



Clinical Management of Critically Ill Adults with COVID-19

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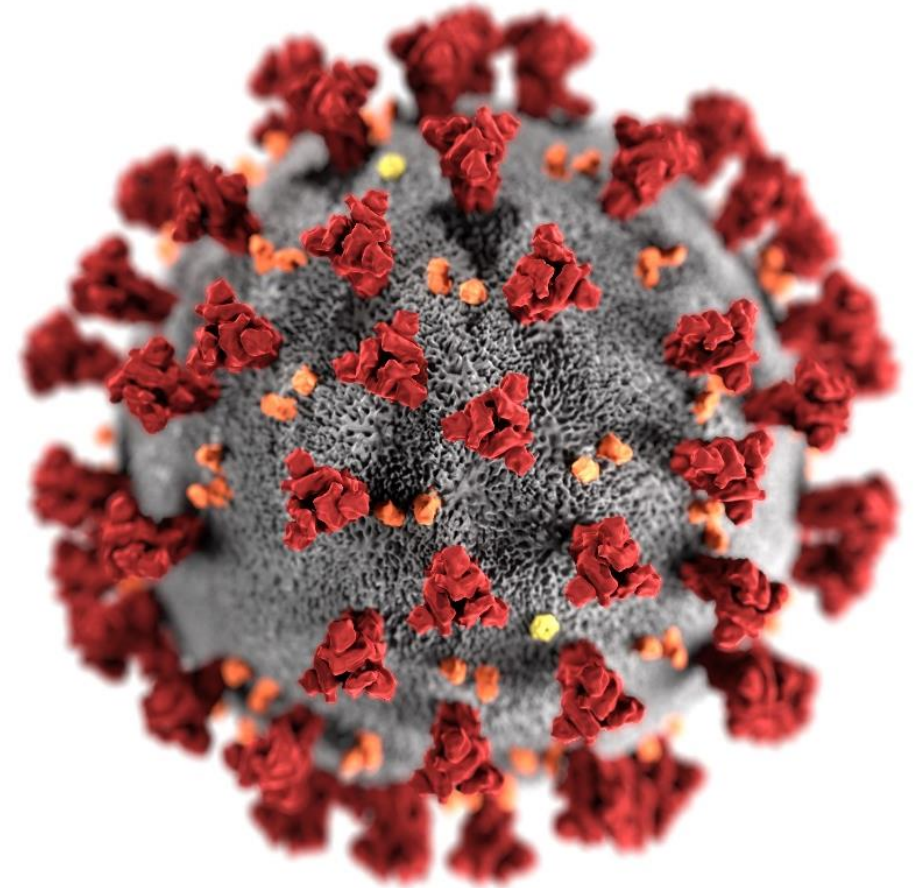
- **Call COVID-19 Clinical Call Center** at **770-488-7100** (24 hours/day).
- **Refer** patients to state and local health departments for COVID-19 **testing** and **test results**.
 - Clinicians should NOT refer patients to CDC to find out where or how to get tested for COVID-19, OR to get COVID-19 test results.
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Today's Presenters

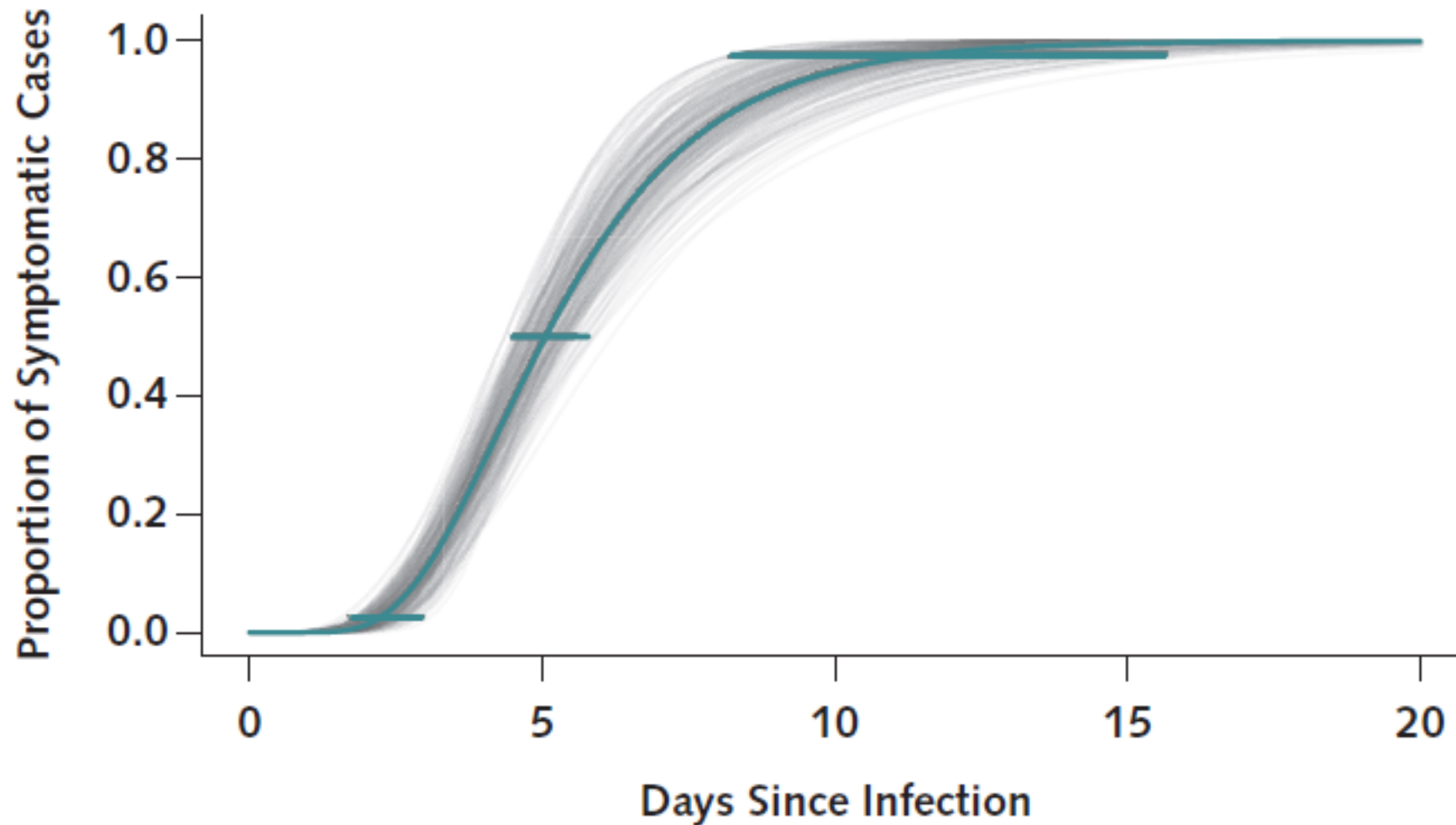
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COVID-19 Overview for Clinicians

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Median incubation period is 4-5 days (range: 2-14 days)



Links: [Lauer Ann Intern Med 2020](#), [Xu BMJ 2020](#), [Guan NEJM 2020](#)

COVID-19: Wide spectrum of disease

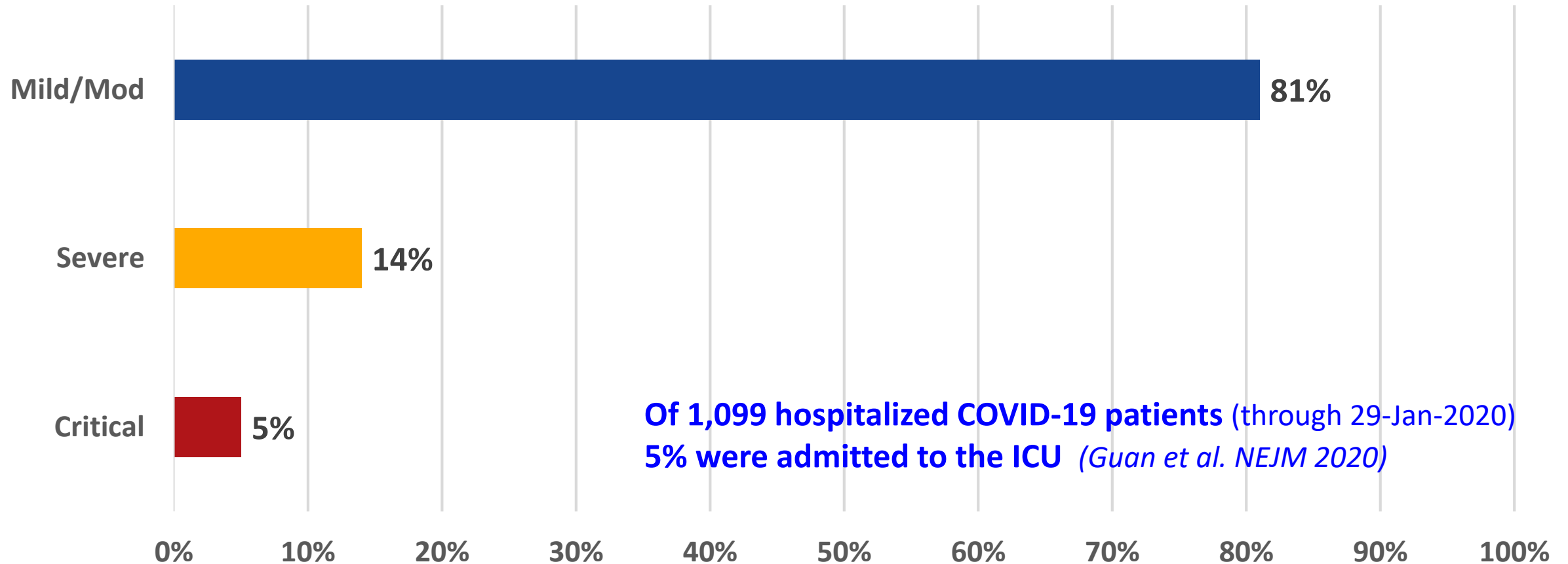
Mild Illness	Uncomplicated upper respiratory tract viral infection
Moderate Pneumonia	Pneumonia without the need for supplemental oxygen
Severe Pneumonia	Pneumonia with dyspnea, respiratory distress, SpO ₂ ≤ 93% on RA, P/F ratio < 300
Critical Illness	Respiratory failure, septic shock, multiple organ dysfunction/failure



Link: [WHO Guidelines 2020](#)

Most patients had mild to moderate disease, but nearly 20% had severe or critical illness

COVID-19 - China through 11-Feb-2020 (N=44,415)



Links: [Wu JAMA 2020](#)

Potential for patients to have acute deterioration in the second week of illness

COVID-19 - China through 2-Jan-2020 (N = 41)

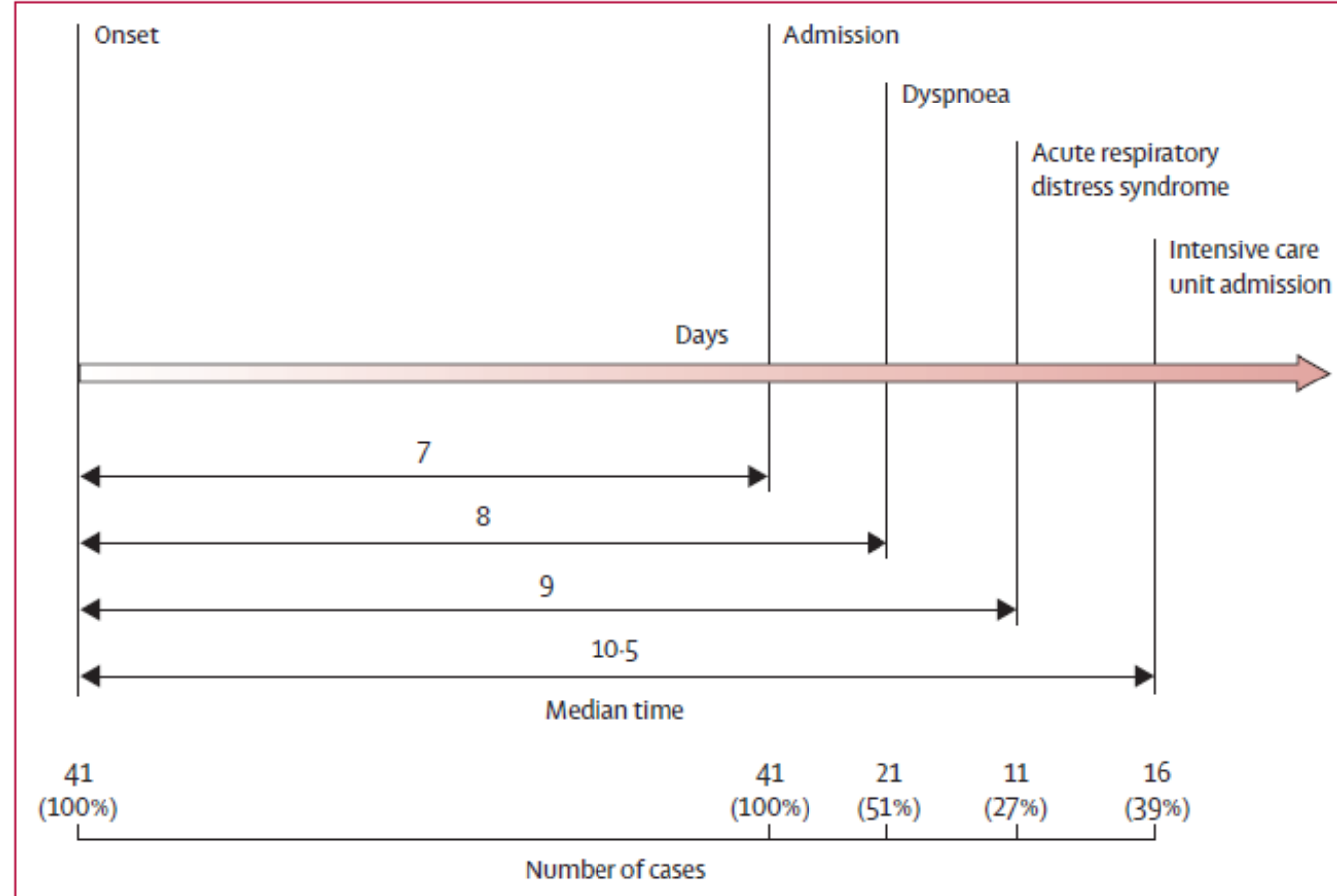
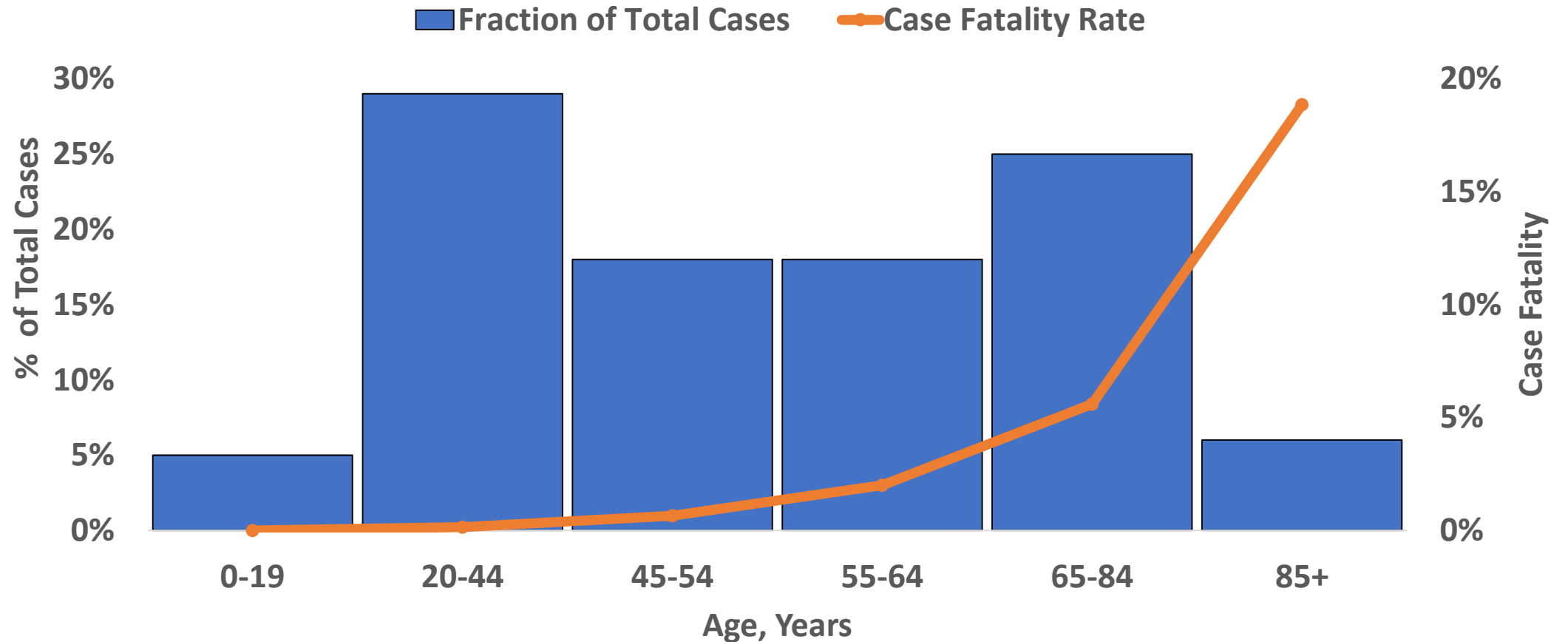


Figure 2: Timeline of 2019-nCoV cases after onset of illness



Case-fatality is disproportionately higher among older adults

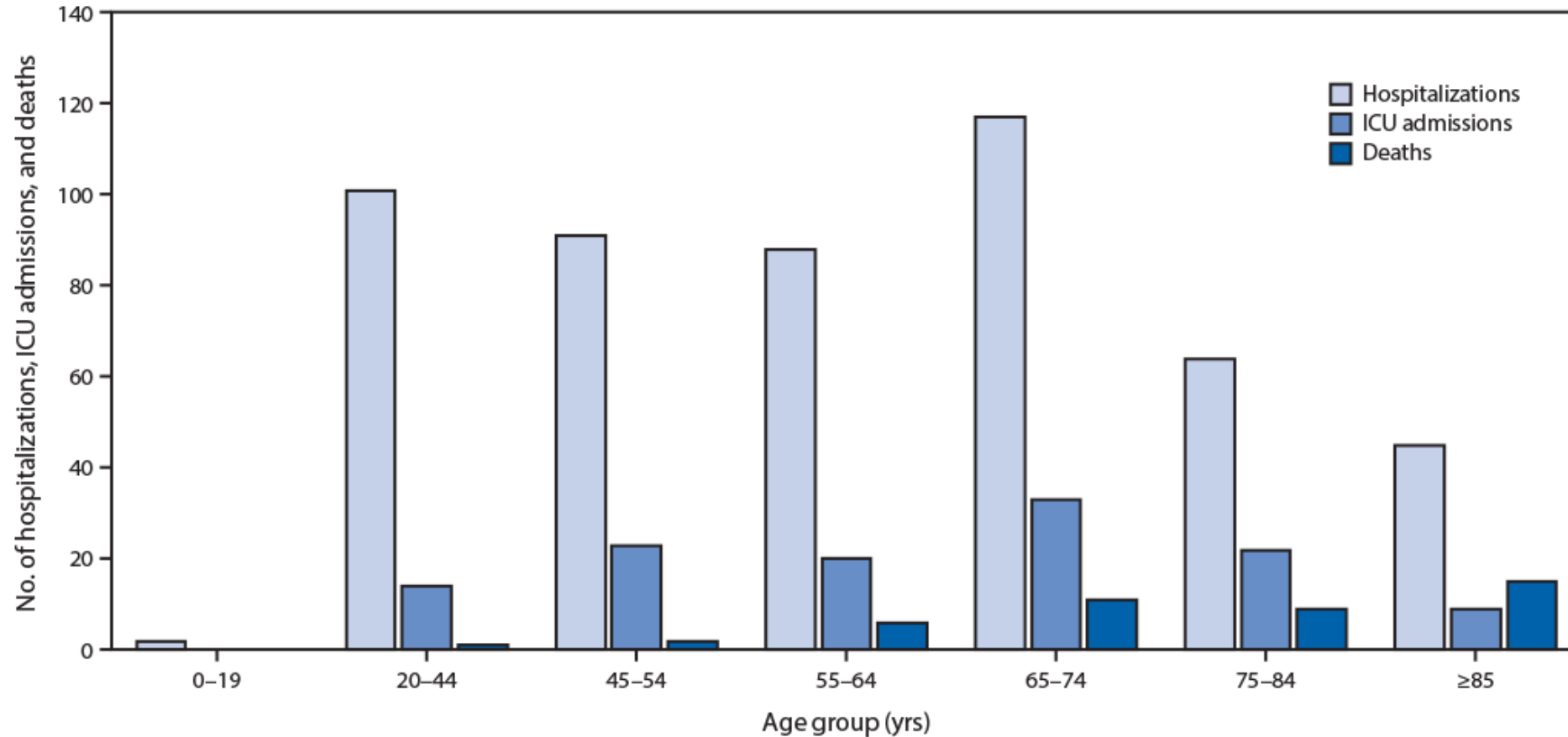
COVID-19 - United States, February 12–March 16, 2020 (N = 4,226)



Links: [MMWR 2020](#)

Older adults: More likely to require ICU care and die, but hospitalizations and ICU admissions also occur among non-elderly adults

COVID-19 United States, February 12–March 16, 2020 (N = 4,226)



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Chronic Conditions are Higher in Hospitalized than Non-Hospitalized Patients

TABLE 1. Reported outcomes among COVID-19 patients of all ages, by hospitalization status, underlying health condition, and risk factor for severe outcome from respiratory infection — United States, February 12–March 28, 2020

Underlying health condition/Risk factor for severe outcomes from respiratory infection (no., % with condition)	No. (%)			
	Not hospitalized	Hospitalized, non-ICU	ICU admission	Hospitalization status unknown
Total with case report form (N = 74,439)	12,217	5,285	1,069	55,868
Missing or unknown status for all conditions (67,277)	7,074	4,248	612	55,343
Total with completed information (7,162)	5,143	1,037	457	525
One or more conditions (2,692, 37.6%)	1,388 (27)	732 (71)	358 (78)	214 (41)
Diabetes mellitus (784, 10.9%)	331 (6)	251 (24)	148 (32)	54 (10)
Chronic lung disease* (656, 9.2%)	363 (7)	152 (15)	94 (21)	47 (9)
Cardiovascular disease (647, 9.0%)	239 (5)	242 (23)	132 (29)	34 (6)
Immunocompromised condition (264, 3.7%)	141 (3)	63 (6)	41 (9)	19 (4)
Chronic renal disease (213, 3.0%)	51 (1)	95 (9)	56 (12)	11 (2)
Pregnancy (143, 2.0%)	72 (1)	31 (3)	4 (1)	36 (7)
Neurologic disorder, neurodevelopmental, intellectual disability (52, 0.7%) [†]	17 (0.3)	25 (2)	7 (2)	3 (1)
Chronic liver disease (41, 0.6%)	24 (1)	9 (1)	7 (2)	1 (0.2)
Other chronic disease (1,182, 16.5%) [§]	583 (11)	359 (35)	170 (37)	70 (13)
Former smoker (165, 2.3%)	80 (2)	45 (4)	33 (7)	7 (1)
Current smoker (96, 1.3%)	61 (1)	22 (2)	5 (1)	8 (2)
None of the above conditions [¶] (4,470, 62.4%)	3,755 (73)	305 (29)	99 (22)	311 (59)

Abbreviation: ICU = intensive care unit.

* Includes any of the following: asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and emphysema.

[†] For neurologic disorder, neurodevelopmental, and intellectual disability, the following information was specified: dementia, memory loss, or Alzheimer's disease (17); seizure disorder (5); Parkinson's disease (4); migraine/headache (4); stroke (3); autism (2); aneurysm (2); multiple sclerosis (2); neuropathy (2); hereditary spastic paraplegia (1); myasthenia gravis (1); intracranial hemorrhage (1); and altered mental status (1).

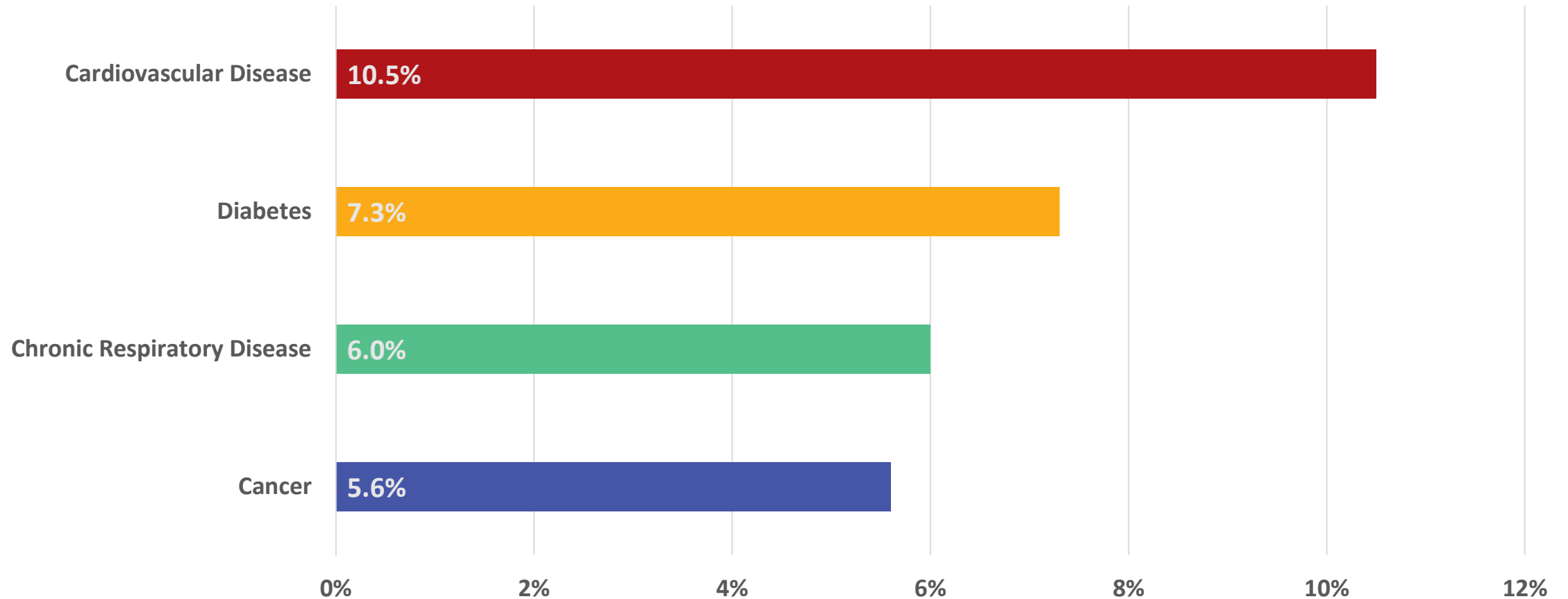
[§] For other chronic disease, the following information was specified: hypertension (113); thyroid disease (37); gastrointestinal disorder (32); hyperlipidemia (29); cancer or history of cancer (29); rheumatologic disorder (19); hematologic disorder (17); obesity (17); arthritis, nonrheumatoid, including not otherwise specified (16); musculoskeletal disorder other than arthritis (10); mental health condition (9); urologic disorder (7); cerebrovascular disease (7); obstructive sleep apnea (7); fibromyalgia (7); gynecologic disorder (6); embolism, pulmonary or venous (5); ophthalmic disorder (2); hypertriglyceridemia (1); endocrine (1); substance abuse disorder (1); dermatologic disorder (1); genetic disorder (1).

[¶] All listed chronic conditions, including other chronic disease, were marked as not present.



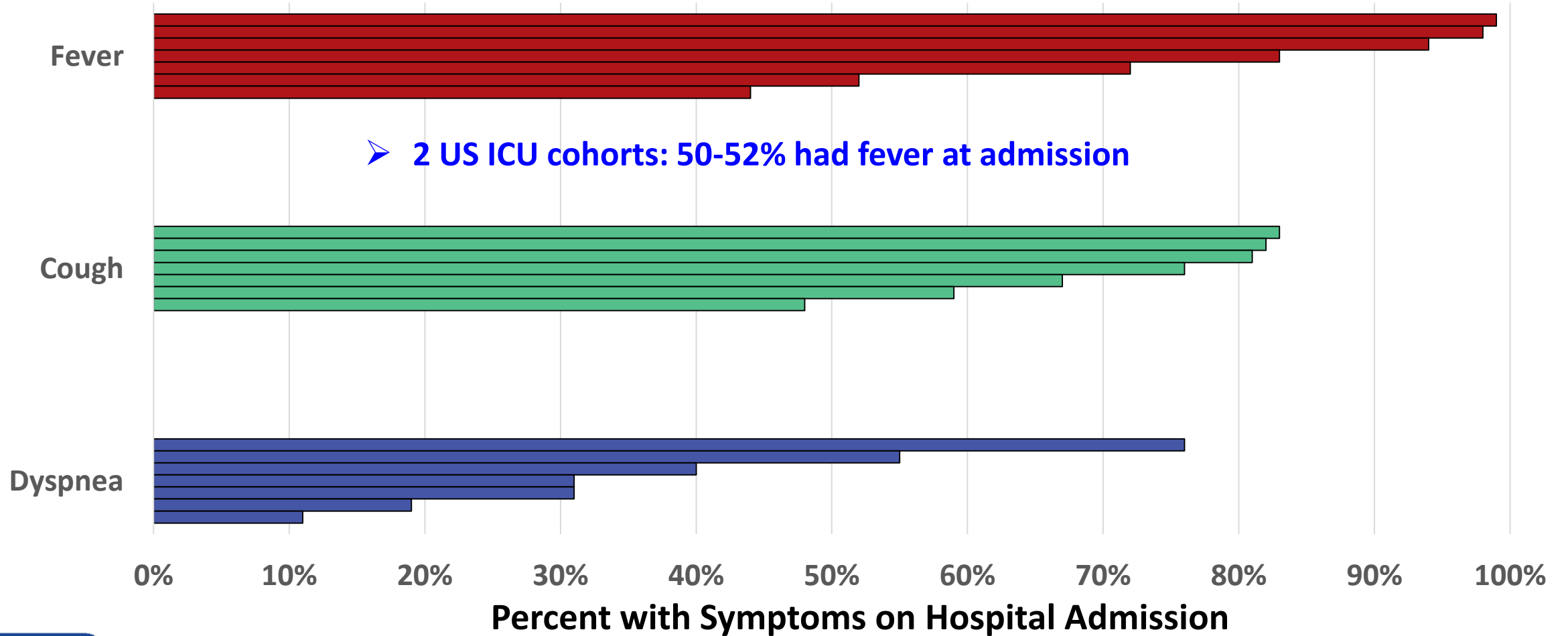
COVID-19 Case Fatality is highest among persons with underlying medical conditions

COVID-19 - China through 11-Feb-2020



Link: [China COVID-19 Epi Team 2020](#)

Most, but not all patients have fever, cough, or shortness of breath on hospital admission (China, Singapore, U.S.)



Links: [Arentz JAMA 2020](#), [Chen Lancet 2020](#), [Guan NEJM 2020](#), [Huang Lancet 2020](#), [Wang JAMA 2020](#), [Wu JAMA IM 2020](#), [Young JAMA 2020](#); [Bhatraju NEJM 2020](#)

Complications

- Pneumonia (91%)
- Critically ill
 - ARDS: (61%)
 - Shock or septic shock: (31-67%)
 - Acute kidney injury/renal failure: (8-29%/5-19%)
 - Acute hepatic injury: (14%)
 - Cardiac abnormalities
 - Acute cardiac injury: (12-23%)
 - Cardiomyopathy: (33%)
 - Arrhythmia (44%)
- Hospital-acquired infection/VAP



Lower respiratory specimens may have higher virus yield than upper respiratory specimens, China (N = 205) Jan 1-Feb 17 2020

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.



Link: [Wang JAMA 2020](#)

Laboratory findings at hospital admission

- **Lymphopenia (83%)**
 - Thrombocytopenia (36%)
 - Leukopenia (34%)
 - C-reactive protein ≥ 10 mg/L: (61%)
 - Elevated AST, ALT: (20-39%) - higher with severe disease
 - Procalcitonin - typically normal on admission
- **Co-infections:**
 - Sporadic viral co-infections reported (e.g., influenza, parainfluenza)
 - Community-acquired secondary bacterial infection not reported in published case series (blood cultures: negative)



Laboratory abnormalities in severe disease

- **Associated with severe or critical illness:**

- ↓ lymphocytes, ↑ neutrophils

- ↑ alanine aminotransferase and ↑ aspartate aminotransferase levels

- ↑ lactate dehydrogenase, ↑ PCT, ↑ CRP, ↑ ferritin levels

- ↑ serum levels of pro-inflammatory cytokines and chemokines

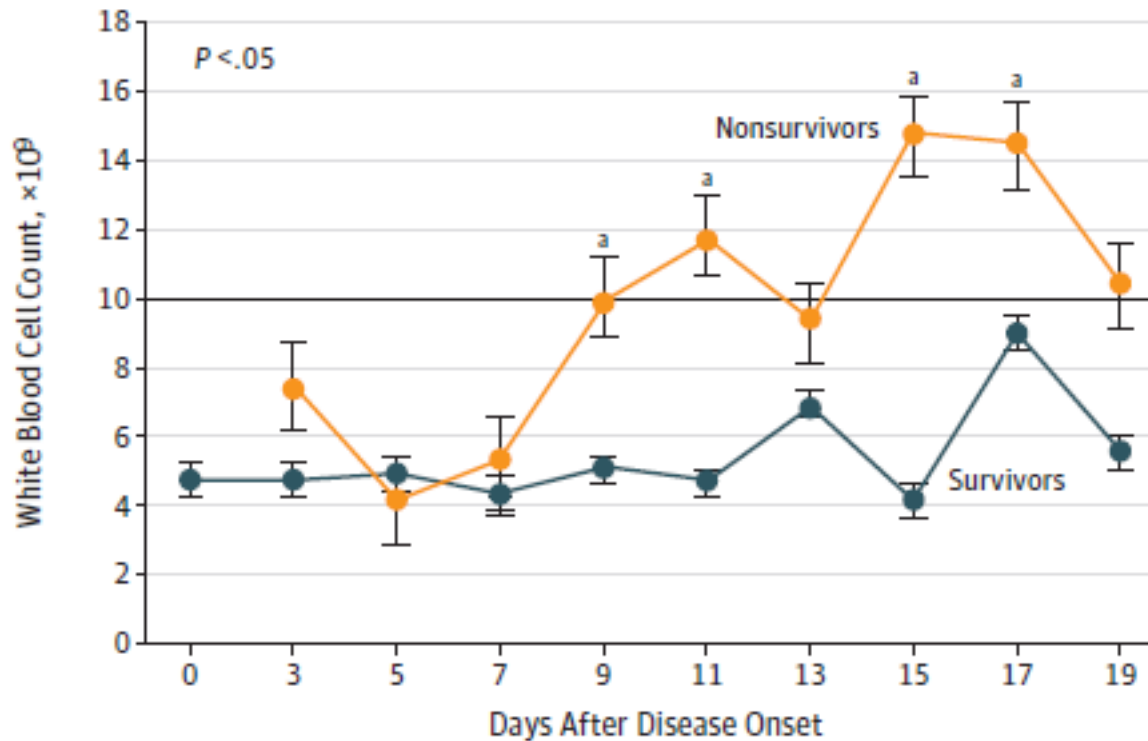
- Evidence of immune dysregulation: Higher plasma levels of pro-inflammatory cytokines (TNF α , IL-1, IL-6) and chemokines (IL-8) in severe/critically ill patients vs less severely ill patients

- **Associated with mortality: ↑ D-dimers and lymphopenia**

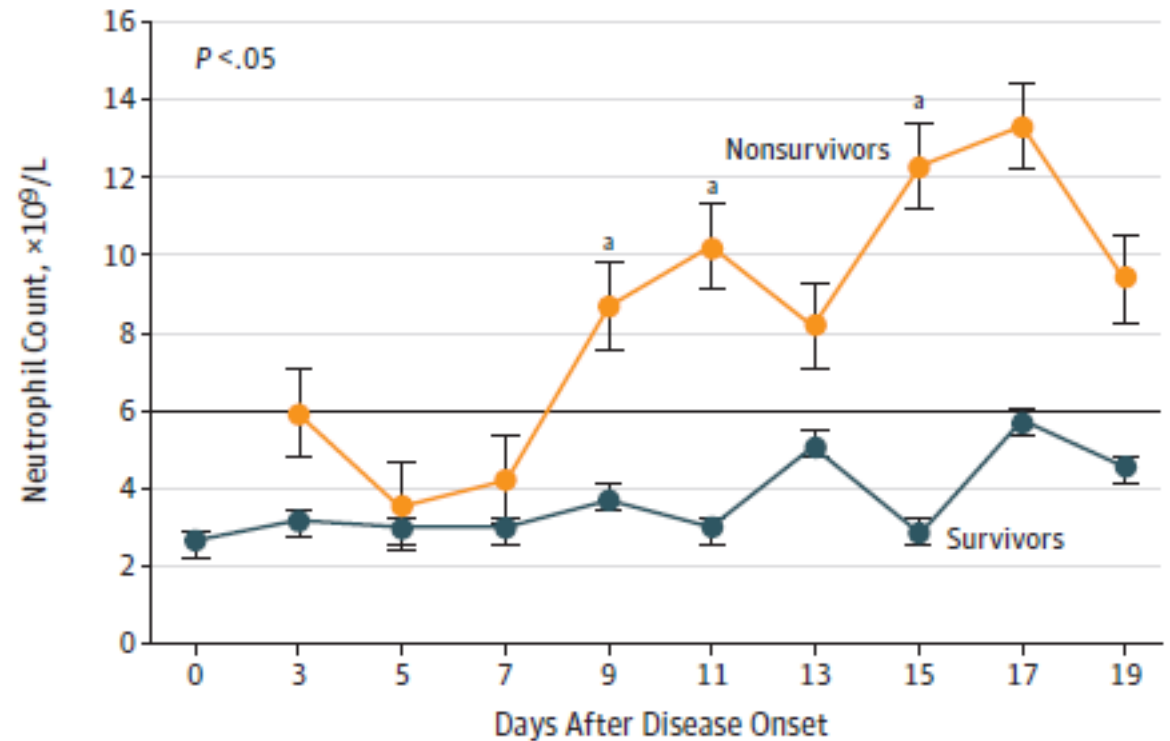


Leukocytosis, specifically neutrophilia, during hospitalization is associated with death (N = 138, China, Jan 1-28, 2020)

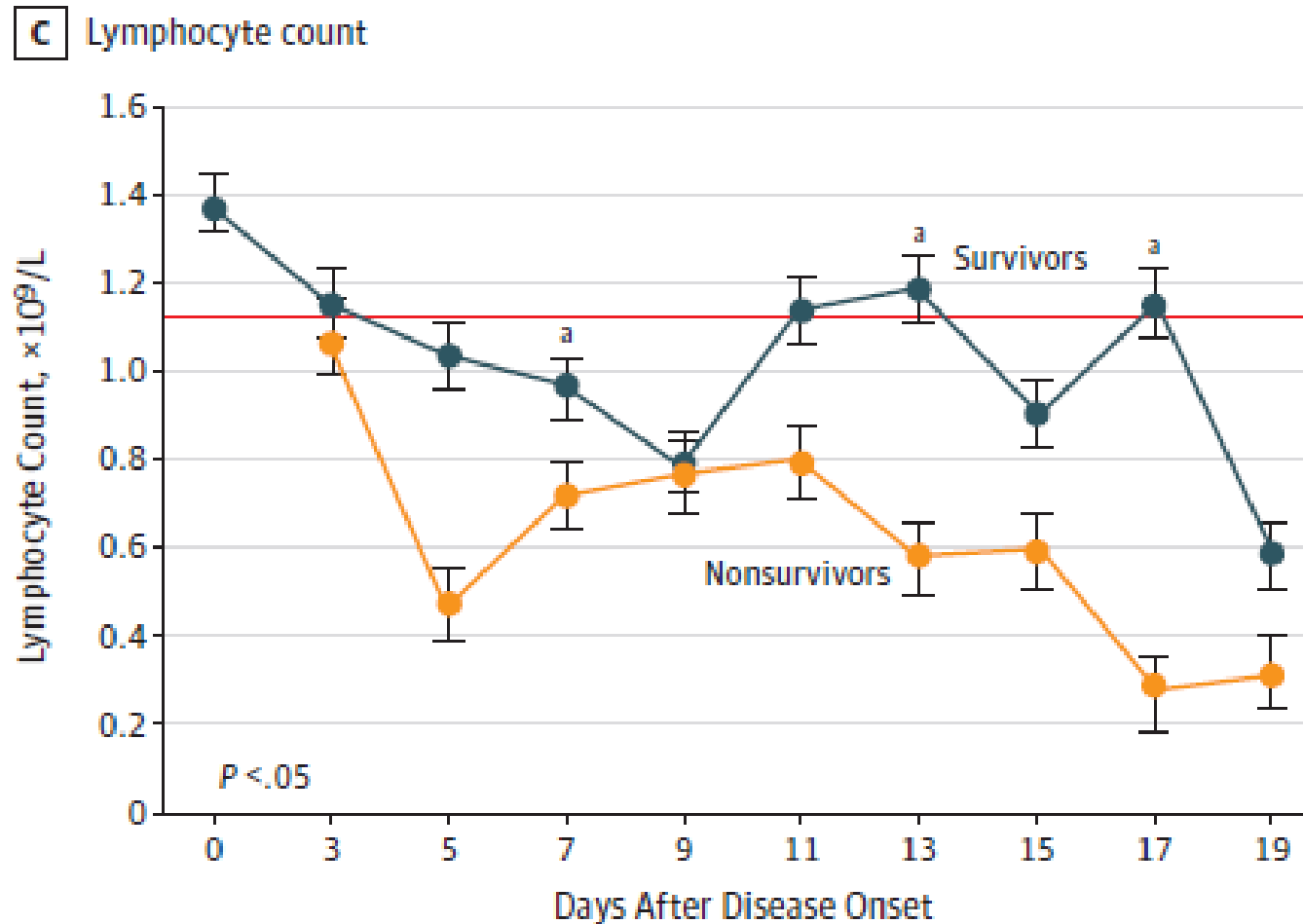
A White blood cells



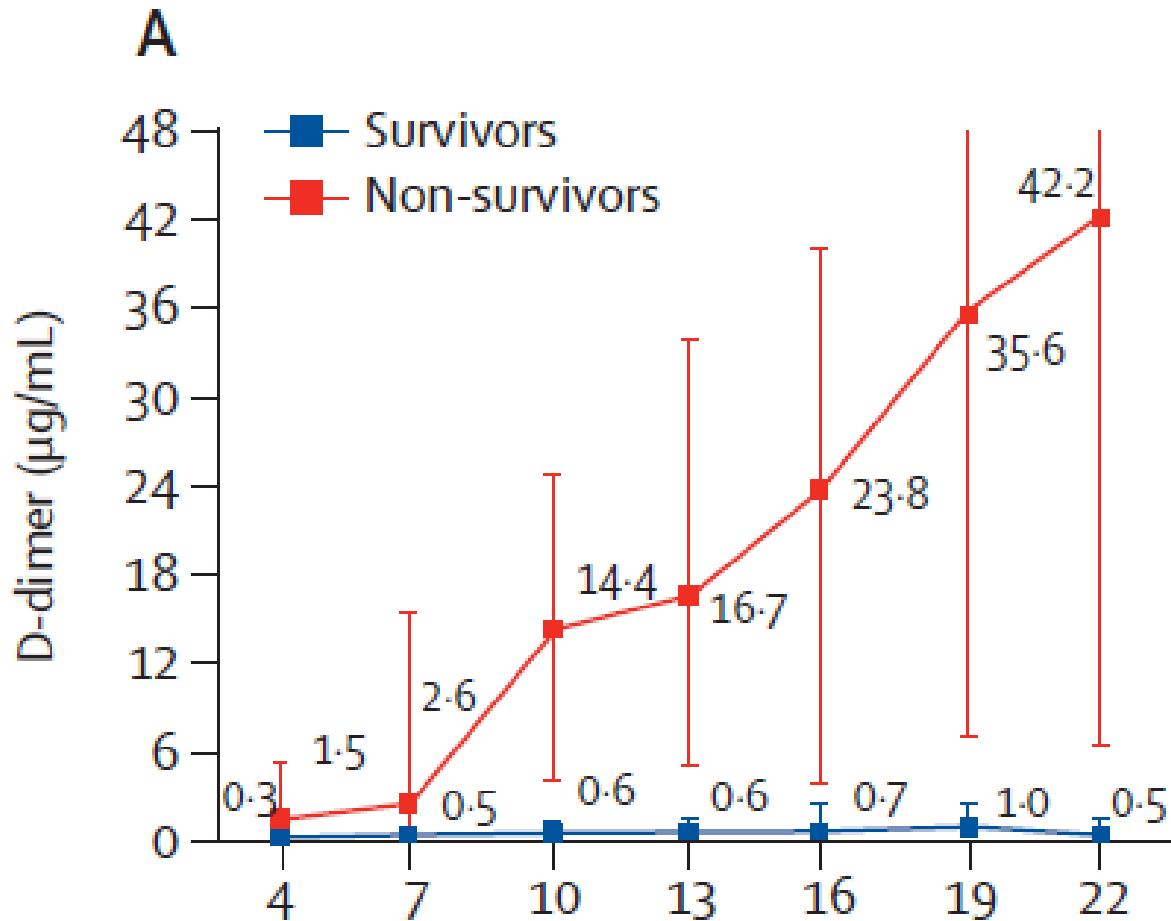
B Neutrophil count



Lymphopenia is common in all patients, but may be lower in non survivors than survivors (N = 138, China, Jan 1-28, 2020)



D-dimer is a strong predictor of death when compared with other markers of COVID-19 severity (N = 191), China, Dec 28, 2019 - Jan 28, 2020



	Univariable OR (95% CI)	p value	Multivariable OR (95% CI)	p value
Demographics and clinical characteristics				
Age, years*	1.14 (1.09-1.18)	<0.0001	1.10 (1.03-1.17)	0.0043
SOFA score	6.14 (3.48-10.85)	<0.0001	5.65 (2.61-12.23)	<0.0001
D-dimer, µg/mL				
≤0.5	1 (ref)	..	1 (ref)	..
> 0.5	1.96 (0.52-7.43)	0.32	2.14 (0.21-21.39)	0.52
> 1	20.04 (6.52-61.56)	<0.0001	18.42 (2.64-128.55)	0.0033

Table 3: Risk factors associated with in-hospital death

Adult ICU Case Series, U.S.

(N = 21) Feb 20-March 5, 2020; (N=24) Feb 24-March 9, 2020

- Common co-morbidities
 - Heart failure (0-43%)
 - COPD (4-33%)
 - Diabetes (33-58%)
 - Kidney disease (21-48%)
 - Obstructive sleep apnea (21-29%)
- Onset to ICU admission: @4.5-7 days
- Mean age: 70 years (43-92); 63 years (23-97)
- Complications
 - Respiratory failure requiring mechanical ventilation: (71-75%)
 - Shock requiring vasopressors: (67-71%)
 - Acute kidney failure: (0-19%)
 - Cardiomyopathy: (0-33%)
 - Bacterial co-infection (1/21; 0/20)
- Mortality: (50-52%)



COVID-19: Inpatient clinical management

➤ No proven FDA-approved treatment for COVID-19

- Several drugs under investigation:
 - Remdesivir
 - Hydroxychloroquine or chloroquine
 - Lopinavir/ritonavir
 - IL-6 blockers

➤ Corticosteroids should be avoided unless indicated for other reasons

- Potential for prolonging viral replication

➤ **Clinical management is supportive care of complications**



Resources for Inpatient COVID-19 Management

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Strong	Must do or must avoid
Best Practice	Must do or must avoid
Weak	Consider doing or consider avoiding

Clinical management of severe acute respiratory infection (SARI) when COVID-19 disease is suspected

Interim guidance
13 March 2020



This is the second edition (version 1.2) of this document, which was originally adapted from Clinical management of severe acute respiratory infection when MERS-CoV infection is suspected (WHO, 2019).

It is intended for clinicians involved in the care of adult, pregnant, and paediatric patients with or at risk for severe acute respiratory infection (SARI) when infection with the COVID-19 virus is suspected. Considerations for paediatric patients and pregnant women are highlighted throughout the text. It is not meant to replace clinical judgment or specialist consultation but rather to strengthen clinical management of these patients and to provide up-to-date guidance. Best practices for infection prevention and control (IPC), triage and optimized supportive care are included.

	Strong recommendation or best practice
	Consider in select patients
	Intervention is harmful



Link: [WHO Guidelines 2020](#), [Surviving Sepsis Campaign 2020](#)

COVID-19 Case Examples

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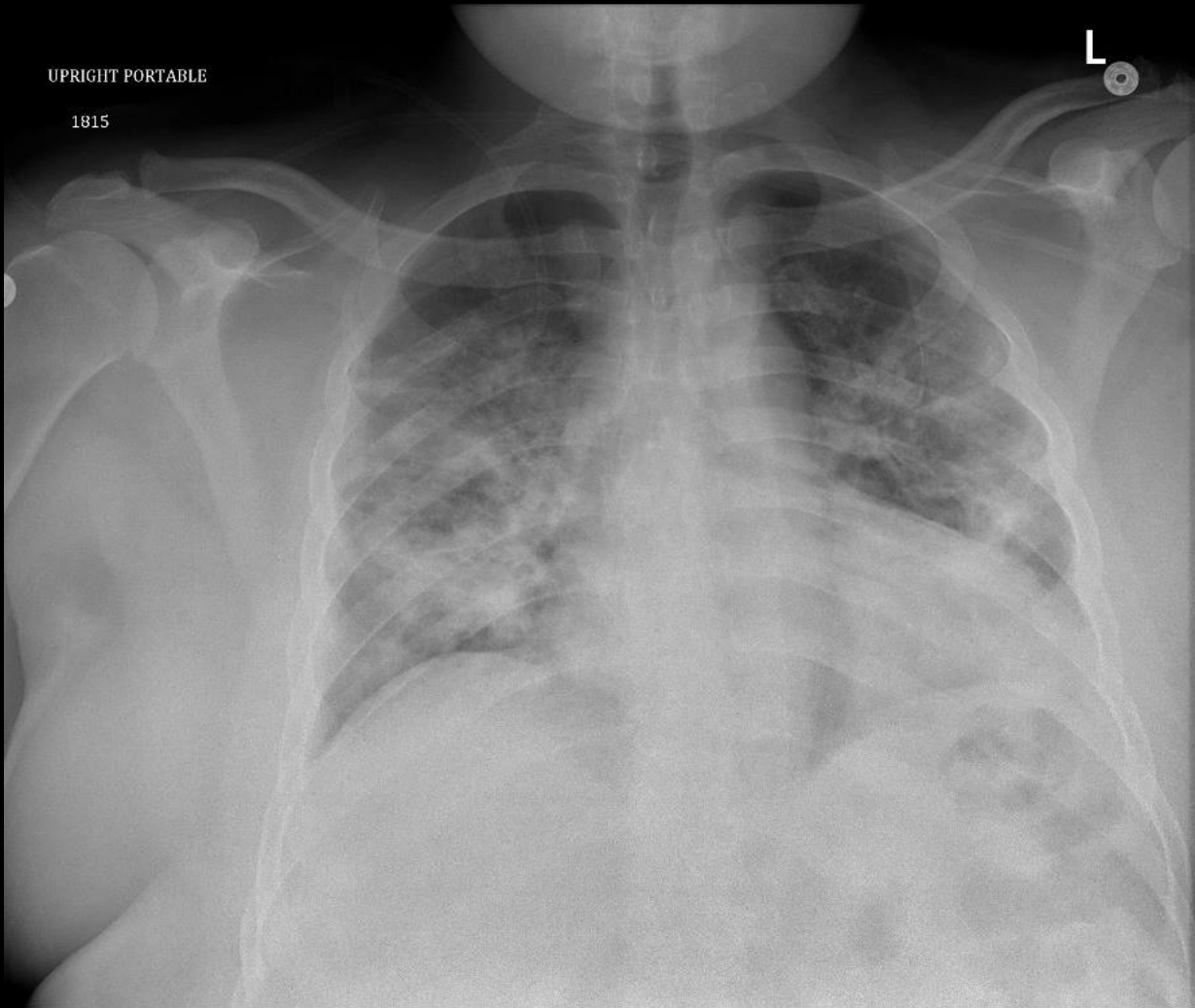
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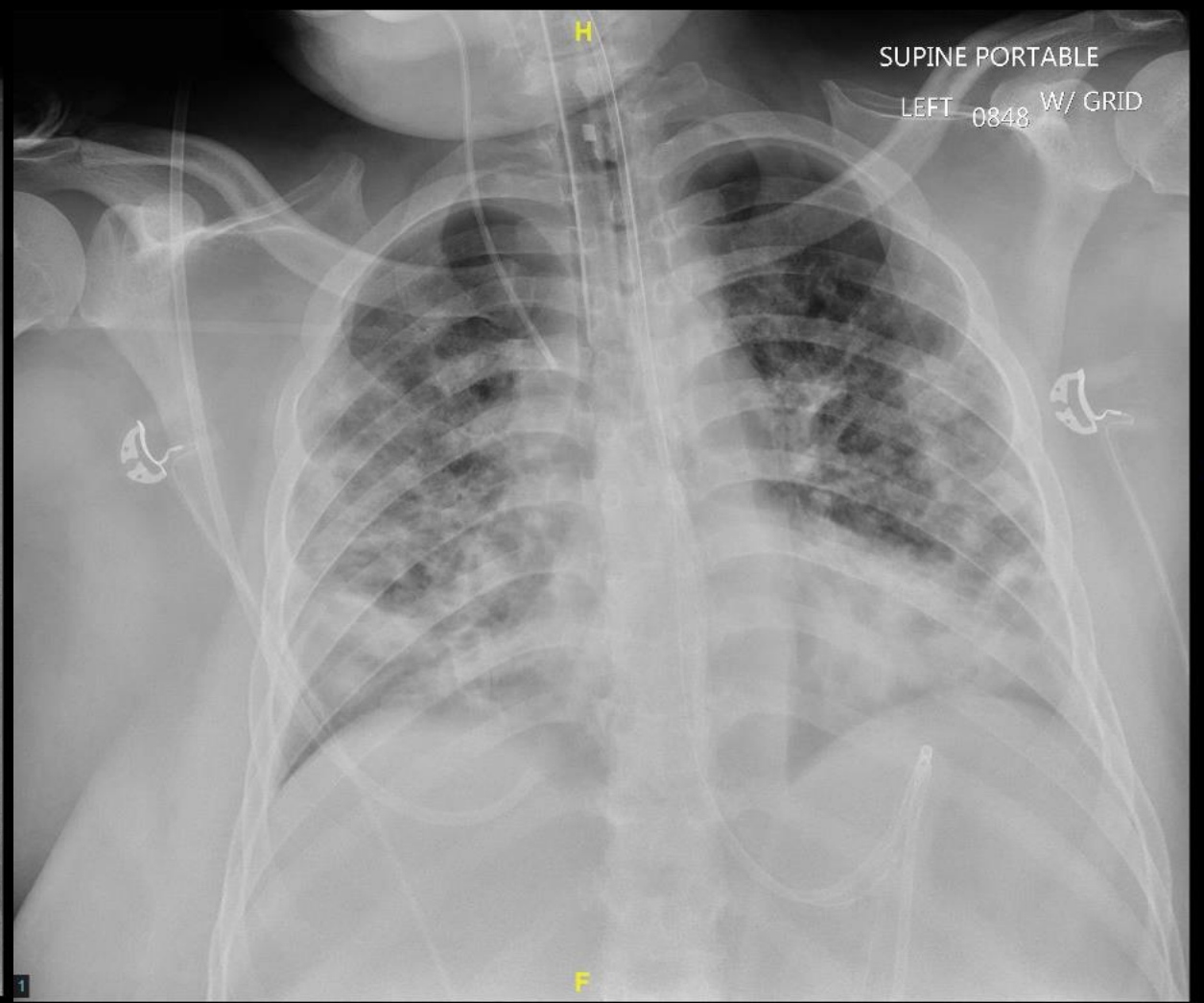
Case 1

47-year-old man with 7 days of URI, 3 days of worsening dyspnea

- HTN, obesity (BMI 36), untreated DM
- No tobacco
- Home medications included lisinopril, HCTZ, carvedilol
- At time of presentation, he was not tested for COVID-19



Admission AP CXR



Day 4 AP CXR

Hospital Course

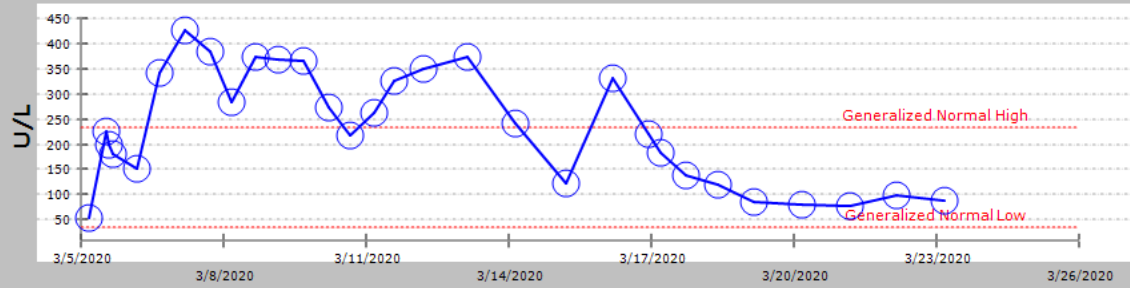
- Intubation and institution of lung protective ventilation from day 2 through day 14
- Proned days 2-13 of hospitalization
 - Inhaled epoprostenol and NMB were not given
 - Extubated to HFNC
- Ceftriaxone and azithromycin discontinued after 7 days (no initial procalcitonin checked)
- On day 6, compassionate use Remdesivir was given for 10-day course
- On day 10, hydroxychloroquine 400 BID, then daily x 5 days
- On day 21, weaned to room air, significant neuromuscular weakness

Notable Findings

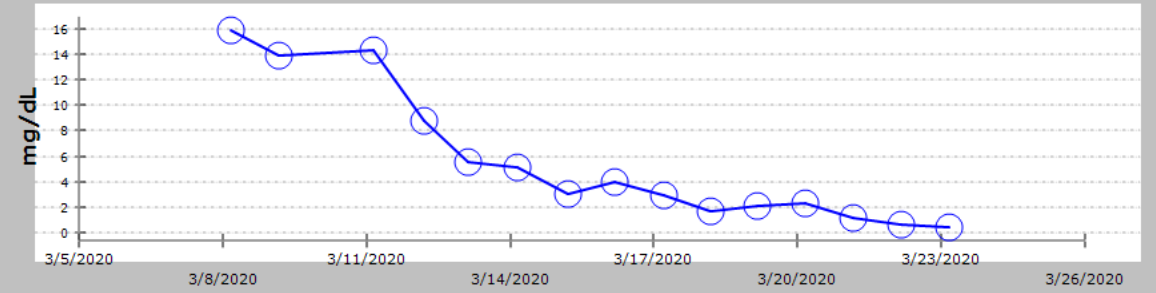
- 3/2 Respiratory pathogen panel negative
- 3/2 NP sample drawn, SARS-CoV-2 detected 3/6
- 3/2 Bronchoscopy BAL 62% Ly, 13% PMN
- Abs lymphocyte $1.0 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$
- AST/ALT < 2x ULN
- CRP 15.93 on 3/8 decreased to 1.11
- Normal NT-proBNP, Tnl
- Normal echocardiogram, except for mild pulmonary HTN

Lab Trends

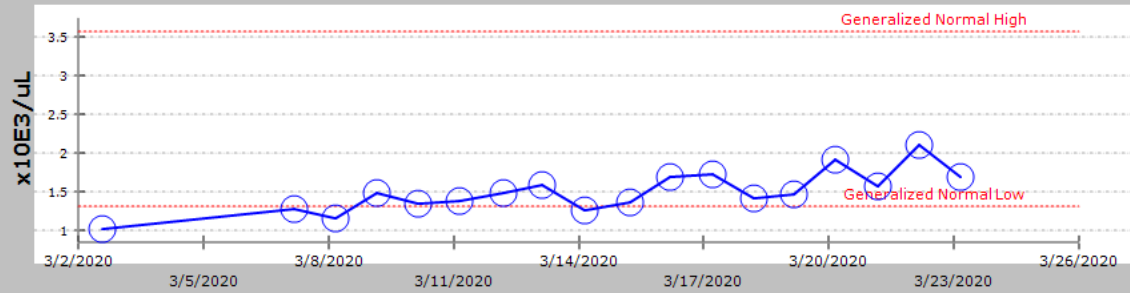
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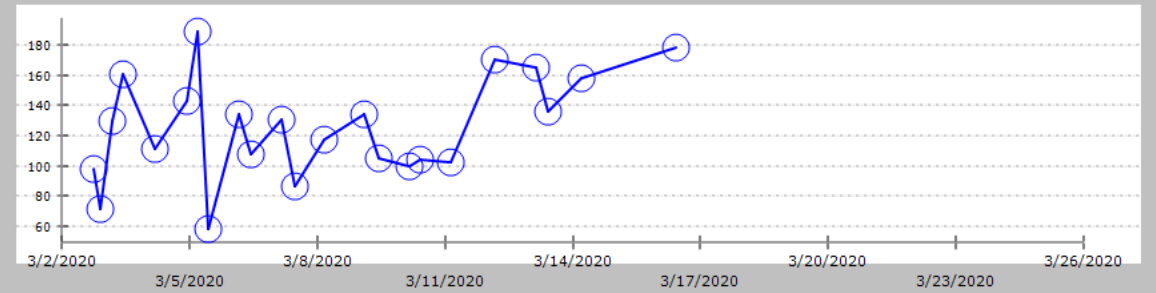
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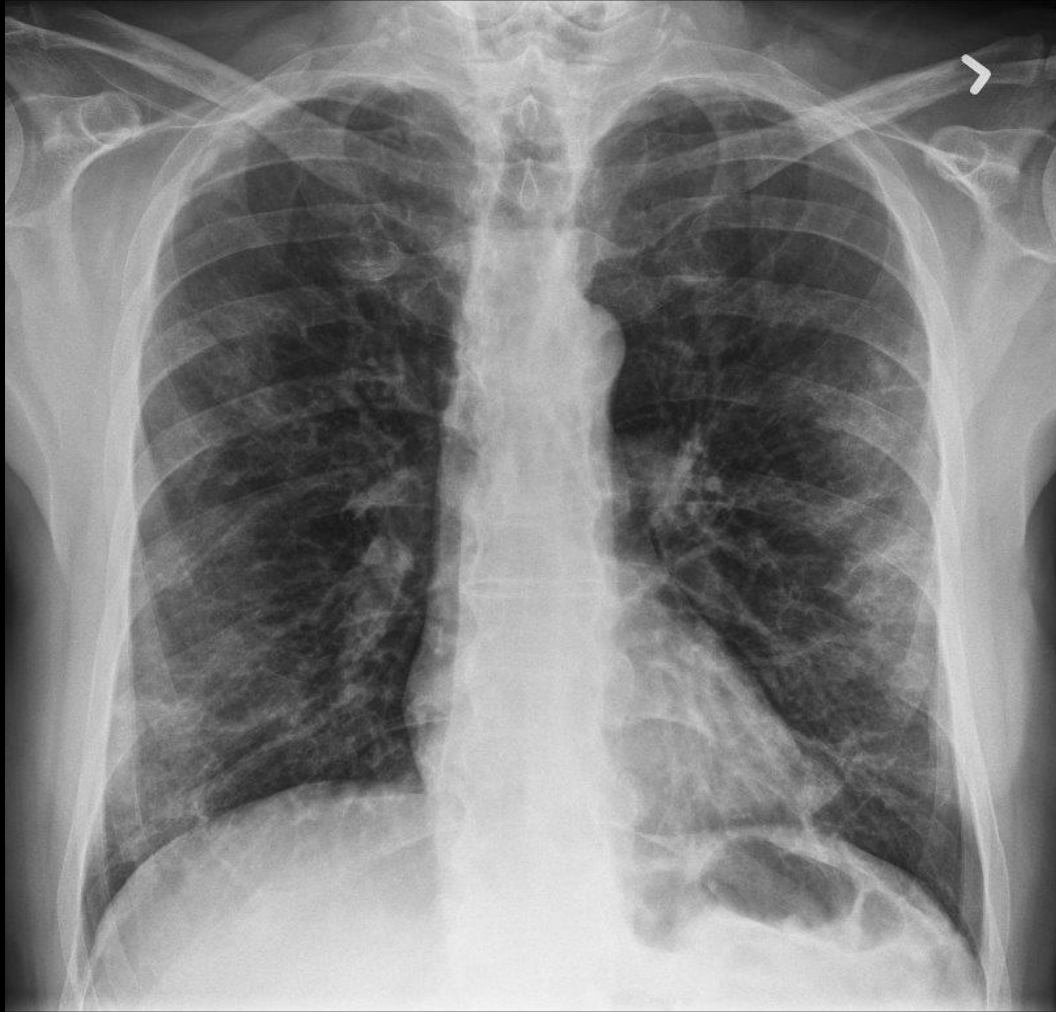
Hospital course

- Significant weakness and myopathy
 - No steroids or NMB were used
- Remains hospitalized more than four weeks after admission
 - Complicated below DVT, then psoas hematoma on anticoagulation
- COVID-19 testing remained positive after 3 weeks
- Repeat COVID-19 testing negative during 4th week

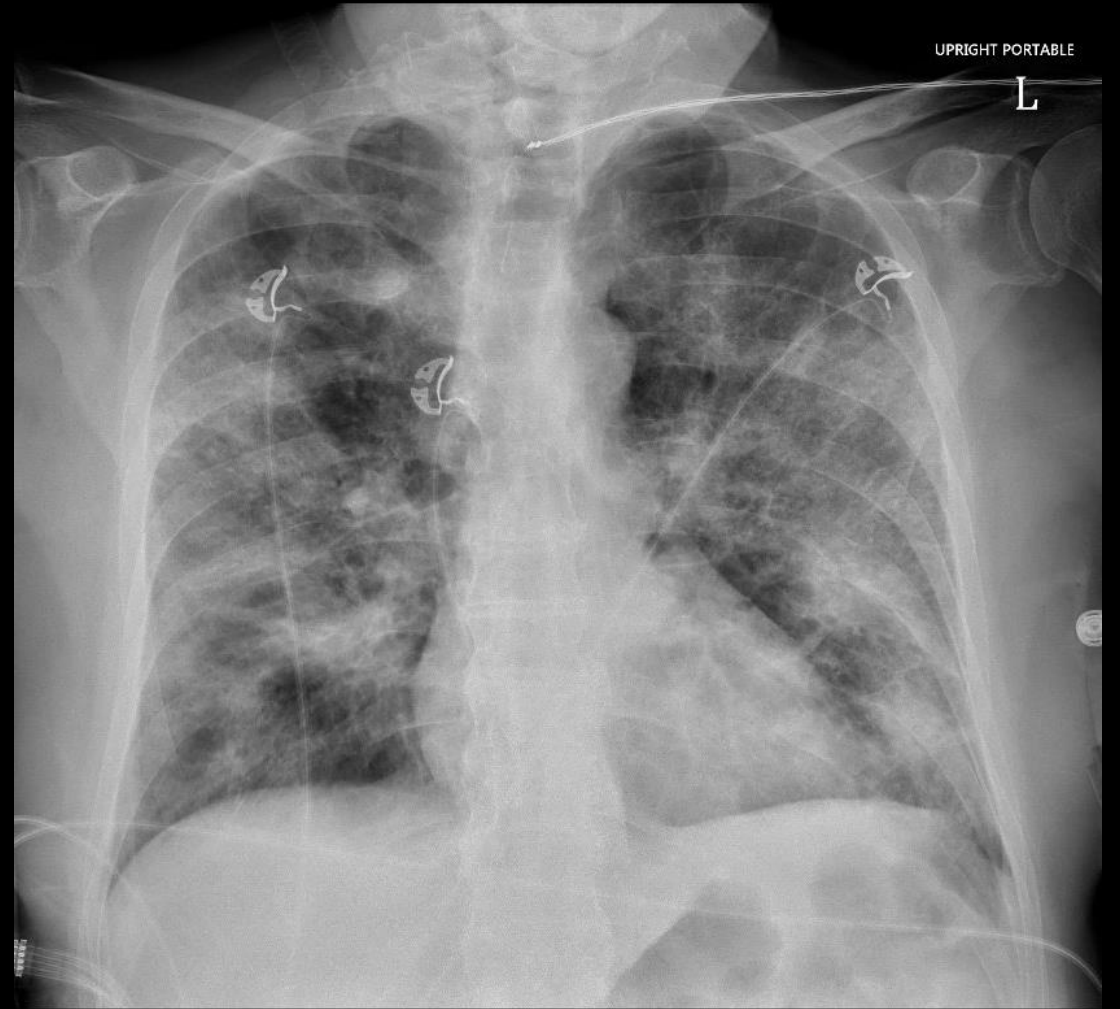
Case 2

73-year-old man with controlled asthma, HL, BPH. Good functional capacity and active.

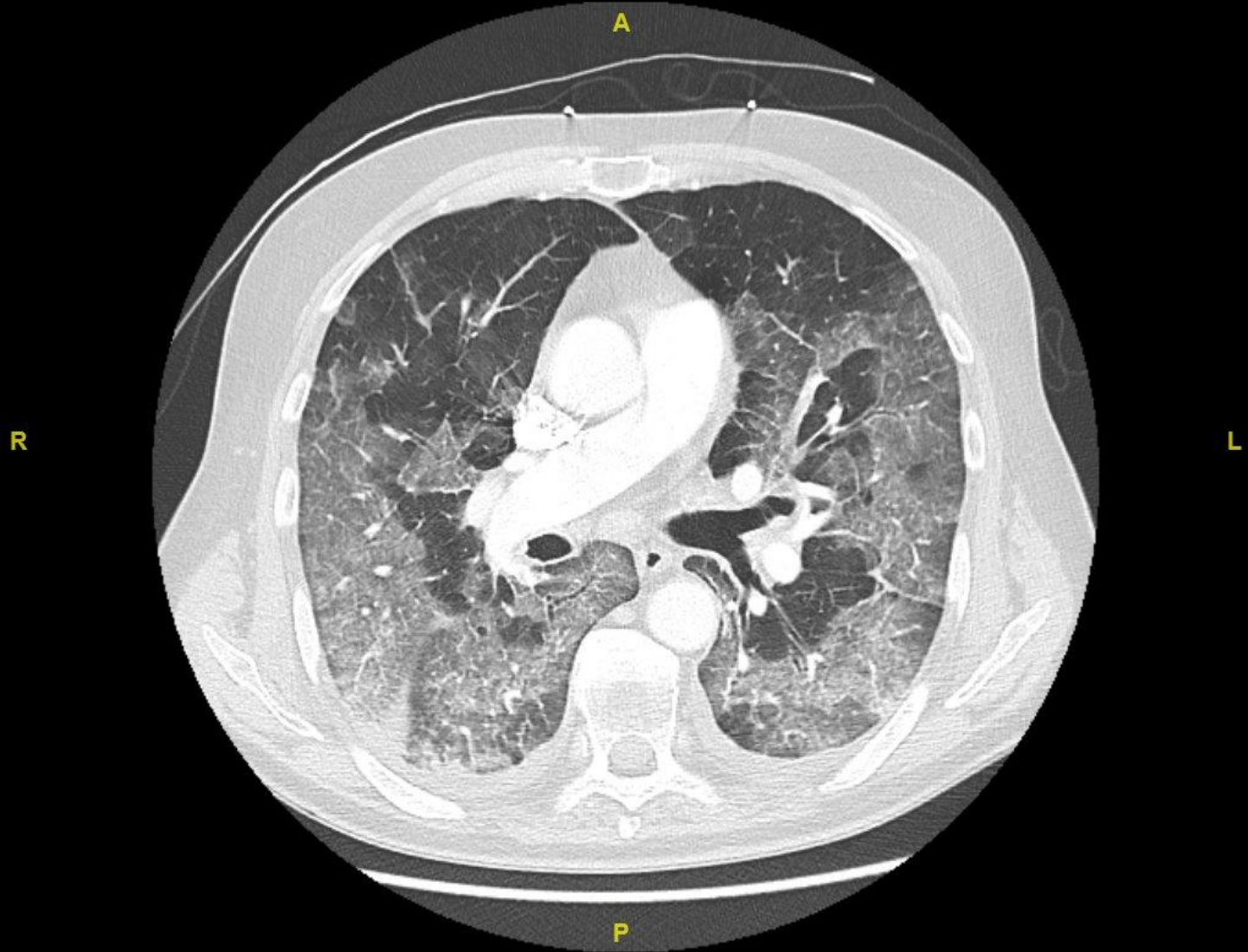
- 4 days prior to admit was seen in urgent care for 7 days of cough, fever, fatigue
- 2/27 – presents to ED with SpO2 82%. Placed on HFNC, intubated within 24 hrs
- At the time of admission, RF for COVID-19 were not identified.
- COVID-19 testing was positive in 2/29



4 days prior to admission



Day of admission

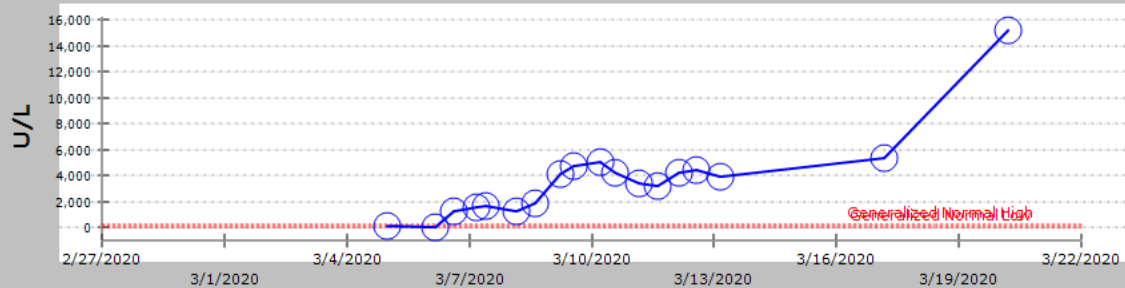


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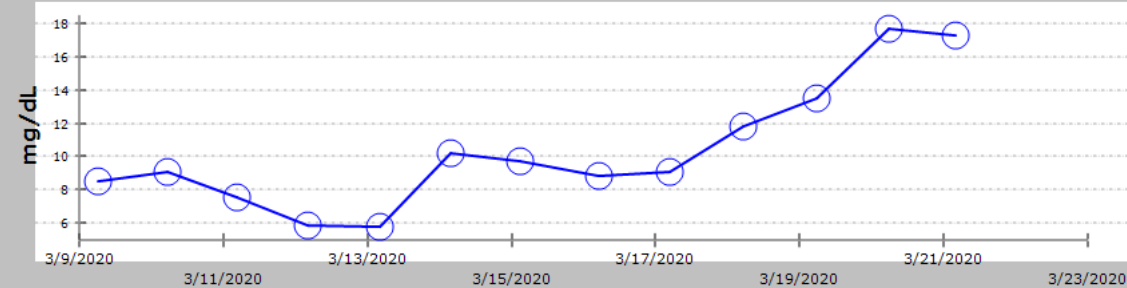
- Cefepime, Vancomycin
- Paralyzed, prone x 4 days
- Day 7 compassionate use remdesivir was added
- Weaned off vasopressors by day 7
- Day 11 worsening acute kidney injury
- Day 11 worsening shock and LVEF (normal troponin)
- CRRT started day 14
- Comatose on day 24, failing SBT, remains on HD. MRI brain, CT brain and LP negative
- Acutely deteriorated further, goals changed to comfort-care and patient expired

Lab Trends

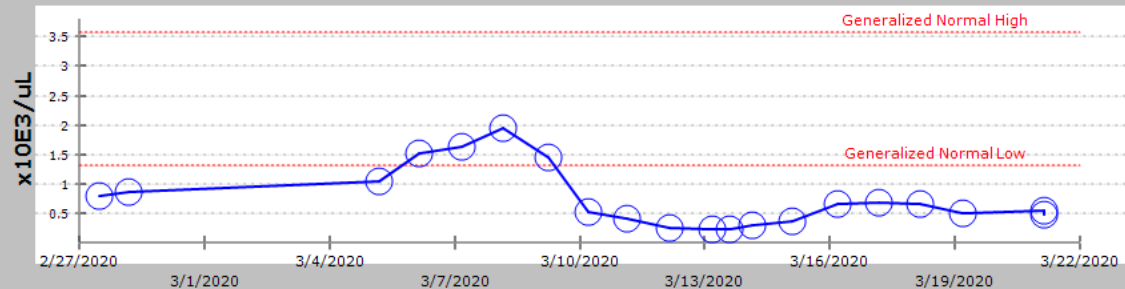
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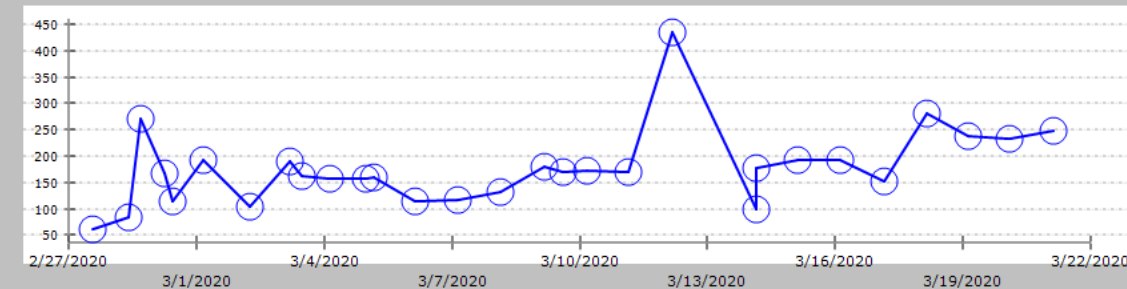
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Lymph# Auto



POC P/F Ratio



Bronchoscopy & Laboratory Results

- Day 1 Bronchoscopy with lavage - 32% Ly, 34% PMN
- Procalcitonin 0.97
- Day 9 Bronch due to suspected VAP – negative cultures. PMN 63%

Echocardiogram Results

- Day 1 – normal transthoracic echocardiogram
- Day 4 – limited TTE remains normal
- Day 9 – LVEF 30% with global dysfunction

Evergreen ICU Summary

- >45 ICU admits
- >30 Required mechanical ventilation
- 4 Transferred for ECMO (3 were ultimately cannulated)
- 7 extubations (ages 44-84)
 - Includes 44 year old transfer for ECMO and RRT
- Duration of MV in extubated patients has been 5-13 days
- 4 required renal replacement therapy

Approach to care

- Early intubation
- Early use of proning, lung protective ventilation
- Light sedation, early PT
- Avoidance of corticosteroids, unless clear indication
- Enrollment in clinical trial for therapeutics
- Fluid restrictive approach
- Early discontinuation of antibiotics if low procalcitonin, negative cultures
- Consider early consultation for ECMO in young and sickest patients

Surviving Sepsis Campaign: Guidelines on the Management of Critically Ill Adults with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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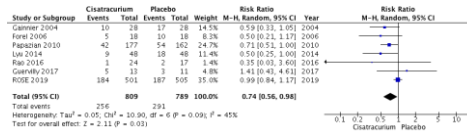
Systematic reviews
ARDS, MERS, SARS, shock

Expert Identified evidence



Summarize the evidence

COVID-19



Assess quality

New evidence

Evidence Profile
Certainty of Evidence

Certainty assessment							No of patients		Effect		Certainty	Importance
No of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	[Intervention]	[comparison]	Relative [95% CI]	Absolute [95% CI]		
Outcome B												
8	randomised trials	serious*	not serious	not serious	serious*	none	43/1022 (4.2%)	47/1108 (4.2%)	RR 0.99 (0.66 to 1.49)	0 fewer per 1,000 (from 14 fewer to 21 more)	⊕⊕○○ LOW	CRITICAL
Outcome D												
6	observational studies	not serious	not serious	serious*	not serious	strong association*	689	645	-	MD 18 [unit] lower (22 lower to 14 lower)	⊕⊕○○ LOW	IMPORTANT

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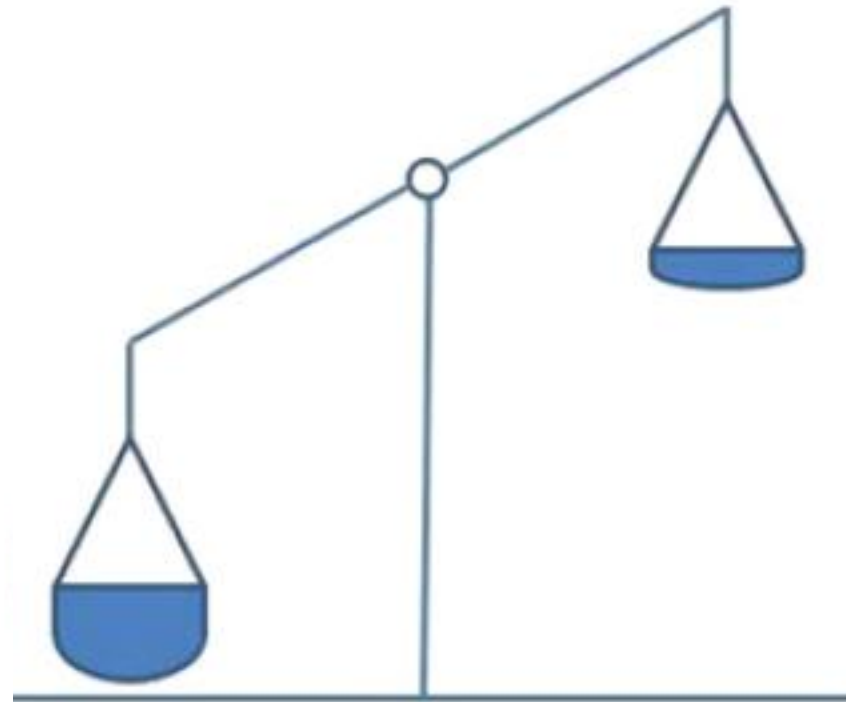
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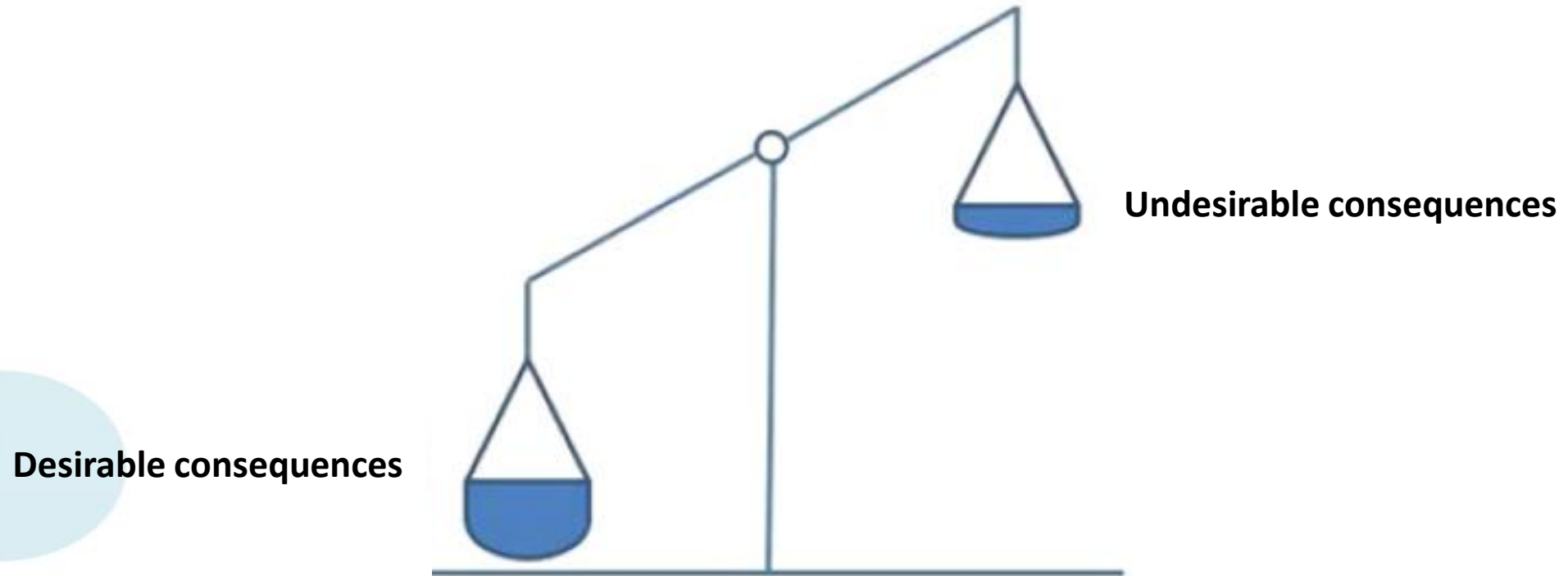
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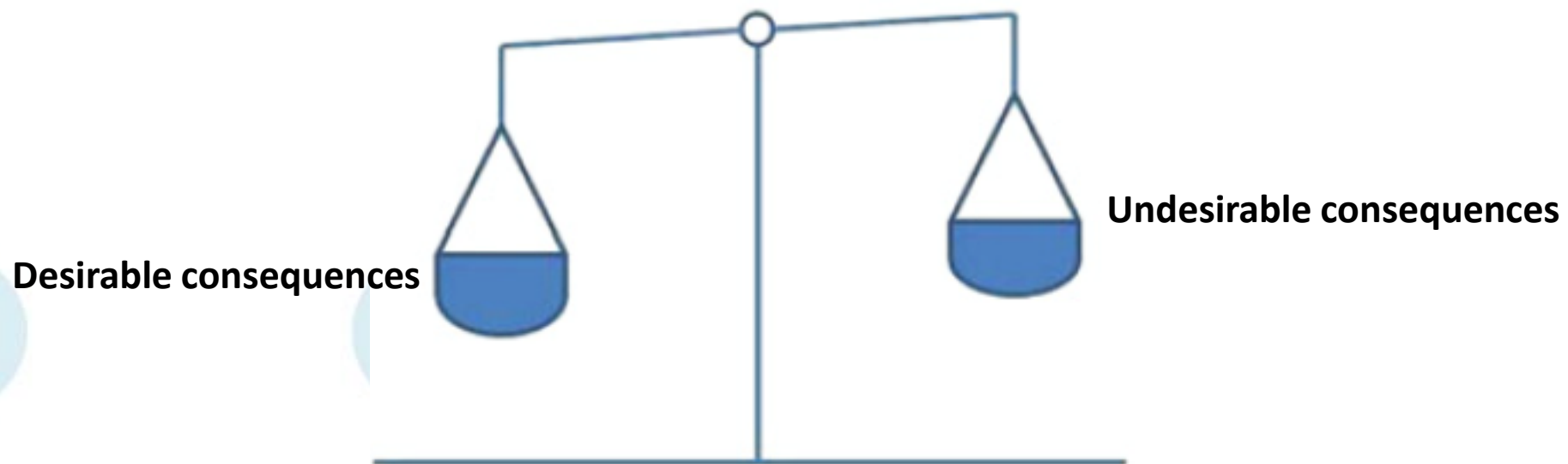
Desirable consequences



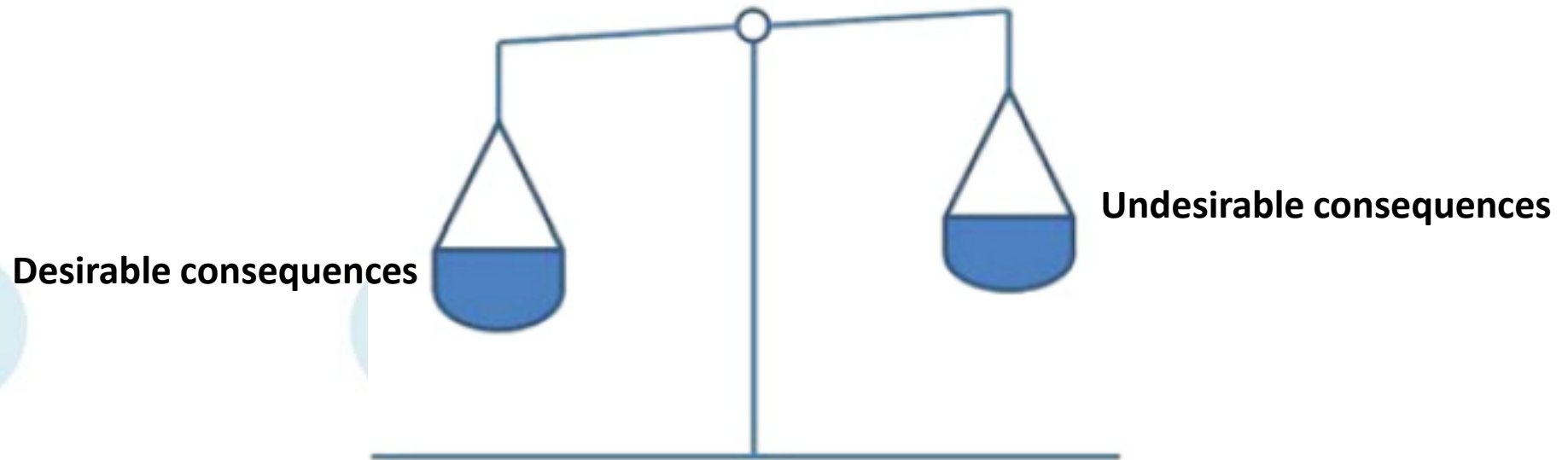
Undesirable consequences

Strong Recommendation for the Intervention





Weak Recommendation for the Intervention



Patients

	Strong Recommendation	Weak Recommendation
For Patients	Most individuals in this situation would want the recommended course of action, and only a small proportion would not	The majority of individuals in this situation would want the suggested course of action, but many would not

Clinicians

	Strong Recommendation	Weak Recommendation
For Clinicians	<p>Most individuals should receive the recommended course of action.</p> <p>Formal decision aids are not likely to be needed to help individuals make decisions consistent with their values and preferences</p>	<p>Different choices are likely to be appropriate for different patients</p> <p>Therapy should be tailored to the individual patient's circumstances, such as patients' or family's values and preferences</p>

Polymakers

	Strong Recommendation	Weak Recommendation
For Polymakers	Can be adapted as policy in most situations, including for use as performance indicators	Policies will likely be variable

Infection control

- Aerosol generating procedure vs not
- Negative pressure room vs regular room
- Surgical masks vs respirator masks

Aerosol Generating Procedures

Procedure	Studies	Estimate
Intubation	4	OR 6.6 (2.3, 18.9)
Manipulation of BiPAP mask	1	OR 6.2 (2.2, 18.1)
CPR	1	OR 4.5 (1.5, 13.8)
Tracheostomy	1	OR 4.2 (1.5, 11.5)
Non-Invasive Ventilation	2	OR 3.1 (1.4, 6.8)
Manual Ventilation	1	OR 2.8 (1.3, 6.4)

Infection Control

- For healthcare workers performing **aerosol generating procedures** on patients with COVID-19 in the ICU, we **recommend** using **fitted respirator masks (N95 respirators, FFP2, or equivalent)**, as compared to surgical/medical masks, in addition to other personal protective equipment.

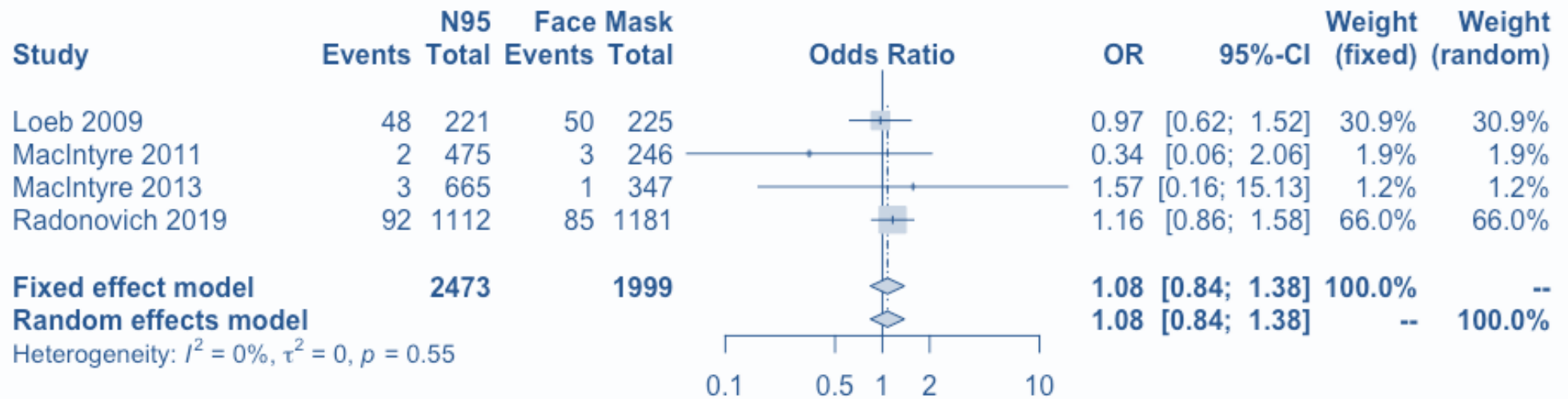
*FFP3 respirators are more commonly used in many parts of the world

Infection Control

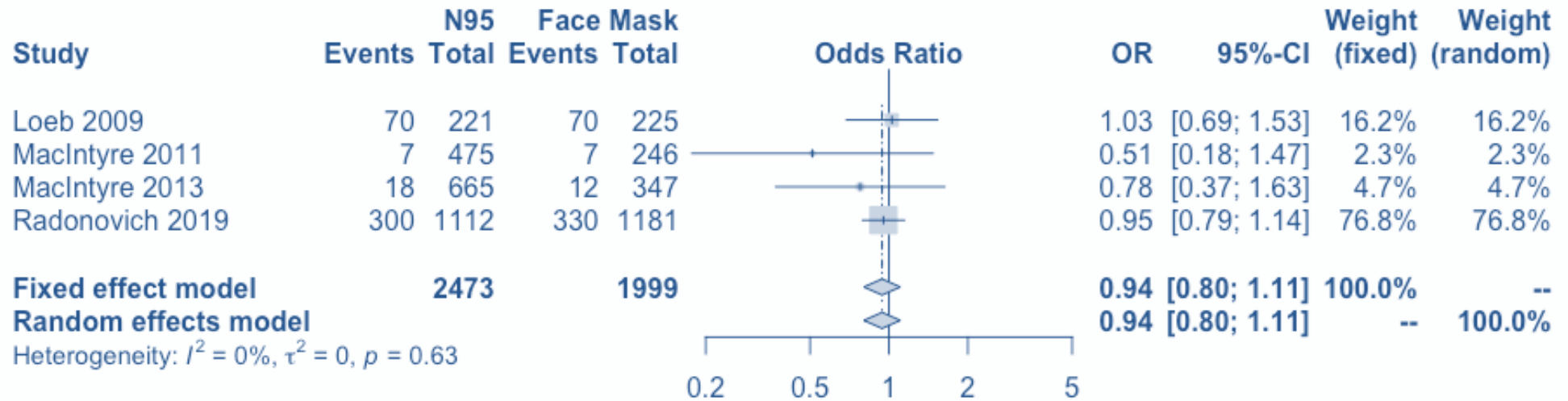
1. Usual care for non-ventilated COVID-19 patients, or
2. Performing **non-AGP** on MV (closed circuit) patients with COVID-19

We **suggest** using surgical/medical masks, as compared to respirator masks, in addition to other personal protective equipment.

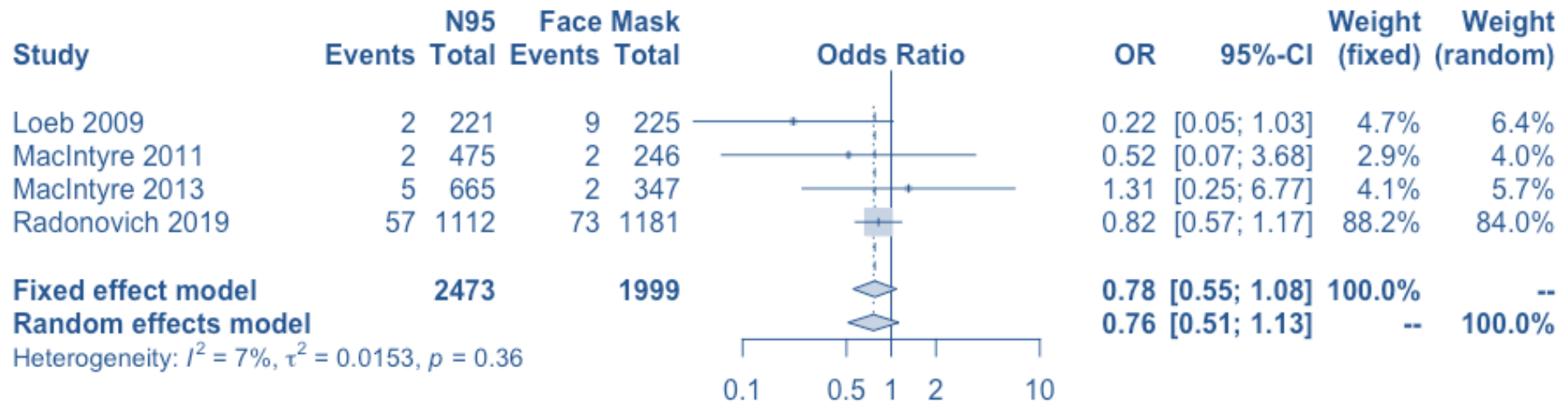
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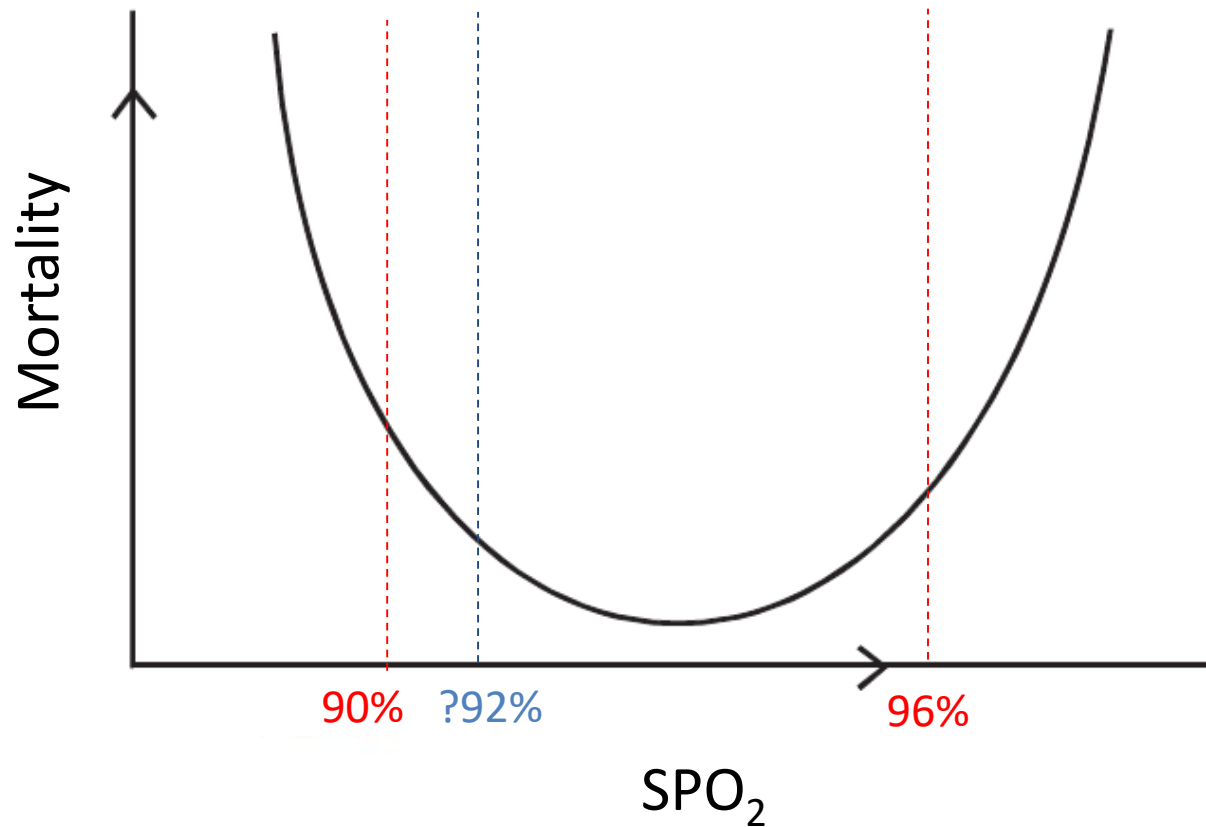
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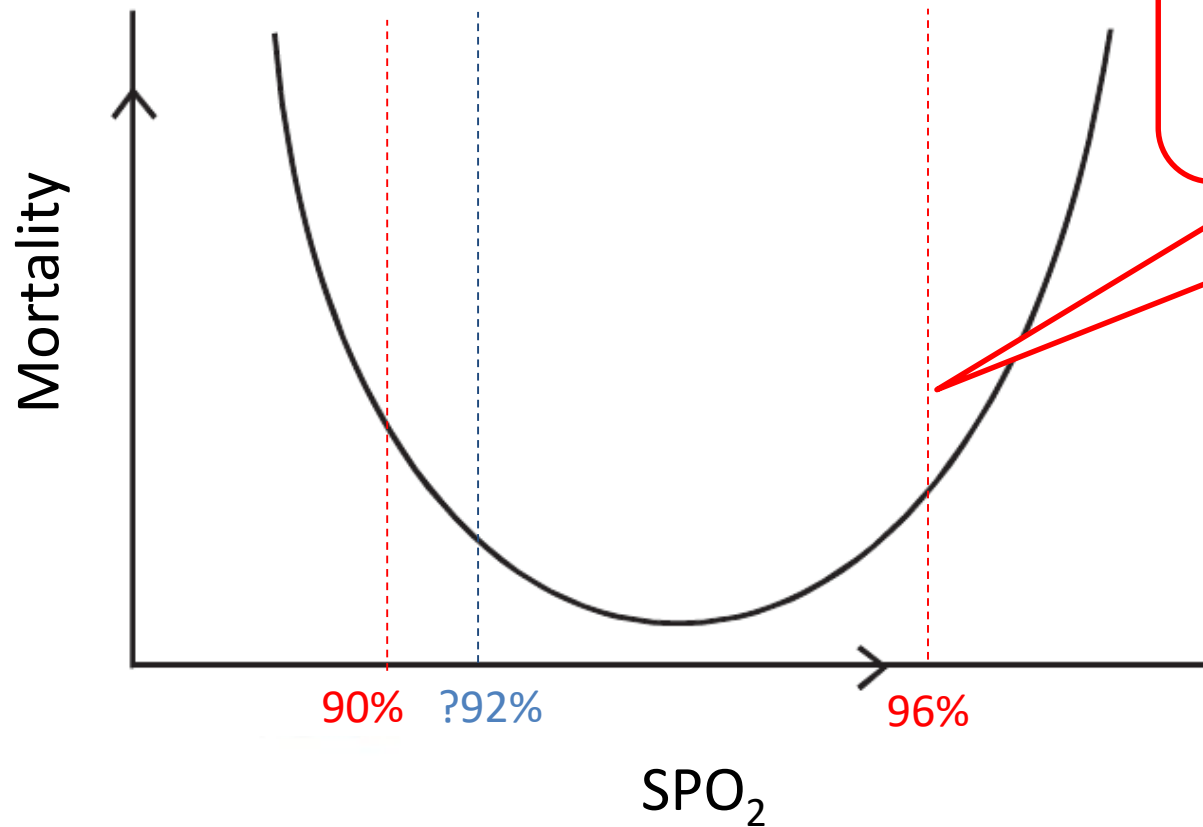
influenza-like illness



Oxygen Targets

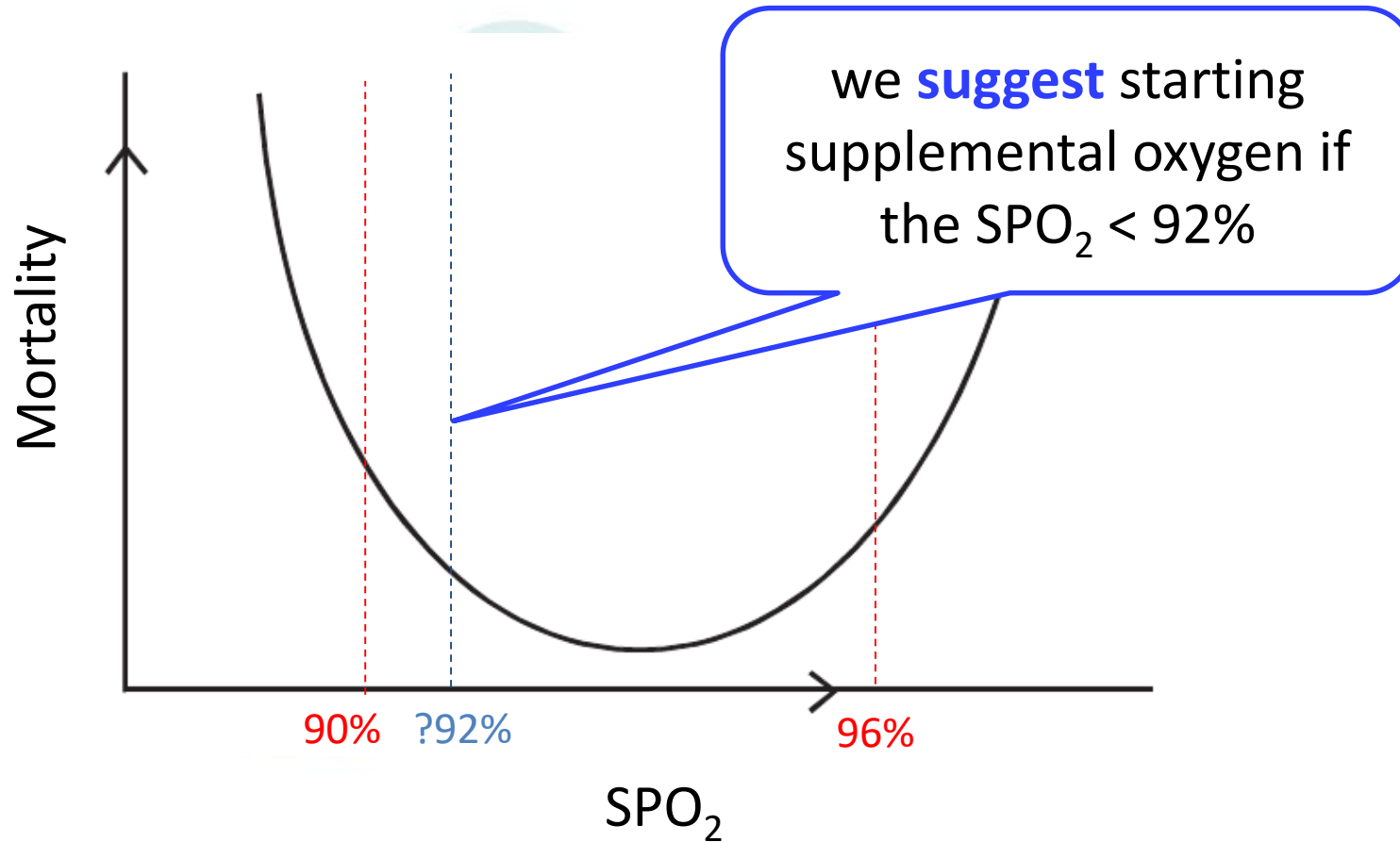


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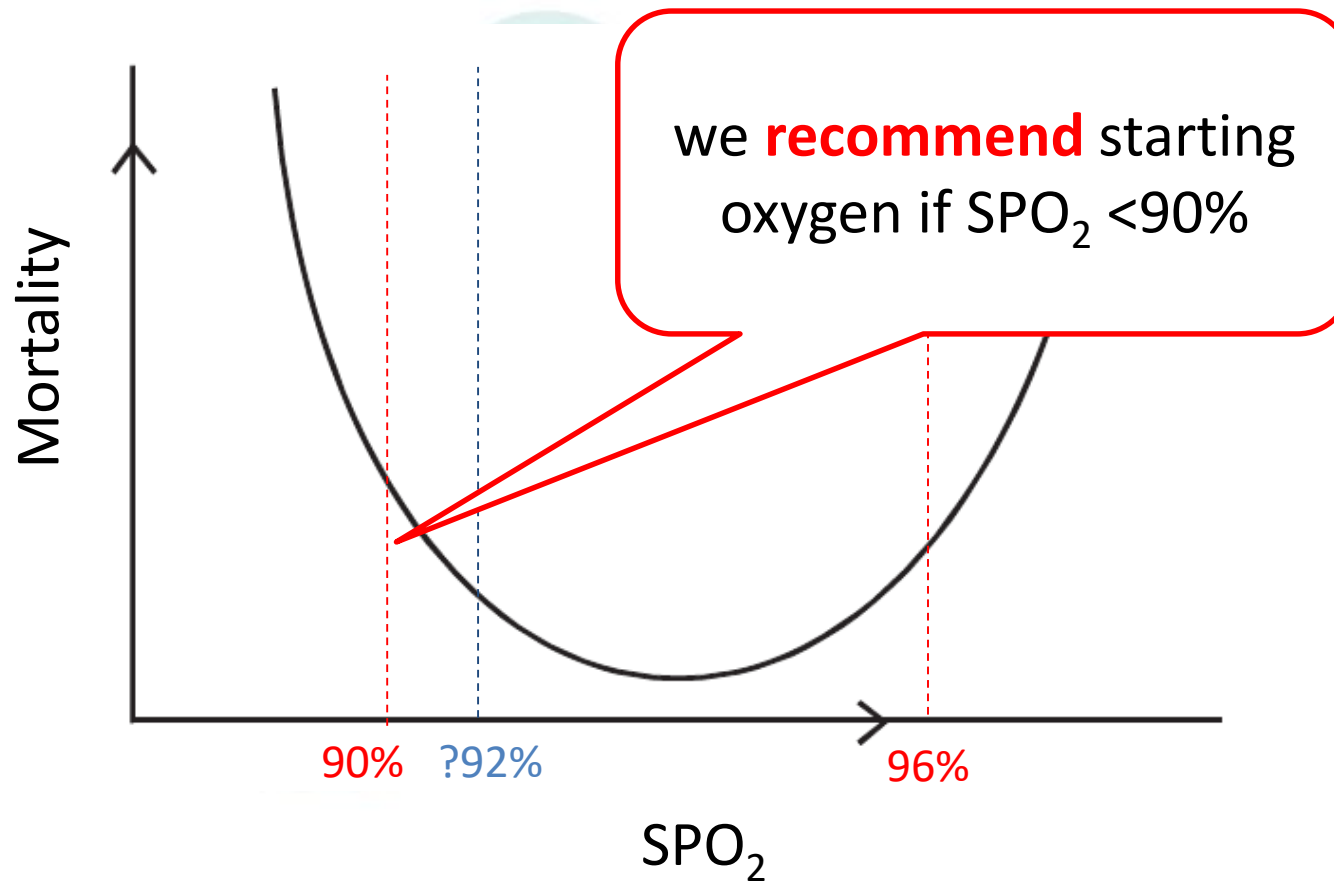


we **recommend** that SPO₂ be maintained no higher than 96%

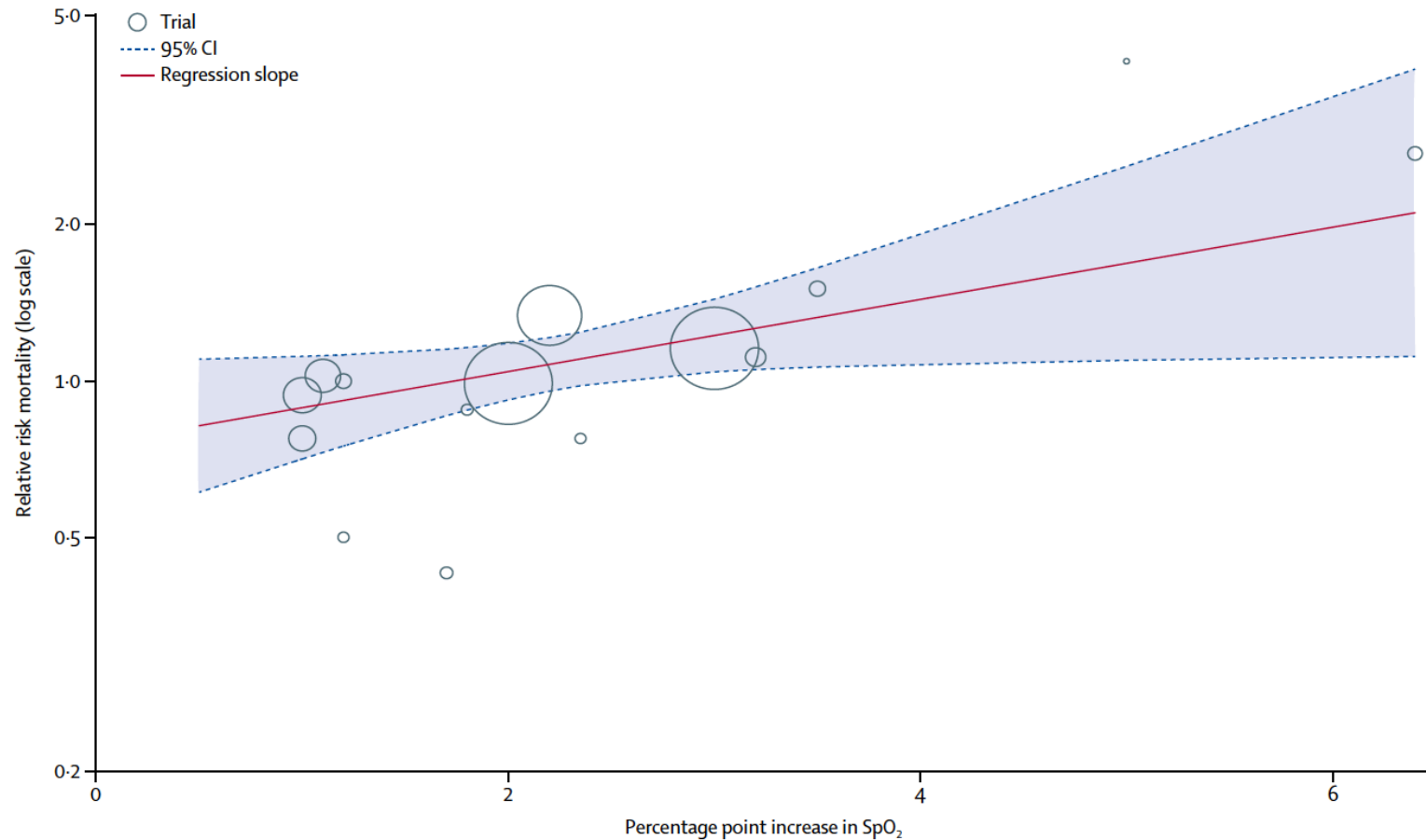
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SpO₂ and Mortality



Hypoxemia

- For adults with COVID-19 and **acute hypoxemic respiratory failure** despite conventional oxygen therapy, we **suggest** using HFNC over conventional oxygen therapy.

Hypoxemia

- For adults with COVID-19 and **acute hypoxemic respiratory failure**, we **suggest** using HFNC over NIPPV.

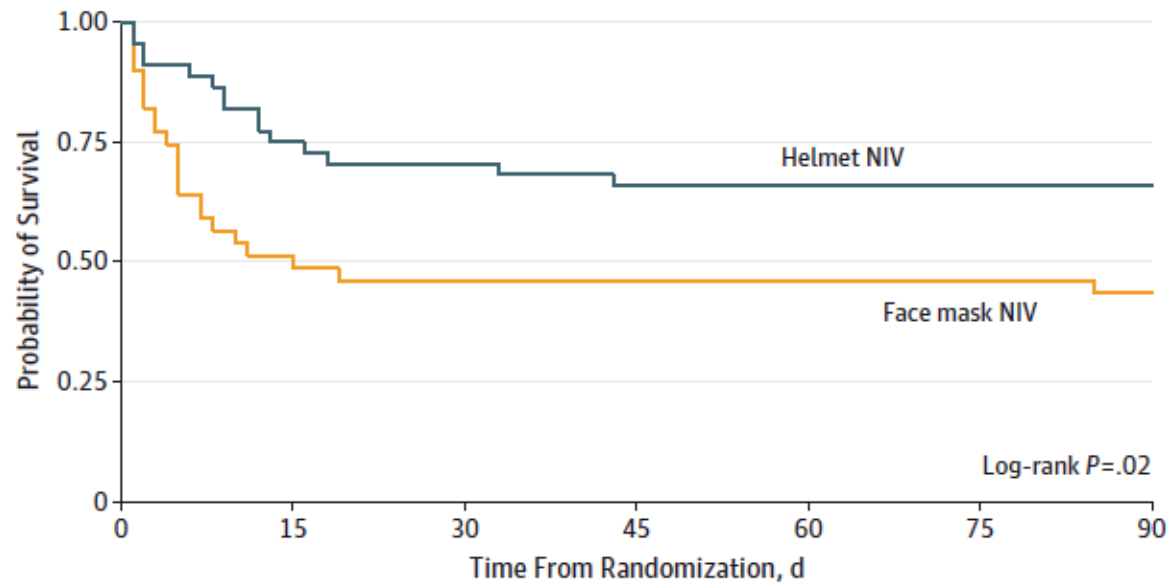
Hypoxemia

- For adults with COVID-19 and **acute hypoxemic respiratory failure**, if HFNC is not available and no emergent indication for endotracheal intubation; we **suggest** a trial of NIPPV with close monitoring and short interval assessment for worsening of respiratory failure.

We were not able to make a recommendation regarding the use of helmet NIPPV compared to mask NIPPV, it is an option, but we are not certain about its safety or efficacy for COVID-19 patients.



Effect of Noninvasive Ventilation Delivered by Helmet vs Face Mask on the Rate of Endotracheal Intubation in Patients With Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome A Randomized Clinical Trial



No. at risk								
Face mask	39	20	18	18	18	18	18	17
Helmet	44	33	31	29	29	29	29	29

[JAMA](#). 2016 Jun 14;315(22):2435-41

Endotracheal Intubation

- For healthcare workers performing **endotracheal intubation** on patients with COVID-19, we **recommend** endotracheal intubation is performed by healthcare worker experienced with airway management, to minimize the number of attempts and risk of transmission.

Endotracheal Intubation

- For healthcare workers performing **endotracheal intubation** on patients with COVID-19, we **suggest** using video guided laryngoscopy, over direct laryngoscopy, if available.

COVID-19 with hypoxia

Indication for endotracheal intubation?

Yes

Tolerating supplemental oxygen?

No

Yes

No

Consider: ⚠️ HFNC

Tolerating HFNC

Not tolerating HFNC or HFNC is not available

Yes

Indication for endotracheal intubation?

No

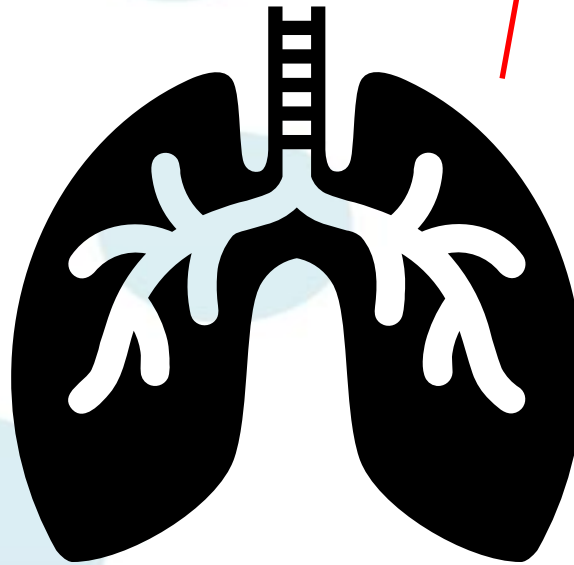
Consider: ⚠️ a trial of NIPPV
 ✓ Do it: Monitor closely at short intervals
 ⓪ Do not: Delay intubation if worsening

✓ Do it: Monitor closely for worsening
 ✓ Do it: Target SPO₂ 92 to 96%
 ✓ Do it: Appropriate infection control precautions
 ⓪ Do not: Delay intubation if worsening

✓ Do it: Endotracheal intubation
 ✓ Do it: Expert in airway to intubate
 ✓ Do it: Use N-95/FFP-2 or equivalent and other PPE/infection control precautions
 ✓ Do it: Minimize staff in the room
 Consider: ⚠️ if available
 Video- laryngoscope

Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

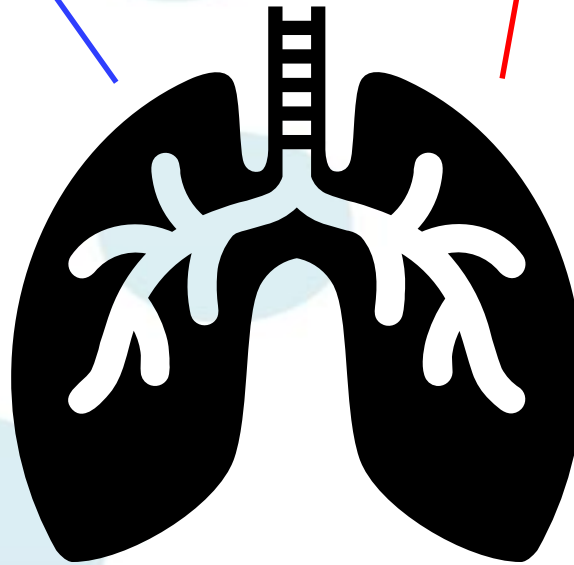
We **recommend** using low Vt (4-8 mL/kg) and Targeting Pplat <30 cmH₂O



ARDS

we **suggest** using a higher PEEP strategy

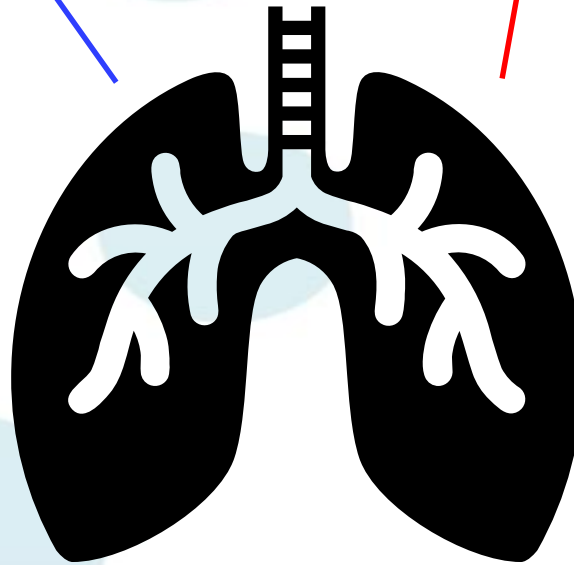
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Mod-Severe
ARDS

we **suggest** using a higher PEEP strategy

we **suggest** using a conservative, over a liberal, fluid strategy.



We **recommend** using low Vt (4-8 mL/kg) and Targeting Pplat <30 cmH₂O

Mod-Severe
ARDS

Prone Ventilation

- For mechanically ventilated adults with COVID-19 and **moderate to severe ARDS**, we **suggest** prone ventilation for **12 to 16 hours**, over no prone ventilation.

Neuromuscular Blocking Agents (NMBA)?

NMBA

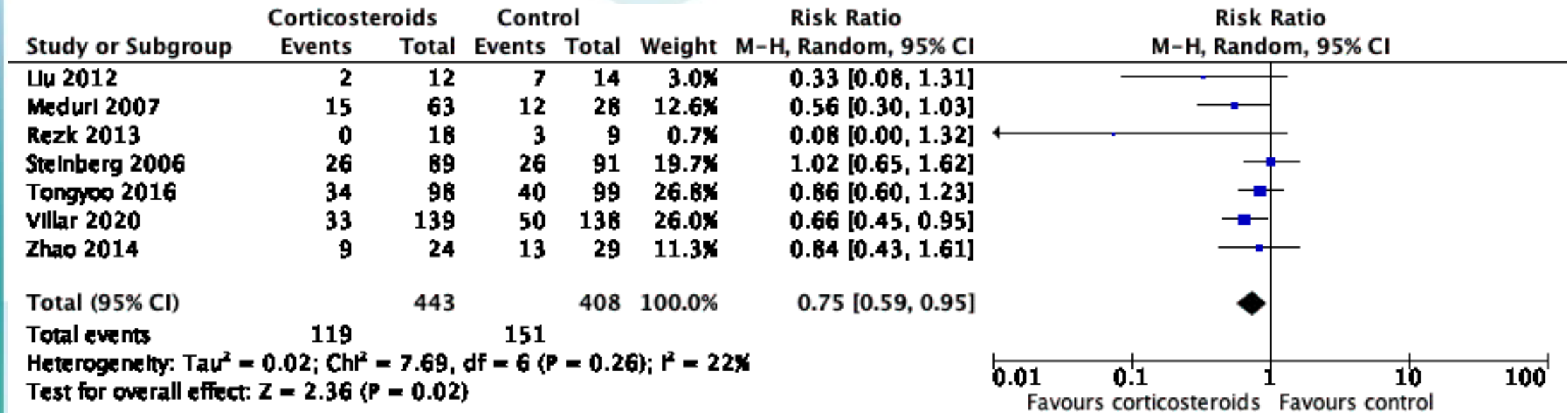
- For MV adults with COVID-19 and **moderate to severe ARDS**, we **suggest** using as needed intermittent boluses of NMBA, over a continuous NMBA infusion, to facilitate protective lung ventilation.

NMBA

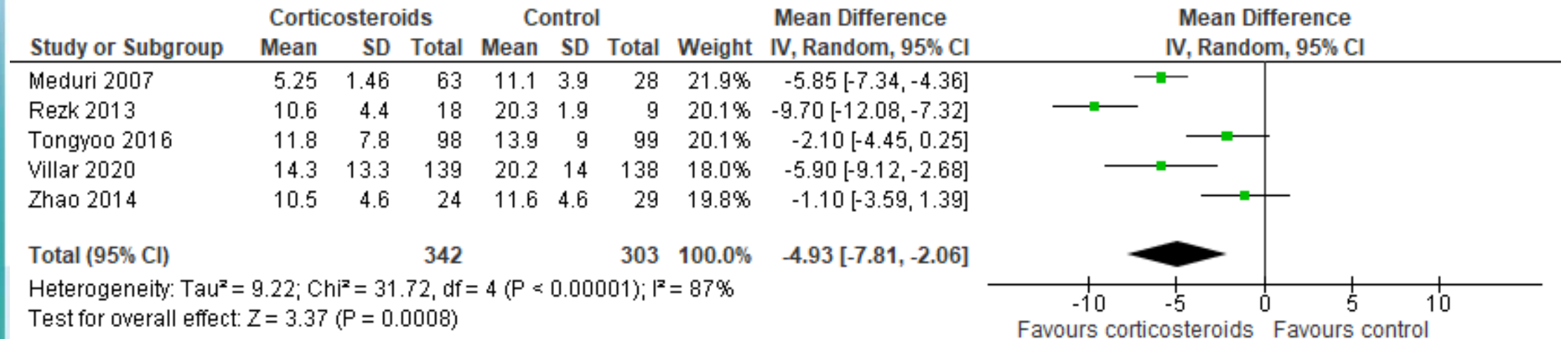
- In case of persistent ventilator dyssynchrony, requirement of ongoing deep sedation, prone ventilation, or persistently high P_{plt} ; we **suggest** using a continuous NMBA infusion for up to 48 hours.

Corticosteroids

Steroids in ARDS - Mortality Outcome

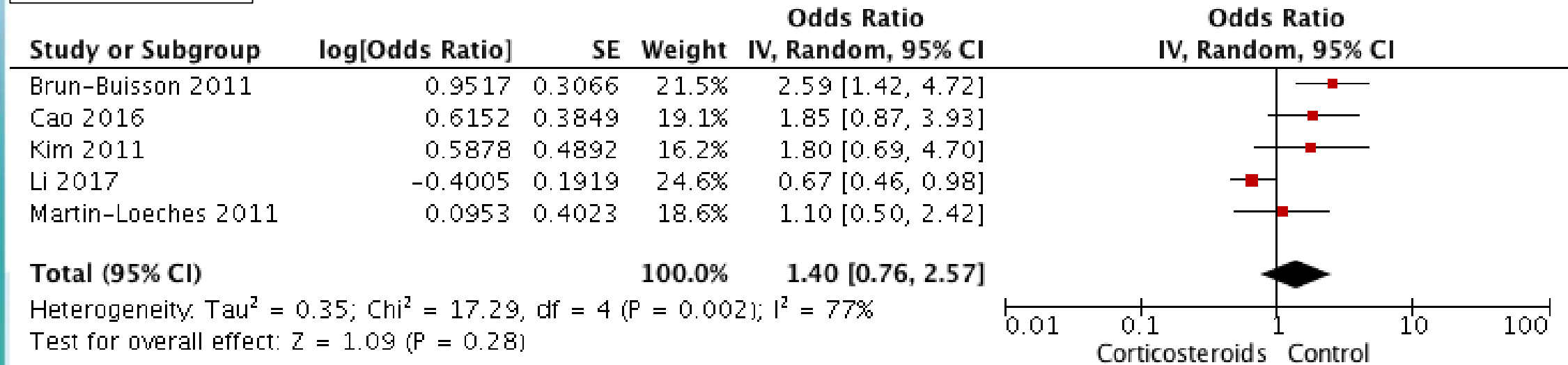


Steroids in ARDS - DMV

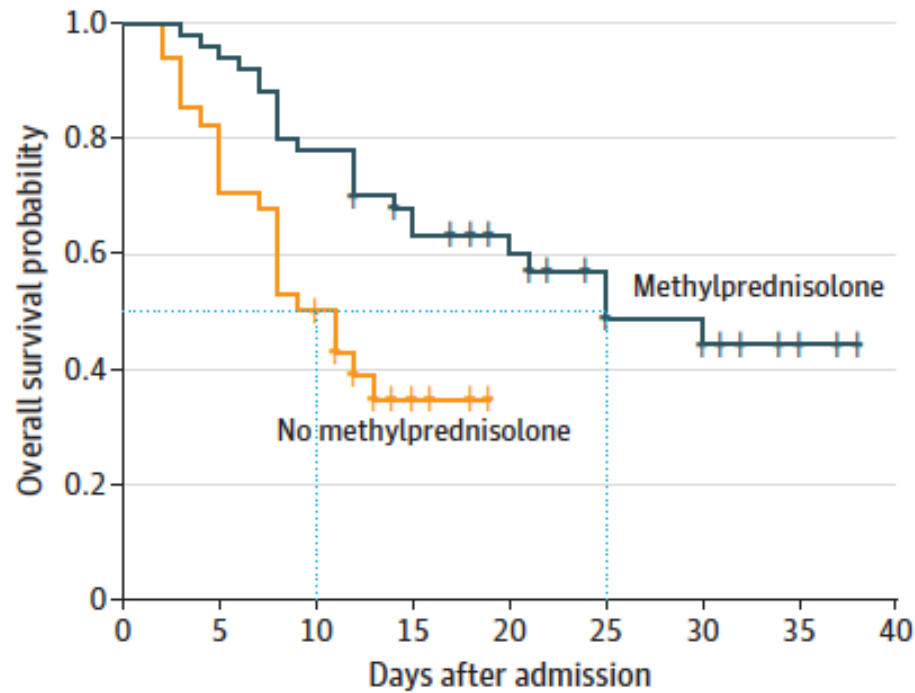


Steroids for **Viral ARDS** - Mortality

All observational studies



Direct Evidence



Retrospective study
N=201
with COVID-19 pneumonia

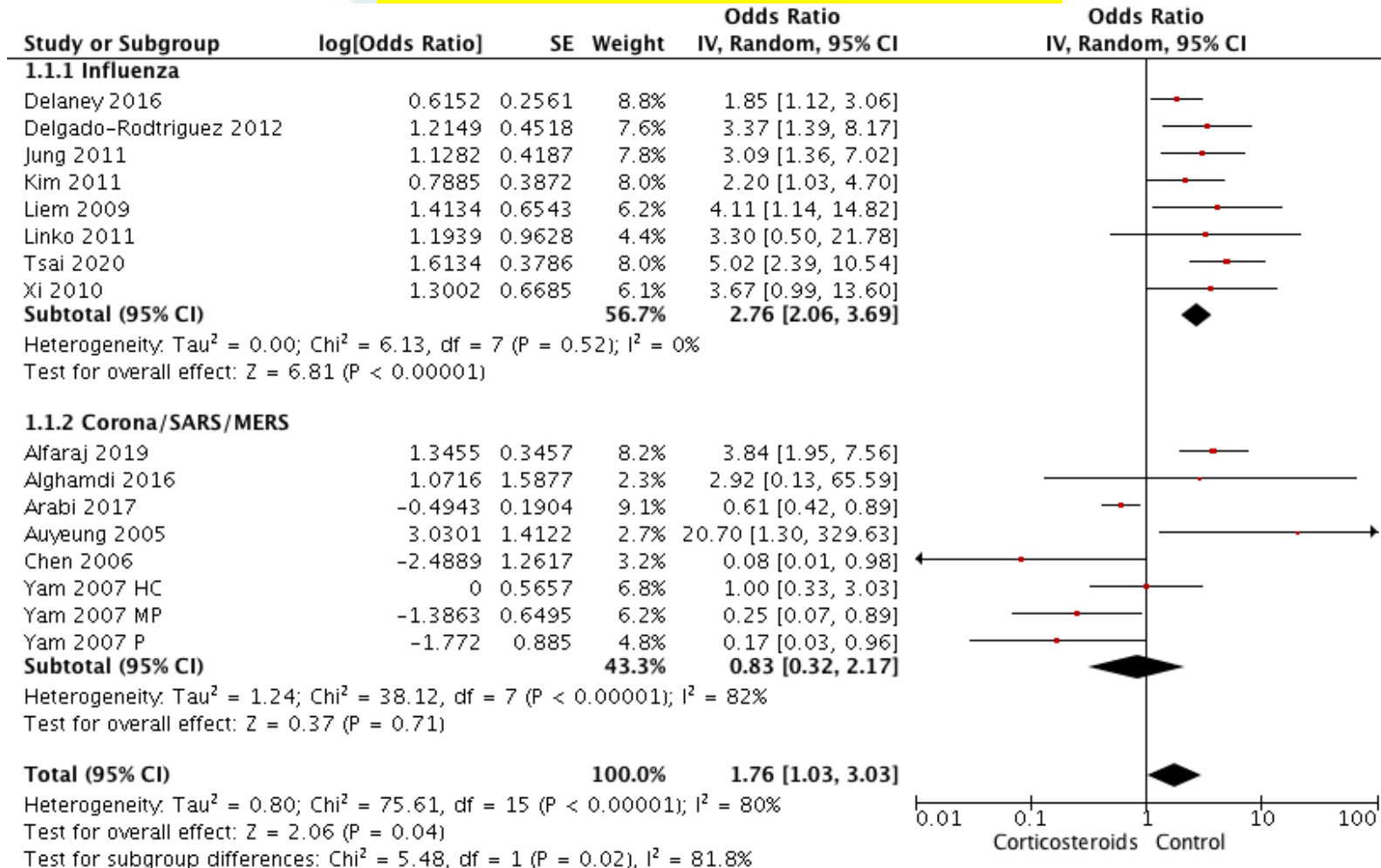
No. at risk		0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40
No methylprednisolone	34	28	17	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Methylprednisolone	50	48	39	29	20	14	11	4	0	0

[JAMA Intern Med.](#) 2020 Mar 13.

Corticosteroids

- For mechanically ventilated adults with COVID-19 **and ARDS**, we **suggest** using systemic corticosteroids over not using corticosteroids.
- **Remark:** The majority of our panel support a weak recommendation (i.e. suggestion) to use steroids in the sickest patients with COVID-19 and ARDS. However, because of the very low quality evidence, some experts on the panel preferred not to issue a recommendation until higher quality direct-evidence is available.

Steroids for Viral Pneumonia - Mortality



All observational studies

Corticosteroids

- For mechanically ventilated adults with COVID-19 and respiratory failure (**without ARDS**), we **suggest against** the routine use of systemic corticosteroids

COVID-19 with mild ARDS

✓ **Do:**
Vt 4-8 ml/kg and $P_{plat} < 30$ cm H₂O

✓ **Do:**
Investigate for bacterial infection

✓ **Do:**
Target SPO₂ 92% - 96%

CONSIDER: ⚠
Conservative fluid strategy

CONSIDER: ⚠
Empiric antibiotics

Uncertain: ❓
Systemic corticosteroids

COVID-19 with Mod to Severe ARDS

CONSIDER: ⚠
Higher PEEP

CONSIDER: ⚠
NMBA boluses to facilitate ventilation targets

CONSIDER: ⚠ **if PEEP responsive**
Traditional Recruitment maneuvers

CONSIDER: ⚠
Prone ventilation 12 -16 h

CONSIDER : ⚠ **if proning, high P_{plt} , asynchrony**
NMBA infusion for 24 h

Don't do: 
Staircase Recruitment maneuvers

CONSIDER: ⚠
Short course of systemic corticosteroids

Rescue/Adjunctive therapy

CONSIDER : ⚠ **if proning, high P_{plt} , asynchrony**
NMBA infusion for 24 h

CONSIDER: ⚠
Prone ventilation 12 -16 h

CONSIDER : ⚠ **STOP if no quick response**
A trial of inhaled Nitric Oxide

CONSIDER : ⚠ **follow local criteria for ECMO**
V-V ECMO or referral to ECMO center

Antibiotics

- For mechanically ventilated patients with COVID-19 and respiratory failure, we **suggest** using empiric antimicrobials/antibacterial agents, compared to no antimicrobials.
- **Remark:** if the treating team initiates empiric antimicrobials, they should assess for de-escalation daily, and re-evaluate the duration of therapy and spectrum of coverage based on the microbiology results and the patient's clinical status.

Therapy

For critically ill adults with COVID-19, we **suggest against** the routine use of standard intravenous immunoglobulins.

For critically ill adults with COVID-19, we **suggest against** the routine use of convalescent plasma.

For critically ill adults with COVID-19, we **suggest against** the routine use of lopinavir/ritonavir.

Therapy

- Insufficient evidence to support recommendations for:
 - Antivirals
 - Hydroxychloroquine
 - Immunomodulators

Hemodynamic Support

- For the **acute resuscitation** of adults with **COVID-19 and shock**, we **suggest** using a conservative, over a liberal fluid strategy

Outcomes	No of participants (studies)	Relative effect (95% CI)	Certainty of the evidence
All-cause Mortality	637 (9 RCTs)	RR 0.87 (0.69–1.10)	VERY LOW
Serious Adverse Events	637 (9 RCTs)	RR 0.91 (0.78–1.05)	VERY LOW

Hemodynamic Support

- For adults with **COVID-19 and refractory shock**, we **suggest** using low-dose corticosteroid therapy (“shock-reversal”), over no corticosteroid therapy.
- Remark: typical corticosteroid regimen in septic shock is intravenous hydrocortisone 200 mg per day either as an infusion or intermittent doses.

Outcomes	№ of participants (studies)	Relative effect (95% CI)	Certainty of the evidence
Short-term Mortality (<90 days)	7297 (22 RCTs)	RR 0.96 (0.91–1.02)	MODERATE
Long-term Mortality (>90 days)	5667 (5 RCTs)	RR 0.96 (0.90–1.02)	MODERATE
Serious Adverse Events	5908 (10 RCTs)	RR 0.98 (0.90–1.08)	LOW

Special Thank You

- Guidelines panelists
- Methodologists
- SCCM and ESICM
- Colleagues around the world caring for patients

CDC COVID-19 Resources

- **Coronavirus Disease 2019 Website**
<https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19>
- **Interim Clinical Guidance for Management of Patients with Confirmed Coronavirus Disease**
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-guidance-management-patients.html>
- **Information for Clinicians on Therapeutic Options for COVID-19 Patients**
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- **Healthcare Professionals: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers**
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- **Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions and Disposition of Patients with COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings**
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- **What Healthcare Personnel Should Know about Caring for Patients with Confirmed or Possible COVID-19 Infection**
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- **Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens from Patients Under Investigation for COVID-19**
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/lab/guidelines-clinical-specimens.html>
- **Rapid Guidelines for Surviving Sepsis Campaign: Guidelines on the Management of Critically Ill Adults with COVID-19**
<https://www.sccm.org/getattachment/Disaster/SSC-COVID19-Critical-Care-Guidelines.pdf?lang=en-US>

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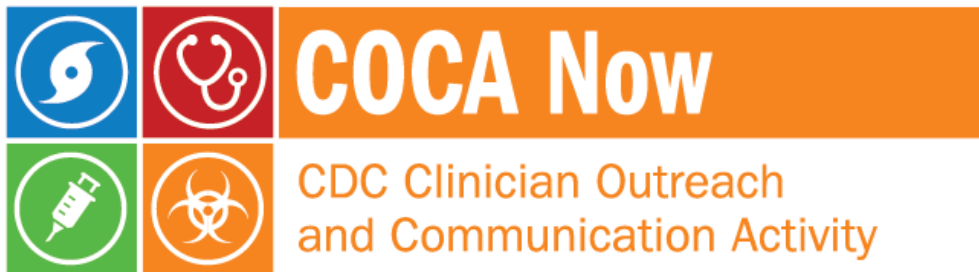
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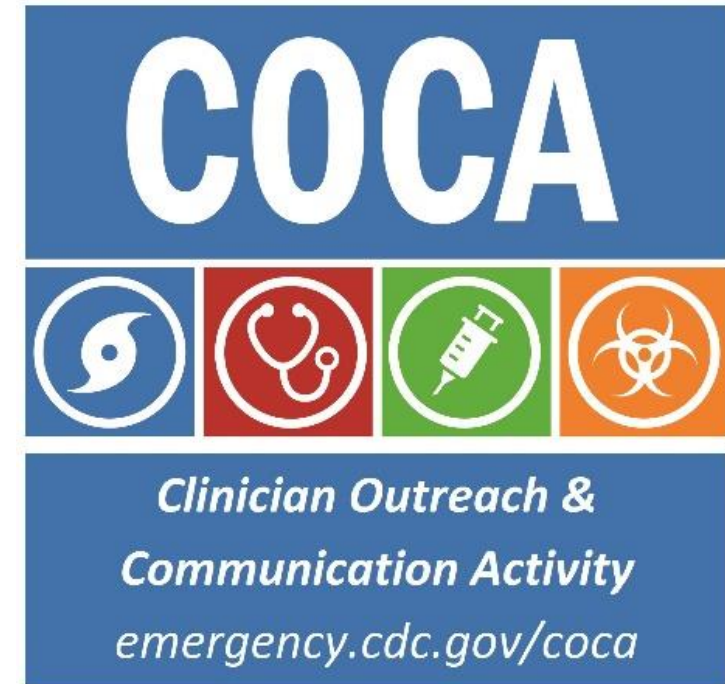
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