

## **Question 1**

**What are the pre-intubation options for patients with COVID-19?**

# Baseline Characteristics and Outcomes of 1591 Patients Infected With SARS-CoV-2 Admitted to ICUs of the Lombardy Region, Italy

Disease process:  
-1,300 received respiratory support

-88% required invasive mechanical ventilation

-26% mortality

Table 1. Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of Patients in the First 24 Hours of ICU Admission for COVID-19 in Lombardy, Italy

	Patients by age, y, No. (%)								
	All	0-20	21-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81-90	91-100
No. (%)	1591 (100)	4 (<1)	56 (4)	143 (9)	427 (27)	598 (38)	341 (21)	21 (1)	1 (<1)
Age, median (IQR), y	63 (56-70)	16 (14-19)	34 (31-38)	47 (44-49)	56 (54-59)	65 (63-68)	74 (72-76)	83 (81-84)	91
Males	1304 (82)	3 (75)	44 (79)	119 (83)	355 (83)	484 (81)	279 (82)	19 (90)	1 (100)
Females	287 (18)	1 (25)	12 (21)	24 (17)	72 (17)	114 (19)	62 (18)	2 (10)	0
Comorbidities, No. with data	1043	3	35	82	273	380	253	1	1
None	334 (32)	0	23 (66)	50 (61)	107 (39)	107 (28)	47 (19)	0	0
Hypertension	509 (49)	0	4 (11)	21 (26)	121 (44)	195 (51)	156 (62)	12 (75)	0
Cardiovascular disease <sup>a</sup>	223 (21)	0	1 (3)	4 (5)	43 (16)	87 (23)	81 (32)	6 (38)	1 (100)
Hypercholesterolemia	188 (18)	0	1 (3)	1 (1)	30 (11)	92 (24)	59 (23)	5 (31)	0
Diabetes, type 2	180 (17)	0	1 (3)	4 (5)	40 (15)	86 (23)	46 (18)	3 (19)	0
Malignancy <sup>b</sup>	81 (8)	0	0	2 (2)	10 (4)	33 (9)	33 (13)	3 (19)	0
COPD	42 (4)	0	1 (3)	0	8 (3)	12 (3)	20 (8)	1 (6)	0
Chronic kidney disease	36 (3)	0	0	2 (2)	10 (4)	17 (4)	7 (3)	0	0
Chronic liver disease	28 (3)	0	0	2 (2)	8 (3)	13 (3)	5 (2)	0	0
Other <sup>c</sup>	205 (20)	3 (100)	6 (17)	10 (12)	49 (18)	77 (20)	55 (22)	5 (31)	0
Respiratory support, No.	1300	2	46	108	351	487	287	18	1
Invasive mechanical ventilation	1150 (88)	2 (100)	37 (80)	87 (81)	315 (90)	449 (92)	246 (86)	14 (78)	0
Noninvasive ventilation	137 (11)	0	8 (17)	16 (15)	33 (9)	36 (7)	39 (14)	4 (22)	1 (100)
Oxygen mask	13 (1)	0	1 (2)	5 (5)	3 (1)	2 (<1)	2 (1)	0	0
PEEP, cm H <sub>2</sub> O									
No.	1017	2	33	81	278	377	234	11	1
Median (IQR)	14 (12-16)	9.5 (5-14)	14 (10-15)	14 (12-15)	14 (12-15)	14 (12-16)	14 (12-15)	12 (8-15)	10
FiO <sub>2</sub> , %									
No.	999	2	31	81	270	375	228	11	1
Median (IQR)	70 (50-80)	40 (30-50)	60 (50-70)	60 (50-80)	65 (50-80)	70 (55-80)	70 (50-80)	60 (50-90)	60
PaO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub> ratio									
No.	781	2	26	58	213	306	169	7	0
Median (IQR)	160 (114-220)	259 (195-323)	201.5 (123-248)	168.5 (112-260)	163 (120-230)	152.5 (110-213)	163 (120-205)	150 (86-250)	NA
Prone position, No./total (%)	240/875 (27)	0/2	3/25 (12)	24/71 (34)	70/247 (28)	90/337 (27)	51/187 (27)	2/6 (33)	NA
ECMO, No./total (%)	5/498 (1)	NA	0/15	0/42	2/149 (1)	3/193 (2)	0/95	0/4	NA

Abbreviations: COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; ECMO, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation; FiO<sub>2</sub>, Fraction of inspired oxygen; ICU, intensive care unit; IQR, interquartile range; NA, not applicable; PaO<sub>2</sub>, arterial partial pressure of oxygen; PEEP, positive end-expiratory pressure.

<sup>a</sup> Cardiovascular disease includes cardiomyopathy and heart failure.

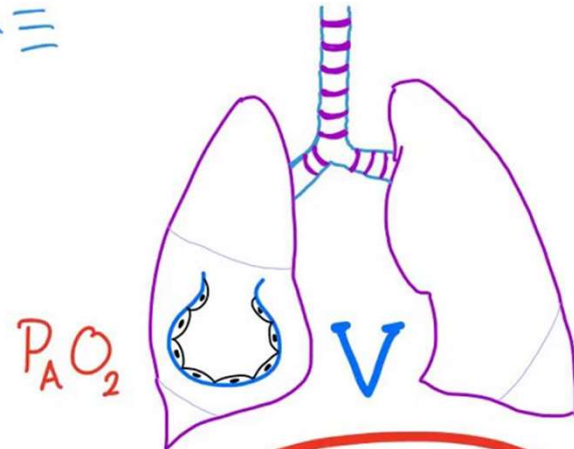
<sup>b</sup> Malignancy includes active neoplasia and neoplasia in remission.

<sup>c</sup> Other includes anemia, asthma, inflammatory bowel disease, epilepsy, chronic respiratory insufficiency, endocrine disorders, connective tissue diseases, neurologic disorders, chronic pancreatitis, immunocompromise, and organ transplant.

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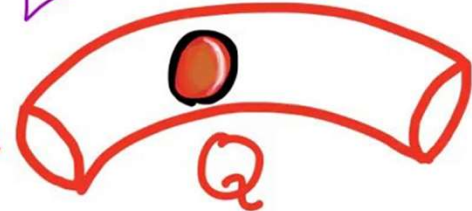
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$P_{a}O_2$



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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



“Intubation should be prioritized.”

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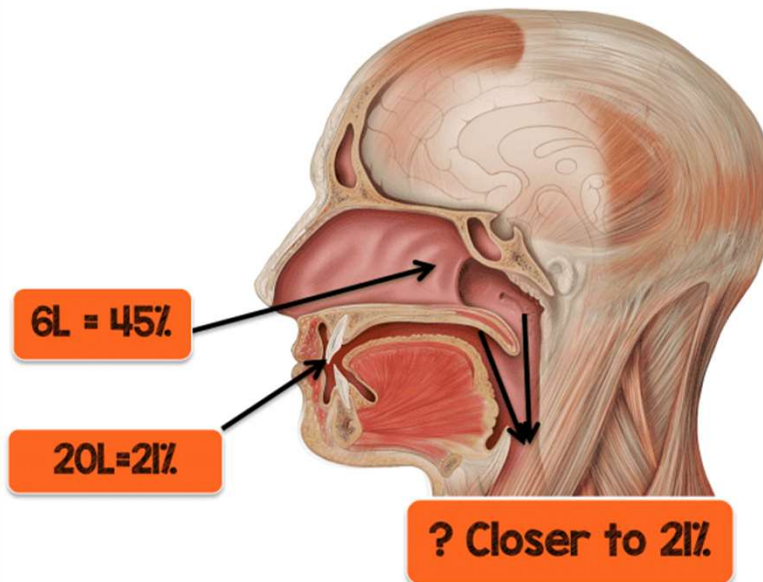
Nasal Cannula

High Flow NC

Non -rebreather

Optiflow/Airvo

## Oxygen Dilution



If there is a NC at 6 liter/min delivering 45%, but your patient is breathing 20 liter/min at room air (21%), then what %  $f_{iO_2}$  do you think is actually reaching the patients trachea? I don't actually know but definitely NOT 45% and likely closer to 21%. This phenomenon is known as oxygen dilution and will occur if you don't meet or exceed your patients inspiratory flow demands.

# Treatment for severe acute respiratory distress syndrome from COVID-19

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High-flow nasal oxygen	Might prevent or delay the need for intubation
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(figure).<sup>2</sup> Before endotracheal intubation, it is important to consider a trial of high-flow nasal oxygen for patients with moderately severe hypoxaemia. This procedure might avoid the need for intubation and mechanical ventilation because it provides high concentrations of humidified oxygen, low levels of positive end-expiratory pressure, and can facilitate the elimination of carbon dioxide.<sup>4</sup> WHO guidelines support the use of high-flow nasal oxygen in some patients, but they urge close monitoring for clinical deterioration that could result in the need for emergent intubations because

**Consensus statement: Safe Airway Society principles of airway management and tracheal intubation specific to the COVID-19 adult patient group**

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In general ICU patients, HFNO has been found to decrease the need for tracheal intubation in acute hypoxaemic respiratory failure compared to conventional oxygen therapy, without impacting mortality.(9) Its utility in viral pandemics is unknown. A small cohort study of Influenza A patients showed that treatment with HFNO avoided intubation in 45% of patients, although almost all patients with a higher severity of illness eventually received invasive ventilation. (10) Reports in the online media suggest that NIV and HFNO are being used extensively in the COVID-19 patient group. This is likely in patients with milder disease, though

# Assessment of the potential for pathogen dispersal during high-flow nasal therapy

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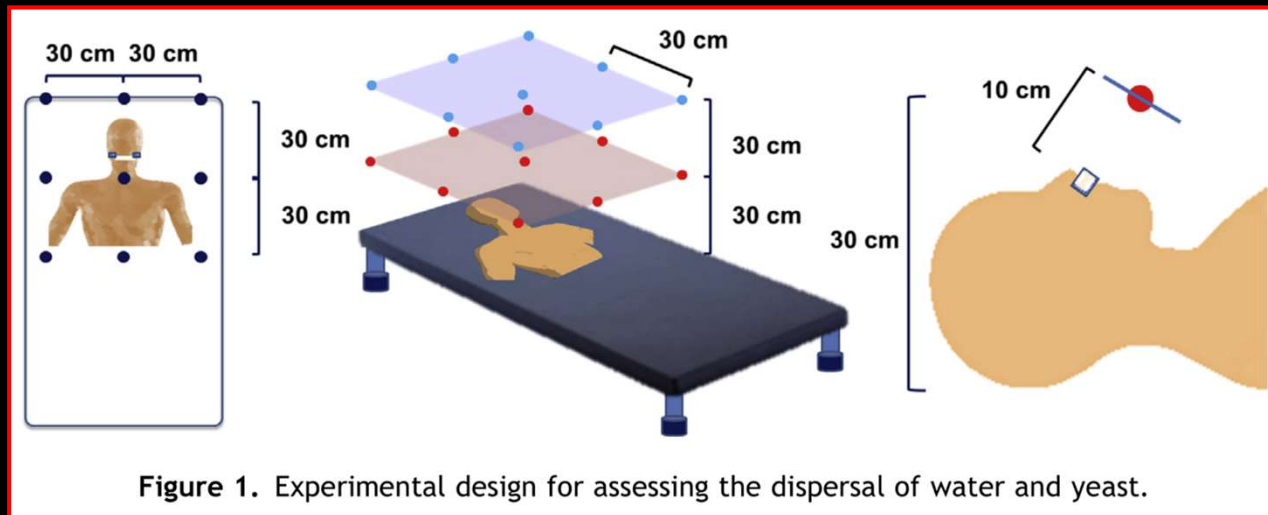


Figure 1. Experimental design for assessing the dispersal of water and yeast.

areas  $>60$  cm away from the face. These results suggest that use of high-flow nasal canula does not increase the risk of droplet infection because coughing or sneezing may generate droplets that can travel farther [6].



# TRANSMISSION ASSESSMENT REPORT:

## High Velocity Nasal Insufflation (HVNI) Therapy Application in Management of COVID-19

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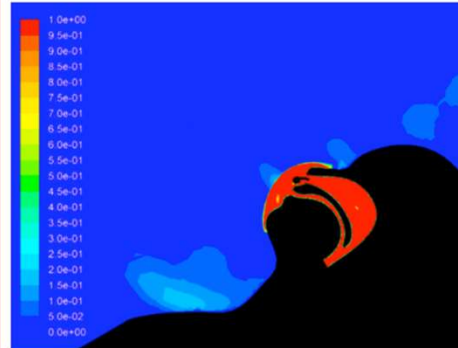


Figure 7. HVNI with Mask – velocity

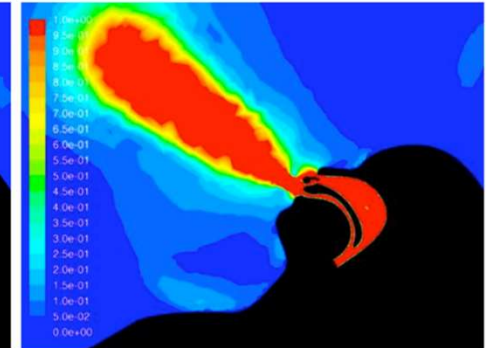


Figure 8. HVNI without Mask - velocity

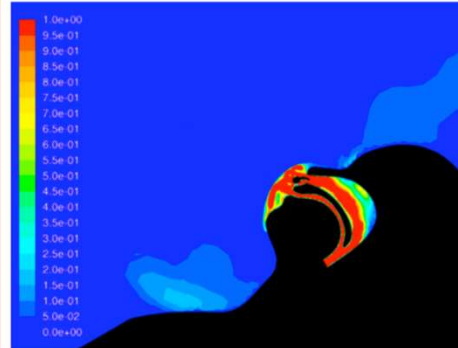


Figure 9. Low Flow Nasal Cannula with Mask – vel

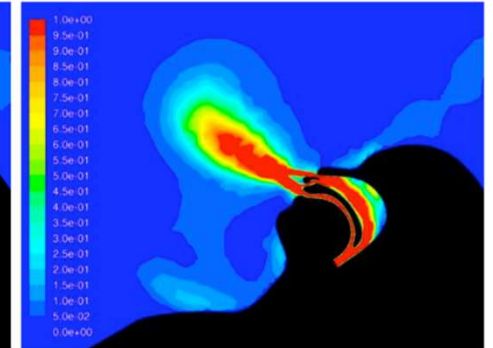


Figure 10. Low Flow Nasal Cannula w/o Mask - vel

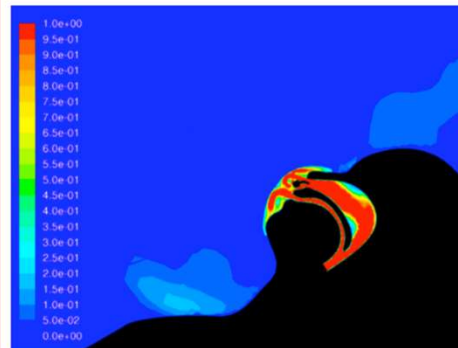


Figure 11. No Therapy with Mask - vel

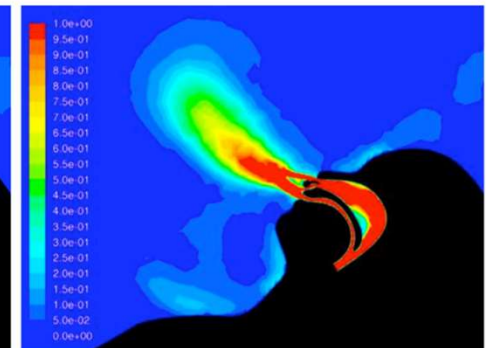


Figure 12. No Therapy without Mask - vel

## Repurposed Industrial Respirator Could Free Ventilators for COVID-19 Patients

*Researchers from the University of Michigan have developed a helmet solution to provide support for COVID-19 patients, protect health care workers and safeguard hospital systems.*



They worked for weeks, creating prototypes out of a store bought vacuum cleaner motor and various different helmets. The device they landed on utilizes existing industrial products to create a personal negative pressure environment wherever the patient is located, and it maintains that environment even if the patient requires movement, such as imaging, testing, use of the restroom or transport.

## Patient self-proning with high-flow nasal cannula improves oxygenation in COVID-19 pneumonia

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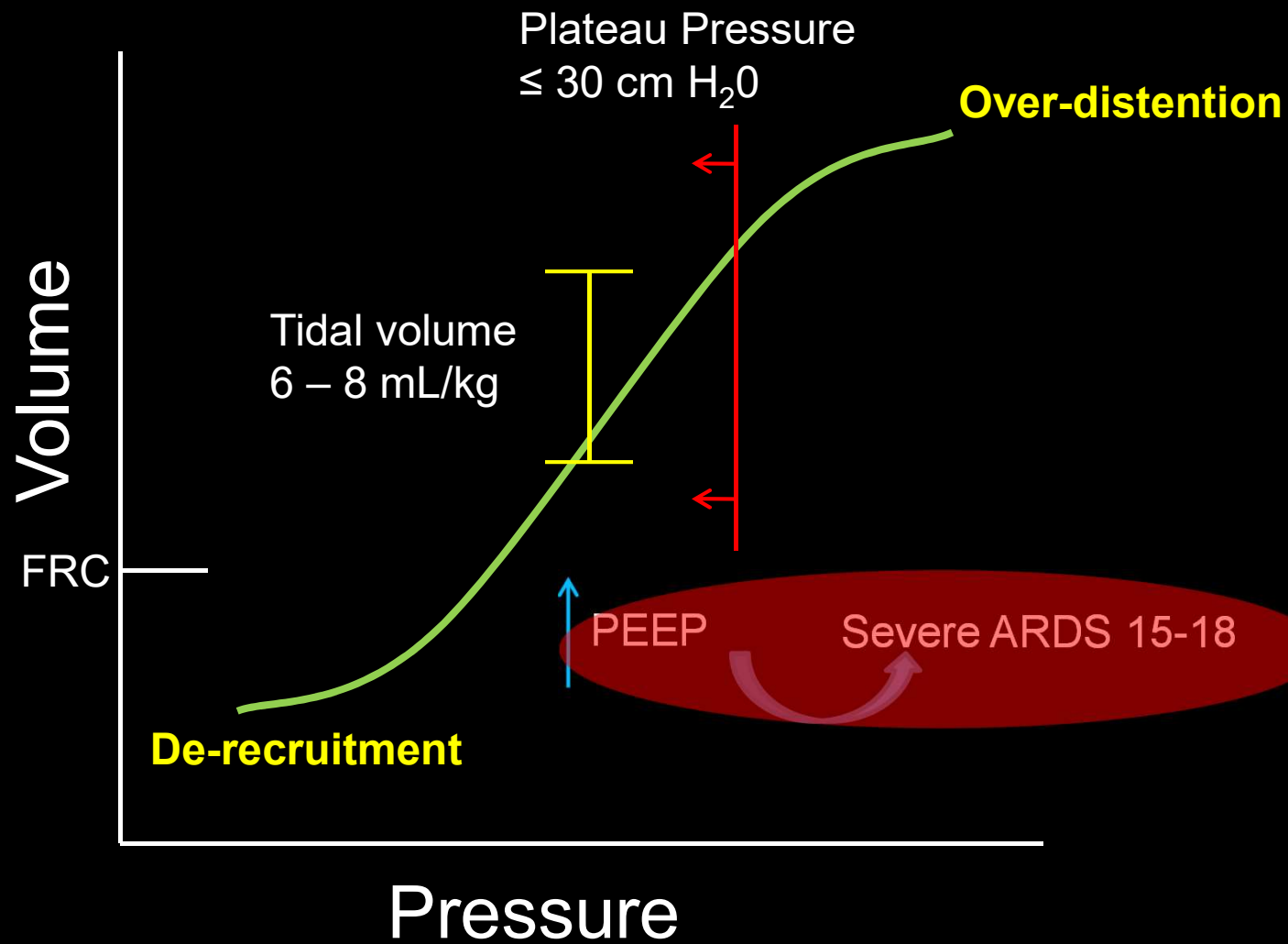
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# Recommendation...



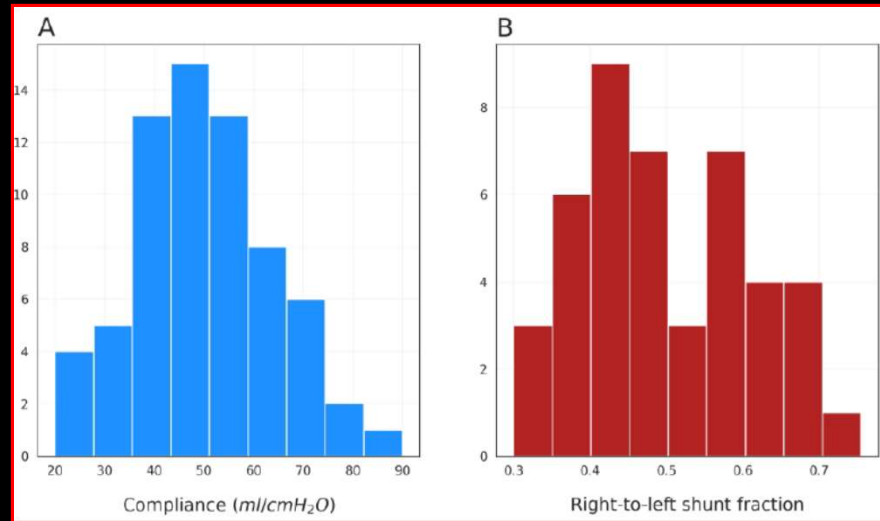
## **Question 2**

**Post-intubation, what are some important mechanical ventilation issues as they pertain to COVID-19 and ARDS?**

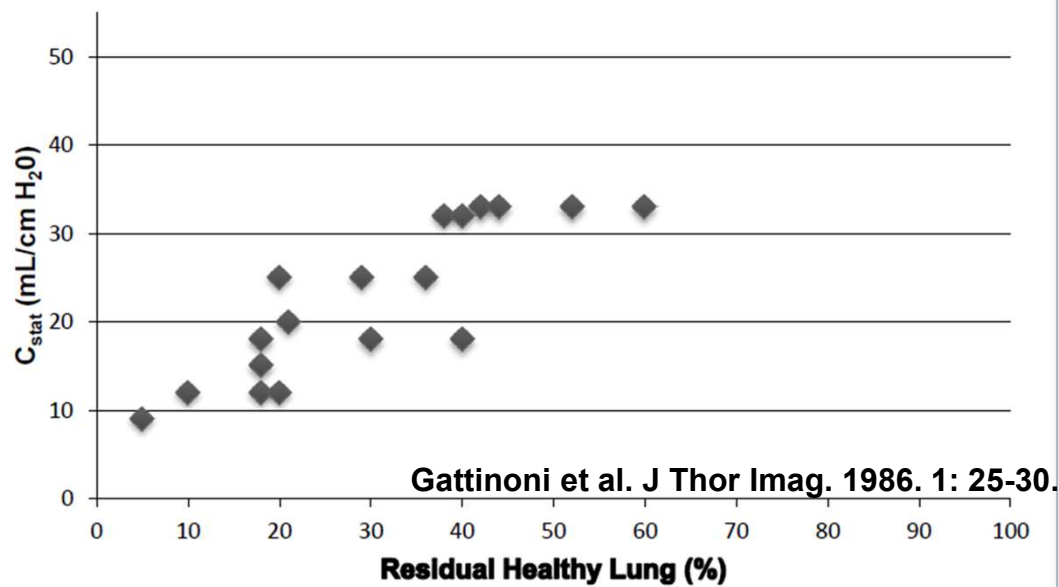


Crs 50.2 (14.3) mL/cm H<sub>2</sub>O

Shunt fraction 0.50 (0.11)

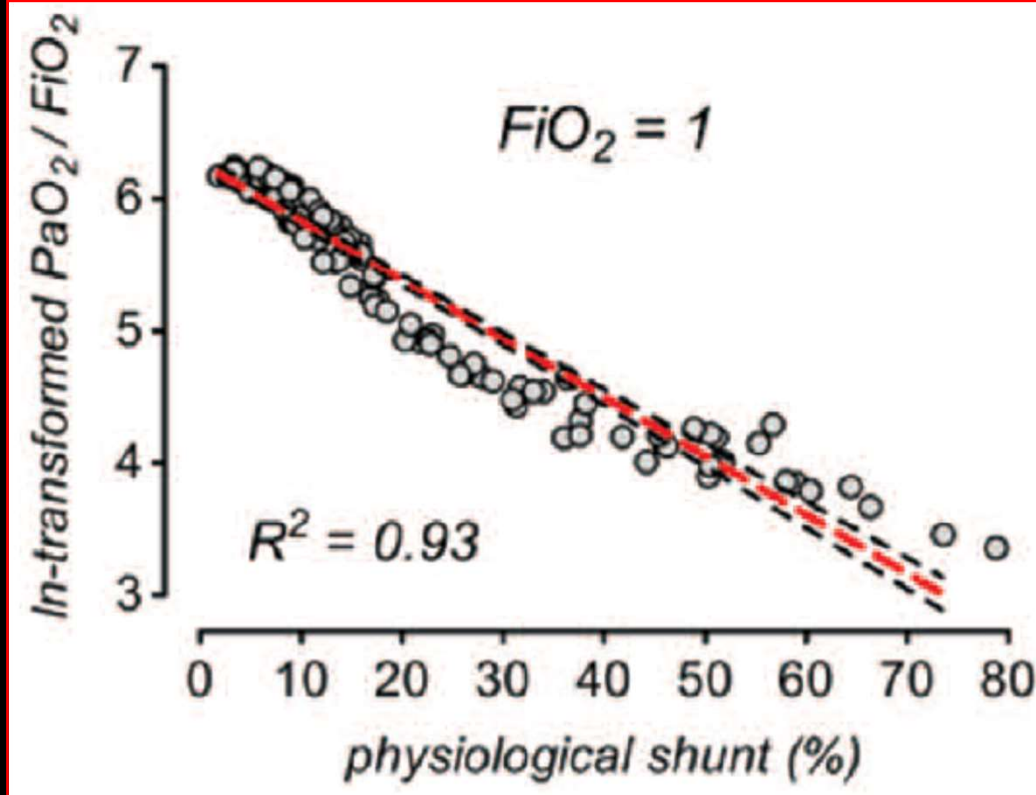


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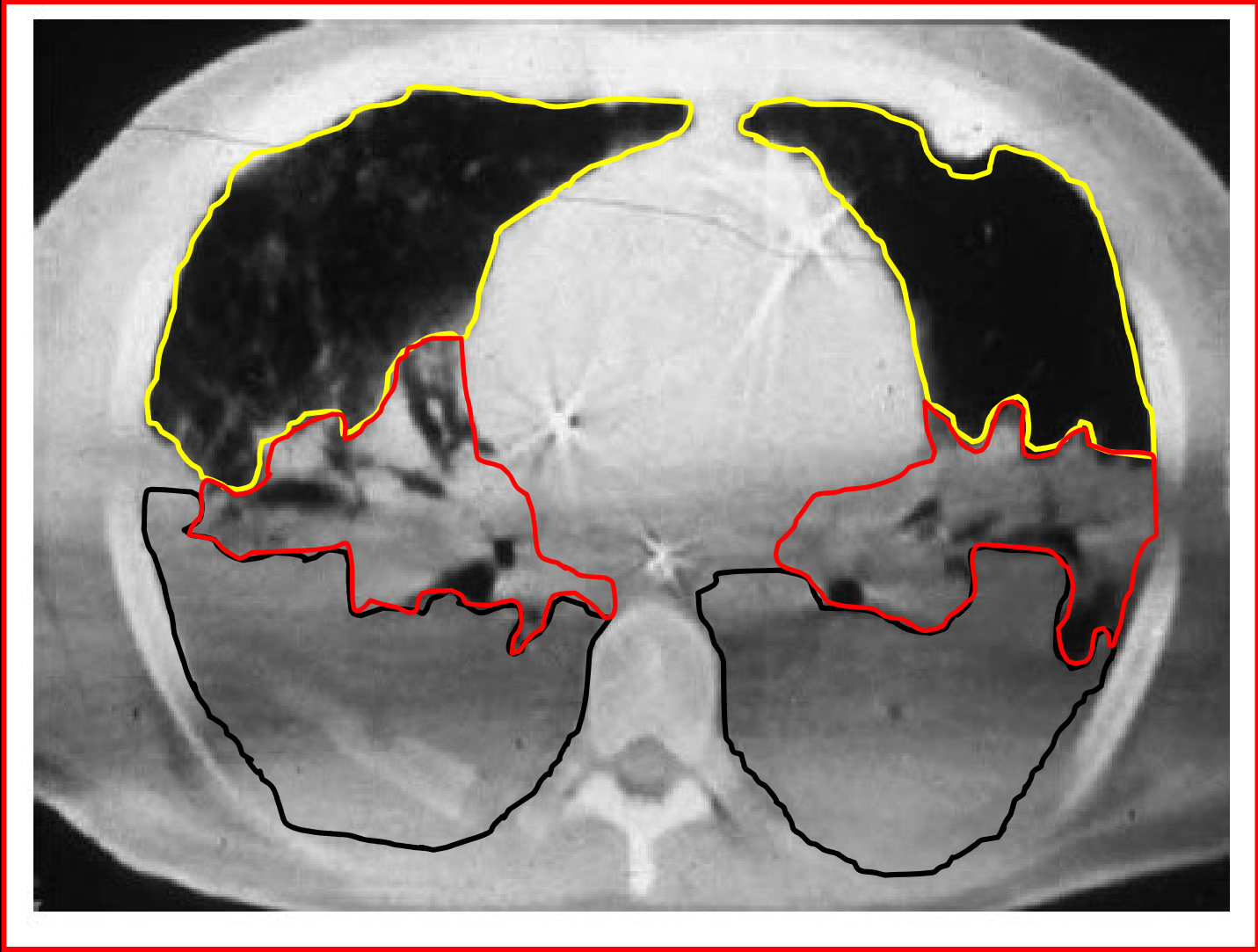
## Bedside Estimation of Nonaerated Lung Tissue Using Blood Gas Analysis\*

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**TABLE 3. Look-up Table for Prediction of CT Shunt From PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub> Values**

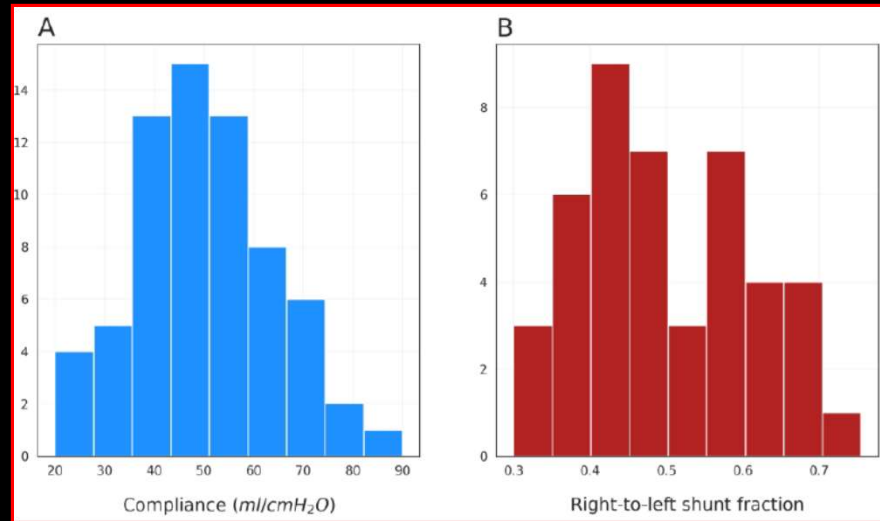
PaO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub>	Predicted CT Shunt (%)	75% Prediction Interval (%)
40	62.1	46.5–75.5
50	60.3	44.7–74.1
60	58.5	42.9–72.6
70	56.7	41.2–71.1
80	54.9	39.4–69.6
90	53.1	37.7–68.0
100	51.3	36.0–66.3
120	47.6	32.7–62.9
140	44.0	29.6–59.4
160	40.4	26.6–55.8
180	36.9	23.9–52.1
200	33.5	21.3–48.4
220	30.3	19.0–44.8
240	27.3	16.8–41.2
260	24.5	14.9–37.6
280	21.9	13.1–34.3
300	19.5	11.5–31.0
320	17.3	10.1–28.0
340	15.3	8.9–25.1
360	13.5	7.7–22.4
380	11.9	6.7–20.0
400	10.4	5.9–17.7
420	9.1	5.1–15.7
440	8.0	4.4–13.9
460	6.9	3.9–12.2
480	6.1	3.3–10.7
500	5.3	2.9–9.4
520	4.6	2.5–8.2
540	4.0	2.2–7.2
560	3.5	1.9–6.3
580	3.0	1.6–5.5
600	2.6	1.4–4.8



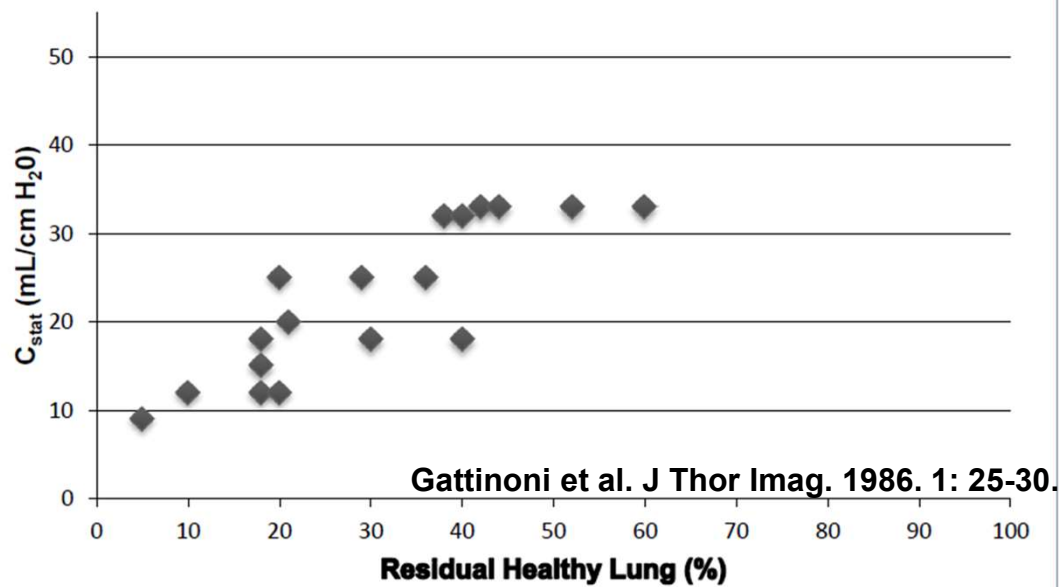


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$\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2$   
95 mmHg



$\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2$   
84 mmHg

Infection severity, host response & reserve, time elapsed, P-SILI, management decisions, bacterial infx

### COVID 19 Pneumonia, Type L

Low elastance (high compliance)

Loss of vasoregulation  
(dysregulated HPV)

Low lung weight

Low lung recruitability

### COVID 19 Pneumonia, Type H

High elastance (low compliance)

High right-to-left shunt

High lung weight

High lung recruitability



$\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2$   
95 mmHg

>50% Northern Italy

COVID 19 Pneumonia, Type L

If needed ( $\text{PaCO}_2$ , synchrony), can use  
 $\text{Vt} > 6 \text{ mL/kg PBW}$

Monitor synchrony and work of  
breathing very closely

Lower PEEP to avoid overdistention

Inhaled pulmonary vasodilators



$\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2$   
84 mmHg

20-30% Northern Italy

COVID 19 Pneumonia, Type H

Standard severe ARDS approach to tidal  
volume, higher PEEP, prone position, etc.

Circuit Type: A&A  
 Humidification Type: HME  
 04:14 13-Apr-2020  
 C<sub>STAT</sub> 44 cmH<sub>2</sub>O (Incomplete exhalation)  
 R<sub>STAT</sub> ---  
 P<sub>PL</sub> 13

P<sub>CIRC</sub> (cmH<sub>2</sub>O)  
 V (mL)

A/C: f 24 1/min, V<sub>I</sub> 470 mL, V<sub>MAX</sub> 60 1/min  
 V-TRIG: V<sub>SENS</sub> 3.0 1/min, O<sub>2</sub> 40%  
 T<sub>PL</sub> 0.0 s, RAMP, PEEP 5.0 cmH<sub>2</sub>O

75 kg  
 VENT, APNEA, ALARM  
 To make a selection, touch a button.

100% O<sub>2</sub> / CAL 2 min, MANUAL INSP, EXP PAUSE, INSP PAUSE

C P<sub>PEAK</sub> 31 cmH<sub>2</sub>O, V<sub>TE</sub> 427 mL, f<sub>TOT</sub> 20 1/min, I:E 1:1.7, P<sub>MEAN</sub> 18 cmH<sub>2</sub>O, V<sub>E</sub> TOT 8.55 L/min, V<sub>TE</sub> MAND 427 mL, P<sub>I</sub> END 30 cmH<sub>2</sub>O

**Inspiratory Pause Maneuver**

P<sub>CIRC</sub> (cmH<sub>2</sub>O)

Date Time, P<sub>PL</sub> (cmH<sub>2</sub>O), C<sub>STAT</sub> (mL/cmH<sub>2</sub>O), R<sub>STAT</sub> (cmH<sub>2</sub>O/L/s)

03:07am 13-Apr-2020	28 (24)	--
03:03am 12-Apr-2020	26 (28)	--
02:44am 12-Apr-2020	25 (29)	--
02:43am 12-Apr-2020	25 (28)	--

Reject, Accept, Close

Adult, f 20 1/min, V<sub>T</sub> 420 mL, V<sub>MAX</sub> 42 L/min, V<sub>SENS</sub> 2.0 L/min, O<sub>2</sub> 60%, PEEP 10.0 cmH<sub>2</sub>O, T<sub>PL</sub> 0.0 s, Ramp

Manual Insp V<sub>I</sub> 420 mL

03:08:3

INSP PAUSE