

# HIGH FLOW OXYGEN THERAPY

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# Oxygen delivery system

## Low flow oxygen delivery system

- *Flow < inspiratory flow demand*
- Variable FIO<sub>2</sub>
- Nasal cannula, simple mask, partial rebreathing mask



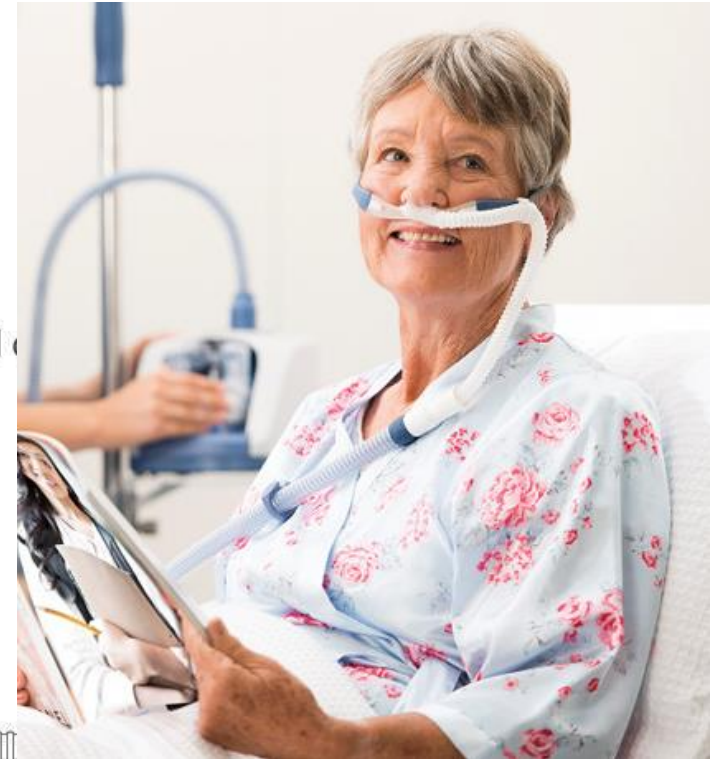
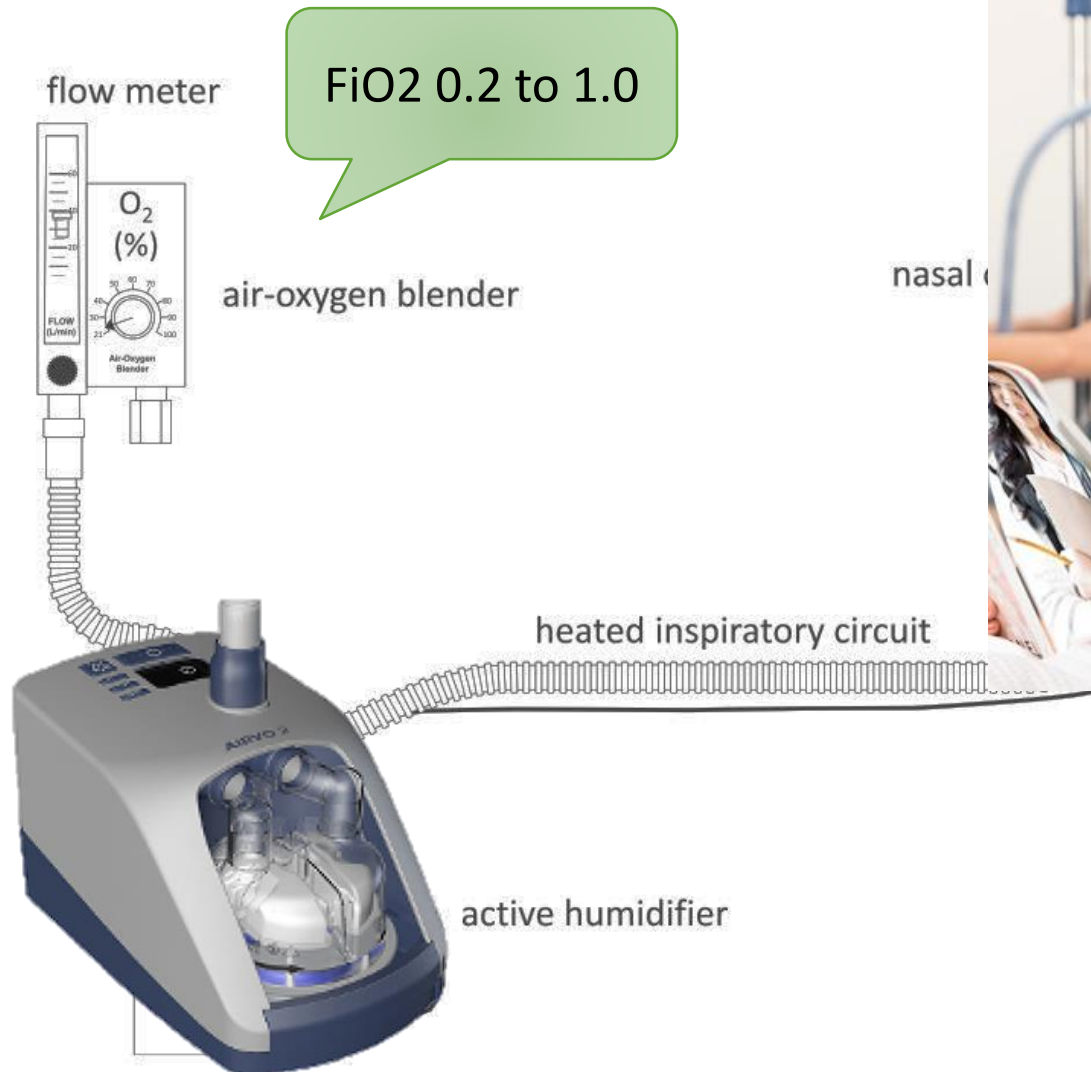
# Oxygen delivery system

## High flow oxygen delivery system

- *Flow > inspiratory flow demand*
- Constant  $F_iO_2$
- Venturi mask, high flow nasal cannula, T-piece with reservoir, Non-invasive mechanical ventilator



# High flow nasal therapy



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## ➤ Physiologic effect of HFNC

➤ Wash out CO<sub>2</sub> in anatomical dead space

Creates positive nasopharyngeal pressure

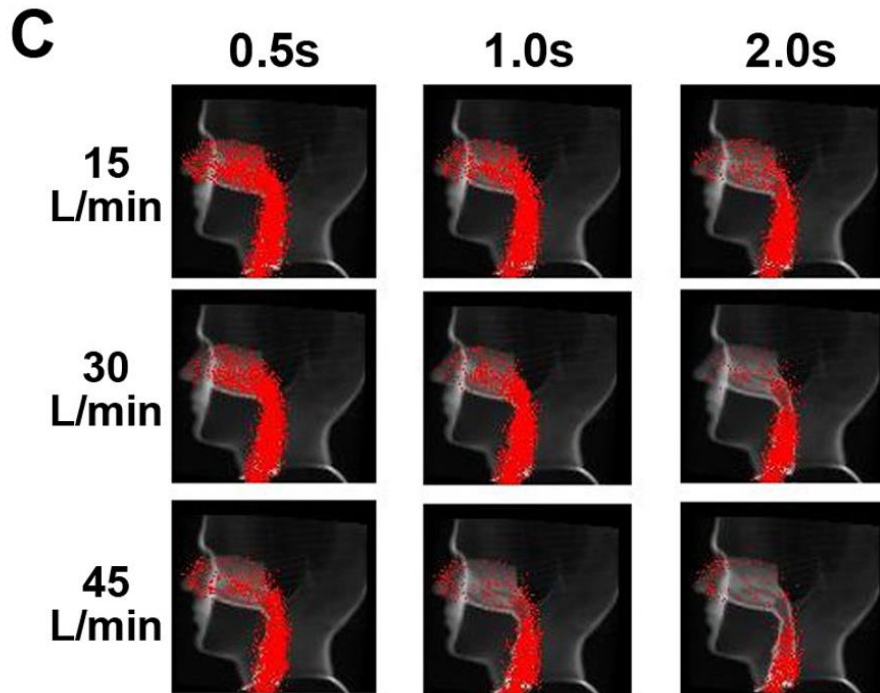
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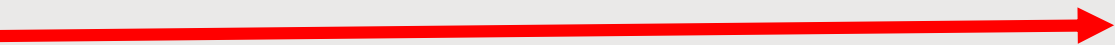

# Wash out CO<sub>2</sub> in anatomical dead space



- Upper airway model, constructed from segmented CT-scan images of a healthy volunteer
- Filling the models with tracer gases, <sup>81m</sup>Kr-gas radioactive
- NHF was delivered at rates of 15, 30, and 45 l/min
- **Showed flow-dependent tracer-gas clearance in the models**

# Creates positive nasopharyngeal pressure

**Table 2** Expiratory pharyngeal pressure

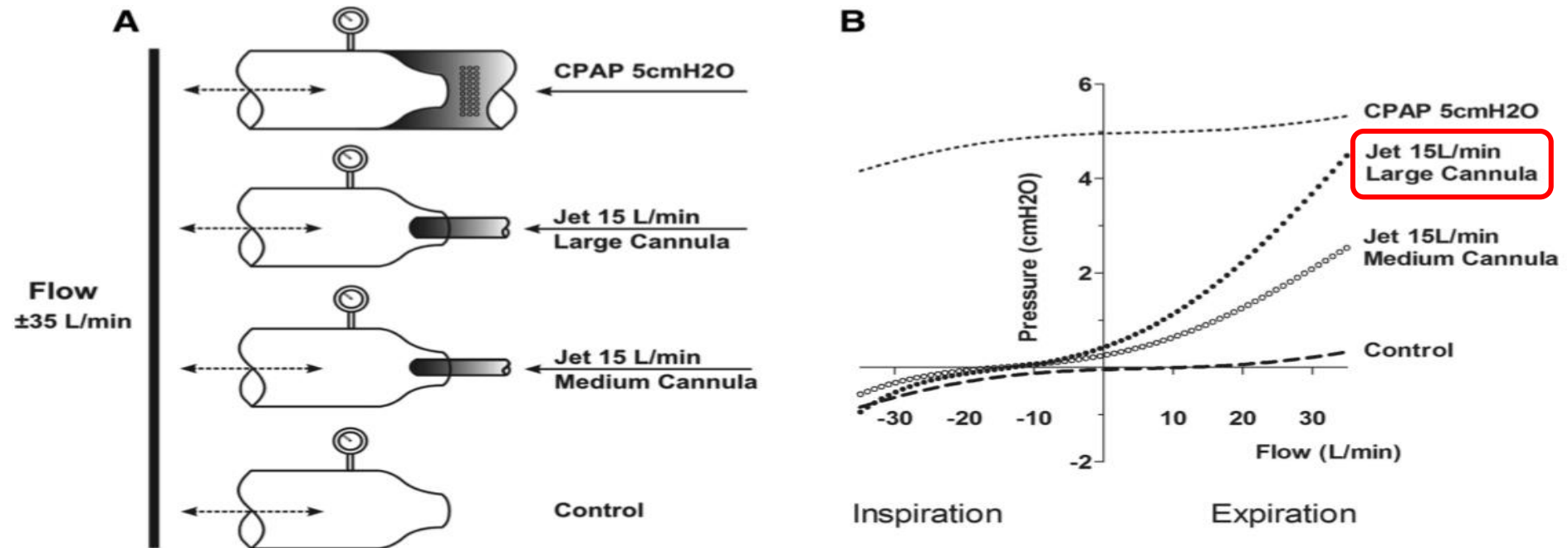
	Nasal flow (L/min) 				
	0	10	20	40	60
Mouth open (cmH <sub>2</sub> O) 					
Group	0.3 (0.3–0.5)	0.7 (0.6–0.9)	1.4 (1.3–1.8) <sup>a</sup>	2.2 (2.0–2.5) <sup>a, b</sup>	2.7 (2.4–3.1) <sup>a</sup>
Male	0.4 (0.2–0.6)	0.7 (0.6–0.9)	1.4 (1.0–1.8) <sup>a</sup>	2.0 (1.9–2.3) <sup>a</sup>	2.6 (2.3–2.7) <sup>a</sup>
Female	0.3 (0.3–0.4)	0.7 (0.6–1.0)	1.4 (1.3–1.8) <sup>a</sup>	2.3 (2.1–2.7) <sup>a</sup>	3.1 (2.6–3.9) <sup>a</sup>
Mouth closed (cmH <sub>2</sub> O)					
Group	0.8 (0.5–1.3)	1.7 (1.2–2.3)	2.9 (2.2–3.7) <sup>a, b</sup>	5.5 (4.1–7.2) <sup>a, b</sup>	7.4 (5.4–8.8) <sup>a</sup>
Male	0.7 (0.2–1.0)	1.2 (1.0–1.6)	2.2 (2.0–2.9) <sup>a</sup>	4.1 (3.2–5.2) <sup>a</sup>	5.4 (5.0–6.0) <sup>a</sup>
Female	1.2 (0.5–1.7)	2.3 (1.9–2.6)	3.7 (2.9–4.0) <sup>a</sup>	7.2 (5.9–7.7) <sup>a</sup>	8.7 (7.7–9.7) <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Significant adjusted *p*-value for comparison with zero flow.

<sup>b</sup> Significant adjusted *p*-value for comparison with previous flow rate.

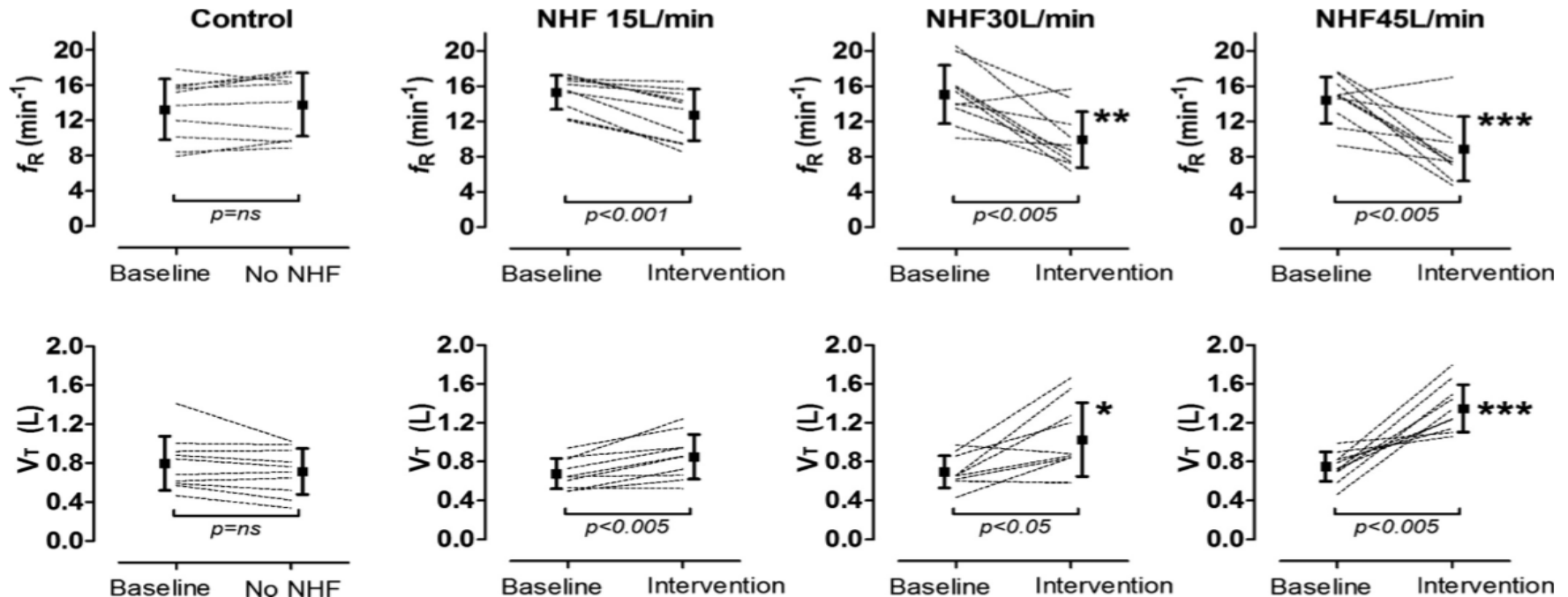
➤ HFNC : ↑ nasal flow → ↑ expiratory pharyngeal pressure

# Overcomes resistance against expiratory flow in nasopharynx



- HFNC :  $\uparrow$  expiratory resistance  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  expiratory flow
- $\downarrow$  inspiratory resistant

# Increase respiratory lung volume



➤ HFNC: ↑ tidal volume (from  $0.7 \pm 0.1$  L  $\rightarrow$   $0.8 \pm 0.2$  L)

↓ respiratory rate (from  $16 \pm 2$   $\rightarrow$   $13 \pm 3$  bpm)

# Increase respiratory lung volume

**Table 2** Outcome variables. Low-flow oxygen compared with HFNCs

Variable	Low-flow oxygen [mean (sd)]	HFNC [mean (sd)]	Mean difference [mean (sd)]	95% confidence interval	P-value
End-expiratory lung impedance (units)	419 (212.5)	1936 (212.9)	1517 (46.6)	1425, 1608	<0.001
Mean airway pressure (cm H <sub>2</sub> O)	−0.3 (0.9)	2.7 (1.2)	3.0 (1.3)	2.4, 3.7	<0.001
Respiratory rate (bpm)	20.9 (4.4)	17.5 (4.6)	−3.4 (2.8)	−2.0, −4.7	<0.001
Borg score					
0–10	2.7 (2.6)	1.9 (2.3)	−0.8 (1.2)	−0.1, −1.4	0.023
Tidal variation (units)	1512 (195.0)	1671 (195.1)	159 (21.6)	117, 201	<0.001
Pa <sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub> /F <sub>I<sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub></sub> ratio (mm Hg)	160 (53.7)	190.6 (57.9)	30.6 (25.9)	17.9, 43.3	<0.001

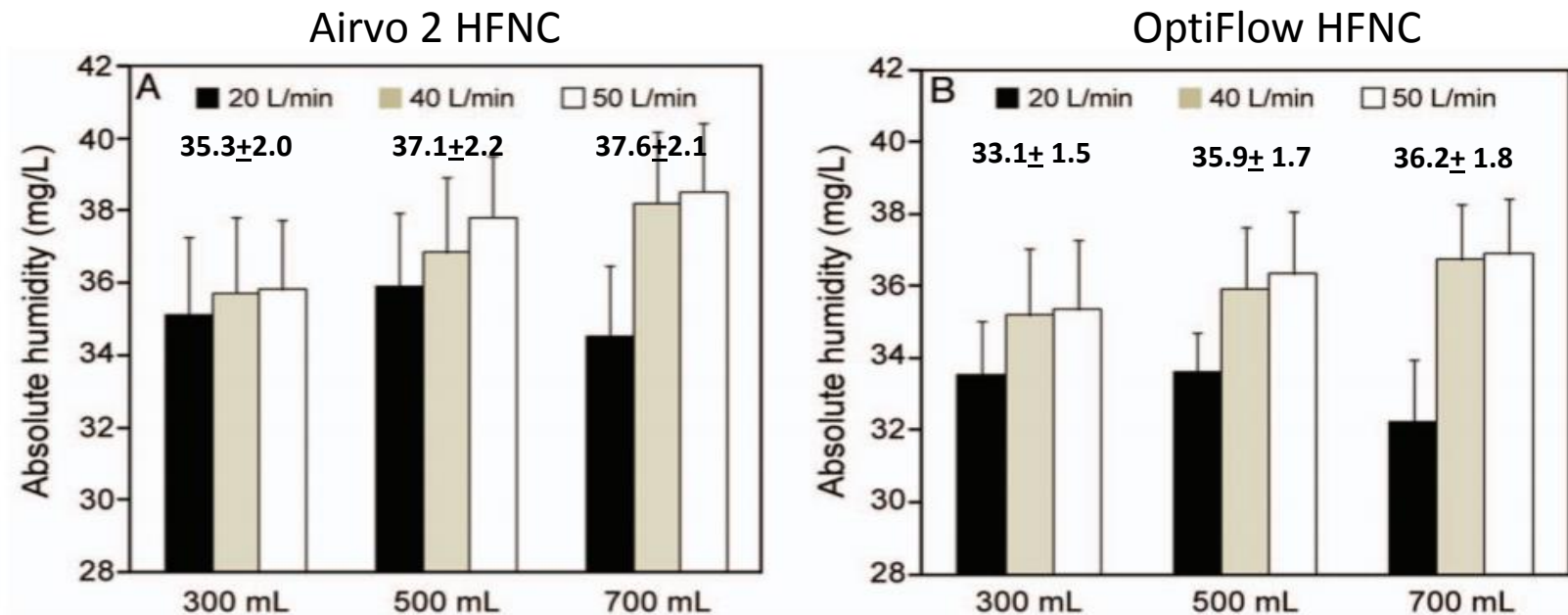
➤ HFNC → ↑ end-expiratory lung impedance

↑ mean airway pressure, ↑ tidal impedance variation

improved PF ratio, dyspnea score

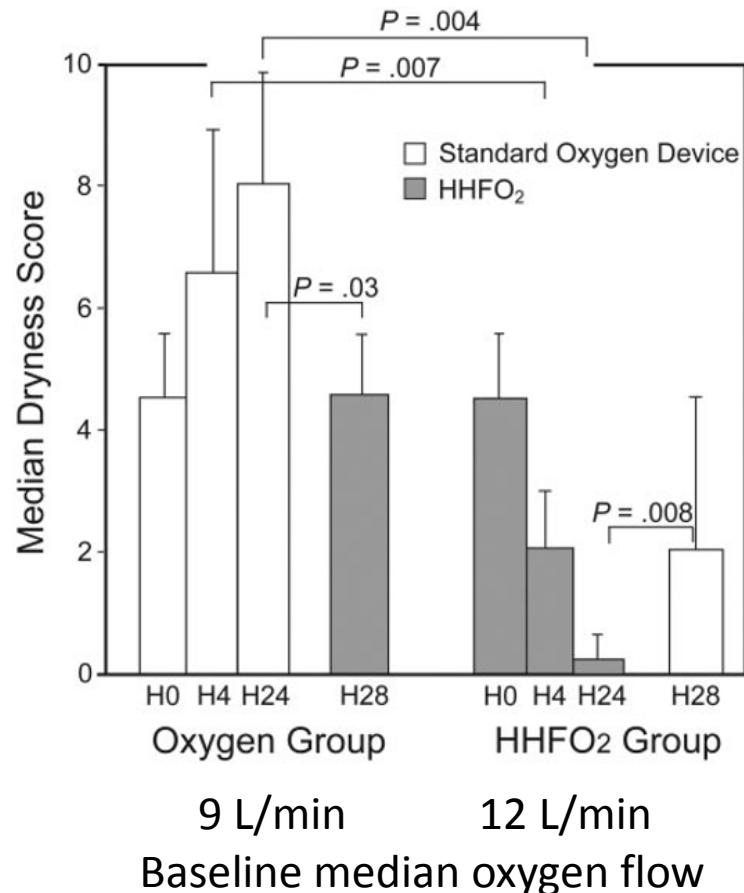
→ ↓ respiratory rate

# Humidification & Good mucociliary function



- Absolute humidity was lower at 20 than 40 and 50 L/min of flow
- HFNC → AH increased with increasing HFNC flow

# Humidification & Good mucociliary function



## ➤ HFNC

- ↓ dryness of nasal mucosa
- ↓ discomfort
- improves clinical tolerance of oxygen therapy



# Constant $F_I O_2$

Delivered flow rate	Nose breathing at rest			Mouth breathing at rest			Nose breathing with exercise		
	$F_E O_2$	$F_E CO_2$	$FiO_2$	$F_E O_2$	$F_E CO_2$	$FiO_2$	$F_E O_2$	$F_E CO_2$	$FiO_2$
50 l/min	0.511	0.052	0.568	0.484	0.046	0.535	0.328	0.071	0.408
40 l/min	0.488	0.059	0.550	0.448	0.048	0.502	0.289	0.070	0.370
30 l/min	0.458	0.055	0.519	0.431	0.049	0.486	0.242	0.068	0.321
20 l/min	0.404	0.054	0.465	0.361	0.048	0.416	0.235	0.066	0.313
10 l/min	0.309	0.053	0.369	0.284	0.051	0.342	0.188	0.064	0.263

$F_E O_2$  = fraction of end-tidal  $O_2$ ,  $F_E CO_2$  = fraction of end-tidal  $CO_2$ ,  $FiO_2$  = fraction of inspiratory  $O_2$ .

➤  $FiO_2$  approached 0.60 as gas flow rates increased above 30 l/minute during nose breathing at rest

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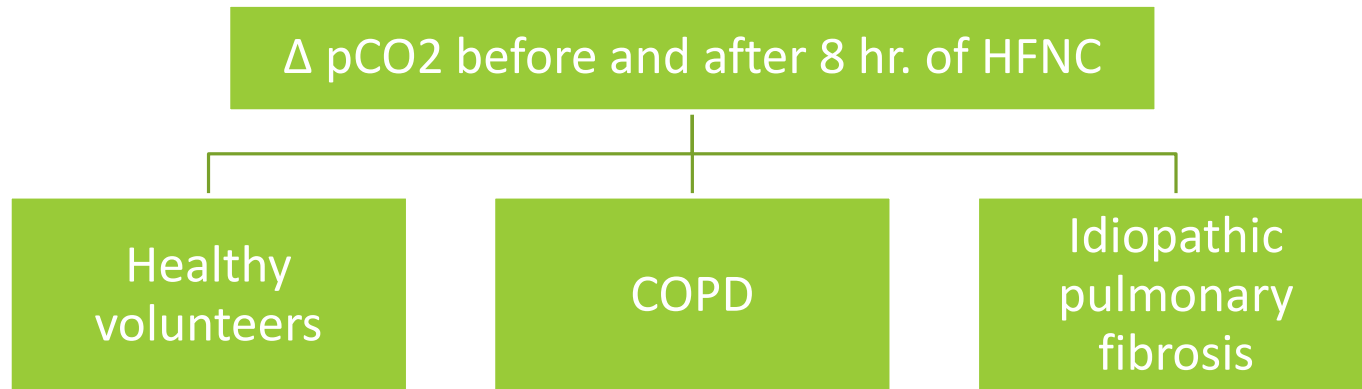
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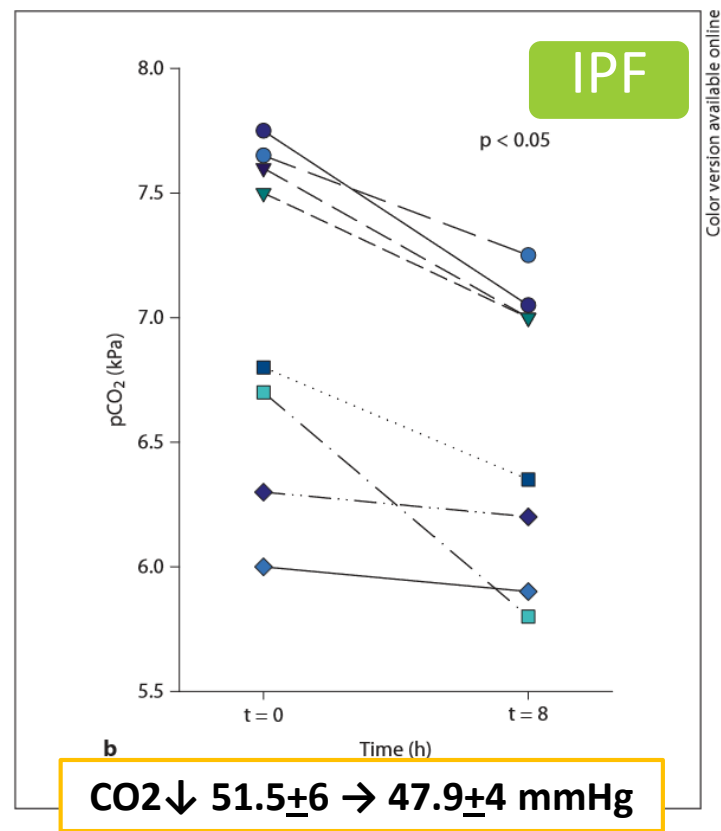
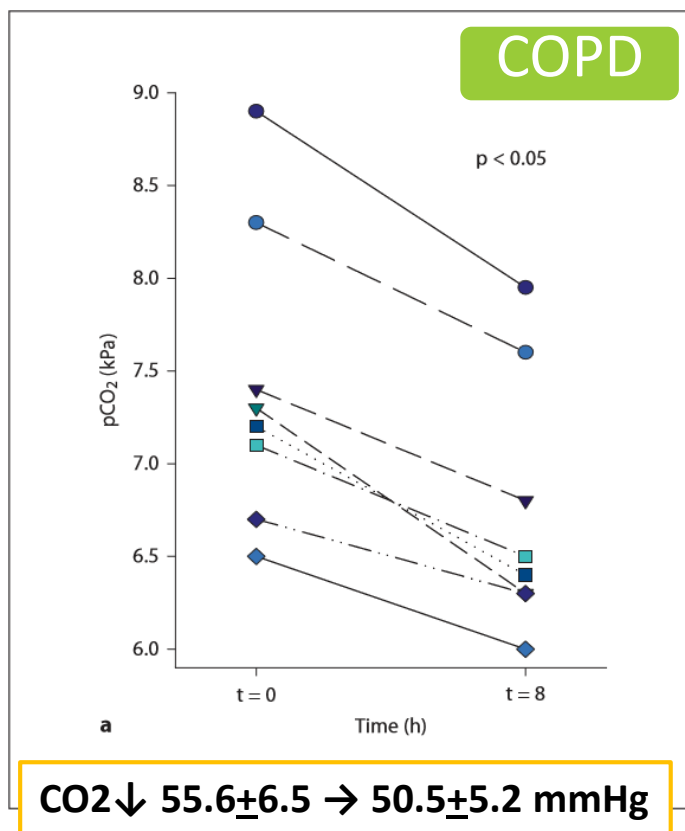
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# Hypercapnic respiratory failure :HFNC effect in COPD & IPF



➤ HFNC : ↑ CO<sub>2</sub> wash out

# Hypoxemic respiratory failure : FLORALI trial

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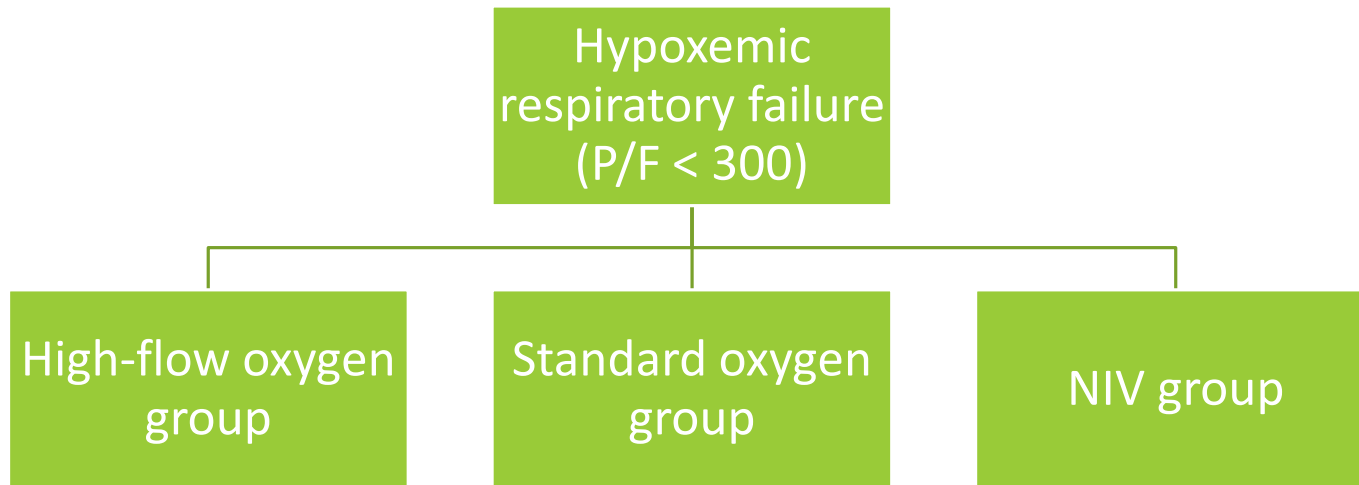
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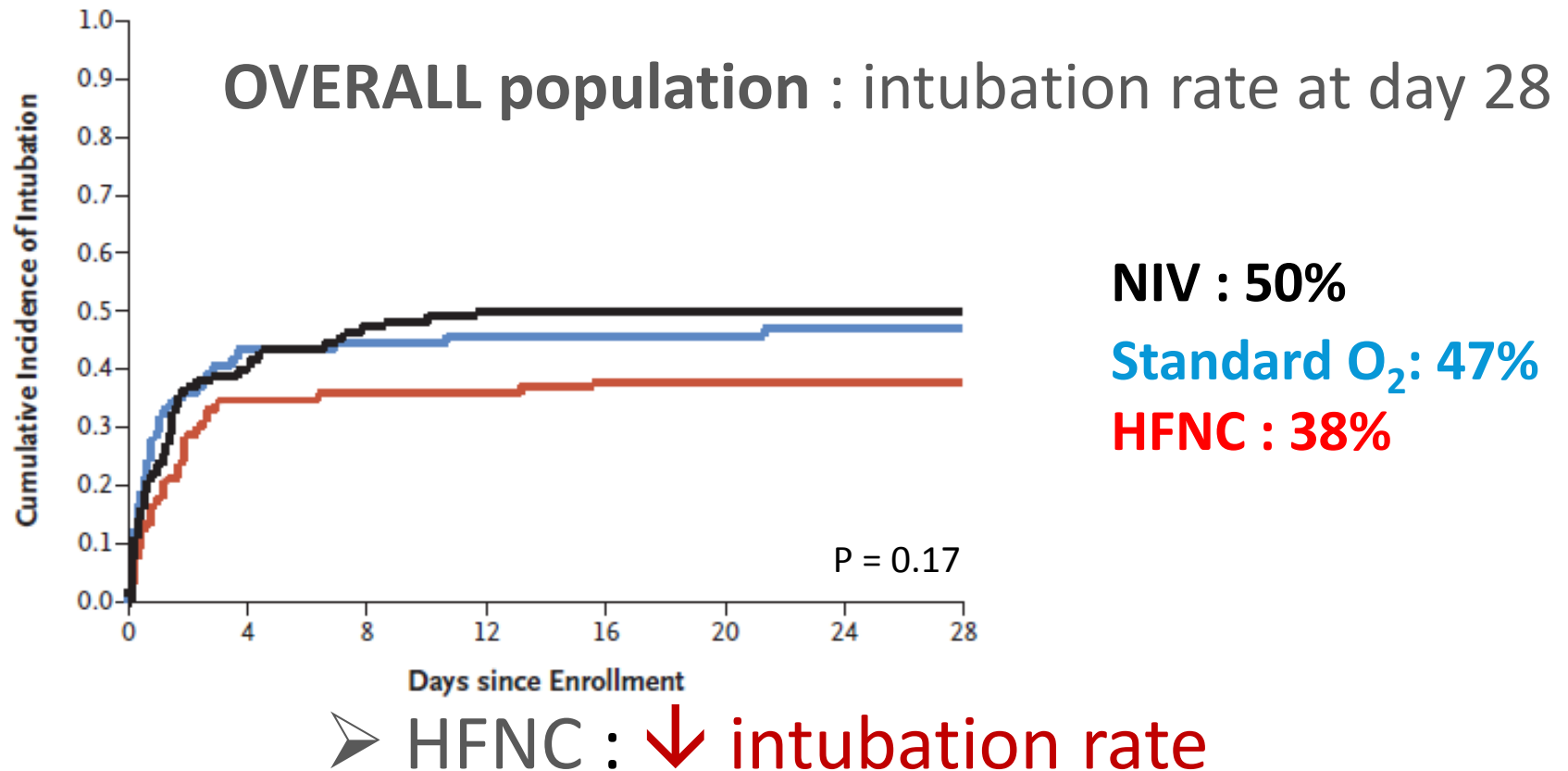
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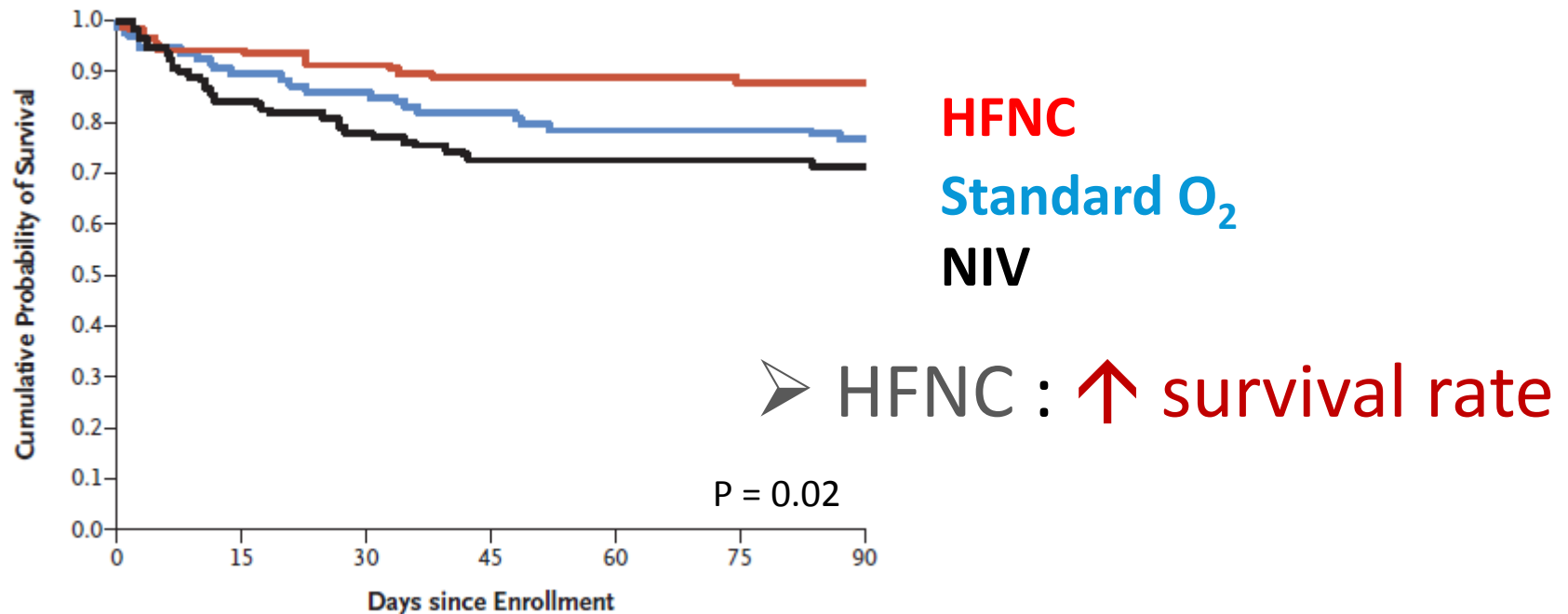
**Secondary outcomes** : mortality in the ICU at 90 days

# Hypoxemic respiratory failure : FLORALI trial



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Cumulative probability of survival at 90 days





# Post-extubation : OPERA trial

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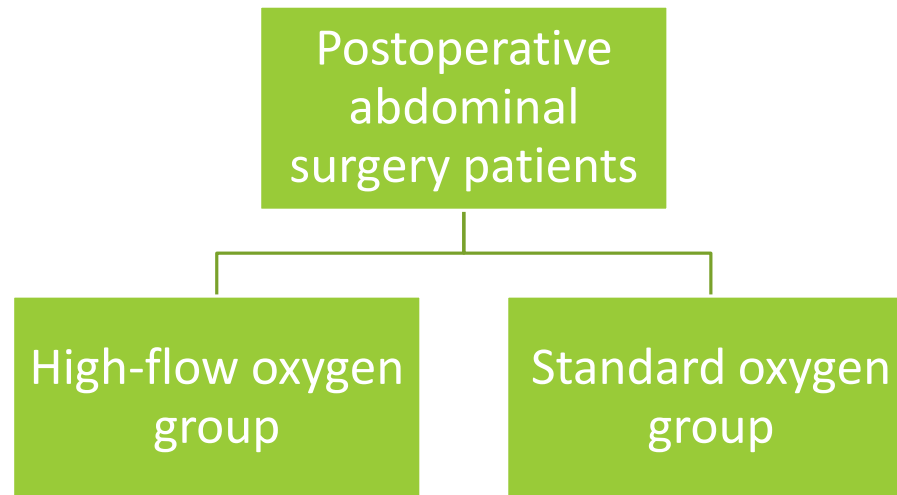


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# Post-extubation : OPERA trial

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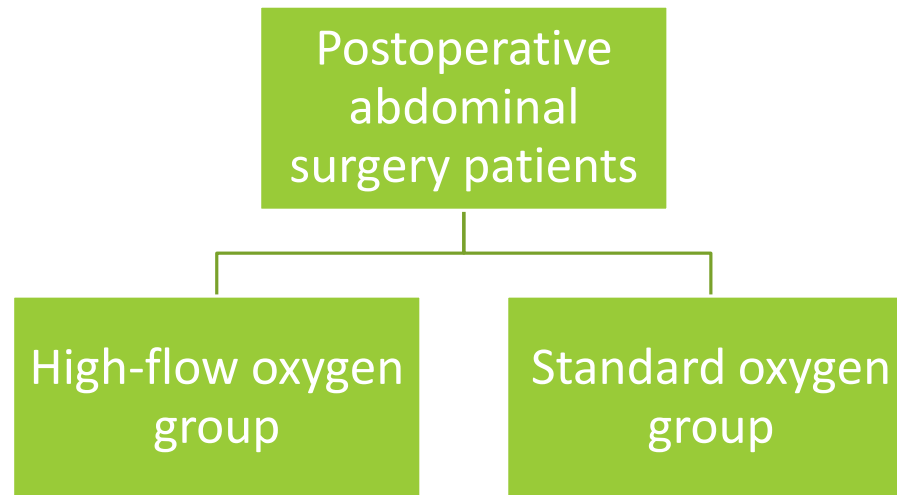
## Primary outcome:

hypoxemia (P/F ratio < 300)

- 1 hr after extubation
- after O<sub>2</sub> treatment discontinuation

# Post-extubation : OPERA trial

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## Secondary outcome:

- postoperative pulmonary complications
- duration of hospital stay
- mortality rate

# Post-extubation : OPERA trial

**Primary outcome:** hypoxemia (P/F ratio < 300)

Outcomes	No./total no. (%)		ARR or between-group <i>p</i> value	
	Usual care	HFNC oxygen therapy	difference (95 % CI)	
Primary outcomes				
Postoperative hypoxaemia <sup>a,b</sup>				
1 h after extubation	27/112 (24)	23/108 (21)	-3 (-14 to 8)	0.62
After discontinuation of the study treatment	34/112 (30)	29/108 (27)	-4 (-15 to 8)	0.57

➤ HFNC : **does not** ↓ postop hypoxemia

# Post-extubation : OPERA trial

## Secondary outcome:

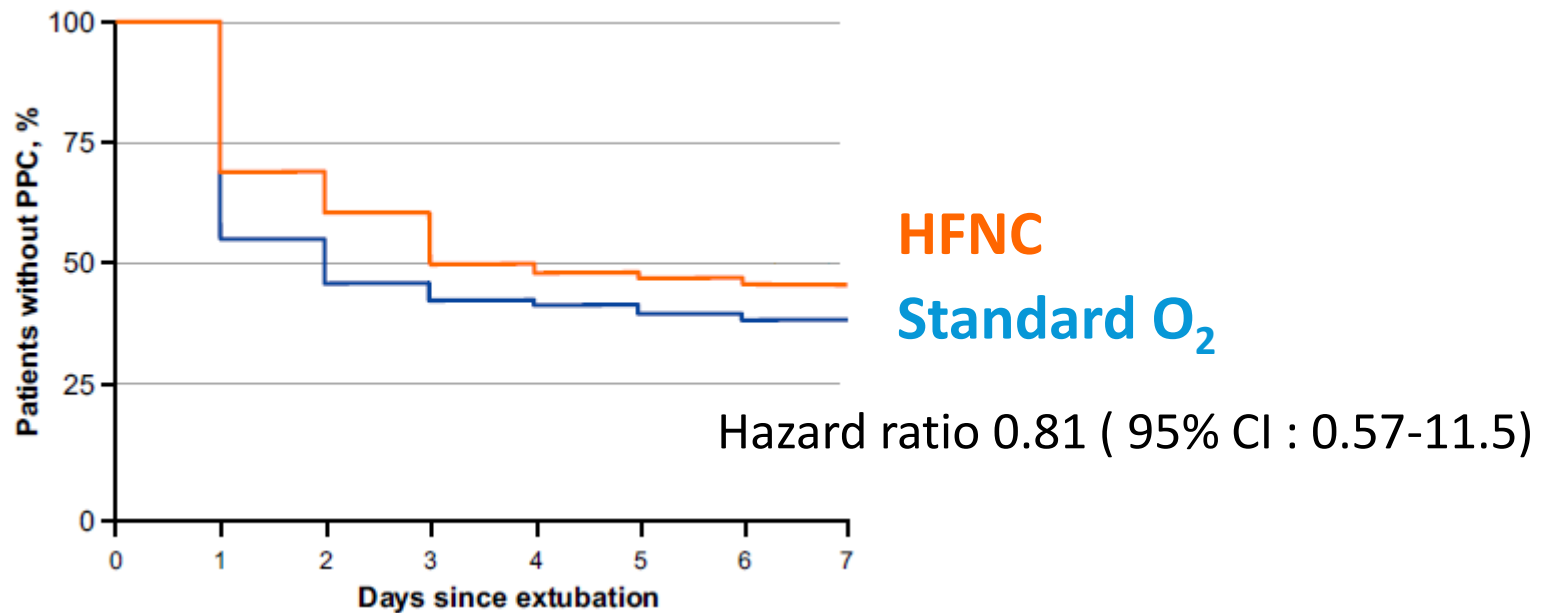
Outcomes	No./total no. (%)		ARR or between-group <i>p</i> value difference (95 % CI)	
	Usual care	HFNC oxygen therapy		
Secondary outcomes				
Need for supplemental oxygen therapy after treatment discontinuation	92/112 (82)	79/108 (73)	-9 (-20 to 2)	0.11
Pulmonary complications <sup>c</sup> within 7 days	19/112 (17)	21/108 (20)	2 (-8 to 13)	0.63
ICU length of stay (days)	5 (3–13)	6 (4–16)	3 (-5 to 12)	0.53
Hospital length of stay (days)	11 (7–18)	12 (7–20)	0.5 (-3.5 to 4.5)	0.58
In-hospital mortality	3/112 (3)	2/108 (2)	-1 (-5 to 3)	0.68

➤ HFNC : **does not** ↓

postop pulmonary complication , length of hospital stays , mortality

# Post-extubation : OPERA trial

Secondary outcome: postop pulmonary complication



➤ HFNC : **does not** improve pulmonary outcomes in postoperative patients compared w/ standard O<sub>2</sub> therapy

# Post-extubation : BiPOP study

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## Research

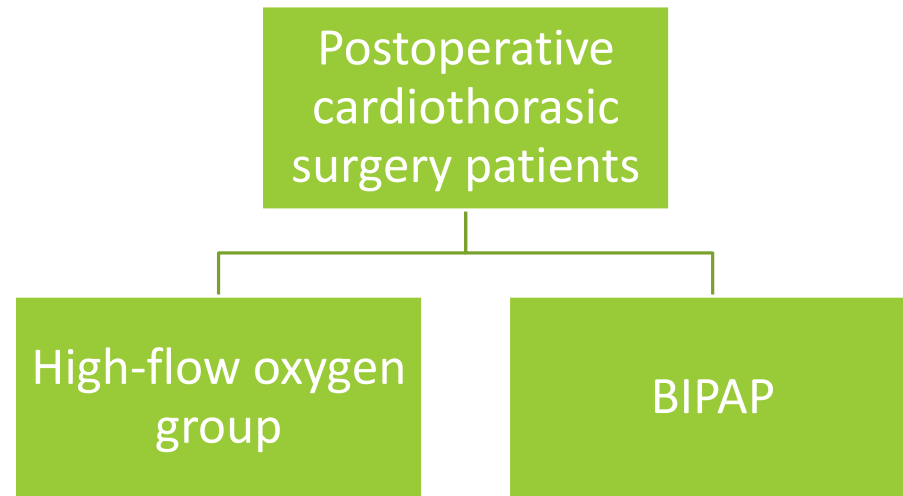
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# Post-extubation : BiPOP study

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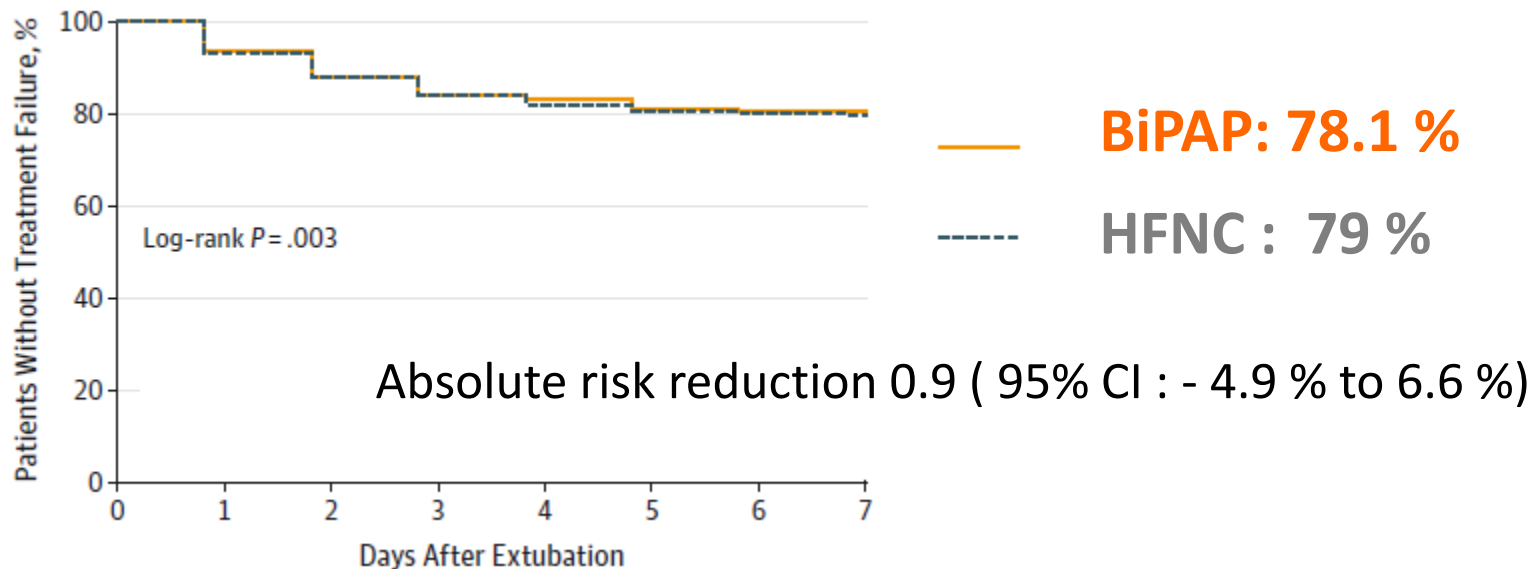
**Primary outcome:** treatment failure

- Reintubation
- Premature Rx discontinuation:  
patient request, adverse effects ie. gastric distention



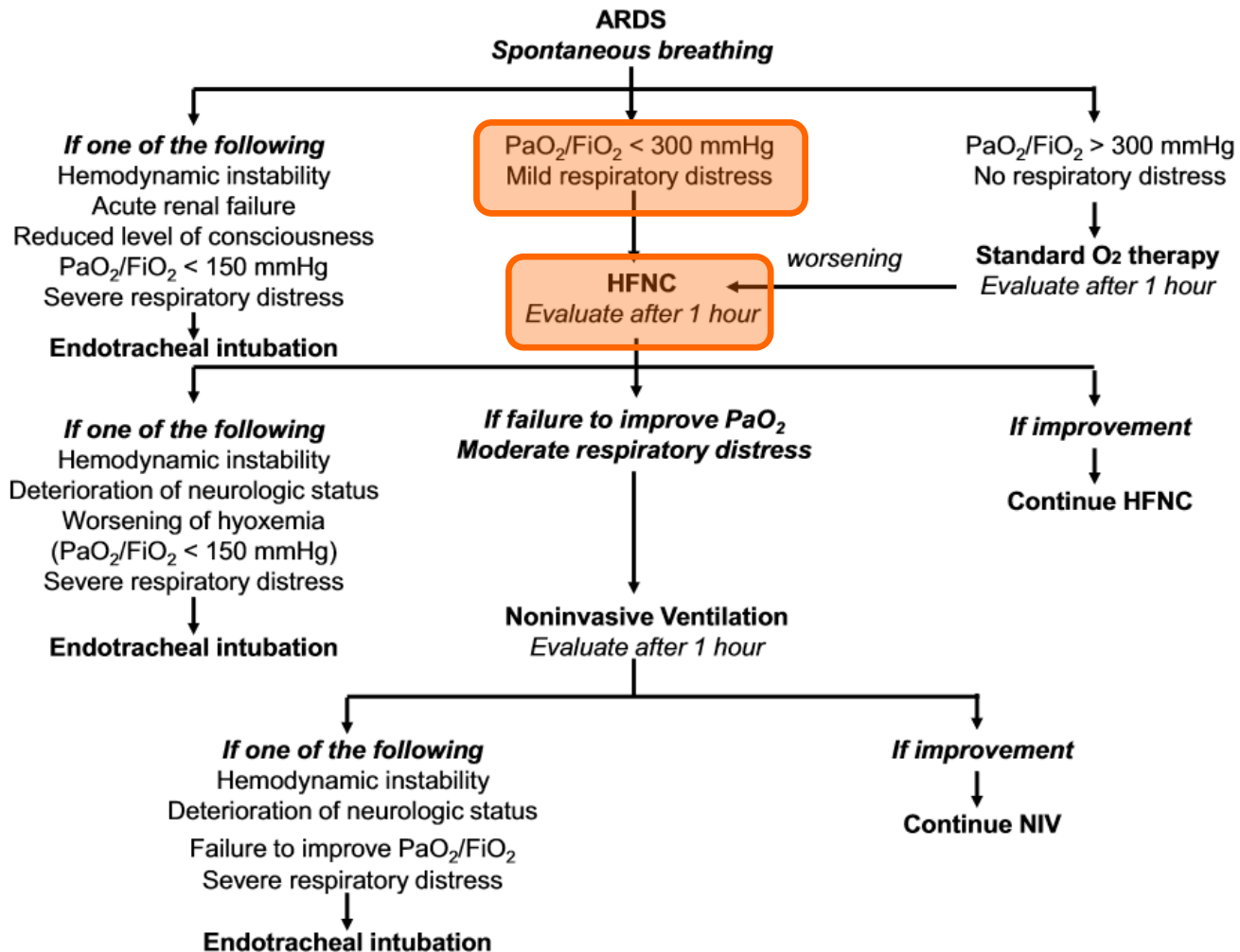
# Post-extubation : BiPOP study

Patients w/o treatment failure (%)



➤ HFNC : **is not** inferior to BiPAP in postoperative patients.

# HFNC and ARDS



**Fig. 1** Algorithm for practical use of high-flow nasal cannula (HFNC) and non-invasive mechanical ventilation (NIV) in acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)

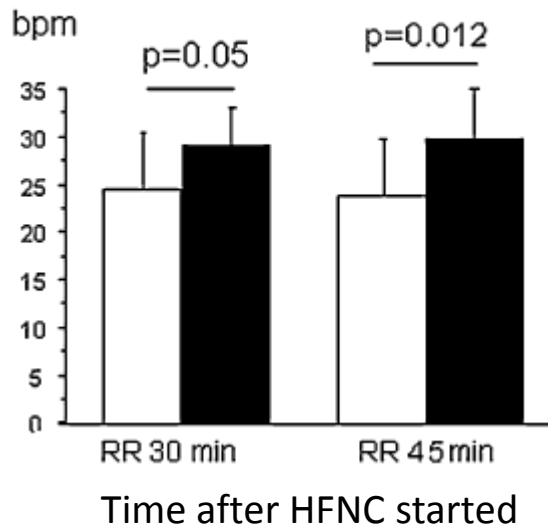
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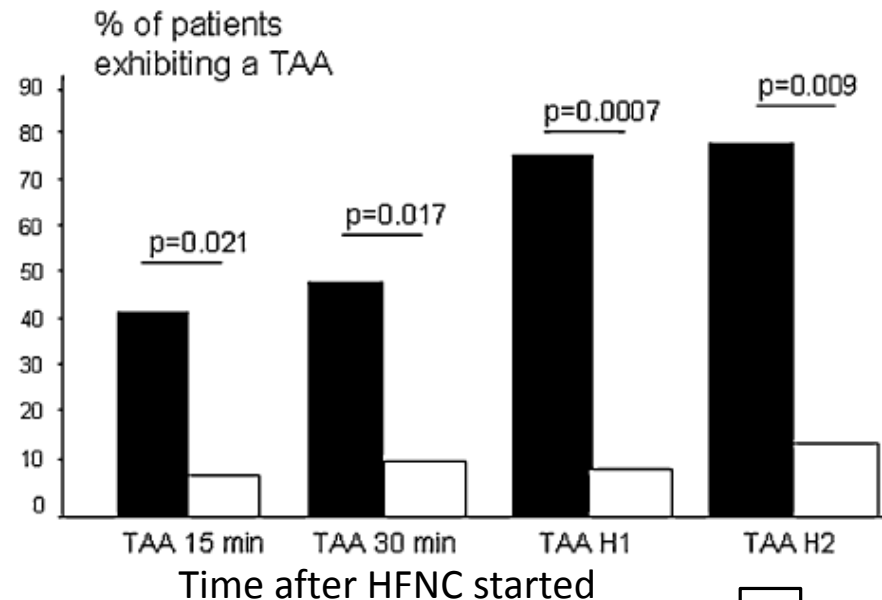
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# Signs of HFNC failure

## Respiratory Rate



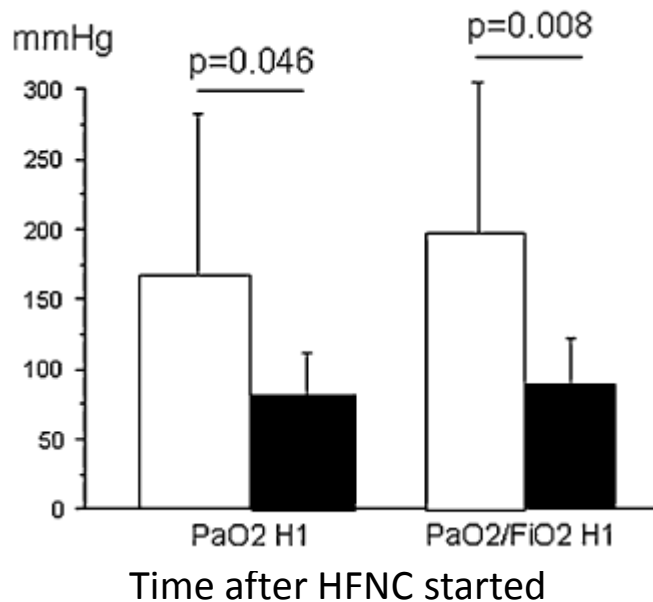
## Thoracoabdominal asynchrony



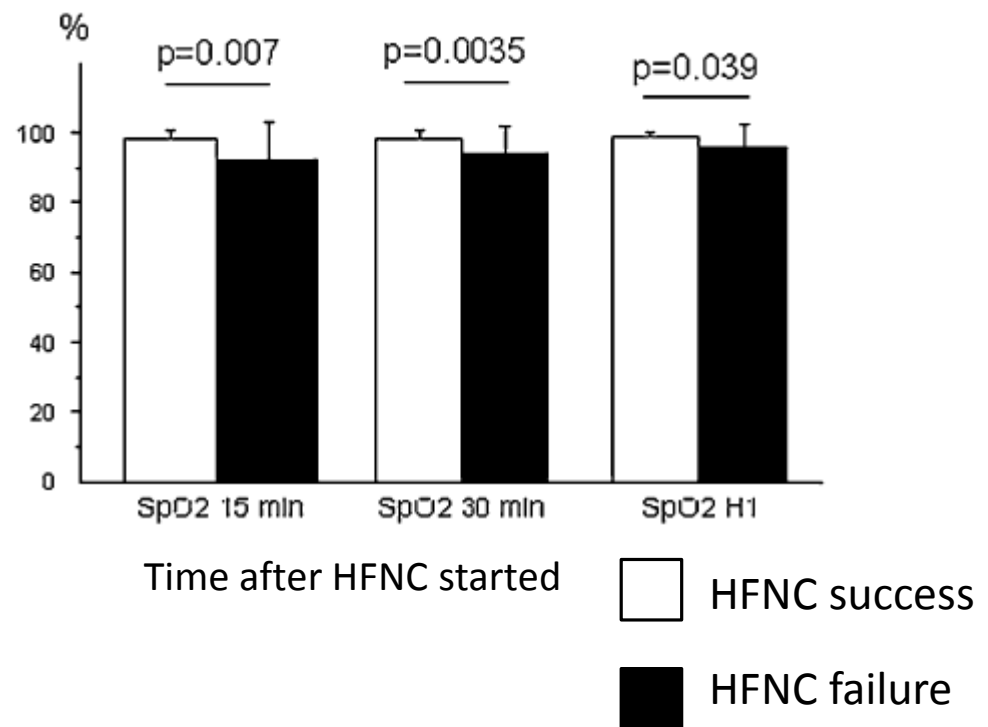
□ HFNC success  
■ HFNC failure

# Signs of HFNC failure

ABG parameter



SpO<sub>2</sub>



# HFNC failure

**Table 3** outcomes for the early HFNC failure group compared with the late HFNC failure group

Variables	Odds ratio (95 % CI)	<i>P</i> value <sup>c</sup>
Primary outcome		
Overall ICU mortality	0.323 (0.158–0.658)	0.002
Secondary outcomes		
Extubation success	3.284 (1.361–7.923)	0.008
Ventilator-weaning	3.056 (1.470–6.351)	0.003
Ventilator-free days to day 28	0.542 (0.383–0.768) <sup>d</sup>	0.001 <sup>e</sup>
14-Day mortality from HFNC application	0.949 (0.455–1.977)	0.888
14-Day mortality from intubation	0.653 (0.325–1.311)	0.231
28-Day mortality from HFNC application	0.820 (0.416–1.616)	0.566
28-Day mortality from intubation	0.571 (0.287–1.138)	0.111
Length of ICU stay	0.827 (0.586–1.169) <sup>f</sup>	0.282 <sup>g</sup>

The early intubated patients (<48 hr. )

- ↓ Overall ICU mortality
- ↑ Extubation success
- ↑ Ventilator weaning

# Conclusion

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- HFNC is an effective in treating
  - hypercapnic respiratory failure
  - hypoxemic respiratory failure
  - mild ARDS
- Role of HFNC in post operative patients is unclear
- Failure of HFNC might cause delayed intubation and worse clinical outcomes





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