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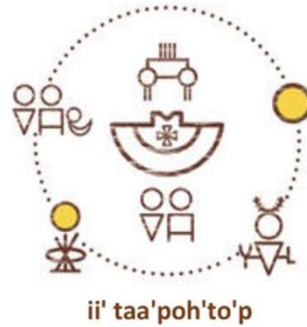
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**Risk of COVID-19 amongst HCWs**



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## Scientific Advisory Group COVID-19 Recommendations

novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

AHS' Scientific Advisory Group is connecting with clinicians, operational leaders, researchers and other experts to review emerging evidence and guidance of national and international bodies to provide information for focused areas of healthcare in relation to COVID-19. These resources are created to provide research informed advice to AHS physicians, staff, patients and families. Reports are updated frequently based on emerging evidence or concerns.


### COVID-19 Resources for AHS Staff & Health Professionals

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## COVID-19 Scientific Advisory Group Rapid Response Report

**Key Research Questions: 1) Among countries who are past their initial peak of COVID-19 cases, what proportion of total cases were in healthcare workers (HCW), and what is the estimated proportion of the total number of HCWs who developed COVID-19 from presumed occupational exposure?**

**2) Is there any evidence that household members of HCWs are at elevated risk of COVID-19 disease, and if so, are there guidelines for mitigating that risk?**



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## Coronavirus: Doctor death toll in Italy rises to 150

Another physician has died says FNOMCEO



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[https://www.ansa.it/english/news/2020/04/24/coronavirus-doctor-death-toll-in-italy-rises-to-150\\_5fc712eb-9b2f-40a0-8434-1105f1ea64ca.html](https://www.ansa.it/english/news/2020/04/24/coronavirus-doctor-death-toll-in-italy-rises-to-150_5fc712eb-9b2f-40a0-8434-1105f1ea64ca.html)

- 86% of physicians felt they had a greater than 50% chance of acquiring COVID19 during the coming months\*

\* Informal social media poll

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	Country/Region	Total HCW Cases	Total HCWs	General Population Cases	2018 General Population	HCW risk %	General population risk %
High Risk	Italy	15,314	587,211	124,063	59,844,069	2.61%	0.21%
	China (Hubei)	1,809	75,075	65,993	7,480,925	2.41%	0.88%
	Spain	15,433	448,641	94,805	46,275,109	3.44%	0.21%
	<b>Overall high-risk</b>	<b>25,600</b>	<b>1,110,927</b>	<b>284,861</b>	<b>113,600,103</b>	<b>2.93%</b>	<b>0.25%</b>
Low Risk	China (non-Hubei)	246	6,389,978	14,463	1,378,784,022	0.004%	0.001%
	Philippines	501	590,318	2,517	106,061,602	0.085%	0.003%
	Indonesia	23	760,699	1,963	266,902,731	0.003%	0.0007%
	<b>Overall low-risk</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>7,740,996</b>	<b>18,943</b>	<b>1,751,748,354</b>	<b>0.010%</b>	<b>0.001%</b>
	<b>Alberta</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>103,467</b>	<b>4,307</b>	<b>4,287,068</b>	<b>0.13%</b>	<b>0.10%</b>

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- Source of infection (work, household, community) not reported
- Difficult to determine HCW denominators – hard to determine risk for specific HCW types

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**Table 1. Alberta SARS-CoV-2 testing and COVID-19 testing and case data broken down by Alberta Health Services employees, physicians and the general non-healthcare worker population.**

Group	Number	# tested	% tested	# (%) of test results positive for SARS-CoV-2	# (%) of test positives from occupational exposure	Occupational risk % (PAR)	Overall risk % (PAR)
Total AHS Employees* (non-physician)	103,467	15,603	15.1%	137 (0.9%)	12 (8.8%)	0.01%	0.13%
AHS Physician	7,408	933	12.6%	22 (2.4%)	N/A **	N/A	0.30%
General Population (non-HCW) ***	4,287,068	122,386	2.9%	4,307 (3.5%)	N/A	N/A	0.10%
Total AB Population	4,397,816	138,922	3.2%	4,469 (3.2%)	N/A	N/A	0.10%


\*\* 2 cases under investigation. 20 cases linked to single community outbreak

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## Key Messages from the Evidence Summary

- Alberta WHS dashboard indicates a current absolute occupational risk of COVID-19 in HCW to be 0.01%, with an overall HCW risk of 0.14% (vs 0.1% risk in the community)
  - May be explained in part by higher rates of testing in the HCW population (15% HCW tested versus 2.9% of the general population tested), and differences in travel patterns amongst HCWs prior to travel restrictions
- There are still no available data on the transmission of COVID-19 from infected HCWs to household members outside case reports
  - Recent publication suggested a household attack rate of 4.7%, supporting prompt household self isolation with any symptoms to further reduce risk (Cheng et al., 2020)



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**Clinical Guidance from Leaders**

- [Key Research Question: What Is the Evidence For & Risks of Using Hydroxychloroquine \(HQ\) as a Treatment & Prophylaxis for SARS-CoV-2?](#)
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## COVID CORNER Webinar: The Critically Ill COVID-19 ICU Patient

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## Epidemiology & Clinical Features of the Critically Ill Patient with COVID-19

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**EPIDEMIC INFLUENZA (SPANISH)**

**This Disease is Highly Communicable. It May Develop Into a Severe Pneumonia.**

There is no medicine which will prevent it. Keep away from public meetings, theatres and other places where crowds are assembled. Keep the mouth and nose covered while coughing or sneezing. When a member of the household becomes ill, place him in a room by himself. The room should be warm, but well ventilated. The attendant should put on a mask before entering the room of those ill of the disease.

**TO MAKE A MASK**

Take a piece of ordinary cheesecloth 8 x 16 inches, fold it to make it 8 x 8 inches. Next fold this to make it 8 x 4 inches. Tie cords about 10 inches long at each corner. Apply over mouth and nose as shown in the picture.

**No ICUs in 1918...**

**17M- 50M deaths worldwide**

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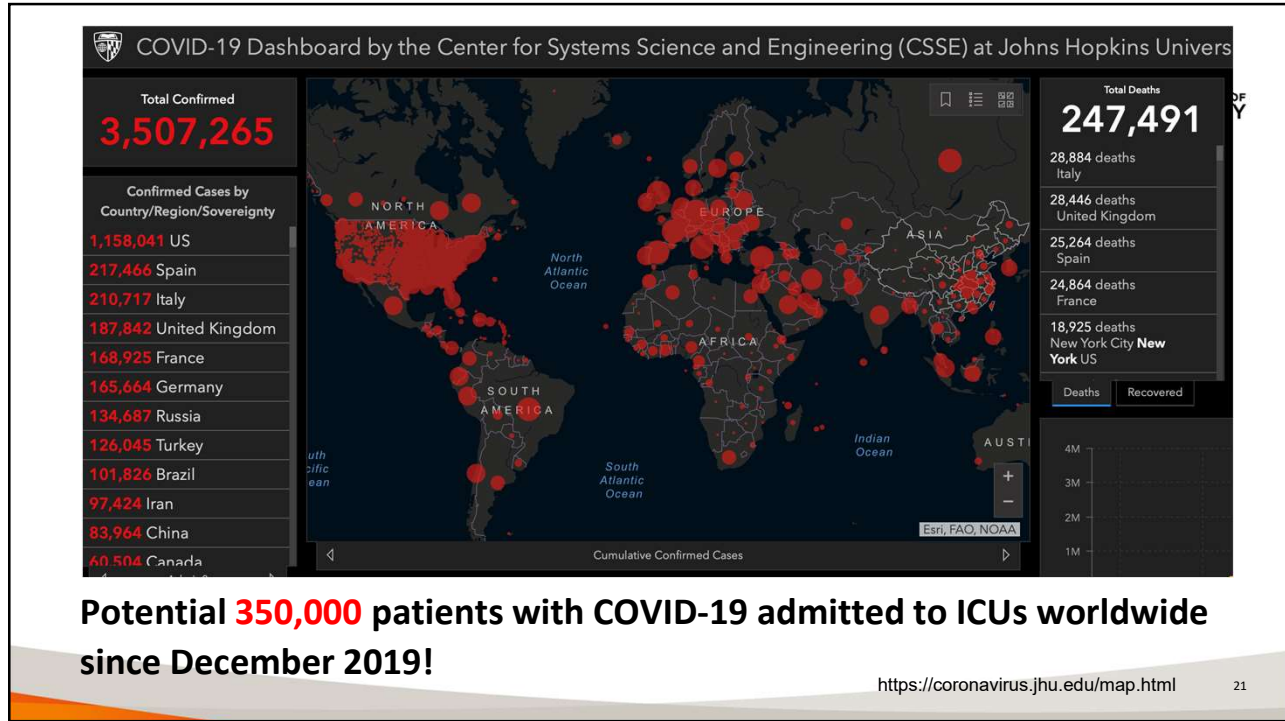
**Between 1 and 10% of  
COVID-19 Cases Admitted  
to ICUs Worldwide**

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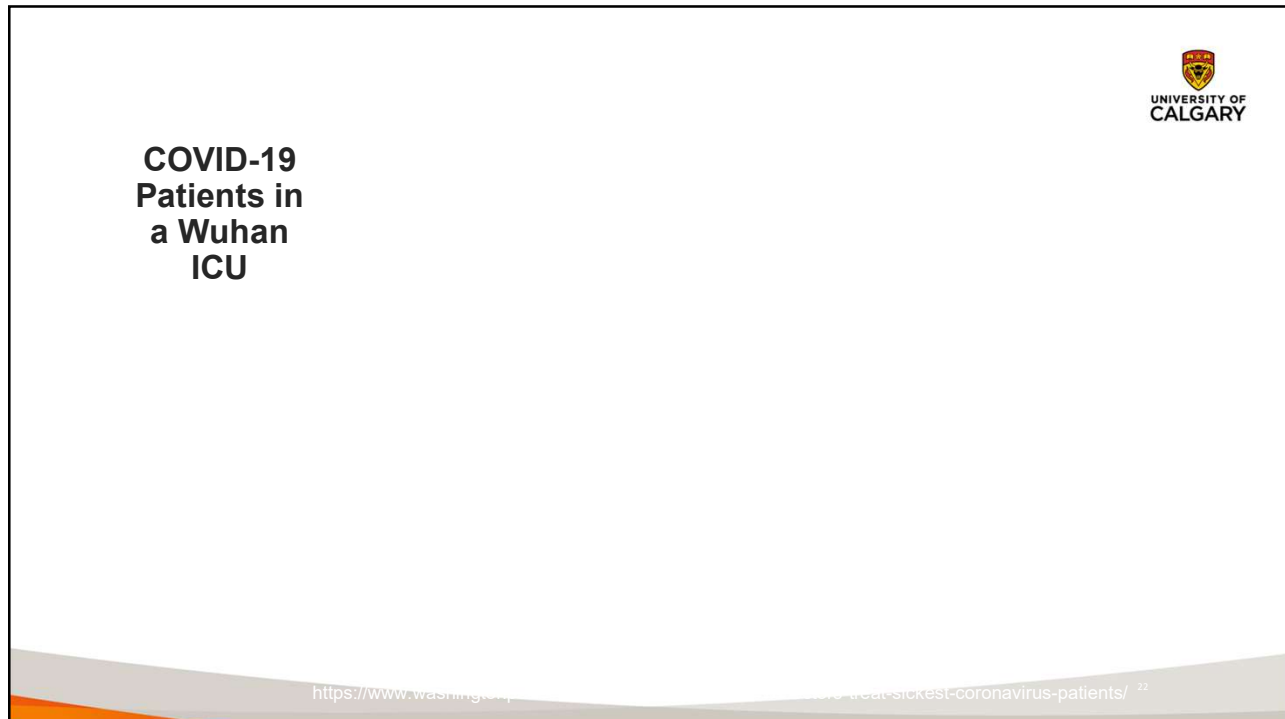
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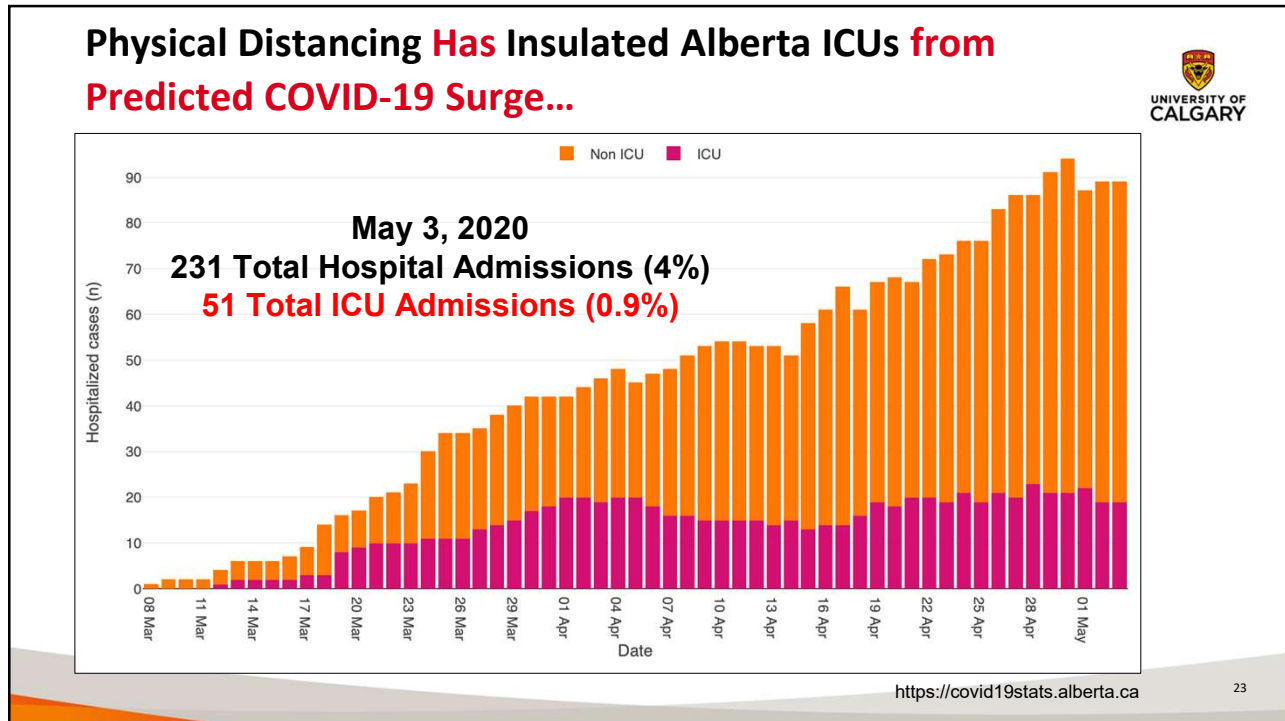


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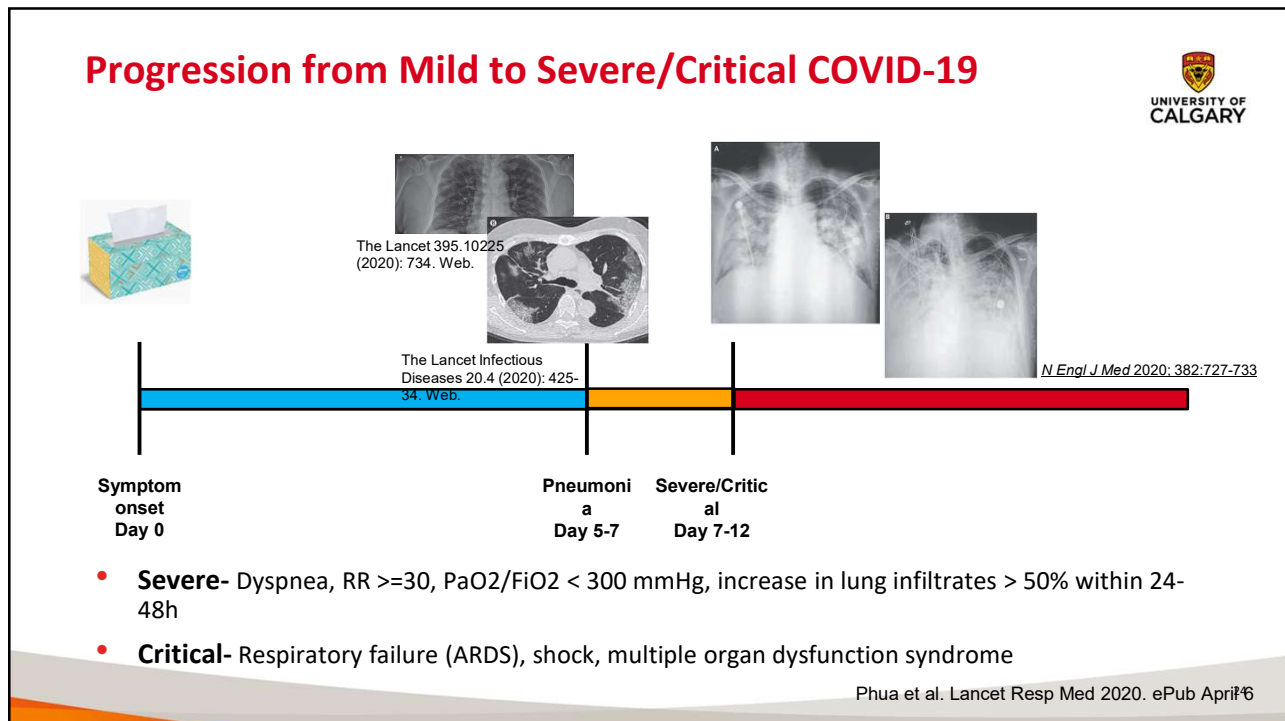


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## ICNARC report on COVID-19 in critical care


01 May 2020

- One of (if not the...) **best source of data on critically ill COVID-19 patients to date**
- **7,542 patients with COVID-19 from 254 adult ICUs** in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland
- **5,139 patients with outcome data reported**

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## COVID-19 Compared to Non-COVID Viral Pneumonia

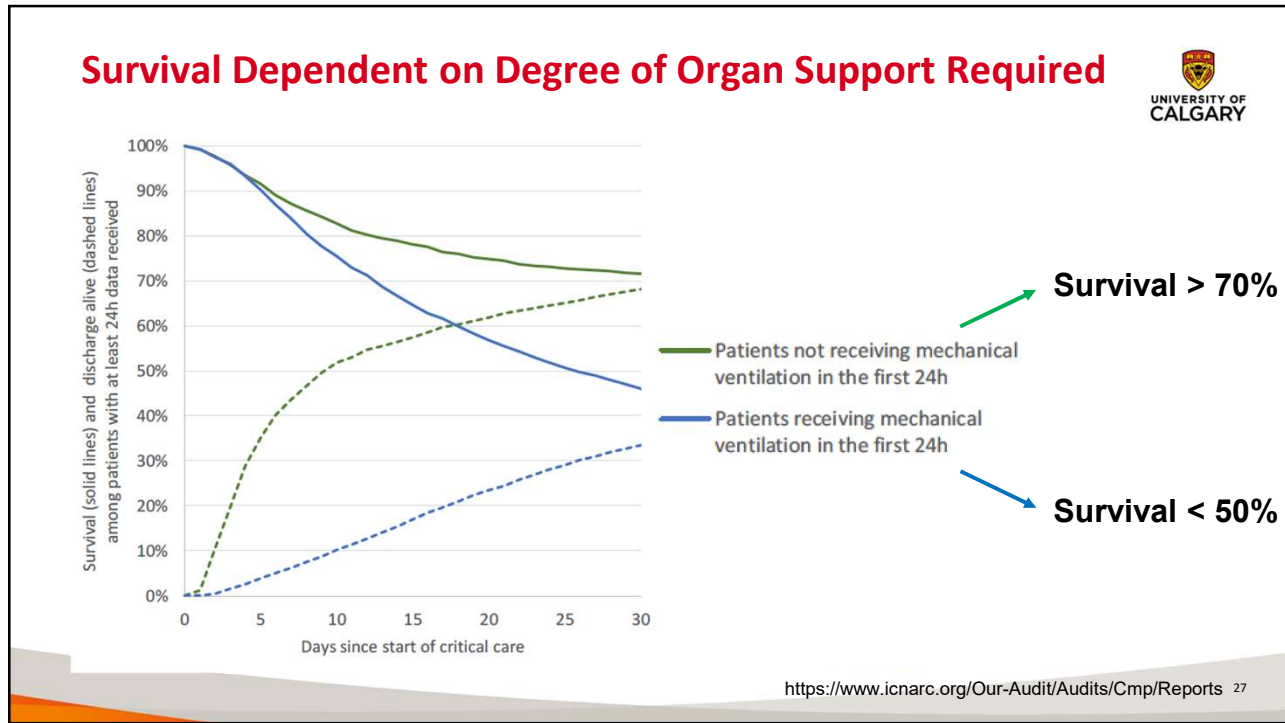


Characteristic	Patients with COVID-19 N = 7542	Non-COVID Viral PNA 2017-19 N=5782
Median Age (IQR)	60 (52 – 68) years	61 (48 – 71) years
Male Sex	72%	54%
Non-caucasian ethnicity	41%	14%
Very severe comorbidity	8%	24%
PaO2/FiO2 ratio < 200 mmHg	88%	77%
Median APACHE II (IQR)	14 (11 – 18)	17 (13 – 21)
Mechanical ventilation in 1 <sup>st</sup> 24h	66%	43%
<b>Death in ICU</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>22%</b>
Median ICU LOS in Survivors (IQR)	6 (3 – 13) days	6 (3 – 12) days
Median duration advanced resp support	9 (5 – 15) days	9 (4 – 17) days

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### Other Factors Associated with Death: COVID-19 Compared to Non-COVID Viral Pneumonia

Characteristic	Patients with COVID-19 Who Died in Critical Care	Non-COVID Viral PNA 2017-19 Who Died in Critical Care
Age >= 70 years	67%	32%
Male sex	51%	24%
Any very severe comorbidities	57%	34%
Advanced resp support only	47%	19%
Advanced resp and cardiovascular support	71%	41%
Advanced resp, cardiovascular and renal support	83%	58%

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## COVID-19 Thrombotic Phenotype – Link To MODS?



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COVID-19 CASES

Coagulopathy and Antiphospholipid Antibodies  
in Patients with Covid-19

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ST-Segment Elevation in Patients  
with Covid-19 — A Case Series

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<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/cordero-amputations-complications-1.5542217>

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## ORIGINAL



### High risk of thrombosis in patients with severe SARS-CoV-2 infection: a multicenter prospective cohort study

- **Propensity-matched cohort study from 4 ICUs** in France
- Compared to 145 non-COVID ARDS pt, 77 COVID ARDS pt:
  - **Increased pulmonary emboli: 11.7% vs 2.1% (p = 0.01)**
  - Increased extracorporeal circuit clotting (CRRT Filters)
- **Mechanism increased thrombogenicity not clear**


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## COVID-19 Scientific Advisory Group Rapid Response Report

**Key Research Question: Are there clinical features that reliably indicate need for intubation and mechanical ventilation? Among patients requiring intubation and mechanical ventilation, are there clinical features that predict probability of survival or mortality?**




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## Key Messages from the Evidence Summary



- Several guidelines provide consensus based indications for intubation
  - No empirically-derived evidence to guide best practice in COVID-19 patients
- Published mortality rates for intubated patients is 40-70%
  - Older patients and those with co-morbidity have higher mortality risk, particularly after intubation
    - CV disease, chronic respiratory disease, hypertension, diabetes
  - Recommend clinicians consider early goals of care discussions

April 10, 2020 <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/ppih/if-ppih-covid-19-rapid-review-predictors-of-intubation.pdf>



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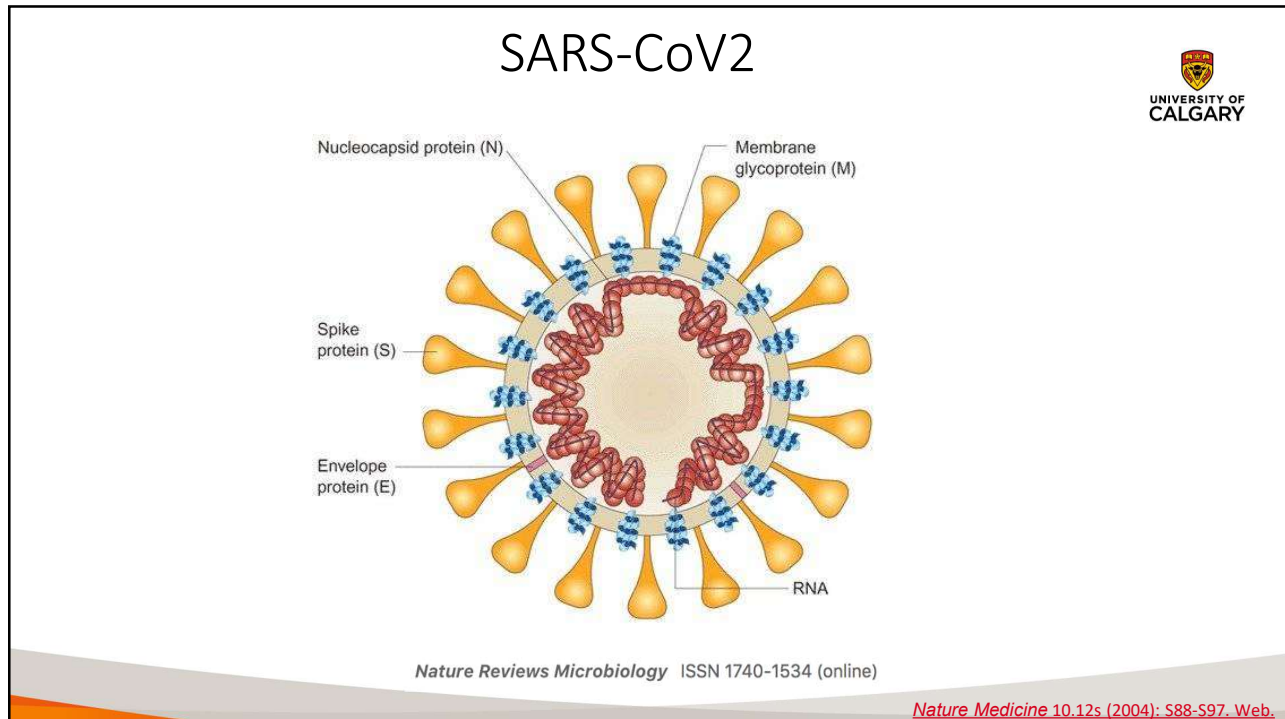
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**RESEARCH LETTER**



**Detection of SARS-CoV-2 in Different Types of Clinical Specimens**

Table. Detection Results of Clinical Specimens by Real-Time Reverse Transcriptase–Polymerase Chain Reaction

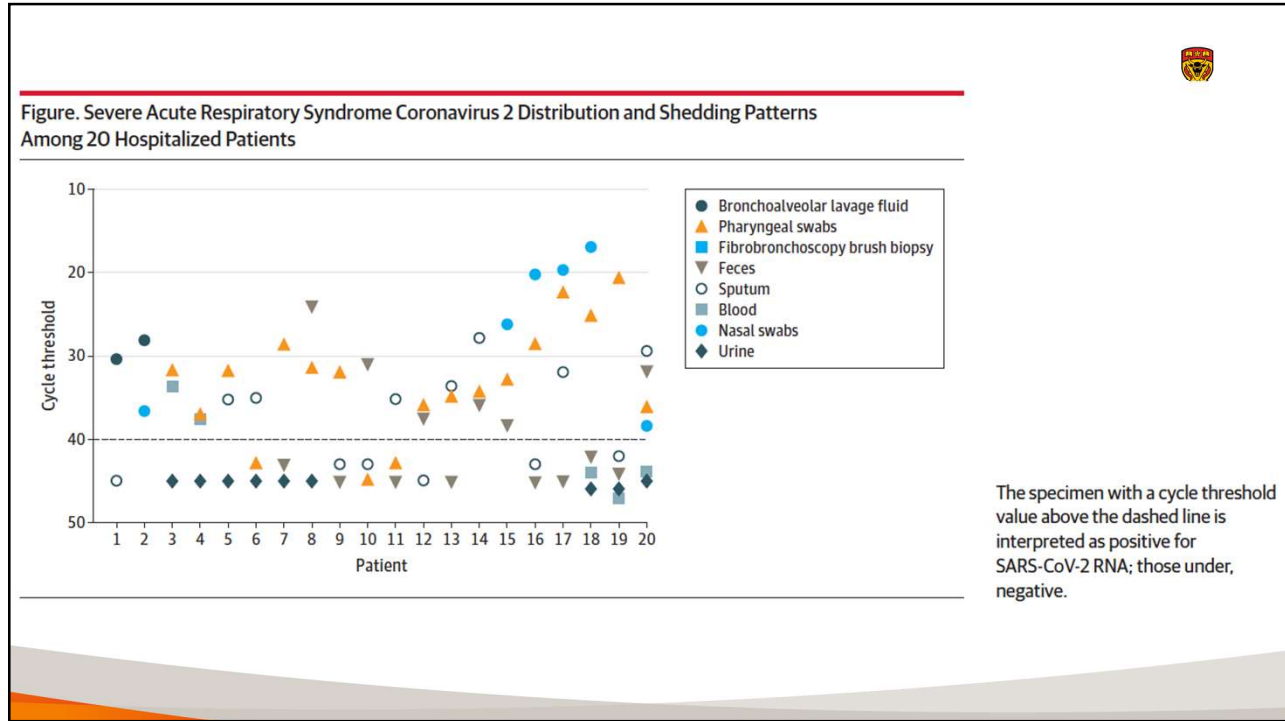
Specimens and values	Bronchoalveolar lavage fluid (n = 15)	Fibrobronchoscope brush biopsy (n = 13)	Sputum (n = 104)	Nasal swabs (n = 8)	Pharyngeal swabs (n = 398)	Feces (n = 153)	Blood (n = 307)	Urine (n = 72)
Positive test result, No. (%)	14 (93)	6 (46)	75 (72)	5 (63)	126 (32)	44 (29)	3 (1)	0
Cycle threshold, mean (SD)	31.1 (3.0)	33.8 (3.9)	31.1 (5.2)	24.3 (8.6)	32.1 (4.2)	31.4 (5.1)	34.6 (0.7)	ND
Range	26.4-36.2	26.9-36.8	18.4-38.8	16.9-38.4	20.8-38.6	22.3-38.4	34.1-35.4	
95% CI	28.9-33.2	29.8-37.9	29.3-33.0	13.7-35.0	31.2-33.1	29.4-33.5	0.0-36.4	

Abbreviation: ND, no data.

Wang W, Xu Y, Gao R, et al. Detection of SARS-CoV-2 in Different Types of Clinical Specimens. *JAMA*. Published online March 11, 2020. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.3786

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**Virological assessment of hospitalized patients with COVID-2019**

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## Diagnosics Take-Home Points

- PCR diagnostic test of choice for active infection
- Sensitivity varies by site and quality of sample collection
  - False negatives can occur – most often due to poor sample acquisition, early or late in disease, in those with pneumonia
- PCR positivity does not necessarily correlate with viable/infectious virus and persists well beyond symptoms and antibody response
  - Infection control implications
- Serologic testing in development

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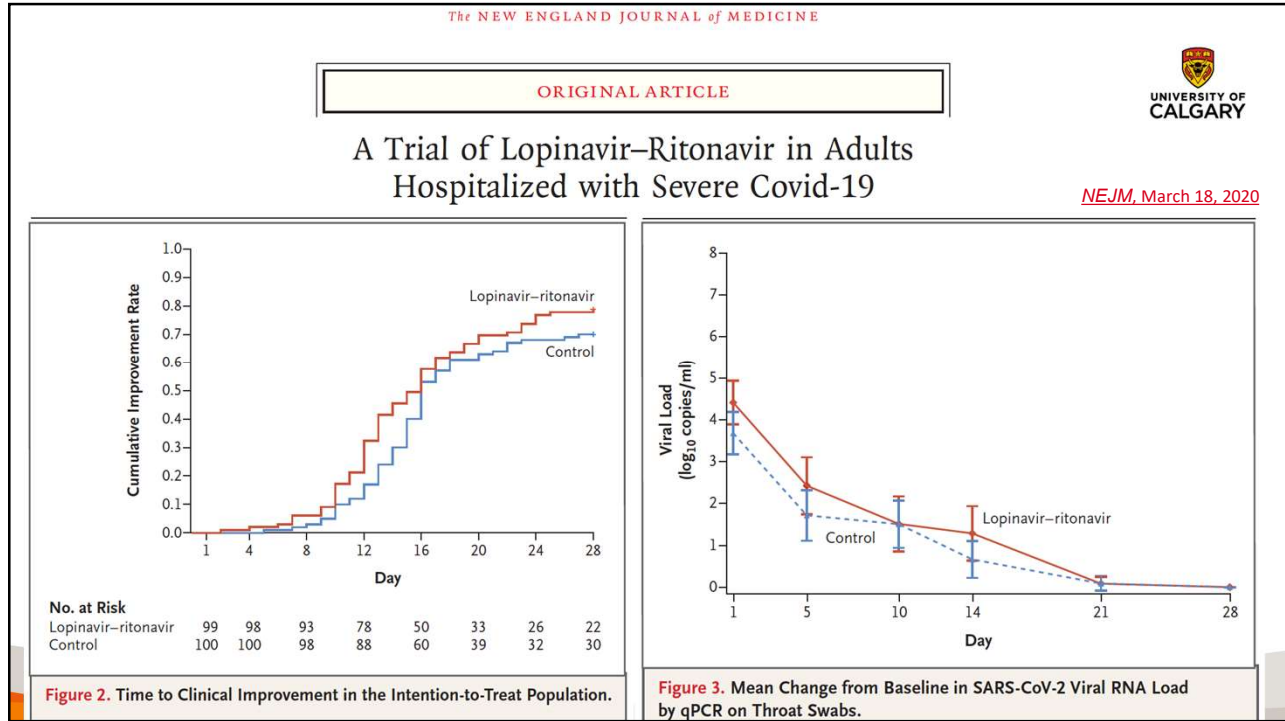


## Therapeutics

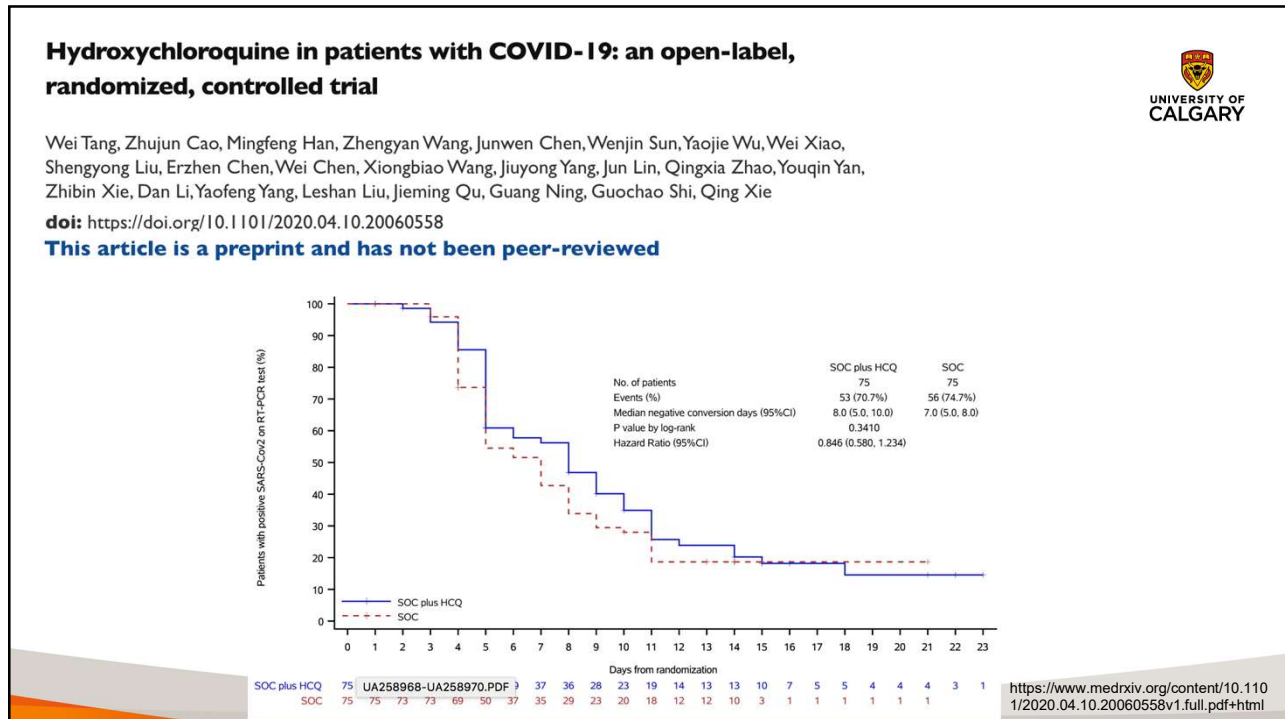
- Number of drugs with in vitro antiviral activity against SARS-CoV2
- Antivirals
  - Lopinavir/ritonavir, hydroxychloroquine, remdesivir
- Immune modulators
  - IL-6 inhibitors, IL-1 inhibitors, steroids, interferons

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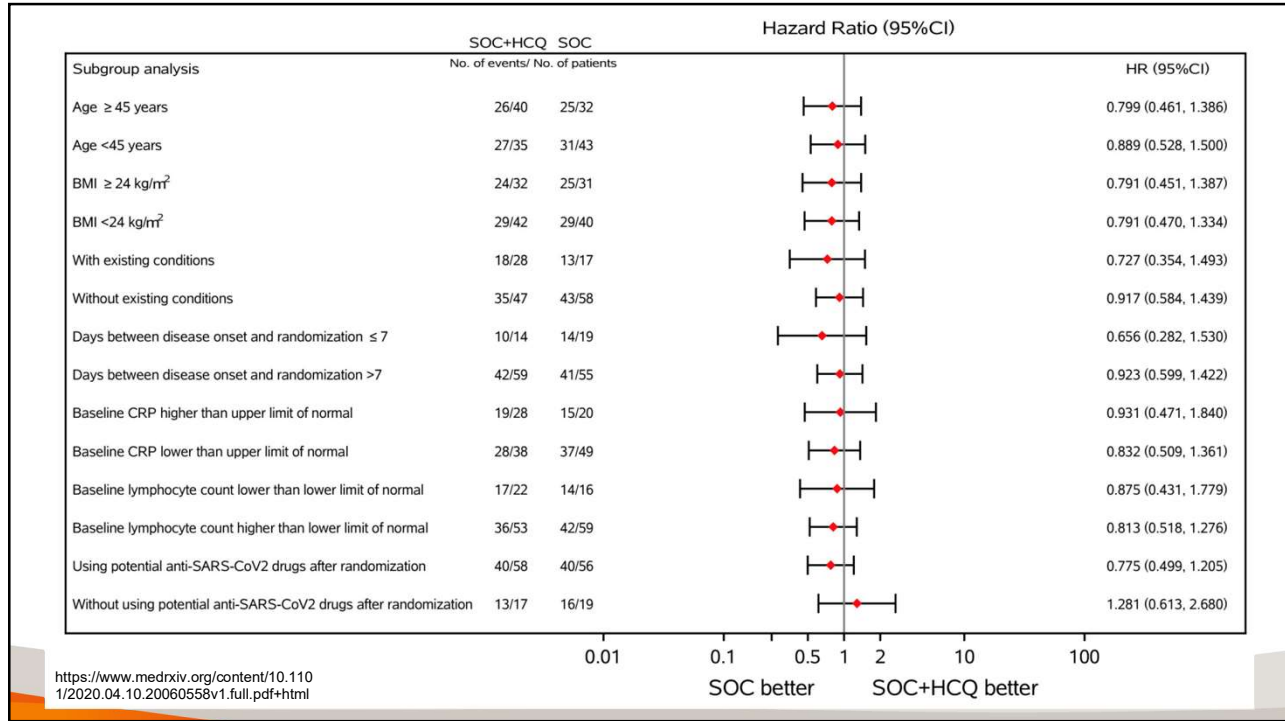


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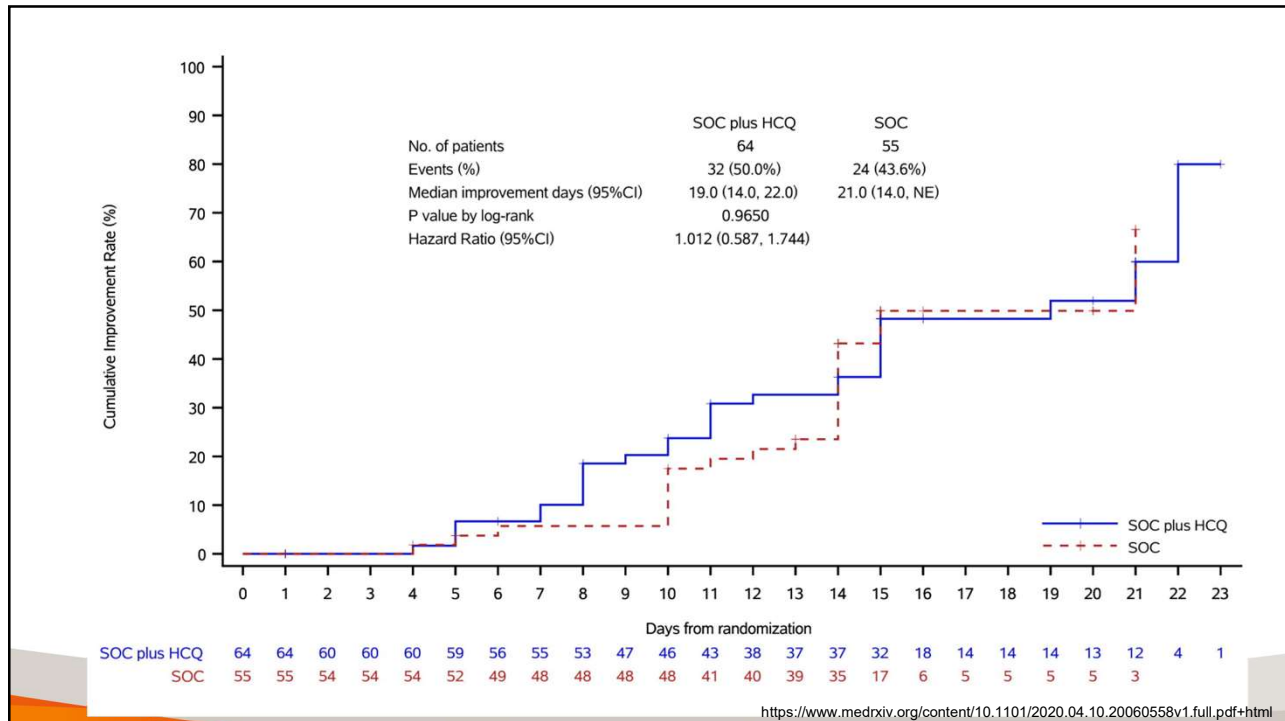


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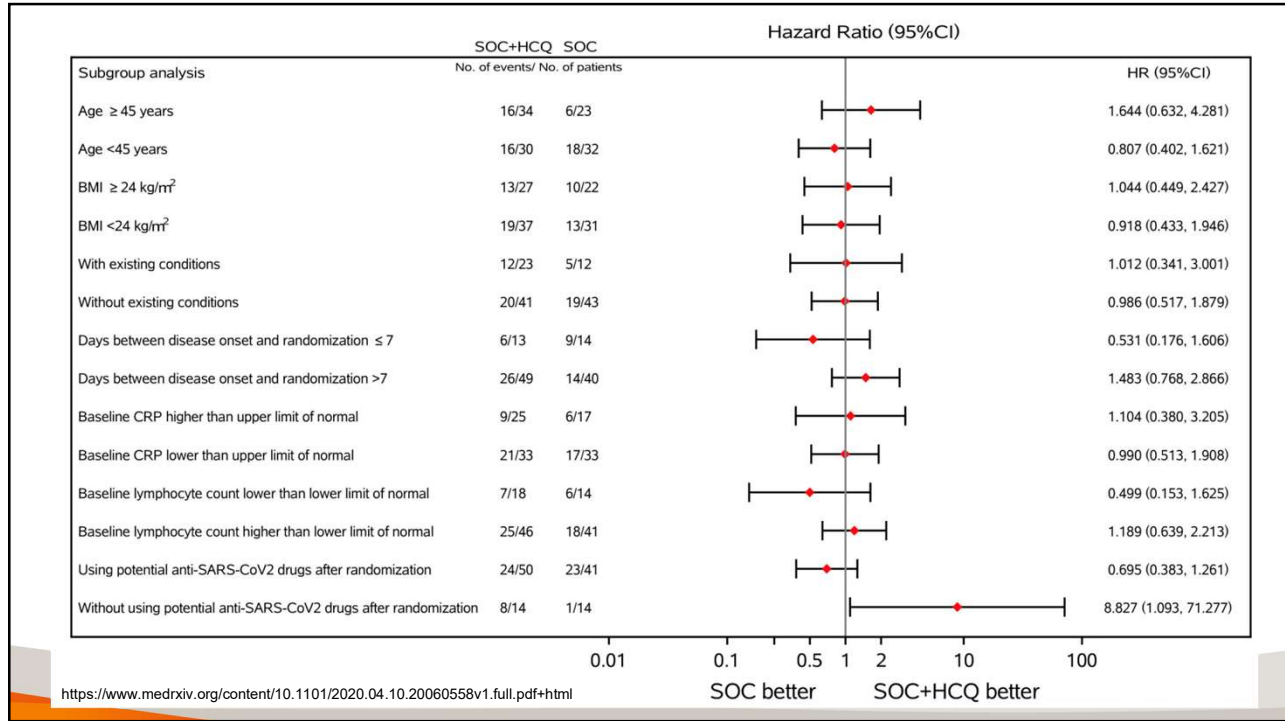




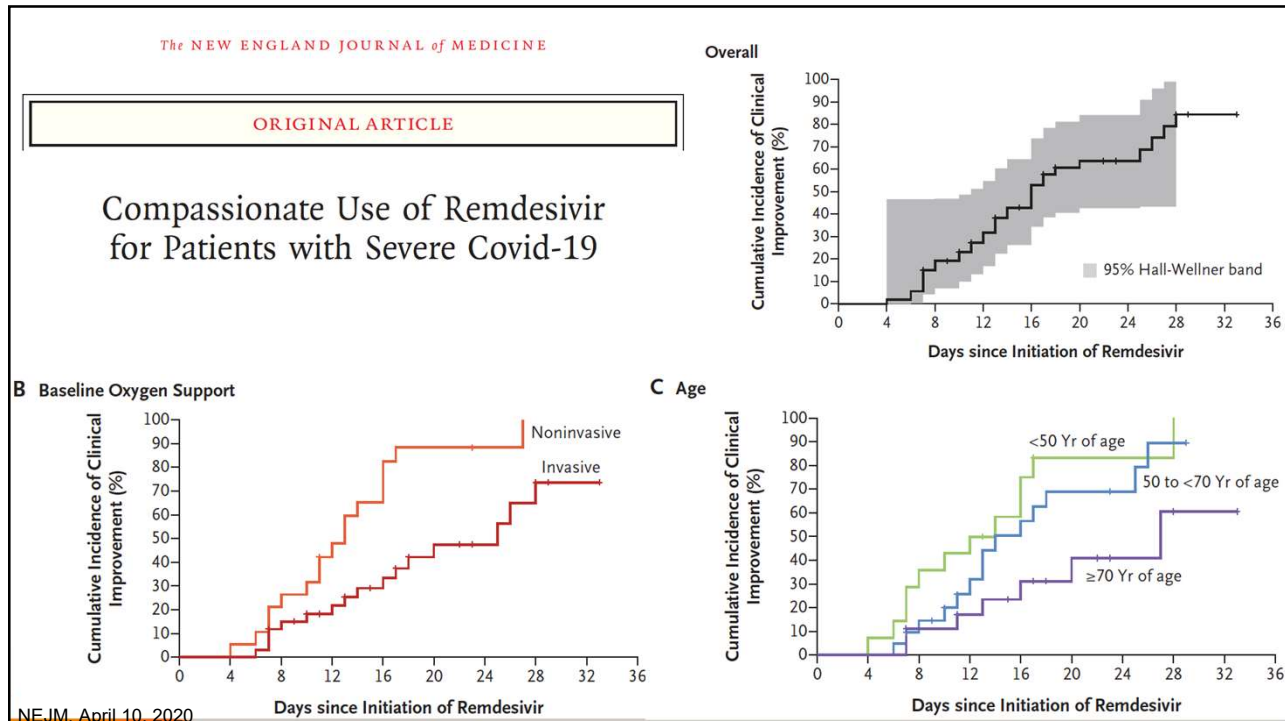
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### Remdesivir in adults with severe COVID-19: a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicentre trial

Yeming Wang\*, Dinyu Zhang\*, Guanhua Du\*, Ronghui Du\*, Jianping Zhao\*, Yang Jin\*, Shouzhi Fu\*, Ling Gao\*, Zhenshun Cheng\*, Qiaofa Lu\*, Yi Hu\*, Guangwei Luo\*, Ke Wang, Yang Lu, Huadong Li, Shuzhen Wang, Shunan Ruan, Chengqing Yang, Chunlin Mei, Yi Wang, Dan Ding, Feng Wu, Xin Tang, Xianzhi Ye, Yingchun Ye, Bing Liu, Jie Yang, Wen Yin, Aili Wang, Guohui Fan, Fei Zhou, Zhibo Liu, Xiaoying Gu, Jiuyang Xu, Lianhan Shang, Yi Zhang, Lianjun Cao, Tingting Guo, Yan Wan, Hong Qin, Yushen Jiang, Thomas Jakl, Frederick G Hayden, Peter W Horby, Bin Cao, Chen Wang

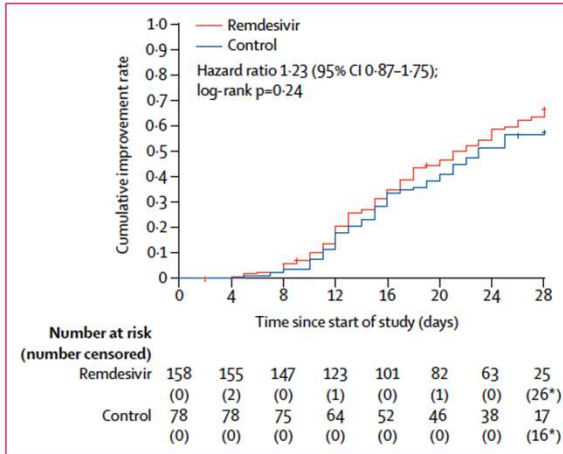


Figure 2: Time to clinical improvement in the intention-to-treat population

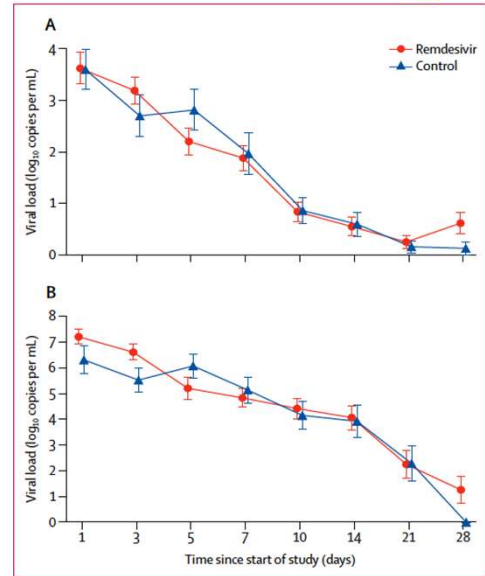


Figure 3: Viral load by quantitative PCR on the upper respiratory tract specimens (A) and lower respiratory tract specimens (B)

The Lancet April 29, 2020

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## NEWS RELEASES


Wednesday, April 29, 2020

### NIH clinical trial shows Remdesivir accelerates recovery from advanced COVID-19

Preliminary results indicate that patients who received remdesivir had a 31% faster time to recovery than those who received placebo (p<0.001).

Specifically, the median time to recovery was 11 days for patients treated with remdesivir compared with 15 days for those who received placebo. Results also suggested a survival benefit, with a mortality rate of 8.0% for the group receiving remdesivir versus 11.6% for the placebo group (p=0.059).

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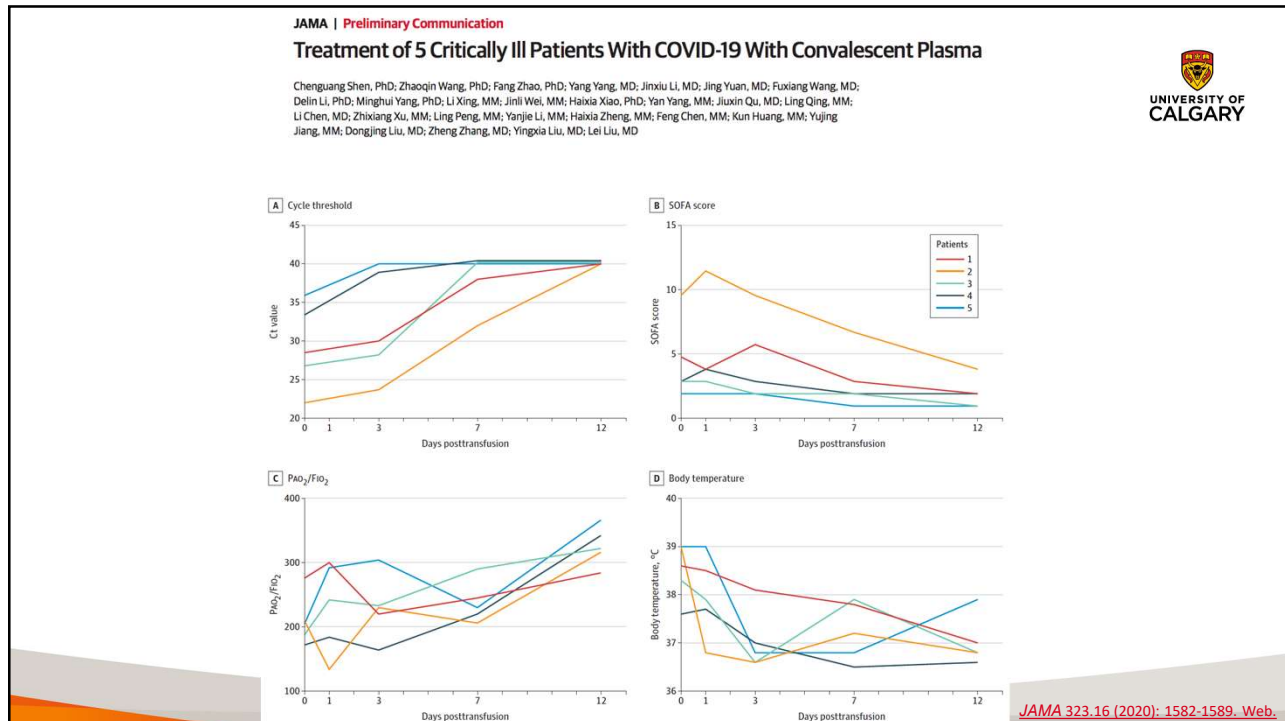


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**Gilead's Investigational Antiviral Remdesivir Receives  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration Emergency Use  
Authorization for the Treatment of COVID-19**

*-- Authorization Enables Broader Use of Remdesivir to Treat  
Hospitalized Patients with Severe COVID-19 Disease in the United  
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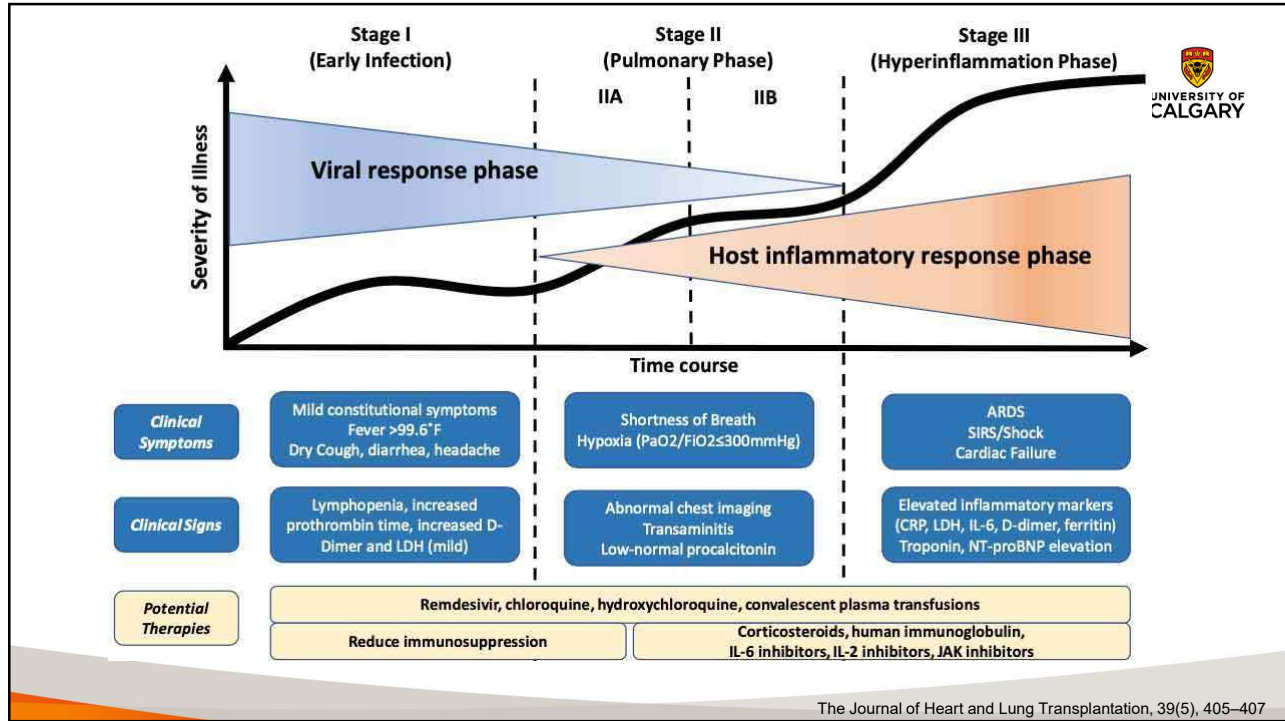
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## Effective treatment of severe COVID-19 patients with tocilizumab

Xiaoling Xu<sup>a,1,2</sup>, Mingfeng Han<sup>b,1</sup>, Tiantian Li<sup>a</sup>, Wei Sun<sup>b</sup>, Dongsheng Wang<sup>a</sup>, Binjing Fu<sup>c,d</sup>, Yonggang Zhou<sup>c,d</sup>, Xiaohu Zheng<sup>c,d</sup>, Yun Yang<sup>a</sup>, Xiuyong Li<sup>1</sup>, Xiaohua Zhang<sup>b</sup>, Aijun Pan<sup>e</sup>, and Haiming Wei<sup>c,d,2</sup>

Drugs & Diseases > Infectious Diseases > Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Q&A

### What is the role of the IL-6 inhibitor sarilumab (Kevzara) in the treatment of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Updated: May 02, 2020 | Author: David J Cennimo, MD, FAAP, FACP, AAHIVS; Chief Editor: Michael Stuart Bronze, MD [more...](#)


## Interferon: Potential COVID-19 Treatment

### Doctors Try Steroids to Treat Coronavirus Patients, Against WHO Counsel

Treatment gets results for serious cases in China and Japan, but use of the drugs is discouraged

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## Therapeutics Take-Home Points

- No known effective COVID therapies at this time
- Therapeutic studies to date have been limited by:
  - Small patient populations
  - Lack of comparison group in some studies
  - Limited outcome and safety data
  - Lack of correlation between reduction in viral load and clinical outcomes
- Clinical trials ongoing

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## Nonpharmacological Management

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## Learning Objectives

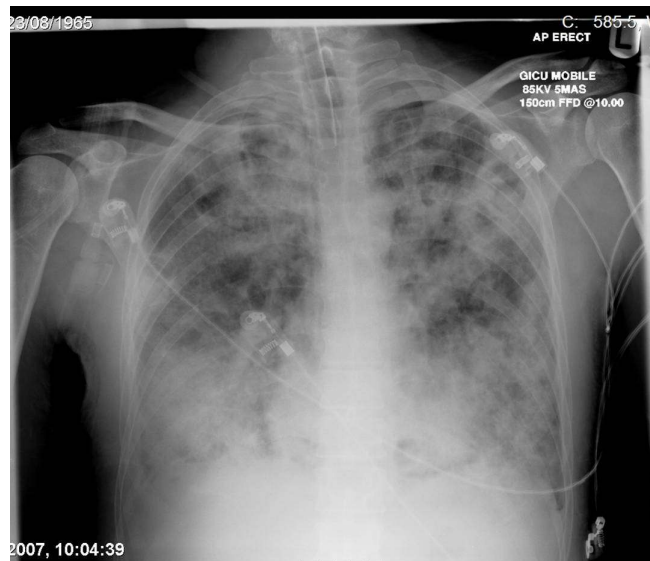


- To review ARDS
- To review non-pharmacological management strategies for COVID19 ARDS including:
  - Lung protective ventilation
  - Prone Positioning
  - Extracorporeal Life Support
  - (Neuromuscular Blockade)

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## What is ARDS?



Ferguson N et al - Intensive Care Med (2012) 38:1573-1582

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## What is ARDS?

- ARDS is a Syndrome (not an etiology)
- Characterized by
  - hypoxemic respiratory failure
  - reduced lung compliance
  - bilateral pulmonary infiltrates

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## Risk Factors for ARDS

<b>Direct lung-injury risk factors</b>
Pneumonia (bacterial, viral, fungal, or opportunistic)*
Aspiration of gastric contents*
Pulmonary contusion
Inhalation injury
Near drowning
<b>Indirect lung-injury risk factors</b>
Sepsis (nonpulmonary source)*
Nonthoracic trauma or hemorrhagic shock
Pancreatitis
Major burn injury
Drug overdose
Transfusion of blood products
Cardiopulmonary bypass
Reperfusion edema after lung transplantation or embol-ectomy

[N Engl J Med 2017; 377:562-572](#)

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## Berlin Definition - 2012

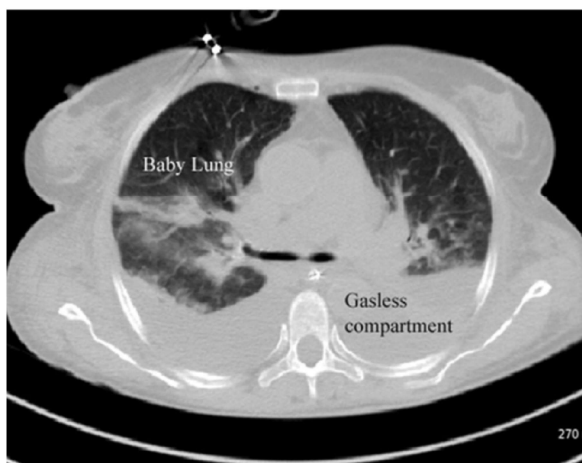


Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome			
Timing	Within 1 week of a known clinical insult or new/worsening respiratory symptoms		
Chest Imaging <sup>a</sup>	Bilateral opacities – not fully explained by effusions, lobar/lung collapse, or nodules		
Origin of Edema	Respiratory failure not fully explained by cardiac failure or fluid overload; Need objective assessment (e.g., echocardiography) to exclude hydrostatic edema if no risk factor present		
	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Oxygenation <sup>b</sup>	200 < PaO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub> ≤ 300 with PEEP or CPAP ≥ 5 cmH <sub>2</sub> O	100 < PaO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub> < 200 with PEEP ≥ 5 cmH <sub>2</sub> O	PaO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub> < 100 with PEEP ≥ 5 cmH <sub>2</sub> O

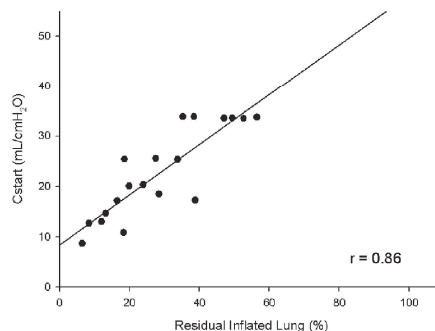
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## The Baby Lung



Reduced compliance because ARDS lungs are small not stiff



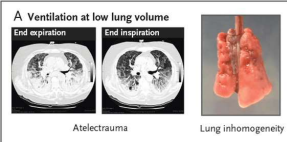
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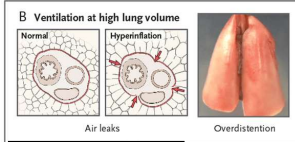
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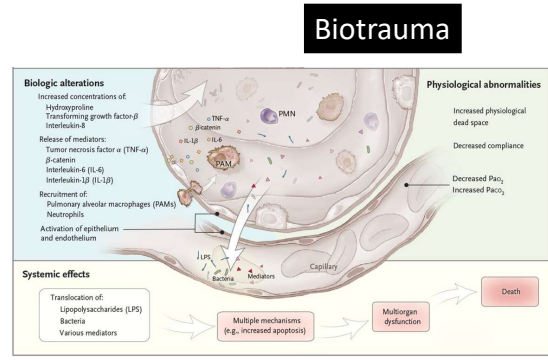
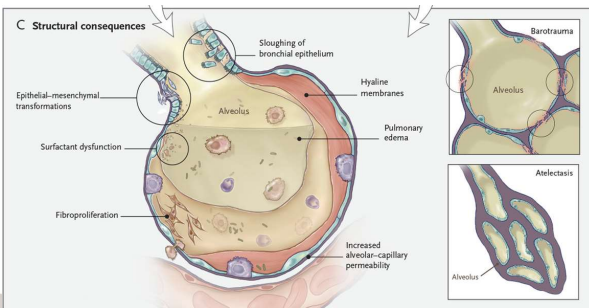
# Ventilator Induced Lung Injury



**Atelectrauma**



**Volutrauma  
Barotrauma**



**VILI through Biotrauma leads to multi-organ dysfunction syndrome to death**

N Engl J Med 2013;369:2126-36. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMr1208707

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# Other types of VILI



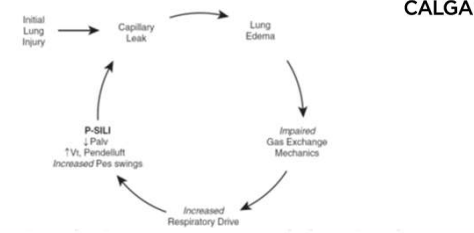
**CRITICAL CARE PERSPECTIVE**

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**Mechanical Ventilation to Minimize Progression of Lung Injury in Acute Respiratory Failure**

Laurent Brochard<sup>1,2</sup>, Arthur Slutsky<sup>3,4</sup>, and Antonio Pesenti<sup>5,6</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>Keenan Research Centre for Biomedical Science of St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; <sup>2</sup>Interdepartmental Division of Critical Care Medicine, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; <sup>3</sup>Department of Anesthesia, Critical Care, and Emergency; <sup>4</sup>Fondazione Istituto di Ricovero e Cura a Carattere Scientifico 'G. Grande Ospedale Maggiore Policlinico, Milan, Italy; and <sup>5</sup>Dipartimento di Fisiopatologia Medico-Chirurgica e dei Trapianti, Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan, Italy

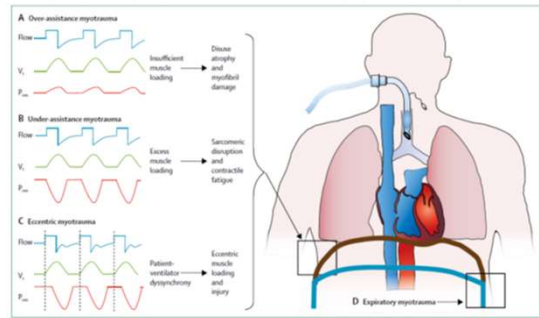
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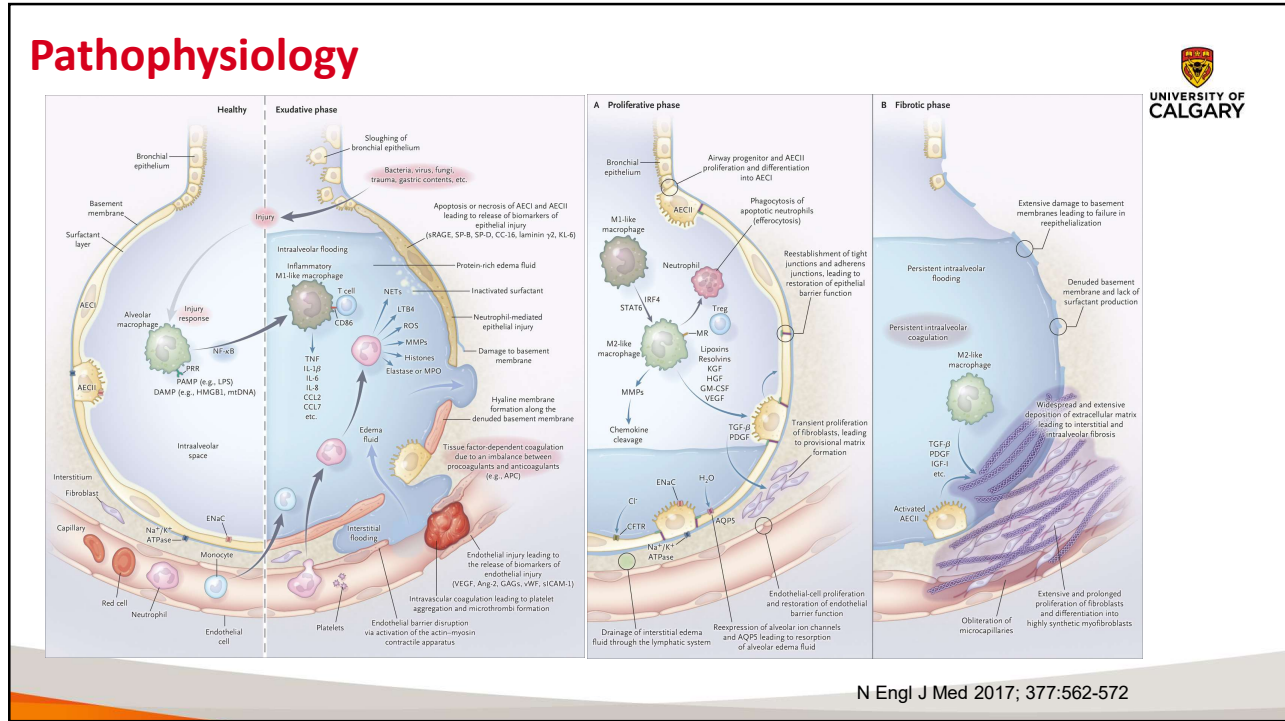
**Diaphragmatic myotrauma: a mediator of prolonged ventilation and poor patient outcomes in acute respiratory failure**

Ewan C Geddes, Laurent J Brochard, W Doherty, Eddy Fan, Olli Saarel, Arthur S Slutsky, Brian P Kavanagh, Gordon D Rubenfeld, Neil D Ferguson  
**Lancet Respir Med 2019; 7: 90-98**

**Myotrauma**



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## Landmark Trials for Treatment of ARDS

- Low tidal volume ventilation (ARMA)
- PEEP (LOVS/EXPRESS/ALVEOLI)
- Neuromuscular blockade (ACCURASYS/ROSE)
- Prone Positioning (PROSEVA)
- Oscillator (OSCAR/OSCILLATE)
- Extracorporeal Life Support (CESAR/EOLIA Bayesian)
- Conservative Fluid Strategy (FACTT)
- Esophageal Balloon (EP-VENT1/EP-VENT2)
- ESICM Steroid Recommendations
- Open Lung Ventilation (ART trial)

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## Low Tidal Volume Ventilation – ARMA study

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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\*

Days after Randomization

**Patient Population: ALI or ARDS (PF < 300)**

VARIABLE	GROUP RECEIVING TRADITIONAL TIDAL VOLUMES	GROUP RECEIVING LOWER TIDAL VOLUMES
Ventilator mode	Volume assist-control	Volume assist-control
Initial tidal volume (ml/kg of predicted body weight)†	12	6
Plateau pressure (cm of water)	≤50	≤30
Ventilator rate setting needed to achieve a pH goal of 7.3 to 7.45 (breaths/min)	6–35	6–35
Ratio of the duration of inspiration to the duration of expiration	1:1–1:3	1:1–1:3
Oxygenation goal	PaO <sub>2</sub> , 55–80 mm Hg, or SpO <sub>2</sub> , 88–95%	PaO <sub>2</sub> , 55–80 mm Hg, or SpO <sub>2</sub> , 88–95%
Allowable combinations of FIO <sub>2</sub> and PEEP (cm of water)‡	0.3 and 5	0.3 and 5
	0.4 and 5	0.4 and 5
	0.4 and 8	0.4 and 8
	0.5 and 8	0.5 and 8
	0.5 and 10	0.5 and 10
	0.6 and 10	0.6 and 10
	0.7 and 10	0.7 and 10
	0.7 and 12	0.7 and 12
	0.7 and 14	0.7 and 14
	0.8 and 14	0.8 and 14
	0.9 and 14	0.9 and 14
	0.9 and 16	0.9 and 16
0.9 and 18	0.9 and 18	
1.0 and 18	1.0 and 18	
1.0 and 20	1.0 and 20	
1.0 and 22	1.0 and 22	
1.0 and 24	1.0 and 24	
Weaning	By pressure support; required by protocol when FIO <sub>2</sub> ≤ 0.4	By pressure support; required by protocol when FIO <sub>2</sub> ≤ 0.4

N Engl J Med 2000; 342:1301-1308

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## Driving Pressure

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SPECIAL ARTICLE

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

Marcelo B.P. Amato, M.D., Maureen O. Meade, M.D., Arthur S. Slutsky, M.D.,

Median V<sub>T</sub> (10th–90th percentile) mg/kg of predicted body weight

6.0 (5.9–7.5)	6.1 (5.8–9.2)	8.0 (5.7–12.1)
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N Engl J Med 2015; 372:747-755

Resampling A:  
Matched PEEP

Resampling B:  
Matched ΔP

Resampling C:  
Matched Plateau Pressure

Multivariate Relative Risk of Death in the Hospital

P<0.001

Multivariate Relative Risk of Death in the Hospital

P=0.61

Multivariate Relative Risk of Death in the Hospital

P<0.001


A      Contrast      B      Contrast      C  
Higher plateau pressure: Not always risky      Higher PEEP: Not always protective

**Patient Population: ALI or ARDS (PF < 300)**

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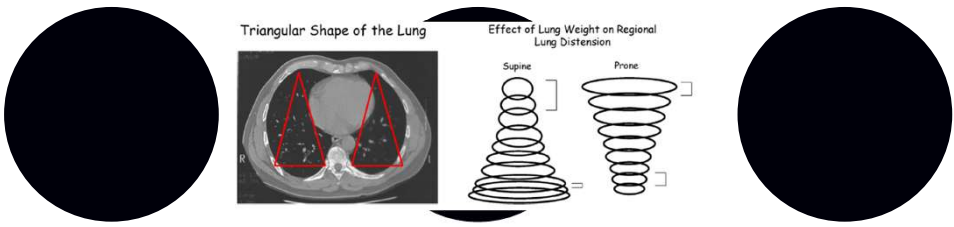
• supine positioning

• prone positioning

AHS – Prone Positioning Practice Guidelines

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### Why does positioning matter?



**Supine Position (Unprone)**

- Dorsal - Ventral Distribution of Pleural Pressure
- Dorsal is higher due to gravity, ventral lungs, chest wall, heart, abdomen
- VQ mismatch due to poor ventilation in perfusion rich areas

**Prone Position**

- Improves regional atelectasis
- Reduces regional hyperinflation
- Improved VQ matching
- Right ventricular unloading

Benson et al. (2014) Clin Chest Med : Clinics in Chest Medicine 2014, 35(4), 743-752

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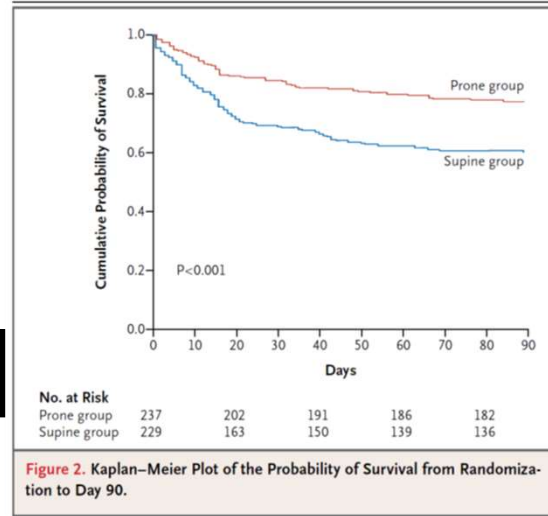
## PROSEVA trial



Prone Positioning in Severe Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

Claude Guérin, M.D., Ph.D., Jean Reignier, M.D., Ph.D., Jean-Christophe Richard, M.D., Ph.D., Pascal Beuret, M.D.

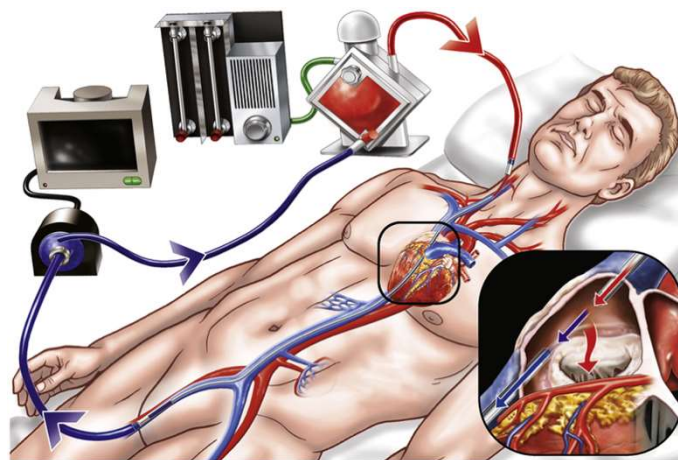
Patient Population: Severe ARDS (PF < 150, FiO<sub>2</sub> > 0.60 and PEEP ≥ 5 cm H<sub>2</sub>O)



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## Veno-venous ECMO




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## CESAR Trial



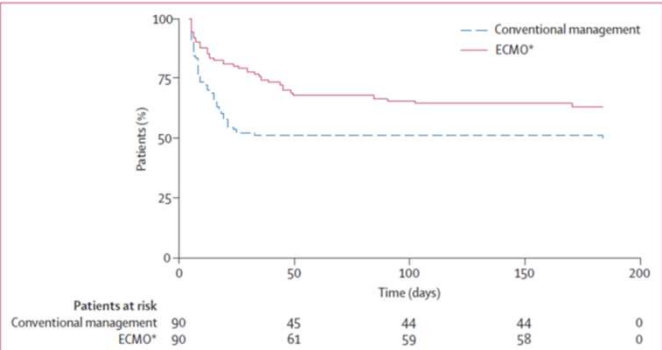
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Efficacy and economic assessment of conventional ventilatory support versus extracorporeal membrane oxygenation for severe adult respiratory failure (CESAR): a multicentre randomised controlled trial

Giles J Peck, Miranda Magford, Rameshwarath Thirugopal, Andrew Wilson, Elizabeth Allen, Marianne M Thelning, Clare L Hibbert, Ane Tronstad, Felicity Clemens, Nicola Cooper, Richard E Evans, Diana E Bourne, for the CESAR trial collaboration

Murray Score:  
PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub> ratio  
PEEP  
Lung compliance  
Chest radiograph (no of quadrants involved)

**Patient Population:**  
severe reversible respiratory failure and a Murray score of 3 or higher, FiO<sub>2</sub> =1  
OR  
hypercapnoea with a pH < 7.20 despite optimum conventional treatment




	0	50	100	150	200
Conventional management	90	45	44	44	0
ECMO*	90	61	59	58	0

The Lancet 2009, 374(9698), 1351-1363

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## EOLIA trial



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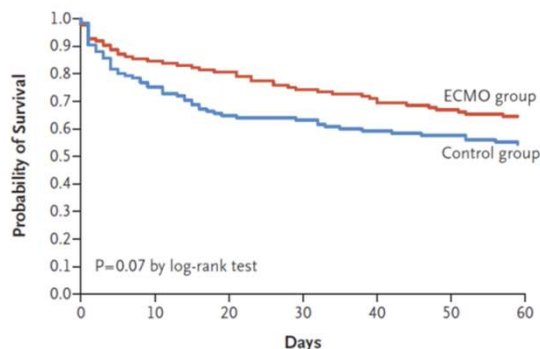
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Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation for Severe Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

A. Combes, D. Hajage, G. Capellier, A. Demoule, S. Lavoué, C. Guervilly, D. Da Silva, L. Zafrani, P. Tirot, B. Veber,

**AECC ARDS AND**  
PF <50 mm Hg for > 3 hours OR  
PF <80 for > 6 hours OR  
pH < 7.25 or PaCO<sub>2</sub> ≥ 60 > 6 hours

**Despite vent optimization**  
(RR>35, plat ≤32 cm H2O, PEEP ≥ 10 cm H2O, TV 6mL/kg)



No. at Risk	0	10	20	30	40	50	60
ECMO	124	105	100	92	88	83	80
Control	125	94	81	79	74	72	69

N Engl J Med 2018; 378:1965-1975

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## EOLIA – Bayesian post hoc



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### Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation for Severe Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome and Posterior Probability of Mortality Benefit in a Post Hoc Bayesian Analysis of a Randomized Clinical Trial

Ewan C. Goligher, MD, PhD; George Tomlinson, PhD; David Hajage, MD, PhD; Duminda N. Wijeyesundera, MD, PhD; Eddy Fan, MD, PhD; Peter Jüni, MD; Daniel Brodie, MD; Arthur S. Slutsky, MD; Alain Combes, MD, PhD

Table 2. Probability of Treatment Effects Estimated by Bayesian Analysis According to Varying Prior Beliefs About Mortality Benefit From ECMO in Patients With Very Severe ARDS

Prior Belief	Posterior Median RR (95% Credible Interval)	Posterior Probability That True RR Is <Specified Threshold, %			
		RR <1	RR <0.9	RR <0.8	RR <0.67
<b>Reference prior distributions</b>					
Minimally informative	0.78 (0.56-1.04)	96	85	60	18
Strongly enthusiastic	0.74 (0.57-0.95)	99	94	73	22
Moderately enthusiastic	0.78 (0.63-0.96)	99	91	61	8
Skeptical	0.84 (0.64-1.07)	93	73	39	5
Strongly skeptical	0.88 (0.71-1.09)	88	58	18	0
<b>Data-derived prior distributions</b>					
No downweighting of previous studies <sup>a</sup>	0.71 (0.55-0.94)	99	96	83	48
50% downweighting of previous studies	0.73 (0.56-0.96)	99	94	77	40
75% downweighting of previous studies	0.74 (0.56-0.98)	98	92	72	36

Table 3. Probability That Early ECMO Reduces Mortality by a Proposed Minimum Clinically Important Difference According to Varying Prior Beliefs About Mortality Benefit From ECMO in Patients With Very Severe ARDS

Prior Belief	Posterior Median ARR, % (95% Credible Interval)	Posterior Probability That True ARR Is ≥Specified Threshold, % <sup>a</sup>					
		2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	20%
<b>Reference prior distributions</b>							
Minimally informative	10.6 (-1.8 to 20.0)	92	86	78	67	53	2
Strongly enthusiastic	12.0 (2.1 to 19.9)	98	95	89	79	65	2
Moderately enthusiastic	10.4 (2.0 to 17.2)	97	93	85	71	51	0
Skeptical	7.8 (-3.4 to 16.5)	86	76	62	47	30	0
Strongly skeptical	5.6 (4.1 to 13.3)	78	63	45	26	13	0
<b>Data-derived prior distribution</b>							
No downweighting of previous studies	13.6 (2.9 to 20.5)	98	96	93	88	79	4
50% Downweighting of previous studies	12.8 (1.9 to 20.4)	97	95	91	83	72	3
75% Downweighting of previous studies	12.1 (1.1 to 20.3)	97	93	88	79	66	3

Abbreviations: ARDS, acute respiratory distress syndrome; ARR, absolute risk reduction; ECMO, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation; EOLIA, ECMO to Rescue Lung Injury in Severe ARDS. <sup>a</sup>ARR was computed assuming a baseline mortality risk of 46% (based on the mortality rate in the EOLIA control group).

JAMA. 2018;320(21):2251-2259

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- Guidelines
- Summary of Evidence



Cheung et al. Critical Care (2017) 21:240  
DOI:10.1186/s13054-017-1820-0

Critical Care

REVIEW

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### Respiratory support in patients with acute respiratory distress syndrome: an expert opinion

David Cheung<sup>1,2</sup>, Laurent Brochard<sup>3,4</sup>, John J. Mannix<sup>5</sup>, Arthur S. Slutsky<sup>6,7</sup>, Jordi Maroto<sup>8</sup>, Yi Marco Ranieri<sup>9</sup>, B. Taylor Thompson<sup>10</sup>, Laurent Papazian<sup>11</sup>, Marcus J. Schultz<sup>12</sup>, Marcelo Amato<sup>13</sup>, Luciano Gattinoni<sup>14</sup>, Alan Mercat<sup>15</sup>, Antonio Pesenti<sup>16,17</sup>, Daniel Talmor<sup>18</sup> and Jean-Louis Vincent<sup>19</sup>

#### AMERICAN THORACIC SOCIETY DOCUMENTS

#### An Official American Thoracic Society/European Society of Intensive Care Medicine/Society of Critical Care Medicine Clinical Practice Guideline: Mechanical Ventilation in Adult Patients with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

Eddy Fan, Lorenzo Del Sorbo, Ewan C. Goligher, Carol L. Hodgson, Laveena Munshi, Allan J. Walkley, Neil K. J. Adhikari, Marcelo B. P. Amato, Richard Branson, Roy G. Brower, Neil D. Ferguson, Ognjen Gajic, Luciano Gattinoni, Dean Hess, Jordi Maroto, Maureen O. Meade, Daniel F. McAuley, Antonio Pesenti, Yi Marco Ranieri, Gordon D. Rubenfeld, Edwin Rubin, Maureen Sackel, Arthur S. Slutsky, Daniel Talmor, B. Taylor Thompson, Hannah Wunsch, Elizabeth Usher, Jan Brozek, and Laurent J. Brochard; on behalf of the American Thoracic Society, European Society of Intensive Care Medicine, and Society of Critical Care Medicine. The official clinical practice guideline of the American Thoracic Society (ATS), European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM), and Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) was approved by the ATS, ESICM, and SCCM, March 2017.

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### Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome Advances in Diagnosis and Treatment

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- Questions?
- Supplementary reading....
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## Post ICU Care

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The screenshot shows the top of a news article on The Guardian website. The header includes the site's name, navigation links (News, Opinion, Sport, Culture, Lifestyle, More), and a search bar. The article title is "Lingering and painful: the long and unclear road to coronavirus recovery" under the "Coronavirus outbreak" category. The sub-headline reads: "People tell of symptoms coming and going weeks after falling ill, even in mild cases". Below the text is a photograph of a patient in a wheelchair being escorted by healthcare workers in full PPE. A QR code is located to the right of the image. At the bottom of the article preview, a URL is provided: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/may/01/lingering-and-painful-long-and-unclear-road-to-coronavirus-recovery-long-lasting-symptoms>

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The slide features the title "Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome and Coronavirus" in large, bold black font. The University of Calgary logo is in the top right corner. Below the title, the authors are listed: "David S.C. Hui, MD(UNSW), FRACP, FRCP<sup>a,\*</sup>, Paul K.S. Chan, MD, FRCPath<sup>b</sup>". A grey box labeled "KEYWORDS" contains the text: "SARS • Clinical features • Pathogenesis • Treatment • Outcome". A blue quote on the right side reads: "The functional disability seems out of proportion to the degree of lung function impairment". Below the quote is a QR code. At the bottom right, the citation "Infect Dis Clin North Am. (2010) 24(3):619-38" is displayed.

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**One-Year Outcomes in Survivors of the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome**


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**ABSTRACT**

**BACKGROUND**  
As more patients survive the acute respiratory distress syndrome, an understanding of the long-term outcomes of this condition is needed.


**METHODS**  
We evaluated 109 survivors of the acute respiratory distress syndrome 3, 6, and 12 months after discharge from the intensive care unit. At each visit, patients were interviewed and underwent a physical examination, pulmonary-function testing, a six-minute-walk test, and a quality-of-life evaluation.

**RESULTS**  
Patients who survived the acute respiratory distress syndrome were young (median age, 45 years) and severely ill (median Acute Physiology, Age, and Chronic Health Evaluation score, 23) and had a long stay in the intensive care unit (median, 25 days). Patients



**ARDS survivors 1 year after ICU**

- n = 109
- young (45 years)
- sick (APACHE II = 23)
- long ICU stays (25 days)
- long time on vent (21 days)




NEJM. (2003) 348(8):683-93


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**Table 3. Ability to Exercise and Return to Work and Health-Related Quality of Life among Patients with the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome during the First 12 Months after Discharge from the ICU.**

Outcome	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months
Distance walked in 6 min			
No. evaluated	80*	78†	81‡
Median — m	281	396	422
Interquartile range — m	55–454	244–500	277–510
Percentage of predicted value§	49	64	66
Returned to work — no./total no. (%)¶	13/83 (16)	26/82 (32)	40/82 (49)
Returned to original work — no./total no. (%)¶	10/13 (77)	23/26 (88)	31/40 (78)
SF-36 score**			
Physical functioning			
Median (normal value)	35 (90)	55 (89)	60 (89)
Interquartile range	15–58	30–75	35–85
Physical role			
Median (normal value)	0 (85)	0 (84)	25 (84)
Interquartile range	0–0	0–50	0–100
Pain			
Median (normal value)	42 (77)	53 (77)	62 (77)
Interquartile range	31–73	37–84	41–100
General health			
Median (normal value)	52 (78)	56 (77)	52 (77)
Interquartile range	35–67	36–74	35–77
Vitality			
Median (normal value)	45 (69)	55 (68)	55 (68)
Interquartile range	30–55	28–63	28–63
Social functioning			
Median (normal value)	38 (88)	63 (88)	63 (88)
Interquartile range	10–60	30–88	30–100



**One year after ICU discharge ...**




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Interquartile range	0–0	0–50	0–100
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Interquartile range	31–73	37–84	41–100
General health			
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Interquartile range	35–67	36–74	35–77
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Median (normal value)	45 (69)	55 (68)	55 (68)
Interquartile range	30–55	28–63	28–63
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One year after ICU discharge ...

- Physical: 6-minute walk = 2/3<sup>rds</sup> of predicted
- Return to work: 49%
- Quality of life: not so great

Physical Functioning Domain

Physical Role Domain

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## Impact of Patient and Family Involvement in Long-Term Outcomes

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**KEYWORDS**

- Critical care • Critical illness recovery • Critical care outcomes
- Post-intensive care syndrome (PICS)
- Post-intensive care syndrome, family (PICS-F)

**KEY POINTS**

- Recovery from a critical illness includes addressing physical, cognitive, emotional, and functional effects that can persist for many months following discharge from an intensive care unit (ICU).
- Attending to patient and family care needs across the spectrum of care (in the ICU, on the

Critical illness affects families ... relationships, social, financial

“I’m so tired I can’t imagine having sex. I need help getting dressed. I need help with personal care. After dialysis I want to puke. After I eat, I want to puke. Sex is the last thing on my mind. I haven’t even asked my wife. Do you think she wants to have sex with the person whose bum she has to wipe?”

– patient

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## What to expect




- A large percentage will not express concerns
  - ... but, when you scratch the surface:
    - “I’m weak.”
    - “I’m fatigued.”
    - “I can’t sleep.”
    - “I can’t think.”
    - “I don’t remember what happened.”
    - “I’m stressed.”
    - “How do I go back to work?”
    - “Will I get sick again?”
- Commonly they don’t volunteer symptoms. You have to ask.

- A small percentage will be camped out in your waiting room.
- Typically :
  - Non-cardiopulmonary medical concerns
    - Shoulder pain
    - digit ischemia
    - neuropathy
    - Telogen effluvium
  - Mental health
    - Stress/anxiety > mood
- These people are looking for help.

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## Issues following critical illness



- Medical/Surgical  
(typically fairly straightforward)
- Recovery/Rehabilitation  
(sometimes challenging)

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## Medical issues post-critical illness

- Key information resources:
  - ICU transfer summary
  - Hospital discharge summary
- Important touch points:
  - a) New diagnoses (education)
  - b) Specialist follow-ups and procedures
  - c) Medication Reconciliation (e.g. stress ulcer prophylaxis, anti-psychotics)
  - d) Incidental findings (e.g. hernias, pulmonary nodules, renal cysts)
  - e) Addictions (alcohol, smoking, substances)
  - f) Goals of care

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## Rehabilitation issues post-critical illness

- Start with grandmother medicine:
  - “Eat well. Sleep well. Move your body. Do joyful, meaningful things.”
- Give permission
- Focus on function
  - Likely, physical reconditioning is the lowest hanging fruit.
  - Leave room for the patient to discuss feelings. Expect stress.
  - Ask about cognitive concerns. Validate if present, but probably try to fix the pain, mood, sleep, anxiety, social, and vocational issues first.

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# COVID-19 in Rural Alberta

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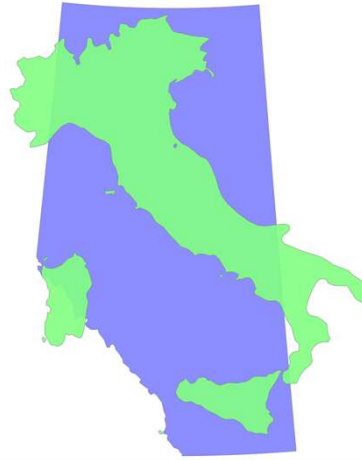
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## Geographic Context



- **Population of Alberta:**
  - 4,371,316 (AB Gov)
- **Population of Italy:**
  - 60,421,760 (Worldbank)
- **Surface Area:**
  - Alberta 2.2x larger



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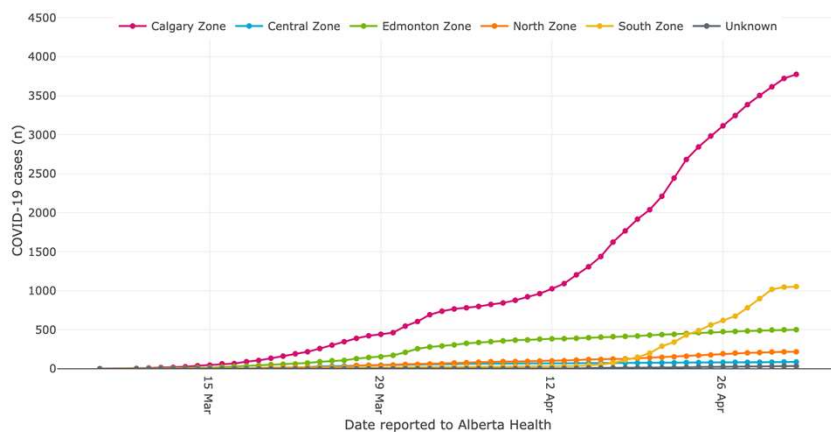


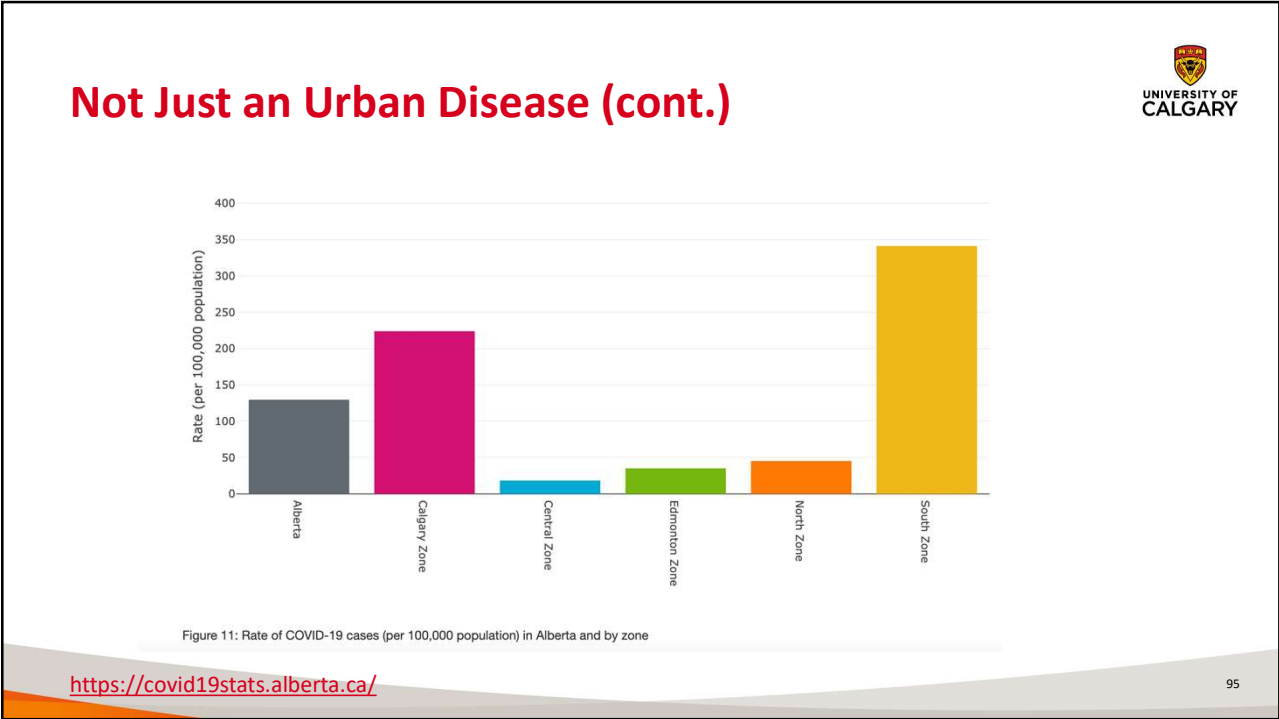
Figure 10: Cumulative COVID-19 cases in Alberta by zone and date reported to Alberta Health

<https://covid19stats.alberta.ca/>

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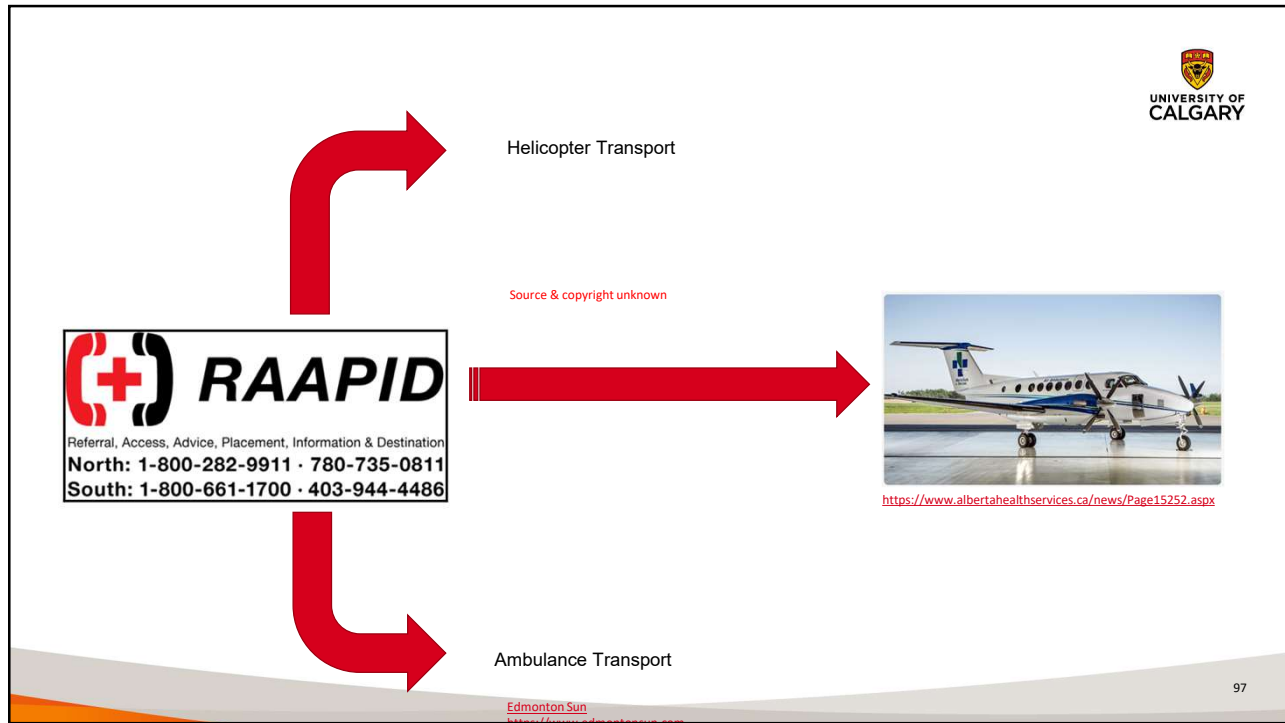


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## Before calling RAAPID

- Ensure patient stability permits phone call
- Ensure patient GOC congruent with proposed escalation in care
- Have patient demographics ready
- Have an accurate patient weight to provide transport team
- Generate a “capsule summary” of patient HPI, comorbidities, test results, and current interventions
- Determine the likely level of isolation precautions required during transport

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## Intubating Safely

- Ensure the 1<sup>st</sup> attempt is the best attempt:
  - Most experienced operator available
  - Airway pause where time permits
  - Ensure adequate sedation (ideally paralysis)
  - Video Laryngoscopy for 1<sup>st</sup> attempt
  
- Use a hemodynamically stable induction strategy
  
- Diligent PPE (consider a buddy system)



**Table 1.** ARDS Berlin definition.

The Berlin definition of acute respiratory distress syndrome	
Timing	Within 1 week of a known clinical insult or new or worsening respiratory symptoms
Chest imaging <sup>a</sup>	Bilateral opacities — not fully explained by effusions, lobar/lung collapse, or nodules
Origin of edema	Respiratory failure not fully explained by cardiac failure or fluid overload. Need objective assessment (e.g., echocardiography) to exclude hydrostatic edema if no risk factor present
Oxygenation <sup>b</sup>	
Mild	200 mmHg < PaO <sub>2</sub> /FIO <sub>2</sub> ≤ 300 mmHg with PEEP or CPAP ≥ 5 cmH <sub>2</sub> O <sup>c</sup>
Moderate	100 mmHg < PaO <sub>2</sub> /FIO <sub>2</sub> ≤ 200 mmHg with PEEP ≥ 5 cmH <sub>2</sub> O
Severe	PaO <sub>2</sub> /FIO <sub>2</sub> ≤ 100 mmHg with PEEP ≥ 5 cmH <sub>2</sub> O

Abbreviations: CPAP, continuous positive airway pressure; F<sub>I</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, fraction of inspired oxygen; PaO<sub>2</sub>, partial pressure of arterial oxygen; PEEP, positive end-expiratory pressure; <sup>a</sup>Chest radiograph or computed tomography scan; <sup>b</sup>If altitude is higher than 1,000 m, the correction factor should be calculated as follows: [PaO<sub>2</sub>/FIO<sub>2</sub>\_(barometric pressure/760)]; <sup>c</sup>This may be delivered noninvasively in the mild acute respiratory distress syndrome group.

Fanelli, V., Vlachou, A., Ghannadian, S., Simonetti, U., Slutsky, A. S., & Zhang, H. (2013). Acute respiratory distress syndrome: new definition, current and future therapeutic options. *Journal of Thoracic Disease*, 5(3), 326-334. Retrieved from <http://jtd.amegroups.com/article/view/1057>

## Ventilating Safely



- Identify patients who meet criteria for ARDS
- Measure patient height → use this to calculate ideal body weight (IBW)
- Initial ventilation with Vt @ 6cc/kg IBW (or less)
- High PEEP can help; ensure Pplat 30 cmH2O or less
- Conservative oxygen targets
- Deep sedation, paralysis

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## Transport Tips




- If patient intubated: ensure ETT well secured and good position confirmed on CXR
- Ensure robust vascular access (and backup) established: central lines and art lines are **not** a MUST
- If any suspicion of PTX ensure pleural space is decompressed or PTX has been definitively ruled out (esp. for air transport)
- Ensure patient well-sedated (if not paralyzed) to facilitate a smooth and safe transport
- Ensure family kept up to date re: patient transport and destination to avoid any confusion and minimize stress

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## Therapies to Defer

- Advanced ventilatory modalities (IRV, APRV)
- Prone ventilation
- Anticoagulation in the absence of a clear indication
- Antiviral therapies
- Decisions around ECLS
- Inhaled medications (NO, Epoprostenol)

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## Bottom Lines

- The Alberta Critical Care Network has not been overrun
- Barring any major changes, rural centers are to act as waypoints for critically ill COVID patients
- It is always OK to ask for help or to say “I’m not sure”
- Call early, call often, call RAAPID
- You are not alone! We are in this as a province-wide team!

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**“The Plague Travels Around the Country”  
Theodor Kittelsen (1904)**

Theodor Kittelsen. *Pesta farer landet rundt* (1904)

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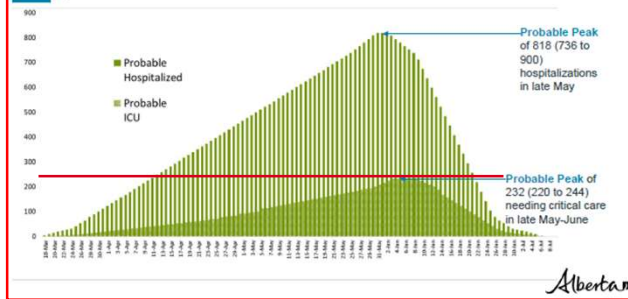
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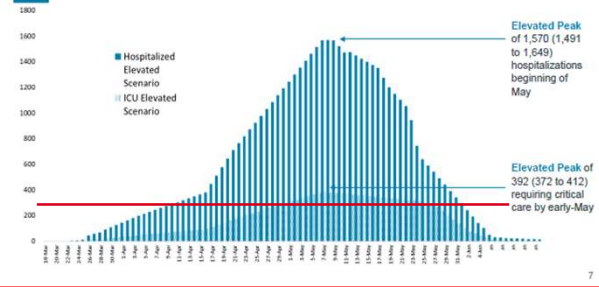
# Building ICU Capacity



### Hospitalizations and ICU - Probable



### Hospitalizations and ICU - Elevated Scenario



<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-case-modelling-projection.pdf>

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Elizabeth MacKay via Twitter

Sources: Sky News; Wall Street Journal; Twitter (Elizabeth McKay)

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## Critical Care Strategic Clinical Network: Information infrastructure ensures a learning health system



Samantha L. Bowker PhD, Henry T. Stelfox MD PhD, Sean M. Bagshaw MD MSc; for the Critical Care Strategic Clinical Network

- Focuses on ensuring the highest-quality evidence-based care for people with critical illness in Alberta.
- Three foundational principles: 1) patient and family-centered care; 2) evidence-informed decision-making; 3) quality improvement.
- Leverages a provincial informatics infrastructure (eCritical Alberta) to drive innovation, knowledge translation and implement evidence-informed science.
- Ensure diverse inter-professional participation in all SCN activities.

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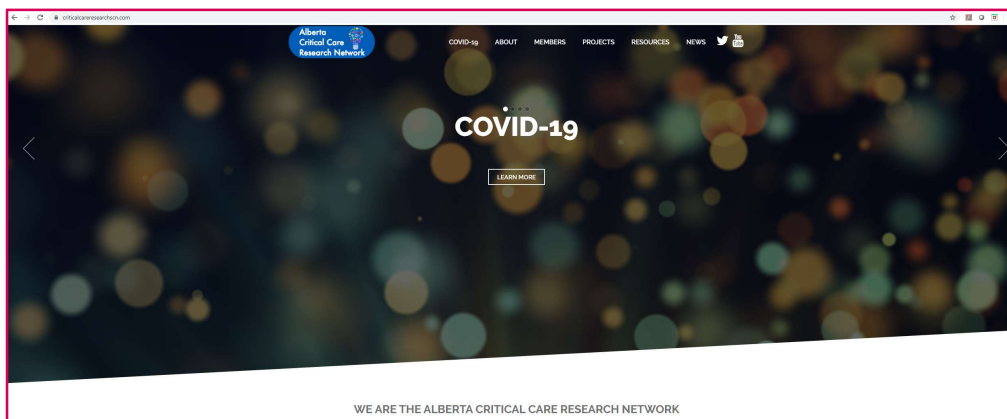
### Daily Provincial Critical Care COVID-19 Calls and Summary

Summary	# Currently Ventilated Patients	# Patients on ECLS	# Currently Suspected Cases	# Currently Confirmed Cases	# Current Confirmed Cases Ventilated	# Currently Confirmed Cases Transferred	# Confirmed Cases Transferred out (CUMULATIVE)	# Confirmed Deaths DAILY	# Confirmed Deaths (CUMULATIVE Total)
North	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
Edmonton	48	0	7	3	3	0	8	0	1
Central	6	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Calgary	38	2	4	14	11	0	22	0	9
South	3	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>

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## Provide Clinical, ICU Process and Education Support

**Care of the Adult Critically Ill COVID-19 Patient Annex D**

Provincial Critical Care Communicable Disease Working Group  
Critical Care Strategic Clinical Network  
Alberta Health Services

Note: This document adapts prior pandemic and ELS guidance to the current COVID-19 crisis. This document has been developed by the Provincial Critical Care Communicable Disease Working Group.

Intended for use:

- 1. To guide all providers of critical care in Alberta as to the basic care of adult critically ill patients with known or suspected COVID-19 infection to ensure that patients receive consistent and equitable care throughout the PCICs of Alberta.
- 2. To provide a framework for the development of protocols at the provincial level in the implementation of each individual unit, zone and department.
- 3. This guidance is not meant to be applied to patient groups outside of critical care units.

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NOTE: The links in this document are updated regularly and should be periodically reviewed.

**Extracorporeal Life Support (ECLS) Recommendations For COVID-19 in Alberta**

Provincial Critical Care ECLS Group Recommendations  
Critical Care Strategic Clinical Network  
Alberta Health Services  
March 12, 2020

Note: This document has been developed by the Provincial Critical Care ECLS Subgroup.

**Care of the Pediatric Critically Ill COVID-19 Patient Annex E**

Provincial Critical Care Communicable Disease Working Group  
Critical Care Strategic Clinical Network  
Alberta Health Services

Note: This is a document that adapts prior pandemic and ELS guidance to the current COVID-19 crisis. This document has been developed by the Provincial Critical Care Pediatric Communicable Disease Working Group.

Intended for use:

- 1. To guide all providers of pediatric critical care in Alberta as to the basic care of pediatric patients with known or suspected COVID-19 infection to ensure that patients receive equitable, consistent and equitable care throughout the PCICs of Alberta.
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**COVID-19 Education Resources for Proning during Pandemic**

Critical Care Strategic Clinical Network  
Alberta Health Services

Note: This education package was created by members of the COVID-19, although contains links to a number of pre-existing documents. Declaration of work is as referenced.

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## Supporting Analytics and Research



**COVID-19 EWS: ICU Bed Forecast**

The black line below represents the actual number of ICU beds occupied. The red/orange/blue lines represent projections.

Legend: Actual (Black), Low (Red), High (Orange), Mid (Blue)

Date	Actual	Low	High	Mid
May 07	20	20	21	21
May 08	20	21	22	22
May 09	21	22	23	23
May 10	21	22	23	23
May 11	22	24	26	26
May 12	22	25	28	28
May 13	22	26	29	29
May 14	23	27	31	31
May 15	23	28	33	33
May 16	24	29	35	35
May 17	24	30	37	37
May 18	25	32	39	39
May 19	25	33	42	42
May 20	26	34	44	44

**Capacity Surge Stages used in the AHS COVID-19 - Early Warning System (EWS)**

**Inpatient Bed Surge Capacity**

**Stage 1 (MILD)** - The number of currently funded inpatient beds that are now available and being blocked to admit COVID patients (e.g. beds vacant due to surgical postponements and A&C departures).

**Stage 2 (MODERATE)** - The number of additional beds or spaces that could rapidly be operationalized to admit COVID patients (e.g. overcapacity bed spaces, doubling up of single rooms, ambulatory care spaces, offices, call rooms or other ideas for space that could be used).

**Stage 3 (SEVERE)** - The number of additional beds/spaces or areas that could be used for inpatient care of COVID patients (e.g. decommissioned spaces, shelved spaces). This is the total incremental number of additional beds/spaces at each site for COVID patients.

Does not include any critical care beds.

**ICU Bed Surge Capacity**

**Stage 1** - The number of additional beds to be made available in a single block.

**Stage 2** - The number of additional beds to be made available in smaller incremental blocks (e.g., 20 beds at a time). These blocks could be added asymmetrically if demand proves to be asymmetric (e.g., demand in only one zone).

**Stage 3** - The number of additional beds to be made available in smaller incremental blocks and asymmetrically as required. Options include caring for two patients in one ICU room, further use of CCU spaces, and substantial use of PACU spaces.

**Stage 4** - The number of additional beds to be made available in smaller incremental blocks and asymmetrically as required. Options include extensive use of two patients in a single ICU room, maximal use of PACU spaces, managing patients in OR theatres using anesthesia machines and monitors, as well as creating ICU beds on medicine-surgical wards.

Zone	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Calgary	680	2,019	2,060
Central	279	577	750
Edmonton	628	938	1,325
North	154	236	272
South	130	212	242
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,861</b>	<b>3,978</b>	<b>4,649</b>

Zone	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Calgary	19	200	217	486
Central	13	16	24	43
Edmonton	19	73	214	546
North	3	16	24	24
South	4	18	34	81
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>1,140</b>

<https://tableau.albertahealthservices.ca/#/views/COVID-19-EarlyWarningDashboards/CapacitySurgeStageSummary?iid=1>

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## Family and Healthcare Professional Support

**Psychological First Aid for Critical Care**

Psychological First Aid (PFA) is an evidence-informed approach to help people cope with crises such as the COVID-19 Pandemic. It is a flexible, practical, and a safe approach that is consistent with the five essential elements of early trauma intervention. PFA was designed to reduce the initial distress caused by traumatic events and to foster short and long-term adaptive functioning and coping. The principles and techniques of PFA are highly flexible and adaptable to individuals and to contexts.

The Critical Care Strategic Clinical Network invites you to join a virtual PFA session.

**When:** Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup> or Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1400  
**Where:** Online via ZOOM - accessible from any computer or device  
**Who:** Any member of the Critical Care team  
**Length:** 1.5 hours

**How to Register:**

1. Send an email to [CriticalCare.SCN@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:CriticalCare.SCN@albertahealthservices.ca)
2. Identify the date you would like to join.
3. Watch your inbox for a Zoom meeting invite.

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## Family in the ICU

Changes to Visitation Policy

- Family Presence Focus  
→ Essential Visitor Policy
- Adapting Communication Practices
  - Using technology
  - Infosheets to family members and staff
  - MyHealth.Alberta.ca


Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance


### COVID-19 Visitor Guidance

#### Virtually Connecting with Families During COVID-19

**Technology** is extremely important during this time of temporary limits on visitation.

Using technology to involve families can **ensure patients are not socially isolated and maintain valuable partnerships with families.**




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- Bone tenderness at A
- Bone tenderness at B
- Inability to weight bear both immediately and in the ED

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