

# Stress & Strain or « *what to do with VT – Pplat – PEEP...* »

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# Few evidences on $VT \leq 6$ mL/kg PBW

**Table 1—Randomized Controlled Trials Evaluating Strategies of Mechanical Ventilation for the Treatment of ARDS\***

Study	Patients, No.	Intervention	Mortality Rates†	p Value
Amato et al <sup>10</sup>	53	$\leq 6$ mL/kg ABW; $V_T$ ; $< 20$ cm H <sub>2</sub> O P <sub>driving</sub>	38% vs 71%‡	0.001
Stewart et al <sup>11</sup>	120	$\leq 8$ mL/kg IBW; $V_T$ ; $\leq 30$ cm H <sub>2</sub> O P <sub>plat</sub>	50% vs 47%	0.72
Brochard et al <sup>12</sup>	116	6–10 mL/kg IBW; $V_T$ ; 25–30 cm H <sub>2</sub> O P <sub>plat</sub>	47% vs 38%§	0.38
Brower et al <sup>13</sup>	52	$\leq 8$ mL/kg PBW; $V_T$ ; $\leq 30$ cm H <sub>2</sub> O P <sub>plat</sub>	50% vs 46%	0.61
ARMA <sup>14</sup>	861	$\leq 6$ mL/kg PBW; $V_T$ ; $\leq 30$ cm H <sub>2</sub> O P <sub>plat</sub>	31% vs 40%	0.007

\*ABW = actual body weight;  $V_T$  = tidal volume; P<sub>driving</sub> = driving pressure; IBW = ideal body weight; P<sub>plat</sub> = plateau pressure; PBW = predicted body weight; HFOV = high-frequency oscillatory ventilation.

†Values are given as the in-hospital mortality rates of intervention vs control group, unless otherwise noted.

‡28-day mortality rate.

§60-day mortality rate.

||30-day mortality rate.

¶180-day mortality rate.

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Table 2. Effect of Different Lung-Protective Ventilation Strategies on Mortality and Other End Points

Author, Year (Reference), by Study End Point	Patients, n	Patients With Study End Point, by Ventilation Strategy, n/n		Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P Value	I <sup>2</sup> Statistic	P Value
		Low V <sub>T</sub> at Similar PEEP	High V <sub>T</sub> at Similar PEEP				
<b>Hospital mortality</b>							
Brochard et al, 1998 (17)	116	-	-	-			
Brower et al, 1999 (18)	52	13/26	12/26	1.17 (0.39–3.47)*			
Brower et al, 2000 (16)	861	134/432	171/429	0.68 (0.51–0.90)*			
Stewart et al, 1998 (19)	120	30/60	28/60	1.14 (0.56–2.34)‡			

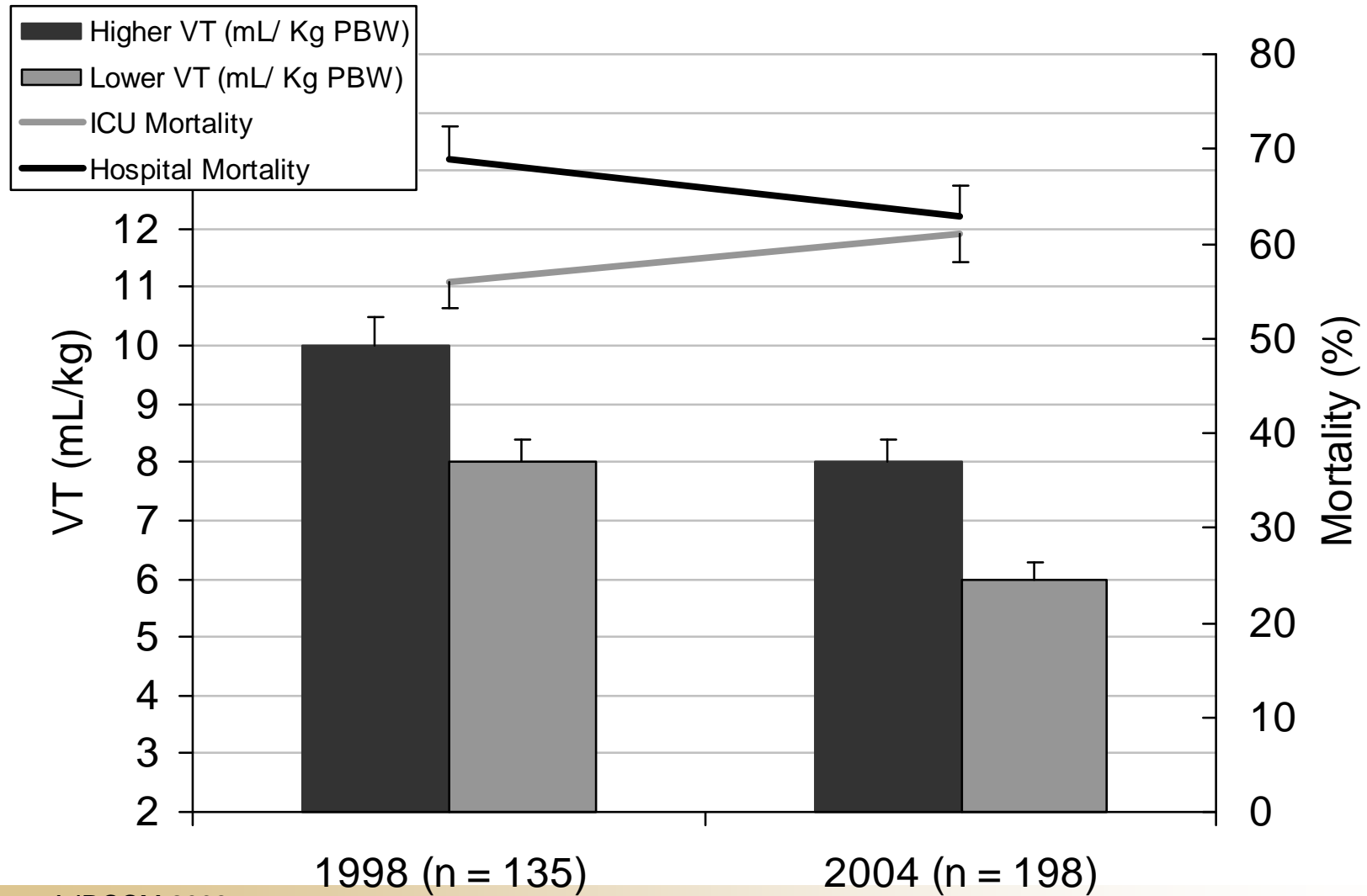
## Low vs high VT – similar PEEP

Hospital Mortality (3 studies): p = 0.020

Mortality at the end of the follow up (4 studies): p = 0.75

		High PEEP	Low PEEP				
Amato et al, 1998 (23)	53	13/29	17/24	0.33 (0.11–1.05)*			
Villar et al, 2006 (24)	95	17/50	25/45	0.41 (0.18–0.94)*			
Summary				0.38 (0.20–0.75)*	0.005	0	0.77
<b>Mortality at the end of follow-up†</b>							
Brochard et al, 1998 (17)	116	27/58	22/58	1.43 (0.68–2.99)‡			
Brower et al, 1999 (18)	52	13/26	12/26	1.17 (0.39–3.47)‡			
Brower et al, 2000 (16)	861	134/432	171/429	0.68 (0.51–0.90)‡			
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Summary				0.94 (0.62–1.41)‡	0.75	40.9	0.170

# Lower better than higher?



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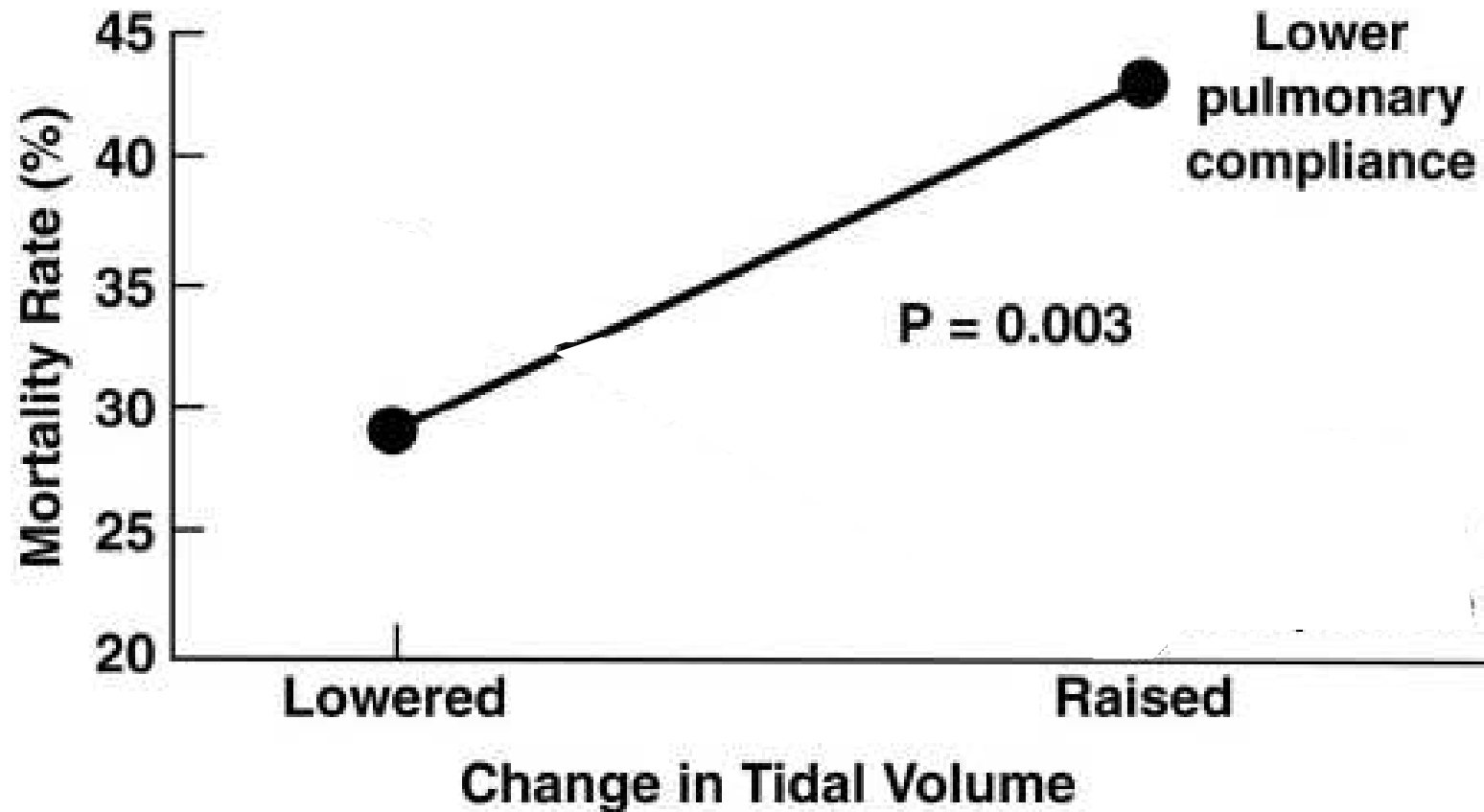
**Table 2.** Baseline Characteristics of Included Patients

Characteristic	Higher PEEP (n = 1136)	Lower PEEP (n = 1163)
Age, mean (SD), y	56 (17) [n = 1136]	56 (17) [n = 1163]
Women, No. (%)	437 (38) [n = 1136]	455 (39) [n = 1163]

**VT (mL/PBW): 8.0 ± 1.9 (n = 1107) and 8.0 ± 2.0 (n = 1135)**

Oxygenation index, median (IQR) <sup>d</sup>	11.4 (8.2-16.8) [n = 989]	11.1 (7.7-17.0) [n = 1009]
Set PEEP, cm H <sub>2</sub> O	9.9 (4.0) [n = 1135]	9.7 (3.8) [n = 1160]
Plateau pressure, cm H <sub>2</sub> O	26.7 (6.4) [n = 915]	26.3 (6.6) [n = 899]
Respiratory rate, breaths/min	23.1 (6.6) [n = 1133]	23.2 (6.7) [n = 1160]
Minute ventilation, L/min	11.6 (3.2) [n = 1122]	11.7 (3.6) [n = 1151]
Tidal volume, mL/kg of predicted body weight	8.0 (1.9) [n = 1107]	8.0 (2.0) [n = 1135]
Estimated respiratory system compliance, mL/cm H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>e</sup>	32.7 (14.9) [n = 909]	32.6 (13.7) [n = 892]
Cause of lung injury, No. (%) <sup>f</sup>		
Pneumonia	567 (50)	578 (50)
Aspiration	214 (19)	247 (21)
Severe sepsis, including septic shock	595 (52)	628 (54)
Multiple transfusions	71 (6.3)	74 (6.4)
Acute pancreatitis	37 (3.3)	48 (4.1)
Multiple trauma	60 (5.3)	73 (6.3)
Other <sup>g</sup>	146 (13)	119 (10)

## Individualized VT better than « one-fit-all »

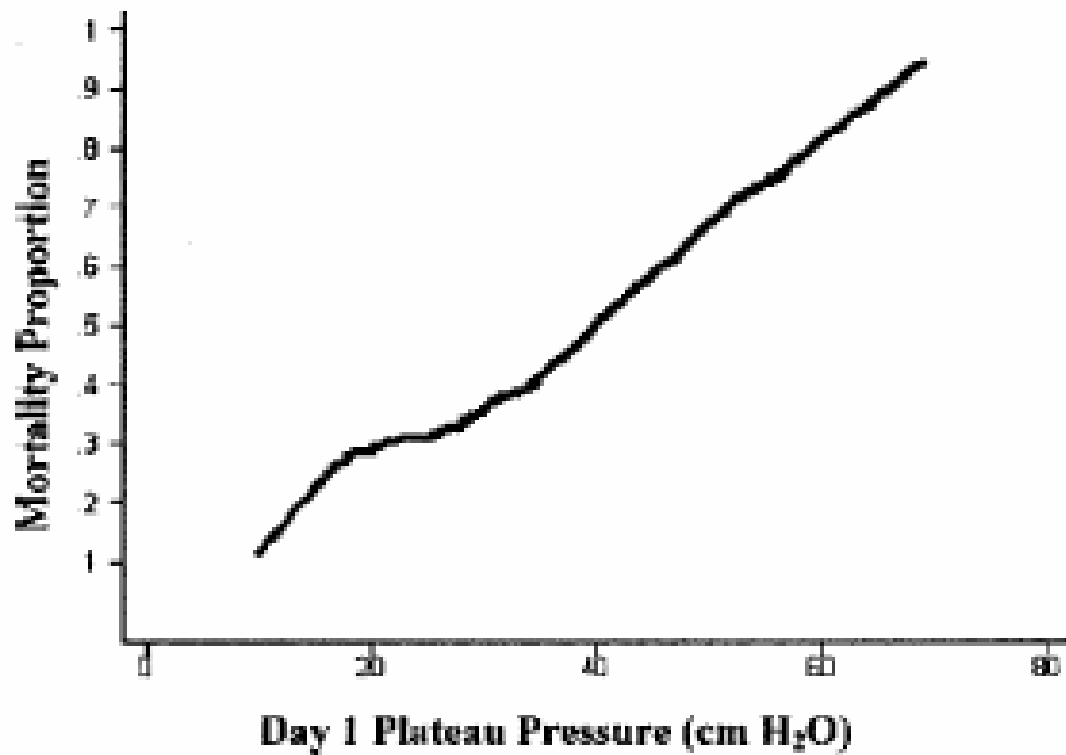


## VT in non ALI/ARDS pts ???

Author [ref]	Number of patients	Reason for mechanical ventilation	Tidal volume in study groups	Effect of use of lower tidal volumes
Lee et al.[21]	103	Surgery	6 vs. 12 ml/kg	Less pulmonary infection/shorter duration of intubation
Wrigge et al.[22]	39	Surgery	6 vs. 15 ml/kg	No differences in plasma cytokine levels
Wrigge et al.[23]	64	Thoracic or abdominal surgery	6 vs. 12–15 ml/kg	No differences in time course of tracheal aspirate – or plasma cytokine levels
Wrigge et al.[24]	44	Thoracic surgery	6 vs. 12 ml/kg	Lower BALF cytokine levels, no differences in plasma cytokine levels
Koner et al.[25]	44	Thoracic surgery	6 vs. 10 ml/kg	No differences in plasma cytokine levels
Zupancich et al.[26]	40	Thoracic surgery	8 vs. 10–12 ml/kg	Lower BALF and plasma cytokine levels
Reis-Miranda et al.[27]	62	Thoracic surgery	4–6 vs. 6–8 ml/kg	Earlier decrease of plasma cytokine levels
Michelet et al.[28]	52	Thoracic surgery	9 vs. 5 ml/kg	Lower plasma cytokine levels, higher PaO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub> ratio, and shorter duration of intubation
Choi et al. [29]	40	Surgery	6 vs. 12 ml/kg	Less pulmonary coagulopathy

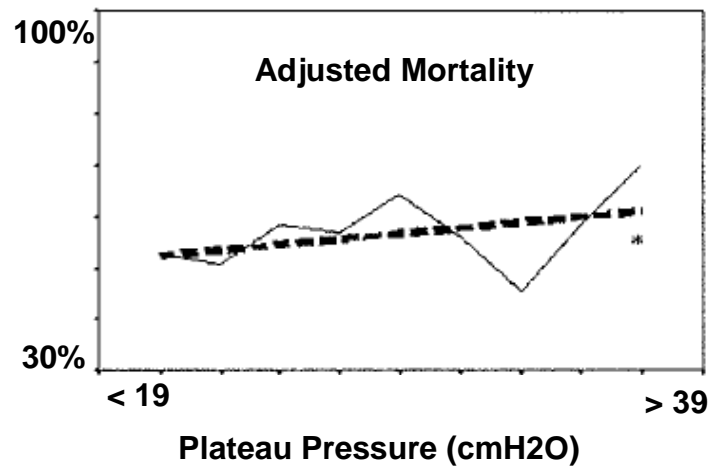
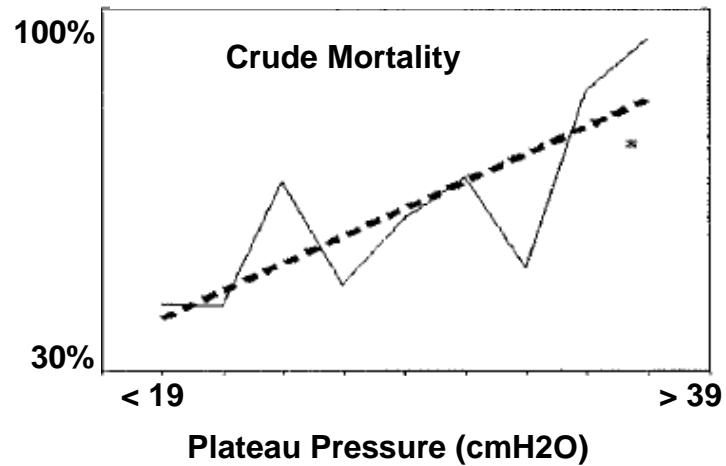
☼: PEEP regimens differ between groups!

## More evidences for Pplat: ARDSnet...

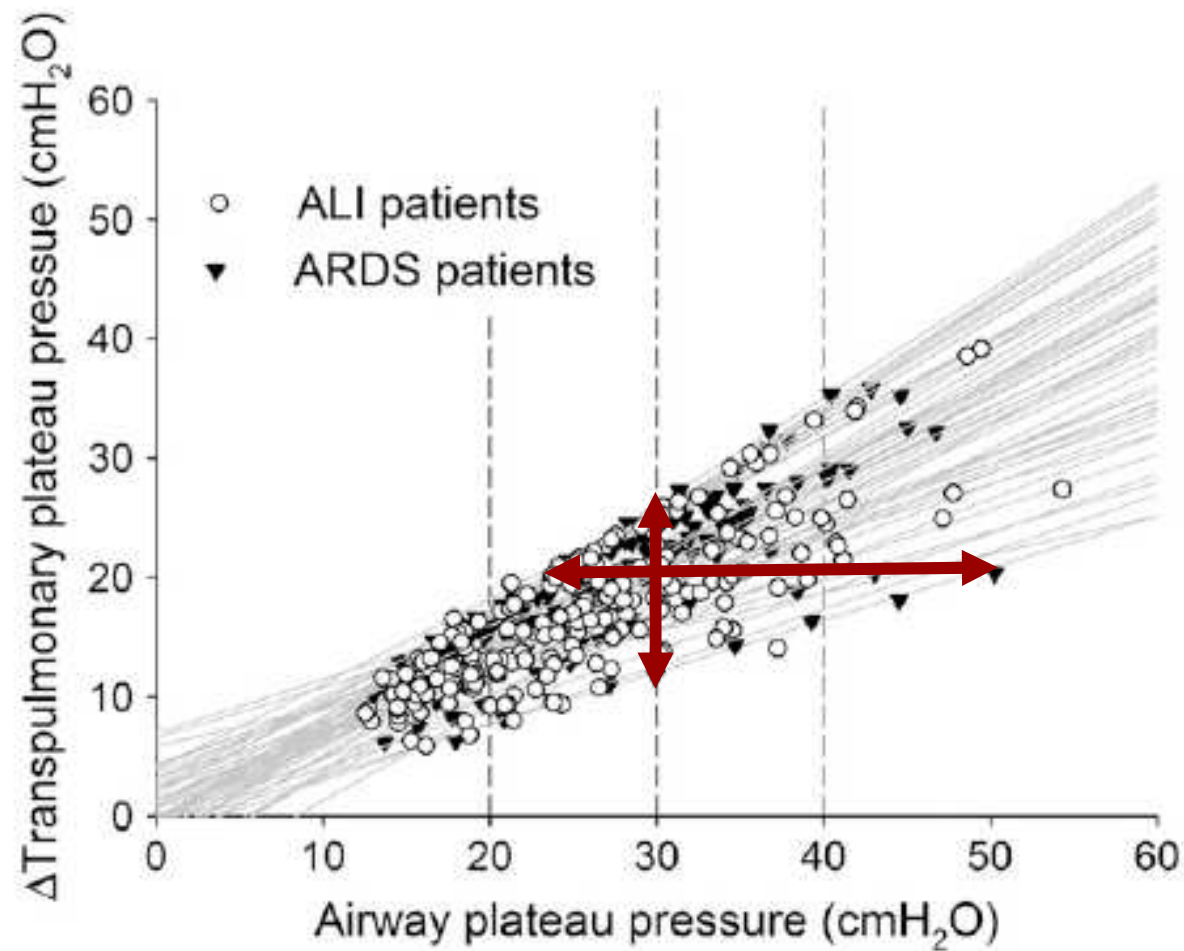




# Other evidences for Pplat: MV international study group

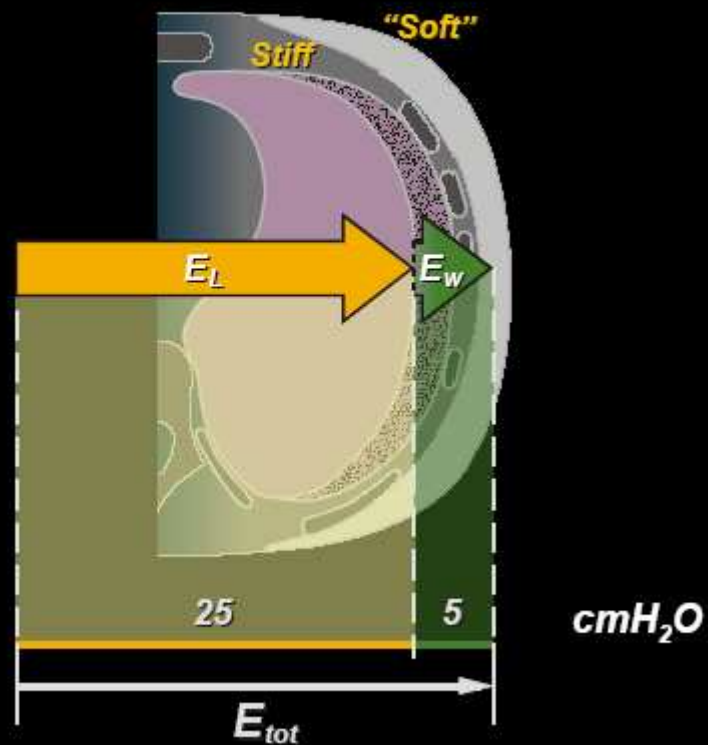


# What's...Pplat?



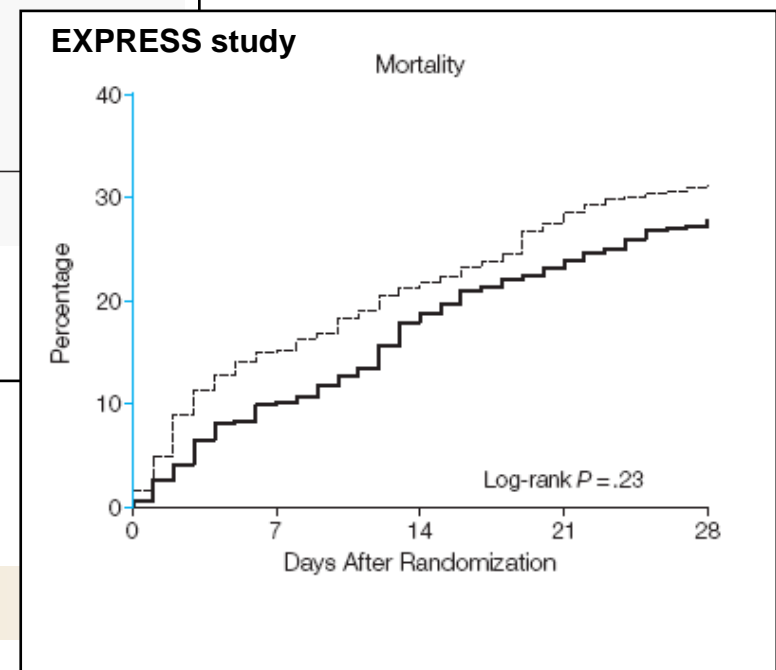
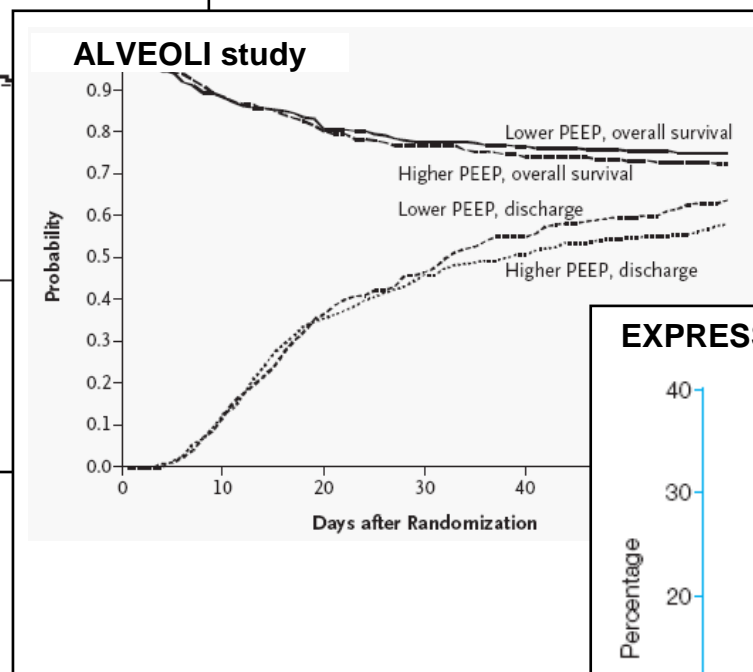
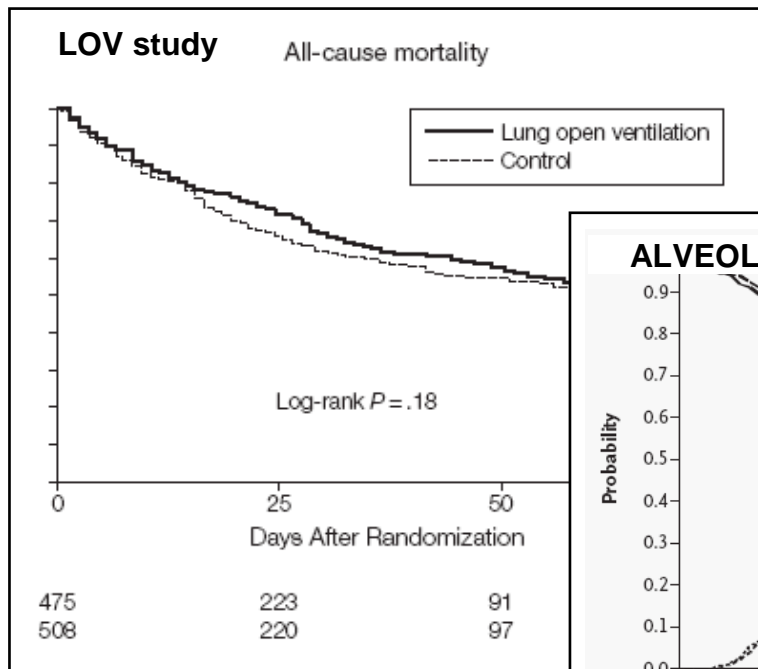
# Pneumonitis is not Peritonitis...

## Lung and Chest Elastances



L Gattinoni 2003: Pneumonitis is not peritonitis...

# What's the optimal PEEP ☹️ ☹️ ☹️

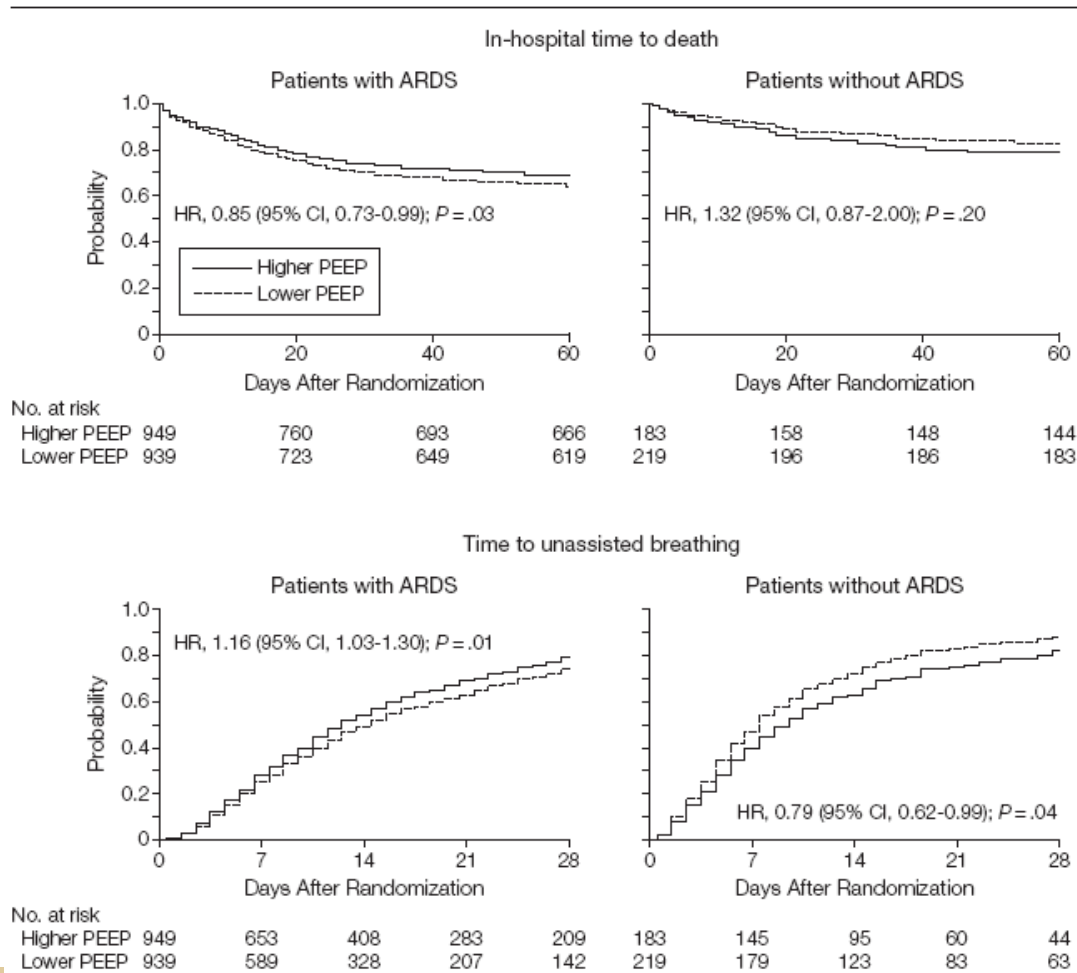


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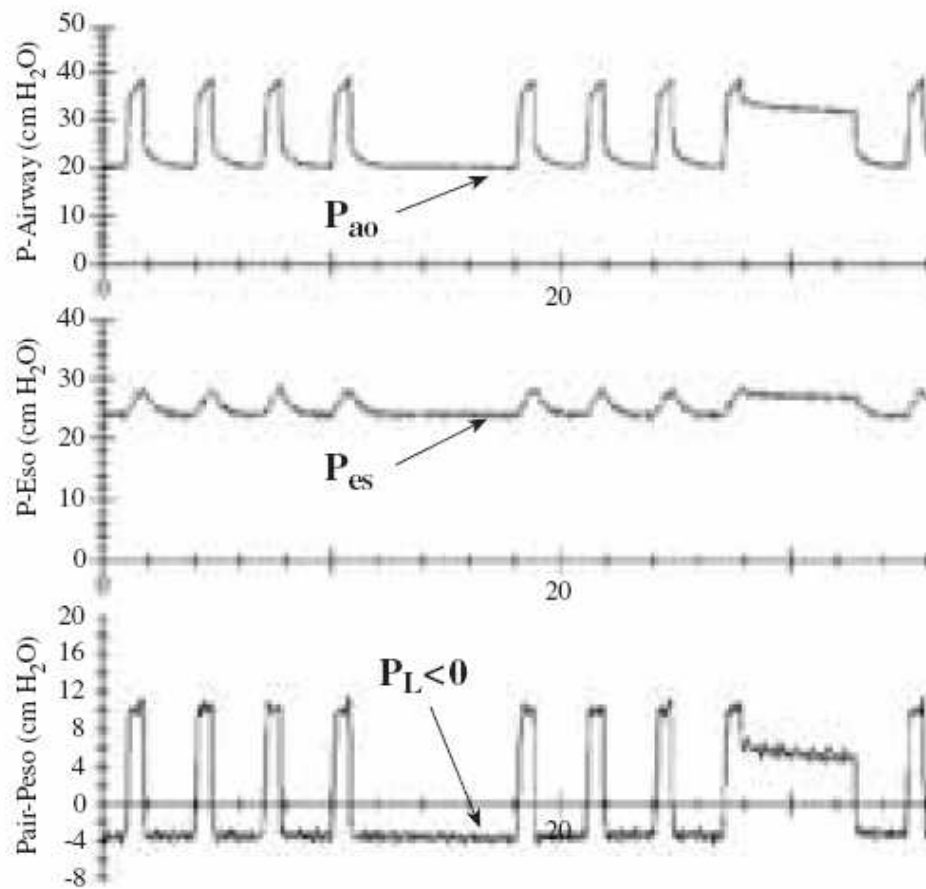
# What's an ARDS 😊 😊 😊

**Figure 2.** Time to Death in Hospital and Time to Unassisted Breathing for Higher and Lower Positive End-Expiratory Pressure (PEEP) Stratified by Presence of Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) at Baseline

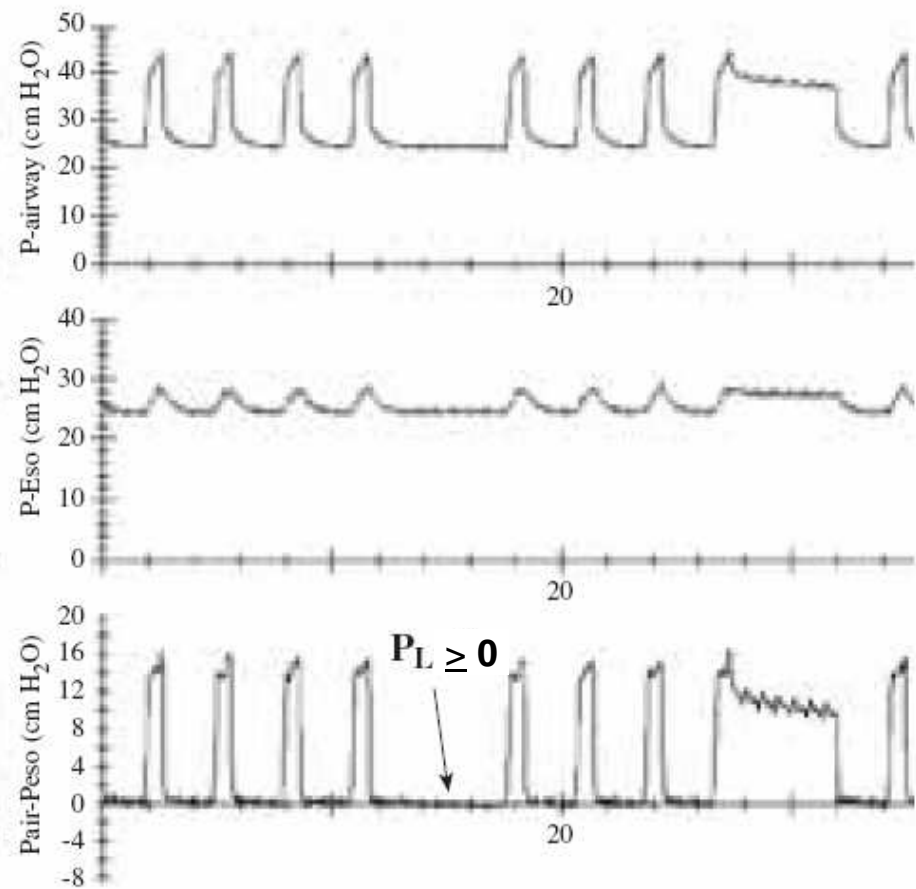


# PEEP<sub>TL</sub> vs PEEP<sub>aw</sub>?

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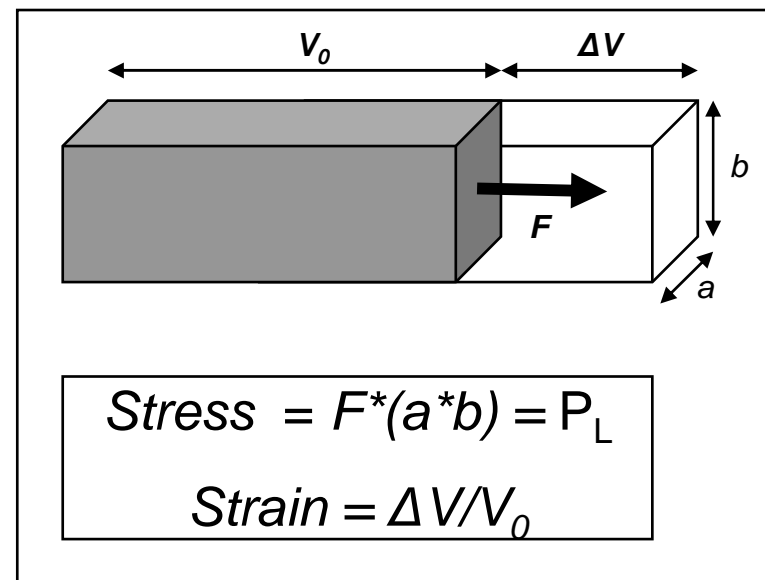
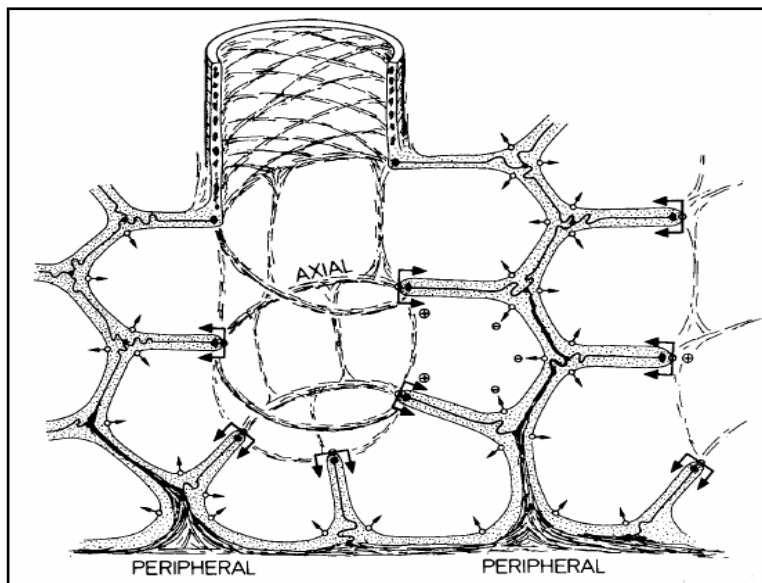
PEEP = 25 cmH<sub>2</sub>O





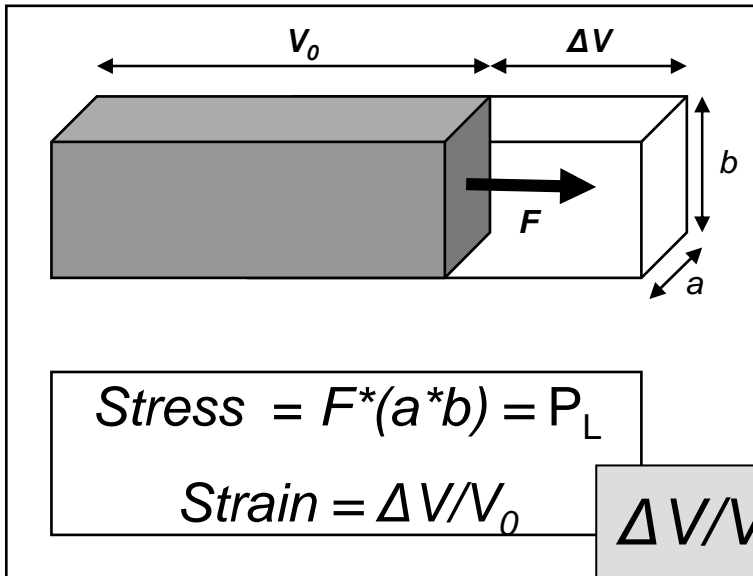
So what to do?

# Stress & Strain: Definition





# Strain



$$\Delta V / V_0 = \text{Strain}$$

- $\Delta V = \text{tidal volume}$
- $V_0 = \text{FRC in healthy subject}$
- $V_0 = \text{FRC} + V_{\text{PEEP}} + V_{\text{PEEPi}}$  during MV

# Stress and Strain: so what?

1. To estimate  $P_L$

- $Stress = k * Strain$
- $k = Stress/Strain = P_L / \Delta V / V_0 = Specific\ Elastance\ (E_{L,s})$
- $Specific\ Elastance = 13 - 15\ cmH_2O$

$$P_L \simeq [13 - 15] * VT / FRC$$

## Stress and Strain: so what?

$$P_L \simeq [13 - 15] * VT/FRC$$

If FRC = 1500 mL and VT = 500 mL Then  $P_L = 15 * (500/1500) = 5$  cmH<sub>2</sub>O

If FRC = 1000 mL and VT = 800 mL Then  $P_L = 15 * (800/1000) = 12$  cmH<sub>2</sub>O

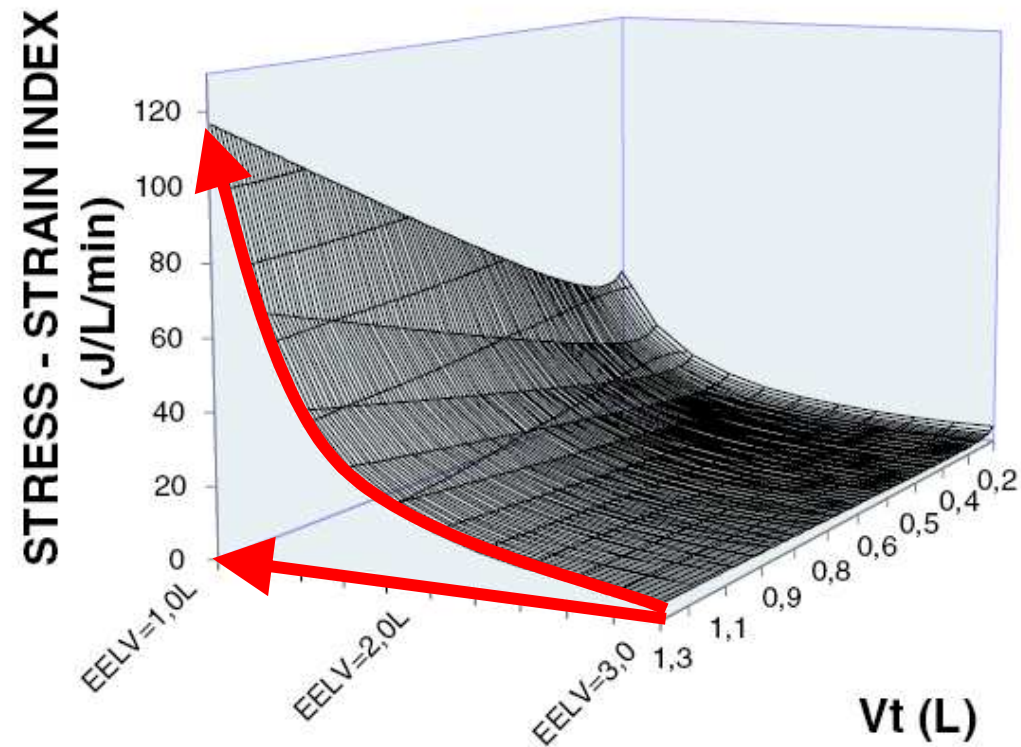
If FRC = 500 mL and VT = 800 mL Then  $P_L = 15 * (800/500) = 24$  cmH<sub>2</sub>O

# Stress and Strain: so what?

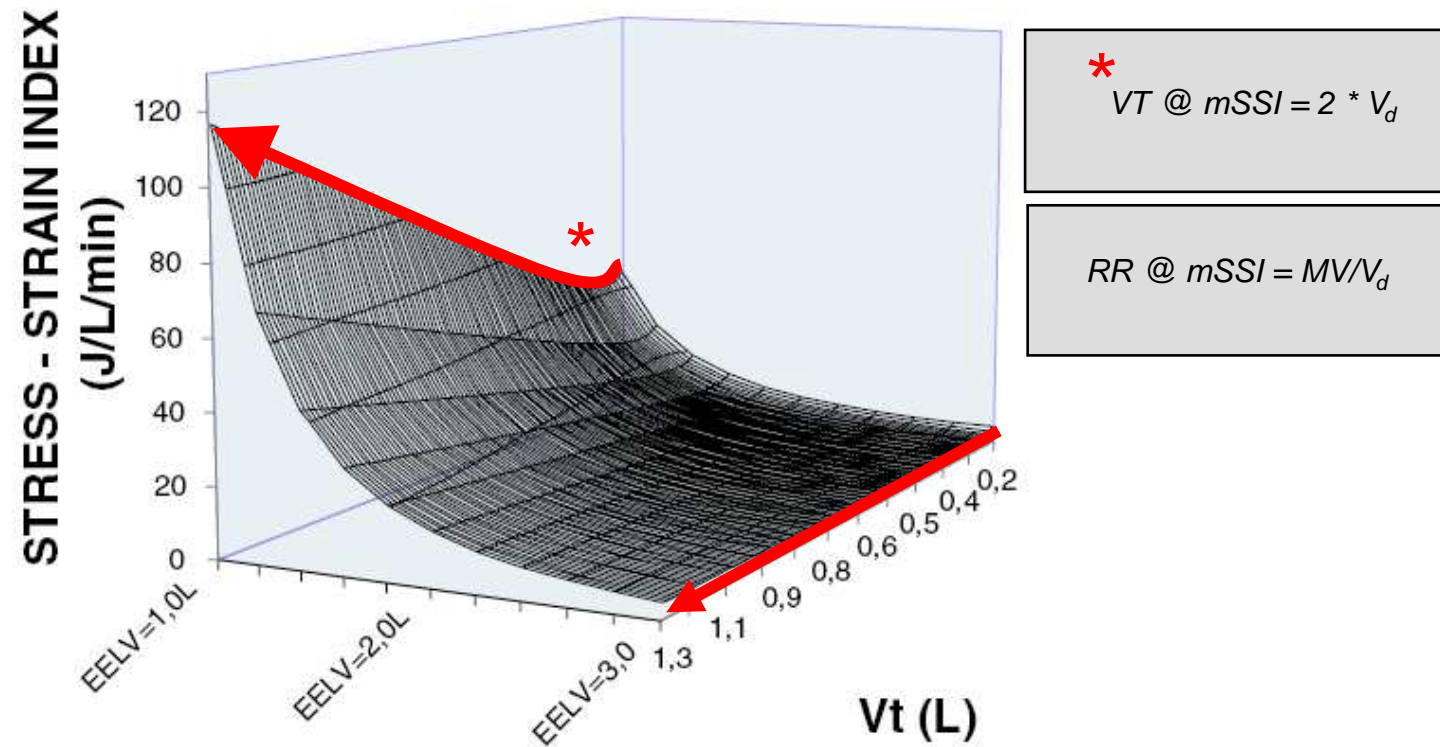
2. To find an « optimal » VT and RR

- *Stress Strain index (SSI) = Stress \* Strain \* RR*
- $SSI = P_L * \Delta V/V_0 * RR$
- *Optimal  $\Delta V$  & RR to minimize the SSI (mSSI)*

# Stress-Strain Index $\uparrow$ when EELV $\downarrow$



# Stress-Strain Index $\uparrow$ when $V_t \uparrow$



## Stress and Strain: exemple VT

$$VT @ mSSI = 2 * V_d$$

PBW = 70 Kg and  $V_{aw} = 2.2 \text{ mL/kg PBW} = 154 \text{ mL}$

Then  $VT@mSSI = 308 \text{ mL}$  (4.4 mL/kg PBW)

## Stress and Strain: exemple RR

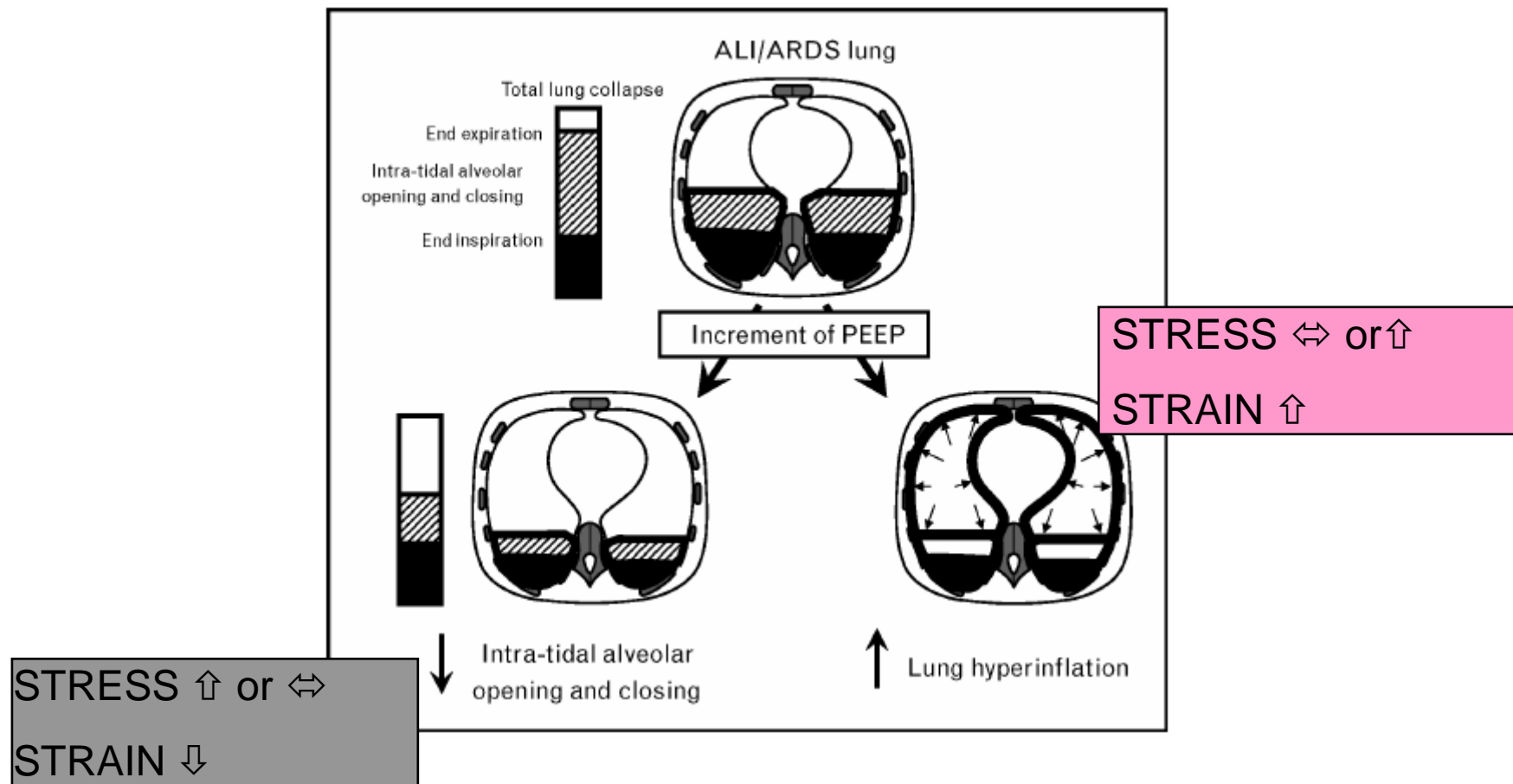
$$RR @ mSSI = MV/V_d$$

PBW: 70 kg PBW and VM = 100 mL/kg/min = 7000 mL/min

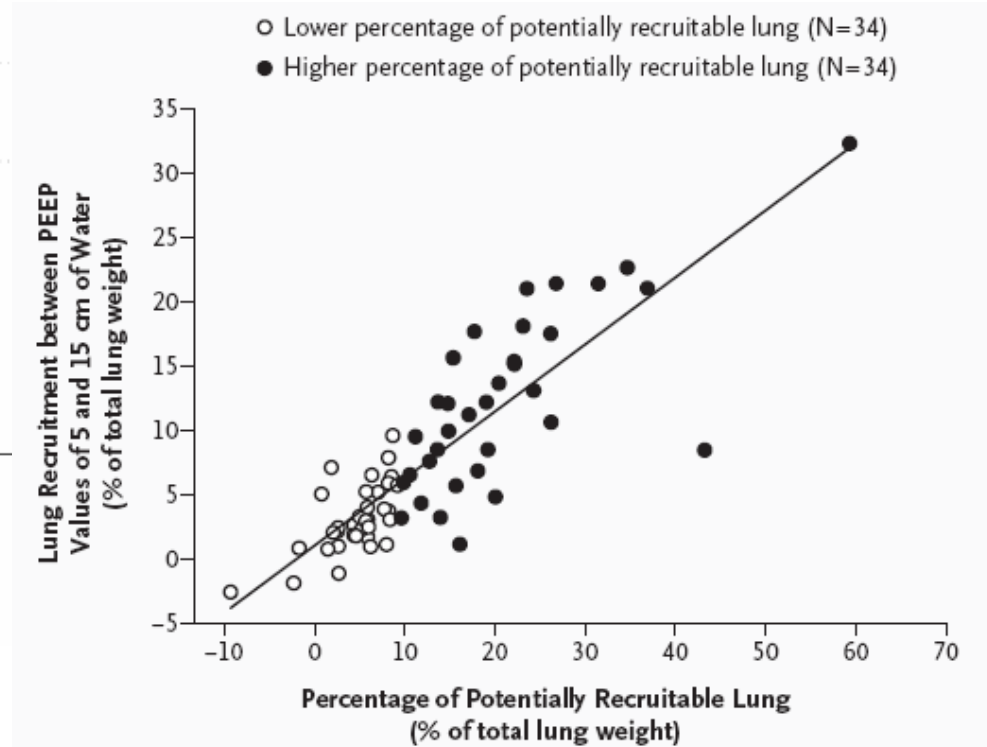
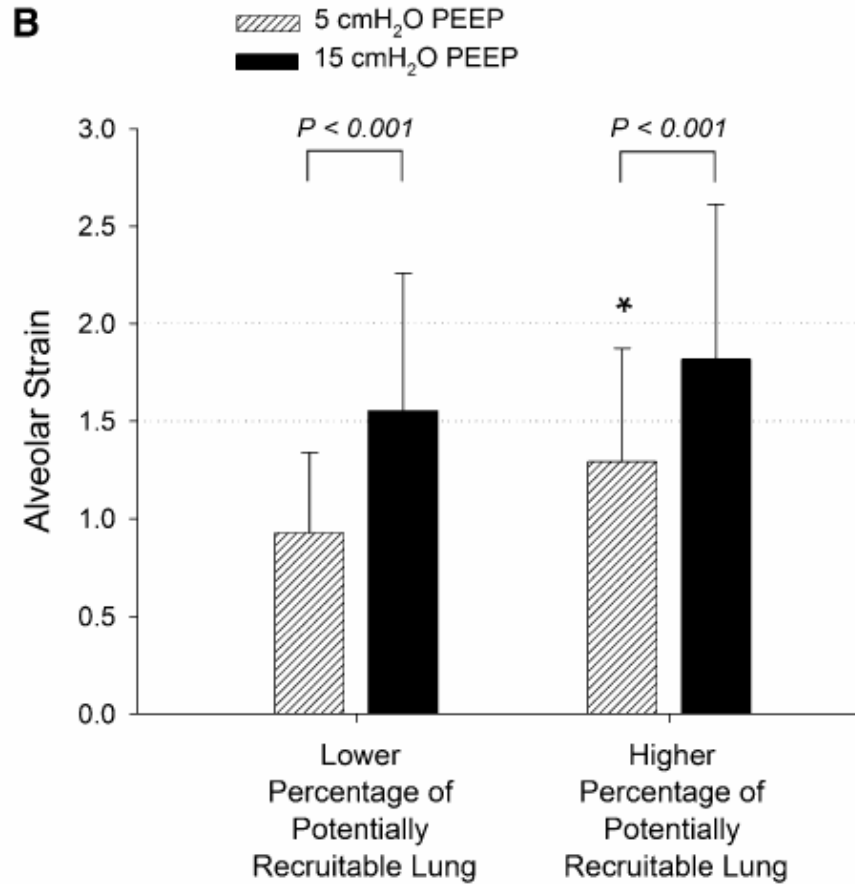
$$RR = 7000/154 = 45 \text{ breath/min}$$



# Et PEEP alors?



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## « *what to do with VT – Pplat – PEEP...* »

- VT & Paw: inadequate surrogates for VILI
- Minimizing Stress - Strain could be a strategy
- PEEP on Stress – Strain depends on the recruitability
- $\uparrow$ FRC is the most important to reduce Stress – Strain
- “Theory” is not enough...

# Et PEEP alors?

