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Critical Care Review for Medicine Boards

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Lecture Objectives

- **Overview cardiopulmonary resuscitation, critical care ethics and administration protocols related to the intensive care unit.**
- **Describe the current guidelines & goals for Sepsis, Shock & ARDS.**
- **Be able to interpret mechanical ventilation strategies for intensive care patients.**
- **Outline key studies used to make decisions in the ICU.**

Clinical Case Question

Hospital administration has decided to reorganize the provision of critical care services, transitioning to a closed model with interdisciplinary rounds, in an effort to improve care coordination and outcomes. *Guiding principle for team interactions would benefit from which of the following techniques?*

- (A) Rapid cycle process
- (B) Root cause analysis
- (C) Crew resource management
- (D) Six Sigma principles

Critical Care Question

A middle aged man collapses after the slot machine showed



He is unresponsive and has no pulse or respirations. The first correct intervention is?

- (A) Chest compression at 100/minute
- (B) Use of AED by ACLS trained personal
- (C) Provide 3 immediate shocks before CPR
- (D) Establish airway and administer 12 breaths (ABC)

Critical Care Question

You are asked to be on the ICU Stewardship committee for infection control and antibiotics use. Which of the following evaluations have proven to be **the most** successful in reducing ICU infections?

- (A) Education
- (B) Proper hand washing
- (C) Daily sedation vacation
- (D) Nasal decontamination with Bactroban

Critical Care Question

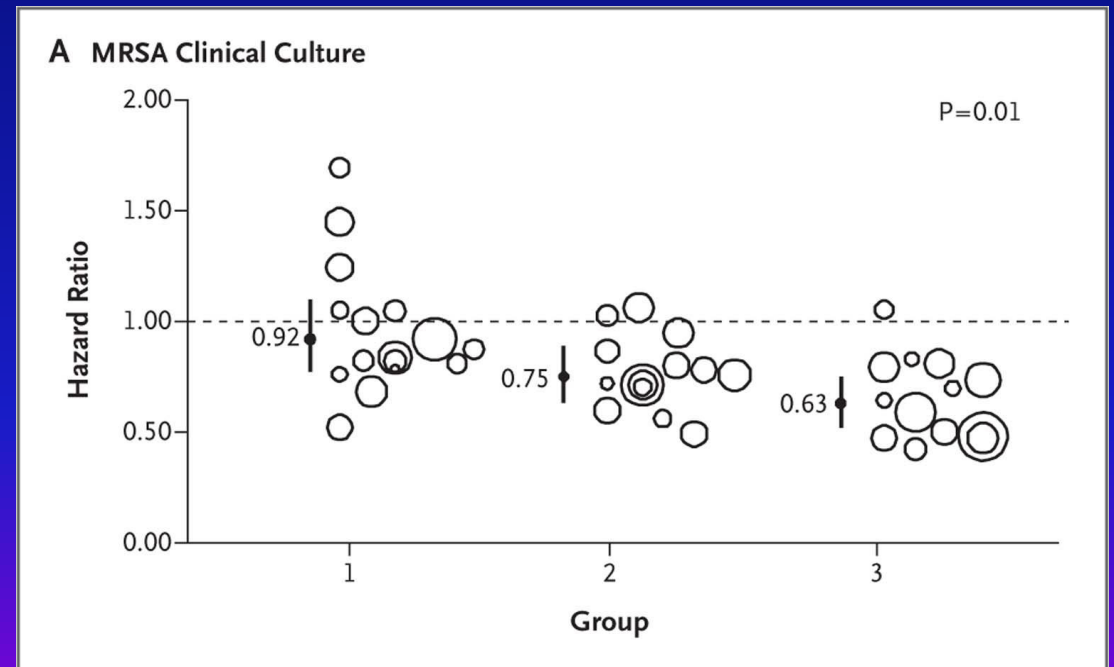
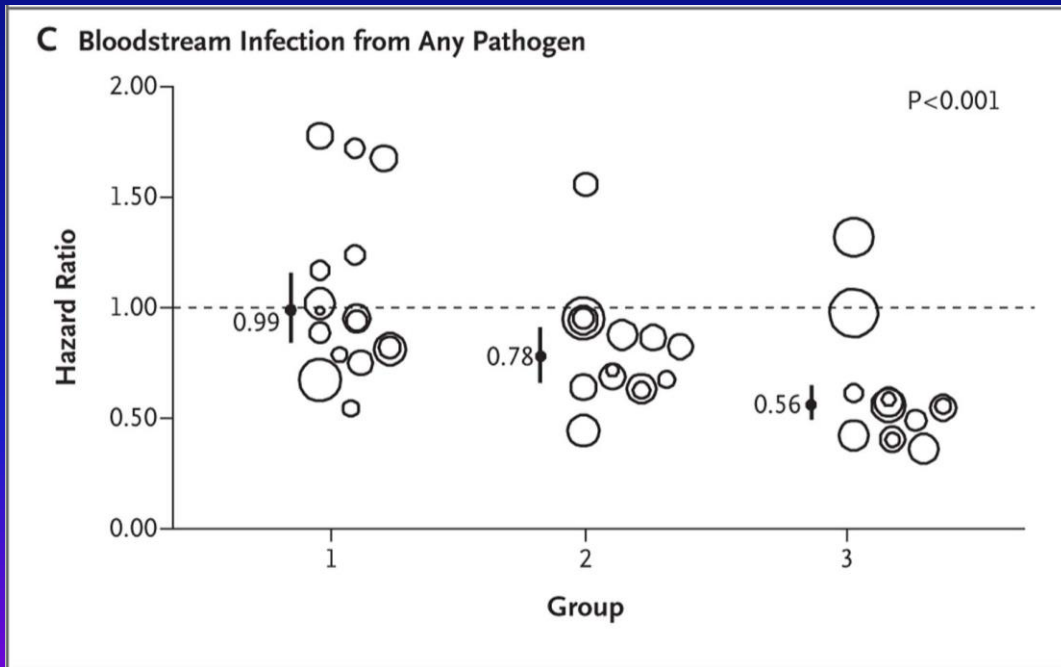
There has been an increase in methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) infections in your intensive care unit, and you are asked to provide an action plan to address this situation.

Which of the following should you recommend?

- (A) Universal decolonization
- (B) Gastrointestinal decolonization
- (C) Targeted decolonization (nares etc.)
- (D) Patient screening & contact isolation

Universal Decolonization

- In this trial involving 74 ICUs at 43 hospitals, universal decolonization with the use of chlorhexidine and mupirocin was associated with a decrease in all-cause bloodstream infections.



Clinical Case Question

- Which is the following practices for decreasing central line-associated blood stream infections is best supported by evidence?
 - (A) Cleaning the skin with chlorhexidine before a procedure
 - (B) Changing central lines every seven days
 - (C) Multidisciplinary rounds
 - (D) Preferential placement of internal jugular > other sites
 - (E) Daily blood cultures

Case Presentation - Question

A 69-year-old woman is brought to the emergency department from a nursing home because of confusion, fever, & flank pain.

Temperature is 38.5 C (101°F), pulse rate is 123/minute, respirations are 27 per minute, and blood pressure is 82/48 mmHg.


Physical examination reveals dry mucous membranes, costovertebral tenderness, poor skin turgor, and no edema. WBC is 15,000 and urinalysis shows >100 wbc's with many bacteria. The patient has a anion gap metabolic acidosis with high lactate levels (6 mg/dl or 0.6 mmol/L).

Case Presentation - Question

Base on the presentation which category is the patient currently in ?

- A. This patient has SIRS (systemic inflammatory response)
- B. The case describes Sepsis
- C. This is clearly Severe Sepsis
- D. No, this is Septic Shock

Old ? Definitions of Systemic Inflammation

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- **SIRS (systemic inflammatory response syndrome) - 2 of the following 4:**
 - Temperature >38 or <36 degrees C
 - Heart rate > 90 beats/min
 - Respiratory Rate > 30 breaths/min or $\text{CO}_2 < 32$ mmHg
 - WBC >12 or < 4 k cells or > 10 band forms
 - **Sepsis =** Documented or suspected infection plus systemic manifestation (SIRS, Procalcitonin, CRP, \blacktriangle MS)
 - **Severe Sepsis =** Sepsis plus evidence of organ dysfunction (\downarrow Pa/FiO₂, \downarrow UO, \uparrow Cr, \blacktriangle Coagulation, elevated bili, \downarrow cap refill)
 - **Septic Shock =** Sepsis with hypotension refractory fluid resuscitation (30ml/Kg) or hyperlactatemia (> 1 mmol/L)

Sepsis Related Organ Failure Assessment

Organ System	Measurement	SOFA Score				
		0	1	2	3	4
Respiration	PaO ₂ /FiO ₂	Normal	<400	<300	<200	<100
Coagulation	Platelets	Normal	<150	<100	<50	<20
Liver	Bilirubin, mg/dL	Normal	1.2 - 1.9	2.0 - 5.9	6.0 - 11.9	>12
Cardiovascular	Hypotension	Normal	MAP <70 mmHg	Any pressor	Dose > 5 Dop NE < 0.1 mcg/kg/min	Dose Dop >15 NE > 0.1
CNS	GCS	Normal	13 - 14	10 -12	6 - 9	< 6
Renal	Cr mg/dL Urine output	Normal	1.2 -1.9	2.0 - 3.4	3.5 - 4.9 < 500 ml/dL	> 5.0 > 200ml/dL

Sepsis Related Organ Failure Assessment

	Old Criteria	New Criteria	
Increase mortality ↓	Sepsis	Infection + SIRS	Infection + qSOFA >2 or rise in SOFA >2
	Severe Sepsis	Sepsis + hypotension, hypoxemia, elevated lactate or other end-organ signs/findings	Bye, Bye, Bye
	Septic Shock	Sepsis + hypotension after adequate fluid resuscitation	Sepsis + Vasopressors + lactate > 2

Return to the Case Presentation

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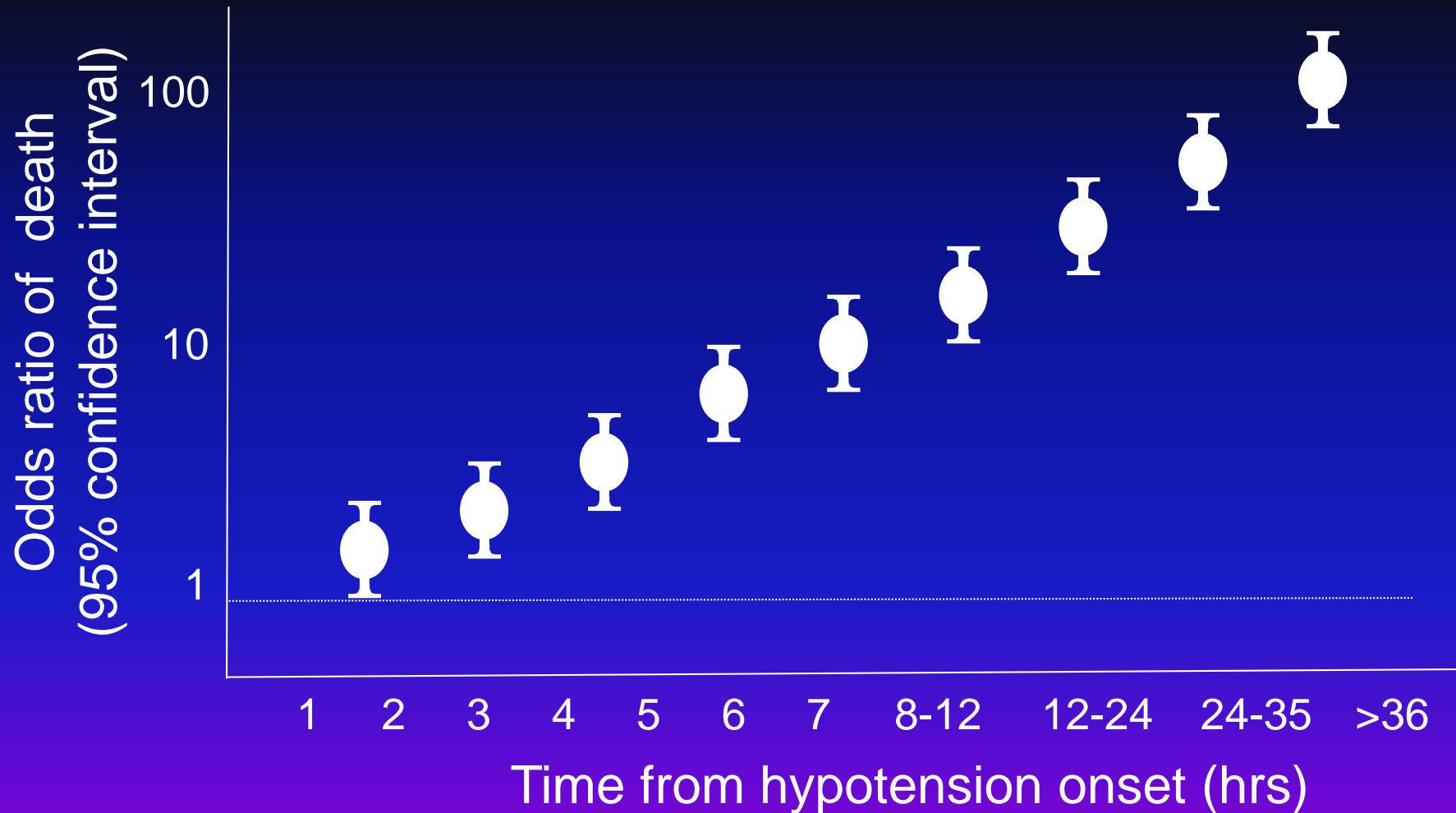
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Case Presentation - Question

In conjunction with appropriate antibiotics, which of the following choices is most likely to result in *improved survival* for this patient (Best Answer)?

- A. Placement of a central venous catheter
- B. Aggressive & early fluid resuscitation with crystalloid
- C. Maintaining a hemoglobin level above 10 mg/dl
- D. Maintaining a PaCO₂ below 50 mmHg
- E. Administration of systemic steroids

The Effect of Antibiotics On Survival



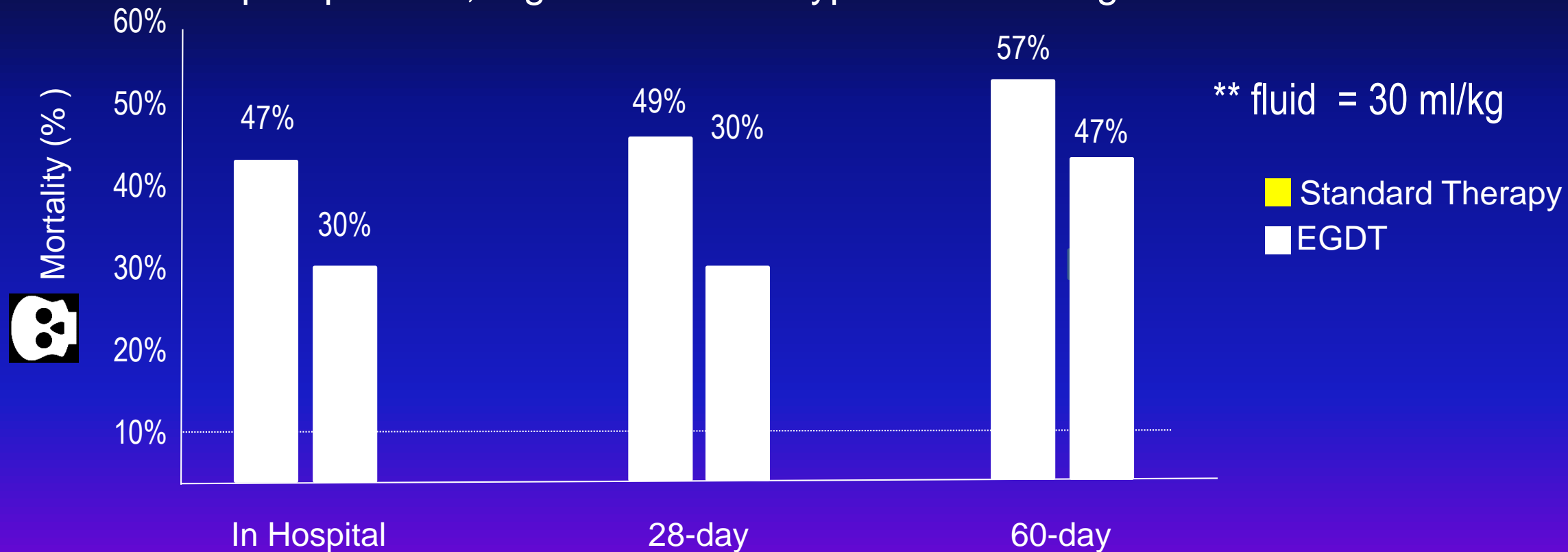
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Duration of hypotension before initiation of effective antimicrobial therapy is the critical determinant of survival in human septic shock.

Case Presentation

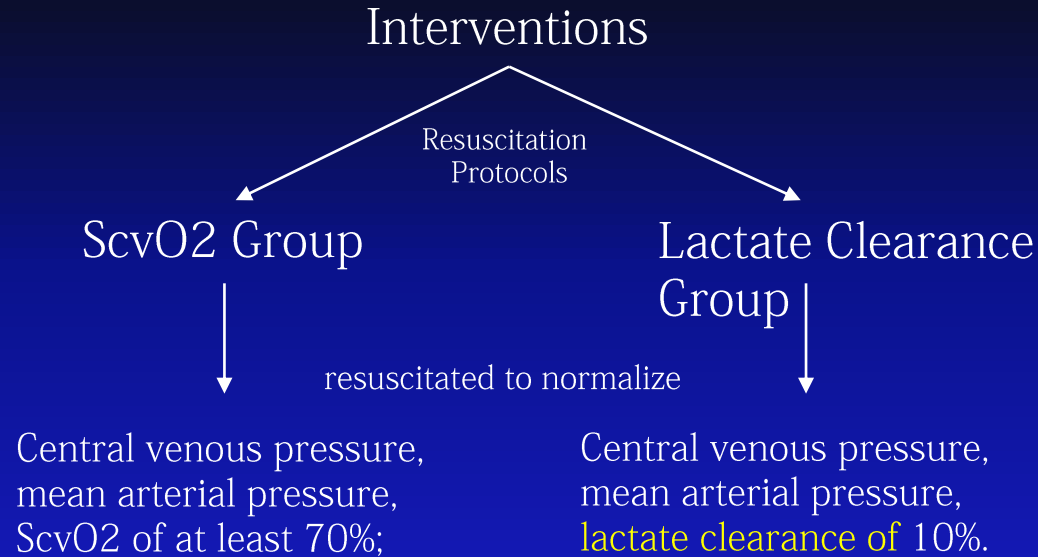
Goal Directed Therapy

Aggressive fluid resuscitation is a life saving & time sensitive intervention for sepsis patients, regardless of the type of monitoring device.



Case Presentation

Parameter Directed Therapy



Equivalence ≠ in:

Mortality	17 % v. 23 % (EGDT)
Hospital LOS	11 % v. 12 % (EGDT)
MSOF	25 % v. 22 % (EGDT)

Study protocol was continued until all goals or for up to 6 hours.

Intervention, h	No. (%) of Patients		P Value ^a
	Lactate Clearance Group (n = 150)	ScvO ₂ Group (n = 150)	
Crystalloid volume, mean (SD), L			
0-<6	4.5 (2.36)	4.3 (2.21)	.55
6-72	12.4 (6.15)	11.8 (6.41)	.44
Vasopressor administration			
0-<6	108 (72)	113 (75)	.60
6-72	100 (67)	108 (72)	.45
Dobutamine administration			
0-<6	5 (3)	8 (5)	.57
6-72	10 (7)	13 (9)	.66
PRBC transfusion			
0-<6	11 (7)	5 (3)	.20
6-72	35 (23)	31 (21)	.78
Mechanical ventilation			
0-<6	40 (27)	39 (26)	.99
6-72	69 (46)	75 (50)	.56
Activated protein C			
0-<6	0	0	
6-72	3 (2)	2 (1)	.68
Parenteral corticosteroids			
0-<6	18 (12)	26 (17)	.25
6-72	59 (39)	51 (34)	.40

Case Presentation - Question

As it relates to our patient, which of the following statements regarding **sepsis fluid management** treatment is correct in improving mortality?

- A. Placement of a central venous catheter
- B. Monitoring SvO₂ (mixed venous)
- C. Aggressive fluid resuscitation 30cc/kg
- D. Colloid contain IVF at 30 cc/kg
- E. Administration of albumin solution

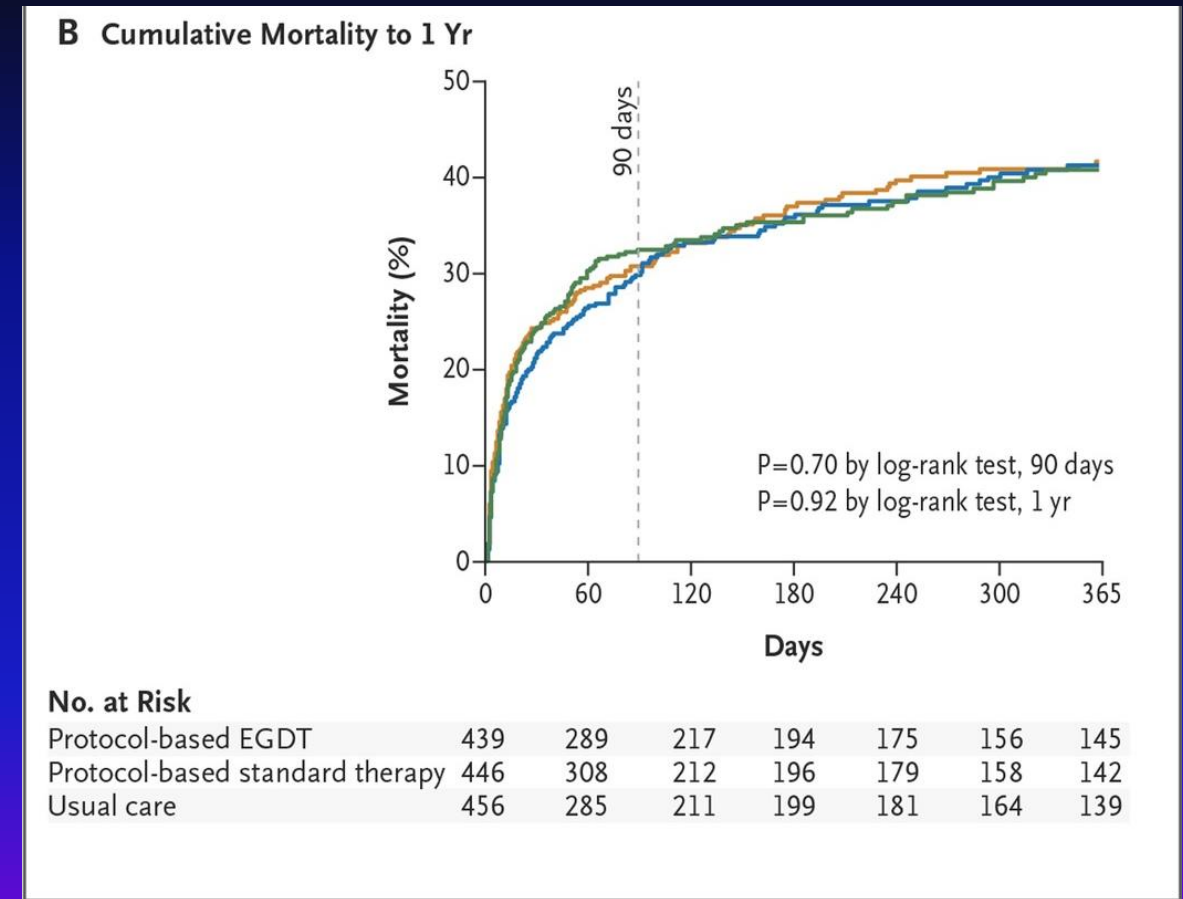
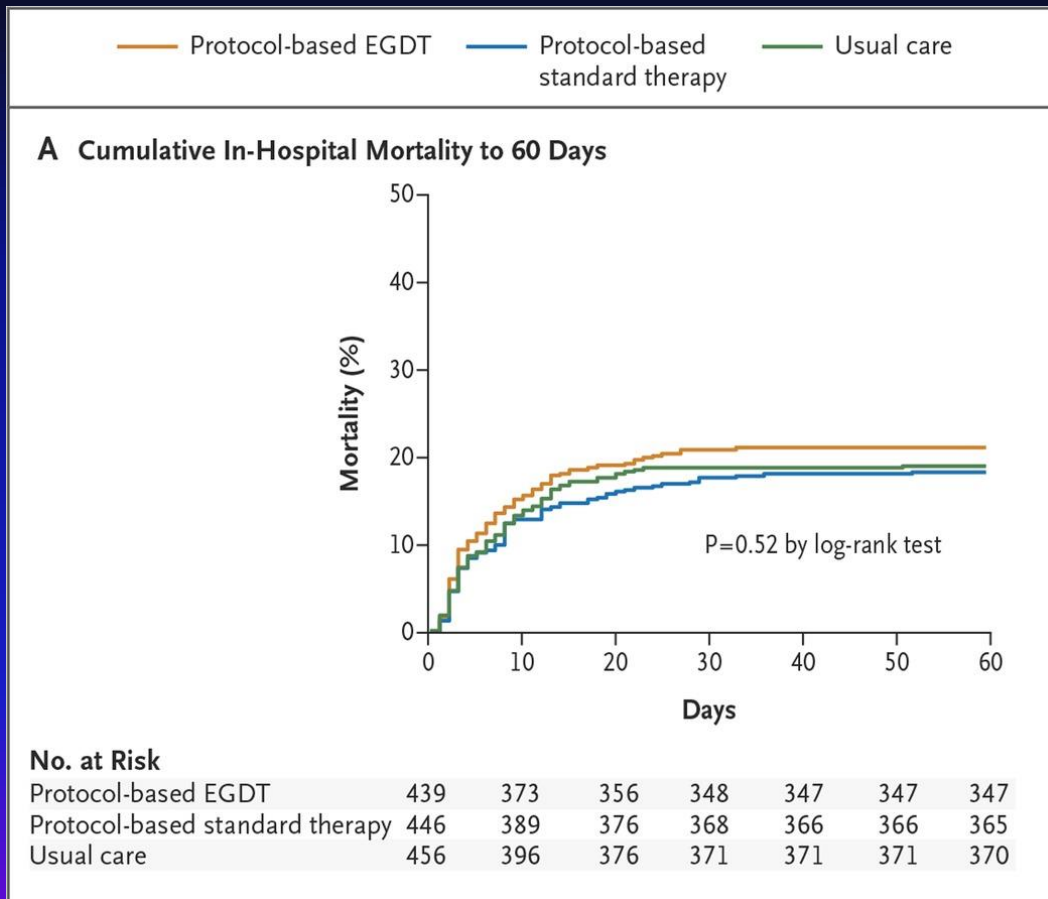
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The ProCESS Investigators

Protocolized Care for Early Septic Shock Trial



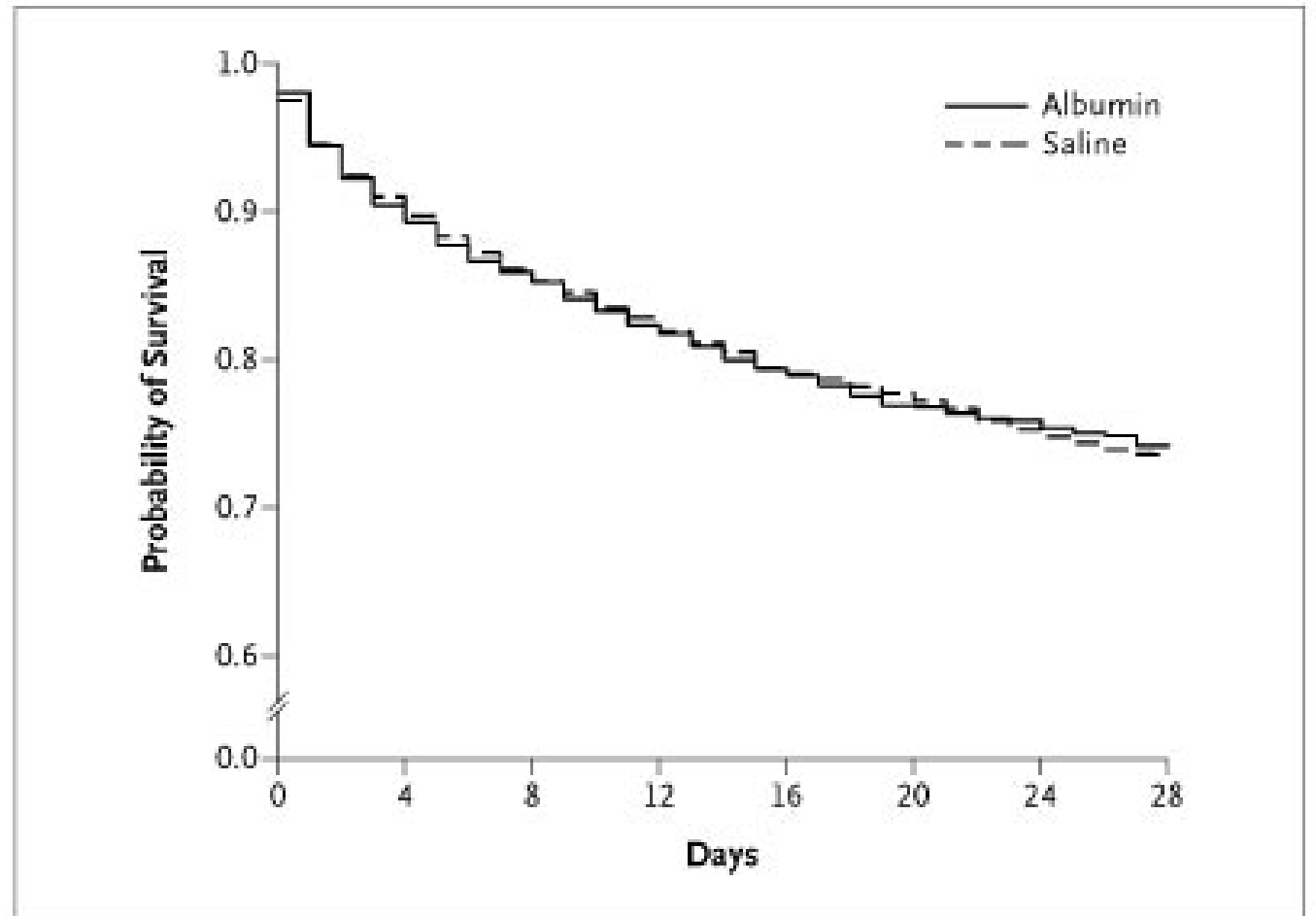
All 3 arms of the study mortality was < 21%

	ProCESS	ARISE	ProMISe
Title	A Randomized Trial of Protocol-Based Care for Early Septic Shock	Goal-Directed Resuscitation for Patients with Early Septic Shock	Protocolised Management in Sepsis (ProMISe)
Location	U.S. 31 Emergency Departments	Australia/New Zealand 51 Emergency Departments	U.K. Multi-Center
Population	1935 adult subjects with septic shock (refractory hypotension or LA \geq 4mmol/L)	1600 adult sepsis subjects with septic shock (refractory hypotension or LA \geq 4mmol/L)	1260 adult sepsis subjects with septic shock (refractory hypotension or LA \geq 4mmol/L)
Intervention	EGDT	EGDT	EGDT
Control	Protocol-Based Care (no CVC) Usual Care	Usual Care	Usual Care
Primary Outcome	60 Day Mortality	90 Day Mortality	90 Day Mortality
Primary Outcome Result (relative risk)	EGDT 21% Protocol Based 18.1% Usual Care 18.9%	EGDT 18.6% Usual Care 18.8%	EGDT 30% Usual Care 29%
Publication Date	May 2014	October 2014	Mar 2014
Journal	NEJM	NEJM	NEJM

Adapted from:
 Yealy DM et al. A Randomized Trial of Protocol-Based Care for Early Septic Shock. N Engl J Med 2014; 370:1683-1693.
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A Comparison of Albumin and Saline for Fluid Resuscitation in the Intensive Care Unit

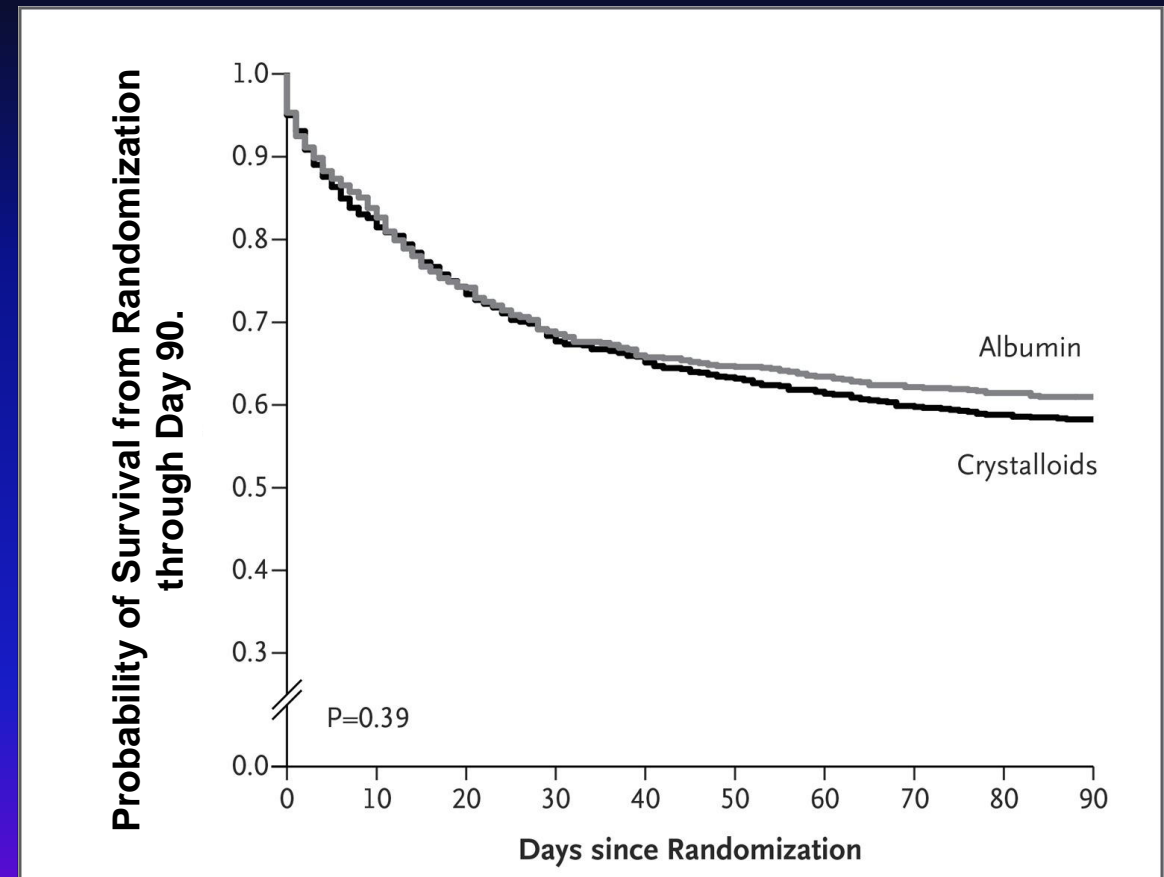
- In this trial of critically ill patients in the intensive care unit, the use of albumin (4%) and saline resulted in similar outcomes at 28 days
- Two treatments = equivalent with respect to clinical outcomes.



Albumin Replacement in Patients with Severe Sepsis or Septic Shock (ALBIOS Study)

In this multicenter, open-label trial, we randomly assigned 1818 patients with severe sepsis, in 100 intensive care units (ICUs), to receive either **20% albumin and crystalloid solution** or crystalloid solution alone.

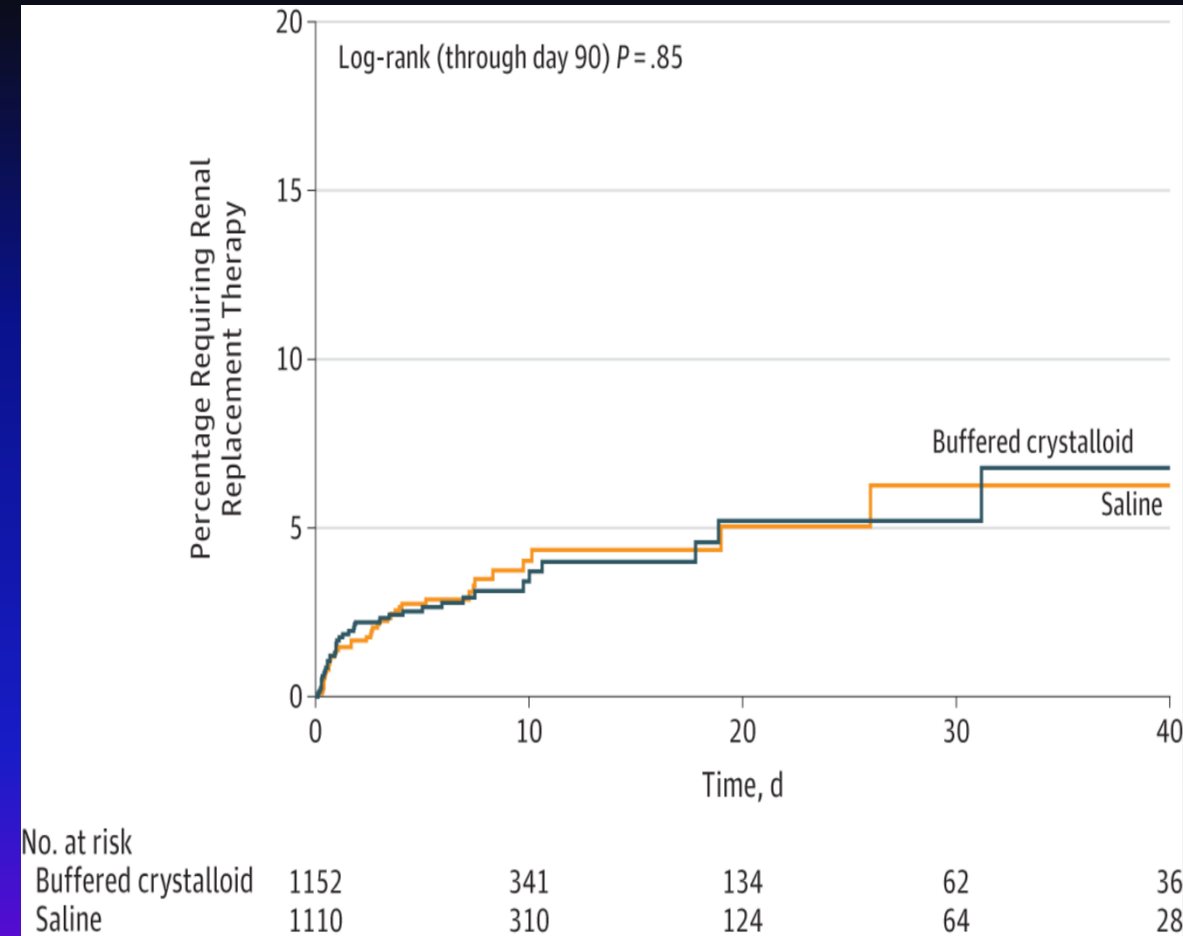
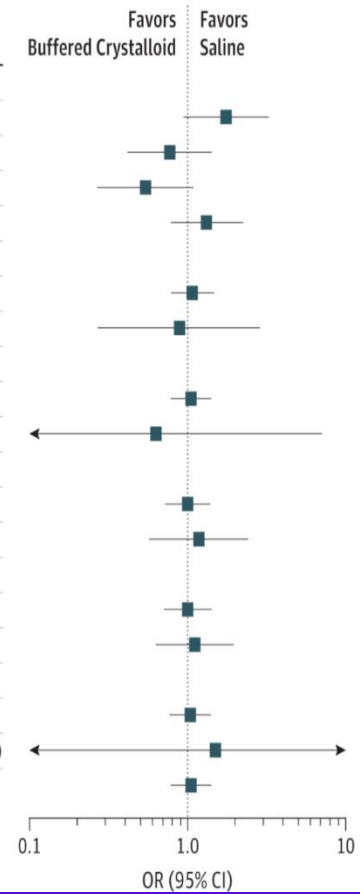
RESULT: In the albumin group, the target serum albumin concentration was 30 g per liter or more until discharge from the ICU or 28 days after randomization. The primary outcome was death from any cause at 28 days. Secondary outcomes were death from any cause at 90 days, the number of patients with organ dysfunction and the degree of dysfunction, and length of stay in the ICU and the hospital.



In patients with severe sepsis, albumin replacement **in addition to** crystalloids, as compared with crystalloids alone, did not improve the rate of survival at 28 and 90 days.

Effect of a Buffered Crystalloid Solution vs Saline on Acute Kidney Injury Among Patients in the Intensive Care Unit The SPLIT Randomized Clinical Trial

Subgroup	No. of Individuals		No. of Events (%)		OR (95% CI)	P Value	P Value for Interaction
	Buffered Crystalloid	Saline	Buffered Crystalloid	Saline			
Location							
ICU 1	190	204	29 (15.3)	19 (9.3)	1.75 (0.95-3.25)	.07	.05
ICU 2	387	378	20 (5.2)	25 (6.6)	0.77 (0.42-1.41)	.40	
ICU 3	200	169	15 (7.5)	22 (13.0)	0.54 (0.27-1.08)	.08	
ICU 4	290	274	38 (13.1)	28 (10.2)	1.32 (0.79-2.23)	.29	
Sepsis							
No	1032	983	95 (9.2)	85 (8.6)	1.07 (0.79-1.46)	.67	.82
Yes	35	42	7 (20.0)	9 (21.4)	0.89 (0.27-2.86)	.84	
Trauma							
No	1034	977	101 (9.8)	91 (9.3)	1.05 (0.78-1.41)	.76	.51
Yes	33	48	1 (3.0)	3 (6.3)	0.63 (0.06-7.07)	.70	
APACHE II							
<25	985	946	77 (7.8)	74 (7.8)	1.00 (0.72-1.39)	>.99	.54
≥25	82	79	25 (30.5)	20 (25.3)	1.18 (0.57-2.41)	.65	
Cardiac surgery							
No	597	547	76 (12.7)	70 (12.8)	1.00 (0.71-1.42)	.99	.75
Yes	470	478	26 (5.5)	24 (5.0)	1.11 (0.63-1.96)	.72	
TBI							
No	1045	1000	101 (9.7)	93 (9.3)	1.04 (0.77-1.40)	.79	.91
Yes	22	25	1 (4.5)	1 (4.0)	1.50 (0.09-26.00)	.78	
Overall	1067	1025	102 (9.6)	94 (9.2)	1.05 (0.78-1.41)	.76	



Young P, Bailey M, Beasley R, et al; for the SPLIT investigators and the ANZICS CTG. Effect of a buffered crystalloid solution vs saline on acute kidney injury among patients in the intensive care unit: the SPLIT randomized clinical trial. *JAMA*. doi:10.1001/jama.2015.12334.

Case Presentation - Continued

I know your ER does this too

Despite your intentions, this same 69-year-old woman receives only 2 liters of fluid over 6 hours in the ED while awaiting ICU transfer.

In the ICU, resuscitation is “ramped up” considerably with 8 liters of normal saline, but the patient develops ARDS & oliguric renal failure by the next morning. She remains hypotensive.

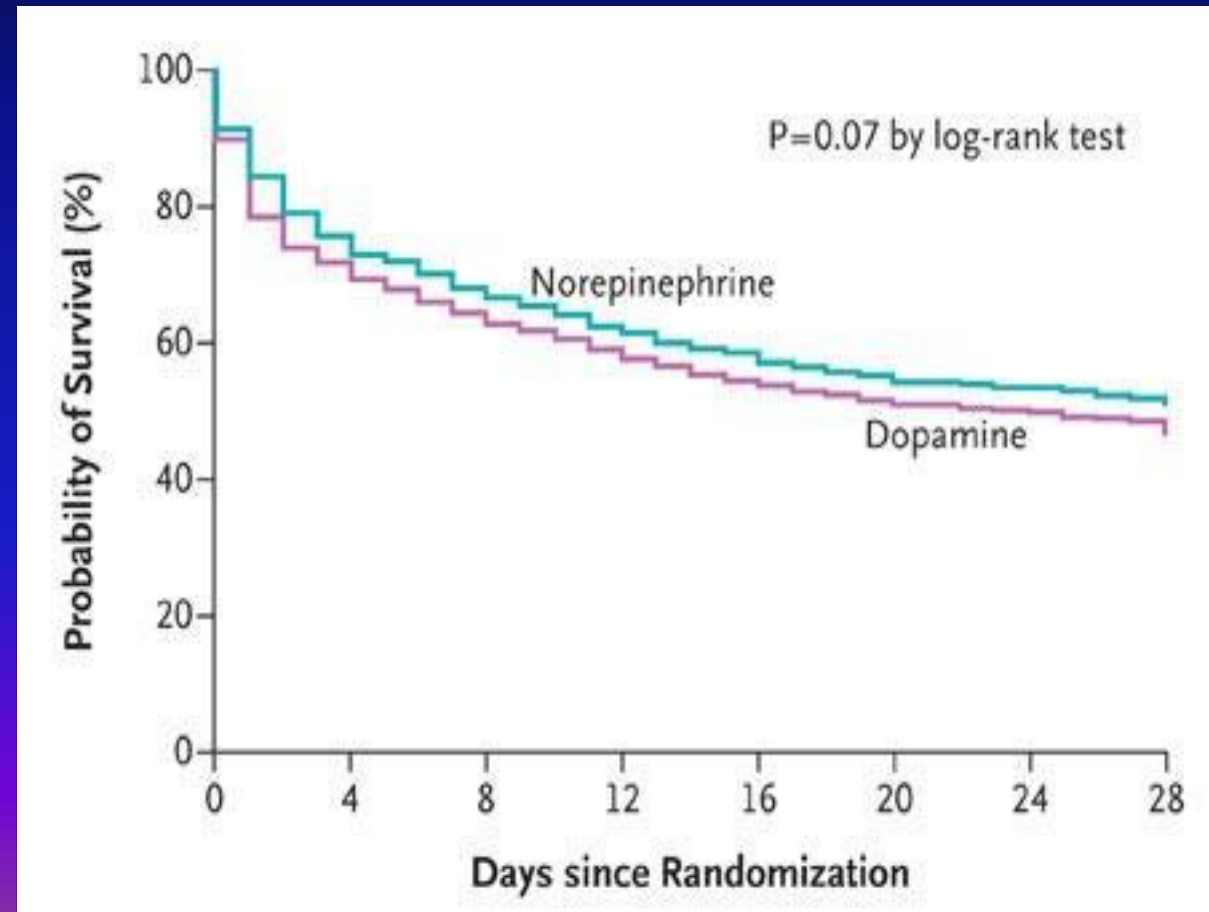
Case Presentation - Question

In this patient, the next best step includes which of the following?

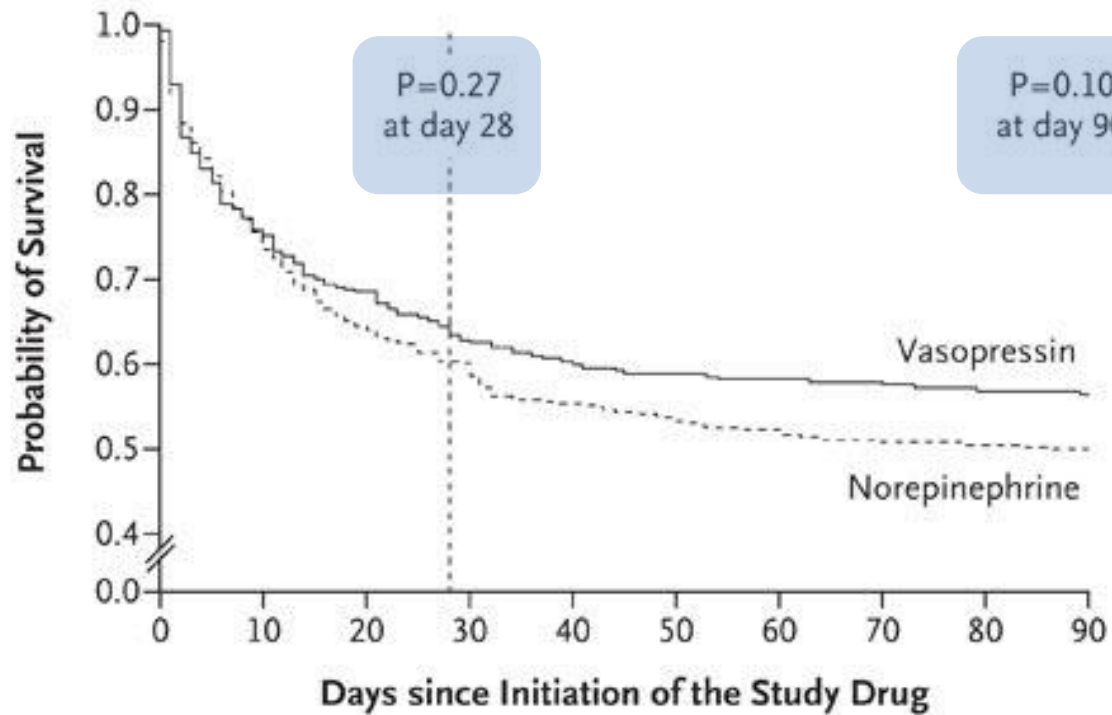
- (A) Start Dopamine gtt for MAP > 60 mmHg
- (B) Administer high dose Vasopressin
- (C) Start Rosuvastatin (lipid) medication (anti-inflammatory)
- (D) Transfuse PRBC for Hb > 10 gm/dL
- (E) Start Levophed gtt for MAP > 65 mmHg

Comparison of Dopamine & Norepinephrine in the Treatment of Shock

- **Conclusions:** No significant difference in the rate of death between patients with shock who were treated with dopamine vs. norepinephrine,
- Dopamine showed > # of adverse events.



Vasopressin vs. Norepinephrine Infusion in Patients with Septic Shock



No. at Risk

	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
Vasopressin	397	301	272	249	240	234	232	230	226	220
Norepinephrine	382	289	247	230	212	205	200	194	193	191

Table 3. Serious Adverse Events in Patients Who Had Septic Shock.

Variable	Norepinephrine Group (N=382)	Vasopressin Group (N=396)	P Value*
	no. (%)		
At least one serious adverse event	40 (10.5)	41 (10.3)	1.00
Acute myocardial infarction or ischemia	7 (1.8)	8 (2.0)	1.00
Cardiac arrest	8 (2.1)	3 (0.8)	0.14
Life-threatening arrhythmia	6 (1.6)	8 (2.0)	0.79
Acute mesenteric ischemia	13 (3.4)	9 (2.3)	0.39
Hyponatremia†	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)	1.00
Digital ischemia	2 (0.5)	8 (2.0)	0.11
Cerebrovascular accident	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)	1.00
Other‡	2 (0.5)	5 (1.3)	0.45

* Two-sided P values are based on Fisher's exact test.

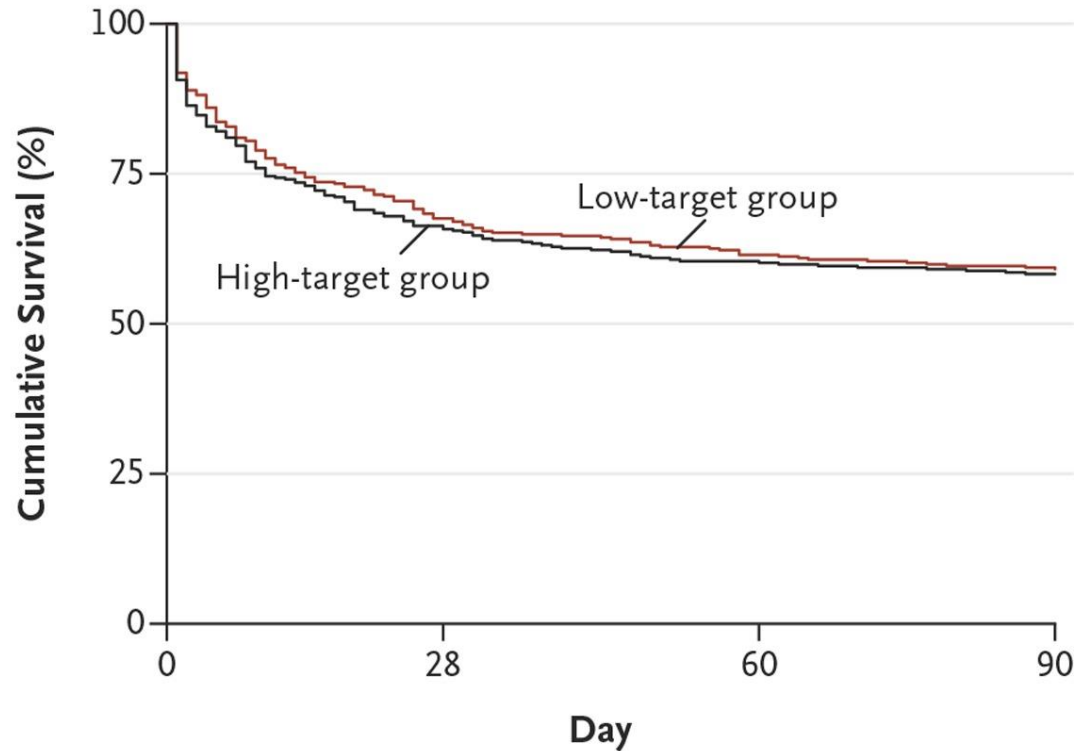
† Hyponatremia was defined as a serum sodium level of less than 130 mmol per liter.

‡ Other events include acute hepatitis, agranulocytosis, pulmonary embolism, seizures, drug error, and two cases of drug extravasation from the central venous catheter.

Updated Recommendations: Vasopressors (2016)

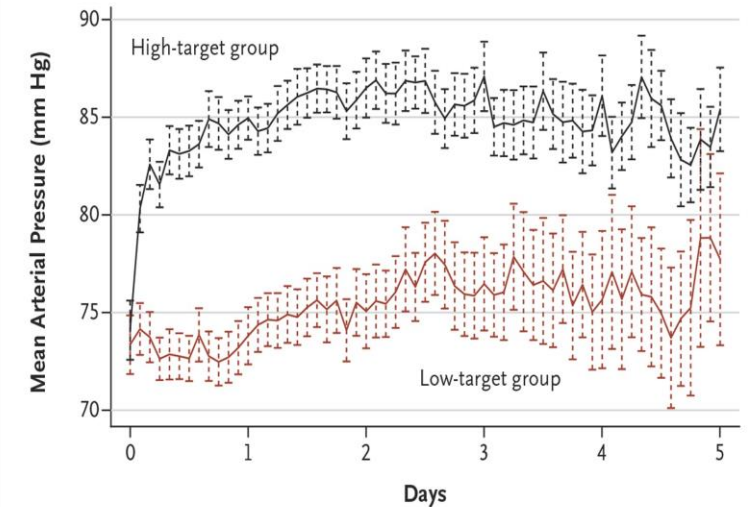
- **Norepinephrine** as the first choice (strongest recommendation)
- Suggest adding EITHER to raise the MAP
 - **Vasopressin** (0.03 units/min) - never monotherapy
 - **Epinephrine**
- Vasopressin may be added with the intent to decrease norepinephrine dosage.
- Dopamine as an alternative vasopressor agent to norepinephrine only in selected patients (low risk to tachyarrhythmia's or absolute /relative bradycardia).
- Recommend against low dose dopamine for renal protection.
- Phenylephrine was removed from the guidelines.

High versus Low Blood-Pressure (MAP >65) Target in Patients with Septic Shock



No. at Risk

Low target	379	256	233	225
High target	375	249	227	219



Targeting a mean arterial pressure of 80 to 85 mm Hg, as compared with 65 to 70 mm Hg.

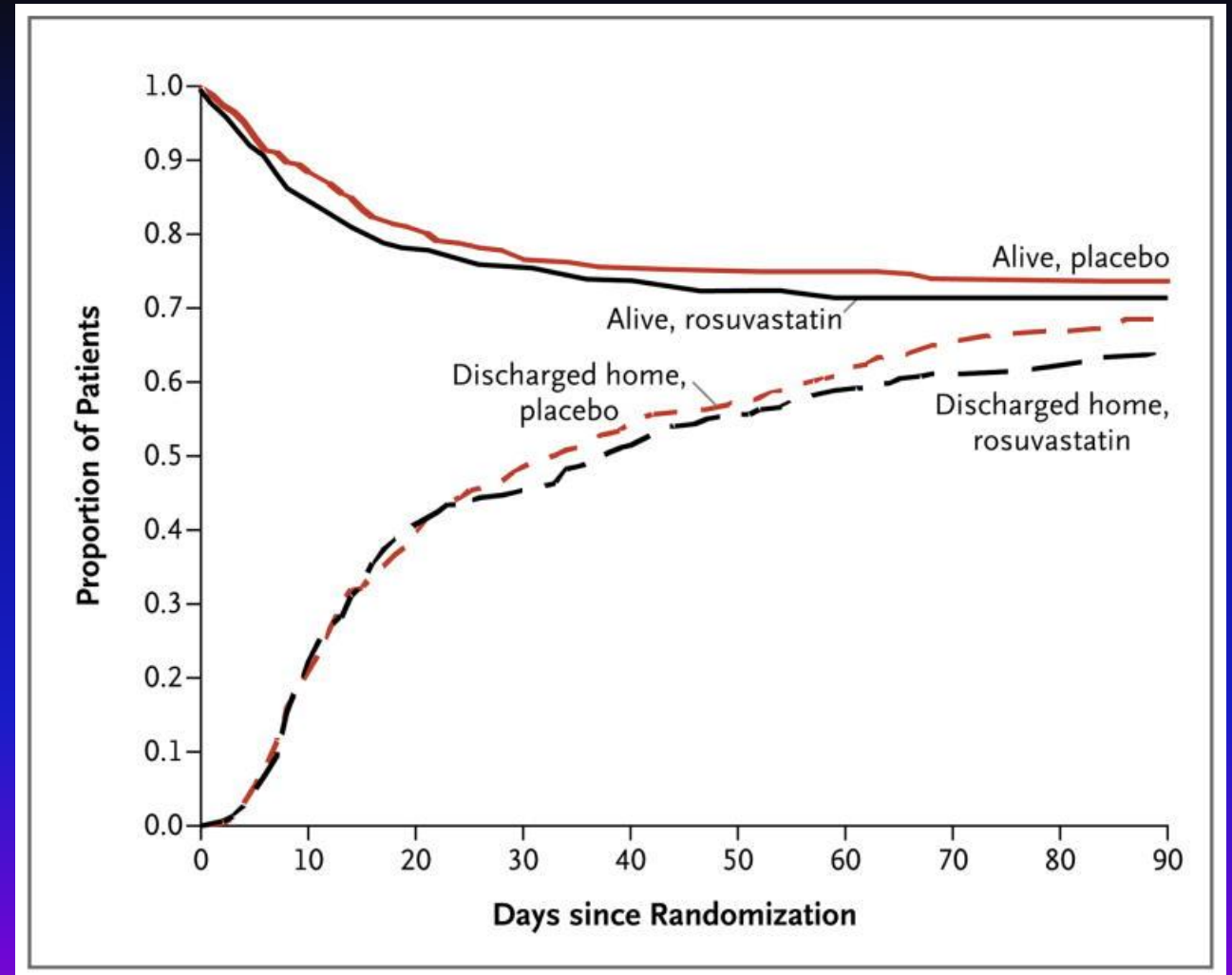
However, the incidence of newly diagnosed atrial fibrillation was higher in the high-target group than in the low-target group. Among patients with chronic hypertension, those in the high-target group required less renal-replacement therapy than did those in the low-target group, but such therapy was not associated with a difference in mortality.

Lipid (anti-inflammatory) Medication in ARDS

Multicenter trial in which patients with sepsis-associated ARDS were randomly assigned to receive either enteral rosuvastatin or placebo in a double-blind manner.

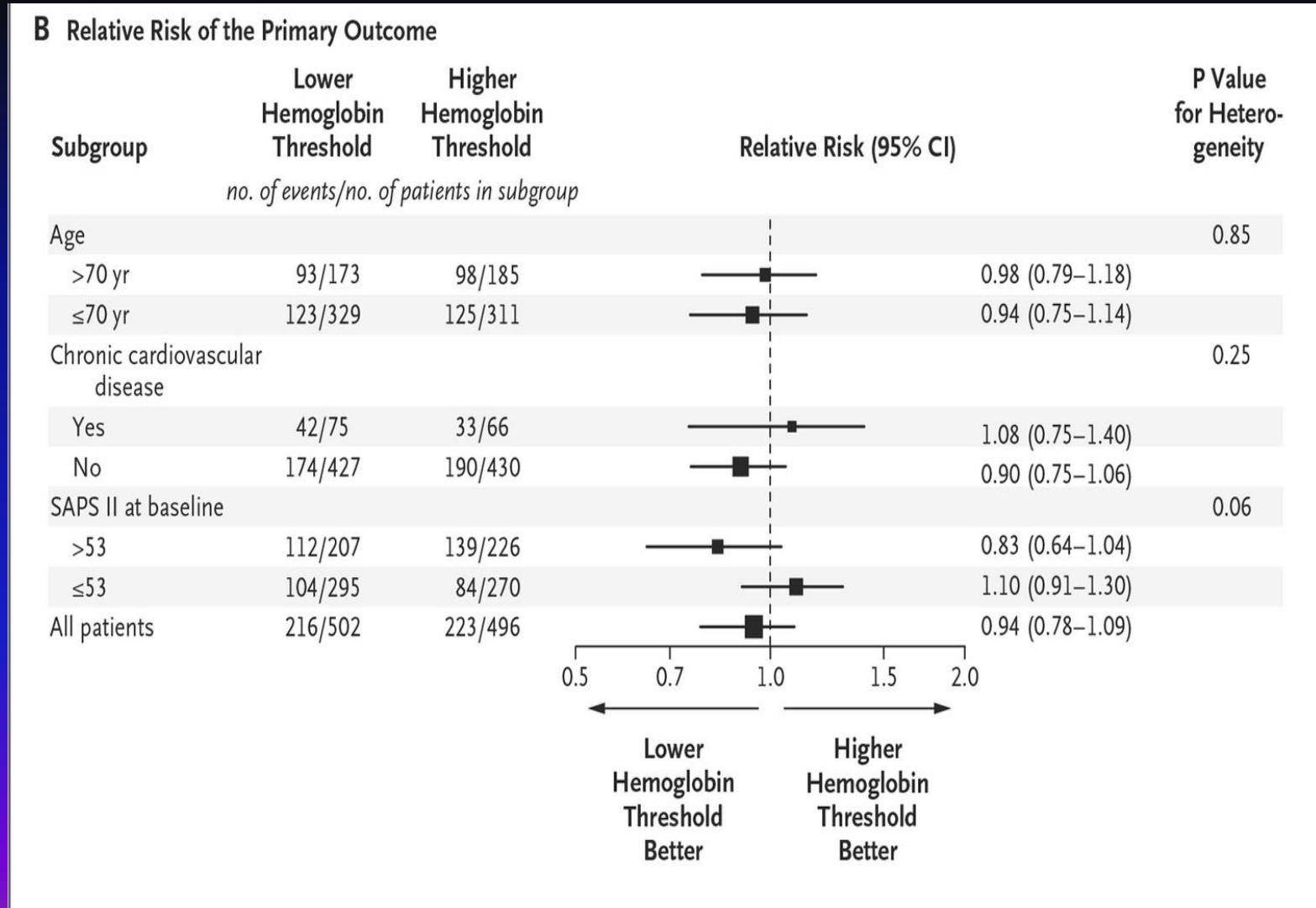
The primary outcome was mortality before hospital discharge home or until study day 60

Secondary outcomes included the number of ventilator-free days (days that patients were alive and breathing spontaneously) to day 28 and organ-failure-free days to day 14



Transfusion Requirements in Septic Shock (TRISS)

- 1,005 patients with septic shock with Hb 9 g/dL or less
- Randomized to low (7 g/dl) or high (9g/dL) transfusion threshold for length of ICU stay.
- In patients with septic shock, mortality at 90 days and rates of ischemic events and use of life support were similar among those assigned to blood transfusion at a higher hemoglobin threshold and those assigned to blood transfusion at a lower threshold.



Case Presentation - Question

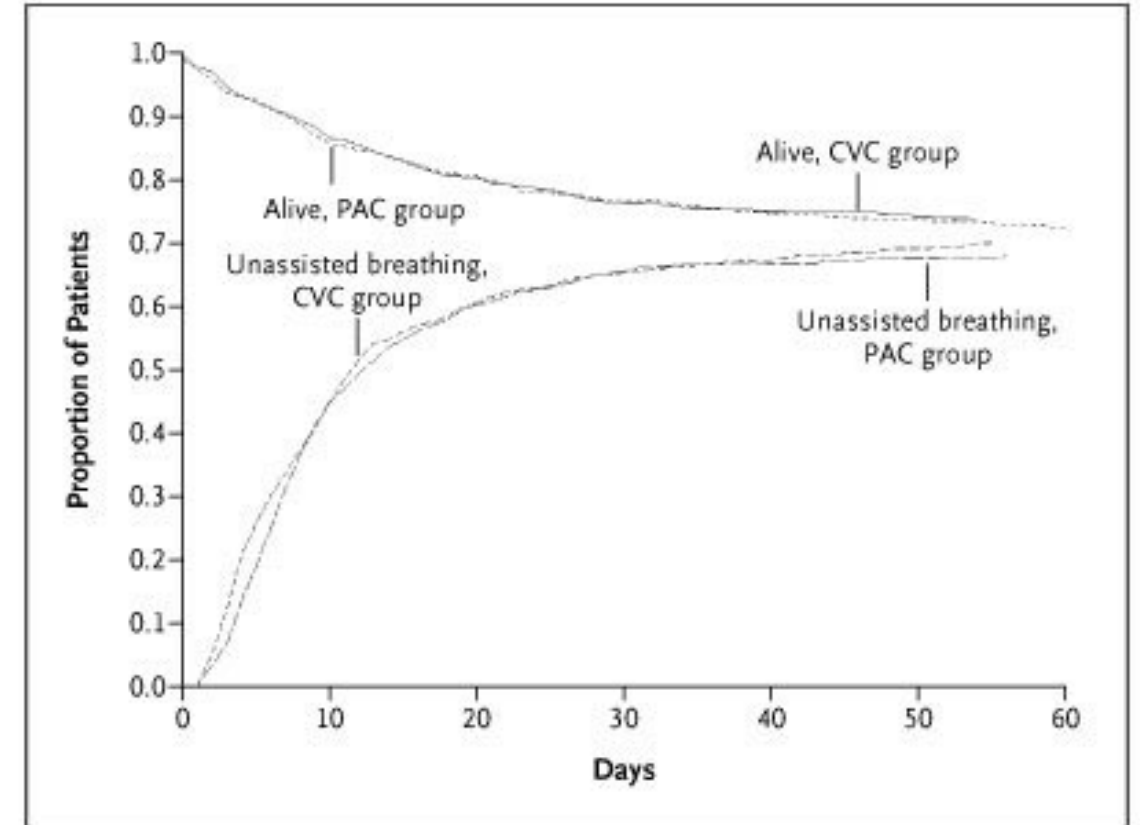
In your patients whom is oliguric (AKI), the intern wants to place a pulmonary artery catheter to obtain the PAOP (i.e., wedge pressure), if this is done it is most likely to result in which of the following (Single (best Answer)?

- (A) Decreased 28-day mortality
- (B) Decreased length of ICU stay
- (C) No identifiable benefit
- (D) Decreased incidence of renal dysfunction
- (E) Fire the intern & and hope they transfer into EM

Pulmonary-Artery versus Central Venous Catheter to Guide Treatment of Acute Lung Injury

- Hemodynamic monitoring is a common physiological intervention in patients with acute lung injury.
- In this randomized, controlled trial no significant difference in 60-day mortality whether monitoring was performed with a pulmonary-artery catheter or a central venous catheter.

Graph: Kaplan-Meier Estimates of the Probability of Survival and of Survival without the Need for Assisted Ventilation during the First 60 Days after Randomization



Case Presentation - Question

Our same 69 year-old woman with septic shock developed diffuse bilateral infiltrates and progressive hypoxemic respiratory failure ($Pa/FiO_2 < 100$) necessitating mechanical ventilation.

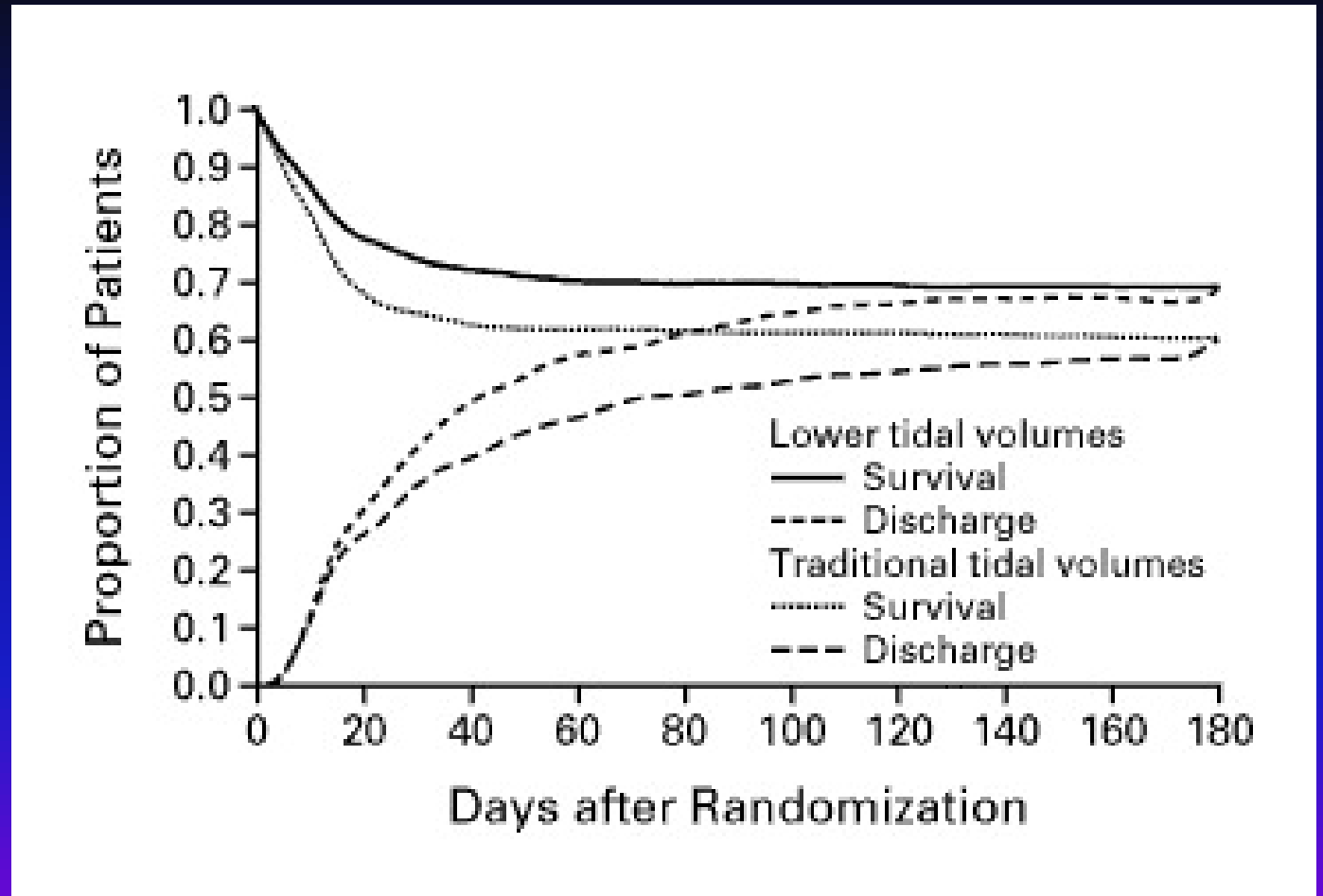
She is 5'3" (160 cm) and weights 198 pounds (90 kg). The same intern you fired now asks you after intubation "what tidal volume you want on the ventilator". *Your best response is ?*

- (A) 314 ml
- (B) 430 ml
- (C) 540 ml
- (D) 665 ml

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Females: PBW (kg)} &= 45.5 + 2.3 (\text{height (in)} - 60) \\ \text{kg} &= 45.5 + 2.3 (63 - 60) \\ \text{kg} &= 45.5 + 6.9 \\ \text{kg} &= 52.4 \\ 52.4 \times 6 \text{ cc/kg} &= 314. \end{aligned}$$

Probability of Survival and of Being Discharged Home and Breathing without Assistance in ARDNet

- Acute lung injury & acute respiratory distress syndrome
- A multicenter, randomized trial
- Compared traditional ventilation, initial tidal volume of 12 ml/kg of and an (plateau pressure) of 50 cm of water or less, with ventilation with a lower tidal volume, which involved an initial tidal volume of 6 ml/kg and a plateau pressure of 30 cm of water or less.

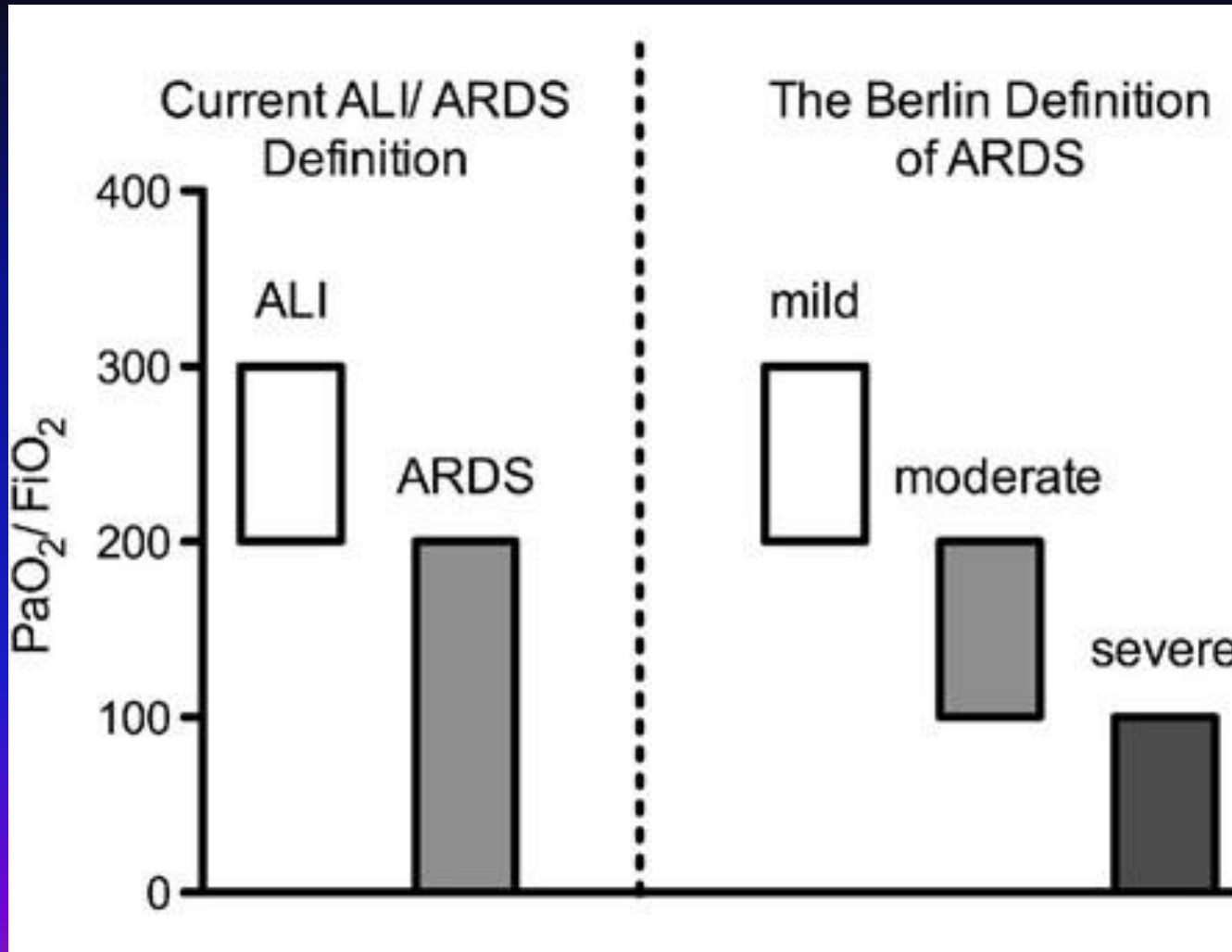


Case Presentation - Question

Which of the following statement is correct (Single Answer) about The Berlin Clinical Prediction Rule of ARDS for this patient who had a P/F ratio of ~85 at intubation, AKI and shock?

- (A) This is categorized as moderate ARDS
- (B) Because she had urosepsis, this would not be ARDS
- (C) Her predicted hospital mortality would be less than 20%
- (D) We need a wedge pressure to determine if ALI is present
- (E) None of the above is true

To review salient points about BERLIN Definition of ARDS within the context of this particular patient example.



Berlin = Better defined cohort

Mortality:

Mild	27%
Moderate	32%
Severe	45%

Case Presentation - Question

Our patient is currently on 0.60 FiO₂ using assist control with a set rate of 22, V_T of 6 ml/kg, and PEEP of 14 cm H₂O. Blood gas is pH 7.39, PaCO₂ 42 mmHg, PaO₂ of 71 mmHg. The plateau airway pressure (Pplat) on the ventilator is 41 cmH₂O.

What if anything is needed at this point the patients care to improve survival?

- (A) Do nothing things she has improved
- (B) Place a chest tube to decrease the Pplat pressures
- (C) Add bronchodilators to lower airway resistance
- (D) Adjust the ventilator

Case Presentation - Question

Hopefully you answered adjust the ventilator. *Then how would you change the ventilator in hopes to improve survival?*

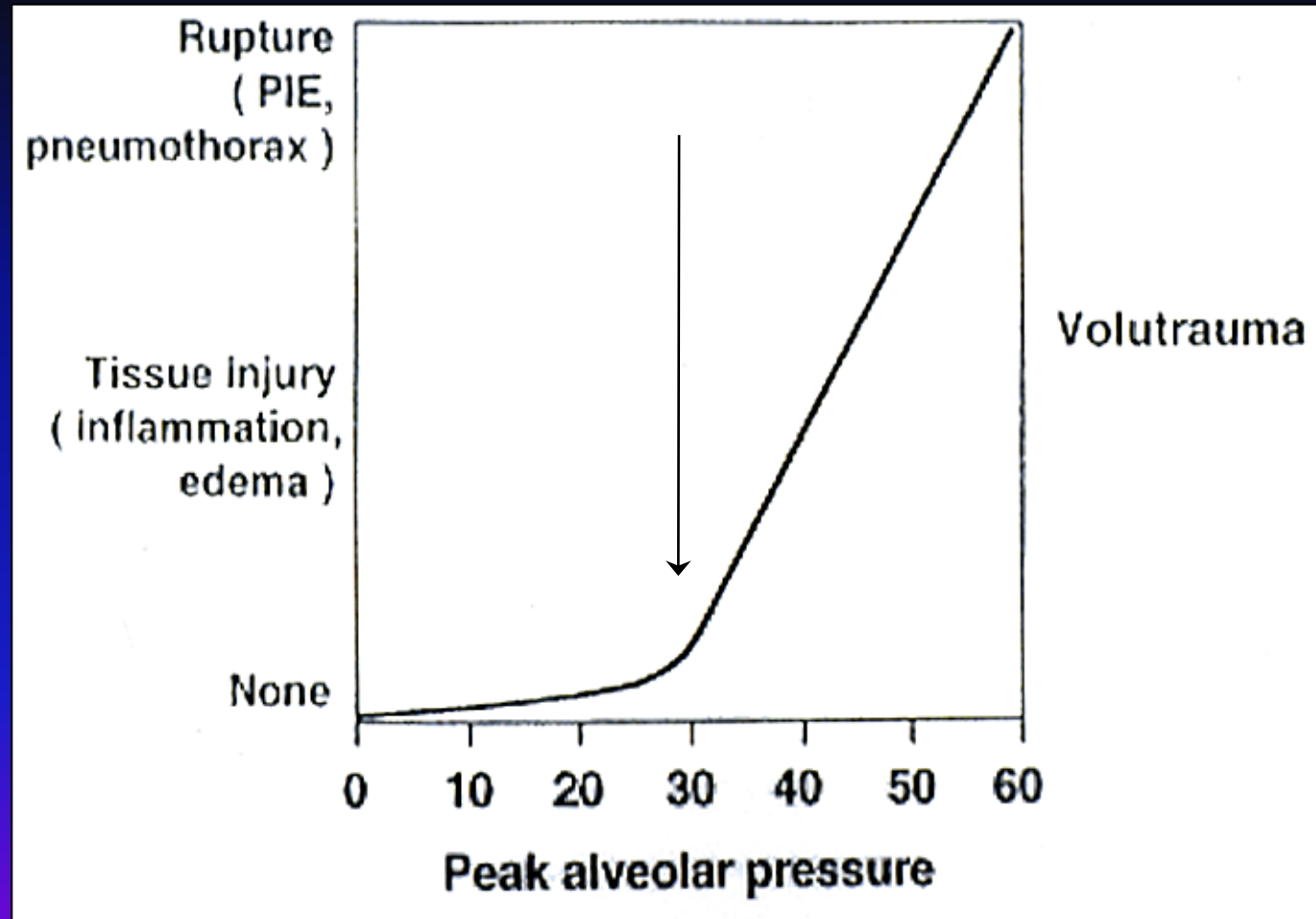
AC of 22, 0.60 FiO₂ with a V_T of 6 ml/kg, PEEP of 14 cm H₂O.

ABG = pH 7.39, PaCO₂ 42 mmHg, PaO₂ of 71 mmHg.

Plateau airway pressure (Pplat) on the ventilator is 41 cmH₂O.

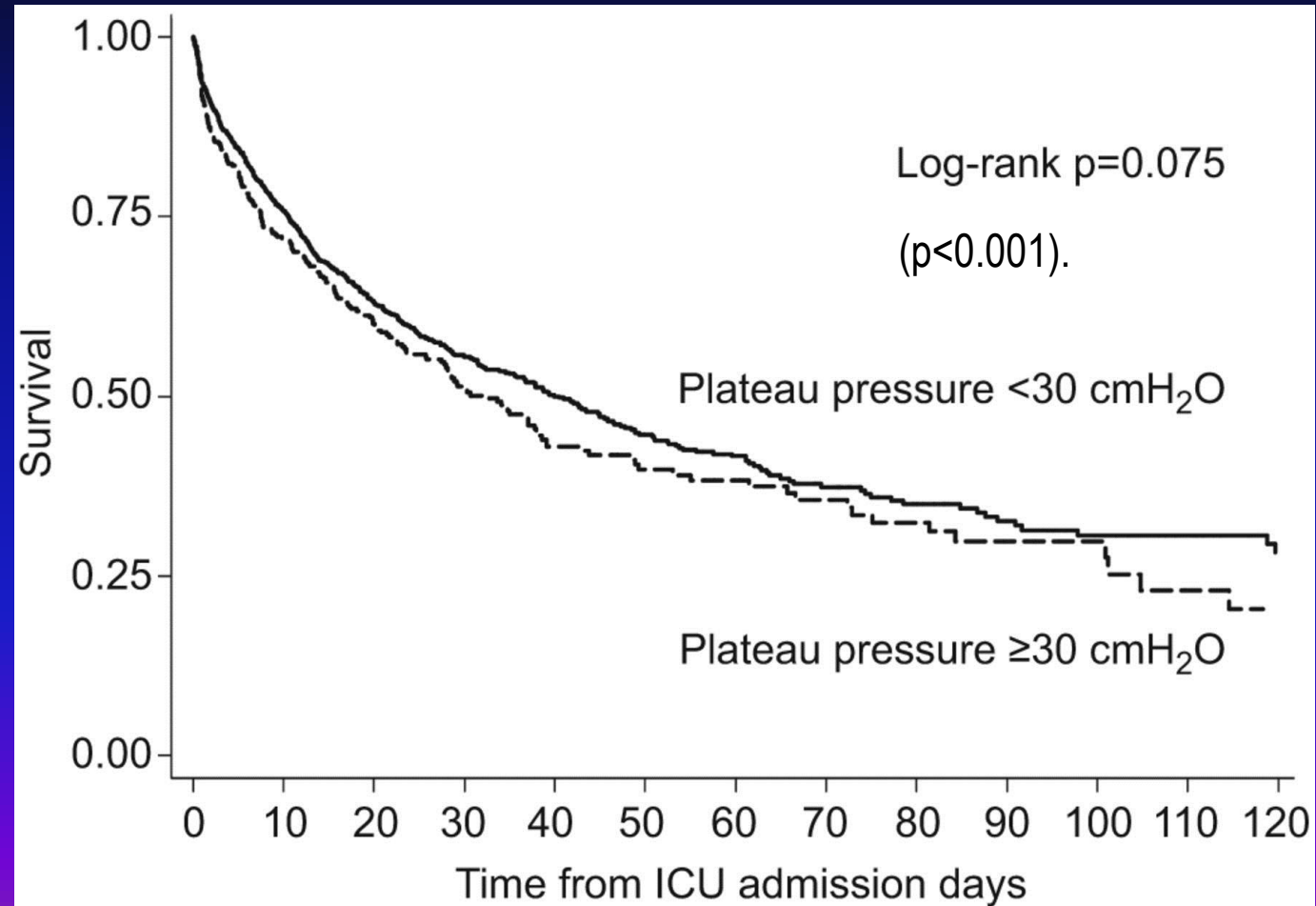
- (A) Lower respiratory rate to allow permissive hypercapnia
- (B) Increase the ventilator flow rate
- (C) Lower the tidal volume to compliance < 30
- (D) Change to Airway Pressure Release Ventilation
- (E) Switch to HFOV (High-freq oscillatory ventilation)

Probability of Survival and of Being Discharged Home and Breathing without Assistance in ARDNet



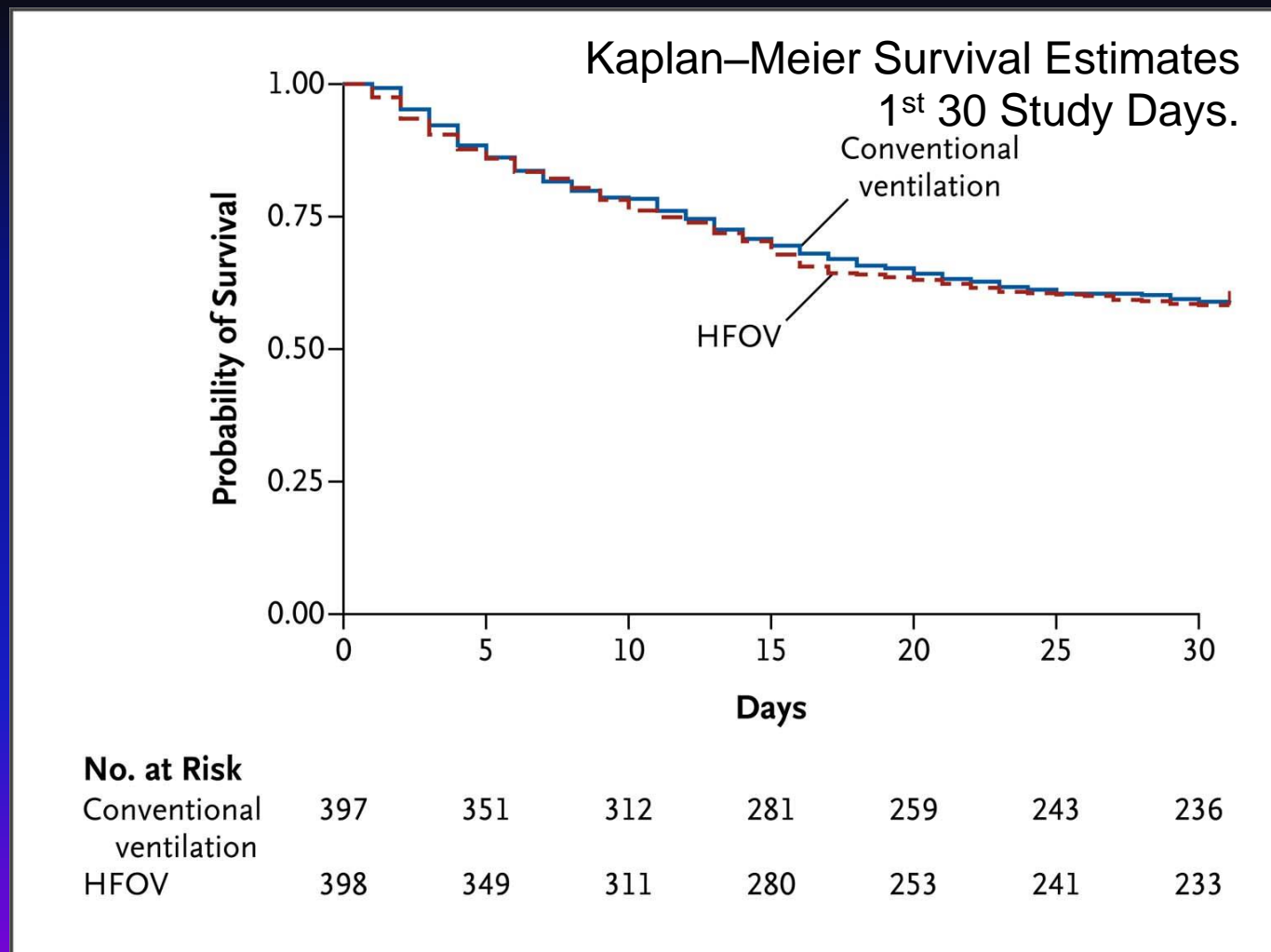
Kaplan–Meier hospital survival analysis for acute lung injury septic patients with or without a protective strategy in mechanical ventilation

In patients with ALI and mechanical ventilation, the use of inspiratory plateau pressures maintained at <30 cmH₂O was associated with lower mortality by Chi-squared test (46.4% versus 55.1%, $p<0.001$) and by Kaplan–Meier and log-rank test ($p<0.001$).



High-Frequency Oscillation for Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

The use of HFOV had **no** significant effect on 30-day mortality in patients undergoing mechanical ventilation for ARDS. (Funded by the National Institute for Health Research Health Technology Assessment Program; OSCAR Current Control)



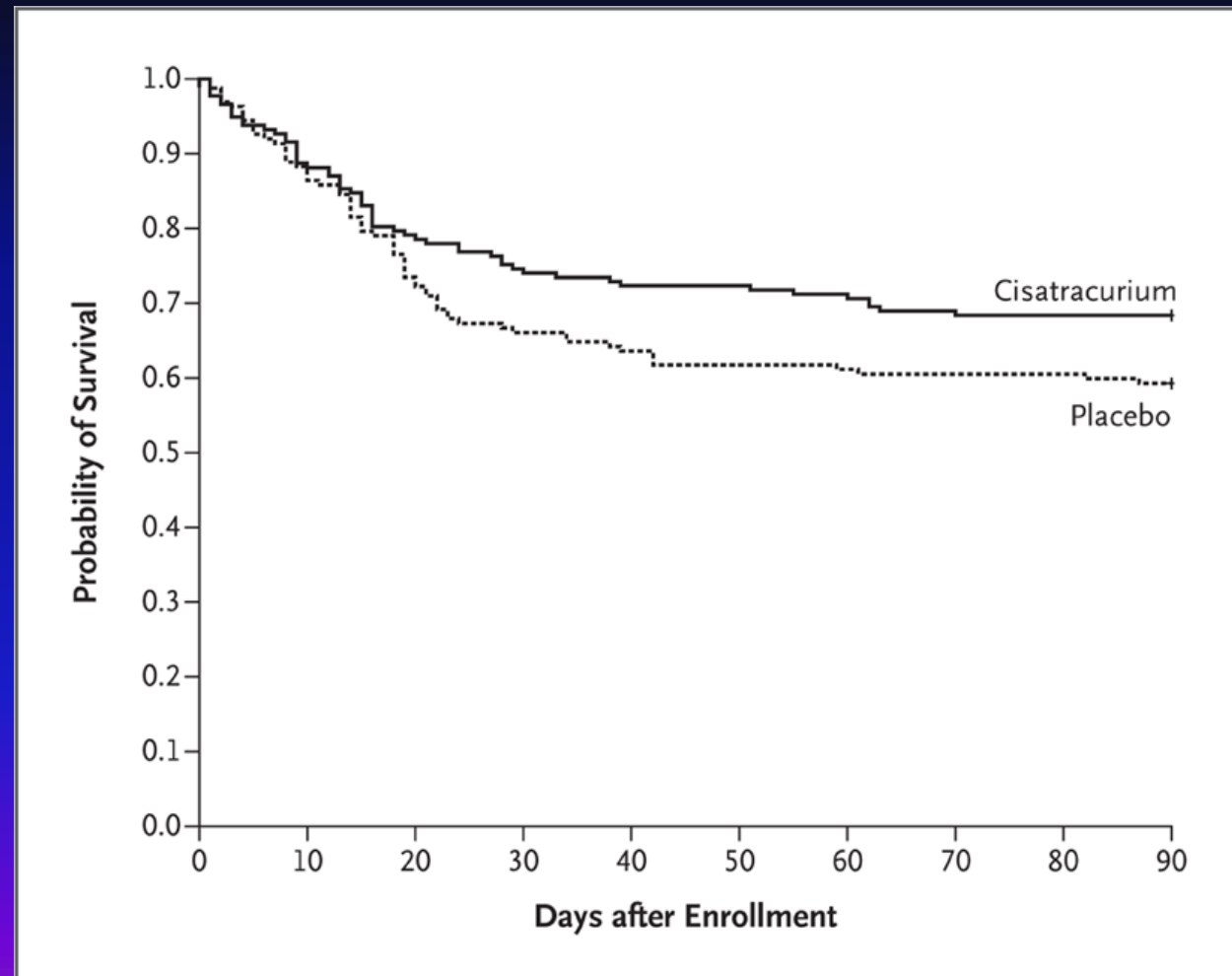
Case Presentation - Question

Our patient is hospital day 6 now, with a Pplat of 28, and PaCO₂ of 47 mmHg. However remains on AC with FiO₂ of 0.6 and 14 cmH₂O of PEEP. Her P/F ratio remains at 85? *Which of the following treatment may improved survival?*

- (A) Start EMCO
- (B) Palliative care consult
- (C) Start prone ventilation
- (D) Add neuromuscular blockade

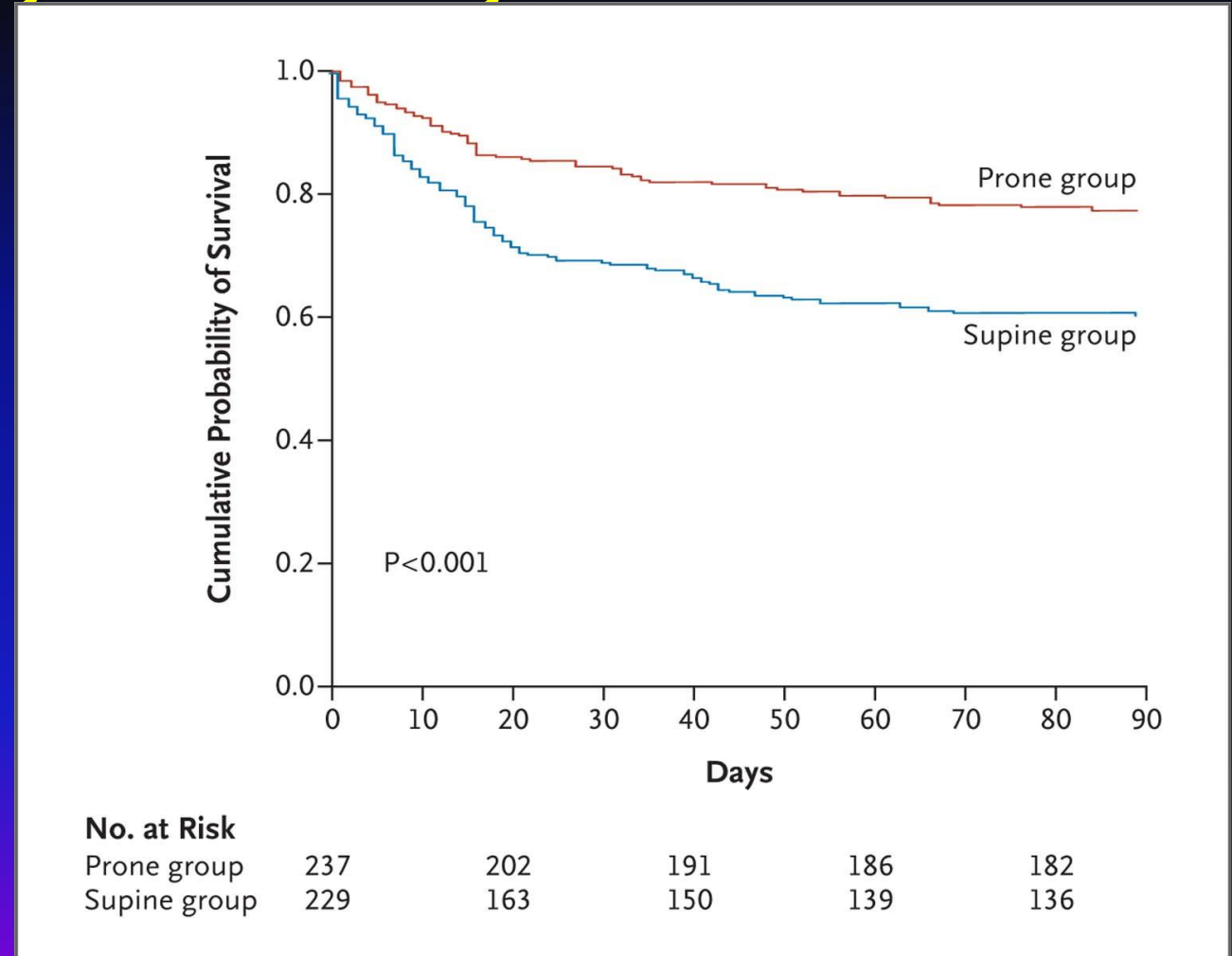
Neuromuscular Blockers in Early Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome.

- Multicenter, double-blind trial, with onset of severe ARDS within the **previous 48 hours** were randomly assigned to receive, for 48 hours, either cisatracurium besylate (178 patients) or placebo (162 patients).
- Severe ARDS was defined as a ratio $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2$ of less than 150, with a PEEP of ≥ 5 cm and a tidal volume of 6 to 8 ml/Kg predicted body weight.
- In **Severe** ARDS, early administration of a neuromuscular blocking agent improved the adjusted **90-day survival** and increased the time off the ventilator without increasing muscle weakness.



Prone Positioning in Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

- **Guerin Study in the NEJM (2013) used a P/F <150 (slightly different than the more strict Berlin cutoff of 100) and 60% or more FiO₂ to demonstrate a large survival advantage (HR 0.4 for 90-day mortality).**
- **The proning was used for at least 16 hours/day and was stopped when P/F >150 on PEEP <10 and FiO₂ <60%.**



Guerin D et al. PROSEVA Study group. Prone positioning in severe ARDS. NEJM 2013; 368(23): 2159-68.

Case Presentation - Question

Which of the following statements regarding management of this patient with severe ARDS is TRUE (Single Answer)?

- (A) Neuromuscular blockade is used for mild & moderate ARDS.
- (B) HFOV is an early choice as established by recent RCTs.
- (C) Prone positioning is an management strategy for severe ARDS.
- (D) Corticosteroids should be started early and often in ARDS.
- (E) Early tracheostomy is a proven way to reduce LOS and mortality.

Case Presentation - Question

Applause

All your hard work (and the patients but certainly not that intern that want the POA catheter) is working. It is now day 8, and this same patient with ARDS/sepsis is out of shock and off vasopressors. She remains sedated and on the ventilator.

For patient who are stabilized and out of shock, with the ventilator being gradually reduced, which of the following steps in management have been shown to be **helpful in reducing ventilator days, ICU days and improved oxygenation**. (Single Answer):

- (A) Avoid diuretics and keep CVP >12 due to oliguria
- (B) Give diuretics and minimize fluids to goal CVP < 4
- (C) Transfuse the patient to maintain Hgb levels of 8 g/dl
- (D) Start steroids for late phase ARDS (fibroproliferative phase)
- (E) Once the patient passes an SBT, discontinue sedation

Comparison of Two Fluid-Management Strategies in Acute Lung Injury

Conservative strategy improved:

- Improved oxygenation
- ↓ duration of Mech. Vent.
- ↓ intensive care days
- **Without** increasing nonpulmonary-organ failures

Table 1. Duration of Mechanical Ventilation.*

Fluid Strategy	No. of Patients	No. of Days of Mechanical Ventilation		
		Mean	Median	Standard Error
Liberal	356	13.59	9.00	0.77
Conservative	375	10.37	6.00	0.66

* $P < 0.001$ by the Wilcoxon test.

No significant difference in 60-day mortality

Case Presentation - Question

Our legionary patient is hospital day 9. Examination reveals scattered coarse breathing sounds. After 30 minutes of a spontaneous breathing trial (SBT), blood pressure is 135/90 mmHg. Pulse rate is 100/min; respiratory rate is 28/min and oxygen saturation is 92% on a FiO_2 of 0.45.; the RSBI is 100 b/min/L. The SBT is without the evident of arrhythmia, respiratory distress, diaphoresis, or anxiety. Chest radiograph shows mild clearing of diffuse infiltrates. *Which of the following is the most appropriate management?*

- (A) Obtain arterial blood gas studies
- (B) Continue mechanical ventilation and reassess
- (C) Extubate and discontinue mechanical ventilation
- (D) Extubate then initiate noninvasive mechanical ventilation

Case Presentation - Question

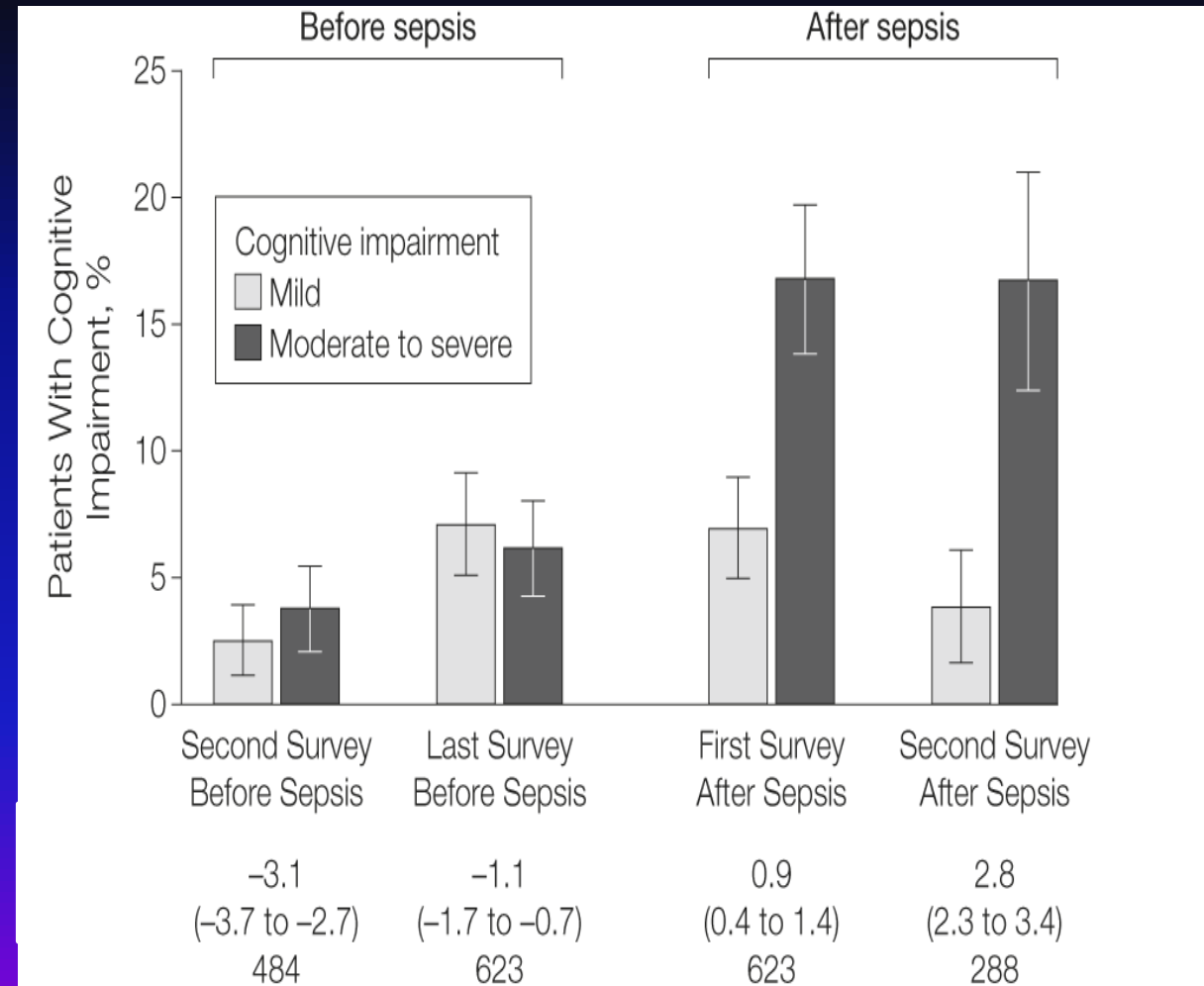
Which of the following states is true regarding post ICU recovery?

- A. Most sepsis survivors are back to work in 6 months
- B. There is cognitive impairment post sepsis, even in mild disease
- C. There is nothing that can be done to improve post ICU recovery
- D. Daily interruption of sedation has the *least impact* on post ICU recovery

The Effects of Critical Illness

- A prospective cohort involving 1194 patients with 1520 hospitalizations for severe sepsis drawn from the Health and Retirement Study, a nationally representative survey of US residents (1998-2006).
- A total of 9223 respondents had a baseline cognitive and functional assessment; 516 survived severe sepsis and 4517 survived a non-sepsis hospitalization to at least 1 follow-up survey and are included in the analysis.

Time to sepsis admission
Median (IQR) y
of patient



Case Presentation - Question

In accordance with the 2016 SCCM Sepsis Guidelines for management of patients such as this, the literature supports which of the following statements as GRADE 1 (highest level) (Single Answer)?

- (A) Plateau Pressure should be maintained <30 cm H₂O
- (B) Ventilator weaning protocols with SBTs
- (C) Sedation protocols and minimization of sedation
- (D) All of the above
- (E) None of the above

Intensive Care Medicine Board Review

Key Conclusions

- **Volume resuscitation with saline (30 cc/kg)**
- **No CVP or PAOP needed, Protocols are not needed!**
- **After shock resolves then start diuresis (conservative fluids)**
- **ARDS is still a syndrome: Berlin Criteria is the scoring system**
- **Treatment Criteria changes with severity, however 6 cc/kg (ideal)**
- **Keep the Plat Pressure < 30 in ARDS**
- **SBT, Sedation vacation reduce ICU LOS & cognitive impairment**