



# **Use of Driving Pressure and Transpulmonary Pressure for Morbidly Obese and ARDS Patients!**

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# Lecture Objectives

- **Define and describe the terms "driving pressure" and "transpulmonary pressure"**
- **Discuss how driving and transpulmonary pressures are affected in patients with morbid obesity and ARDS**
- **Discuss how driving and transpulmonary pressures can be utilized to assist in the care of patients with morbid obesity and ARDS**



# Road Map

## Background

### ARDS

- Driving Pressure
- Esophageal Balloon / Transpulmonary Pressure

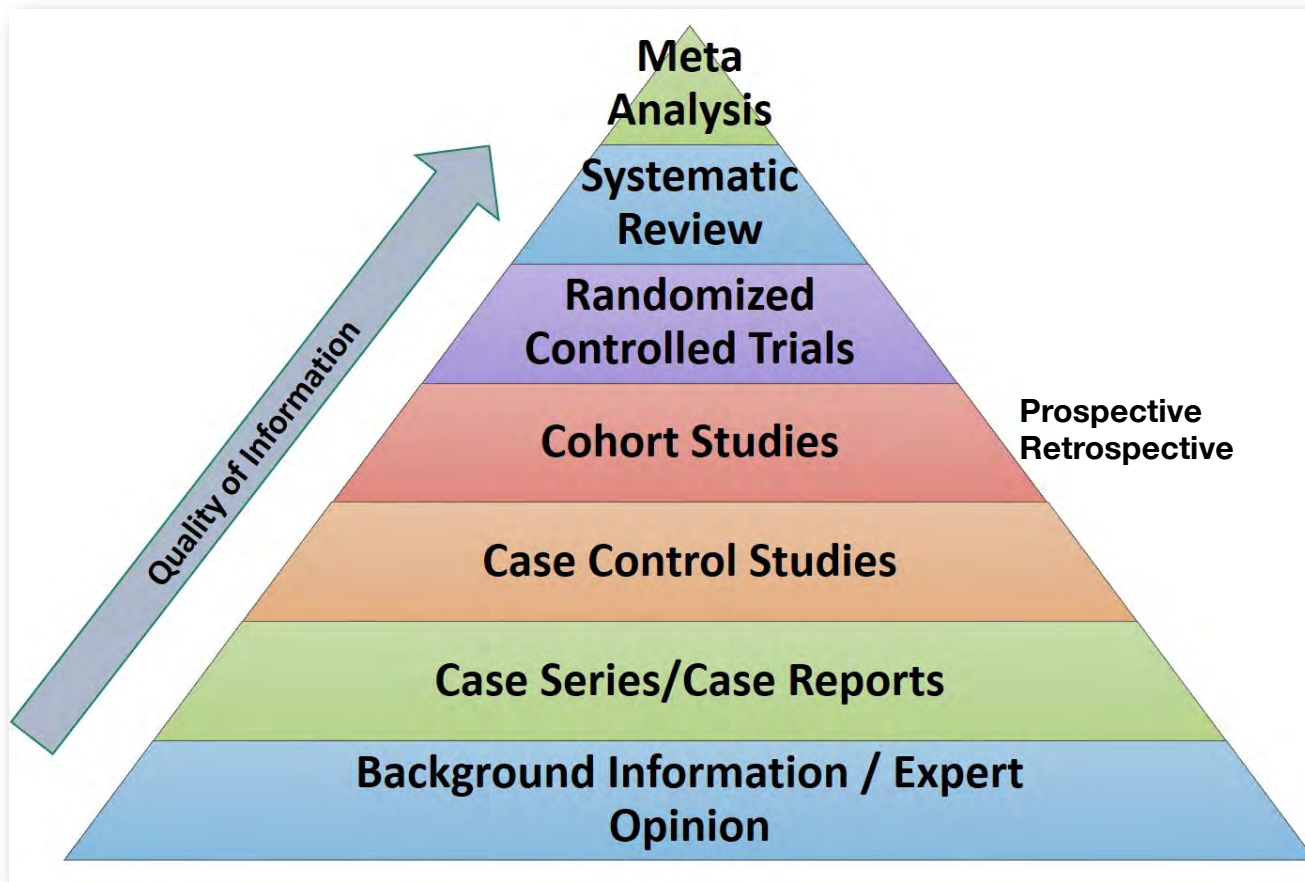
### Obesity

- Driving Pressure
- Esophageal Balloon / Transpulmonary Pressure

## Quick Demonstration

## Summary / Key Take Home Points

# Background



## Evolving Concepts in Lung Protection

- Low Tidal Volumes
- Low Plateau Pressure
- High PEEP 'Open Lung' Approach
- Low Driving Pressure
- Low Ventilating *Power*
- Low *Driving Power*?
- *Reduce Cumulative Injurious Strain?*

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2018

**Fig. 1** Timeline of advancing knowledge regarding VILI causation

**Stress – force per unit area**

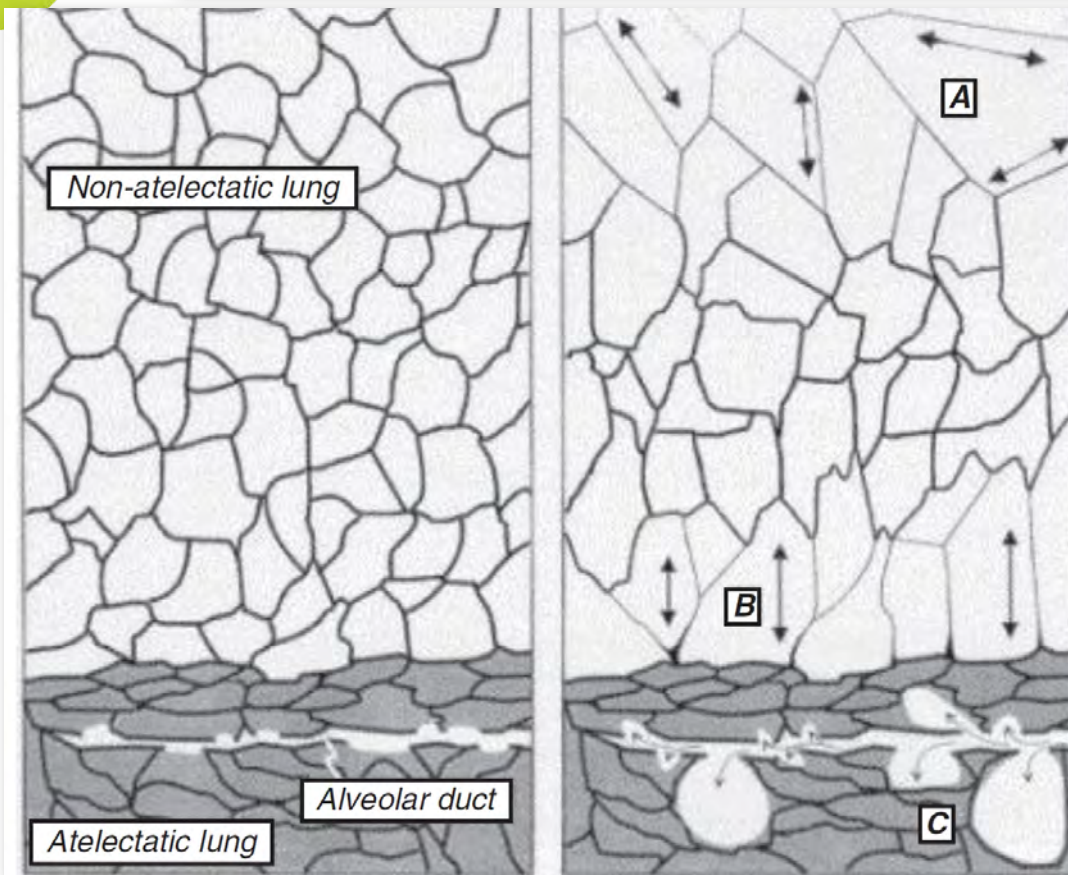
**Strain – change in length vs original length**

FIFTY YEARS OF RESEARCH IN ARDS

# Setting Positive End-Expiratory Pressure in Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

Am J Respir Crit Care Med Vol 195, Iss 11, pp 1429–1438, Jun 1, 2017

Sarina K. Sahetya<sup>1</sup>, Ewan C. Goligher<sup>2,3</sup>, and Roy G. Brower<sup>1</sup>



**“No single method of PEEP titration has been shown to improve clinical outcomes compared with other approaches of setting PEEP”**

**Figure 1.** Mechanisms of ventilator-induced lung injury. *Left panel* shows lung regions at end-expiration. *Right panel* shows the same lung regions at end-inspiration. (A) Patent alveoli are overdistended or stretched to injurious volumes. (B) Some tissue may be injured by excessive stress at the margins between atelectatic and aerated alveoli. (C) Small bronchioles and alveoli may be injured by mechanical forces involved in repeated opening and closing. Reprinted with permission from Reference 80.



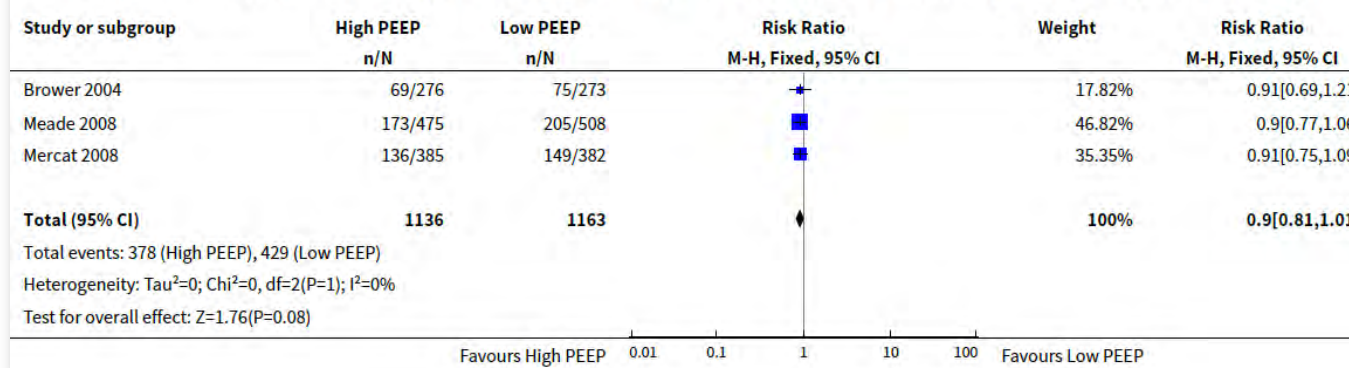
Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

**High versus low positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP) levels for mechanically ventilated adult patients with acute lung injury and acute respiratory distress syndrome (Review)**

Santa Cruz R, Rojas JI, Nervi R, Heredia R, Ciapponi A

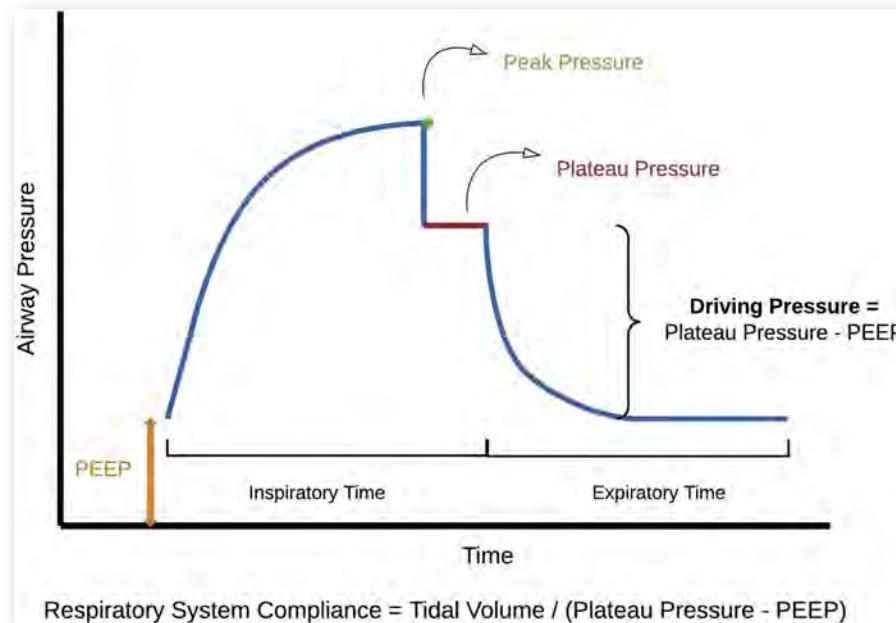
**Meta-analysis revealed no statistically significant differences between the two groups nor was any statistically significant difference seen in the risk of barotrauma - Oxygenation was improved in the high-PEEP group**

**Analysis 1.1. Comparison 1 High versus low levels of PEEP, Outcome 1 Mortality before hospital discharge.**



# Defining Terms: Driving Pressure

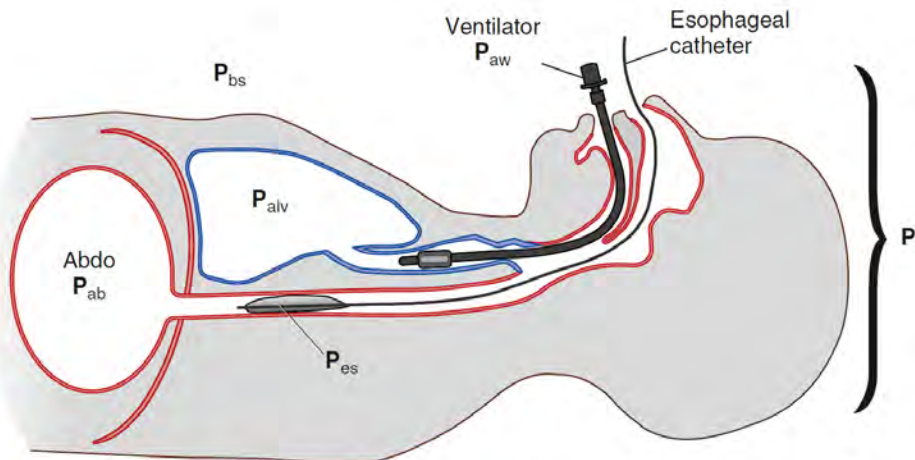
1.  $\text{Plat (cmH}_2\text{O)} - \text{PEEP (cmH}_2\text{O)}$ , generally want  $< 15$
2. Inspiratory Pressure with zero flow (cmH<sub>2</sub>O) – PEEP (cmH<sub>2</sub>O)
3. Tidal Volume (ml) ÷ Respiratory System Compliance (ml / cmH<sub>2</sub>O)



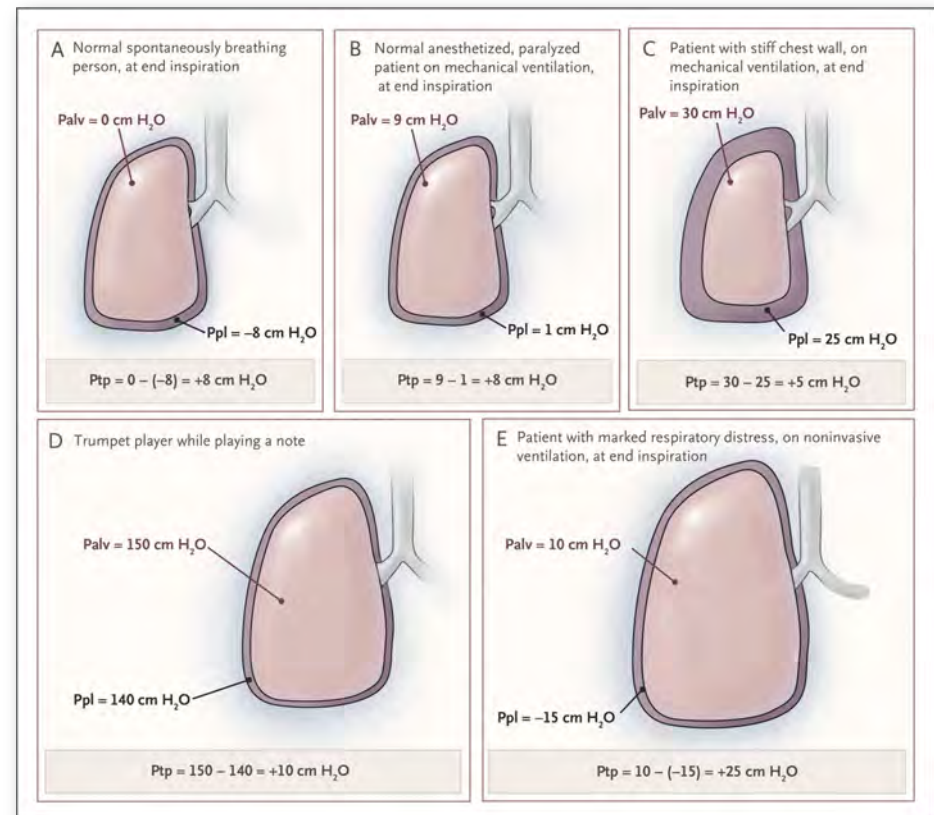


# Defining Terms: Transpulmonary Pressure

Transpulmonary pressure (TPP) = airway pressure - pleural pressure  
 Generally, want (+) end expiratory and < 10 to 15 end inspiratory



**Figure 2.** The clinician can directly measure the pressure from the ventilator at the airway opening (airway pressure [Paw]) and reference it to body surface pressure (Pbs). Esophageal pressure (Pes) may also be directly measured with a balloon manometer. Transpulmonary pressure (PL) = Paw - Pes. The alveolar pressure (Palv) can be measured from Paw during end-inspiration (plateau) and end-expiratory (total positive end-expiratory pressure) holds. Abdominal pressure (Pab) can be measured in the stomach or the bladder. Abdo = abdomen. Artwork by Vicky Earle.





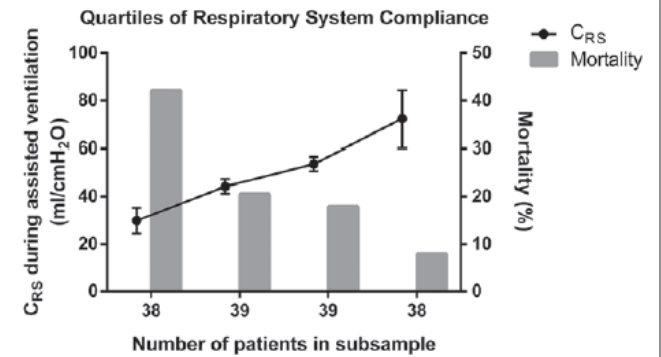
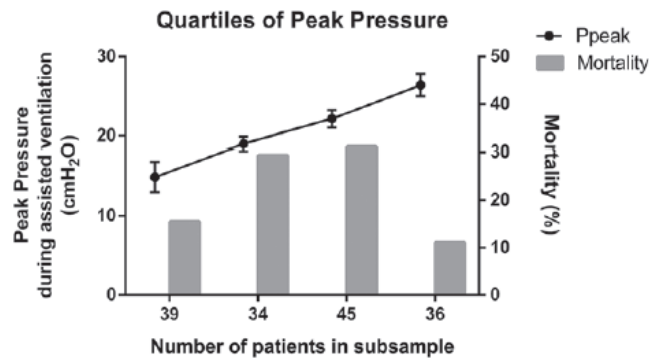
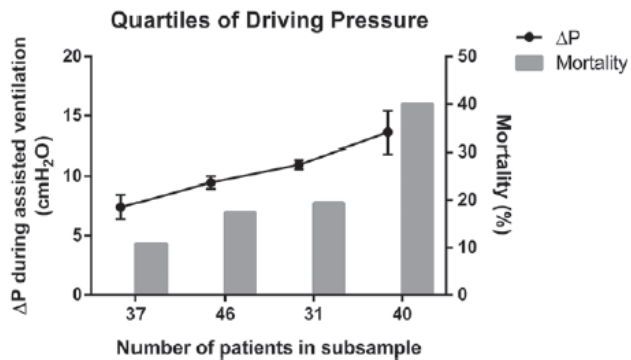
# TPP & Driving Pressure: ARDS

# ANESTHESIOLOGY

## Driving Pressure Is Associated with Outcome during Assisted Ventilation in Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

Retrospective

Anesthesiology 2019; 131:594–604  
retrospective study of 154 ARDS patients



## Dynamic Airway Driving Pressure and Outcomes in Children With Acute Hypoxemic Respiratory Failure

**Respir Care 2021;66(3):403–409, n=161 pediatrics 1 to 15 years old**

Abdul Rauf, Anil Sachdev, Shekhar T Venkataraman, and Veronique Dinand

**Retrospective**

Table 2. Comparison of Outcome Parameters in Both Driving Pressure Groups

Outcome	Low DP < 15 High DP ≥ 15		P
	Low ΔP (n = 47)	High ΔP (n = 54)	
ARDS, n	29	36	
Duration of ventilation, d			
Total	5 (4–6)	8 (6–11)	< .001
ARDS	6 (4–7)	9 (6–12)	< .001
Ventilator-free days at day 28, d			
Total	23 (20–24)	17 (0–22)	< .001
ARDS	22 (19–23)	16 (0–21)	< .001
ICU length of stay, d			
Total	6 (5–8)	12 (7–15)	< .001
ARDS	7 (6–9)	14 (7–15)	< .001
Hospital length of stay, d			
Total	11 (7–14)	18 (13–25)	< .001
ARDS	12 (8–15)	19 (13–25)	< .001
In-hospital mortality, %			
Total	17	24	.38
ARDS	18	25	.33

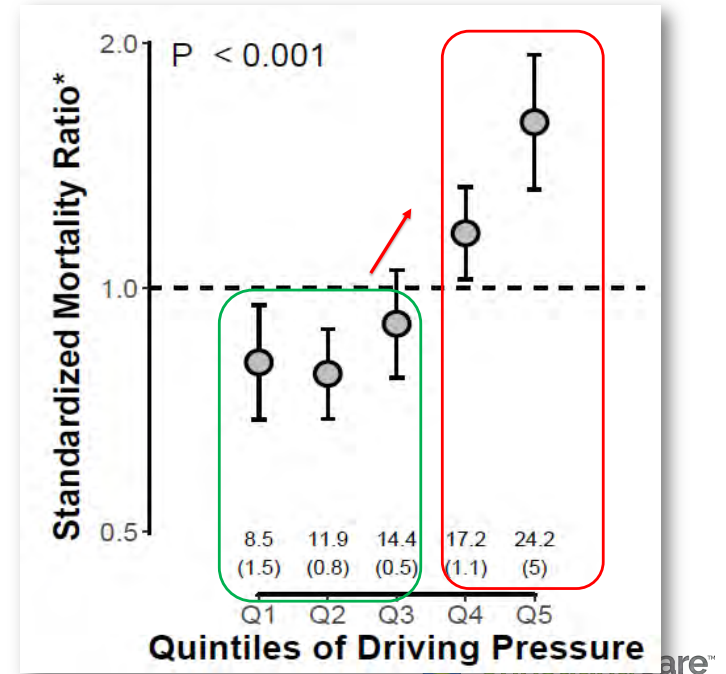
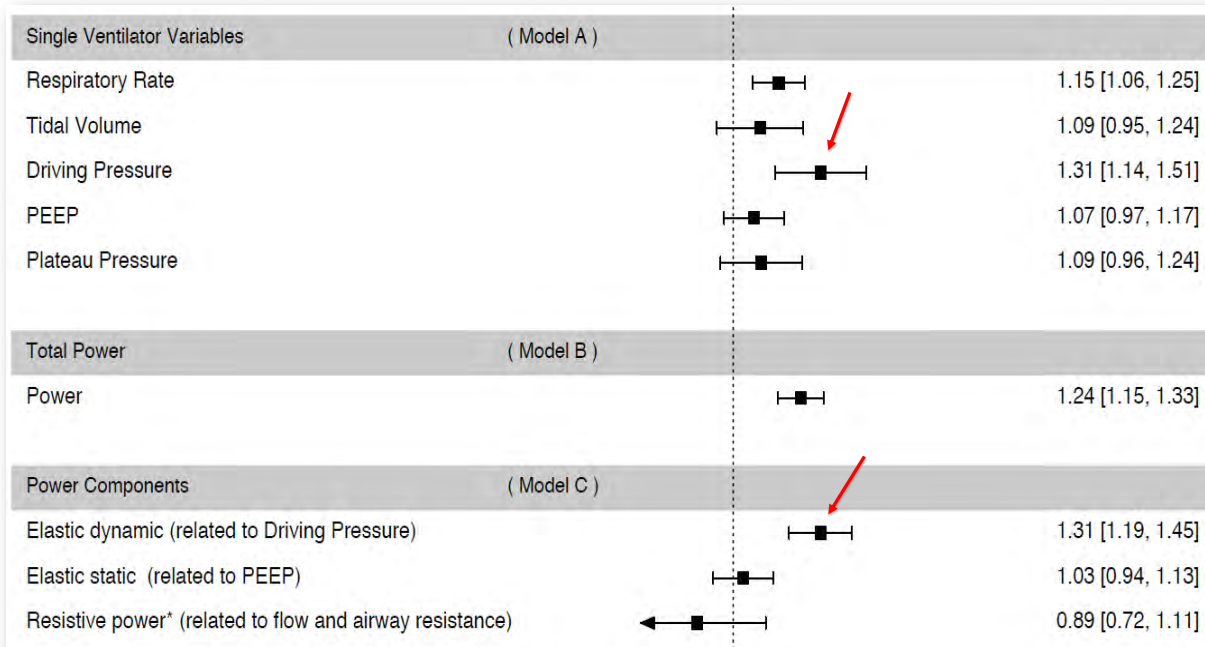
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## Ventilatory Variables and Mechanical Power in Patients with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome 4,549 ARDS patients in a pooled database

Eduardo L V Costa<sup>1 2</sup>, Arthur Slutsky<sup>3 4</sup>, Laurent J Brochard<sup>4 3</sup>, Roy Brower<sup>5</sup>, Ary Serpa-Neto<sup>6</sup>, Alexandre B Cavalcanti<sup>7</sup>, Alain Mercat<sup>8</sup>, Maureen Meade<sup>9</sup>, Caio C A Morais<sup>10</sup>, Ewan Goligher<sup>11 3</sup>, Carlos R R Carvalho<sup>12</sup>, Marcelo B P Amato<sup>1</sup>

Pooled data from Retrospective and Prospective RCT's

Driving Pressure and RR = significantly associated with mortality

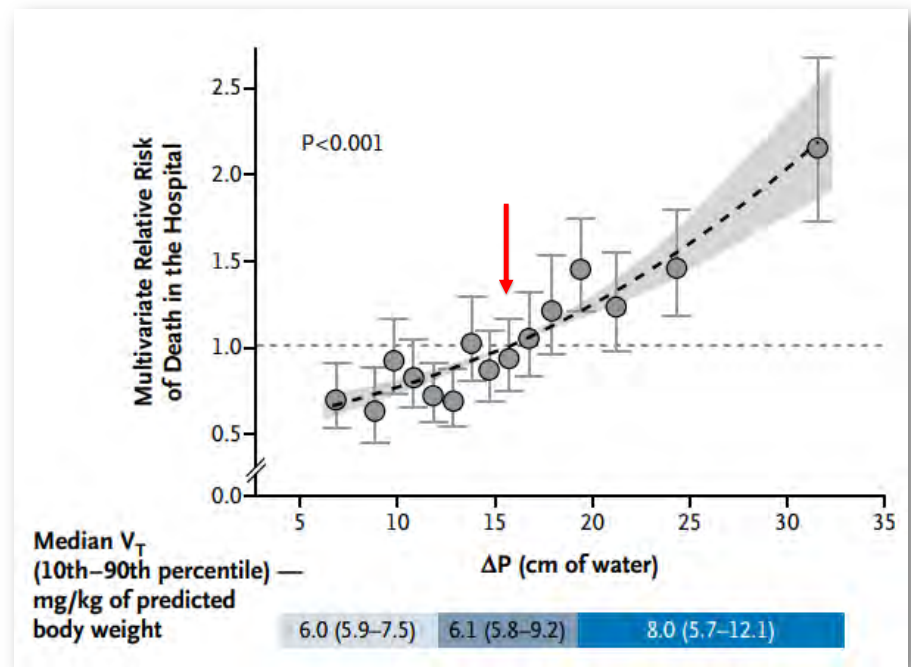
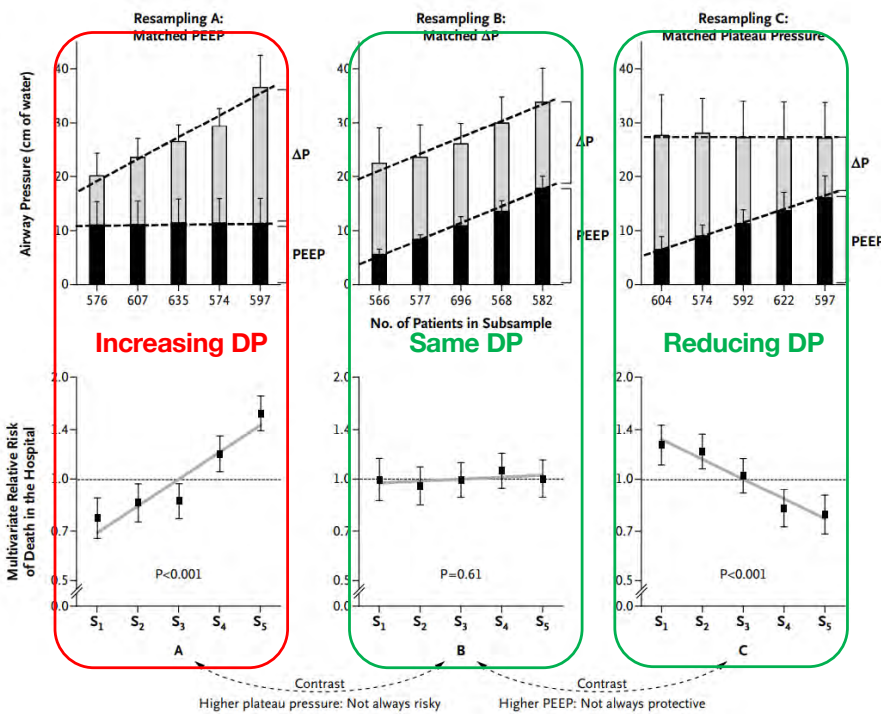


# Driving Pressure and Survival in the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

N Engl J Med 2015;372:747-55, 3562 patients from previous studies

Marcelo B.P. Amato, M.D., Maureen O. Meade, M.D., Arthur S. Slutsky, M.D., Laurent Brochard, M.D., Eduardo L.V. Costa, M.D., David A. Schoenfeld, Ph.D.,

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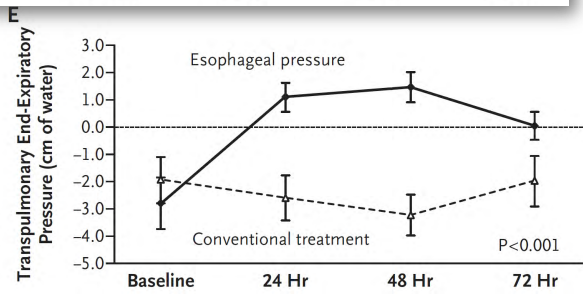
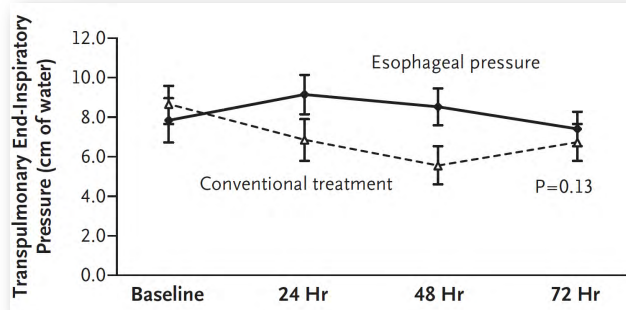


Decreasing DP with changed vent settings was associated with increased survival



**N Engl J Med 2008;359:2095-104. n=61 “EPVent 1”**  
**Mechanical Ventilation Guided by Esophageal Pressure**  
**in Acute Lung Injury**

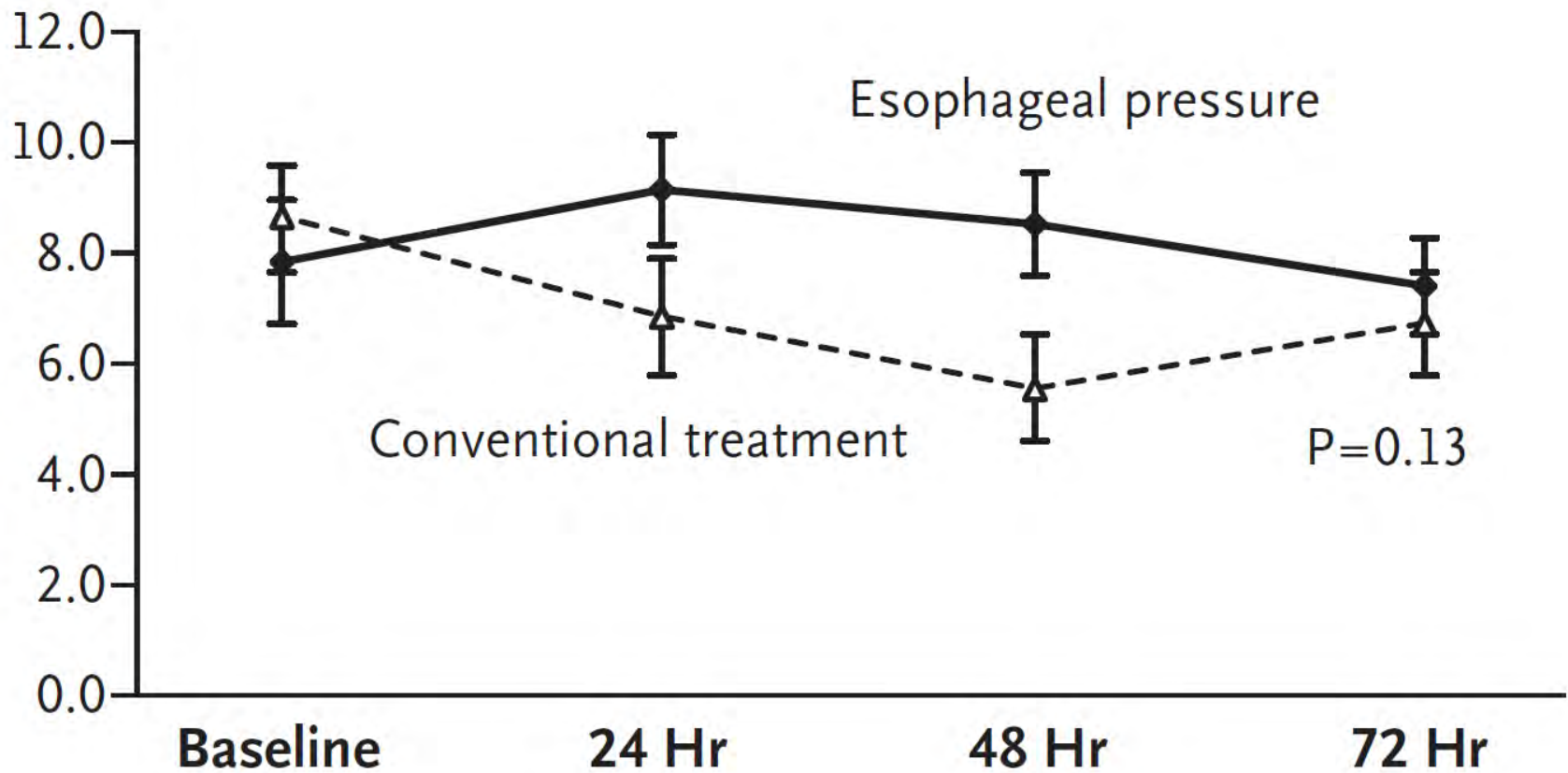
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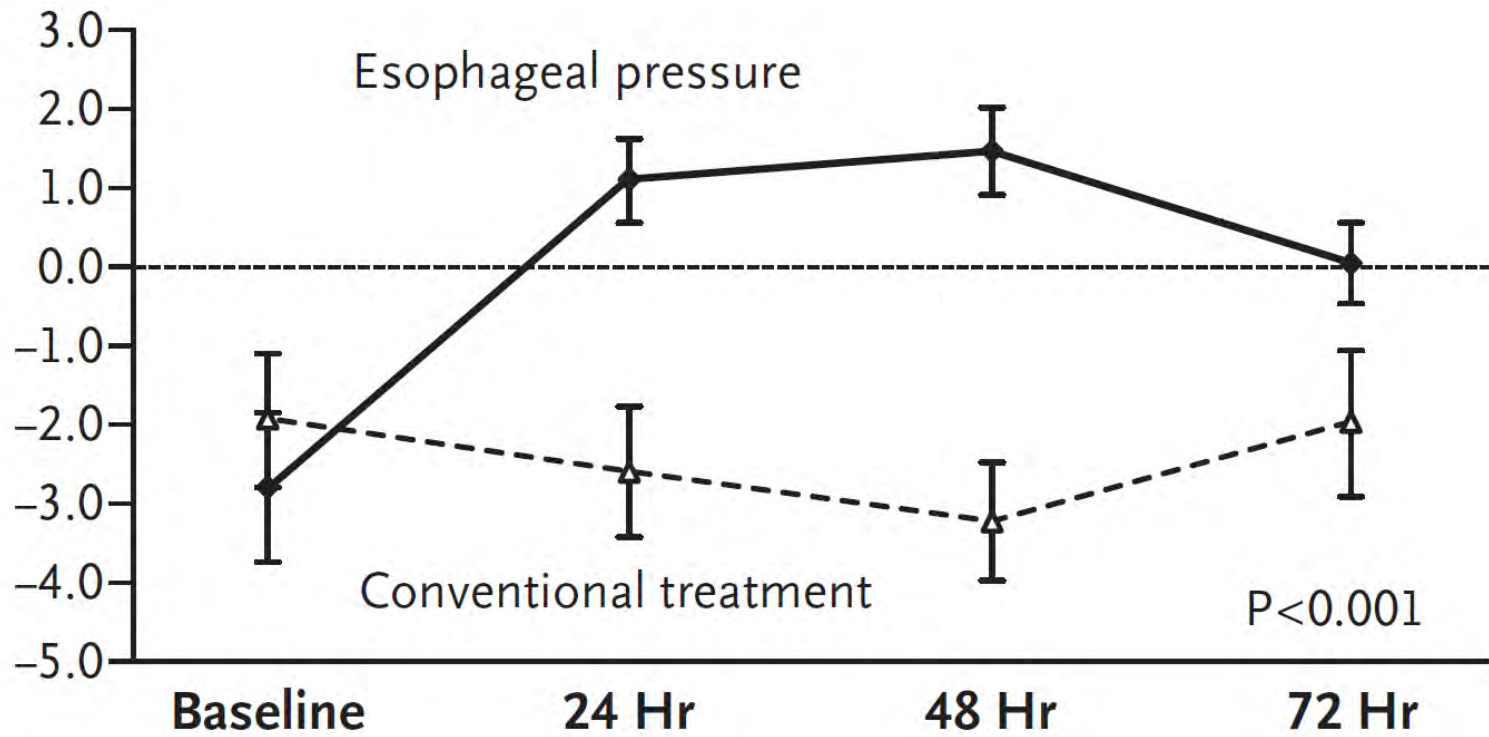
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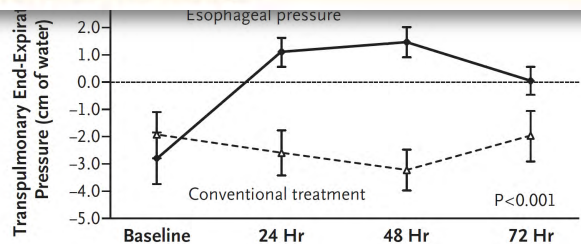
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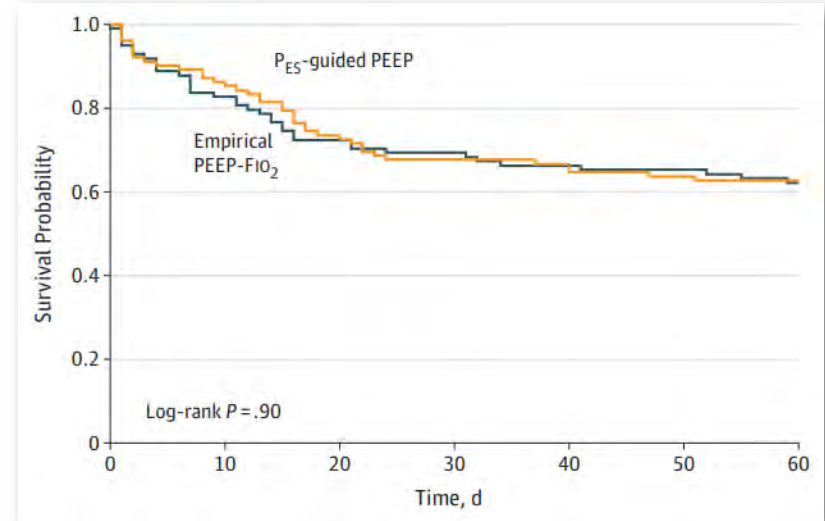
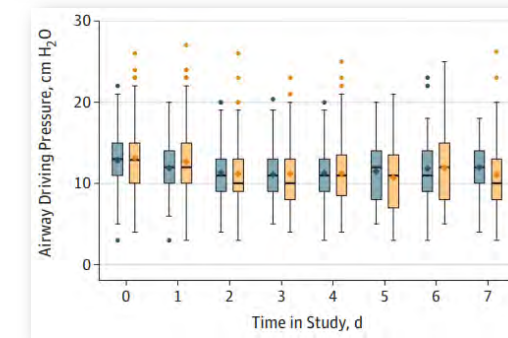
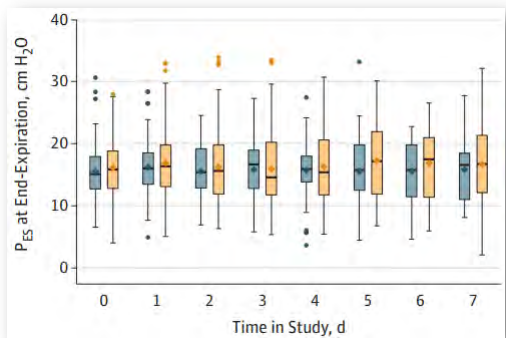
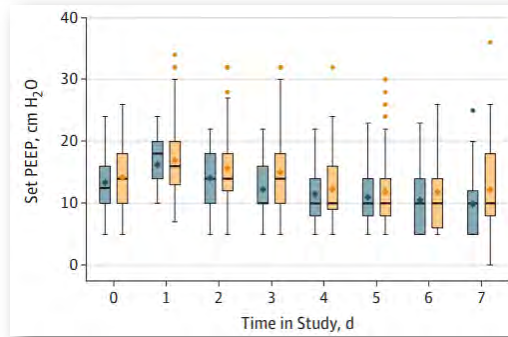
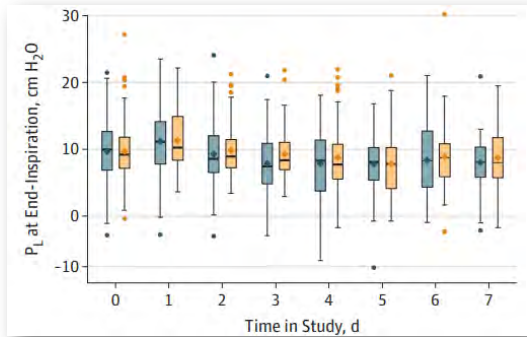
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A Randomized Clinical Trial

JAMA. 2019;321(9):846-857, n=200  
Balloon vs high PEEP table

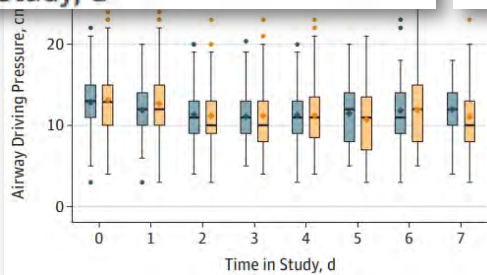
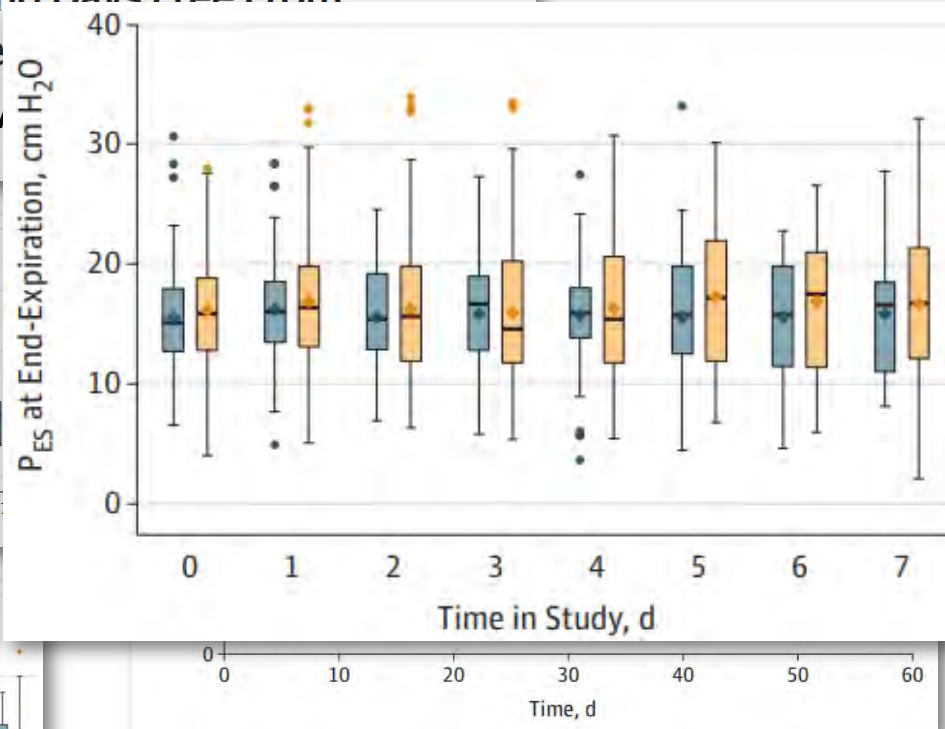
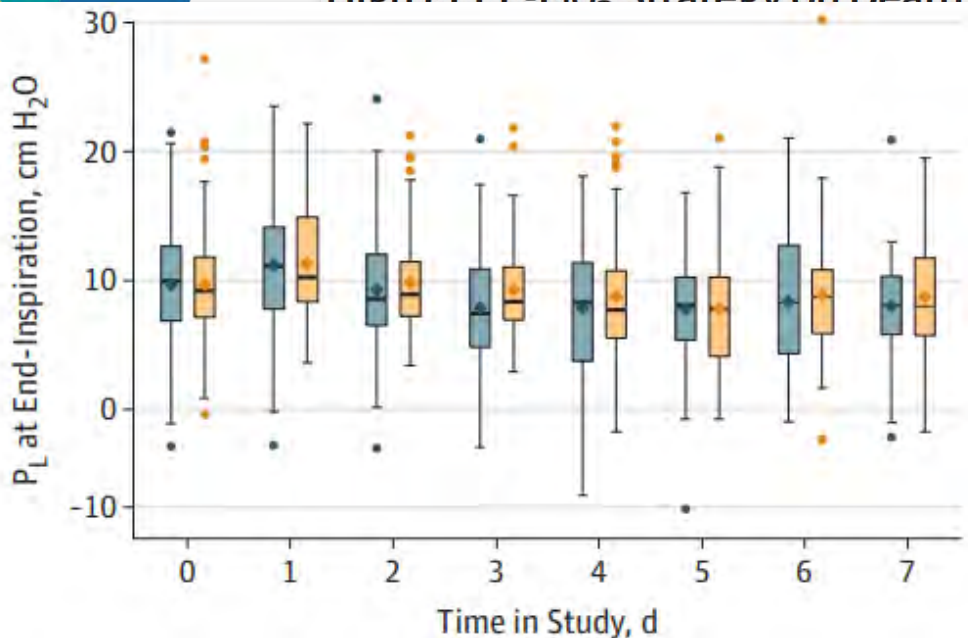
Prospective RCT

“EPVent 2”



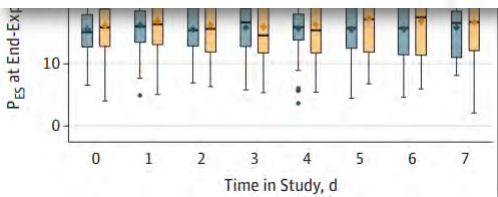
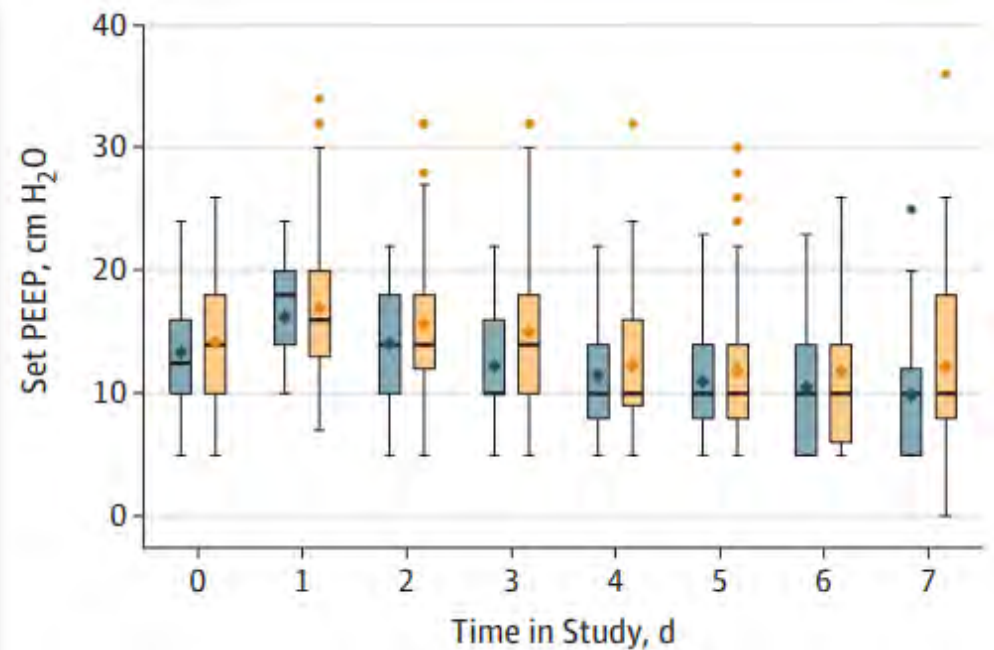
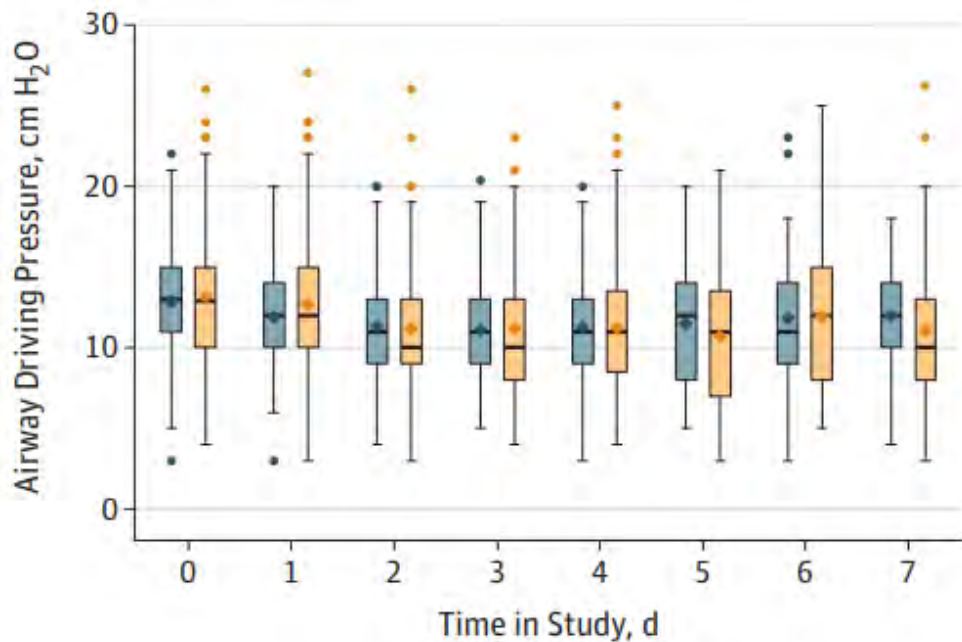
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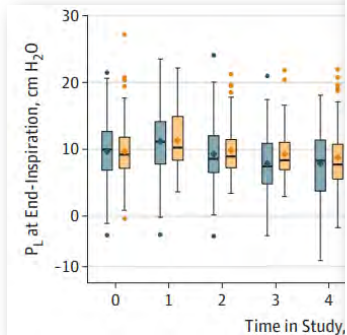
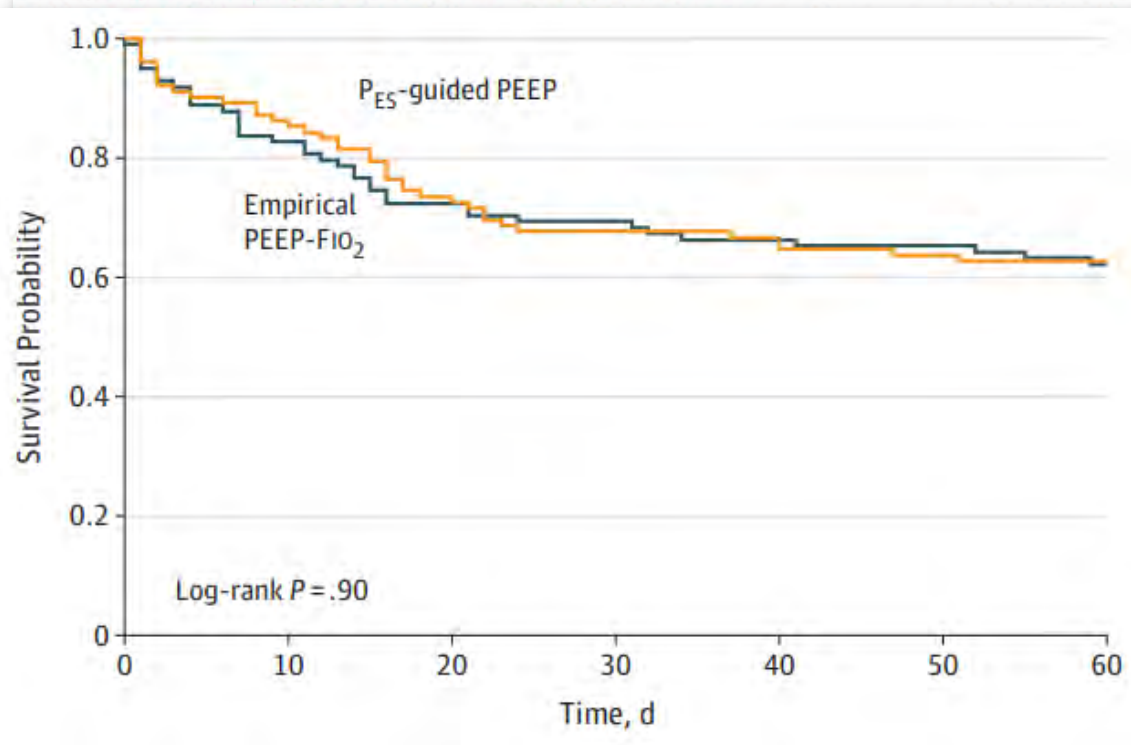


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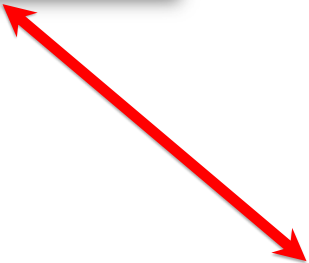
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**No difference between high PEEP and low PEEP**

High versus low positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP) levels for mechanically ventilated adult patients with acute lung injury and acute respiratory distress syndrome (Review)



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**EPVent 1 - Balloon vs low PEEP – Balloon Better???**  
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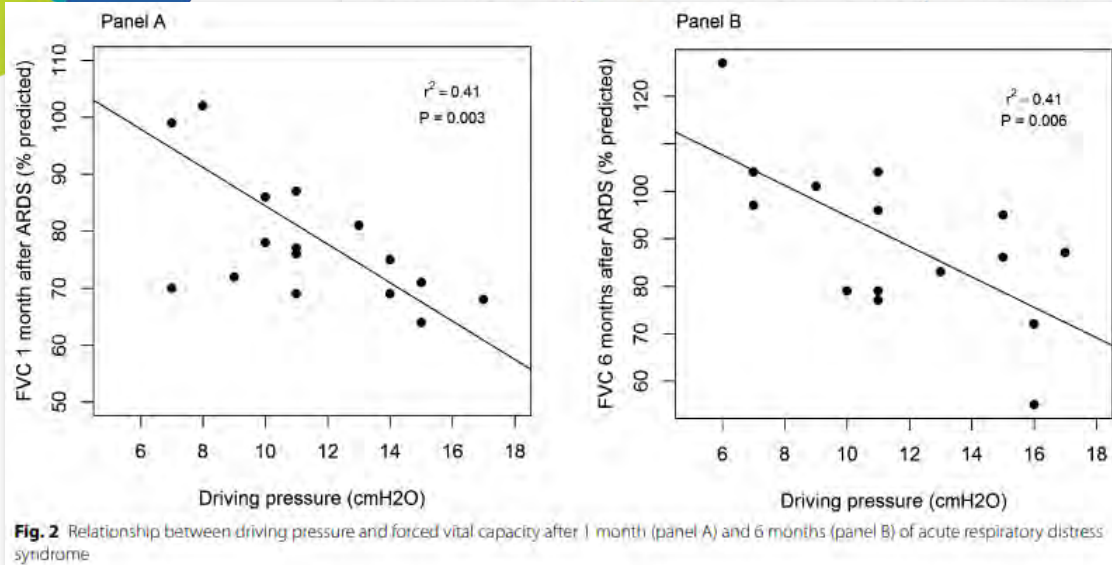
**EPVent 2 - Balloon vs high PEEP – No Difference**

# Driving pressure and long-term outcomes in moderate/severe acute respiratory distress syndrome

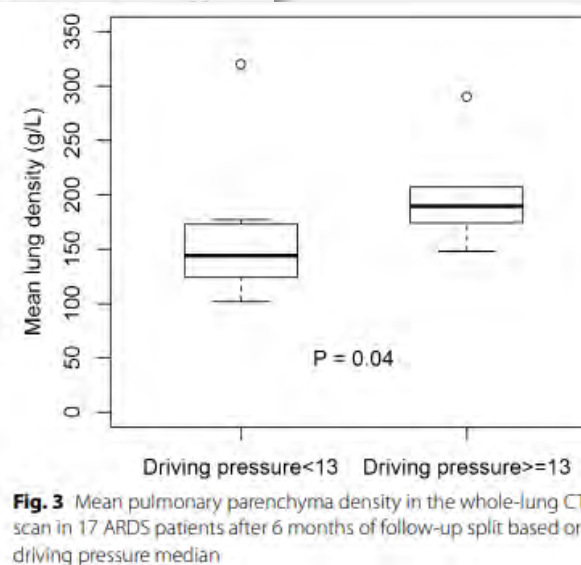
Ann Intensive Care (2018) 8:119, n=33 ARDS pts @ 6 months



Prospective  
not an RCT



Alysson R  
o Carvalho



We already know ARDS long term outcomes include: cognitive, psychiatric & physical issues

**Higher driving pressure = worse long-term pulmonary function and structure even with “protective ventilation”**





# TPP & Driving Pressure: Obesity

Anesthesiology

1999; 91:1221-31

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## ***Positive End-expiratory Pressure Improves Respiratory Function in Obese but not in Normal Subjects during Anesthesia and Paralysis***

Paolo Pelosi, M.D.,\* Irene Ravagnan, M.D.,† Gabriella Giurati, M.D.,† Mauro Panigada, M.D.,‡  
Nicola Bottino, M.D.,‡ Stefano Tredici, M.D.,‡ Giuditta Eccher, M.D.,‡ Luciano Gattinoni, M.D.§

“PEEP improves respiratory function in morbidly obese patients but not in normal subjects”

# Protective mechanical ventilation in the obese patient

Falcão et al. *International Anesthesiology Clinics* (2020) 58:3

Luiz F.d.R. Falcão, MD, MBA, PhD, TSA<sup>a</sup>, Paolo Pelosi, MD, FERS<sup>b,c</sup>, Marcelo Gama de Abreu, MD, MSc, PhD, DESA<sup>d</sup>

## Pulmonary function abnormalities resulting from obesity during spontaneous breathing

Respiratory muscle function impairment  
    ↑ work of breathing  
    ↓ lung compliance  
    ↓ lung volumes  
    ↑ airway resistance  
Heterogeneity of ventilation distribution



## Pulmonary function abnormalities resulting from obesity during mechanical ventilation

↓ end-expiratory lung volume  
↑↑ atelectasis  
Preferential ventilation in non-dependent regions  
↑ physiological shunt  
↑ ventilation-perfusion mismatch  
↓ arterial oxygenation  
↓ respiratory system compliance  
↑ intrapleural pressure

## Protective mechanical ventilation in obese patients

- |                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| ✓ PCV, VCV or PCV-VG              | ✓ No recruitment maneuvers (RM)   |
| ✓ Respiratory ratio 1:1 or 1.5:1  | ✓ FiO <sub>2</sub> to assure SpO <sub>2</sub> ≥ 90%, if FiO <sub>2</sub> alone is not sufficient, consider increase PEEP and RM |
| ✓ V <sub>T</sub> 6 to 8 mL/kg PBW | ✓ Increases in driving pressure resulting from adjustments in PEEP should be ideally avoided                                    |
| ✓ PEEP ≤ 5 cmH <sub>2</sub> O     |   |

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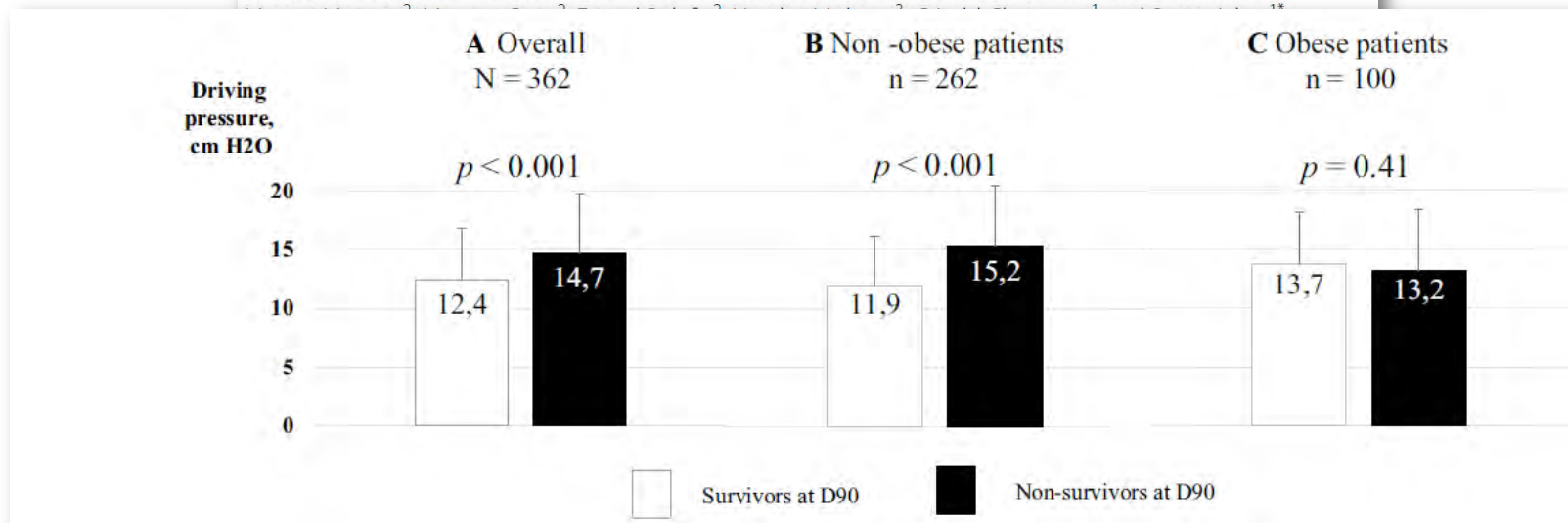


Retrospective

# Impact of the driving pressure on mortality in obese and non-obese ARDS patients: a retrospective study of 362 cases

**Intensive Care Med (2018) 44:1106–1114 – n=362**

Audrey De Jong<sup>1</sup>, Jeanne Cossic<sup>2</sup>, Daniel Verzilli<sup>2</sup>, Clément Monet<sup>2</sup>, Julie Carr<sup>2</sup>, Mathieu Conseil<sup>2</sup>



Non-obese patients – Increases in DP, Plat and Compliance are independently associated with mortality

Obese patients – increases in DP, Plat and Compliance are not associated mortality

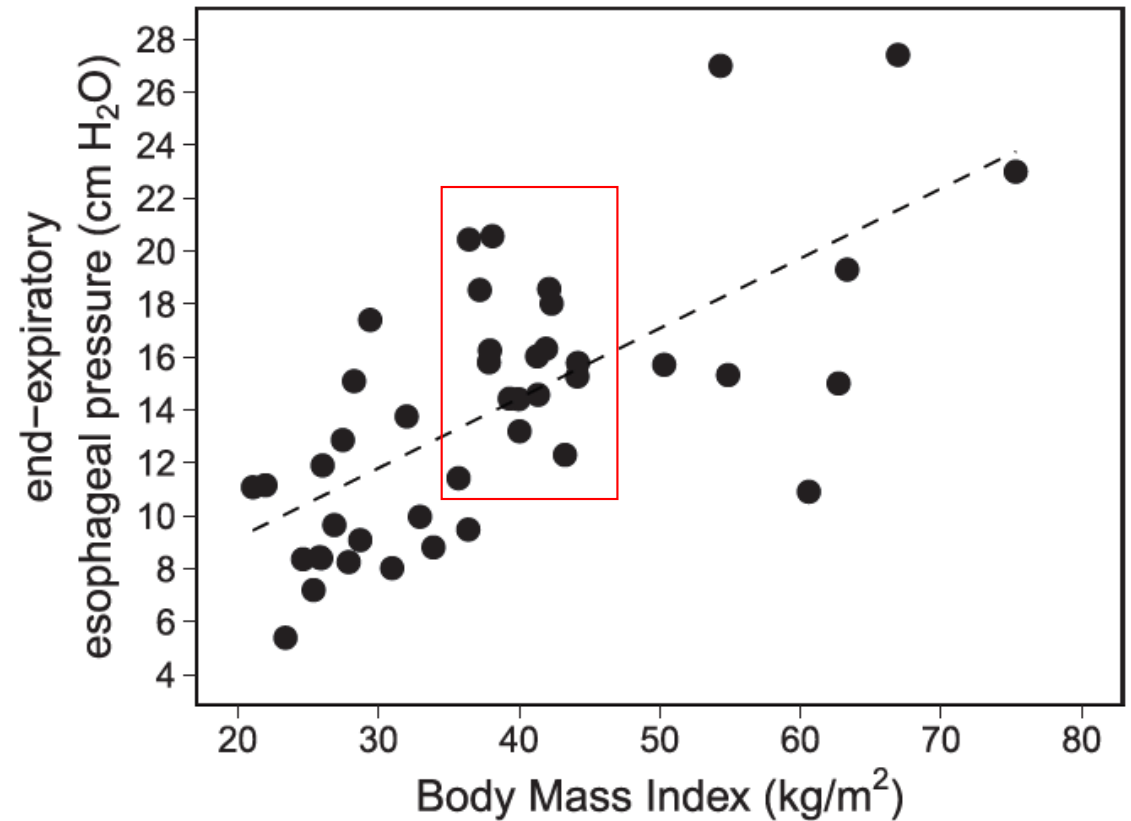
# ANESTHESIOLOGY

## Prevalence of Complete Airway Closure According to Body Mass Index in Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

Anesthesiology 2020; 133:867-78, n=51  
Pooled Cohort Analysis

- PEEP needed to keep airways open?
- PEEP needed to keep TPp<sub>ee</sub> positive?

Pooled data from a prospective and retrospective study



# Recruitment Maneuvers and Positive End-Expiratory Pressure Titration in Morbidly Obese ICU Patients

Crit Care Med 2016; 44:300–307

n=14, two methods of titrating positive end-expiratory pressure for BMI >35

Massimiliano Pirrone, MD<sup>1,2</sup>; Daniel Fisher, RRT<sup>3</sup>; Daniel Chipman, RRT<sup>3</sup>; David A. E. Imber, BA<sup>1</sup>; Javier Corona, MD<sup>1,4</sup>; Cristina Mietto, MD<sup>1,2</sup>; Robert M. Kacmarek, RRT, PhD<sup>1,3</sup>; Lorenzo Berra, MD<sup>1</sup>

Prospective  
not an RCT

**TABLE 1. Characteristics of Study Patients**

Total number of patients enrolled	14
Age, mean ± SD, yr	54.0 ± 15.7
Female, n (%)	6 (42.9)
Height, mean ± SD, cm	<b>5.5 ft</b> 170.9 ± 12.5
Weight, mean ± SD, kg	<b>321 lbs</b> 146.1 ± 40.8
Body mass index, mean ± SD, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	50.7 ± 16.0
Thoracic circumference, mean ± SD, cm	<b>57 in</b> 144.8 ± 23.3
Abdominal circumference, mean ± SD, cm	<b>59 in</b> 151.8 ± 23.8

**TABLE 2. Respiratory Mechanics and Gas Exchange at Different Positive End-Expiratory Pressure Levels**

	Baseline	Zero PEEP <sup>a</sup>	Lowest PEEP With Positive Ptp <sup>e</sup>	Lowest PEEP With Positive Ptp <sup>e</sup> After RM	Best Decremental PEEP After RM	Best Decremental PEEP–Head of Bed 30 Degree
PEEP cm H <sub>2</sub> O	11.6 ± 2.9	0	20.7 ± 4.0 <sup>b</sup>	20.7 ± 4.0 <sup>b</sup>	21.3 ± 3.8 <sup>b</sup>	21.5 ± 3.7 <sup>b</sup>
End-expiratory lung volume, mL/kg ideal body weight	19.5 ± 8.3	14.6 ± 3.9	27.1 ± 9.2	30.1 ± 8.2 <sup>b,c</sup>	30.6 ± 8.7 <sup>b</sup>	38.5 ± 11.5 <sup>b</sup>
		<b>25+ ml/kg</b>				
Ppeak, cm H <sub>2</sub> O	34.6 ± 5.8	22.4 ± 4.9	41.7 ± 6.0 <sup>b</sup>	40.2 ± 6.1 <sup>b,c</sup>	40.4 ± 5.2 <sup>b</sup>	41.6 ± 5.5 <sup>b</sup>
Pplat, cm H <sub>2</sub> O	22.5 ± 4.1	11.7 ± 2.1	30.4 ± 4.2 <sup>b</sup>	29.1 ± 4.1 <sup>b,c</sup>	29.8 ± 3.8 <sup>b</sup>	30.8 ± 3.2 <sup>b</sup>
PaO <sub>2</sub> /Fio <sub>2</sub> , torr	179 ± 60			270 ± 67 <sup>b</sup>	266 ± 72 <sup>b</sup>	
Ptpi, cm H <sub>2</sub> O	1.6 ± 5.0	-3.2 ± 2.8	8.1 ± 2.5 <sup>b</sup>	6.6 ± 3.3 <sup>b,c</sup>	7.5 ± 2.6 <sup>b</sup>	10.3 ± 3.8 <sup>b</sup>
Ptpe, cm H <sub>2</sub> O	-5.8 ± 5.8	-11.5 ± 1.7 <sup>b</sup>	1.1 ± 1.5 <sup>b</sup>	1.4 ± 2.4 <sup>b</sup>	2.3 ± 2.3 <sup>b</sup>	4.2 ± 3.8 <sup>b</sup>

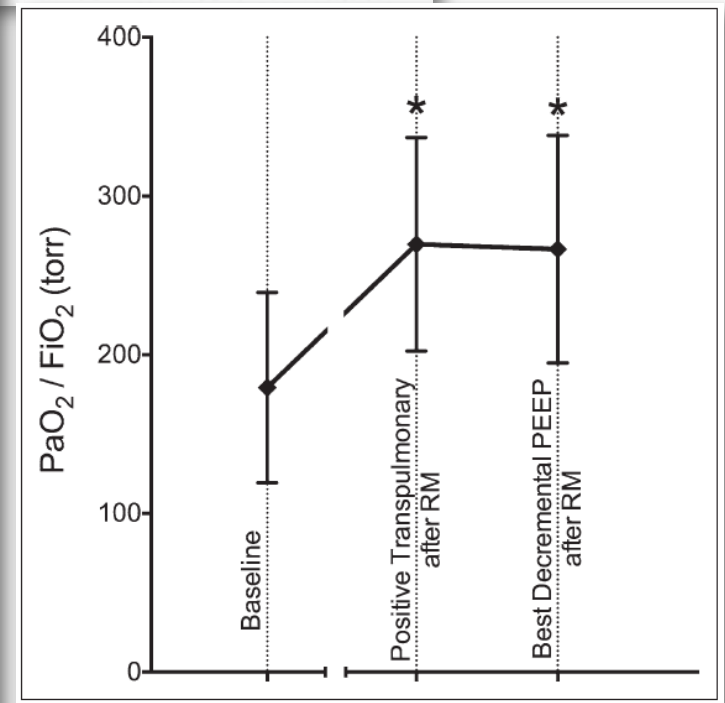
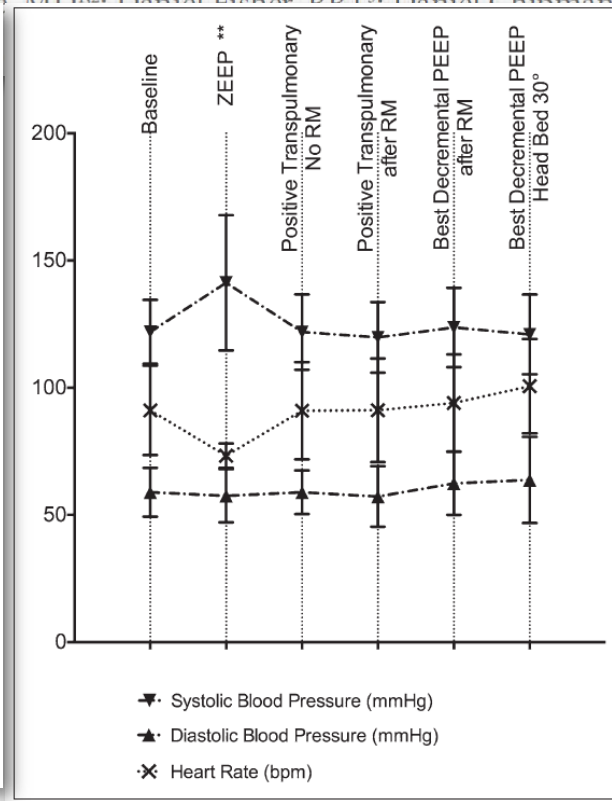
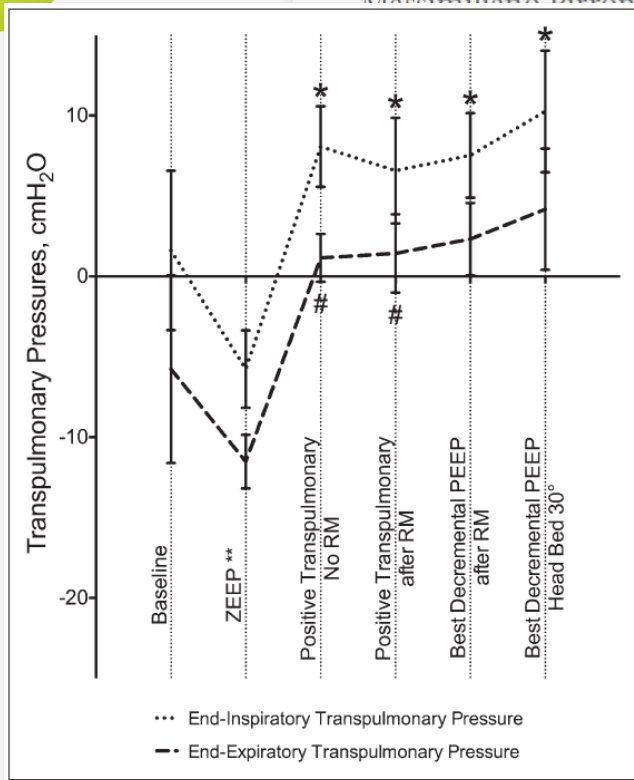
**Commonly used PEEP levels for morbidly obese patients are too low, cause atelectasis and hypoxemia – TPP or decremental trails with RM's may benefit these patients**

# Recruitment Maneuvers and Positive End-Expiratory Pressure Titration in Morbidly Obese ICU Patients

Crit Care Med 2016; 44:300–307

n=14, two methods of titrating positive end-expiratory pressure for BMI >35

Massimiliano Berra, MD<sup>1,2</sup>; Daniel Eicher, RRT<sup>3</sup>; Daniel Chinman, RRT<sup>3</sup>; David A. E. Imber, BA<sup>1</sup>; RRT, PhD<sup>1,3</sup>; Lorenzo Berra, MD<sup>1</sup>



# Transpulmonary Pressure Describes Lung Morphology During Decremental Positive End-Expiratory Pressure Trials in Obesity\*

Crit Care Med 2017; 45:1374–1381, n=16 crit ill obese patients (most 300-400lbs)

Jacopo Fumagalli, MD<sup>1,2</sup>; Lorenzo Berra, MD<sup>1</sup>; Changsheng Zhang, MD, PhD<sup>1</sup>; Massimiliano Pirrone, MD<sup>1,2</sup>;

Prospective  
not an RCT

**TABLE 1. Patients' Respiratory Parameters**

Respiratory Parameters, n = 16	Baseline		Optimal PEEP	p
PEEP (cm H <sub>2</sub> O)	12.7±2.9	→	21.7±3.7	< 0.001
Plateau pressure (cm H <sub>2</sub> O)	23.8±3.4		28.3±4.3	< 0.001
Peak pressure (cm H <sub>2</sub> O)	33.3±65.1		38.8±4.9	< 0.001
End-inspiratory transpulmonary pressure (cm H <sub>2</sub> O)	2.5±5.1	→	6.1±3.2	0.001
End-expiratory transpulmonary pressure (cm H <sub>2</sub> O)	-4.4±4.6	→	2.1±2.0	< 0.001
End-expiratory lung volume (mL/kg ideal body weight)	19.6±8.0		30.4±9.1	< 0.001
Elastance of the respiratory system (cm H <sub>2</sub> O/L)	23.9±7.1	→	18.6±6.1	< 0.001
Elastance of the lung (cm H <sub>2</sub> O/L)	16.6±5.1		10.8±4.3	< 0.001
Elastance of the chest wall (cm H <sub>2</sub> O/L)	7.2±2.9		7.7±3.5	0.547
Pao <sub>2</sub> /Fio <sub>2</sub>	163.4±56.7	→	273.4±72.1	< 0.001
Paco <sub>2</sub> (mm Hg)	47.9±13.4		50.9±11.6	0.140

**Optimizing the PEEP with TPP and/or decremental PEEP Trial**

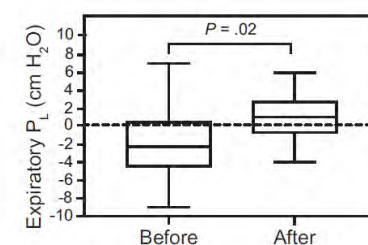
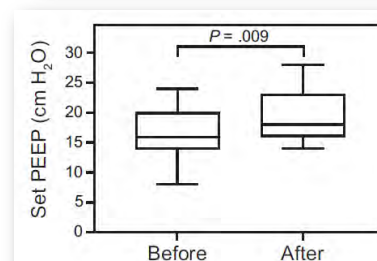
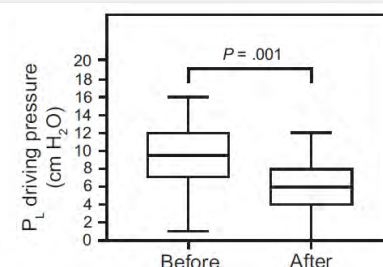
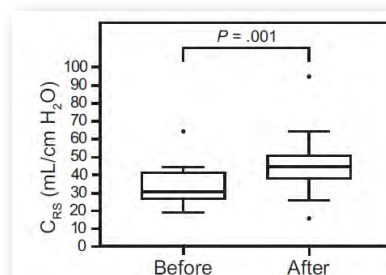
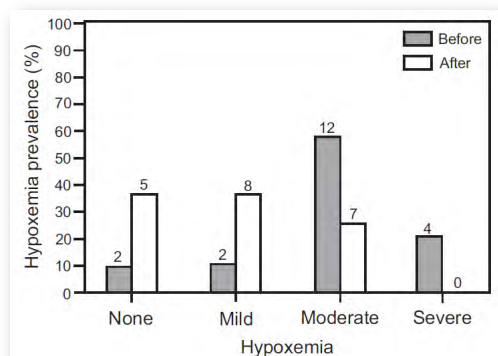


Retrospective

## Transpulmonary Pressure-Guided Lung-Protective Ventilation Improves Pulmonary Mechanics and Oxygenation Among Obese Subjects on Mechanical Ventilation

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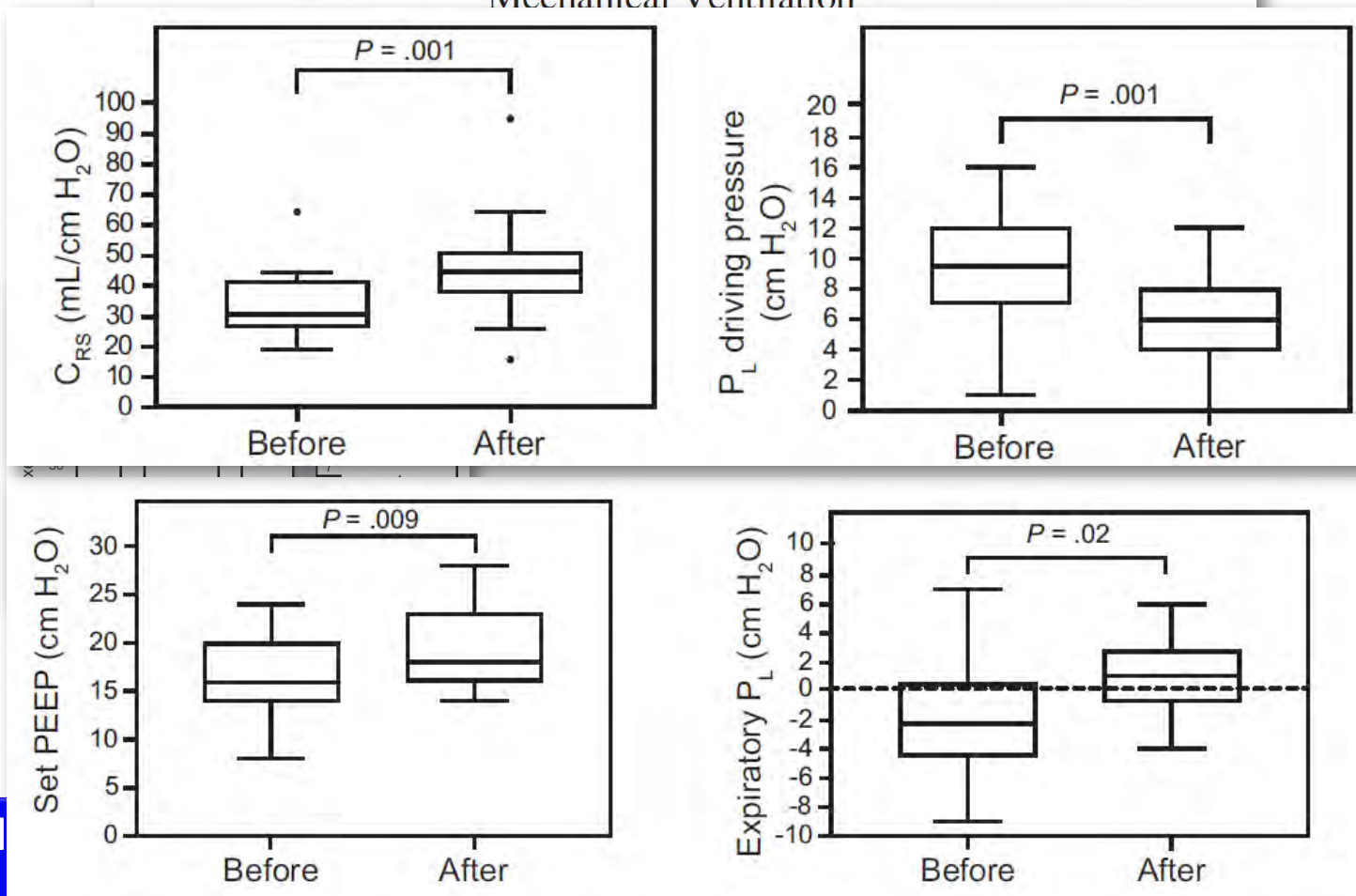
Daniel D Rowley, Susan R Arrington, Kyle B Enfield, Keith D Lamb, Alexandra Kadl, John P Davis, and Danny J Theodore



**Results: higher PEEP, lower FIO<sub>2</sub>, better pulmonary mechanics, and higher oxygenation for adult obese subjects**

Retrospective

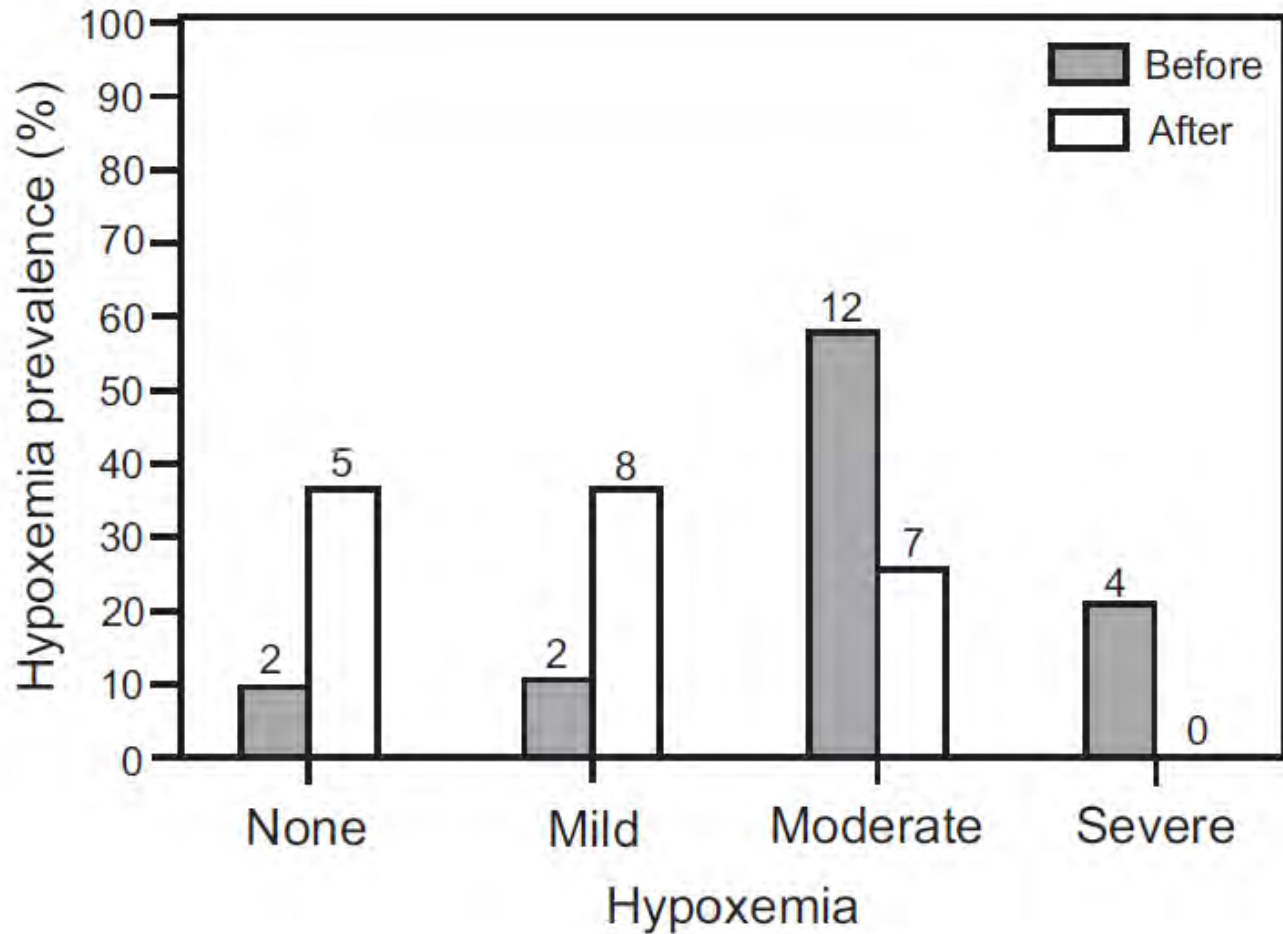
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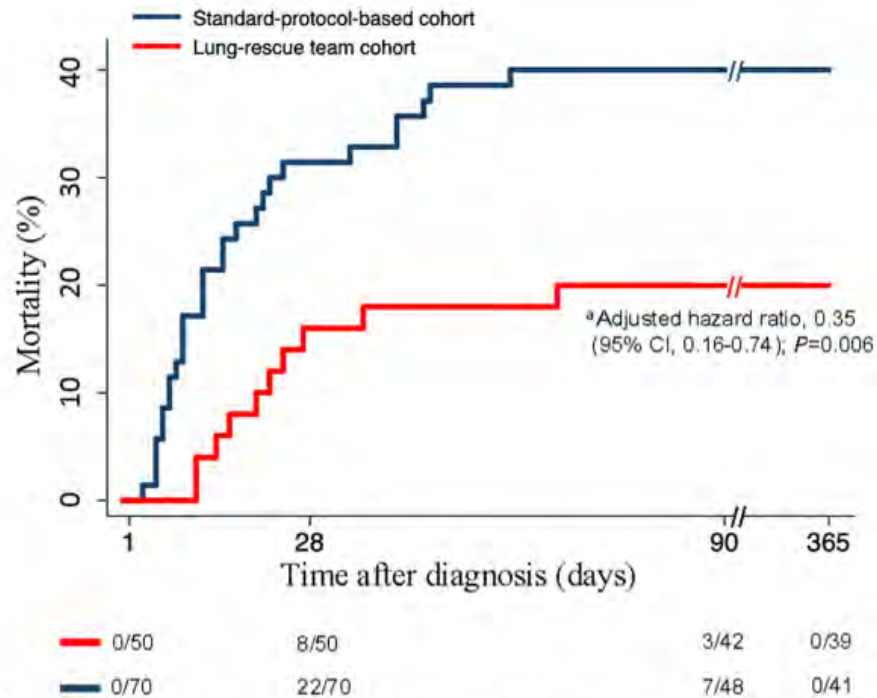
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## A lung rescue team improves survival in obesity with acute respiratory distress syndrome

Gaetano Florio<sup>1</sup>, Matteo Ferrari<sup>1</sup>, Edward A. Bittner<sup>1</sup>, Roberta De Santis Santiago<sup>1</sup>, Massimiliano Pirrone<sup>1</sup>,


- Single center **retrospective study** at MGH
- Class III Obesity (BMI > 40) with ARDS and mechanical ventilation > 48 hours
- Compared ARDSnet Low PEEP Table to PEEP settings determined by a Lung Rescue Team using:
  - Lung recruitment maneuvers
  - Esophageal manometry
  - Hemodynamic monitoring
- Decreased mortality in the group with settings determined by the Lung Rescue Team

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**“We found that in patients with an average BMI of > 50 kg/m<sup>2</sup> , an individualized lung rescue approach based on individualized cardiopulmonary physiology is associated with a decreased in-hospital mortality”**



# Esophageal Balloon: The ChristianaCare Experience

**44 esophageal balloon patients (out of 2205 vent patients Dec 2019-Sep2020)**  
•2% of ventilator patients used a balloon (balloons are ~\$40)

**We increased PEEP an average of 6 cmH<sub>2</sub>O above standard clinical PEEP settings prior to balloon use (next slide)**

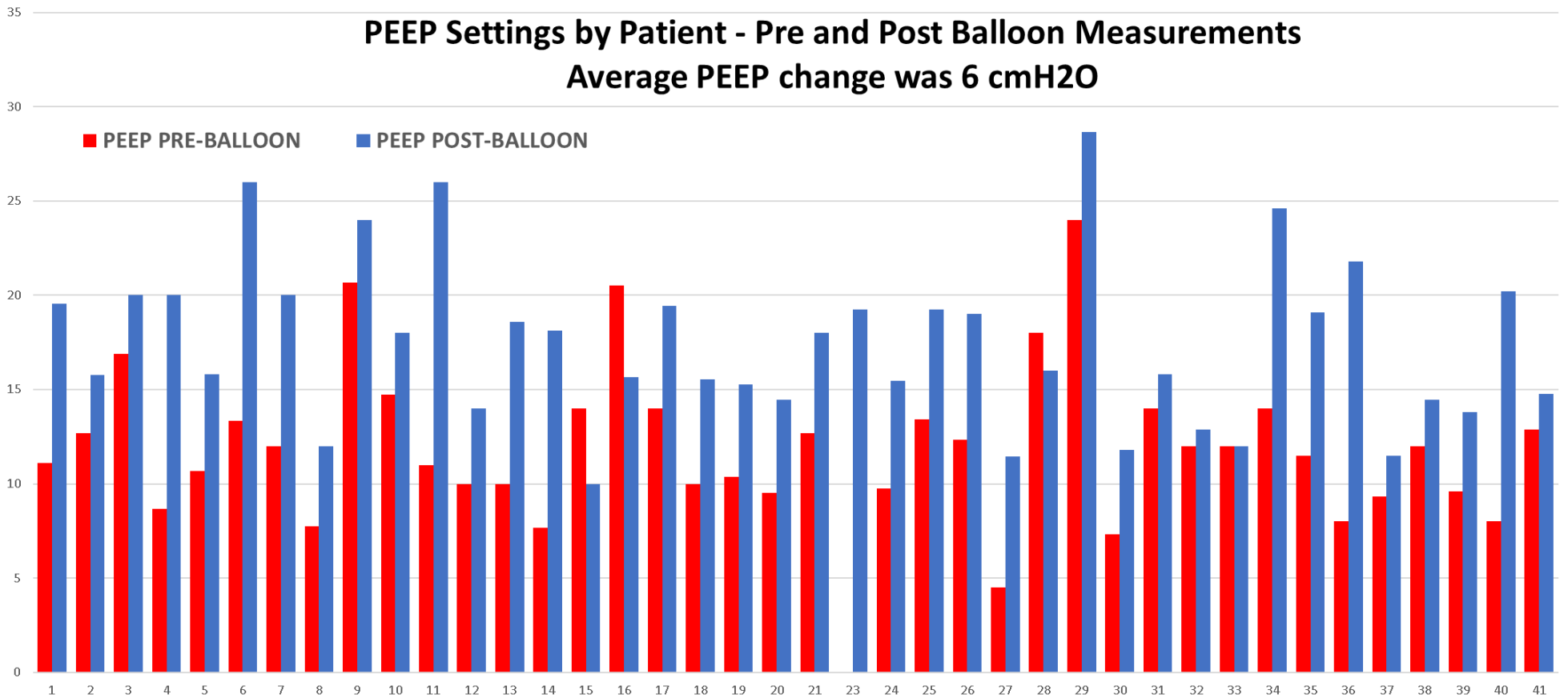
**Patients with BMI > 35 and high PEEP requirements outcomes were compared to the previous year without balloon management:**

**2020 population with balloon management resulted in 8% reduction in mortality**

## PEEP Settings by Patient - Pre and Post Balloon Measurements

Average PEEP change was 6 cmH2O

■ PEEP PRE-BALLOON   ■ PEEP POST-BALLOON



# Further Analysis

52 patients – 92% success rate inserting balloon

## 31 Patients with BMI > 35

	EndInsp	End Exp	SpO2	FiO2	PEEP	MAP	DP	PLAT	PIP	Vt	Vt ml/kg	Cst
Baseline			94.6	79.8	12.8	19.1	15.2	28.5	44.6	428.7	6.9	28.9
Optimized with Balloon	10.3	-0.9	96.7	57.1	19.2	25.0	13.3	31.9	45.3	436.3	6.9	36.0
Change			2.1	-22.7	6.4	5.9	-2.1	4.6	0.7	7.7	0.0	8.3



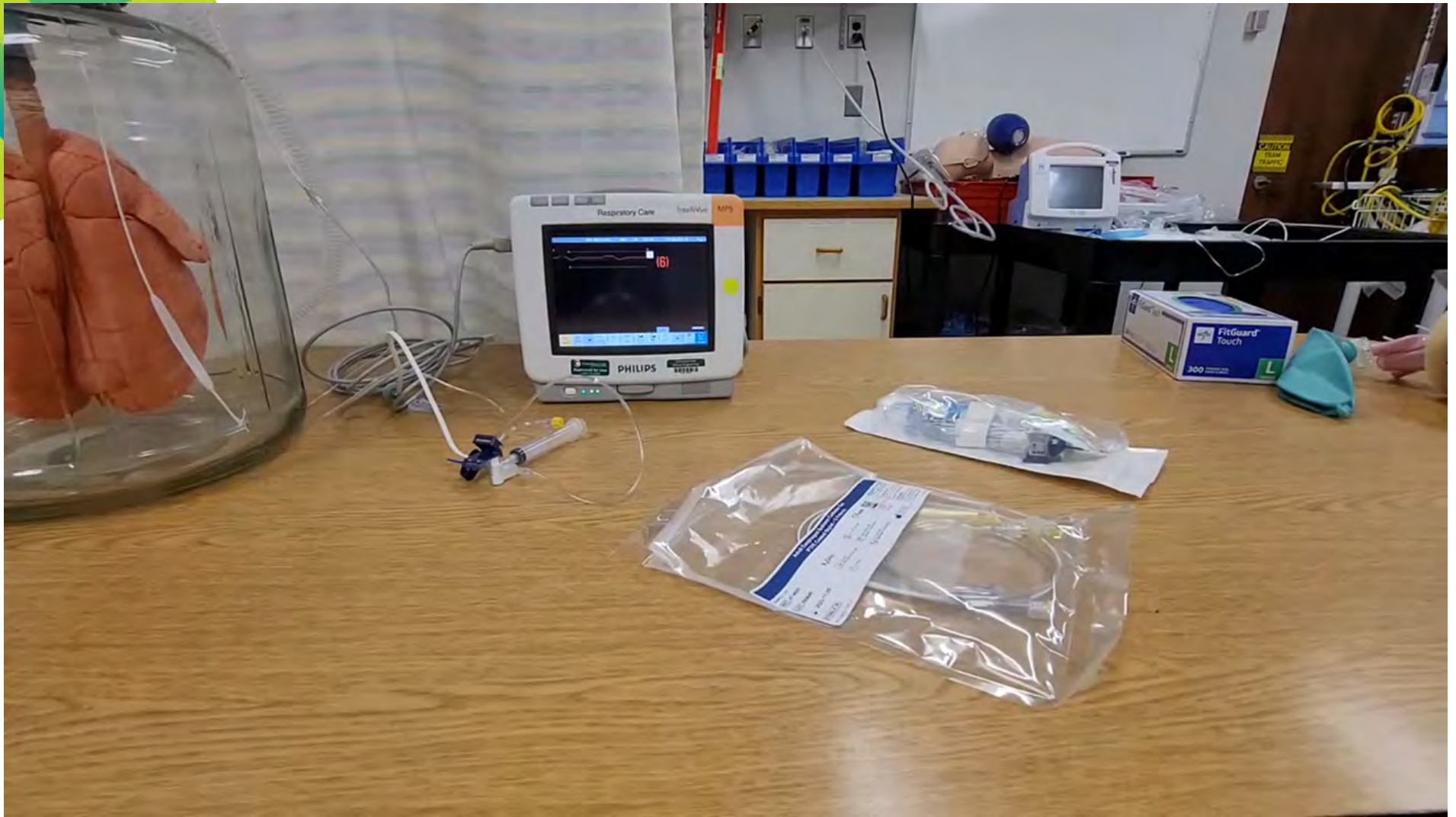


# Demonstration



# Bedside Components Needed

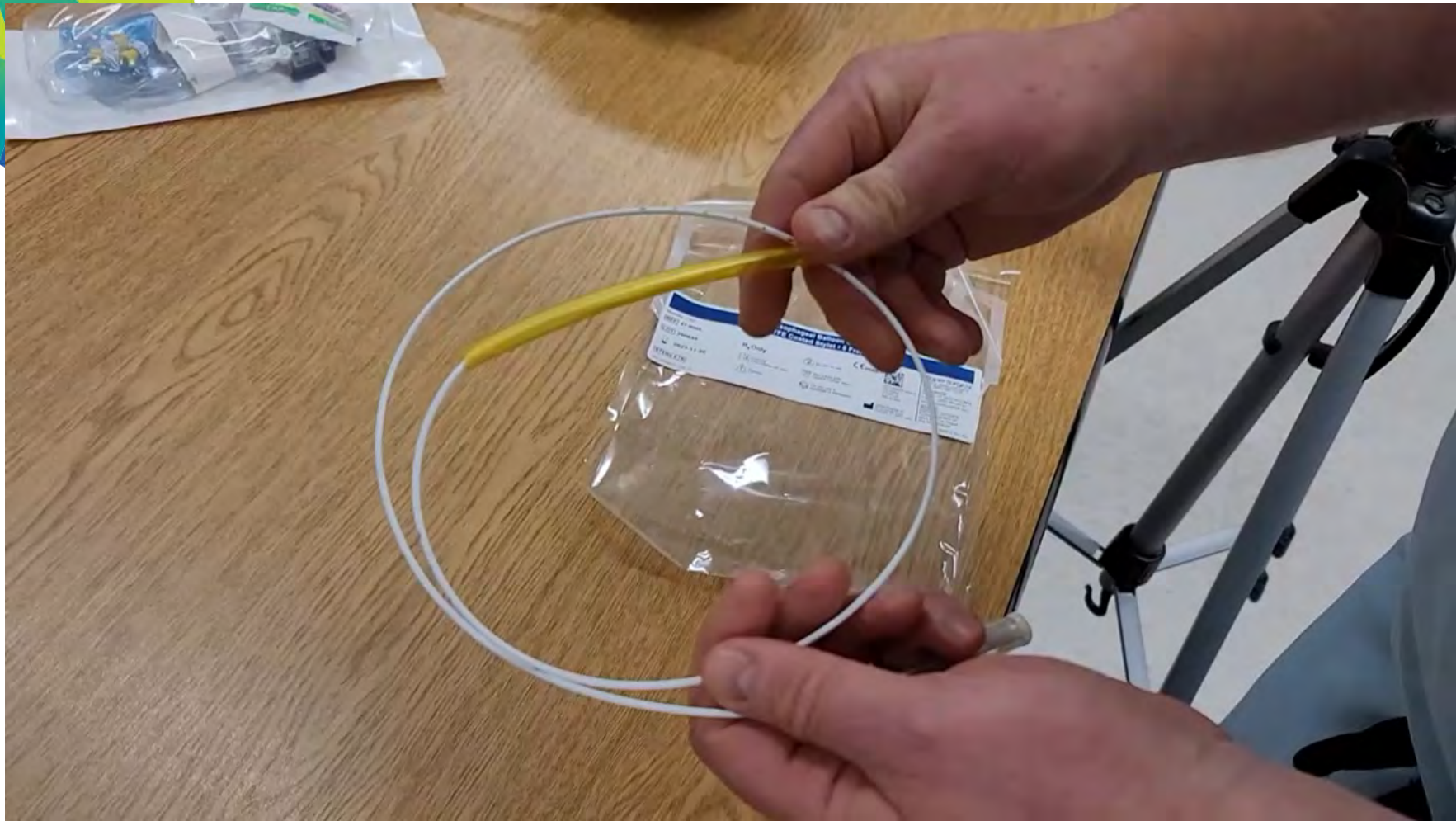
- Pressure Monitor – Patient Monitor with pressure measurement module
- Transducer set and cable
- Syringe
- Catheter with Balloon – we use Cooper Surgical





# Closer Look at the Catheter

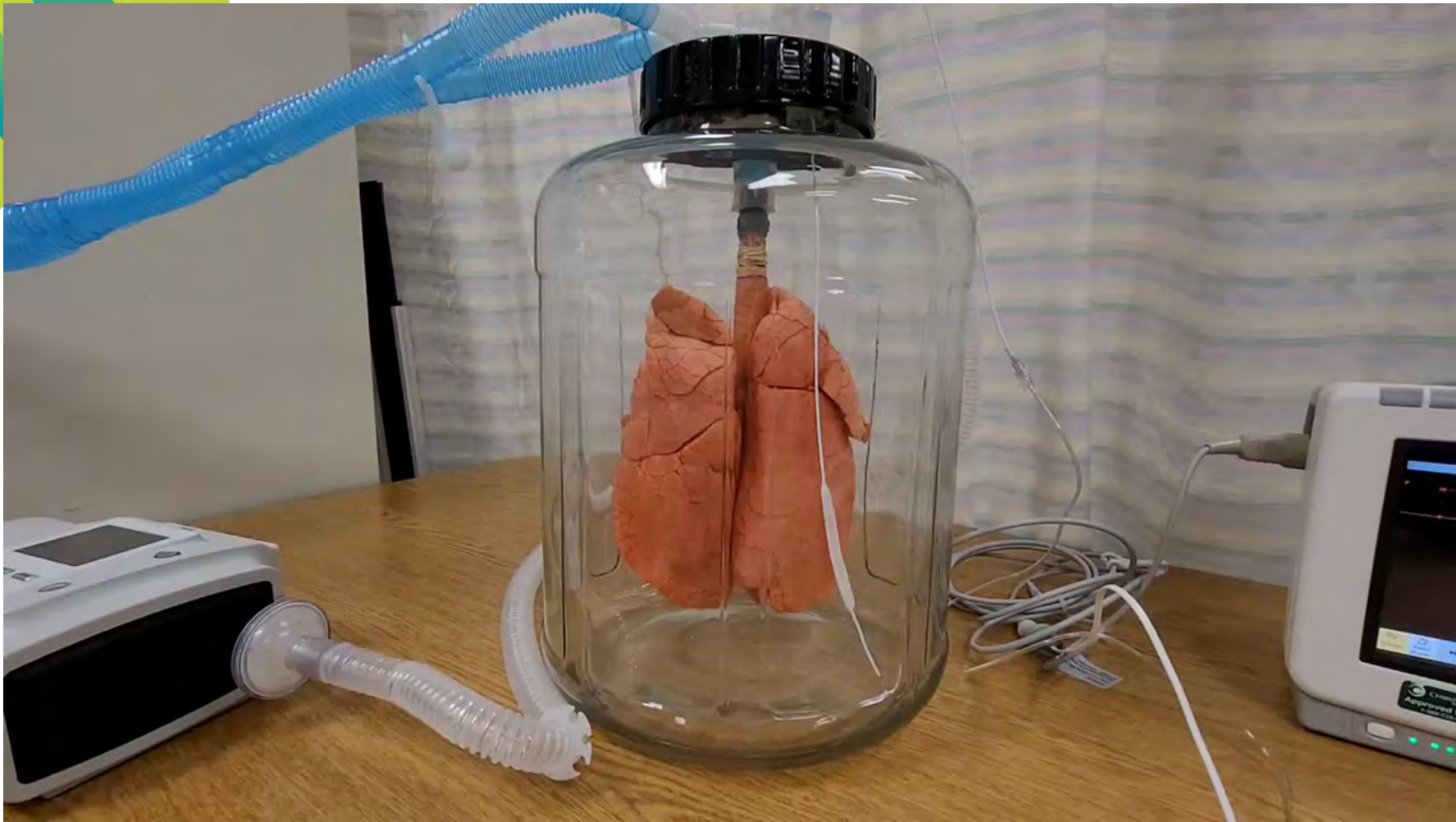
- Balloon – Cooper Surgical adult esophageal balloon, 5 french
- Stylet





# Lab Setup – Healthy Lung

- **Recruited well – ventilating**
- **No pleural pressure on the chest**

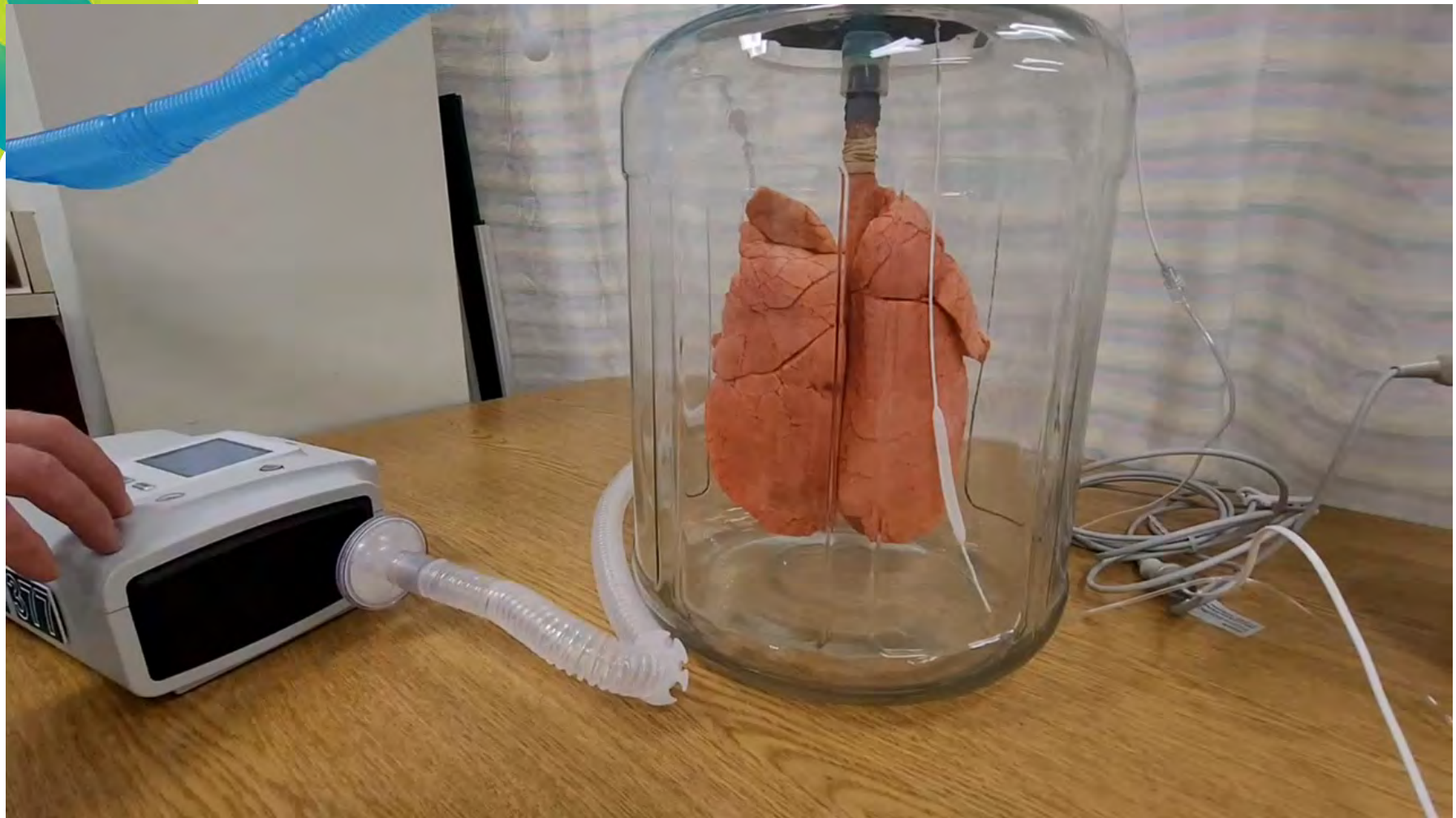




# Lab Setup: High Pleural Pressure

- **Lung collapse that can occur with morbid obesity, abdominal distension etc..**
- **Negative expiratory transpulmonary pressure**
- **Means that pressure pushing on the lungs > pressure in the lungs**








# Patient Example

- **Catheter is inserted to ~60 cm**
- **Verifying that the balloon catheter made it into the stomach by gently pushing on the stomach**

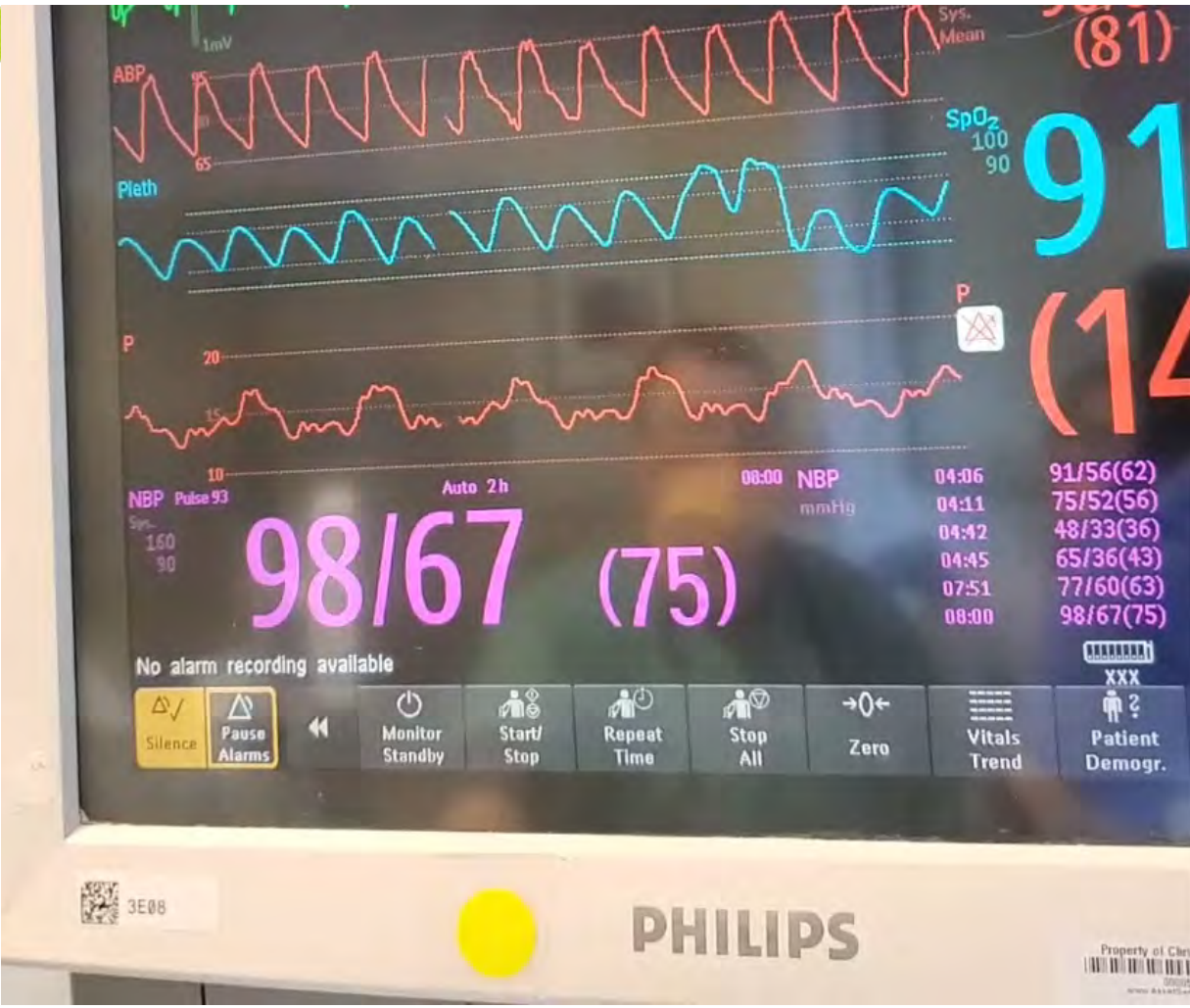




# **Patient Example**

## **(2 patient examples)**

- **After verifying stomach placement**
- **Pull catheter back to distal third of the esophagus and above the diaphragm (~40 cm deep)**
- **Proper placement**







# **Patient Example – End Exp TPP**

- **4 second expiratory hold without patient effort**
- **Monitor is in mmhg and ventilator is in cmH<sub>2</sub>O**
- **We have conversion factors to cmH<sub>2</sub>O**

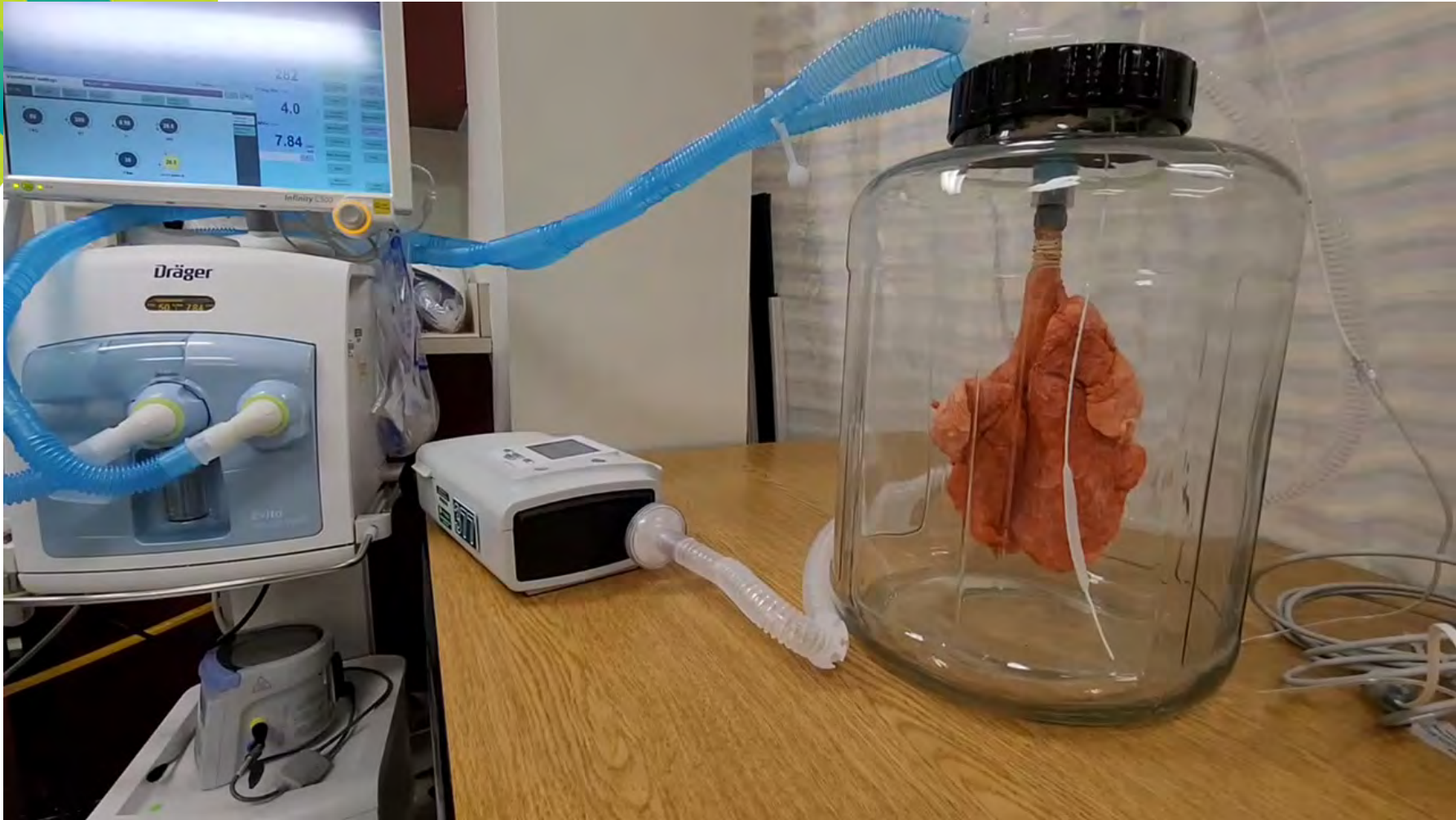






# **Lab Example: Recruit the Lung with High Pleural Pressure**

- **Collapsed ventilated lung**
- **Determine what PEEP will get the End Expiratory TPP upto 0 or slightly positive**



# Summary / Take Home Points

TPP – measured with an esophageal balloon  
Driving Pressure – Ventilating Pressure

## ARDS Patients:

- TPP – hopeful for improved management of ARDS? EPVent 1 & 2
- DP – correlates to mortality, **keep under 15**

## Morbidly Obese Patients:

- TPP – manage PEEP needs to keep pleural pressure (+) and avoid lung collapse
- DP – does not seem to correlate to mortality in this population



**Thank you!**

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