

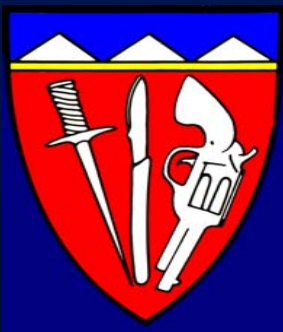
# Mechanical Ventilation

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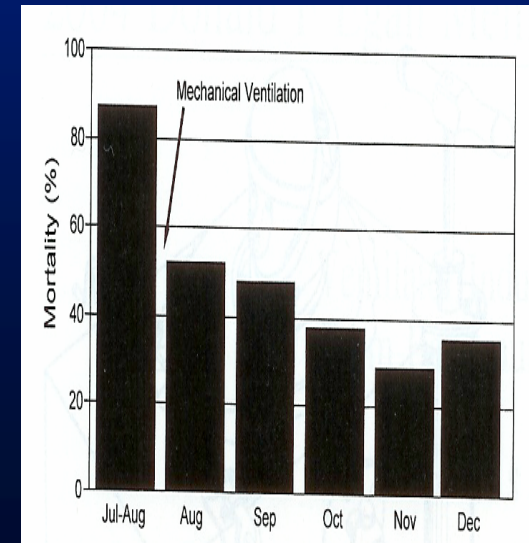
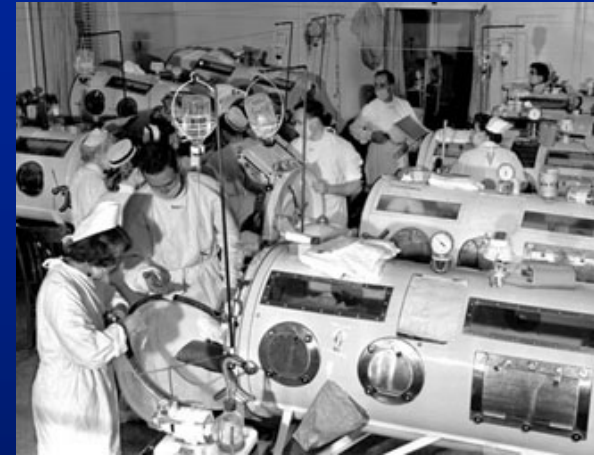
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# Mechanical Ventilation – Cornerstone of ICU care

- ◆ 1928: Drinker-Shaw Iron Lung
- ◆ 1950s: Polio epidemic
- ◆ 1955: Invasive positive pressure ventilation
- ◆ 1973: Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation (IMV)



# **Who needs mechanical ventilation?**

- 1. Inadequate ventilation (hypercapnic pulmonary failure)**
- 2. Failure of oxygenation (hypoxic pulmonary failure)**
- 3. Inability to maintain airway**
- 4. Inadequate respiratory drive**

# Ventilation

Elimination of carbon dioxide

$$\text{PaCO}_2 = k * \frac{\text{metabolic production}}{\text{alveolar minute ventilation}}$$

Alveolar MV = resp. rate \* effective tidal vol.

Effective TV = TV - dead space

Ventilatory requirement is dependent on  
metabolic rate, minute volume and dead space

# Symptoms/Signs of Hypercapnic Failure

- Tachypnea
- Use of accessory muscles
- Paradoxical motion of abdomen
- Delirium
- Hypercapnia ( $pCO_2 > 50$ )
- Insufficient compensation for metabolic acidosis (expect  $pCO_2$  to be  $100 * [pH - 7.00]$ )

# Oxygenation

- Partial pressure of oxygen in alveolus ( $P_AO_2$ ) is the driving pressure.
- $P_AO_2 = (\{ \text{Ambient pressure} - \text{water vapor} \} * FiO_2) - P_aCO_2 / RQ$
- Hemoglobin is fully saturated 1/3 of the way thru the capillary
- *Take home message:* Mean airway pressure and v/q mismatching are the major determinants of oxygenation

# Symptoms/Signs of Hypoxic Failure

- Tachypnea
- Cyanosis
- Delirium
- Hypoxia (pulse ox ok – ABG better)

# What kinds of MV are there?

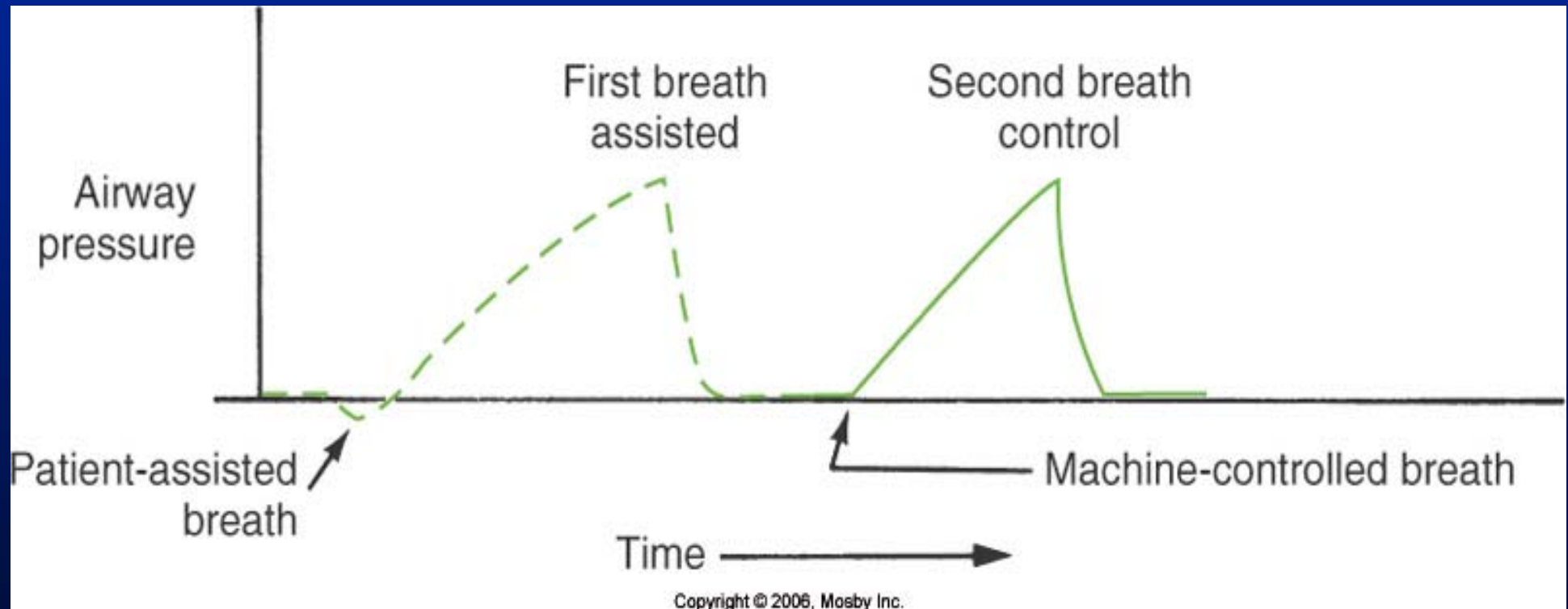
- Nomenclature of modes seems daunting
- Classification is actually *simple*
  - **Triggering** (by patient or machine)
  - **Cycling** (pressure, time or flow)
  - **Limits/Controls** (pressure, time or flow)



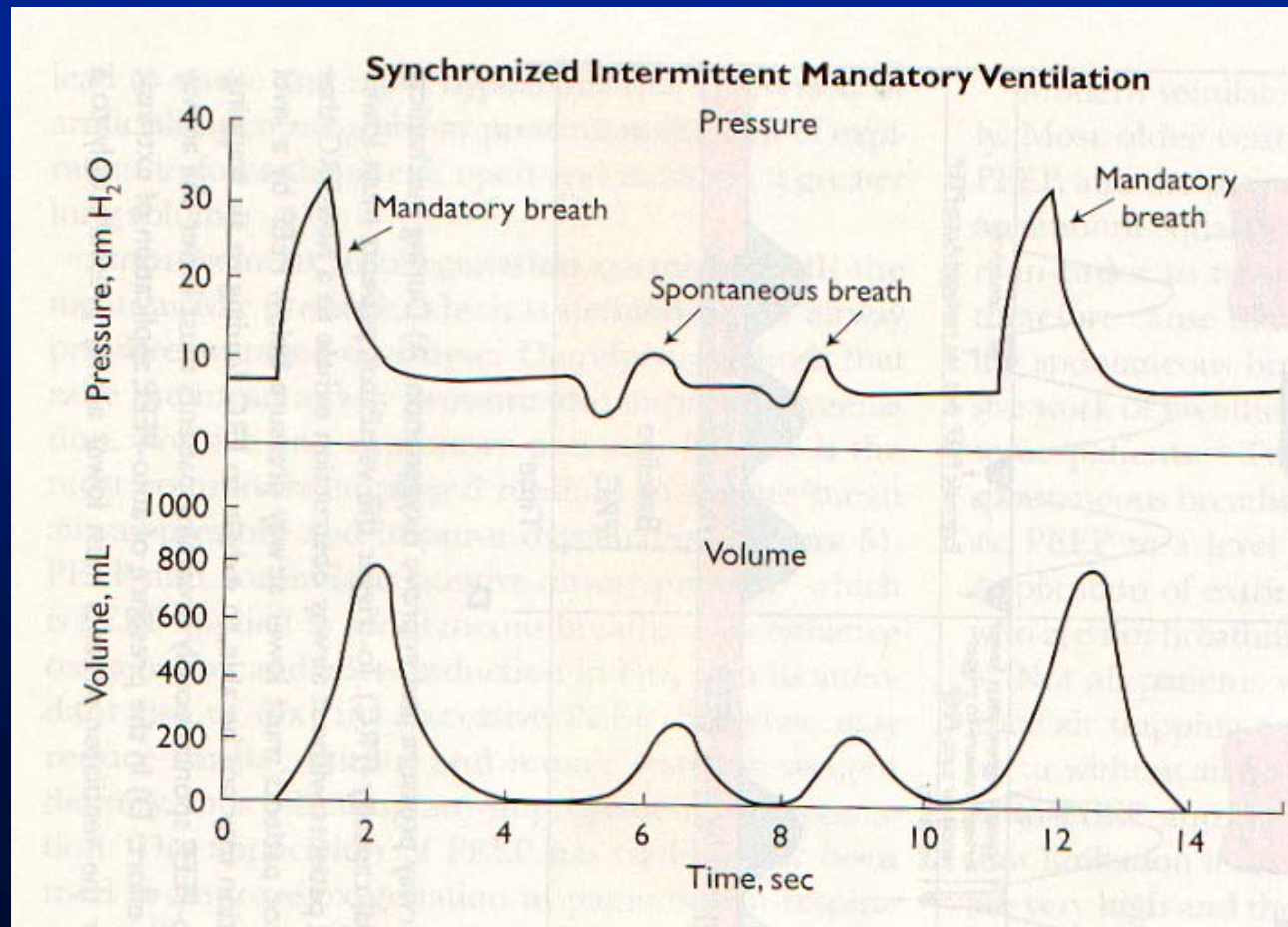
# What kinds are there: Triggering

- **Triggering: how ventilator determines initiation of a breath**
- **Examples:**
  - Machine only: CMV
  - Patient only: PSV
  - Both: SIMV, A/C

# Triggering: Assist/Control



# Triggering: SIMV

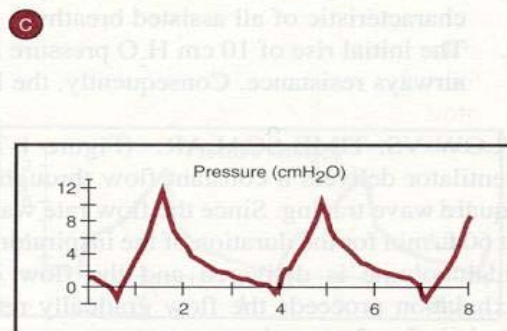
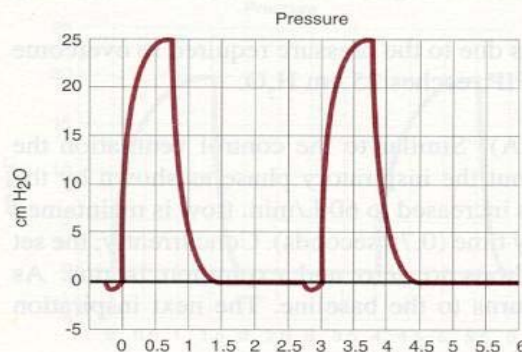
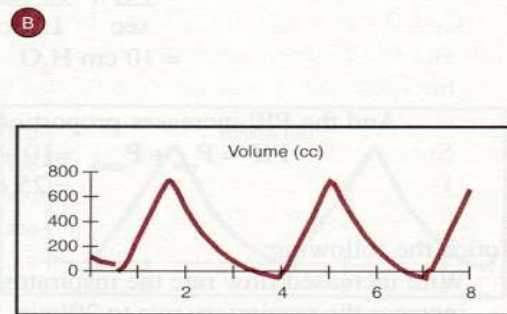
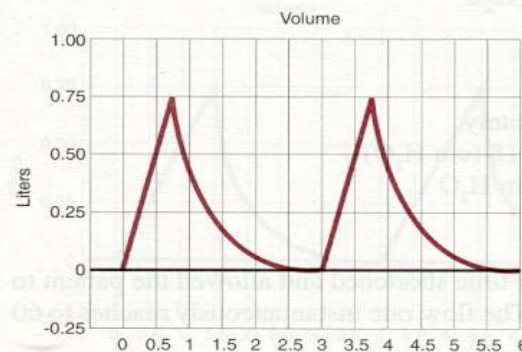
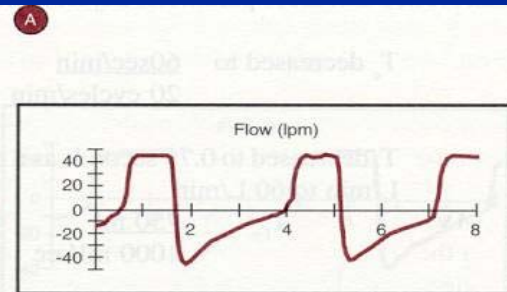
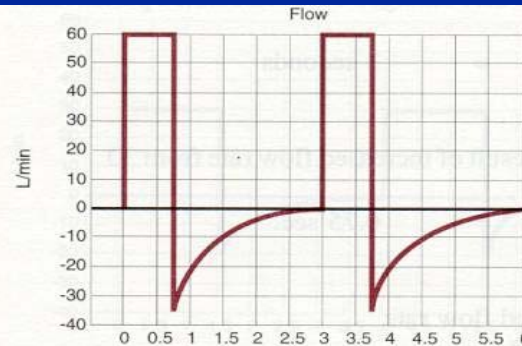


# What kinds are there: cycling

- **Cycling = switch between inhalation and exhalation**
- **How cycling can be determined:**
  - Volume (assist/control)
  - Flow (PSV)
  - Time (pressure control ventilation)

# Cycling: Volume (A/C)

**A/C:**  
Inspiration  
is over when  
a set volume  
is reached



# Summary of Basic Modes

Mode	Trigger	Cycling	Limits
Assist /Control	Pt or Machine	Volume	Flow
SIMV	Patient Machine	Flow (usually) Volume (usually)	Pressure Flow
Pressure Control	Machine Only	Time	Pressure
Pressure Support	Pt Only	Flow (usually)	Pressure

# Volume or Pressure Ventilation?

- **Volume Control (A/C)**
  - **Consistent Tidal Volume**
    - Ignores changing impedance
    - Auto-PEEP from incomplete exhalation
  - **Variety of flow waves, rates**
  - **How to assess patient effort?**
- **Pressure Support (or PC)**
  - **Alveolar pressure maintained within set limits**
  - **Variable flow rate**
  - **Variable tidal volume**
  - **Reduced WOB**
  - **Variable I-time & pattern (PS)**
  - **Patient effort easier to assess**

# Scientific Evidence For Different Modes of Ventilation

- **Extremely poor quality**
  - Diverse Patient populations
  - Study designs (crossover, animal models, theoretical models, small sample sizes)
  - Secondary endpoints ( WOB)
- **Recent example: Ortiz et al., *Chest* 2010**
  - 4968 pts/349 ICUs/23 Countries
  - SIMV vs A/C
  - Arbitrary definition of “simple, difficult, or prolonged” weaning
  - Logistic regression: No difference



# Scientific Evidence Summarized:

**Dean Hess: 2010**

“Many new modes [have been] introduced in recent years.....but have not been subjected to rigorous scientific study. None has been conclusively shown to improve patient outcomes. The Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome Network study.....is the *only* study of mechanical ventilation ever shown to improve patient outcome”

# Keep it simple: Only two kinds of Mechanical Ventilation

## – *Full* MV support

- Inadequate respiratory drive
- Poor gas exchange
- Cardiovascular instability
- Inability to execute work of breathing

## – *Partial* support

# Recommended Approach

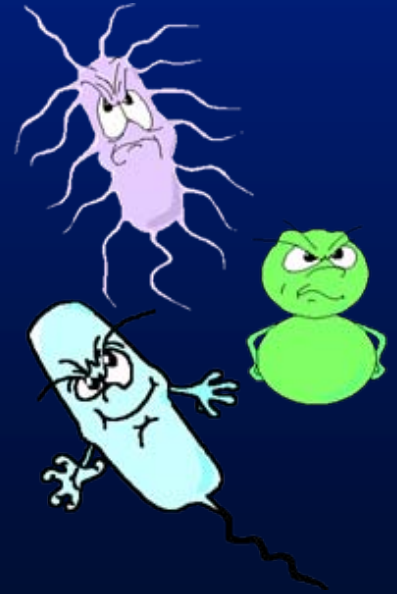
- **Initial full support:**
  - **Goal: ensure adequate ventilation**
  - **Recommend: Assist-Control**
    - **Pt & machine triggered**
    - **Volume cycled – constant volume each breath**
    - **Flow limited – adjust flow for rate and comfort**

# Recommended Approach

- Subsequent partial support
  - Goal: exercise without tiring
  - Recommend: PSV
    - Pt triggered – pt determines rate and I:E
    - Flow cycled – pt determines flow rates
    - Pressure limited – adjust PS to respiratory rate
  - Spontaneous breathing trial when criteria met

# How do I protect the patient?

- **Mechanical ventilation**
  - Largely supportive
  - Recovery is independent of the ventilator itself
  - Particular mode of ventilation appears to make little difference
- **Avoid:**
  - Ventilator induced lung injury (VILI)
  - Nosocomial pneumonia
- **Pursue:**
  - Protocol-driven care
  - Appropriate sedation



# Protecting the Lung

Two types of Ventilator-Induced Injury  
(VILI)

**Barotrauma:** too much pressure

**Volutrauma:**

repetitive opening closing

regional overdistention



**Normal  
Lung**

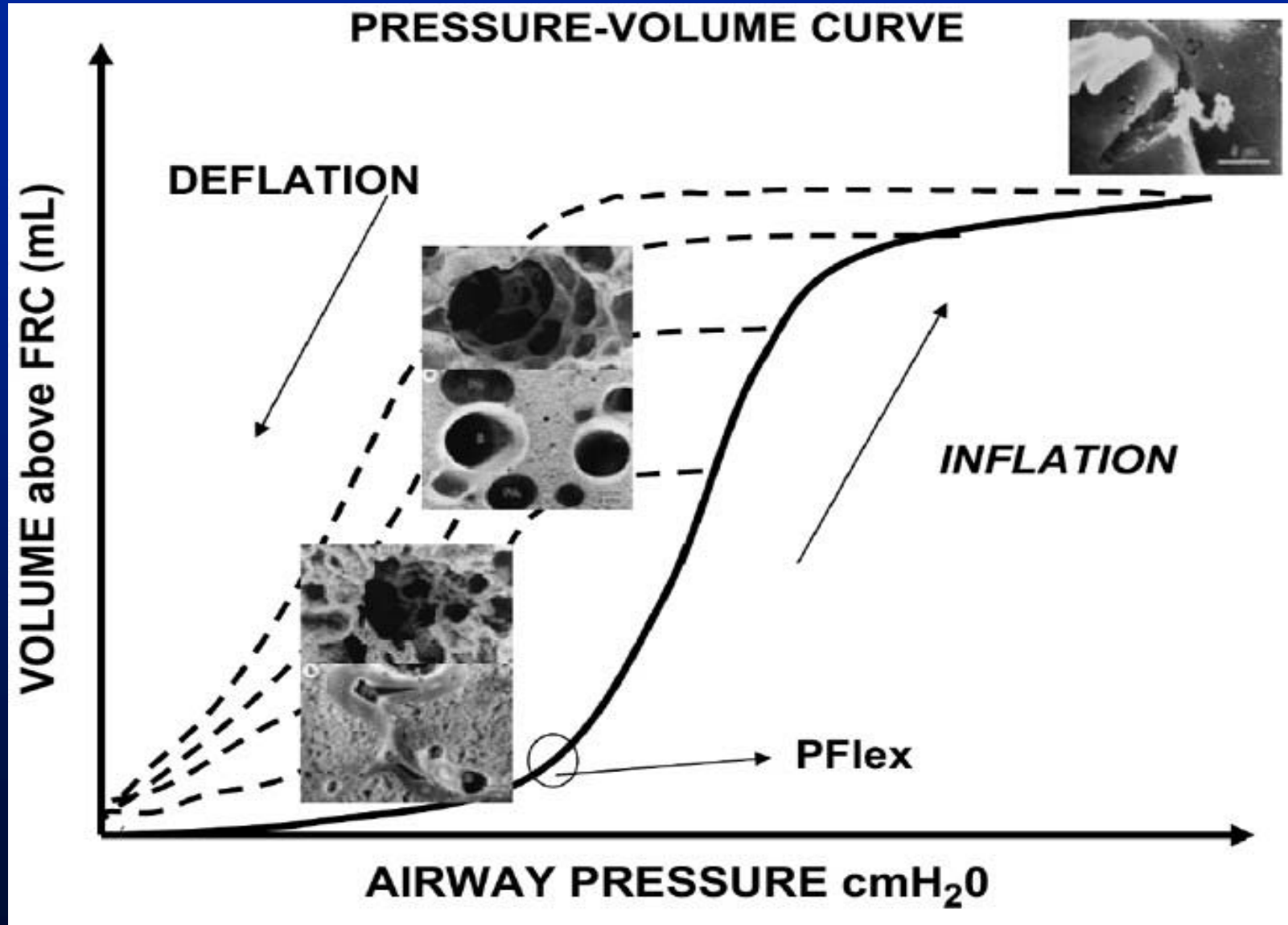


**PIP 45 cm H<sub>2</sub>O  
5 Min**



**PIP 45 cmH<sub>2</sub>O  
20 Min**

# Pressure/volume curve: Inflation vs Deflation





# The Acutely Injured Lung (ALI/ARDS)

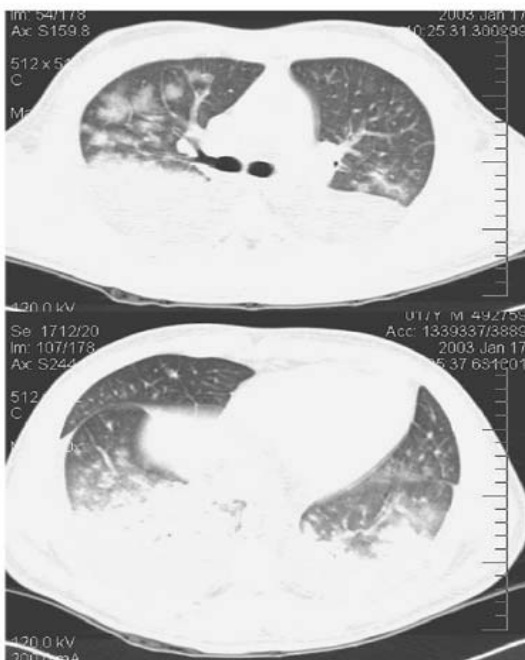
## ARDS lungs

- Normal regions
- Collapsed regions
- Consolidated regions



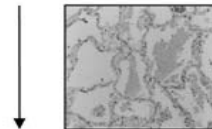
## VILI

- Overdistention of alveoli from high tidal volumes
- Repetitive opening/closing of lung units from low tidal volumes

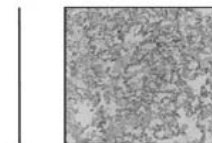


### ARDS:

- EDEMA

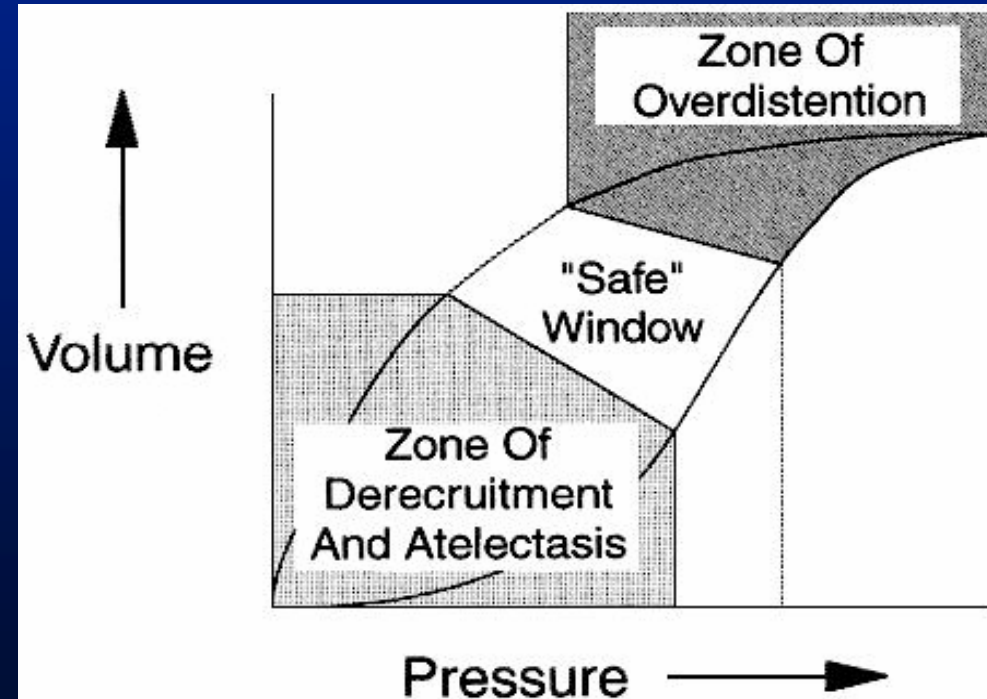


### SUPERIMPOSED PRESSURE



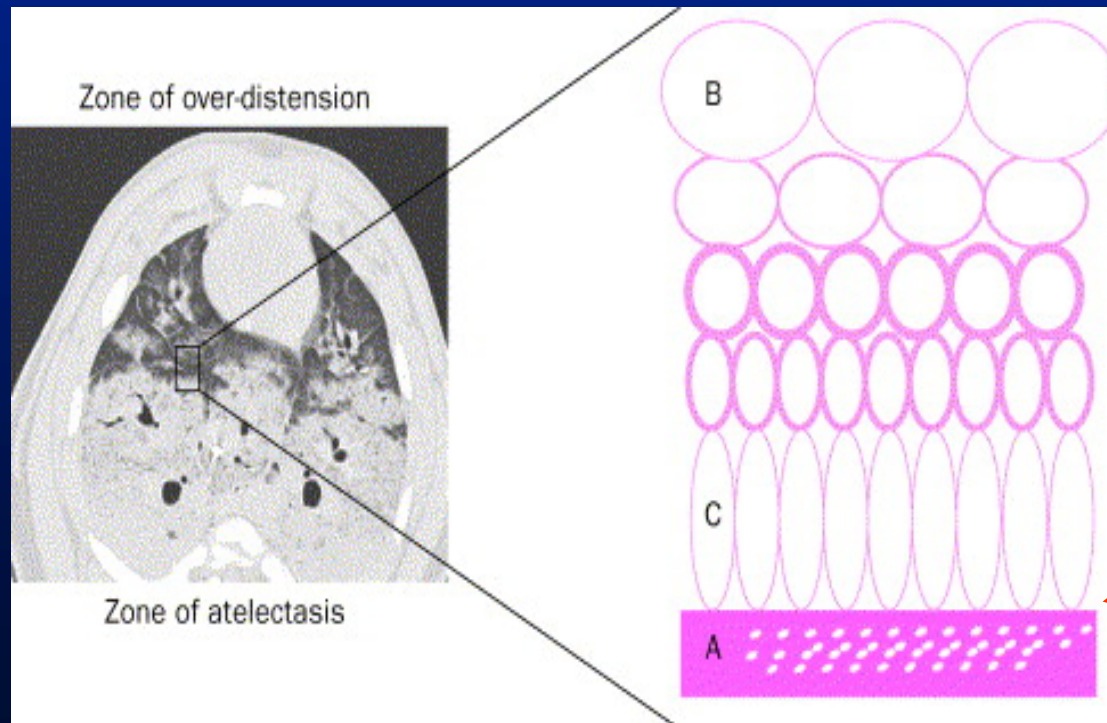
- ALVEOLAR COLLAPSE

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# Lung Recruitment

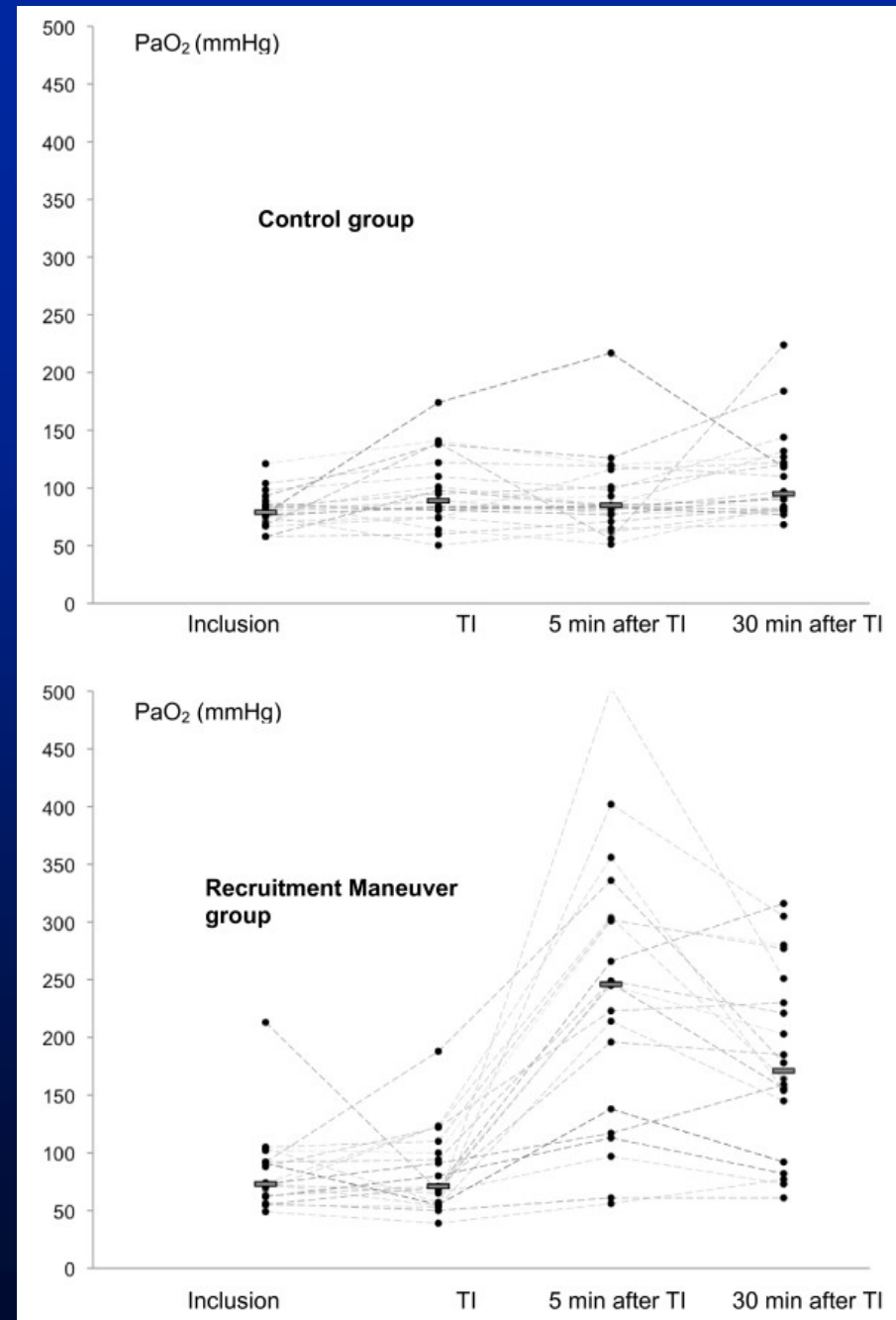
**Recruitment** = “.... A sustained increase in airway Pressure ( 30 – 90 Sec) with the goal to open collapsed lung Tissue”



Potential pressures of  
> 140 cm H<sub>2</sub>O

# Does Recruitment Help?

- Constantin et al., Crit Care 2010
- Prospective, Randomized studies
- Patients enrolled promptly after intubation for hypoxia
- “Recruitment” = CPAP 40 for 30 seconds
- Did not change PEEP ( 5 cm water)



# Techniques to Facilitate Lung Recruitment

- Sigh Breaths: 1.5- 2 times the  $V_t$
- Temporary increase in PEEP
- Temporary increase in Tidal Volume
  - Temporary use of CPAP
- High Frequency Ventilation
  - APRV
  - Pronation

## Many questions Remain

Which patients will benefit??

ARDS<sub>PULM</sub>  
ARDS<sub>EXtraPULM</sub>

Post R.M. PEEP

Optimal Duration of R.M.

Routine use or only  
during Hypoxic events

Contraindications:

Pneumonia ??

Unilateral Dz process

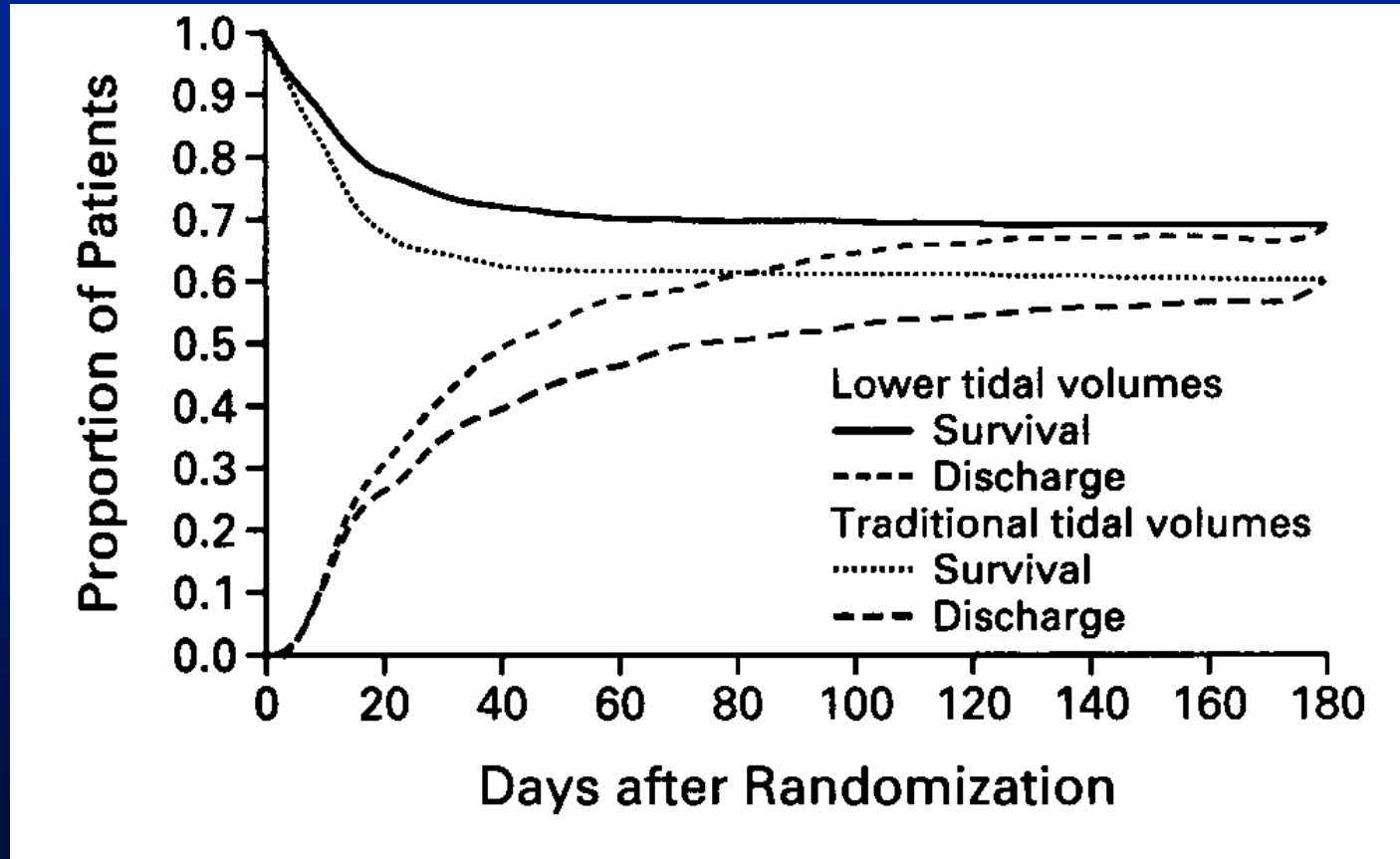
*Acute hypoxia without  
CXR*



# Overall Strategy for MV

Ventilatory Parameter	Traditional	Lung-Protective
Inflation Volume	10-15 ml/kg	5-7 ml/kg
End-insp. pressure	Peak Pr<50cm water	Plateau Pr<30
PEEP	PRN to keep FiO <sub>2</sub> <0.6	5-15 cm of water
ABG	Normal, pH 7.36-7.44	Hypercapnia allowed, pH 7.2-7.4
Recruitment Maneuvers?	No	Yes

# Lung Protection Improves Survival



# When and how do I “wean” MV?

- **Better term: Withdrawal of mechanical ventilatory support**
- **Principles:**
  - **Work every day**
  - **Don't work too hard**
  - **No scientific evidence supporting any given mode**
    - **PSV or CPAP**
    - **SIMV**
    - **T-piece**



# **Does My Patient Need the Ventilator?**

- **Assess continuously**
- **Most patients should be on partial support during the day**
- **Should coincide with diminution of sedation**
- **Contraindications to Partial Vent Support:**
  - **Inadequate respiratory drive**
  - **Cardiovascular instability**
  - **Poor gas exchange**
  - **ICP requiring treatment**
  - **Minute volume > 14 lpm**

# Spontaneous Breathing Trials

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- **Minimal Support**

- PEEP = 5, PS = 0 – 5, FiO<sub>2</sub> ≤ 50%
- Assess for 30 – 120 min
- ABG obtained at end of SBT

- **Failed SBT Criteria**

- RR > 35 for >5 min
- S<sub>a</sub>O<sub>2</sub> <90% for >30 sec
- HR > 140
- Systolic BP > 180 or < 90mm Hg
- Cardiac dysrhythmia
- pH < 7.32

# Are SBTs Beneficial?

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- **Robertson et al., 2008**
  - 488 SICU patients
  - Routine SBTs initiated at beginning of study
  - Comparison of first and last two months
- **Observed**
  - Decreased days on ventilator
  - Decreased ICU stay
  - No change in reintubation rate

# Determinants of Ventilator Dependence

- **Gas Exchange**
- **Respiratory muscle “pump failure”**
  - Diminished CNS drive
  - Phrenic nerve dysfunction
  - Muscle weakness
    - Hyperinflation
    - Malnutrition
    - Acidosis/medications
  - Increased load: poor compliance, increased CO<sub>2</sub> production, dead space
- **Anxiety**

# Predicting Successful Liberation from MV

Tobin: “A number of indices...have been proposed as predictors of weaning outcome. However, none....have ever been subjected to prospective investigation but have been passed on from one review article to another”

# The Evidence: Discontinuation of Mechanical Ventilation

Parameter	Threshold	PPV	NPV
PaO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub>	200	0.59	0.53
Minute Ventl.	<10L/min	0.50	0.40
Vital capacity	10ml/kg	0.82	0.37
Rate/Tidal Volume (Rapid, Shallow Breathing Index)	<105/min/L	0.78	0.95

Tobin and Alex, in “Principles of Mechanical Ventilation”, 1994

# For the Severely Hypoxic Patient

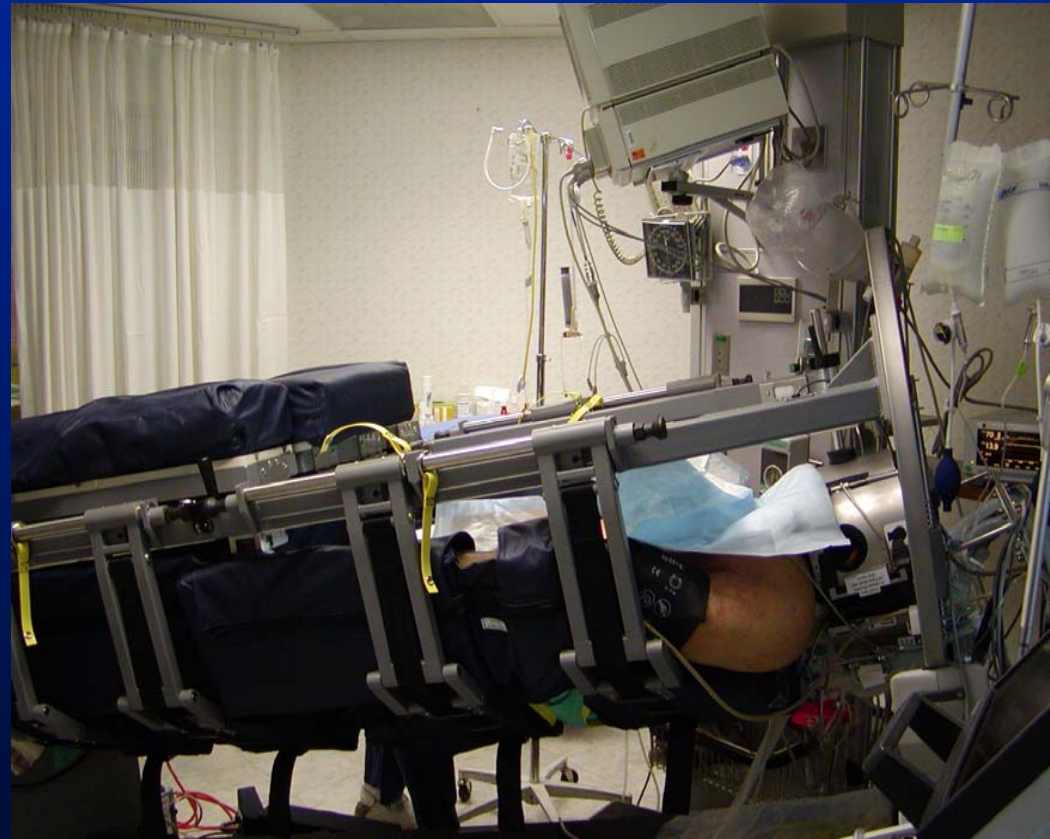
- Corticosteroids for Late ARDS
- Prone ventilation

# Steroids: The LaSRS Trial

- 180 Pts with ARDS of at least 7 days duration
- Randomized to Methylprednisolone vs Placebo
- Results:
  - No overall mortality benefit at 60 days
  - Pts started >2 weeks after ARDS dx may have had increased risk of death

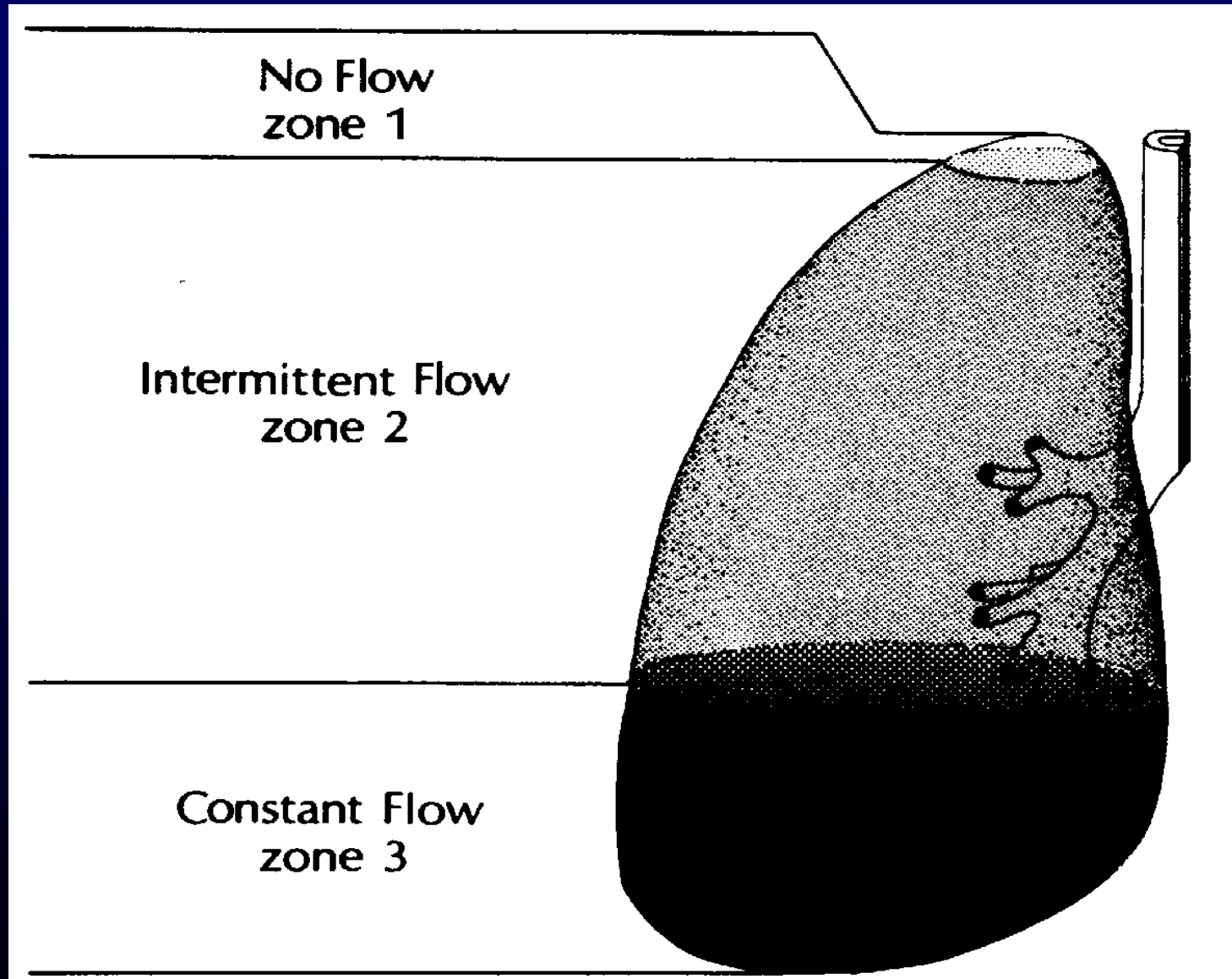


# Should we be Pronating Patients?

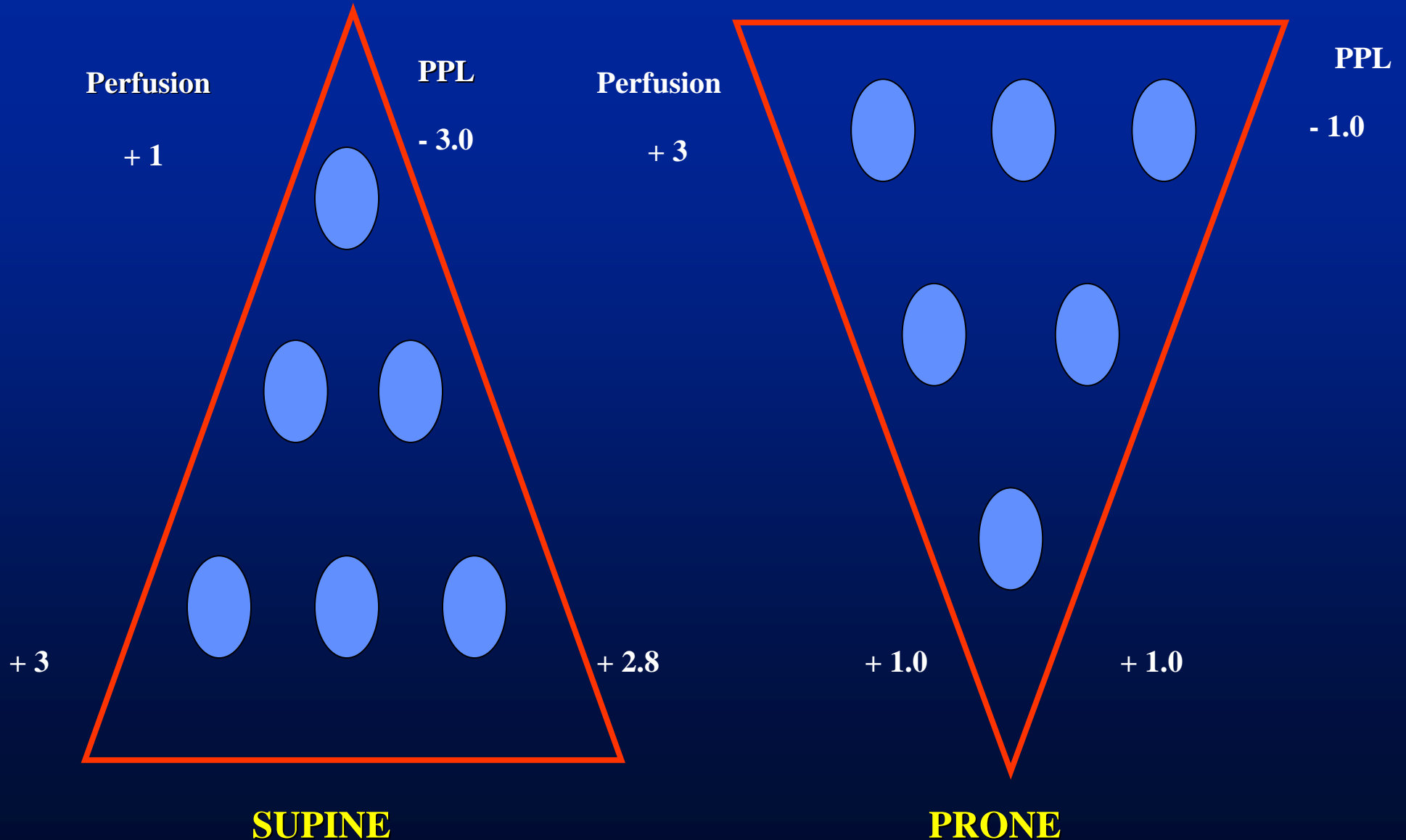


# Normal Distribution of Pulmonary Perfusion in the Standing Human

Note the Profound Effect of Gravity on Blood Flow Through the Lung



# Mechanism of Improved Gas Exchange with Prone Positioning

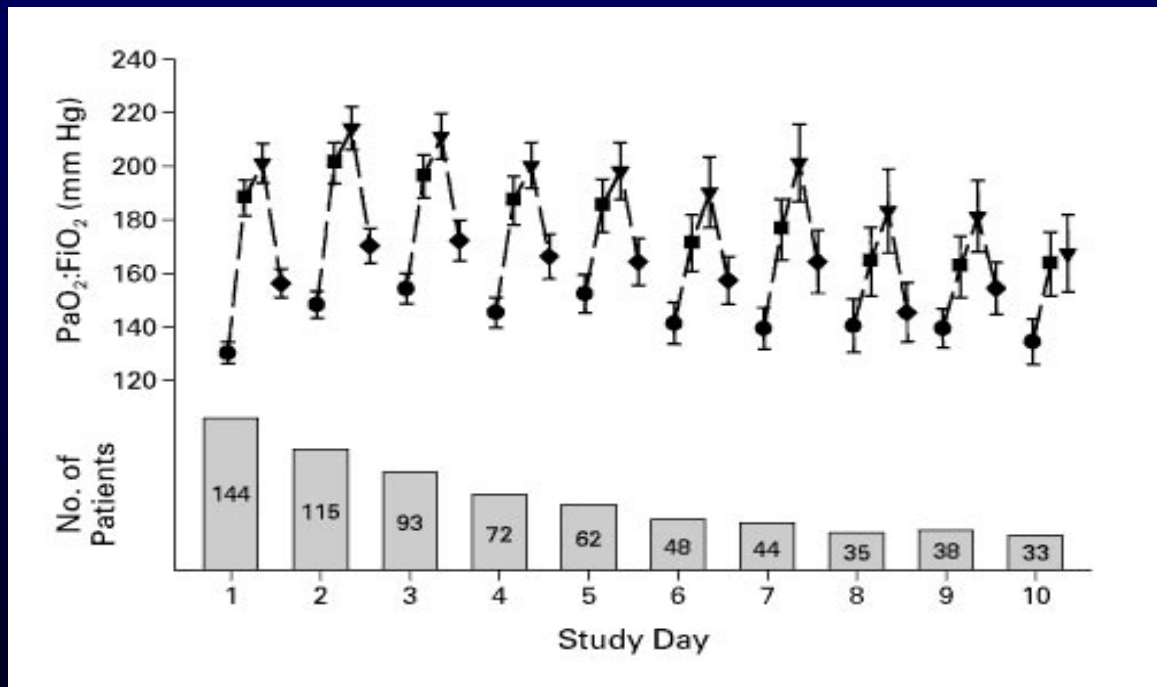


# PaO<sub>2</sub>/FIO<sub>2</sub> Response

PaO <sub>2</sub> /FIO <sub>2</sub> , (mean)	Supine	Prone
	Day	
1	182 (78)	188 (78)
2	193 (76)	210 (82)
3	199 (78)	213 (85)
4	206 (84)	227 (87)
5	205 (79)	224 (88)
6	204 (78)	223 (91)
7	206 (78)	228 (91)



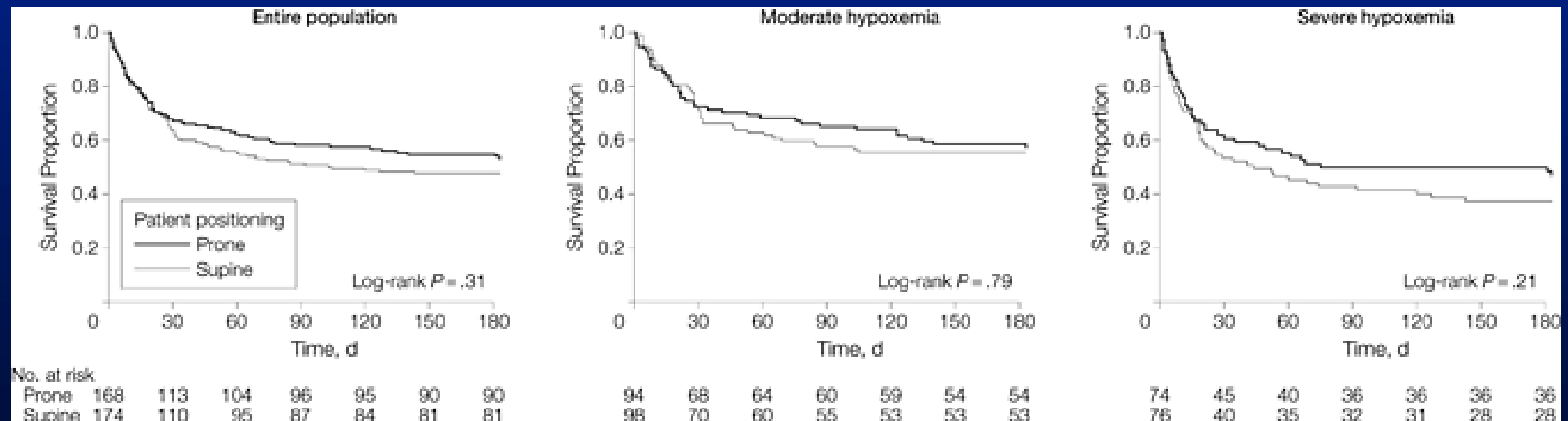
# Prone Position for ARDS



- 152 supine; 152 prone ARDS
- No difference in ICU mortality : 50.7 % vs. 48.0%
- Improved am  $\text{PaO}_2$  in prone Pt.
- More pressure sores in prone

*L. Gattinoni; N Engl J Med 2001; 345:568-573*

**Prone Positioning in Patients With Moderate and Severe Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome: A Randomized Controlled Trial** Paolo Taccone, MD; Antonio Pesenti, MD; Roberto Latini, MD; Federico Polli, MD; Federica Vagginelli, MD; Cristina Mietto, MD; Luisa Caspani, MD; Ferdinando Raimondi, MD; Giovanni Bordone, MD; Gaetano Iapichino, MD; Jordi Mancebo, MD; Claude Guérin, MD; Louis Ayzac, MD; Lluís Blanch, MD; Roberto Fumagalli, MD; Gianni Tognoni, MD; Luciano Gattinoni, MD, FRCP; for the Prone-Supine II Study Group  
*JAMA. 2009;302(18):1977-1984.*





# Summary and Conclusions

- Ventilator modes are simple
- Ventilator modes do not determine outcome
- You should know how a mode you are using triggers, cycles and limits each breath
- Avoid high stretch and high pressure on the lung
- Regular spontaneous breathing trials improve outcome
- Prone ventilation and other recruitment maneuvers improve hypoxia but may not improve outcome

# Thank You

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