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# ARDS Management: 2024

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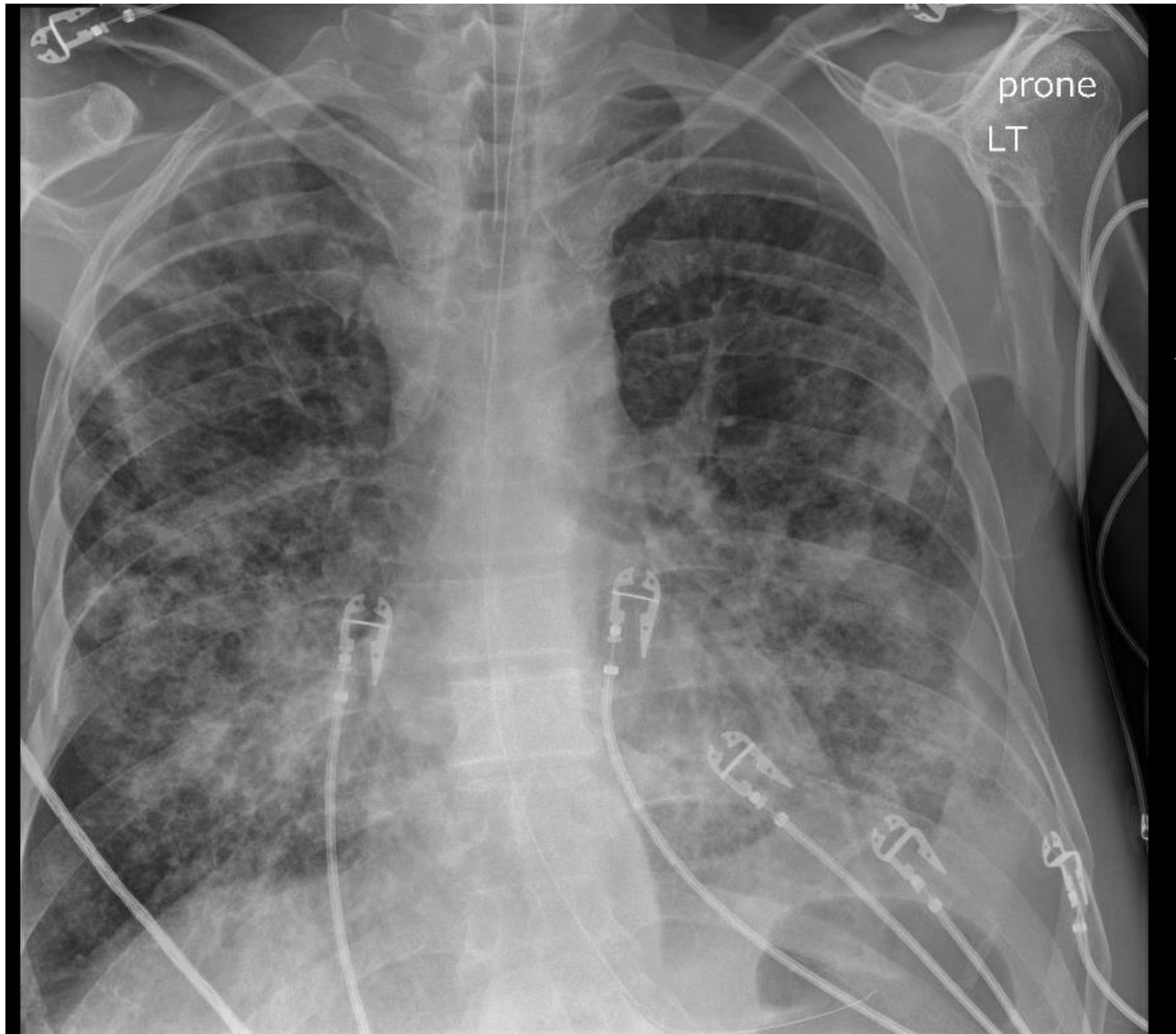


# Disclosures

- No disclosures

# Aims

- ARDS
  - Definition of the syndrome
  - Incidence
  - Impact
- What is “State of the Art” 2024?
  - Setting PEEP
  - Neuromuscular blockade
  - Prone Ventilation
  - ECMO
  - Steroids
- Algorithm



### Clinical Manifestations

- Hypoxemia
  - V/Q mismatch
  - Shunting
- Ventilation
  - Increased dead space
  - Reduced lung compliance

## ARDS Berlin Definition

Timing	Within 1 week of a known clinical insult or new or worsening respiratory symptoms	
Chest Imaging	Bilateral opacities — not fully explained by effusions, lobar/lung collapse, or nodules	
Origin of Edema	Respiratory failure not fully explained by cardiac failure or fluid overload.	
	Need objective assessment (e.g., echocardiography) to exclude hydrostatic edema if no risk factor present	
Oxygenation		
	Mild	$200 \text{ mm Hg} < \text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 300 \text{ mm Hg}$ with PEEP or CPAP $\geq 5 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O}$
	Moderate	$100 \text{ mm Hg} < \text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 200 \text{ mm Hg}$ with PEEP or CPAP $\geq 5 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O}$
	Severe	$\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 100 \text{ mm Hg}$ with PEEP or CPAP $\geq 5 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O}$

Ranieri et al JAMA 2012; 307 (23) 2526-2533

# Challenges with 2012 Berlin Definition

In 2024

- Improved noninvasive criteria and increased use of noninvasive criteria for evaluating oxygenation
- Increased use of HFNO (high flow nasal oxygen)
  - Patients do not meet PEEP=5 cm H<sub>2</sub>O criteria
- Increased use of Ultrasound in lung evaluation
- Challenges in resource variable setting

# 2023 Proposed Updates to 2012 Berlin Definition

## ARDS – Not Intubated

$\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 300$  mmHg or  $\text{SpO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 315$  (if  $\text{SpO}_2 \leq 97\%$ ) on HFNO with a flow of  $\geq 30$  liters per minute or NIV/CPAP with at least 5 cm H<sub>2</sub>O expiratory pressure

## ARDS – Intubated

### Mild<sup>5</sup>:

$200 < \text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 300$  or  $235 \leq \text{SpO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 315$  (if  $\text{SpO}_2 \leq 97\%$ )

### Moderate:

$100 < \text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 200$  or  $148 < \text{SpO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 235$  (if  $\text{SpO}_2 \leq 97\%$ )

### Severe:

$\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 100$  or  $\text{SpO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 148$  (if  $\text{SpO}_2 \leq 97\%$ )

## ARDS – Resource Limited

$\text{SpO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 315$  (if  $\text{SpO}_2 \leq 97\%$ ).<sup>6</sup> Neither positive end-expiratory pressure or a minimum flow rate of oxygen are required for diagnosis in resource-variable settings.

Matthay et al. Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2023

# ARDS

	LUNG-SAFE <sup>2</sup> (n=2377)	
	ARDS 10.4% of all ICU Admissions 23.4% of All Patients on MV	

<sup>1</sup>Ranieri et al JAMA 2012; 307 (23) 2526-2533

<sup>2</sup>Bellani et al JAMA 2016; 315 (8) 788-800





# Considerations in ARDS Treatment

- HFNO
- Non-Invasive Ventilation
- Low Tidal Volume Ventilation
- PEEP Optimization
- Recruitment Maneuvers
- Neuromuscular Blockade
- Prone Ventilation
- ECMO
- Inhaled Pulmonary Vasodilators
- Corticosteroids
- Volume Management

Minimize  
Ventilator Induced Lung Injury  
(VILI)

$V_T = 6\text{ml/kg IBW}$   
Plateau Pressure < 30cm H<sub>2</sub>O

Adjust PEEP



Assess P/F Ratio

Low Vt Ventilation  
PEEP = 5

# Methods to Optimize PEEP

- PEEP / FiO2 table
- Maximize plateau pressure
- Assess Lung Recruitment
  - Radiographic
    - Sequential CT scan
    - Use of a Table based on CT scan
  - Helium Dilution or Nitrogen Washout
  - Maximize compliance
    - P/V curve – set PEEP above lower inflection point
    - Step PEEP titration
    - Driving Pressure (End inspiratory plateau – PEEP)
- Esophageal balloon
- Electrical Impedance Tomography
- Ultrasound

# Higher vs Lower Positive End-Expiratory Pressure in Patients With Acute Lung Injury and Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

	Clinical Outcomes								
	All Patients			ARDS (PaO <sub>2</sub> :FiO <sub>2</sub> <200)			Non ARDS		
	Low PEEP	High PEEP	P Value	Low PEEP	High PEEP	P Value	Low PEEP	High PEEP	P Value
# Patients	1163	1136		941	951		220	184	
Death in hospital %	35.2	32.9	0.25	39.1	34.1	0.049	19.4	27.2	0.070
Death in ICU %	32.8	28.5	0.01	36.6	30.3	.001	16.8	19.6	0.71
Days unassisted breathing	11	13	0.10	7	12	0.004	19	17	0.07
Rescue Therapy	18.6	12.2	<.001	21.3	13.7	<.001	16	8	0.25

Briel M, Meade M, Mercat A, et al. Higher vs Lower Positive End-Expiratory Pressure in Patients With Acute Lung Injury and Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. *JAMA*. 2010;303(9):865–873. doi:10.1001/jama.2010.218



# Effect of Titrating Positive End-Expiratory Pressure (PEEP) With an Esophageal Pressure-Guided Strategy vs an Empirical High PEEP-FiO<sub>2</sub> Strategy on Death and Days Free From Mechanical Ventilation Among Patients With Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome A Randomized Clinical Trial

Jeremy R. Beitler, MD, MPH; Todd Sarge, MD; Valerie M. Banner-Goodspeed, MPH; Michelle N. Gong, MD, MSc; Deborah Cook, MD; Victor Novack, MD, PhD; Stephen H. Loring, MD; Daniel Talmor, MD, MPH; for the EPVent-2 Study Group

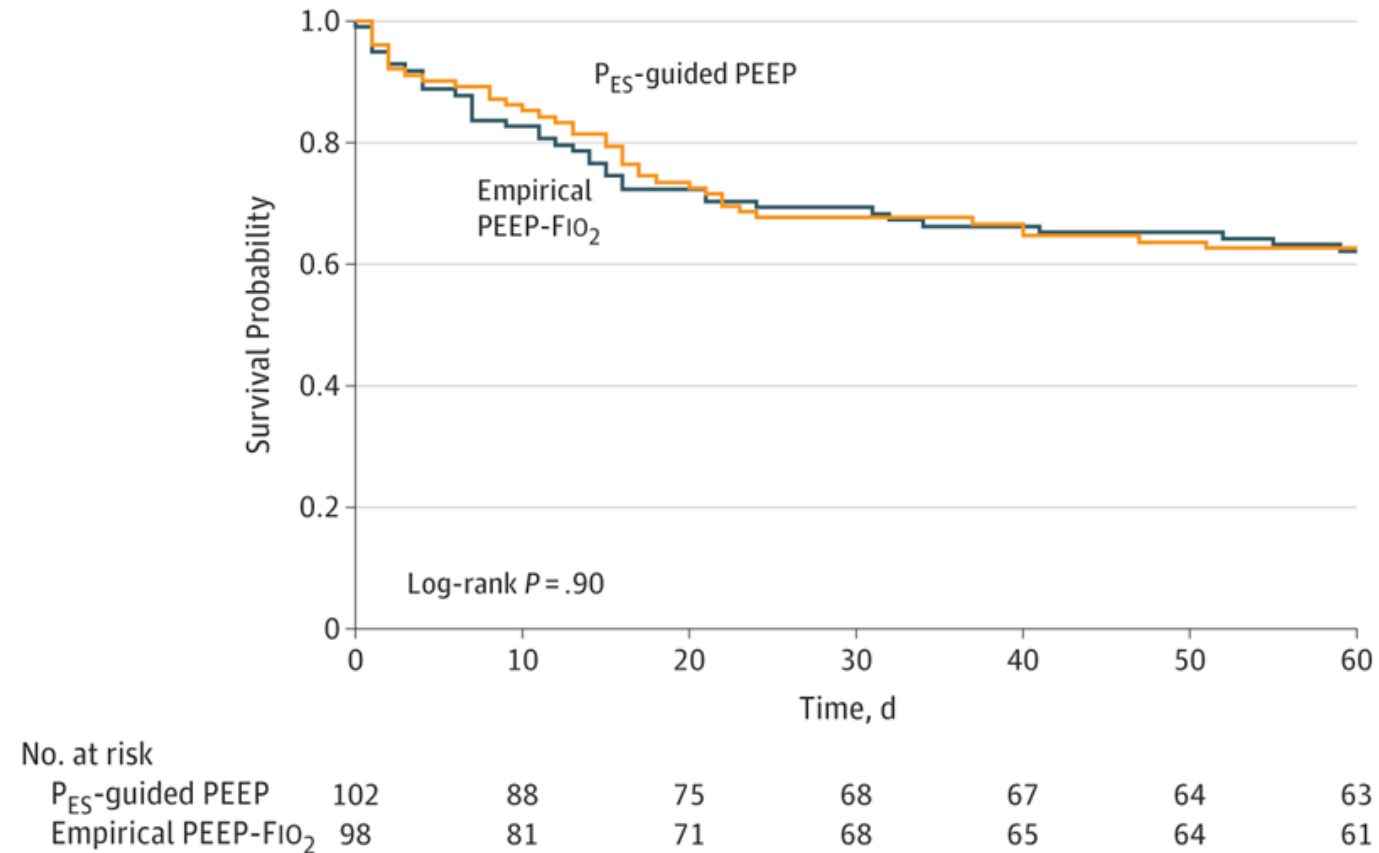
- P<sub>ES</sub> guided vs PEEP-FiO<sub>2</sub> table
- 14 sites (North America)
- Moderate-Severe ARDS (PaO<sub>2</sub>:FiO<sub>2</sub> <200mm Hg)
- P<sub>ES</sub>: 102 patients
- PEEP-FiO<sub>2</sub>: 100 patients

Beitler et al. JAMA 2019 Vol 321(9)

# EP Vent 2 Outcomes

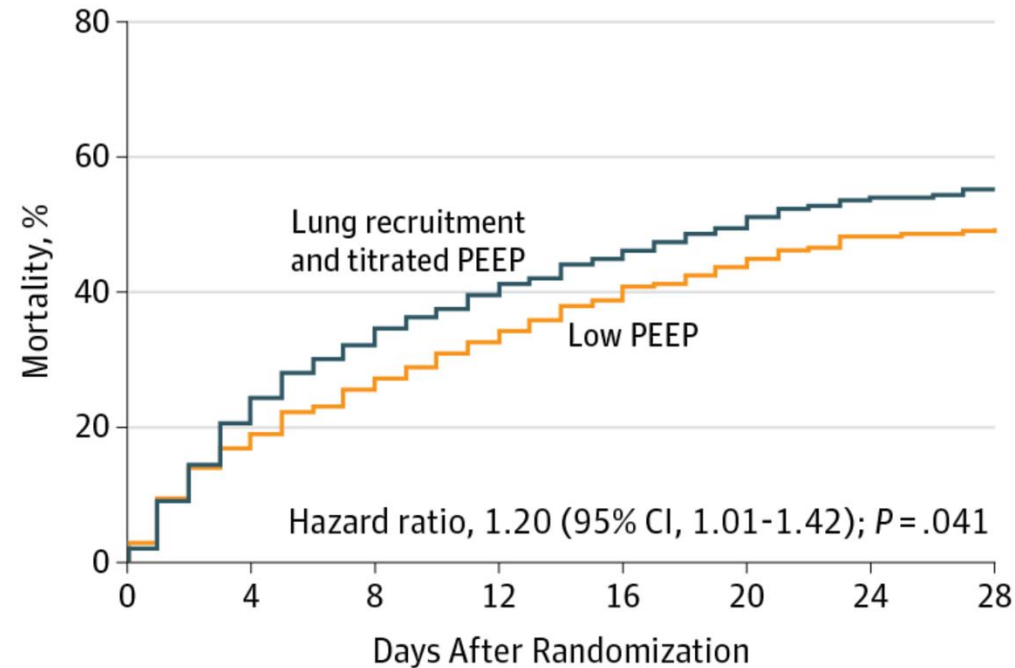
End Point	PES Guided	PEEP – FiO2	Absolute Diff,% (95% CI)	pValue
	(N=102)	(N=98)		
<i>Primary</i>				
Ranked Composite incorporating death and days free from mechanical ventilation	49.6 (41.7 to 57.5)	50.4 (42.5 to 58.3)		0.92
<i>Secondary</i>				
Mortality – Day 28 (%)	33 (32.4)	30 (30.6)	1.7 (-11.1 to 14.6)	0.88
Days free from MV - survivors (IQR)	22 (15 to 24)	21	0 (-1 to 2)	0.85
Mortality – Day 60 (%)	38/101 (37.6)	37/98 (37.8)	-0.1 (-13.6 to 13.3)	>0.99
ICU LOS median -thru day28 (IQR)	10 (6 to 17)	9.5 (5 to 14)	1 (-1 to 3)	0.24
Hospital LOS LOS-thru day 28 (IQR)	16 (9 to 26)	15 (8 to 24)	0 (-1 to 3)	0.58

# EP Vent 2 Outcomes



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# ART Trial – 28 Day Mortality



No. at risk								
Lung recruitment and titrated PEEP	501	397	340	303	276	254	233	225
Low PEEP	509	423	378	343	312	286	264	260

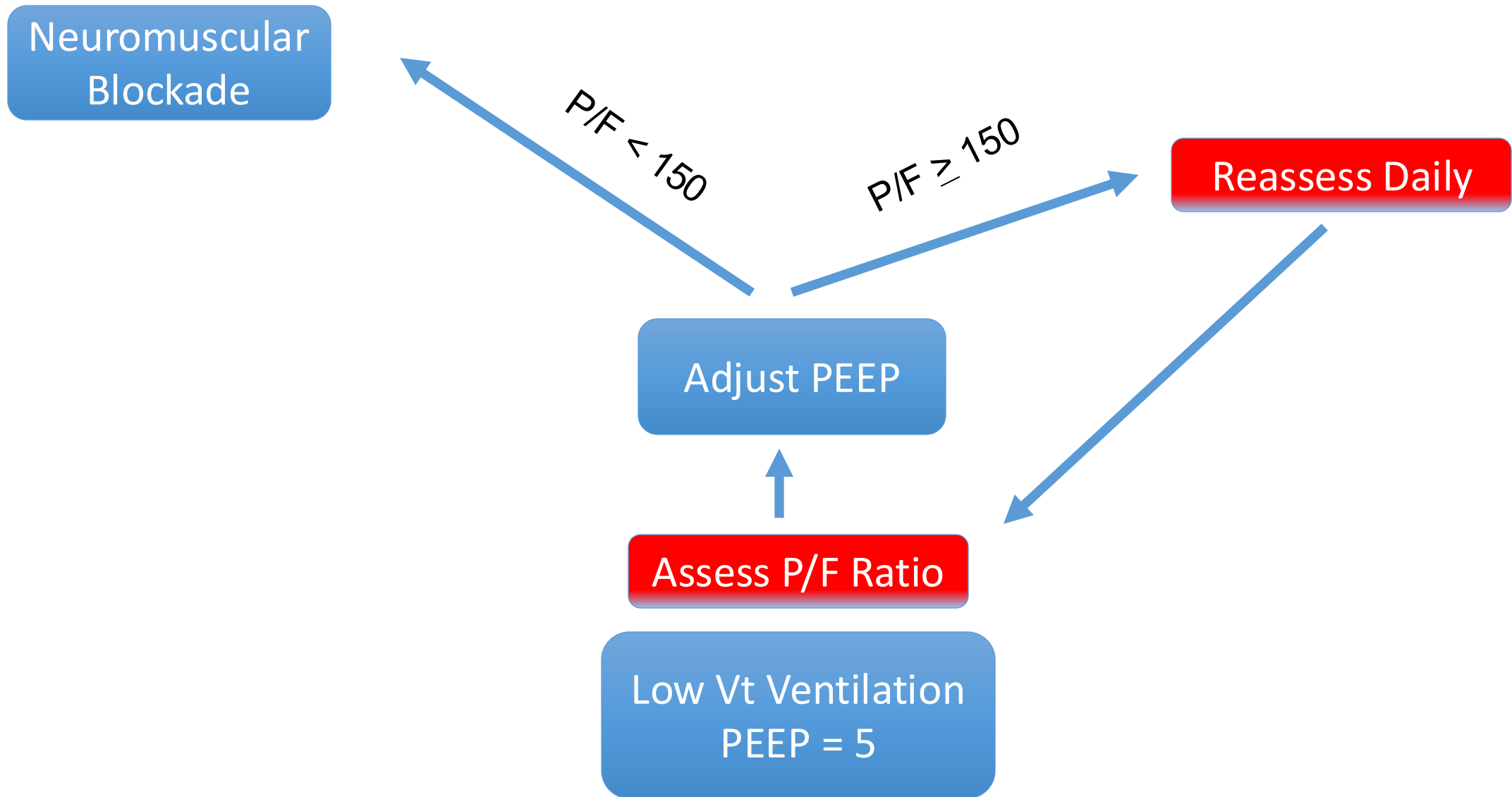
From: **Effect of Lung Recruitment and Titrated Positive End-Expiratory Pressure (PEEP) vs Low PEEP on Mortality in Patients With Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome. A Randomized Clinical Trial**

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# PEEP 2024 ?

- Literature does not support a particular method to determine optimal PEEP
- $P/F > 200$  – Low or High PEEP Table probably OK
- $P/F < 200$  – High PEEP Table
- $P/F < 200$  - Consider Personalizing PEEP
  - You probably don't need to keep all alveoli open
  - Strike a balance: Avoid overdistention
  - Assess recruitability / Point of optimal compliance?
  - Data currently lacking.
- Future studies needed
  - Newer Technologies



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## Neuromuscular Blockers in Early Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

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- Multicenter (20 ICU France)
- Double blind
- 340 patients
- Intervention: 48 hours of cisatricurium
  - Early (within 48 hours)
  - PaO<sub>2</sub> : FiO<sub>2</sub> <150
  - PEEP >5
  - Vt = 6-8ml /kg

# ACURASYS Primary Outcome

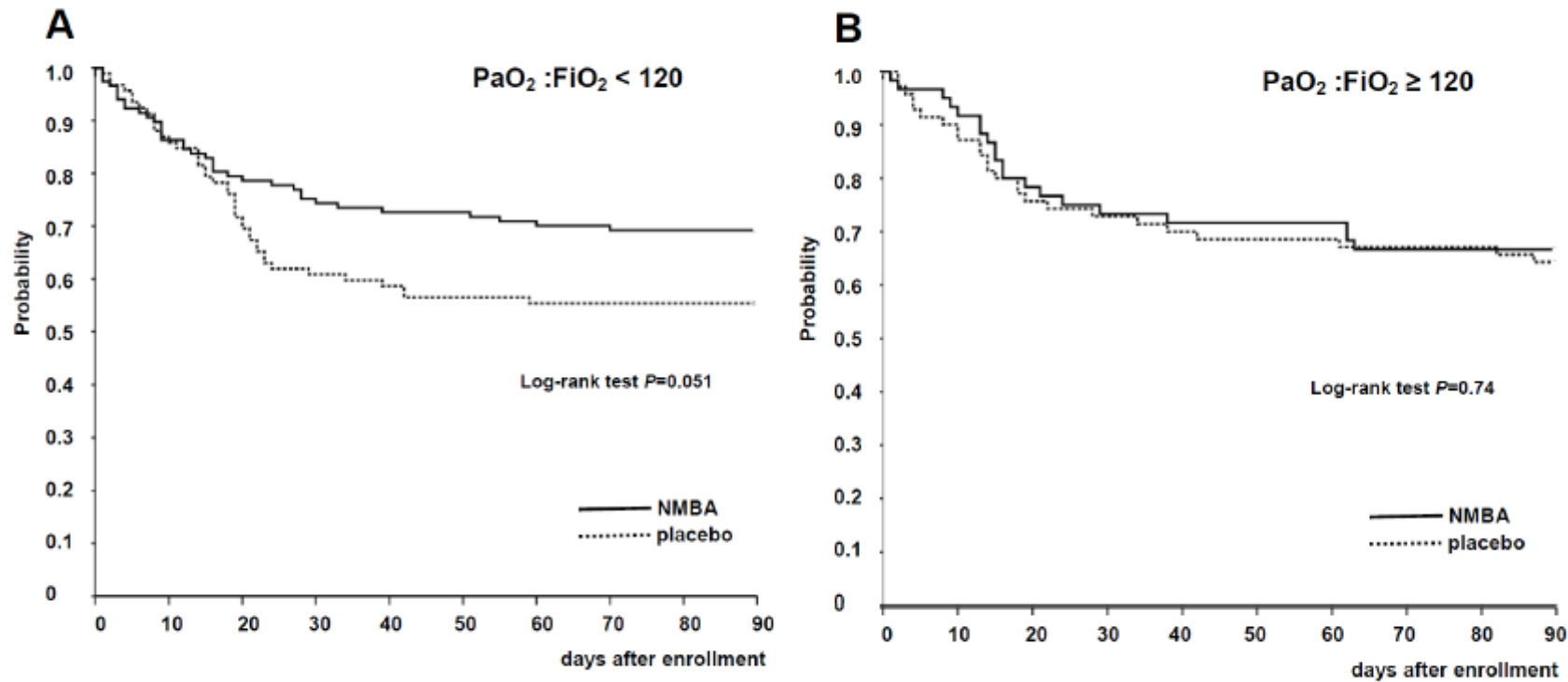
- Reduction of the hazard ratio of death at 90 days 0.68 (0.48-0.98; p=0.04)
  - Adjusted for PaO<sub>2</sub> / FiO<sub>2</sub>
  - SAPS
  - Plateau Pressure
  - 90 Day crude mortality 31.6 vs 40.7 (p=0.08)

	NMB	Control		
	(n=177)	(n=162)	RR	P value
Death (@ 90 days)	31.6	40.7		0.08

Papazian et al. N Engl J Med. 2010 Sep 16;363(12):1107-16.



# ACURASYS –Mortality and P/F ratio



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## Early Neuromuscular Blockade in the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute PETAL Clinical Trials Network\*

- ROSE Trial – Reevaluation of Systemic Early Neuromuscular Blockade
- Neuromuscular blockade (NMB) with Cisatracurium and deep sedation to usual care with lighter sedation.
- Moderate to Severe ARDS  $\text{PaO}_2$ :  $\text{FiO}_2 < 150\text{mmHg}$
- 1006 patients
- 48 US Hospitals

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute PETAL Clinical Trials Network. N Engl J Med 2019;380:1997-2008

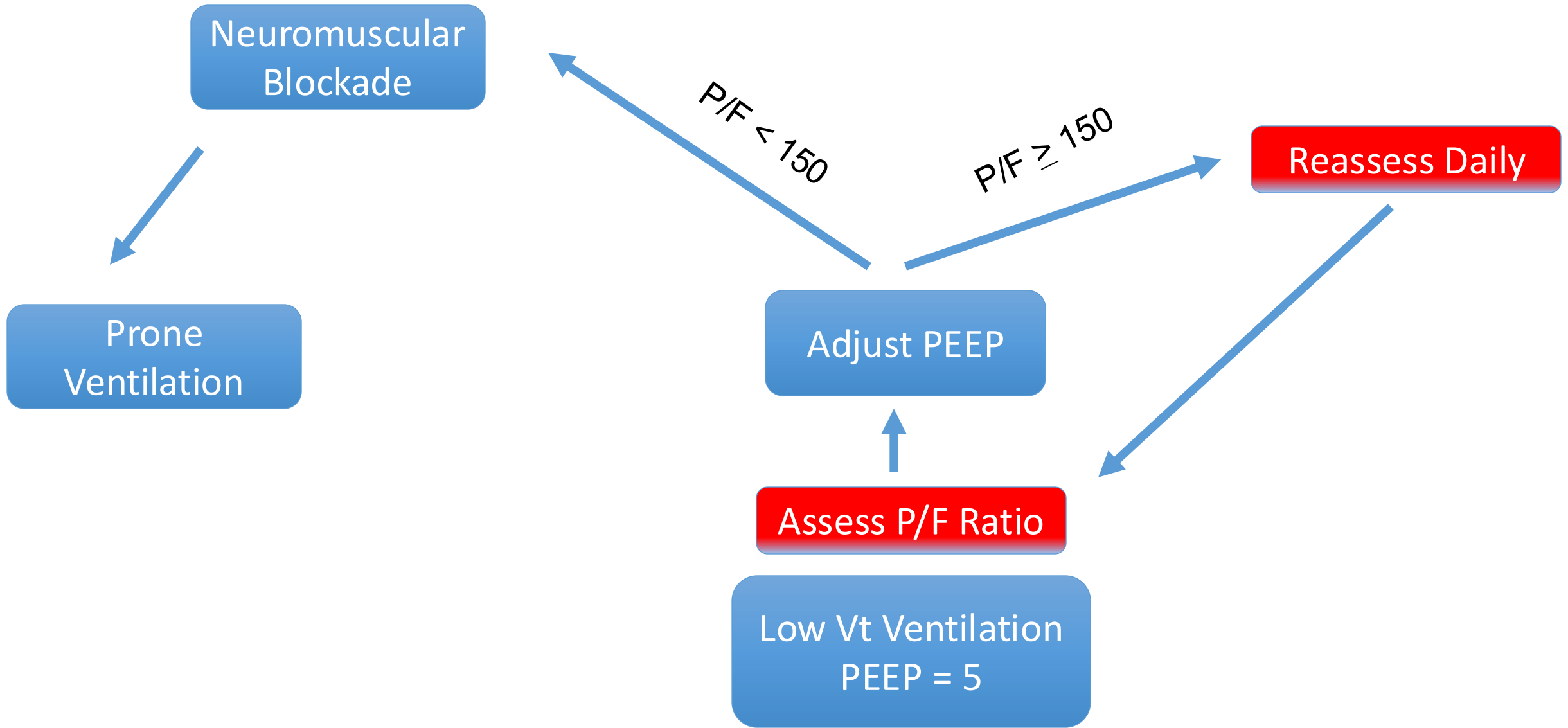
# ROSE Trial Outcomes

End Point	NMB	Control	Between Group Difference (95% CI)	pValue
	(N=501)	(N=505)		
<i>Primary</i>				
In Hospital Death - Day 90 (%)	213 (42.5)	216 (42.8)	-0.3 (-6.4 to 5.9)	0.93
<i>Secondary</i>				
In Hospital Death – Day 28 (%)	184 (36.7)	187 (37.0)	-0.3 (-6.3 to 5.7)	
Days free from MV – Day 28	9.6 ± 10.4	9.9 ± 10.9	-0.3 (-1.7 to 1.0)	
Days Not in ICU – Day 28	9.0 ± 9.4	9.4 ± 9.8	-0.4 (-1.6 to 0.8)	
Days Not in Hospital – Day 28	5.7 ± 7.8	5.9 ± 8.1	-0.2 (-1.1 to 0.8)	

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute PETAL Clinical Trials Network. N Engl J Med 2019;380:1997-2008

# Neuromuscular Blockade 2024 ?

- Not to be used for all patients with Moderate – Severe ARDS
- May have role in patients in selected patients
  - Ongoing ventilator dyssynchrony despite optimization of ventilator settings and sedation
- Mechanism of action: Reduce dyssynchrony – reduce VILI



# Prone Ventilation

- Initial report 1976
  - Piehl and Brown Crit Care Med 1976;4;12-14
  - Increase PaO<sub>2</sub> = 47 torr
- Multiple reports of improved oxygenation
- Mechanism of improved oxygenation
  - Recruitment of dorsal regions of lung
  - Improved ventilation – perfusion matching
  - Reduction of alveolar shunt
- Utilized as rescue therapy

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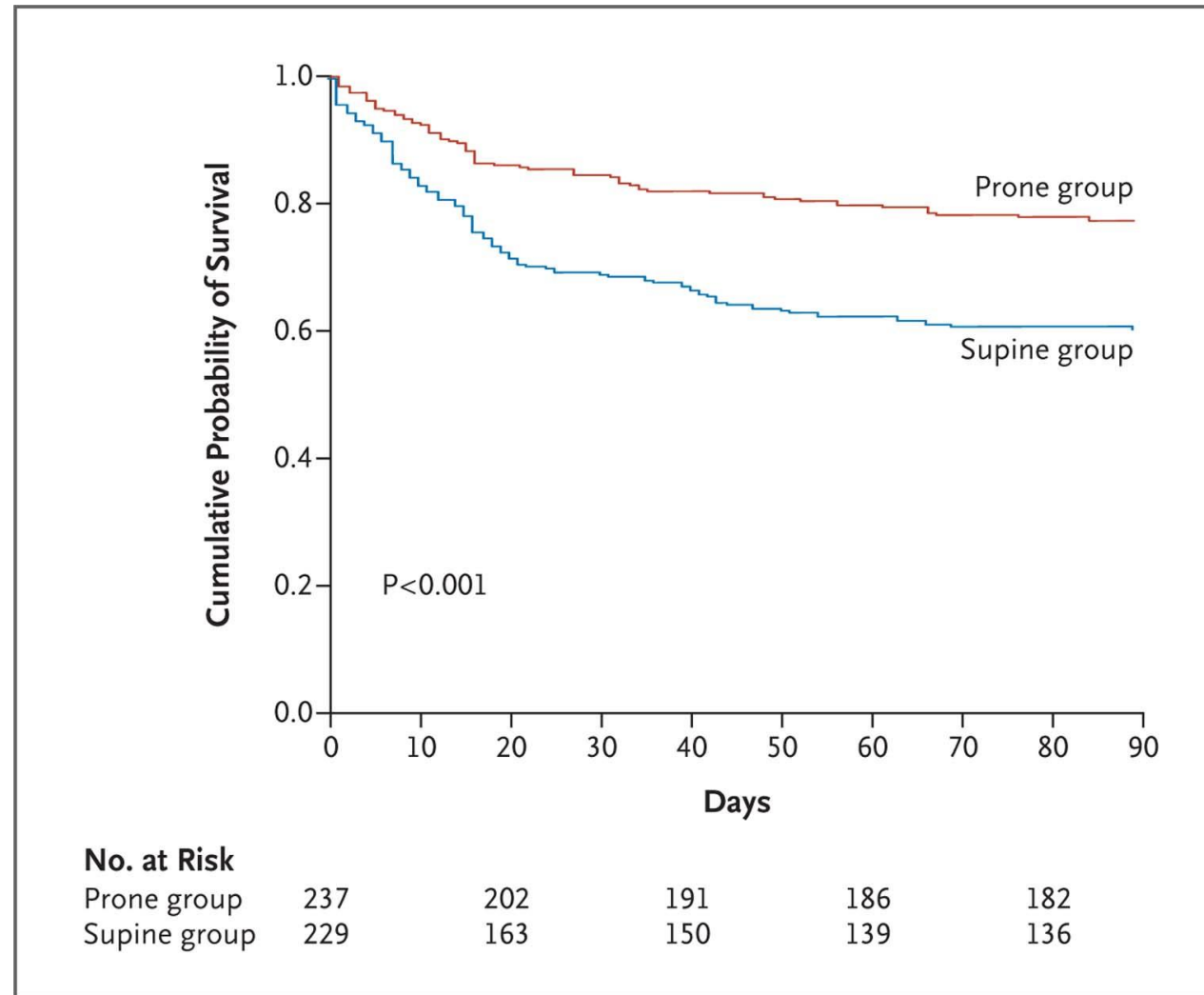
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## Prone Positioning in Severe Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

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- Multicenter, Randomized
- Prone vs control (low VT and PEEP:FiO<sub>2</sub> table)
- 466 patients
- Early application (within 36 hrs of initiation of MV); PaO<sub>2</sub> / FiO<sub>2</sub> <150
- Prone dose = 16 hours
- Outcome: Proportion of deaths from any cause within 28 days after enrollment





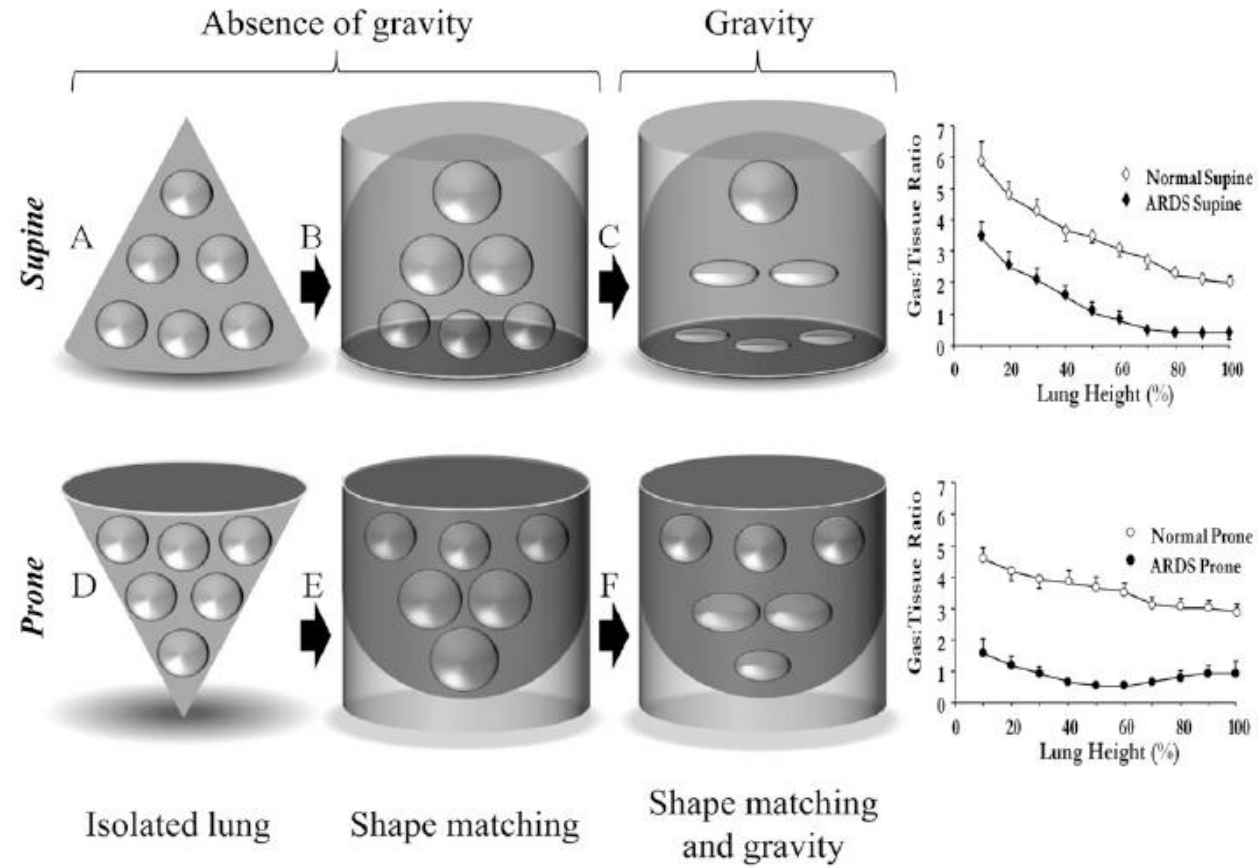
Guérin C et al. N Engl J Med 2013;368:2159-2168

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# Prone Ventilation Studies

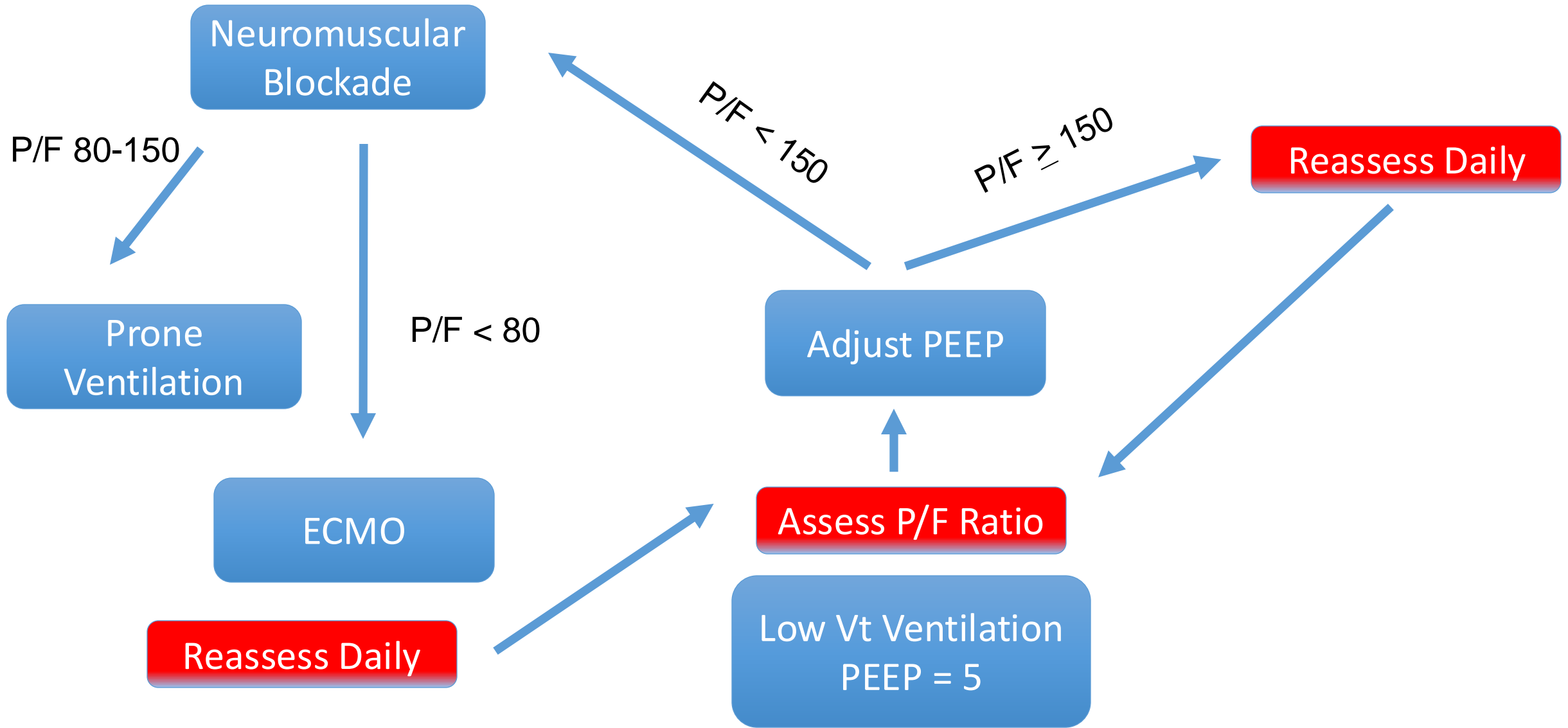
	2001	2004	2006	2009	2014
	Prone-Supine			Prone-Supine II	PROSEVA
	Gattinoni	Guerin	Mancebo	Taccone	Guerin
Patients	304	791	142	342	474
Proning Dose	$\geq 6$	$\geq 8$	20	$\geq 20$	$\geq 16$
PaO <sub>2</sub> :FiO <sub>2</sub>	$\leq 300$	$\leq 300$	$\leq 200$	100-200; $< 100$	$< 150$
Time Enrolled	Not early	Not early	$< 48$ hrs	$< 72$ hrs	$< 36$ hrs
Mortality	ICU	28 day	ICU	28 day	28 day
Prone	50.7%	32.4%	43%	31%	16%
Control	48%	31.5%	58%	32.8%	32.8%
RR	1.05	1.02	0.74	0.97	0.48
		p=0.77	p=0.12	p=0.72	p<0.0001



Gattinoni et al. Prone Positioning in ARDS Am J Respir Crit Care Med 188 (11) 1286-1293

# Prone Ventilation

- Indicated if PaO<sub>2</sub>:FiO<sub>2</sub> ratio <150
  - Contraindications
    - Elevated intracranial pressure
    - Spinal instability
- Be prepared: Multidisciplinary team
- Perform early
- Proning duration of 16 hours



# VV ECMO for ARDS



# Extra-Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO)

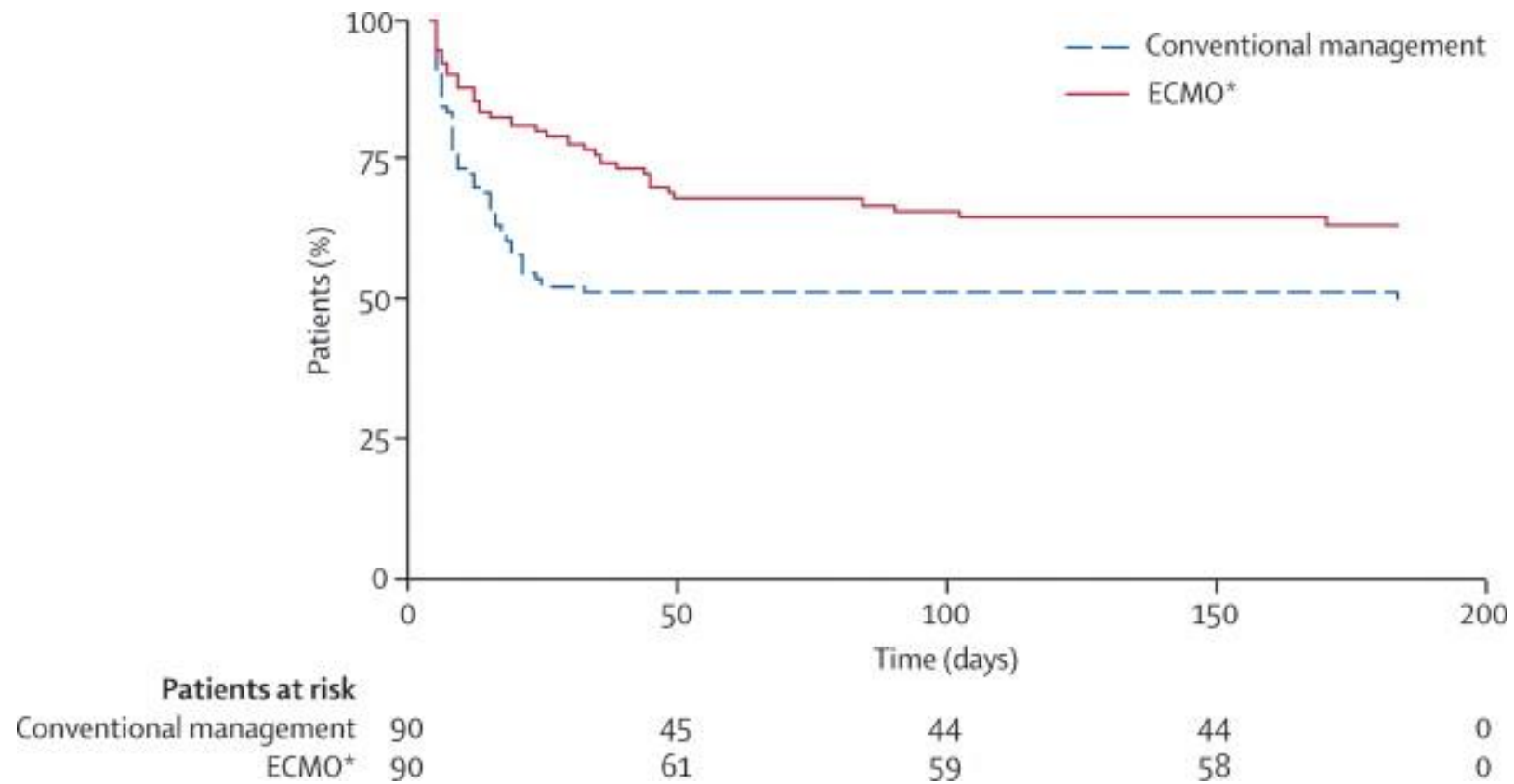
- 1979 – ECMO & MV vs. MV
  - 90 Patients, 9 centers, Randomized Prospective
  - Mortality ECMO = 90.5% vs MV= 91.7%
  - Zapol et al. JAMA 242: 2193-2196, 1979
- 1994 – PIRV & ECMO vs MV
  - 40 patients, 1 center, Randomized Prospective
  - 30 Day Mortality ECMO=42% vs 33% (p=0.8)
  - Morris et al. Am J Res Crit Care Med 1994; 149:295-305



# Efficacy and economic assessment of conventional ventilatory support versus extracorporeal membrane oxygenation for severe adult respiratory failure (CESAR): a multicentre randomised controlled trial

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- Multicenter
- 180 Patients
- Murray Score 3.0 or higher (P/F, CXR quadrants, PEEP, compliance)
- Conventional Management vs ECMO
- Primary Outcome – Death or Severe Disability at 6 months
- Peek et al. Lancet Volume 374, Issue 9698, 2009, 1351–1363



Kaplan-Meier survival estimates. Randomized to ECMO, but did not necessarily receive this treatment.

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# CESAR Criticisms

- Lack of specified ventilator management protocol in control arm
- 30% of patients did not receive protective lung ventilation
- All ECMO at one center
- 75% of the intervention group received ECMO
- Early cessation of trial

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## Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation for Severe Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

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- Conventional support vs ECMO
  - Crossover allowed
- Very severe ARDS
- 240 Patients
- Primary Outcome: Mortality at 60 days

Combes et al. NEJM 2018 Vol 378(21)

# EOLIA Trial

- Entry Criteria
  - Mechanical Ventilation < 7 days
  - “Very Severe ARDS”
    - PaO<sub>2</sub> / FiO<sub>2</sub> ratio <50mg Hg x 3 hours
    - PaO<sub>2</sub> / FiO<sub>2</sub> ratio <80mg Hg x 6 hours
    - pH <7.25 with PaCO<sub>2</sub> ≥60 mmHg x 6hrs
- Cross Over for refractory hypoxemia
  - 35 patients in control arm (mean 6.5 days)
  - 57% mortality
- Endpoints
  - Mortality
  - Key Endpoint – Death and crossover to ECMO

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# EOLIA Outcomes

End Point	ECMO Group	Control Group	Relative Risk	pValue
	(N=124)	(N=125)		
<i>Primary</i>				
Mortality at 60 days %	44 (35)	57 (46)	0.76 (0.55 to 1.04)	0.09
<i>Key Secondary EndPoint</i>				
Treatment Failure at 60 days	44 (35)	72 (58)	0.62 (0.47 to 0.82)	<0.001

Of note for several secondary endpoints, ECMO was significantly better than the control group

- days alive and free of the need for vasopressor therapy
- days alive and free of the need for renal replacement therapy
- days alive and free of the need for prone positioning

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# EOLIA

- Stopped early for futility (after 249 pts)
- Trial powered for 20% reduction mortality (?unrealistic)
- Method of improved mortality?
  - “Lung rest”, very low VT.



# ECMO

- Use in patients with very severe hypoxemic respiratory failure
- Always use basic strategies first
  - PEEP optimization, NMB, prone ventilation.
- Patient should have potentially reversible etiology of ARDS
  - Bridge to recovery
  - Bridge to transplant
- Equity concerns
- Higher institutional volume associated with better outcomes.





# Steroids in ARDS

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- Benefits
  - Reduce pro-inflammatory mediators
  - Reduce oxygen radicals made by neutrophils
  - Contribute to resolution of inflammation
- Risks
  - Hyperglycemia
  - GI bleed
  - Neuromuscular weakness
  - Infectious complications

# Steroids in ARDS

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- Indicated
  - PJP <sup>1</sup>
  - Covid-19 <sup>2</sup>
  - Severe Community Acquired PNA <sup>3</sup>
- All ARDS?
  - ATS Clinical Practice Guidelines
    - “Conditional recommendation; moderate certainty of evidence” <sup>4</sup>

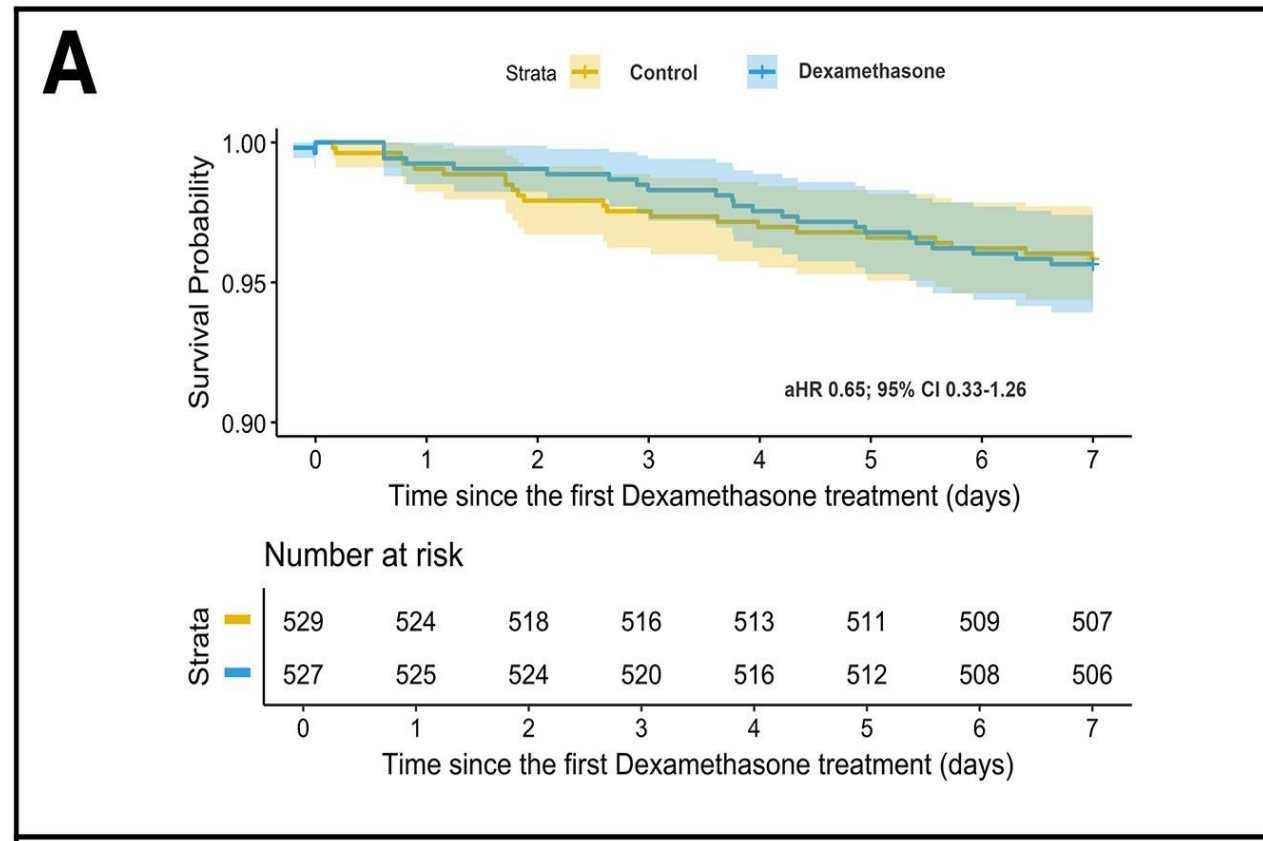
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<sup>3</sup> Dequin PF, et al. CRICS-TriGGERSep Network. Hydrocortisone in severe community acquired pneumonia. N Engl J Med 2023;388:1931–1941.

<sup>4</sup> Qadir N, et al. An update on management of adult patients with acute respiratory distress syndrome: an official American Thoracic Society Clinical practice guideline. Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2024;209(1):24–36.

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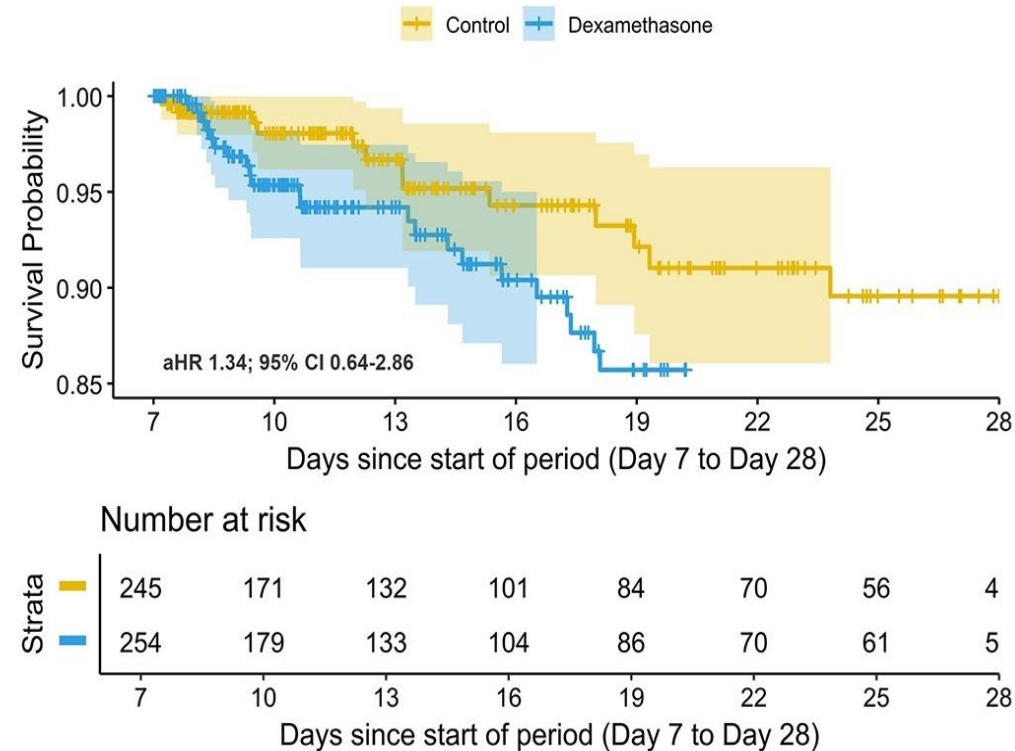


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## Time to death in the 7- to 28 day period in the entire study cohort

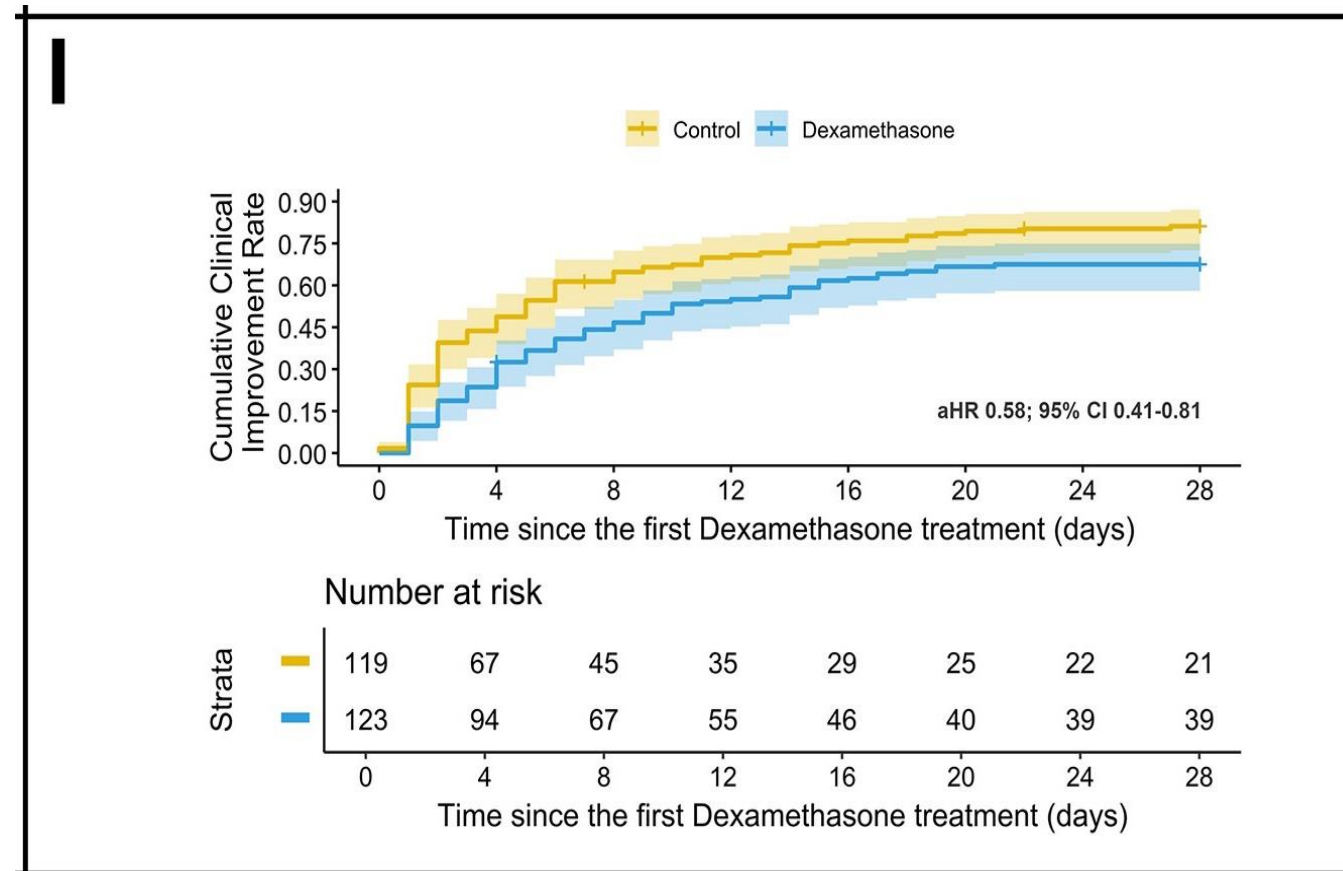
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# Cumulative Time to Clinical Improvement 0 to 28 Day Period in Severe Covid-19 Subgroup



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# Steroids in ARDS: Future Directions

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- More data needed
  - Type of corticosteroid
  - Timing
  - Dose
- Upcoming Trials
  - GuARDS Trial (UK Center for Inflammation Research)
    - Glucocorticoids in adults with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (GuARDS Trial)
    - RCT to recruit up to 1708 adult patients with ARDS, in approximately 65 ICUs throughout the UK
  - CORT-E2 (Canadian Critical Care Trials Group)
    - Corticosteroids Early and Extended Domains of the PRACTICAL platform RCT
    - Open label randomized trial to evaluate if:
      - Early corticosteroids will improve survival (Early Cohort) in patients with non-COVID AHRF; and
      - Extending corticosteroids (Extended Cohort) will improve survival in those with AHRF still requiring invasive or non-invasive respiratory despite already receiving 10 days of corticosteroids

# Where to go next (2024)?

- Identifying ARDS subphenotypes
  - Radiographic appearance
  - Hyper vs hypo inflammatory subtype
- Directing treatment at subphenotypes
  - Ventilatory management strategies
  - Volume resuscitation
  - Immunomodulatory anti-inflammatory therapy
- Research questions (as posed by ESICM ARDS Guidelines)
  - Stability of subphenotypes
  - Are subphenotypes reproducible across populations
  - Accuracy and reproducibility of rapid subphenotype classification

# Notes for Practice

- P/F ratio key for prognosis / rx.
- Optimize PEEP
  - For Moderate-Severe ARDS High PEEP:FiO2 table
- If  $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 150$  consider neuromuscular blockade
  - If ongoing dyssynchrony
- If  $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 150$  initiate prone ventilation
  - Early
  - Proning dose 16 hrs
- If very severe ARDS or failing above consider ECMO
- Consider corticosteroids in select populations