



# Management of Refractory Hypoxemia

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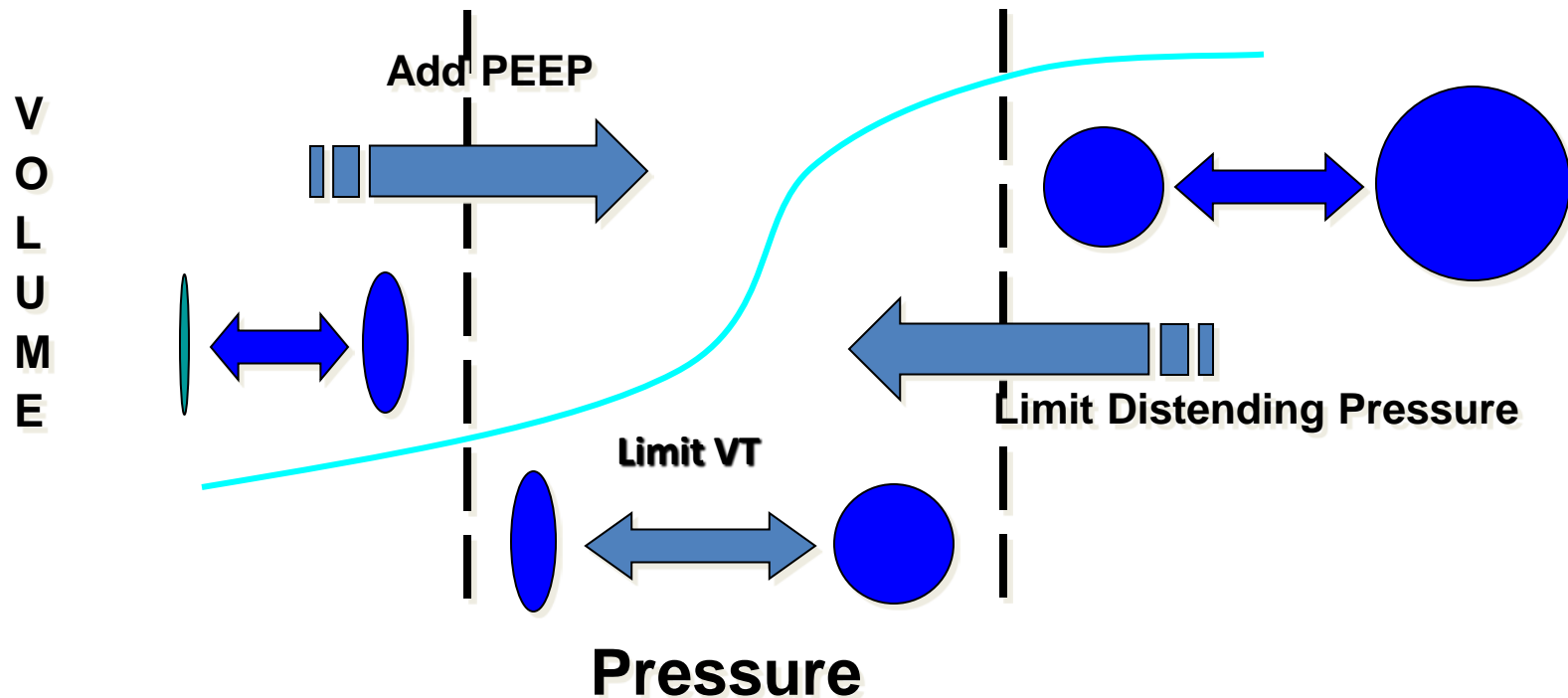
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# Lung Destructive Ventilation

- Oxygen Toxicity
- Barotrauma
- Ventilator-induced lung injury (VILI)
  - Alveolar overdistention (volutrauma)
  - Repetitive cyclic alveoli recruitment and collapse (atelectrauma)
  - Release of inflammatory mediators (biotrauma)

# Preventing Overdistention and Collapse Injury

## “Lung Protective” Ventilation



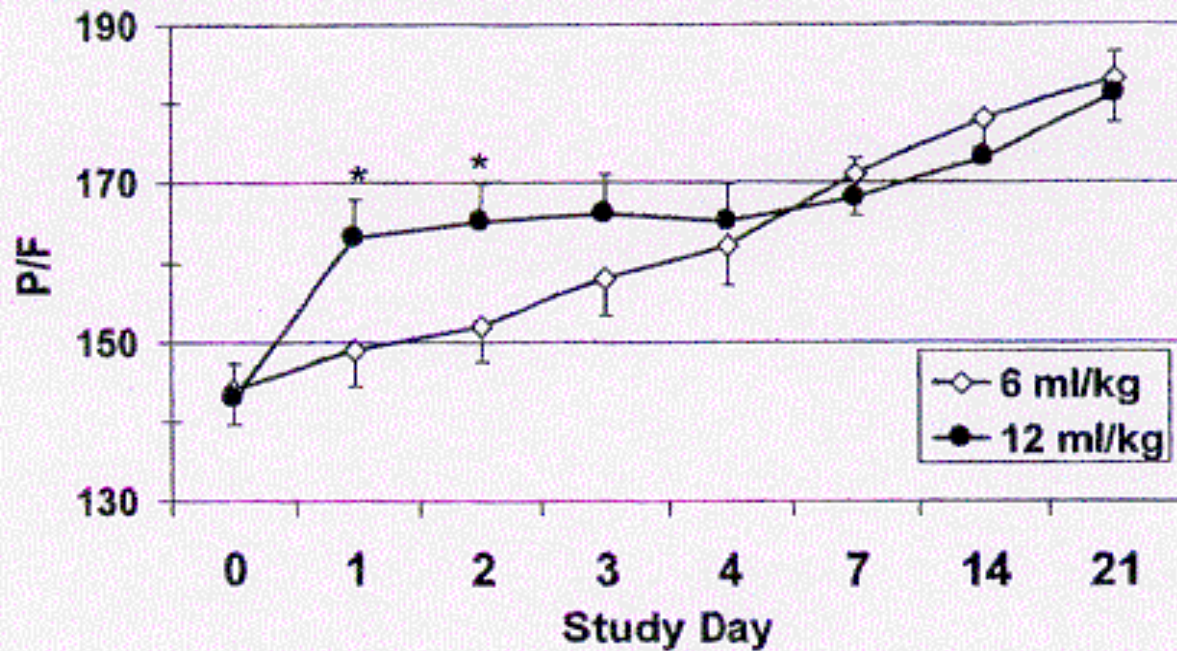
# Vt Strategy

- Low volume ventilation:
  - Set tidal volume of 6 ml/kg  
( *ARDS Network. NEJM 2000;342:1301-8* )
  - Mortality was reduced by 22%
- Is PCV better than VCV ?
  - Clinical trials did not demonstrate the difference

# Results

- Trial was stopped after fourth interim analysis.
- Mortality rates
  - 12 cc/Kg VT group- 39.8%
  - 6cc/Kg Vt group- 31.0%
- Vt & Plat were significantly lower
- What group had better PaO<sub>2</sub>'s?
- 12 & they died more often- so better PaO<sub>2</sub> does not translate into better ou

## 6 vs 12 ml/kg Tidal Volume PaO<sub>2</sub> / FiO<sub>2</sub> Ratio

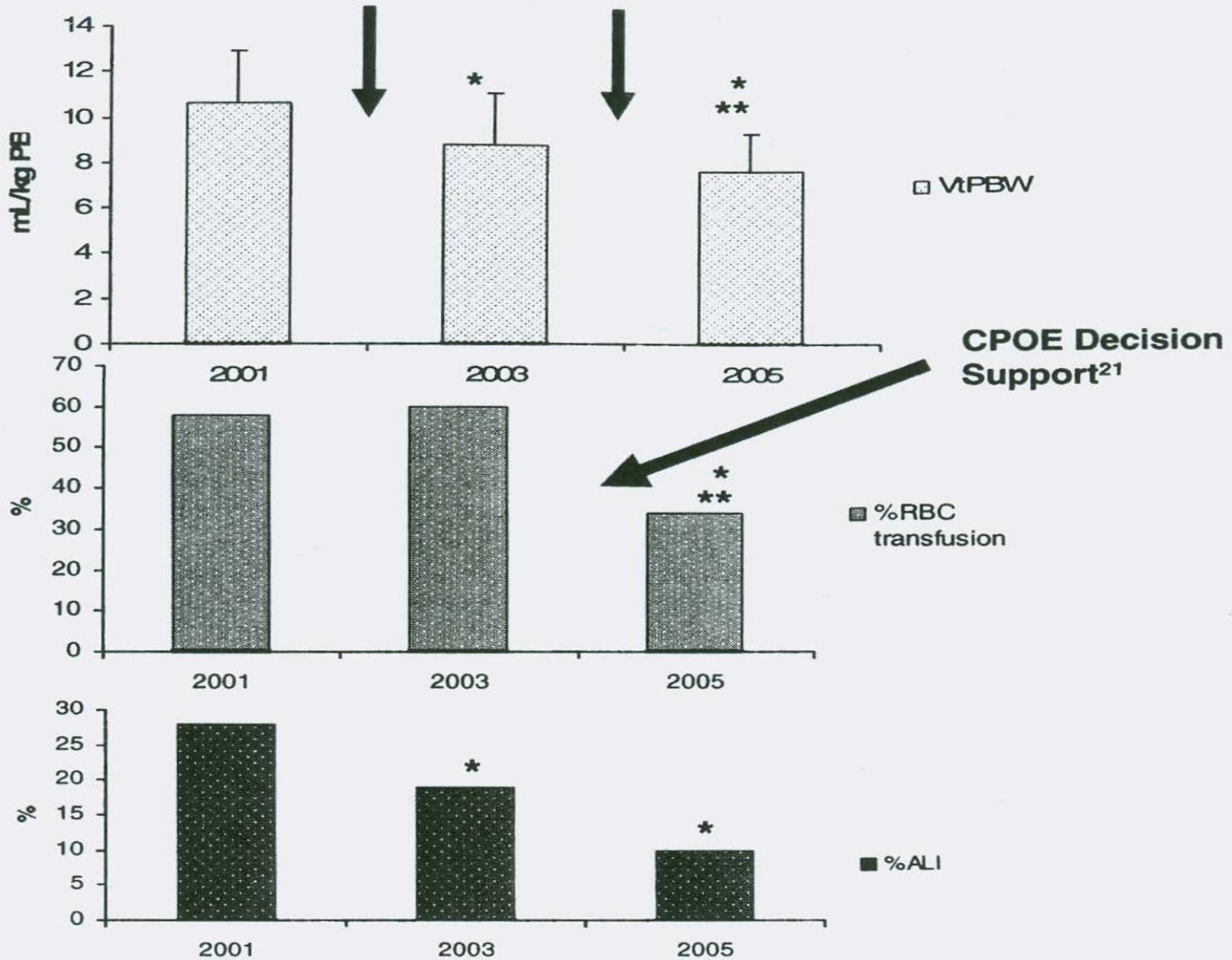


*Crs also better in the HIGH Vt group*



# Web based teaching tool<sup>20</sup>

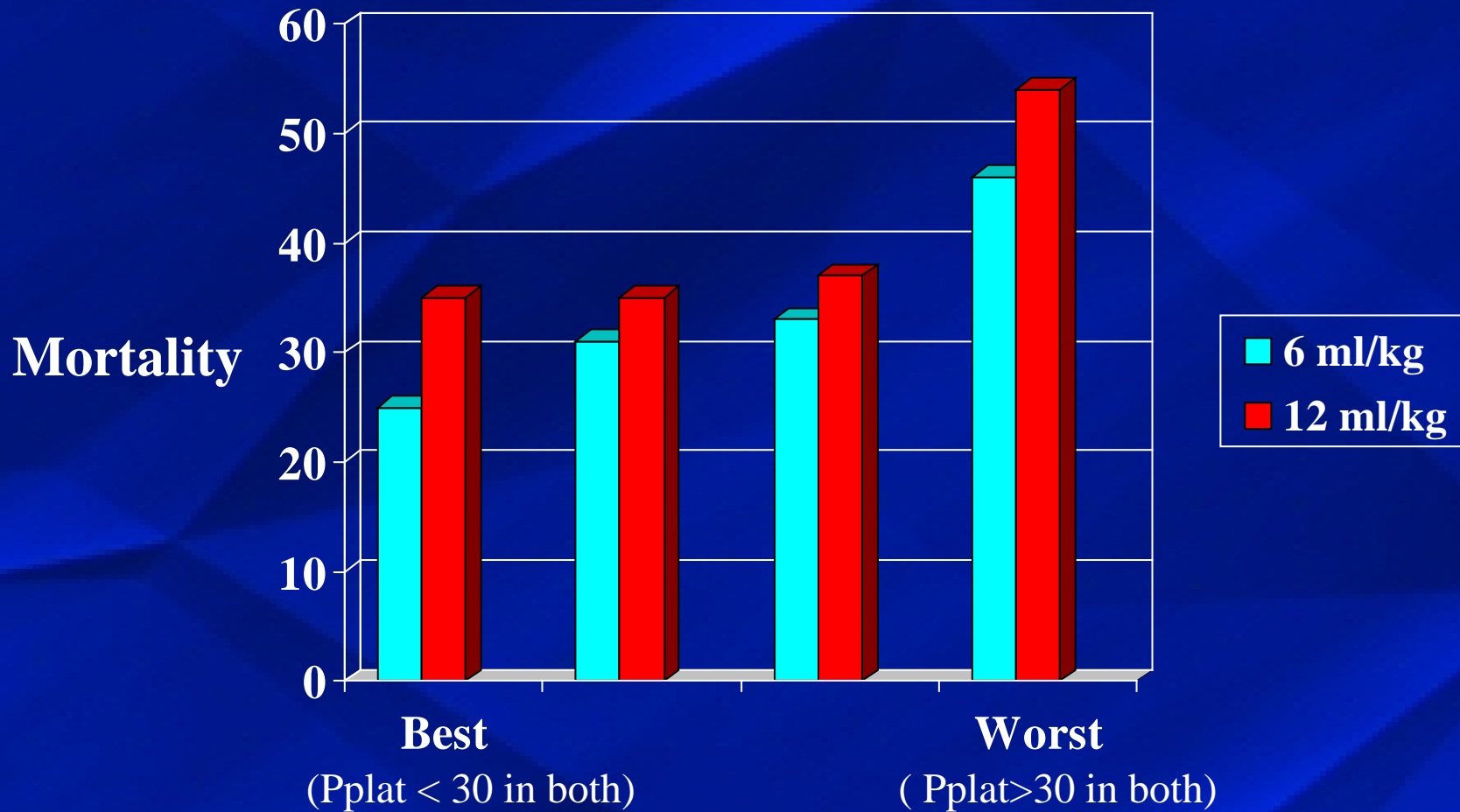
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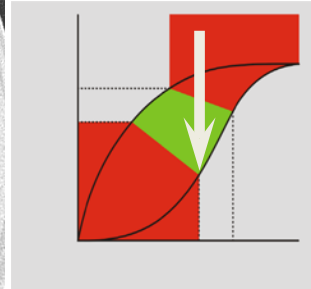
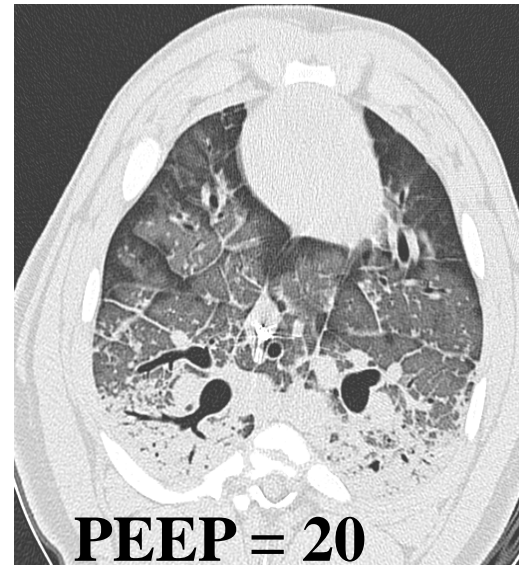
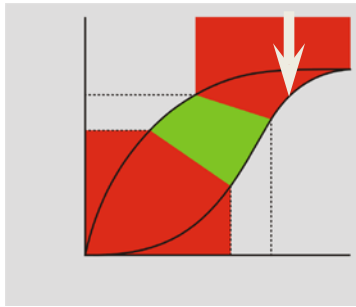
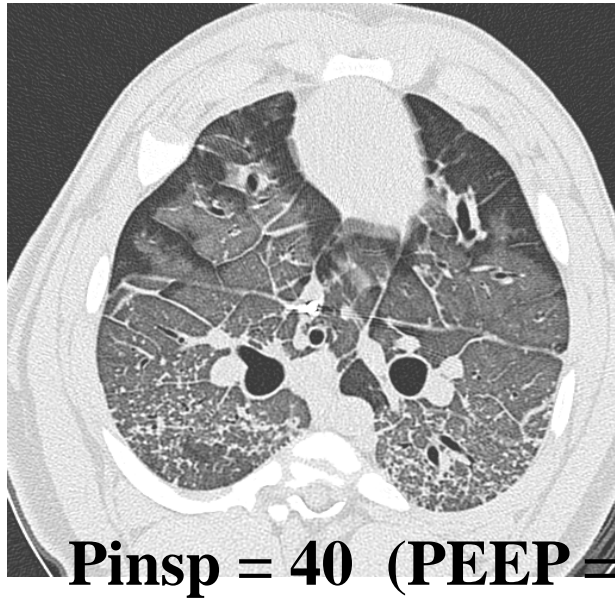
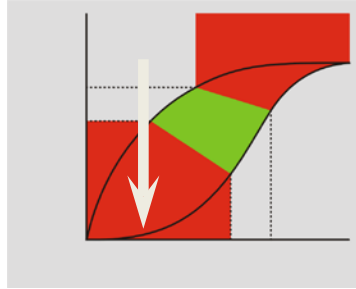
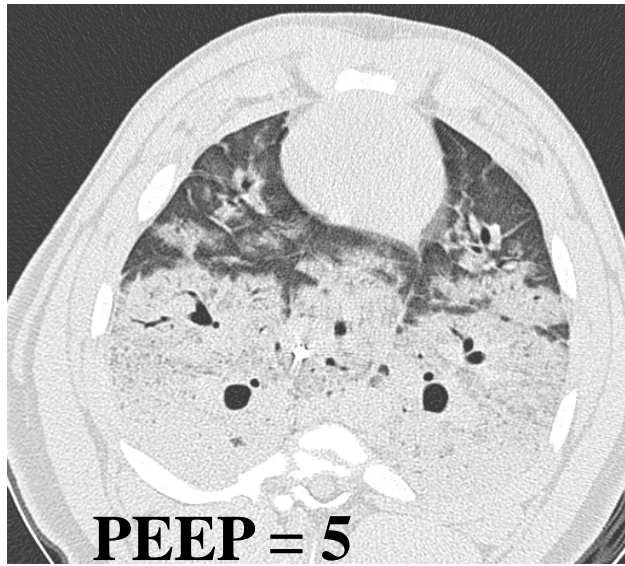


# Plateau Pressure

- Plateau Pressure  $\leq 30\sim 35$  cmH<sub>2</sub>O
  - The normal lung is maximally distended at a transpulmonary pressure between 30~35 cm H<sub>2</sub>O
  - A plateau pressure above the upper inflection point of pressure volume curve causes alveolar overdistention
  - Transpulmonary pressure
    - $P_{tp} = P_{aw} - P_{es}$

# Stretch Injury – Max stretch or tidal stretch?





# PEEP/FiO<sub>2</sub>

- Visual
  - CT, EIT
- Mechanical
  - PV curves, “Best” compliance, Stress Index
- Gas exchange
  - PEEP/FiO<sub>2</sub> Tables
    - Goal is “adequate”, not “maximal” PaO

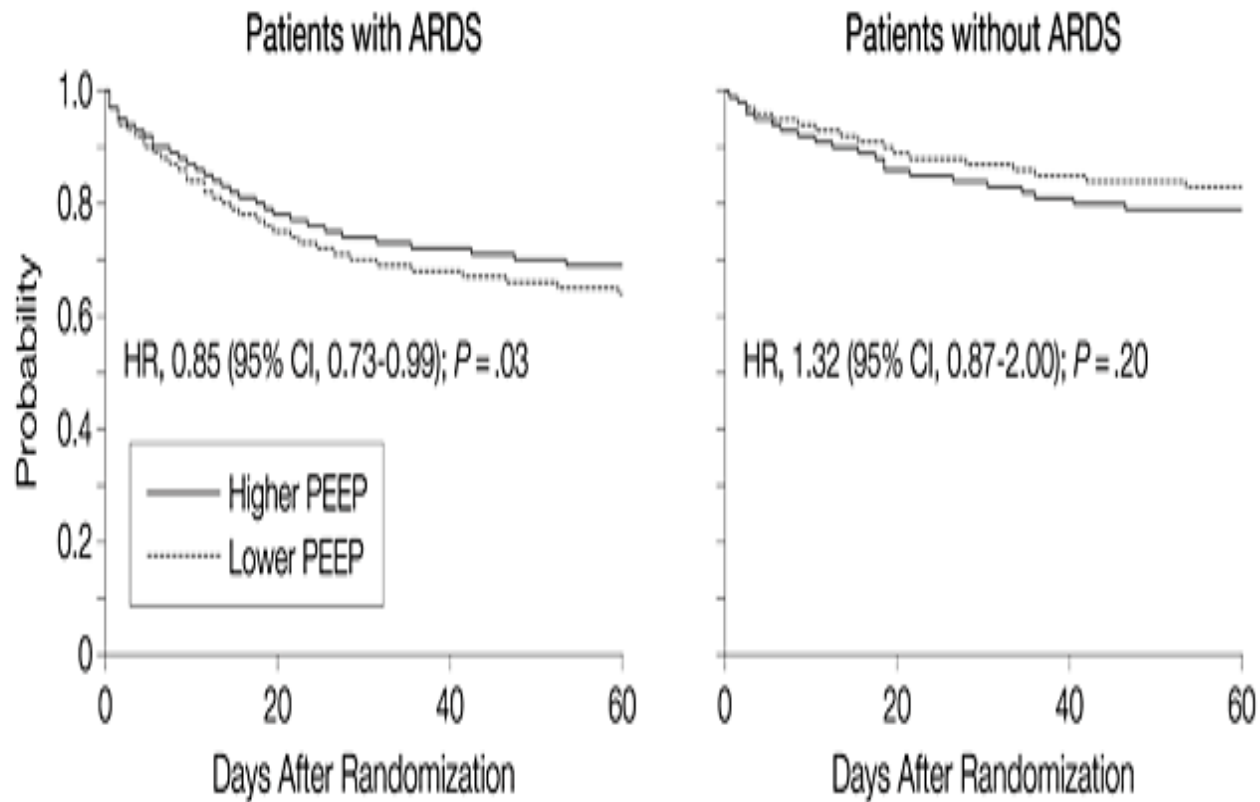
# ARDSNet vs 2 Other Trials in 2008:

Canadian\* (n=983) European\*\* (n=767)

PEEP		
ARDSNet	8.9	14.7
Canadian	10.1	15.6
European	7.1	14.6
Crs		
ARDSNet	.44	.55
Canadian	.46	.46
European	.44	.47
PaO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub>		
ARDSNet	168	222
Canadian	149	187
European	150	218
Pplat		
ARDSNet	24.0	27.0
Canadian	24.9	30.2
European	21.1	27.5

***No mortality  
benefit to  
aggressive vs  
conservative  
PEEP in any  
of these trials***

## In-hospital time to death



No. at risk

Higher PEEP	949	760	693	666	183	158	148	144
Lower PEEP	939	723	649	619	219	196	186	183

*JAMA 2010;303:865*

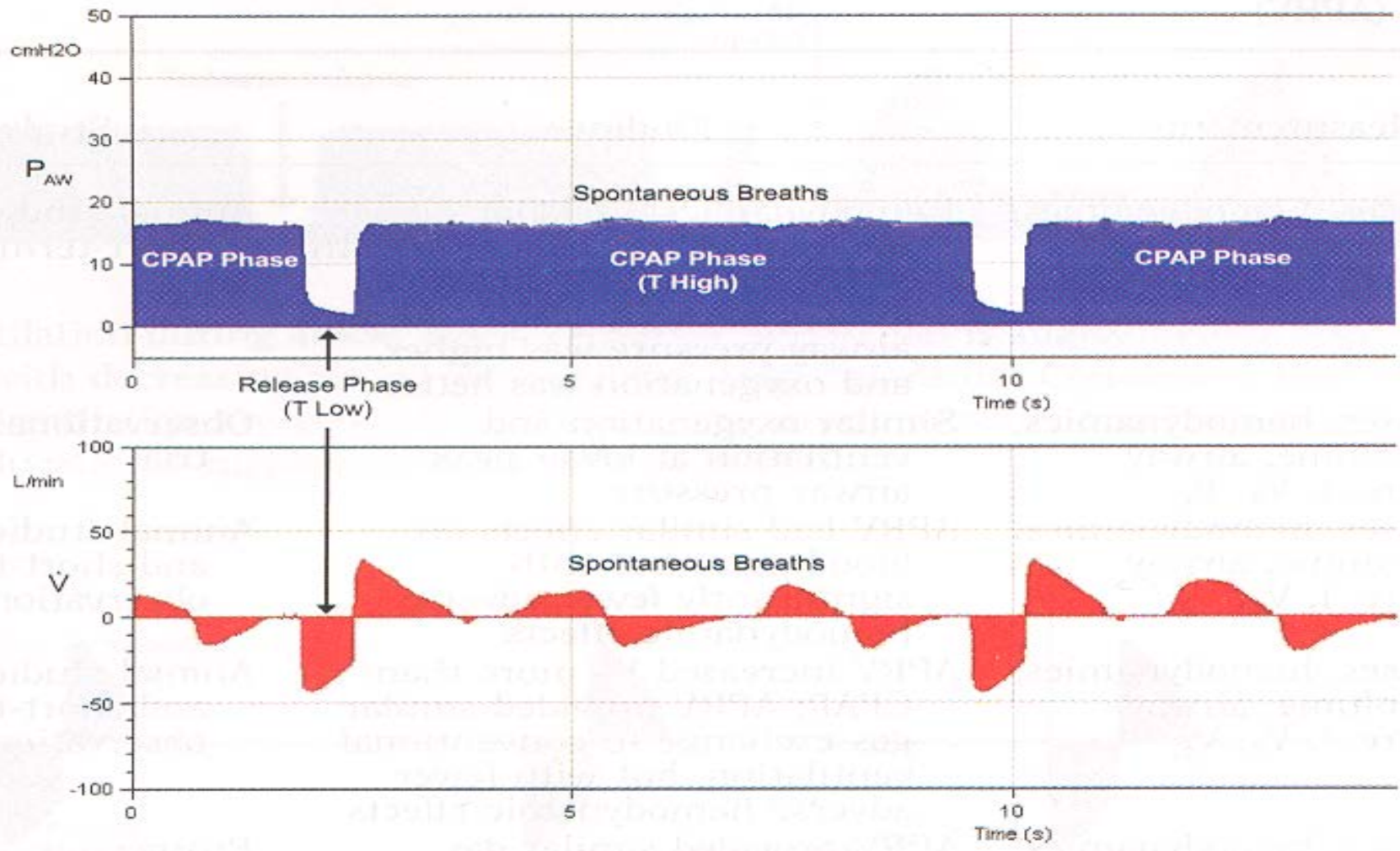
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# Airway Pressure Release Ventilation (APRV)

- Pressure-limited, time cycled ventilatory approach that allows spontaneous breathing during “inspiration”
  - High continuous airway pressure ( $P_{\text{high}}$ )
  - Time at  $P_{\text{high}}$  ( $T_{\text{high}}$ )
  - Periodic releases to a lower pressure level ( $P_{\text{low}}$ )
  - Time at  $P_{\text{low}}$  ( $T_{\text{low}}$ )

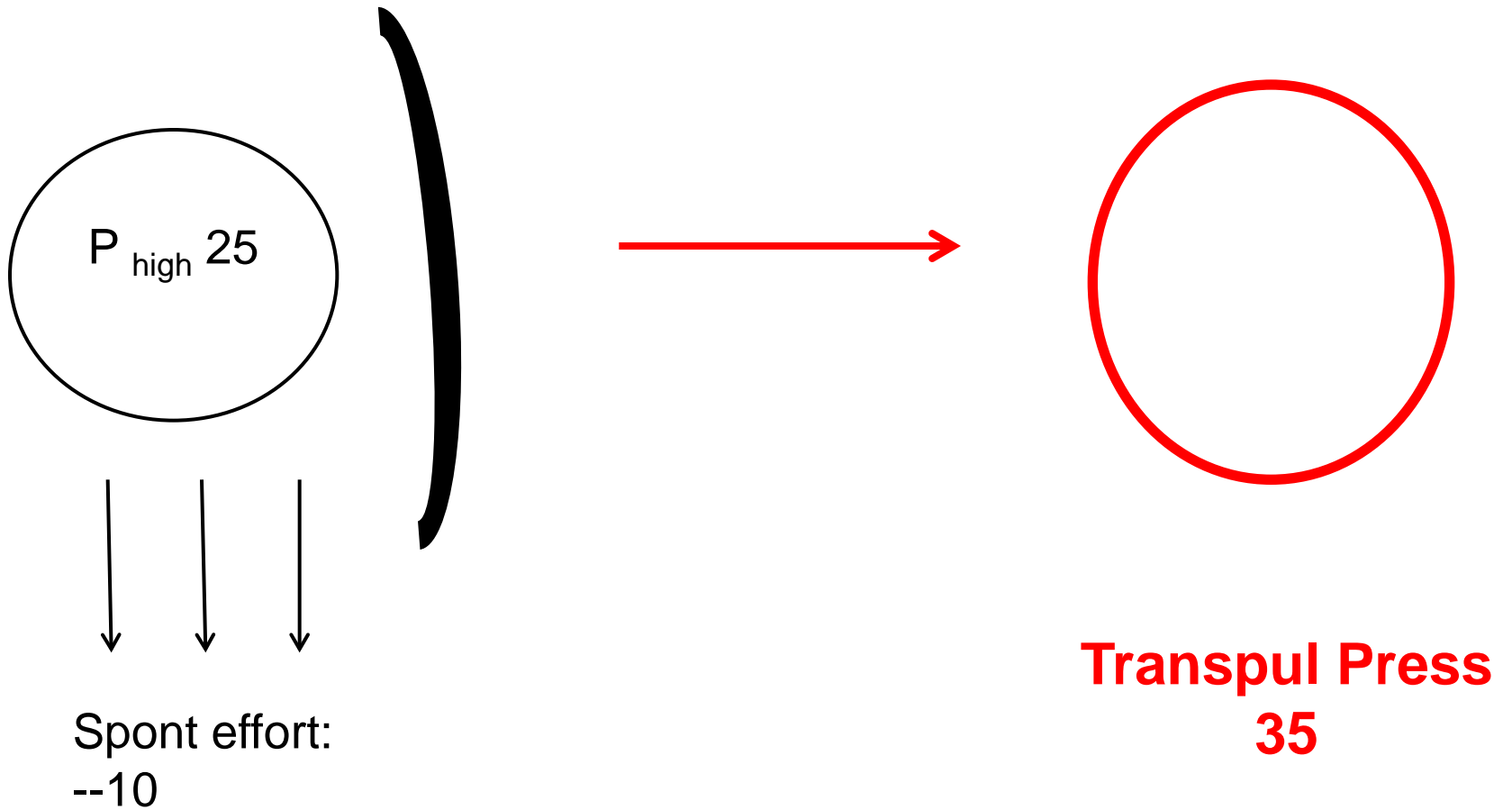
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# APRV

- Alveolar stretch
  - Improvements in oxygenation
  - Spontaneous breathing may have some benefits hemodynamically and aeration but potentially harmful increases in transpulmonary pressure
  - Rapid flow reversals?
- Comfort
  - Conflicting evidence
  - Recent study showed an increase in sedation use!
    - Maxwell, et al. J Trauma 2010; 69:501

# Lung Stretch



# APRV

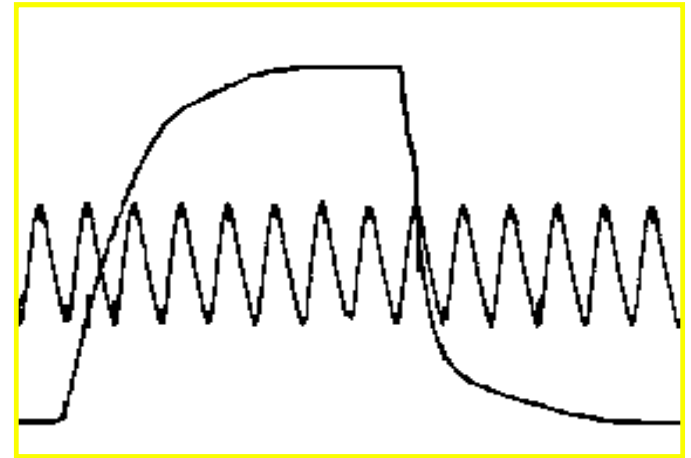
- Easy mode to set up?
  - Terminology and no standard way of setup
  - $T_{low}$  can be a challenge to set correctly
  - Oxygenation/ventilation trade offs
- Outcomes
  - None demonstrated as better to date in terms of mortality

# High Frequency Oscillatory Ventilation (HFOV)

## Advantages-

Enables ventilation above the “closing volume” with lower alveolar pressure swings.

Safe way of using “Super PEEP”.



# Multicenter Oscillatory Ventilation for ARDS Trial (MOAT) - 2002 RCT

Derdak, AJRCCM 2002 13 university-affiliated medical centers

- Prospective randomized controlled trial of the SensorMedics 3100B HFOV for adults with ARDS
- Early Entry, Non-Crossover Trial
- PCV vs HFOV
- 30 day mortality:
  - 37% HFOV
  - 52% CV

# MOAT - 2002 RCT

- Not powered to evaluate mortality (would need  $n=199$ )
- Higher VT (8 cc/kg measured wt, 10.6 cc/kg ideal wt) and peak Paw (38 cm H<sub>2</sub>O at 48h) in CV group than current ARDS Network trial standard of care for ARDS (6 cc/kg, 30 cm H<sub>2</sub>O)



# Recent Studies

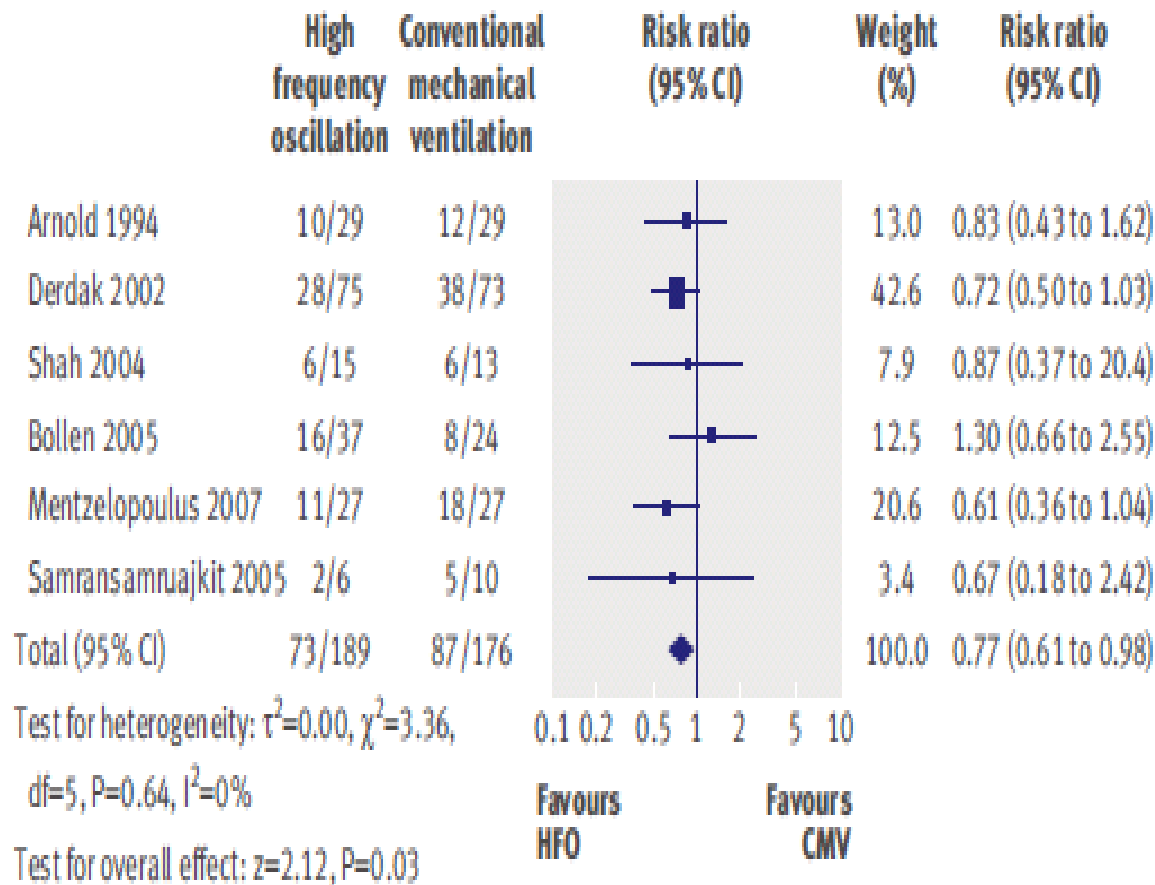


Fig 2 | Hospital or 30 day mortality in patients with acute lung injury/acute respiratory distress syndrome allocated to high frequency oscillation or conventional mechanical ventilation

# Recent Studies

- OSCAR Trial – Young, et al. NEJM 2013
  - 398 patients in 29 centers in Great Britain
  - HFOV vs. local physician practice
  - 3 centers had experience with HFOV, 6 centers “limited” experience and 20 centers no previous experience with HFOV
  - No difference in mortality

# Recent Studies

- OSCILLATE Trial – Ferguson, et al. NEJM 2013
  - 548 pts, 39 centers, 5 countries
  - HFOV vs. Low Vt, high PEEP strategy in ARDS
  - In hospital mortality in the HFOV group was 47% vs. 35% in the control group
  - Used higher mean airway pressures
  - 75 potential eligible subjects not enrolled

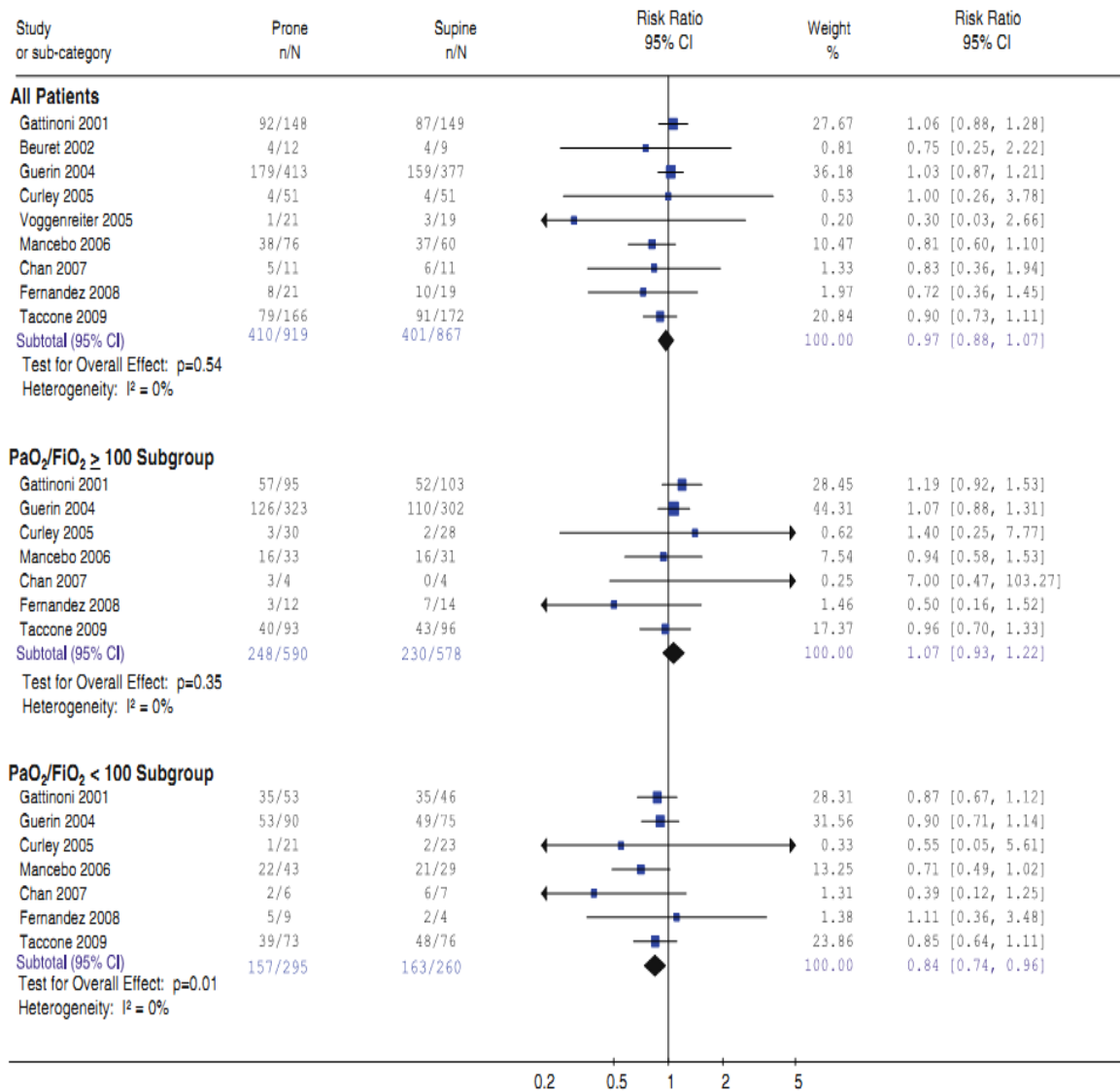
# Prone Ventilation

- Gained support in recent years for improvement in oxygenation
  - Improved VQ matching
  - Improved recruitment?
- Questions remain as to the appropriate timing and duration
- Pt response is variable
- Serious adverse events
  - Facial ulcers, extubation, dislo

# Prone Ventilation

- In 2008 4 meta-analyses were published
  - No mortality benefit
- Taccone, et al. JAMA 2009; 302:1977
  - RCT 25 European centers
    - Oxygenation often improves (P/F increase approx 25mmHg)
    - Increased sedation/paralytic use, airway obstruction, hypotension, ett displacement, loss of venous access
    - Positive effect in severe ARDS?
    - No effect on mortality

# Prone – a subset analysis



# Prone Ventilation

- Between 2008 and 2011
  - 5 meta-analyses published
    - All showed non-significant potential oxygenation benefits
      1. Sud, et al. Int Care Med 2010; 36:585-599
      2. Abroug, et al. Crit Care 2011; 15:R6
      3. Alsaghir, et al. CCM 2008; 36:603-609
      4. Kopterides, et al. J Crit Care 2009; 24:89-100
      5. Tiruvoipati, et al. J Crit Care 2008; 23:101-110

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- 3 showed mortality benefit in severe ARDS
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# PROSEVA Study

- Guerin, et al. NEJM 2013; 368:2159-2168
  - 27 centers in Europe
  - All centers > 5 yrs experience with prone ventilation
  - Prone 16 hrs vs. LOVT
  - Mortality: Prone 16%, LOVT 33%

# Inhaled nitric oxide (iNO)

- FDA approved only for PPHN
- Has been used “off label” for adult cardiothoracic surgery patients and ARDS
- Transient improvements in oxygenation

Study	Nitric oxide		Control		Weight	Risk Ratio [95% CI]
	Events	Total	Events	Total		
<b>All Patients</b>						
Dellinger et al, 1998	43	158	20	75	12.6%	1.02 [0.65, 1.61]
Gerlach et al, 2003	3	20	4	20	1.4%	0.75 [0.19, 2.93]
Lundin et al, 1999	41	93	35	87	21.9%	1.10 [0.78, 1.55]
Mehta et al, 2001	4	8	3	6	2.3%	1.00 [0.35, 2.88]
Michael et al, 1998	11	20	9	20	6.6%	1.22 [0.65, 2.29]
Park et al, 2003	4	11	2	6	1.4%	1.09 [0.28, 4.32]
Payen et al, 1999	48	98	46	105	29.5%	1.12 [0.83, 1.50]
Taylor et al, 2004	44	192	39	193	17.7%	1.13 [0.77, 1.66]
Troncy et al, 1998	9	15	8	15	6.6%	1.13 [0.60, 2.11]
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.10 [0.94, 1.29]</b>

Overall effect:  $p=0.24$ ; Heterogeneity:  $I^2=0\%$

#### P/F $\leq$ 100 mmHg

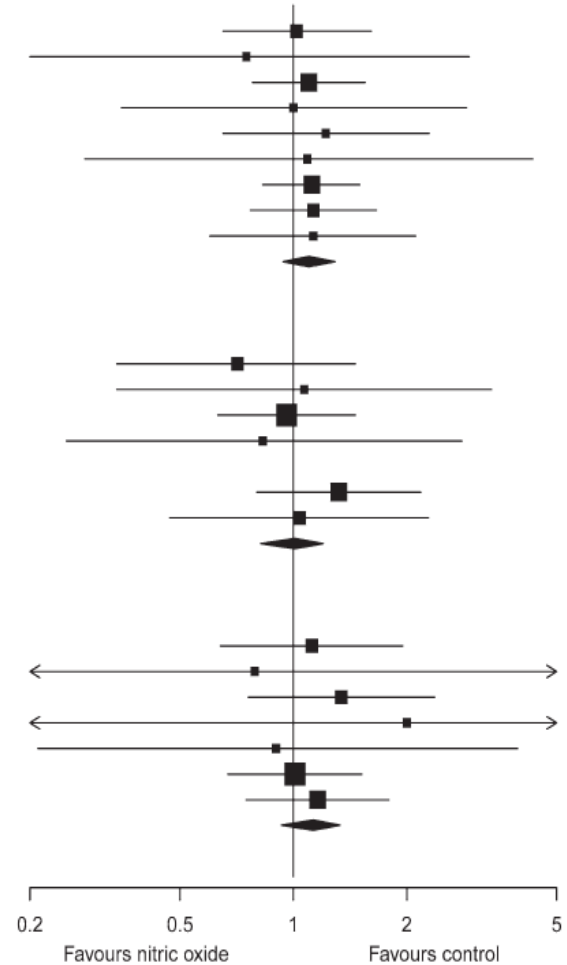
Dellinger et al, 1998	14	43	6	13	13.0%	0.71 [0.34, 1.46]
Gerlach et al, 2003	3	7	4	10	5.3%	1.07 [0.34, 3.36]
Lundin et al, 1999	22	46	22	44	38.7%	0.96 [0.63, 1.46]
Mehta et al, 2001	2	4	3	5	4.7%	0.83 [0.25, 2.80]
Park et al, 2003	1	1	0	0		Not estimable
Payen et al, 1999	19	35	14	34	27.2%	1.32 [0.80, 2.18]
Taylor et al, 2004	12	52	8	36	11.1%	1.04 [0.47, 2.28]
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.01 [0.78, 1.32]</b>

Overall effect:  $p=0.93$ ; Heterogeneity:  $I^2=0\%$

#### P/F $>$ 100 mmHg

Dellinger et al, 1998	29	115	14	62	17.6%	1.12 [0.64, 1.95]
Gerlach et al, 2003	0	13	0	10	0.4%	0.79 [0.02, 36.5]
Lundin et al, 1999	19	47	13	43	16.8%	1.34 [0.76, 2.37]
Mehta et al, 2001	2	4	0	1	0.8%	2.00 [0.16, 25.75]
Park et al, 2003	3	10	2	6	2.5%	0.90 [0.21, 3.94]
Payen et al, 1999	26	63	29	71	33.2%	1.01 [0.67, 1.52]
Taylor et al, 2004	32	139	31	156	28.6%	1.16 [0.75, 1.79]
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.12 [0.89, 1.42]</b>

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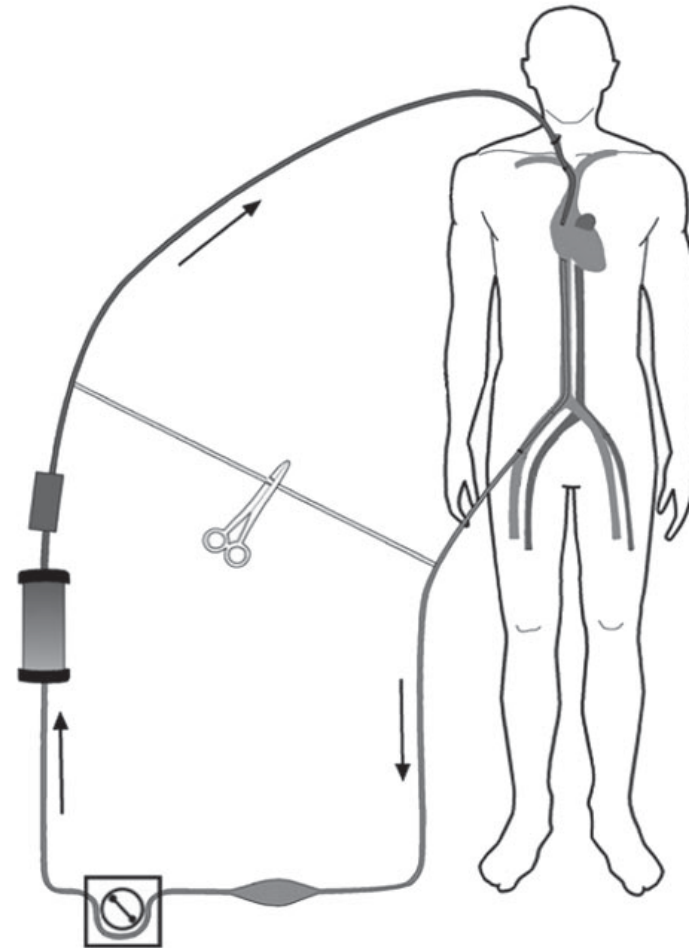


# iNO Issues

- Costly
- Requires specialized equipment
- Potential methemoglobinemia
- Rebound pul hypertesion if iNO stopped too abruptly
- Reactive nitrogen species ( $\text{NO}_2$ ) may have pro-inflammatory effects
- No outcome studies showing a decrease in duration of MV mortality

# Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO)

- Dissociates mechanical ventilation and gas exchange
- Blood is removed from the patient, pumped through an artificial lung and then returned
- High cost, availability and resource allocation



# Conventional Ventilation vs ECLS in Severe Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

- 180 patients with severe “potentially reversible” ARDS in UK
- Randomized to “usual care” or sent to one center for ECLS
  - Not all received ECLS – died en route, “too healthy”
  - Lack of standardization of the control group
- Survival:
  - 63 % ECLS vs 46% usual care
  - $P = 0.03$

# Many Questions

- When should ECMO be initiated?
- Which patients are the best candidates?
- Strategies of lung rest and effects on the inflammatory cascade
- Best strategy for weaning – should the ET be removed completely?
- Transfusion thresholds
- Anticoagulation strategies
- Medication dosing
- Long-term effects of ECMO

# Summary

- Lung protective ventilation provides the best strategy at this point to manage refractory hypoxemia
- There may be ways to augment conventional ventilation techniques to manage severe hypoxemia
  - Prone ventilation
  - ECMO
- When conventional ventilation fails there are some “unconventional” ventilation options
  - APRV
  - HFOV
  - With all 4 of the above strategies evidence of benefit remains scarce and further study is needed