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- Definition
- Readiness testing and weaning predictors
- Physiological barriers
- Weaning strategies
- Concerns of extubation
- Post extubation care



- The process of freeing the patient from the ventilator has been referred to as **weaning, liberation, or discontinuation**.
- **Weaning:** The process of gradual or progressive withdrawal of ventilator support.
- One of the most important question an intensive care unit physician can ask each day at the bedside is
“ **Can this patient breathe spontaneously today?** ”
 - beginning with the day of intubation
 - inciting factors improve
 - be evaluated at least daily



- **Classification**

- ✓ Simple weaning
 - Successful extubation after 1 attempt
- ✓ Difficult weaning
 - Requiring up to 3 SBT attempts within 7 days of first attempt
- ✓ Prolonged weaning
 - Failure of >3 SBT attempts or >7days of weaning after first SBT

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Weaning from mechanical ventilation

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Definition

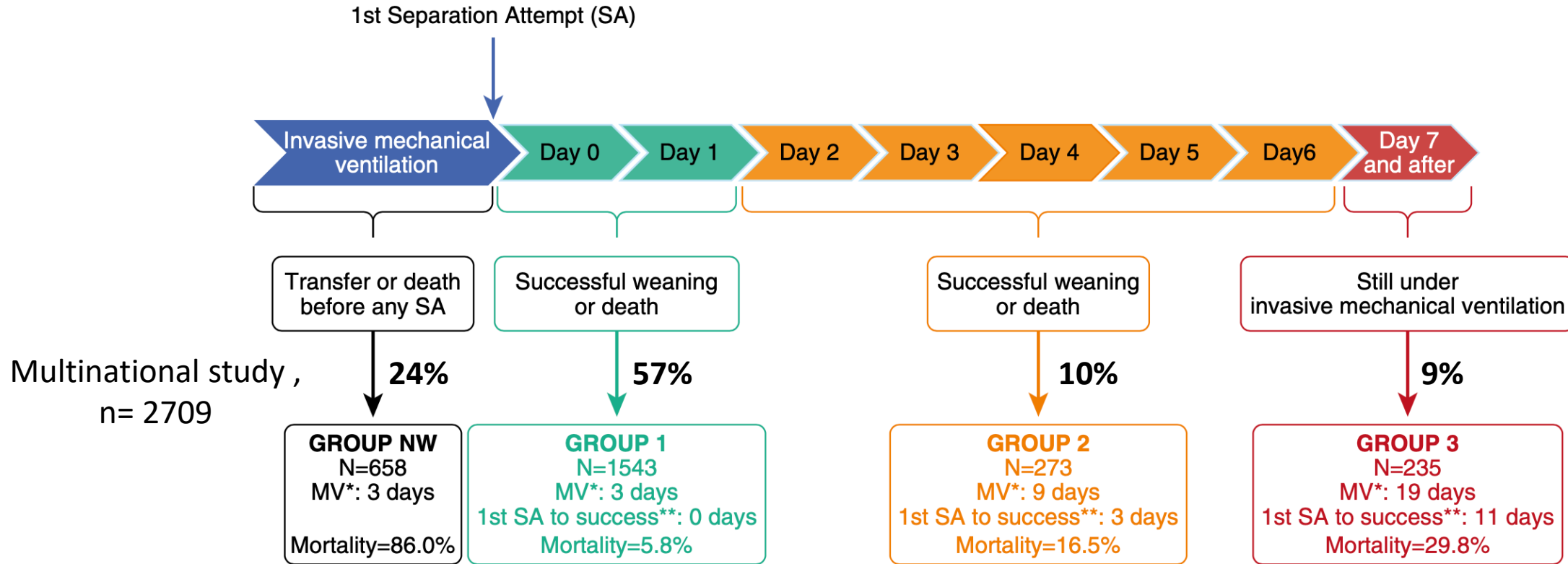
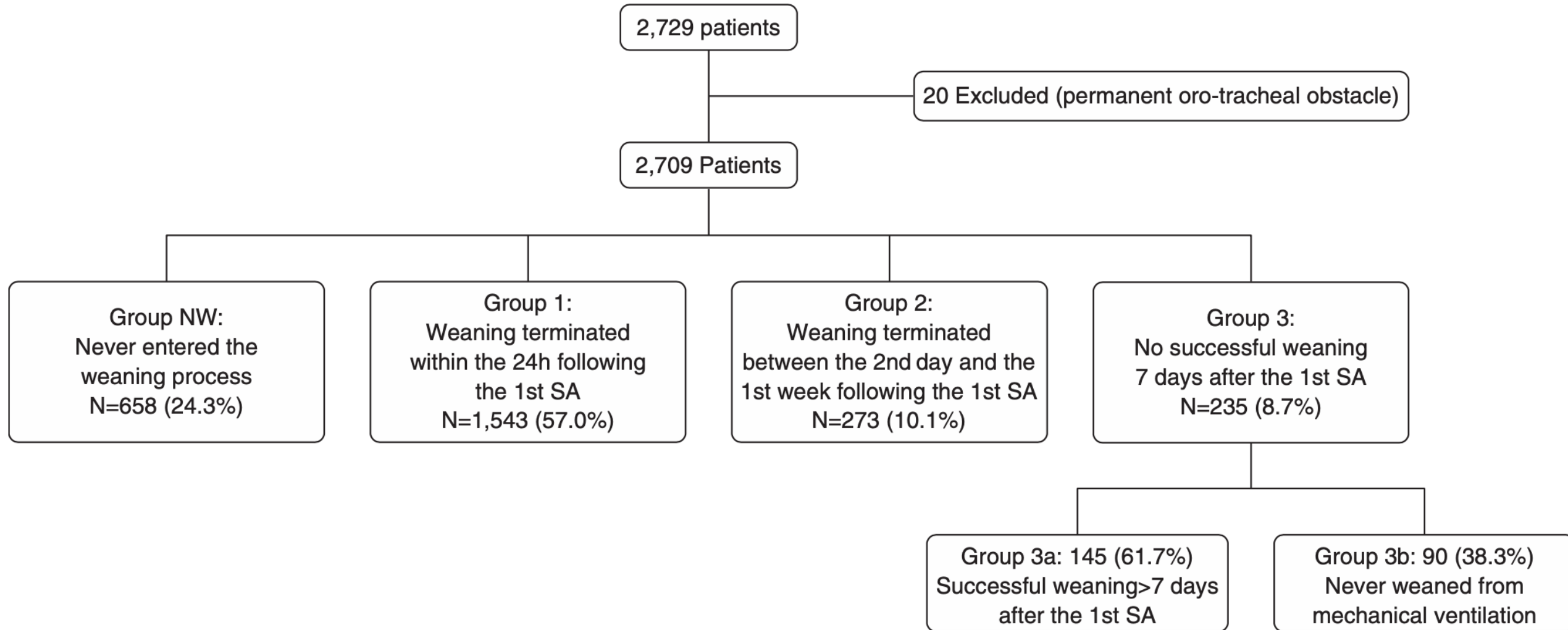


Figure 2. Group definitions and mortality. This figure shows the group classification according to the number of days between the first separation attempt and the weaning termination. Group numbers, total duration of mechanical ventilation, number of days between the first separation attempt and the weaning success, and mortality are displayed. *Median duration of mechanical ventilation (d). **Median number of days between the first separation attempt and the weaning success (patients who never had a weaning success are excluded from this calculation). MV = mechanical ventilation; NW = no weaning process; SA = separation attempt.

Definition



Burden and outcome



Year	New Ventilated Patients (n.)	Days 22–63 Patients (n.)	>Days 63 Patients (n.)	Incidence Rate (%)		Year	New Ventilated Patients (n.)	Days 22–63 Patients (n.)	>Days 63 Patients (n.)	Incidence Rate (%)	
				Days 22- 63	>Days 63					Days 22- 63	>Days 63
2005	156,887	28,477	10,483	18.15%	6.68%	2014	171,016	25,155	8257	14.71%	4.83%
2006	156,816	26,294	9250	16.77%	5.90%	2015	173,331	24,576	7814	14.18%	4.51%
2007	164,734	27,881	9780	16.92%	5.94%	2016	176,871	24,483	7467	13.84%	4.22%
2008	167,740	27,844	9723	16.60%	5.80%	2017	175,148	22,860	6545	13.05%	3.74%
2009	169,684	27,379	9582	16.14%	5.65%	2018	181,414	23,559	6715	12.99%	3.70%
2010	172,351	27,851	9710	16.16%	5.63%	2019	186,202	24,003	6532	12.89%	3.51%
2011	173,652	27,578	9520	15.88%	5.48%	2020	178,464	22,951	6003	12.86%	3.36%
2012	173,895	27,110	9457	15.59%	5.44%	2021	177,951	23,650	6187	13.29%	3.48%
2013	168,217	25,217	8560	14.99%	5.09%	2022	180,339	24,350	6268	13.50%	3.48%

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Burden and outcome



Year	Mortality Rate			Weaning Successful				Year	Mortality Rate			Weaning Successful			
	Days 1-21	Days 22-63	Days >63	Days 1-21	Days 22-63	Day 94	Day 124		Days 1-21	Days 22-63	Days >63	Days 1-21	Days 22-63	Day 94	Day 124
2005	25%	23%	30%	57%	40%	13%	18%	2014	19%	22%	22%	66%	46%	11%	15%
2006	24%	24%	29%	60%	41%	12%	18%	2015	17%	20%	22%	68%	48%	12%	16%
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2011	21%	22%	25%	64%	43%	11%	15%	2020	17%	23%	26%	70%	50%	12%	16%
2012	20%	22%	26%	65%	44%	12%	15%	2021	18%	23%	27%	69%	50%	13%	17%
2013	19%	21%	22%	66%	45%	10%	14%	2022	18%	24%	29%	68%	50%	12%	16%

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Clinical criteria used to determine readiness for trials of ventilator liberation

Required criteria
1. The cause of the respiratory failure has improved
2. $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \geq 150^*$ or $\text{SpO}_2 \geq 90\%$ on $\text{FiO}_2 \leq 40\%$ and $\text{PEEP} \leq 5 \text{ cmH}_2\text{O}$
3. <u>pH >7.25</u>
4. Able to initiate an inspiratory effort
Additional criteria (optional criteria)
1. <u>Hemoglobin $\geq 7 \text{ g/dL}$</u>
2. Follows commands
3. Hemodynamic stability (no or low dose vasopressor medications)
4. <u>Minimal or thin secretions</u>
5. <u>Presence of cough or gag reflex</u>

FiO_2 : fraction of inspired oxygen; PaO_2 : arterial oxygen tension; PEEP: positive end-expiratory pressure; SpO_2 : arterial oxygen saturation.

* A threshold of $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \geq 120$ can be used for patients with chronic hypoxemia. Some patients require higher levels of PEEP to avoid atelectasis during mechanical ventilation.



Table 3.2.1 Criteria used to determine readiness for trials of spontaneous breathing.

Required criteria

1. $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \geq 150^{\text{a}}$ or $\text{SaO}_2 \geq 90\%$ on $\text{FiO}_2 \leq 40\%$ and positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP) ≤ 5 cm H_2O
2. Hemodynamic stability (no or low dose vasopressor medications, e.g., dopamine at a dose ≤ 5 mcg/kg/min)

Additional criteria^b

1. Weaning parameters: respiratory rate ≤ 35 breaths/min, spontaneous tidal volume > 5 ml/kg, negative inspiratory force (NIF) < -20 to -25 cm H_2O , $f/V_T < 105$ breaths/min/l
 2. Hemoglobin ≥ 8 – 10 mg/dl
 3. Core temperature ≤ 38 – 38.5 degrees Celsius
 4. Mental status awake and alert or easily arousable
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➤ **Weaning Parameters**

- **The oxygenation status**

- ✓ PaO₂, P/F ratio, PaO₂/PAO₂ ratio, A-a DO₂ gradient

- **The performance of the respiratory muscles**

- ✓ respiratory rate, tidal volume, levels of PaCO₂, minute ventilation, P_{imax}, forced vital capacity, maximum voluntary ventilation, ultrasonographic evaluation of the diaphragm

- **The work of breathing**

- ✓ dynamic and static compliance

- **The central respiratory drive**

- ✓ P_{0.1}, mean inspiratory flow



Table 3.2.2 Tests used to predict weaning outcome (“weaning predictors”).

Measurements of oxygenation and gas exchange

PaO₂/FiO₂, PaO₂/PAO₂
Alveolar–arterial O₂ gradient
Dead space, V_D/V_T

Simple measurements of respiratory load and muscular capacity

Negative inspiratory force, maximal inspiratory pressure
Respiratory system compliance (static or dynamic)
Respiratory system resistance
Minute ventilation
Respiratory frequency
Tidal volume
Maximal voluntary ventilation
Vital capacity

Measurements integrating multiple factors

Frequency–tidal volume ratio, f/V_T
CROP index (compliance, respiratory rate, oxygenation, pressure)

Complex integrative measurements requiring special equipment

Airway occlusion pressure
P0.1/MIP
Work of breathing
Oxygen cost of breathing
Gastric intramucosal pH



- **Rapid Shallow Breathing Index (RSBI) Test**

- ✓ In 1991, Yang and Tobin
- ✓ The ratio of respiratory rate (RR) to tidal volume (VT)
- ✓ **a value <105 breaths/min/L was linked to a successful liberation**
- ✓ moderate sensitivity and poor specificity

A Prospective Study of Indexes Predicting the Outcome of Trials of Weaning from Mechanical Ventilation

Authors: Karl L. Yang, M.D., and Martin J. Tobin, M.D. [Author Info & Affiliations](#)

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The Usefulness of the Rapid Shallow Breathing Index in Predicting Successful Extubation

A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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- The conditions that can affect the results of the RSBI

- ✓ sepsis, fever, supine position, anxiety, restrictive lung disease, female gender, diameter of the endotracheal tube and suctioning



- The pressure that can be generated against an occluded airway during a 1 second **maximal inspiratory effort**, initiated near RV, is a measure of **global inspiratory muscle strength**. (by keeping the valve occluded for up to 20 – 25 seconds)
 - **negative inspiratory force (NIF)**
 - **maximal inspiratory pressure (MIP)**
 - depends upon coordination, chest wall compliance, lung volume, respiratory drive, patient effort/ cooperation and investigator technique
 - ✓ A successful weaning outcome was likely if **MIP values < -30 cmH2O** and a weaning failure was likely if **MIP < -20 cmH2O**



Table 3.2.7 Criteria indicating that a patient is not tolerating a trial of spontaneous breathing.

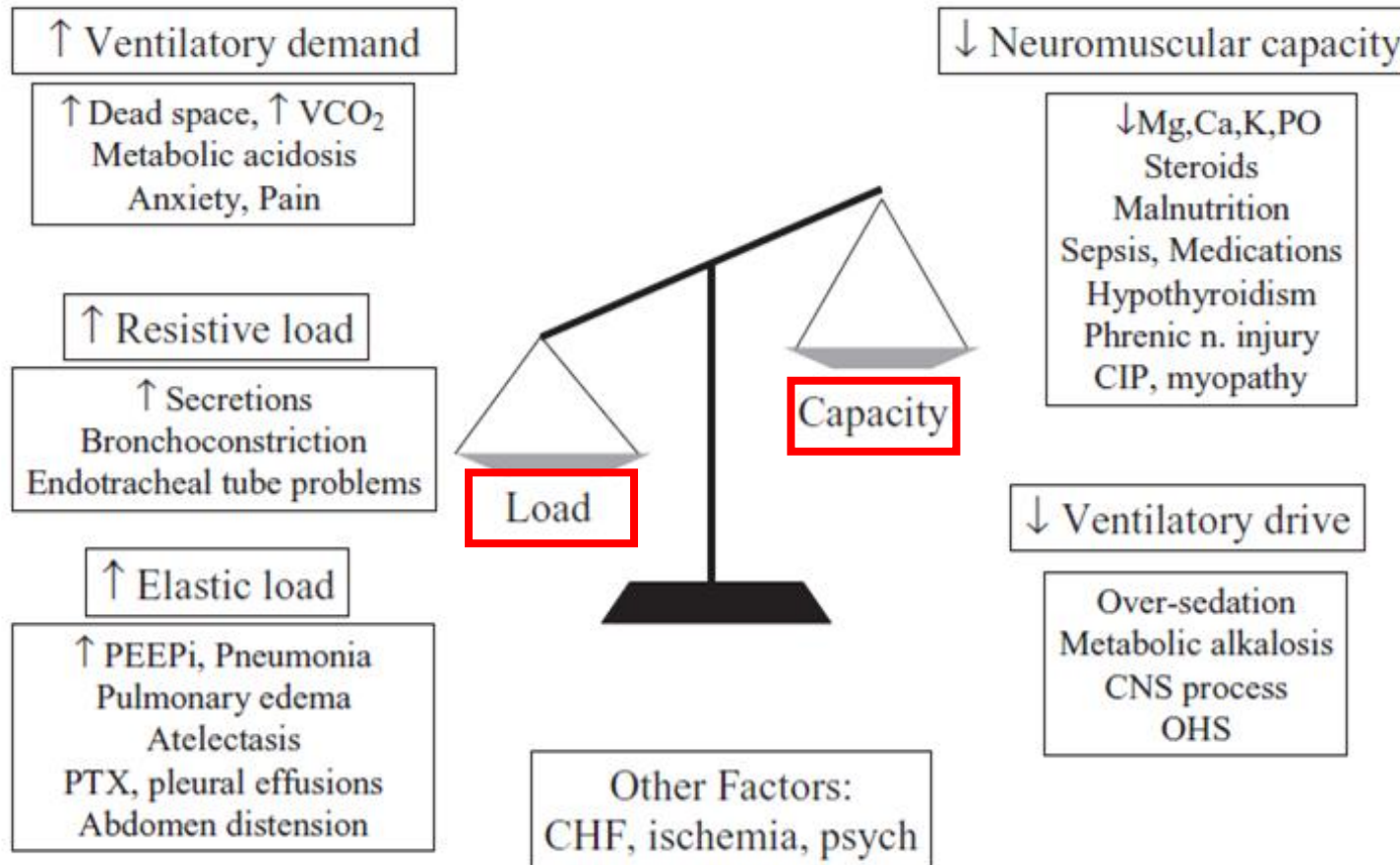
Objective criteria

1. $\text{SaO}_2 < 0.90$ or $\text{PaO}_2 < 60$ mmHg on $\text{FiO}_2 > 0.40$ – 0.50 or $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 < 120$ – 150
2. Increase in $\text{PaCO}_2 > 10$ mmHg or decrease in pH > 0.10
3. Respiratory rate > 35 breaths/min
4. Heart rate > 140 bpm or an increase $> 20\%$ of baseline
5. Systolic blood pressure < 90 mmHg or > 160 mmHg or change of $> 20\%$ from baseline

Subjective criteria

1. Presence of signs of increased work of breathing including thoracoabdominal paradox or excessive use of accessory respiratory muscles
 2. Presence of other signs of distress such as diaphoresis or agitation
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Physiological barriers



Physiological barriers



Table 3.3.1 Barriers to weaning: increased load.

Barrier to weaning	Examples	Therapeutic consideration
<u>↑ Ventilatory demand</u> Hypoxemia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Atelectasis 2. Morbid obesity, abdominal distension 3. Underlying lung disease 4. ↑ peripheral O₂ utilization (anxiety, fever, sepsis) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ↑ PEEP 2. Keep patient in upright position, >45° 3. ↑ FiO₂ 4. Sedation, antipyretics, antibiotics
↑ Dead space	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hyperinflation 2. Intravascular volume depletion 3. Pulmonary embolism 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bronchodilators, steroids, ↓ minute ventilation 2. Intravenous fluids 3. Anticoagulation

Table 3.3.1 (Continued)

Barrier to weaning	Examples	Therapeutic consideration
↑CO ₂ production (VCO ₂)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fever 2. Overfeeding 3. Increased metabolic rate 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Antipyretics 2. ↓ calories administered 3. Treat underlying cause (sepsis, hyperthyroidism)
Metabolic acidosis	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Renal Failure 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dialysis, Bicarbonate
Neuropsychiatric	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delirium 2. Anxiety 3. Pain 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Antipsychotics (e.g., haldol, olanzepine) 2. Sedative hypnotic agents (e.g., lorazepam) 3. Opiates (e.g., morphine, fentanyl)
<u>↑ Resistive load</u>		
Bronchoconstriction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COPD and asthma 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bronchodilators, steroids
Airway edema	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COPD and asthma 2. Lower respiratory tract infection 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Steroids 2. Antibiotics
↑ Secretions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tracheobronchitis 2. Pneumonia 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Antibiotics, airway suctioning 2. Antibiotics, airway suctioning
Respiratory equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endotracheal or tracheal tube luminal narrowing 2. Heat and moisture exchangers (HME) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replace tube or consider extubation 2. Remove HME during SBT or change to heated humidifier

Physiological barriers



Table 3.3.1 Barriers to weaning: increased load.

Barrier to weaning	Examples	Therapeutic consideration
<u>↑ Elastic load</u>		
Dynamic hyperinflation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COPD and asthma 2. States associated with ↑ minute ventilation (fever, hypoxemia, anxiety) 4. ↑ peripheral O₂ utilization (anxiety, fever, sepsis) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bronchodilators, steroids, ↓ minute ventilation, add extrinsic PEEP to help patient trigger the ventilator 2. Antipyretics, ↑ FiO₂, sedation 4. Sedation, antipyretics, antibiotics
Pulmonary edema	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Congestive heart failure 2. Acute lung injury 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diuretics, inotropic agents 2. Lung protective strategy with ↓ tidal volume (e.g., 6 ml/kg IBW), titrate PEEP
Other alveolar filling Atelectasis	<p>Pneumonia</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After low spontaneous tidal volumes 2. Excess respiratory secretions 3. Process obstructing airway 	<p>Antibiotics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ↑ tidal volume, ↑ PEEP 2. Chest physiotherapy and airway suctioning 3. Bronchoscopy
Pleural disease	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pleural effusion 2. Pneumothorax (PTX) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thoracentesis, pigtail catheter drainage 2. Chest tube
Chest wall disease Abdominal distension	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Morbid obesity 2. Ileus 3. Ascites 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wean with patient sitting at ≥45° 2. Decompress abdomen with NGT suction, treat causes of ileus (d/c opiates, correct hypokalemia) 3. Paracentesis



Table 3.4.1 Modes of progressive withdrawal.

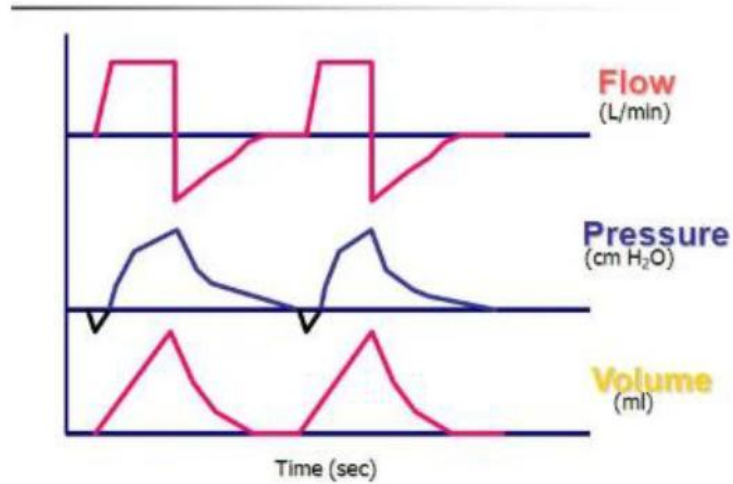
Mode	Method of decreasing level of ventilator support	Duration of tolerance indicating readiness for liberation
T-piece	Increase as tolerated or increase incrementally	2h
CPAP, 5 cm H ₂ O	Increase as tolerated or increase incrementally	2h
PSV	Decrease PSV level by 2–4 cm H ₂ O two or more times each day	2–24h at 5–8 cm H ₂ O
SIMV	Decrease by 2–4 breaths/min two or more times each day	2–24h at IMV ≤ 5 breaths/min
SIMV + PSV	Decrease by 2–4 breaths/min two or more times each day followed by decrease PSV level by 2–4 cm H ₂ O two or more times each day	2–24h at 5–8 cm H ₂ O (IMV = 0)

CPAP = constant positive airway pressure; PSV = pressure support ventilation; SIMV = synchronized intermittent mandatory ventilation.

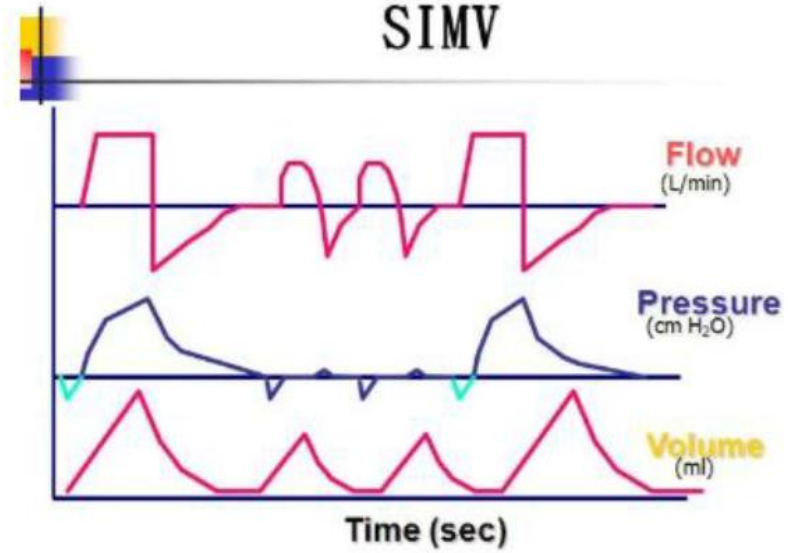
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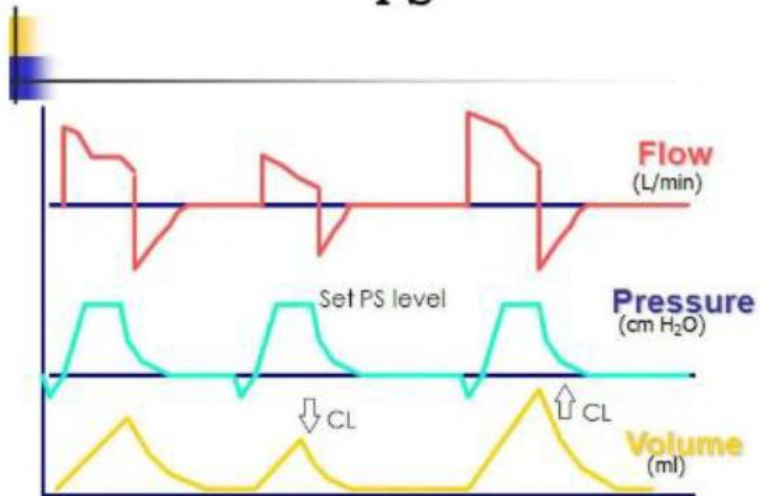
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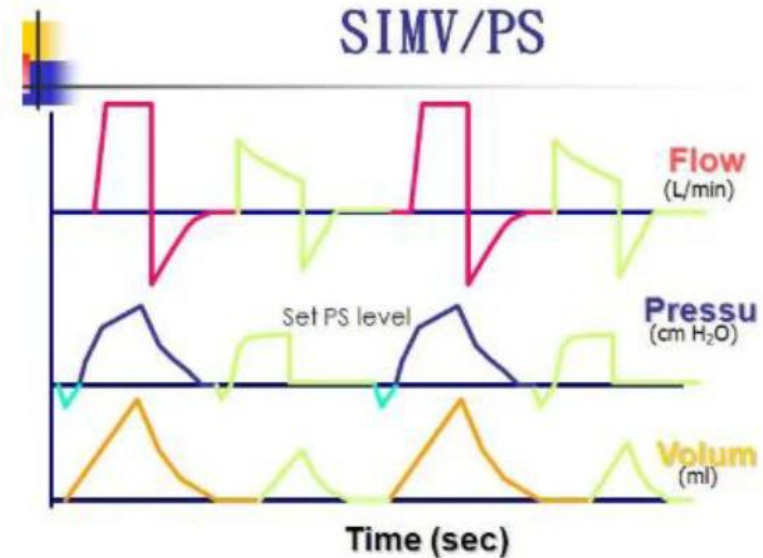
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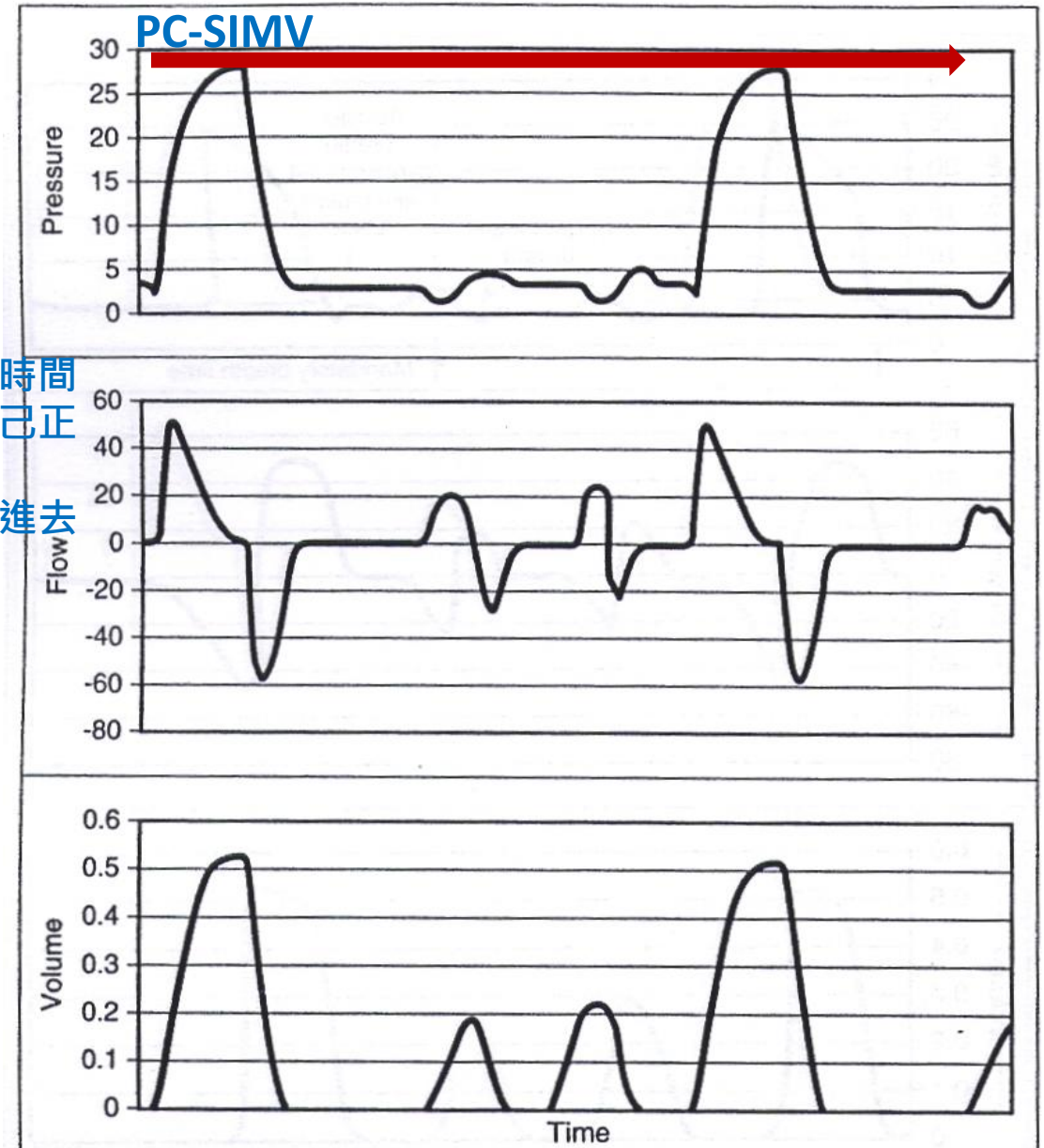
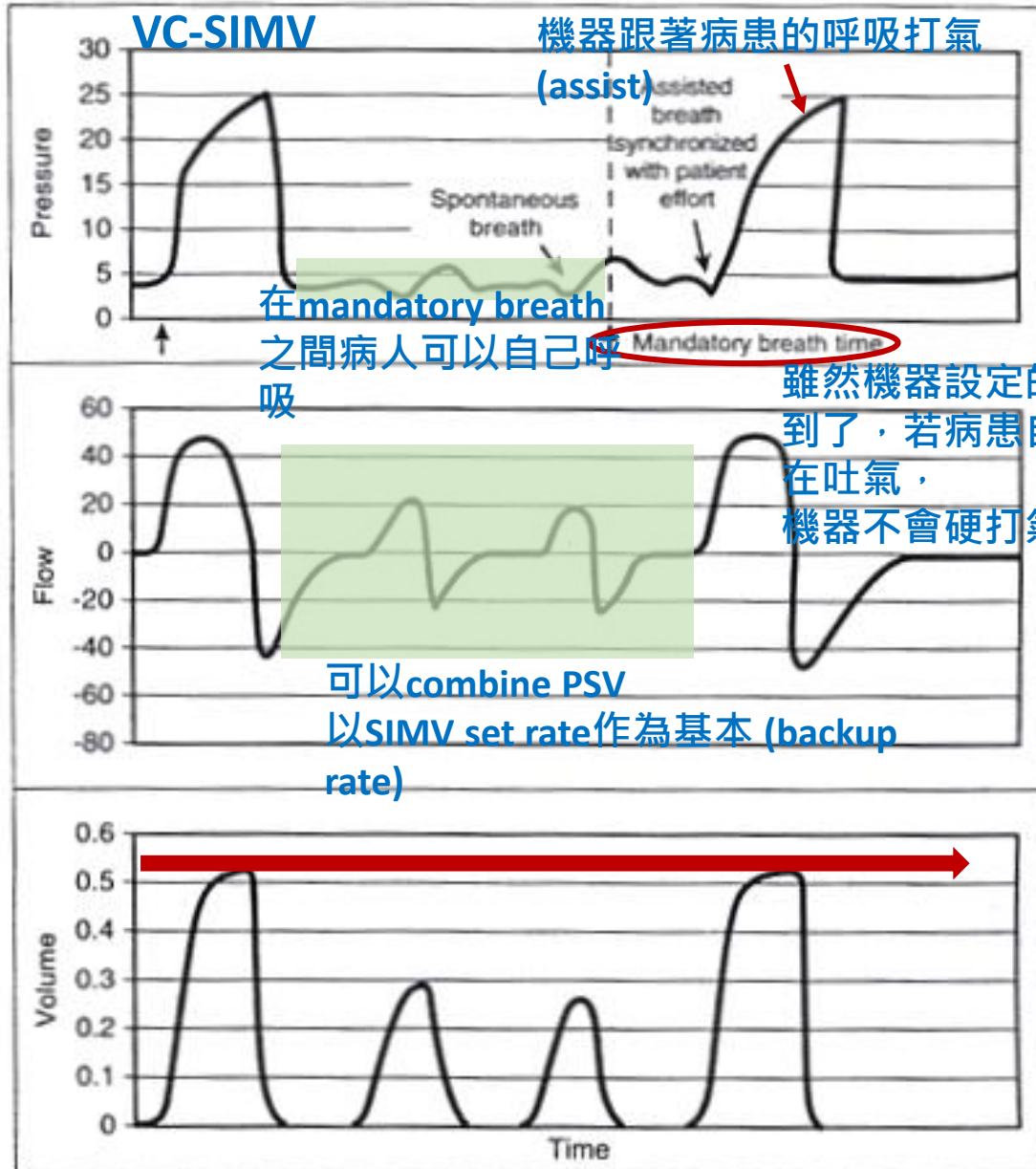
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SIMV/PS



Weaning strategies





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Comparison of Three Methods of Gradual Withdrawal from Ventilatory Support During Weaning from Mechanical Ventilation [Get access >](#)

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- ✓ SIMV slows the process of liberation
- Progressive withdrawal 建議用 T piece/PSV 而非 IMV，若要用 IMV 要加 PSV 一起使用

Table 3.4.2 Comparison of two major randomized controlled trials examining different modes of weaning from mechanical ventilation.

	Study of Brochard <i>et al.</i>	Study of Esteban <i>et al.</i>
Number of patients screened	456	546
Number of patients randomized	109	130
Duration of mechanical ventilation at randomization	14 days	9 days
Weaning modes tested	Pressure support (PSV) SIMV T-piece (incremental)	Pressure support (PSV) SIMV T-piece (once daily) T-piece (multiple daily)
Protocol for weaning	PSV: ↓ by 2–4 cm H ₂ O, 2×/day SIMV: ↓ by 2–4 breaths/min, 2×/day T-piece: progressively increase to 2 h	PSV: ↓ by 2–4 cm H ₂ O, 2×/day SIMV: ↓ by 2–4 breaths/min, 2×/day T-piece (once): as tolerated up to 2 h T-piece (multiple): T-piece or CPAP 5 cm H ₂ O as tolerated multiple times per day (up to 2 h per trial)
Criteria for successful weaning	PSV: 8 cm H ₂ O for 24 h SIMV: 4 breaths/min for 24 h T-piece: 2 h (1–3 times/24 h)	PSV: 5 cm H ₂ O for 2 h SIMV: 5 breaths/min for 2 h T-piece: 2 h (once)
Primary outcome assessed	Weaning success at 21 days	Weaning success at 14 days
Main results	PSV decreased percentage of patients with weaning failure (23% v. T-piece 43%, SIMV 42%) Shorter mean duration of weaning with PSV (5.7 days) compared to pooled T-piece and SIMV patients (9.3 days)	Weaning failure: Once daily T-piece (29%), Multiple daily T-piece (18%), PSV (38%), SIMV (31%) Shorter median duration of weaning with T-piece, once (3 days) and T-piece, multiple (3 days) compared to PSV (4 days) and SIMV (5 days)



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Table 2. The Length of Time from the Initiation of Weaning to Successful Extubation in the Four Groups.

WEANING TECHNIQUE	MEDIAN	FIRST QUARTILE	THIRD QUARTILE
	<i>days</i>		
Intermittent mandatory ventilation	5	3	11
Pressure-support ventilation	4	2	12
Intermittent trials of spontaneous breathing	3	2	6
<u>Once-daily trial of spontaneous breathing</u>	3	1	6

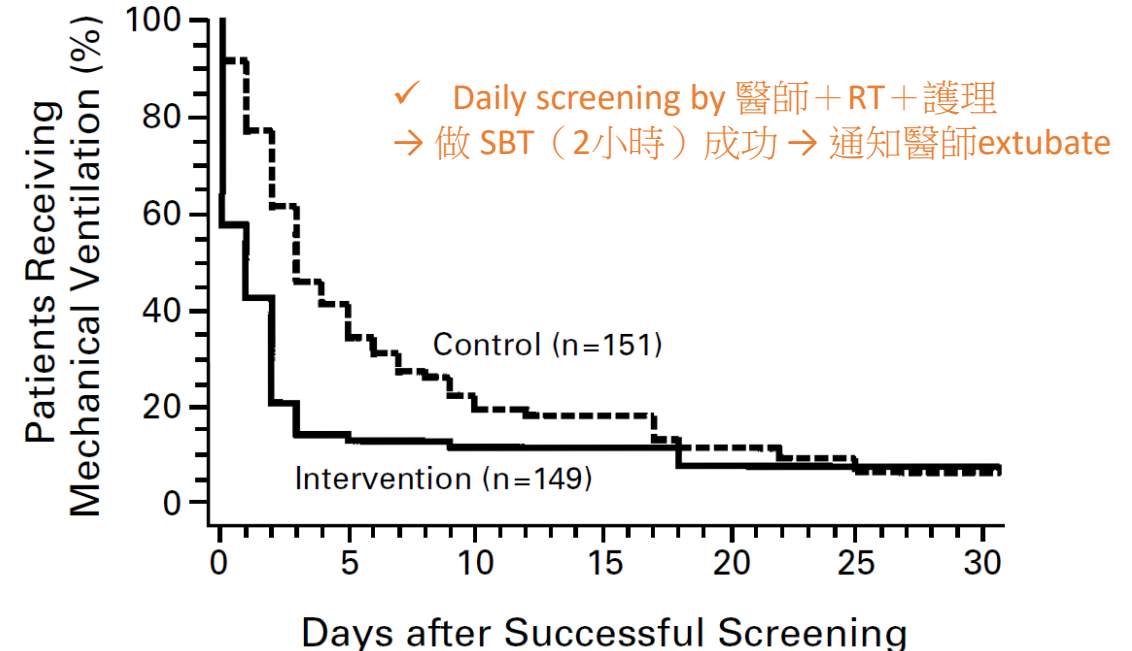
*N=130 (respiratory distress during a two-hour trial of spontaneous breathing)

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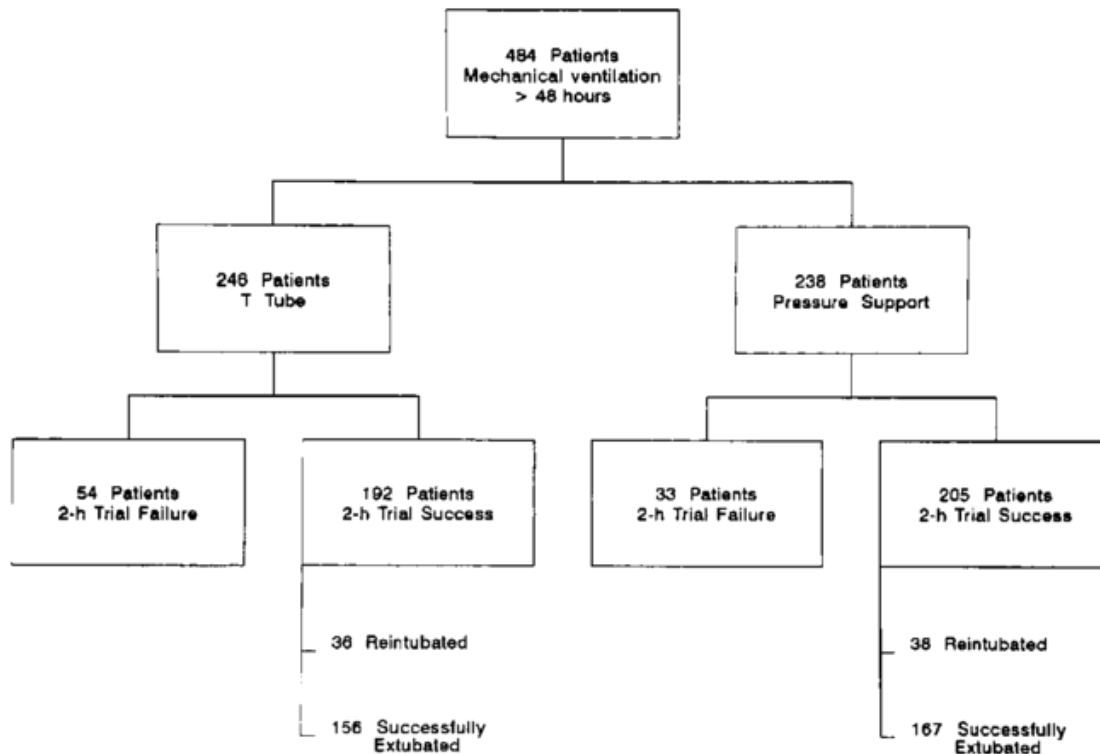
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Extubation Outcome after Spontaneous Breathing Trials with T-Tube or Pressure Support Ventilation

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- ✓ T piece V.S. PS 7
- 63% V.S. 70% (p=0.14)



Liberation From Mechanical Ventilation in Critically Ill Adults



Executive Summary of an Official American College of Chest Physicians/American Thoracic Society Clinical Practice Guideline

ATS/CHEST recommendation. For acutely hospitalized patients ventilated more than 24 hours, we suggest that the initial SBT be conducted with **inspiratory pressure augmentation (5-8 cm H₂O)** rather than without (**T-piece or continuous positive airway pressure**) (Conditional recommendation).

Weaning strategies



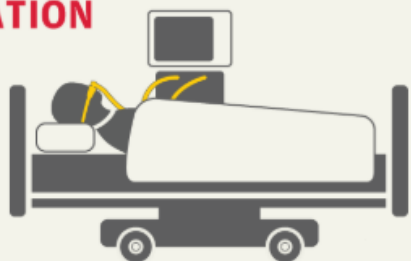
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Effect of Pressure Support vs T-Piece Ventilation Strategies During Spontaneous Breathing Trials on Successful Extubation Among Patients Receiving Mechanical Ventilation

A Randomized Clinical Trial

✓ 30 minutes of PSV (PS 8 cmH₂O) V.S. 2 hours of T-piece ventilation

POPULATION



725 Men 428 Women

Adult ICU patients deemed ready for weaning after ≥ 24 hours of mechanical ventilation

Mean age: 62 years

LOCATIONS

18 ICUs in Spain



INTERVENTION

1153 Patients randomized

575

30-Minute pressure support ventilation

Less demanding spontaneous breathing trial

578

2-Hour T-piece ventilation

More demanding spontaneous breathing trial

PRIMARY OUTCOME

Successful extubation, defined as remaining free of mechanical ventilation for 72 hours after first spontaneous breathing trial

FINDINGS

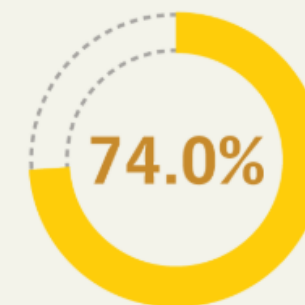
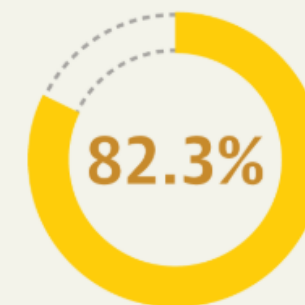
Successful extubation

30-Minute pressure support ventilation

473 of 575 patients

2-Hour T-piece ventilation

428 of 578 patients



Between-group mean difference:

8.2%

(95% CI, 3.4% to 13.0%); $P = .001$

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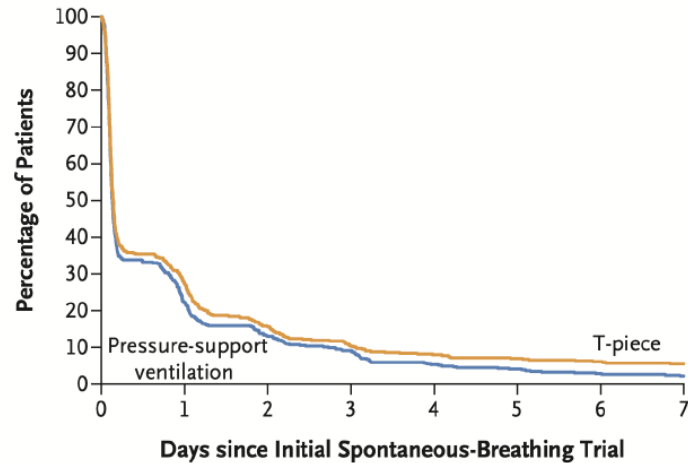
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Spontaneous-Breathing Trials with Pressure-Support Ventilation or a T-Piece

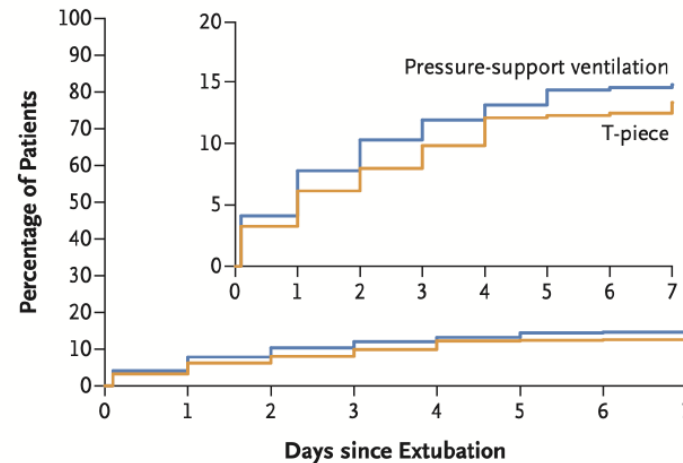
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- A multicenter, open-label trial, **high risk of extubation failure patients.**
- SBT performed with PSV(8 cmH₂O) **did not** result in significantly more ventilator-free days at day 28 than SBT performed with a T-piece.

A Patients Who Had Not Undergone Extubation



B Patients Who Had Undergone Reintubation



No. at Risk	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
T-piece	485	134	76	50	39	34	30	27
Pressure-support ventilation	484	108	63	43	26	20	14	11

No. at Risk	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
T-piece	485	468	454	445	436	425	424	423
Pressure-support ventilation	484	463	445	433	425	419	413	420



Table 3.5.1 Risk factors for extubation failure.

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- Medical, pediatric, or multidisciplinary ICU patient
 - Older age
 - Pneumonia as cause for mechanical ventilation
 - Higher severity of illness at the time of extubation
 - Use of continuous intravenous sedation
 - Abnormal mental status, delirium
 - Semirecumbent positioning
 - Transport out of ICU for procedures
 - Decreased physician and nurse staffing in the ICU
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Table 3.5.2 Causes for extubation failure.

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- Imbalance between load on the respiratory system (work of breathing) and respiratory muscle capacity
 - Cardiac disease
 - Upper airway obstruction
 - Ineffective cough
 - Excess respiratory secretions
 - Depressed mental status
- ✓ Glottic narrowing:
 - inflammation, granuloma formation, ulceration, or edema.
 - ✓ Subglottic stenosis risk :
 - Balloon hyperinflation
 - 過長的插管時間
 - 太大的氣管內管
 - 氣管內管過度挪動
 - Trachea 感染
 - 女性
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AMERICAN THORACIC SOCIETY DOCUMENTS

An Official American Thoracic Society/American College of Chest Physicians Clinical Practice Guideline: Liberation from Mechanical Ventilation in Critically Ill Adults

Rehabilitation Protocols, Ventilator Liberation Protocols, and Cuff Leak Tests

- **Post-extubation stridor**
 - ✓ Incidence: 6-37%
 - ✓ A **cuff leak test** is suggested for high risk patients
 - Cuff leak volumes ≥ 110 mL or $> 24\%$ of the delivered tidal volume is considered a normal cuff leak test.
 - ✓ For adults who have failed a cuff leak test but are otherwise ready for extubation, we suggest administering systemic steroids for ≥ 4 hours before extubation.



- **Risk factors of post-extubation stridor**

- ✓ Prolonged intubation
(variably defined as ≥ 36 hours to ≥ 6 days)
- ✓ Age > 80 years
- ✓ Female gender
- ✓ A large ETT
(> 8 mm in men, > 7 mm in women)
- ✓ A ratio of ETT to laryngeal diameter greater than 45% on CT
- ✓ A small ratio of patient height (mm) to ETT diameter (mm)
- ✓ Excessive tube mobility due to insufficient fixation
- ✓ An elevated APACHE II score
- ✓ A GCS score < 8
- ✓ Traumatic intubation
- ✓ A history of asthma
- ✓ Insufficient or lack of sedation
- ✓ Aspiration



Liberation From Mechanical Ventilation in Critically Ill Adults



Executive Summary of an Official American College of Chest Physicians/American Thoracic Society Clinical Practice Guideline

- For patients at high risk for extubation failure who have been receiving mechanical ventilation for more than 24 h, and who have passed an SBT, we recommend extubation to preventative NIV (Strong Recommendation, Moderate Grade of Evidence).
- High risk for failure of extubation :hypercapnia, COPD, CHF, or other serious comorbidities.

TABLE 6] Evidence Profile for Extubation to Noninvasive Ventilation Compared With Extubation Without Noninvasive Ventilation³⁵⁻³⁹

No. of Studies	Study Design	Quality Assessment					Other Considerations	No. of Patients		Effect		Quality	Importance
		Risk of Bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Extubation to Noninvasive Ventilation		Extubation Without Noninvasive Ventilation	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)			
Extubation success													
5	Randomized trials	Serious ^a	Not serious	Not serious	Not serious	None	230 of 261 (88.1%)	204 of 264 (77.3%)	RR, 1.14 (1.05-1.23)	11 less per 100 (from 4 less to 18 less)	Moderate	Critical	
ICU LOS													
4	Randomized trials	Serious ^a	Not serious	Not serious	Not serious	None	241	244	...	MD 2.48 d less (4.03 d less to 0.93 d less)	Moderate	Important	



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Effect of Postextubation High-Flow Nasal Cannula vs Noninvasive Ventilation on Reintubation and Postextubation Respiratory Failure in High-Risk Patients A Randomized Clinical Trial

Gonzalo Hernández, MD, PhD¹; Concepción Vaquero, MD²; Laura Colinas, MD¹; [et al](#)

- Post extubation, High Flow Nasal Cannula vs NIV for 24 hrs
 - ✓ High Risk Patients (HFNC vs. NIV), N = 604
 - ✓ Reintubation within 72 hours : 22.8% vs. 19.1%
 - ✓ Postextubation respiratory failure within 72 hours : 26.9% vs 39.8%

Meaning High-flow nasal cannula immediately after scheduled extubation was not inferior to noninvasive mechanical ventilation for risk of reintubation and postextubation respiratory failure in patients at high risk of reintubation.



Guideline Or Statement | ERS Guidelines

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ERS clinical practice guidelines: high-flow nasal cannula in acute respiratory failure

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HFNC to prevent extubation failure in nonsurgical patients

PICO question 6: Should HFNC or COT be used in nonsurgical patients after extubation?

Recommendation 6

We suggest HFNC over COT in nonsurgical patients after extubation at low or moderate risk of extubation failure (conditional recommendation, low certainty of evidence).

PICO question 7: Should HFNC or NIV be used in nonsurgical patients after extubation?

Recommendation 7

We suggest the use of NIV over HFNC after extubation for patients at high risk of extubation failure unless there are relative or absolute contraindications to NIV (conditional recommendation, moderate certainty of evidence).

Take home message



- SBT should be initiated with the day of intubation and be evaluated at least daily.
- Physiological barriers should be managed, and assess weaning parameters before extubation.
- Identify the risk of post-extubation stridor and reintubation/post-extubation respiratory failure, and apply systemic steroids and preventive NIV respectively.

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Thank You for Listening



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