



# Covid-ARDS Update 2020

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# Ventilator Quick Tips

1. For hypoxemia you can increase PEEP or increase FIO<sub>2</sub> but address underlying causes
2. For hypercapnia you can increase RR or V<sub>t</sub> (or applied pressure) but consider your goal PaCO<sub>2</sub>

## **Notes:**

ALWAYS look for underlying causes

Check lots of blood gases if available

Consider off target effects e.g. PEEP can reduce preload and afterload,

In general as a beginner make small changes and see what they do

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## Low-Tidal-Volume Ventilation in the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

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VENTILATION WITH LOWER TIDAL VOLUMES AS COMPARED WITH  
TRADITIONAL TIDAL VOLUMES FOR ACUTE LUNG INJURY  
AND THE ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME

THE ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME NETWORK\*

### ARDSNET

6 cc/kg ideal body weight

40% vs. 30% mortality comparing 12 cc/kg vs. 6cc/kg

Lower is better

Goal is to do no mechanical harm with ventilator

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## Driving Pressure and Respiratory Mechanics in ARDS

Stephen H. Loring, M.D., and Atul Malhotra, M.D.

- Plateau pressure minus PEEP predicts mortality in lots of different trials
- The trials were designed for the most part to fix tidal volume so the lack of predictive value of  $V_t$  is not surprising (i.e. the number 6)
- Amato report corroborated by LungSafe study (Crouch, Bates JAMA)

SPECIAL ARTICLE

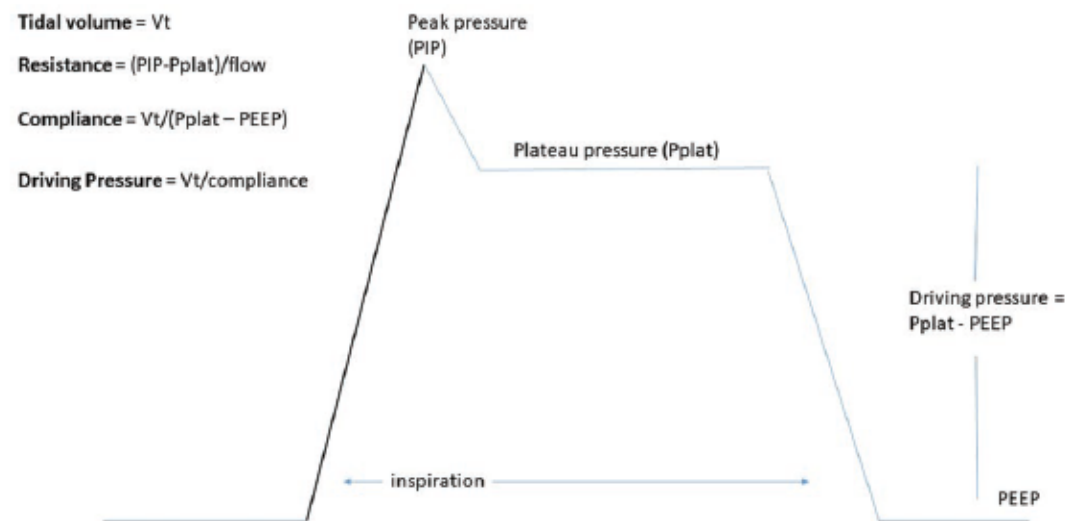
### Driving Pressure and Survival in the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

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Carlos R.R. Carvalho, M.D., and Roy G. Brower, M.D.

NEJM 2015

# Driving Pressure for Ventilation of Patients with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

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**Fig. 1.** A schematic diagram of an inspiratory waveform delivered during typical volume cycled ventilation.  $P_{plat}$  is based on an end-inspiratory hold. The driving pressure can be seen as the difference between the  $P_{plat}$  and the PEEP, but can also be calculated as the ratio of

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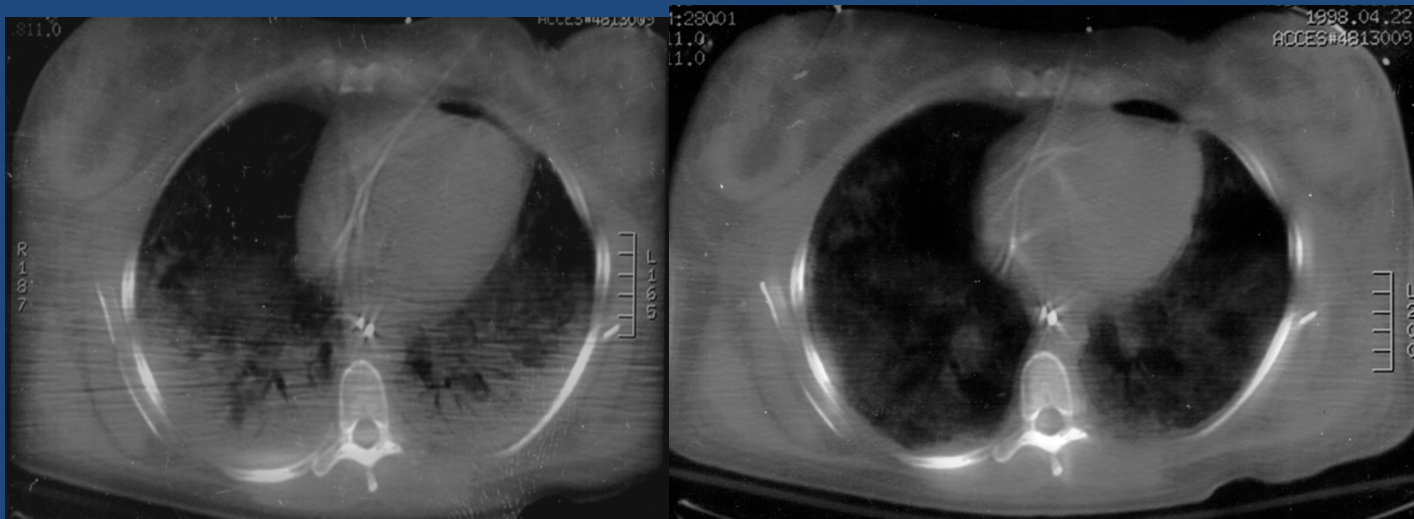
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# Cytokine Release Following Recruitment Maneuvers\*

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- Homogeneous lung may help to reduce shear forces which occur at junctions of normal and abnormal lung



Before recruitment

After recruitment

*Crit Care Med 2000, Chest 2007*

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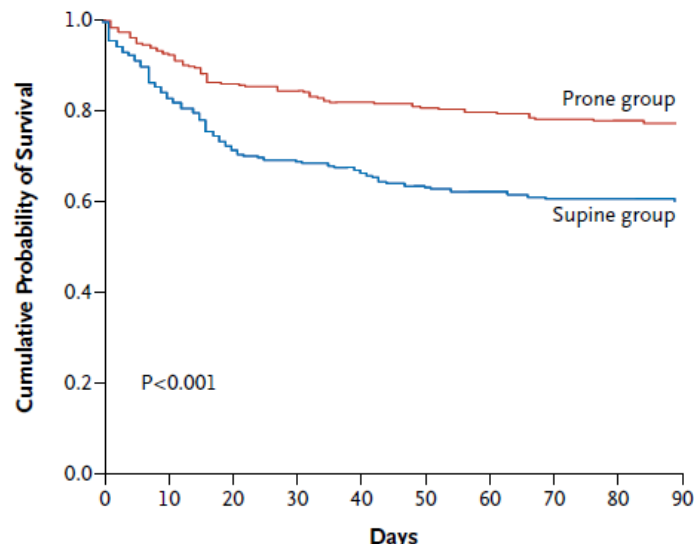
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## Prone Positioning in Severe Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

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### Prone positioning in acute respiratory distress syndrome: why aren't we using it more?

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[ Contemporary Reviews in Critical Care Medicine ]

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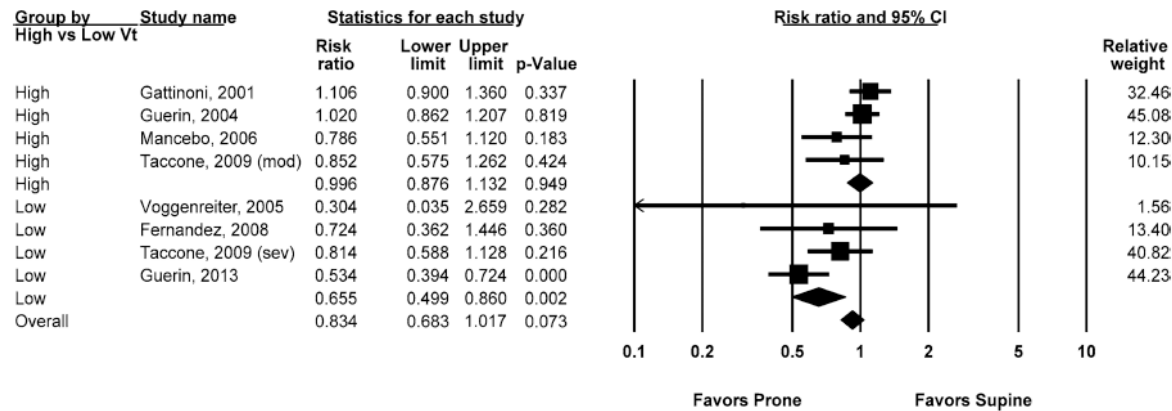
### Treatment of ARDS With Prone Positioning



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## Prone positioning reduces mortality from acute respiratory distress syndrome in the low tidal volume era: a meta-analysis



Prone benefits seen primarily with open lung protective ventilation

Covid patients look responsive (AJRCCM In press)

VIEWPOINT

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### PEEP titration during prone positioning for acute respiratory distress syndrome



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Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation for Severe Acute  
Respiratory Distress Syndrome

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**ECMO for Severe ARDS**

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## CONCLUSIONS

Among patients with very severe ARDS, 60-day mortality was not significantly lower with ECMO than with a strategy of conventional mechanical ventilation that included ECMO as rescue therapy. (Funded by the Direction de la Recherche Clinique et du Développement and the French Ministry of Health; EOLIA ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT01470703.)

Table 2. End Points.\*

End Point	ECMO Group (N=124)	Control Group (N=125)	Relative Risk or Difference (95% CI) <sup>†</sup>	P Value
Primary end point: mortality at 60 days — no. (%)	44 (35)	57 (46)	0.76 (0.55 to 1.04)	0.09
Key secondary end point: treatment failure at 60 days — no. (%) <sup>‡</sup>	44 (35)	72 (58)	0.62 (0.47 to 0.82)	<0.001
Other end points				
Mortality at 90 days — no. (%)	46 (37)	59 (47)	-10 (-22 to 2)	
Median length of stay (interquartile range) — days				
In the ICU	23 (13–34)	18 (8–33)	5 (-1 to 10)	
In the hospital	36 (19–48)	18 (5–43)	18 (6 to 25)	

Take Home

ECMO might work

We are using the same indications for non-Covid ARDS

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

**Exhaled air dispersion and removal is influenced by isolation room size and ventilation settings during oxygen delivery via nasal cannula**

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Increasing nasal cannula oxygen increasing from 1lpm to 5lpm increases dispersion to 1 meter

Even nasal cannula is not “safe”

This was simulator so maybe worse with coughing human

PPE for safety

Respirology 2011

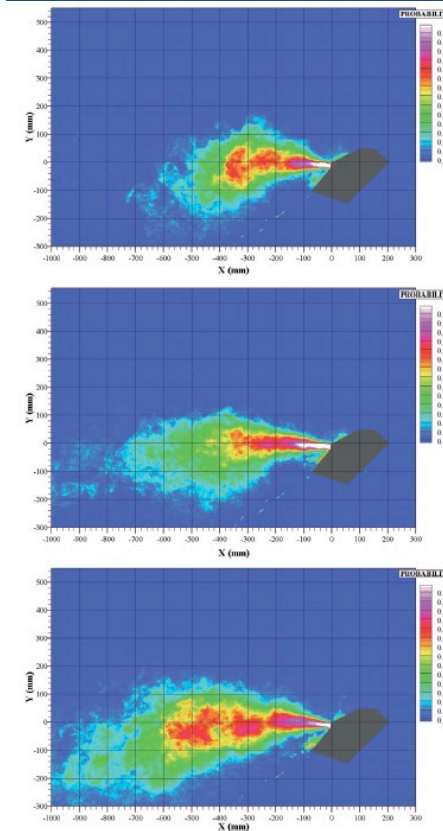


Figure 3 Exhaled air dispersion distances during application of oxygen at 1 L/min (top image), 3 L/min (middle image), and 5 L/min (bottom image) to the human-patient simulator with mild lung injury in the larger isolation room with more efficient air exchange.



Provider factors i.e. PPE may be more important than patient factors for preventing infection

**Recommendation:**

25. For adults with COVID-19 and acute hypoxemic respiratory failure despite conventional oxygen therapy, we **suggest using HFNC** over conventional oxygen therapy (weak recommendation, low quality evidence).

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26. In adults with COVID-19 and acute hypoxemic respiratory failure, we **suggest using HFNC** over NIPPV (weak recommendation, low quality evidence).

**For me personally I recommend nasal cannula or intubate ideally  
HFNC during SARS was compared to open face mask; sprays droplets  
During MERS NIV failed and led to contamination  
In general NIV for viral pneumonia does not work well  
Risk of contamination in a coughing patient even with a 'good seal'  
However, nasal cannula also spreads so the PPE is more important  
than patient factors**

## Take Home

I am now comfortable using HFNC and NIV in Covid patients with the providers have adequate protection

## Risk of Using off label drugs

1. Medications have side effects
2. We will never learn the truth
3. Malaria and other Plasmodia kill 500K per year which was a considerable improvement over last 20 years
  - supplies of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine are depleted
  - I predict/fear more people will die of malaria spike than Covid

UCSD PCCSM discourages off label drug use

## Should We Give Steroids for Covid-ARDS?

### Recommendations

41. In mechanically ventilated adults with COVID-19 and respiratory failure (without ARDS), we suggest against the routine use of systemic corticosteroids (weak recommendation, low quality evidence).
42. In mechanically ventilated adults with COVID-19 and ARDS, we suggest using systemic corticosteroids, over not using corticosteroids (weak recommendation, low quality evidence).

### Caveats with steroids in Covid-ARDS:

1. The Dexamethasone (LRM 2020) did not complete enrollment after 5-6 years
2. Varying etiologies of ARDS may respond differently ; studies have variable results
3. Chinese reports of tetraplegic myopathy and superinfection (?)
4. We are seeing 20% coinfections as opposed to 2-3% from Wuhan; bad outcomes w/ H1N1
5. We are not bronching re: superinfections (Meduri) ; lymphopenia
6. Controversy with steroid use in myocarditis

### Dexamethasone treatment for the acute respiratory distress syndrome: a multicentre, randomised controlled trial



Jesús Villar, Carlos Ferrando, Domingo Martínez, Alfonso Ambrós, Tomás Muñoz, Juan A Soler, Gerardo Aguilar, Francisco Alba, Elena González-Higueras, Luis A Conesa, Carmen Martín-Rodríguez, Francisco J Díaz-Domínguez, Pablo Serna-Grande, Rosana Rivas, José Ferreres, Javier Belda, Lucía Capilla, Alec Tallet, José M Anón, Rosa L Fernández, Jesús M González-Martín for the dexamethasone in ARDS network\*

#### Summary

**Background** There is no proven specific pharmacological treatment for patients with the acute respiratory distress Lancet Respir Med 2020

Dr. Cao: for rescue of Covid-ARDS consider 1-2 mg/kg methylpred for 4-5 days

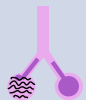


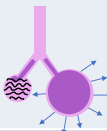




## **Conclusions**

1. Good critical care is here to stay
2. There are no proven therapies for Covid 19
3. Stay calm and wash your hands

# Driving Pressure for Ventilation of Patients with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

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How can we lower driving pressure: increase PEEP or reduce plateau

Lung Pathology/Physiology	Strategy to Decrease Driving Pressure	Result
Compressed, recruitable alveoli (for example fluid) 	Increase PEEP	🔥 Normally expanded, optimized alveoli 
Compressed, non-recruitable alveoli (for example fluid) 	Increase PEEP	Collapsed and overdistended alveoli 
Optimized alveoli 	Decrease Plateau Pressure (decrease TV)	Underfilled alveoli 
Overdistended alveoli 	Decrease Plateau Pressure (decrease TV)	🔥 Normally expanded, optimized alveoli 

Take Home: do not use driving pressure in isolation

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