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MECHANICAL VENTILATION MANAGEMENT OF ARDS

Intensive Care Unit

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Objectives

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Definition of ARDS

2

Ventilatory management of ARDS

3

Non-ventilatory management of ARDS

Respiratory distress syndrome RDS includes

- Severe Dyspnea, Tachypnea, Hypoxemia which is refractory to oxygen therapy with
- Stiff, low compliance lungs and diffuse alveolar infiltration seen on chest x-ray

Does this patient have ARDS?

Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

The Berlin Definition

Table 3. The Berlin Definition of Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome	
Timing	Within 1 week of a known clinical insult or new or worsening respiratory symptoms
Chest imaging ^a	Bilateral opacities — not fully explained by effusions, lobar/lung collapse, or nodules
Origin of edema	Respiratory failure not fully explained by cardiac failure or fluid overload Need objective assessment (eg, echocardiography) to exclude hydrostatic edema if no risk factor present
Oxygenation ^b	
Mild	200 mm Hg < PaO ₂ /Fio ₂ ≤ 300 mm Hg with PEEP or CPAP ≥5 cm H ₂ O ^c
Moderate	100 mm Hg < PaO ₂ /Fio ₂ ≤ 200 mm Hg with PEEP ≥5 cm H ₂ O
Severe	PaO ₂ /Fio ₂ ≤ 100 mm Hg with PEEP ≥5 cm H ₂ O

Diagnostic Criteria for the New Global Definition of ARDS

Criteria That Apply to Specific ARDS Categories			
	Nonintubated ARDS [†]	Intubated ARDS	Modified Definition for Resource-Limited Settings [‡]
Oxygenation [§]	$\text{Pa}_{\text{O}_2}:\text{F}_{\text{I}_{\text{O}_2}} \leq 300$ mm Hg or $\text{Sp}_{\text{O}_2}:\text{F}_{\text{I}_{\text{O}_2}} \leq 315$ (if $\text{Sp}_{\text{O}_2} \leq 97\%$) on HFNO with flow of ≥ 30 L/min or NIV/CPAP with at least 5 cm H ₂ O end-expiratory pressure	Mild [¶] : $200 < \text{Pa}_{\text{O}_2}:\text{F}_{\text{I}_{\text{O}_2}} \leq 300$ mm Hg or $235 < \text{Sp}_{\text{O}_2}:\text{F}_{\text{I}_{\text{O}_2}} \leq 315$ (if $\text{Sp}_{\text{O}_2} \leq 97\%$) Moderate: $100 < \text{Pa}_{\text{O}_2}:\text{F}_{\text{I}_{\text{O}_2}} \leq 200$ mm Hg or $148 < \text{Sp}_{\text{O}_2}:\text{F}_{\text{I}_{\text{O}_2}} \leq 235$ (if $\text{Sp}_{\text{O}_2} \leq 97\%$) Severe: $\text{Pa}_{\text{O}_2}:\text{F}_{\text{I}_{\text{O}_2}} \leq 100$ mm Hg or $\text{Sp}_{\text{O}_2}:\text{F}_{\text{I}_{\text{O}_2}} \leq 148$ (if $\text{Sp}_{\text{O}_2} \leq 97\%$)	$\text{Sp}_{\text{O}_2}:\text{F}_{\text{I}_{\text{O}_2}} \leq 315$ (if $\text{Sp}_{\text{O}_2} \leq 97\%$) [†] . Neither positive end-expiratory pressure nor a minimum flow rate of oxygen is required for diagnosis in resource-limited settings.
Criteria That Apply to All ARDS Categories			
Risk factors and origin of edema	Precipitated by an acute predisposing risk factor, such as pneumonia, nonpulmonary infection, trauma, transfusion, aspiration, or shock. Pulmonary edema is not <i>exclusively or primarily</i> attributable to cardiogenic pulmonary edema/fluid overload, and hypoxemia/gas exchange abnormalities are not primarily attributable to atelectasis. However, ARDS can be diagnosed in the presence of these conditions if a predisposing risk factor for ARDS is also present.		
Timing	Acute onset or worsening of hypoxemic respiratory failure within 1 week of the estimated onset of the predisposing risk factor or new or worsening respiratory symptoms.		
Chest imaging	Bilateral opacities on chest radiography and computed tomography or bilateral B lines and/or consolidations on ultrasound* not fully explained by effusions, atelectasis, or nodules/masses.		

Table 2. Summary of Key Differences between the New Global Definition of ARDS and the Berlin Definition Together with the Rationale for Updating Specific Diagnostic Criteria

Berlin Definition	Rationale for Updating Criteria	How This is Addressed in the Global Definition
Acute onset within 1 week of known insult or new or worsening respiratory symptoms	Onset may be more indolent for some insults, such as COVID-19	The inclusion of patients with HFNO will capture patients with more indolent courses, and therefore the timing criterion has not been changed
Bilateral opacities on chest radiography or computed tomography not fully explained by effusions, lobar/lung collapse, or nodules	Chest radiography and computed tomography not available in some clinical settings	Ultrasound can be used to identify bilateral loss of lung aeration (multiple B lines and/or consolidations) as long as operator is well trained in the use of ultrasound
Three severity categories defined by $Pa_{O_2}:F_{I_{O_2}}$	Pulse oximetric measurement of $Sp_{O_2}:F_{I_{O_2}}$ is widely used and validated as a surrogate for $Pa_{O_2}:F_{I_{O_2}}$	$Sp_{O_2}:F_{I_{O_2}}$ can be used for diagnosis and assessment of severity if Sp_{O_2} is $\leq 97\%$
Requirement for invasive or noninvasive mechanical ventilation such that $PEEP \geq 5$ cm H_2O is required for all categories of oxygenation severity except mild, which can also be met with CPAP ≥ 5 cm H_2O	HFNO increasingly being used in patients with severe hypoxemia who otherwise meet ARDS criteria Invasive and noninvasive mechanical ventilation not available in resource-limited settings	New category of nonintubated ARDS created for patients on HFNO at ≥ 30 L/min who otherwise meet ARDS criteria Modified definition of ARDS for resource-limited settings does not require $Pa_{O_2}:F_{I_{O_2}}$, PEEP, or HFNO

Definition of abbreviations: ARDS = acute respiratory distress syndrome; COVID-19 = coronavirus disease; CPAP = continuous positive airway pressure; HFNO = high-flow nasal oxygen; PEEP = positive end-expiratory pressure; Sp_{O_2} = oxygen saturation as measured by pulse oximetry

The Berlin Definition

Increasing Intensity of Intervention

ECMO
Inhaled NO
HFOV

Prone Positioning

Lower Tidal Volume/Pplat+ECCO₂R

Neuromuscular Blockade

Higher PEEP

Low-Moderate PEEP

Low Tidal Volume Ventilation

Mild ARDS Moderate ARDS Severe ARDS

300

250

200

150

100

50

0

Murray score (lung injury scoring LIS)define severity of ARDS

Indication of ECMO(>3)

	0	1	2	3	4
Pao2/Fio2 100% oxygen	>300	225-299	175-224	100-174	<100
CXR	normal	one point for Each <u>qauadrent</u>	one point for Each <u>qauadrent</u>	one point for Each <u>qauadrent</u>	one point for Each <u>qauadrent</u>
PEEP	<5	6-8	9-11	12-14	>15
compliance	>80	60-79	40-59	20-39	<19

Leaking of protien
rich plasma out of
cap

Inflammation
of alveolar
capillary
membran

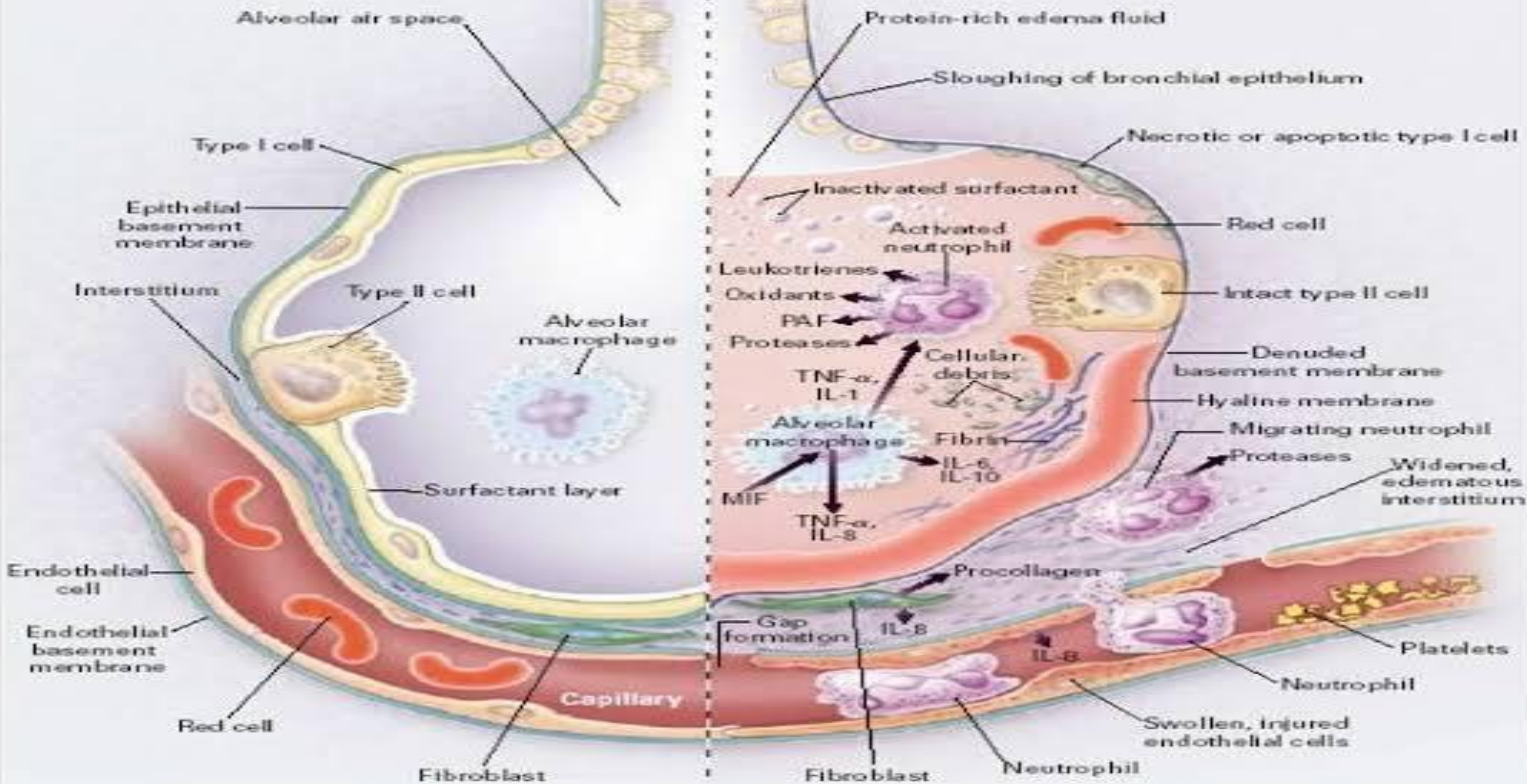
Incomplete filling
of alveoli with
edema, cell debris

Increase
permeability
of tissue

Collapsed alveoli
V/Q mismatch dead space
increases

Normal Alveolus

Injured Alveolus during the Acute Phase





Polytrauma with lung contusion

Polytrauma patient

Weight: 70 kg
Height: 170 cm

Chest trauma
Lung contusion

Oxygen mask
15 Liter/min

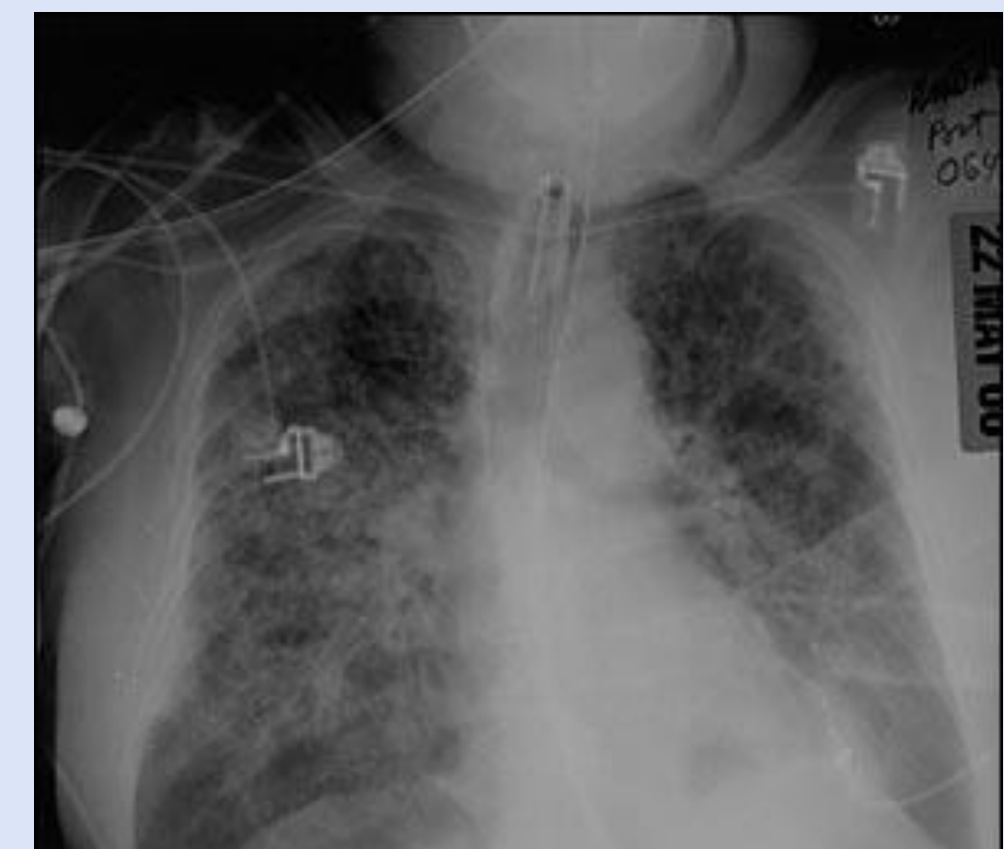
Respiratory rate
35 b/min

SpO₂ 89%

Bilateral lung
infiltrate

Echocardiography is
normal

pH	7.4
pCO ₂	34 mmHg
pO ₂	61 mmHg
Na	135 mmol/l
HCO ₃	14 mmol/L
FiO ₂	0.6



Does this patient have ARDS?

Do you propose non-invasive ventilation
for this patient?

Patient meets the definition
of ARDS

Mild ARDS
P/F 200-300

Moderate ARDS
P/F 100-200

severe ARDS
P/F ≤ 100

Is the patient receiving
non-invasive ventilation

No

Yes

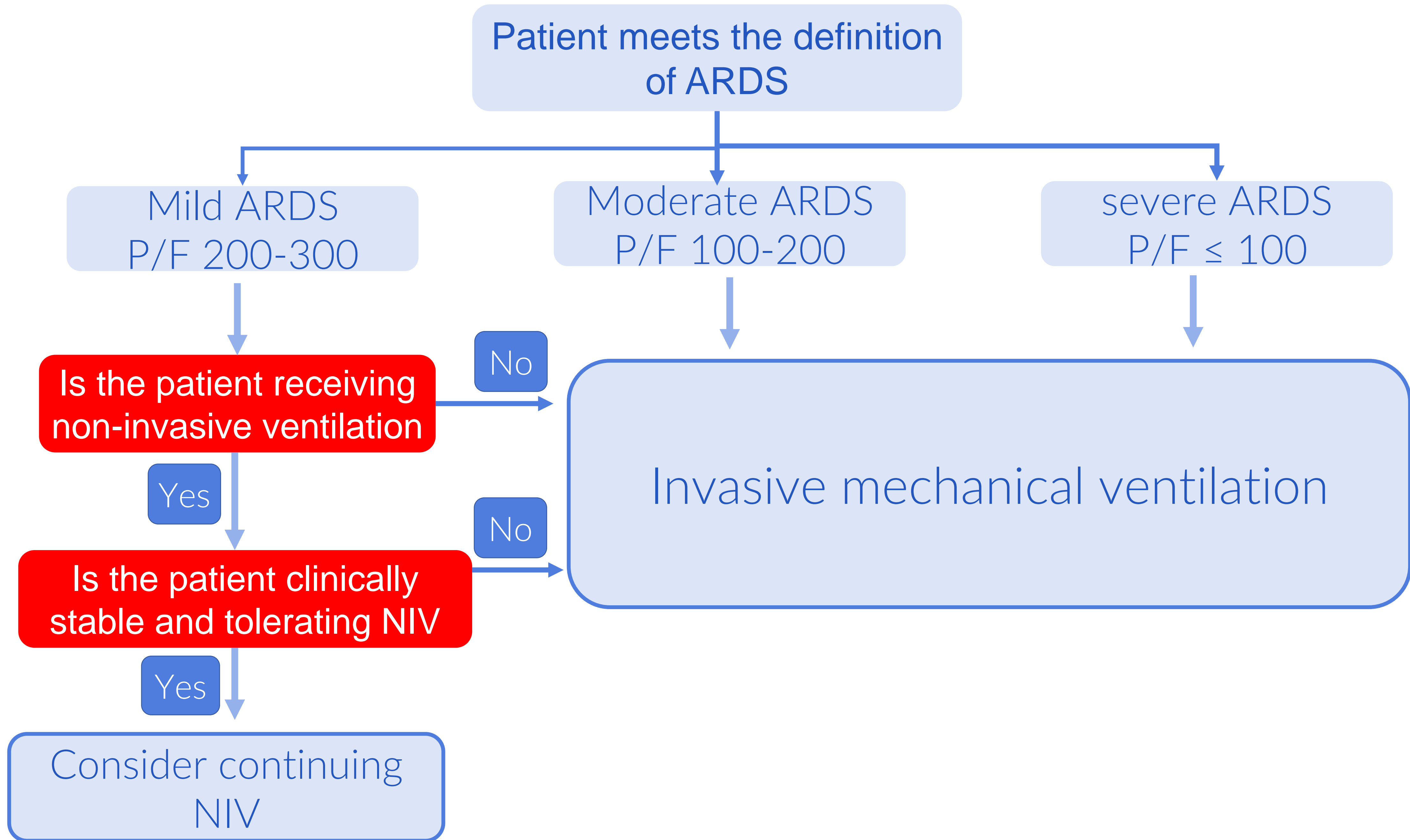
Is the patient clinically
stable and tolerating NIV

No

Yes

Consider continuing
NIV

Invasive mechanical ventilation





P/F is 101

Moderate to severe ARDS

Invasive ventilation

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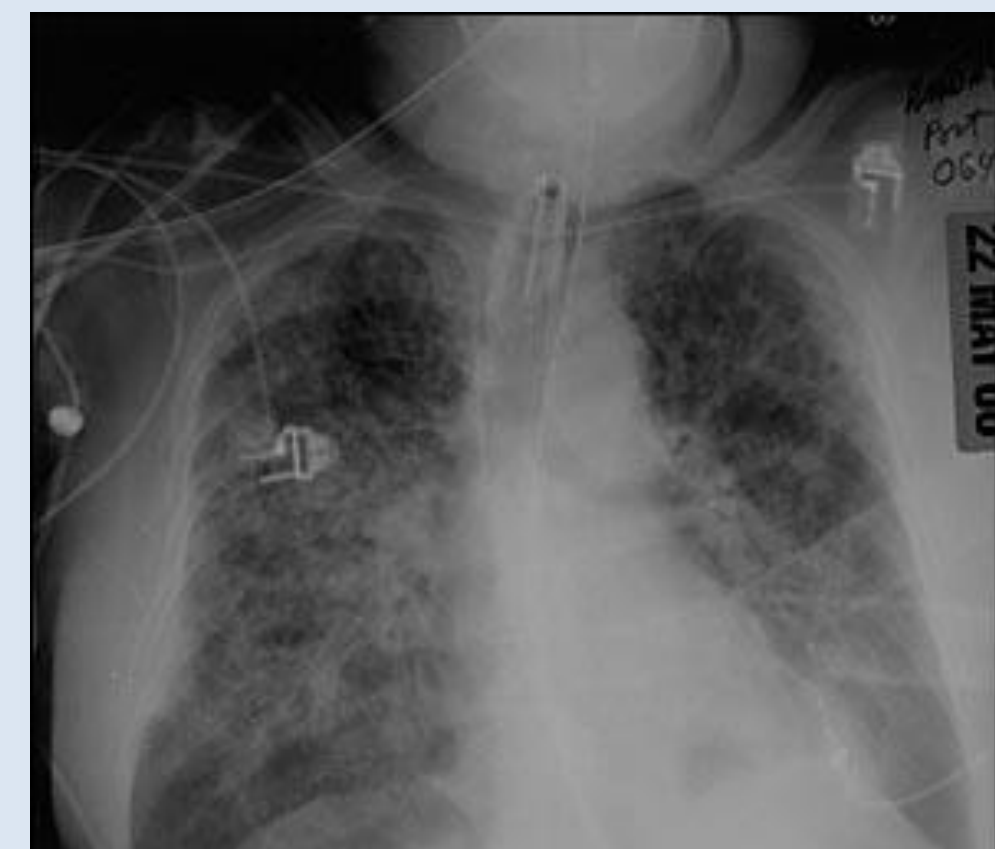
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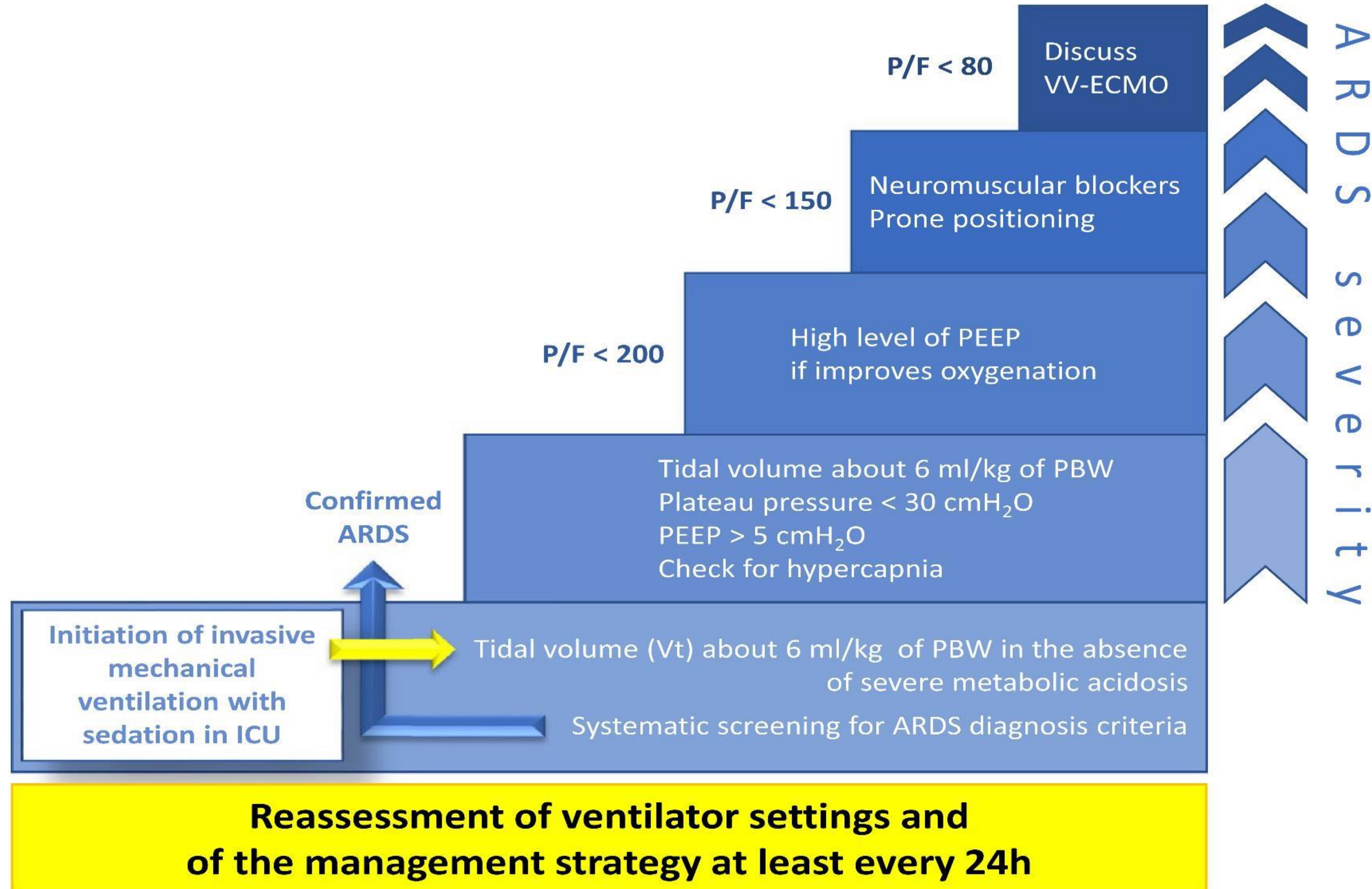
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How can we manage patient with ARDS?

Early management of ARDS in 2019



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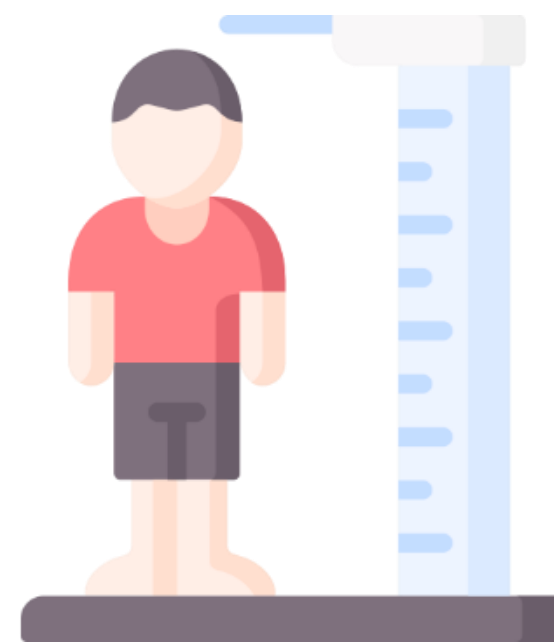
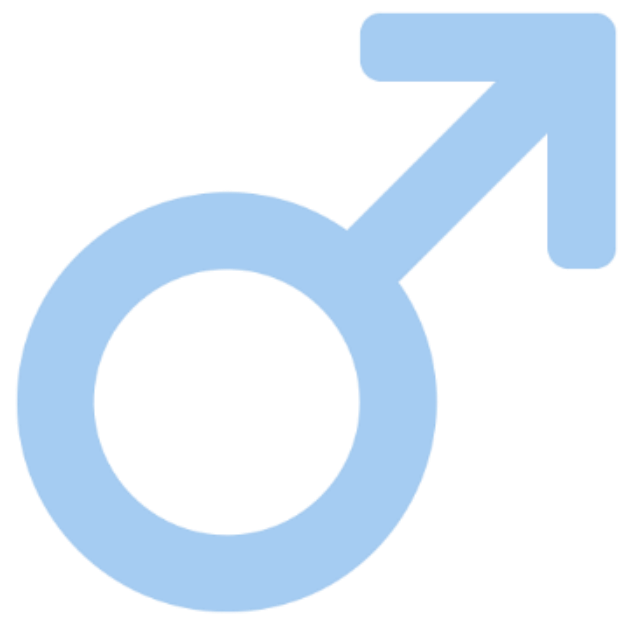
- HFOV

How to ventilate this patient?

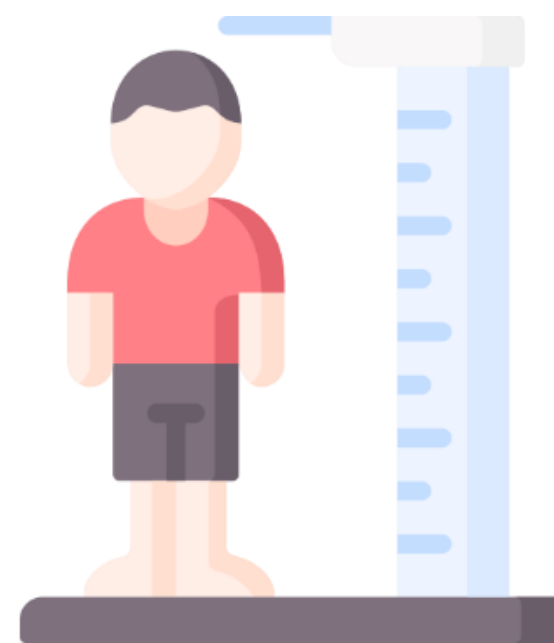
Mechanical ventilation protocol of patients with ARDS

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Calculate the predicted body weight



— 100



— 105

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Calculate
ideal body
weight

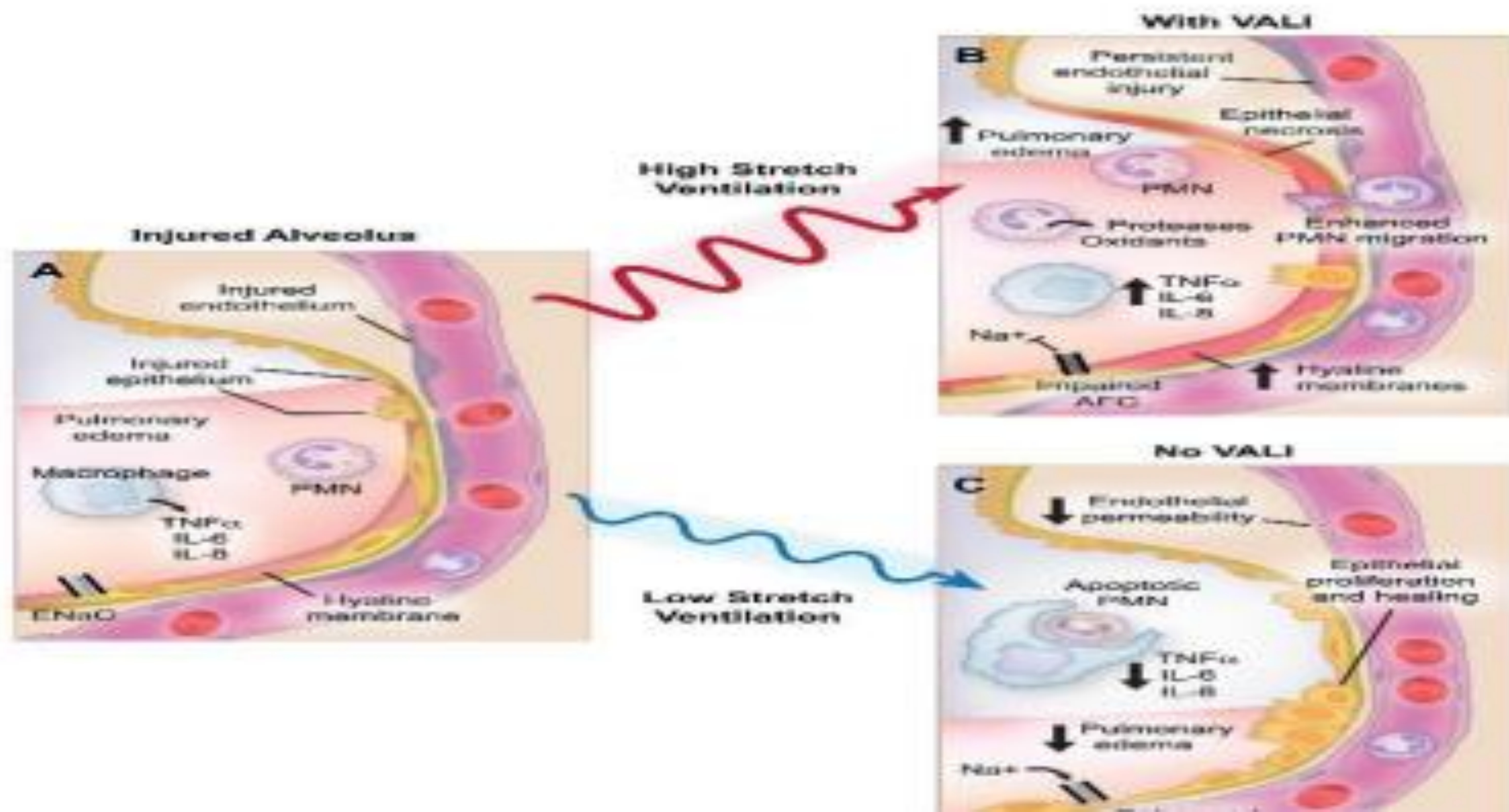
Male				
Height(cm)	PBW	8 ml/kg	6 ml/kg	4 ml/kg
140	39	312	234	156
145	44	352	264	176
150	48	384	288	192
155	53	424	318	212
160	57	456	342	228
165	62	496	372	248
170	67	536	402	268
175	71	568	426	284
180	76	608	456	304
185	80	640	480	320
190	85	680	510	340
195	89	712	534	356
200	94	752	564	376
205	98	784	588	392

Female				
Height(cm)	PBW	8 ml/kg	6 ml/kg	4 ml/kg
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145	39	312	234	156
150	44	352	264	176
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Lung protective strategy

Low TV, High PEEP,
Pressure Plateau not
exceeding 30 mmHg

Lung Protective Ventilation Reduced Lung Endothelial and Epithelial Injury



- Fluid distribution, accumulation and lung collapse appeared to be influenced by GRAVITY i.e., dependent zones zone 3
- To set **VT** at 10 to 15 mL/kg for ventilated patients with ARDS, these large volumes primarily entered the normally aerated tissue in the independent regions. Thus, a relatively small area of the lungs received most of the volume causing **overdistention** and injury to the alveoli in the independent lung regions. As a result, **lung compliance appeared to be low.**
- It is important to note that this is one rationale for using pressure-controlled ventilation in patients with ARDS because it limits the amount of pressure and distention to all lung regions.



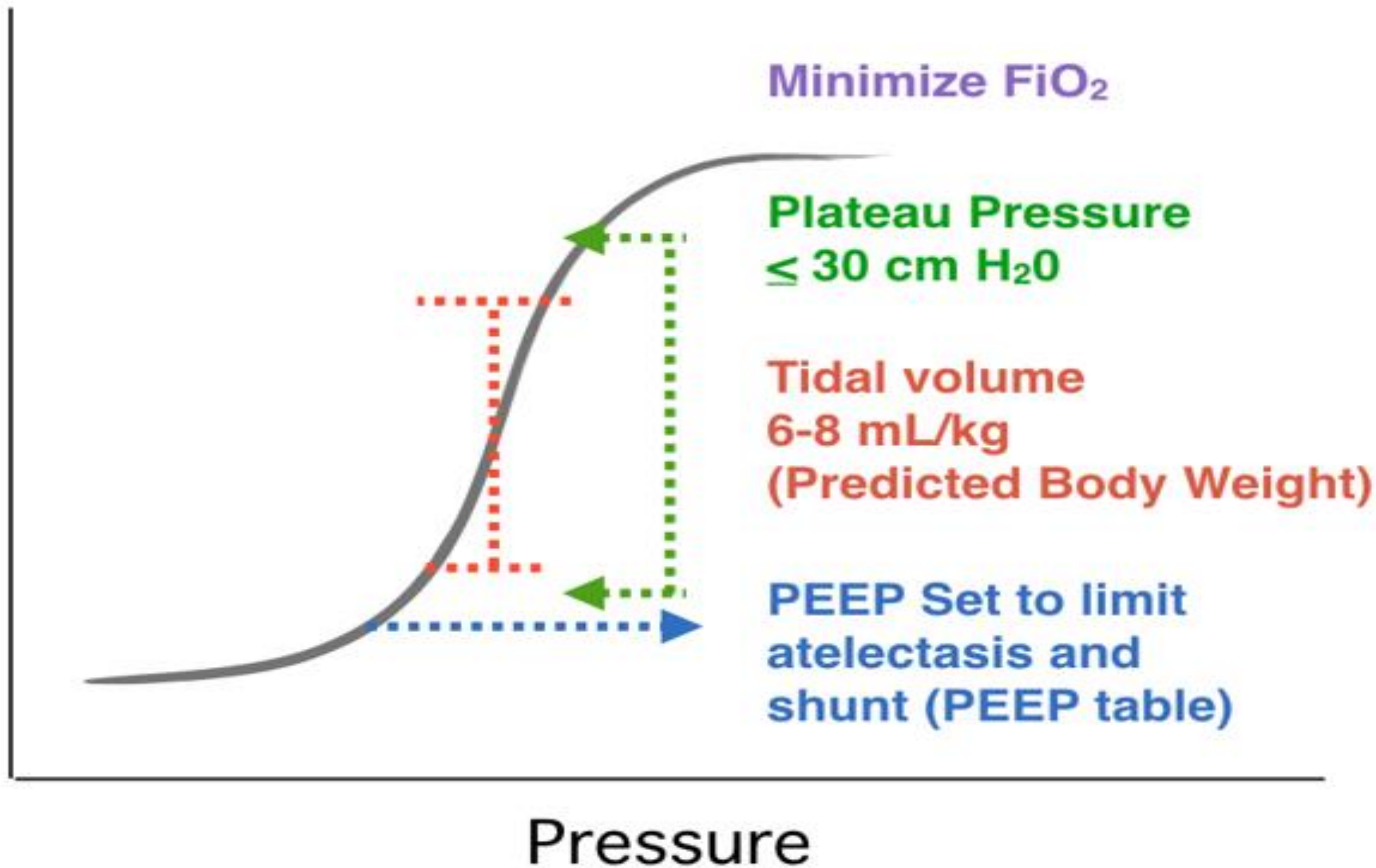
Several basic points should be kept in mind when managing ventilated patients with ARDS using a lung protective strategy:

1. Use of low VT in ARDS (4 to 6 mL/kg) has been shown to be effective. Clinical studies have confirmed that the use of high VT can be harmful in ARDS. Use of low VT should be accompanied by the use of a PEEP level to avoid alveolar Collapse
2. PEEP has a protective effect against lung damage, and it helps to keep the lung open. Maintaining a minimum end expiratory volume with PEEP helps avoid the widespread alveolar edema, bronchial damage, and shear stress between alveoli that can occur when lung units are repeatedly opened and closed at low lung volume



- **3.** As PEEP is increased, PaO₂ increase. PaO₂ increases because of recruitment of lung tissue in alveoli open in a perfused area (i.e., shunt fraction is reduced). VA increases and PaCO₂ decreases. When Paw increases, cardiac output usually decreases. In addition, blood can be shifted from one area of the lung to another if alveoli become over distended. Thus, ventilation can be directed to non perfused areas improve shunting
- 4.** PEEP should be applied early (during first 7-10 days after diagnosis of ARDS)
- The level of applied PEEP should be set 3 to 4 cm H₂O above the upper inflection point of the of the P-V curve to help maintain an open lung. This may require a PEEP of 15 cm H₂O or greater

Volume



Pressure

Mechanical ventilation protocol of patients with ARDS

1

Calculate the predicted body weight

2

Start with assisted controlled volume

Initial setting

- Tidal volume 6 ml/kg
- Ti:0.8-1.2
- PEEP 5 cmH₂O
- RR: 20-30 /min

Target

- SpO₂ 88-94%
- PaO₂ 55-80 mmHg
- PaCo₂ < 45 mmHg
- Plateau ≤ 30 cmH₂O

Mechanical ventilation protocol of patients with ARDS

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Calculate the predicted body weight

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Start with assisted controlled volume

3

PEEP adjustment

PEEP adjustment

PaO₂/FiO₂ table

Highest compliance
approach

Open lung approach
"Recruitment"

FiO ₂	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1
PEEP	5	5 – 8	8-10	10	10-14	14	14-18	18-24

PEEP adjustment by titration

Set PEEP at 5
cmH₂O

Increase PEEP
to 8 cmH₂O

Increase PEEP
to 10 cmH₂O



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Is there any increase
in compliance
oxygenation?

Yes

Go to next
PEEP level

No

No further
PEEP increase

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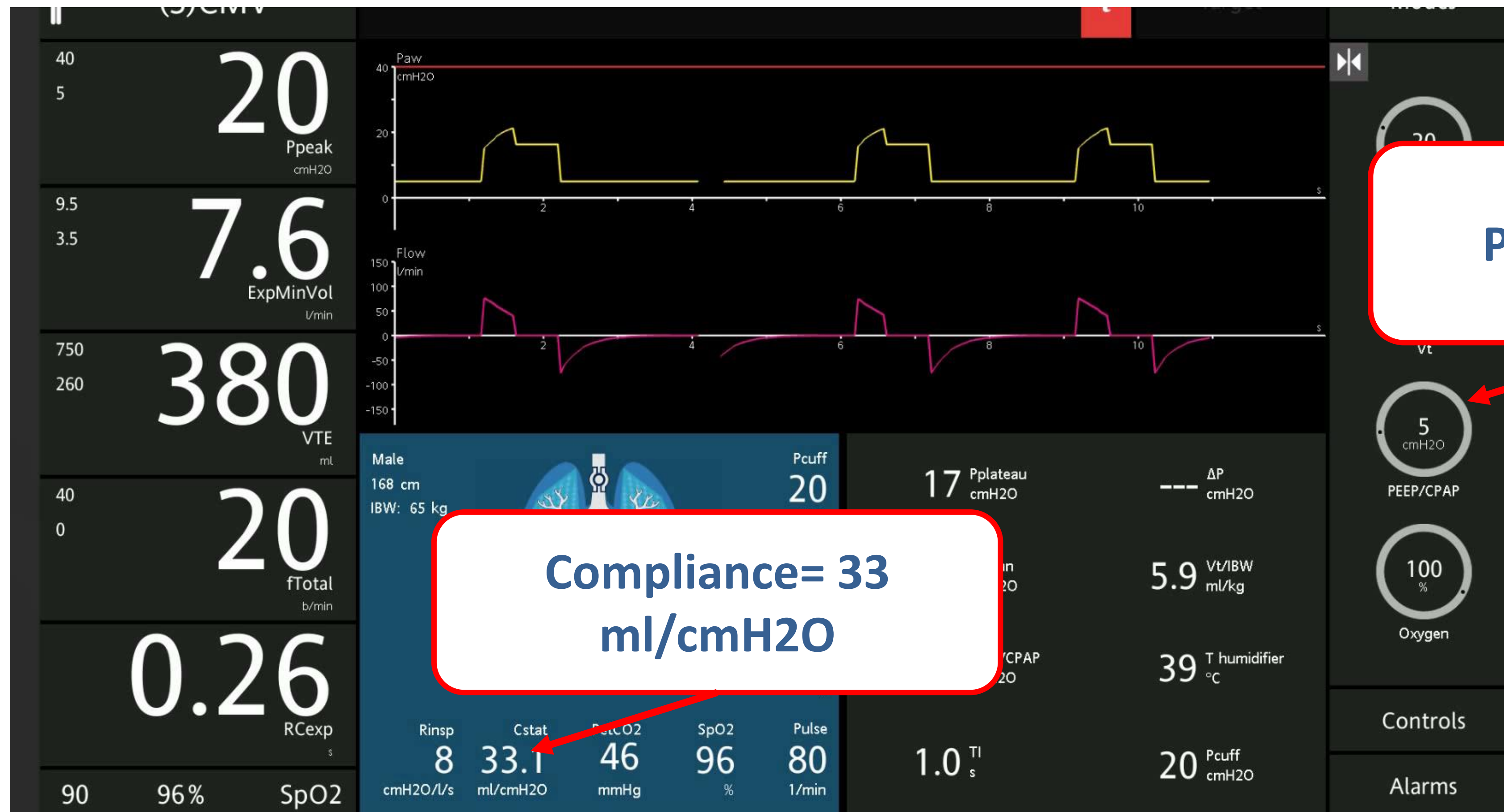
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No

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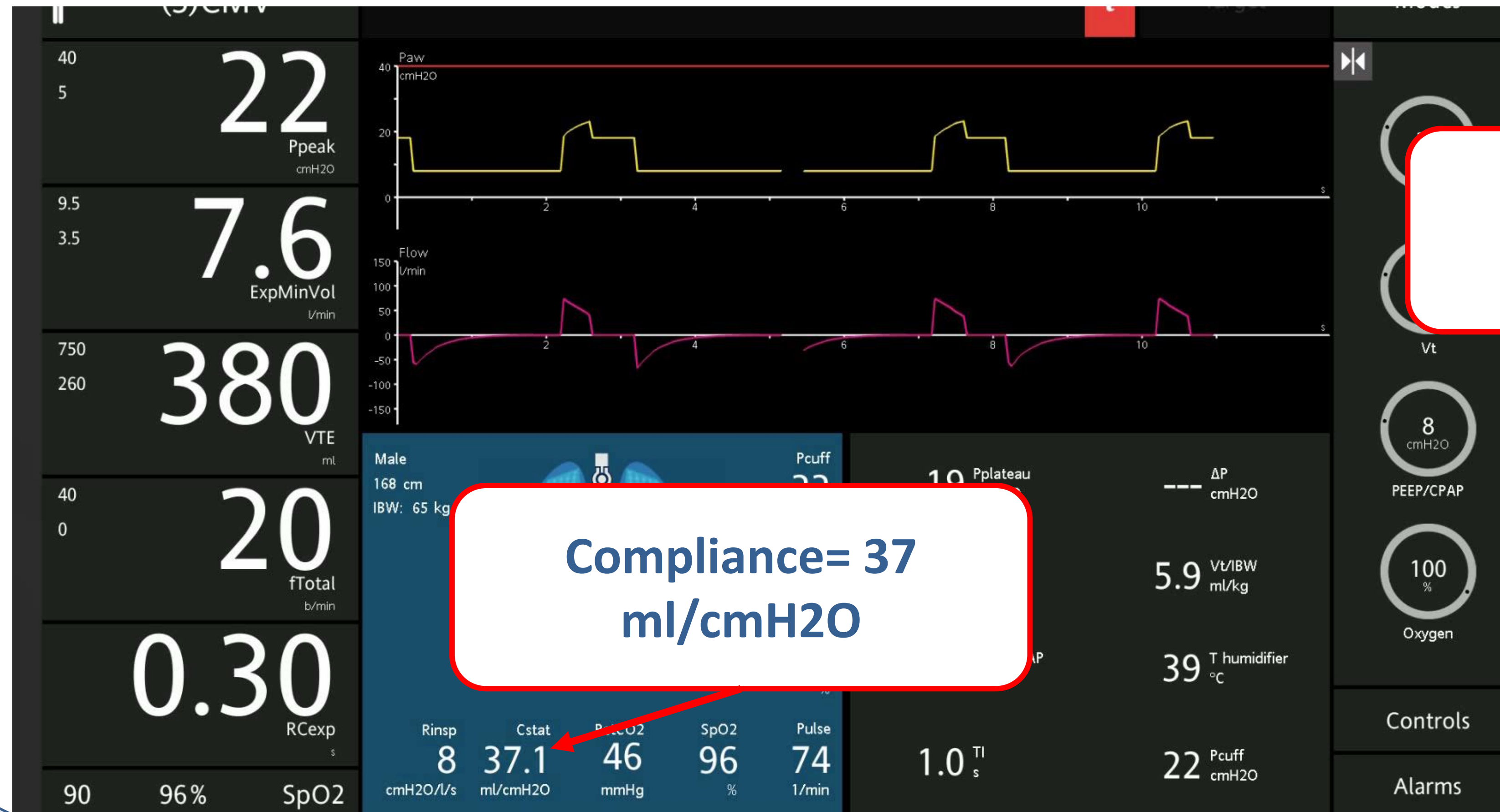
PEEP adjustment by titration



PEEP= 5 cmH2O

Compliance= 33
ml/cmH2O

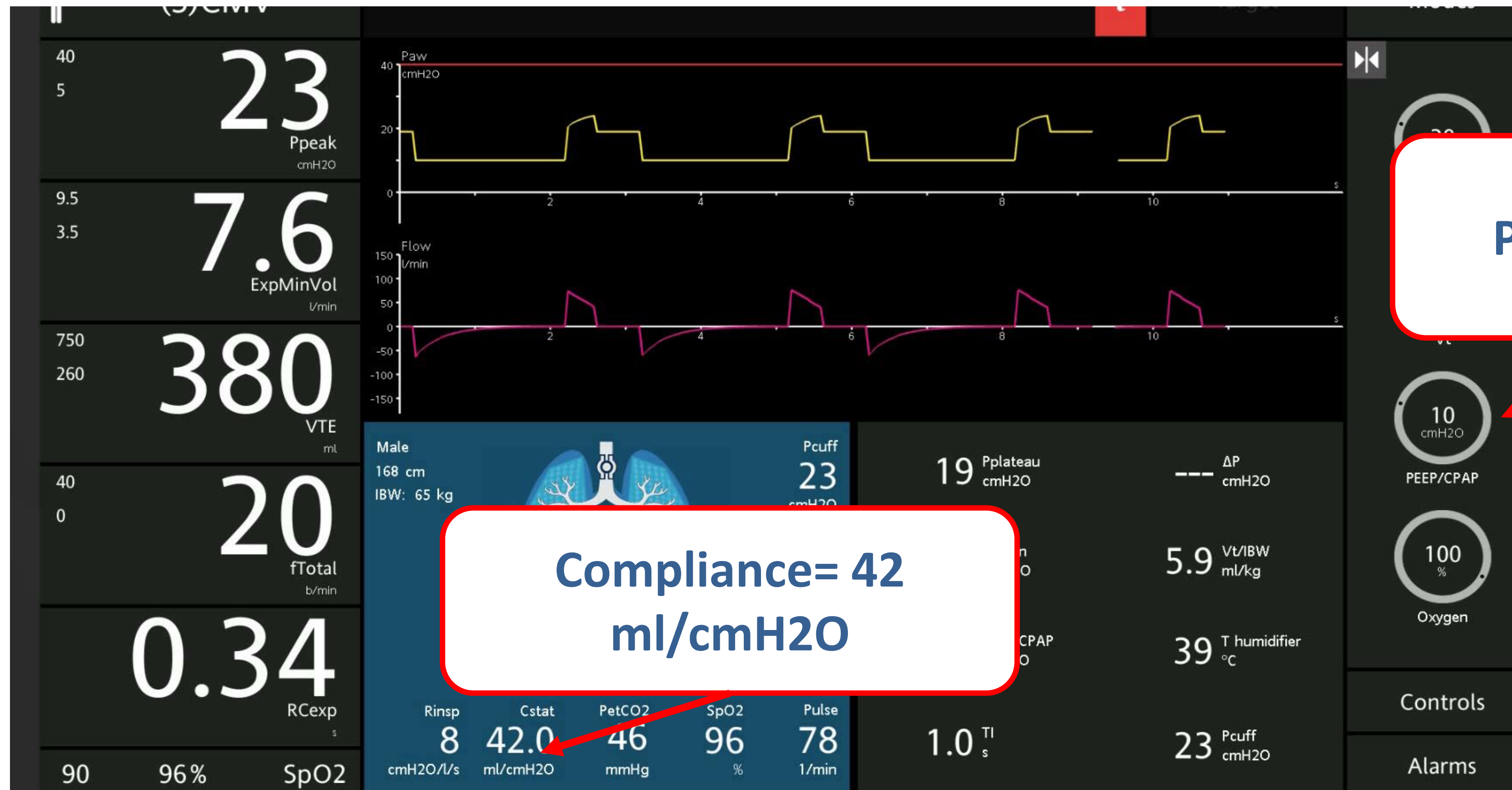
PEEP adjustment by titration



PEEP= 8 cmH2O

Compliance= 37
ml/cmH2O

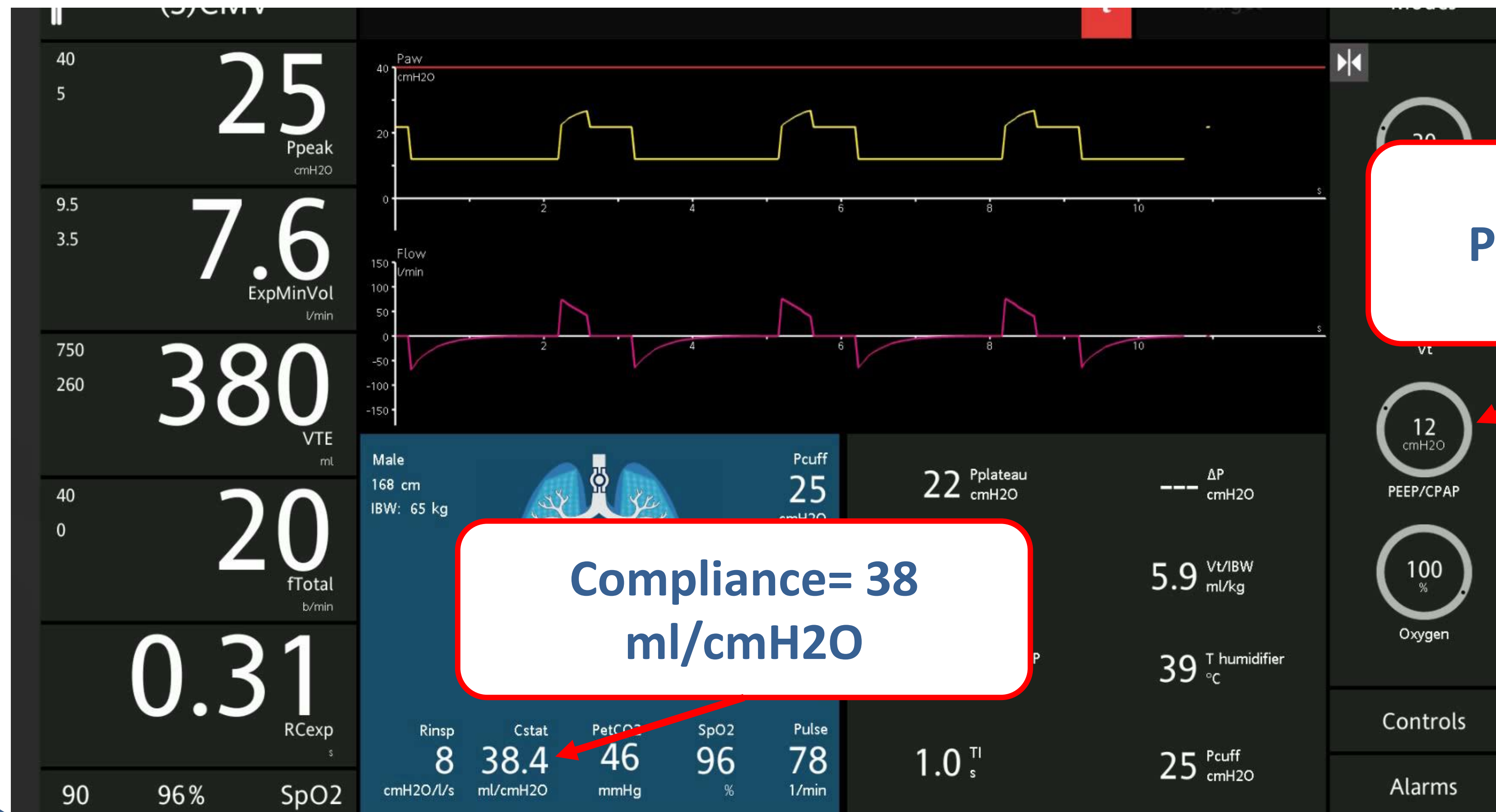
PEEP adjustment by titration



PEEP= 10 cmH₂O

Compliance= 42
ml/cmH₂O

PEEP adjustment by titration



PEEP= 12 cmH2O

Compliance= 38
ml/cmH2O

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Start with assisted controlled volume

3

PEEP adjustment

4

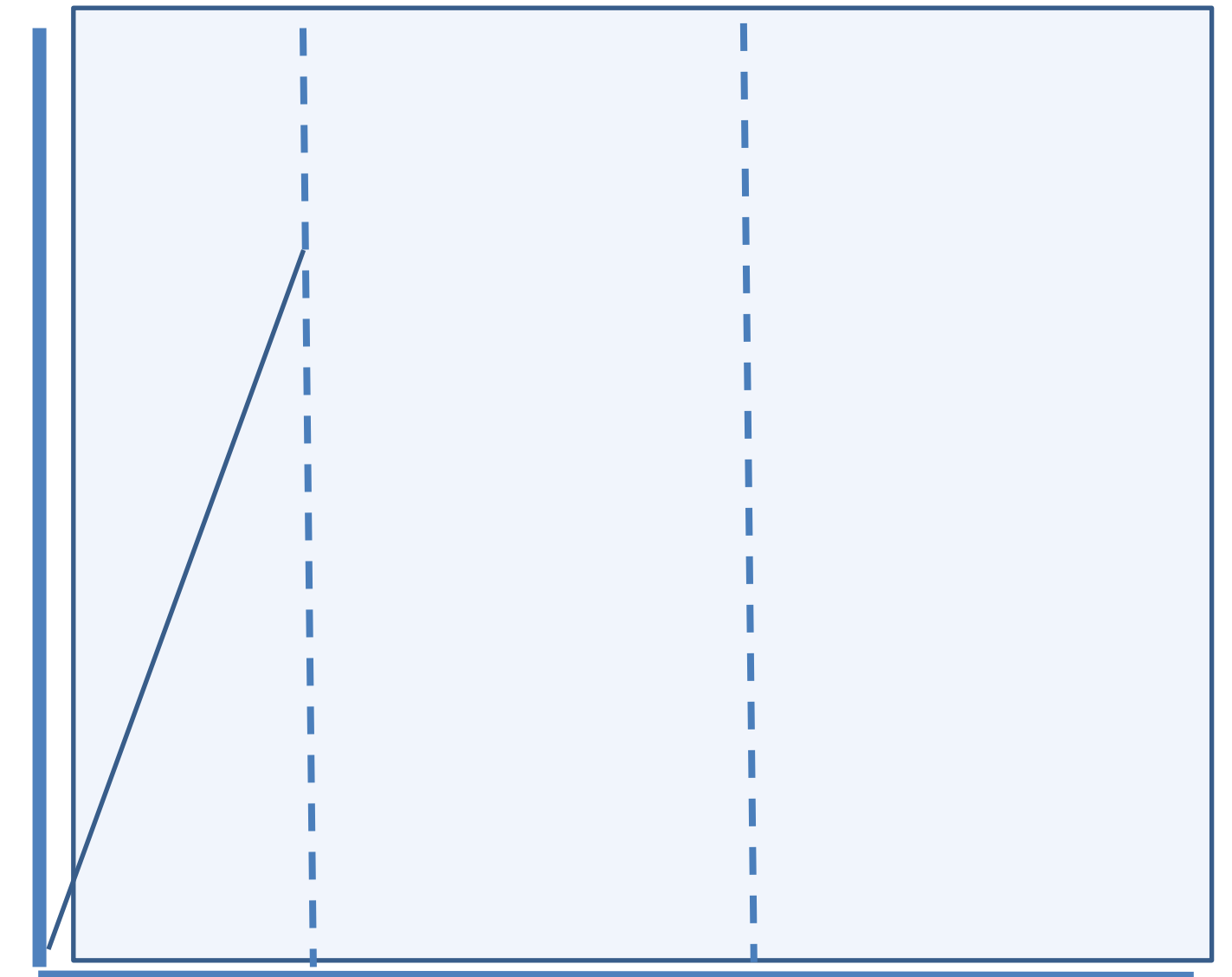
Check the plateau pressure

Peak pressure



Pressure required to overcome airway resistance

Peak pressure
Maximal pressure at proximal airway

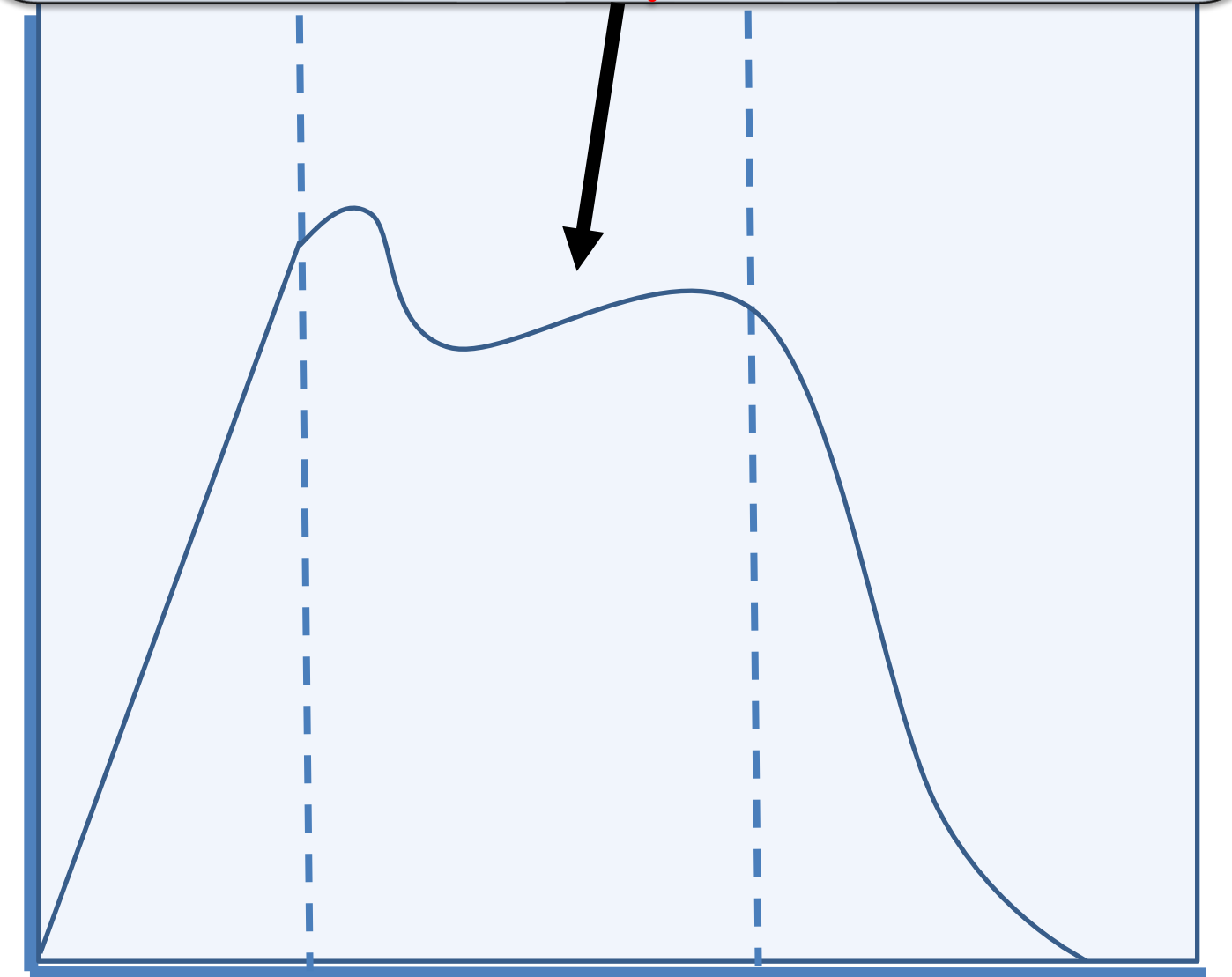


Plateau pressure



Plateau pressure is equal to
alveolar pressure

Plateau pressure =
Alveolar pressure
after airway occlusion

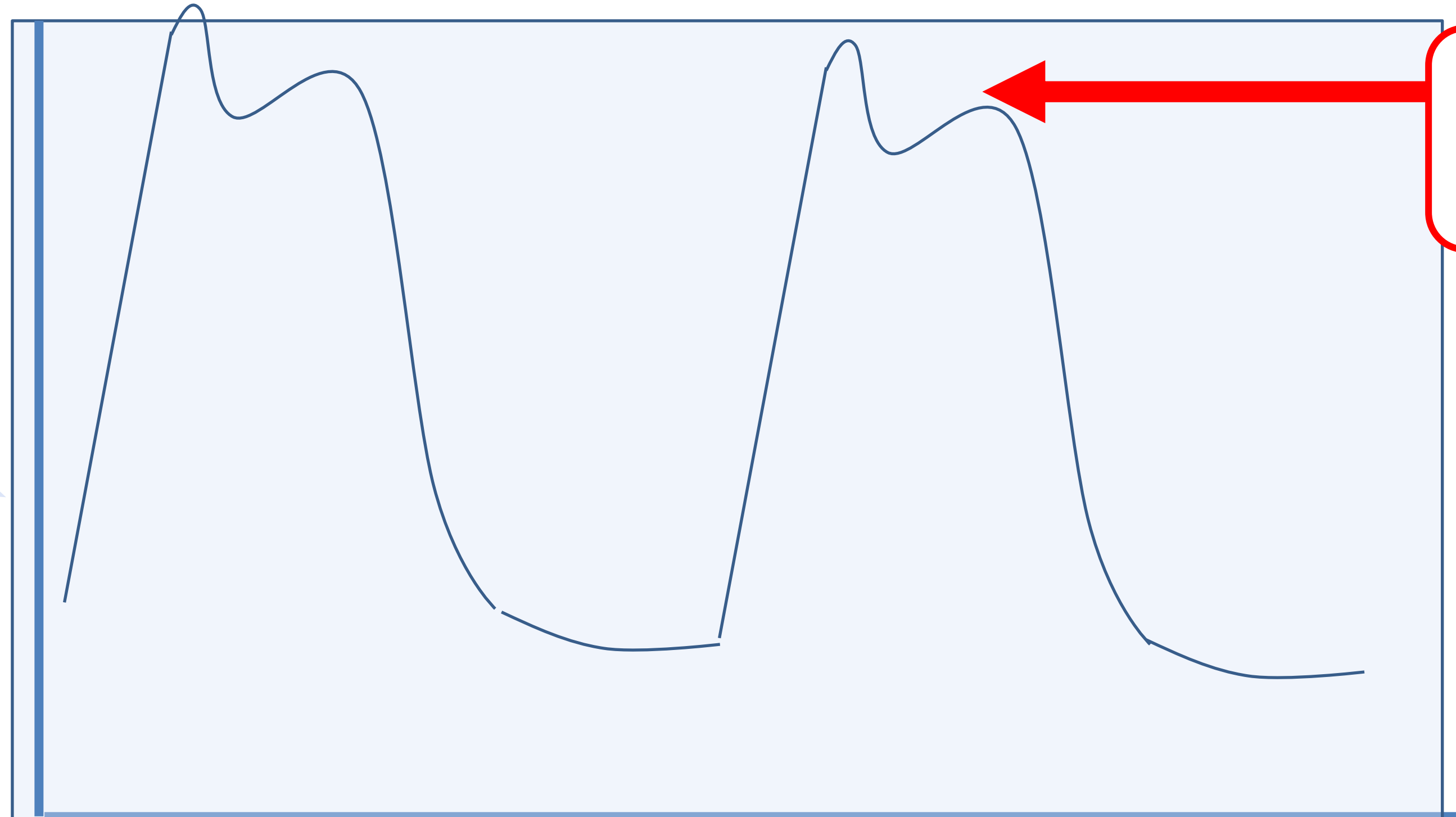
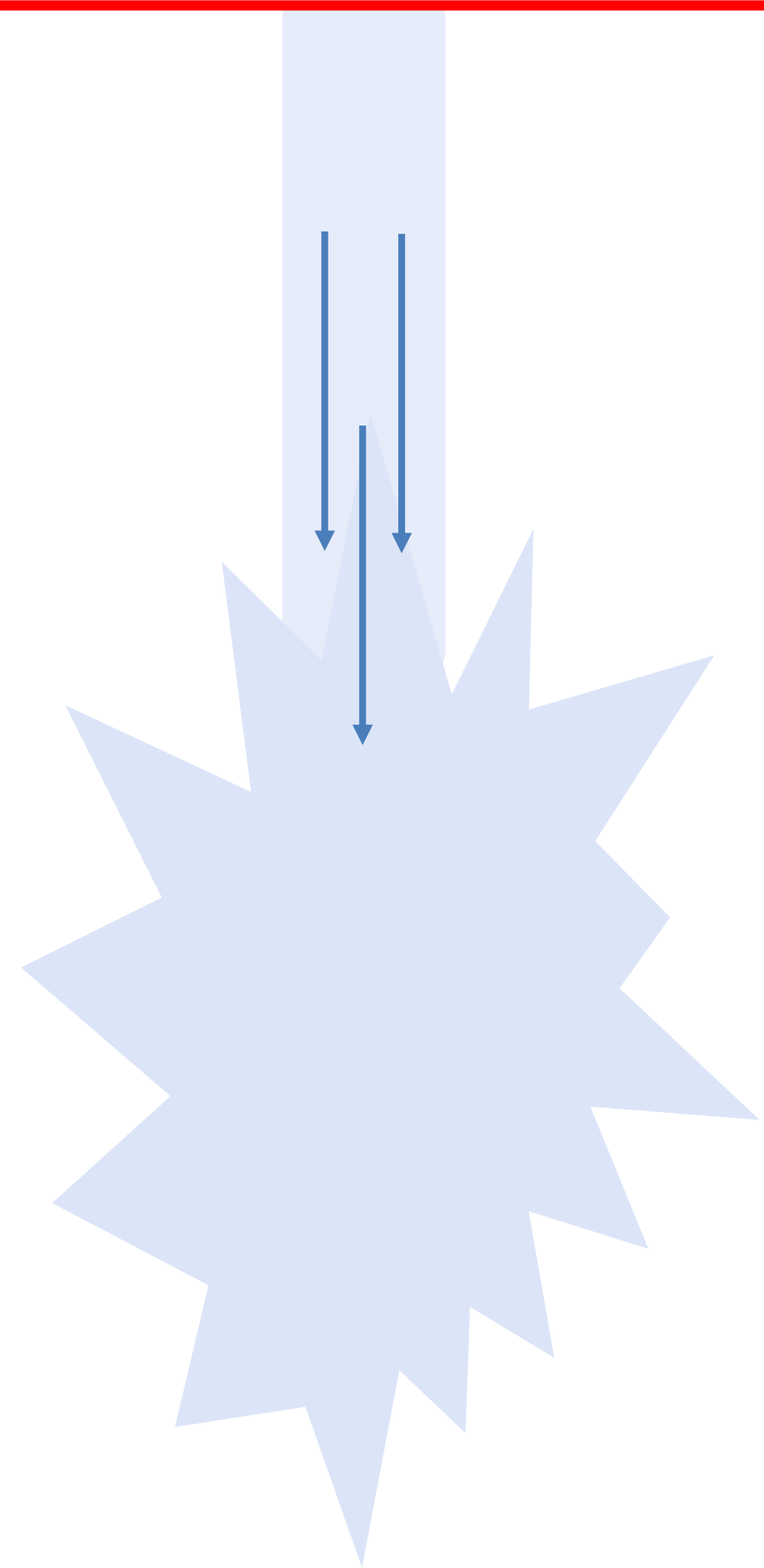


Check plateau

$V_T = 6 \text{ ml/kg}$

↓ V_T by 1 ml/kg to 5-4 ml/kg

Plateau=35
($>30 \text{ cmH}_2\text{O}$)

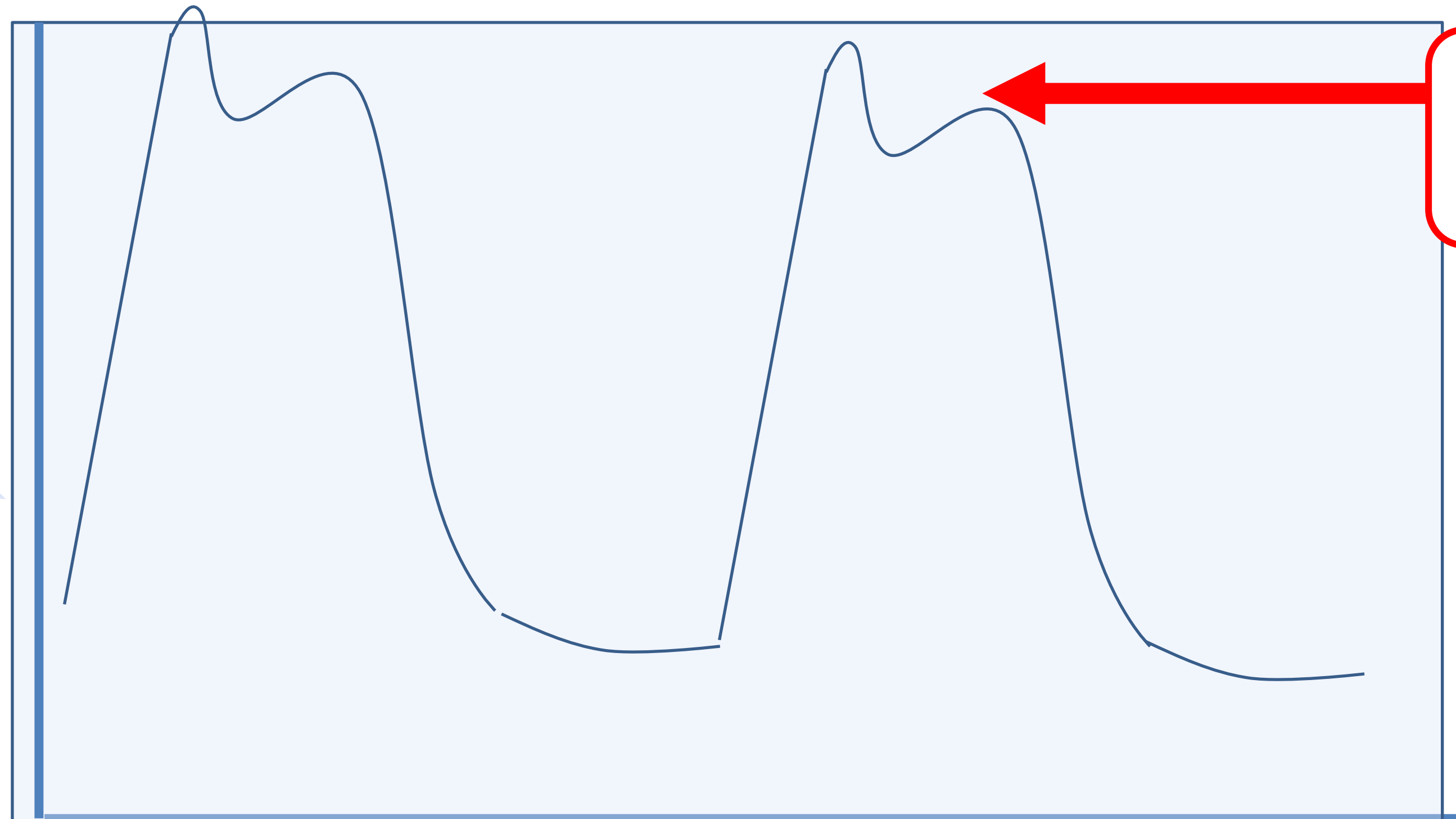
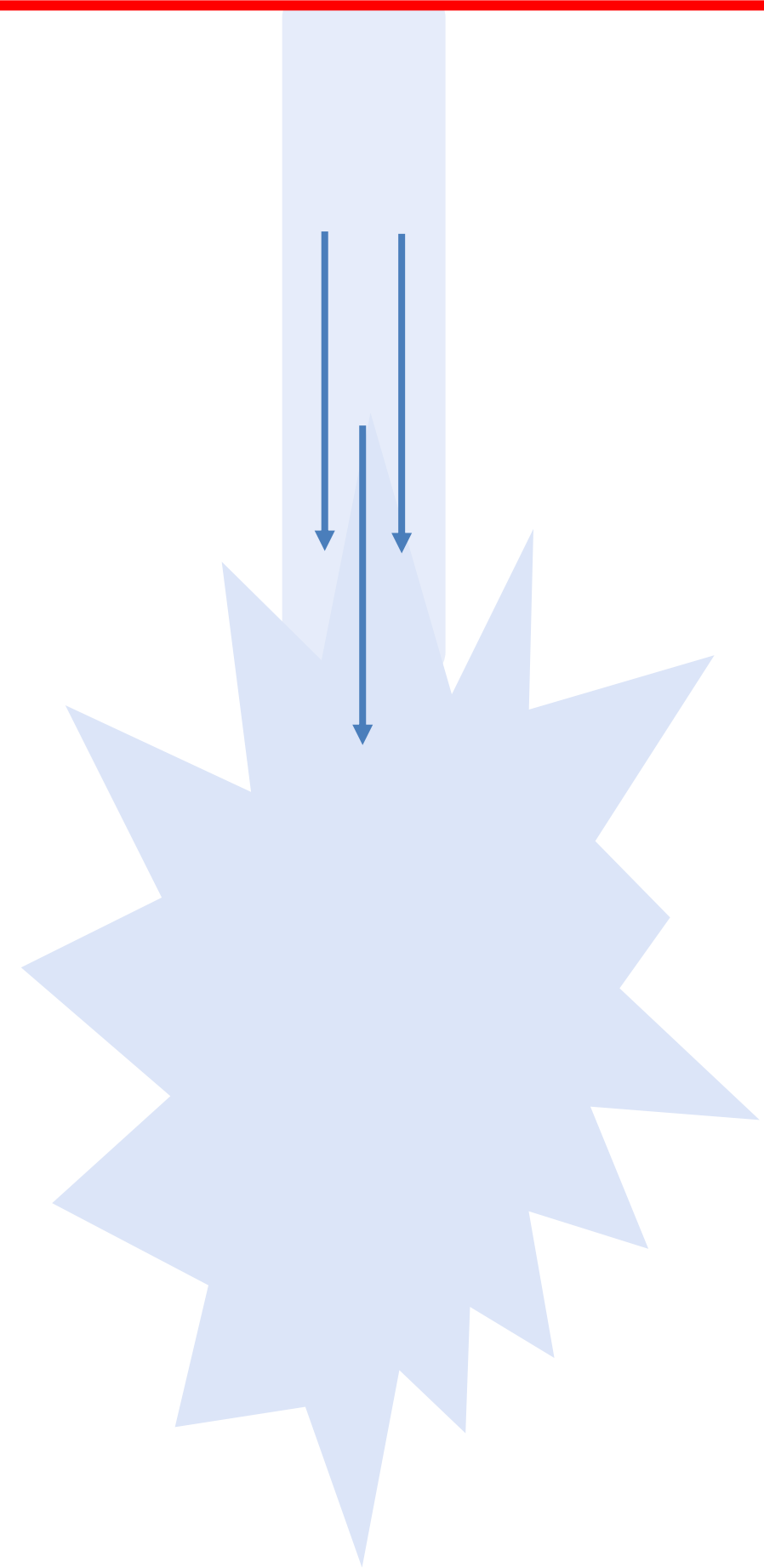


Check plateau

$V_T < 6 \text{ ml/kg}$

↑ V_T by 1 ml/kg until plateau
>25 or $v_t=6 \text{ ml/kg}$

Plateau=18
(<25 cmH₂O)



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3

PEEP adjustment

4

Check the plateau pressure

5

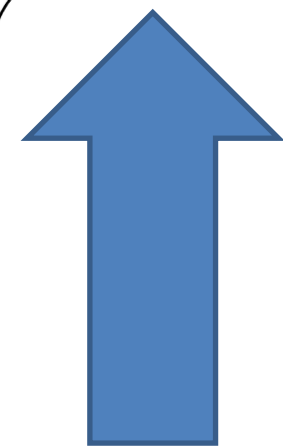
Check the pH

pH

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VT by 1ml/kg until  
pH > 7.15]; VT --> PP[Plateau pressure may  
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pH: 7.15-7.3

pH < 7.15



RR (max=35)



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VT by 1ml/kg until
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Plateau pressure may
exceed 30 cmH₂O

TV
380 ml

RR
30/min

Ti
1 sec

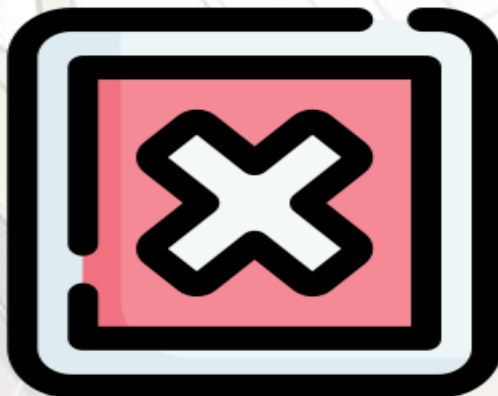
PEEP
10 cmH2O

FiO2
0.9

Is ventilatory setting satisfactory?



YES



NO

Polytrauma with ARDS

Polytrauma patient

Weight: 70 kg
Height: 170 cm

Fentanyl 100 ug/hr

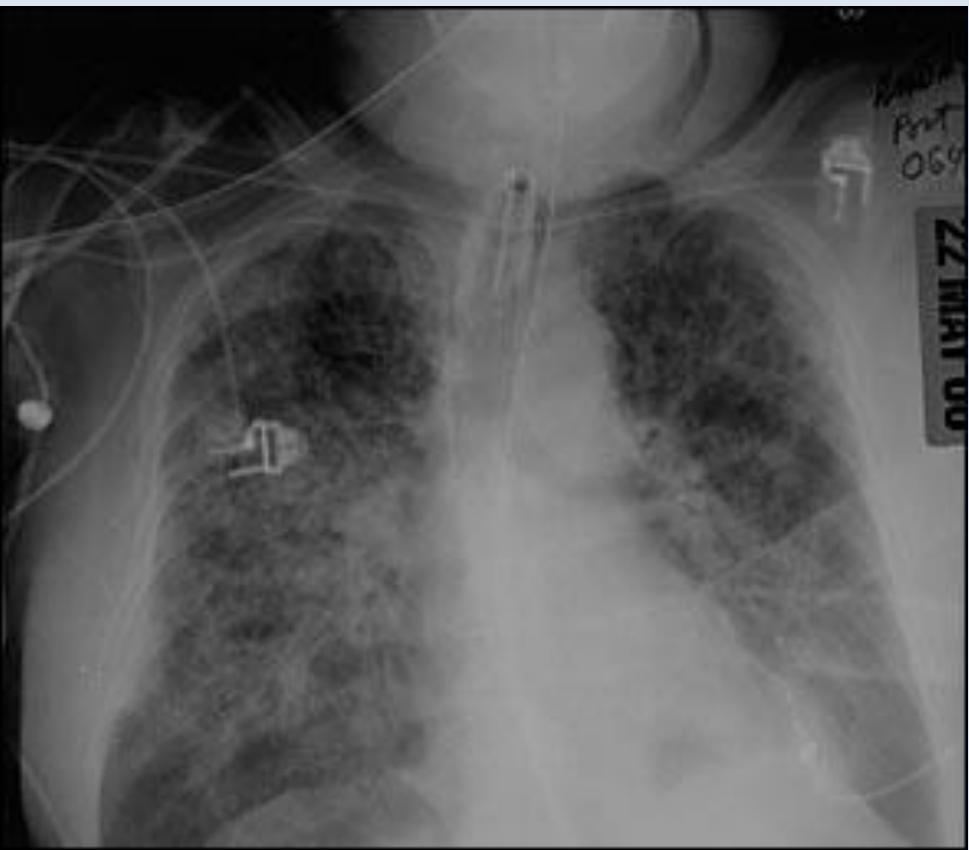
Midazolam 5 mg/hr

Respiratory rate
30 b/min

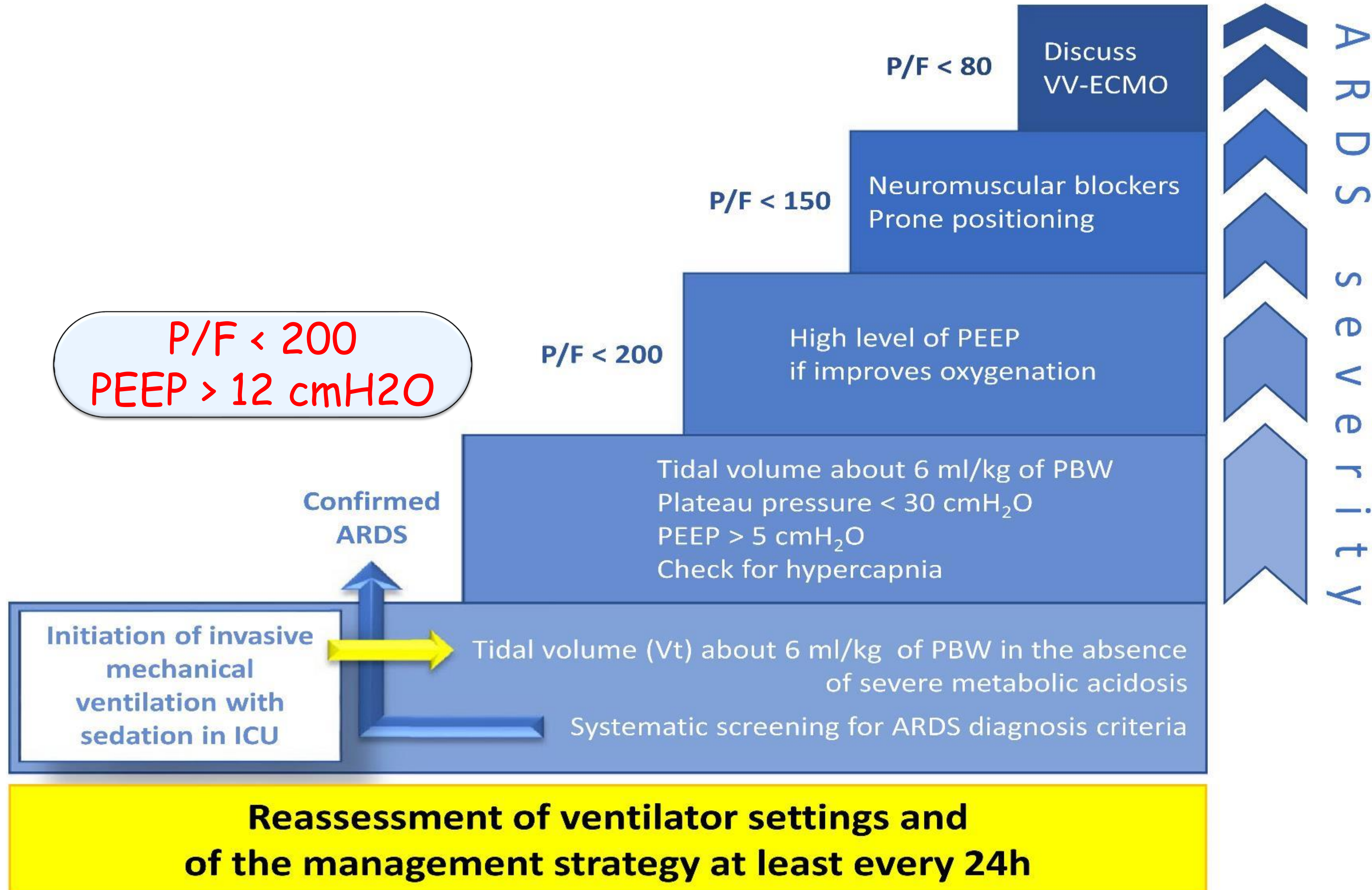
SpO2 94%

P/F 80

pH	7.34
pCO2	34 mmHg
pO2	72 mmHg
HCO3	22 mmol/L
FiO2	0.9



Early management of ARDS in 2019



ARDS severity

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380 ml

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PEEP
15 cmH2O

FiO2
0.7

What is your next step?



Do nothing



Increase PEEP



Neuromuscular blocker & prone

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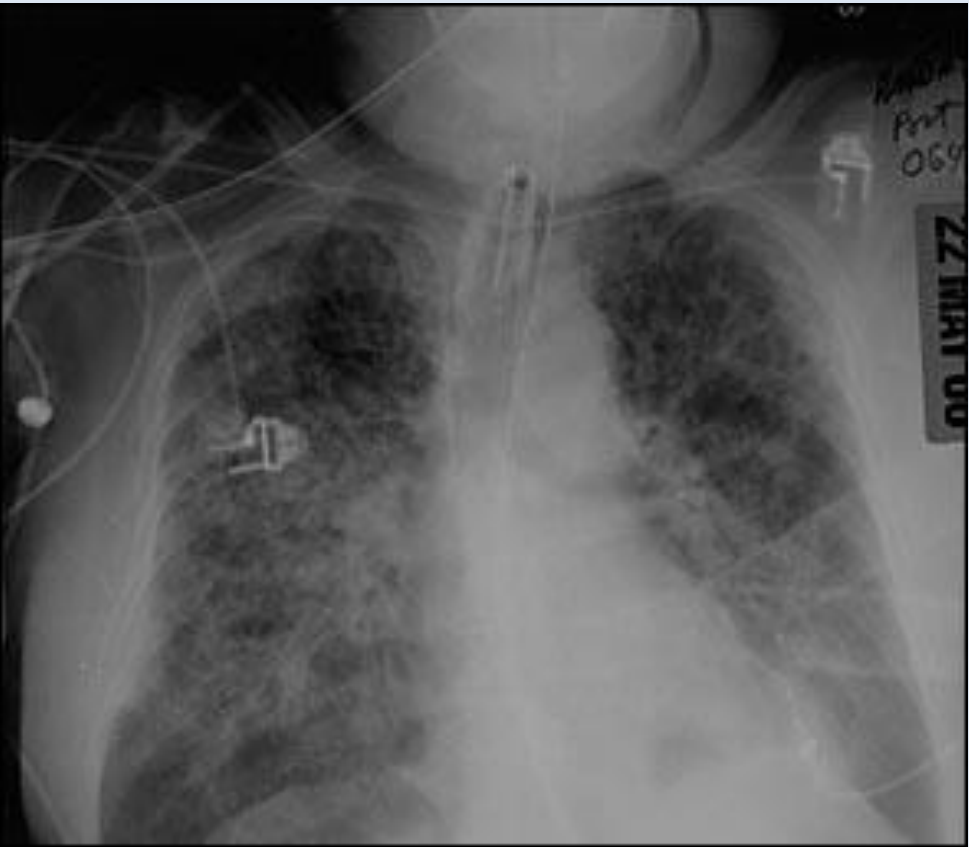
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**16
HOUR**

48h

**Prone & neuromuscular
blocker**

**Confirmed
ARDS**

**Initiation of invasive
mechanical
ventilation with
sedation in ICU**

Tidal volume (Vt) about 6 ml/kg of PBW in the absence of severe metabolic acidosis

Systematic screening for ARDS diagnosis criteria

P/F < 200

High level of PEEP
if improves oxygenation

P/F < 150

Neuromuscular blockers
Prone positioning

P/F < 80

Discuss
VV-ECMO

ARDS severity

**Reassessment of ventilator settings and
of the management strategy at least every 24h**

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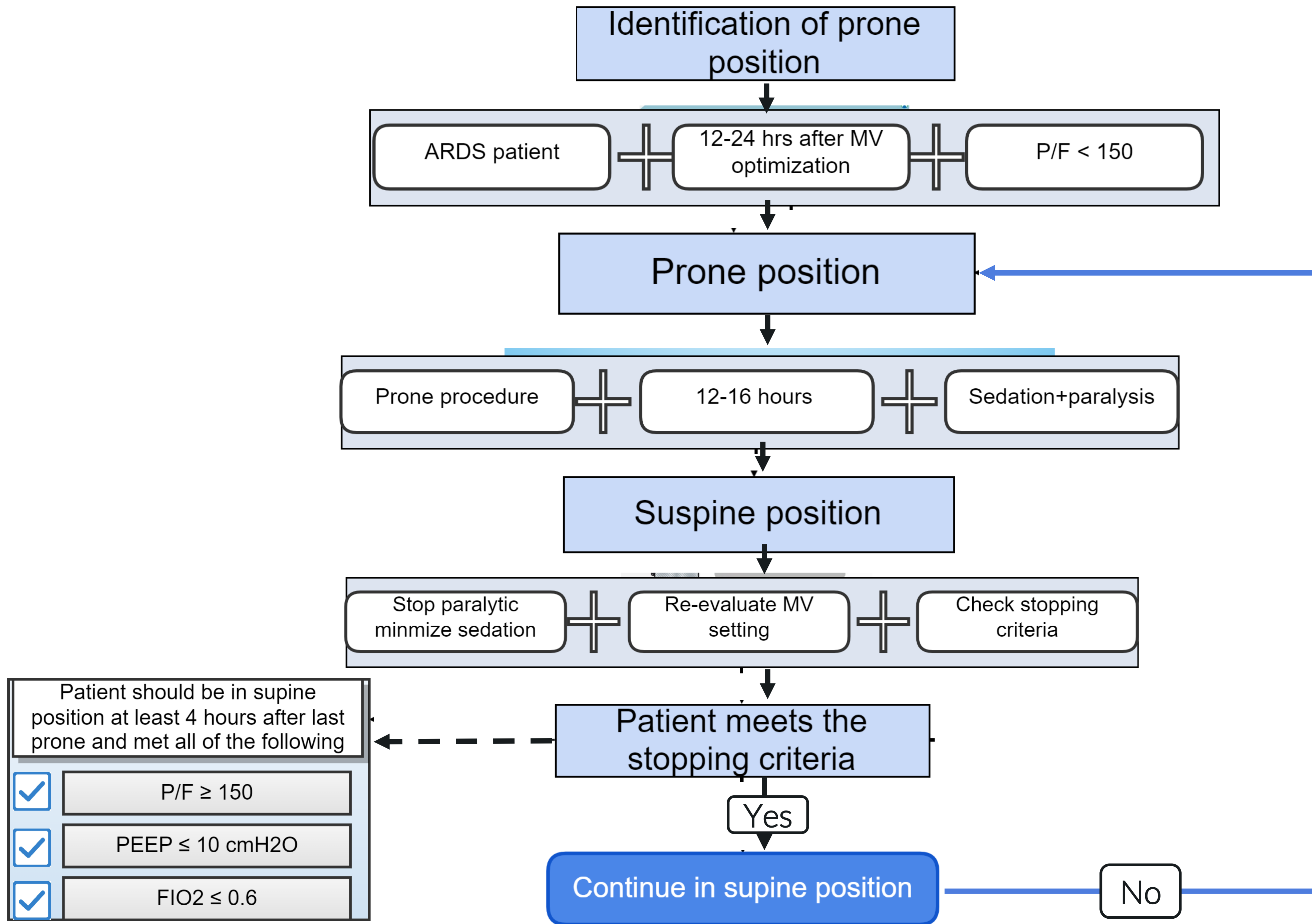
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How to do prone position?



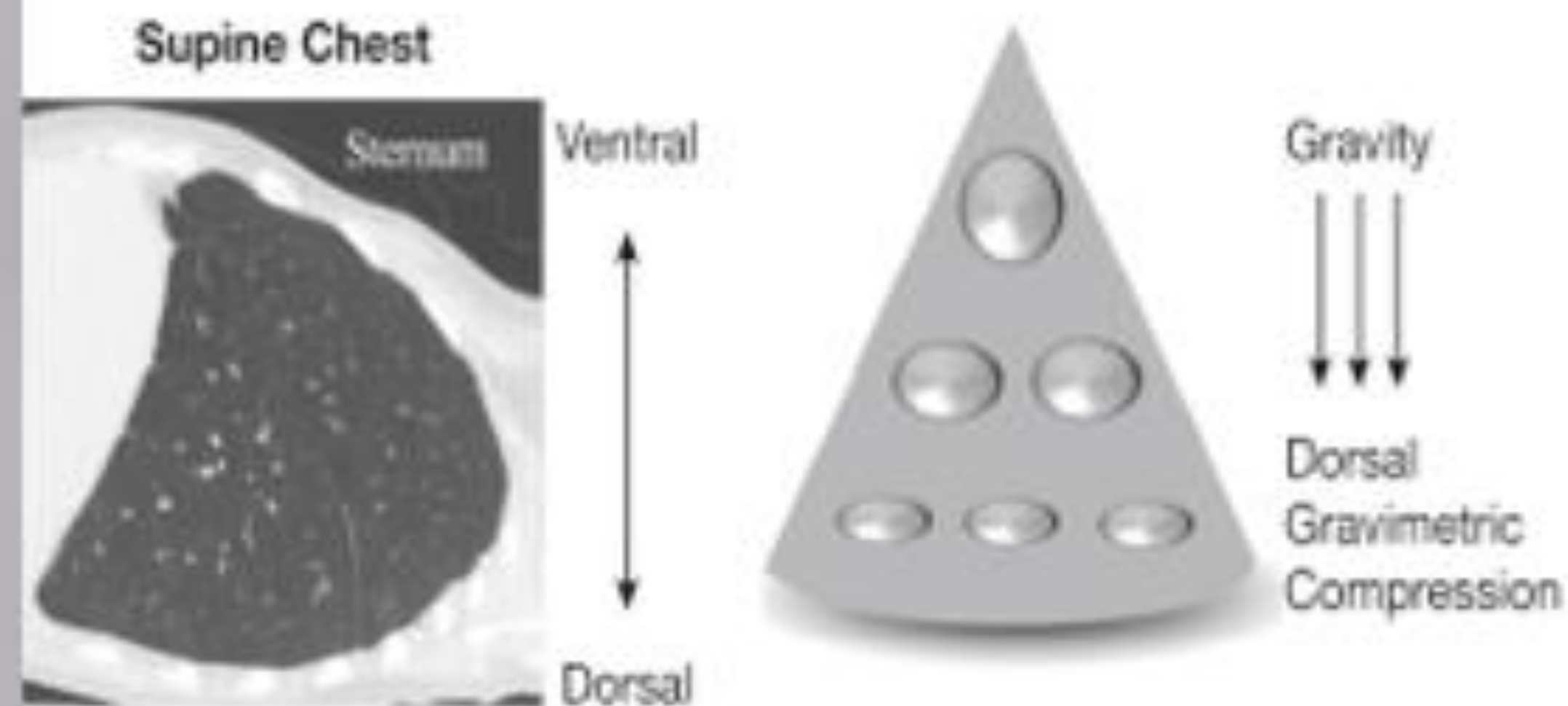
WHY WE DO PRONE POSITION?

ARDS & Prone Positioning:

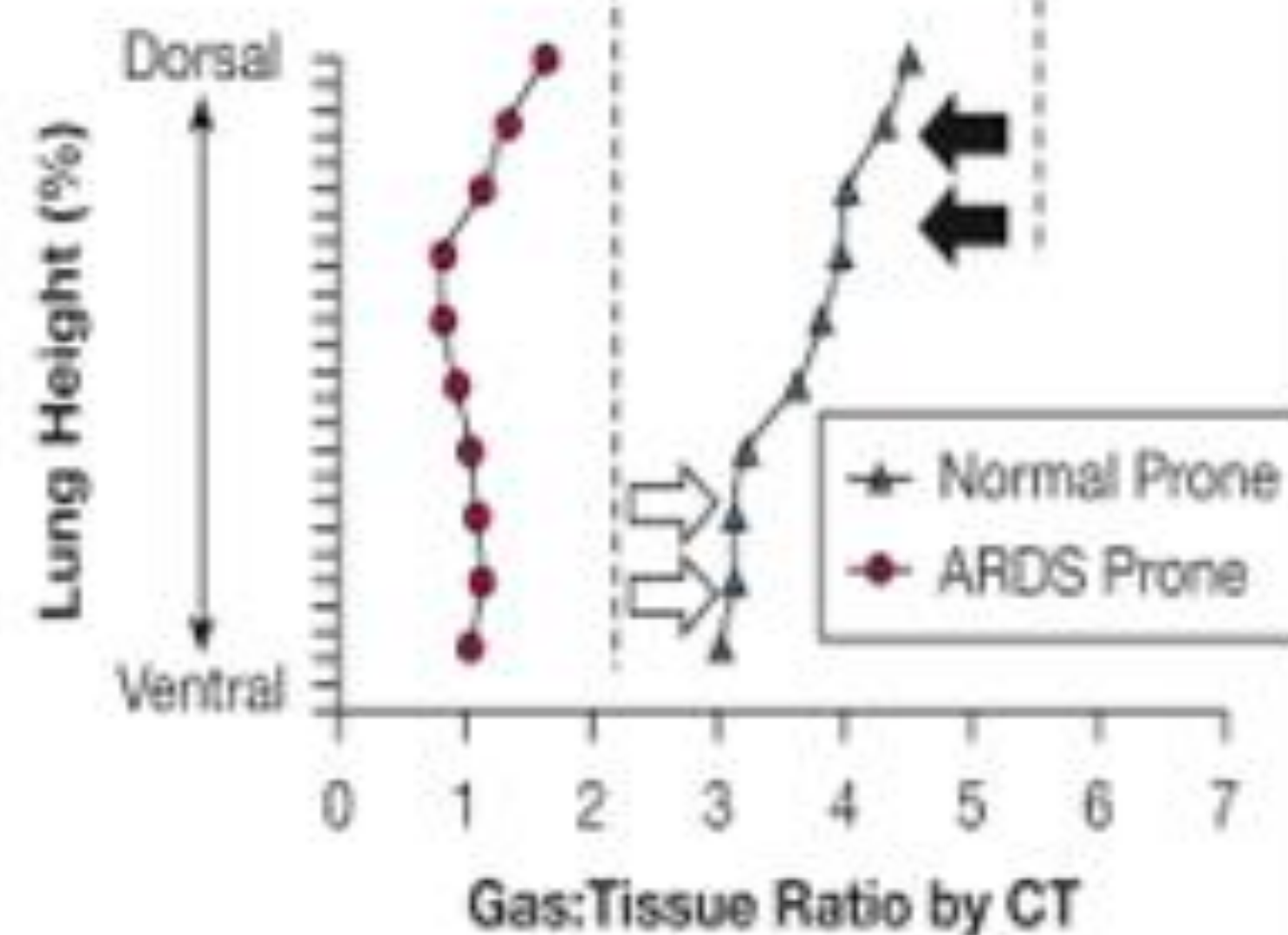
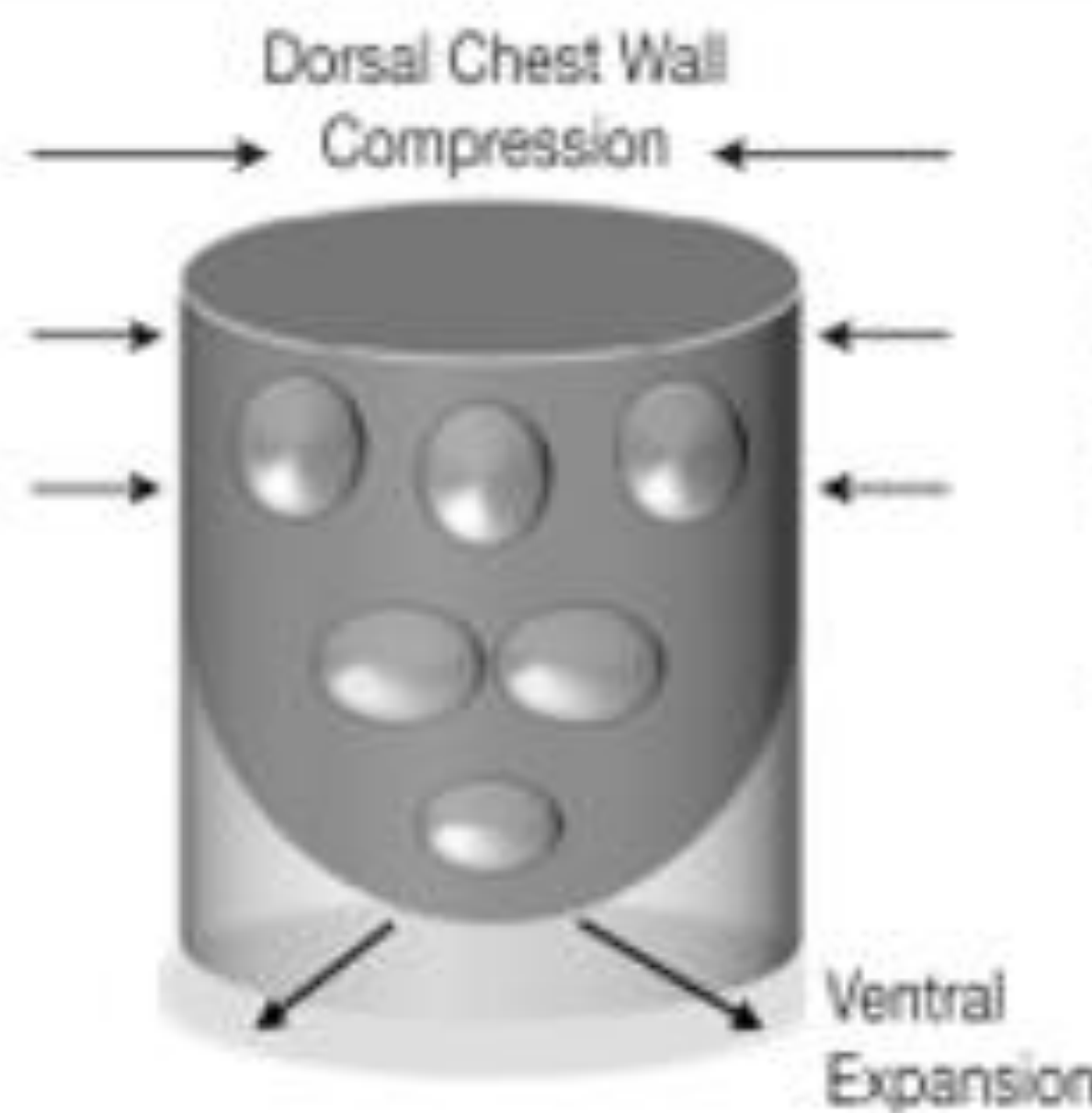
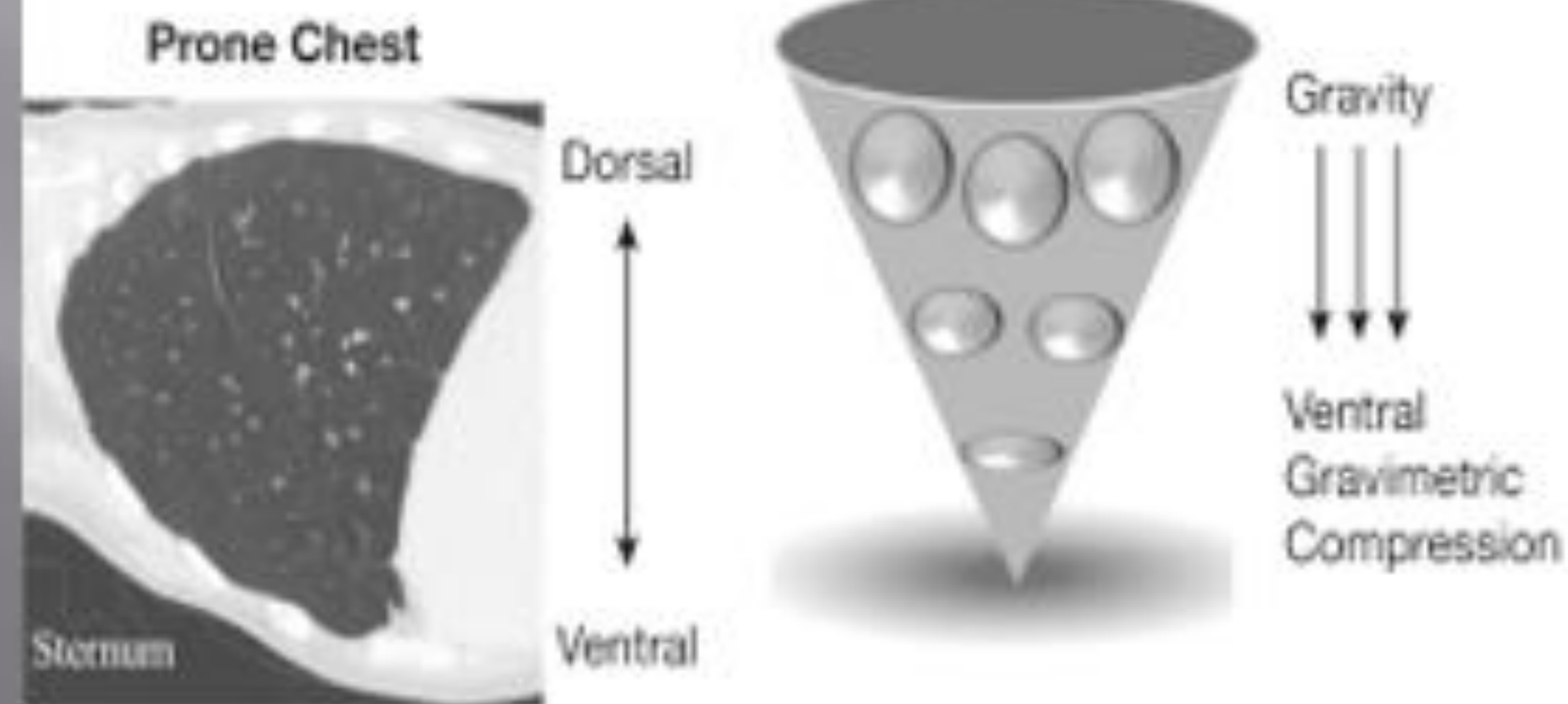
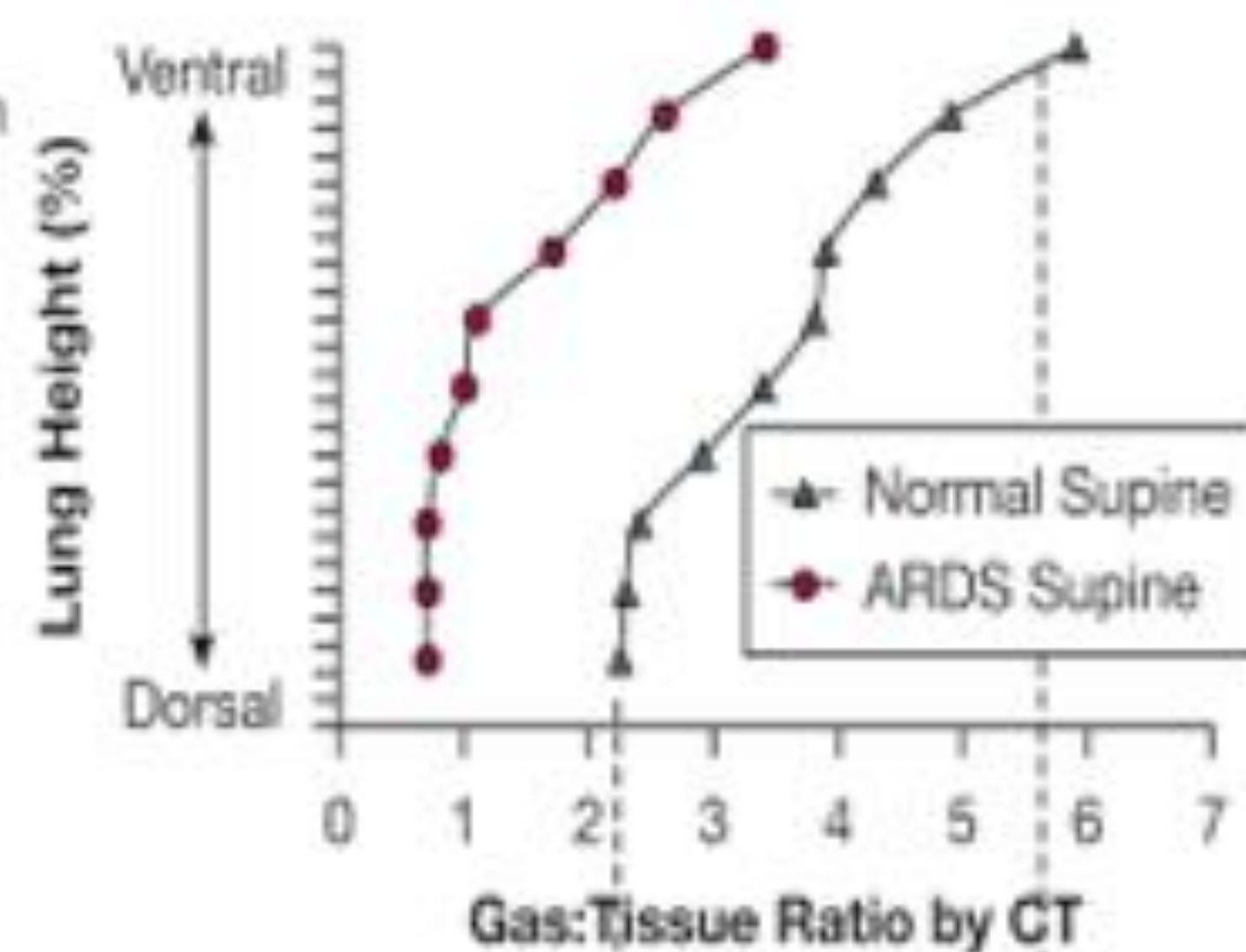
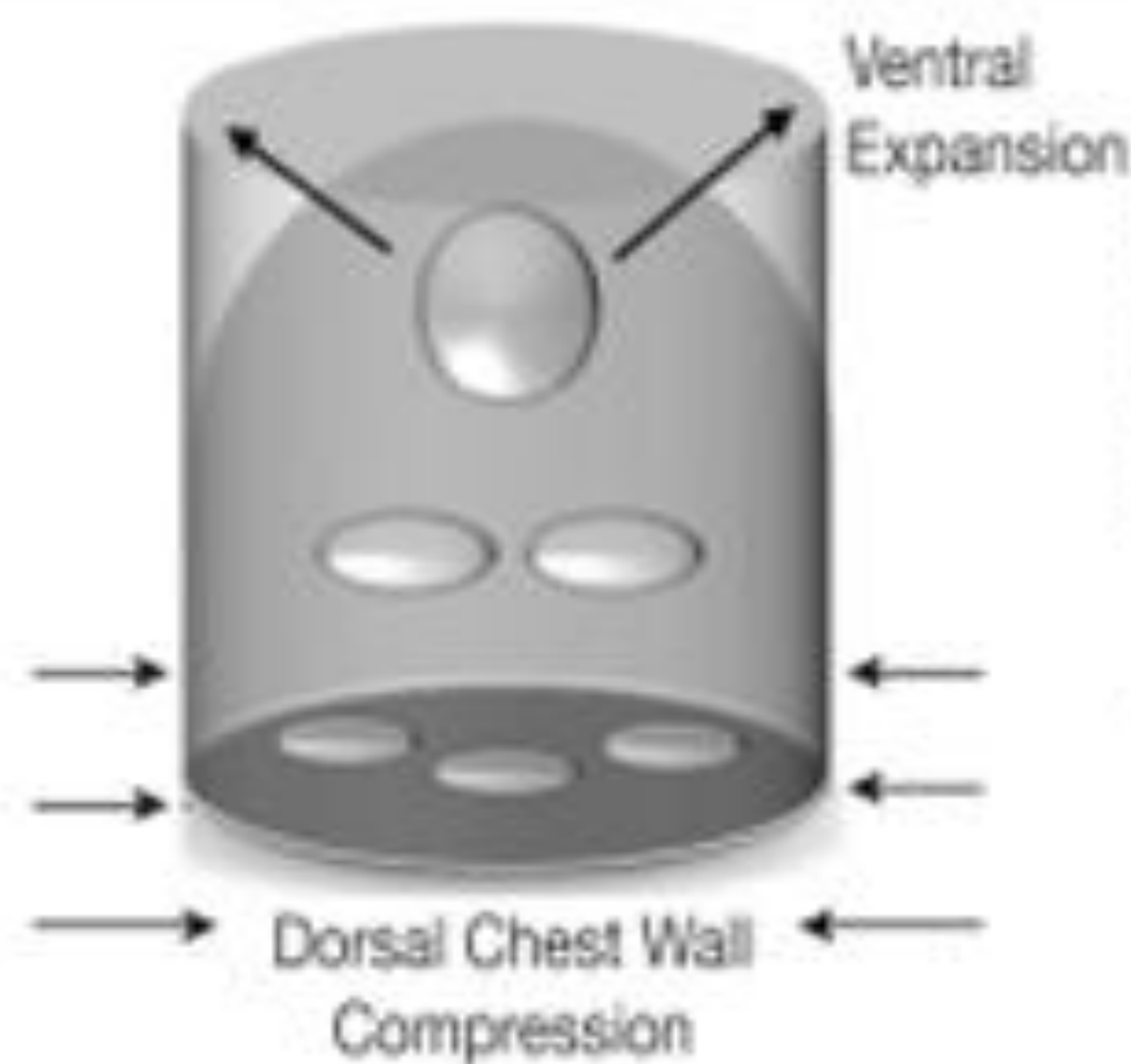
Body position can affect the distribution of ventilation. Normally during spontaneous breathing, ventilation is higher in the dependent areas of the lungs because the pleural pressure changes during breathing are greater in the dependent areas compared with the independent areas due to asymmetry of lung shape leads to a greater gravitationally induced pleural pressure gradient in the supine posture compared with prone positioning

- ❑ Blood and ventilation redistributed to least affected thus Redistribution of fluid and gas results in an improved relation between **ventilation and perfusion. and shunting**
- ❑ Blood redistribution may also improve alveolar recruitment in previously closed areas of the lung Secretion clearance
- ❑ Prone positioning changes the position of the heart more so it no longer puts weight on underlying lung tissue. also unloaded weight of abdominal contents
- ❑ Pleural pressure is more uniformly distributed, which could improve alveolar recruitment.
- ❑ Prone positioning changes the regional diaphragm motion.

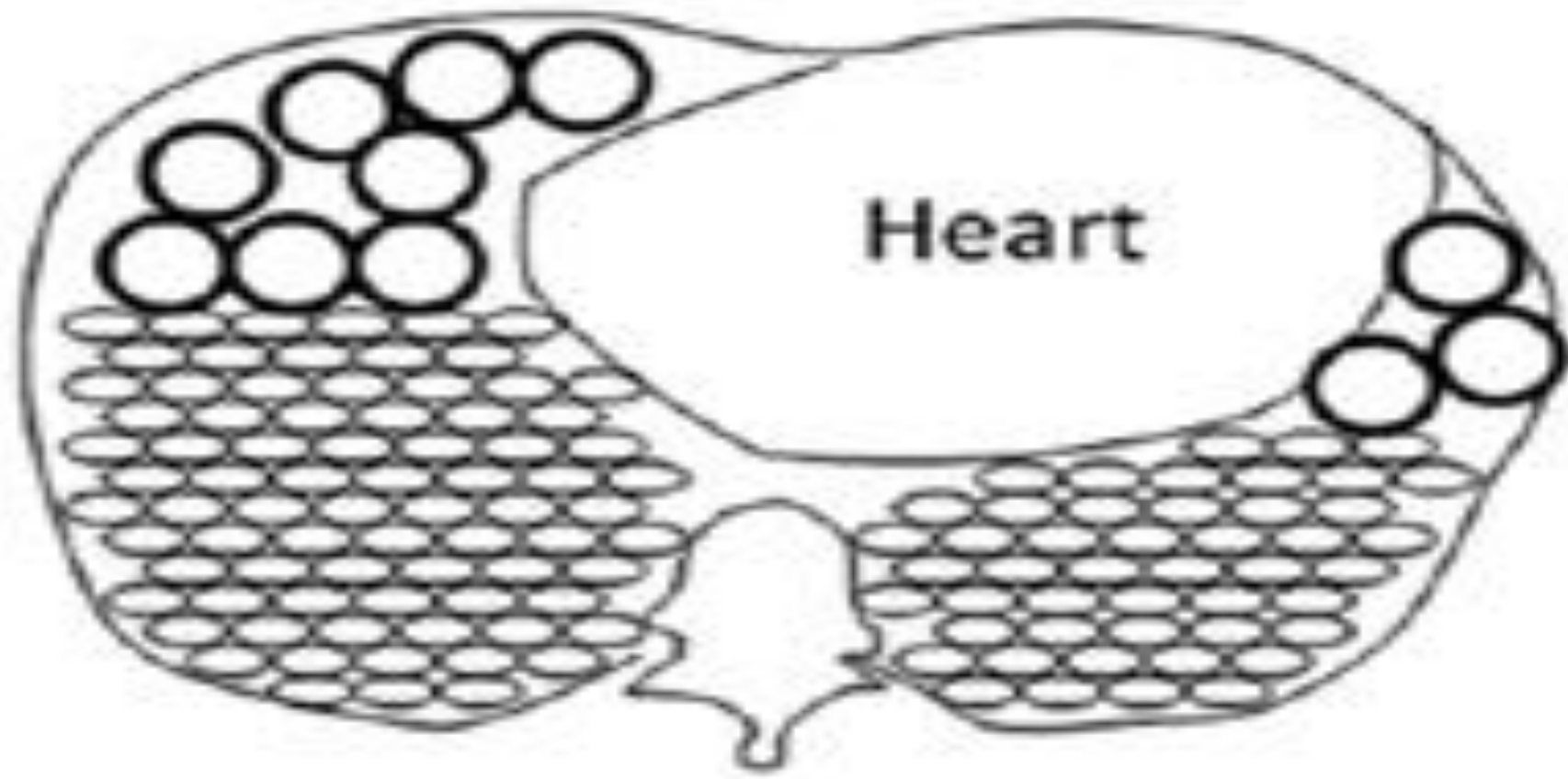
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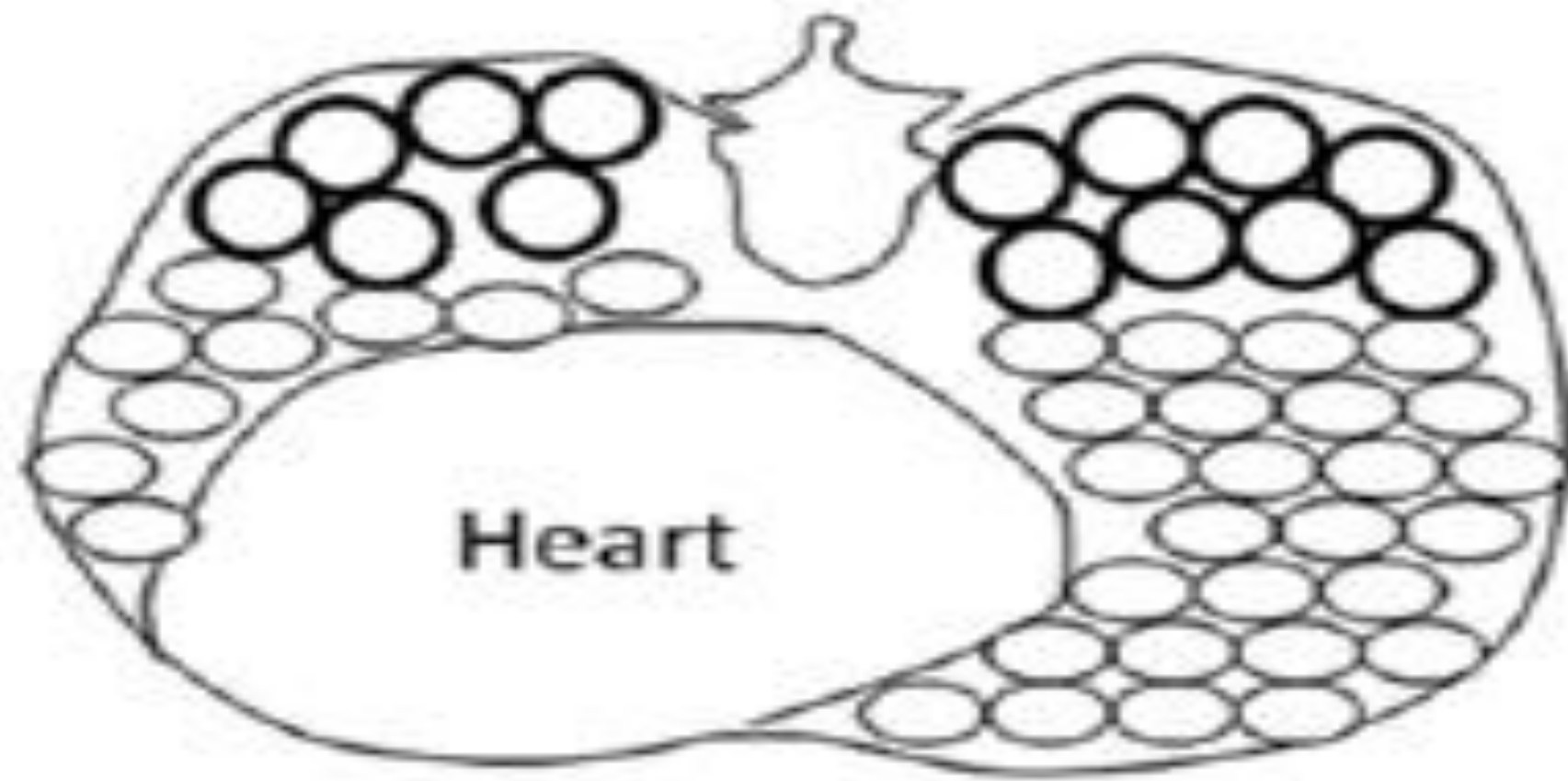
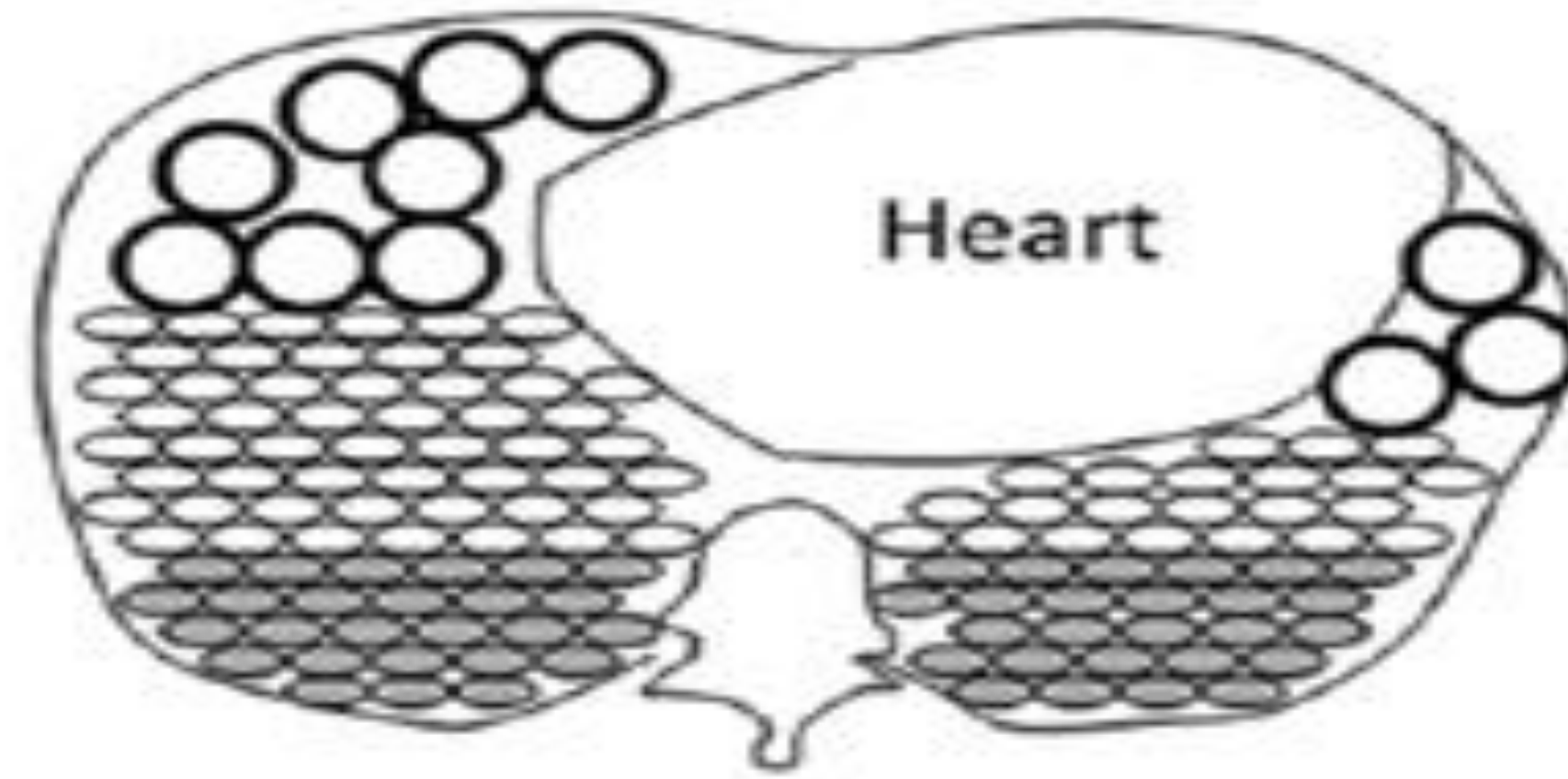
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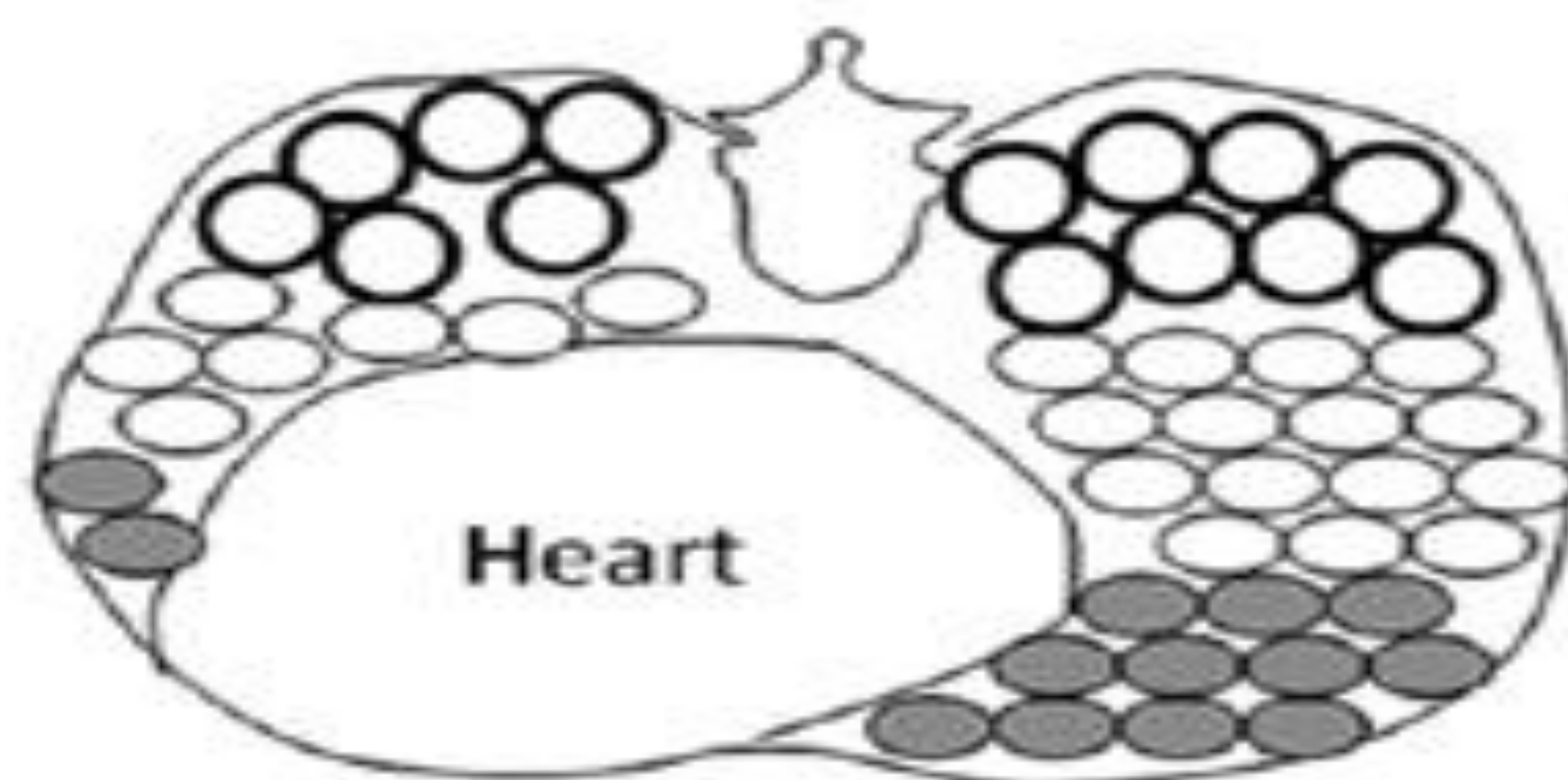
**A. Supine Position
Normal Lung**



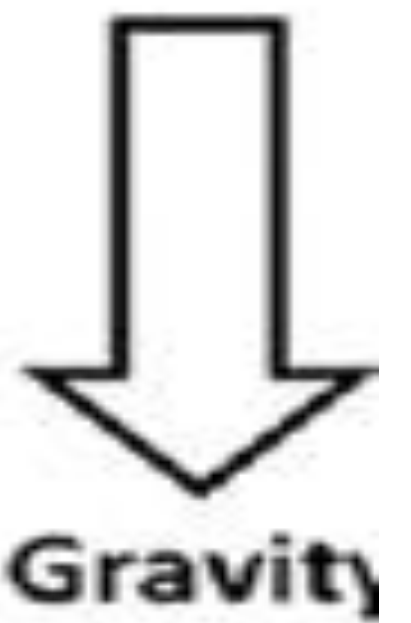
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ARDS Lung**



**C. Prone Position
Normal Lung**

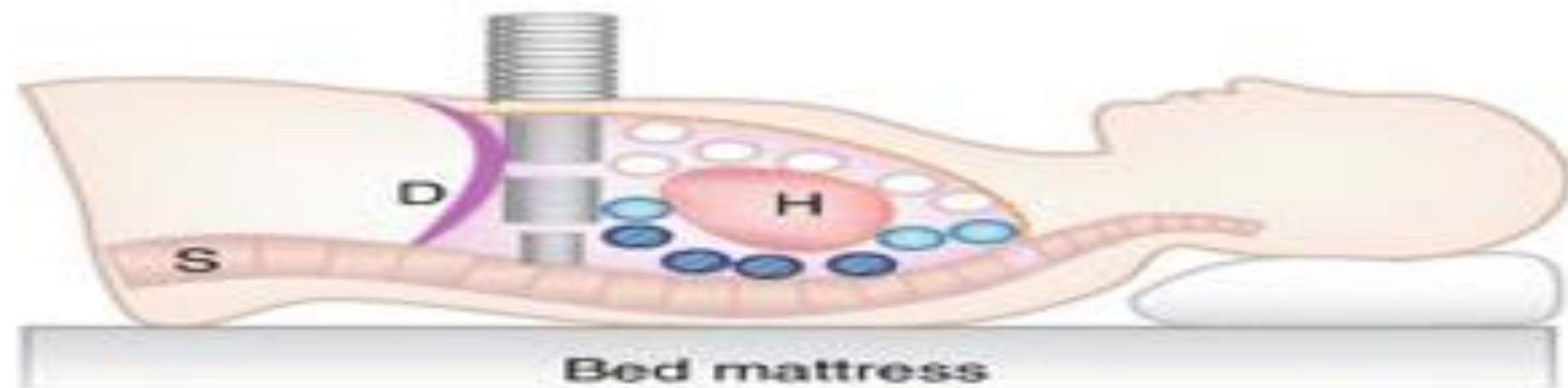


**D. Prone Position
ARDS Lung**



Supine position

a End of expiration

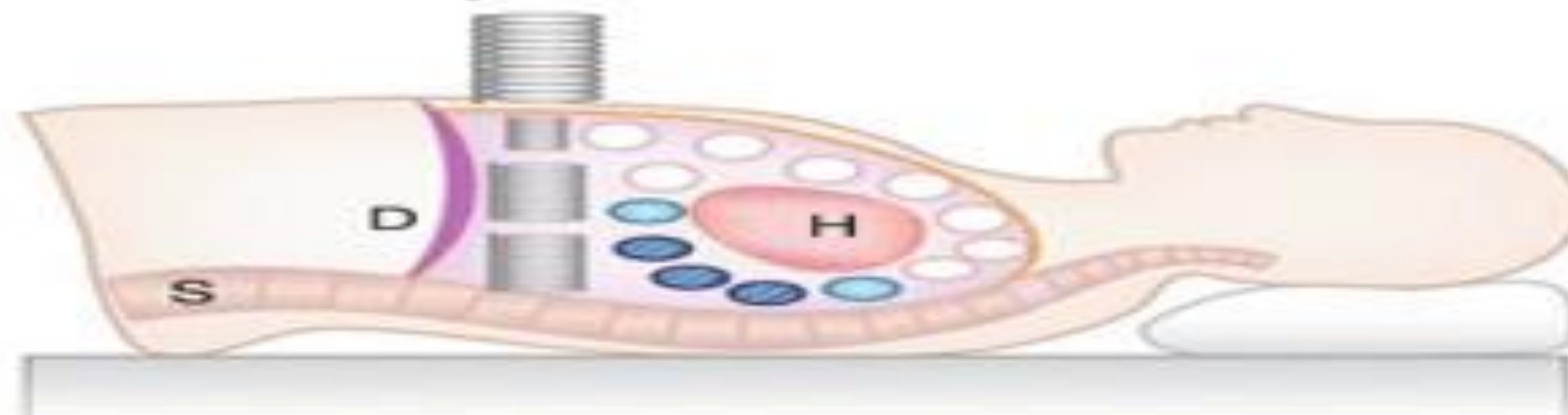


○ Normally aerated
● Poorly aerated
● Non-aerated

▬ Higher elastance
▬ Lower elastance

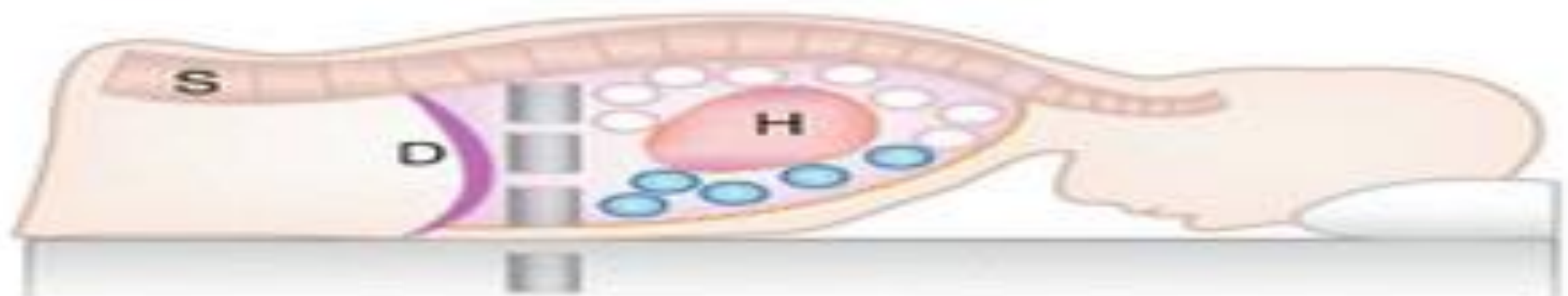
- Chest wall elastance is constant during insufflation
- Overdistention and increased elastance are in the most anterior part of the lung at the end of insufflation

b End of inspiration



Prone position

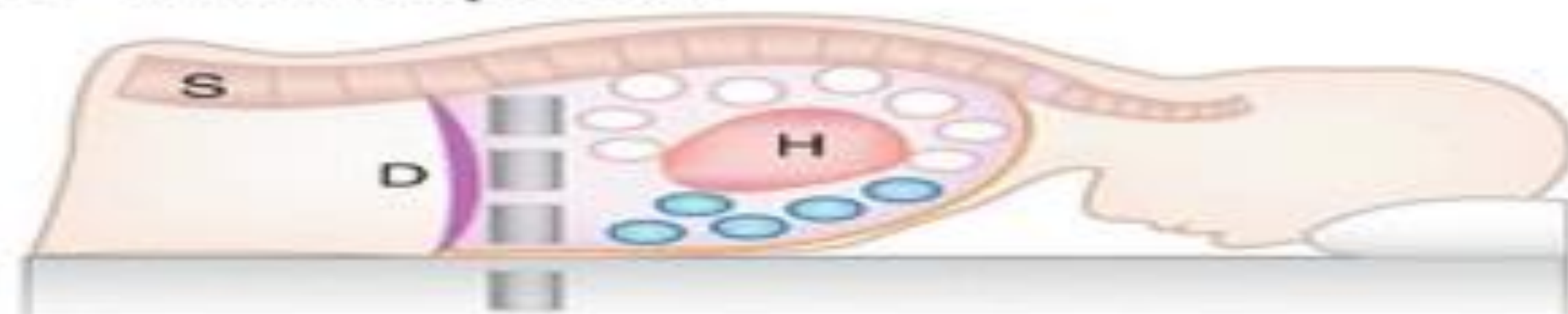
c End of expiration



S = Spine
D = Diaphragm
H = Heart

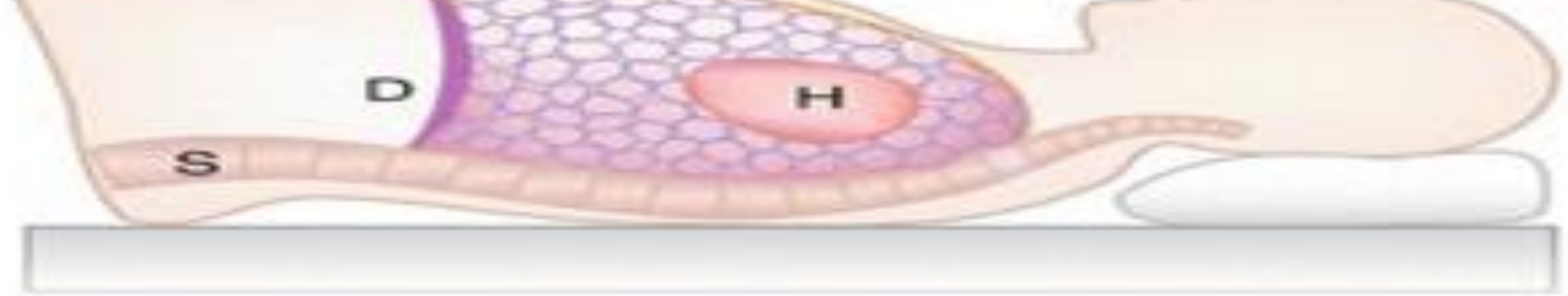
- Chest wall elastance is higher in prone position
- Lung elastance is homogenous across the lung

d End of inspiration



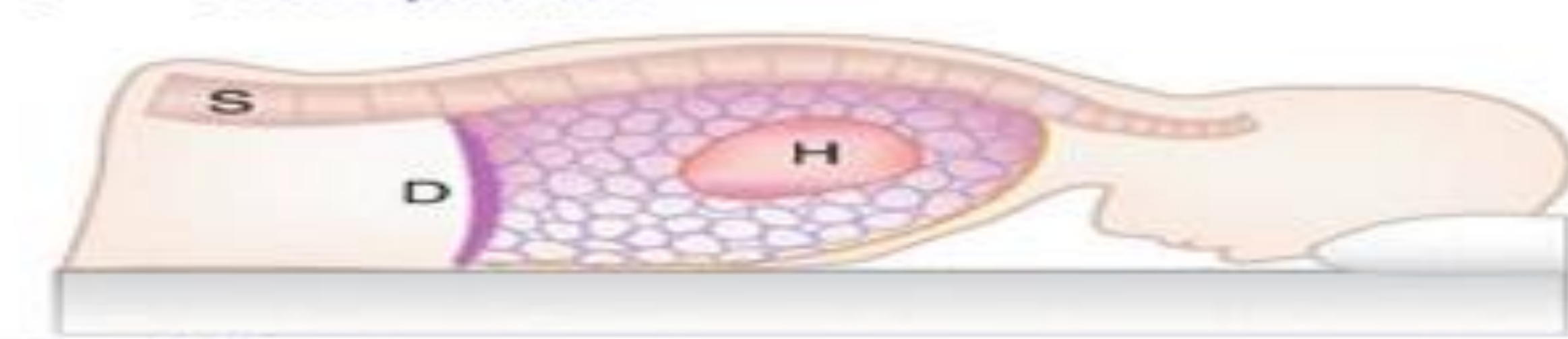
Supine position

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- Lung perfusion is predominantly in the dorsal lung regions in both the supine and prone positions

Prone position



- Better VA/Q matching
- Less shunt

Who to place in prone position?

Patients with severe ARDS ($P_{aO_2}/F_{iO_2} < 150$ mm Hg)

Early in the course (ideally within 48 h)

Best outcomes reported when prone positioning is used in combination with both low tidal volume ventilation (6 cc/kg) and neuromuscular blockade

Who not to place in prone position?

Patients with facial/neck trauma or spinal instability.

Patients with recent sternotomy or large ventral surface burn

Patients with elevated intracranial pressure.

Patients with massive hemoptysis.

Patients at high risk of requiring CPR or defibrillation

How long to have patient in prone position each day?

Successful trials use at least 16 hours of daily proning

Long prone positioning sessions likely avoid derecruitment

When to stop?

Prone positioning was stopped when Pao₂/Fio₂ remained > 150 mm Hg 4 h after supinating (with PEEP < 10 cm H₂O and Fio₂ < 0.6)

Optimal strategy is unclear: consider continuing prone positioning until clear improvement in gas exchange, mechanics, and overall clinical course

TV
380 ml

RR
30/min

Ti
1 sec

PEEP
15 cmH2O

FiO2
0.7

What is your next step?



Do nothing



ECMO



Pulse dose of steroid

Polytrauma with ARDS

Polytrauma patient

Weight: 70 kg
Height: 170 cm

Fentanyl 100 ug/hr

Midazolam 5 mg/hr

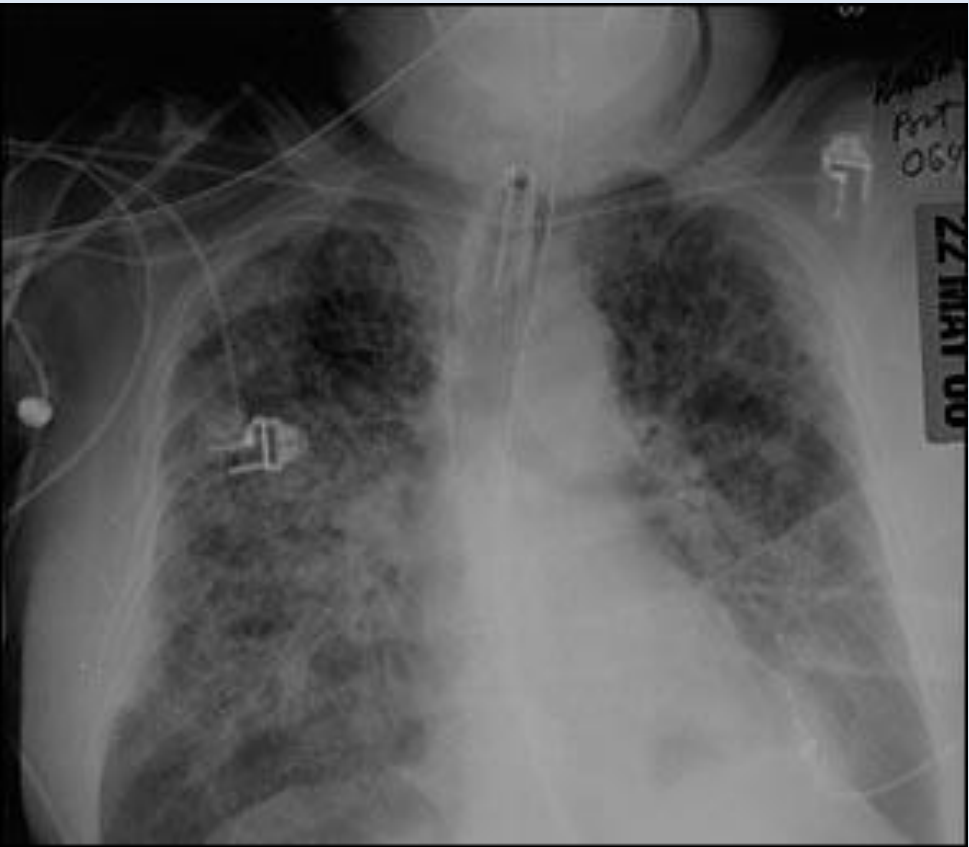
Atracurium 25mg/hr

Respiratory rate
30 b/min

SpO2 94%

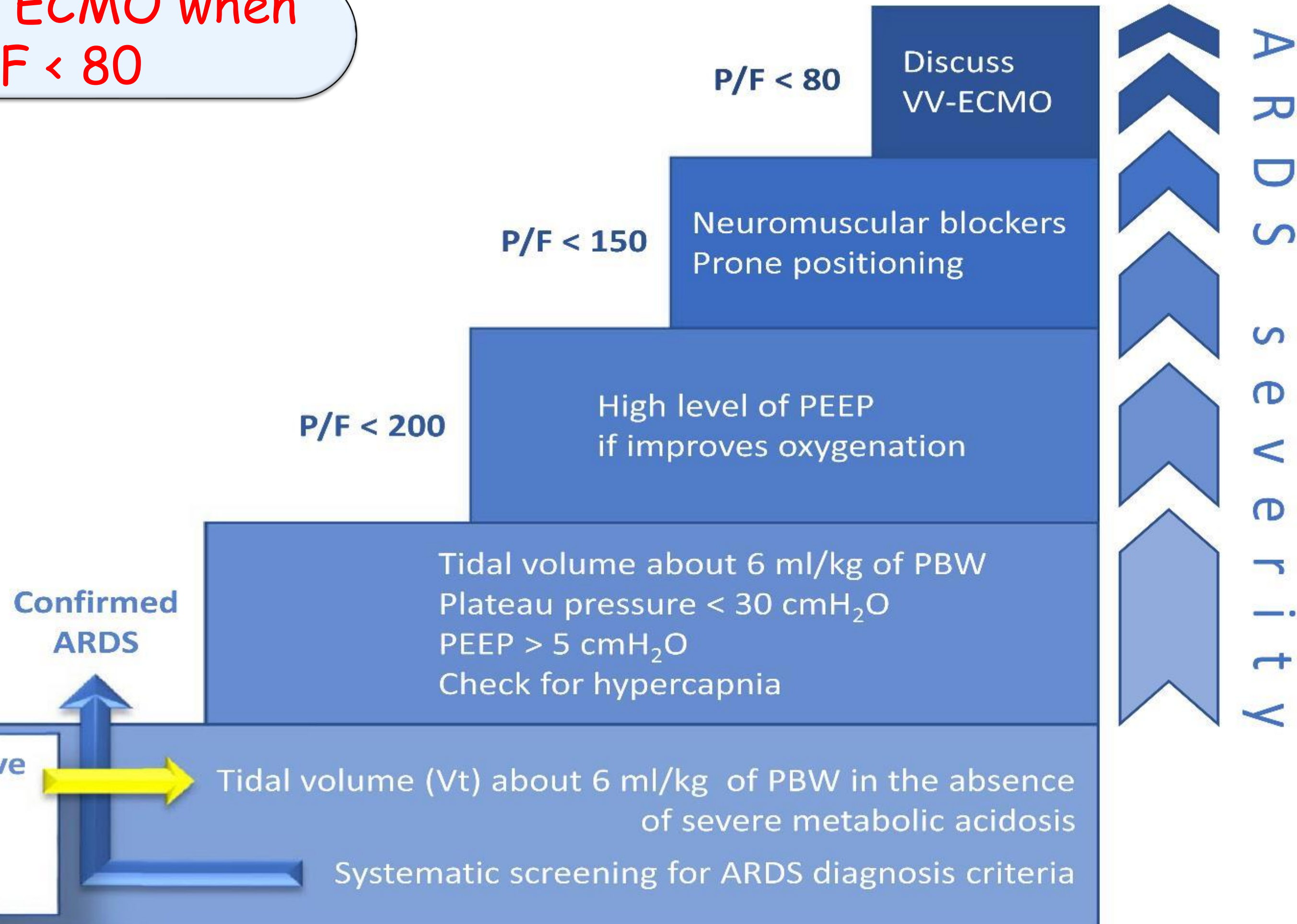
P/F 77

pH	7.24
pCO2	52 mmHg
pO2	71 mmHg
HCO3	22 mmol/L
FiO2	0.9



Early management of ARDS in 2019

Consider ECMO when
 $P/F < 80$



**Reassessment of ventilator settings and
of the management strategy at least every 24h**

Veno-venous ECMO

- ☐ In case of refractory hypoxemia or when protective ventilation can not be applied
- ☐ To be discussed with experienced ECMO centres

Neuromuscular blockers: continuous intravenous infusion

- ☐ Early initiation (within the first 48h of ARDS diagnosis)

Prone positioning methods :

- ☐ Applied for >16 h a day, for several consecutive days

Moderate or severe ARDS -> High PEEP test (> 12 cmH₂O)

Use high levels if:

- ☐ Oxygenation improvement
- ☐ Without hemodynamic impairment or significant decrease in lung compliance
- ☐ Maintain Pplat < 30 cmH₂O, continuous monitoring

ARDS diagnosis criteria

- ☐ $PaO_2/FiO_2 \leq 300$ mmHg
- ☐ PEEP ≥ 5 cmH₂O
- ☐ Bilateral opacities on chest imaging
- ☐ Not fully explained by cardiac failure or fluid overload
- ☐ Within a week of a known clinical insult

Might be applied

- ☒ Inhaled Nitric Oxide (iNO), when severe hypoxemia remains despite prone positioning and before considering VV-ECMO
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What other interventions can be done for this patient?

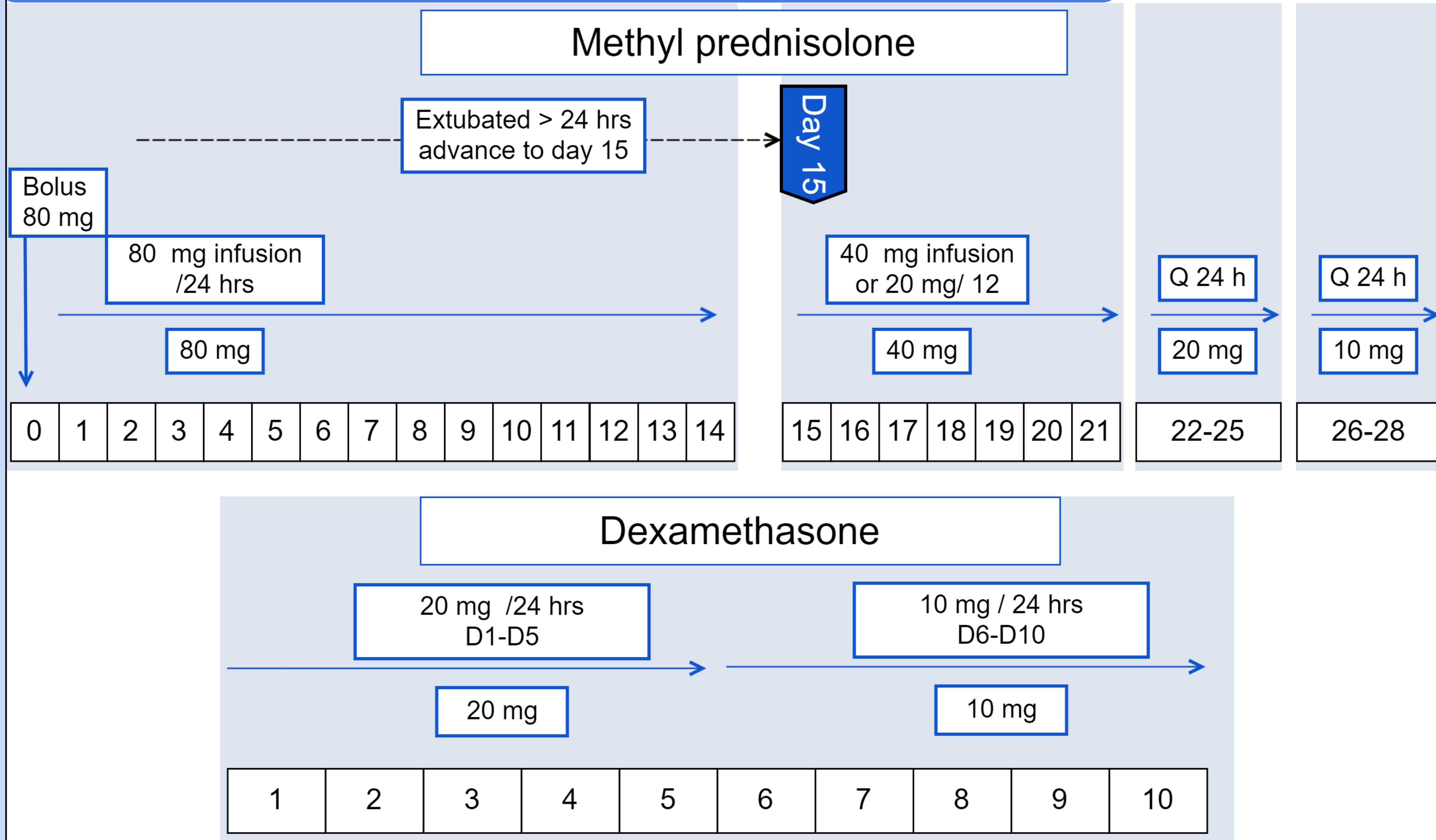
Other interventions

Steroid therapy

Conservative fluid management

Steroid therapy in non-COVID ARDS

Non-COVID ARDS



Steroid therapy in COVID ARDS

COVID-ARDS

Dexamethasone
6 mg

OR

methylprednisolone
32 mg

OR

prednisone
40 mg

10 days or until discharge whichever is shorter

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Conservative fluid therapy



Allow +ve fluid balance in first day if the patient is dehydrated from fever and diarrhea



Active de-resuscitation of patient to maintain neutral cumulative balance by 3rd to 5th day

Conservative fluid therapy

Stop maintenance fluid

Continue medication and nutrition

Maintain urine output from 0.5 to 1 ml/kg

Assess fluid balance every 4 hours

Diuretics in case of +ve fluid balance

Thank You