



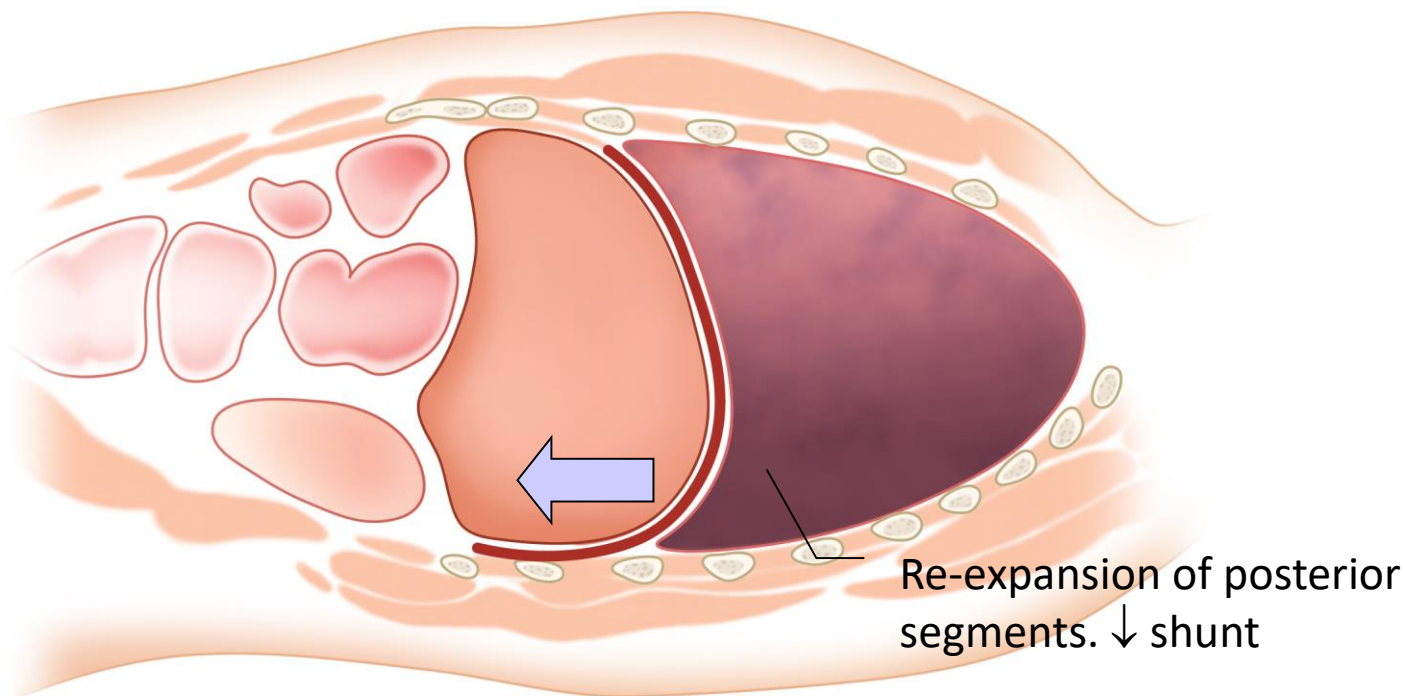
Don't talk to me about spontaneous breathing!

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During MV – the good stuff!

- Improves oxygenation
- Prevents disuse atrophy



- Can it be bad?
- If so, why is it bad?

And

- When is it bad?
- Is there evidence?
- What can we do to make things better?

During MV - can SB be bad?

- Animal studies
 - Vigorous spontaneous effort
 - no change in measured plateau pressure (Pplat)
 - Increased lung injury
- Human studies
 - Strong spontaneous effort (pressure targeted modes, or automatic flow compensation)
 - Injury to the lung and possibly diaphragm

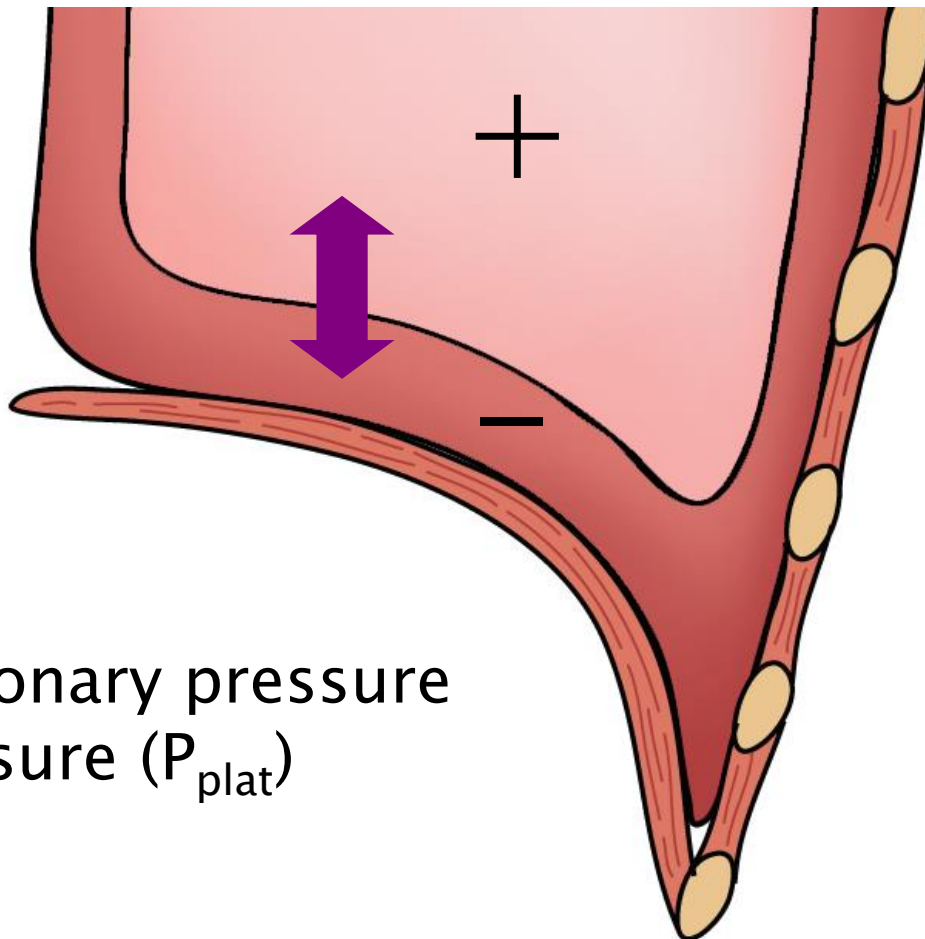
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Why can SB be bad?

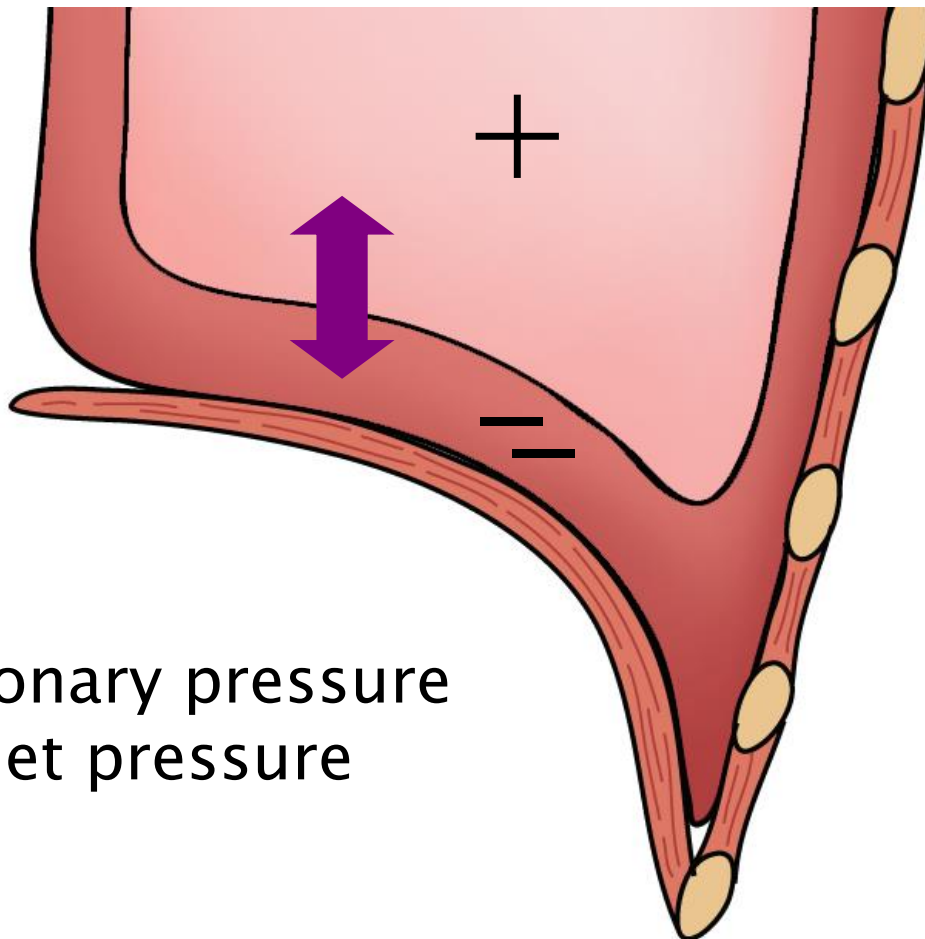
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Transpulmonary pressure
~ set pressure (P_{plat})

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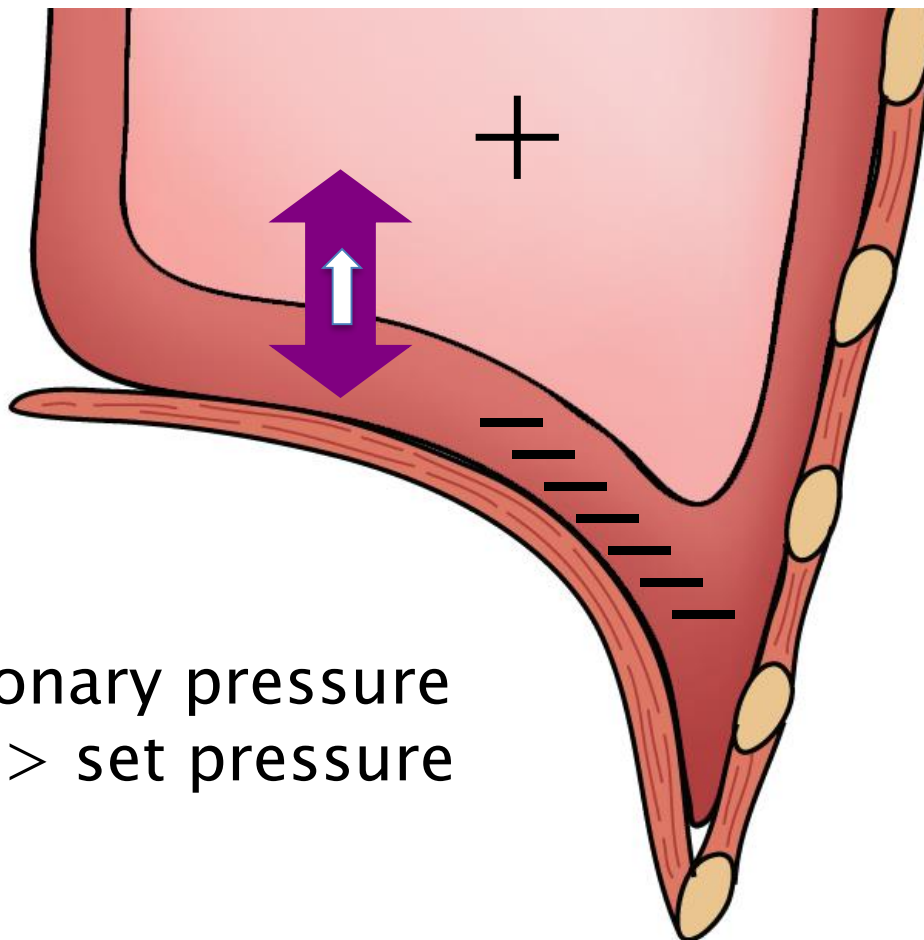
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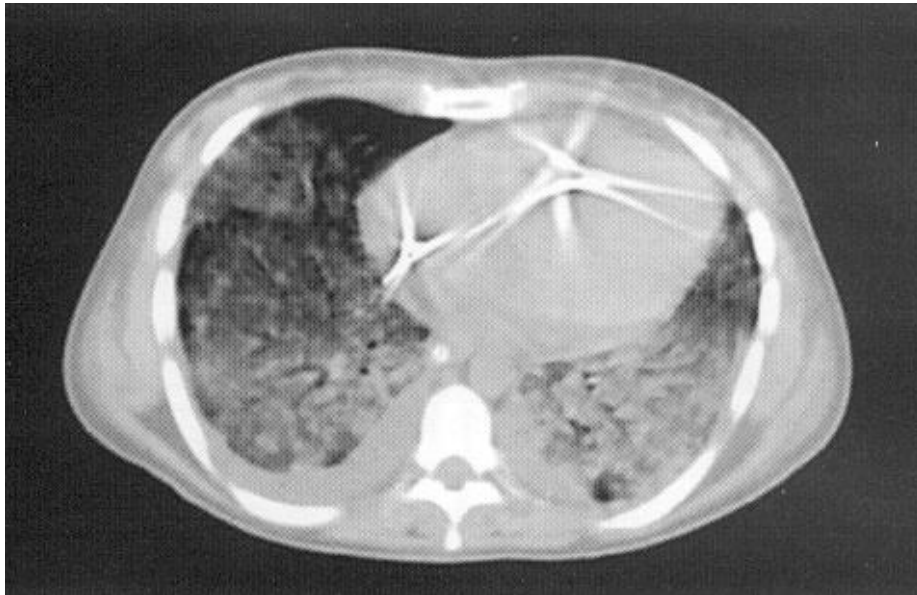
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Severe ARDS

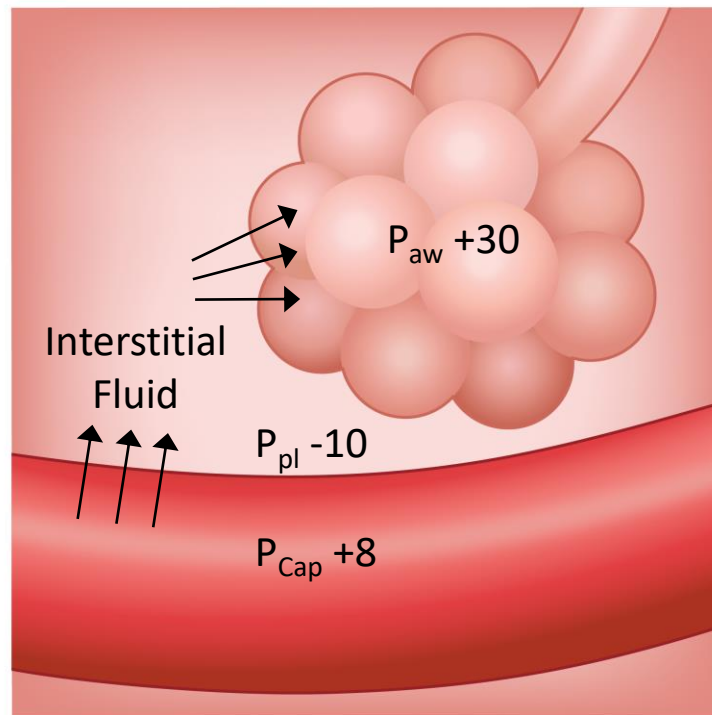
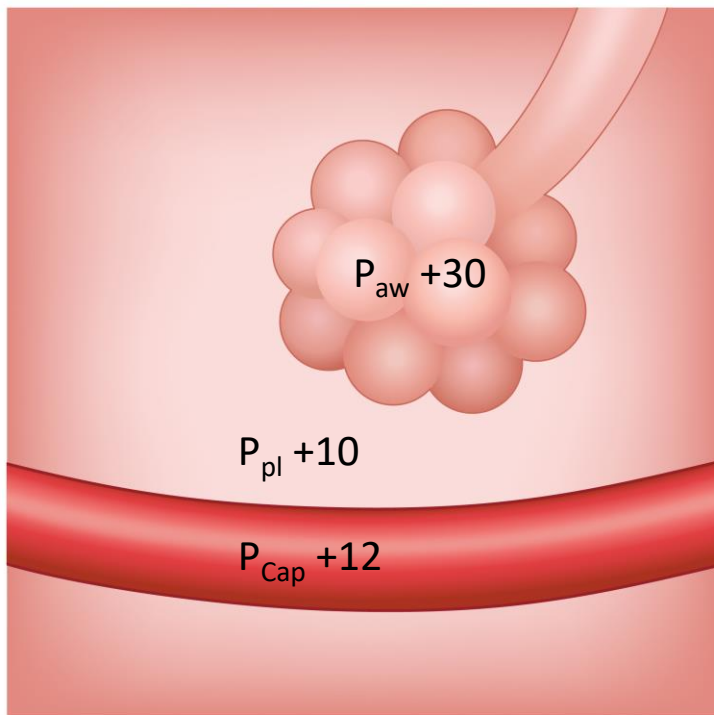


↑Respiratory drive
(hypercapnia, acidemia, hypoxia,
Inflammation – pulm + systemic)

Why is it bad?

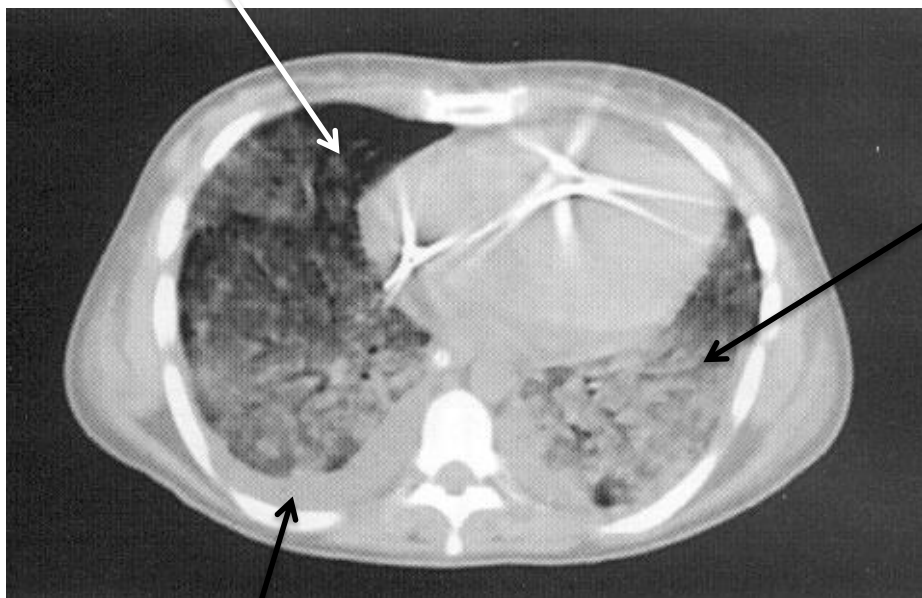
$$P_L = P_{AW} - P_{PI}$$

$$P_{TC} = P_{Cap} - P_{PI}$$

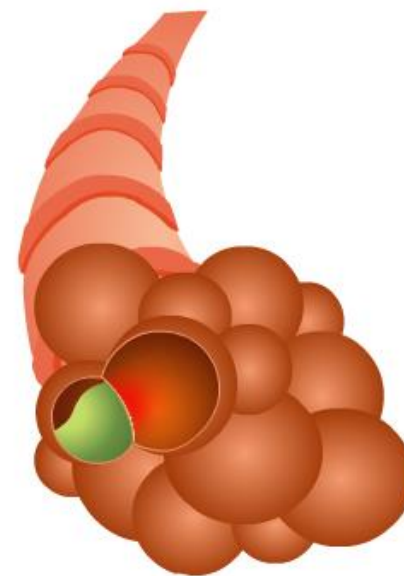


Severe ARDS

Baby Lung



↑ Capillary permeability



↑ Tidal recruitment

SB in early severe ARDS

- Often vigorous efforts
- High tidal volumes (over distention and barotrauma)
- Tidal recruitment of collapsed alveoli (shear stress and pulmonary inflammation)
- Increased interstitial and alveolar fluid content

Poor outcomes

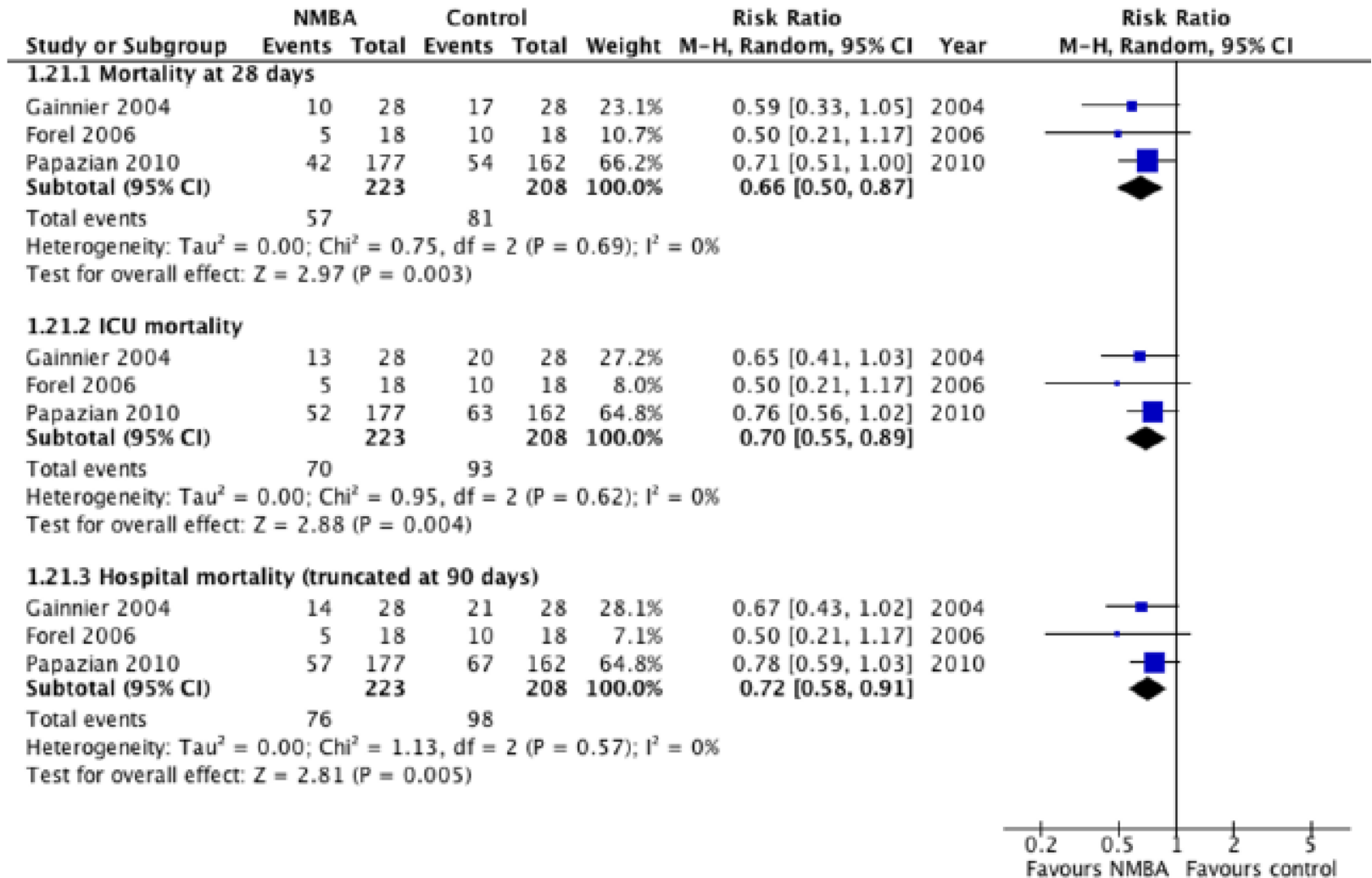
Evidence?

- Human studies in early, severe ARDS
 - Randomized trials indirectly support the concept
 - Neuromuscular blockade (prevents spontaneous effort)
 - Improved lung function
 - Reduced barotrauma (especially pneumothorax)
 - Increased survival

Gainnier M, et al. Crit Care Med 2004;32:113–119.

Forel JM, et al. Crit Care Med 2006;34: 2749–2757.

Papazian L, et al. N Engl J Med 2010;363:1107–1116.



Evidence?

- Severe ARDS ($\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 < 120\text{mmHg}$)
 - RCT 340 patients
 - Early (48h) neuromuscular blockade
 - Reduced barotrauma (4 vs. 11.7%)
 - Decreased 90 day mortality (30.8 vs. 44.6%)

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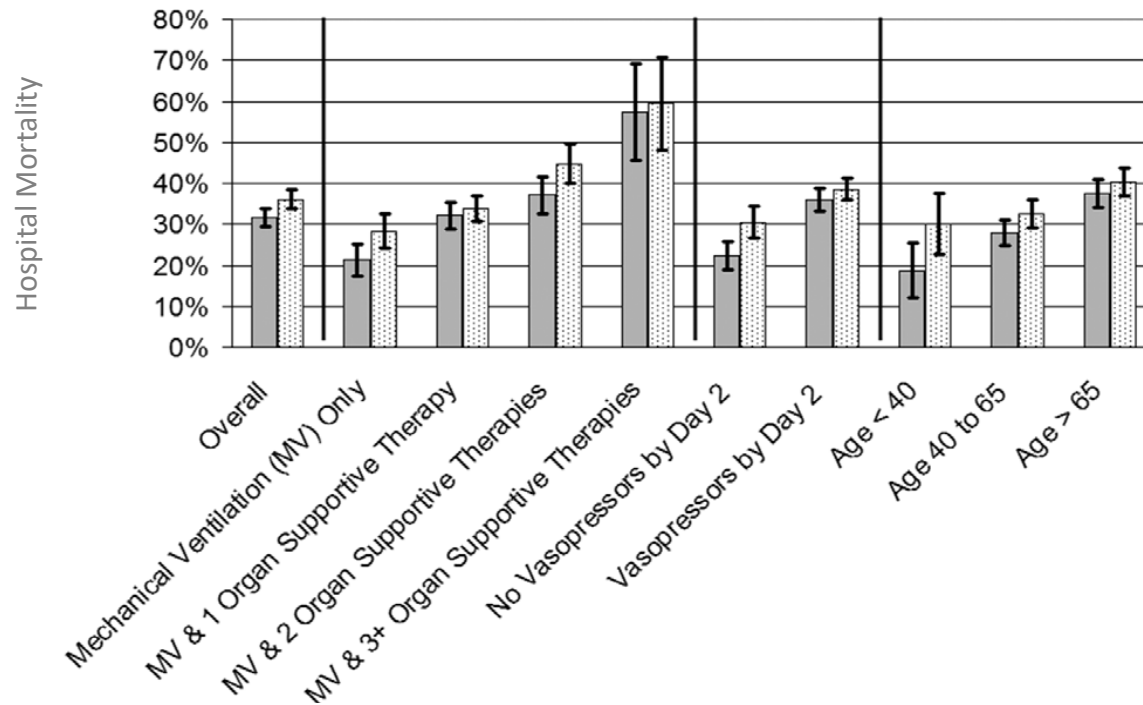
Evidence?

- Epidemiologic cohort study (39 US hospitals)
- Severe Sepsis and MV
 - 7 864 patients (1 818 patients with NMB by D2)
 - Propensity score matching and sensitivity analysis to adjust for confounders

Steingrub JS, et al. Crit Care Med 2014;42:90–96.

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Conclusion

- Most likely important to avoid spontaneous breathing in early, severe ARDS
 - NMB with full “controlled MV” for 48h after intubation of severe ARDS

“Intubated MV and ARDS Day 1 - 30% breathe spontaneously regardless of severity”

Bellani G, et al. JAMA 2016;315:788-800

Conclusion

- Spontaneous breathing during MV can be bad for you
- Early, severe ARDS (up to 48h)
 - Recommend NMB
- No evidence for increase in diaphragmatic weakness and PMN critically ill if use is limited to 48h