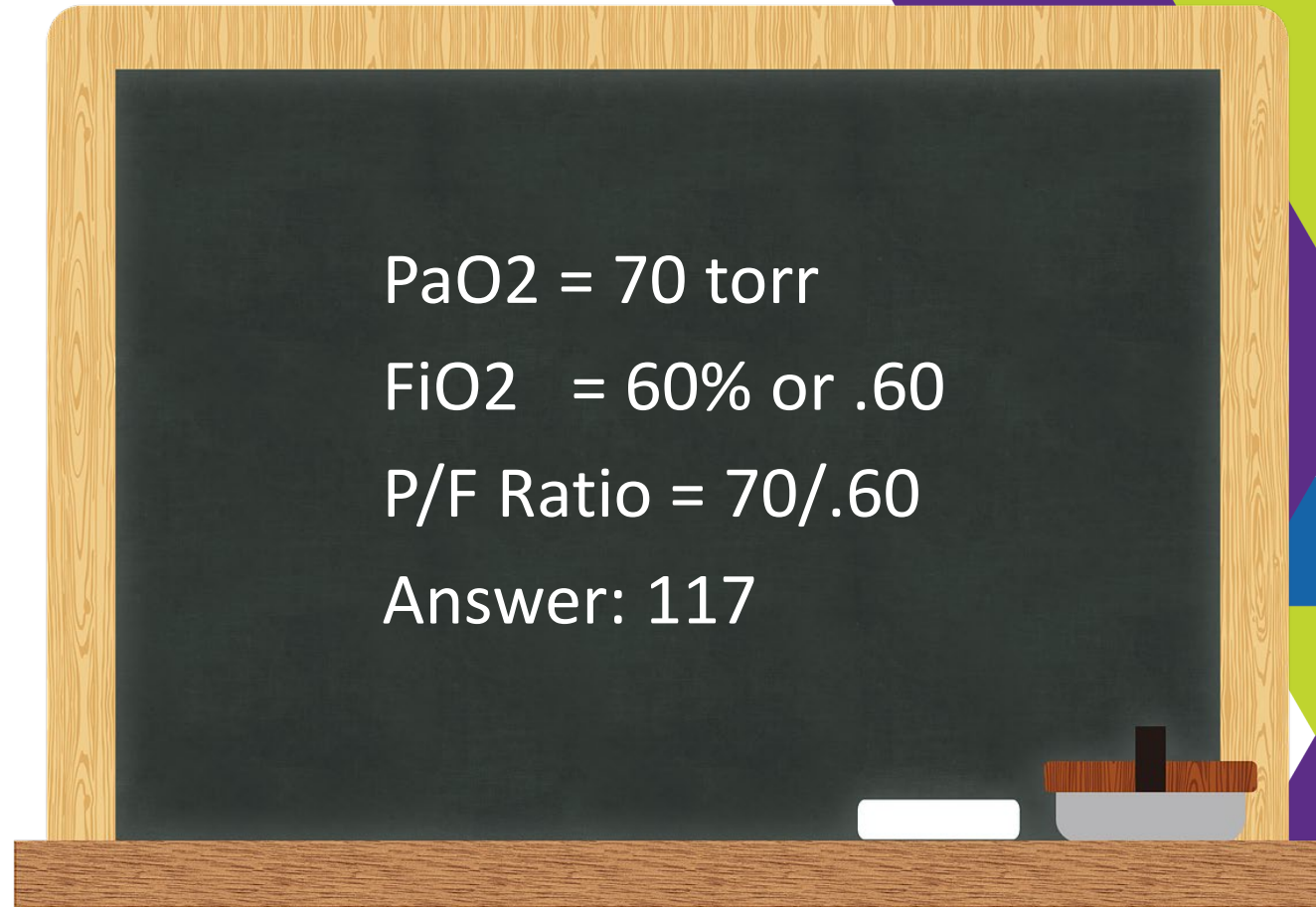


TIMING	Within 1 week of a known clinical insult		
CHEST IMAGING (X-RAY OR CAT SCAN)	Bilateral opacities		
ORIGIN OF EDEMA	Respiratory failure not fully explained by cardiac failure or fluid overload		
	MILD	MODERATE	SEVERE
OXYGENATION	<200 PaO ₂ /FiO ₂ or ≤300 with PEEP/CPAP ≥5 cm H ₂ O	<100 PaO ₂ /FiO ₂ or ≤200 with PEEP ≥5 cm H ₂ O	≤100 PaO ₂ /FiO ₂ with PEEP ≥5 cm H ₂ O
MORTALITY	27% (24% to 30%)	32% (29% to 34%)	45% (42% to 48%)



PaO₂/FiO₂ Ratio

- 🔗 User friendly tool
- 🔗 Crude assessment of the severity of lung injury
- 🔗 Used in the definition of ARDS
 - △ Mild
 - △ Moderate
 - △ Severe



A New Global Definition of ARDS

ARDS New Global Definition 2023

● new definition criteria	Classification		
	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Time to instalation	Up to seven days - known risk fator(s)		
Pulmonary edema	Not explained by cardiogenic edema or intravascular volume overload		
Radiologic features	Bilateral infiltrates on chest X-ray or CT or lung ultrasound (by a trained professional) (not explained by nodules, pleural effusion or atelectasis)		
Hypoxemia PaO₂/FIO₂**	201-300 with NIV/CPAP PEEP ≥ 5* or HFNO > 30l/min	101 - 200 com PEEP ≥ 5	≤ 100 com PEEP ≥ 5
Hypoxemia SpO₂/FIO₂	≤ 315 with SpO ₂ ≤ 97%		



Pathophysiologic Characteristics in ARDS



- ▶ A permeability defect described as a diffuse, non-uniform injury to the alveolar epithelium and alveolar capillary membrane (mediator/biotrauma & ventilator induced)
- ▶ Ventilator induced lung injury: overdistension injury caused by higher tidal volumes and higher transpulmonary pressures. This may induce cytokine release
- ▶ Direct injury to pulmonary circulation (mediator/biotrauma & ventilator induced)
- ▶ Defect in the body's ability to transport and utilize O₂ at tissue level



The Eight P's of ARDS Treatment

 PREVENTION

 **PEEP**

 PUMP

 PIPES

 PARALYSIS

 POSITION

 PROTEIN

 PROTOCOL



PEEP
POSITIVE END
EXPERIATORY
PRESSURE



Indications for Mechanical Ventilation



- ▲ Airway compromise due to disease
 - Hypoventilation can result from impaired drive, pump failure, or gas exchange difficulties
 - Respiratory muscle weakness (such as muscular dystrophy and myositis)
 - Peripheral nervous system defects (such as Guillain-Barré syndrome or myasthenic crisis)
 - Restrictive ventilatory defects (such as chest wall trauma or disease or massive pneumothorax or effusion)
- ▲ Hypoxemic respiratory failure
- ▲ Increase ventilation demand—sepsis, severe metabolic dysfunction



Common Modes of Ventilation

- Volume-limited assist control (VAC) ventilation
- Pressure-limited assist control (PAC) ventilation
- Synchronized intermittent mandatory ventilation (SIMV) with pressure support ventilation (PSV)



Setting up the Vent

- Tidal volume (V_T): The tidal volume is usually determined based on ideal or predicted body weight (PBW) rather than actual weight. In conditions such as ARDS that require a protective lung strategy, the V_T is set at a low range of 4 to 8 mL/kg PBW.
- Respiratory rate (RR): The respiratory rate is typically between 12 and 16 breaths per minute. A higher respiratory rate (up to 35 breaths per minute) may be selected to achieve sufficient minute ventilation, especially during a protective lung strategy in ARDS to prevent severe hypercapnia or counteract severe acidosis.
- Inspiratory flow rate (IFR): The inspiratory flow rate is usually set between 40 and 60 L/min to achieve an inspiratory and expiratory ratio of 1:2 or 1:3



Setting up the Vent

- Fraction of inspired oxygen (FiO_2): FiO_2 should be adjusted to the minimum level necessary to maintain a pulse oximetry (SpO_2) reading of 90% to 96%. Avoiding hyperoxemia is crucial, as studies have demonstrated an increase in mortality among critically ill patients with excessive oxygen levels.
- Positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP): PEEP increases the functional residual capacity and prevents the collapse of alveoli, thus reducing atelectrauma.
- Trigger sensitivity: Triggers can be categorized into 2 types—flow trigger and pressure trigger.
 - Pressure triggers are typically set at -2 cm H_2O but should be avoided if auto-PEEP is suspected. I
 - In such cases, flow triggers should be used and set at a threshold of 2 L/min

Strategies for Ventilating the ARDS Lung: Protect From Injury

- ▲ Oxygen exposure
- ▲ Pressure (Barotrauma)
- ▲ Volume (Volutrauma & Biotrauma)
- ▲ Shear forces (Reopening & closing of alveoli)
(Atelectrauma & Biotrauma)



ATS & SCCM Guidelines for Mechanical Ventilation of ARDS Patients



Strong recommendation for:

- △ Using lower tidal volumes (4-8ml/kg PBW) & lower inspiratory pressures (plateau pressures < 30 cm H₂O)
- △ Severe ARDS prone positioning for > 12 h/d
- △ Against the routine use of HFOV

Conditional recommendation

- △ Higher PEEP's
- △ Recruitment maneuvers

Additional evidence needed for ECMO



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2023 ESICM Practice Guidelines



For intubated patients with ARDS

- △ Use low tidal volume ventilation (ie, 4-8 mL/kg predicted body weight) vs larger tidal volumes to reduce mortality (strong recommendation; high level of evidence)
- △ Do not use prolonged high-pressure recruitment maneuvers (strong recommendation; moderate level of evidence) or brief high-pressure recruitment maneuvers (weak recommendation; high level of evidence)

For intubated patients with moderate to severe ARDS

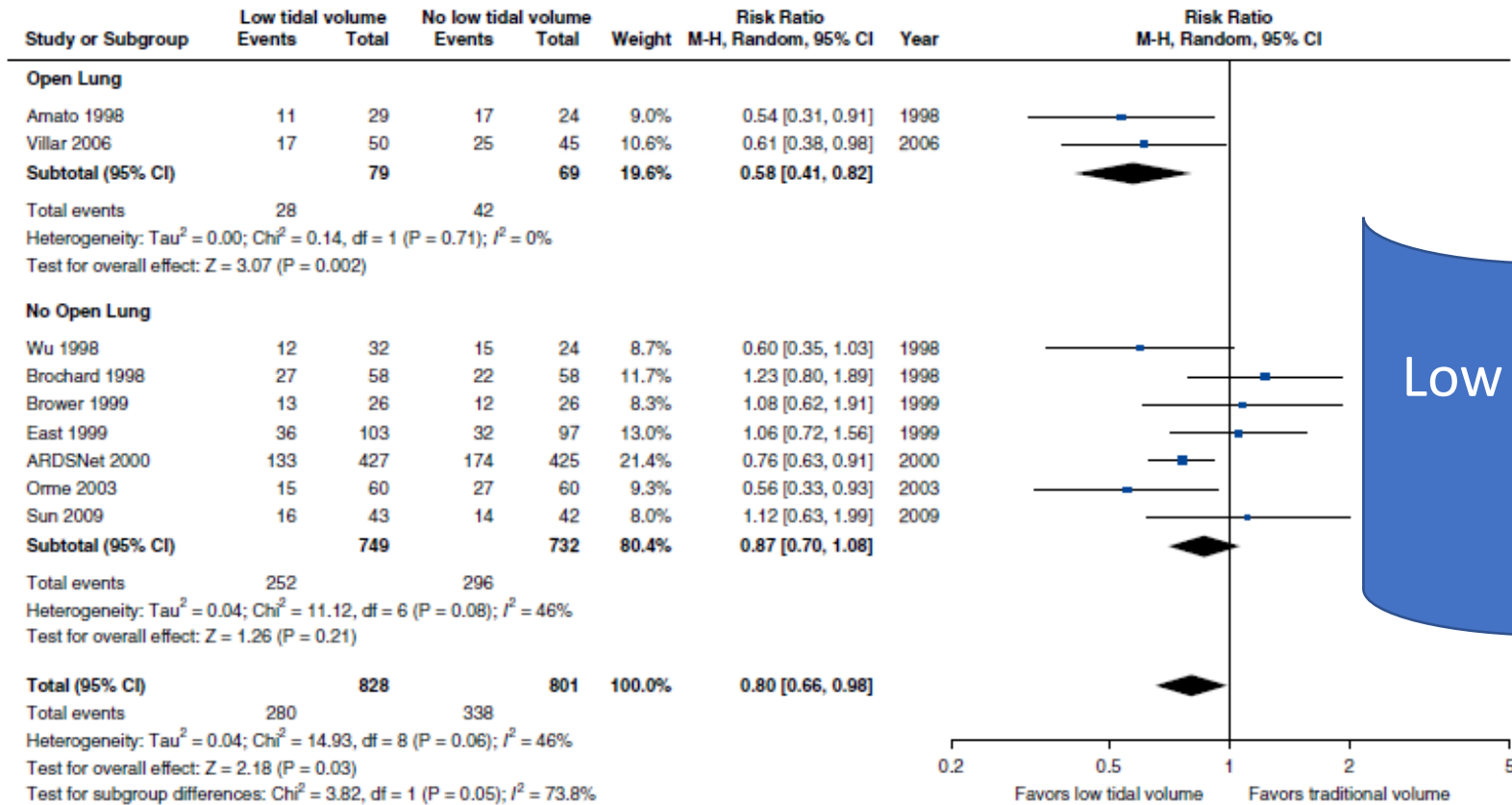
- △ Use prone position to reduce mortality (strong recommendation; high level of evidence)
- △ Do not routinely use continuous infusions of neuromuscular blockade to reduce mortality (strong recommendation; moderate level of evidence)
- △ Refer patients who meet criteria for ECMO (extracorporeal membrane oxygenation) to ECMO centers (strong recommendation; moderate evidence)



Low Tidal Volume

7 RCT's

1481 patients

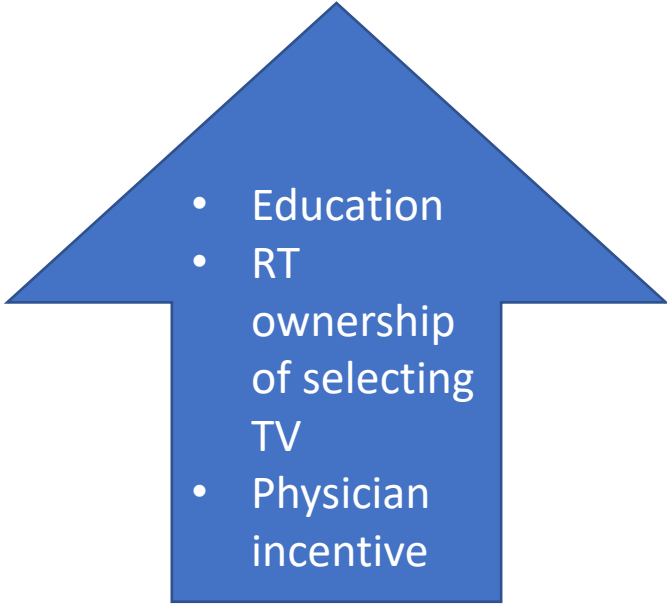


Low TV achieved in < 2/3 of ARDS patients

Bellaini G, et al. JAMA, 2016;315(8):788-800

Improving Delivery of Low Tidal Volume

- QI project-4 PDSA cycles
- 10 ICU's, 3 Hospitals
- Initial compliance rate: 40%-60%

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- Education
 - RT ownership of selecting TV
 - Physician incentive

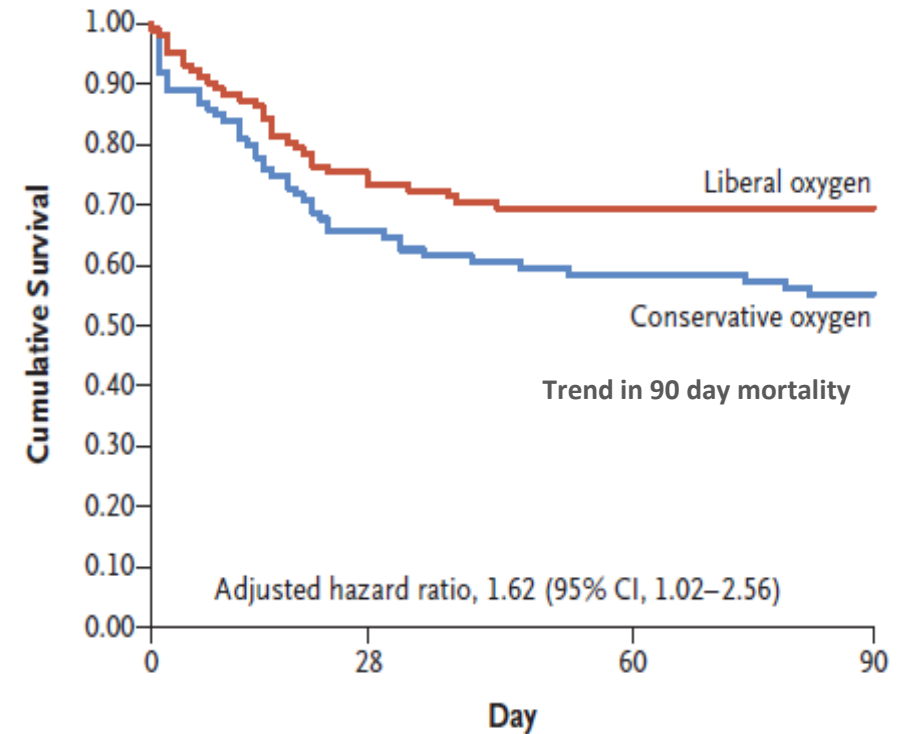
91%-96%

Liberal vs. Conservative O2 therapy in ARDS

- ▶ RCT-13 ICU's, 205 patients
- ▶ Intubated/Ventilated with ARDS < 12hrs
- ▶ Randomized:
 - △ Conservative O2: 55 -70 mmhg
 - △ Liberal O2: 90-105mmhg
- ▶ Targets maintained for first 7days or extubation



Mesenteric ischemia in conservative O2 group

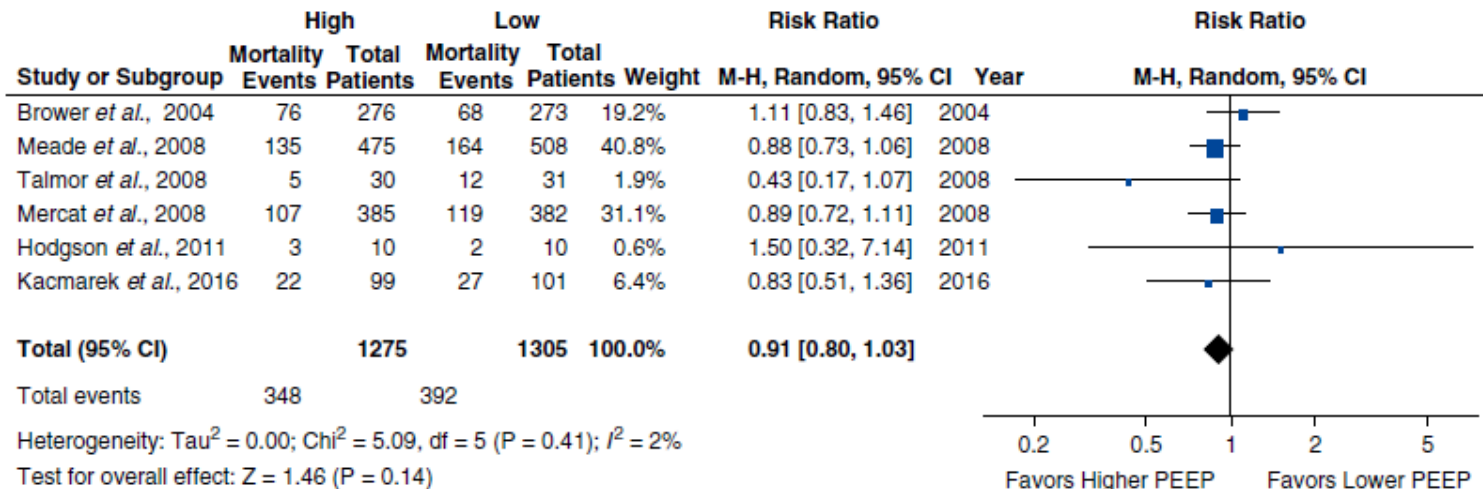


No. at Risk				
Liberal oxygen	102	74	69	63
Conservative oxygen	99	64	55	45

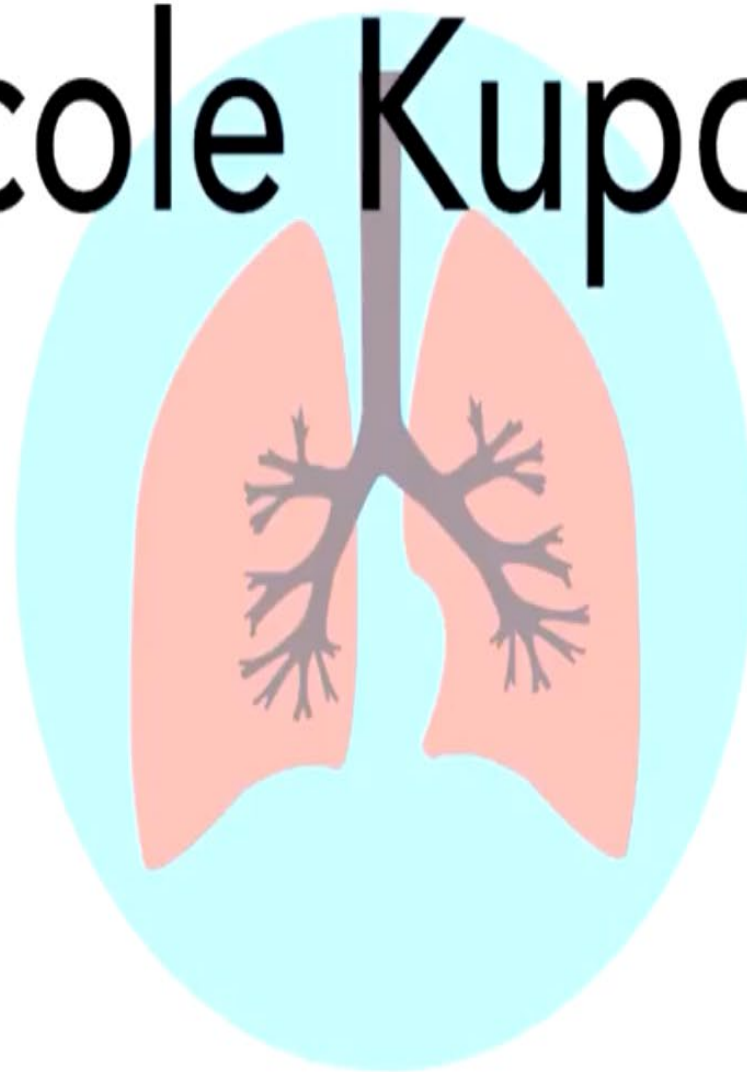
EBR & Meta-analysis: High Peep vs. Low PEEP



- 8 trials, 2,728 patients
- Mean PEEP in higher 15.1 (± 3.6 cm)
- Mean PEEP in lower 9.1 (± 2.7 cm)
- No difference in mortality, barotrauma, new organ failure or VFD's



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How do you know
what PEEP to start
with post intubation?

- Gattinoni Method
- ARDSnet PEEP/FiO₂ table

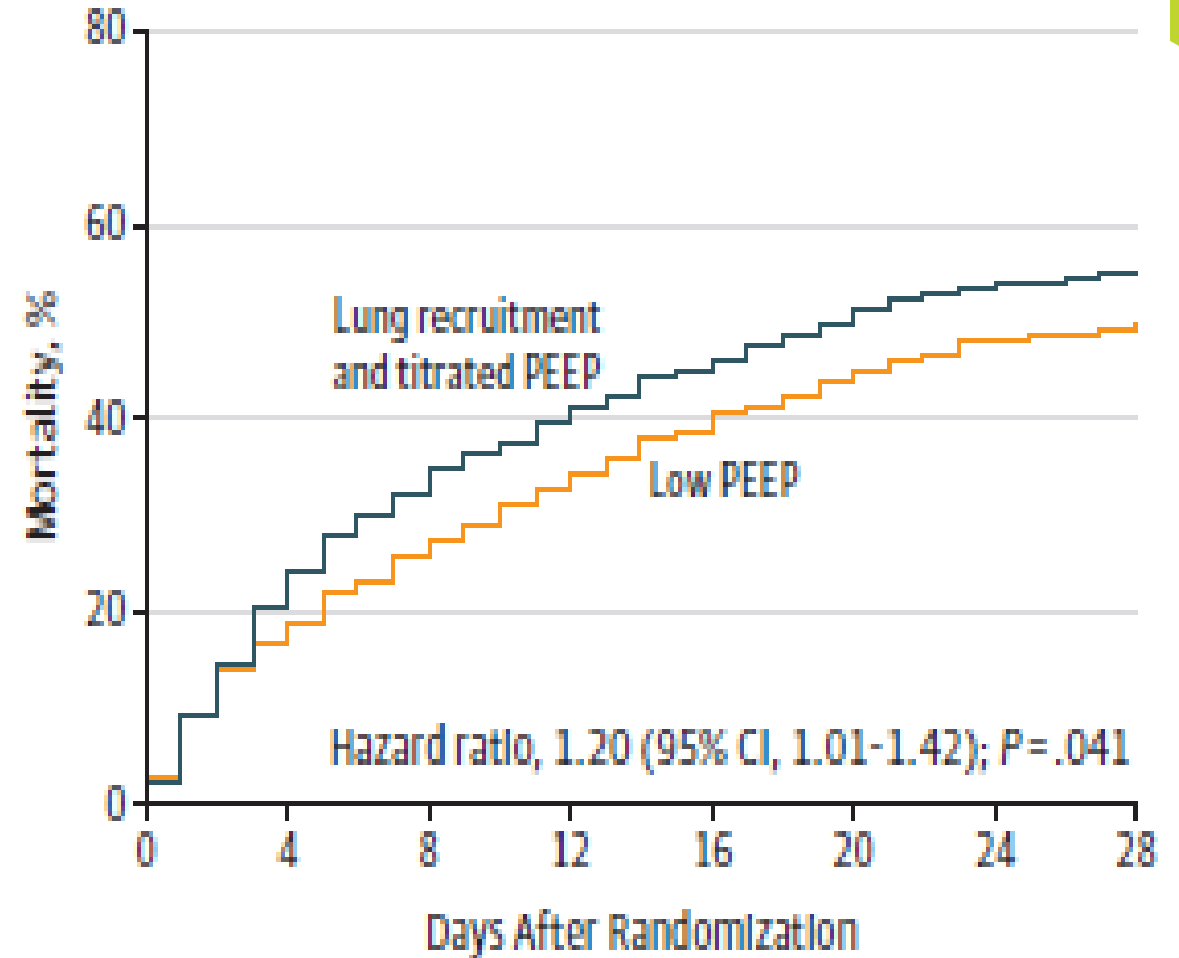
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Titration PEEP—No difference seen between using Esophageal pressure guided strategy versus the PEEP/FIO2 strategy (Beitler JR, et al. JAMA, 2019;321:646-857)



Effect of Lung Recruitment & Titrated PEEP vs Low PEEP on Mortality (ART Trial)

- Multi-center RCT, 120 ICU's, 9 countries, 1010 patients
- Maneuver: RM with incremental PEEP titration, then PEEP set at 23cm and ↓ by 3cm till 11cm based on compliance.
- Results
 - Small # didn't received RM due to hypotension
 - Higher # with barotrauma in RM group
 - PEEP diff was 3-4 cm



PHARLAP:

An Open Lung Strategy including Permissive Hypercapnia, Alveolar Recruitment and Low Airway Pressure in ARDS patients

- ▶ A Multi-center RCT in 5 countries/Phase II trial
- ▶ Objective: Determine whether maximal lung recruitment strategies reduce VFD versus Low V_t and moderate PEEP
- ▶ Enrollment stopped after publication of ART trial





Adjunctive Strategies

 APRV

 HFOV

 ECMO

 ECCO₂ (experimental)

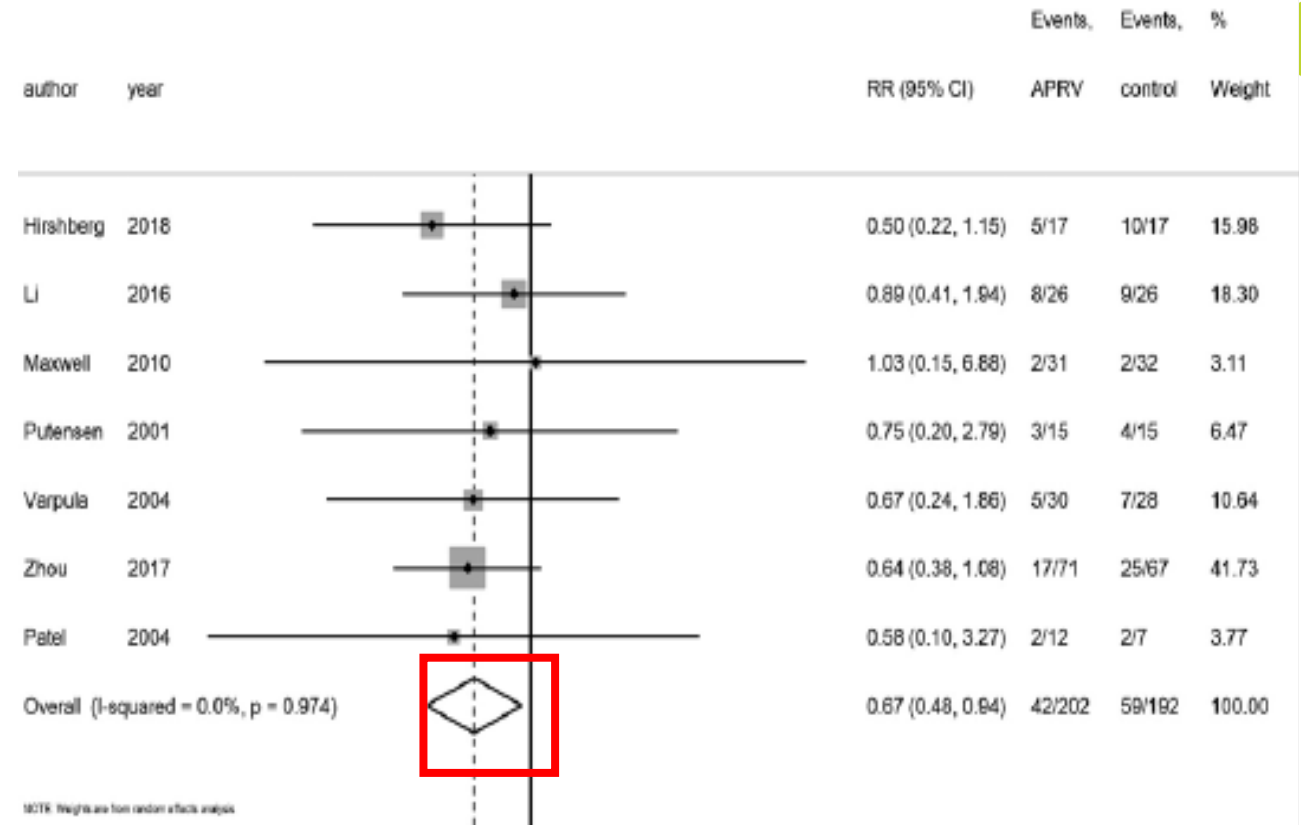
-  The strategy of altar protective lung ventilation with extracorporeal CO₂ removal for new onset moderate to severe ARDS (SUPERNOVA) trial
-  Protective ventilation with veno-venous lung assist in respiratory failure (REST) trial



APRV:

Airway Pressure Release Ventilation vs any Ventilator Mode

- 7 RCT's, 412 patients
- Mean measured TV in APRV group: 7.47 ml/kg, vs. 7.45 ml/kg
- Improvement in day 3 PaO₂/FiO₂ ratio
- No difference in:
 - Initial rescue treatments
 - inhaled pulmonary vasodilators
 - prone positioning
 - ECMO
- Barotrauma only reported in three studies (no difference)

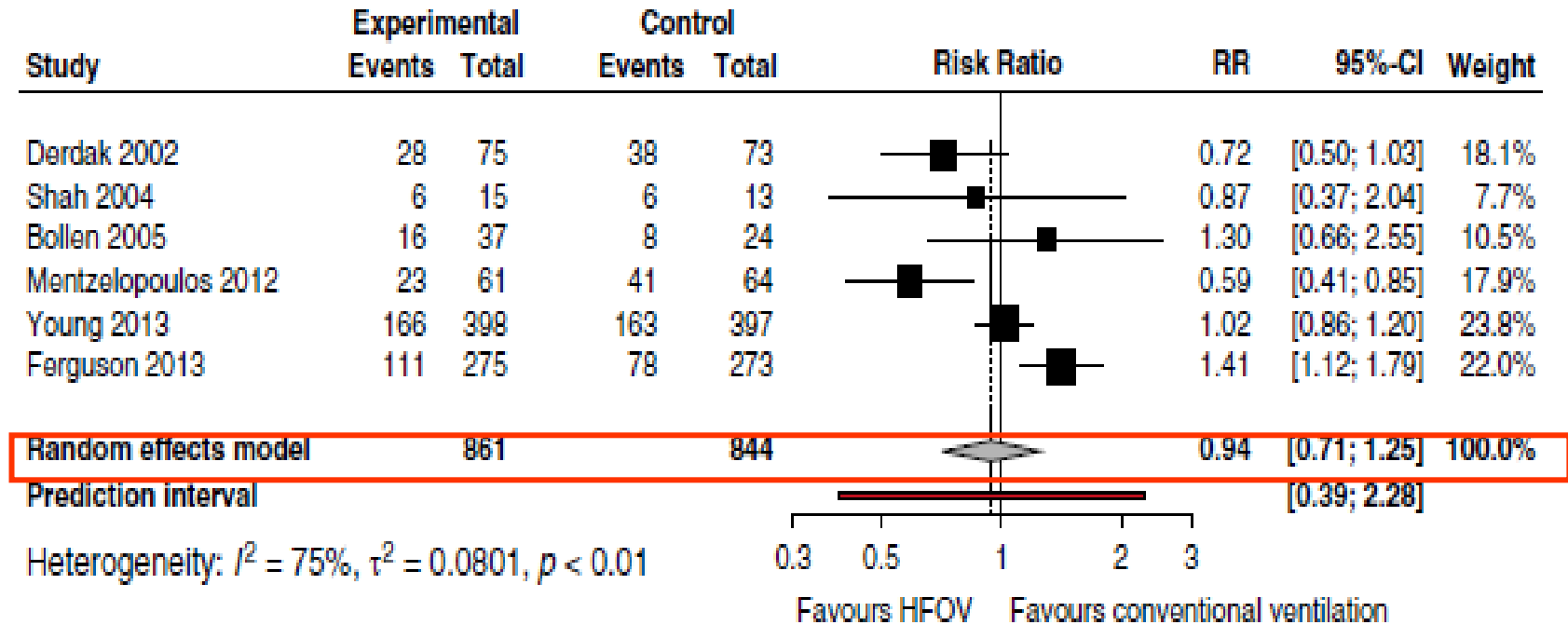


Needed a larger sample to prevent false positive in primary outcomes (614 patients)

High Frequency Oscillation: EBR & Meta-analysis



- Six trials with 1715 patients
- No difference in barotrauma rates

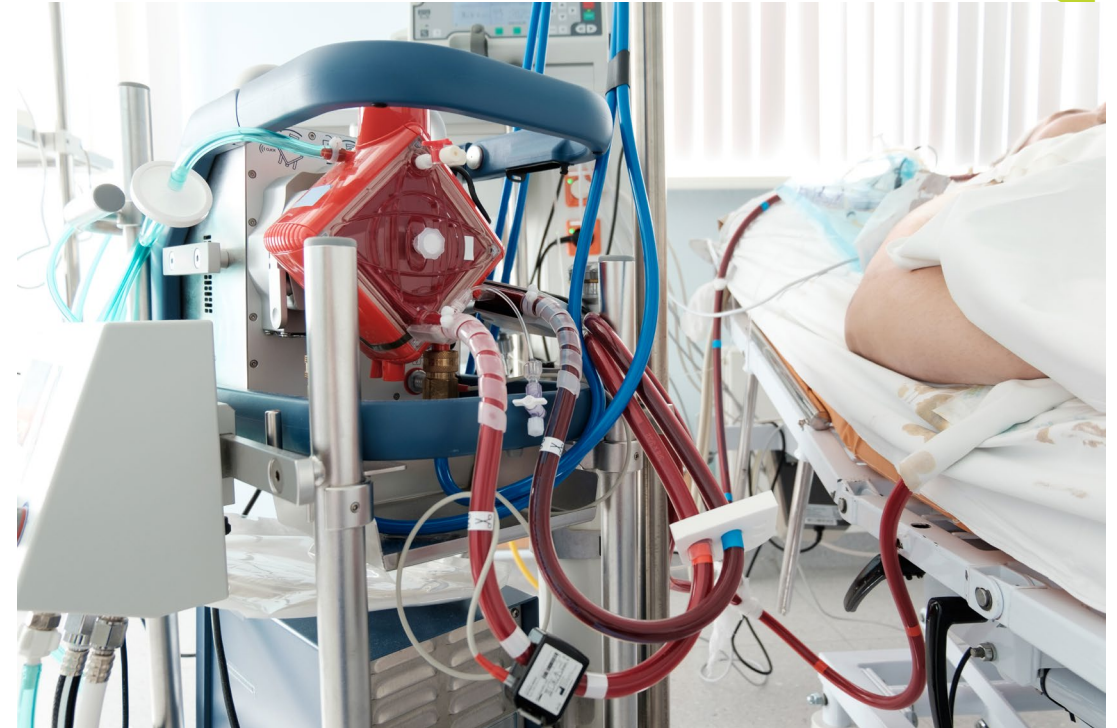


In an individual patient meta-analysis, those with ARDS with P/F ratios < 65mmhg may see a benefit.

Meade MO, et al. AJRCCM,2017;196(6):727-733

EOLIA Trial

- 🌊 Multicenter, International, RCT
- 🌊 Method: Compared early VV ECMO or continued conventional ventilator therapy and measure 60-day mortality in patients with severe forms of ARDS
- 🌊 Cross over to ECMO was possible for conventional group who had refractory hypoxemia
- 🌊 Results:
 - △ Mortality: 35% in ECMO versus 46% in control ($p < 0.09$)
 - △ Crossover to ECMO avg 6.5 days-28% of control / Mortality 57%



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Discoveries with COVID

🔗 Candidacy of Patients

- △ Previous scoring tools were no longer accurate
- △ Younger patients (<50 yrs) single organ dysfunction had best outcomes

🔗 Shorten the interval from intubation to cannulation

- △ Less than 3 days of MV, P/F ratio <70 mmHg

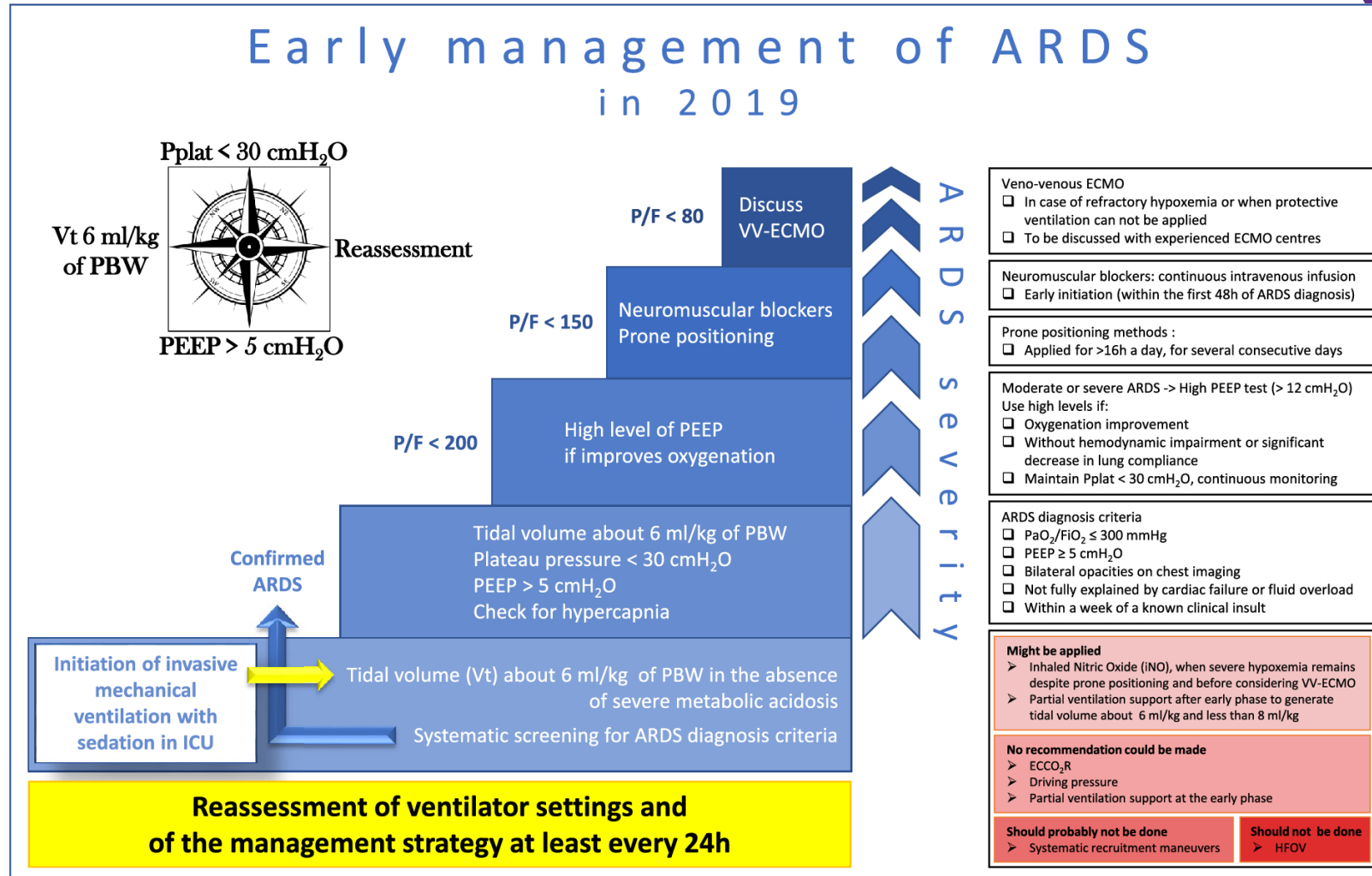
🔗 Adjunctive therapies

- △ Monoclonal antibodies, cyto-reductive techniques

🔗 Early Extubation

- △ Allows for Physical Therapy, Ambulation, decreases resources, Nutrition

Sample ARDS Treatment Algorithm



Evaluation and Certificate



Survey

link: https://georgetown.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_54mXUy2KAvxGup0

A downloadable certificate of attendance is available at the end of the survey.



PIPES & PUMP

**Measures to Improve
Oxygen Delivery**



Measures to Improve O₂ Delivery

Fluid Management

- △ Balanced fluids vs. Saline
- △ Dry vs. Wet



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Balanced Fluids vs .9 % Normal Saline



HEMODYNAMIC MANAGEMENT

Fluid Management

Recommendations

32. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **recommend** using crystalloids as first-line fluid for resuscitation.
Strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence.
33. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **suggest** using balanced crystalloids instead of normal saline for resuscitation.
Weak recommendation, low quality of evidence.
34. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **suggest** using albumin in patients who received large volumes of crystalloids over using crystalloids alone.
Weak recommendation, moderate quality of evidence.
35. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **recommend against** using starches for resuscitation.
Strong recommendation, high quality of evidence.
36. For adults with sepsis and septic shock, we **suggest against** using gelatin for resuscitation.
Weak recommendation, moderate quality.

With a high probability, the average effect of using balance fluids is to reduce mortality

Conservative/ Deresuscitation vs. Liberal Fluid For ARDS Following Critical Phase

- 11 RCT's
- 2051 patients
- Results:
 - No difference in mortality
 - ↑ VFD 1.82 days
 - ↓ LOS 1.9 days

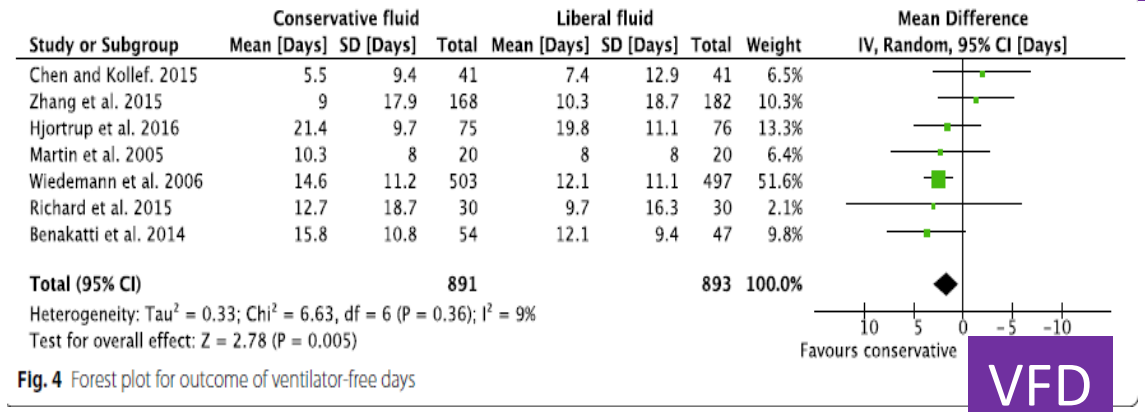
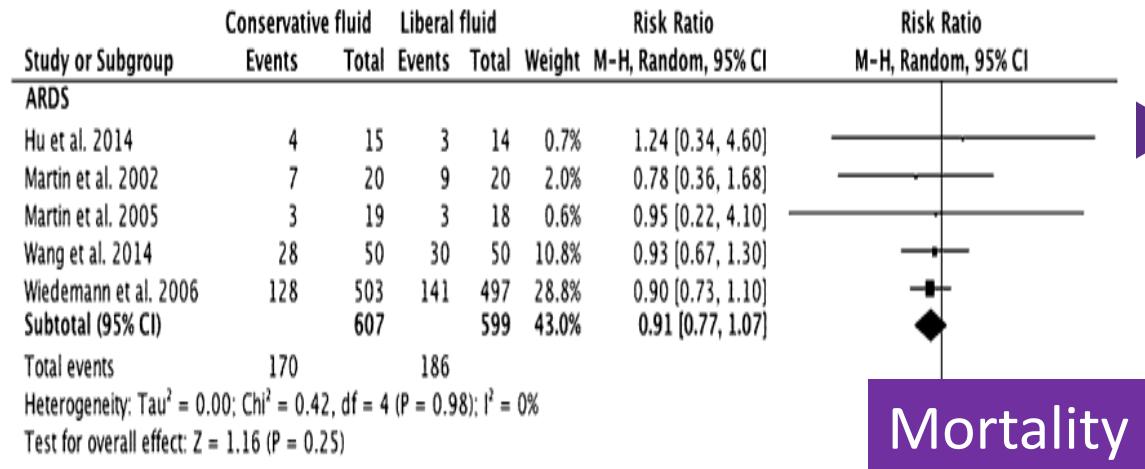


Fig. 4 Forest plot for outcome of ventilator-free days

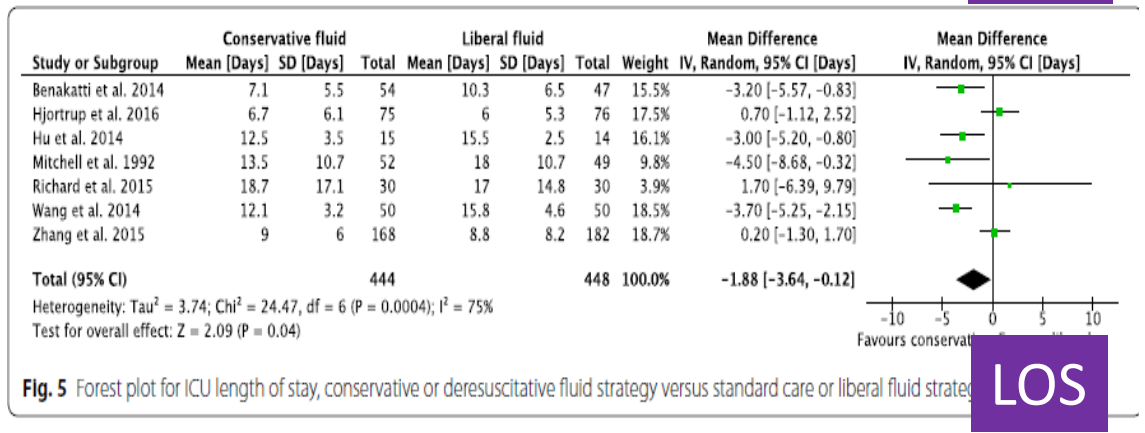


Fig. 5 Forest plot for ICU length of stay, conservative or deresuscitative fluid strategy versus standard care or liberal fluid strategy

Timing & Amount of Fluid Administration is Key



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- ▶ Start as early as possible the administration of volume if warranted-more conservative for patients not in shock
- ▶ Control the efficacy of volume expansion with predefined goal-oriented therapy
- ▶ More fluid early if needed, less fluid later
- ▶ Consider deresuscation if warranted after hemodynamically stable

PARALYSIS

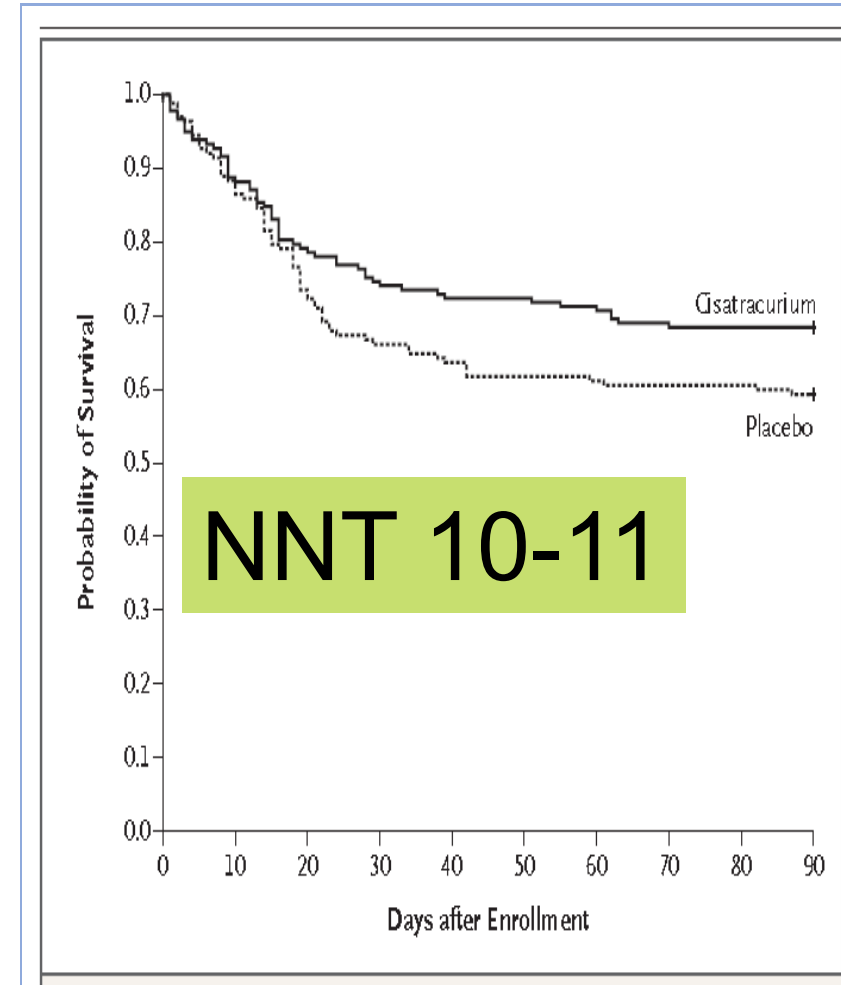


Neuromuscular Blockade in Early ARDS

- Multicenter, double blind trial
- 340 patients with ARDS within 48hrs of admitted to ICU
- ARDS defined as P/F ratio of $< 150 \geq$ PEEP 5cm & Vt of 6-8 ml/kg PBW
- Randomized to receive 48hrs of cisatracurium or placebo
- Study did not use train of 4

Results:

- △ After risk adjustment NMB group showed improved mortality at 90 days (31.6% vs. 40.7%)
- △ Also significant at 28 days
- △ ↑time off vent
- △ No difference in muscle weakness



ROSE Trial

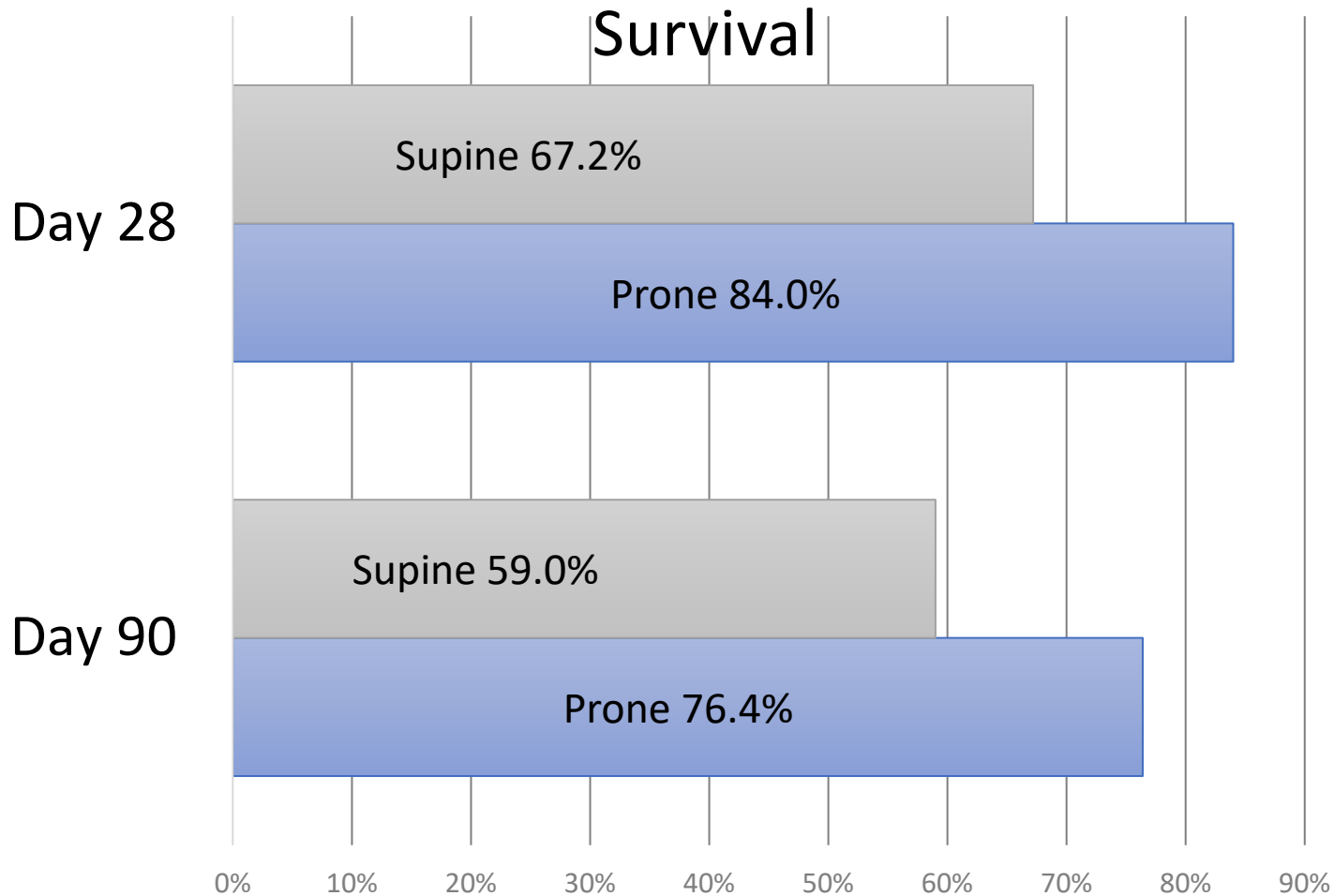
- ▶ 1006 moderate to severe ARDS patients
- ▶ Randomized to 48hrs Cisatracurium/deep sedation or usual care
- ▶ Vent strategies similar in both group (use of higher PEEP)
- ▶ Trial stopped for futility at 2nd analysis
- ▶ Results:
 - △ 90-day follow-up
 - △ Mortality: 42.5% vs. 42.8% (0.3%, 95% CI -6.4 to 5, $P=0.93$)
 - △ During hospital stay intervention group had more;
 - Adverse cardiovascular events
 - Less active



POSITION



Proning Severe ARDS Patients

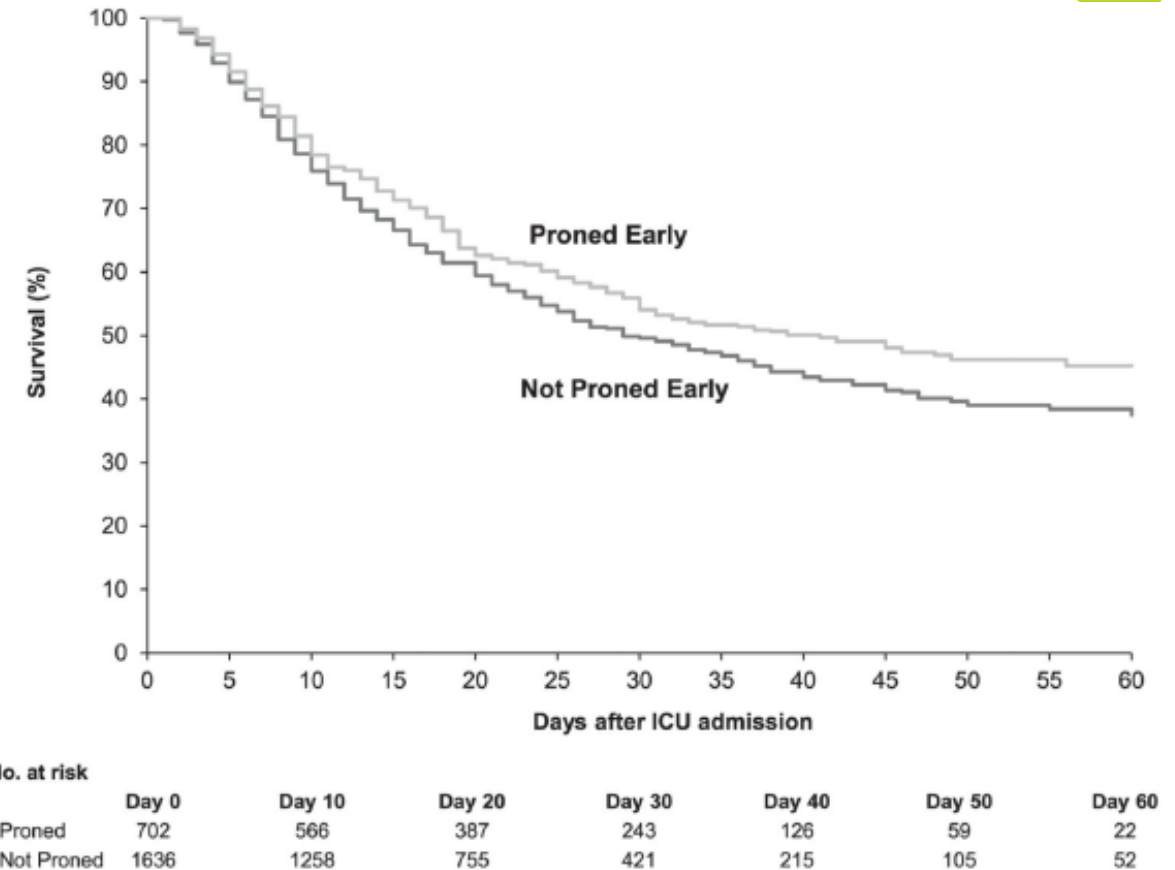


In a randomized, controlled trial of 466 patients with severe ARDS, survival was significantly higher at 28 and 90 days in the prone position group

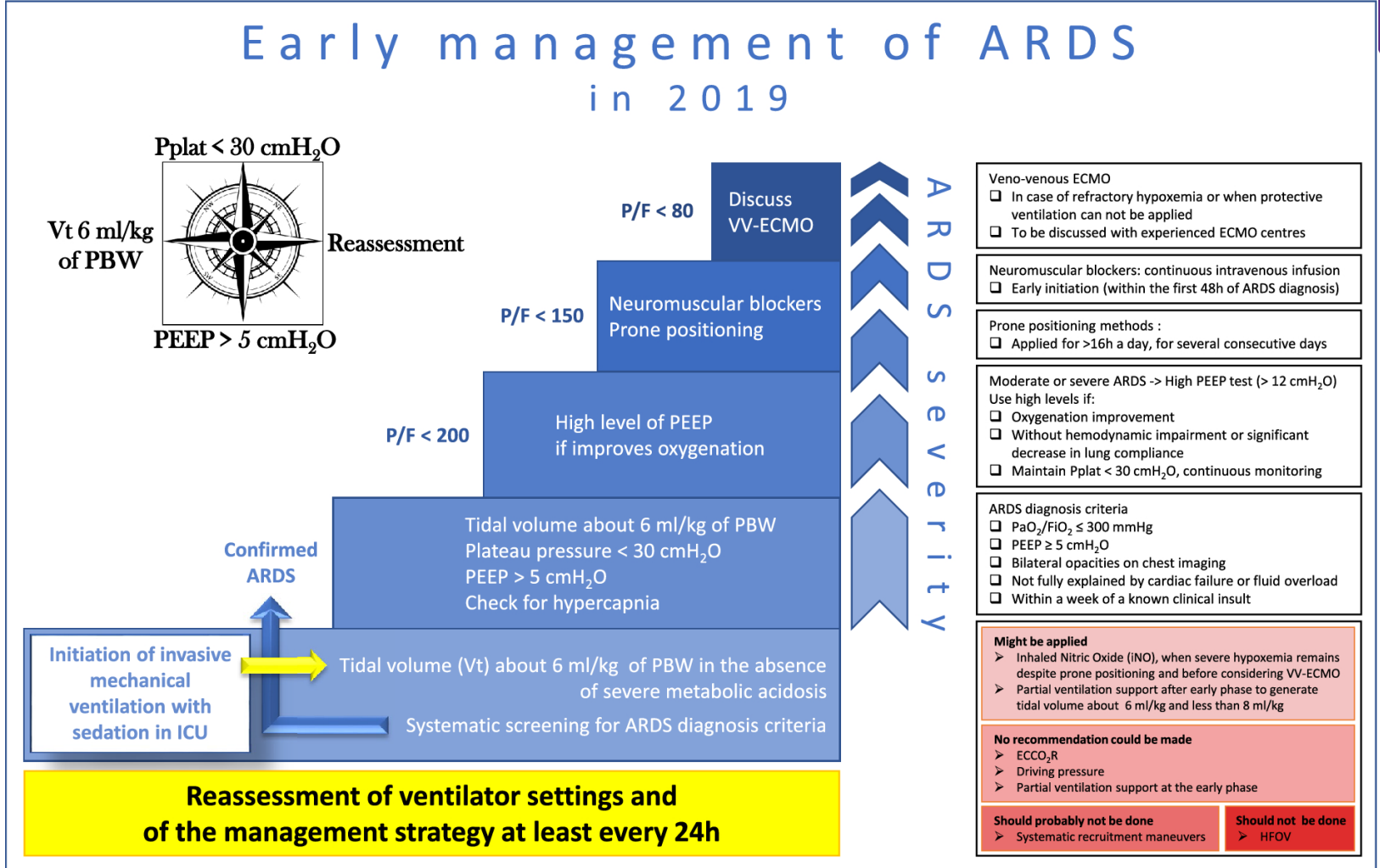
NNT=6

Prone Positioning in COVID 19 Patients

- Data from study & treatment of outcomes in critical ill patients with COVID
- 68 hospitals
- Patients with p/f ratio < 200mmHg initiated prone positioning or not within first 2 days of ICU admission
- Results
 - 2338 eligible pts: 30% proned
 - Lower in-hospital mortality if proned early



Sample ARDS Treatment Algorithm



PROTEIN (NURTITION)



SSCM Nutritional Guidelines (2016)

- ▲ Initiate enteral nutrition (EN) within 24–48 hours following the onset of critical illness and admission to the ICU and increase to goals over the first week of ICU stay. For ARDS—either trophic or full EN
- ▲ Take steps as needed to reduce risk of aspiration or improve tolerance to gastric feeding
- ▲ Do not use gastric residual volumes as part of routine care to monitor ICU patients on EN
- ▲ Start parenteral nutrition early when EN is not feasible or sufficient in high-risk or poorly nourished patients
- ▲ No specific recommendation for ARDS/Severe ALI=EN formula with anti-inflammatory lipid

Recommended for COVID 19 Requiring ICU



Early EN is always preferred –exceptions escalating vasopressors , high positive respiratory support , GI symptoms or bowel ischemia

Feeding via nasogastric tube is in easy to execute method that requires minimal expertise

A prokinetic agent can be used as a second step in case of GI intolerance

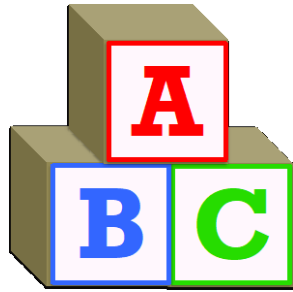
Postpyloric delivery route is only used in cases when above strategies have failed

Continuous rather than bolus is recommended

Initiate at low dose (tropic) slowly advancing to full dose over first week

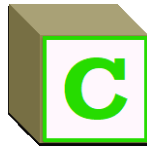
PROTOCOL/
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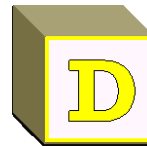
Assess & Manage Pain, Awake and Breathing Coordination:

- ↓ Duration of mechanical ventilation
- ↓ Duration of coma
- ↓ Mortality



Manage pain first, Choose light sedation & avoid benzos

- ↓ Duration of mechanical ventilation
- ↓ Mortality
- ↓ Delirium



Delirium monitoring & management

- ↑ Delirium detection

Early Mobility & Environment

- ↓ Duration of delirium
- ↓ Disability
- ↓ ICU Length of Stay
- ↓ Rehospitalization/Mortality



Family Engagement





PHARMACOLOGICAL TREATMENT

Recovery Trial: Dexamethasone in Hospitalized COVID Patients

Controlled open label trial-176 sites

Hospitalized COVID patients

△ 2104 randomized to steroid: 6mg x1 daily for 10 days

△ 4321 randomized to usual care

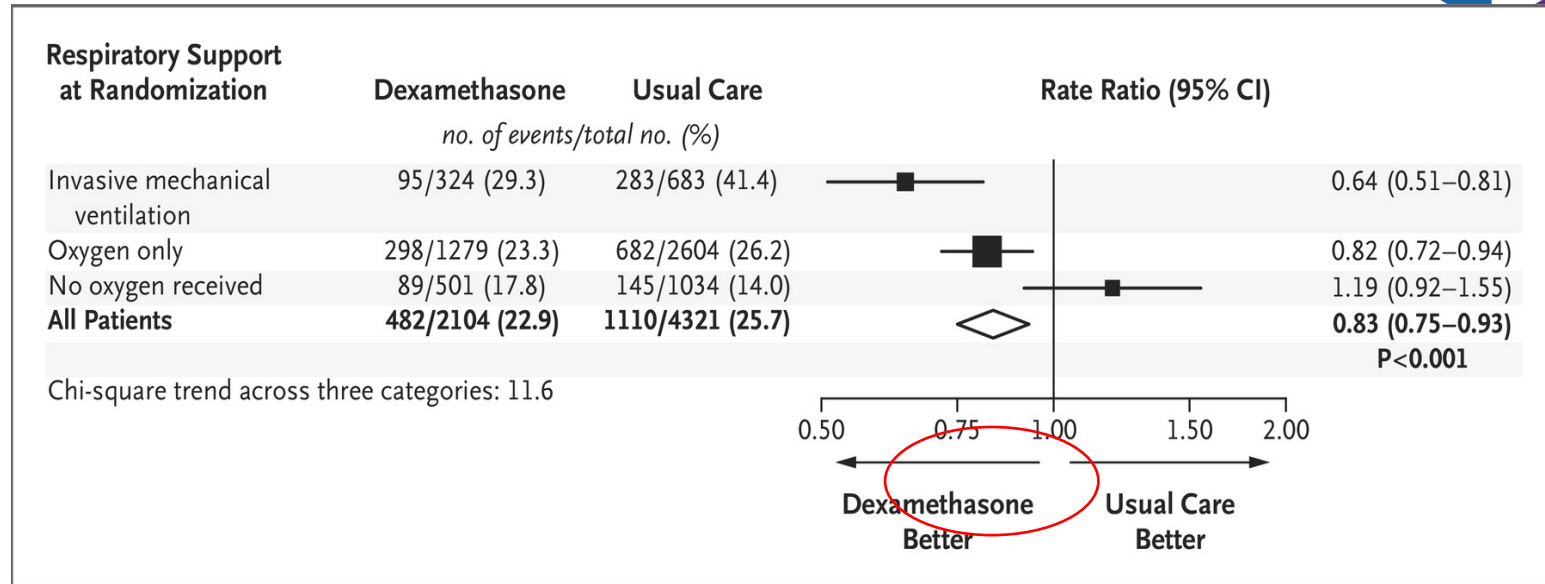


Table 2. Primary and Secondary Outcomes.

Outcome	Dexamethasone (N = 2104)	Usual Care (N = 4321)	Rate or Risk Ratio (95% CI)*
<i>no./total no. of patients (%)</i>			
Primary outcome			
Mortality at 28 days	482/2104 (22.9)	1110/4321 (25.7)	0.83 (0.75–0.93)
Secondary outcomes			
Discharged from hospital within 28 days	1413/2104 (67.2)	2745/4321 (63.5)	1.10 (1.03–1.17)
Invasive mechanical ventilation or death†	456/1780 (25.6)	994/3638 (27.3)	0.92 (0.84–1.01)
Invasive mechanical ventilation	102/1780 (5.7)	285/3638 (7.8)	0.77 (0.62–0.95)
Death	387/1780 (21.7)	827/3638 (22.7)	0.93 (0.84–1.03)

An abstract graphic composed of various sized triangles in shades of purple, blue, and green, arranged in a stepped, ascending pattern from left to right. The triangles are solid-colored and have sharp edges, creating a complex, crystalline structure.

Post ICU Discharge &
Long Term:
How Do We Help?

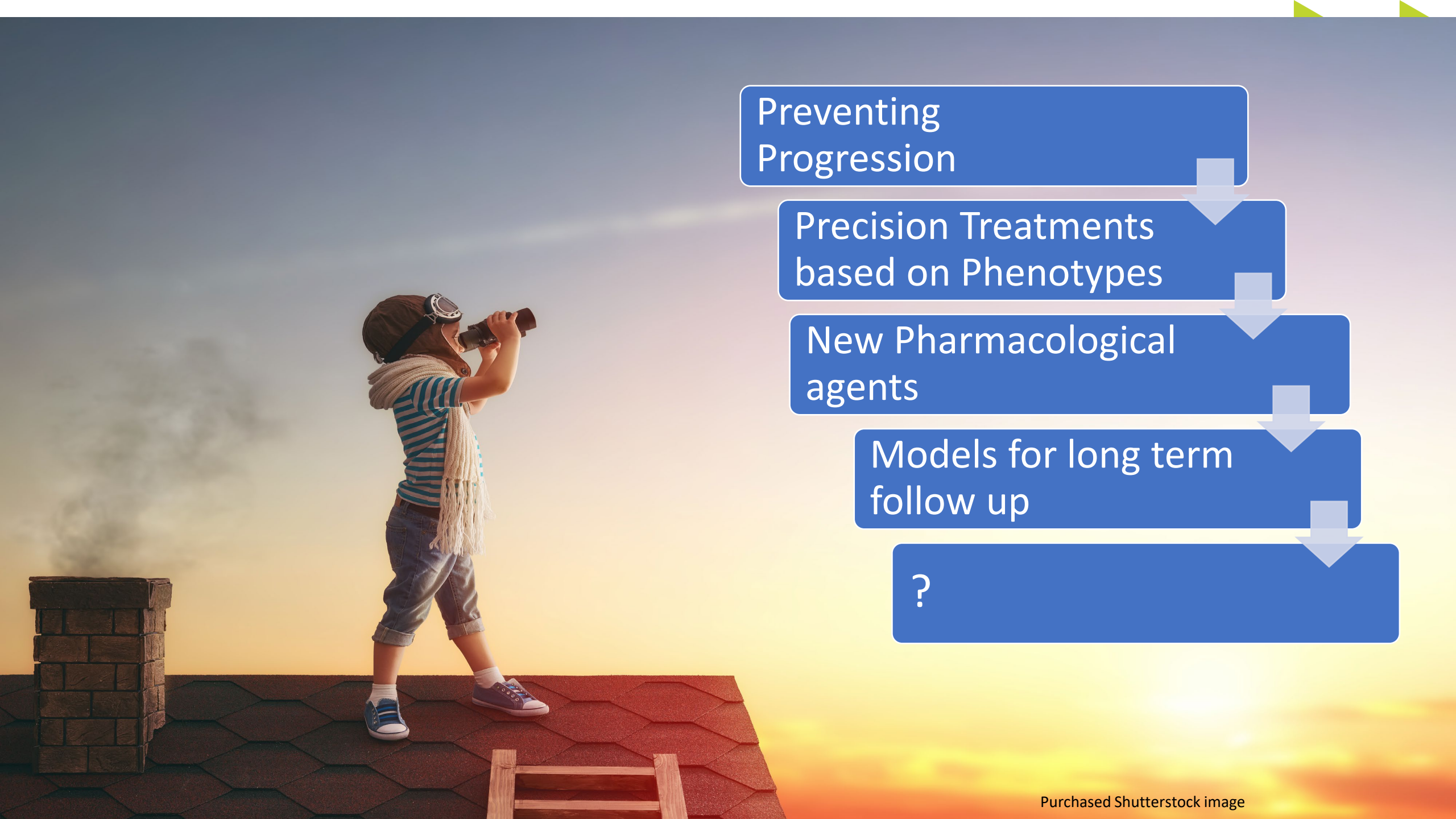
Long Term Follow Up: Managing Medical Complexity



- 🔹 Cognitive impairment 83.5% at d/c--51.3% at 1yr (ARDS)
- 🔹 Quality of life scores & exercise intolerance remain lower than average 5 yrs. out. (ARDS)
- 🔹 Peripheral nerve injuries from positioning, joint contracture from immobility, and oral or laryngeal injuries are common. (COVID)
- 🔹 Critical illness erodes baseline health and increases medical complexity
- 🔹 Specialized inpatient and longitudinal interprofessional and multidisciplinary team-based care

Formal Patient/Family Center Follow-Up After ARDS/COVID/Critical Illness





Preventing
Progression

Precision Treatments
based on Phenotypes

New Pharmacological
agents

Models for long term
follow up

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A photograph of a hospital room, likely an intensive care unit. In the foreground, a patient lies in a bed, partially covered by white sheets. To the left of the bed, a complex array of medical equipment is visible, including a monitor displaying vital signs, a ventilator, and various tubes and wires. A digital display on a piece of equipment shows the number '7030' in red. The room is dimly lit, with a blue and white color palette. The overall atmosphere is clinical and focused.

WHAT YOU ARE LEARNING TODAY, IS
GOING TO SAVE A LIFE TOMORROW

Questions



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