

Managements of Obese patients with Respiratory failure

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Obesity pandemic

1 in 4 Korean male children suffer from obesity

One in 4 South Korean male children aged 5 to 17 are obese, a rate that is higher than the OECD average, according to the nation's Health Ministry.

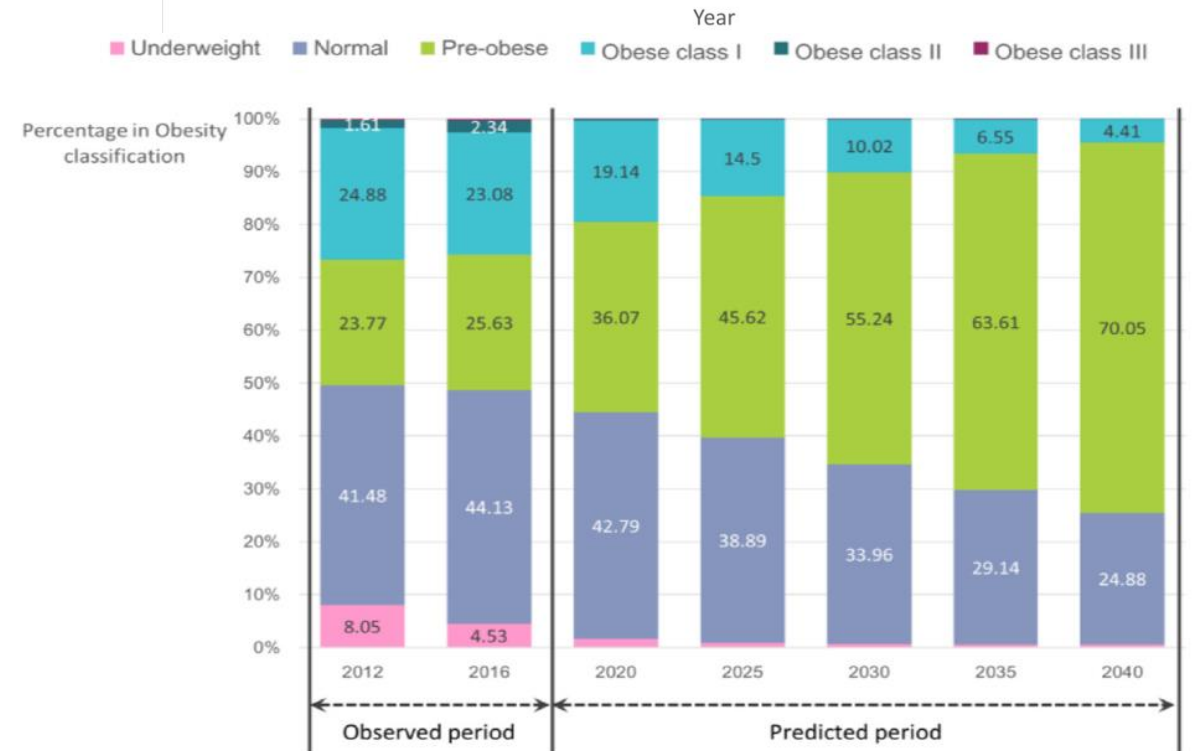
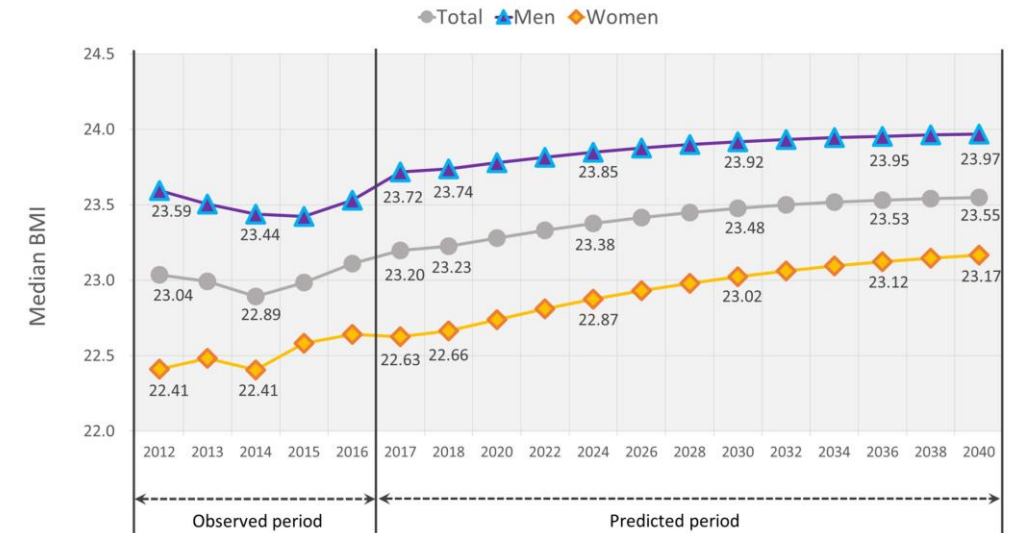
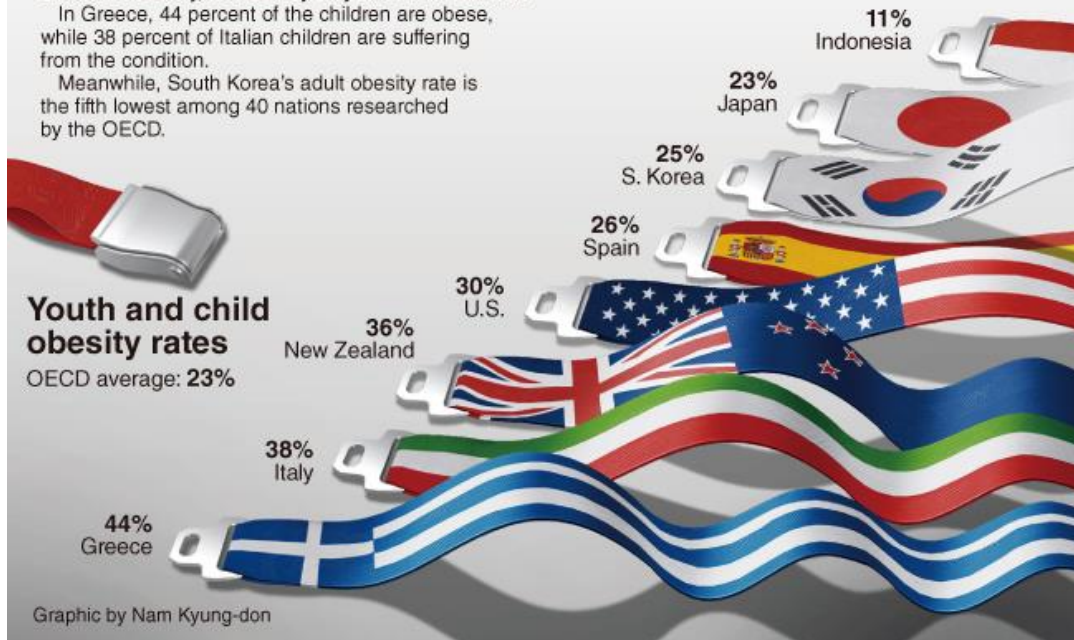
According to the ministry, 25 percent of young male Koreans are obese, while the OECD average is only 23 percent. The ministry announced the statistics using OECD data from no earlier than 2010.

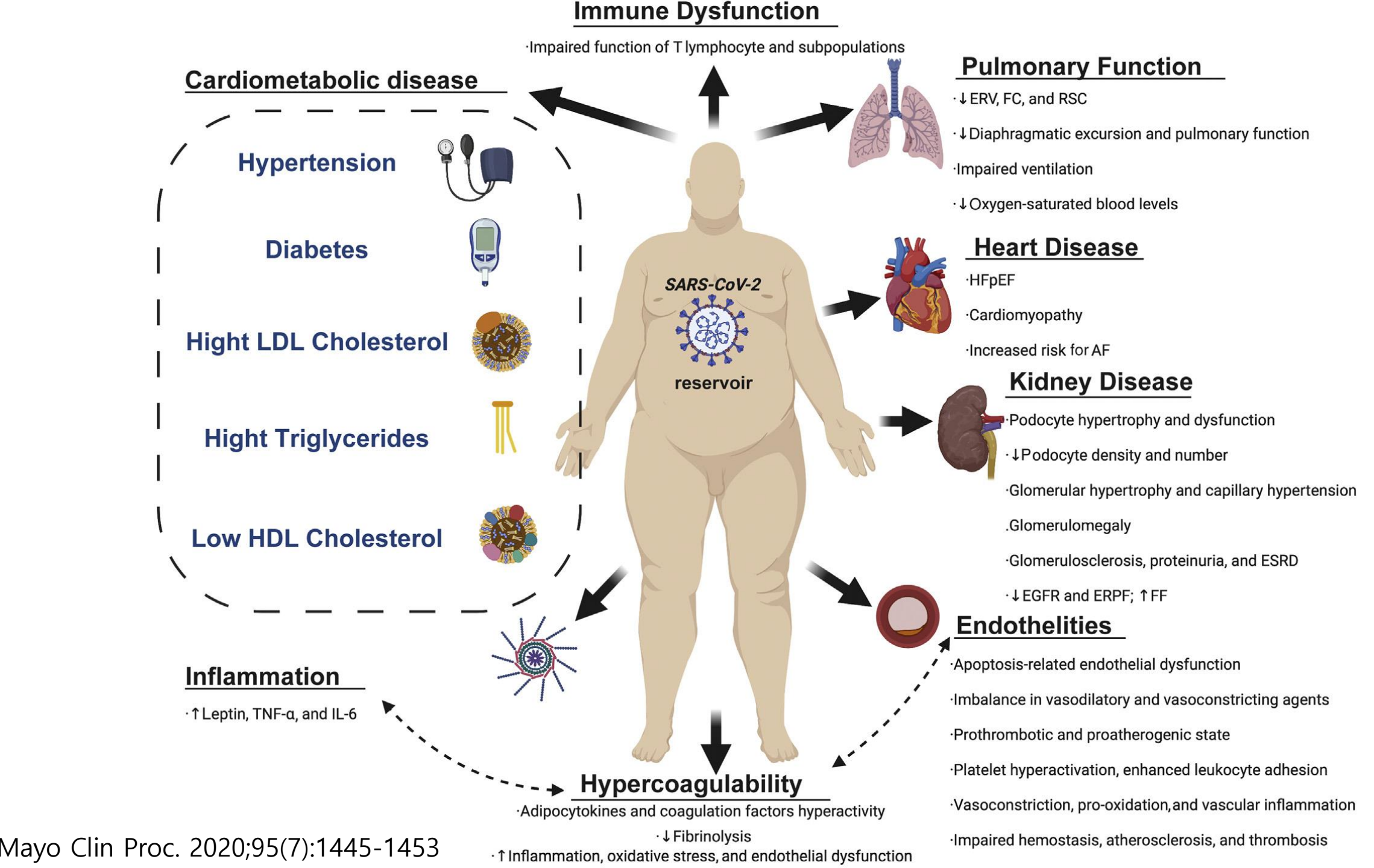
"Some 60 percent of obese children end up becoming obese as adults as well," said the Health Ministry in a statement. "Preventing childhood obesity is important as South Korea's adult male obesity rate, too, has been on the rise."

According to the OECD data, Greece has the highest rate of childhood obesity, followed by Italy and New Zealand.

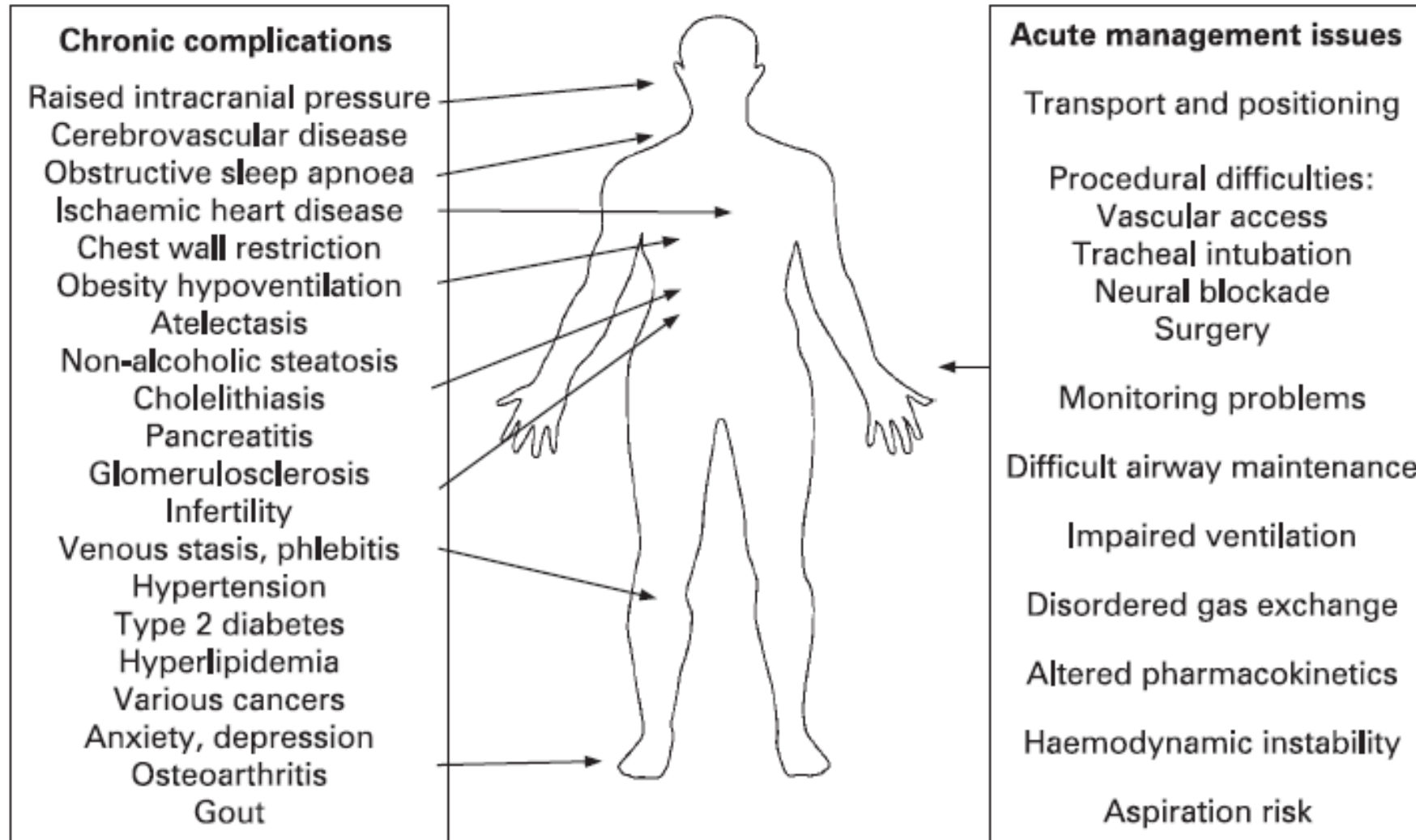
In Greece, 44 percent of the children are obese, while 38 percent of Italian children are suffering from the condition.

Meanwhile, South Korea's adult obesity rate is the fifth lowest among 40 nations researched by the OECD.





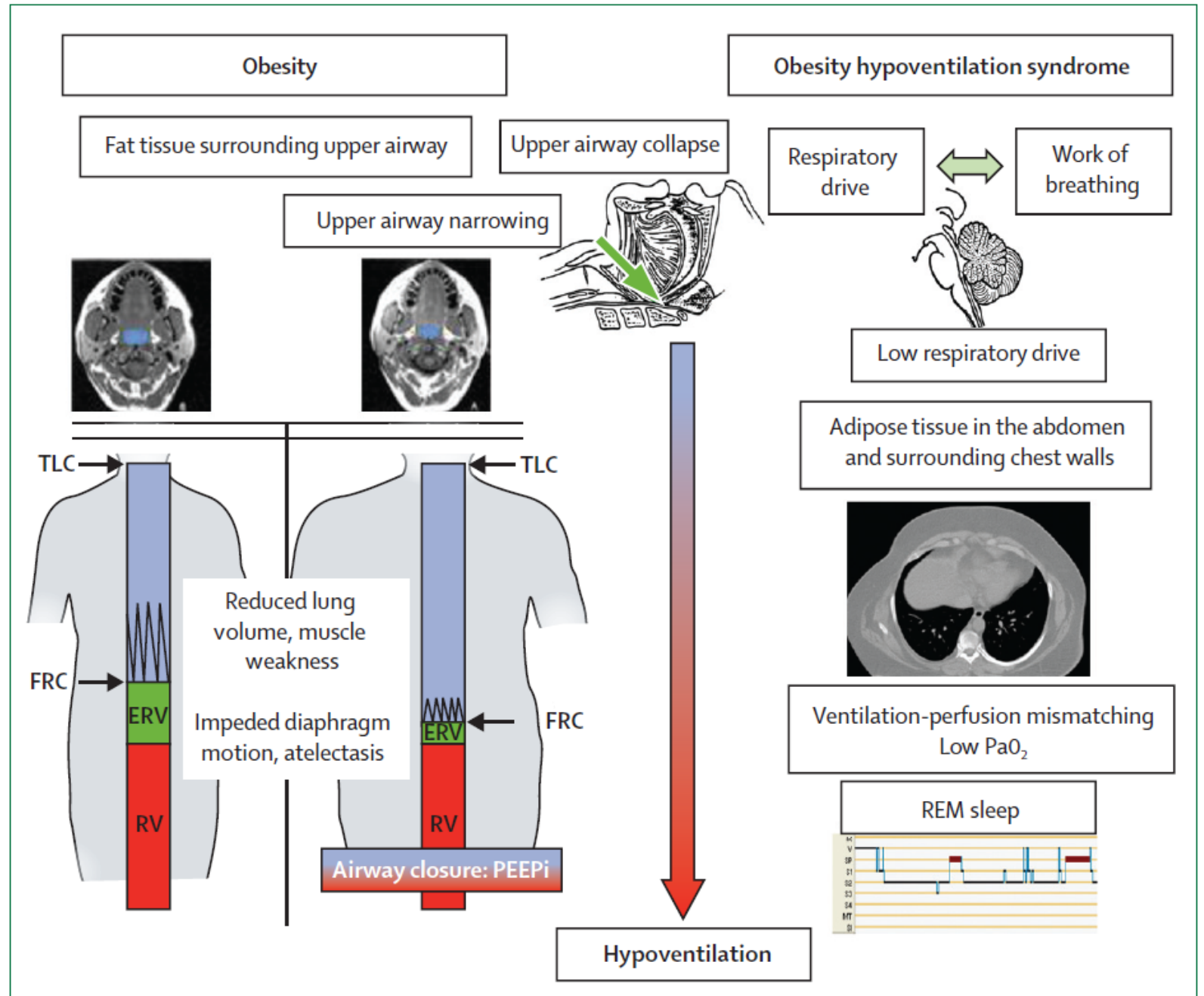
Obesity-related complications



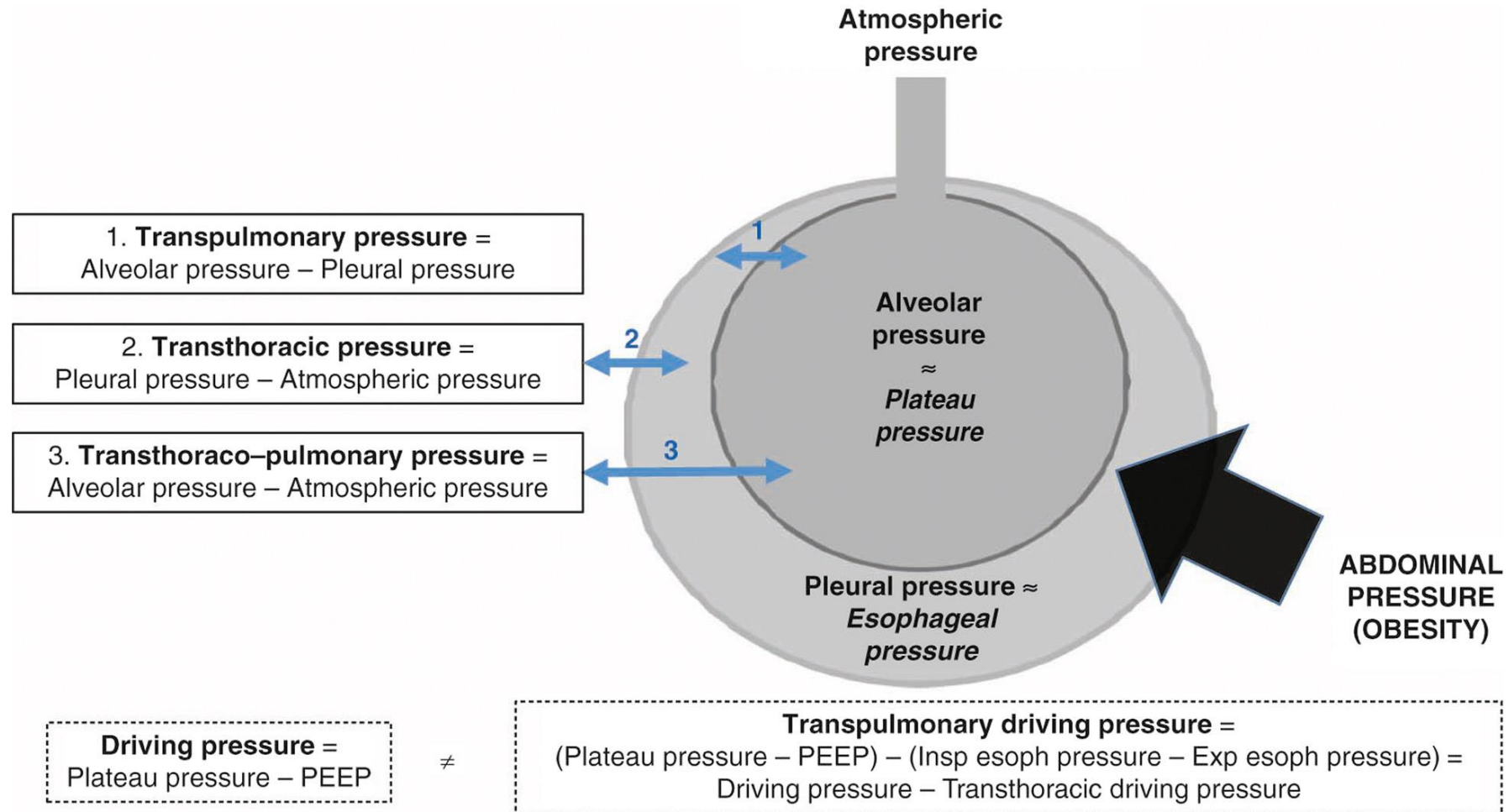
Pulmonary physiology in Obese patients

- Lung volumes and mechanics
 - Poor lung functions
- V/S mismatch
 - Dependent area
- Respiratory muscles
 - Easy to fatigue
- Central ventilatory drive
 - Aggravated hypoventilation during sleep in OHS

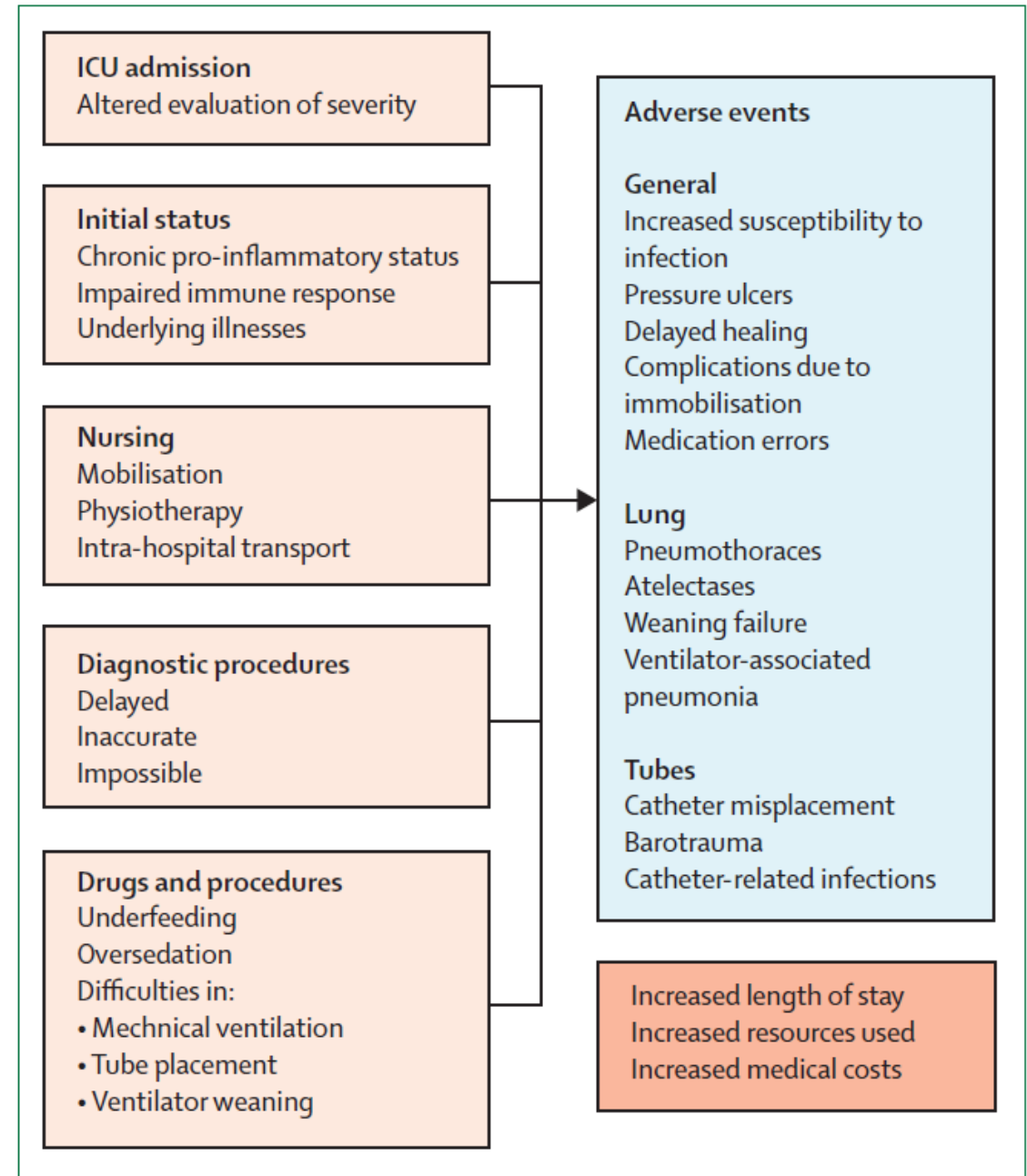
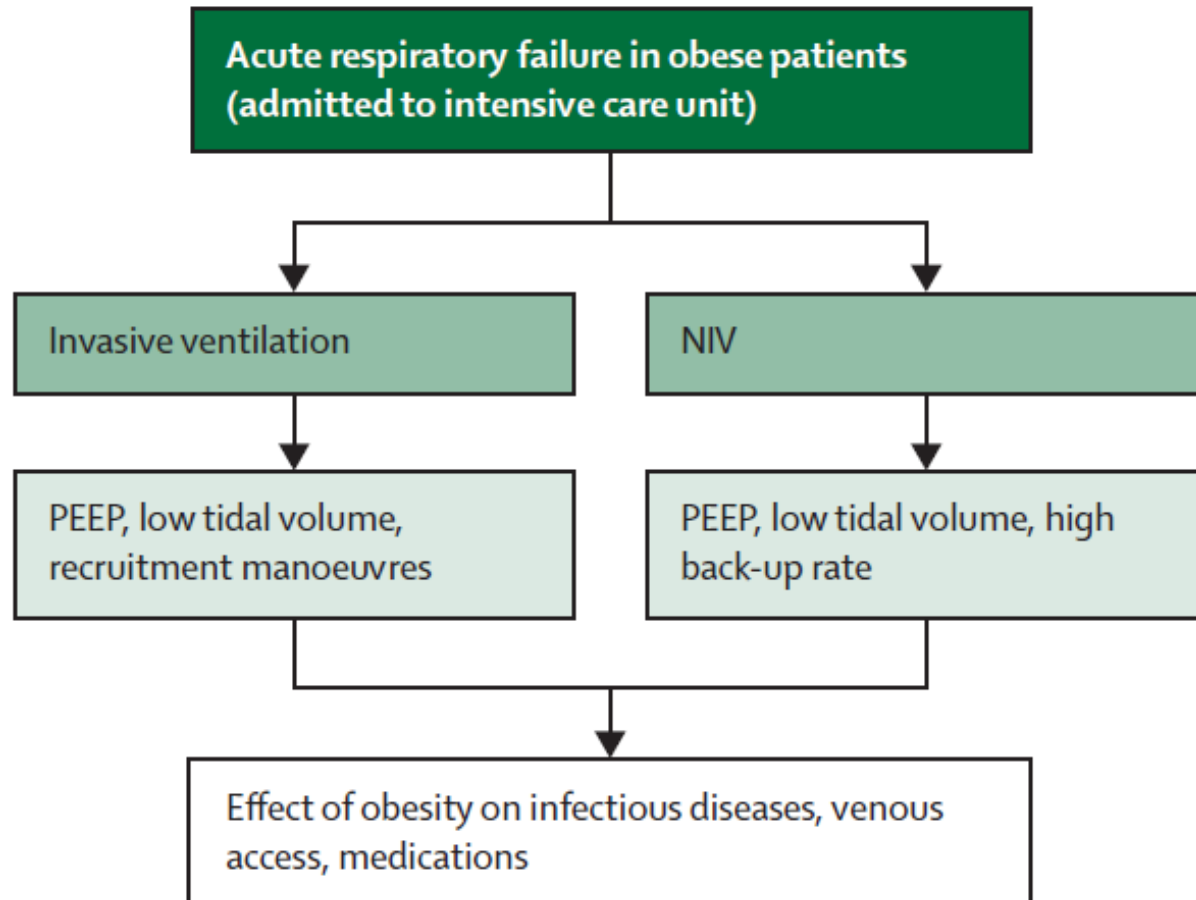
Altered physiology



Driving, Transpulmonary and Transthoracic Pressures



Principles



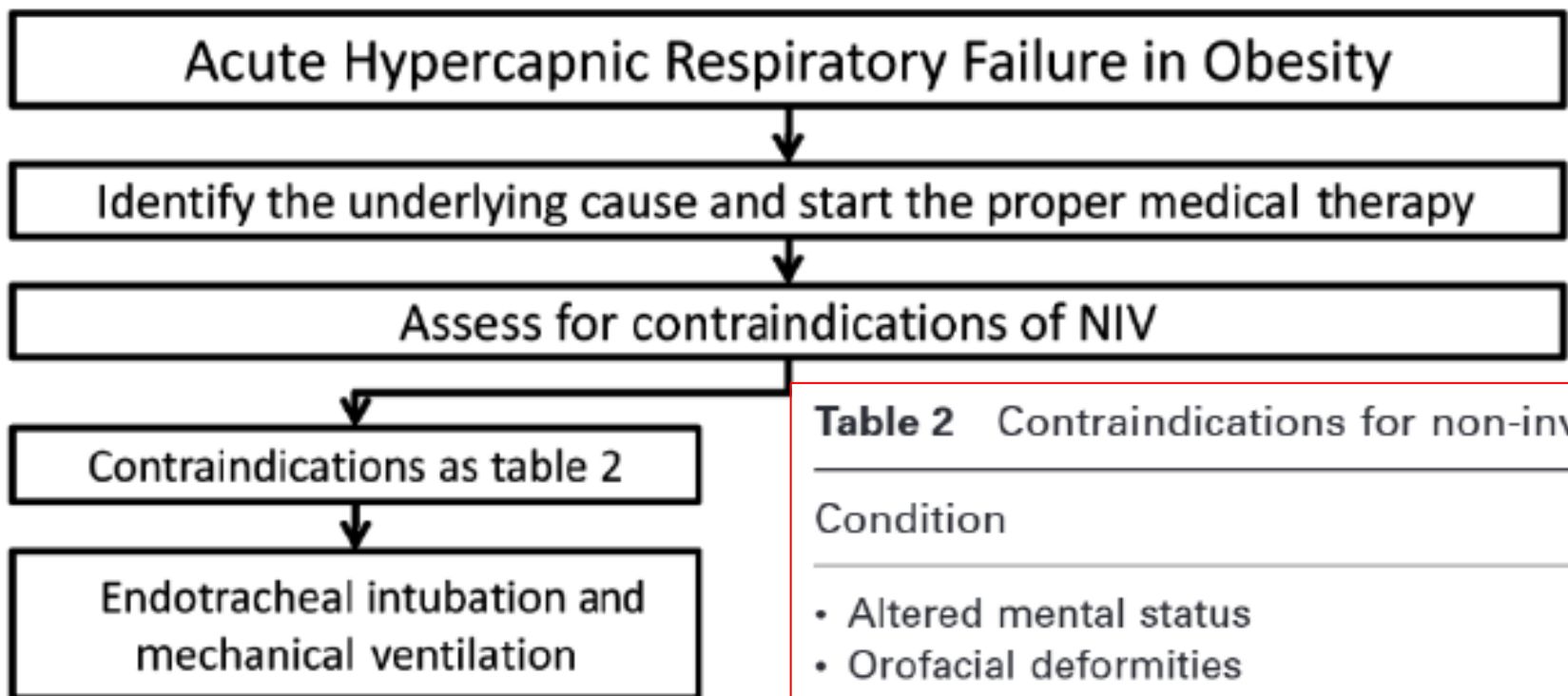


Table 2 Contraindications for non-invasive ventilation

Condition

- Altered mental status
- Orofacial deformities
- Haemodynamic instability
- Uncooperative patient
- Refractory hypoxaemia
- Upper gastrointestinal bleeding
- Inability to clear secretions
- Large acute myocardial infarction
- Uncontrolled arrhythmias
- Claustrophobia
- Severe abdominal distension
- Acute stroke

Why NIV?

Table 3 Potential respiratory complications in morbidly obese patients in the intensive care unit

Respiratory problem

Sleep-disordered breathing⁵

Frequent respiratory failure¹⁰⁷

Intubation/weaning difficulties and complications^{48,75}

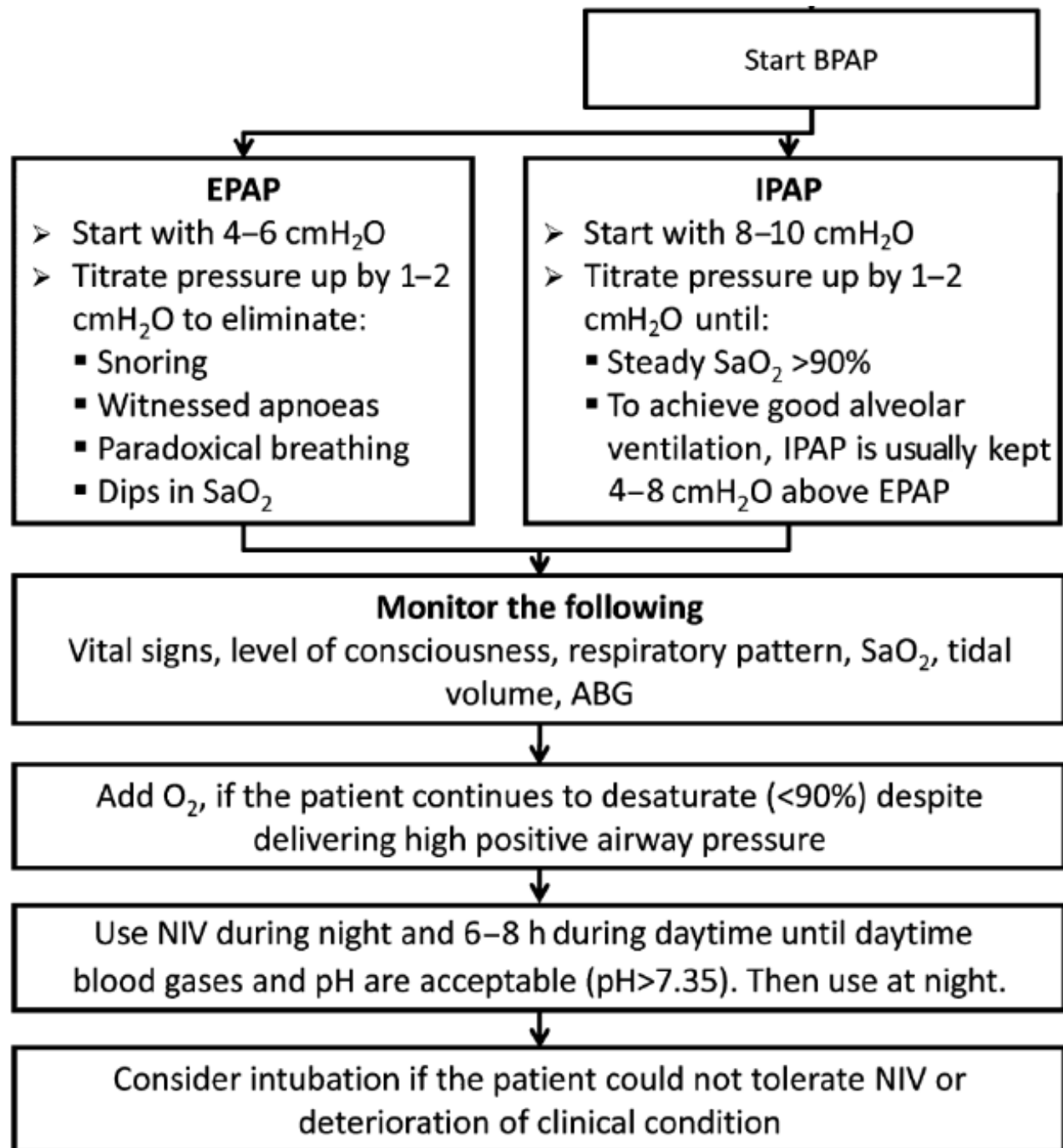
Increased risk of pneumonia¹⁰⁷

Increased risk of acute lung injury/ARDS⁴⁶

Higher rate of mechanical ventilation^{76,108}

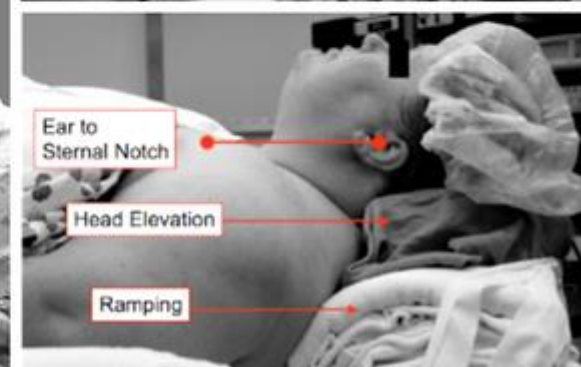
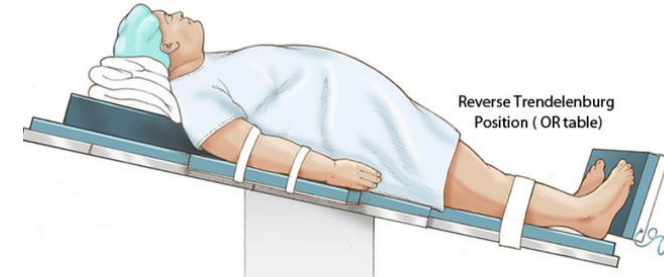
Prolonged duration of mechanical ventilation^{109,110}





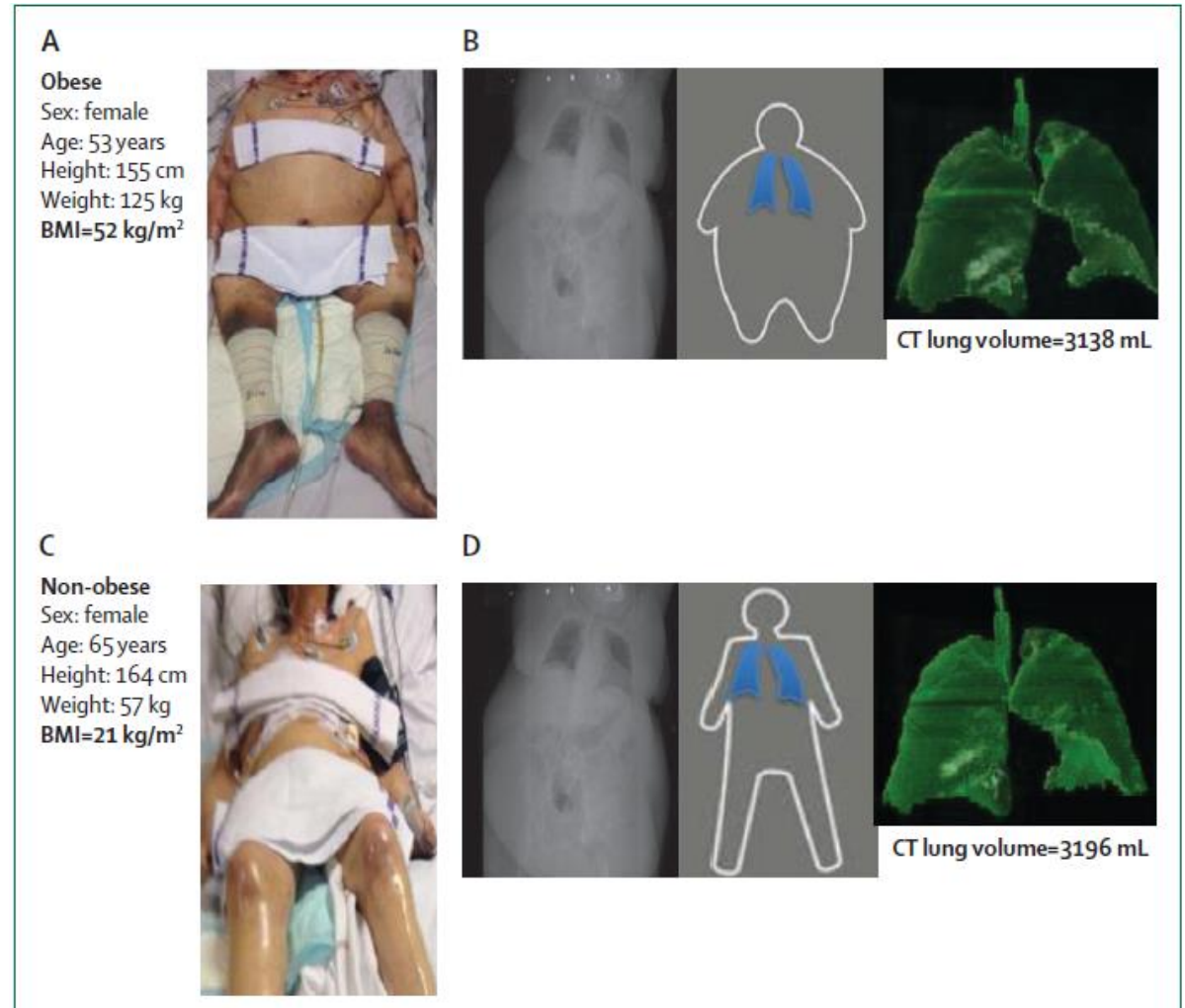
Airway management

- Difficult intubation
- Adequate pre-oxygenation
- Position!
 - Ramped position
 - Reverse Trendelenburg position
 - Ear-to-sternal notch in the horizontal line



Ventilator management: general

- Positioning
- PEEP settings
- Tidal volume
- Sedatives, Relaxants
- Tracheostomy
- Weaning




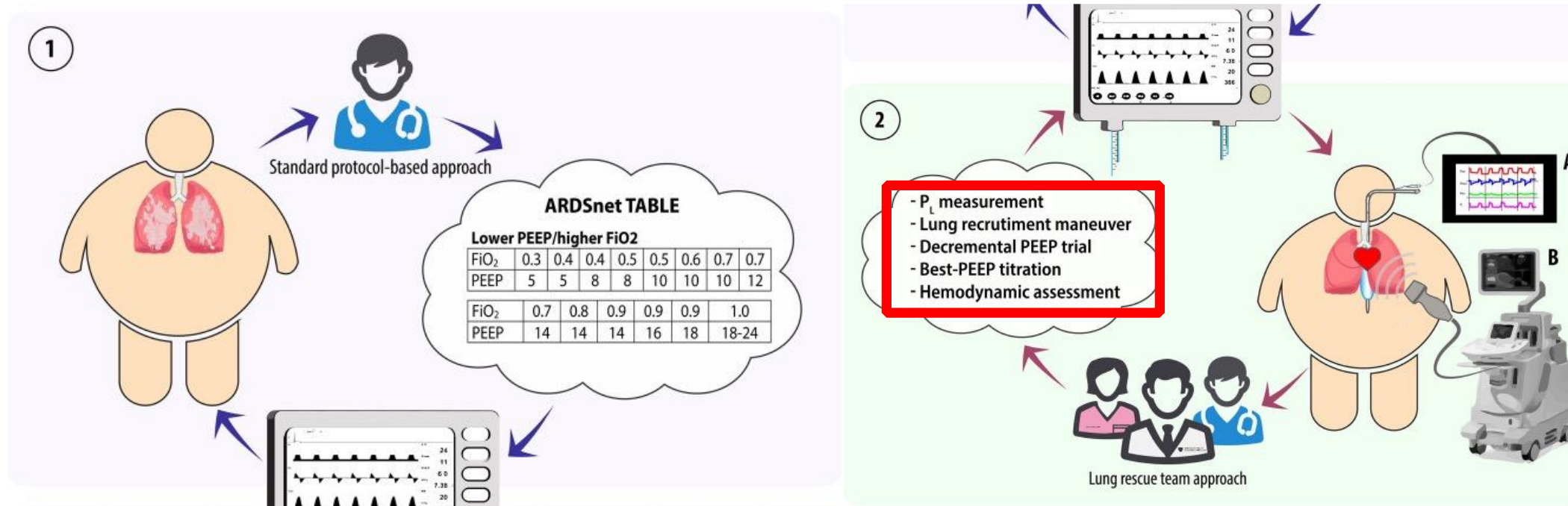
Ventilator management: details

- No difference between Pressure and Volume Modes
- Low tidal volume (6 mL/kg based on ideal body weight)
- High positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP)
 - PEEP values commonly used by clinicians (11.6 ± 2.9 cmH₂O) was inadequate for morbidly obese ICU patients.
 - Mean PEEP value of 18 cmH₂O was required to optimize end-expiratory lung volume
- Recruitment maneuvers, end-expiratory pressure titration
- Individualized PEEP titration using electrical impedance tomography



A lung rescue team improves survival in obesity with acute respiratory distress syndrome

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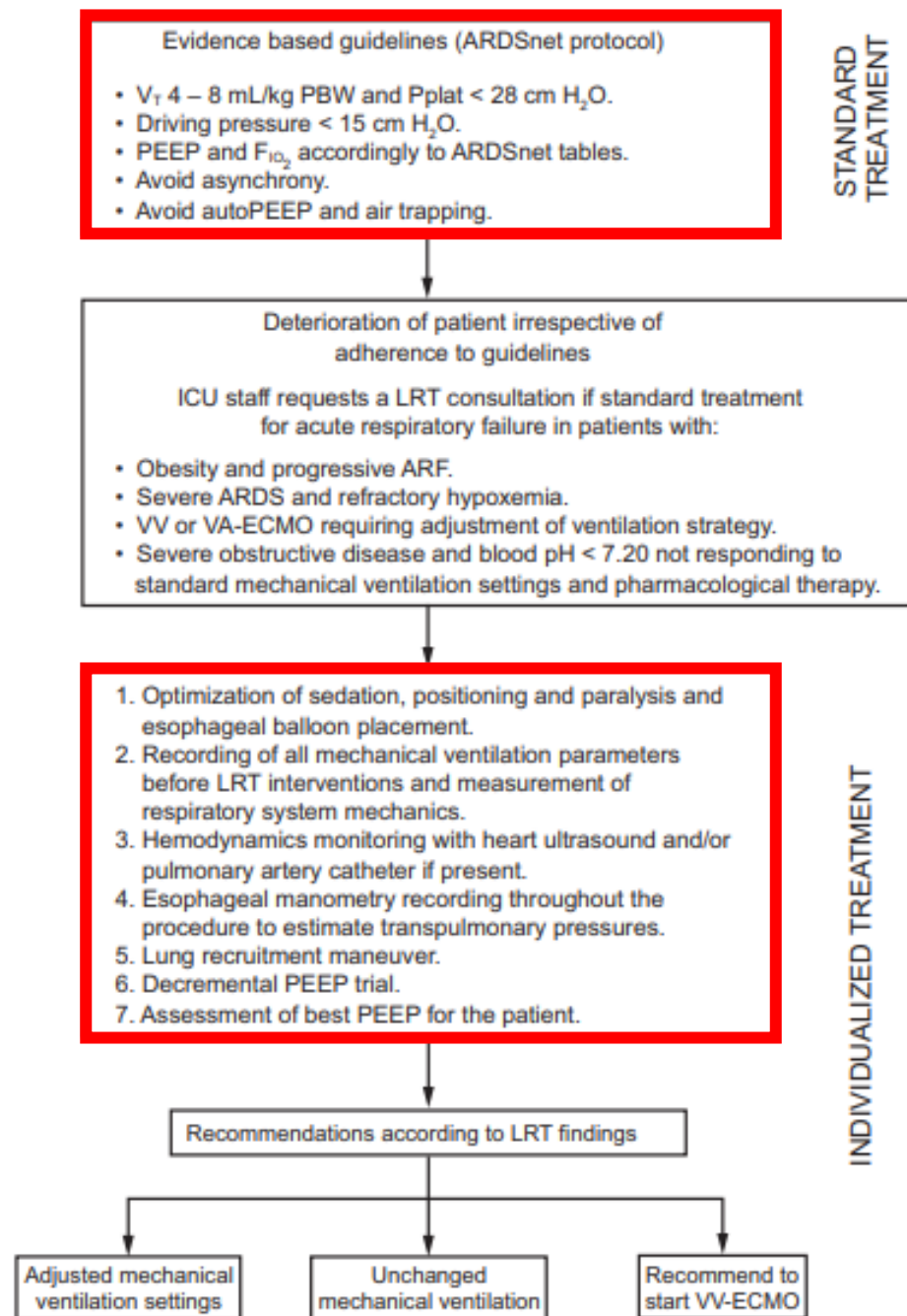
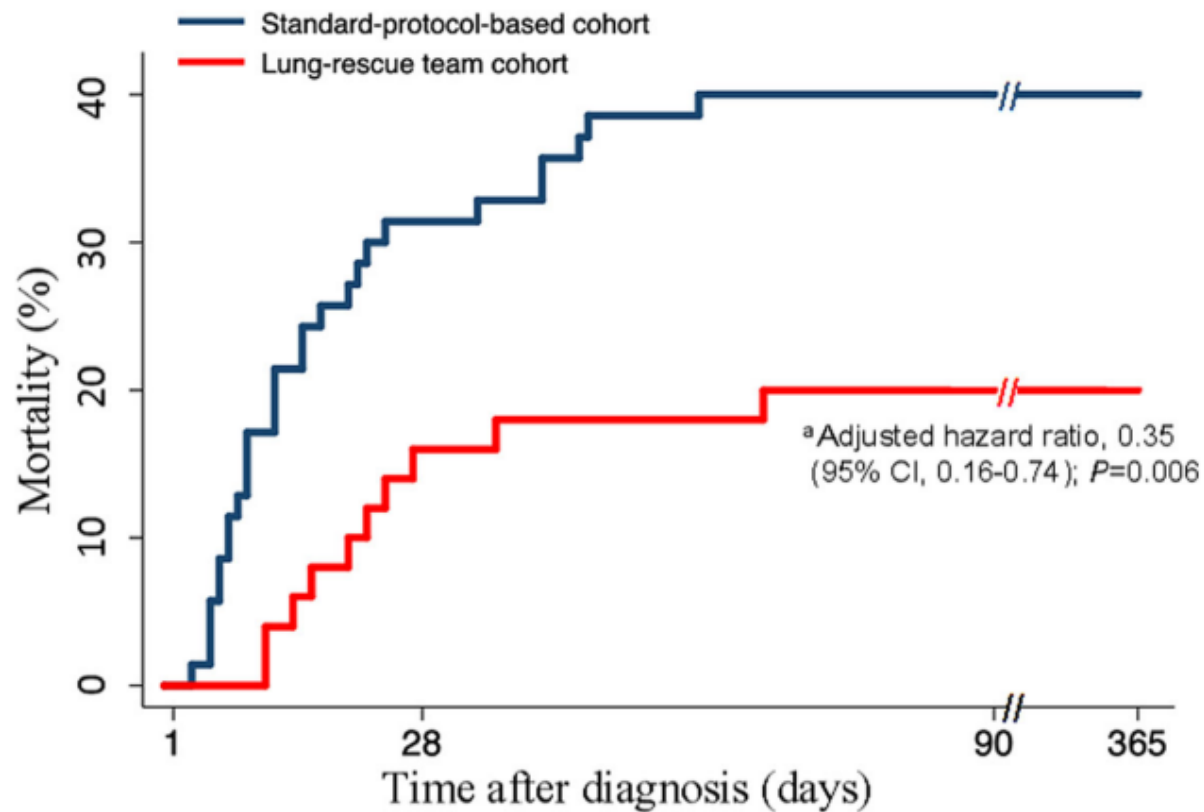


Fig. 1. Lung rescue team (LRT) consultation protocol. V_T = tidal volume; PBW = predicted body weight; Pplat = plateau pressure; ARF = acute respiratory failure; VV/VA-ECMO = venovenous/venoarterial extracorporeal membrane oxygenation.

Table 2 Ventilation settings and hemodynamics—standard protocol-based cohort and lung rescue team cohort

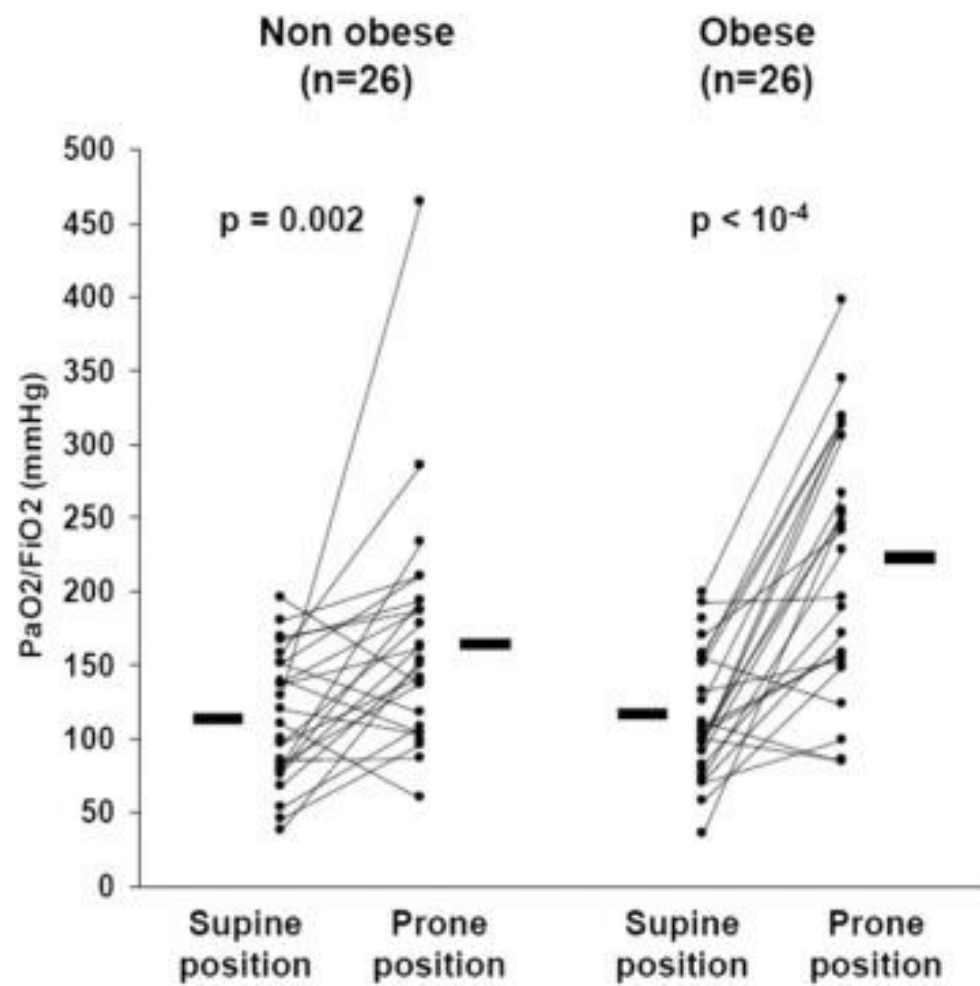
Variable	Group	Day 1		Day 2		Day 3		Day 4	
PEEP, cmH ₂ O, mean (CI 95%)	Standard protocol-based cohort	9 (8–10)	<i>P</i> = 0.20	9 (8–10)	<i>P</i> < 0.001	9 (8–10)	<i>P</i> < 0.001	9 (8–10)	<i>P</i> < 0.001
	Lung rescue team cohort	9 (9–10)		19 (18–20)		20 (18–21)		20 (18–21)	
TV/BW, mL/kg, mean (CI 95%)	Standard protocol-based cohort	6.4 (6.2–6.6)	<i>P</i> = 0.33	6.5 (6.3–6.8)	<i>P</i> = 0.10	6.4 (6.1–6.6)	<i>P</i> = 0.21	6.5 (6.3–6.7)	<i>P</i> = 0.11
	Lung rescue team cohort	6.2 (5.9–6.5)		6.2 (5.9–6.5)		6.2 (5.9–6.5)		6.2 (5.9–6.6)	
DP ^a , cmH ₂ O, mean (CI 95%)	Standard protocol-based cohort	13 (12.1–14.1)	<i>P</i> = 0.94	13 (12.2–14.8)	<i>P</i> < 0.001	13 (11.9–15.2)	<i>P</i> < 0.001	13 (11.8–15.1)	<i>P</i> < 0.001
	Lung rescue team cohort	13 (12.0–14.3)		10 (8.7–10.4)		9 (8.2–9.9)		8 (7.3–9.6)	
C _{RS} ^b , mL/cmH ₂ O, mean (CI 95%)	Standard protocol-based cohort	35 (31–38)	<i>P</i> = 0.41	33 (27–39)	<i>P</i> < 0.001	36 (27–46)	<i>P</i> = 0.003	33 (27–40)	<i>P</i> = 0.002
	Lung rescue team cohort	33 (29.7–37.1)		45 (41–49)		48 (41–56)		52 (42–62)	
P _a /F _O ₂ , mmHg, mean (CI 95%)	Standard protocol-based cohort	197 (177–217)	<i>P</i> = 0.003	224 (203–245)	<i>P</i> = 0.001	220 (199–242)	<i>P</i> = 0.004	218 (194–242)	<i>P</i> = 0.004
	Lung rescue team cohort	154 (127–179)		282 (252–312)		284 (256–312)		276 (243–309)	
RIV No. (%)	Standard protocol-based cohort	49/70 (70)	<i>P</i> = 0.47	51/70 (73)	<i>P</i> = 0.30	41/70 (58)	<i>P</i> = 0.04	39/70 (56)	<i>P</i> = 0.005
	Lung rescue team cohort	38/50 (76)		32/50 (64)		20/50 (40)		15/50 (30)	
VIS, mean (CI 95%)	Standard protocol-based cohort	16 (11–21)	<i>P</i> = 0.79	15 (10–20)	<i>P</i> = 0.14	14 (9–20)	<i>P</i> = 0.004	15 (6–24)	<i>P</i> = 0.001
	Lung rescue team cohort	15 (9–21)		9 (5–12)		5 (2–8)		4 (1–8)	



0/50	8/50	3/42	0/39
0/70	22/70	7/48	0/41

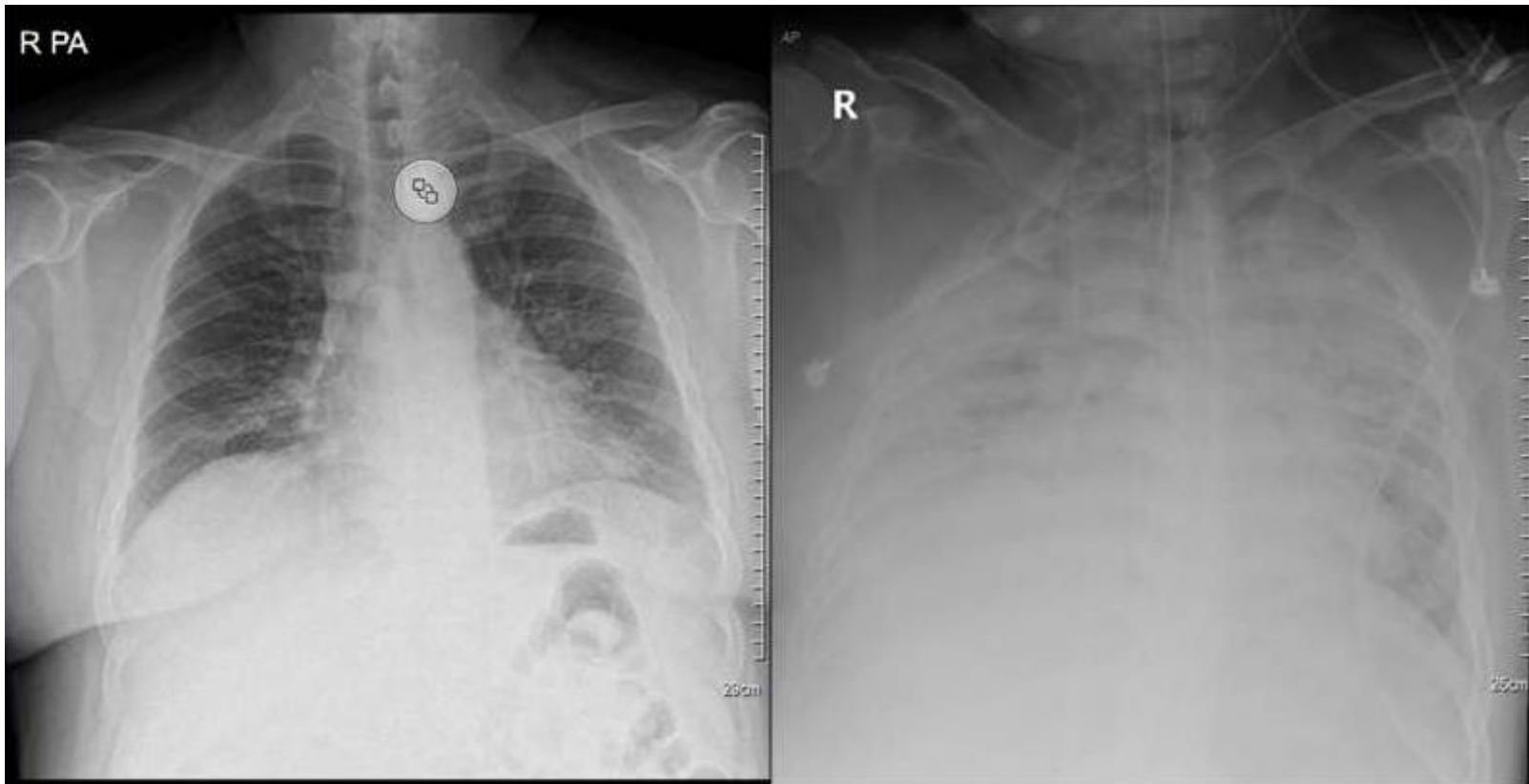
Fig. 2 Kaplan-Meier survival of ARDS patients. Survival of patients in the standard protocol-based and lung rescue team cohorts. ^aHazard ratio and *P* value calculated after correction for common ICU confounders (APACHE, age, BMI, P_aO_2/F_iO_2 ratio)

Prone?



ECMO first, NO try prone positioning

- **M/40, >100kg**, need to rescue for refractory hypoxemia
→ vv-ECMO for 1W, complete resolution without sequelae



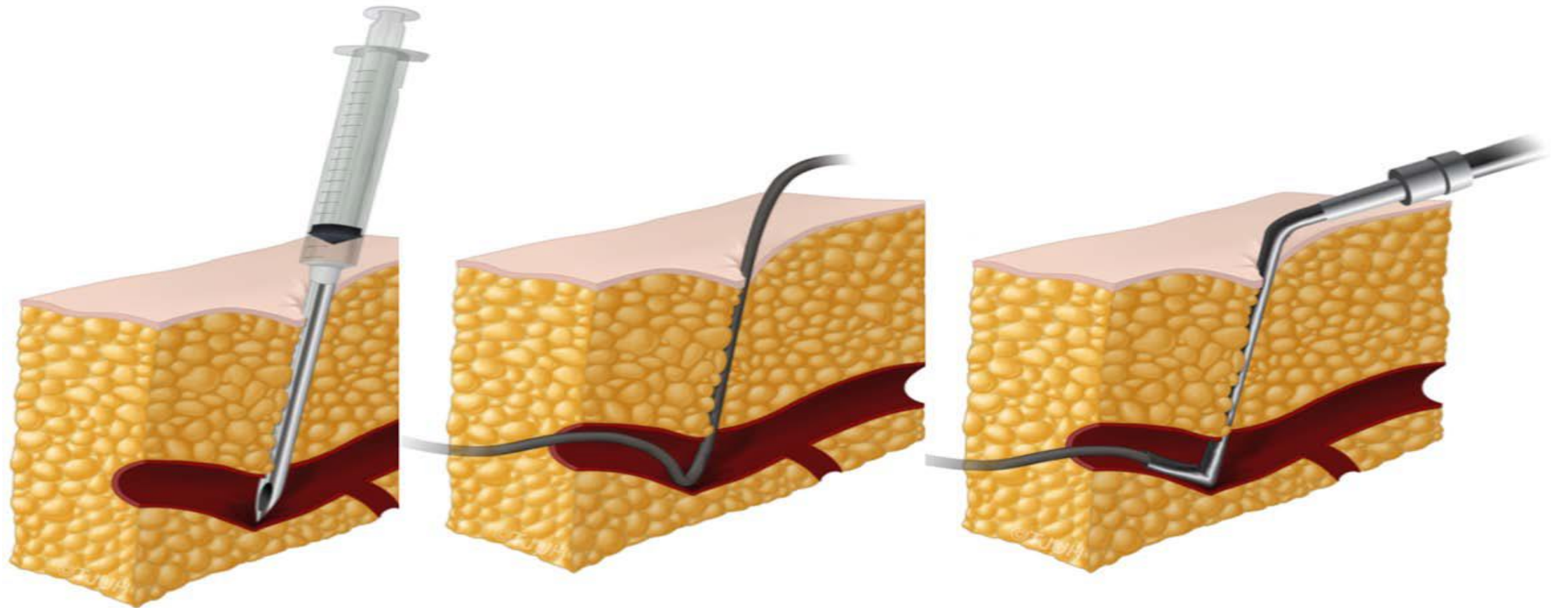
VV-ECMO for Obese RF Patients

Table 4. Outcomes

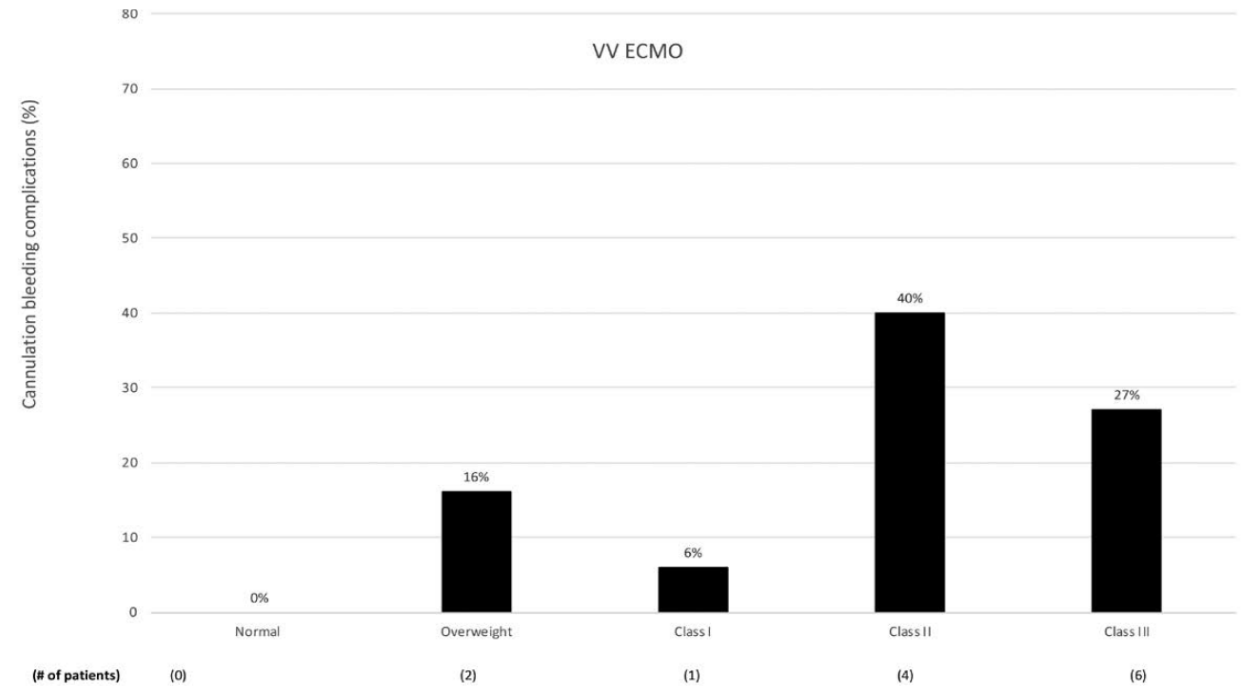
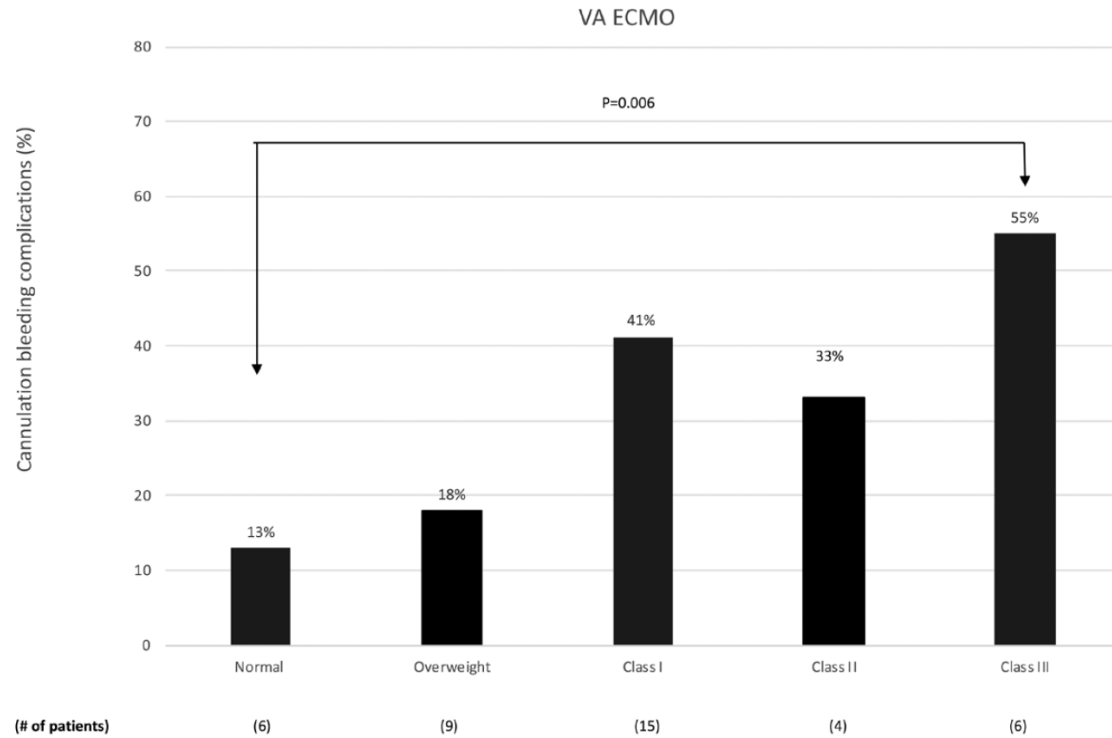
Variable	BMI <40 kg/m ² (n = 43)	BMI ≥40 kg/m ² (n = 12)	p Value	BMI ≥50 kg/m ² (n = 6)	p Value ^a
Intensive care unit LOS (d)	15.5 (IQR: 6–37.5)	28 (IQR: 13.5–46.5)	0.35	33 (IQR: 25–45)	0.13
Hospital LOS (d)	28 (IQR: 7–55)	35 (IQR: 13.5–50)	0.77	42 (IQR: 31–45)	0.22
Weaned from ECMO	27 (63%)	9 (75%)	0.51	6 (100%)	0.16
Bridge to recovery	26 (60%)	9 (75%)	0.50	6 (100%)	0.08
Bridge to transplantation	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	1	0 (0%)	1
Complications					
Major bleeding/thrombosis	13 (30%)	5 (42%)	0.50	3 (50%)	0.38
HITT	2 (5%)	3 (25%)	0.06	1 (17%)	0.33
CVA	3 (7%)	1 (8%)	1	0 (0%)	1
Hospital or 30-d mortality	18 (42%)	4 (33%)	0.74	0 (0%)	0.07

^a Compared with BMI < 40 kg/m².

Percutaneous cannulation in obese patients




Complications between VA vs. VV



Percutaneous Cannulation for Extracorporeal Life Support in Severely and Morbidly Obese Patients

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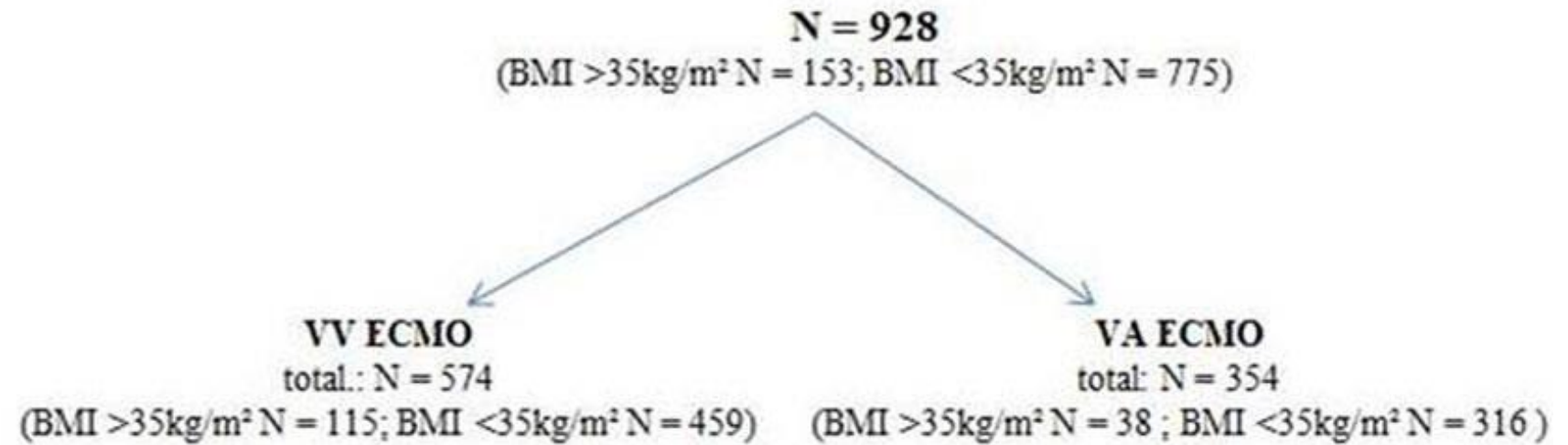
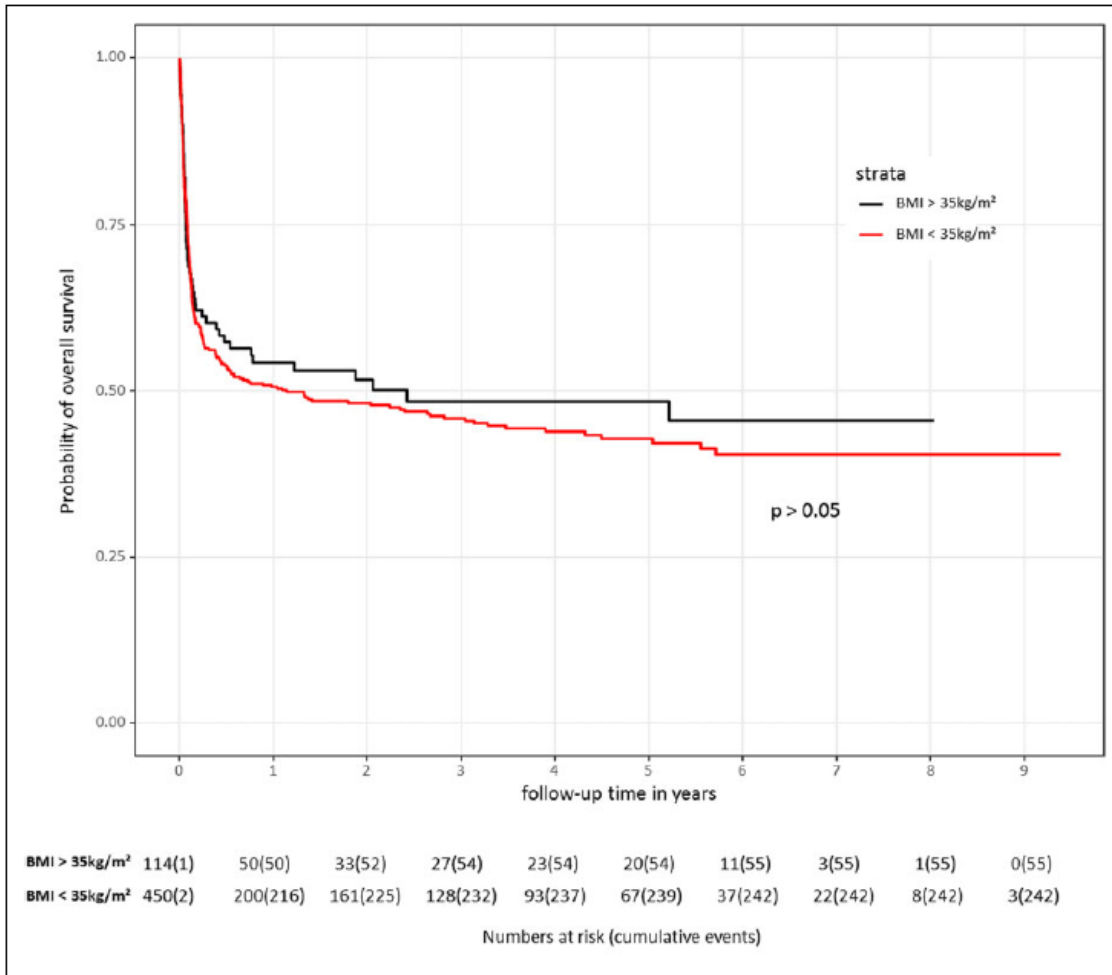
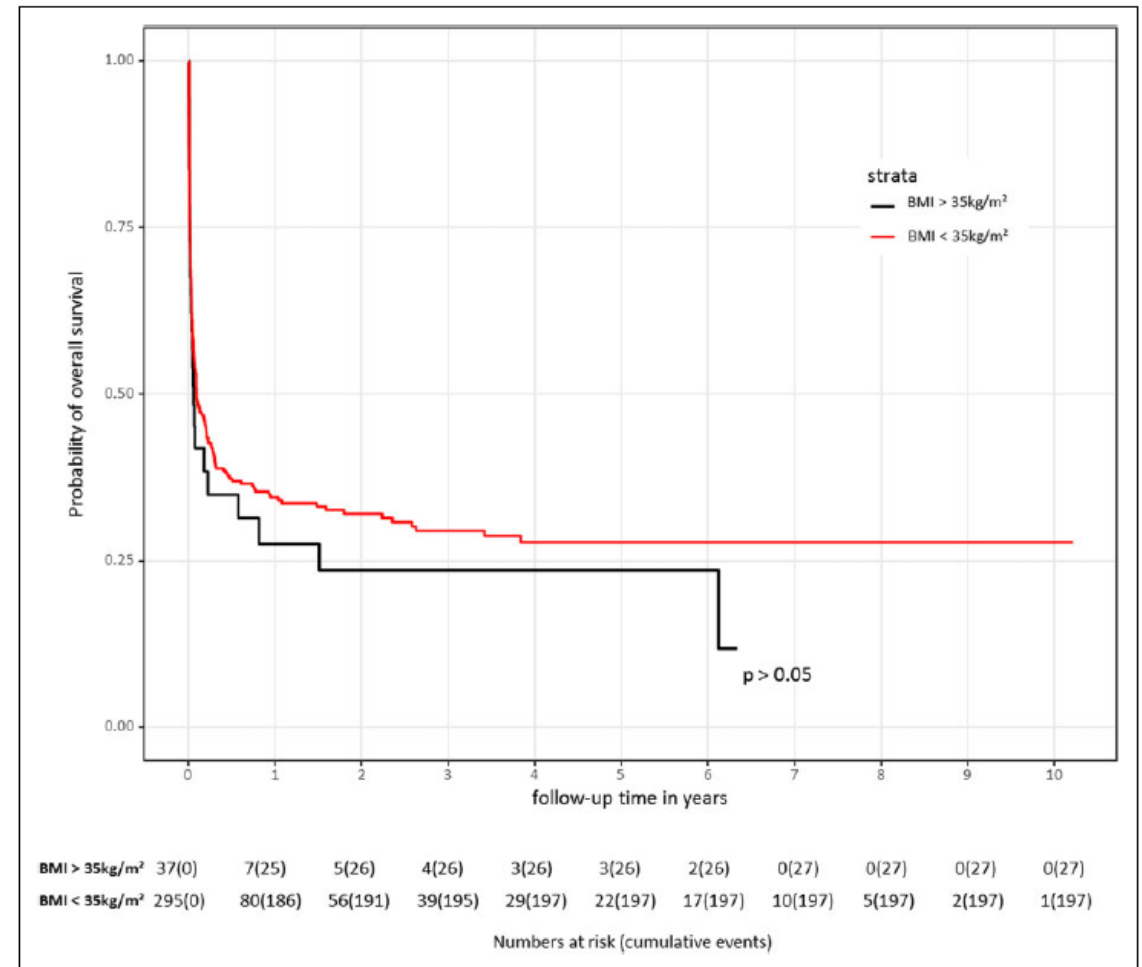


Table 3. Cannulation.

Variable	VV ECMO			VA ECMO		
	BMI < 35 kg/m ²	BMI > 35 kg/m ²	P Value	BMI < 35 kg/m ²	BMI > 35 kg/m ²	P Value
Mode of cannulation						
Puncture and Seldinger technique	447 (97%)	113 (98%)	>.05	250 (79%)	33 (87%)	>.05
Seldinger technique via pre-existing access*	12 (3%)	2 (2%)		66 (21%)	5 (13%)	
Drainage vessel						
Femoral vein	385 (84%)	82 (71%)	<.05	307 (97%)	34 (89%)	<.05
Jugular vein	74 (16%)	33 (29%)		9 (3%)	4 (11%)	
Return vessel						
Jugular vein	412 (90%)	103 (90%)	>.05			
Subclavian vein	47 (10%)	12 (10%)				
Femoral artery				316 (100%)	58 (100%)	
Distal perfusion of limb						
Yes				97 (31%)	9 (24%)	>.05
No				219 (69%)	29 (76%)	
Classic VV or Avalon						
Classic VV	397 (86%)	89 (77%)	<.05			
Avalon	62 (14%)	26 (23%)				



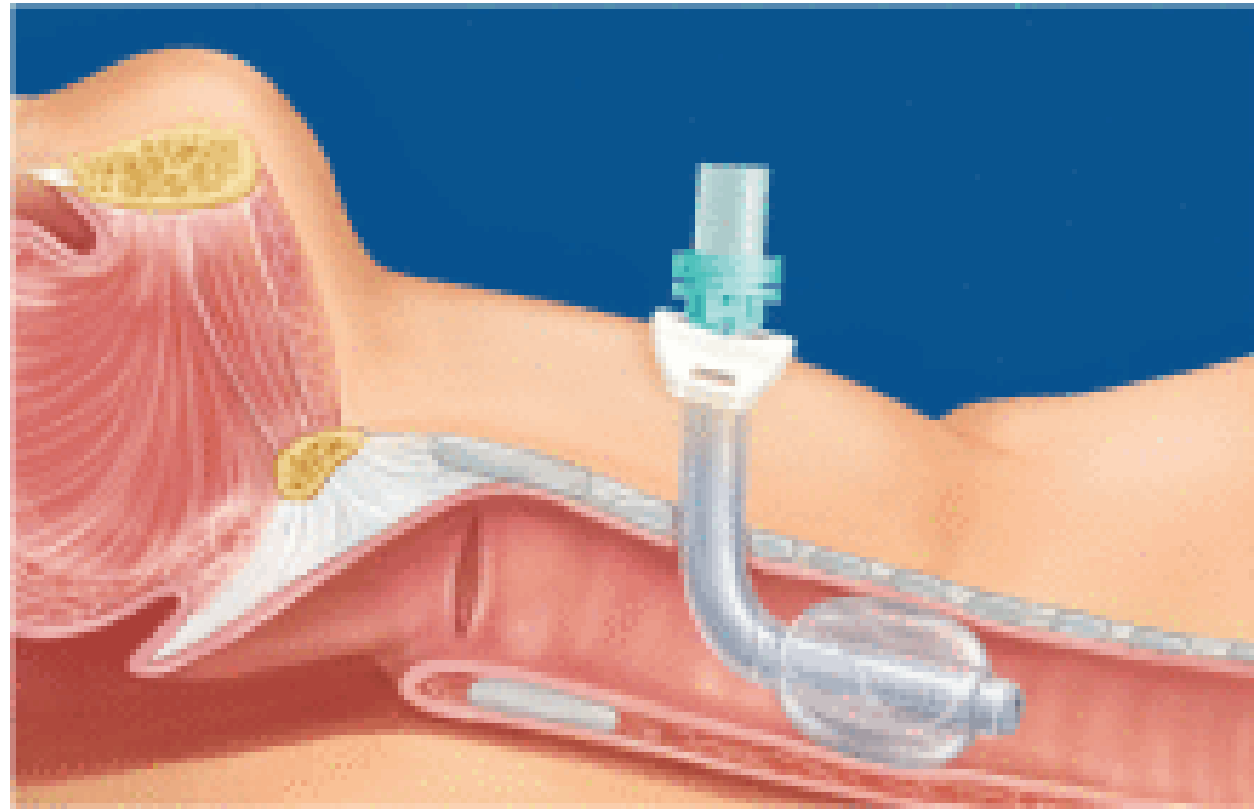
VV-ECMO



VA-ECMO

weight patients ($P > .05$). **Conclusion:** Percutaneous vessel cannulation for extracorporeal life support systems is generally feasible. Therefore, percutaneous cannulation may well be performed in severely and morbidly obese patients. Patient outcome rather depends on appropriate support than on anatomy.

Tracheostomy in obese patients



Tracheotomy Outcomes in Super Obese Patients

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Table 3. Patient Outcomes

Outcome	Value ^a		P Value
	Super Obese (n = 31)	Obese (n = 34)	
Days receiving ventilator support, mean (SD)	15.0 (15.5)	16.9 (17.9)	.65
Fio ₂ before tracheotomy, mean (SD), %	50.6 (19.0)	47.7 (12.8)	.52
Failed extubations	10 (32)	8 (24)	.43
Postoperative bleeding	2 (7)	2 (6)	.92
Tracheotomy tube dislodged	1 (3)	0	.29
Tracheitis	3 (10)	0	.06
Percutaneous dilated tracheotomy	9 (29)	32 (94)	<.001
Cervical neck defatting	10 (32)	0	<.001
Standard tracheotomy tube	21 (68)	30 (88)	.04
Extended-length disposable inner cannula tracheostomy tube	16 (52)	2 (6)	<.001
Disposition			
Home	9 (29)	9 (27)	.82
Health facility	17 (55)	22 (65)	
Death	4 (13)	3 (9)	
Tracheotomy status			
Tracheotomy dependent	25 (81)	16 (47)	<.001
Ventilator dependent	7 (23)	4 (12)	.23
Decannulation	2 (7)	15 (44)	<.001

OBJECTIVE To determine the outcomes, complications, and mortality after tracheotomy in super obese patients (those with a body mass index [BMI] greater than 50).

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS A retrospective review was conducted of billing records from a tertiary care academic medical center from November 1, 2010, through June 30, 2013, to identify patients undergoing tracheotomy. Medical records were reviewed to identify patients with a BMI (calculated as weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared) greater than 50 and a control group with a BMI of 30 to 50. Patient characteristics, including BMI, age, race/ethnicity, primary diagnosis for hospitalization, medical comorbidities, and surgical technique, were measured.

MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES The primary outcome measure was dependence on tracheostomy at discharge. Secondary outcomes included rates of ventilator dependence, mortality, postoperative complications, and discharge disposition.

RESULTS The super obese population included 31 patients and was predominantly African American (20 patients [65%]) and female (21 patients [68%]). Mean BMI of super obese patients was 64.0 (range, 50.2-95.5). The obese patient population was mainly African American (25 patients [74%]) and female (17 patients [50%]). Twenty-five of 31 super obese patients (81%) were discharged with a tracheotomy tube in place, compared with 16 of 34 obese patients (52%). Seven patients (23%) in the super obese group were ventilator dependent at discharge, compared with 4 patients (13%) in the obese group. Only 2 of the super obese patients (3%) were decannulated before discharge, compared with 15 (44%) in the obese group. In-hospital mortality was similar for the 2 groups (super obese, 4 patients [13%] and obese, 3 patients [9%]). The overall complication rate was 19% in the super obese group (6 patients) compared with 6% in the obese group (2 patients). Super obese patients were less likely to be discharged to a health care facility (17 patients [55%]) compared with patients in the obese group (22 patients [65%]).

CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE Tracheotomy in super obese patients is a safe and effective strategy for airway management. Critically ill, super obese patients have a high likelihood of remaining dependent on a tracheotomy or ventilator at the time of discharge.

Take home messages

- Negative impact of obesity on the respiratory system and ventilatory control for managing respiratory failure
 - Under-recognized disorder of acute hypercapnic respiratory decompensation secondary to obesity hypoventilation
- Early recognition as a medical emergency
- Essential initiation of NIV to avoid intubation and invasive mechanical ventilation
- Challenging management of mechanical ventilation in morbidly obese patients : reconsidering PEEP and RM