

Weaning from Mechanical Ventilation

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Objectives

- Epidemiology of ventilator weaning
- Usual process of weaning from MV
 - Readiness to wean (SBT)
 - SBT technique (mode, duration, failure criteria)
- Decision to extubate
- Protocolized weaning
- Difficult-to-wean patients

Epidemiology

- ✓ Mortality, successful liberation
- ✓ Prognosis & weaning process

Characteristics and Outcomes in Adult Patients Receiving Mechanical Ventilation A 28-Day International Study

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Context The outcome of patients receiving mechanical ventilation for particular indications has been studied, but the outcome in a large number of unselected, heterogeneous patients has not been reported.

Objective To determine the survival of patients receiving mechanical ventilation and the relative importance of factors influencing survival.

Design, Setting, and Subjects Prospective cohort of consecutive adult patients admitted to 361 intensive care units who received mechanical ventilation for more than 12 hours between March 1, 1998, and March 31, 1998. Data were collected on each patient at initiation of mechanical ventilation and daily throughout the course of mechanical ventilation for up to 28 days.

Main Outcome Measure All-cause mortality during intensive care unit stay.

Results Of the 15757 patients admitted, a total of 5183 (33%) received mechanical ventilation for a mean (SD) duration of 5.9 (7.2) days. The mean (SD) length of stay in the intensive care unit was 11.2 (13.7) days. Overall mortality rate in the intensive care unit was 30.7% (1590 patients) for the entire population, 52% (120) in patients who received ventilation because of acute respiratory distress syndrome, and 22% (115) in patients who received ventilation for an exacerbation of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Survival of unselected patients receiving mechanical ven-

N = 5183,
361 ICUs in 20 countries

Outcomes

- Mortality: 30.7%
- Extubation: 55% (12% re-intubation)

	Mean	Median
Duration of MV	5.9	3
Duration of weaning	4.2	2
Length of ICU stay	11.2	7

Mortality Determinant

Mortality determinant	OR
1 Factors at start of MV	2.98
2 Patient management	3.67
3 Complication during MV	8.71



Mechanical Ventilation, Taiwan

	2013	2014	2015
New MV event	168,217	171,016	173,331
>21 days	25,217 (15%)	25,155 (15%)	24,576 (14%)
1-21d ICU stay, mean, d	5.7	5.7	5.5
Mortality	19%	19%	17%
22-63d Mortality	21.2%	21.6%	20.1%
Weaning success	44.9%	45.6%	48.1%

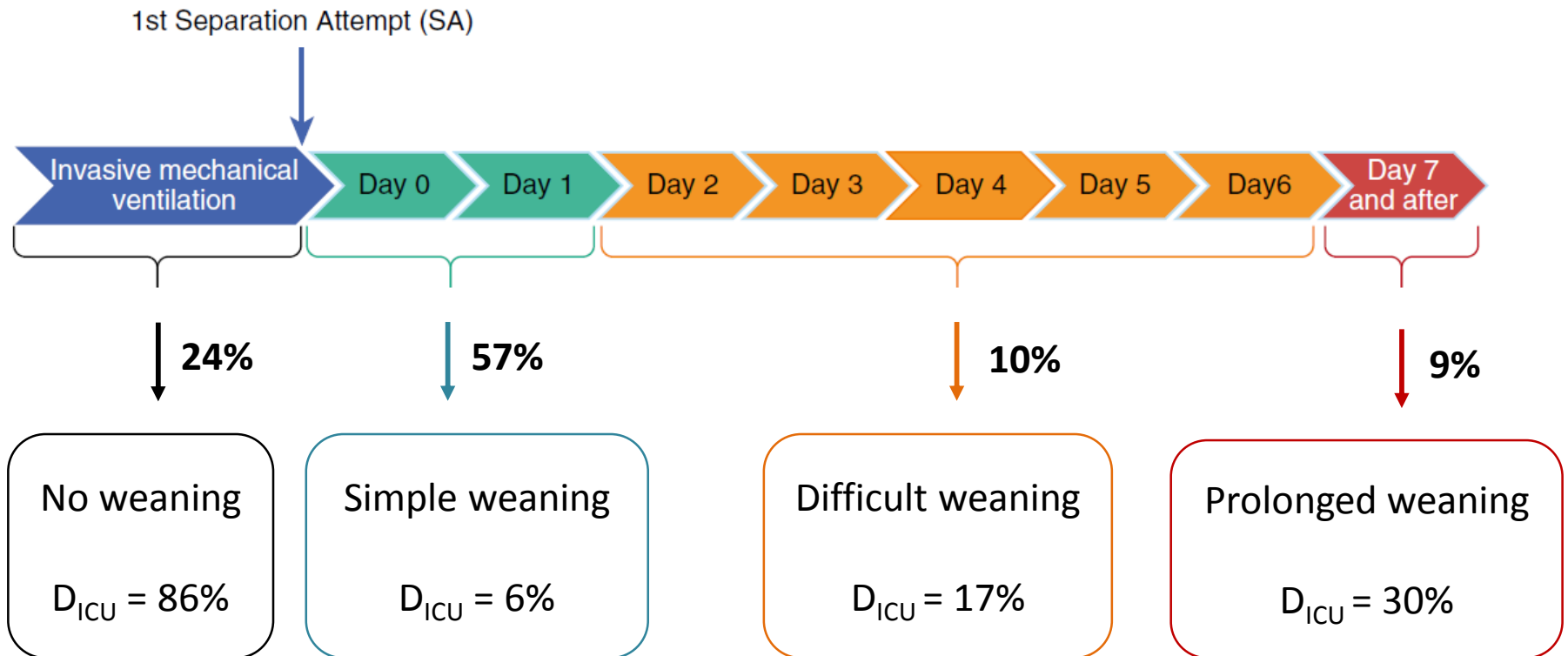
Classification of Weaning Process

Category	Definition
Simple weaning	第1次SBT即通過,並成功拔管
Difficult weaning	第2次或第3次SBT才通過,並成功拔管,且拔管日離第1次SBT ≤ 7 天
Prolonged weaning	至少3次SBT失敗,或第1次SBT後超過7天仍無法拔管



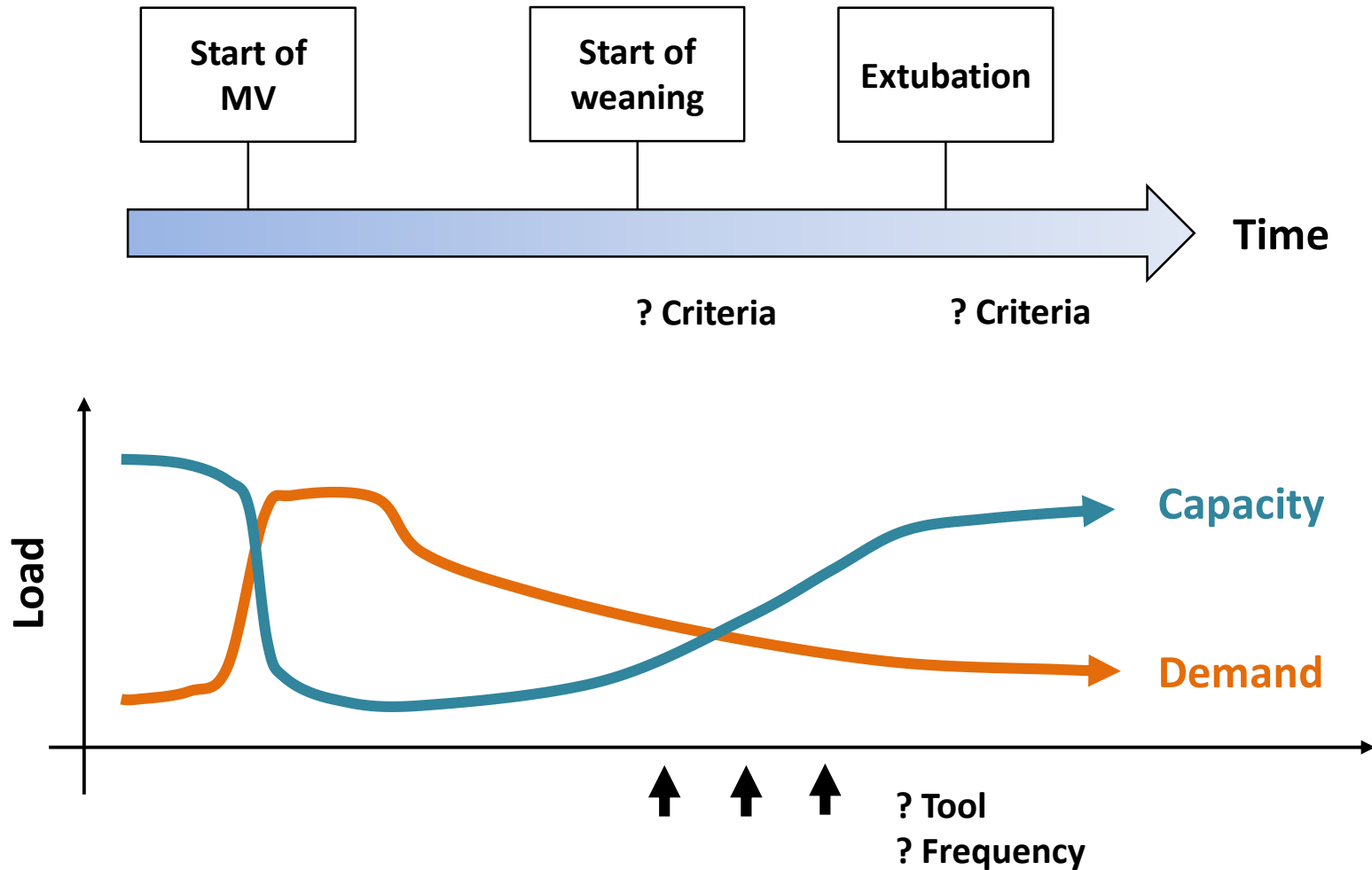
Define Prognosis by Weaning Process

Multinational prospective study, n = 2709



Usual Process of Weaning from MV

Clinical Course of Respiratory Failure



Tests (Predictors) of Weaning Success

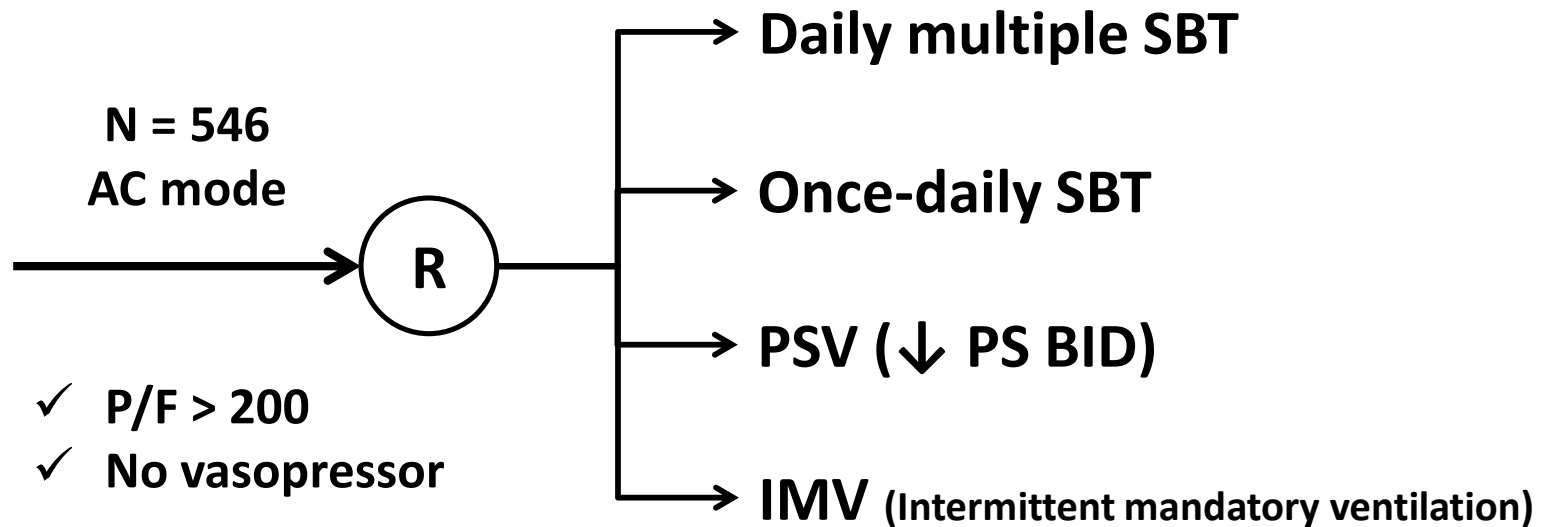
- More than 60 predictors of weaning outcome published (Meade. CHEST 2001)
 - V_E , RSBI, $P_{0.1}$, CROP index, Pressure*time product.....
- Daily SBT is the best & most widely used approach
 - Once-daily SBT for discontinuation assessment is Grade A recommendation in ACCP guidelines.
 - Several techniques are used to conduct SBTs.

Comparison of Weaning Methods

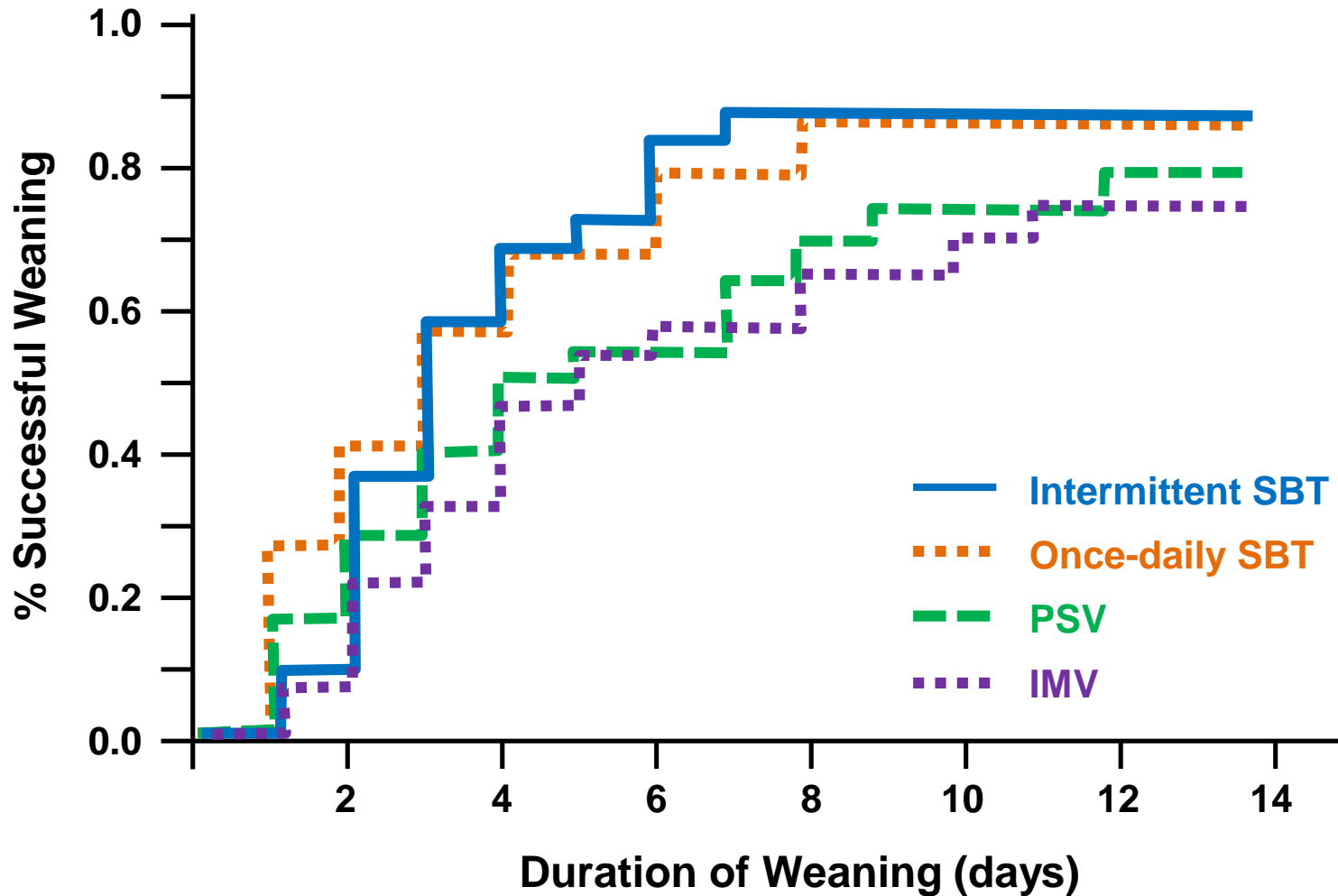


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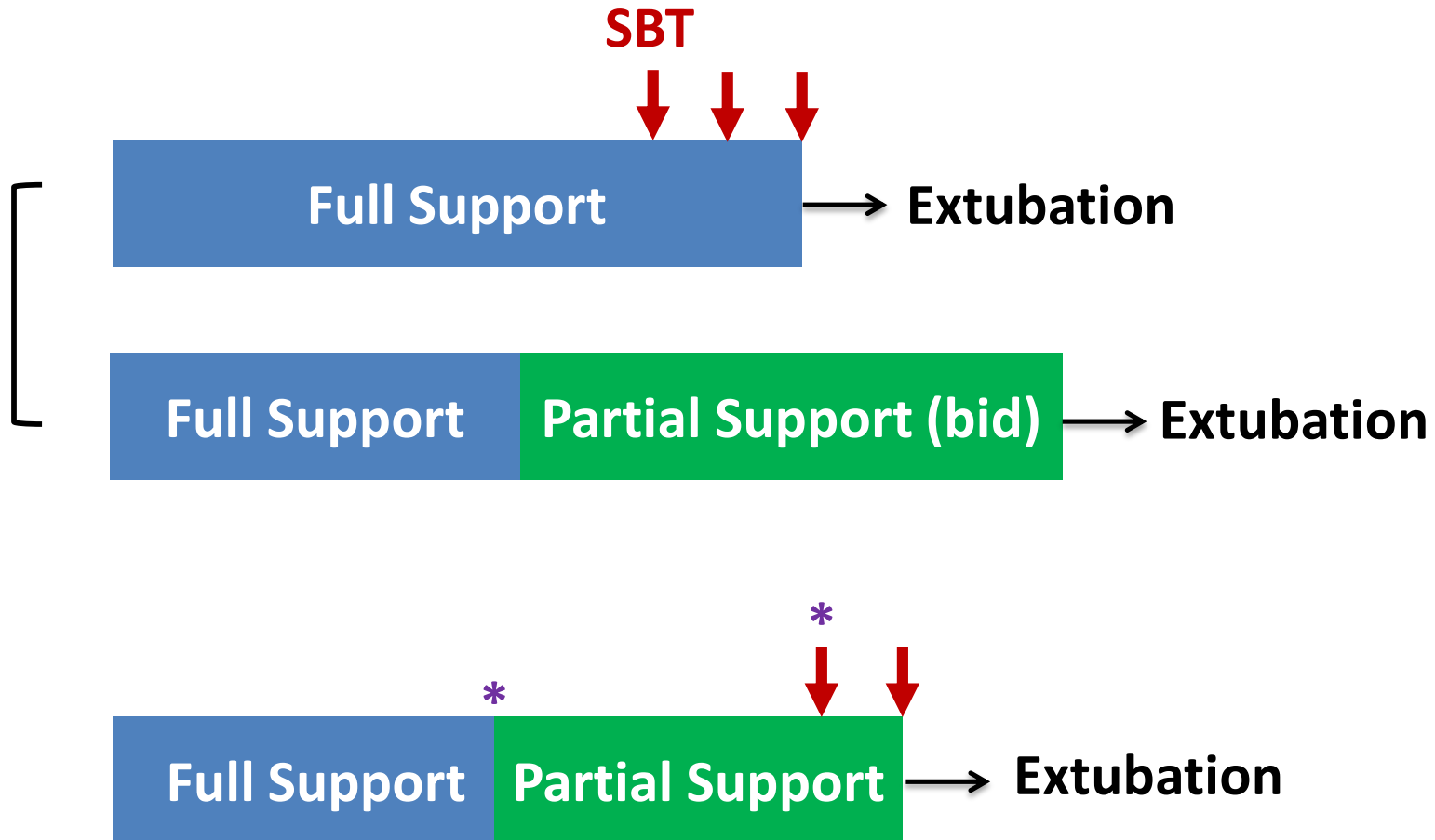
A COMPARISON OF FOUR METHODS OF WEANING PATIENTS FROM MECHANICAL VENTILATION



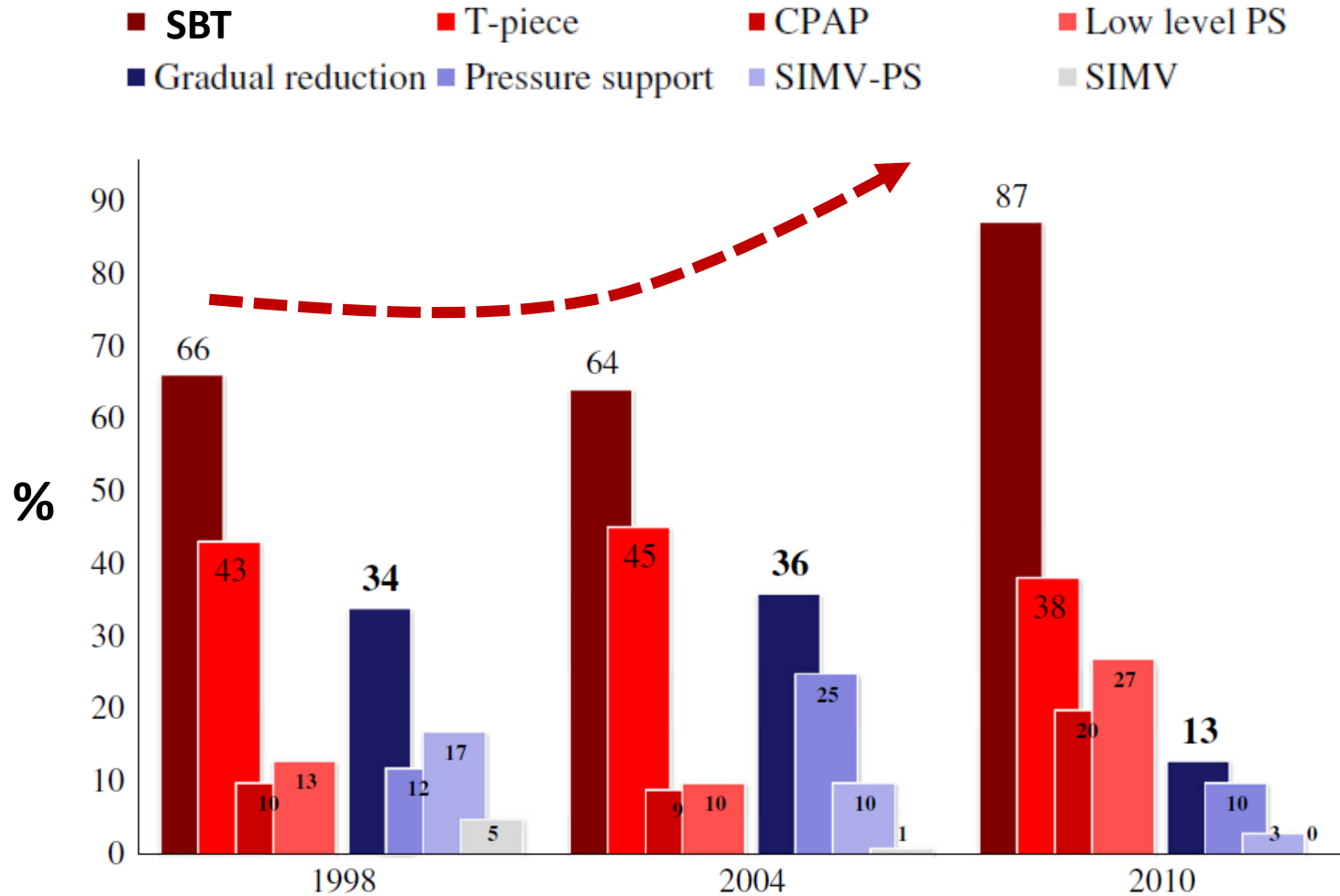
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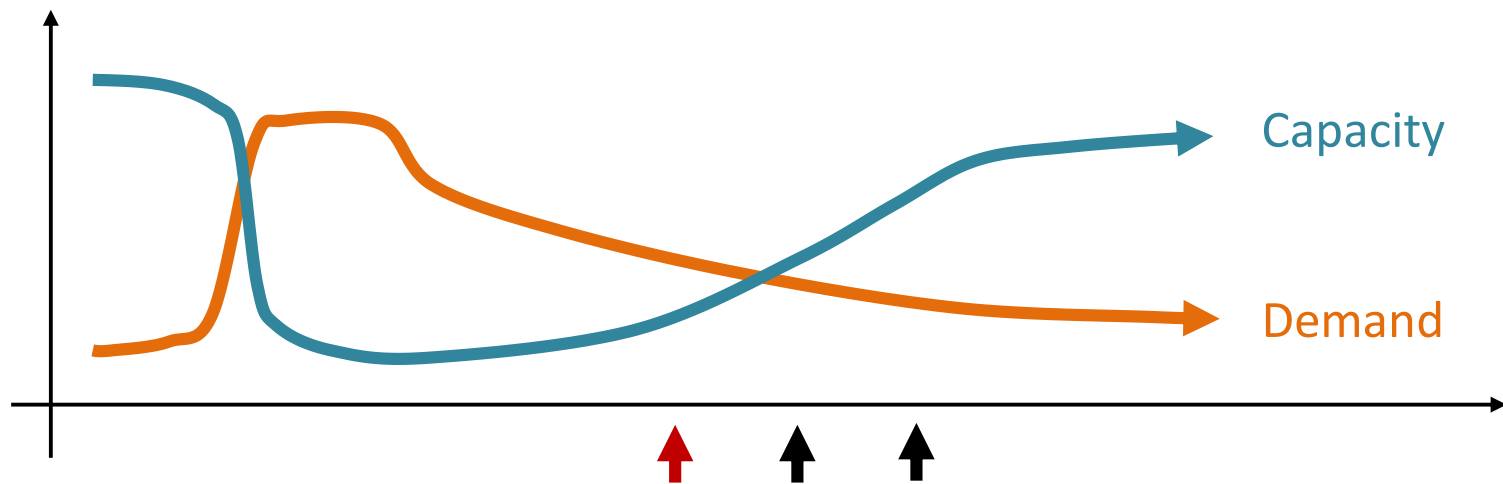
SBT vs. Non-SBT Protocols



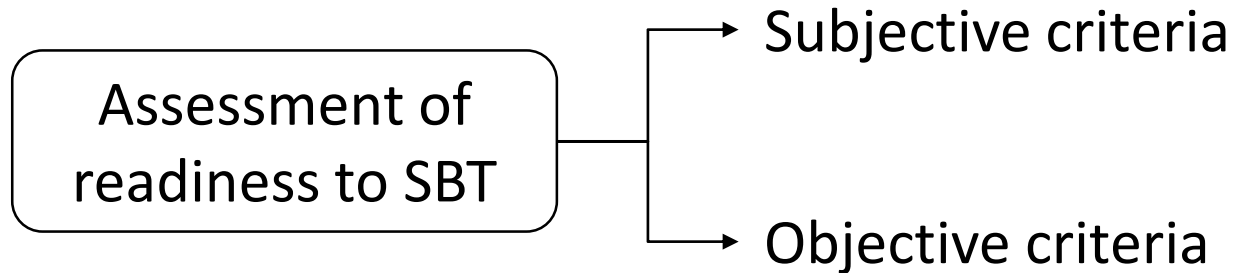
Evolution of Clinical Practice



Assessment of Readiness to Wean (Criteria to Start SBTs)



Assessment of Readiness to SBT



○ Subjective criteria

- Physician believes discontinuation possible
- Resolution of disease acute phase

○ Objective criteria

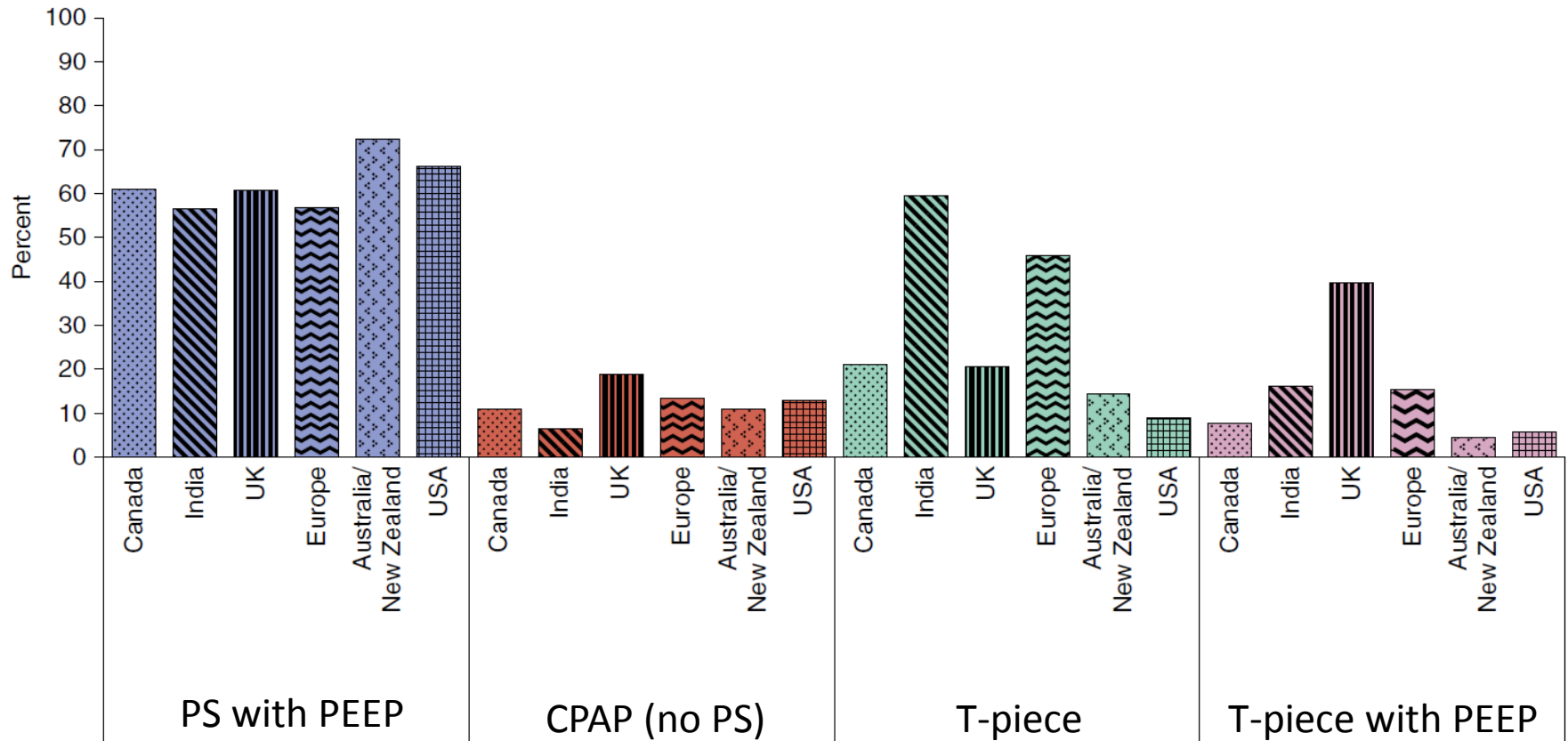
Assessment of Readiness to SBT

- Objective criteria (cont')
 - No vasopressor, HR < 140
 - Adequate mentation (GCS ≥ 13?)
 - Adequate oxygenation
 - P/F ratio ≥ 150 or FiO₂ ≤ 0.4
 - PEEP ≤ 8 cm H₂O
 - Adequate pulmonary function
 - RR ≤ 35/min
 - MIP ≤ -25
 - V_T > 5 mL/kg
 - RSBI < 105

How to Conduct an SBT ?

- Mode
- Duration
- SBT Failure criteria

Practice Variation in SBT Techniques



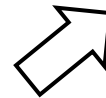
SBT Techniques

Inspiratory Pressure Augmentation (-)

- T-piece
- External CPAP
- CPAP

Inspiratory Pressure Augmentation (+)

- PS 5-8 cm H₂O
- Automatic tube compensation

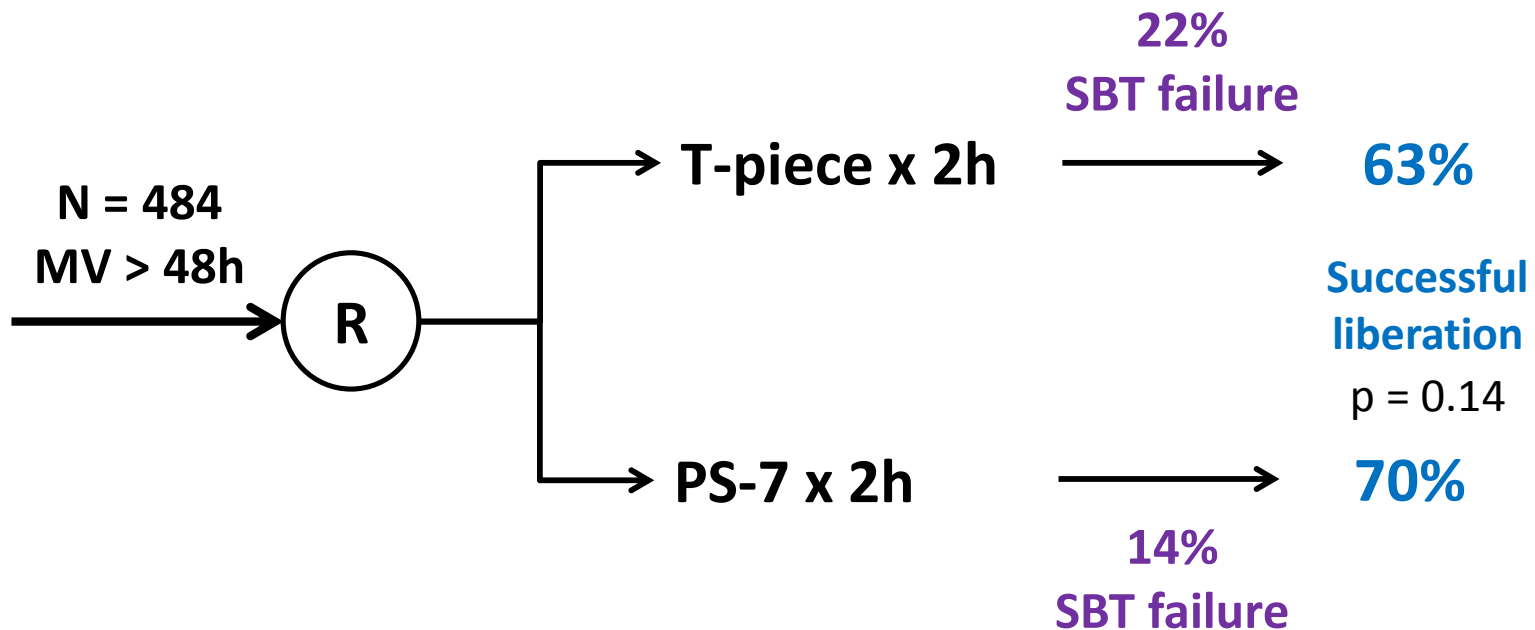


SBT Duration

30' ~ 120'

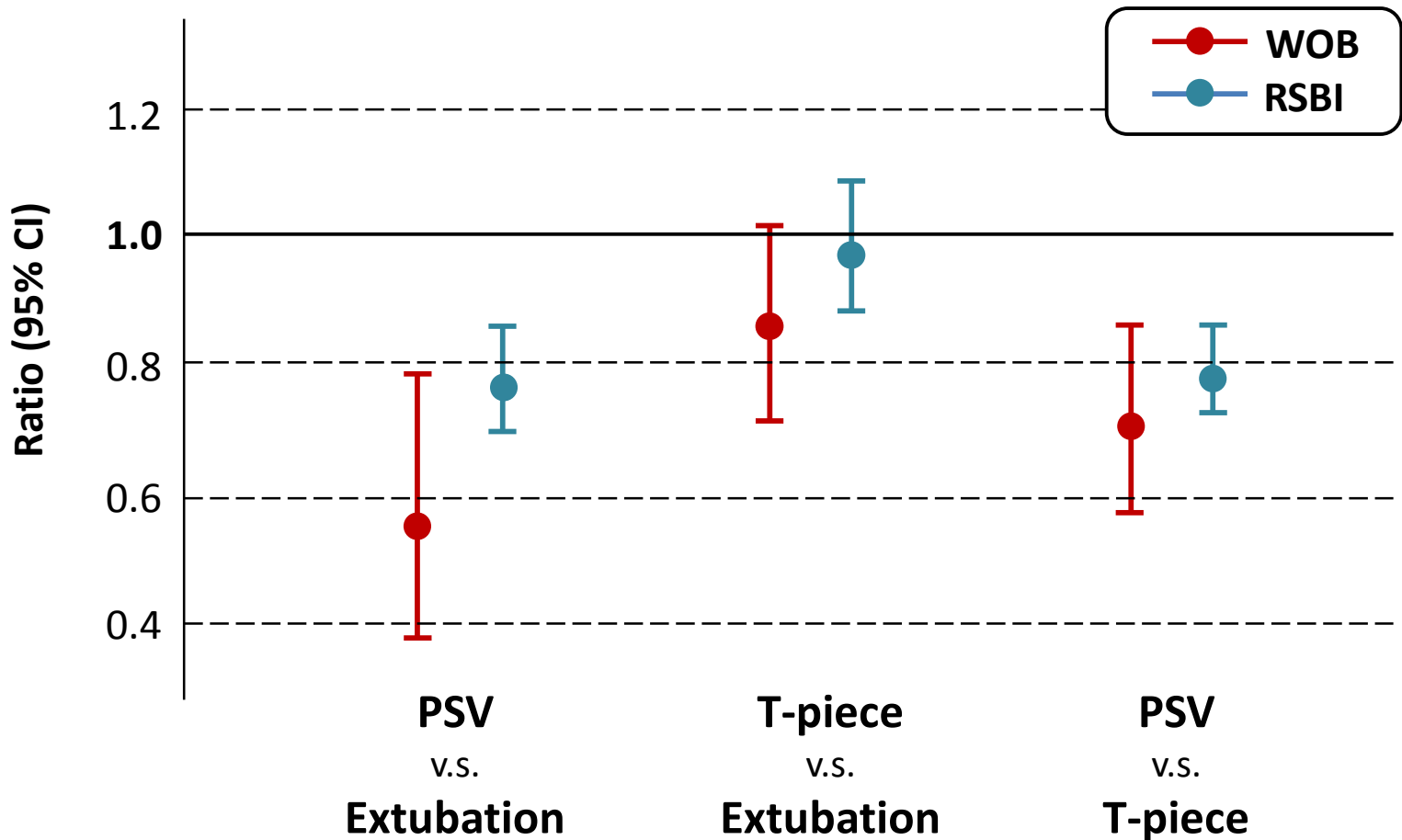


Extubation Outcome after Spontaneous Breathing Trials with T-Tube or Pressure Support Ventilation



Effort to Breathe with Various Spontaneous Breathing Trial Techniques

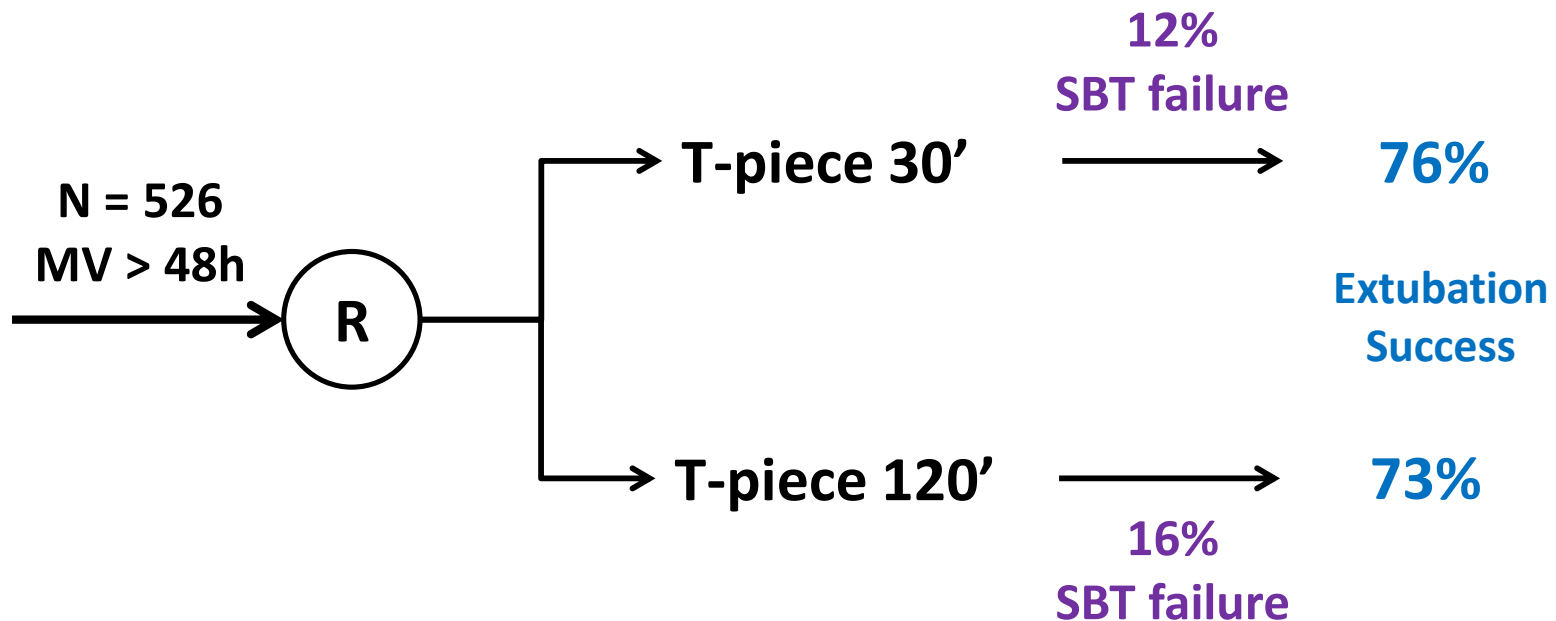
A Physiologic Meta-analysis



PSV vs. T-tube, Meta-analysis

Outcome	No. of Studies	No. of Patients	Pooled Risk Ratio
Successful SBT	8	1381	1.06 [1.01-1.12]
Extubation success	11	1904	1.06 [1.02-1.1]
Re-intubation	7	823	0.92 [0.66-1.26]
ICU mortality	5	725	0.81 [0.53-1.23]

Effect of Spontaneous Breathing Trial Duration on Outcome of Attempts to Discontinue Mechanical Ventilation

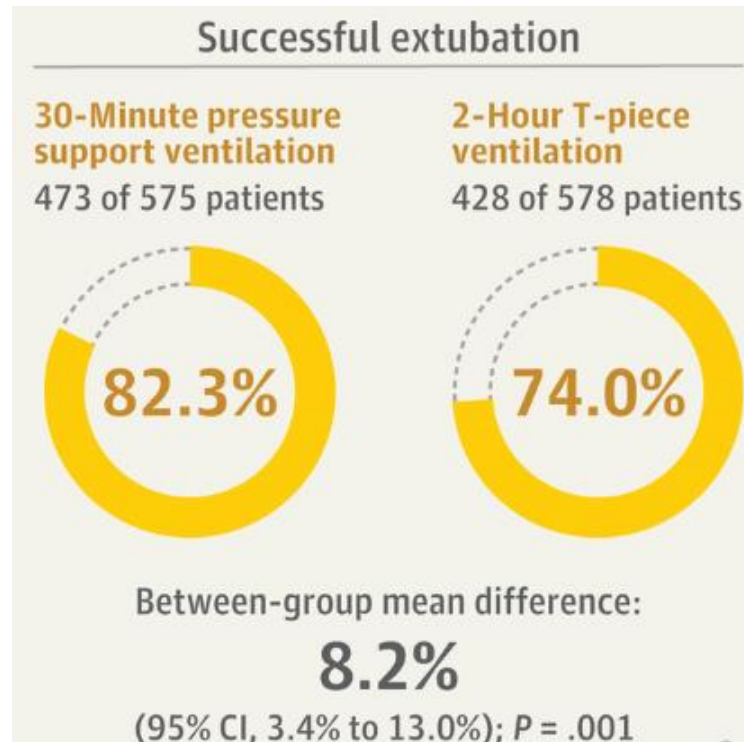


AMERICAN THORACIC SOCIETY DOCUMENTS

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

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).

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



Extubation and the Myth of “Minimal Ventilator Settings”

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I have been recently consulted about a number of patients who had been breathing comfortably at a low level of pressure support and positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP) before extubation but, after extubation, developed immediate respiratory compromise followed by cardiorespiratory arrest and irreversible hypoxic brain injury. Analysis of these cases has motivated me to write this commentary.

The vast majority of patients can be successfully weaned from mechanical ventilation irrespective of whether this is executed by intermittent mandatory ventilation, pressure support, or T-tube trials. Randomized controlled trials have revealed differences in the

Criteria of SBT Failure

○ Subjective

- Agitation, diaphoresis, cyanosis
- Evidence of increasing effort

○ Objective

- $\text{SpO}_2 < 90\%$ or $\text{PaO}_2 < 50\text{-}60$ mmHg
- $\text{PaCO}_2 > 50$ or $\uparrow > 8$ mmHg
- $\text{RR} > 35/\text{min}$ or $\uparrow \geq 50\%$
- $\text{HR} > 140/\text{min}$ or $\uparrow \geq 20\%$
- $\text{Systolic BP} > 180/\text{min}$ or $\uparrow \geq 20\%$

Decision to Extubate

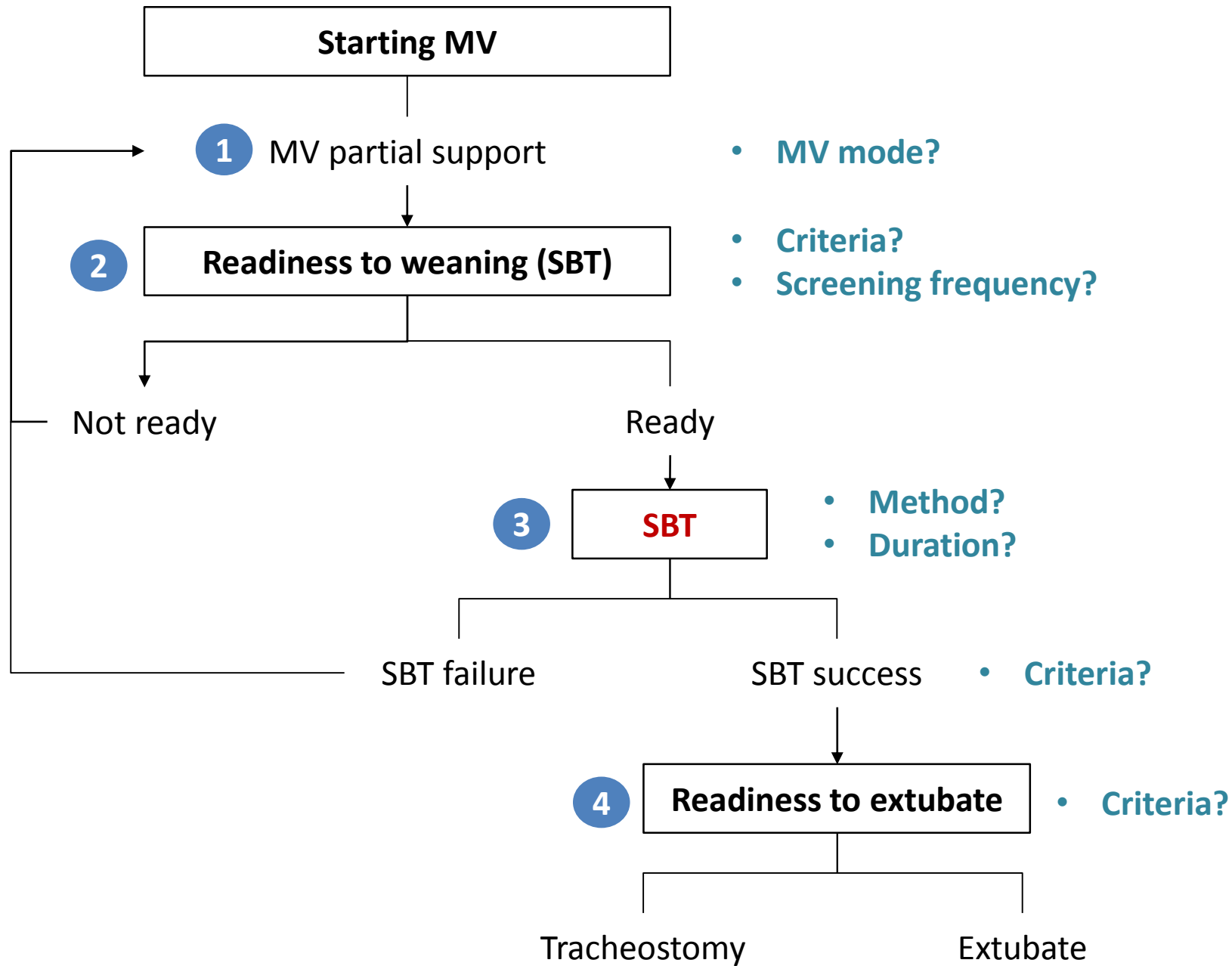
Decision to Extubate: Airway Protection

- 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

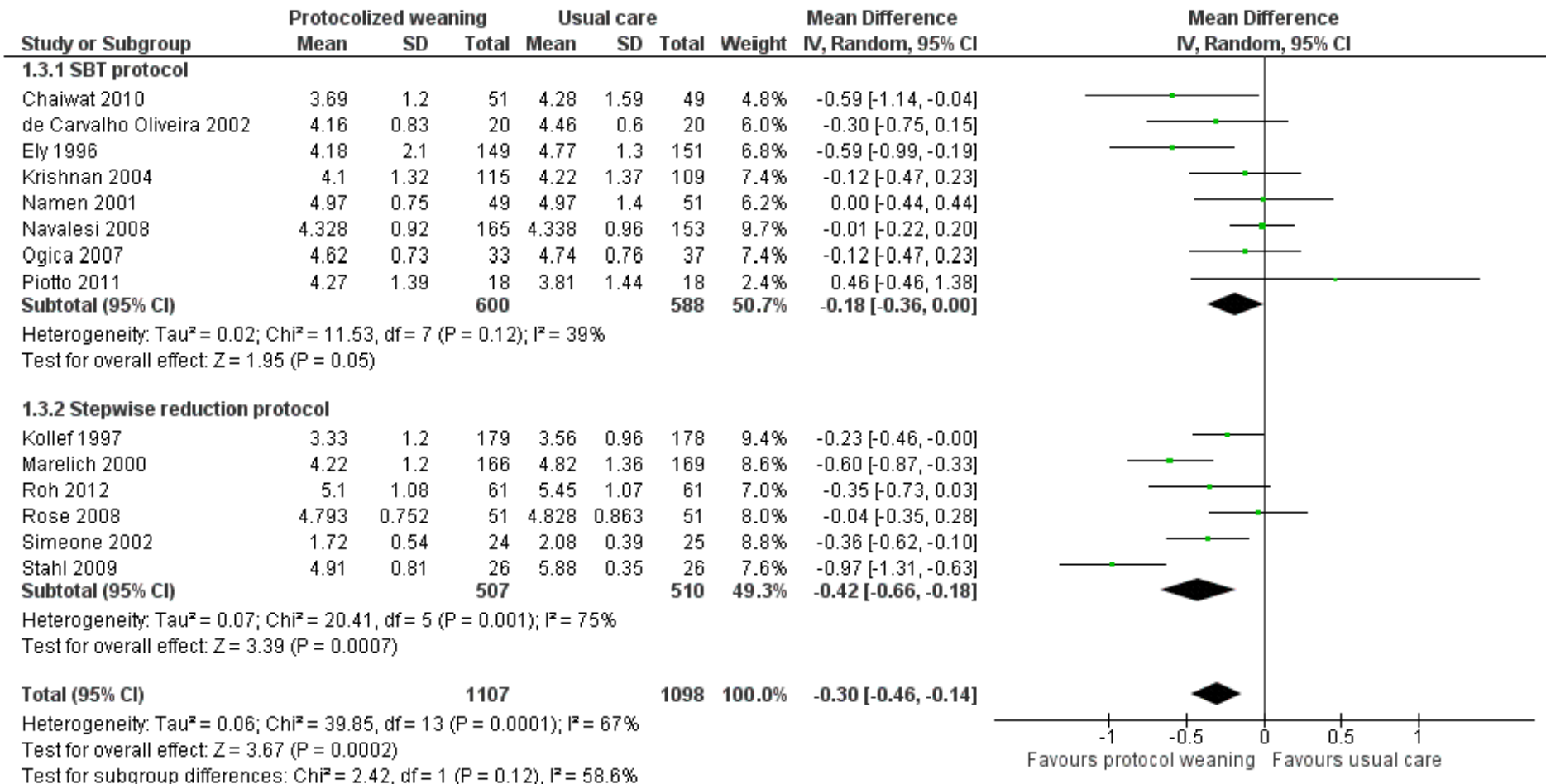
Post-extubation Stridor

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

Protocolized Weaning



Efficacy of Protocolized Weaning



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ATS/CHEST recommendation. We suggest managing acutely hospitalized adults who have been mechanically ventilated for more than 24 hours with a **ventilator liberation protocol** (Conditional recommendation).

Readiness to wean (SBT)

Step 1- Conduct Safety Screen - No trial if:

- ICP Brain death, ICP>15, suspected high ICP, or difficult to control ICP
- NMB Neuromuscular blockade
- HPTS Significant hemoptysis (significant amounts of blood from ETT or tracheostomy)
- GIB Active gastrointestinal bleed with hemodynamic instability or hematocrit drop
- MI ECMO or evolving myocardial infarction
- PRSR On pressors (may be on dobutamine ≤ 5 mcg/kg/min)
- ARWY Unstable/unsafe airway
- BP Mean Arterial Pressure < 60 torr
- FIO2 $FiO_2 > 50\%$ (0.5)
- DP Drive pressure >25 cm H₂O (Delta without PEEP) or $P_1 > 14$ cm H₂O
- PEEP Positive End Expiratory Pressure >8 cm H₂O
- V_E Minute Ventilation >15 L/min
- MD MD Cancels

FAIL → Continue mechanical ventilation at prior settings
Notify house staff for discussion on rounds

PASS

Ensure appropriate analgesia – **PAIN SCORE 0-3**
Sedation management – **To local sedation goal**
Nurse (RN) and Respiratory Therapist (RT) record time, baseline vitals, SpO₂, and prepare patient for Tolerance screen (position, suction ET tube, explain procedure, etc.)

2' CPAP 5

Step 2- Conduct 2 minute Tolerance Screen
RN and RT remain with patient
CPAP 5, Rate=0, F_IO₂ unchanged, Vent on Flow-by mode (No PSV)
Allow no breath for up to 60 seconds

FAIL

Place back on full support
Record time, vital signs, tidal volume, SpO₂, RSBI, reason for exit
Notify house staff for discussion on rounds

PASS

SBT = PS 5-8

Step 3- Conduct SBT—30-120 min trial
PSV=5, PEEP=5, Rate = 0
unless ETT or Trach ≤ 7.0 ID, then PSV=8
Nursing / RT staff perform ongoing patient assessment, exit if evaluation criteria are met during SBT

FAIL

Evaluation Criteria for Failing SBT During 2 minute tolerance or SBT

- APNC up to 60 seconds of apnea in first 2 min
- SOB Use of accessory muscles, nasal flaring present, subjective dyspnea
- \uparrow RR Tachypnea (rate > 35 bpm for > 5 min)
- \downarrow RR Slow breathing (rate ≤ 6 /min)
- SpO₂ SpO₂ < 92% (altitude adjusted)
- \uparrow HR Tachycardia (HR 25 bpm > baseline)
- \downarrow HR Bradycardia (HR < 50)
- \uparrow BP Hypertension (SBP 40mmHg > baseline)
- \downarrow BP Hypotension (SBP < 90 mm Hg)
- RTHM New or worsening arrhythmia
- AGIT Significant agitation or anxiety unresolved with reassurance
- RSBI Rapid Shallow Breathing Index (RSBI) > 100

RSBI = $\frac{RR}{V_T}$ Goal: < 100
V_T in liters
Example: $\frac{24}{.500} = 48$

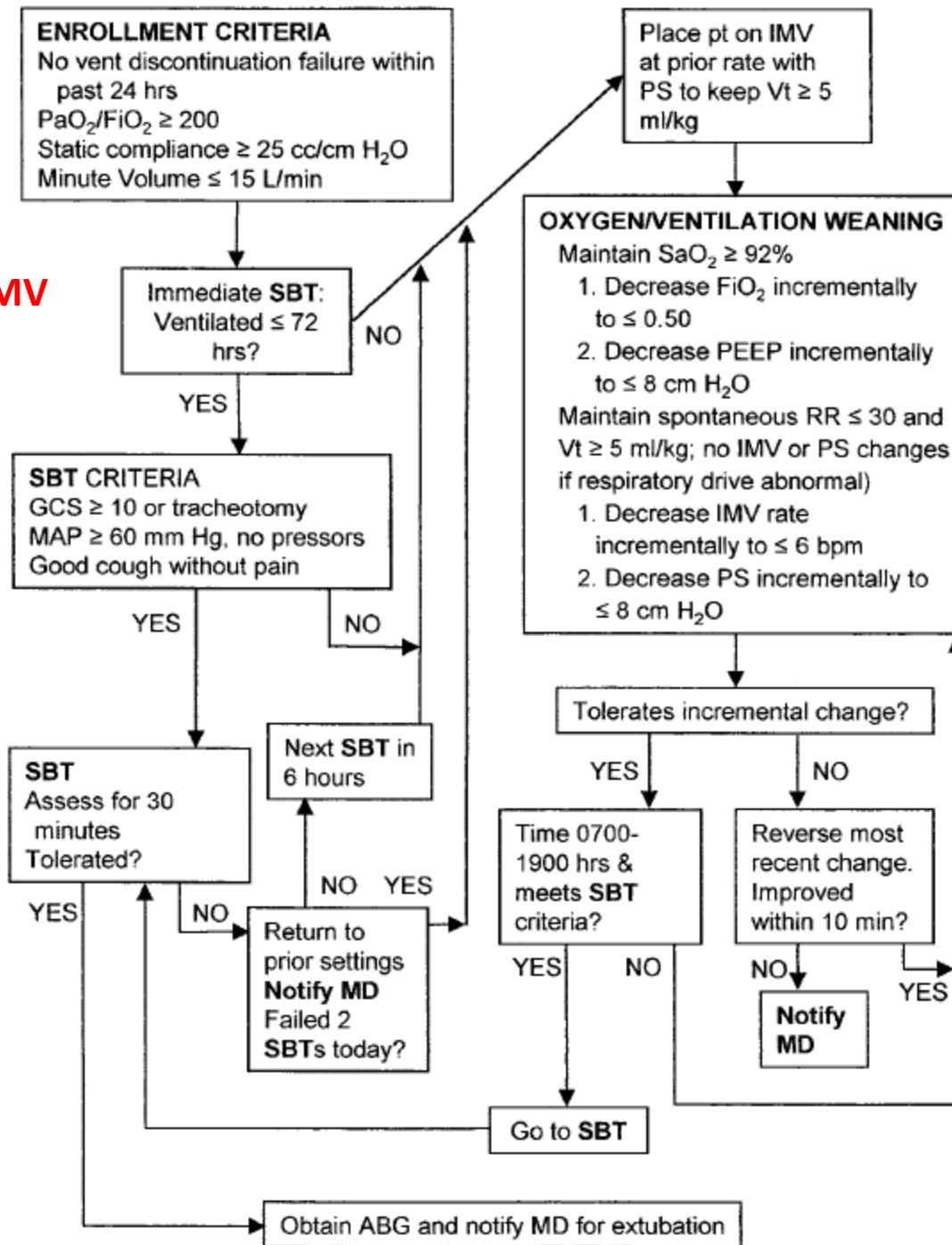
PASS

1. Record time, vital signs, SpO₂, and RSBI at exit or end of trial
2. Record patient outcome (extubate, leave on PSV, return to full support, T-piece...)
3. Record why patient not extubated if passed.

Pass without Extubation Reasons

- WET Fluid overload
- SECR Secretions
- WEAK Pt too weak
- MS Mental Status
- SED Oversedated
- ARWY Unstable, unsafe, swollen airway
- PCDR Imminent/awaiting procedure
- FMLY Family Issues
- WORS MD thinks patient will get worse
- RFSE MD refuses to answer
- OTHR No reason above applies

Stratified by MV days



Stepwise reduction protocol

Key Components of a Weaning Protocol

- Criteria for readiness to SBT (daily screening)
 - SBT safety screening
 - Stepwise reduction protocol
- Once daily SBT
 - Method & duration
 - Criteria of SBT failure
- Extubation criteria
- Criteria for preventive NIV

Prolonged Mechanical Ventilation & Difficult-To-Wean

Facts about Difficult-To-Wean

- Epidemiology
 - PMV in Taiwan: 15%
 - Difficult & prolonged weaning: 20%
 - Associated with high mortality
- Limited EBM recommendations
- Permanently ventilator-dependent: 3 months of weaning attempts have failed
 - Unless there is evidence for clearly irreversible disease
 - ACCP 2001 guidelines
- Structural approach

Structural Approach (ABCDE)

	Airway			Brain		Cardiac	Diaphragm	Endocrine
	Resistance	Airway / lung Compliance	Gas exchange	Delirium	Other cognitive dysfunction	Cardiac	Diaphragm	Endocrine Endocrine Metabolic
Assessment	Flow-time loops, inspiratory occlusion	inspiratory / expiratory occlusion	(A-a)D _{o2}	CAM-ICU	Screening: depression, anxiety, sleep pattern	12 lead ECG before at end SBT Sv _{o2} before / at end SBT	Pi, max Serial physical examination (other neuromusc disorders)	Electrolytes Blood gas Indirect calorimetry
Intervention	albuterol, steroids Repeat loops, inspiratory occlusion PEEPi: Modify EIC in PSV bronchodilators		Radiology: Pleural fluid Atelectasis Ascites Diuretics Physiotherapy	Reorientation Mobilization Haloperidol	Anxiolytics Behavioral therapy Reduce noise / light during sleep	Afterload reduction Inotropes If ischemia: betablocker 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}	Plasma cortisol before / after 250 umol ACTH Plasma thyroid hormone
Advanced intervention	Thoracostentesis					Afterload reduction Inotropes	Reduce analgetics/ 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				Dexmedetomidine		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 reason(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, adrenocorticotropic 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; PEEPi, intrinsic positive end-expiratory pressure; Pi, max, maximal inspiratory pressure; PSV, pressure support ventilation; SBT, spontaneous-breathing trial; SvO₂, mixed venous oxygen saturation.



Airway / lung
Resistance Compliance Gas exchange

Assessment

Flow-time loops, inspiratory occlusion

inspiratory /expiratory occlusion

(A-a)D, O₂

Intervention

albuterol, steroids

Radiology:
Pleural fluid
Atelectasis
Ascites

Repeat loops, inspiratory occlusion

Diuretics
Physiotherapy

Advanced assessment

PEEPi:Modify EIC in PSV
bronchodilators

Diagnostic bronchoscopy during SBT

Advanced intervention

Thoracosentesis

Endocrine

Endocrine Metabolic

Electrolytes
Blood gas
Indirect calorimetry

Provide adequate energy intake

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Advanced assessment

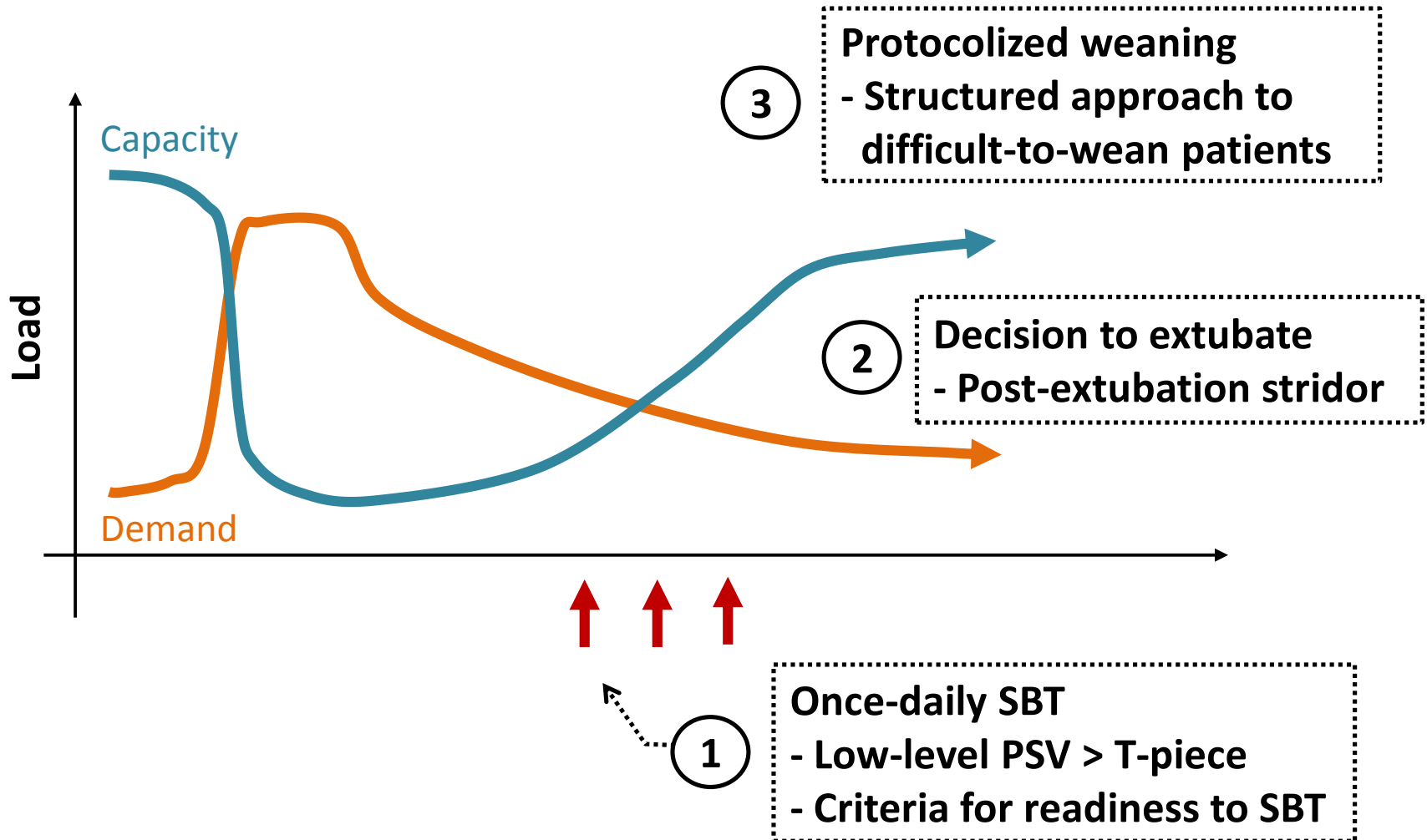
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Rescue assessment

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Take-home Messages



Thank You for Listening

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