



# Adjunctive Treatments for Lung Recovery on ECMO

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# Objectives

Explore the indications, contraindications, benefits, side effects and key points for the following adjunctive treatments in patients supported on ECMO

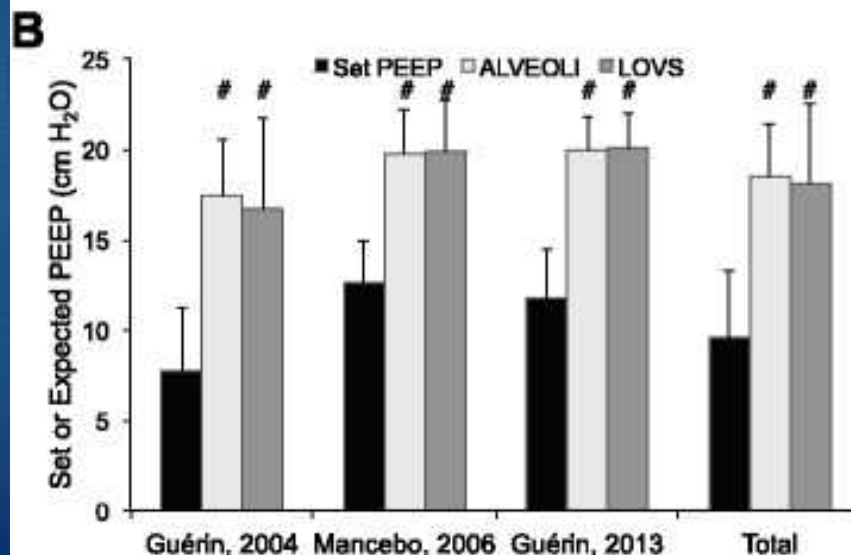
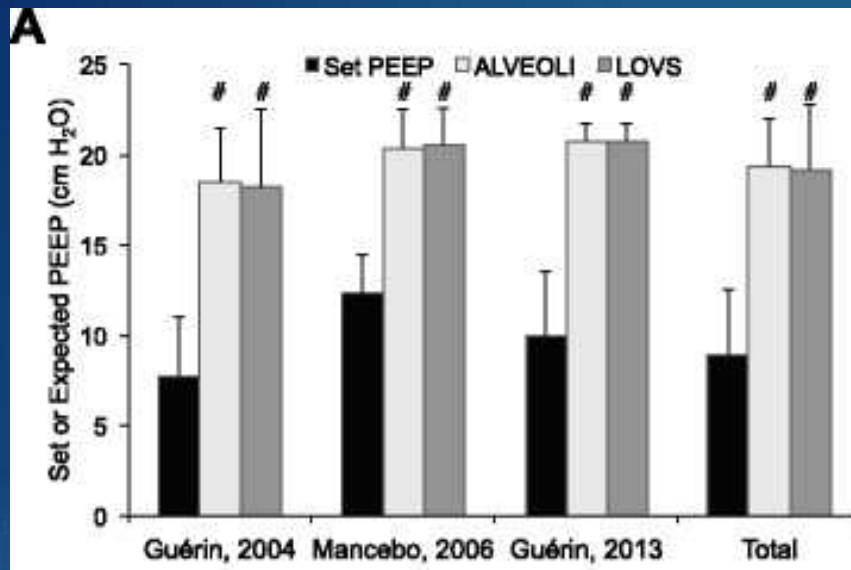
- ▶ Prone Positioning
- ▶ Bronchoscopy
- ▶ Systemic Steroids
- ▶ Surfactant
- ▶ Perfluorocarbon

Evaluate the available evidence relating to these therapies

# Proning

Indications: ARDS + Posterior Consolidation (ELSO ARDS Guideline)

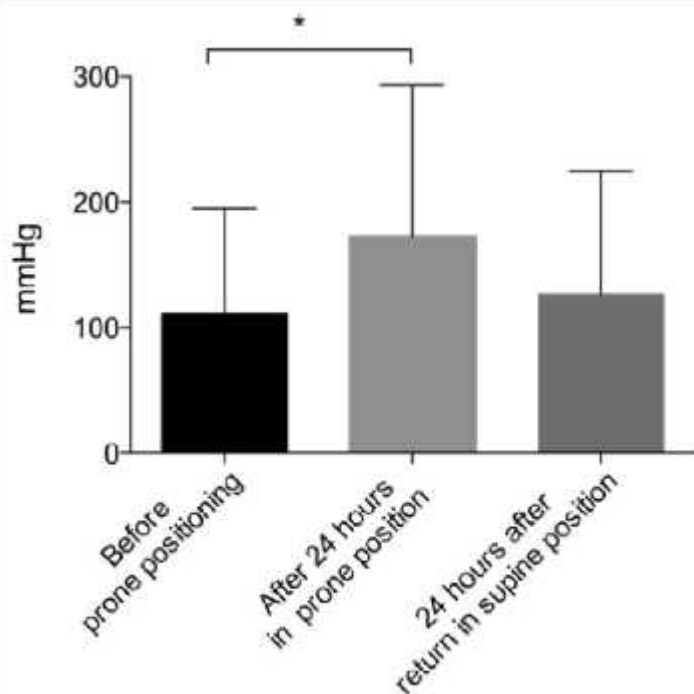
- ▶ Survival benefit of 10-15% (Gattinoni L)
- ▶ PEEP titration in proning studies sub-optimal (Beitler J et al)
- ▶ Little Evidence for Proning on ECMO : Safe + Short term benefit
- ▶ Contraindications: Abdominal Compartment, Haemodynamic Instability, Active Bleeding, Pressure Sore
- ▶ Low incidence of Side Effects : Dislodge Cannula/ET, Bleeding



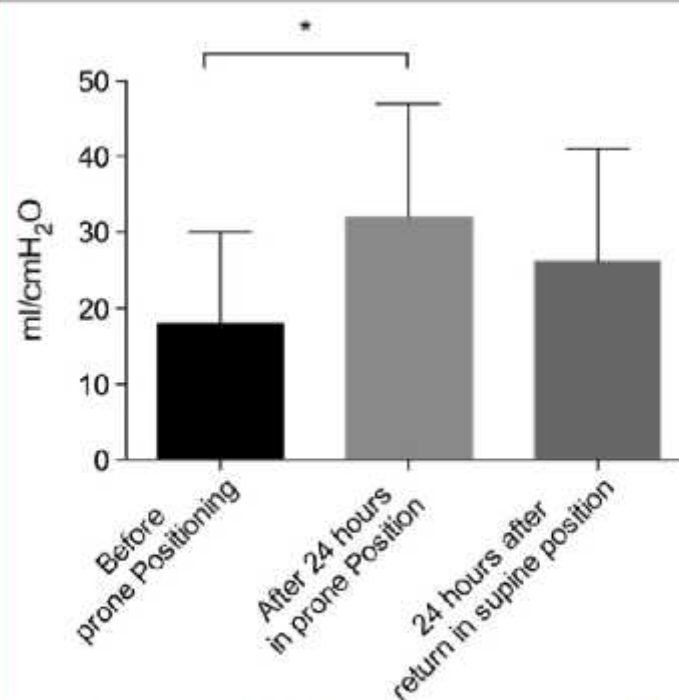
Beitler J et al PEEP Titration and Prone Positioning for ARDS Crit Care 2015 Dec 21; 19:436

# Prolonged prone positioning under VV-ECMO is safe and improves oxygenation and respiratory compliance

Kimmoun *et al. Ann. Intensive Care* (2015) 5:35  
DOI 10.1186/s13613-015-0078-4



**Fig. 1** Effect of prone positioning on PaO<sub>2</sub>/F<sub>i</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ratio before and after 24 h of prone position as well as 24 h after the return to supine position; \**p* < 0.05



**Fig. 2** Effect of prone positioning on respiratory system compliance before and after 24 h of prone position as well as 24 h after the return to supine position; \**p* < 0.05

24 treatments in  
17 cases of ARDS  
on ECMO : 24 hr

# Prone on ECMO



# Key Points Proning

- ▶ Get Enough People
- ▶ Team leader(coordinator/specialist), Task allocation, clear communication/timing
- ▶ Practise/Simulate
- ▶ Optimise sedation (+/- relaxants)
- ▶ Protect/Fix cannulas: monitor position on interval CXR/ECHO
- ▶ Prone for at least 16 hours

# Complications of Prone Positioning During Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation for Respiratory Failure: A Systematic Review

Rachel E Culbreth MPH RRT and Lynda T Goodfellow EdD RRT AE-C FAARC

Respir Care 2016;61(2):249–254

111 patients in 7 studies (1 prospective)

No Cannula dislodgement

Cannula site bleeding in 2 studies (11 of 74 episodes in 1 study)

No ET dislodgement: 1 episode of ET obstruction

Chest tube bleeding minor (13.5% in one study)

Haemodynamic instability minor/transient (17 of 74 episodes)

Safe but larger prospective trials needed



Leicester winning the Premier League: “ possibly the most unlikely triumph in the history of team sport”

Gary Linneker



# Bronchoscopy

- ▶ Uses diagnostic/ lavage, debris and cast removal/direct therapies (eg DNase, Cryoprobe) little evidence in relation to ECMO
- ▶ Indicated in patients with intractable persistent consolidation
- ▶ Contraindicated high vent. on ECMO, Recent Pulm Hemorrhage
- ▶ Pro/Con: Lung recruitment/Contact bleeds, Inc. Vent. Reqt.
- ▶ Key Point: Minimise contact bleeds + maintain PEEP

## Use of Flexible Bronchoscopy in Pediatric Patients Receiving Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) Support

Pediatric Pulmonology 46:1108–1113 (2011)

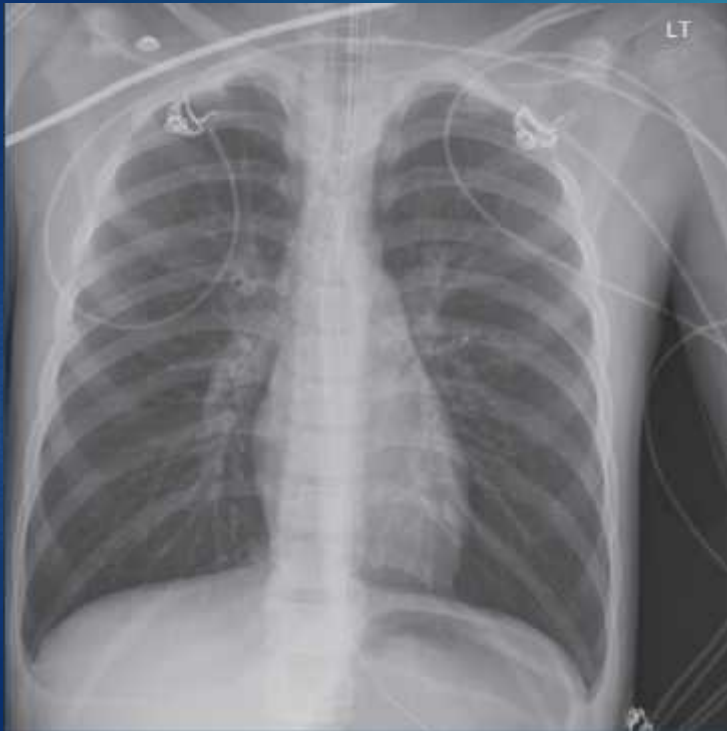
- ▶ Kamat P et al (Fontenberry J) Atlanta
- 153 Bronchoscopies on 79 patients 2000-8
- 33/79 Culture positive BAL
- 3 on to HFOV post bronchoscopy
- No ECMO complications

Indication	Number of bronchoscopies	Percent
Diagnosis of infection	26	17
Removal of secretions/atelectasis	118	77
Diagnosis of airway patency	7	4.6
Instillation of surfactant	4	2.6
Total	155 <sup>1</sup>	

Secretions	Number of bronchoscopies	Percent
Thin	14	9.2
Thick	77	50.3
Mucoid	15	9.8
Mucopurulent	28	18.3
Bronchial casts	5	3.2
Blood tinged <sup>1</sup>	53	34.6

## Pediatric sand aspiration managed using bronchoscopy and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation

Baqais K et al Can Resp J 2015;22(5):261-2 Calgary



OOH Cardiac arrest 11 yr boy buried in sand at lake shore

Extracted + revived bystander CPR

Intubated local Hosp. Airlifted PICU

Fem-Fem VV ECMO Failed Rigid Bronch

Successful FB Good outcome

# Systemic Steroids

- ▶ Evidence does not support routine use in ARDS: case selection
- ▶ Contraindicated active sepsis/immunodeficiency and H1N1
- ▶ Most benefit seen for use in ARDS > 5days < 14 days
- ▶ Methyl Pred 1mg/kg/day by continuous infusion 7days then tapered
- ▶ Benefit: faster resolution of ARDS shorter ECMO run
- ▶ Side effects: secondary infection, hypertension, hyperglyc., GI Bleed
- ▶ No evidence related directly to ECMO

High dose Pulse advocated (Peek et al Ch 21 p 314 in 4<sup>th</sup> edition ECMO in Critical Care - Red Book) for no resolution in prolonged ECMO run

# Exploring the heterogeneity of effects of corticosteroids on acute respiratory distress syndrome: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Ruan et al. *Critical Care* 2014, **18**:R63

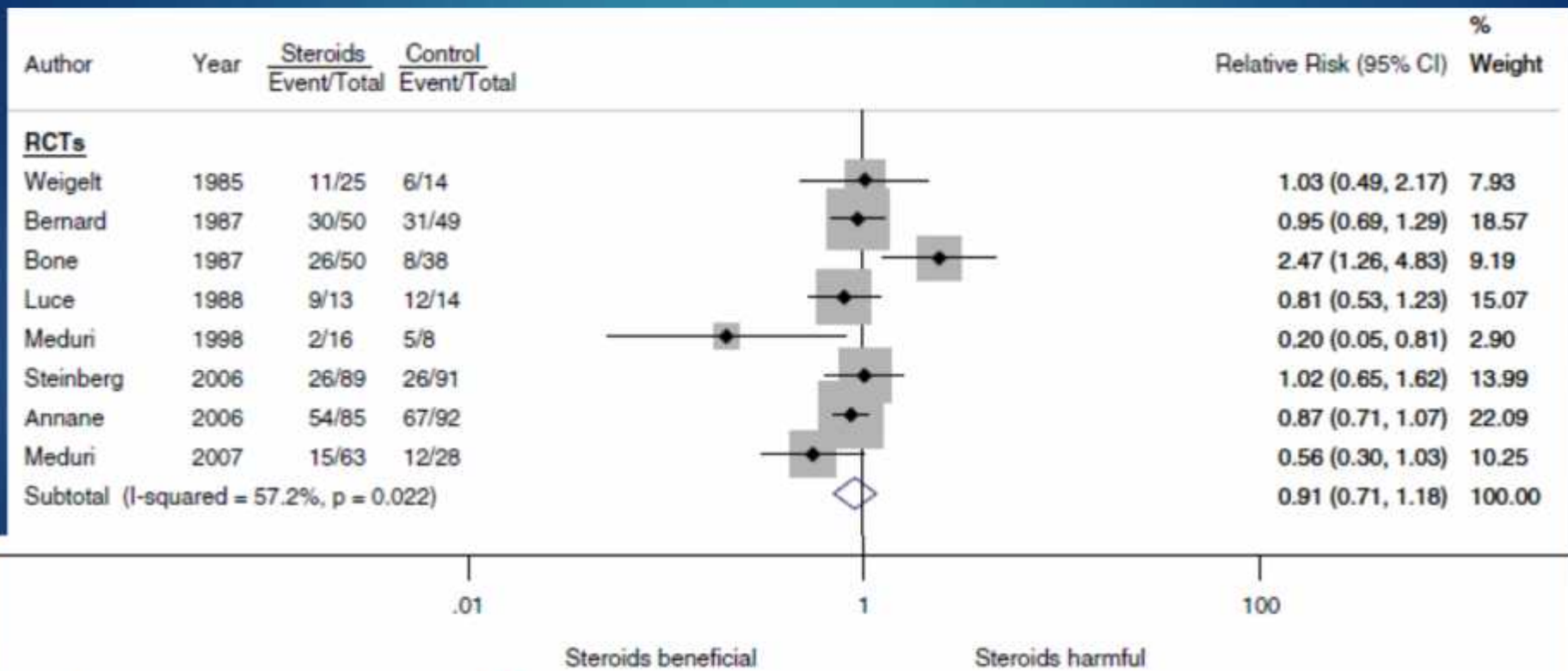


Figure 2 Effect of corticosteroids on hospital or 60-day mortality.

# Surfactant

- ▶ Adult and Pediatric Surfactant in ARDS RCT's negative
- ▶ Main use in MAS: Evidence mainly in preventing need for ECMO
- ▶ Contraindications: Pulmonary Hemorrhage, DIC
- ▶ Benefits: Increases Lung Compliance
- ▶ Side effects: Pulmonary Hemorrhage
- ▶ Key Point: Use after re-aeration pre-trial off

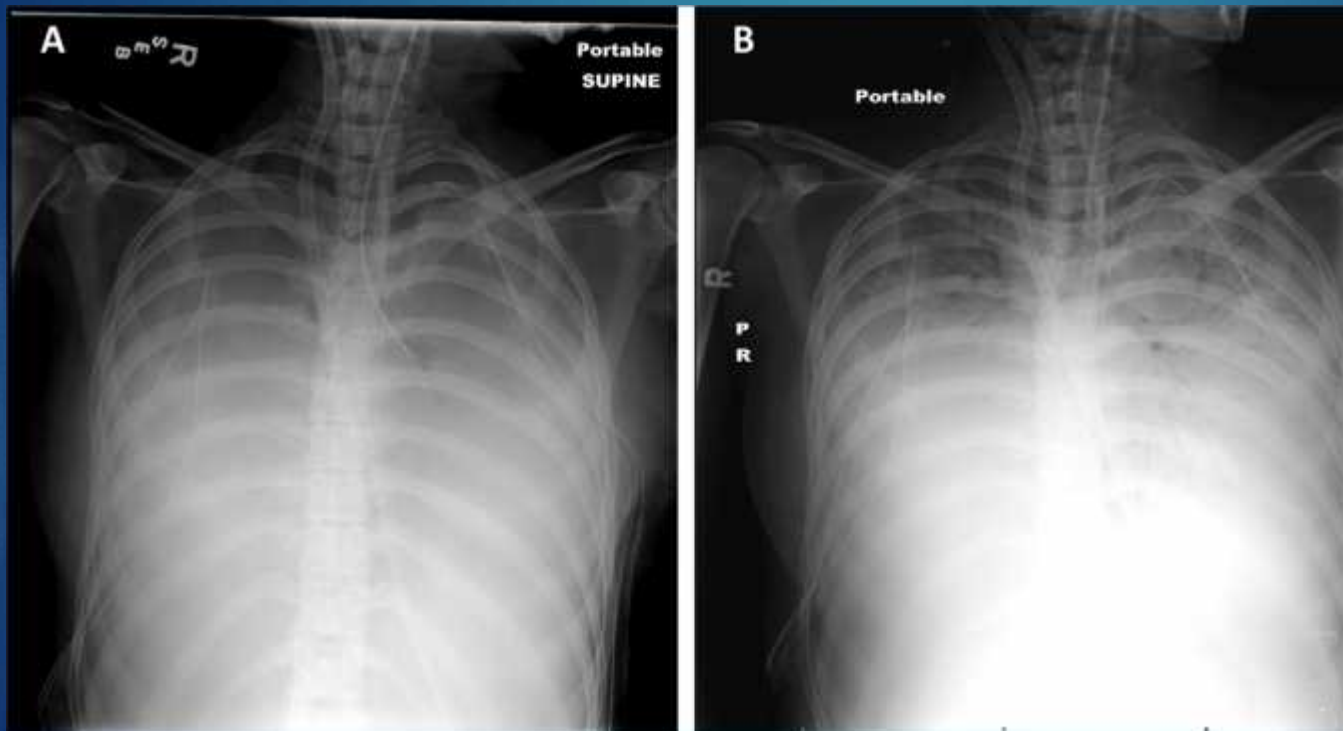
# Perfluorocarbon

- ▶ Perfluorocarbon: limited license for lung recruitment/lavage in patients on ECMO
- ▶ Not licensed for liquid ventilation
- ▶ High density and low viscosity: float debris out of alveoli/small airways and reopen collapsed segments
- ▶ Published use for lung recruitment in CDH + pulmonary hemorrhage
- ▶ Evidence: case reports + 1 recent small RCT in CDH patients
- ▶ Key Point: suction out airway/debris and fluid together + keep well topped up



# Perfluorocarbon lavage for Pulmonary Haemorrhage

Horvat CM Respi Med Case Rep 2015 Mar 11;15: 7-8 (Carcillo J Pittsburgh)



17 yr Girl Ventilated  
Pneumonia

Pigtail insertion for PTX  
caused Pulm Haem +  
Haemothorax D2

D10 VV ECMO: FB thrombi in  
both Main bronchi Saline  
lavage unsuccessful

Small Vol PFC trial OK :  
4ml/kg 250 ml + left on 20/10  
significant thrombus cleared  
3 /4 re-aerated on HFOV

Double Lung Transplant  
Staph Aureus Necrosis

## Safety and efficacy of perflubron-induced lung growth in neonates with congenital diaphragmatic hernia: Results of a prospective randomized trial

George Mychaliska\*, Benjamin Bryner, Ronald Dechert, Jeannie Kreutzman, Mike Becker, Ronald Hirschl  
*Journal of Pediatric Surgery* 50 (2015) 1083–1087



Outcome measurements of PILG and CMV groups of infants with CDH requiring ECMO.

	PILG (n = 8)	CMV (n = 8)	P-value*
Survival to discharge	4 (50%)	6 (75%)	0.36
ECMO run length	17.8 ± 6.2	11.1 ± 7.3	0.066
Ventilator-free days (of 60 days)	16.6 ± 17.9	15.7 ± 17.3	0.93
Pulmonary hypertension (systemic pulmonary artery pressures) on echocardiogram	4 (50%)	3 (38%)	1

\* From Fisher's exact test, Mann-Whitney *U* test, or t-test.

Rapid lung growth achieved IN PILG group  
No improvement in outcomes  
Vascular remodelling not achieved  
Michigan

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