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Nothing to Disclose

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Objectives

1. Upon completion of this learning activity, participants should be able to manage structured multi-professional liberation from mechanical ventilation
2. Upon completion of this learning activity, participants should be able to explain key controversies in ventilator liberation

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“Weaning” From Mechanical Ventilation

The process of substituting unassisted ventilation for mechanical ventilatory support

Liberation

- Simple discontinuation of ventilation & airway
- Removal of ventilator: requires adequate ventilation, oxygenation
- Removal of airway: requires airway maintained & protected, secretion clearance

Major Issues in Vent Liberation



- Variability: patients, causes of respiratory failure, weaning practice
- Goals: apply evidence-based practice, improve consistency, apply interdisciplinary expertise, streamline the process
- Components: ventilation, oxygenation, airway, medical conditions
- Avoid unintended delay from restrictive criteria

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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

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



Inspiratory Pressure Augmentation During Spontaneous Breathing Trials, Protocols Minimizing Sedation, and Noninvasive Ventilation Immediately After Extubation

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TABLE 2] Summary of Recommendations

Recommendation	Strength of Recommendation	Certainty of Evidence (ie, Quality of Evidence)
1. For acutely hospitalized patients ventilated more than 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	Moderate certainty in the evidence
2. For acutely hospitalized patients ventilated for more than 24 h, we suggest protocols attempting to minimize sedation	Conditional	Low certainty in the evidence
3. 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 preventive NIV	Strong	Moderate certainty in the evidence
4. For acutely hospitalized patients who have been mechanically ventilated for > 24 h, we suggest protocolized rehabilitation directed toward early mobilization	Conditional	Low certainty in the evidence
5. We suggest managing acutely hospitalized patients who have been mechanically ventilated for > 24 h with a ventilator liberation protocol	Conditional	Low certainty in the evidence
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More detailed discussions of questions 1-3 appear in Ouellette et al.³ and of questions 4-6 appear in Girard et al.⁴ CLT = cuff leak test; NIV = noninvasive ventilation; PES = postextubation stridor; SBT = spontaneous breathing trial.

Schmidt et al CHEST 2017; 151:160-65

Protocolized Weaning

We suggest managing acutely hospitalized patients who have been mechanically ventilated for > 24hr with a ventilator liberation protocol

Weak recommendation, moderate quality of evidence

Shorter duration MV by 25 hrs (12.5-35.5h)

Shorter ICU LOS by 0.96 d (0.24-1.7d)

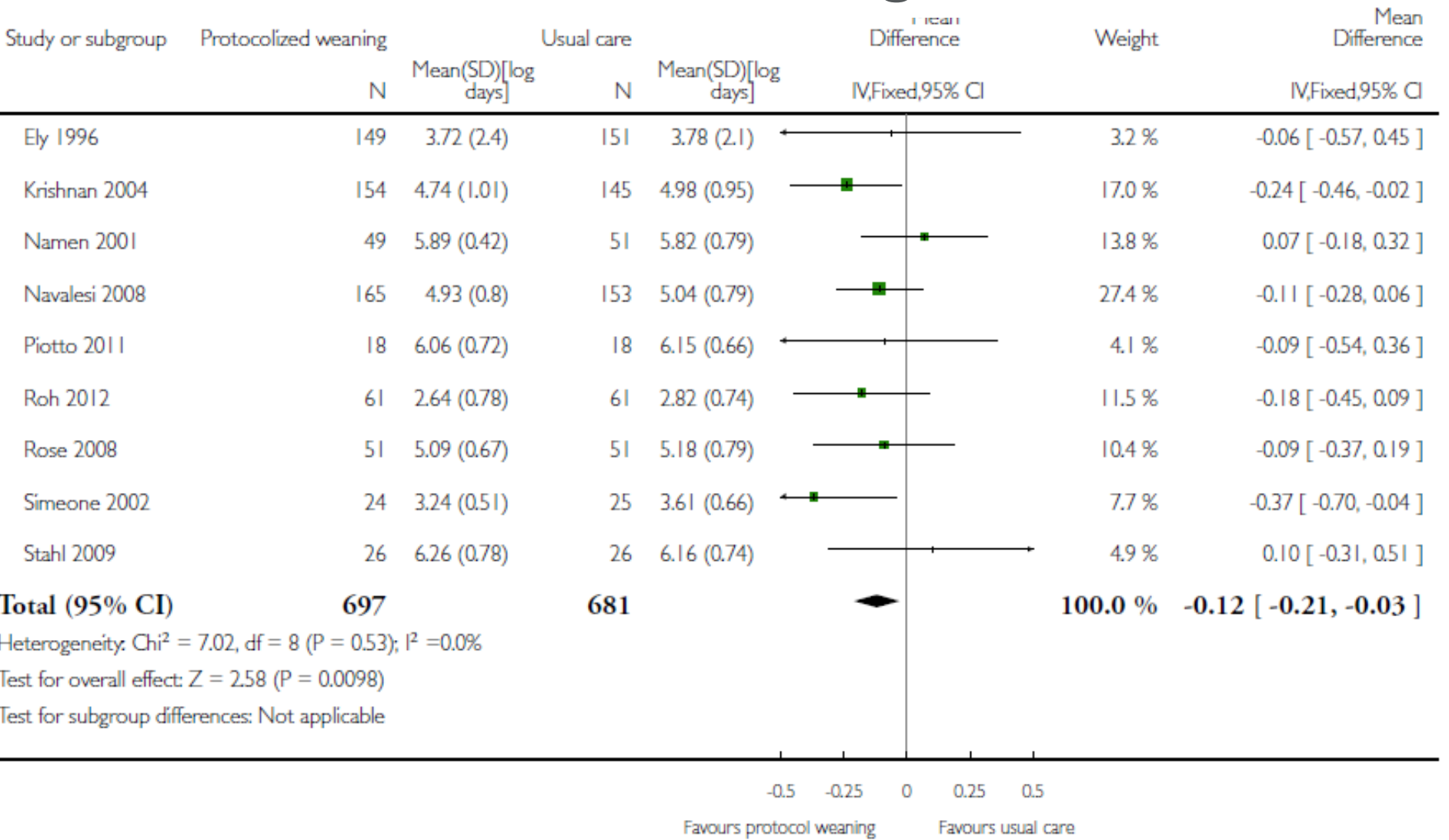
No difference in mortality

No difference in reintubation

Girard et al AJRCCM 2017

Blackburn et al. Cochrane 2014

Effect of Protocolized Weaning on ICU LOS



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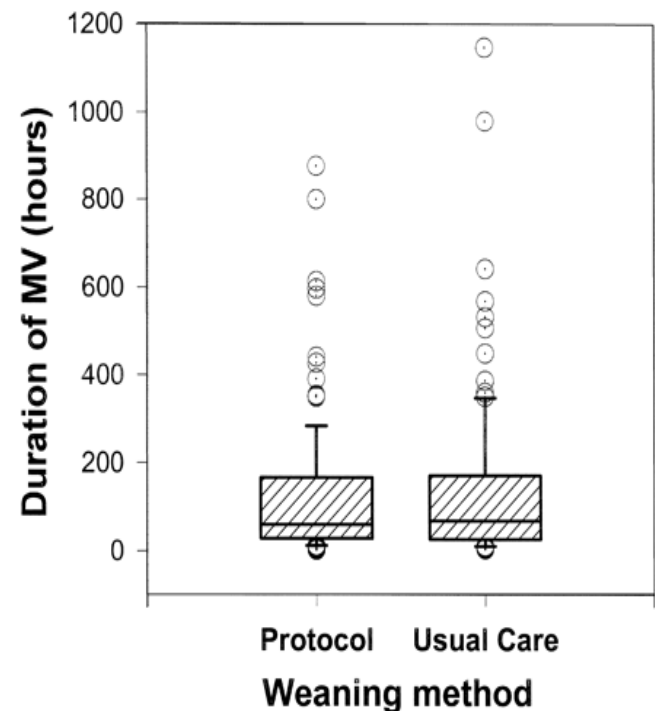
Common Components of Weaning Protocols

Parameter	Measures
Medical stability	shock, pressors, pH
Mental status	i.v. sedatives, sedation scale
Oxygenation	FiO ₂ , PEEP, PaO ₂ :FiO ₂
Lung mechanics	RSBI (SBI), pH
Endurance	SBT
Airway patency	Cuff-leak test
Miscellaneous	Condition improving, cough, sputum

Prospective Trial of Protocol to Discontinue Ventilation: Results

No difference in successful discontinuation (PW: 74.7%, UC: 75.2%, $p = 0.92$)

Duration of MV similar (PW: 60h, UC 68h, $p = 0.61$)



Prospective Trial of Protocol to Discontinue Ventilation: Results

Conservative protocol criteria may have slowed weaning

PEEP > 5 cmH₂O - stop

f/V_t > 106 – stop

FiO₂ > 0.5 – stop

Wean screen prohibited by physician

SpO₂ < 92%

Reasons for weaning failure not stated

Weaning Slower with RSBI?

- RCT comparing wean screen with or without testing RSBI ($f/V_t < 105$)

■	Parameter	+ f/Vt	no f/Vt	p
■	N	153	151	
■	MV duration	6d	6d	ns
■	<i>Weaning duration</i>	<i>3d</i>	<i>2d</i>	<i>.04</i>

Oxygenation Criteria: Most Common Reason to Fail a Weaning Protocol

Reasons for failing criteria for patients who achieved ventilator independence without ever meeting criteria

- **PaO₂/FiO₂ < 180 mm Hg** **49%**
- Neurologically impaired 18%
- Inadequate spont resp effort 11%

Minimize Sedation



For acutely hospitalized patients ventilated for > 24hr, we suggest protocols attempting to minimize sedation

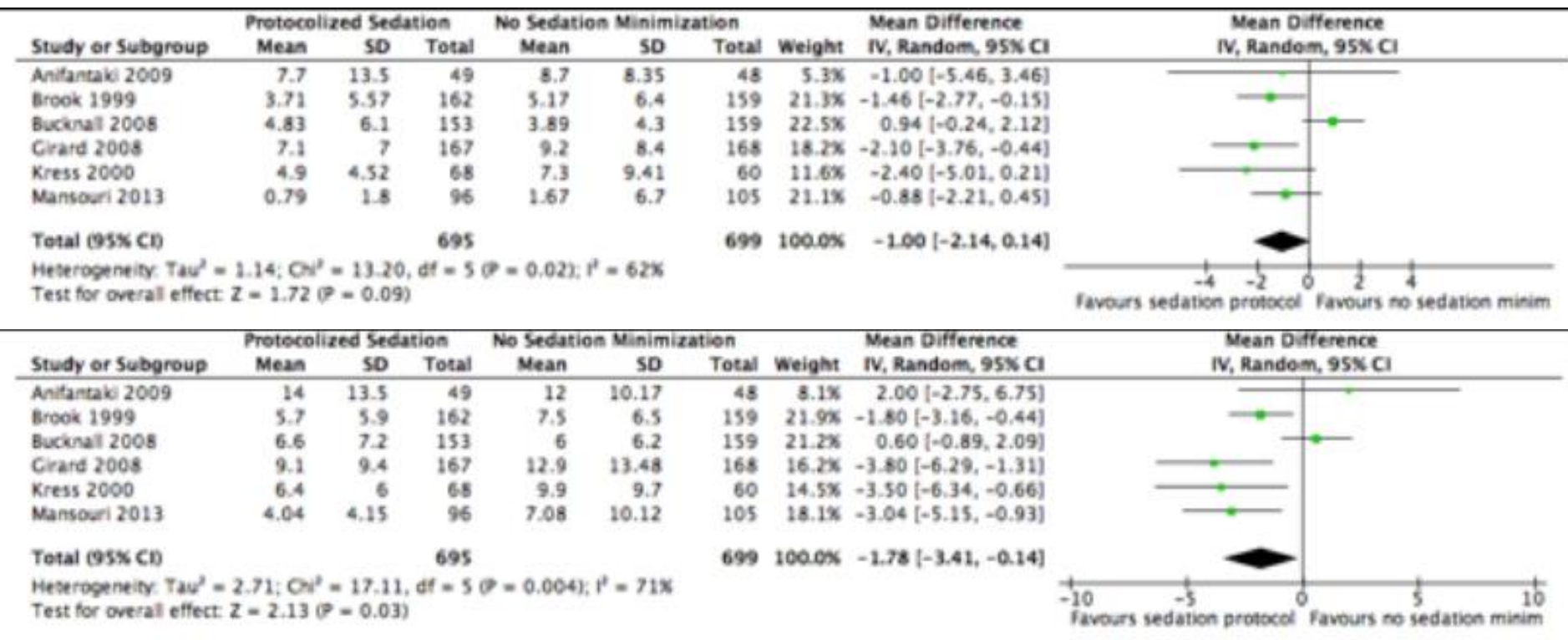
Weak recommendation, low quality of evidence

Shorter duration MV by 1 d (0.14-2.14)

Shorter ICU LOS by 1.78 d (0.41-3.41d)

No difference in mortality

Effect of Minimizing Sedation on Duration of Mechanical Ventilation & ICU LOS



Ouellette et al CHEST 2017

Wake up and breathe*

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Crit Care Med 2004 Vol. 32, No. 6

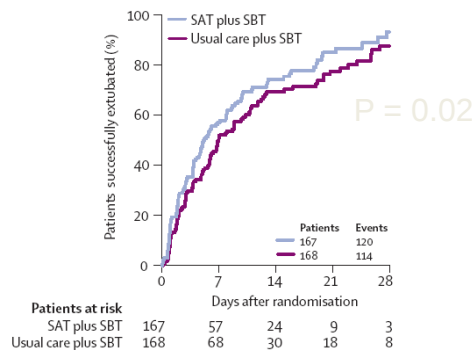
Daily “Spontaneous Awakening (SAT)”+ Spontaneous Breathing Trial

Intervention (SAT) group

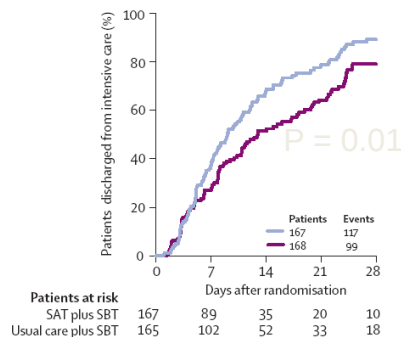
Less benzodiazepine

More unplanned extubation

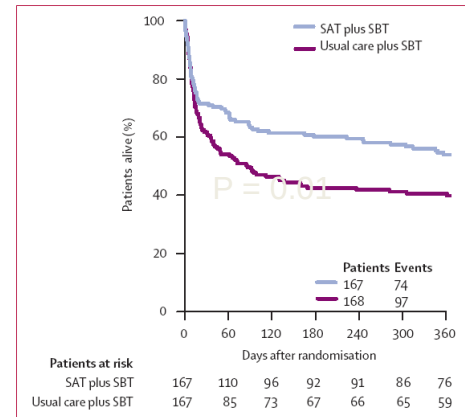
Extubated



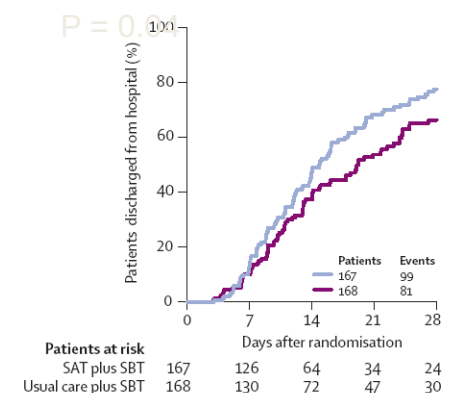
Discharged from ICU



Alive



Hospital discharge



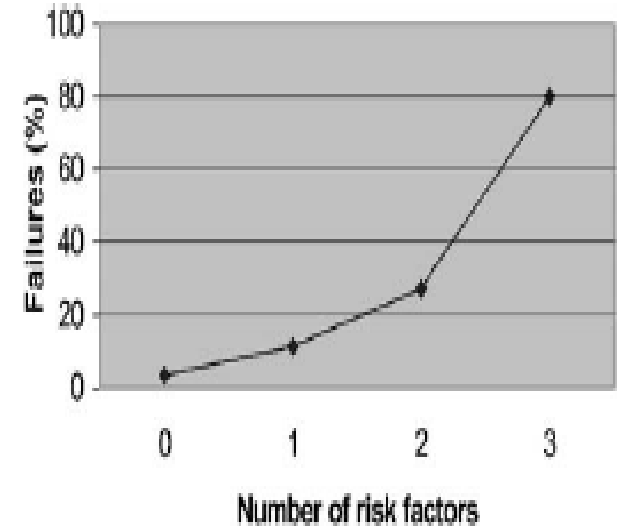
Mental Status, Sputum Volume & Cough Strength in Weaning

Prospective observational study of 88 patients who passed 30-60min SBT

3 Risk factors for failure

- Poor cough (peak flow < 60 lpm)
- Heavy endotracheal secretions (> 2.5ml/h)
- Unable to do all 4 tasks (open eyes, follow with eyes, grasp hand, stick out tongue)

If 2/3 present, 71% sensitive, 81% specific for failure (72h)



Salam et al. Intensive Care Med 2004; 30:1334-9

Early Mobilization

For acutely hospitalized patients who have been mechanically ventilated for > 24hr, we suggest protocolized rehabilitation directed towards early mobilization

Weak recommendation, low quality of evidence

Shorter duration MV by 2.7 d (1.19-4.21)

More likely to walk at hosp d/c (64% vs 41%)

No difference in ICU LOS

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Spontaneous Breathing Trial: The Pivotal Test

Test of breathing for 30-120 min with minimal vent support

Variables in SBT

- **Ventilatory support:** T-tube or CPAP vs inspiratory pressure augmentation - PSV, automatic tube compensation
- **Duration of SBT:** 30min, 60min, 120min
- **Termination criteria:** RR > 35 bpm x > 5 min, SaO₂ < 90%, HR > 140 bpm or sustained HR change > 20% higher or lower, SBP > 180 or < 90 mmHg, increased anxiety or diaphoresis

Inspiratory Support During SBT

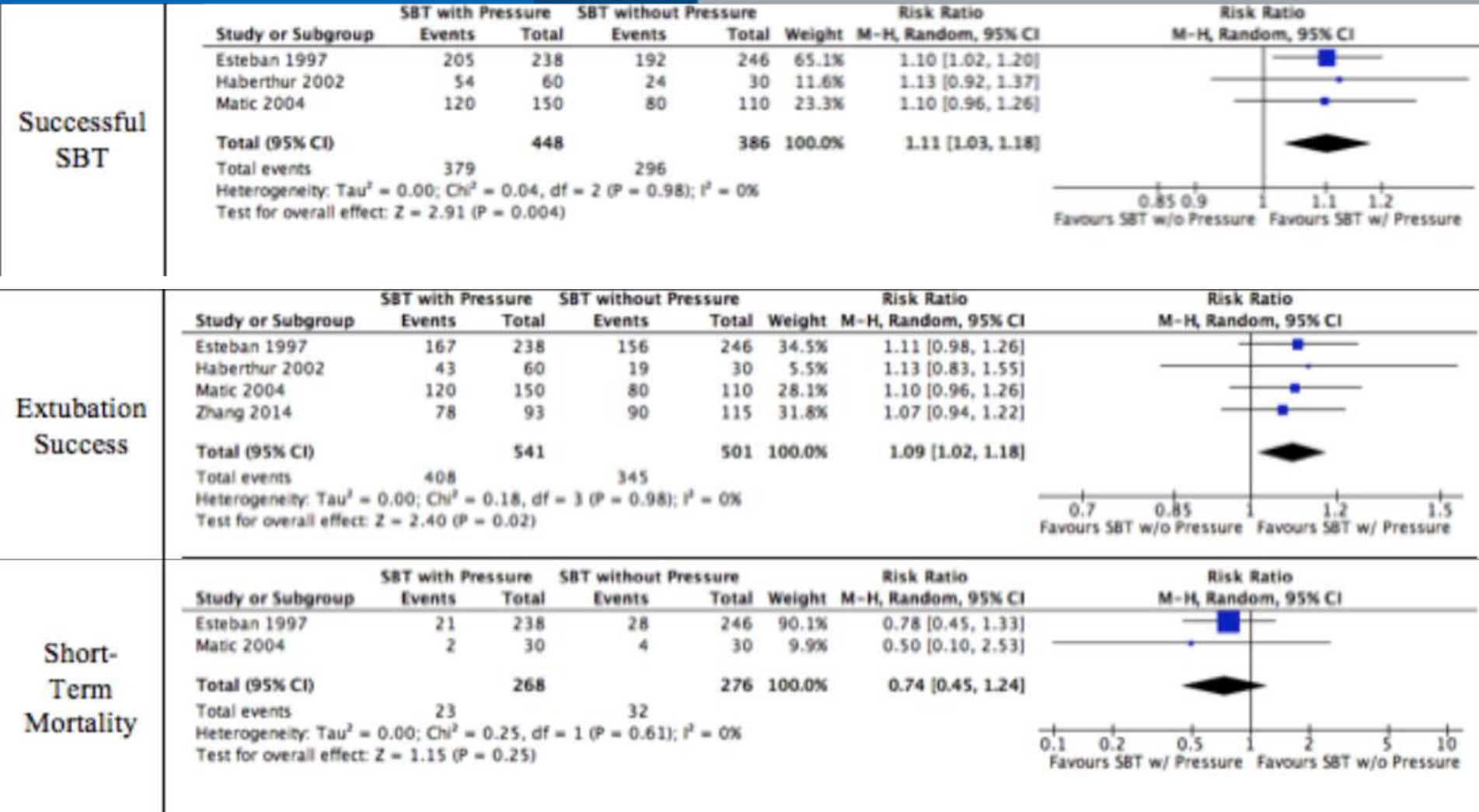
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More likely successful SBT (84.6% vs 76.7%)

More likely successful extubation (75.4% vs 68.9%)

Analysis of RCTs Comparing SBT With & Without Inspiratory Support



Automatic Tube Compensation (“Tube Comp”): Smart PSV?

Spontaneous breaths are supported with pressure calculated to overcome resistance of breathing through the ET or Trach tube

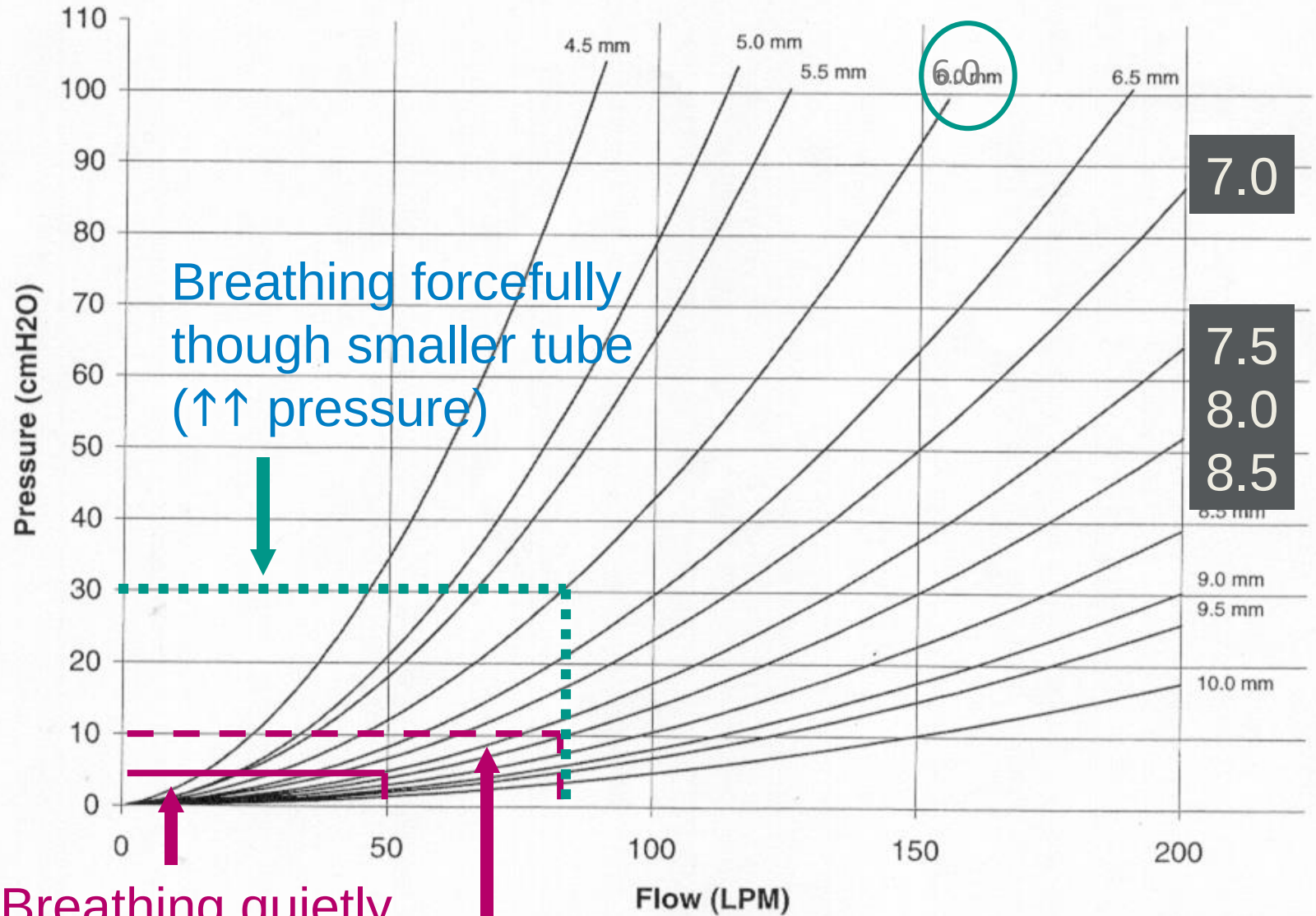
- Resistance $\propto$ length, $1/\text{radius}^4$, flow

Pressure calculated every 5ms based upon

- Tube type (length): ET tube vs trach tube
- Inside diameter of tube
- Inspiratory flow rate (which is constantly changing)

Good mode for spontaneous breathing trial

Endotracheal Tube



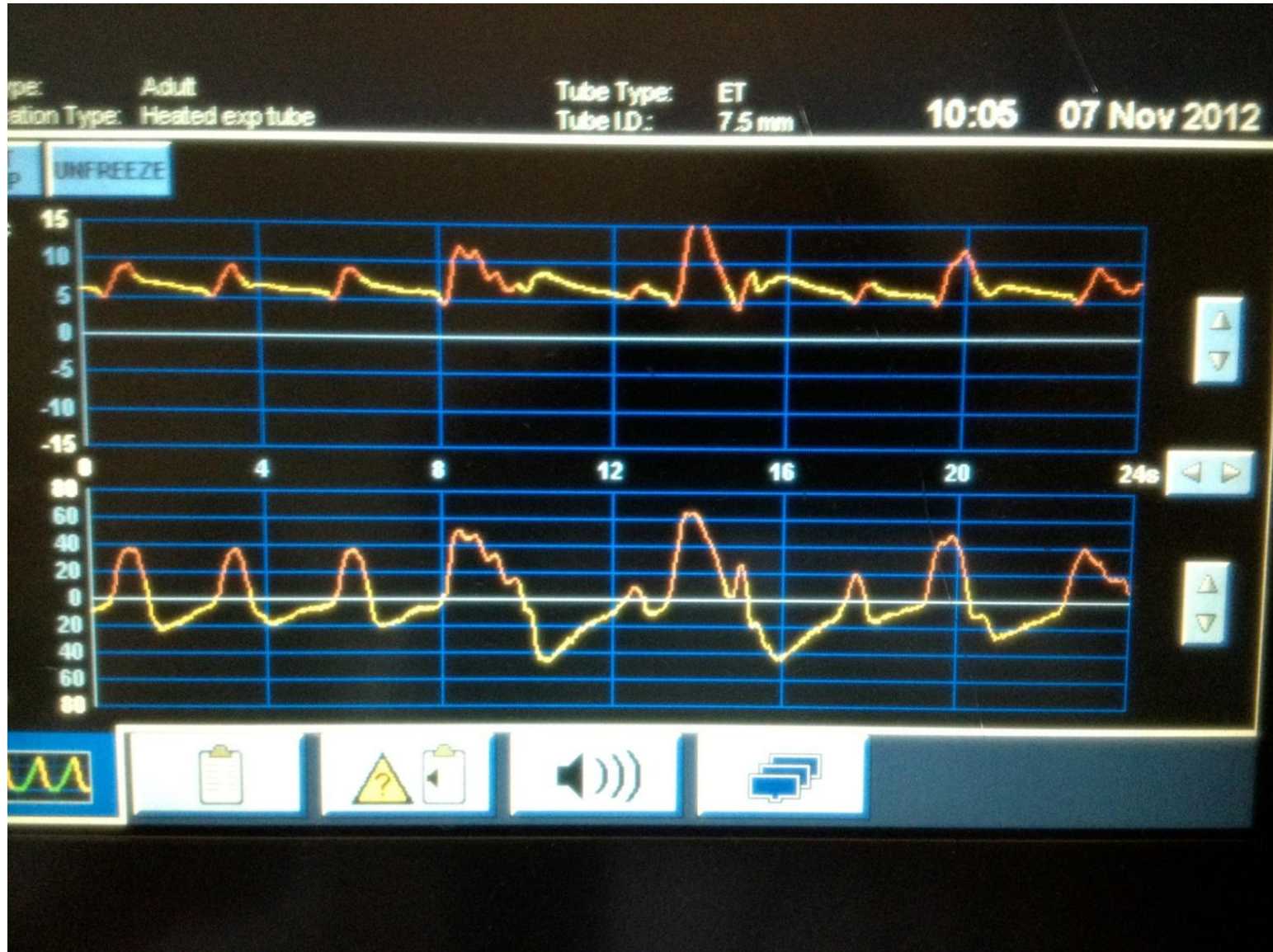
Breathing forcefully
though smaller tube
(↑↑ pressure)

Breathing quietly

Breathing forcefully (↑ flow = ↑ pressure)

Figure 1. Target pressure - at 100 % support - at the wye for ET tube sizes: 4.5 mm to 10.0 mm

Automatic Tube Compensation



Automatic Tube Compensation During Spontaneous Breathing Trial

RCT of 99 ventilated (> 24h) patients

1hr SBT using CPAP with ATC (n=51)

1hr SBT using CPAP (n=48)

Parameter	ATC	CPAP	p
Complete SBT	96%	85%	.08
Extubated >48h	86%	76%	.28
Success	82%	65%	.04

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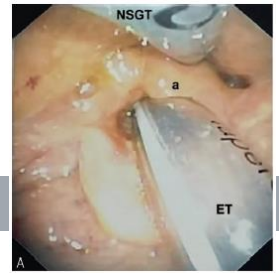
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- Published incidence of PES varies widely (0.6 – 36.8%) with a pooled incidence of 6.8% *Zhou et al J Evid Based Med 2011*
- The incidence of reintubation due to laryngeal edema is estimated to be 3.5% (range 0-10.5%)
- Reintubation is associated with ↑ morbidity and mortality
- Prophylactic corticosteroids reduces PES and reintubation
- Concern for risk of PES can delay extubation

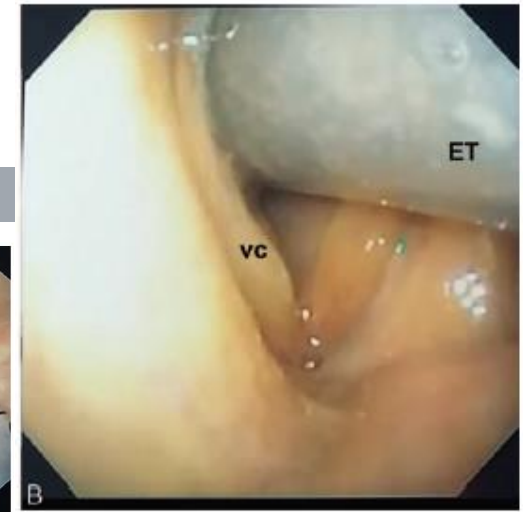
Who Gets Stridor After Extubation?

Commonly cited risk factors

- Longer duration of intubation
- Female gender
- Difficult intubation
- Large tube
- High cuff P

Parameter	No Stridor (99)	Stridor (13)	P value
SAPS II	38	50	< .005
Difficult intubation	7%	54%	< .005
ETT cuff pressure	40 cmH ₂ O	83 cmH ₂ O	< .005
Intubation duration	5.5 days	10.9 days	< .005
Prior self-extubation	4%	38%	< .005
Cuff-leak	372 ml	59 ml	< .005
Cuff-leak	56%	9%	< .005
Received steroids	30%	8%	

Cuff-Leak Test (CLT)



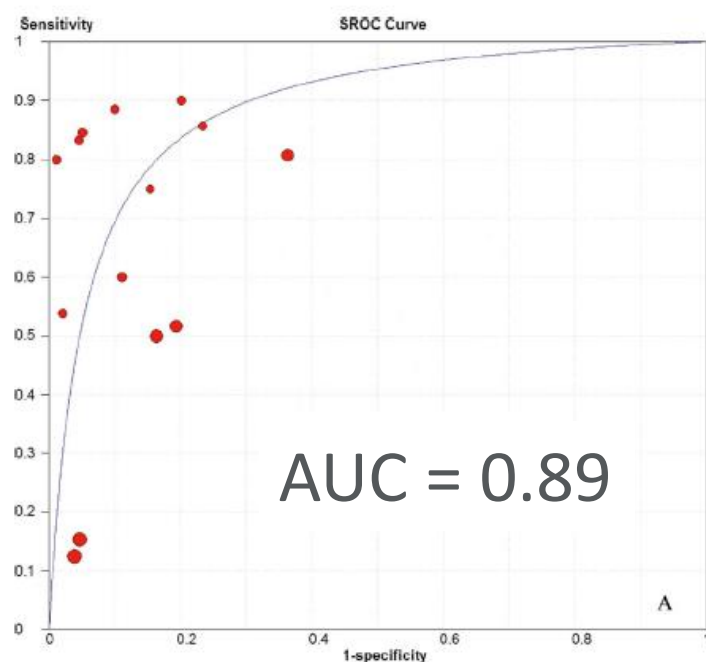
Easy, fast, cheap

- Place patient on controlled ventilation with $V_t = 8-10\text{ml/kg}$
- Difference between exhaled V_t with cuff inflated and with cuff deflated
 - Measure exhaled V_t
 - Deflate cuff and measure exhaled V_t
 - Subtract V_t -E cuff down from V_t -E cuff up = cuff leak volume
- Correlates with audible leak
- Express as % leak ($< 15\%$) or volume ($< 120\text{ ml}$) = positive test and increased risk of post-extubation stridor

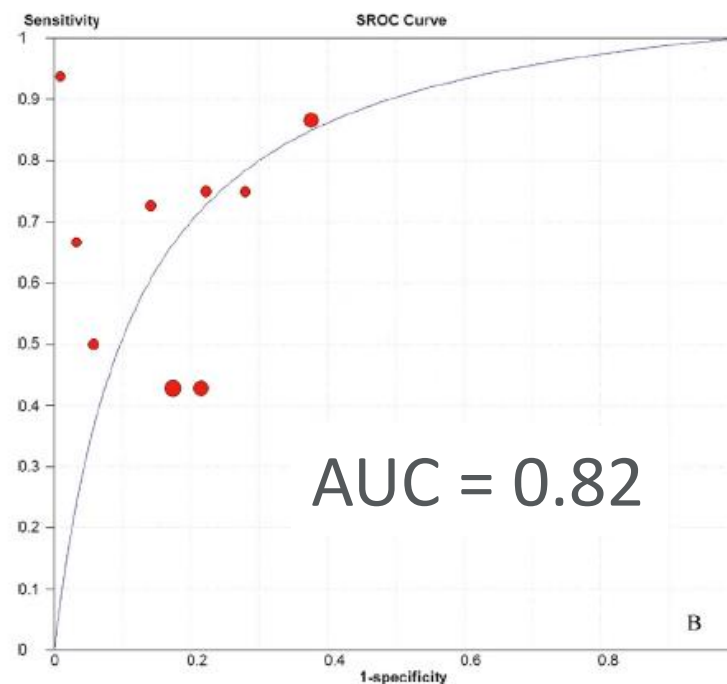
Cuff-leak test for predicting postextubation airway complications: a systematic review

Ting Zhou¹, Hong-Ping Zhang¹, Wei-Wei Chen¹, Ze-Yu Xiong², Tao Fan³, Juan-Juan Fu⁴, Lei Wang¹ and Gang Wang¹

Systematic review of 16 studies (3172 patients) for PES



Postextubation Laryngeal Edema



Reintubation

Cuff Leak Test (CLT)

6a. We suggest performing a CLT in mechanically ventilated adults who meet extubation criteria and are deemed at high risk for PES

Conditional

Very low
certainty in the
evidence

We suggest performing CLT for MV adults who meet extubation criteria and are deemed to be high risk* for post-extubation stridor (PES)

Weak recommendation, very low quality of evidence

Predicts post-extubation stridor

Predicts reintubation

Can delay extubation

No difference in duration of ventilation

Ouellette et al CHEST 2017

Girard et al AJRCCM 2017

* MV > 6 days, Female, Large ET tube, Traumatic intubation, reintubated after unplanned extubation

Corticosteroids after Failed CLT

6b. For adults who have failed a CLT but are otherwise ready for extubation, we suggest administering systemic steroids at least 4 h before extubation; a repeated CLT is not required	Conditional	Moderate certainty in the evidence
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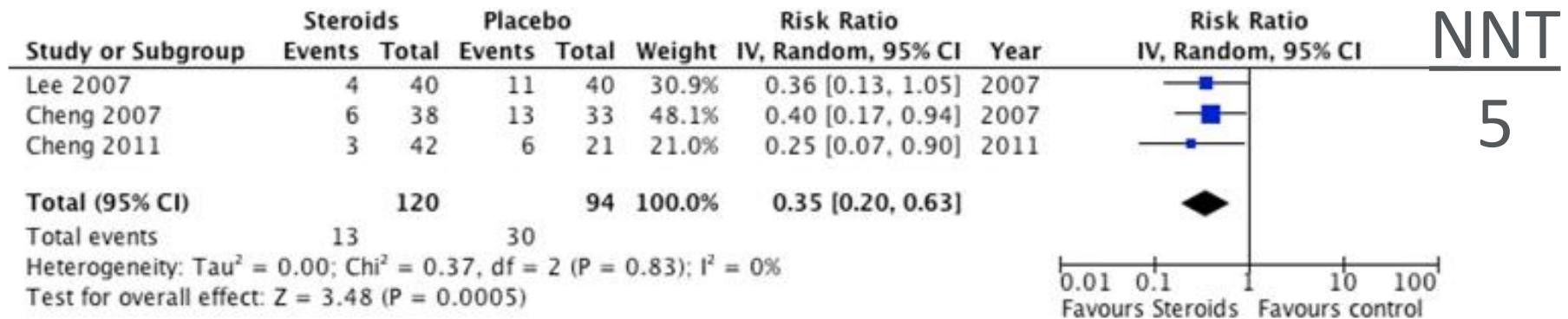
For adults who have failed a CLT but are otherwise ready for extubation, we suggest administering systemic steroids at least 4 h before extubation

Dose: 20 mg methylprednisolone every 4 h x 4

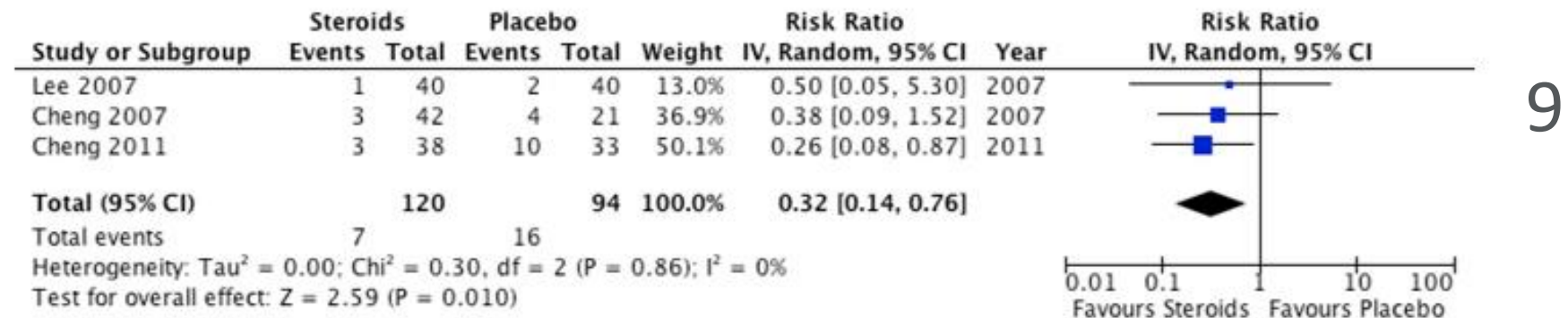
Consider checking CLT prior to SBT – start steroids if no leak

Effects of Steroids on PES and Reintubation after Failed CLT

Corticosteroids reduces post-extubation stridor



Corticosteroids reduces reintubation



12-h pretreatment with methylprednisolone versus placebo for prevention of postextubation laryngeal oedema: a randomised double-blind trial

Multicenter RCT comparing MP 20 mg q4h vs placebo in 761 intubated adults

Post-extubation laryngeal edema reduced from 22% to 3%

Re-intubation (all cause) reduced from 8% to 4%

Reintubation due to post-extubation laryngeal edema reduced from 4% to 0.3%

No cuff-leak test was performed

Extubation to NIV



For patients at high risk for extubation failure* who have been receiving mechanical ventilated for > 24hr and have passed an SBT, we recommend extubation to preventive NIV

Strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence

Extubation success in high risk patients RR 1.14 (1.05-1.23)

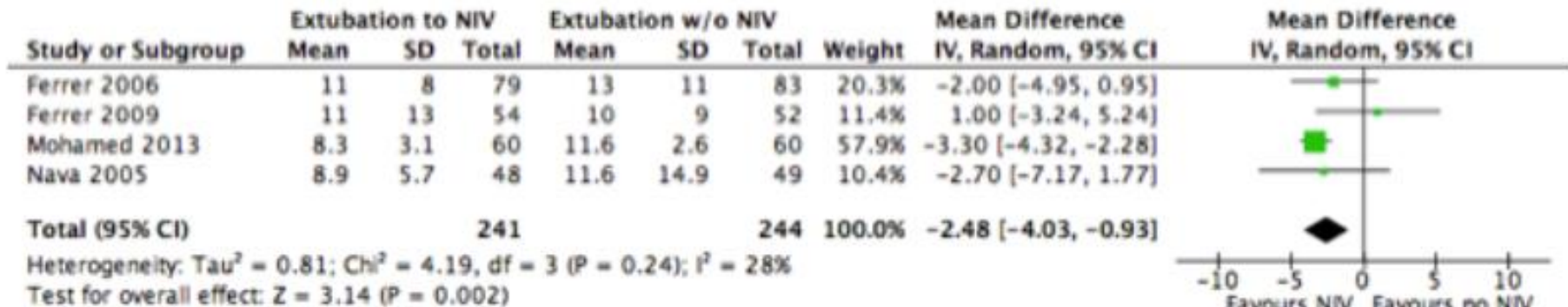
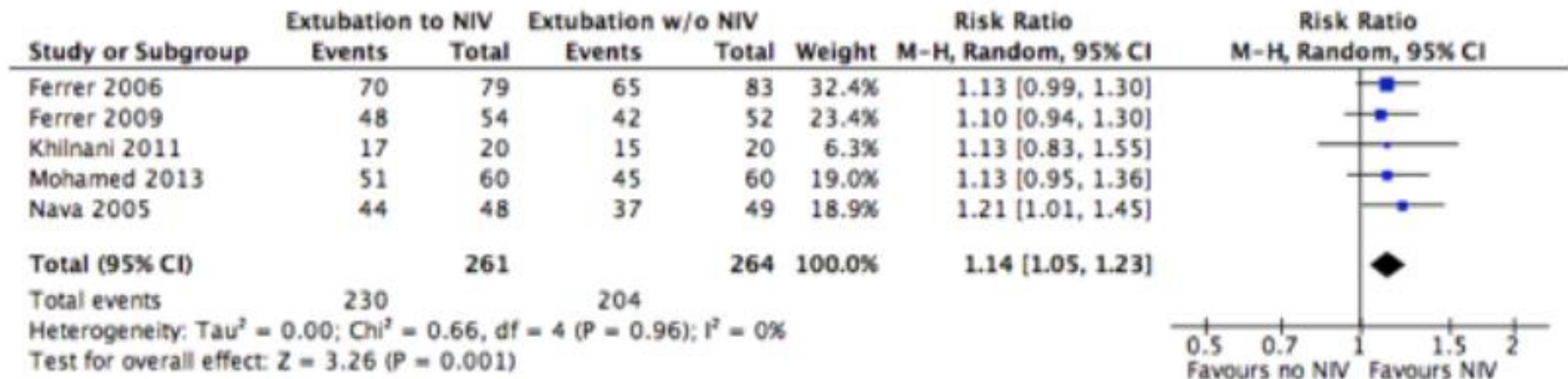
Shorter ICU LOS -2.48 d (-0.93-4.03)

Lower short term mortality RR 0.37 (0.19-0.70)

*Hypercapnic respiratory failure due to COPD, heart failure

Effect of NIV on Extubation Success, ICU LOS

by CRISTIAN PISICANU



When in Doubt – Ask the Patient!

Prospective observational study of 211 MV patients who completed SBT

- Patients asked about their confidence in remaining extubated

Confident patients had 90% success

Non-confident patients had 45% success

Extubation success associated with patient prediction OR = 9.2 (3.7-22.4)

Troubleshooting Liberation Difficulty

- Unresolved precipitating process
- Reversible airway obstruction
- ET tube resistance
- Excessive secretions
- Respiratory depressant drugs
- Metabolic alkalosis
- Electrolyte imbalance
- Hemodynamic instability
- Ischemic heart disease
- Infection
- Impaired mental status
- Malnutrition / overfeeding
- Unrecognized neuromuscular problem
- Psychological factors

Enhancing Liberation Success

by CHEST PHYSICIANS

Implement multi-professional protocols

Apply evidence-based strategies

Consider ventilatory & non-ventilatory factors

Beware overly conservative criteria

Link multiple interventions ABCDEF-style