

Weaning from mechanical ventilation and management of prolonged mechanical ventilation

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- Overview of weaning guidelines
- Weaning outcome and epidemiology
- Weaning strategies
 - Spontaneous breathing trial (SBT) centered weaning strategy
 - SBT technique
- Decision to extubate
- Post-extubation care
- Prolonged mechanical ventilation

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Section I: Guidelines

Evidence-Based Guidelines for Weaning and Discontinuing Ventilatory Support*

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The discontinuation or withdrawal process from mechanical ventilation is an important clinical issue.^{1,2} Patients are generally intubated and placed on mechanical ventilators when their own ventilatory and/or gas exchange capabilities are outstripped by the demands placed on them from a variety of diseases. Mechanical ventilation also is required when the respiratory drive is incapable of

- 12 recommendations.
- Provide a framework for ventilator weaning.
- Emphasize the importance of SBT.

2007 ERS/ESICM/ATS/SCCM Guidelines

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Weaning from mechanical ventilation

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Statement of the Sixth International Consensus Conference on Intensive Care Medicine

Organised jointly by the European Respiratory Society (ERS), the American Thoracic Society (ATS), the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM), the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) and the Société de Réanimation de Langue Française (SRLF), and approved by the ERS Executive Committee, February 2007

ABSTRACT: Weaning covers the entire process of liberating the patient from mechanical support and from the endotracheal tube. Many controversial questions remain concerning the best methods for conducting this process. An International Consensus Conference was held in April 2005 to provide recommendations regarding the management of this process. An 11-member international jury answered five pre-defined questions. 1) What is known about the epidemiology of weaning problems? 2) What is the pathophysiology of weaning failure? 3) What is the usual process of initial weaning from the ventilator? 4) Is there a role for different ventilator modes in more difficult weaning? 5) How should patients with prolonged weaning failure be managed?

The main recommendations were as follows. 1) Patients should be categorised into three groups based on the difficulty and duration of the weaning process. 2) Weaning should be considered as early as possible. 3) A spontaneous breathing trial is the major diagnostic test to

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- Offer a structured approach to weaning.
- Provide definitions & epidemiology about weaning.
- Pathophysiology of weaning failure.

Physiology of Weaning Failure & Checklist

"Failure to wean" checklist

F	Fluid overload → diurese if indicated
A	Airway resistance → check endotracheal tube; is it obstructed or too small?
I	Infection → treat as indicated
L	Lying down causing V/Q mismatch → elevate head of bed
T	Thyroid, toxicity of drugs → check TFTs, check med list
O	Oxygen → increase FiO ₂ and/or the level of PEEP
W	Wheezing → treat with bronchodilators
E	Electrolytes, eating → correct K/Mg/PO ₄ /Ca, provide adequate nutrition
A	Anti-inflammatory needed? → consider steroids in asthma/COPD or for failed cuff
N	Neuromuscular disease, neuro status compromised → myasthenia gravis, ALS, steroid/paralytic neuropathy, etc.; assure that patient is neurologically stable

AMERICAN THORACIC SOCIETY DOCUMENTS

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

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THIS OFFICIAL CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE OF THE AMERICAN THORACIC SOCIETY (ATS) AND THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CHEST PHYSICIANS (CHEST) WAS APPROVED BY THE ATS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DECEMBER 2016, AND BY THE CHEST BOARD OF REGENTS, OCTOBER 2016

Background: This clinical practice guideline addresses six questions related to liberation from mechanical ventilation in critically ill adults. It is the result of a collaborative effort between the American Thoracic Society and the American College of Chest Physicians.

Methods: A multidisciplinary panel posed six clinical questions in a Population, Intervention, Comparator, and Outcomes format. A comprehensive literature search and evidence synthesis was performed for each question, which included appraising the certainty in the evidence (i.e., the quality of evidence) using the Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development, and Evaluation approach. The Evidence-to-Decision framework was applied to each question, requiring the panel to evaluate and weigh the importance of the problem, the confidence in the evidence, the certainty about how much the public values the main outcomes, the magnitude

and balance of desirable and undesirable outcomes, the resources and costs associated with the intervention, the impact on health disparities, and the acceptability and feasibility of the intervention.

Results: Evidence-based recommendations were formulated and graded initially by subcommittees and then modified after full-panel discussions. The recommendations were confirmed by confidential electronic voting; approval required that at least 80% of the panel members agree with the recommendation.

Conclusions: The panel provides recommendations regarding liberation from mechanical ventilation. The details regarding the evidence and rationale for each recommendation are presented in the *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine* and *Chest*.

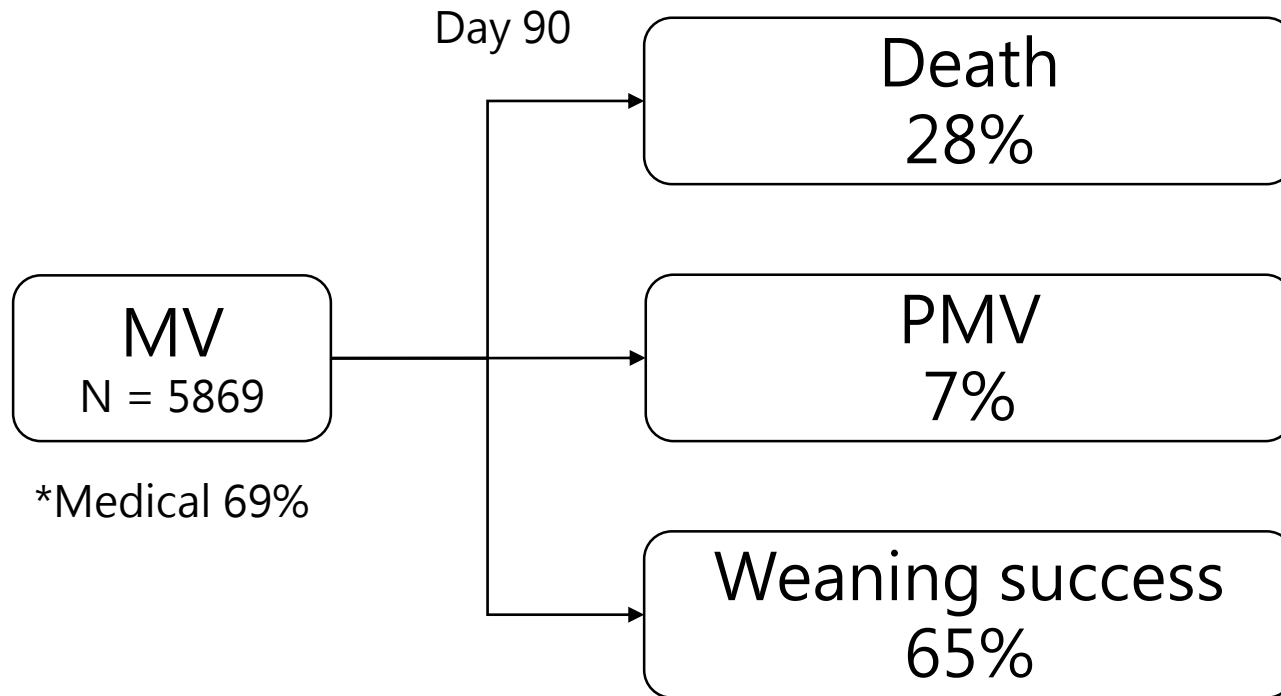
ATS/ACCP 2017 Weaning Guidelines

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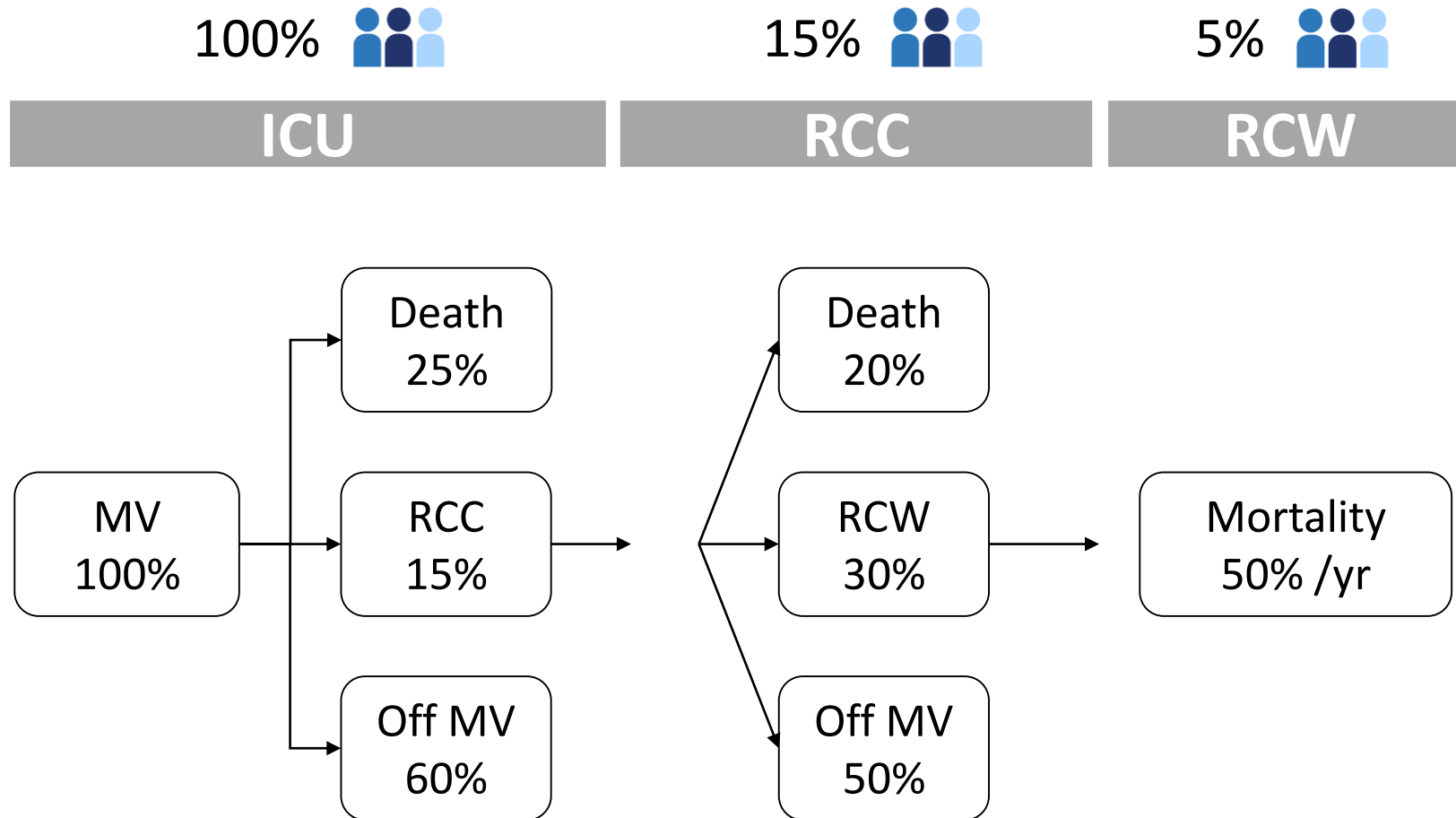
Recommendation	Strength of Recommendation	
1. For acutely hospitalized patients ventilated >24 h, we suggest that the initial SBT be conducted with inspiratory pressure augmentation (5–8 cm H ₂ O) rather than without (T-piece or CPAP).	Conditional	SBT採用 PSV 5-8 (vs T-piece)
2. For acutely hospitalized patients ventilated >24 h, we suggest protocols attempting to minimize sedation.	Conditional	使用Protocols 以減少Sedation
3. For patients at high risk for extubation failure who have been receiving mechanical ventilation for >24 h, and who have passed a spontaneous breathing trial, we recommend extubation to preventive NIV.	Strong	高風險拔管者 Preventive NIV
4. For acutely hospitalized patients who have been mechanically ventilated for >24 h, we suggest protocolized rehabilitation directed toward early mobilization.	Conditional	Rehabilitation protocol
5. We suggest managing acutely hospitalized patients who have been mechanically ventilated for >24 h with a ventilator liberation protocol.	Conditional	建議使用 Weaning protocol
6a. We suggest performing cuff leak test in mechanically ventilated adults who meet extubation criteria and deemed high risk for PES.	Conditional	高風險PES者, 做 Cuff leak test • Cuff leak沒過, 給 steroids
6b. For adults who have failed a cuff leak test but are otherwise ready for extubation, we suggest administering systemic steroids at least 4 h before extubation. A repeat cuff leak test is not required.	Conditional	

Overview of Weaning Outcome

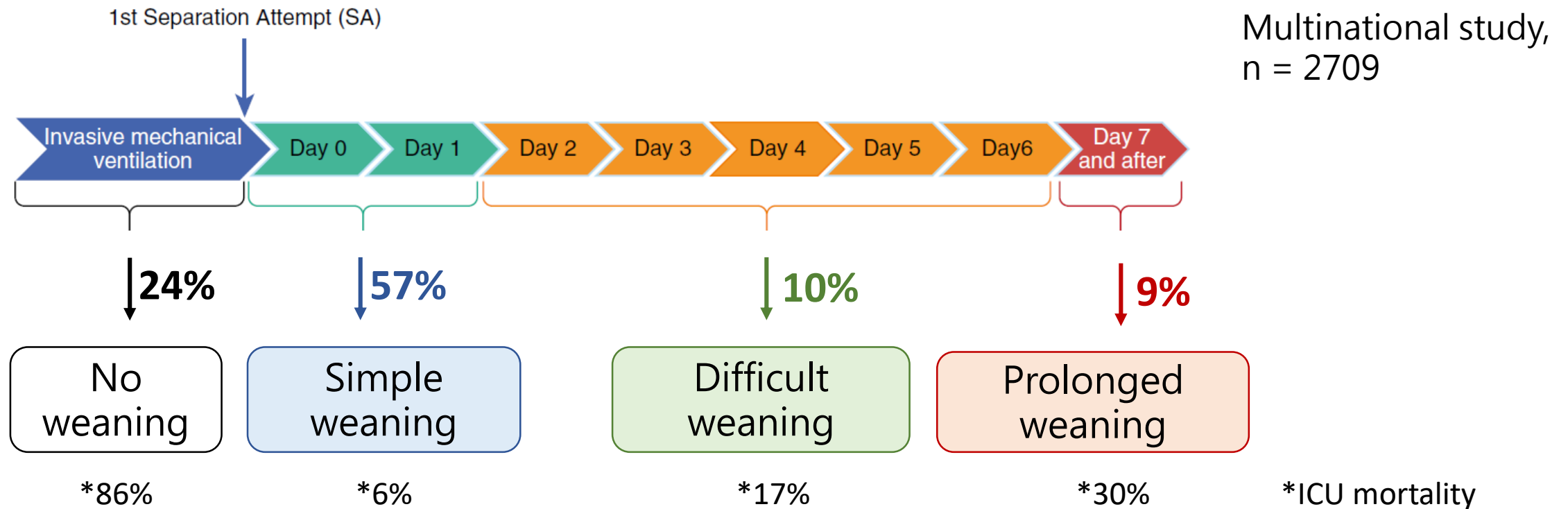
Weaning Outcomes (Wean Safe Study)



Weaning Outcomes in Taiwan (NHI data)



Define Prognosis by Weaning Process



Weaning Strategies

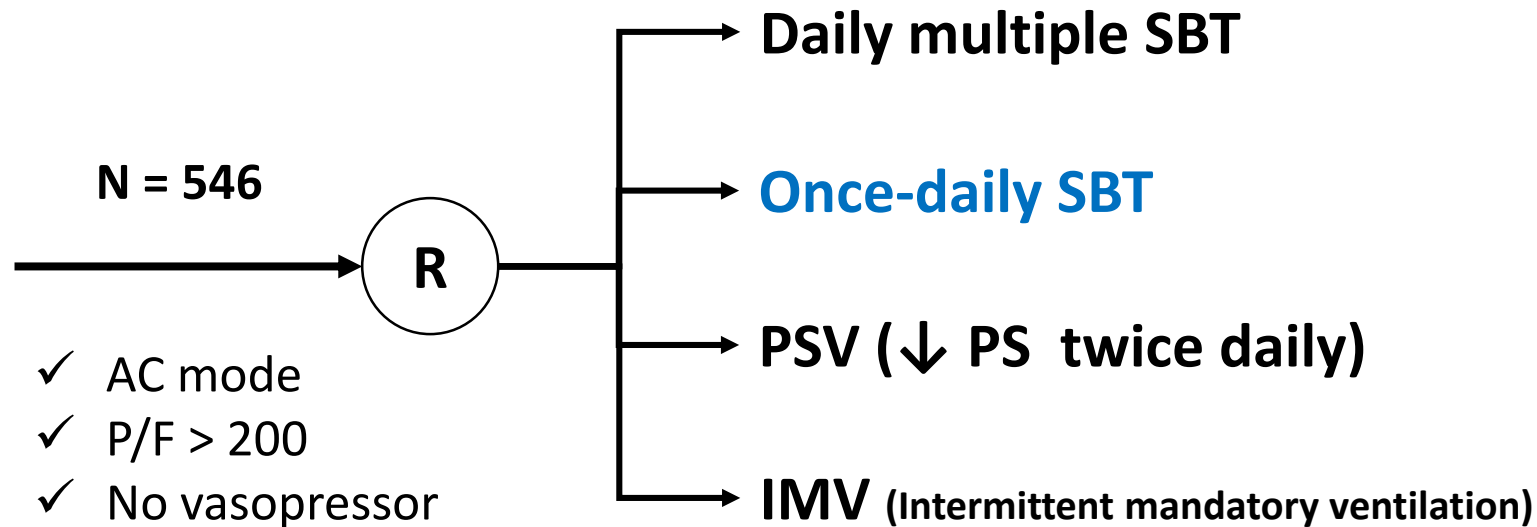
Best Practice for Weaning Strategy

- Once-daily SBT for discontinuation assessment is recommended in weaning guidelines
(MacIntyre. CHEST 2001, Boles. Eur Respir J 2007)
- Extubation failure after SBT success: 10-20%
(Thille. Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2013)

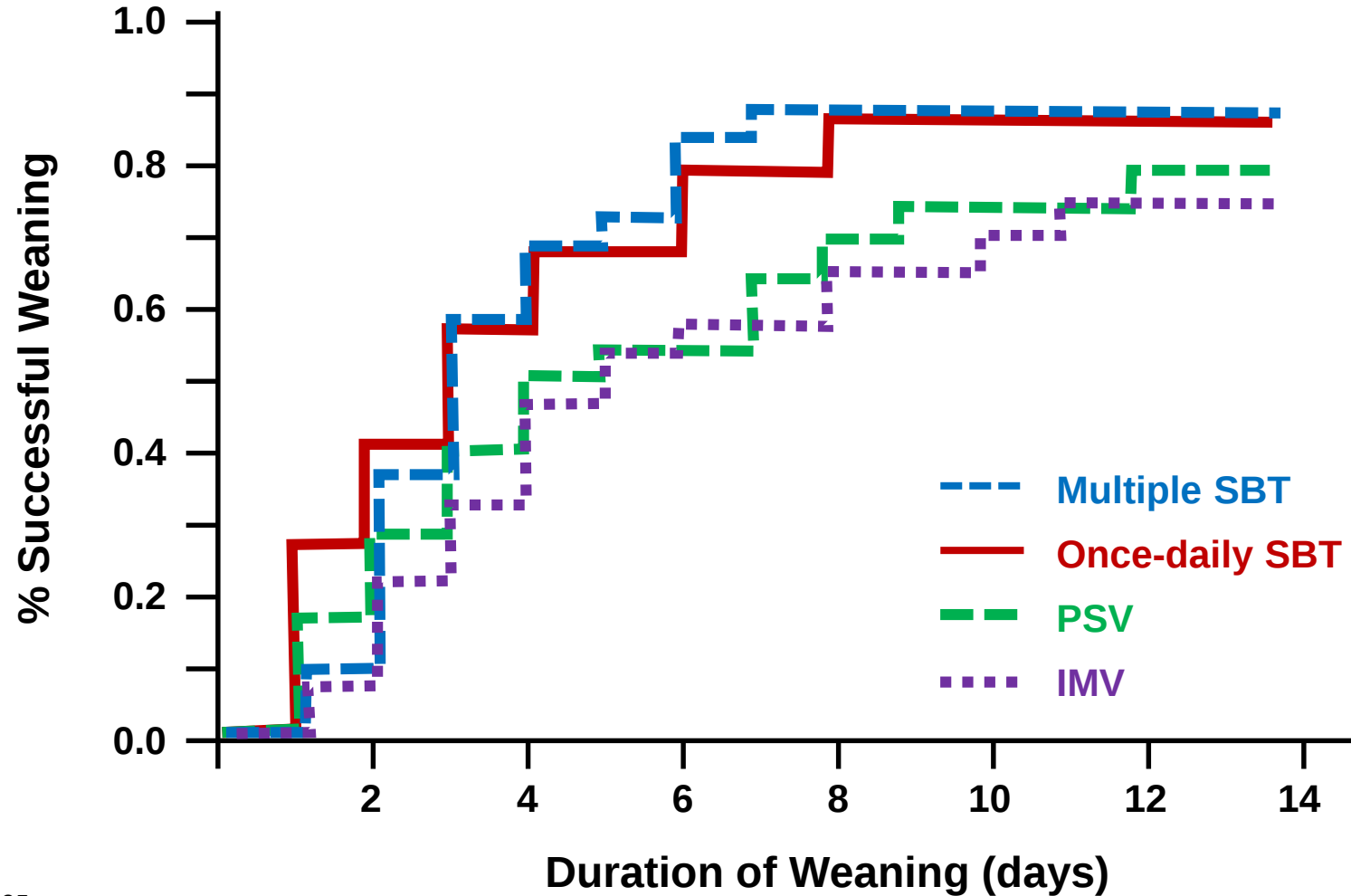
Landmark Study Comparing Weaning Strategies



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Comparison of Weaning Methods





EFFECT ON THE DURATION OF MECHANICAL VENTILATION OF IDENTIFYING PATIENTS CAPABLE OF BREATHING SPONTANEOUSLY

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ABSTRACT

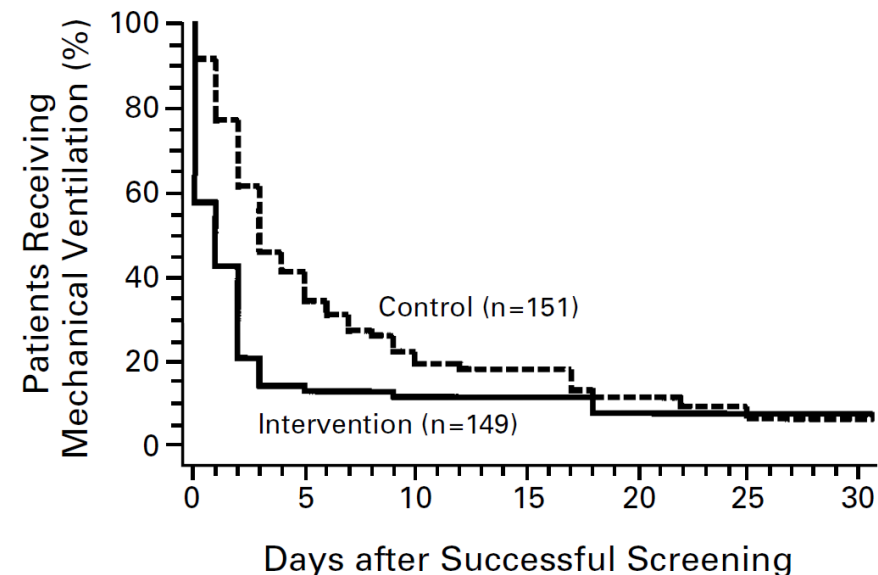
Background Prompt recognition of the reversal of respiratory failure may permit earlier discontinuation of mechanical ventilation, without harm to the patient.

Methods We conducted a randomized, controlled trial in 300 adult patients receiving mechanical ventilation in medical and coronary intensive care units. In the intervention group, patients underwent daily screening of respiratory function by physicians, respiratory therapists, and nurses to identify those possibly capable of breathing spontaneously; successful tests were followed by two-hour trials of spontaneous breathing in those who met the criteria. Physicians were notified when their patients successfully

FOR over two decades, physicians have attempted to define the best methods of discontinuing mechanical ventilation in patients recovering from respiratory failure. An early study of weaning¹ noted that the clinical decision to discontinue mechanical ventilation is often arbitrary, based on “judgment and experience.” With increasing recognition of the risks and economic consequences of prolonged ventilation, identifying strategies that reduce the duration of mechanical ventilation remains a high priority,^{2,3} but no single approach has been established as the best one. Many measures have been proposed to identify patients ready for extubation,^{1,4-15} ranging from simple ma-

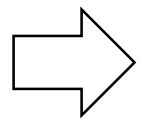
Intervention:

- Daily SBT
- 口頭+紙條 通知醫師



Performance of Weaning Parameters

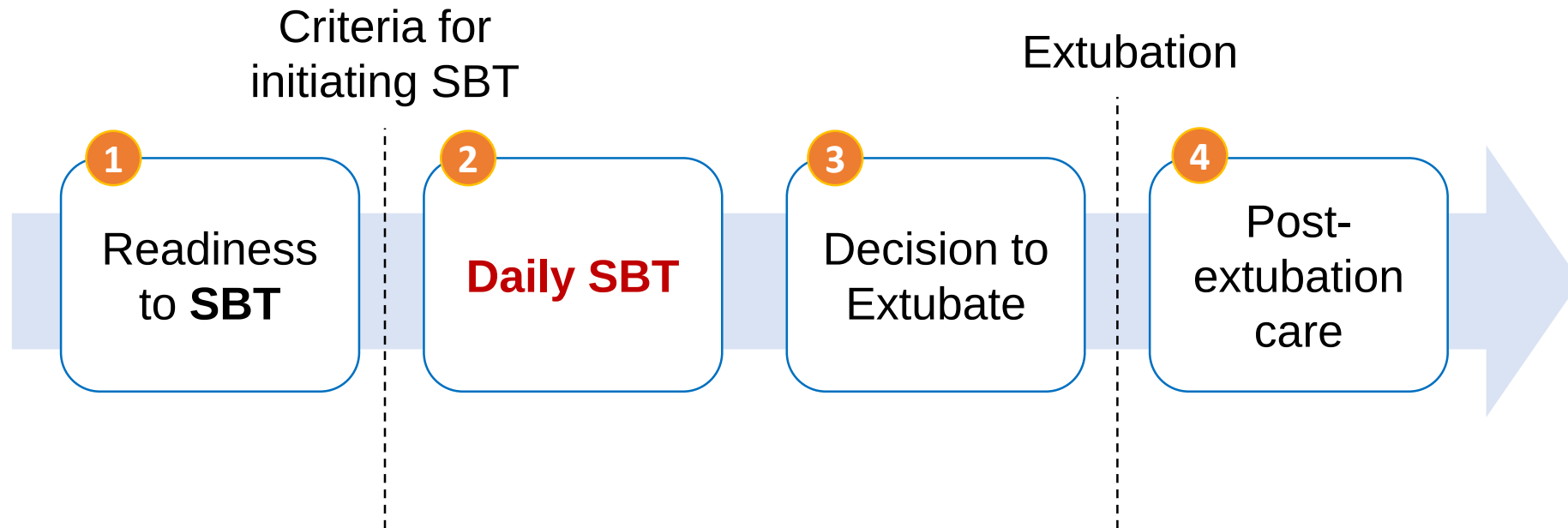
Index	AUC±SE	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR	P(W+ T+)	P(W+ T-)
VC (ml/kg)	0.71±0.07	0.43	0.64	1.3	0.76	0.69
V _T (ml/kg)	0.64±0.07	0.54	0.57	1.54	0.76	0.67
f/V _T (breaths/min per l)	0.70±0.07	0.81	0.14	0.69	0.71	0.78
P _{0.1} (cmH ₂ O)	0.47±0.09	0.94	0.07	1.17	0.72	0.64
P _{0.1} /MIP	0.71±0.08	0.92	0.14	1.87	0.73	0.59
V _{MIN} (l)	0.54±0.08	0.86	0.14	1	0.72	0.69
RR (breaths/min)	0.52±0.09	0.94	0.07	1.17	0.72	0.64
MIP (cmH ₂ O)	0.57±0.09	0.92	0.07	0.87	0.72	0.75
P _{0.1} × f/V _T (cmH ₂ O/ breaths per min per l)	0.67±0.08	0.89	0.07	0.61	0.72	0.80



All indexes are **poor predictors** of weaning outcome!

SBT-centered Weaning Strategy

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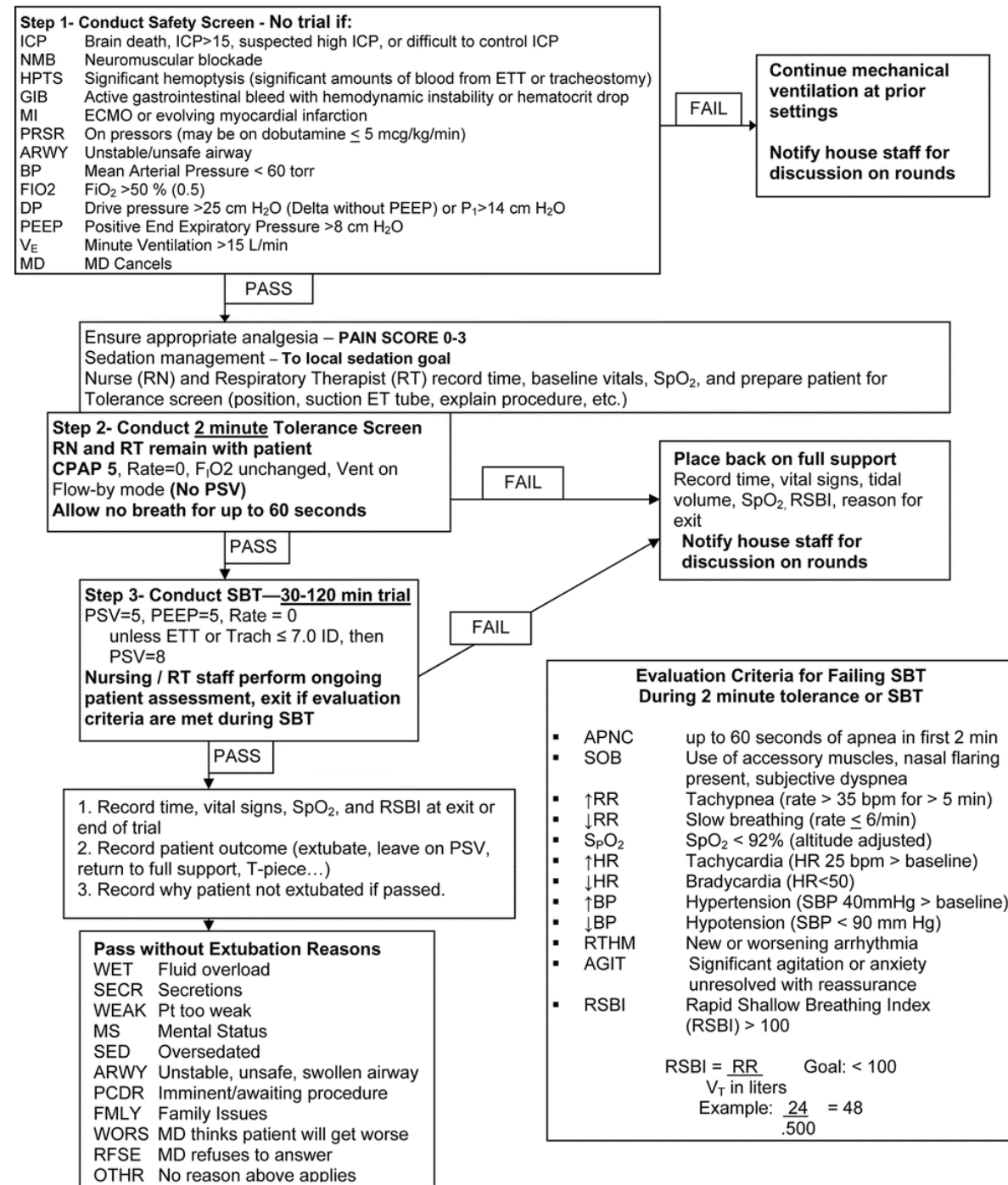
- Several techniques are used to conduct an SBT
 - With vs. without inspiratory pressure augmentation

(Schmidt. Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2017)

Readiness to wean (SBT)

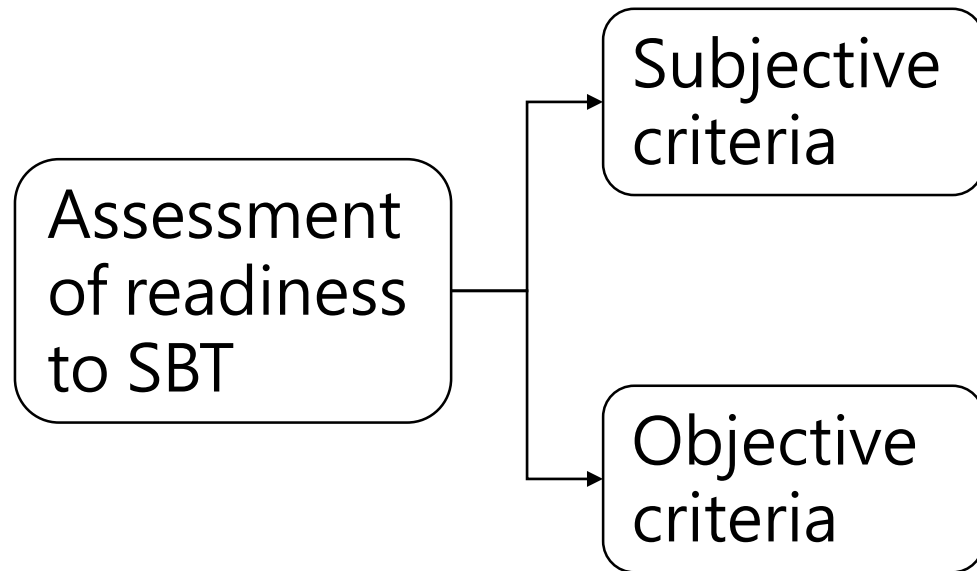
2-min CPAP 5

SBT 30'-120'



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Assessment of Readiness to SBT



Subjective criteria

- Resolution of disease acute phase
- Physician believes discontinuation possible

Objective criteria

- No vasopressor, HR < 140
- Adequate mentation
- Adequate oxygenation
 - P/F ratio ≥ 150 or $\text{FiO}_2 \leq 0.4$
 - PEEP ≤ 8 cm H₂O
- Adequate pulmonary function
 - RR ≤ 35 /min
 - MIP ≤ -25
 - $V_T > 5$ mL/kg
 - RSBI < 105

SBT Techniques

Method? Duration? Failure criteria?

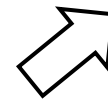
SBT Techniques: Methods & Durations

Inspiratory Pressure Augmentation (-)

- T-piece
- T-piece with PEEP
- CPAP

Inspiratory Pressure Augmentation (+)

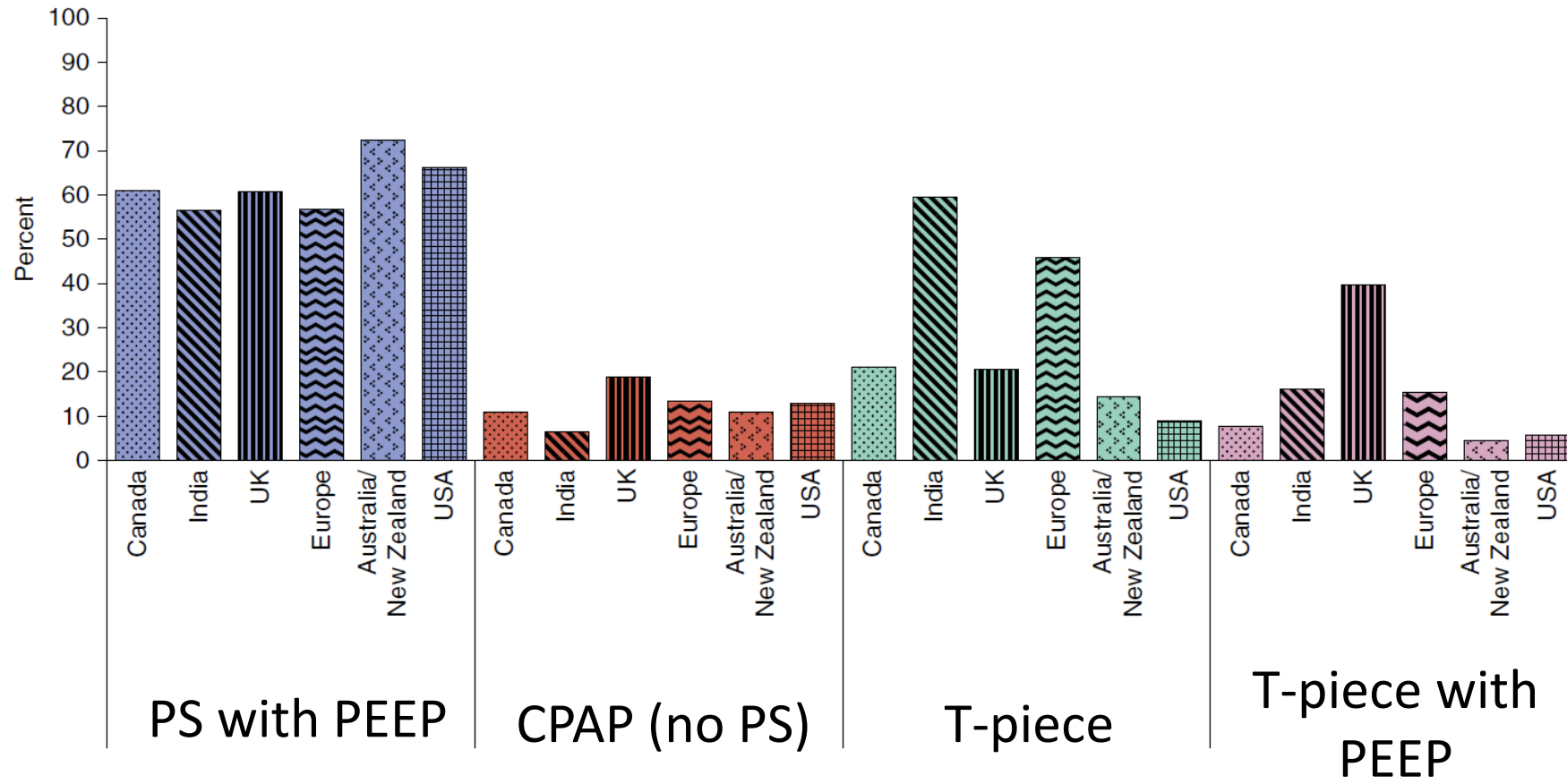
- PS 5-8 cm H₂O
- Automatic tube compensation



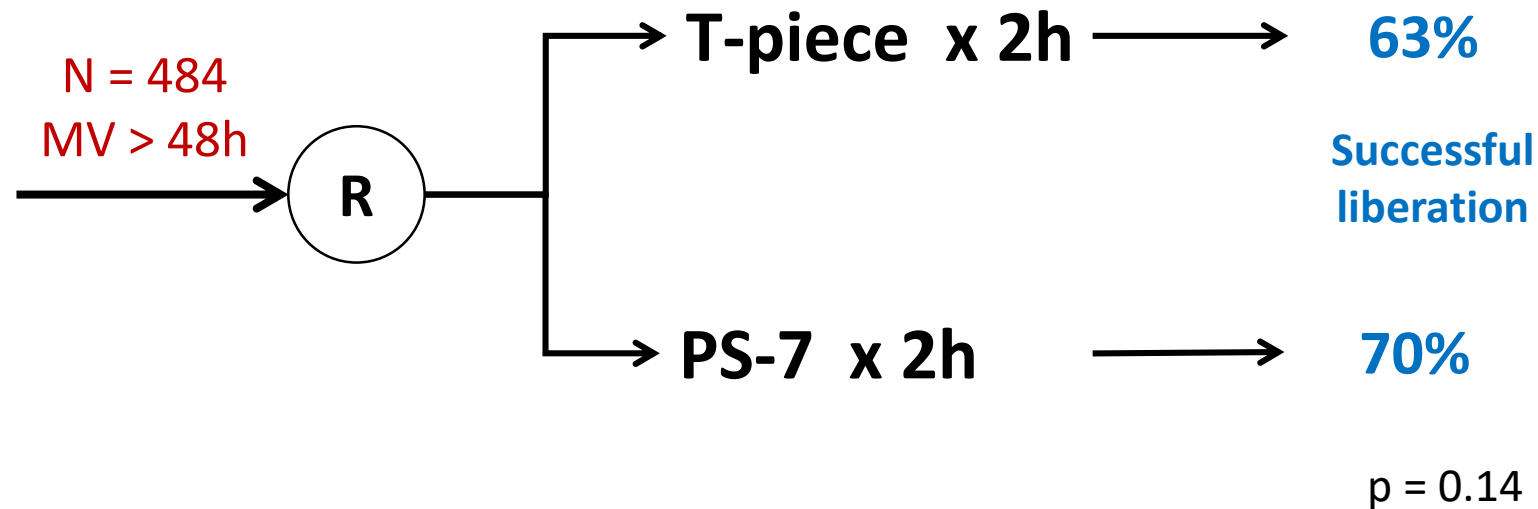
SBT Duration

30' ~ 120'

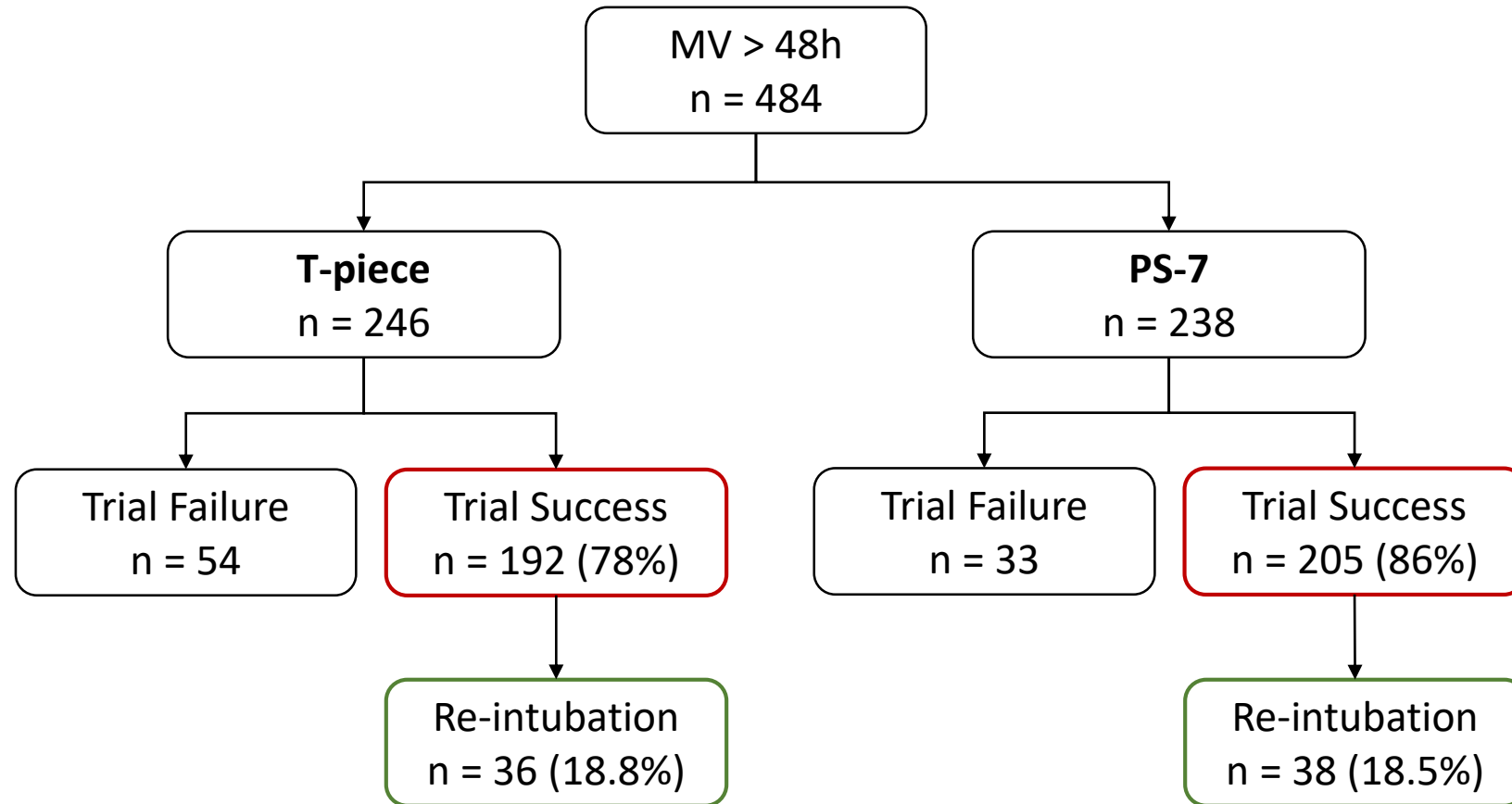
Practice Variation in SBT Techniques



Landmark Study Comparing T-piece & PS 7



$$\text{Liberation Success \%} = (\text{SBT success \%}) \times (1 - \text{Reintubation \%})$$



PSV *vs.* T-piece, Meta-analysis

Outcome	No. of Studies	No. of Patients	Pooled Risk Ratio
SBT success	8	1381	1.06 [1.01-1.12]*
Re-intubation	7	1365	0.93 [0.72-1.20]
Liberation success	11	1904	1.06 [1.02-1.10]*

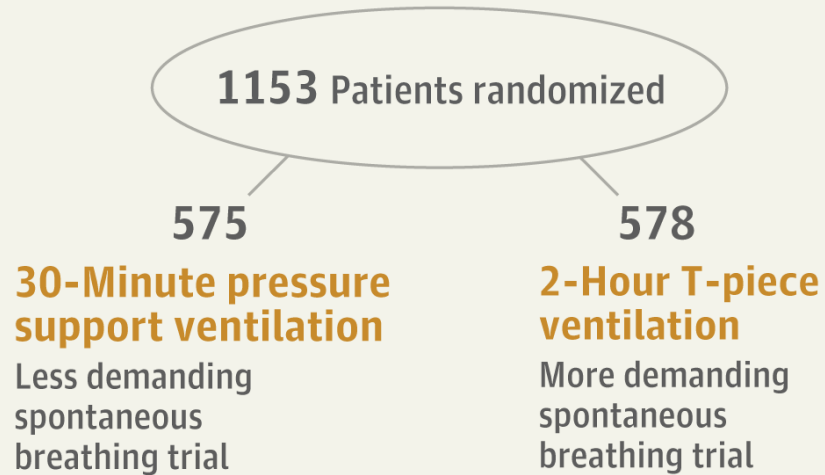
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ATS/CHEST recommendation. For acutely hospitalized patients ventilated more than 24 hours, we suggest that the initial SBT be conducted with **inspiratory pressure augmentation (5-8 cm H₂O)** rather than without (**T-piece or continuous positive airway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

PS-8 x 30' vs. T-piece x 120'

INTERVENTION



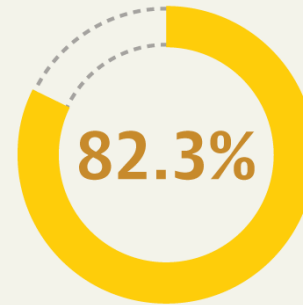
PRIMARY OUTCOME

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

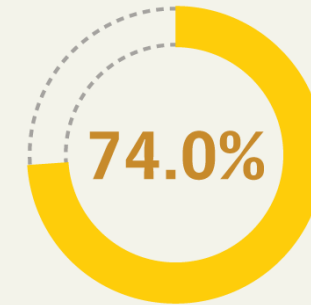
FINDINGS

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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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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

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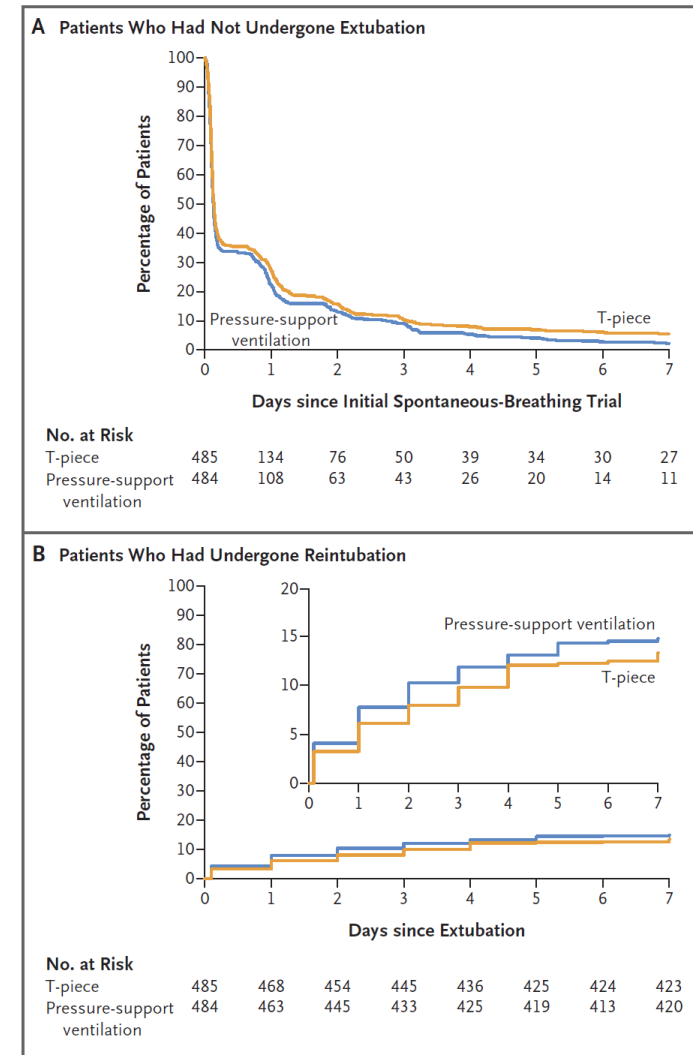
ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

Spontaneous-breathing trials can be performed with the use of either pressure-support ventilation (PSV) or a T-piece. Whether PSV trials may result in a shorter time to tracheal extubation than T-piece trials, without resulting in a higher risk of reintubation, among patients who have a **high risk of extubation failure** is unknown.

METHODS

In this multicenter, open-label trial, we randomly assigned patients who had a high risk of extubation failure (i.e., were >65 years of age or had an underlying chronic cardiac or respiratory disease) to undergo spontaneous-breathing trials performed with the use of either PSV (with a pressure-support level of 8 cm of water and no positive end-expiratory pressure) or a T-piece. The primary outcome was the



No difference between
PS-8 and T-piece

Decision to Extubate (After SBT Success)

Decision to Extubate: Airway Protection

- Neurological function
 - Glasgow Coma Scale
- Cough strength
 - Peak expiratory flow rate
 - Maximal expiratory pressure
 - White card test
- Secretion volume
 - Suctioning frequency
- Post-extubation airway edema
 - Cuff leak test

Post-extubation Stridor

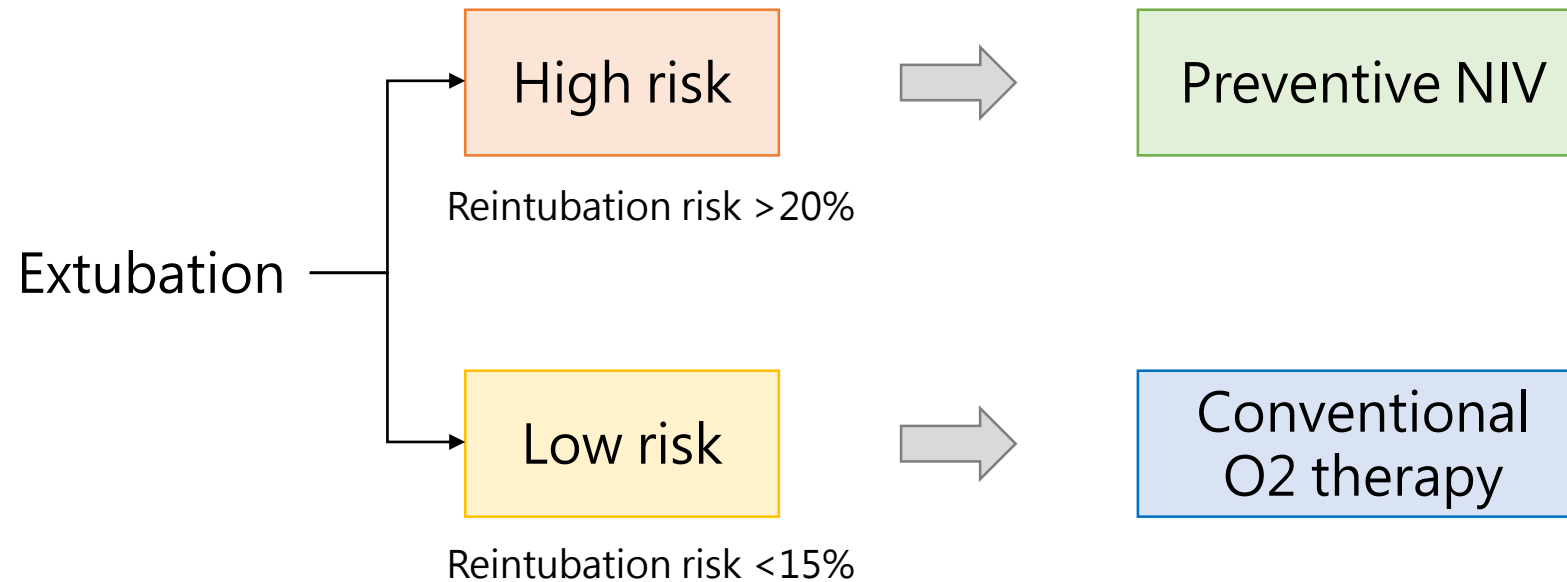
- Incidence: 6-37%
- A cuff leak test is suggested for high risk patients
- Risk factors:
 - Traumatic intubation
 - Intubation more than 6 days
 - Large endotracheal tube
 - Female sex
 - Reintubation
- Systemic steroids at least 4 hours before extubation
 - Conditional recommendation

Post-extubation Care

At risk for extubation failure?

Preventive management?

Post-extubation Respiratory Support Recommended in 2017 ATS/ACCP Guidelines



In **high-risk** patients receiving MV for more than 24 hours, does extubation to **preventive NIV** compared with no NIV have a favorable effect on outcomes?

- For patients at **high risk for extubation failure**, we recommend extubation to preventive NIV.
(Strong recommendation, moderate certainty)
- High risk for failure of extubation:
 - ✓ Older age (?)
 - ✓ Hypercapnia during SBT
 - ✓ COPD
 - ✓ Congestive heart failure

There was heterogeneity in defining the high-risk patient.

Preventive NIV after Extubation for High-risk Patients

Outcome	No. of RCTs	No. of Patients	Pooled Risk Ratio
Extubation success	5	525	1.14 [1.05-1.23]*
ICU mortality	4	485	0.37 [0.19-0.70]*

Post-extubation High-Flow Nasal Cannula

- **Low-Risk Patients (HFNC vs. COT)**
 - N = 527
 - Reintubation: 4.9% vs. 12.2% (p= 0.004)

(Hernández. JAMA. 2016)

- **High-Risk Patients (HFNC vs. NIV)**
 - N = 604
 - Reintubation: 22.8% vs. 19.1%

(Hernández. JAMA. 2016)



2022 ERS Guidelines for HFNC

PICO 6: Nonsurgical, low risk	HFNC > COT (Using HFNC)
PICO 7: Nonsurgical, high risk	NIV > HFNC (Using NIV unless contraindicated to NIV)

Prolonged Mechanical Ventilation



consensus statement

Management of Patients Requiring Prolonged Mechanical Ventilation*

Report of a NAMDRG Consensus Conference

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Patients requiring prolonged mechanical ventilation (PMV) are rapidly increasing in number, as improved ICU care has resulted in many patients surviving acute respiratory failure only to then require prolonged mechanical ventilatory assistance during convalescence. This patient population has clearly different needs and resource consumption patterns than patients in acute ICUs, and specialized venues, management strategies, and reimbursement schemes for them are rapidly emerging. To address these issues in a comprehensive way, a conference on the epidemiology, care, and overall management of patients requiring PMV was held. The goal was to not only review existing practices but to also develop recommendations on a variety of assessment, management, and reimbursement issues associated with patients requiring PMV. Formal presentations were made on a variety of topics, and writing groups were formed to address three specific areas: epidemiology and outcomes, management and care settings, and reimbursement. Each group was charged with summarizing current data and practice along with formulation of recommendations. A working draft of the products of these three groups was then created and circulated among all participants. The document was reworked with input from all concerned until a final product with consensus recommendations on 12 specific issues was achieved. (CHEST 2005; 128:3937-3954)

Prolonged Mechanical Ventilation

- Epidemiology
 - PMV in Taiwan: 15%
 - Difficult & prolonged weaning: 20%
 - Associated with poor outcome (Risk factor studies)
- Limited EBM recommendations
- Permanently ventilator dependent: 3 months of weaning
- attempts have failed (2001 ACCP)
 - Unless there is evidence for clearly irreversible disease
- Structured approach

Structural Approach

	Airway			Brain		Cardiac	Diaphragm	Endocrine		
	Resistance	Airway / lung Compliance	Gas exchange	Delirium	Other cognitive dysfunction	Cardiac	Diaphragm		Endocrine	Metabolic
Assessment	Flow-time loops, inspiratory occlusion	Inspiratory / expiratory occlusion	(A-a)DO ₂	CAM-ICU	Screening: depression, anxiety, sleep pattern	12 lead ECG before at end SBT SvO ₂ before / at end SBT	P _i max	Serial physical examination (other neuromuscular disorders)		Electrolytes Blood gas Indirect calorimetry
Intervention	albuterol, steroids Repeat loops, inspiratory occlusion PEEP, Modify EIC in PSV bronchodilators	Radiology: Pleural fluid Atelectasis Asterisks ↓ Diuretics Physiotherapy		Reorientation Mobilization Haloperidol	Anxiolytics Behavioral therapy Reduce noise / light during sleep	Echocardiography before & after SBT Afterload reduction Inotropes If ischemic: beta-blocker optimize hemoglobin	Early mobilization	Early mobilization		Provide adequate energy intake
Advanced assessment	Diagnostic bronchoscopy during SBT				Neuropsychologist: depression, anxiety	Pulmonary artery catheter	Diaphragm fluoroscopy / echography P _{0.1}	Examination by neurologist EMG, nerve conduction velocity	Plasma cortisol before / after 250 mcg ACTH Plasma thyroid hormone	
Advanced intervention	Theracoscentesis					Afterload reduction Inotropes	Reduce analgesics / hypnotics		Cortisol iv Thyroid hormone	
Rescue assessment	Contrast echocardiography: intracardial shunt					BNP	Phrenic nerve conduction velocity Transdiaphragmatic pressure using gastric and esophageal balloon Diaphragm EMG	Muscle biopsy		
Rescue intervention				Desmethylsulfone		Levosimendan Bosentan	Antioxidants (vitamin C and E) Inspiratory muscle training			

Figure 1. Framework for the evaluation of difficult-to-wean patients. For each patient, diagnostics as described in the white box should be performed to assess the reasons(s) for difficult weaning. Endocrine dysfunction is probably relatively rare and therefore is not included in the first line of evaluation. Possible treatment/interventions are mentioned but, of course, need to be individualized. If the first-line evaluation does not improve weaning, proceed to the next level (within the affected column). For instance, if airway resistance is elevated but is not affected by albuterol and optimizing ventilator settings, diagnostic bronchoscopy should be performed to visualize the central airways. Risks and benefits should be weighed in each patient. ACTH, adrenocorticotrophic hormone; BNP, brain natriuretic peptide; CAM-ICU, confusion assessment method for the intensive care unit; DO₂, oxygen delivery; ECG, electrocardiogram; EIC, end inspiratory cycling; EMG, electromyography; iv, intravenous; P_{0.1}, airway occlusion pressure at 100 ms; PEEP, intrinsic positive end-expiratory pressure; P_i max, maximal inspiratory pressure; PSV, pressure support ventilation; SBT, spontaneous-breathing trial; SvO₂, mixed venous oxygen saturation.

Take-home Message

- Use **protocols** for sedation and weaning.
- Use **SBT-centered** weaning strategy.
- Post-extubation respiratory support:
 - **Preventive NIV** for high risk group
 - **High flow nasal cannula** (Inconsistent recommendations)

Thank You for Listening

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