



Ventilator Trouble – Recruiting Help

Ventilation Strategies Beyond ARDSnet

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- Review a case of hypoxemic respiratory failure with respiratory acidosis
- Evaluate bedside techniques to determine ventilatory strategy: trans-pulmonary pressure, decremental PEEP trial, and recruitment maneuvers
- Discuss an approach in the post-operative period towards lung recruitment and PEEP titration

Pre-Transplant

(admitted BMC 2/8/17; MGH 2/17/17)



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50F w/HCV / EtOH cirrhosis s/p
ledipasvir/sofosbuvir (last drink >2yrs, G2
varices c/b UGIB in 2015, h/o hepatic
encephalopathy), who transferred to MGH for
liver transplant w/u after presenting to BMC
w/abdominal pain, confusion, metabolic
acidosis, hyperkalemia and AKI

PMHx: ESLD (MELD-NA 29), bipolar, BMI 44



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Pre-Transplant @ MGH



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- **2/18/17:** Admitted to medical floor for liver transplant evaluation
- **2/28/17:** Rectal bleeding, flexsig w/hemorrhoids
- **3/4/17:** dx paracentesis → abdominal wall hemorrhage → R inf epigastric embo (3/6/17)
- **3/7/17:** Left CFA pseudoaneurysm 3000u of thrombin injected



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Liver Transplant

(3/11/17)



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Orthotopic liver transplantation with systemic VV bypass and backbench procedure for deceased donor liver transplantation.



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Respiratory Therapy Notes

(3/12/17)



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- Appears uncomfortable. **Tried ACVC and PCV with boluses of propofol without appearing more comfortable** and while **dysynchronous** with vent. PSV 5/12/60%.
- Bilateral breath sounds clear. Secretions small thick tan. Patient more awake and responding appropriately to yes/no questions.
- Weaned FiO2 to 40%.
- PLAN: SBT and extubate later today



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Respiratory Therapy Notes



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- 3/13/17: PSV 5 / 12 / 50%
- 3/14/17: Attempted PEEP weans – concern, due to mental status, about extubating to CPAP
- 3/15/17: Desat w/FiO2 wean, increased requirement 60-80%

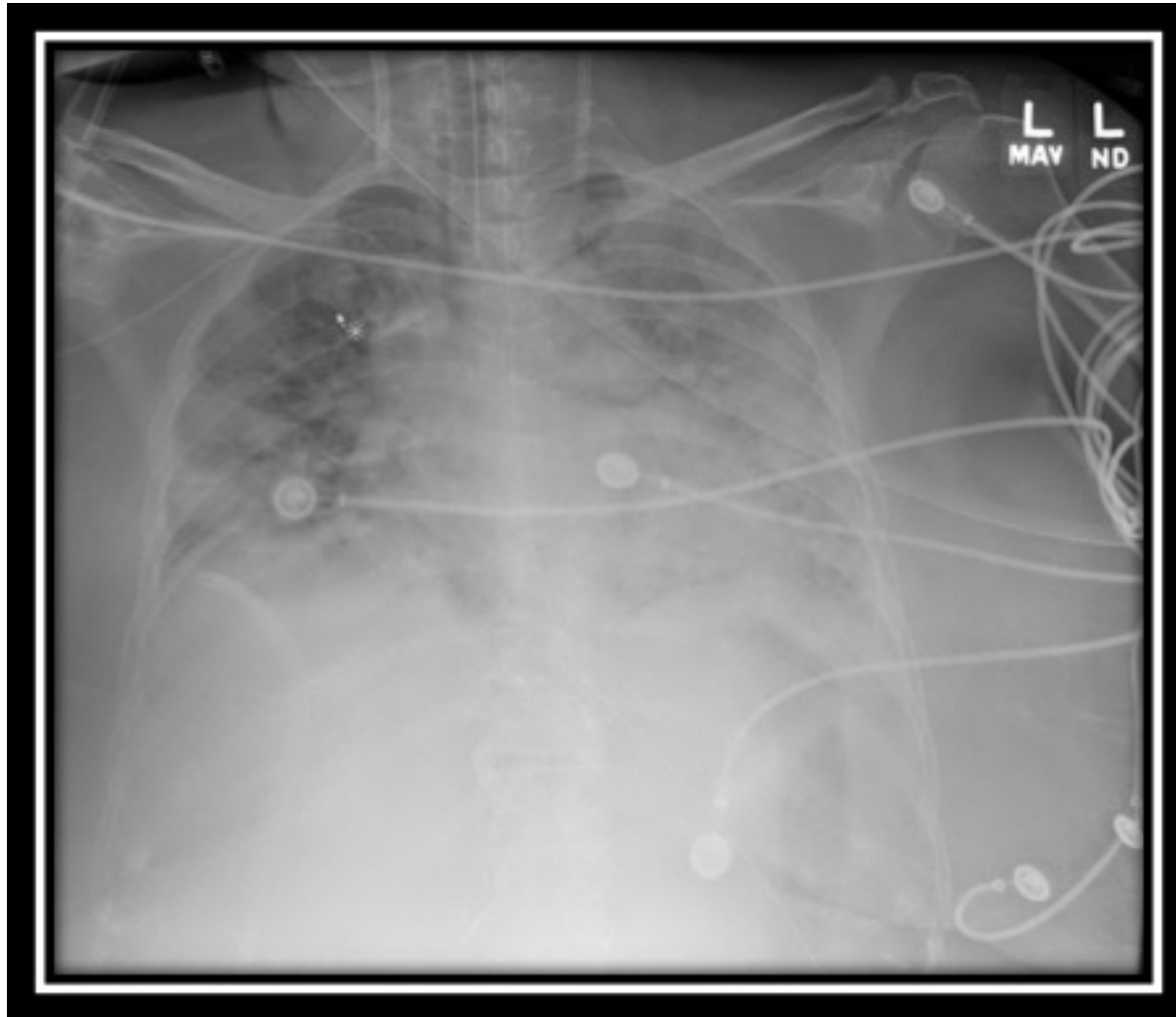


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PSV 12 / 12

FiO₂: 80%

Vt 600s

ABG 7.37/ 44 /133



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- 3/16/17 0800

Bradycardia → Asystole → CPR + Epinephrine

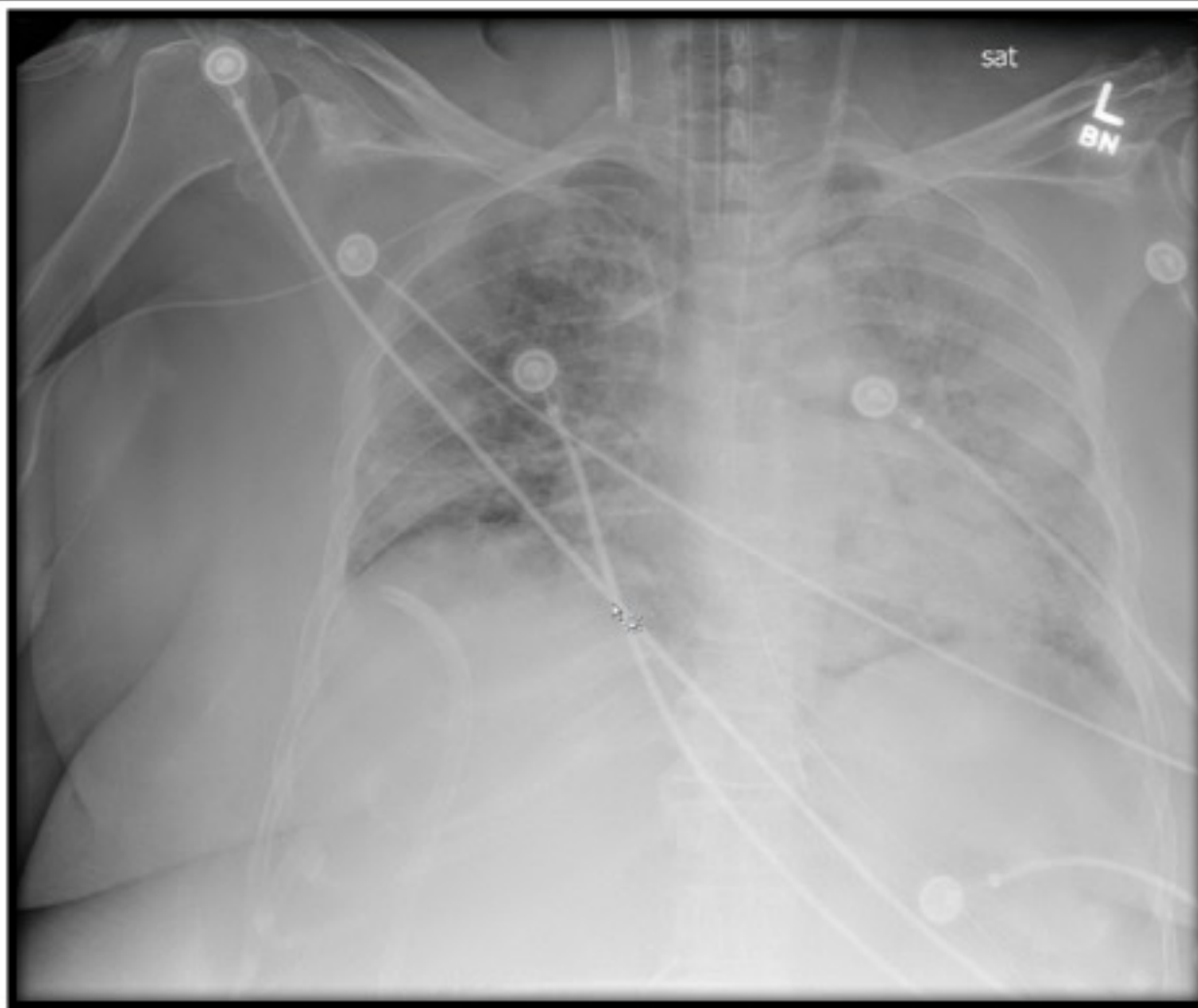


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PSV 12 / 12

FiO₂: 100%

Vt 600s

ABG 7.26/ 52 / 77



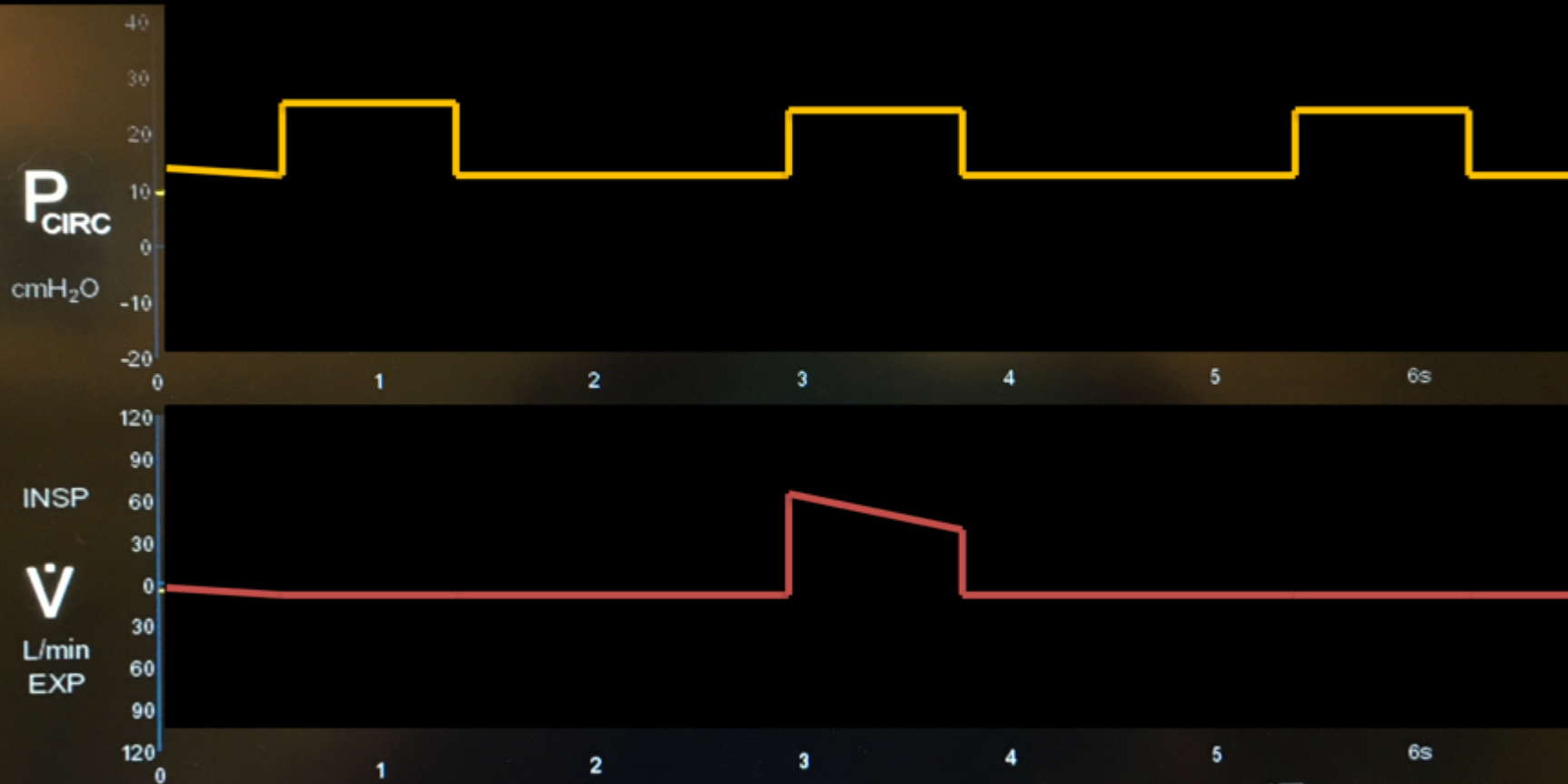
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COVIDIEN

Puritan Bennett 980 Series Ventilator

C



Adult

PC

16 kg

1 m/kg

P_{max} 12 cmH₂O

P_{max} 2.0 cmH₂O

O₂ 100

24

Expir 20

5

Manual Event

O₂ 100%

?

Ventilator settings, respiratory mechanics and ABG



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Vent: PCV 12 / 5 / 100% / RR 24(8) / PIP17 / TV 0-200

Resp. Mechanics: NA / Drive P. 12

ABG: 7.09 / 84 / 107



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Help Recruitment



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**Search for leak
3-4x Respiratory Therapist
Ventilator Changed
Pulmonologist “curbside”**



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COVIDIEN

Puritan Bennett 980 Series Ventilator

C

P_{CIRC}

cmH₂O



INSP

V̇

L/min
EXP



Adult



PC

7.6kg 1mL/kg

P_{peak}
18
cmH₂O

P_{mean}
2.0
cmH₂O

O₂
100

30

E_{peak}
20

18



Manual
Event



O₂
100%



Ventilator settings, respiratory mechanics and ABG



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Vent: PCV 12 / 18 / 100% / RR 30 / PIP 33 / TV 230

Respiratory Mechanics: Compliance 19 / Drive P. 12

ABG: 7.06 / 92 / 95



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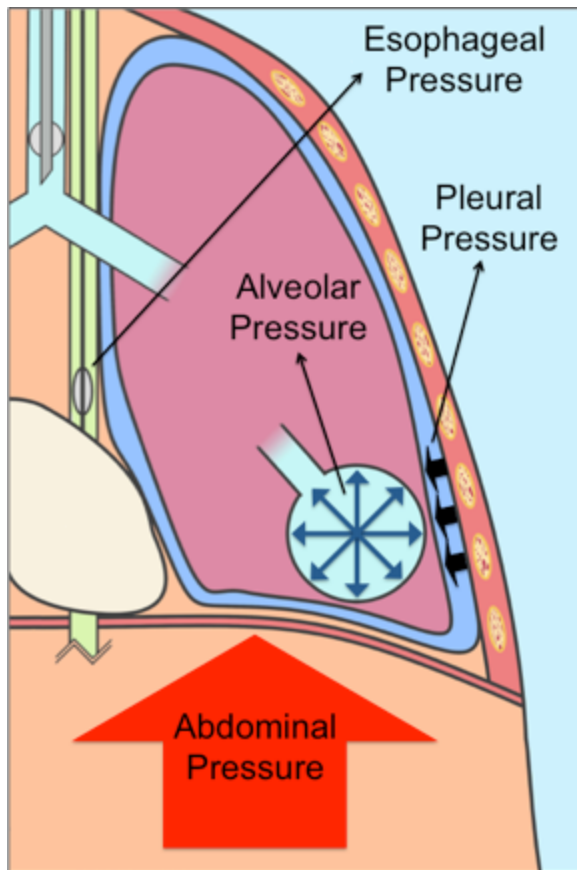


ECMO Consult Berra Lab (Consult)



How much PEEP is enough? and, when how to recruit the lungs?

Air trapping,
atelectasis



**PEEP,
RM**

EFL reversal
Atelectrauma

Prevention of
atelectasis

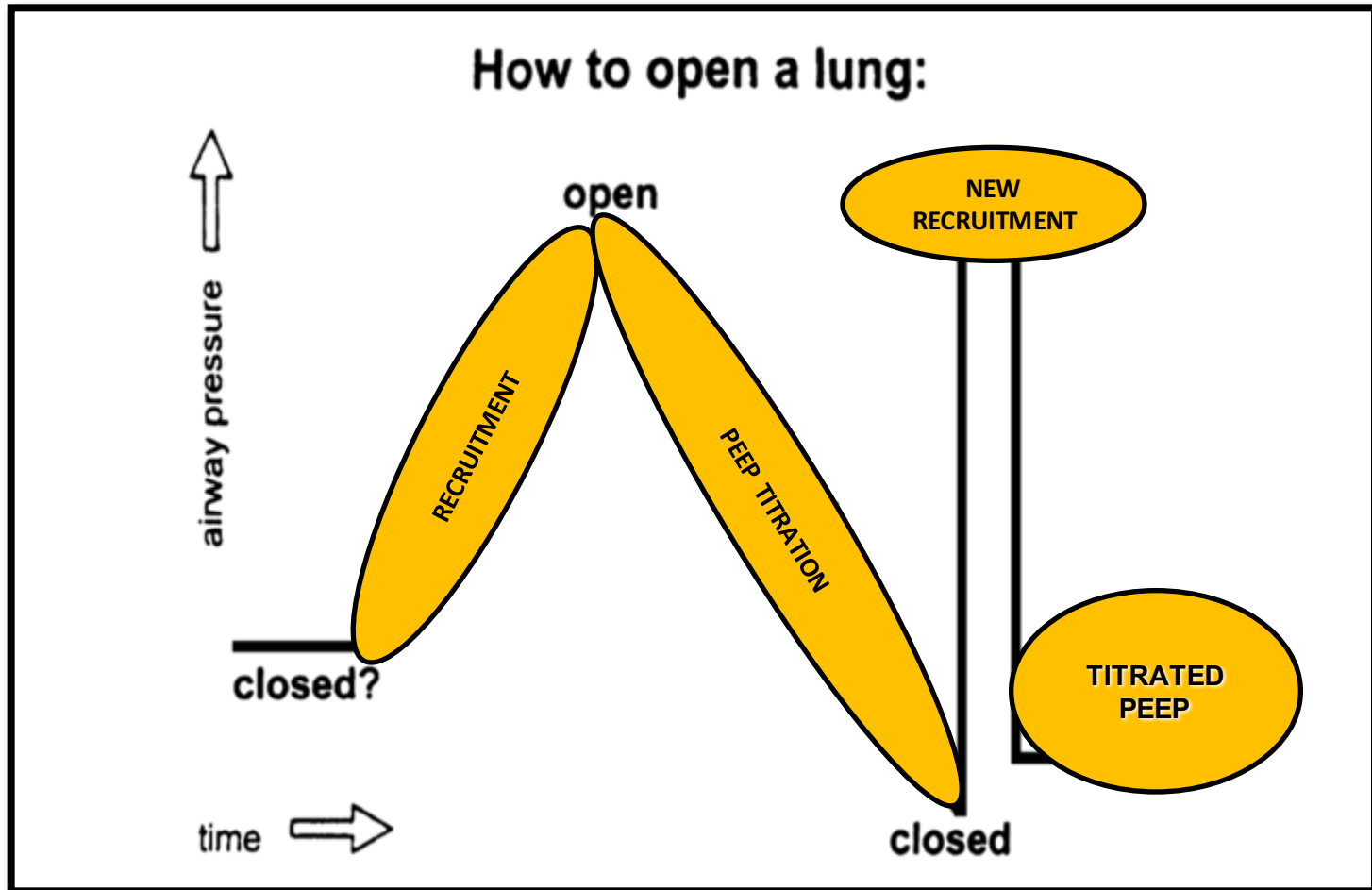
Mechanics and
oxygenation
improvement

Volotrauma

Hypotension

“Best PEEP” still controversial

Alveolar Recruitment Rationale



(adapted Lachmann, 2002)

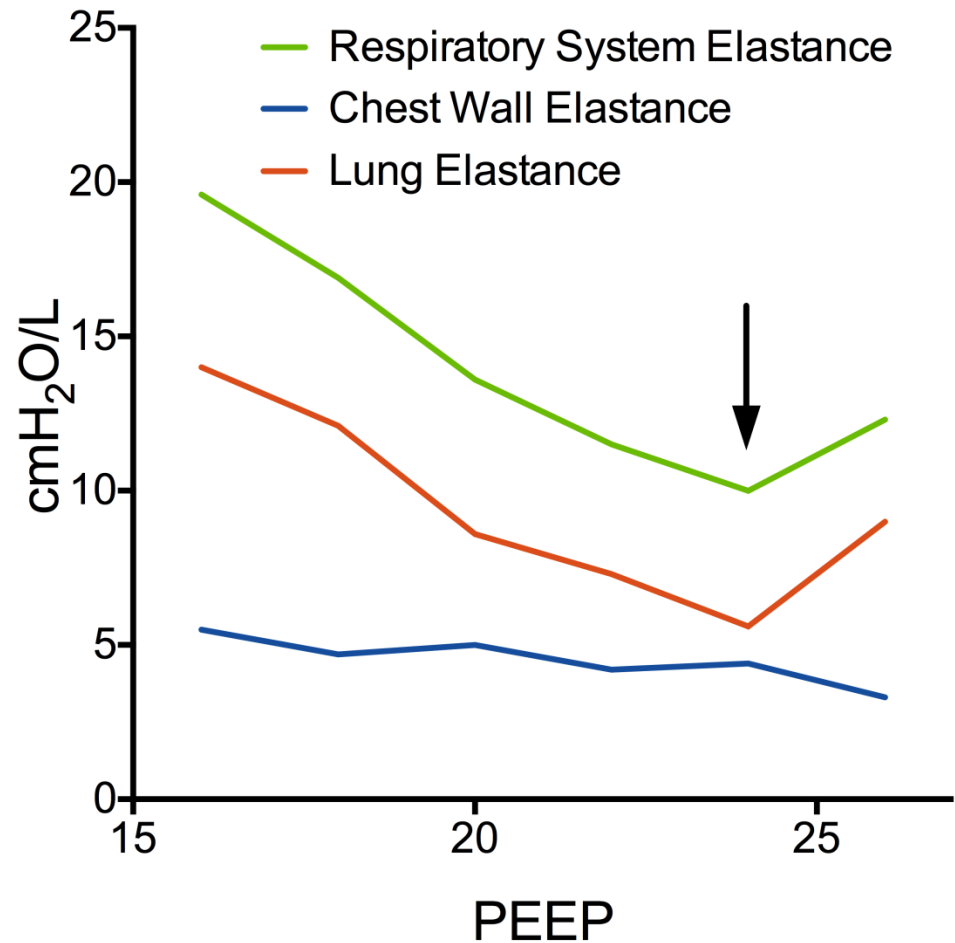
PEEP titration - I



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Decremental PEEP trial

Explores elastic properties by probing the respiratory system at progressively lower PEEP levels.



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Calculations



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- **Dynamic Compliance:** $C_{DYN} = V_T / (PIP - PEEP)$
 - Optimal PEEP: $OL-PEEP = C_{DYN_{MAX}} + 2 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O}$

V_T	PIP	PEEP	PIP - PEEP	C_{DYN}
360	36	20	16	22.5
360	33	18	15	24
360	29	16	13	28
360	28	14	14	26
360	26	12	14	26
360	25	10	15	24
360	24	8	16	22.5



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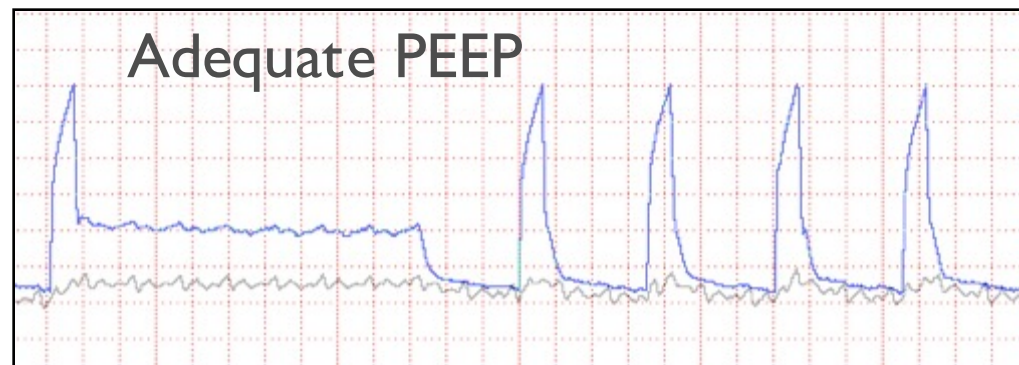
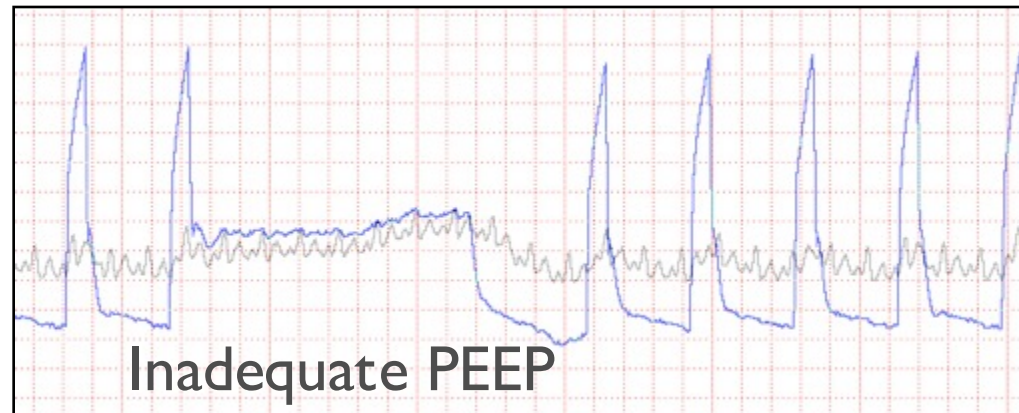
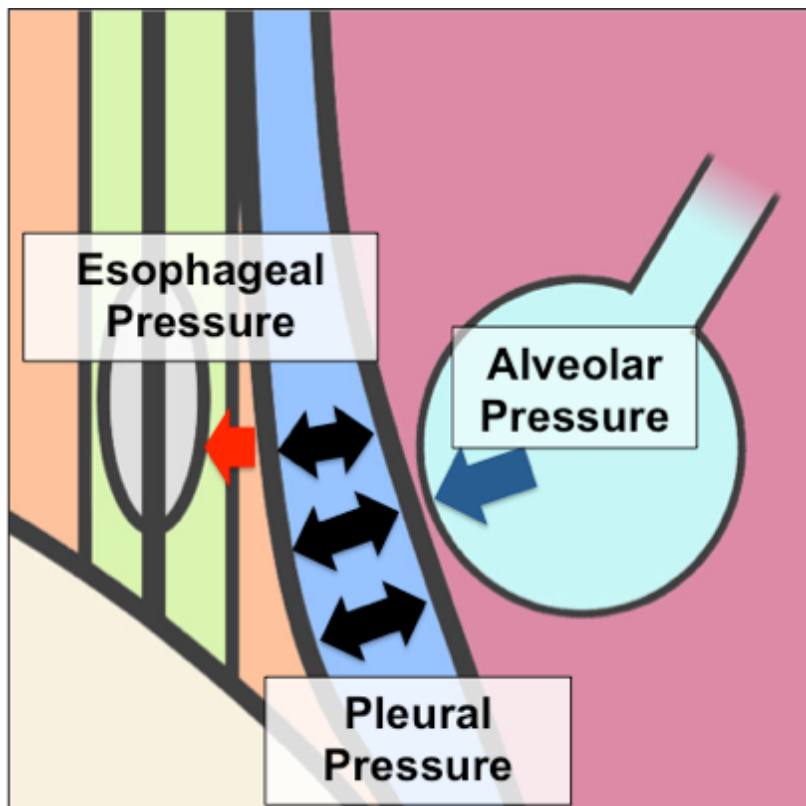
PEEP titration - 2



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Approach with transpulmonary pressure

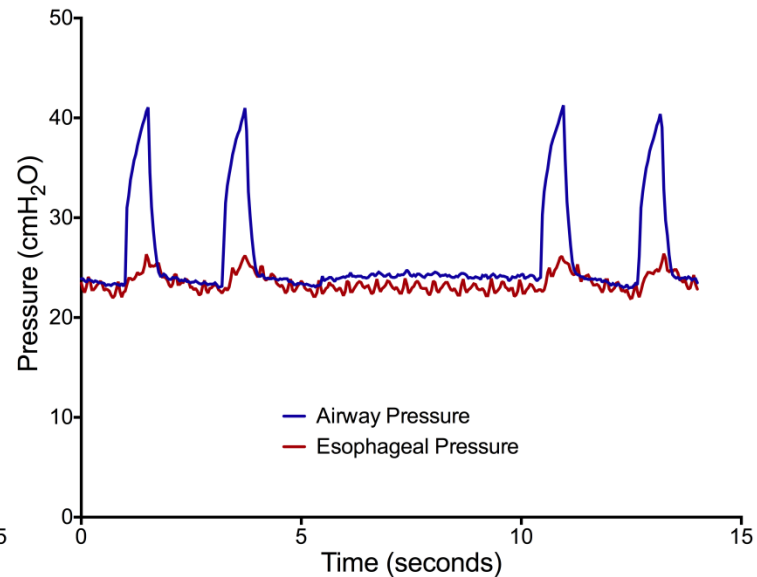
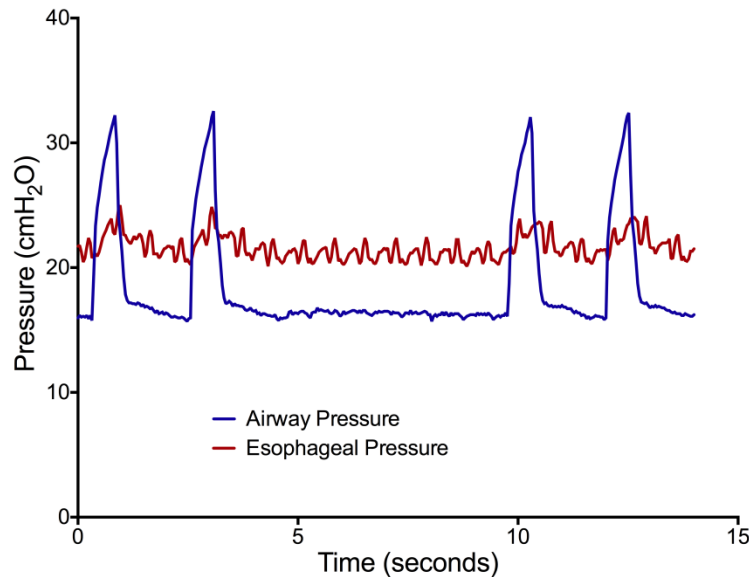
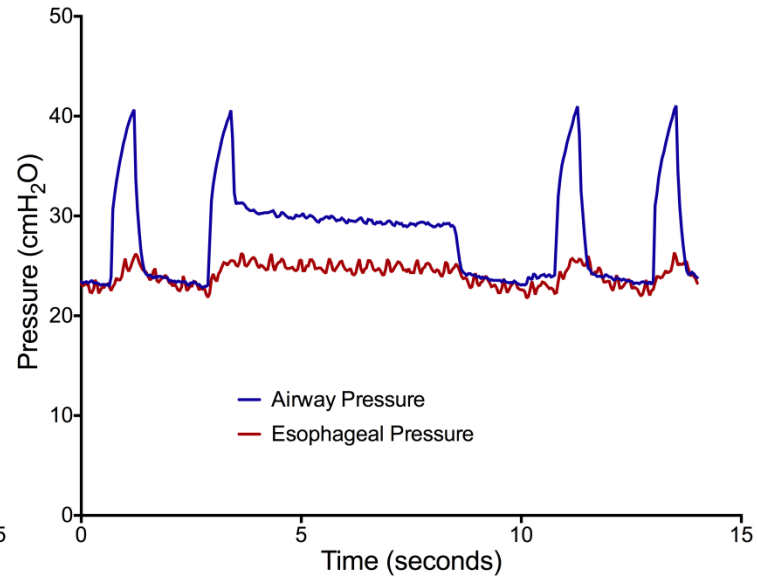
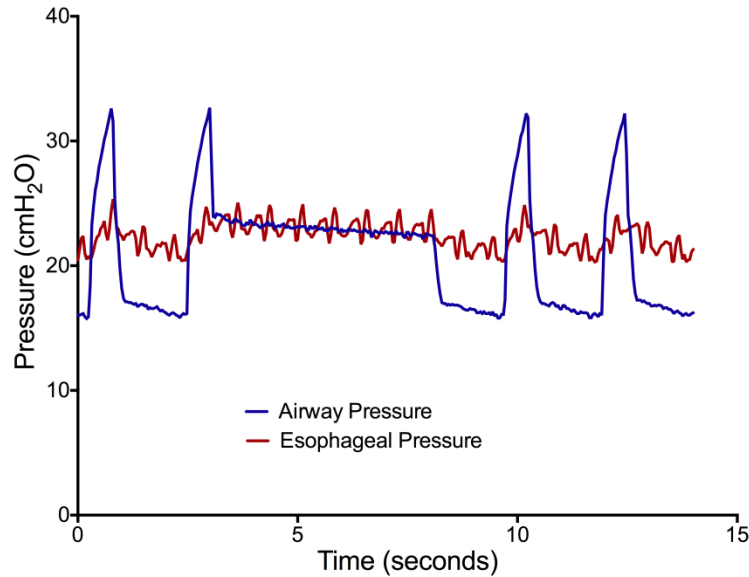
PEEP level is set to achieve a non-collapsing pressure at end-expiration (lowest PEEP value with positive end-exp transpulmonary pressure)



PEEP titration - 3



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Ventilator Flowsheet



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	MGH Blake 12 ICU						N MGH Blake 12 ICU						M MGH Blake 12 ICU						N MGH Blake 12 ICU						
	03/16																				03/17				
1 Hr: ◀	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-00	00-01	01-02	▶			
▼ Vent Settings																									
Vent Mode	PS/C...	PS/C...	PS/C...+	PS/C...	PS/C...	PS/C...		PS/C...	AC/VC	+		AC/VC	AC/VC+	AC/VC	AC/VC	AC/VC	AC/VC+	AC/VC	AC/VC	AC/VC	AC/VC+	AC/VC	Vent Mode		
Vt (Set)								14	340								340				340		Vt (Set)		
Set Pressure Control								14	10+														Set Pressure Control		
Set Pressure Support		12	12+	12+	12+	5+	5	12				12											Set Pressure Support		
PEEP/CPAP (cm H2O)	12	12	12+	12+	12+	12		18+	18+	18	18	12	18	18	18	18+	18	18	18	18+	18		PEEP/CPAP (cm H2O)		
FiO2 (%)	70	70	80+	100+	100+	100		100+	70+	70	50+	80	50	50	50	50+	50	50	50	50+	50		FiO2 (%)		
Set Resp Rate	0	0	0+	0+	0+	0		30+	30+	30	30	0	30	30	30	30+	30	30	30	30+	30		Set Resp Rate		
PIP (cm H2O)	15	25	26	27+	22+	19		33	35+	35	35	35	36	35	35	36+	35	34	35	34+	35		PIP (cm H2O)		
Plateau Pressure									33			34				34							Plateau Pressure		
Vt (exp)	600	590	640	550+	645+	630		260	360+	360	360	360	360	360	360	350+	360	360	360	350+	340		Vt (exp)		
Total Minute Ventilation	10.1	8.7	9.5	15+	9.7+	10.7		8	10.8+	10.8	10.8	10.7	10.8	10.7	10.7	10.6+	10.7	10.8	10.7	10.4+	10.3		Total Minute Ventil...		
PPM Nitric Oxide Observed									20				10			14				0			PPM Nitric Oxide...		
▼ Blood Gas																									
PH Arterial		7.33		7.26				7.09	7.06	7.20	7.28		7.31		7.31	7.31		7.31			7.34		PH Arterial		
PCO2 Arterial		48		52				84	92	62	51		48		47	47		46			44		PCO2 Arterial		
PO2 Arterial		94		77				107	95	197	241		182		167	149		180			192		PO2 Arterial		
FiO2		UNS...		1.00+				0.70	0.70	UNS...	0.70		0.50		UNS...	UNS...		UNS...			UNS...		FiO2		
▼ Pain/Delirium																									



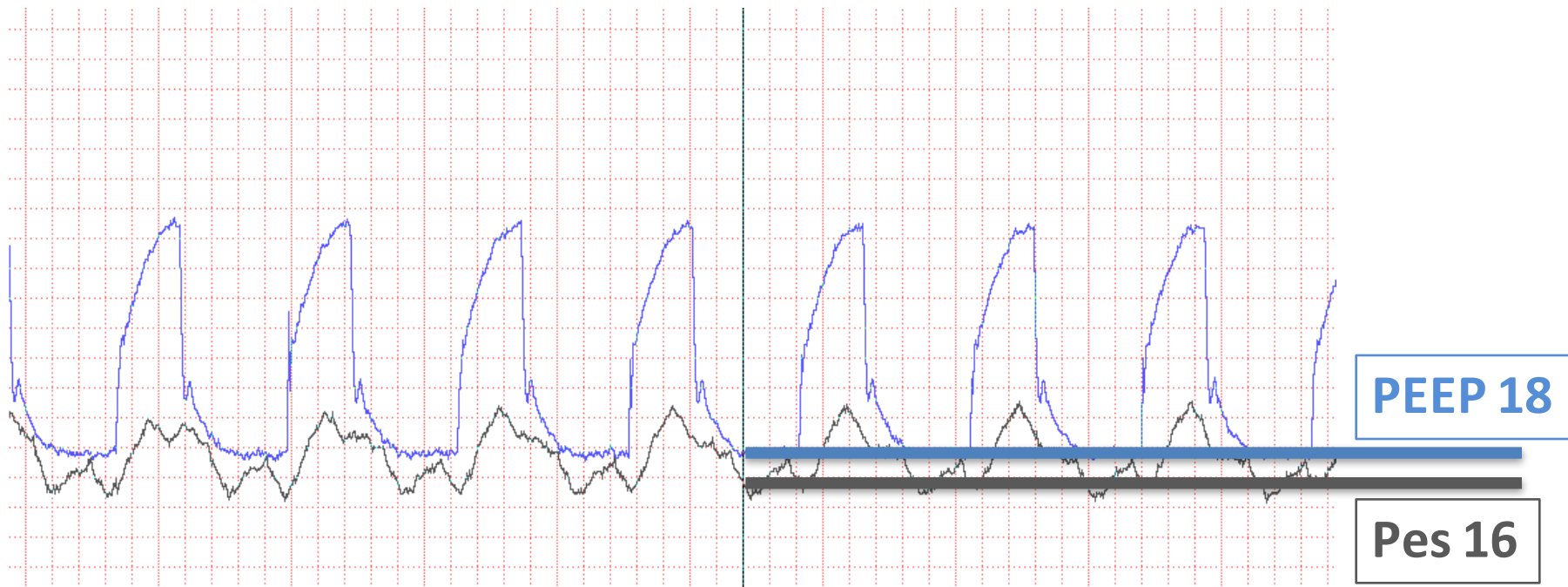
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Transpulmonary



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**Before and after PEEP titration
Transpulmonary pressures were equal**

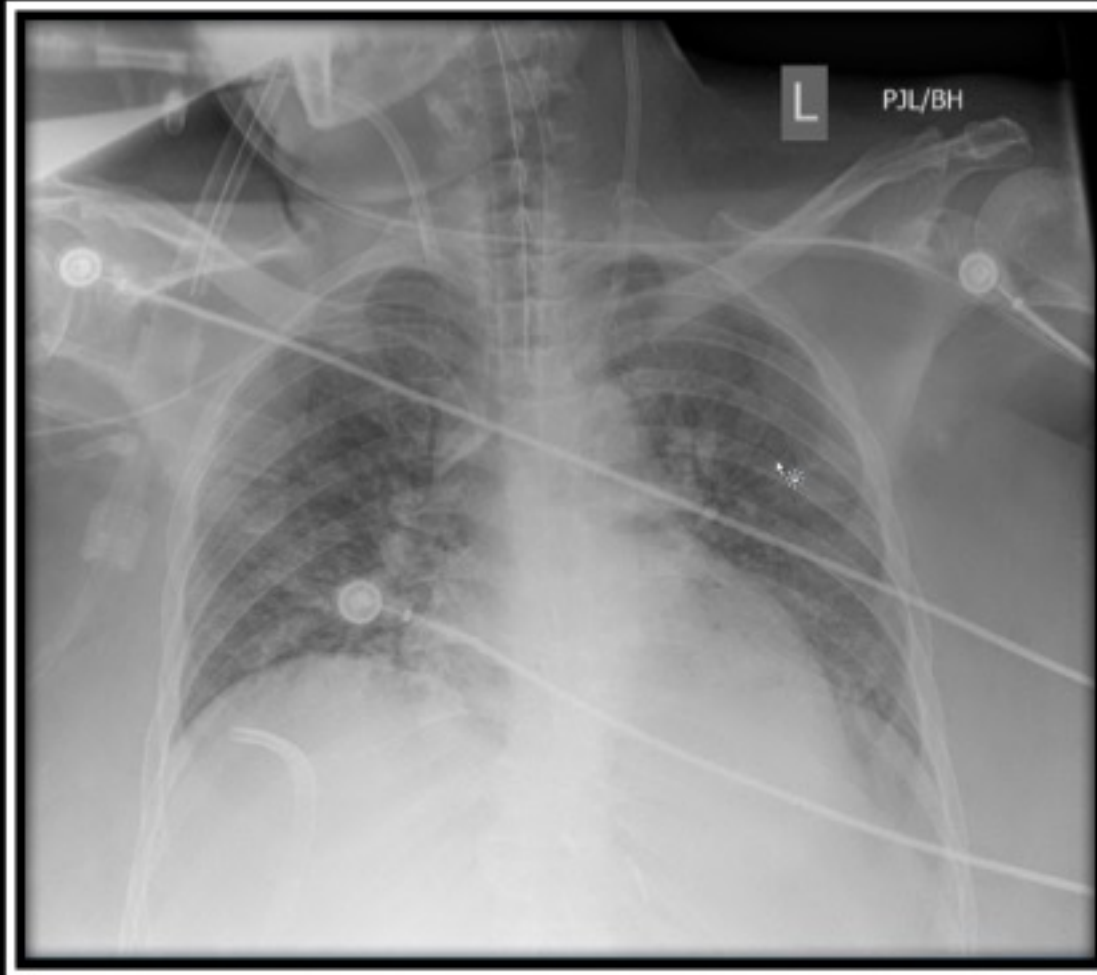


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VCV 350 / 18 / 50%
PIP 34

ABG 7.34 / 44 / 192

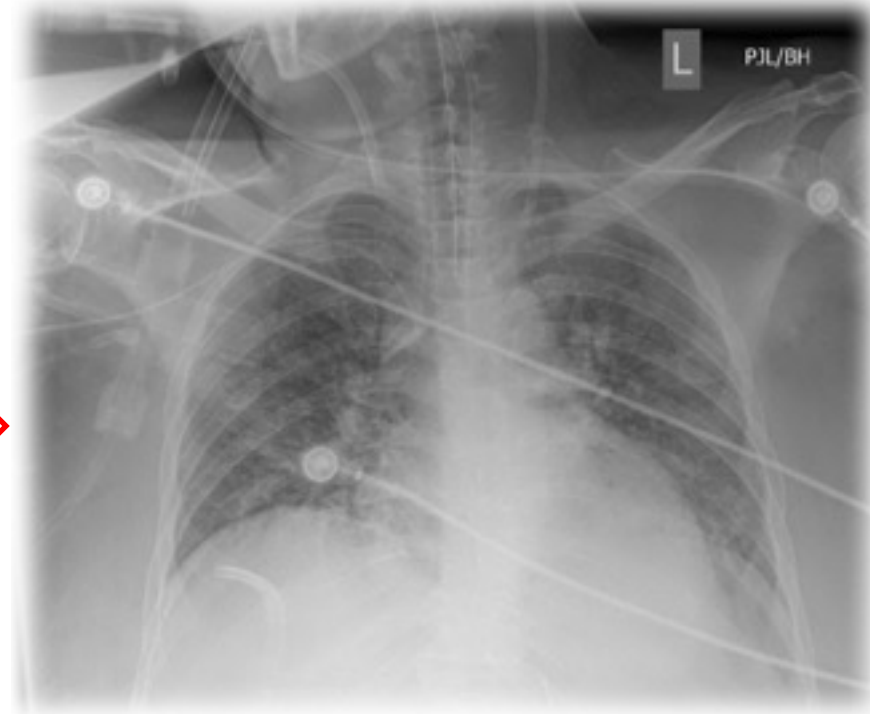
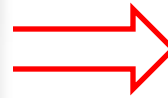


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Recruitment + 8 hours



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Vent: PCV 12 / 18 / 100%, RR 30, PIP 33, TV 230

Resp. Mech: **Resp. Cpl 19**, Drive P 12, Pleu P = 16

ABG: 7.06 / 92 / 95 (P/F 95)

VCV 350 / 18 / 50% RR 30, PIP 32

Resp. Cpl 25, Drive P 14, Pleu P = 16

ABG 7.34 / 44 / 192 (P/F 384)



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Post-Event



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- 3/16/17 – 4/10/17: multiple bradycardia / asystole events / NSTEMI
- 3/23/17: Tracheostomy
- 4/12/17: Transferred to floor
- 4/21/17: Plan for rehab



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Roberta De Santis Santiago (research fellow)

Effect of Intensive vs Moderate Alveolar Recruitment Strategies Added to Lung-Protective Ventilation on Postoperative Pulmonary Complications

A Randomized Clinical Trial

Costa Leme A, Hajjar LA, Volpe MS, Fukushima JT, De Santis Santiago RR, Osawa EA, Pinheiro de Almeida J, Gerent AM, Franco RA, Zanetti Feltrim MI, Nozawa E, de Moraes Coimbra VR, de Moraes Ianotti R, Hashizume CS, Kalil Filho R, Auler JOC, Jatene FB, Gomes Galas FRB, Amato MBP.

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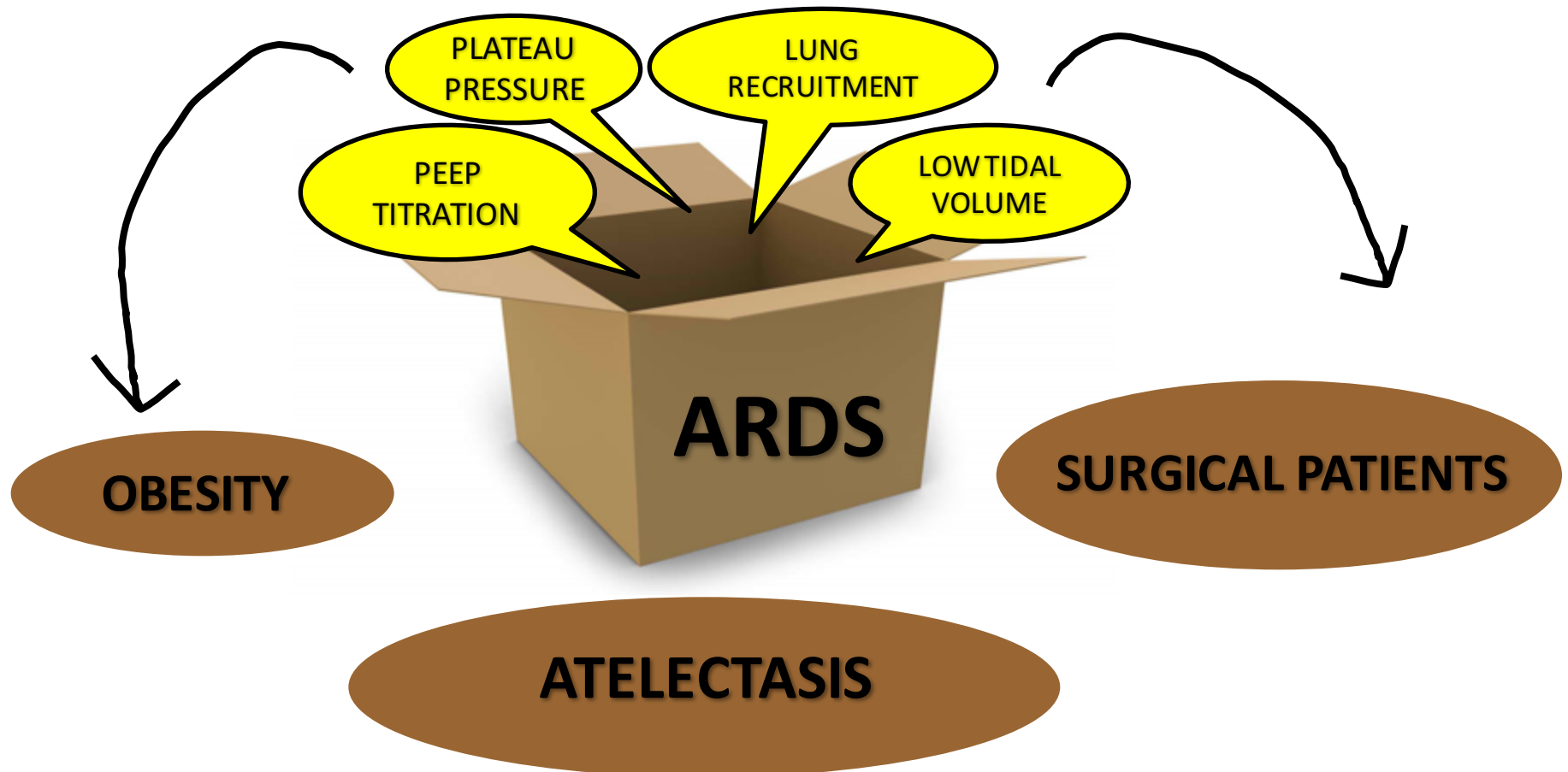


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Background



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HOW TO VENTILATING OUTSIDE THE BOX ?

Background



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- Pulmonary complication after cardiac surgery
 - Open chest / cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB)
 - Hypoxemia , pneumonia, VILI, ARDS
 - NIV
 - Delayed mobilization
 - Prolonged supp O2



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Question



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Is there any extra benefit of applying more
intensive alveolar recruitment strategies for
high-risk surgical patients already receiving
protective
lung ventilation?



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Methods



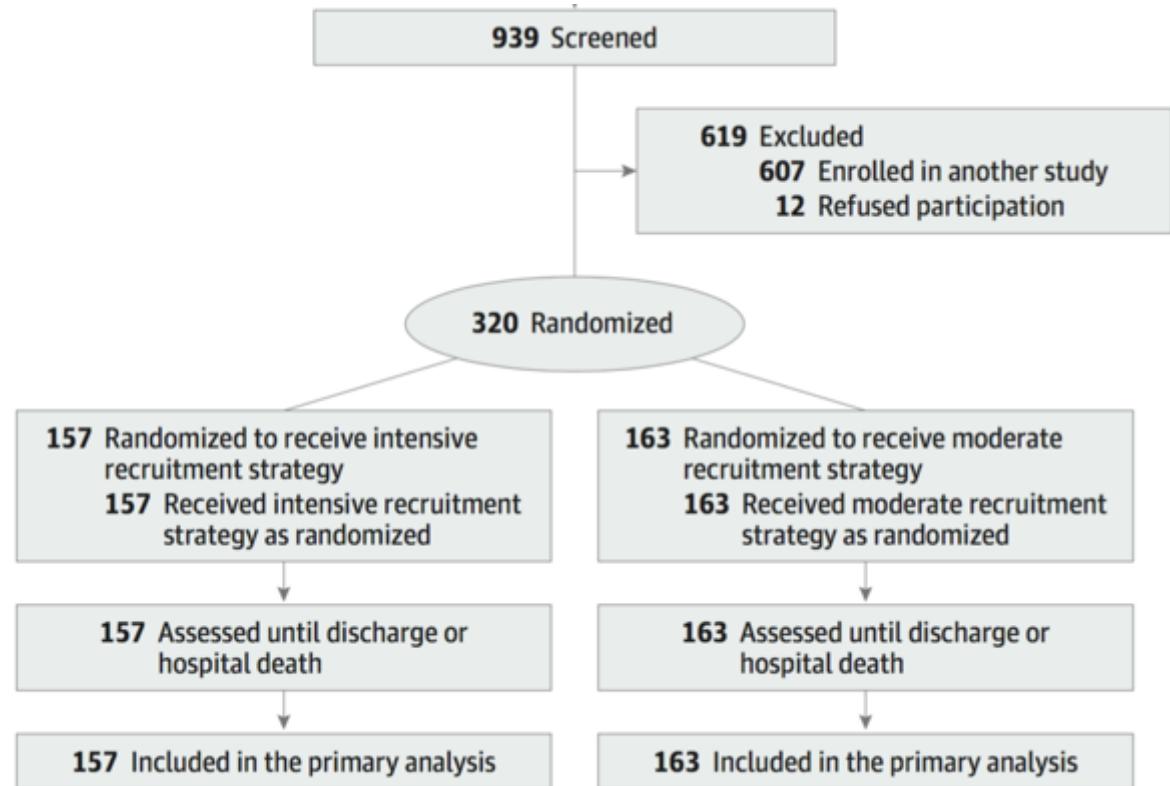
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Single-center, prospective trial, University of São Paulo, Brazil (2011 to 2014)

Eligibility

1) Elective cardiac surgery:
CABG and/or valve surgery
(with or without CPB)

2) Hypoxemia at ICU admission:
 $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 < 250 \text{ mmHg}$
and
 $\text{PEEP} \geq 5 \text{ cmH}_2\text{O}$



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Arm I



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(Moderate recruitment strategy)

Baseline:

VCV (6mL/Kg P_{BW})

FiO₂ 60% PEEP 5

Moderate-RS:

CPAP 20 (30 sec)

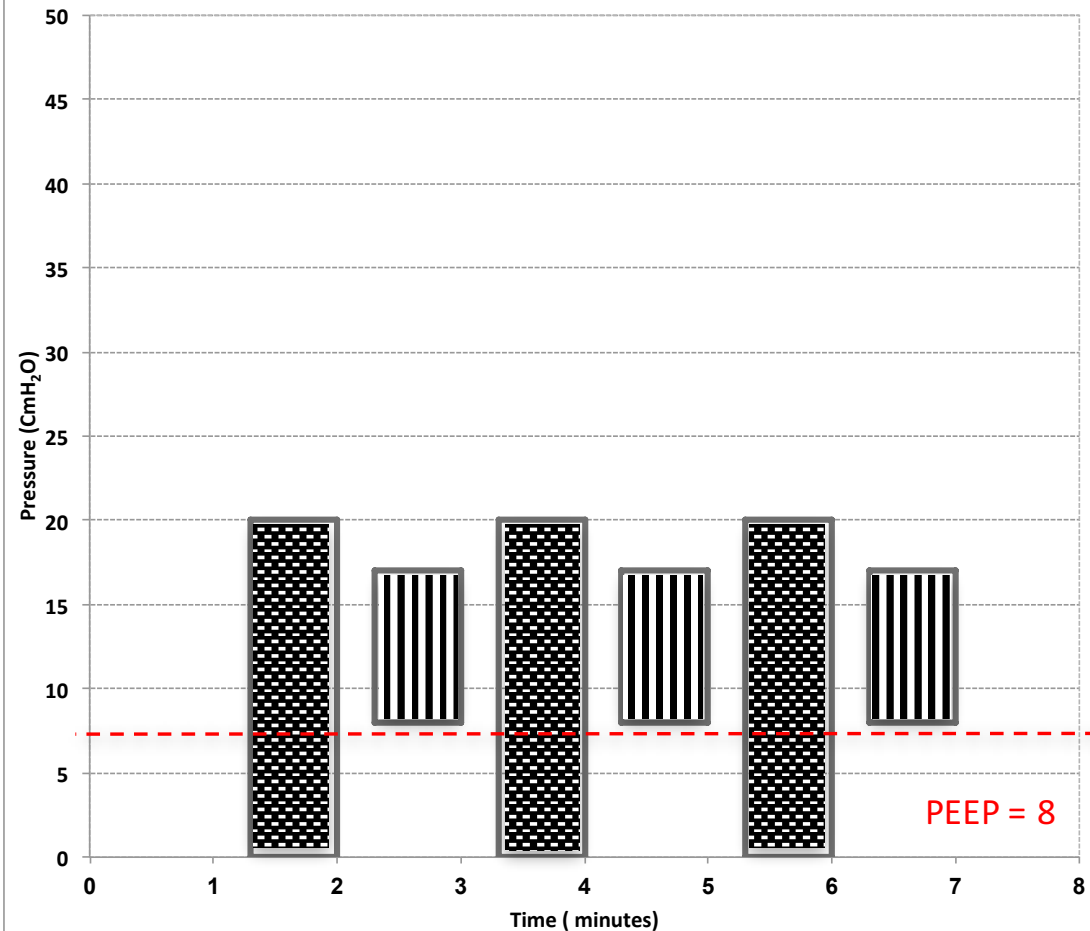
FiO₂ 60%

Maintenance:

VCV

6 mL/kg P_{BW}

PEEP 8



AFTER 4H :RECRUITMENT WAS REPEATED



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Arm II

(Intensive recruitment strategy)



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Baseline:

VCV (6mL/Kg P_{BW})

FiO₂ 60% PEEP 5

Intensive-RS:

PEEP 30 (60 sec)

Delta P 15

RR 15 / Tinsp 1,5 sec

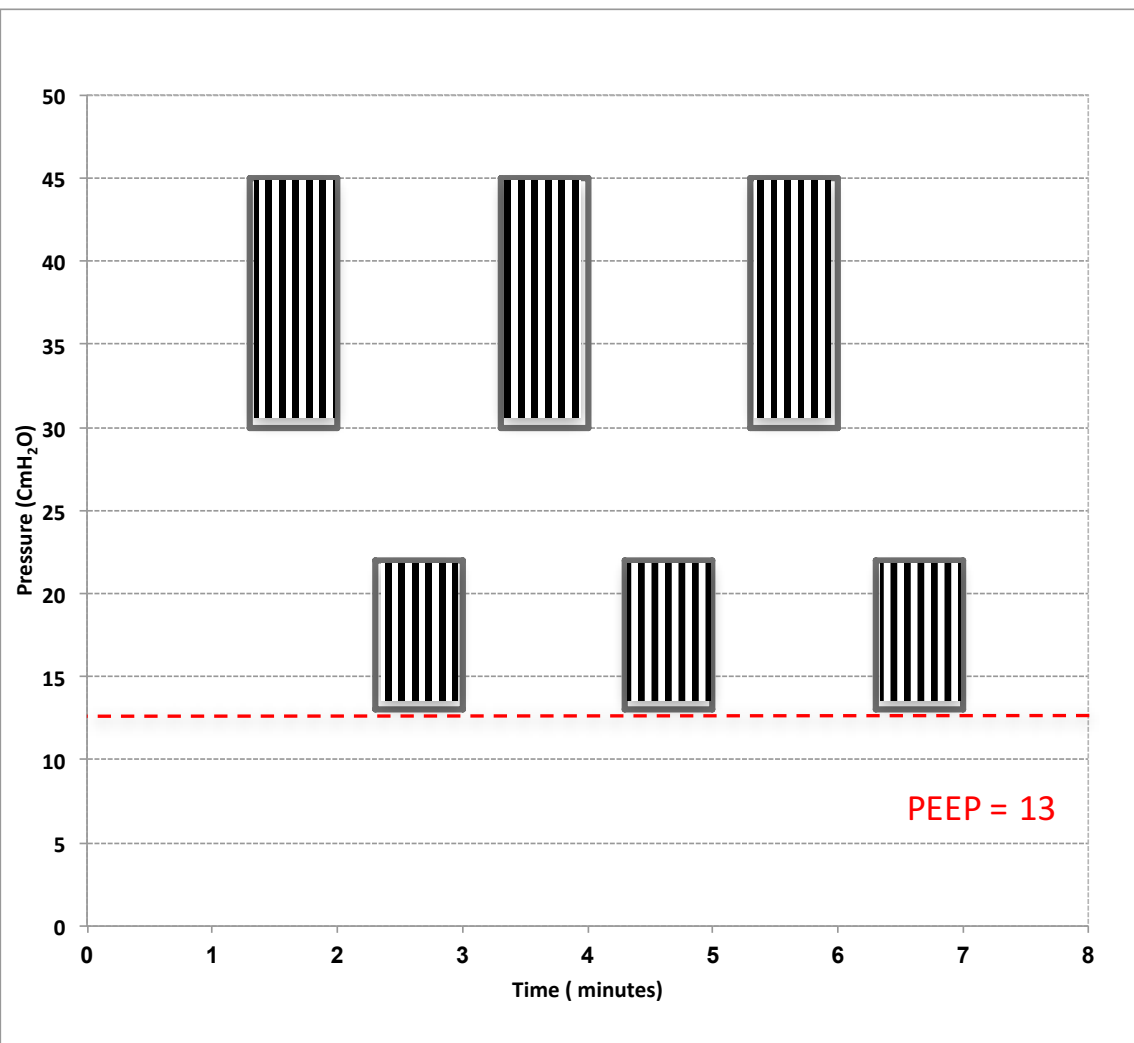
FiO₂ 40%

Maintenance:

PCV

Delta P → 6 ml/kg P_{BW}

PEEP 13



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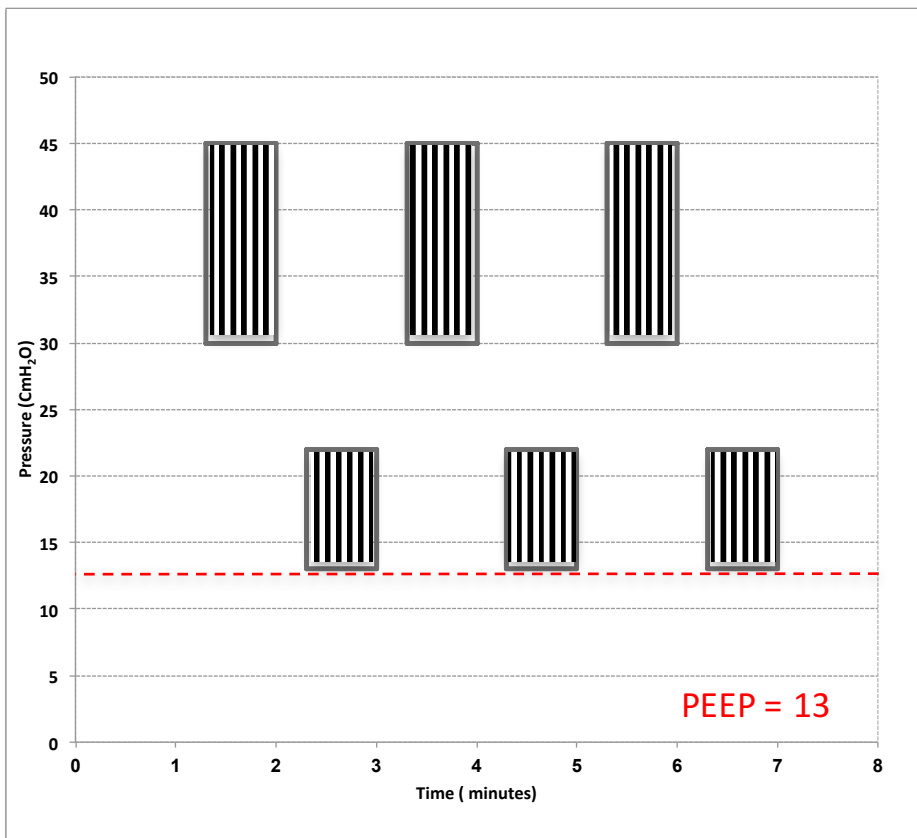
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Recruitment strategies

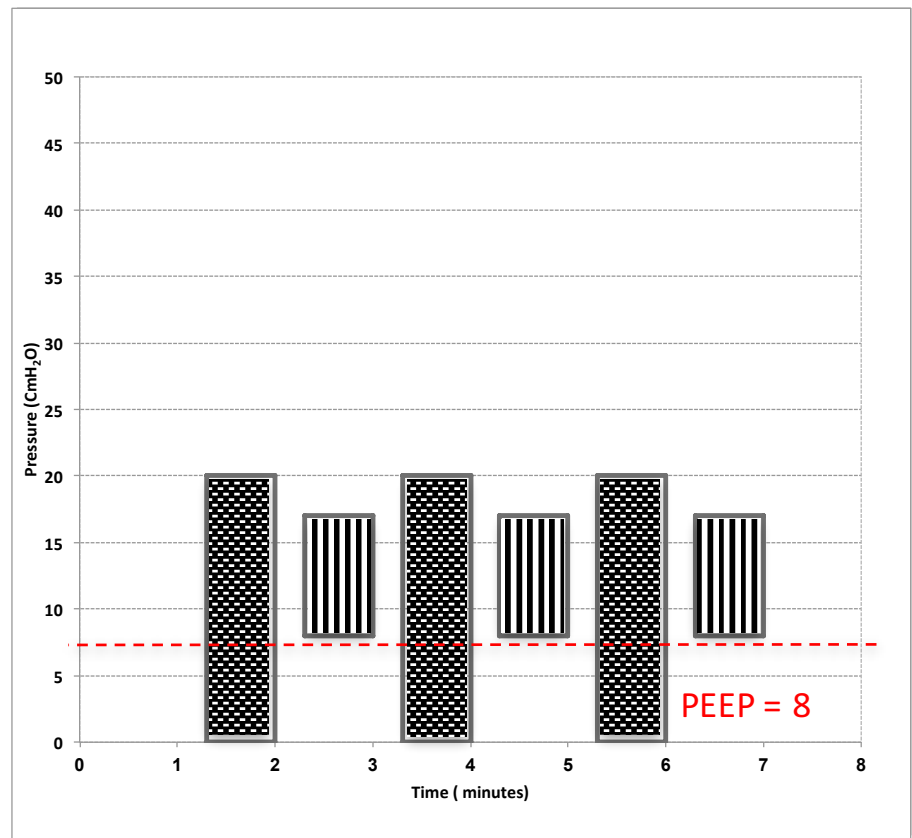


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INTENSIVE



MODERATE



After the second recruitment , weaned and extubated at arm's PEEP



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PRIMARY OUTCOME

Post surgical pulmonary complication

Scale 0-5

0: no symptoms / signals

4: MV \geq 48h (invasive)

5: death

SECONDARY OUTCOMES

Hospital and ICU (length of stay)

Hospital mortality

Cardiovascular complications

Daily (5) post surgical pulmonary complications

Results



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Table 2. Intraoperative Characteristics

Variables	Recruitment Strategy, No. (%) of Patients	
	Intensive (n = 157)	Moderate (n = 163)
Type of surgery		
CABG	116 (74)	119 (73)
Valvular repair	35 (22)	36 (22)
Combined	6 (4)	8 (5)
Duration of surgery, median (IQR), min	390 (340-450)	390 (335-450)
Use of CPB	134 (85)	135 (83)
Length of CPB, median (IQR), min	91 (78-104)	90 (75-107)

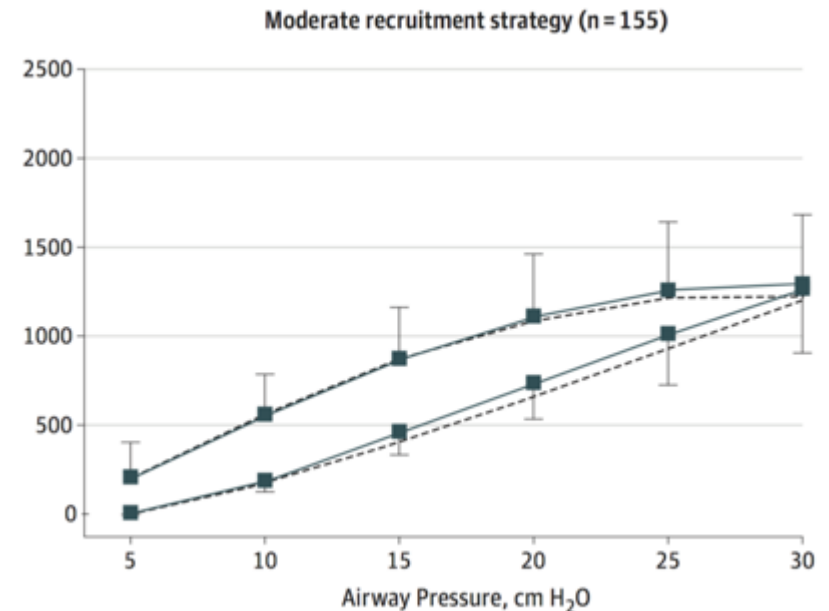
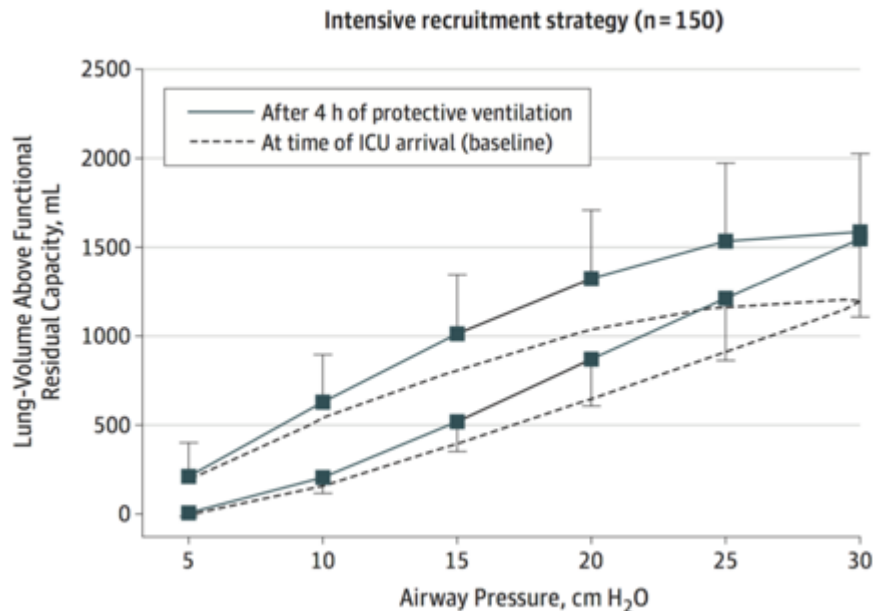


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Lung Pressure-volume curve



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Lung Mechanics



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Variables	First recruitment		Second recruitment		P-Value between- factor	P-Value interaction- factor
	Baseline	15 min after 1° RM	4 hours	15 min after 2° RM		
V_T (mL/PBW)						
Moderate-RS (N=155)	6.0 (0.9)	6.1 (1.0)	6.0 (1.0)	6.1 (1.1)	0.387	0.520
Intensive-RS (N=144)	6.1 (1.4)	6.1 (1.3)	6.1 (1.4)	6.2 (1.4)		
C_{RS} (mL/cmH ₂ O)						
Moderate-RS (N=155)	42.3 (12.8)	50.0 (15.5)	47.9 (14.5)	52.6 (17.8)	<0.001	<0.001
Intensive-RS (N=144)	41.6 (12.7)	64.6 (19.4)	54.9 (17.1)	68.4 (19.0)		



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Arterial blood gas



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First recruitment

Second recruitment

Variables	Baseline	15 min after 1° RM	4 hours	15 min after 2° RM	P-Value between- factor	P-Value interaction- factor
PaCO ₂ , mmHg					IMPROVED VENTILATION	
Moderate-RS (N=151)	42.8 (5.9)	49.7 (9.0)	43.9 (8.0)	47.3 (9.0)	< 0.001	< 0.001
Intensive-RS (N=142)	43.3 (6.2)	45.4 (7.3)	41.6 (6.2)	41.9 (7.4)		
PaO ₂ /FiO ₂					DECREASED ATELECTASIS	
Moderate-RS (N=151)	183 (37)	236 (68)	231 (74)	239 (74)	< 0.001	< 0.001
Intensive-RS (N=142)	181 (35)	344 (74)	348 (69)	362 (67)		

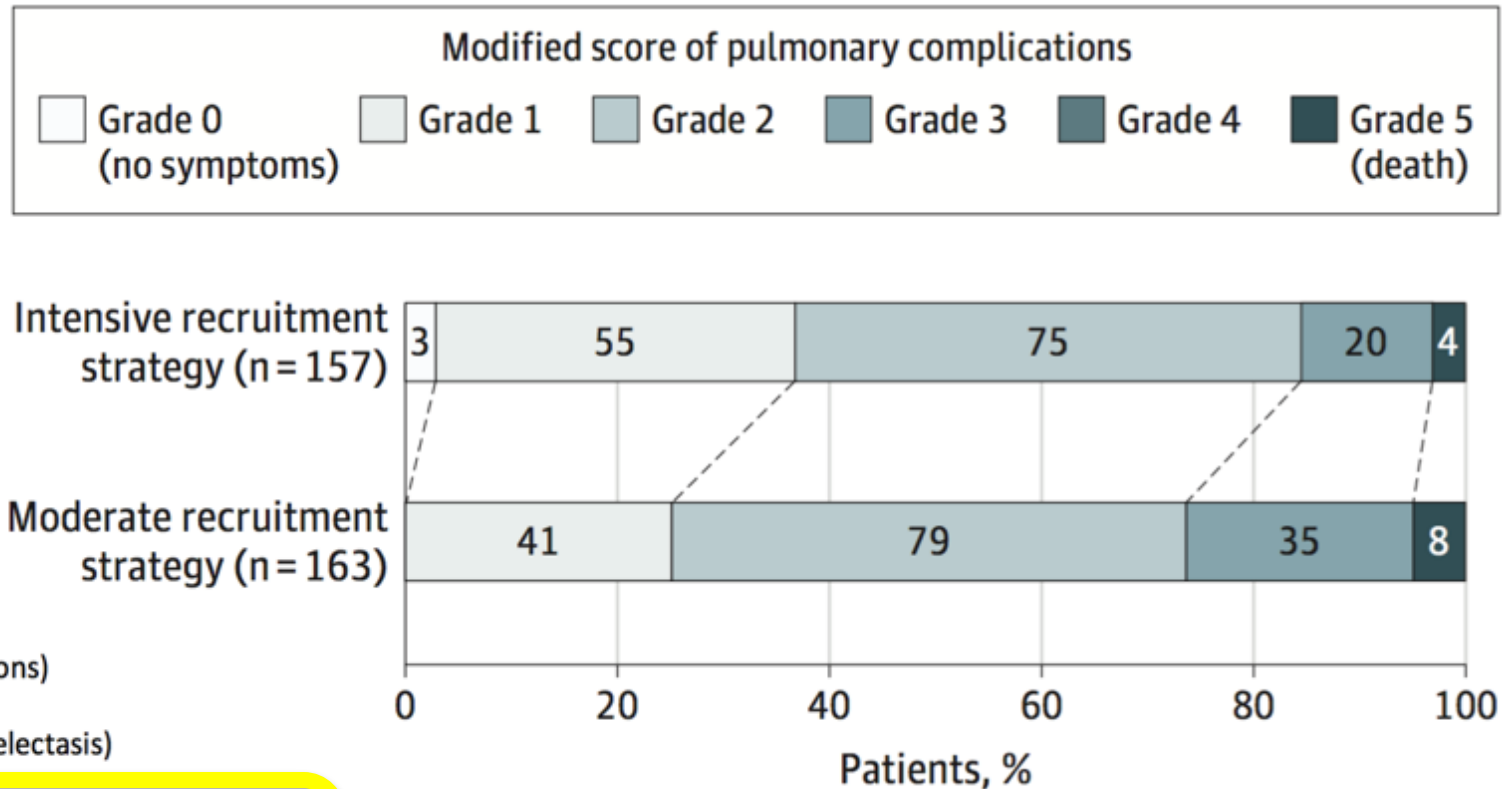


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Pulmonary complications



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grade 0 (no complications)

grade 1 (e.g. simple atelectasis)

grade 2 (e.g. hypoxemia plus
abnormal lung findings)

grade 3 (e.g. pneumonia, intense NIV need)

grade 4 (e.g. intubation > 48hs)

grade 5 (death)

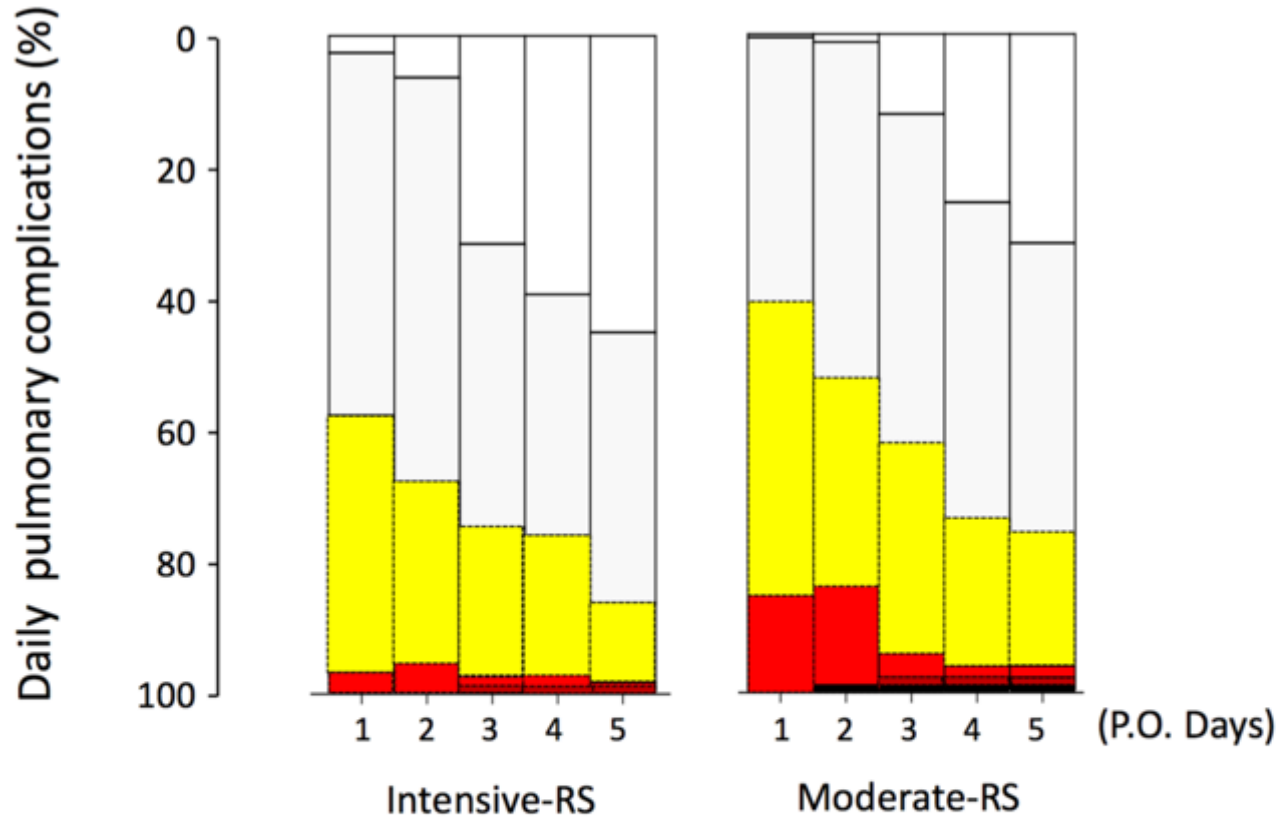


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Daily pulmonary complications



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- grade 0 (no complications)
- grade 1 (e.g. simple atelectasis)
- grade 2 (e.g. hypoxemia plus abnormal lung findings)

- grade 3 (e.g. pneumonia, intense NIV need)
- grade 4 (e.g. intubation > 48hs)
- grade 5 (death)

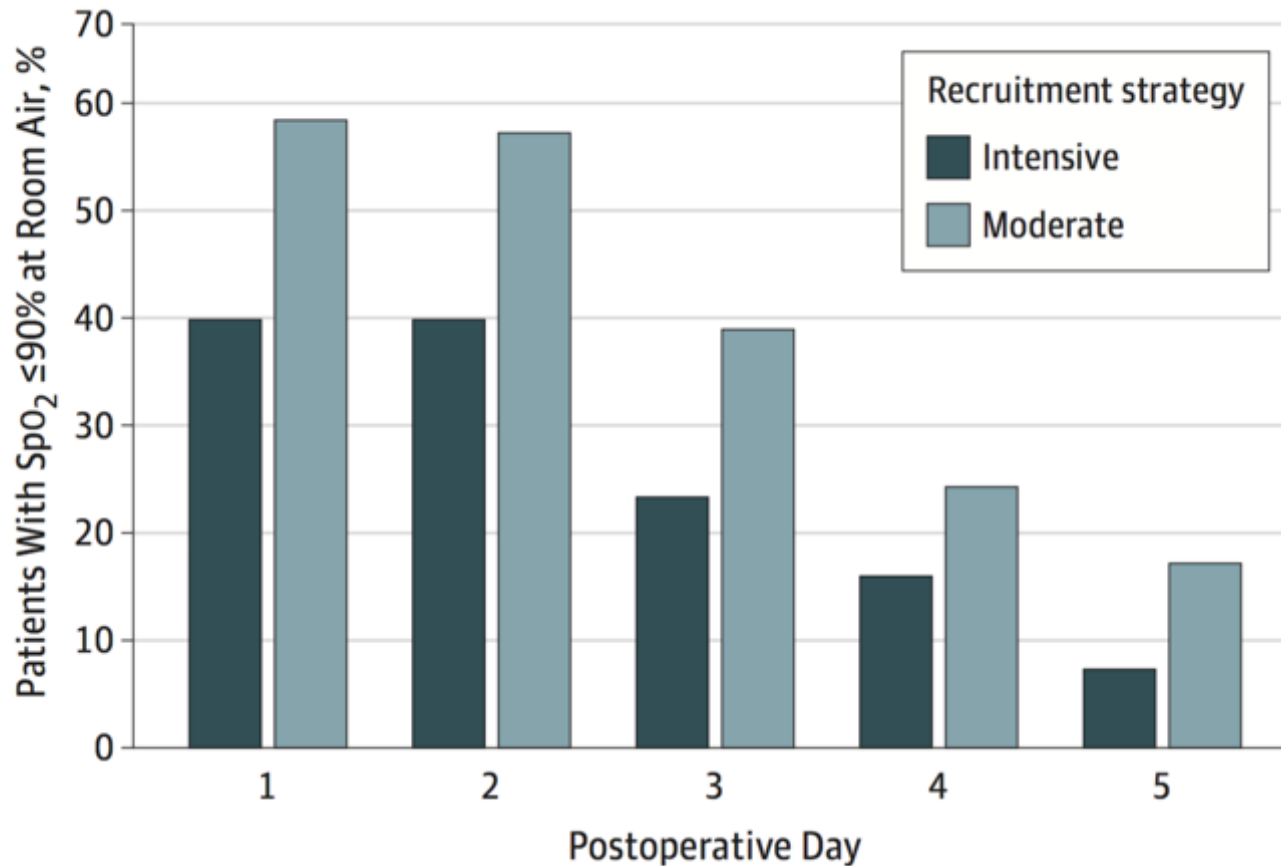


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Hypoxemia



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No. of patients by recruitment strategy

Intensive	154	154	154	154	154
Moderate	158	158	158	158	157

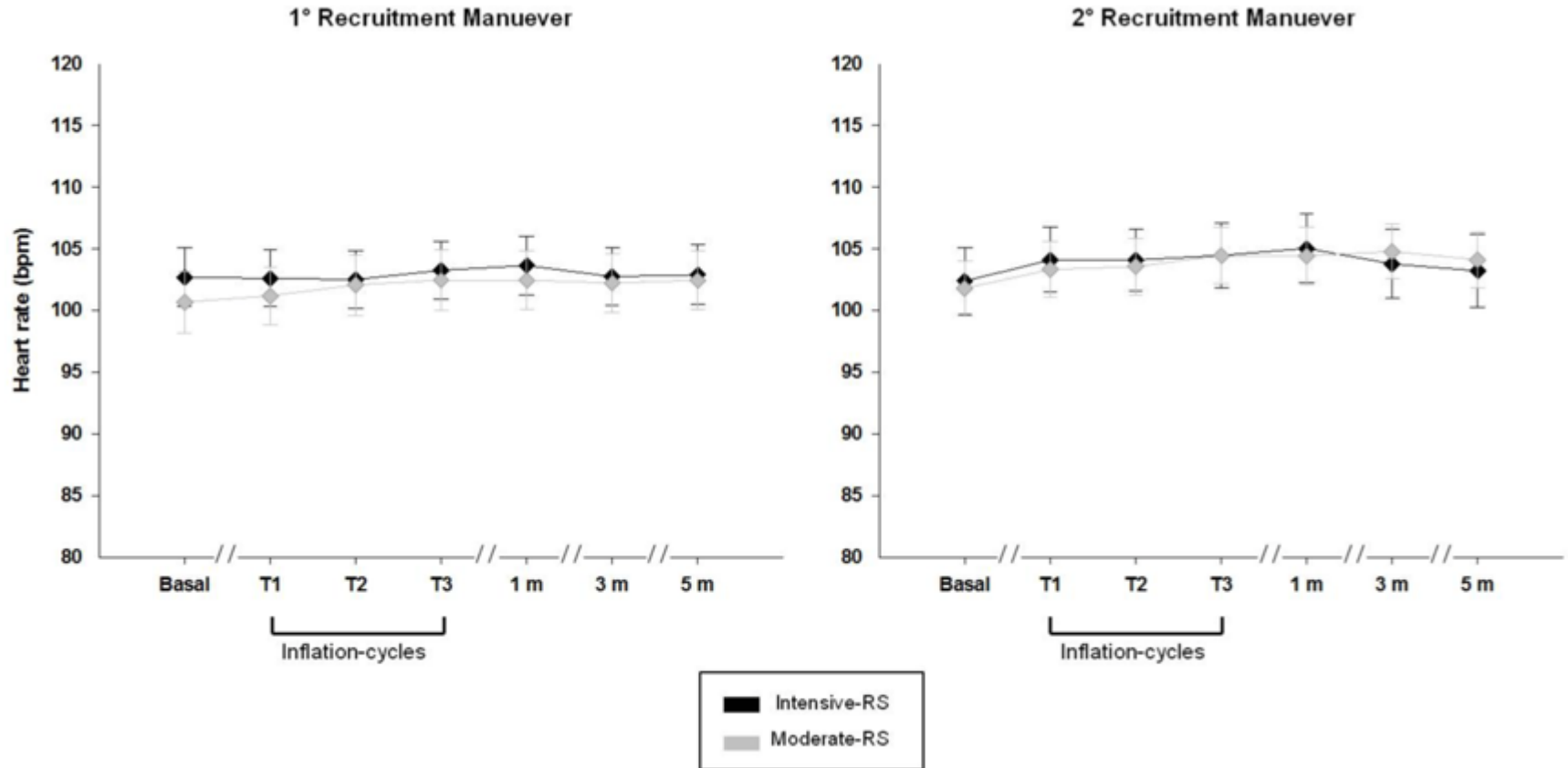


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Heart rate



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	1 hour	2 hours	3 hours	4 hours	P between factor	P interaction factor
Heart rate, bpm						
Moderate-RS (N=156)	101 (16)	103 (15)	104 (16)	105 (15)	0.959	0.538
Intensive-RS (N=148)	101 (14)	104 (15)	104 (17)	105 (17)		

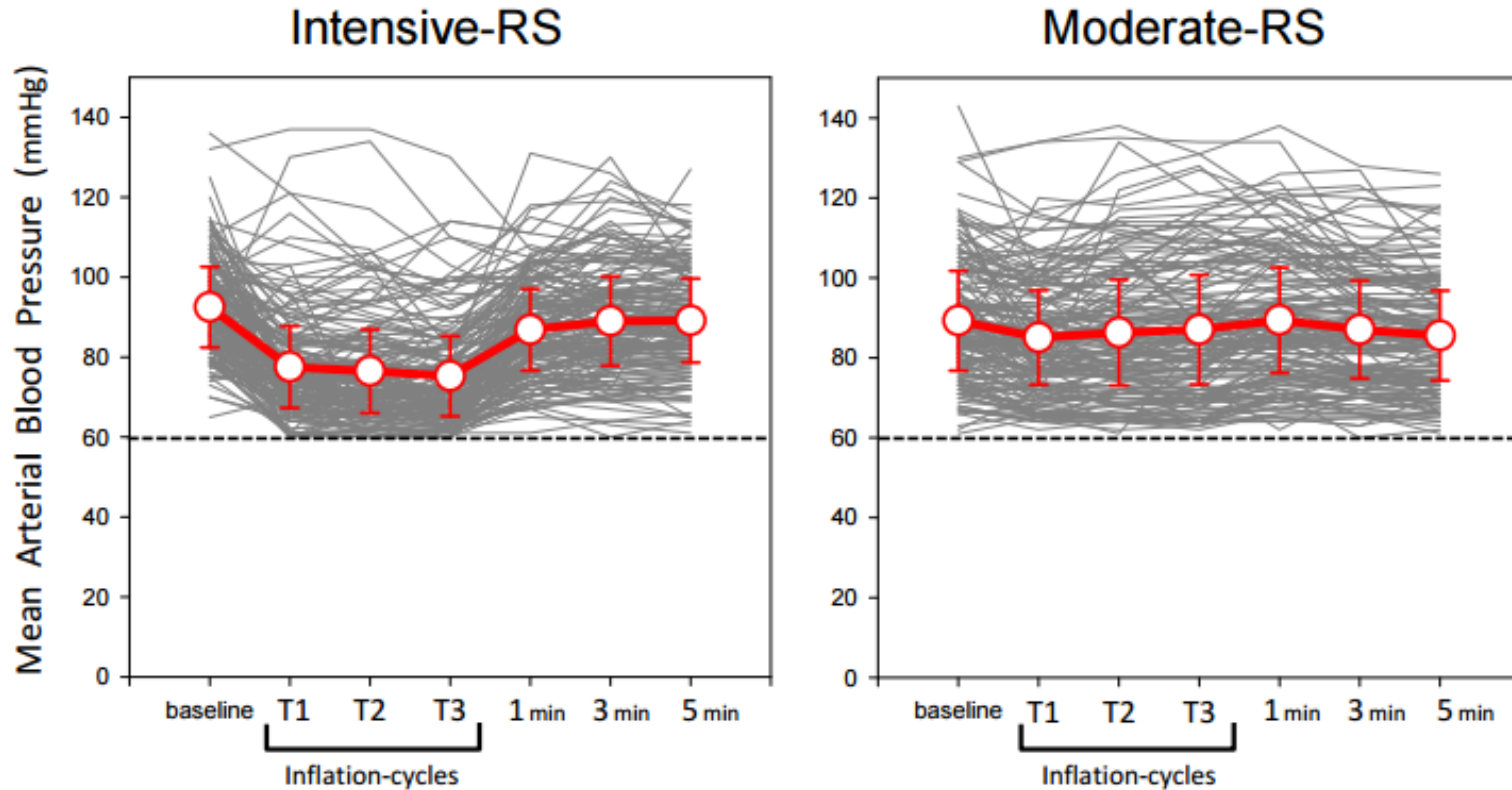


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Mean arterial pressure



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	1 hour	2 hours	3 hours	4 hours	P between factor	P interaction factor
MAP ^f , mmHg						
Moderate-RS (N=156)	91 (16)	88 (14)	86 (13)	86 (15)	0.667	0.588
Intensive-RS (N=148)	89 (16)	88 (14)	86 (13)	87 (12)		



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Intensive-RS decreased the needs of supp O2 and use of NIV



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Variables	Recruitment Strategy		Odds Ratio (95% CI) or Absolute Difference, % (95% CI)	P Value Unadjusted
	Intensive (n = 157)	Moderate (n = 163)		
Primary outcome				
Pulmonary complication severity score	1.7 (1 to 2)	2 (1.5 to 3)	1.86 (1.22 to 2.83) ^a	.003 ^b
Dichotomized as grade, No. (%) ^c				
≥2	99 (63)	122 (75)	-11.8 (-21.6 to -1.7)	
≥3	24 (15)	43 (26)	-11.1 (-19.8 to -2.2)	
≥4	4 (2.5)	8 (4.9)	-2.4 (-7.1 to 2.2)	
Other outcomes				
Need of supplemental O ₂ >24 h within first 5 d, No. (%) ^g	93 (59)	125 (77)	-17.5 (-27.2 to -7.2)	.001 ^h
Mechanical ventilation in ICU, mean (95% CI), h ^g	10.6 (9.6-11.3)	11.7 (10.8-12.5)	1.1 (-1.7 to -0.3)	.02 ⁱ
Extended use of NIV, No. (%) ^{g,j}	6 (4)	25 (15)	-11.5 (-17.2 to -5.2)	<.001 ^h



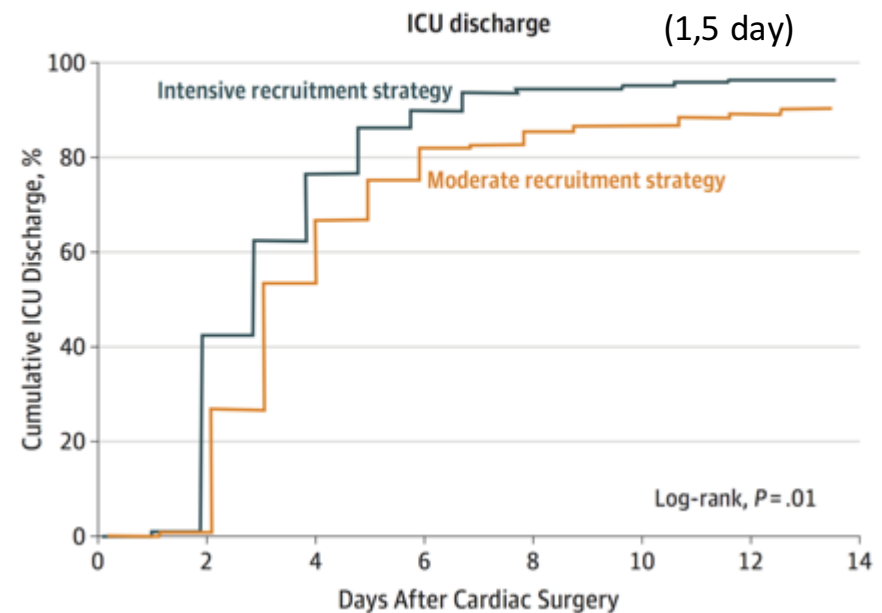
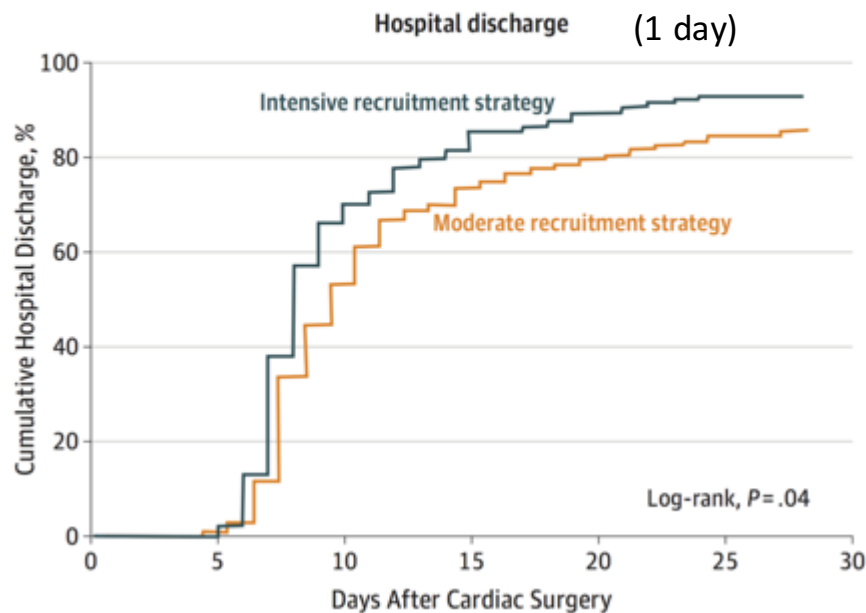
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Kaplan-Meier (discharges)



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Figure 3. Kaplan-Meier Survival Analysis for Time to Hospital Discharge and Intensive Care Unit Discharge

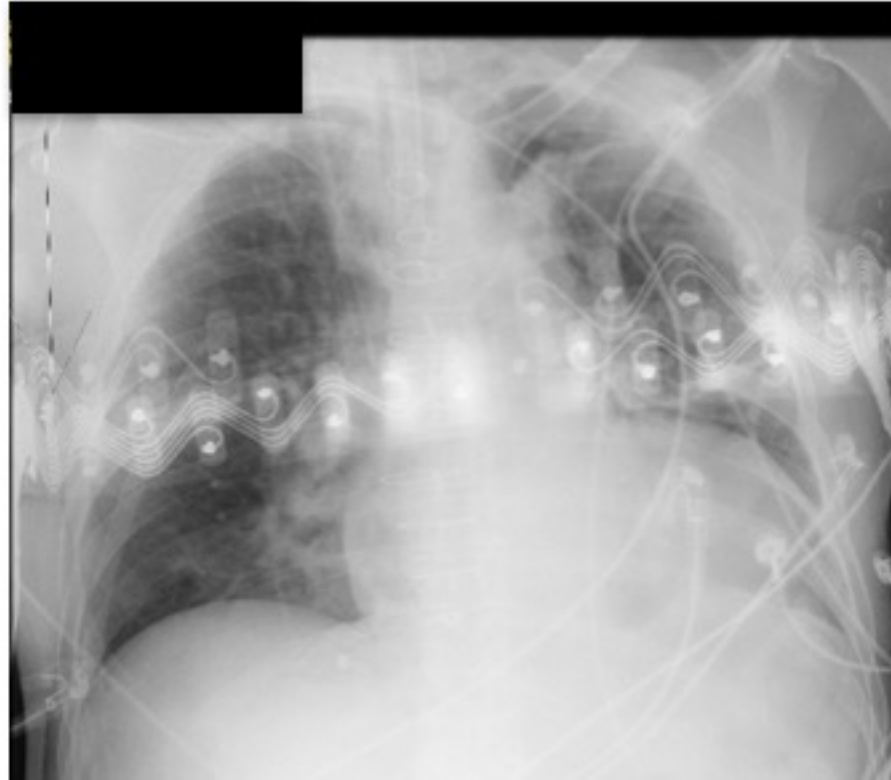


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Electrical Impedance Tomography (EIT)



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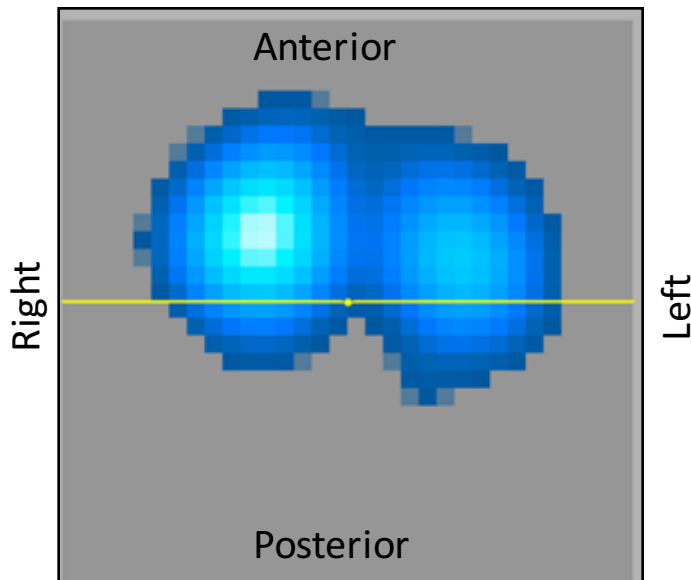


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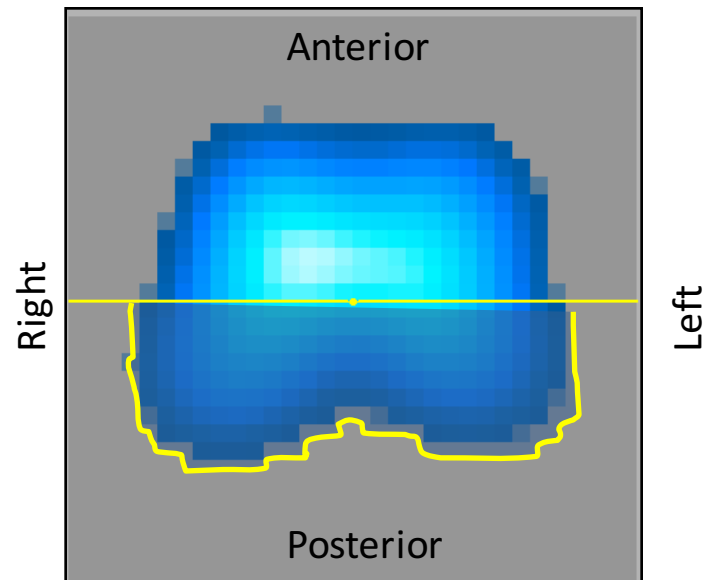


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Impact on distribution of increased gas volume



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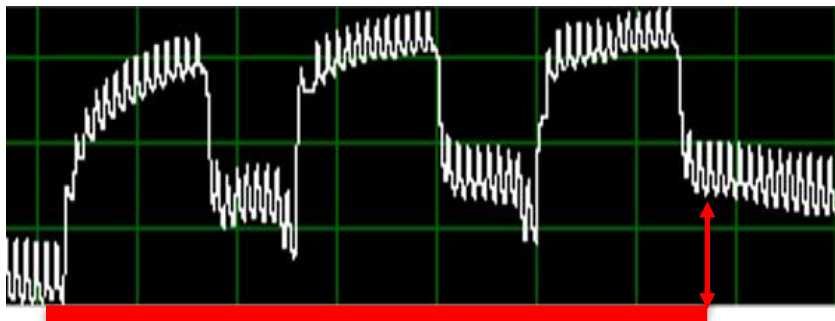
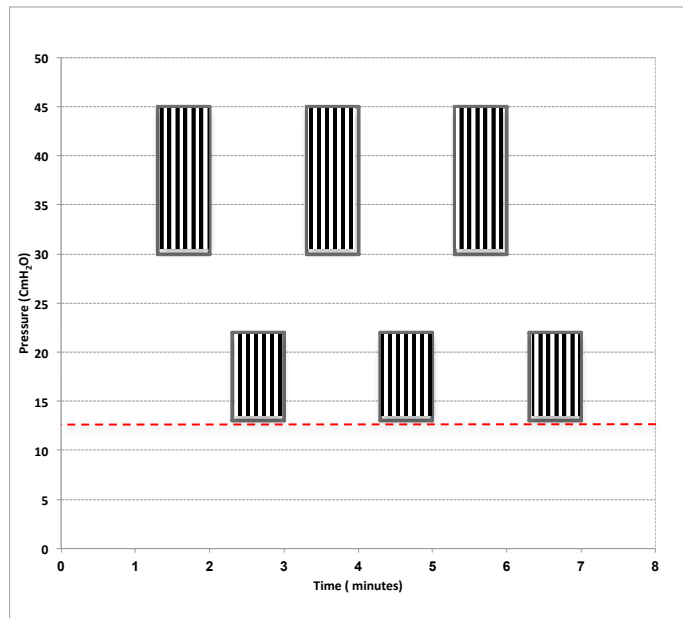
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EIT traces

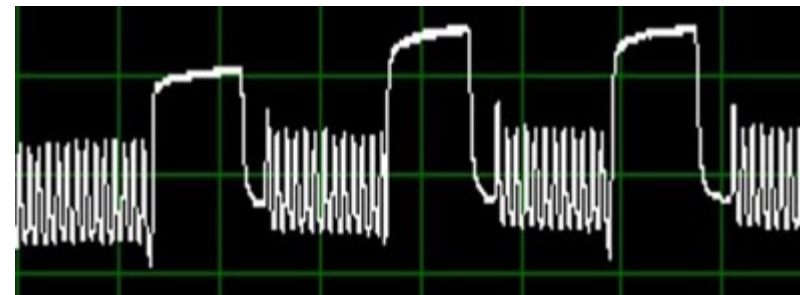
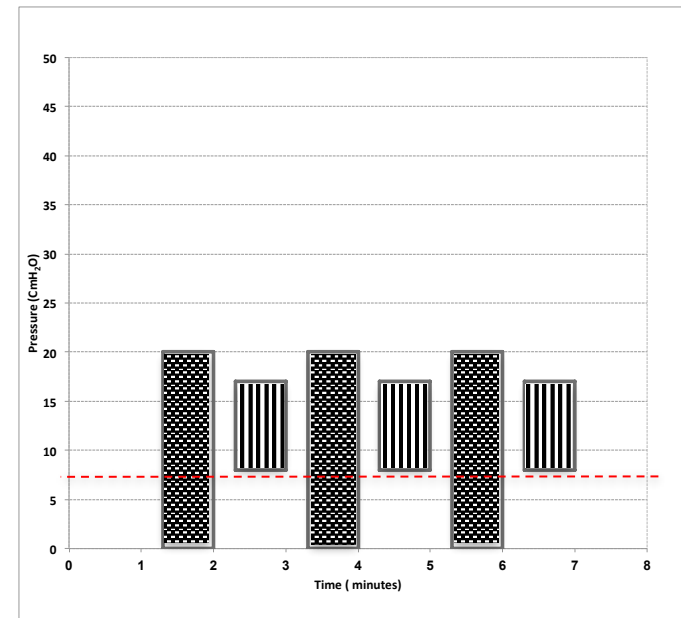


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INTENSIVE –RS



MODERATE –RS

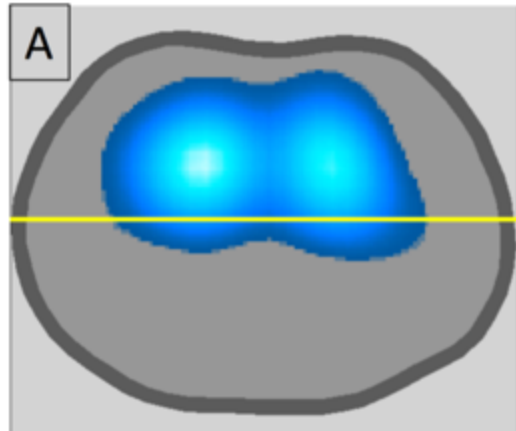


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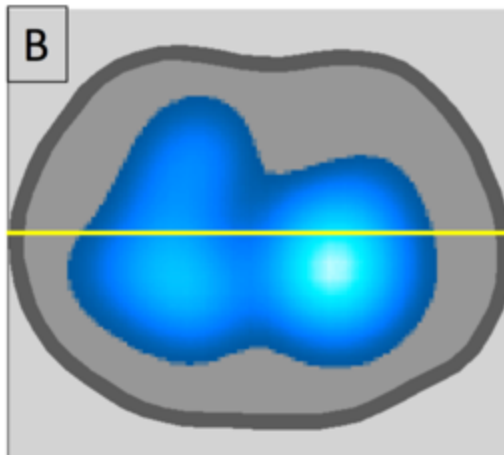
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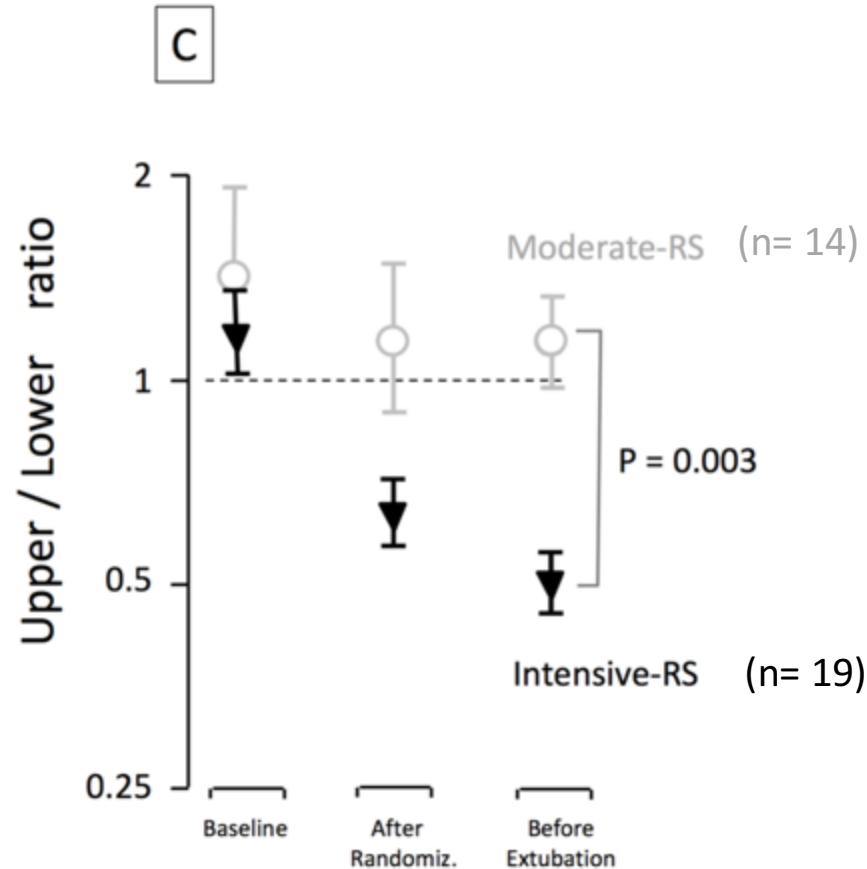
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U/L ratio = 4.7 (Moderate-RS)



U/L ratio = 0.5 (Intensive-RS)



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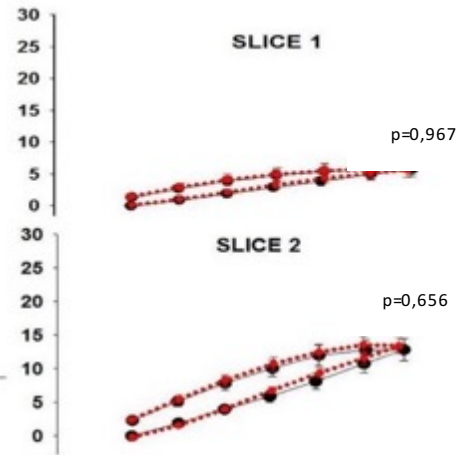
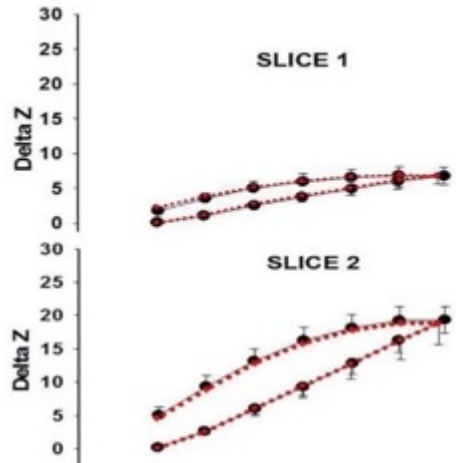
Regional P-V curves



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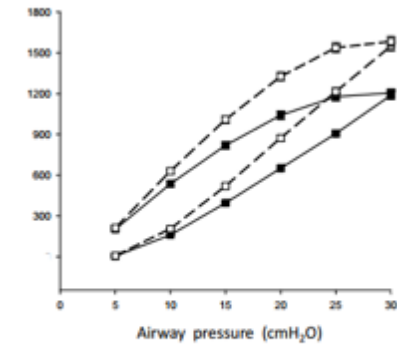
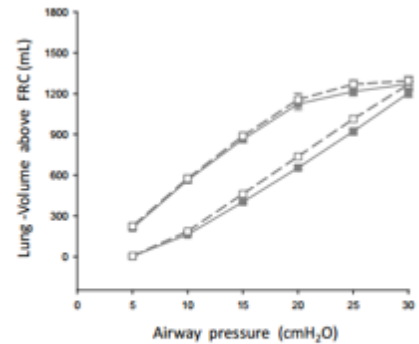
Moderate-RS

Intense-RS

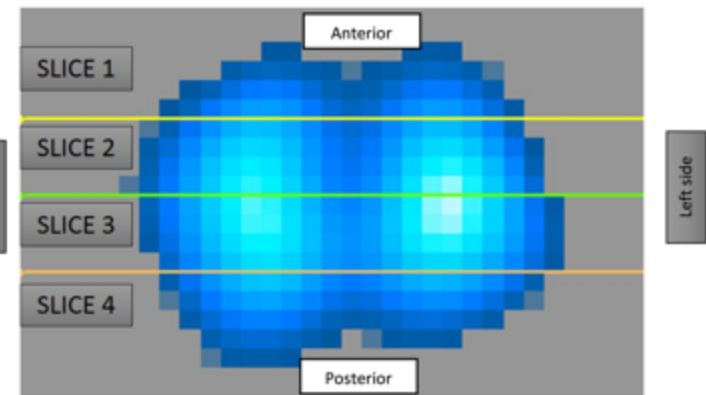
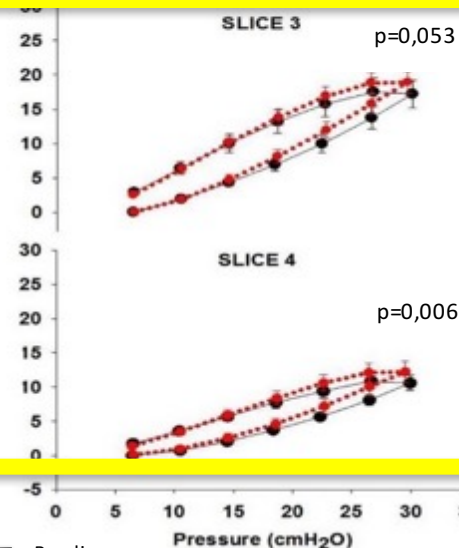
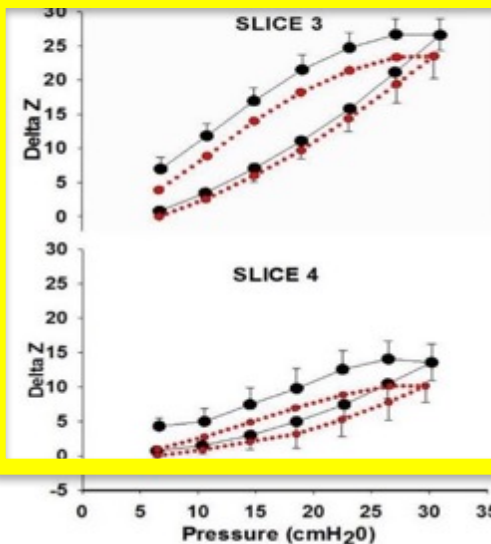


Moderate-RS

Intensive-RS



— Baseline
- - - After 4 hs. of protective ventilation



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Conclusion



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Among patients with hypoxemia after cardiac surgery, the use of an intensive alveolar recruitment strategy compared with a moderate recruitment strategy, maintaining 6 mL/Kg PBW in both groups, resulted in less severe pulmonary complications during the hospital stay



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Final remarks



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- We became aggressive in treating hypoxemic surgical patient with early implementation of ARDS ventilation (low Vt and low plateau pressure), however to improve outcomes in our patients, we now need to address the following clinical gaps:
 1. To recruit lung as early as possible by appropriate lung recruitment maneuvers
 2. To titrate PEEP by lung mechanics : measuring compliance, driving pressures, transpulmonary pressure
 3. To monitor hemodynamics during lung recruitment and PEEP titration is mandatory (at least a-line and TTE, ideally PA catheter)



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