

treatment

- Predisposing factor
- Fluid and hemodynamic
- nutrition
- Mechanical ventilation
- Rescue therapies



What Causes ARDS?

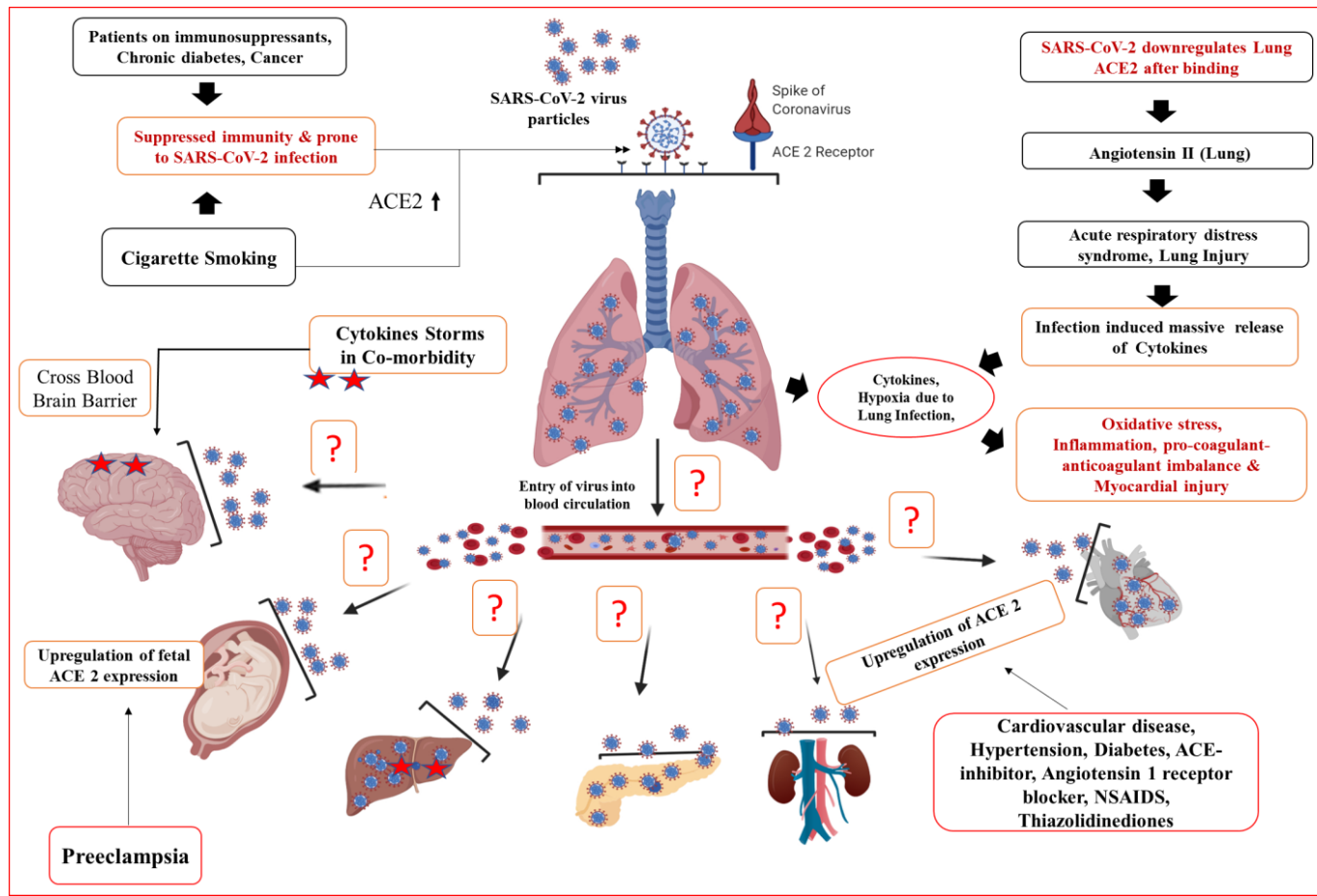
- Sepsis
- Inhaling harmful substances
- Pneumonia
- Trauma to the head, chest or other areas of the body
- Blood transfusions
- Pancreatitis
- Near drowning

treatment

- Supranormal oxygen delivery?
- Liberal fluid strategy?
- Multi system organ failure!
- Conservative fluid strategy
- $CVP < 4$ if no shock
- Zero net fluid balance



ARDS Most common cause of death is not pulmonary



ARDS management

- intelligent use of sedatives
- hemodynamic management
- nutritional support
- control of blood glucose levels
- evaluation and treatment of nosocomial pneumonia
- prophylaxis against deep venous thrombosis (DVT)
- prophylaxis against gastrointestinal (GI) bleeding
- neuromuscular blockade

Nutrition in ARDS

- Adequate micro and macro nutrition
- Enteral is preferred
- immunomodulatory
- Omega 3 ???
- high fat low carbohydrate
- Full calorie vs Trophic?

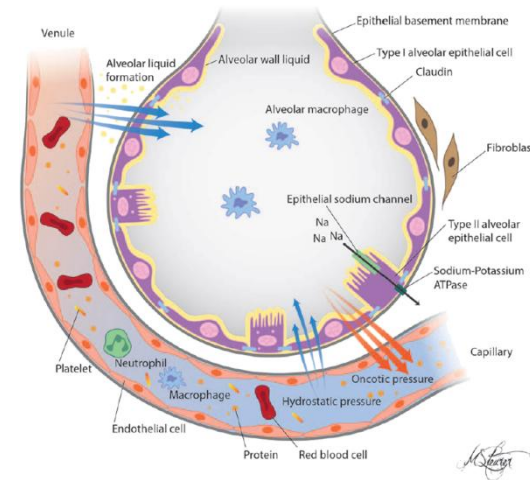


Non ARDS indications of Glucocorticoids

- non-ARDS-related indications for systemic glucocorticoid therapy
- ARDS has been precipitated by a steroid-responsive process (eg, acute eosinophilic pneumonia)
- ARDS who have refractory sepsis or community-acquired pneumonia if they meet indications

ARDS indications of Glucocorticoids

- early moderate to severe ARDS fail standard therapies
- (within 14 days of onset)
- persistent or refractory moderate to severe ARDS ($[PaO_2 / FiO_2] < 200$) despite initial management with standard therapies including low tidal volume ventilation.



Glucocorticoids



- less severe ARDS
- Patients late in the disease course
(persistent ARDS beyond 14 days)
- certain viral infections(ARDS secondary to influenza)

Glucocorticoids in ARDS

How strong in the indication to use steroids?				
How strong is the risk of complications from steroids?		Very Strong (eg, P/F ratio < 200 despite optimal ventilator management, septic shock, COVID-19 with > 7 days since symptoms onset)	←←←←←←←←	Not Very Strong (eg, P/F ratio 200-300, influenza, non-infectious etiologies such as trauma, rapidly improving P/F)
	Low	Give Steroids.	Suggest Steroids	Consider steroids on case-by-case basis.
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	High	Consider steroids on case-by-case basis.	Suggest against steroids	Do not give steroids.

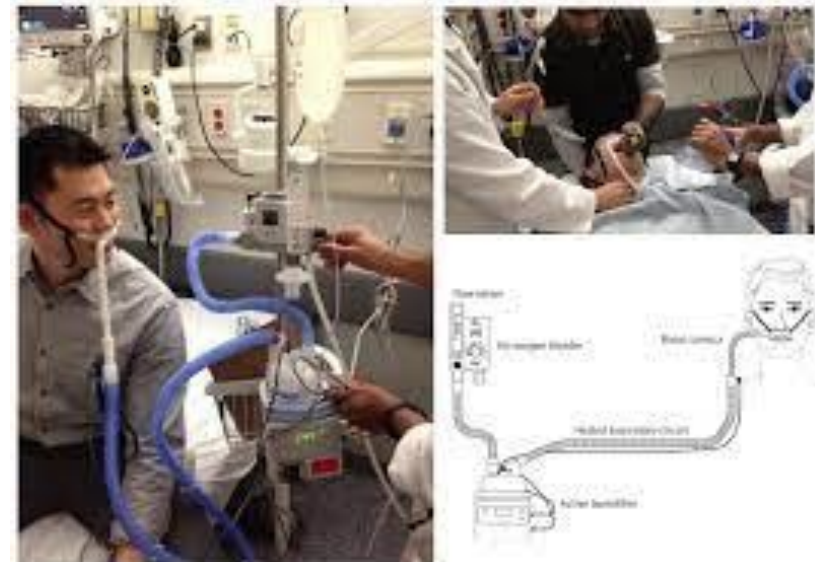
glucocorticoid therapy in ARDS

- Methylprednisolone 1 mg/kg per day for 21 to 28 days followed by a taper [41,42].●
- Dexamethasone 20 mg IV once daily for five days, then 10 mg once daily for five days

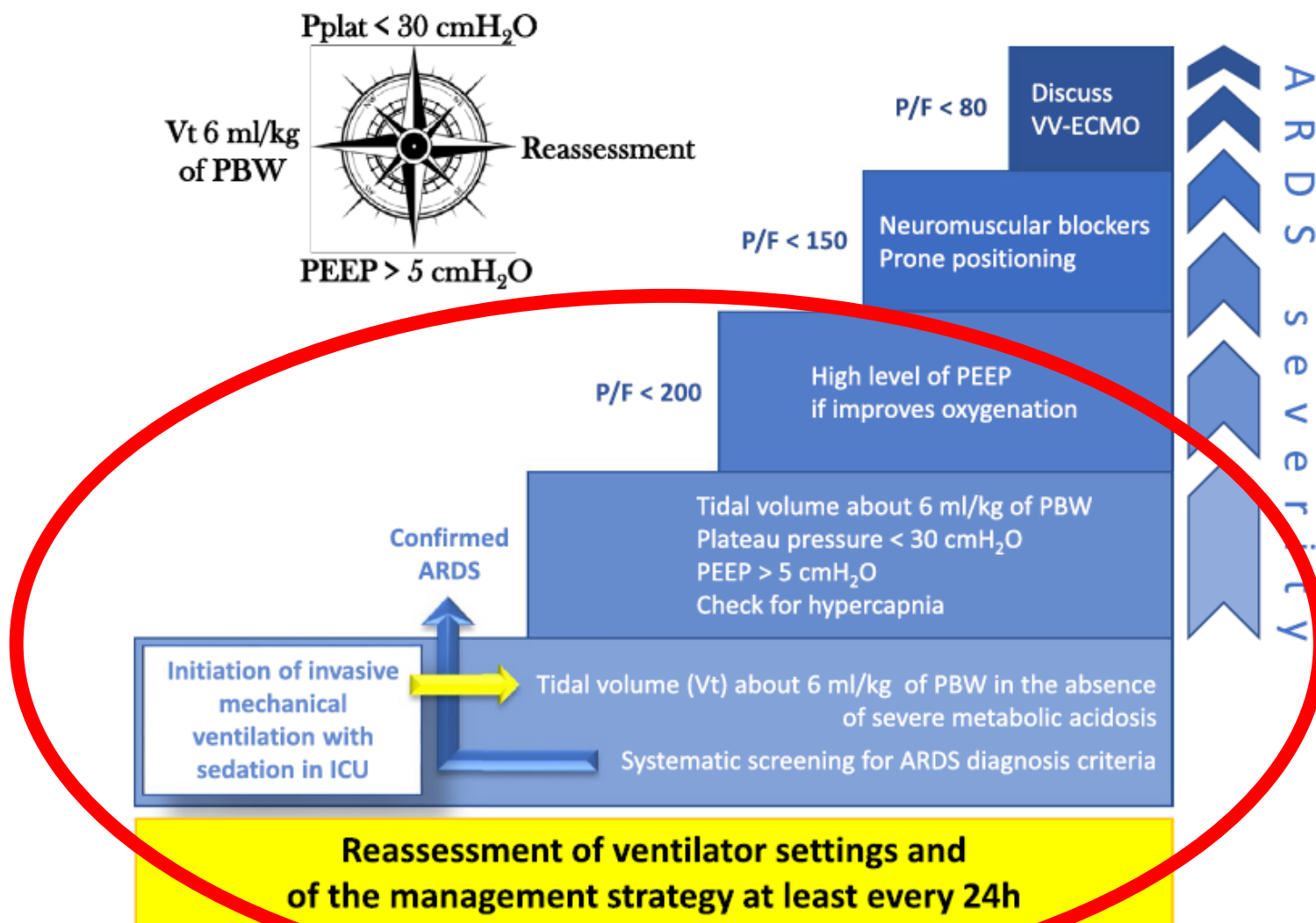


hypoxemia

- Use of high fractions of inspired oxygen (FiO_2)
- Decrease oxygen consumption
- Improve oxygen delivery
- Manipulate mechanical ventilatory support



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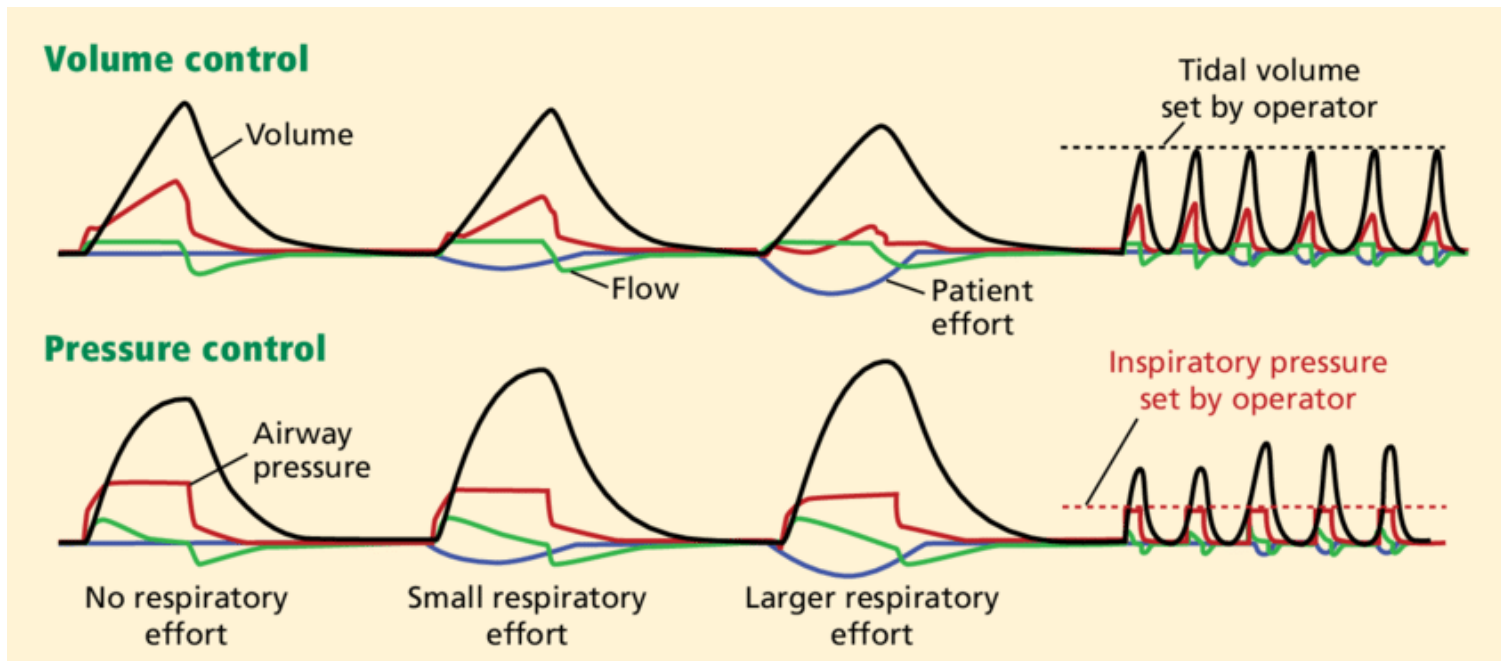
- HFOV

Mechanical ventilation in ARDS



Volume- versus pressure-limited mode

- In most patients with ARDS
- a volume-limited mode will produce a stable tidal volume
- a pressure-limited mode will deliver a stable airway pressure



Assist control vs SIMV

		<u>Modes of Ventilation</u>		
		AC	SIMV	PSV
Types of Ventilation	VCV	AC - VCV	SIMV - VCV	VSV
	PCV	AC - PCV	SIMV - PCV	PSV
	PRVC	AC - PRVC	SIMV - PRVC	VSV

VENTILATOR SETUP AND ADJUSTMENT

- Calculate predicted body weight (PBW)
- **Males** = $50 + 2.3 [\text{height (inches)} - 60]$
- **Females** = $45.5 + 2.3 [\text{height (inches)} - 60]$
- Select any ventilator mode
- Set ventilator settings to achieve initial $V^T = 6 \text{ ml/kg PBW}$
- Reduce V^T by 1 ml/kg at intervals ≤ 2 hours until $V^T = 4 \text{ ml/kg PBW}$.
- Set initial rate to approximate baseline minute ventilation (not > 35 bpm).
- Adjust V^T and RR to achieve pH and plateau pressure goals below.

OXYGENATION GOAL: PaO₂ 55-80 mmHg or SpO₂ 88-95%

Use a minimum PEEP of 5 cm H₂O. Consider use of incremental FiO₂/PEEP combinations such as shown below (not required) to achieve goal.

Lower PEEP/higher FiO₂

FiO₂	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7
PEEP	5	5	8	8	10	10	10	12

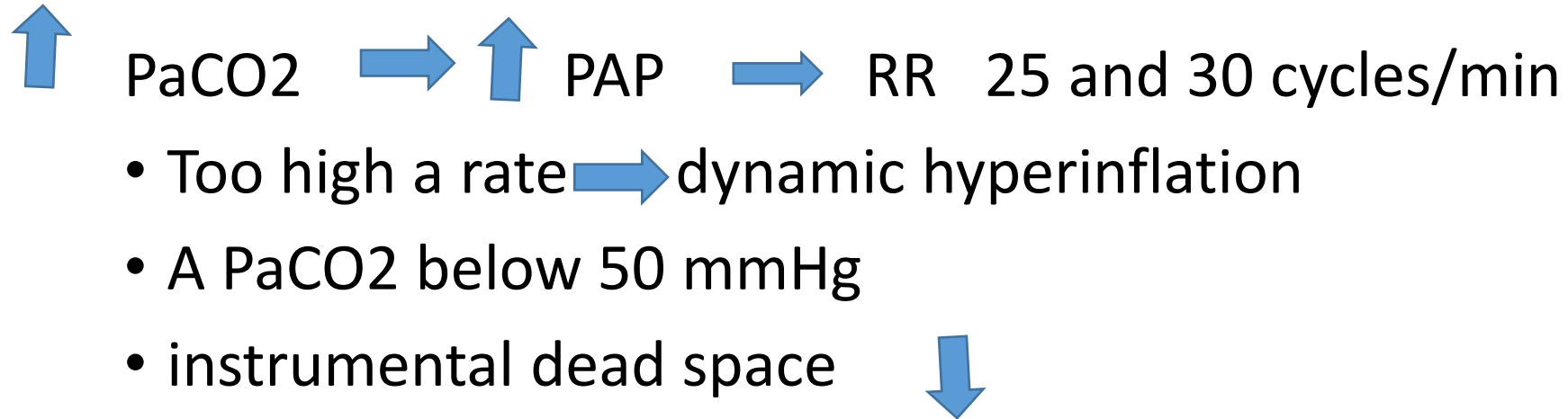
FiO₂	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0
PEEP	14	14	14	16	18	18-24

Higher PEEP/lower FiO₂

FiO₂	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
PEEP	5	8	10	12	14	14	16	16

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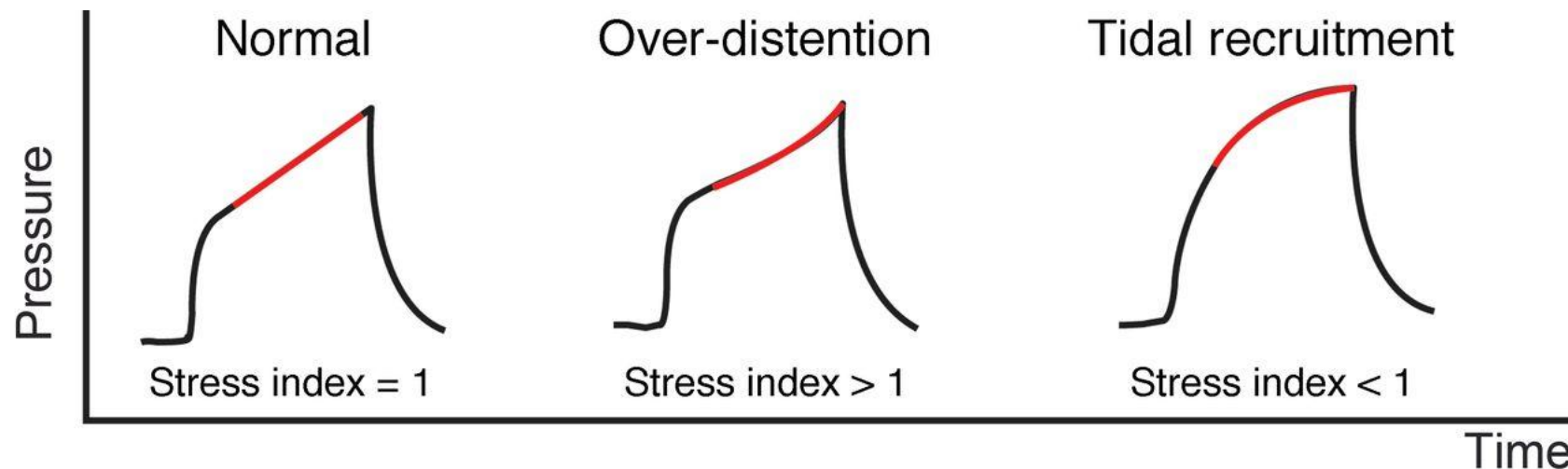
Permissive hypercapnea



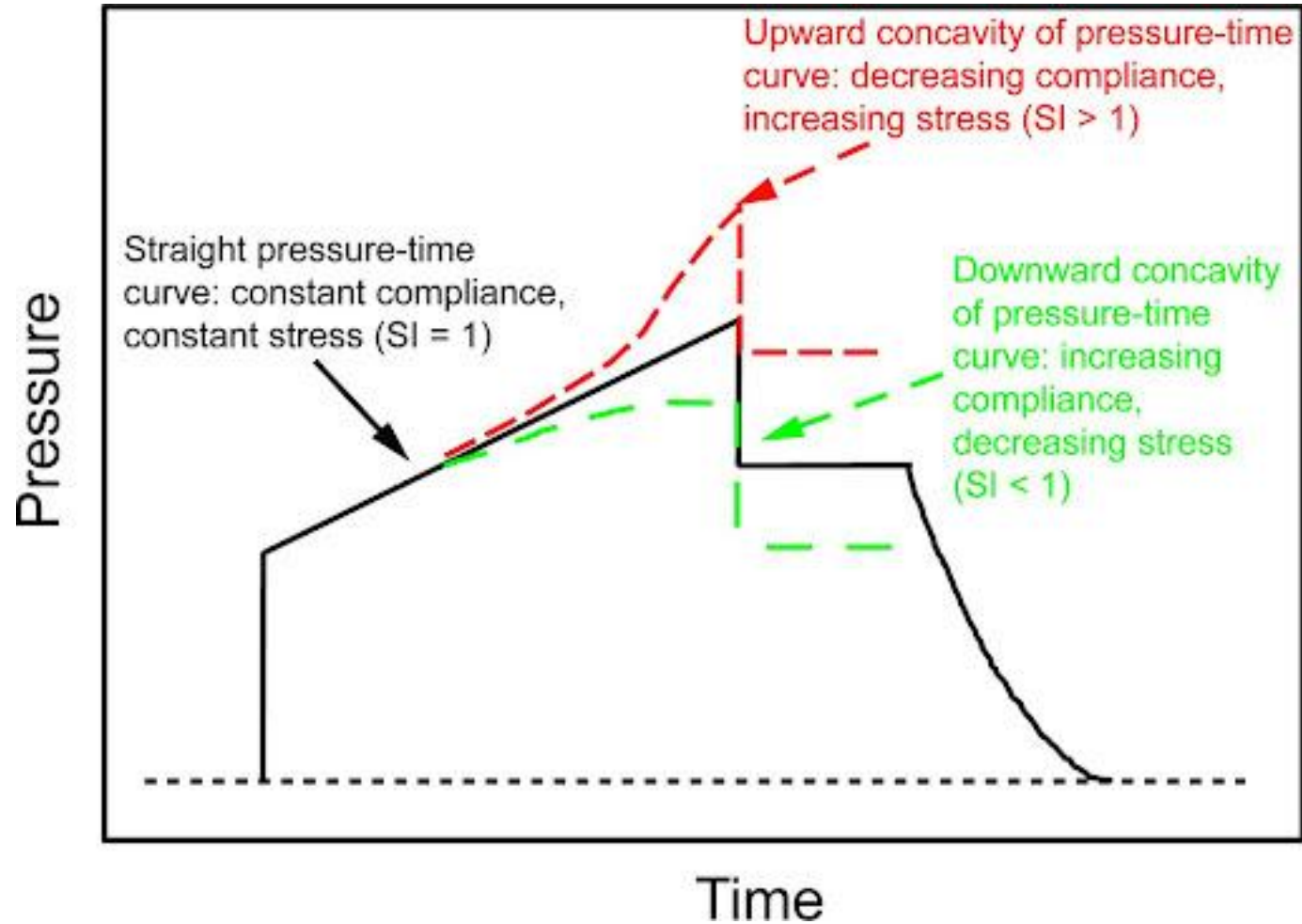


Stress Index

- pressure-time curve during constant flow-volume control ventilation
- constant compliance, stress index = 1 → adequate alveolar recruitment
- progressive decrease in compliance, upward concavity, stress index > 1 → over-distention decrease the PEEP, V_T , or both
- progressive increase in compliance, downward concavity, stress index < 1 → increase PEEP

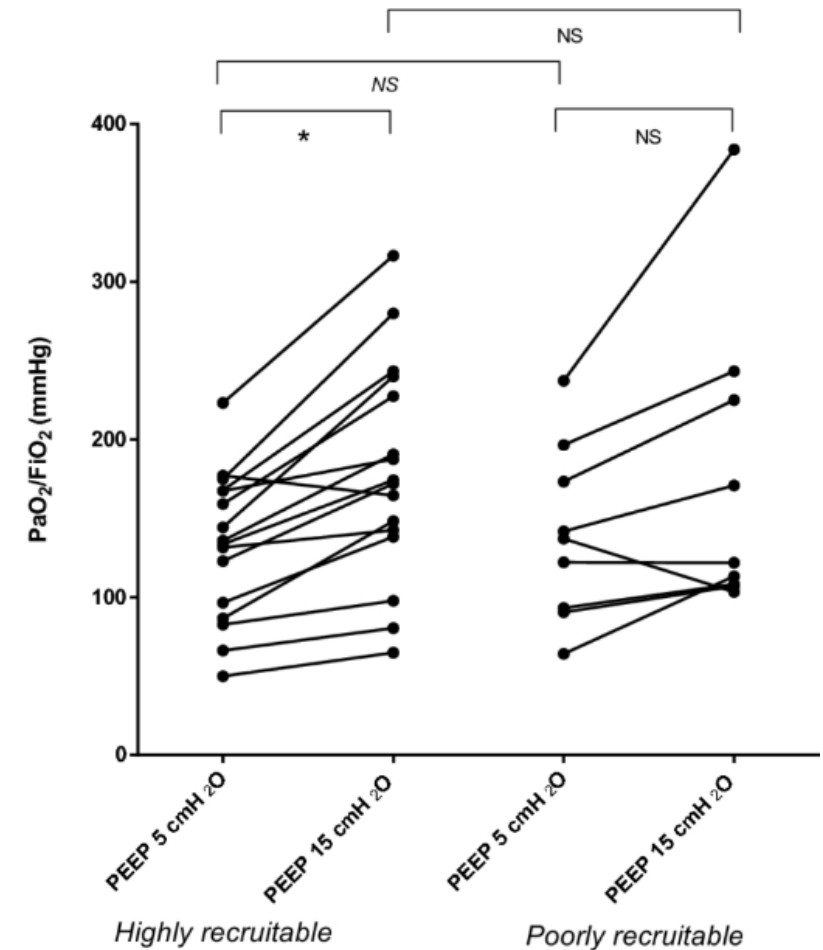


Stress index




Recruitment-to-Inflation (R/I) ratio

- abrupt release of PEEP from 15 to 5 cmH₂O increases the expired volume.
- compliance at low PEEP multiplied by PEEP change
- estimates the volume recruited by PEEP
- A high R/I ratio means high potential for recruitment
- R/I ratio ➡ change in SpO₂ low and high PEEP





Recruitability and effect of PEEP in SARS-Cov-2-associated acute respiratory distress syndrome

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Abstract

Background: A large proportion of patients with a SARS-Cov-2-associated respiratory failure develop an acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). It has been recently suggested that SARS-Cov-2-associated ARDS may differ from usual non-SARS-Cov-2-associated ARDS by higher respiratory system compliance (C_{RS}), lower potential for recruitment with positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP) contrasting with severe shunt fraction. The purpose of the study was to systematically assess respiratory mechanics and recruitability in SARS-Cov-2-associated ARDS.

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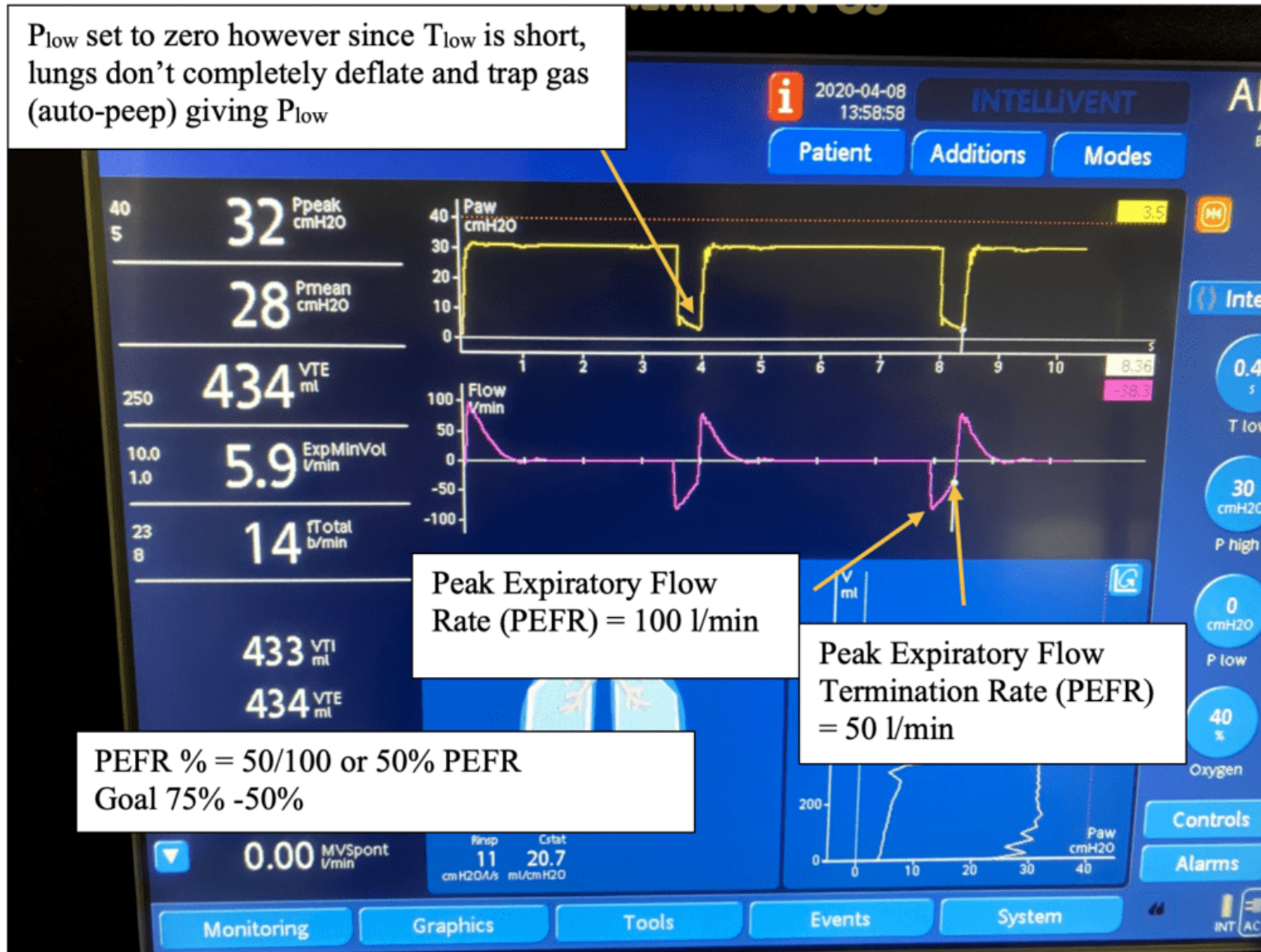
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Keywords: Covid-19, SARS-Cov-2, Acute respiratory distress syndrome, Respiratory failure, Mechanical ventilation, Respiratory mechanics, Recruitability, Positive end-expiratory pressure

APRV

P_{low} set to zero however since T_{low} is short, lungs don't completely deflate and trap gas (auto-peep) giving P_{low}



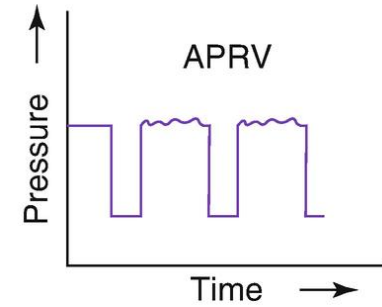
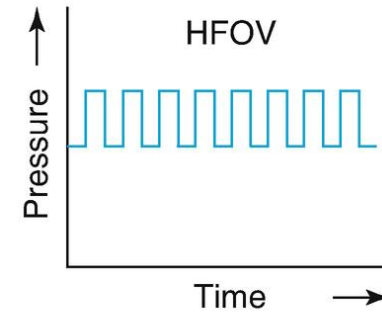
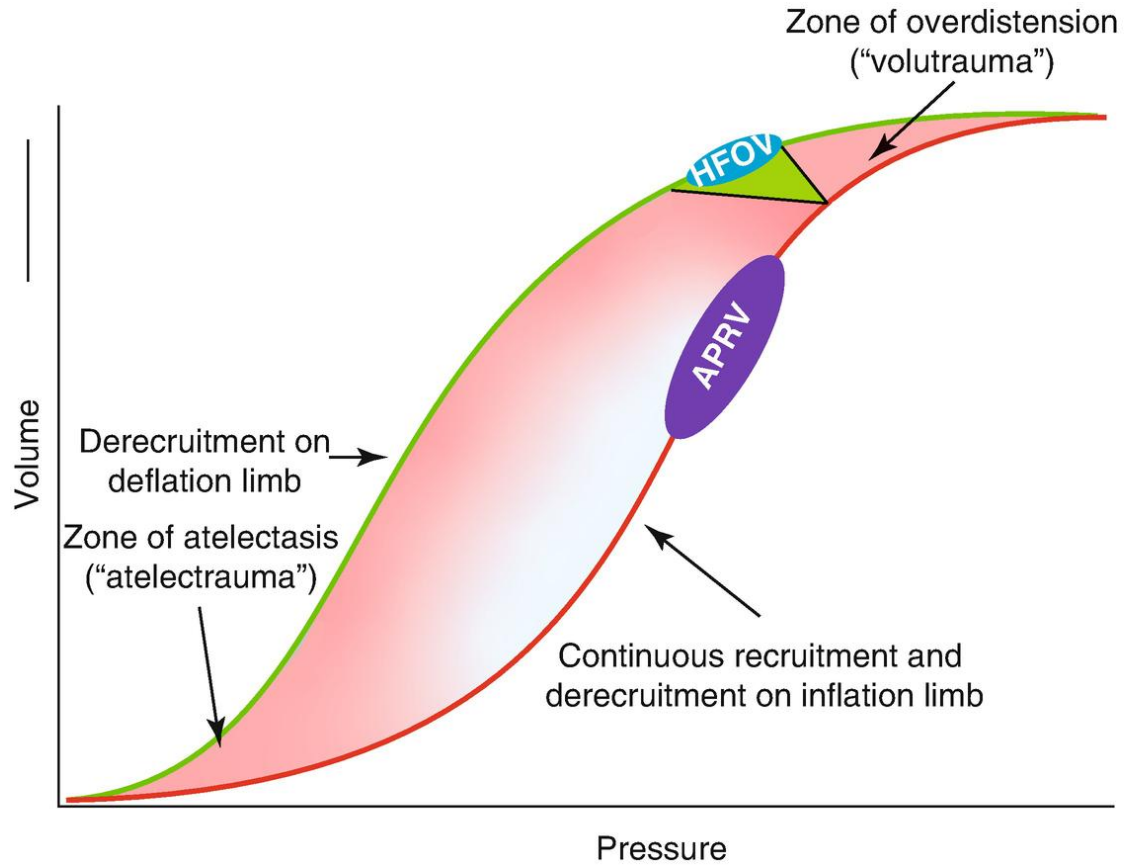
Peak Expiratory Flow
Rate (PEFR) = 100 l/min

Peak Expiratory Flow
Termination Rate (PEFR)
= 50 l/min

PEFR % = $50/100$ or 50% PEFR
Goal 75% -50%

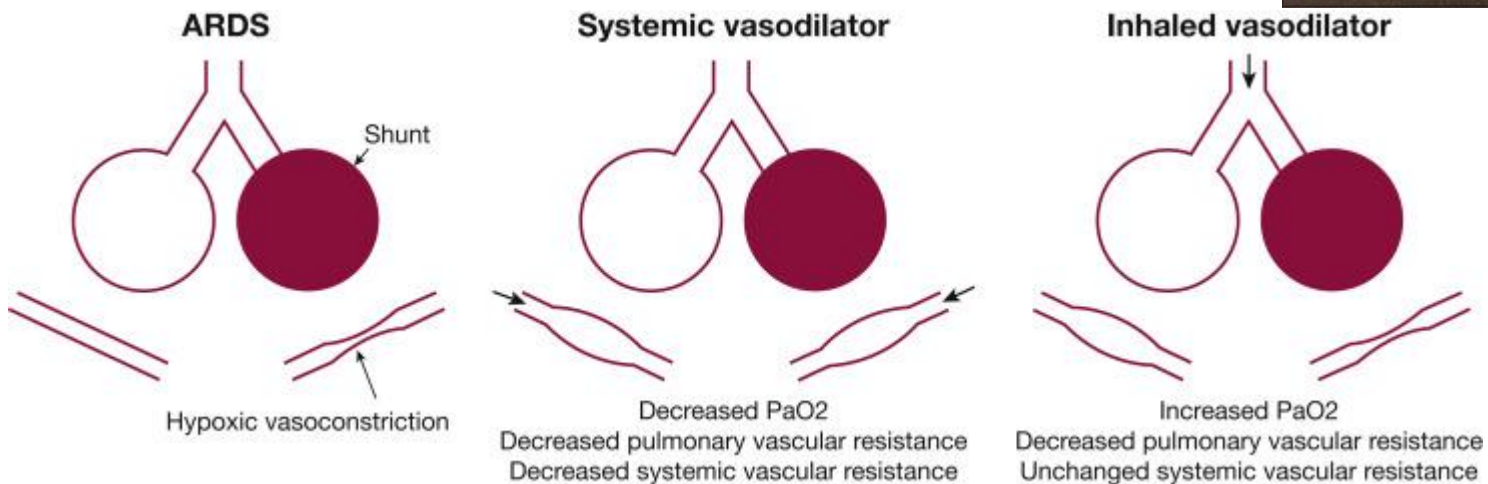
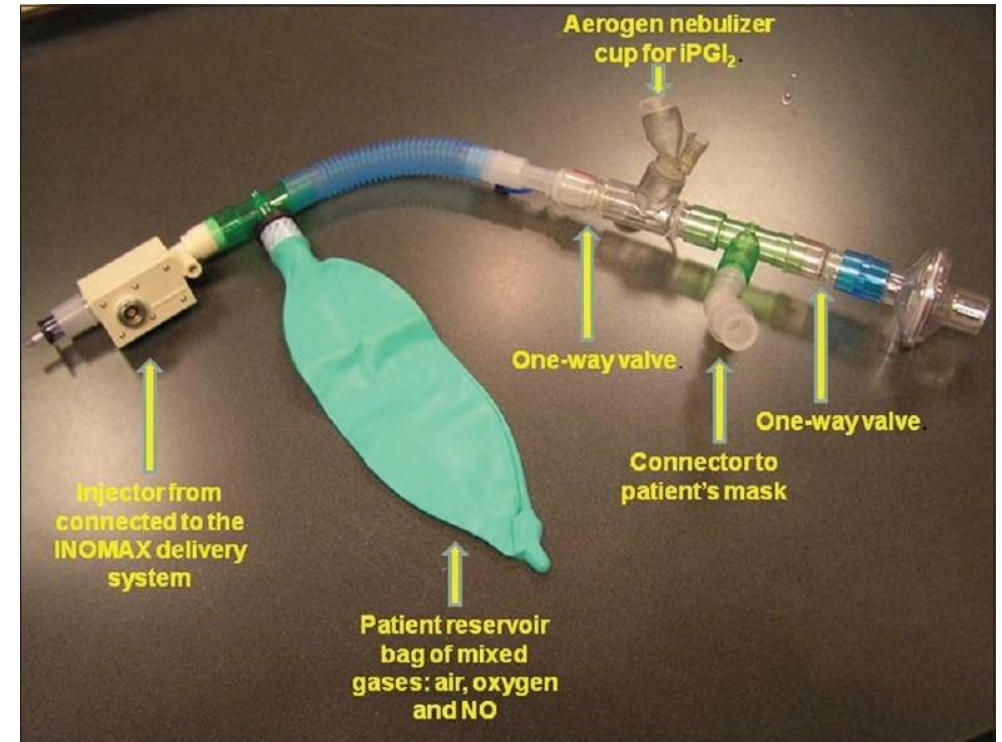
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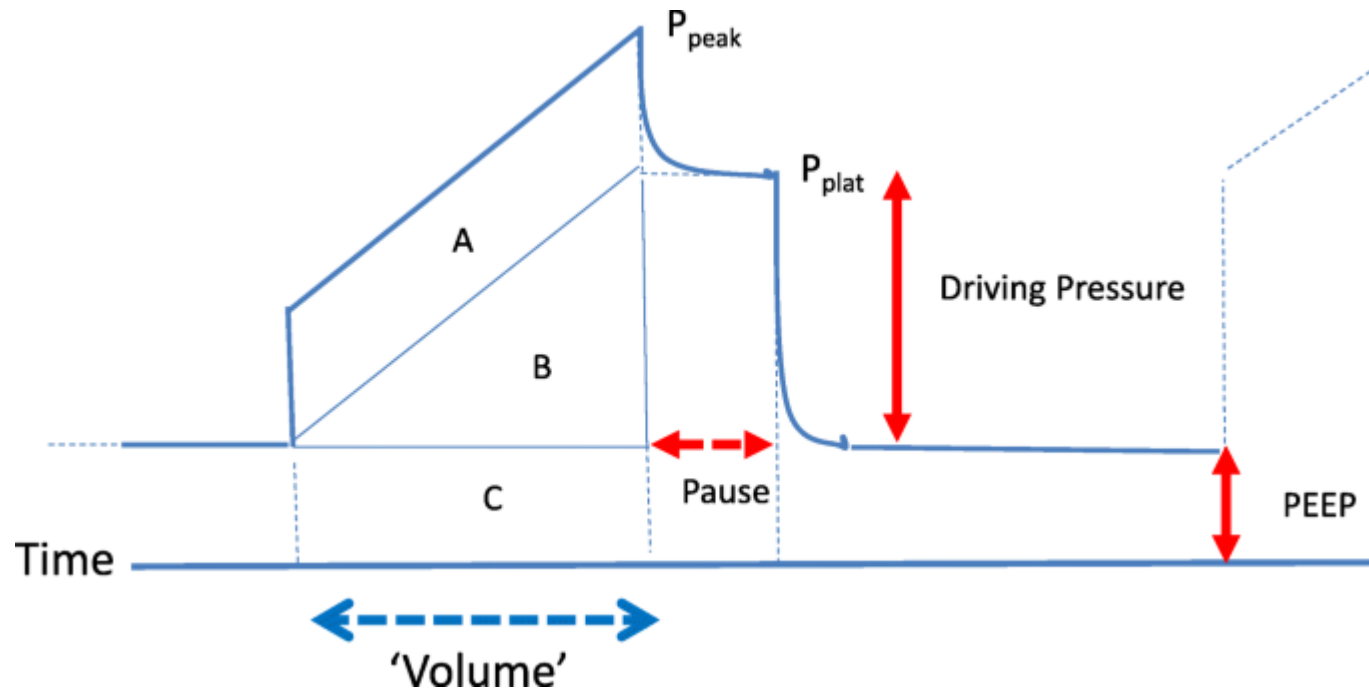
Inhaled vasodilators

- Nitric oxide
- Prostacyclin
- prostaglandin E1



Driving pressure in ARDS

- Driving pressure is calculated as the difference between plateau pressure and total PEEP



Limiting driving pressure

- Muscle relaxant
- Prone position
- Decreasing instrumental dead space
- Co₂ removal
- Veno venous ECMO

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- **Conclusions**In patients with severe ARDS, early administration of a neuromuscular blocking agent improved the adjusted 90-day survival and increased the time off the ventilator without increasing muscle weakness

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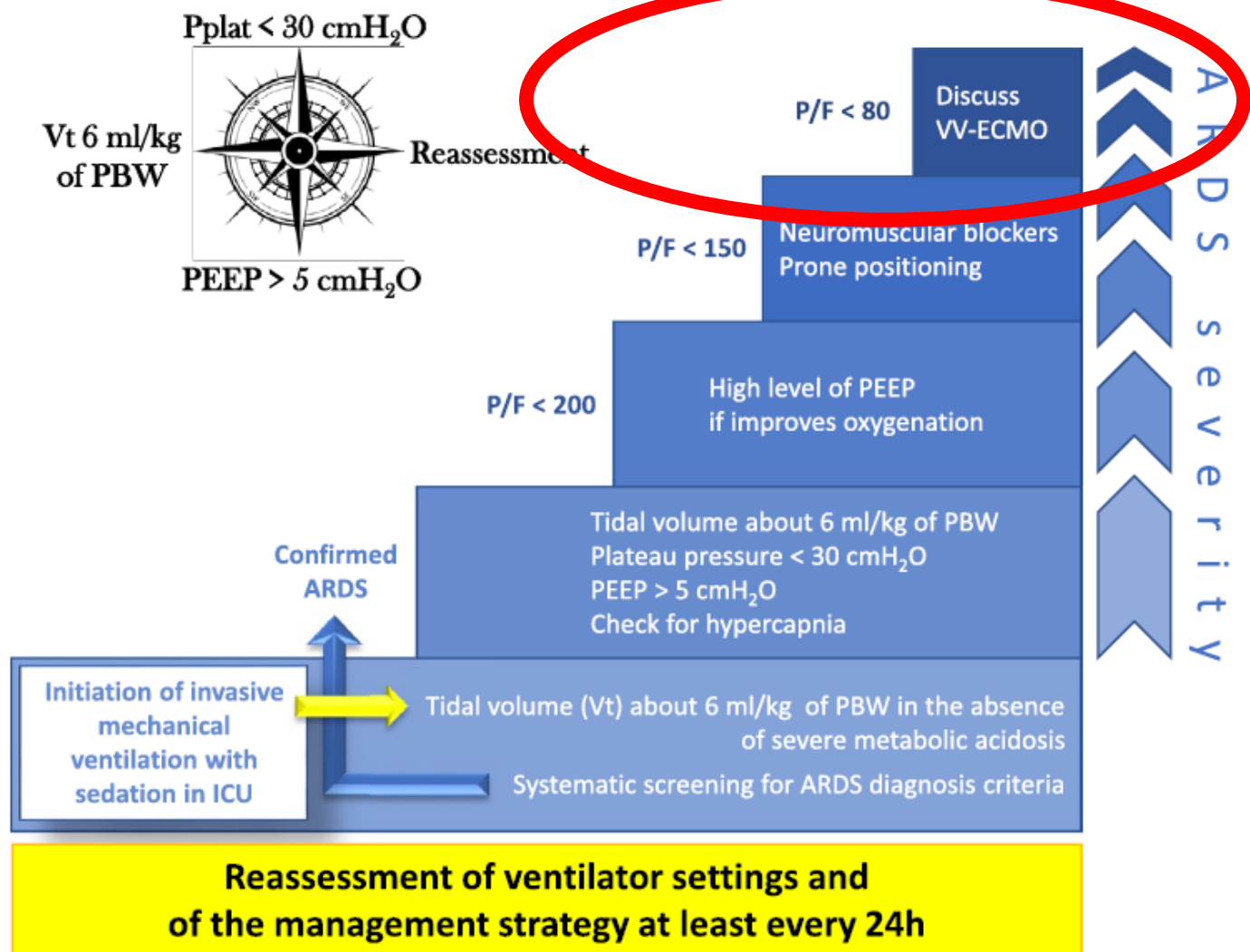
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Early Neuromuscular Blockade in the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

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- Among patients with moderate-to-severe ARDS who were treated with a strategy involving a high PEEP, there was no significant difference in mortality at 90 days between patients who received an early and continuous cisatracurium infusion and those who were treated with a usual-care approach with lighter sedation targets.

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