



# ***Thoughtful Approach to Non-Invasive Ventilation***

## ***- What, When, & Why***

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# Objectives

- Discuss similarities and differences in the most common NIV modes of respiratory support
- Identify key differences in different interfaces for non-invasive respiratory support
- Recognize limited trial evidence identifying best NIV approaches on long-term function

# Non-invasive ventilation.... ....in 45 minutes!!



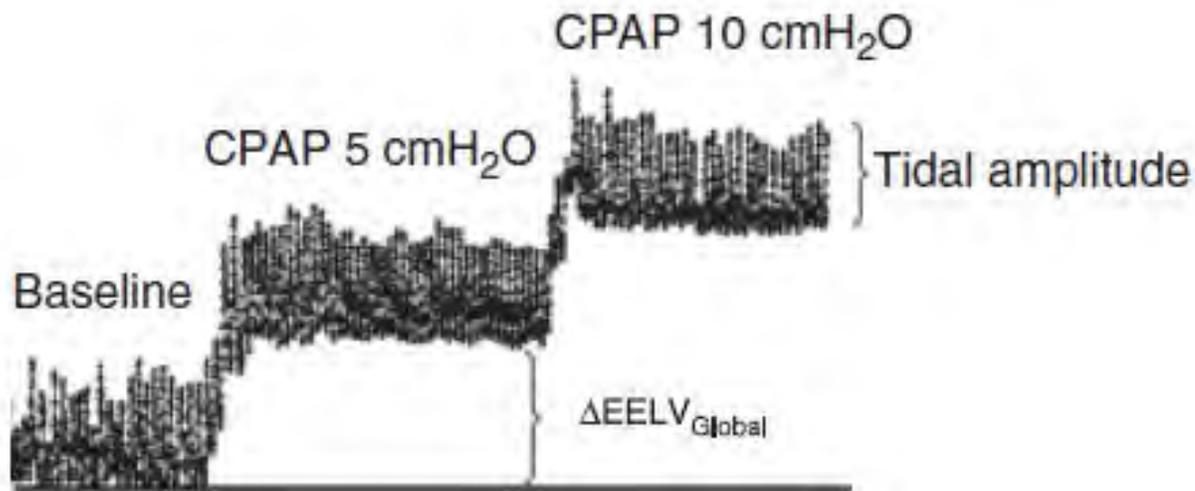
# Rationale/Goals of Non-Invasive Ventilation

- **Minimize apnea**
- **Improve oxygenation**
- **Improve ventilation**
- **Reduce work of breathing**
- **Minimize lung injury**

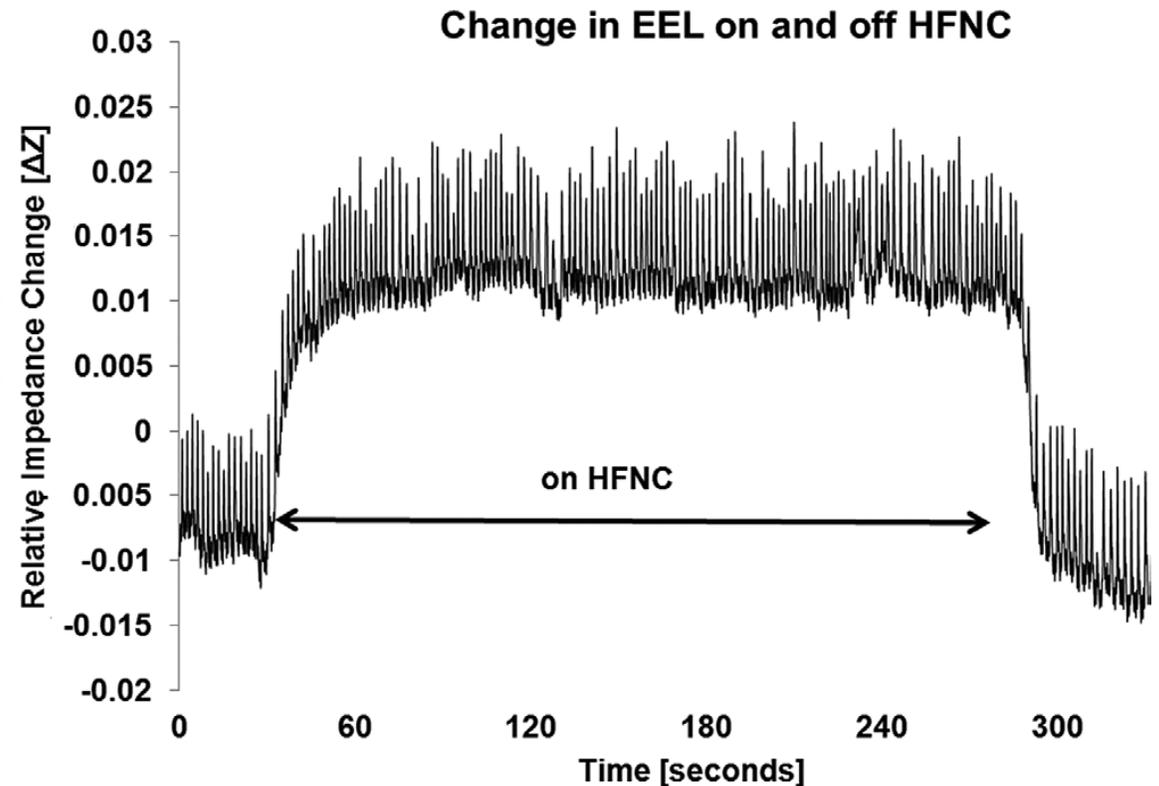
**Reduces costs**

# All NIV modes can increase end-expiratory lung volume (EELV) → improve O<sub>2</sub>

## Change in EEL on nCPAP

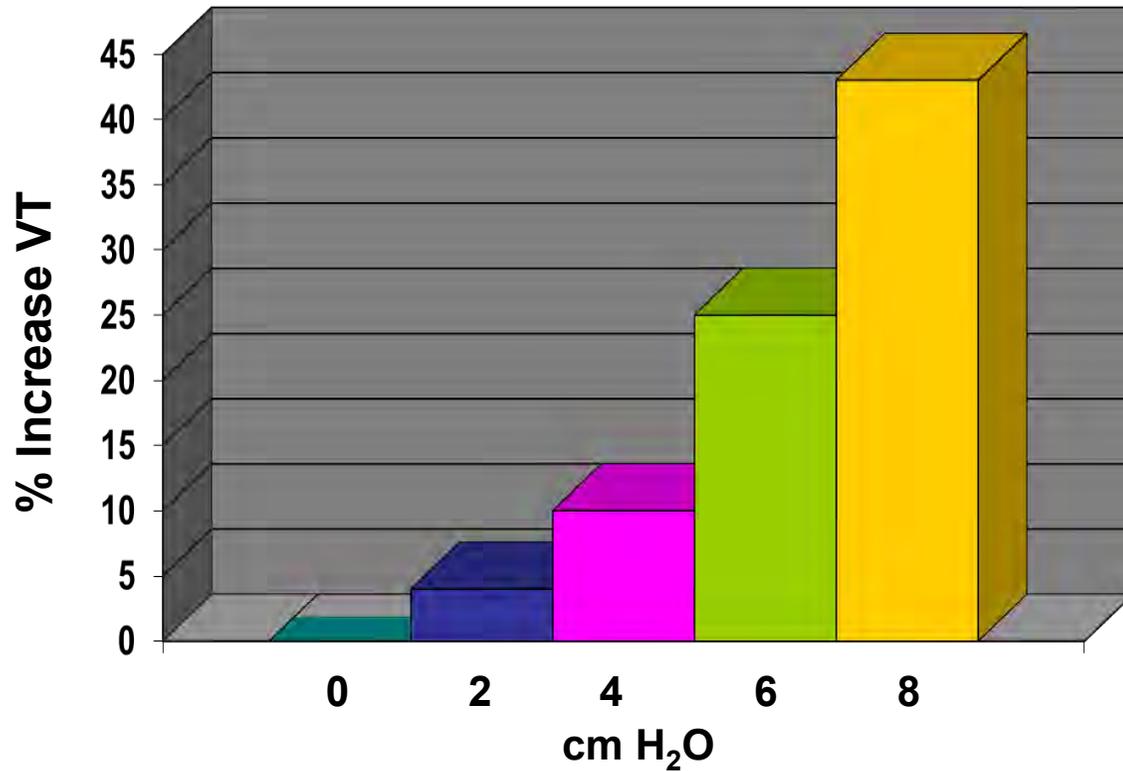


## Change in EEL on & off nHFT



# All NIV modes can improve ventilation

## CPAP



Increase Vt w/ nHFT



# All NIV Modes can minimize lung injury

(we think)

Prevent/Remove endotracheal tube

- Decrease volu-trauma
- Decrease atelectotrauma
- Reduce risk for nosocomial infection
- Minimize inflammation

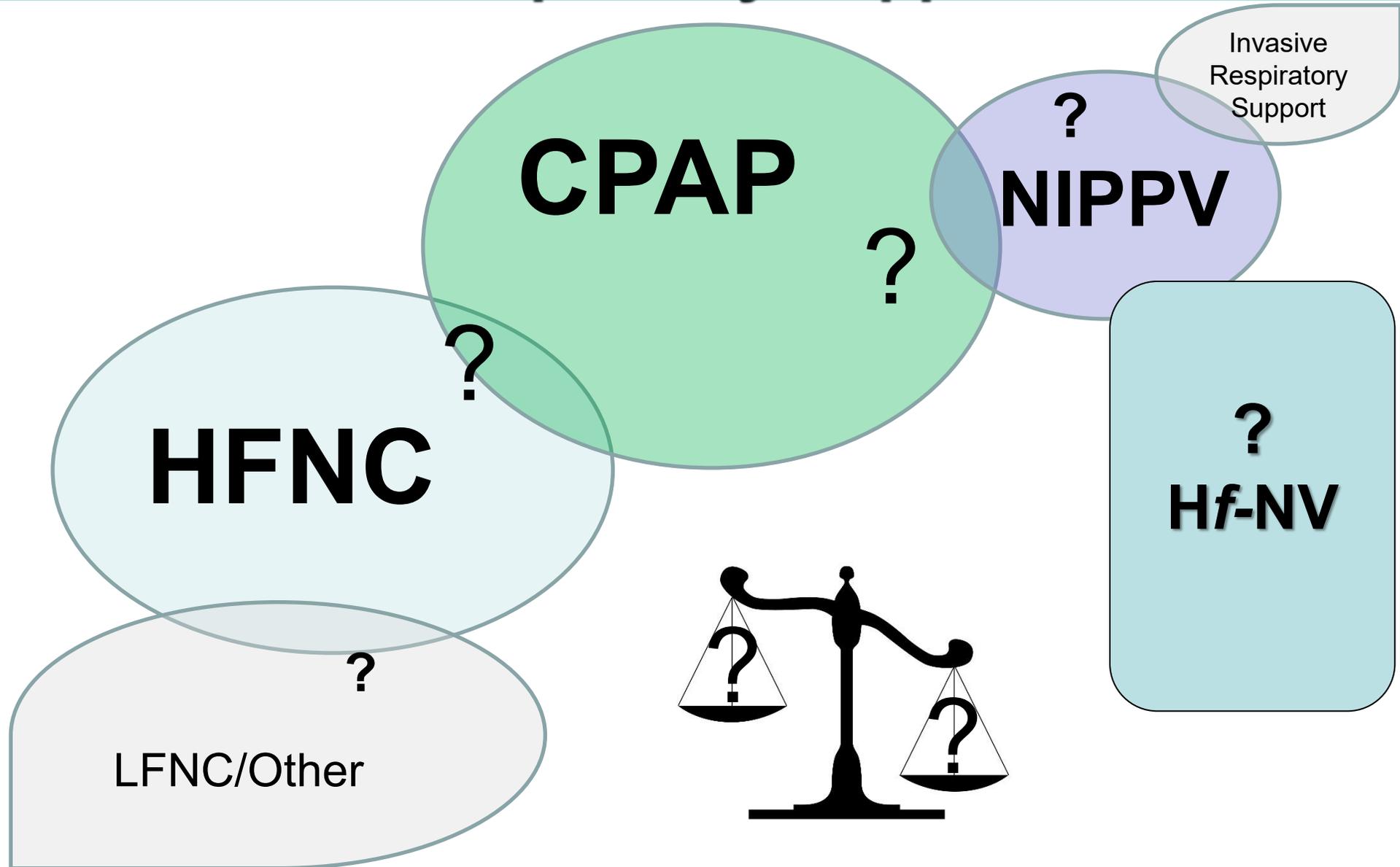
# **Non-Invasive Ventilation**

- **Are all modes equivalent?**
- **Are all devices similar within each mode?**
- **What effect does the interface have?**

# **Non-Invasive Ventilation**

- **What pressure is optimal?**
- **Is gestational age important?**
- **How long should NIV be employed?**

# What Devices & Modes are Available for Non-invasive Respiratory Support in the NICU





Argyle

RAM Nasal Cannula



Hudson Prongs



HFNC cannula

**The *interface* – as or more important than the driver ?**

Biomedica

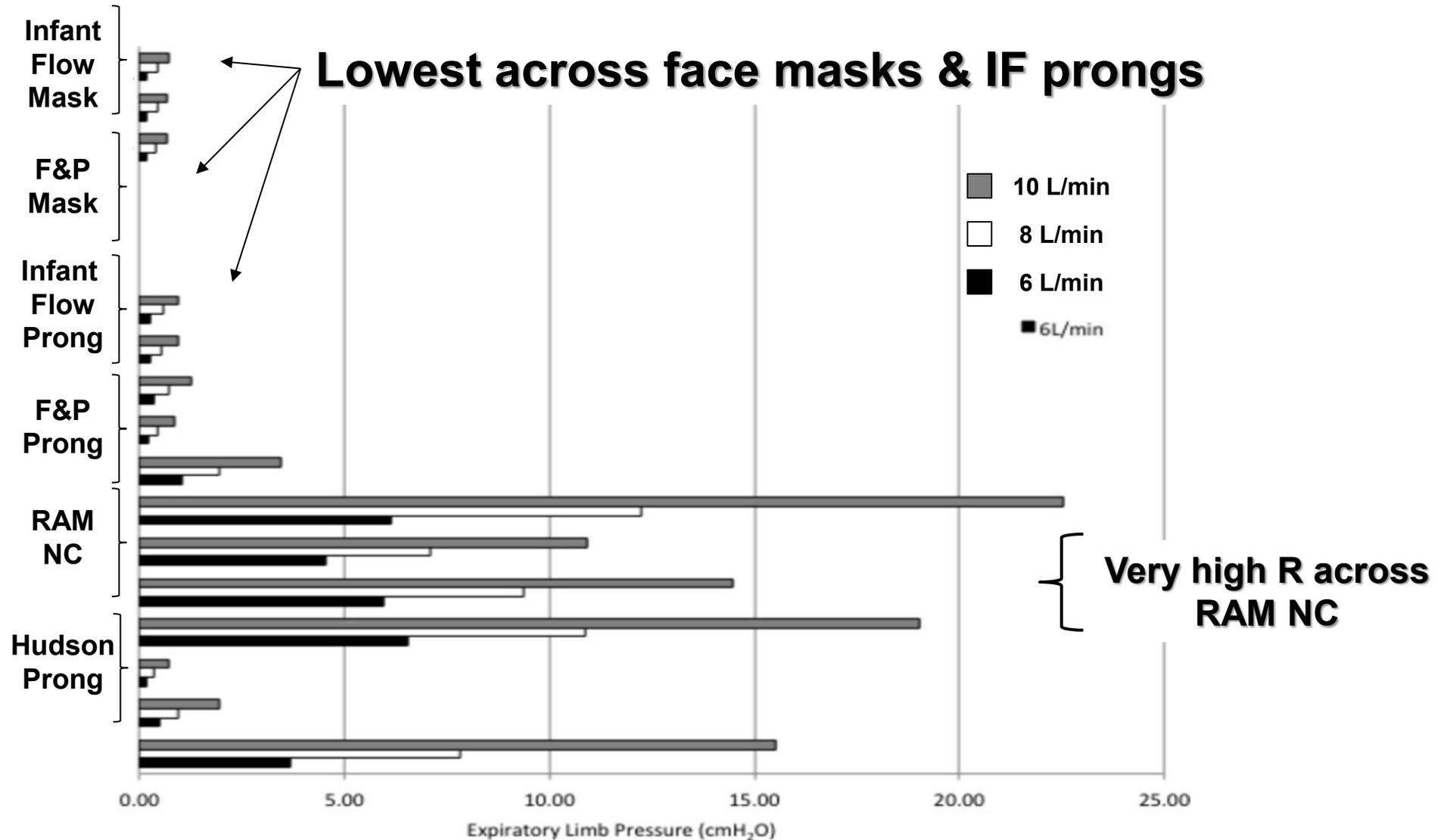


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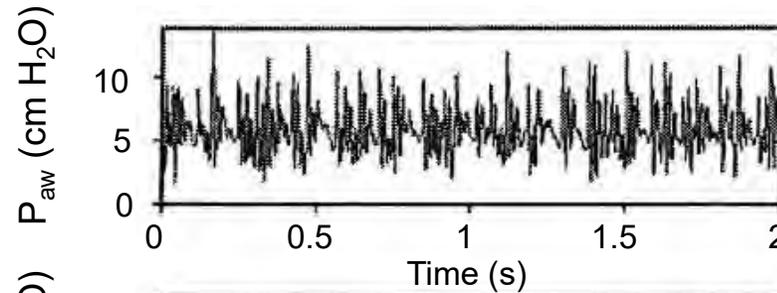
NeoTech Duotube



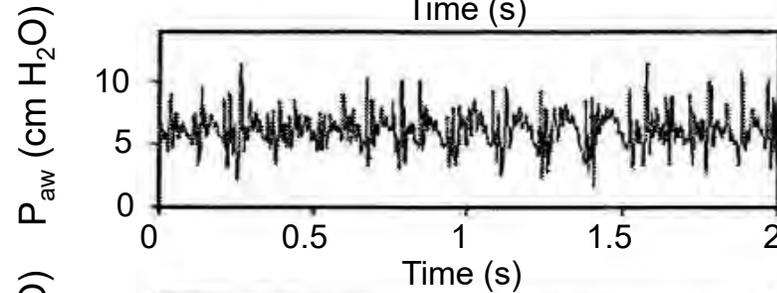
# Large differences in resistance across different nasal interfaces



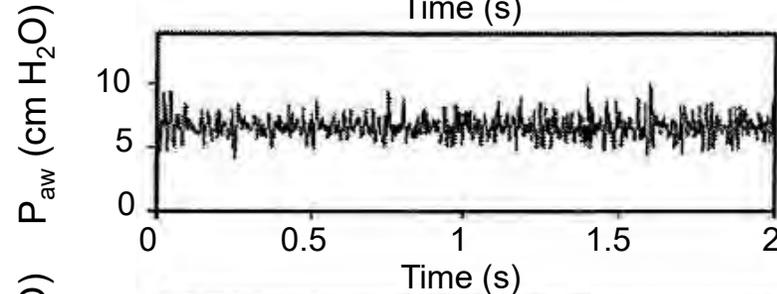
# All “bubbles” may not be the same!



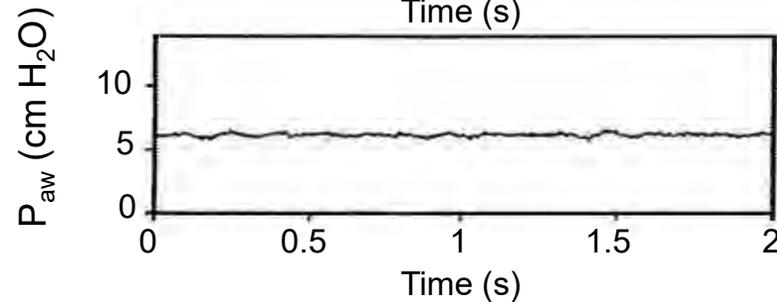
Homemade



Fisher &  
Paykel



Airway  
Development



Babi Plus

**RAM NC also  
significantly dampens  
“bubble” effect**

# Meta-analysis suggests nasal mask may be more effective than bi-nasal prongs for preventing CPAP failure

Outcome	Mask	Prongs	RR (95%CI)	Total #	GRADE Quality
CPAP failure	17.8%	28.8%	<b>0.63</b> (0.45-0.88)	459	Low
Mod/Severe nasal trauma	10.1%	26.3%	<b>0.41</b> (0.24-0.72)	275	Low

**....but with no difference in BPD**

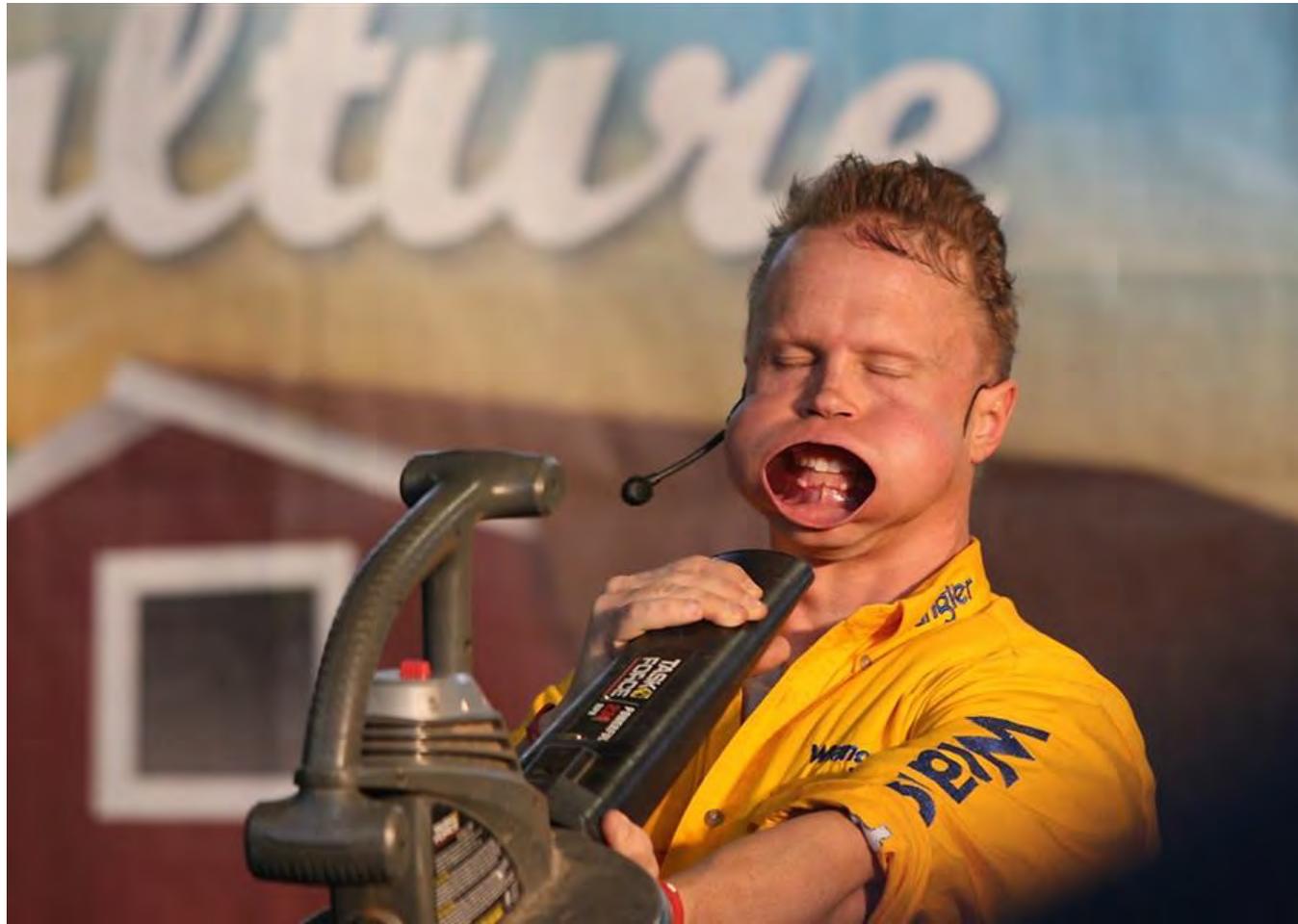


**There are various  
levels of “Gentleness”**

**“Is Gentler Better”?**

# Nasal High Flow Therapy

**It's probably the gentlest...  
...but is it as good or better than other modes?**

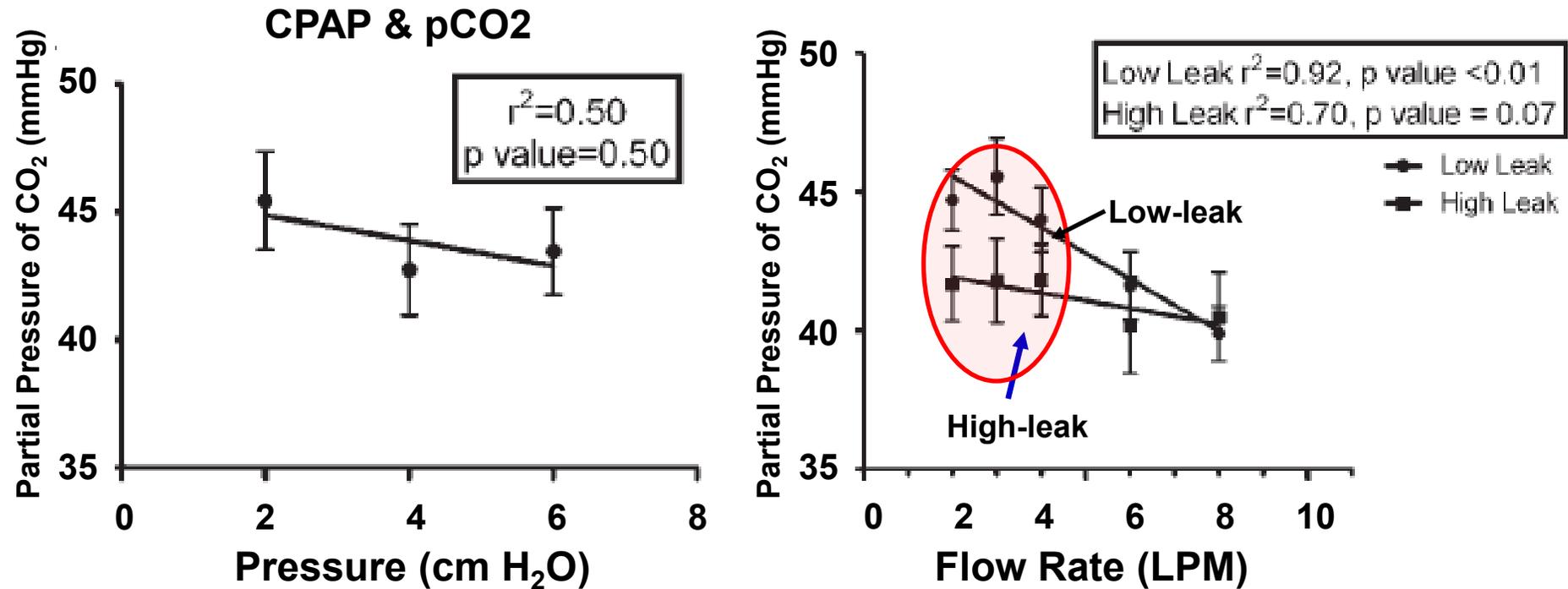


# nHFT - Mechanisms of Action

Mechanism	Process	References
<b>Gas conditioning</b>	<b>Maintain epithelial integrity</b> <b>Improved airway mechanics</b> <b>Reduce metabolic work</b>	Greenspan, JPeds 1991 Williams, CCM 1996 Waugh, Resp Care 2004 Schiffmann, RCCNA 2006 Chidekel, Pulm Med 2012
<b>↑ Flow</b>	<b>↑ Dead space gas washout</b> <b>↓ Inspiratory resistance</b> <b>Augment tidal volume</b> <b>Off-load diaphragm activity</b>	Dewan, Chest 1994 Frizzola, Peds Pulm 2011 Rubin, Peds CCM 2014 Pham, Peds Pulm 2014 Sivieri, Peds Pulm 2017,2018 Liew, ADCFNE 2019
<b>↑ Pressure</b>	<b>Dependent on:</b> <b>Flow</b> <b>Leak</b> <b>Weight</b>  <b>Increases EELV</b>	Saslow, J Perinatol 2006 Kubicka, Peds 2008 Wilkinson, J Perinatol 2008 Frizzola, Peds Pulm 2011 Collins, J Paeds Child 2013 Hough, Peds CCM 2014 Liew, ADCFNE 2019 Hough, Peds Pulm 2020

# $V_{DS}$ Washout Effect during nHFT

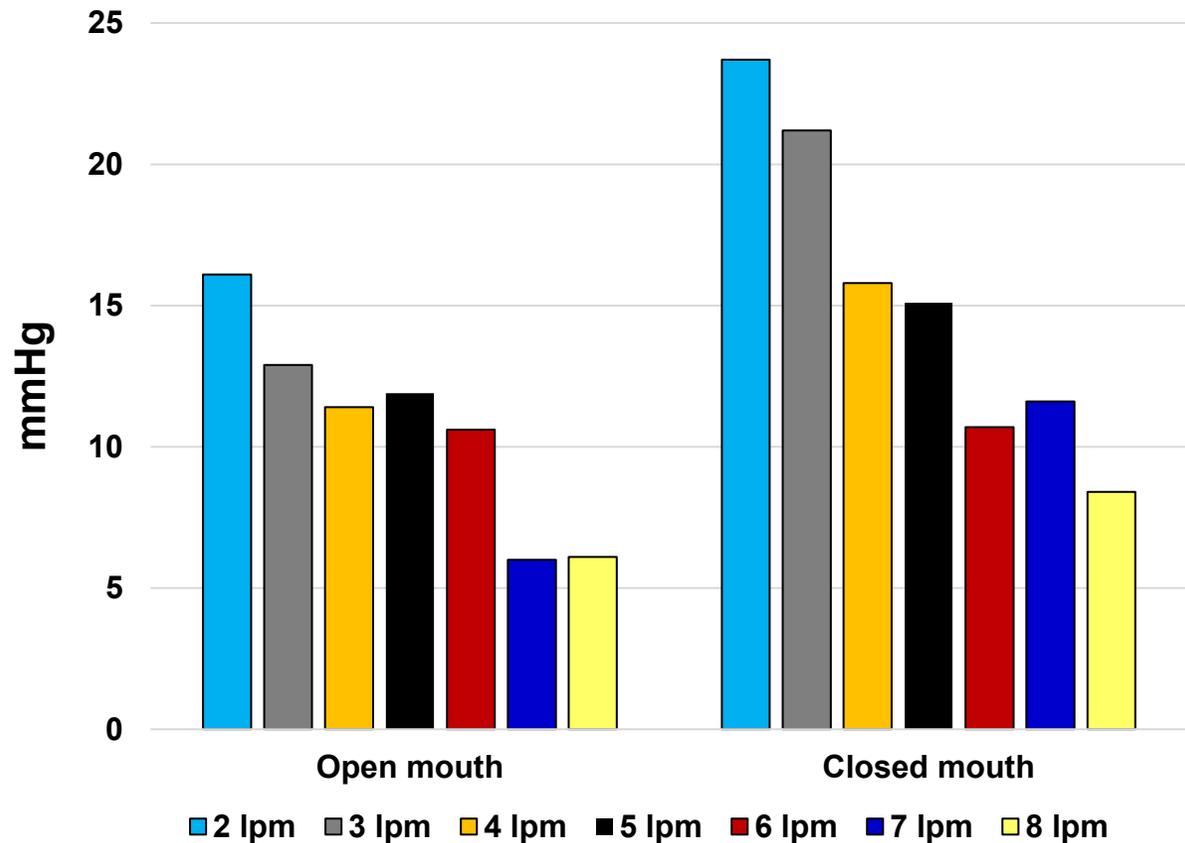
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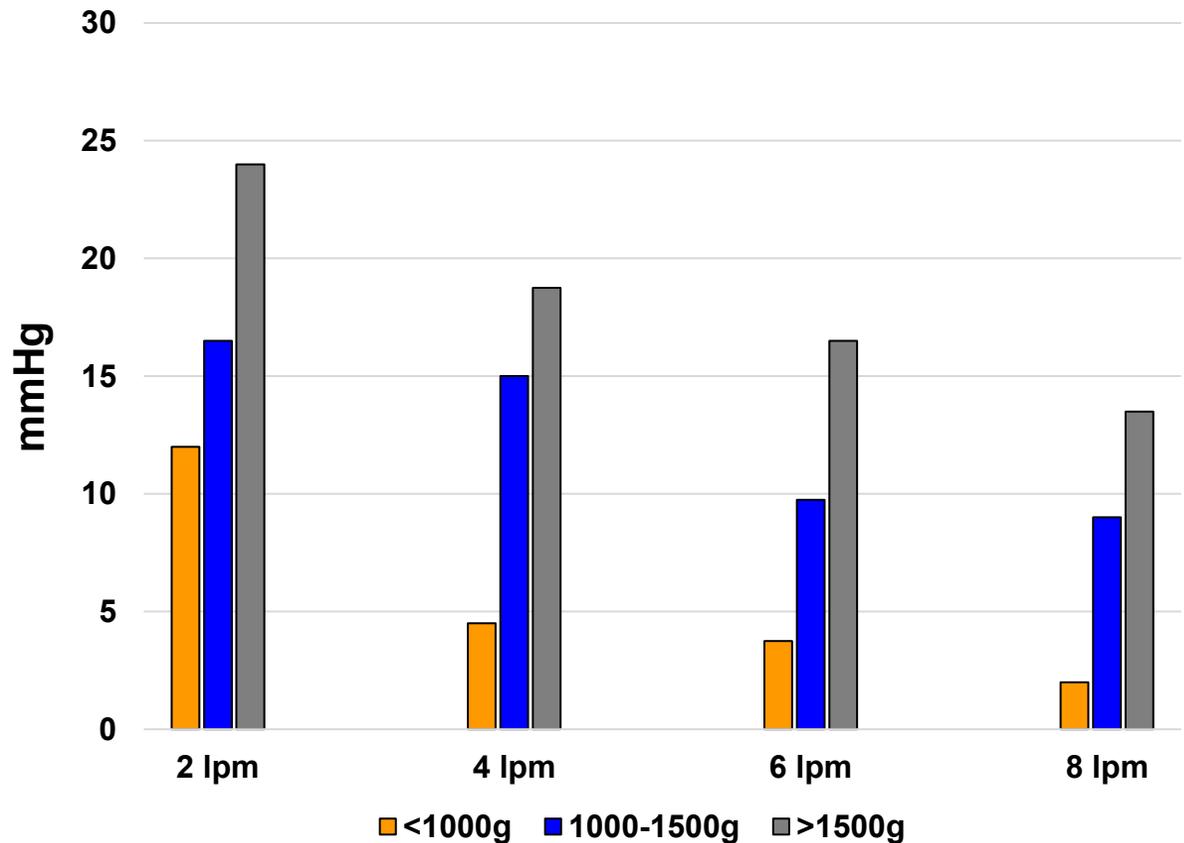
Increased “leak” is accompanied by ↓ paCO<sub>2</sub>....  
....despite similar minute ventilation

# Dead Space Gas Washout

↑ npEECO<sub>2</sub> ↓ with ↑ flow & leak (open vs closed mouth)

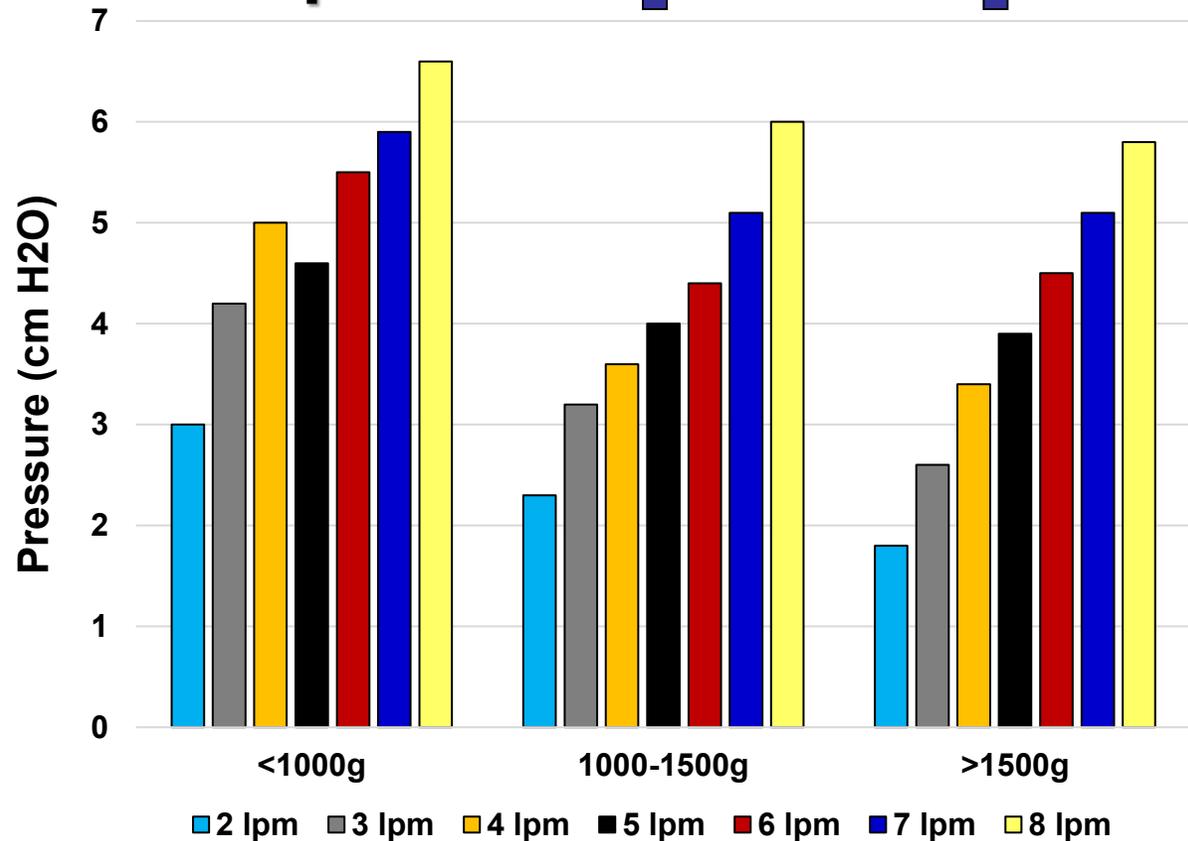


At any specific flow npEECO<sub>2</sub> ↓ as weight ↓

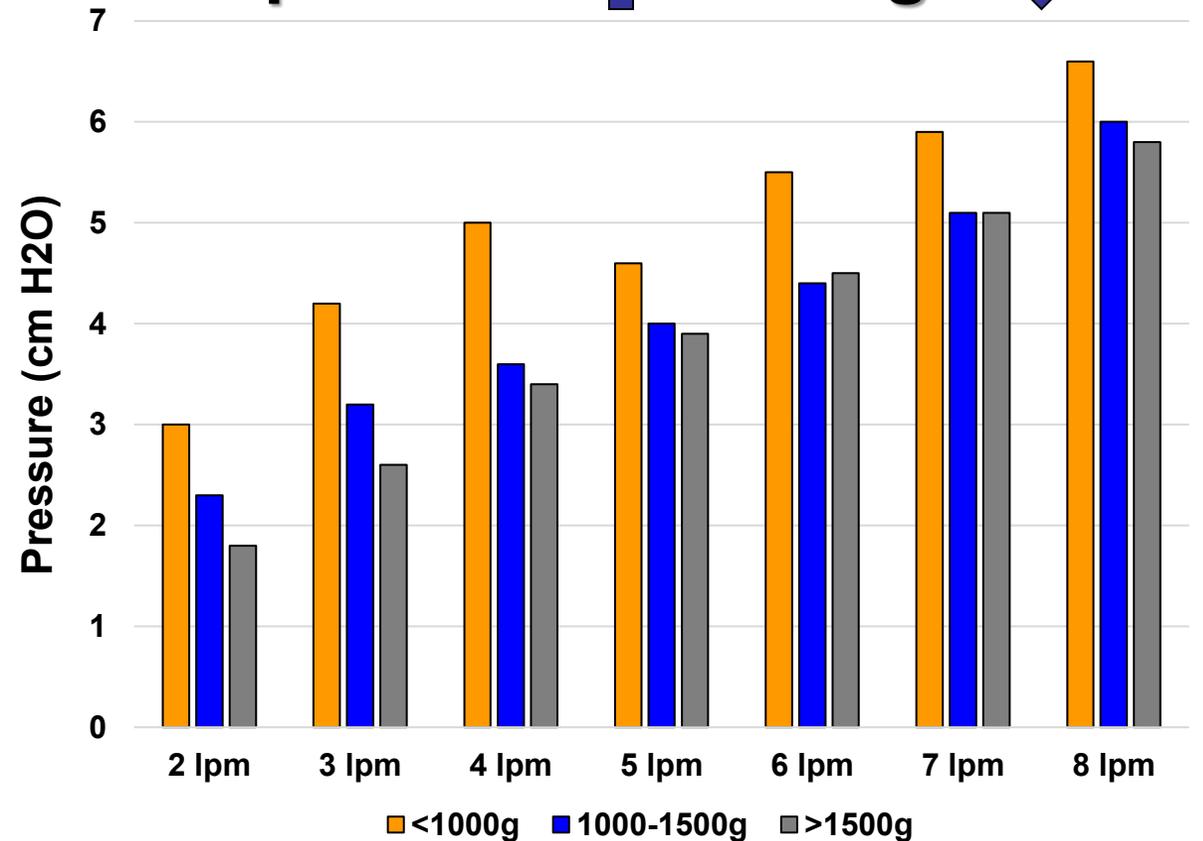


# Nasopharyngeal Pressure during nHFT

For any specific weight  
pressure  $\uparrow$  as flow  $\uparrow$



At any specific flow rate  
pressure  $\uparrow$  as weight  $\downarrow$



# Interim Summary # 1

- **Increased Flow Promotes Gas Exchange**

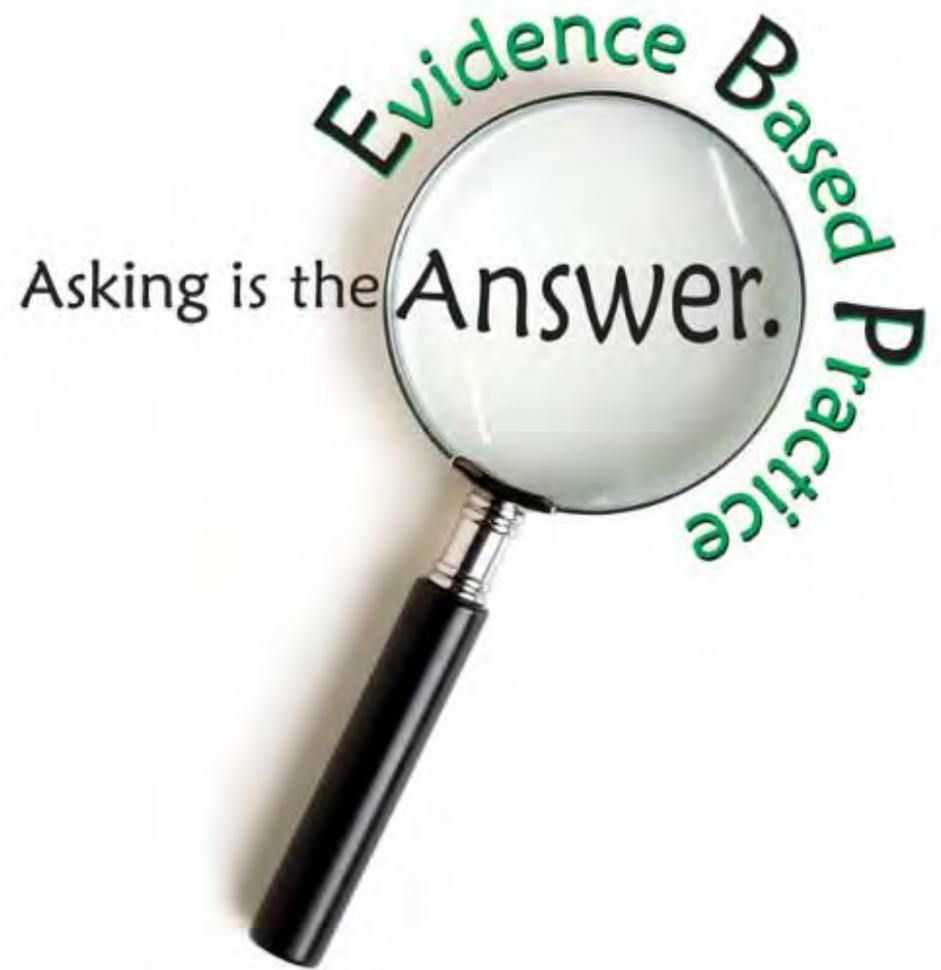
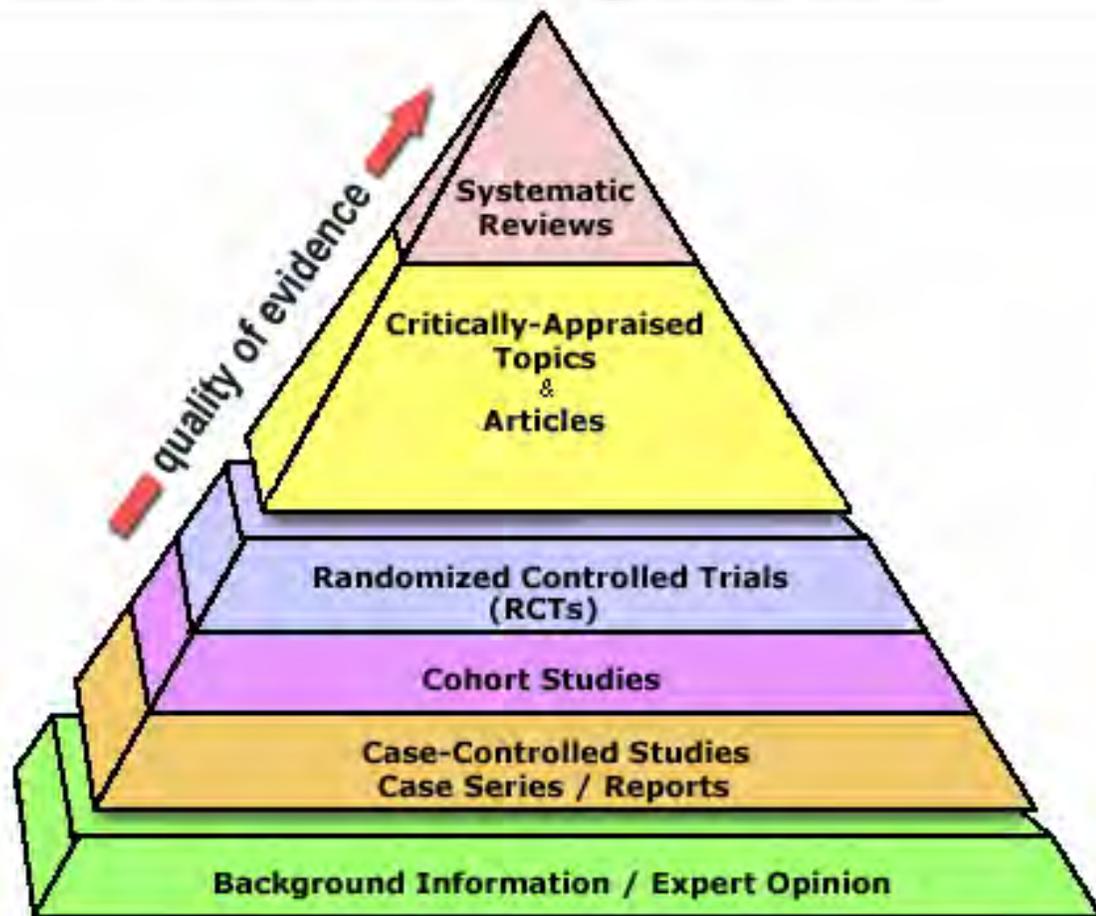
- Neonates have relatively large  $V_{ds_{anat}}$
- $\uparrow$  flow rate  $\rightarrow \uparrow V_{ds_{ana}}$  gas washout  $\rightarrow \downarrow pCO_2$  &  $\uparrow pO_2$  in NP
- Result  $\rightarrow$  more efficient gas exchange

- **nHFT Delivers Some (+) Pressure**

- Studies suggest limited pressure delivery depending on:
- Flow rate, weight, & relative leak
- Pressure correlates to changes in EELV & SpO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub>

# nHFT:

## What Does the Evidence Show?



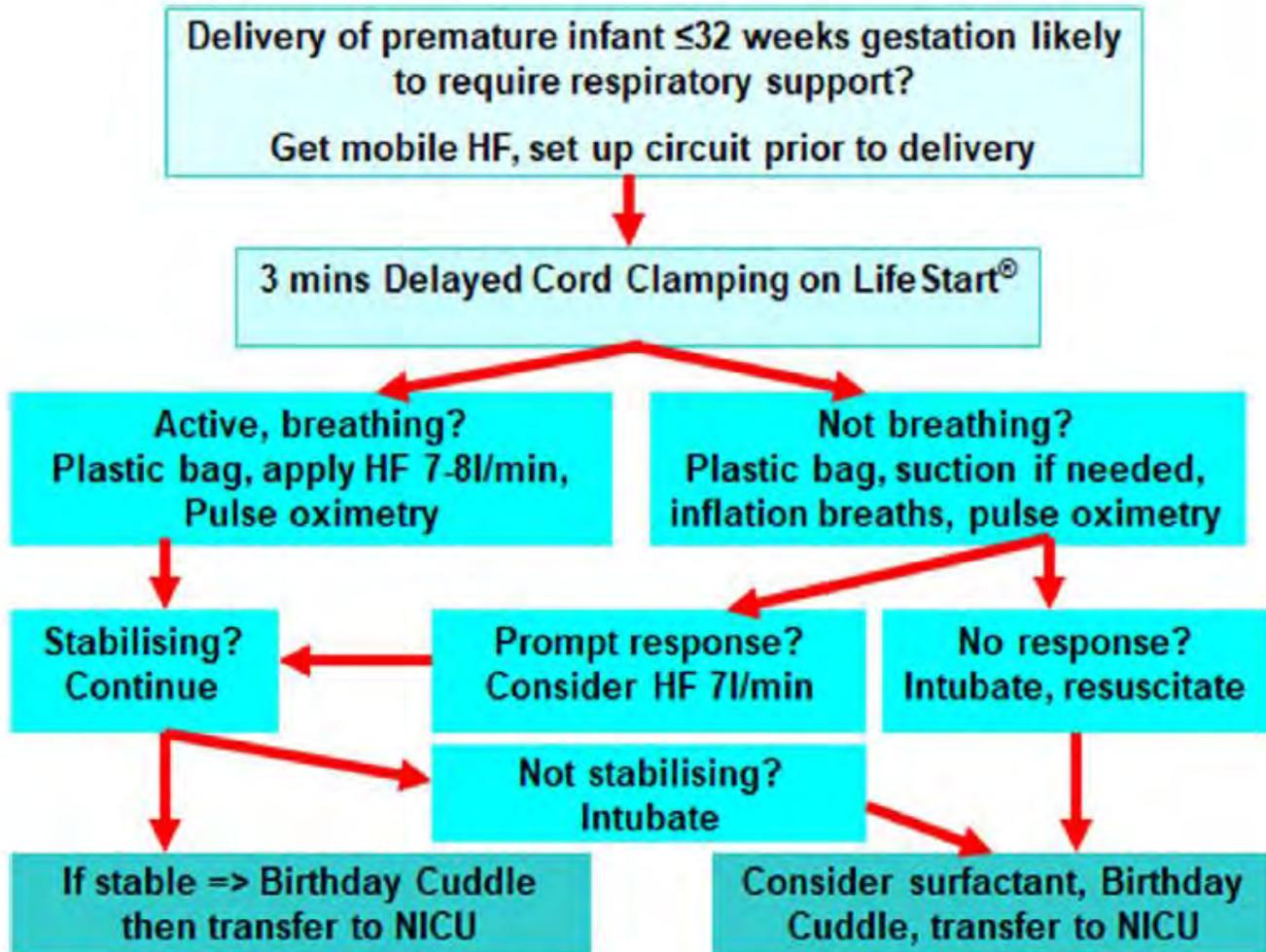
# **DR stabilization of preterms using nasal HFT: 5 - year retrospective analysis**

Siva & Reynolds Acta Paediatr 2021

- 5-year review 2015-2020
- Primary DR approach with nasal high flow therapy
- 491 infants born at < 32 weeks
- Prior pilot study reported (Reynolds P, ADCFNE 2016)

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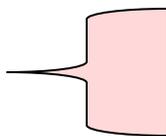
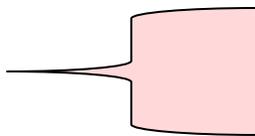
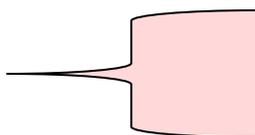
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- No exclusion criteria
- Immediately start, no SXN
  - Flow at 7-8 lpm
- Surfactant 1° by LISA
- FiO<sub>2</sub> threshold 40% → 30%
- Early caffeine Rx

# 60% of preterms < 32 wks stabilized in DR w/ nHFT

Siva & Reynolds Acta Paediatr 2021

	Group A (n=292) nHFT only in DR	Group C (n=93) ETT in DR	Group B (n=85) Mask-CPAP in DR	Group D (n=21) NC/RA in DR
Gestation (wks)	28.14 (26.43-29.96)	 <p>nHFT group was moderately preterm</p>		31.14 (31.0-31.57)
Birth Wt (g)	942 (732-1245)			1610 (1340-1770)
Admit FiO2	25 (21-30)	 <p>Consistently had low FIO2 needs</p>		21 (21-21)
Max Fio2	32 (24-50)			21 (21-27)
Surf w/in 72 hrs	130 (45%)	 <p>Had low rates of acute morbidity</p>		2 (10%)
PTX w/in 72 hrs	14 (5%)			0
Severe IVH	14 (5%)			0
nHFT/NC at 72 hrs	228 (78%)	 <p>Majority remained on nHFT support</p>		21 (100%)

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Admit FiO2	25 (21-30)	30 (21-44)		
Max Fio2	32 (24-50)	46 (30-100)		
Surf w/in 72 hrs	130 (45%)	93 (100%)		
PTX w/in 72 hrs	14 (5%)	13 (14%)		
Severe IVH	14 (5%)	15 (16%)		
nHFT/NC at 72 hrs	228 (78%)	8/10 (80%)		

ETT group significantly more premature

Consistently higher FIO2 needs

Higher rates of acute morbidity

← Most remained on IMV support

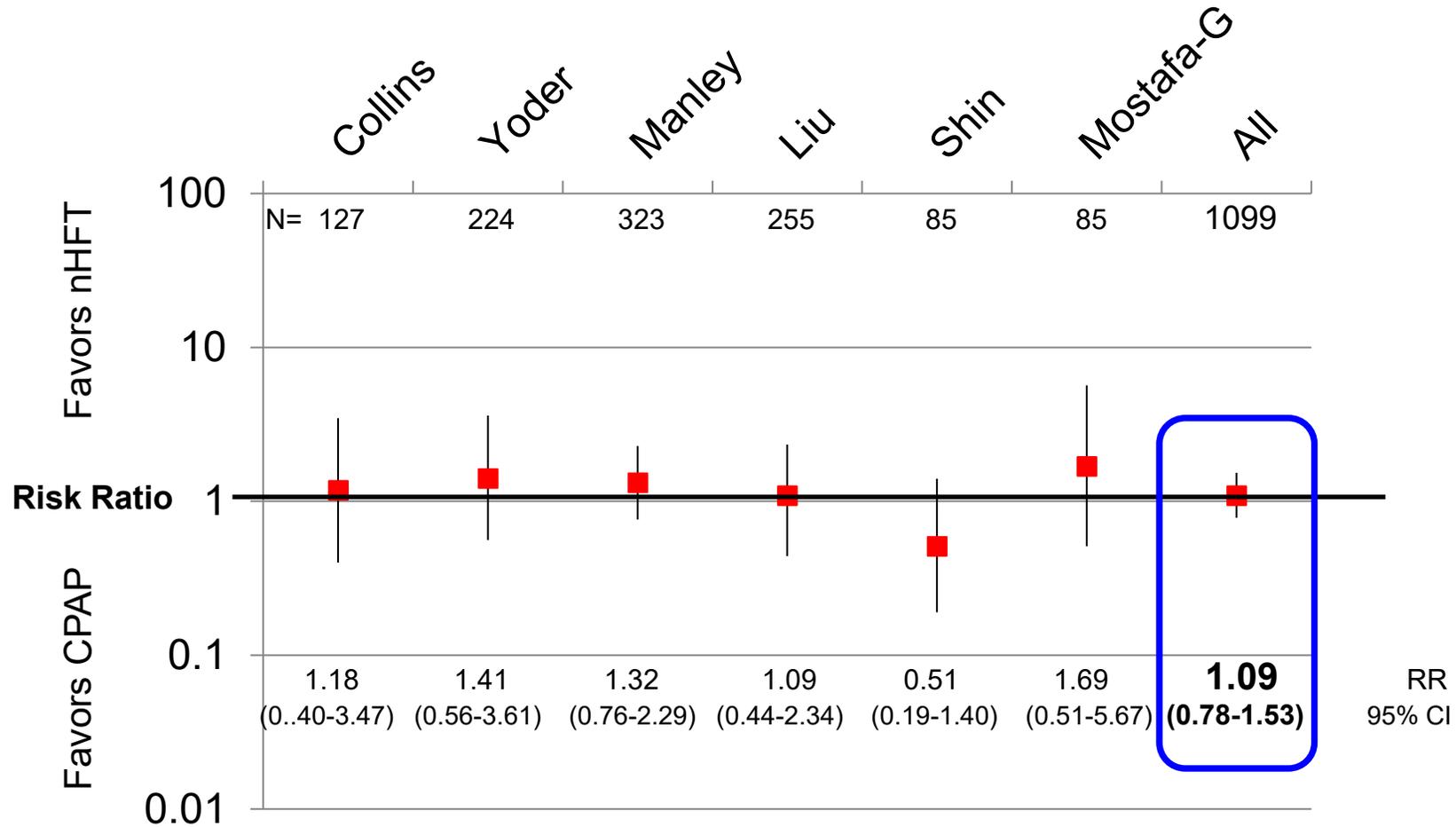
# What about preterms < 27 wks stabilized w/ nHFT?

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- 65% (62/96) were sustained on nHFT through 72 hrs
- ~1/3 vs 100% treated w/ surfactant
- Less air leak, pulmonary hemorrhage, & severe IVH
- ETT at 7 days: 15% vs 38%
- Death/BPD at 36 wks: 55% vs 74%

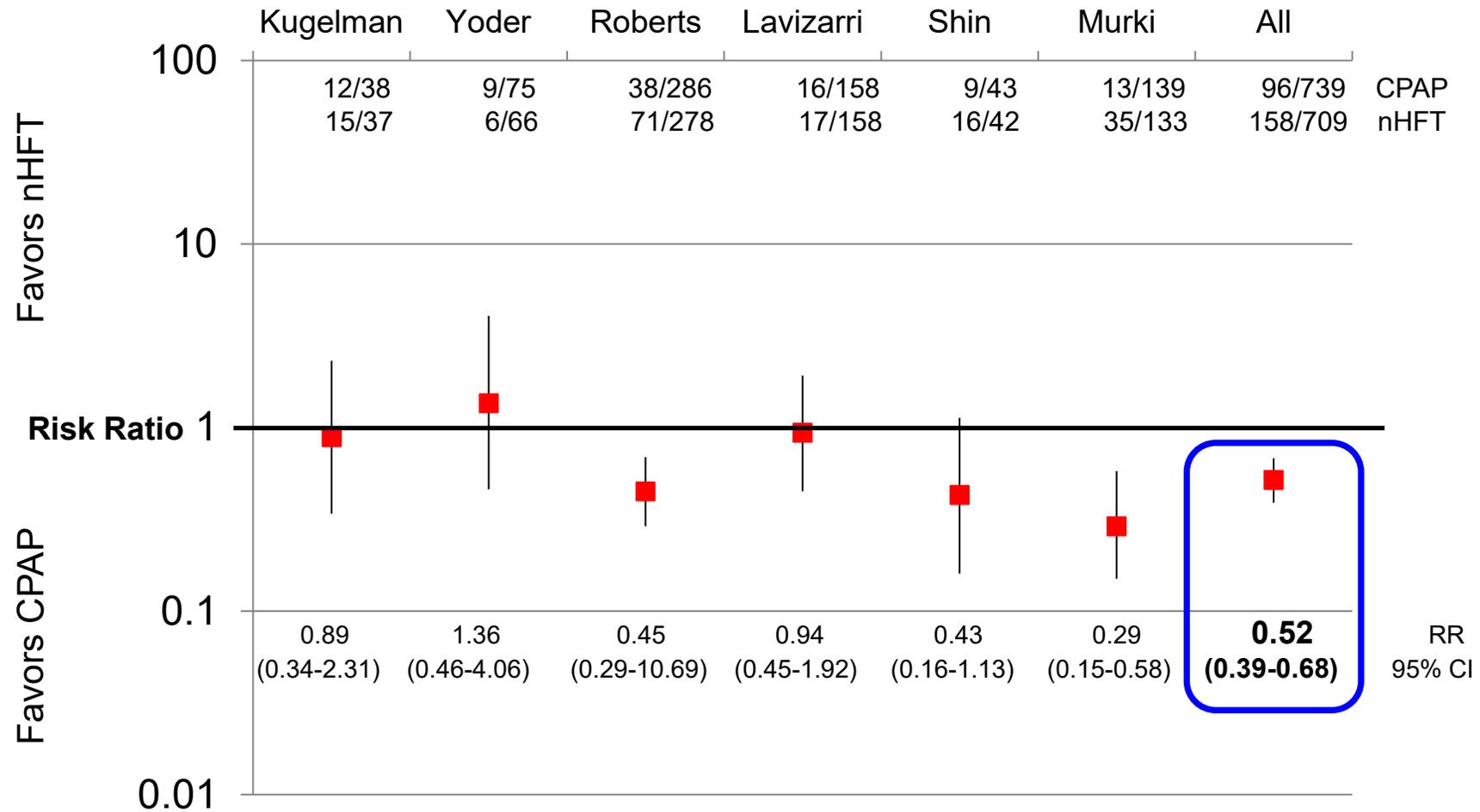
# “Meta-Analysis”: Similar Risk for Post-extubation ETT

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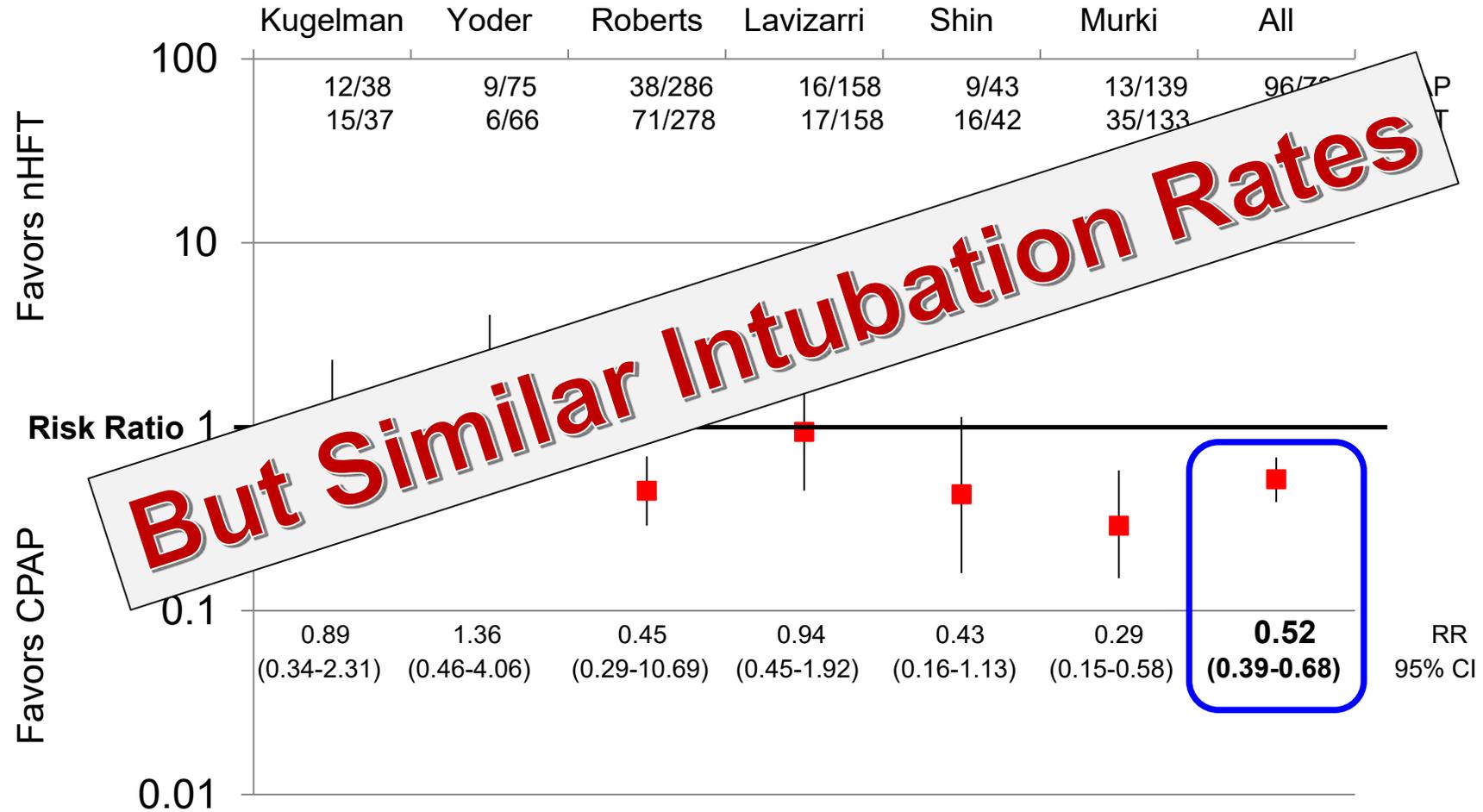
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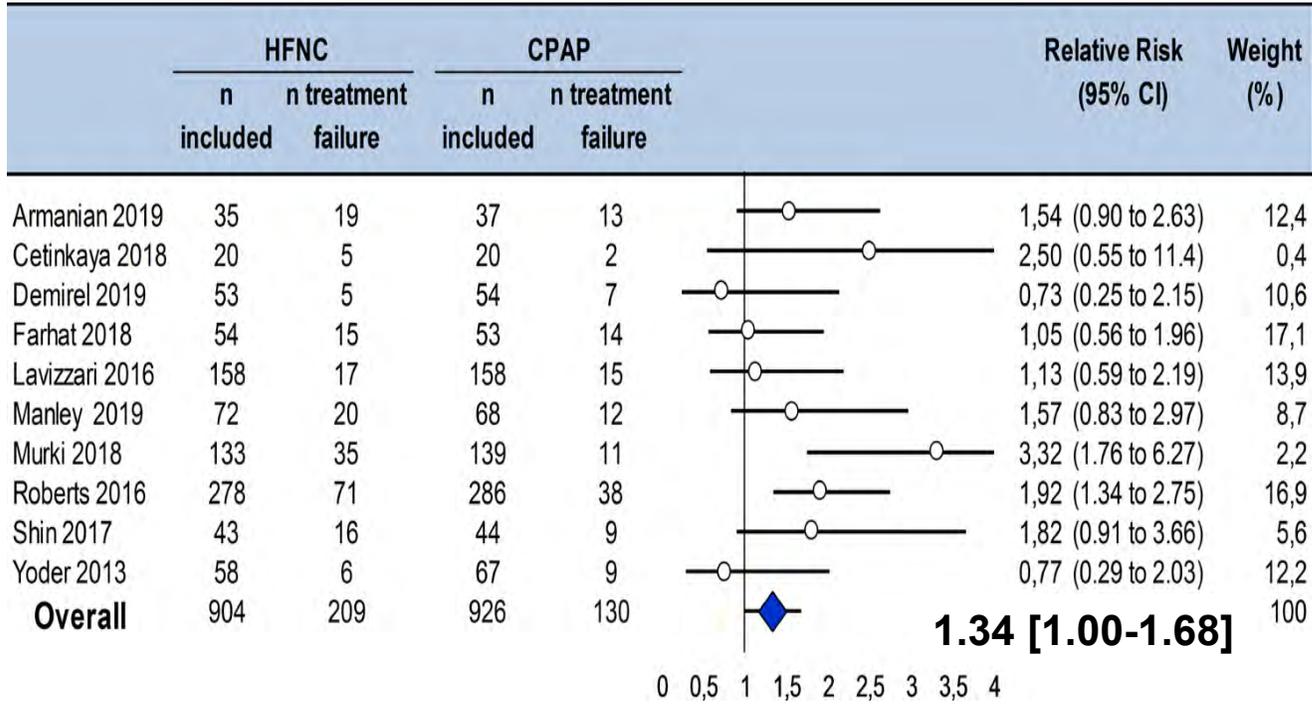


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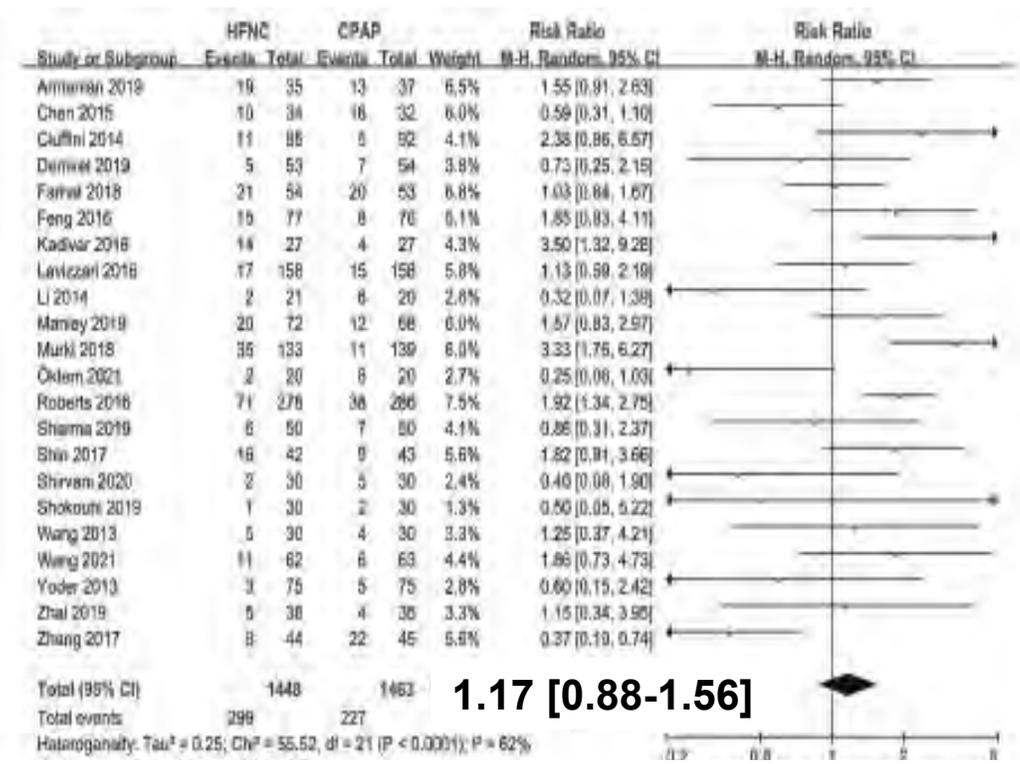
# Meta-analysis: HFNC v nCPAP as Primary Therapy for Preterm Respiratory Failure



Bruet S, ADCFNE 2021; 10 trials, n=1830

ETT Risk 0.90 [0.66-1.15]

“...taking all into account (higher risk of treatment failure but same risk of intubation and lower risk of nasal trauma), HFNC may be proposed as primary respiratory support.....”



Luo K, Front Peds 2022; 27 trials, n=3351

ETT Risk 1.00 [0.841.19]

“...compared with CPAP, the use of HFNC for preterm infants might be more effective in reducing the use of mechanical ventilation and oxygen therapy.....”

# Interim Summary # 2

## nHFT vs nCPAP

**Meta-analyses have reached same conclusions:**

**Similar post-extubation failure rates ....**

**CPAP probably superior to nHFT for Rx 1° RDS**

**No difference in intubation rates**

***No difference in BPD but not rigorously tested***

***Limited data from RCTs for GA < 28 wks***

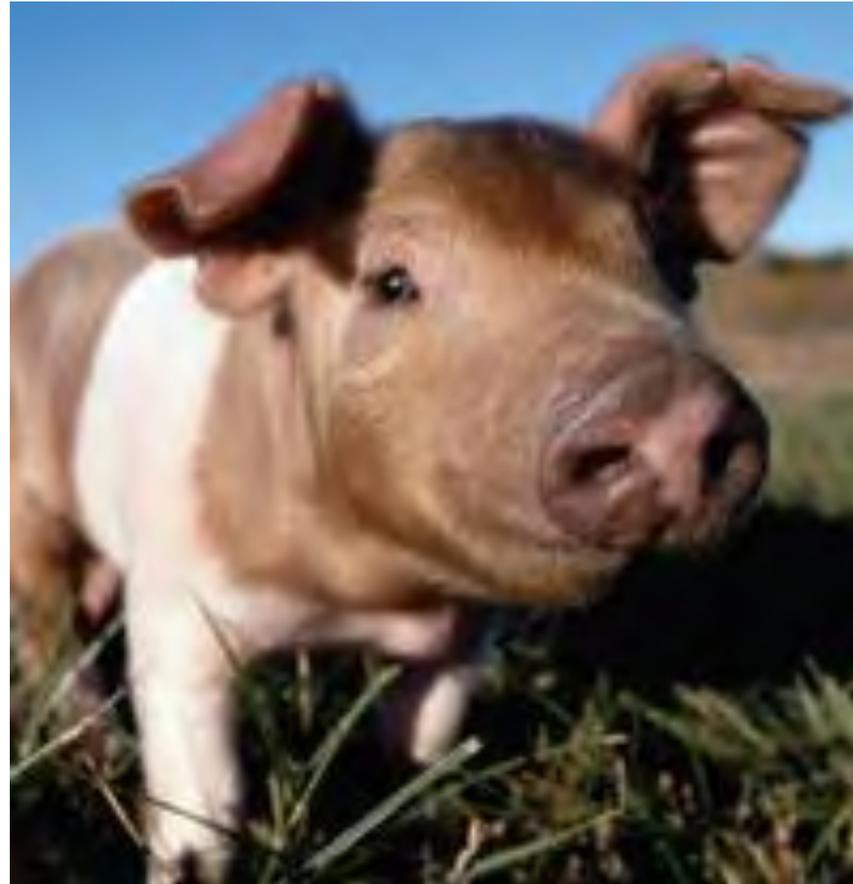
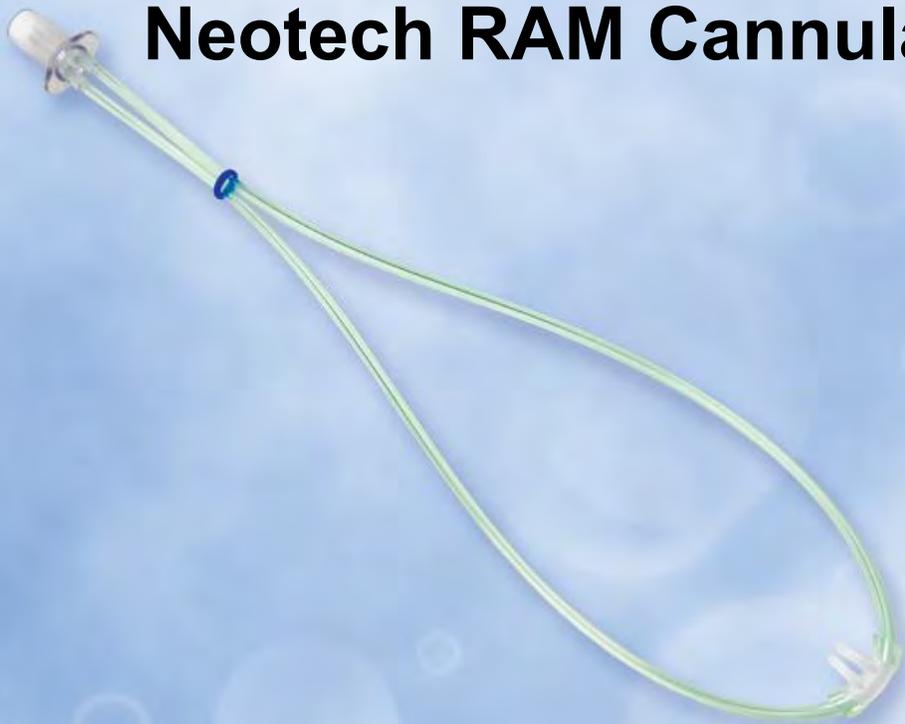
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Luo K et al, Front Pediatr 2022

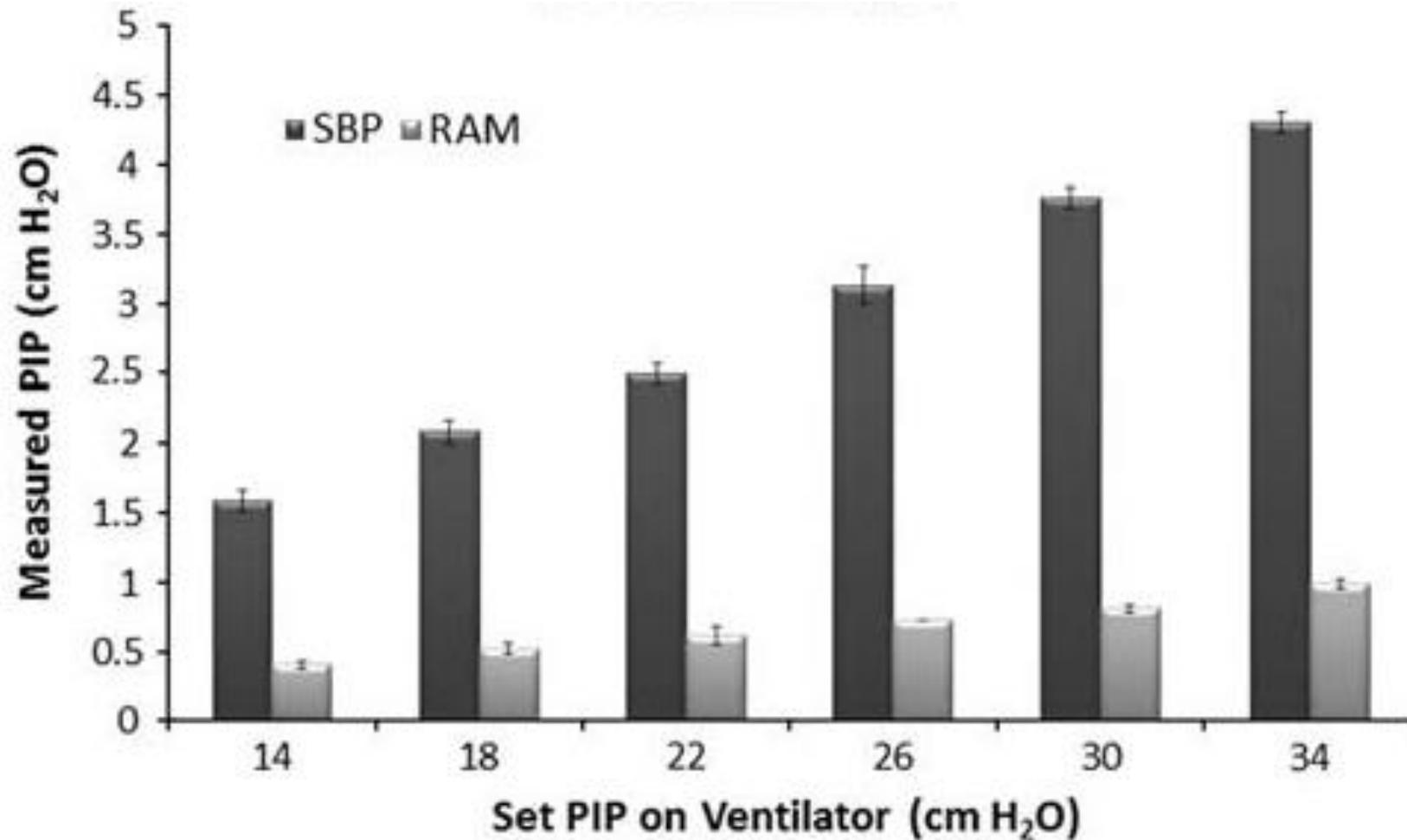
Martins C et al, Turk Arch Pediatr 2022

## Neotech RAM Cannula



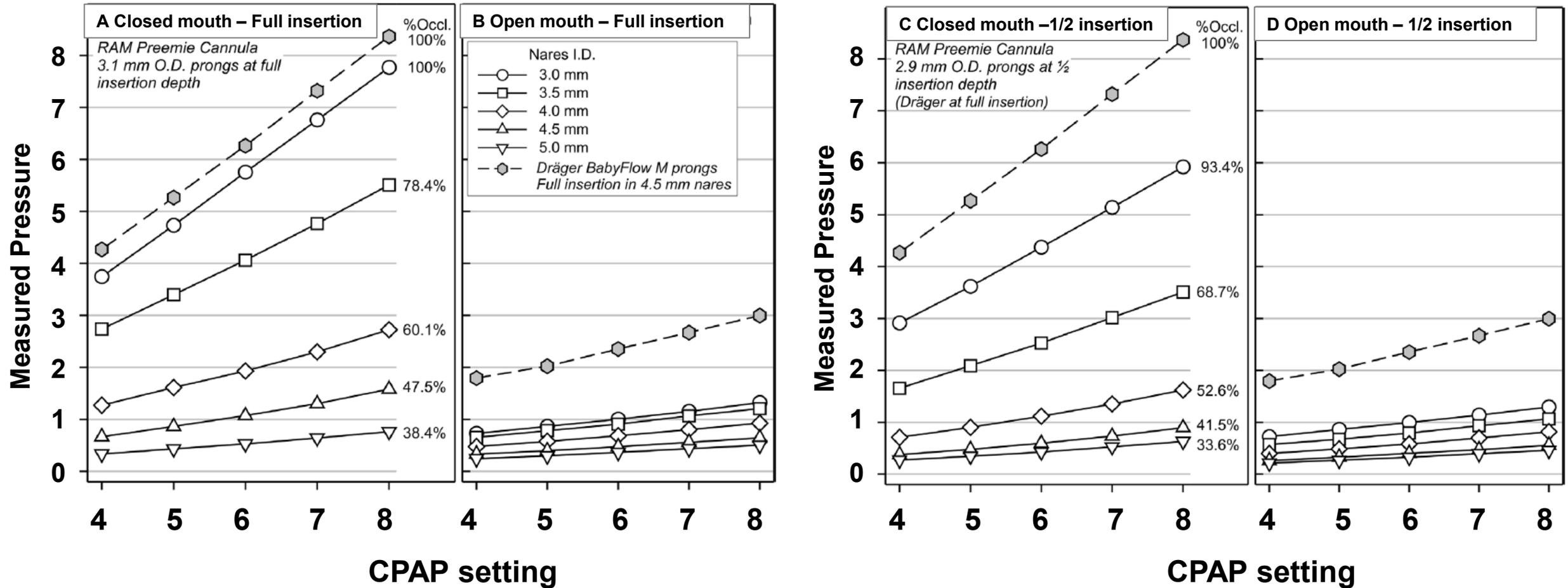
**No more pig nose!?**

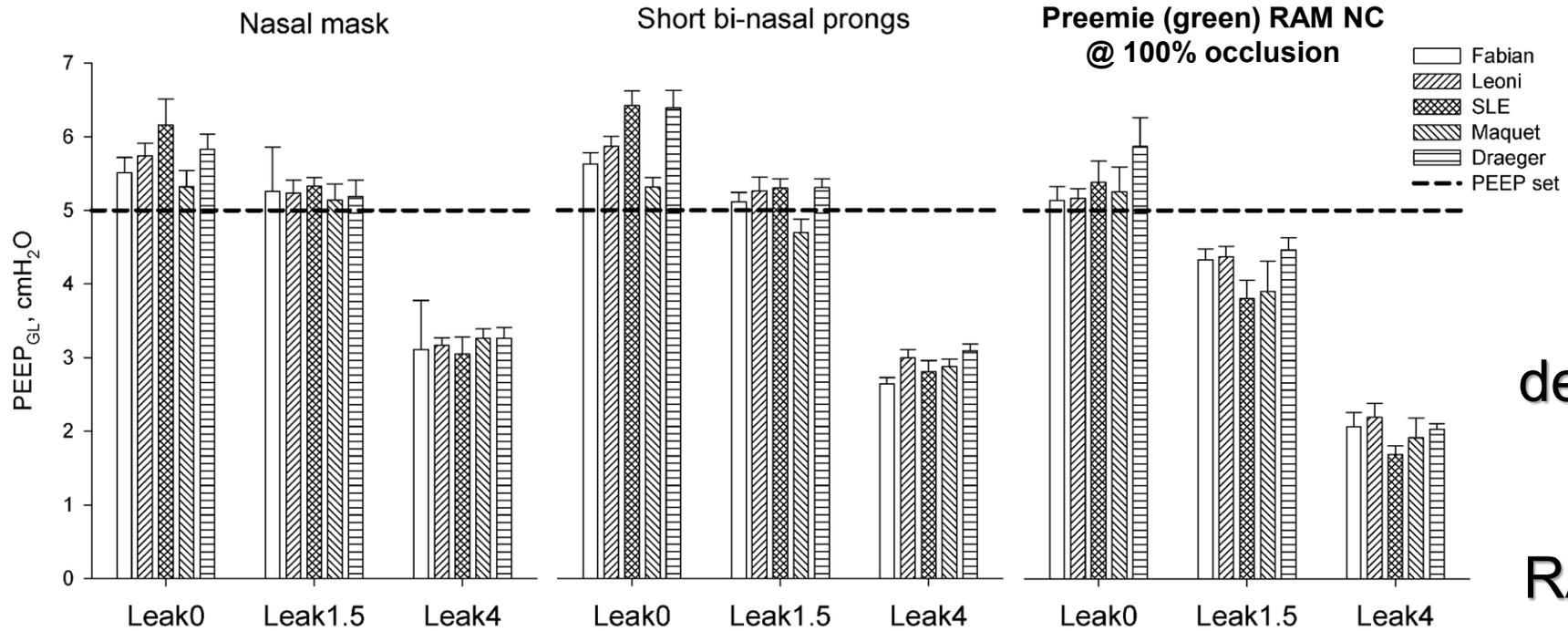
**“Gentle”, but effective “CPAP”?**



**RAM NC may deliver significantly less pressure than “set” pressure**

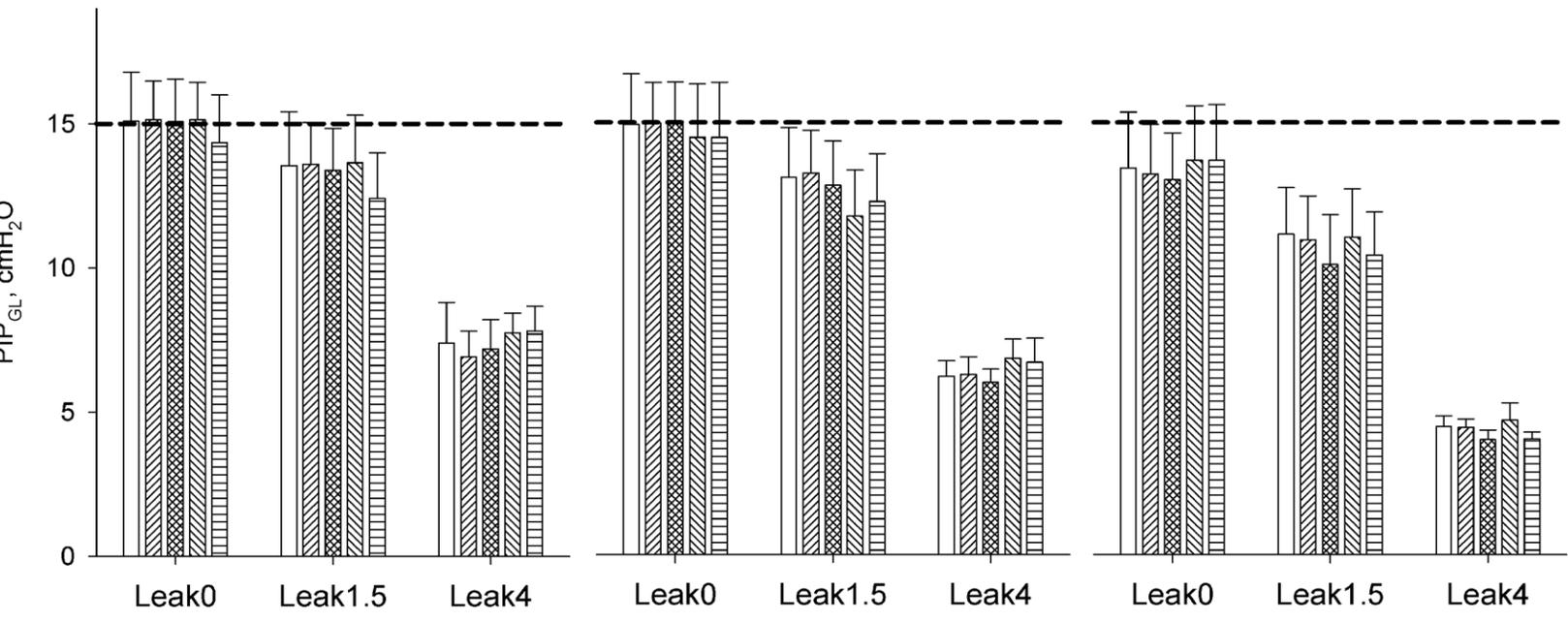
# Type & size of nasal prong, % occlusion, mouth position, & prong insertion depth all impact relative pressure delivery





All neonatal ventilators deliver equivalent PIP/PEEP

RAM NC delivers less of set pressure than sBNPs or mask



Increasing leak markedly reduces delivered pressure across all interfaces

# Dynamic Approach to RAM NC: Impact of “Higher” Pressure Settings

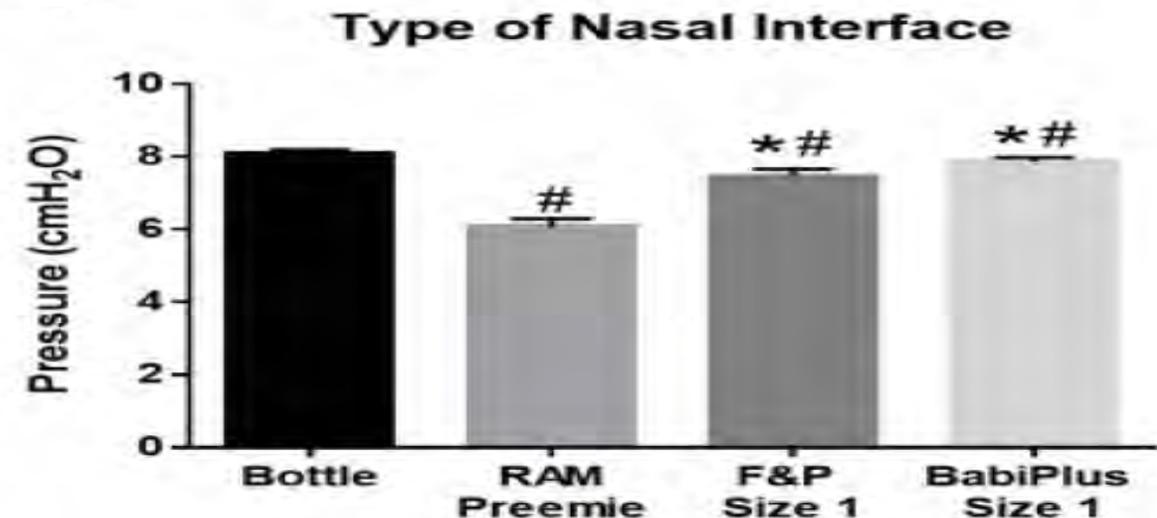
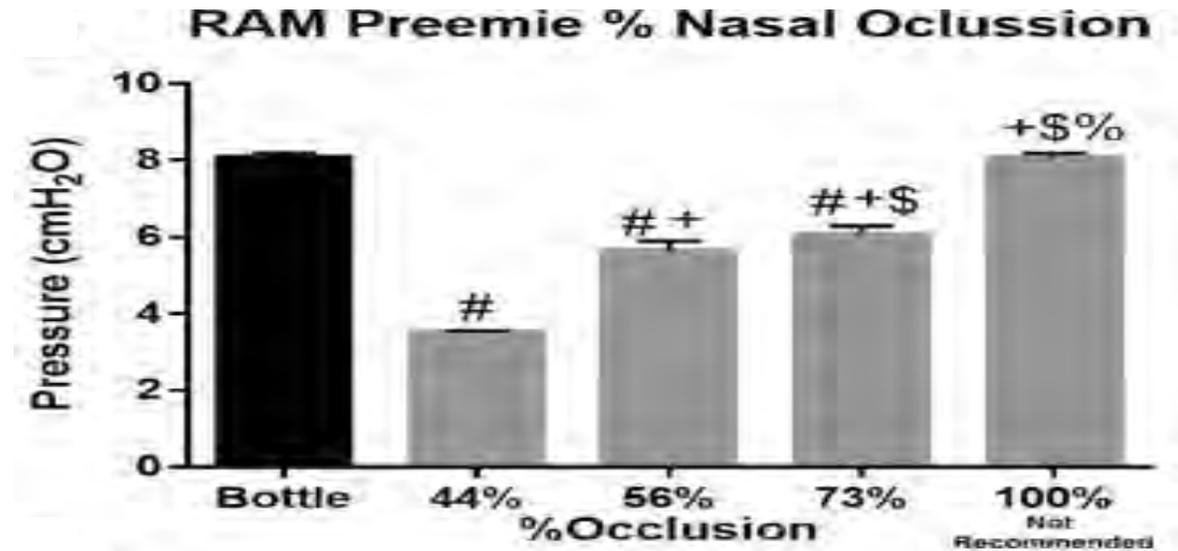
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- RAM NC adopted/used for ease of patient care
- High resistance interface – limited transmission of set pressure
- Attenuates “oscillatory” effect of “bubble CPAP”
- 6-year retrospective study of 735 preterms < 1250g
- *In vitro* analysis of pressure transmission

# RAM NC pressure related to interface & occlusion

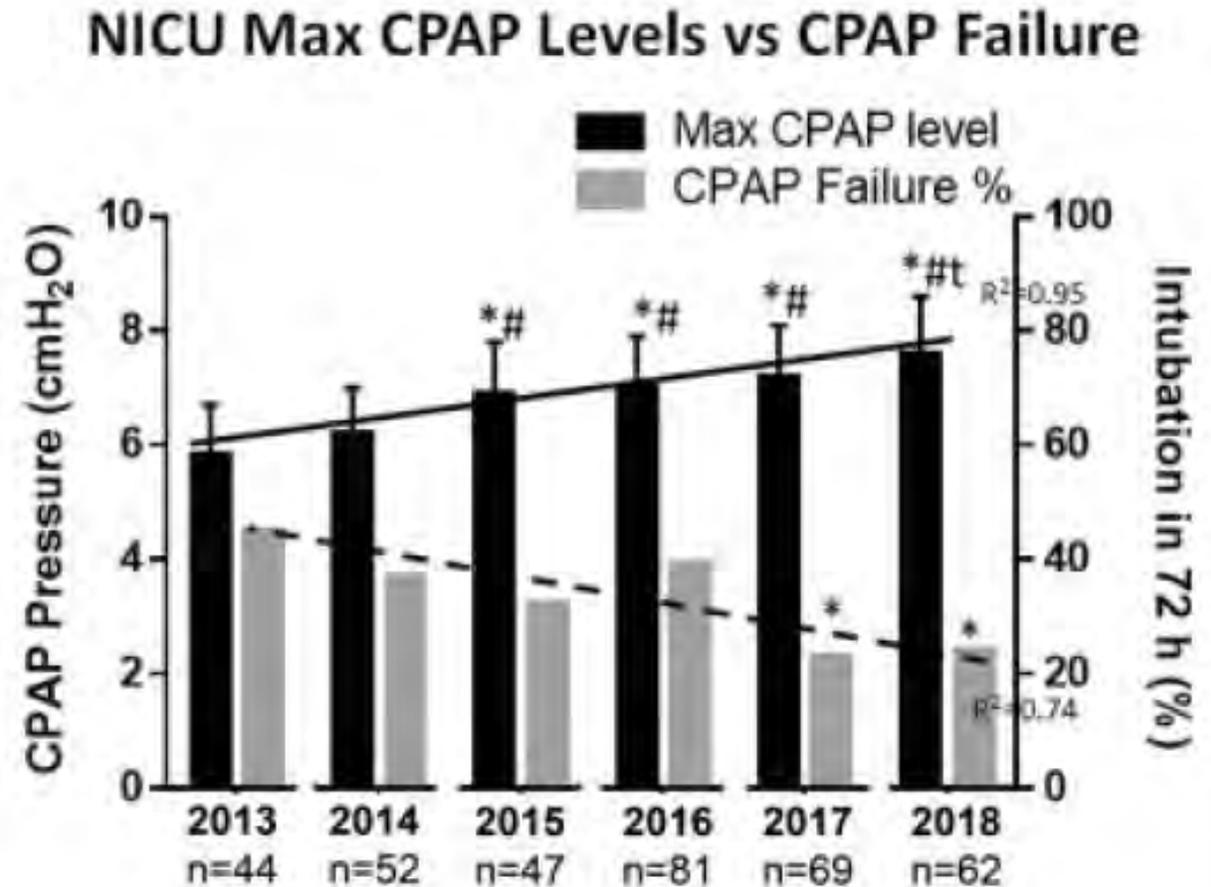
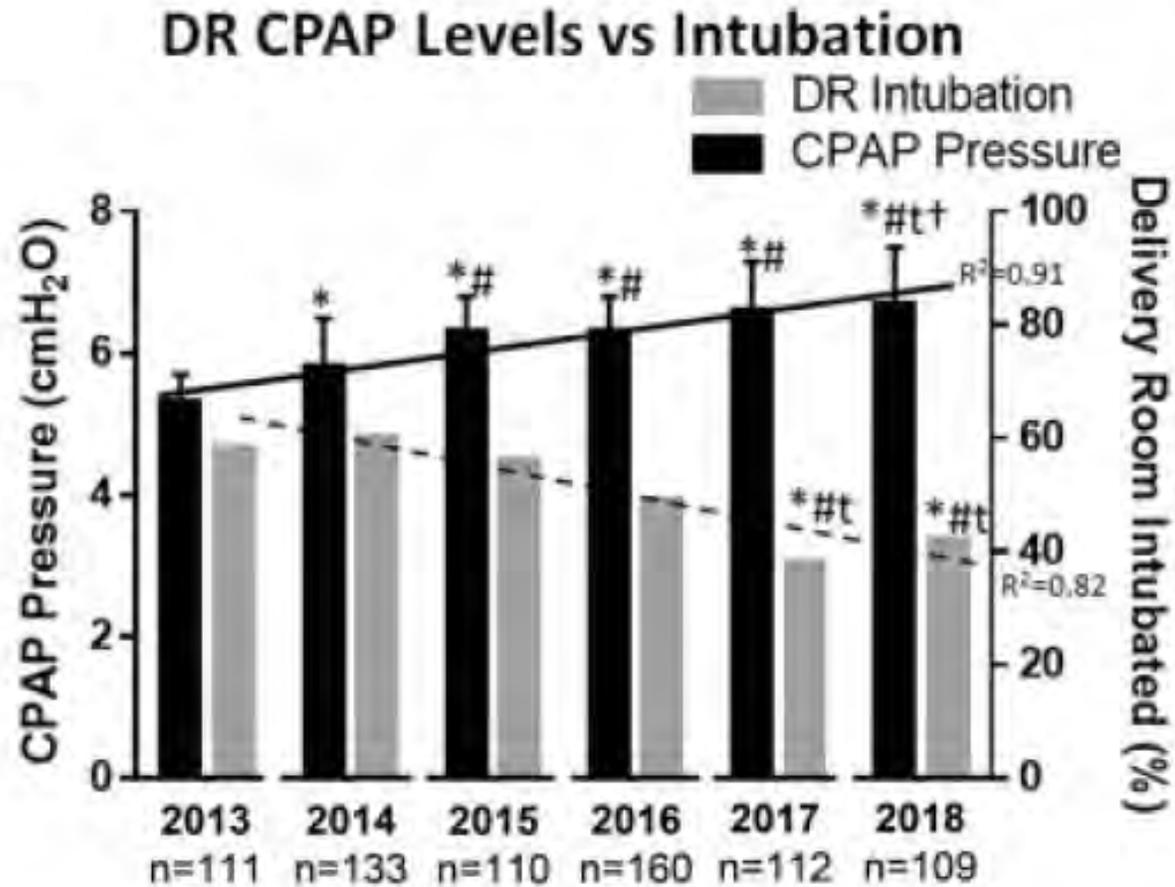
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Cannula	Color	Prong diameter	Simulated nostril diameter	% Occlusion
RAM Micro-preemie	White	2.5 mm	3.0 mm	69%
RAM Preemie	Green	3.0 mm	3.5 mm	73%
RAM Newborn	Blue	3.8 mm	4.5 mm	71%
RAM Infant	Orange	4.5 mm	5.0 mm	81%
BabiPlus	Size 1	3.0 mm	3.5 mm	73%
F&P	Size 1	3.0 mm	3.5 mm	73%



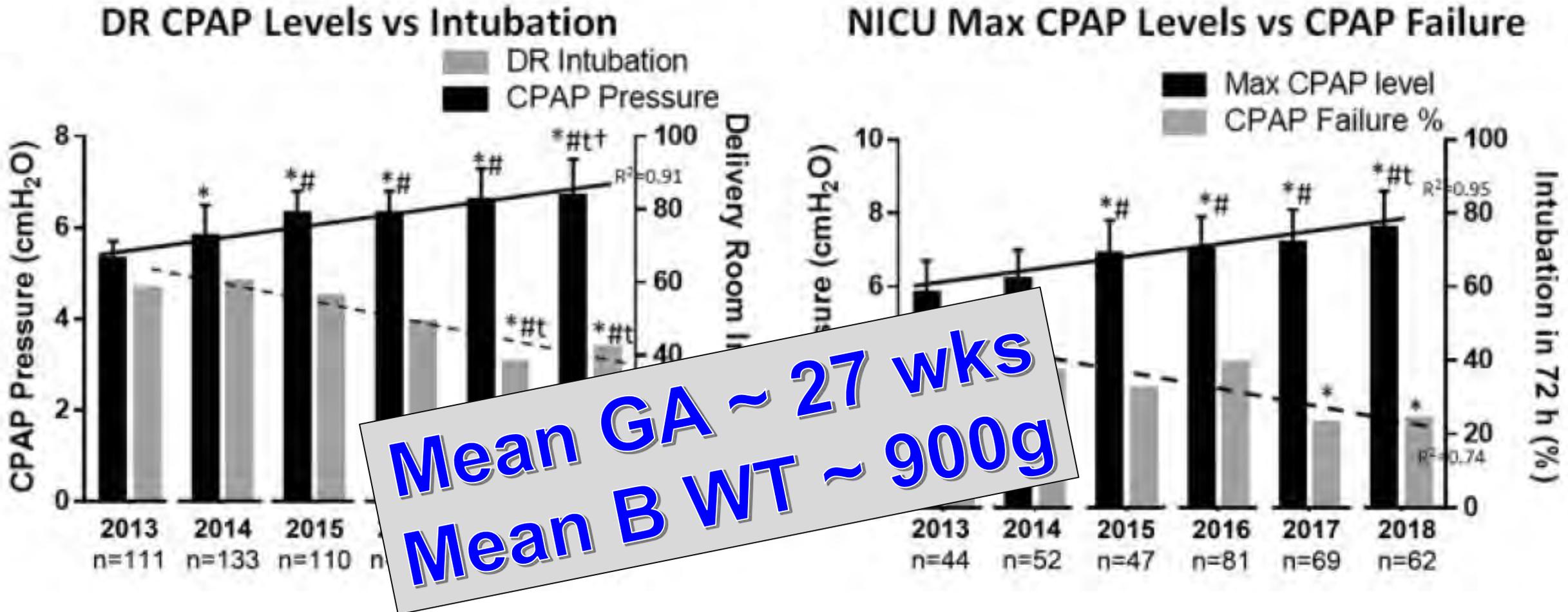
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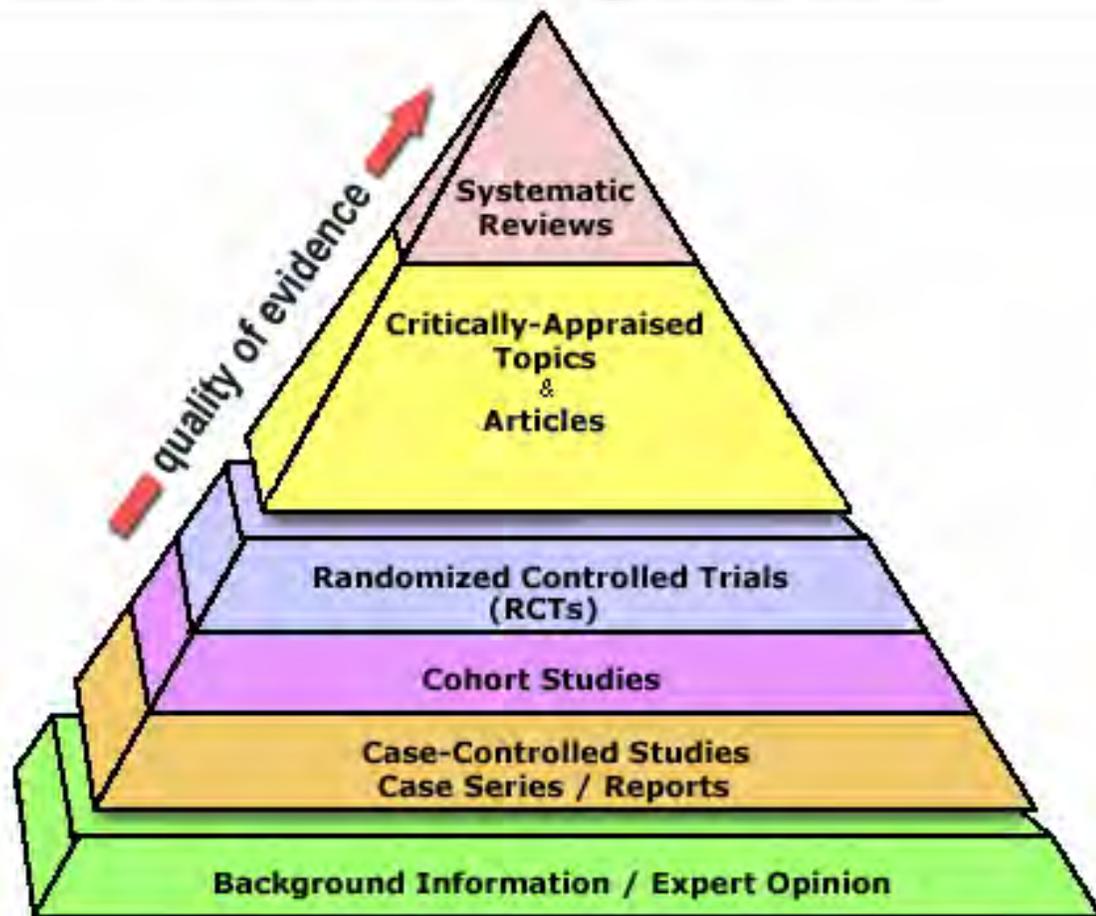


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# RAM NC: What Does the Evidence Show?



# RCTs & RAM NC in Neonates

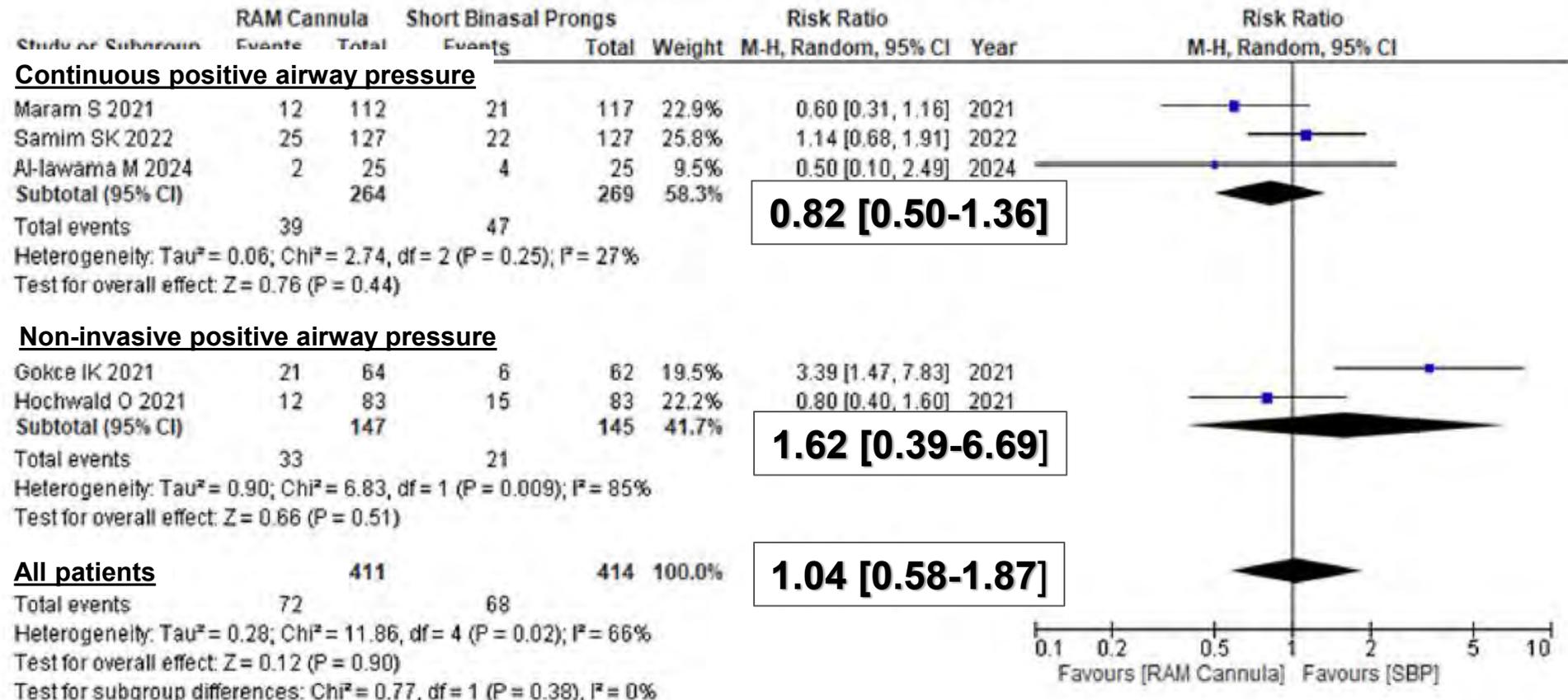
- There are several published RCT's w/ RAM NC
- Gokce IK et al, J Mat Fetal Neo Med 2019
- Hochwald O et al, JAMA Peds 2021
- Maram S et al, Sci Rep 2021
- Samim SK et al, Eur J Pediatr 2022
- Al-lawama M et al, J Clin Med Res 2024

# Meta-analysis RAM NC vs sBN prongs

- Kumar J et al, Indian J Pediatr 2024
- 5 RCT's, n= 825
- No US/Canadian trials
- Study populations mostly  $\geq 28$  weeks
- Variable pressures & modes (NIPPV or CPAP)

# Similar success for RAM NC & sBP CPAP as 1° treatment for respiratory failure

## Failure of Primary Respiratory Support

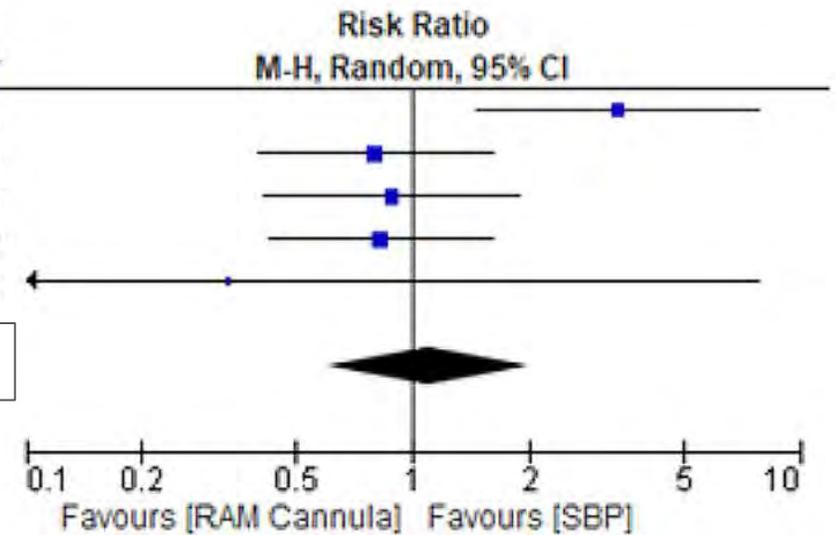


# No difference between RAM NC & sBP CPAP in MV support in 1<sup>st</sup> 72 hours of life

## Invasive ventilation in 72 hours

Study or Subgroup	RAM Cannula		Short Binasal Prongs		Weight	Risk Ratio M-H, Random, 95% CI	Year
	Events	Total	Events	Total			
Gokce IK 2021	21	64	6	62	21.9%	3.39 [1.47, 7.83]	2021
Hochwald O 2021	12	83	15	83	25.2%	0.80 [0.40, 1.60]	2021
Maram S 2021	11	112	13	117	23.6%	0.88 [0.41, 1.89]	2021
Samim SK 2022	14	127	17	127	26.0%	0.82 [0.42, 1.60]	2022
Al-lawama M 2024	0	25	1	25	3.3%	0.33 [0.01, 7.81]	2024
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>		<b>411</b>		<b>414</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.10 [0.60-2.00]</b>	
Total events	58		52				

Heterogeneity: Tau<sup>2</sup> = 0.25; Chi<sup>2</sup> = 9.38, df = 4 (P = 0.05); I<sup>2</sup> = 57%  
 Test for overall effect: Z = 0.31 (P = 0.76)



# **Interim Summary # 3**

## **RAM Nasal Cannula**

- **NOT approved as CPAP device/interface**
- **MUST be aware of variable pressure loss across tubing due to size & leak**
- **RCTs limited by numbers, design, & outcome but appears “non-inferior” to std BNP nCPAP**
  - **NO identified safety issues**

**Is gentlest better?**

**NO!**

**At least when it comes to initial NIV**

**Is it “adequate”?**

**...probably....most of time...**



**CPAP:**  
Is the 1<sup>st</sup>  
still the best?



- **CPAP:**

- Most commonly applied
  - Longest history
  - Clearly effective
  - Widely available
- Multiple approaches



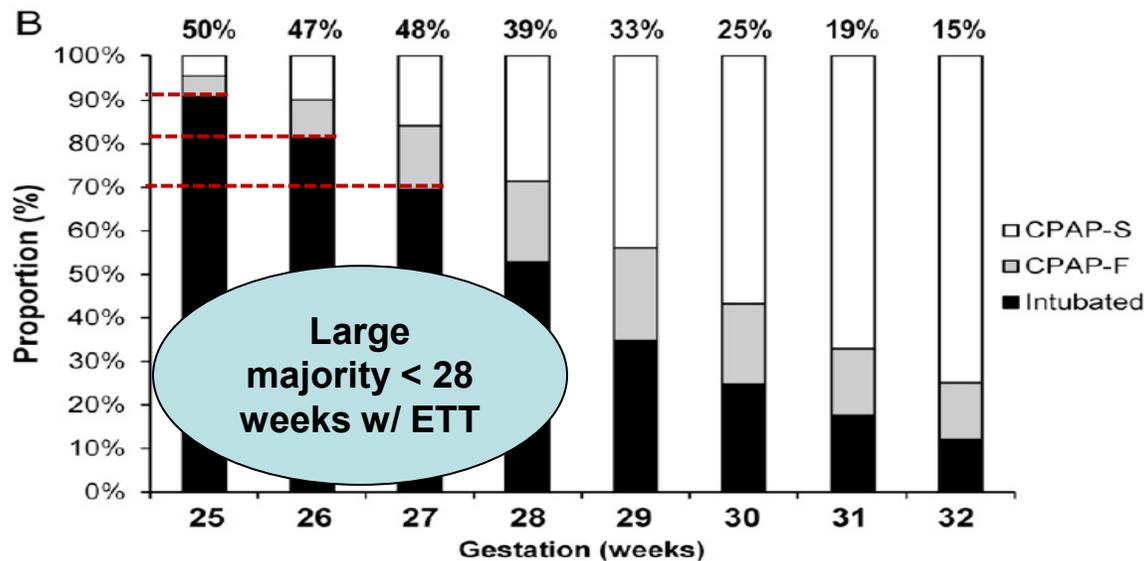
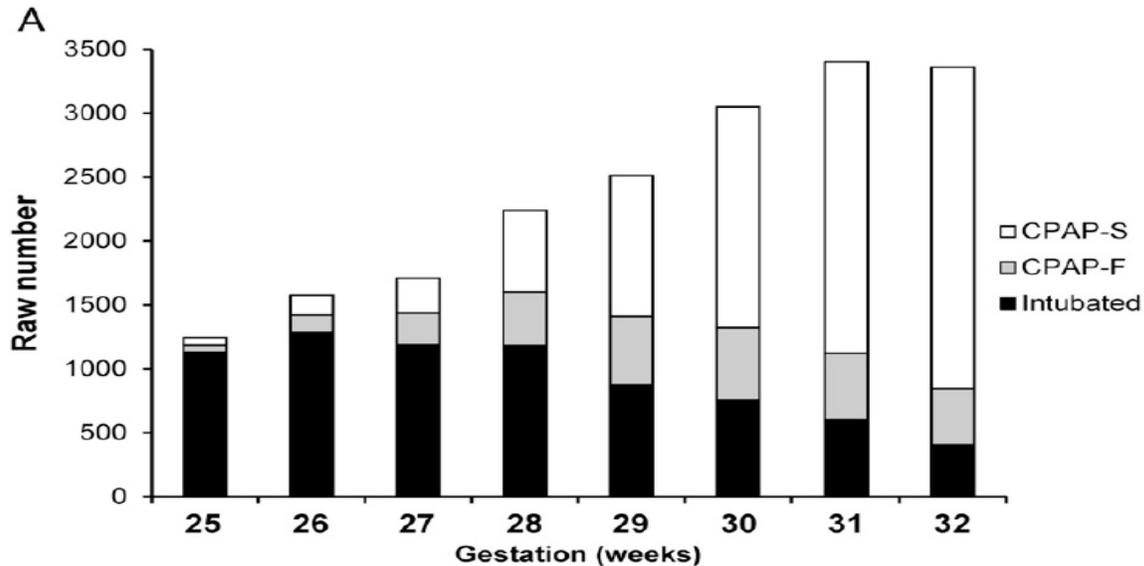
# Failure Rates & Outcomes for nCPAP

Dargaville PA et al, Pediatrics 2016

- Retrospective review AU-NZ Neo Network
- 19,103 infants born at 25-32 weeks in 2007-2013
- Analyzed for initial support mode & success vs failure
- Evaluated subsequent outcomes by CPAP success/failure

# CPAP Failure is Common in ELGANs

Dargaville PA et al, Pediatrics 2016



	25-28 wks (n=6771)	29-32 wks (n=12,322)
Initial ETT	4782 (71%)	2637 (21%)
Initial CPAP Failed	1989 (29%) 863 (43%)	9695 (79%) 2061 (21%)
CPAP success	1126 (17%)	7634 (62%)

**Study period prior to implementation of less invasive surfactant approaches**

# Failure w/ CPAP Associated w/ Worse Outcomes

Dargaville PA et al, Pediatrics 2016

Outcome	25-28 weeks		25-28 weeks	
	Crude OR	Adjusted OR	Crude OR	Adjusted OR
BPD	2.3 (1.7-3.0)	1.9 (1.4-2.6)	3.8 (2.9-4.9)	3.3 (2.5-4.4)
Death	2.8 (1.5-5.4)	2.8 (1.4-5.7)	7.0 (3.0-16.4)	6.0 (2.5-14.8)
Death or BPD	2.5 (1.9-3.2)	2.3 (1.7-3.1)	4.1 (3.2-5.2)	3.6 (2.8-4.7)
Death/major morbidity	2.3 (1.8-3.0)	2.2 (1.7-2.9)	3.1 (2.5-4.0)	3.0 (2.4-3.8)

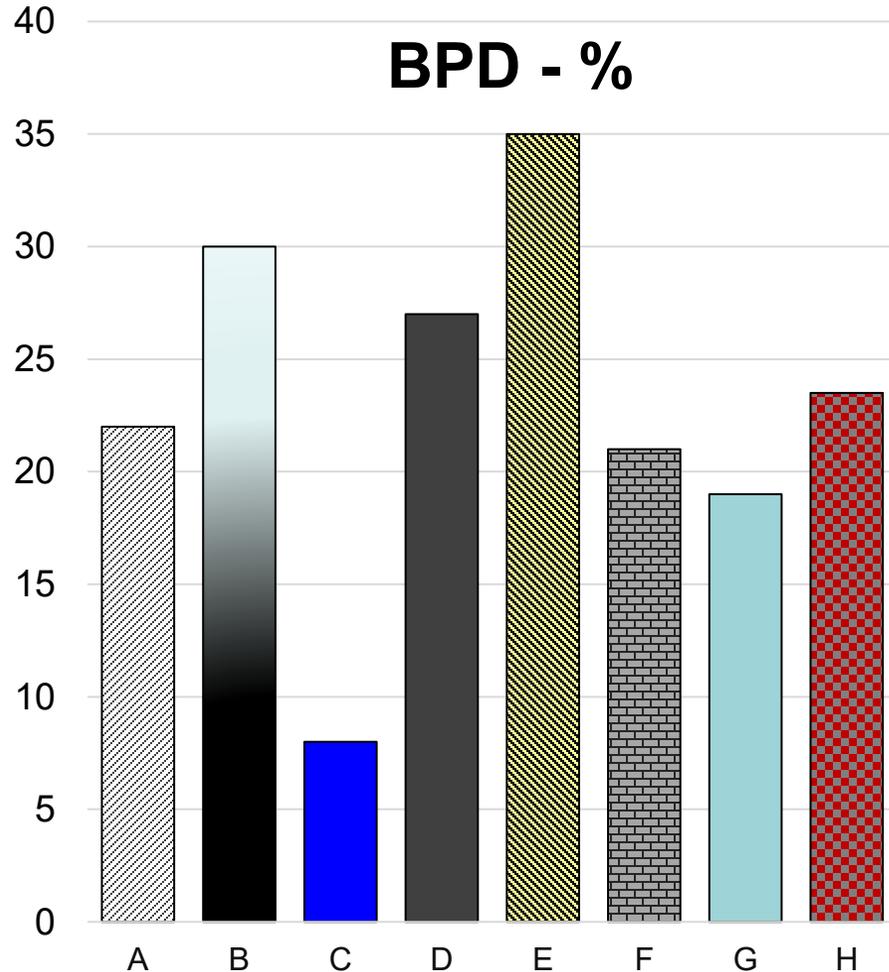
Adjusted odds ratio from multiple logistic regression modeling, with: GA, BWT <10%, sex, delivery mode, plurality, ANS exposure, & 5-minute <7

**However, outcomes w/ primary intubation  
were always worse than w/ initial trial CPAP**

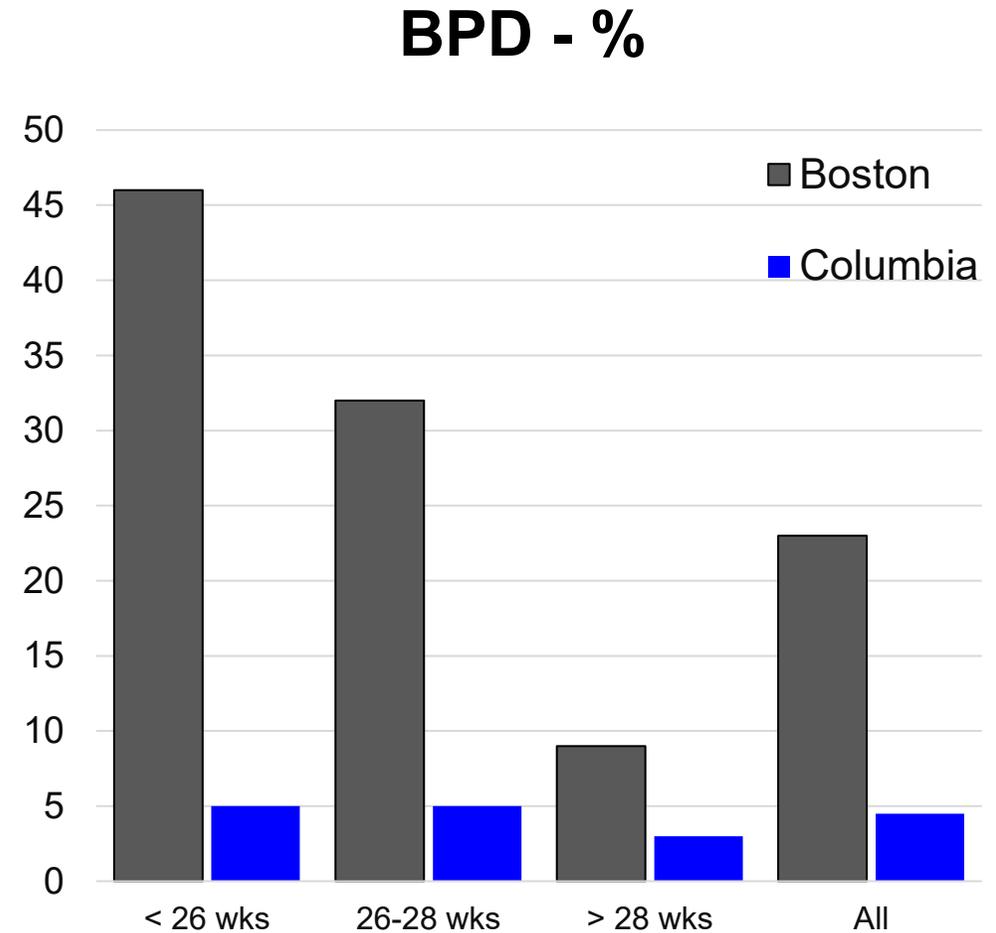
# Aggressive nCPAP Programs

- Individual centers report significant ↓ in vent days & BPD w/ aggressive nCPAP use
  - Van Marter LJ, Pediatrics 2000
  - Aly H, Pediatrics 2004
  - Levesque B, Pediatrics 2011
  - Mehler K, Acta Paediatr 2012

# Center Effect of CPAP & BPD



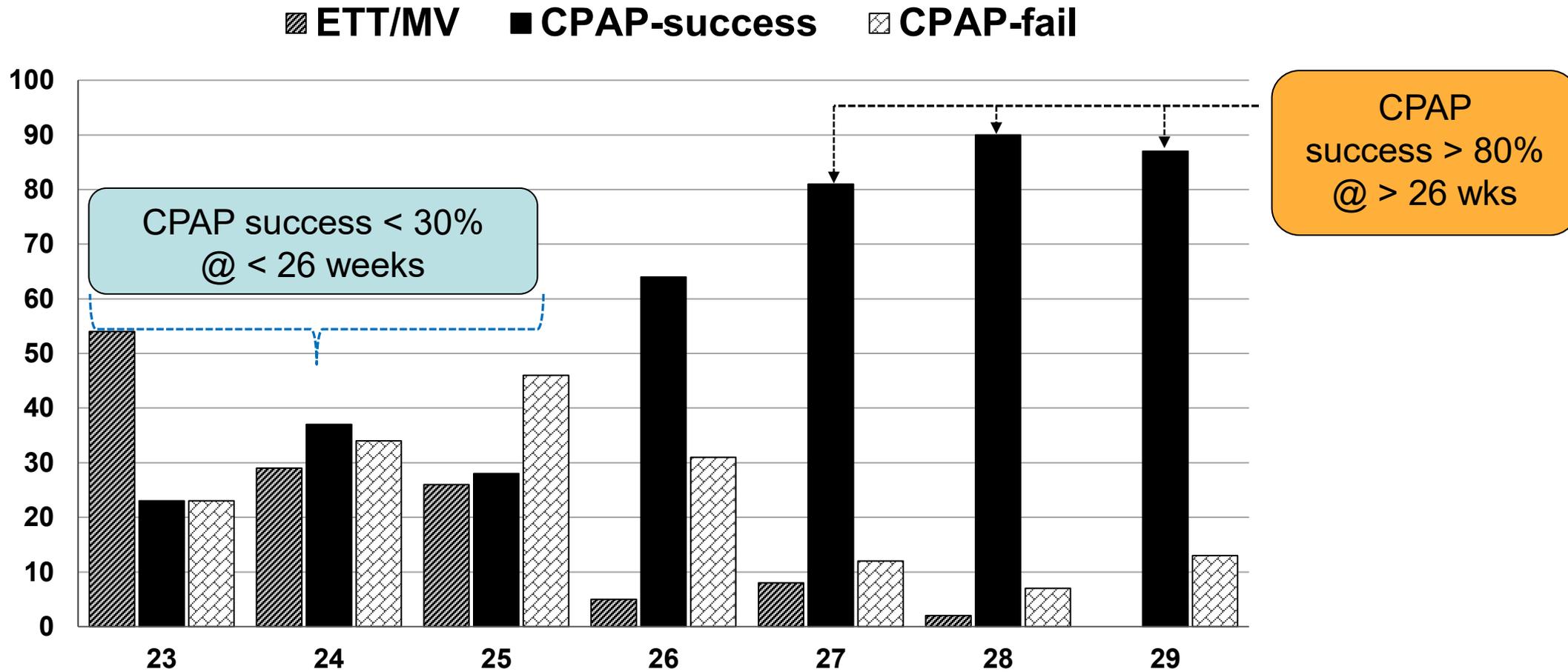
Avery ME et al, Pediatrics 1987



Van Marter L et al, Pediatrics 2000

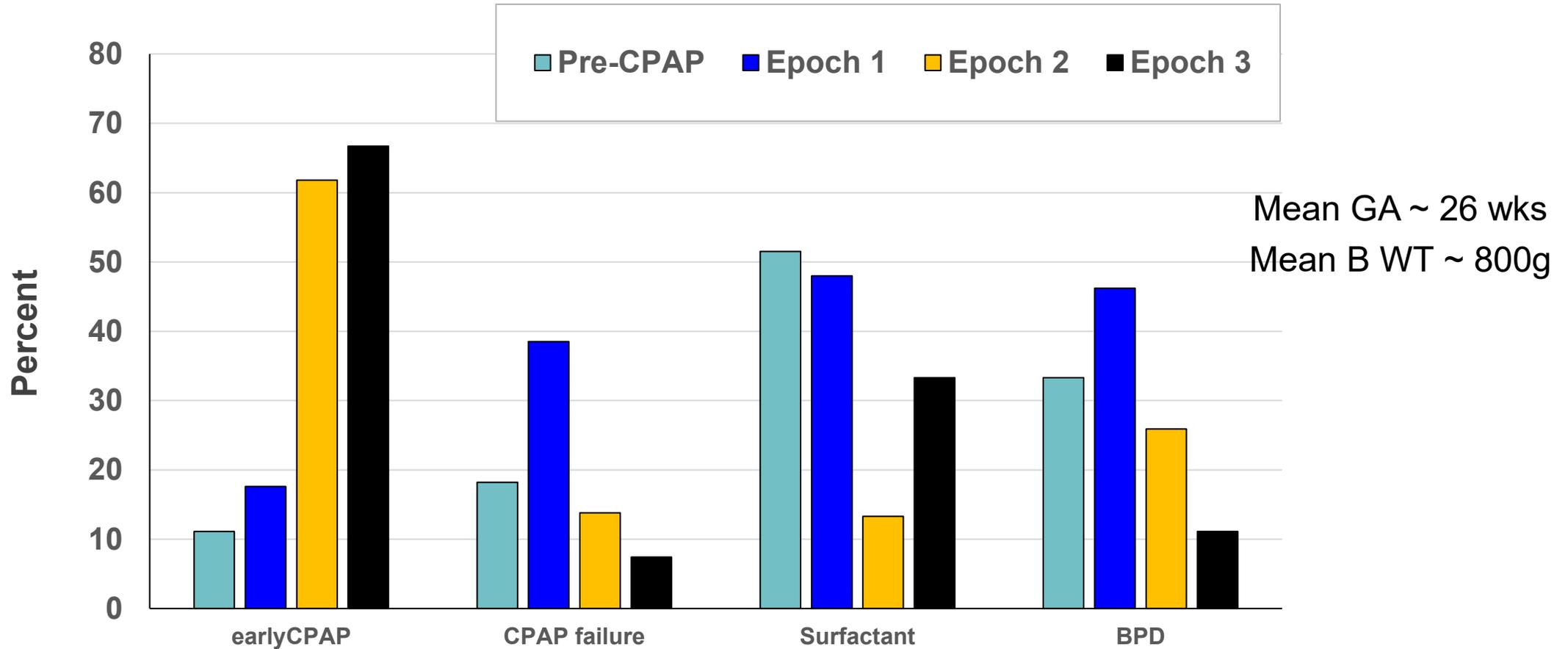
# Effect of Gestation on nCPAP Failure

## The Columbia Experience



# Success with nCPAP in ELBWIs

## There's a "Learning" Curve



# **Interim Summary # 4**

## **nasal CPAP**

- **Best studied approach – the “Gold Standard”**
  - **Success improves w/ experience**
  - **Interface & Driver are key to success**
  - **RCTs support lower BPD rates as 1<sup>o</sup> Rx**
  - **Failure is common below 26-27 weeks**

**You want to do *what* through my nose?**

## **Nasal IMV**



# **Approaches to NIMV/NIPPV**

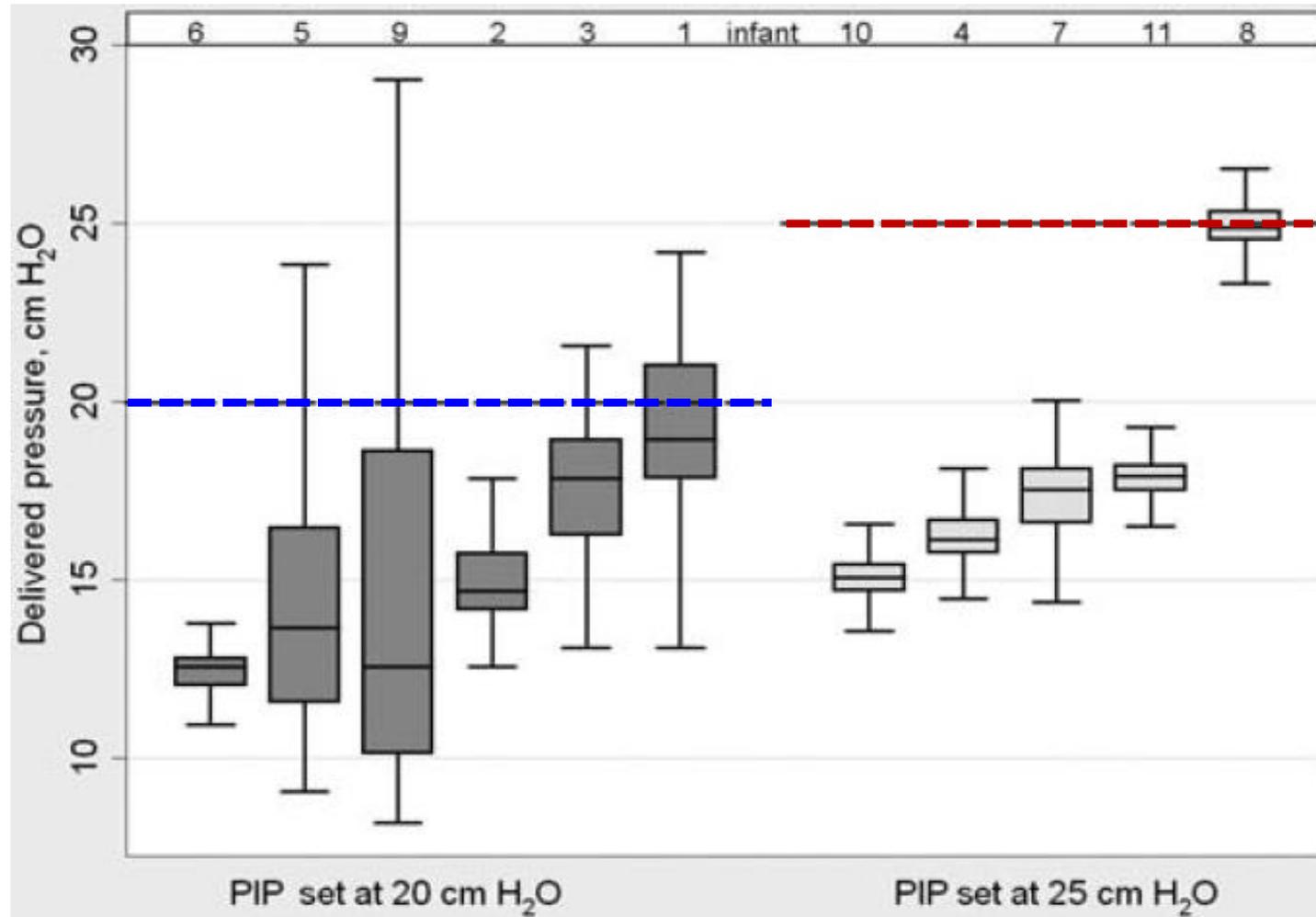
***“Bi-PAP”***

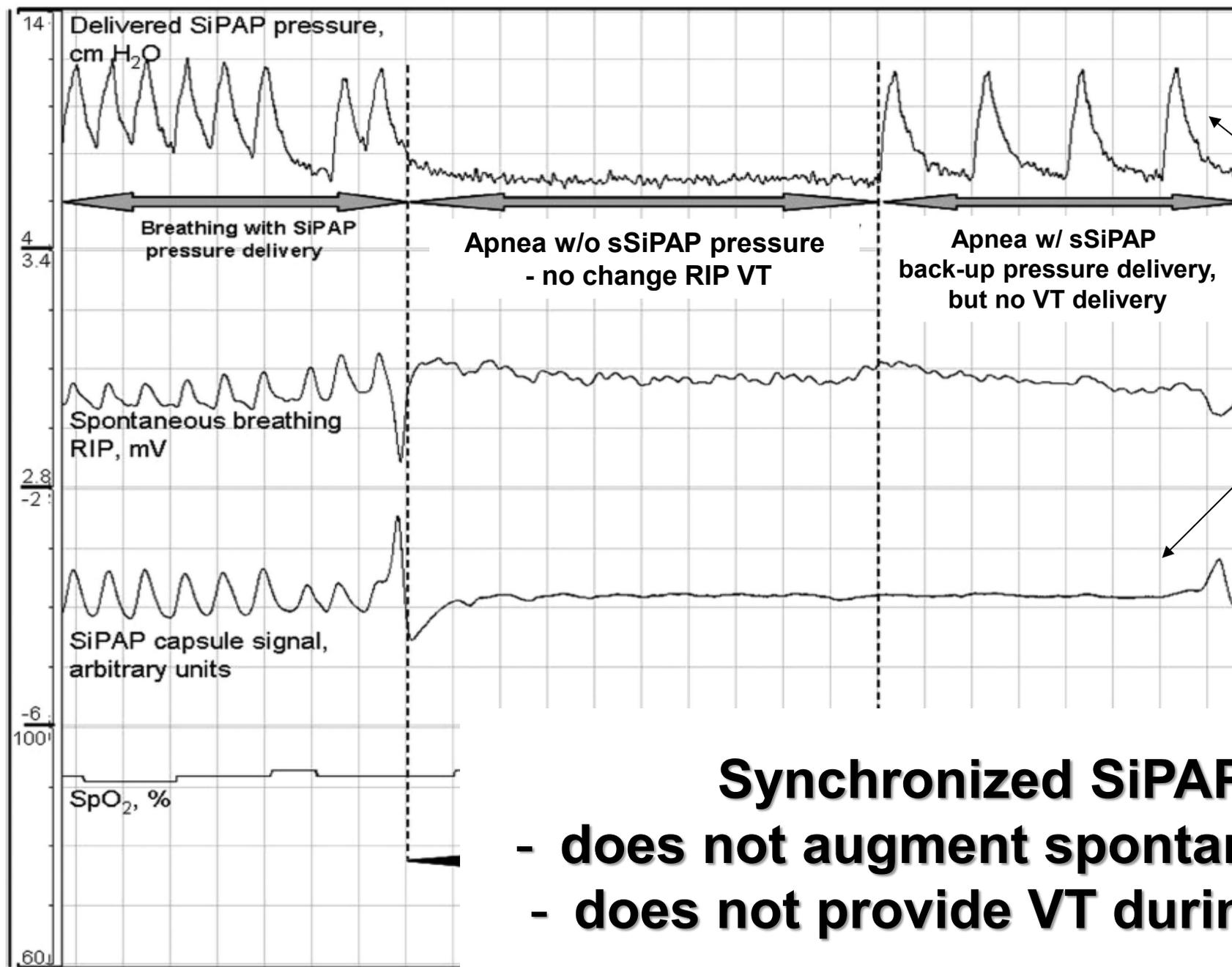
***Synchronized***

***Non-synchronized***

***“High-frequency”***

# Delivered PIP during ns-NIPPV is variable & much lower than set pressure





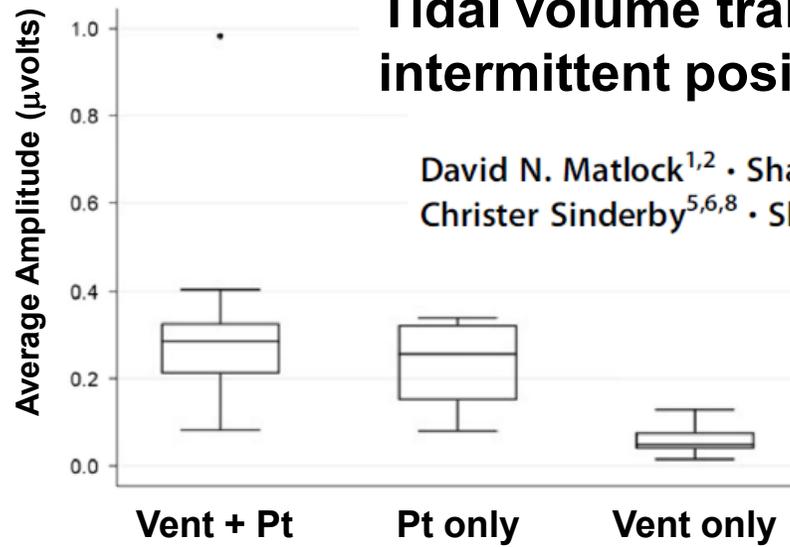
**PIP but  
no VT**

**Synchronized SiPAP:**

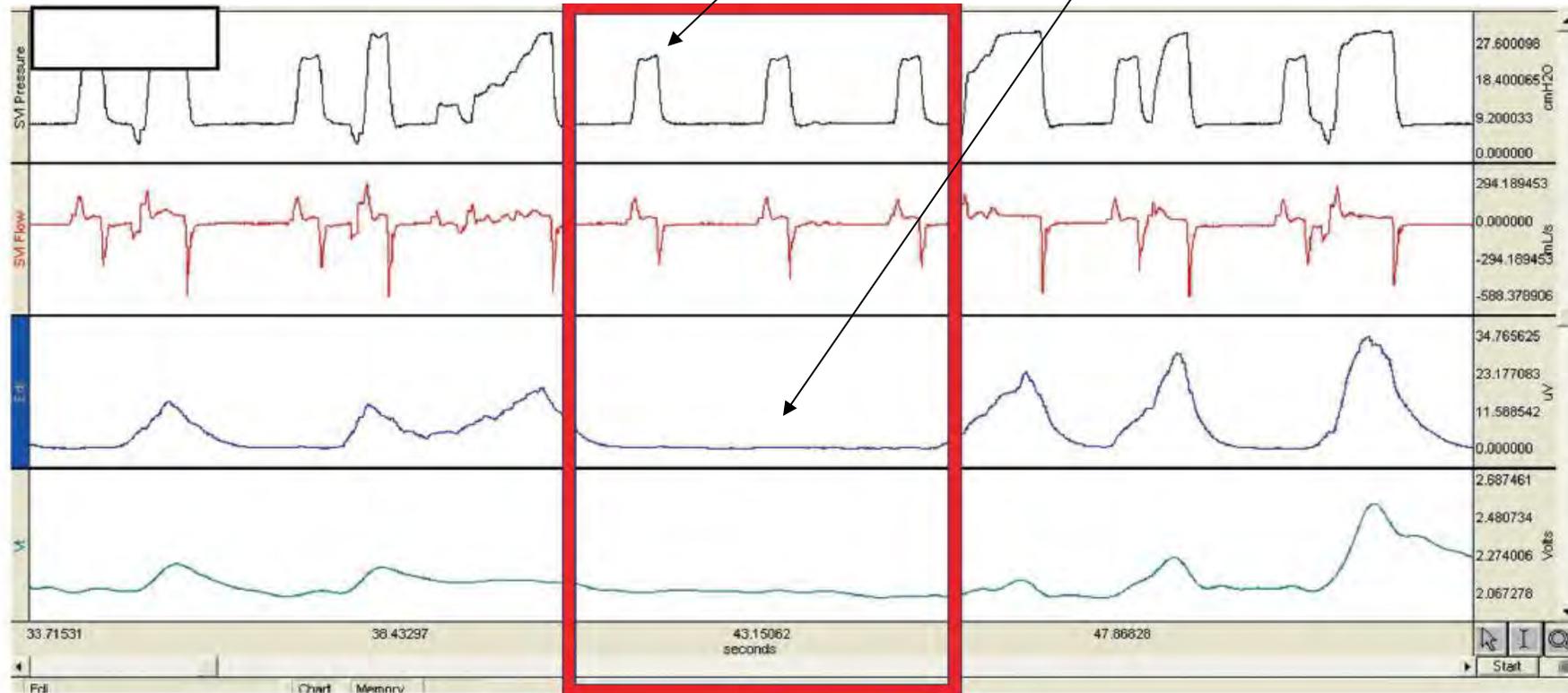
- does not augment spontaneous VT
- does not provide VT during apnea

# Tidal volume transmission during *non-synchronized* nasal intermittent positive pressure ventilation via RAM cannula

David N. Matlock<sup>1,2</sup> · Shasha Bai<sup>3</sup> · Michael D. Weisner<sup>4</sup> · Norman Comtois<sup>5</sup> · Jennifer Beck<sup>5,6,7,8</sup> ·  
Christer Sinderby<sup>5,6,8</sup> · Sherry E. Courtney<sup>2</sup>



**Despite “delivered” PIP -  
w/o spontaneous breath  
VT not delivered**



# Effects of Synchronization During Nasal Ventilation in Clinically Stable Preterm Infants

Chang H-Y, et al Pediatr Res 2011

Infant Star	nCPAP	NIMV-20	sNIMV-20	NIMV-40	sNIMV-40
<b>V<sub>T</sub></b>	10.6	11.6	10.2	10.4	10.1
<b>MinVent</b>	508	681	535	546	581
<b>RR</b>	54	54	51	50	52
<b>TcPCO<sub>2</sub></b>	55	55	55	56	56
<b>SpO<sub>2</sub></b>	93	93	93	93	92
<b>FiO<sub>2</sub></b>	0.25	0.25	0.26	0.25	0.25

**No difference in median values between nCPAP, NIMV & sNIMV...  
...but sNIMV reduced WOB & prevented active exhalation**

# Higher VT generated during S-NIPPV

Moretti C et al, Early Hum Dev 1999; 56:167-177

Mode	RR (bpm)	Pe (cm H2O)	VT (ml/kg)	Ve (ml/kg/min)
nCPAP	44 (3)	6.2 (0.6)	5.5 (0.5)	256 (25)
nSIPPV	38 (3)*	4.2 (0.6)*	7.9 (0.6)*	320 (33)*

\* = P < 0.05

**Improved tidal volumes & minute ventilation**

**Short-term assessment only**

**Majority of infants  $\geq$  28 wks**



**Can NIMV minimize risk for  
post-extubation failure?**

**Nasal intermittent positive pressure ventilation (NIPPV)  
Versus nasal continuous positive airway pressure (NCPAP) for  
Preterm neonates after extubation (Review)**

Lemyre B, Davis PG, De Paoli AG, Kirpalani H



**Post-extubation failure → 10 studies, 1431 neonates**

**Risk ratio 0.70 (0.60-0.80) favoring NIMV**

**“Synchronized”, n=272; RR 0.33 (0.19-.57)**

**Can NIMV Reduce the  
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**Diagnosis of “BPD” → 6 studies, 1140 neonates**

**Risk ratio 0.94 (0.80-1.10) – no difference**

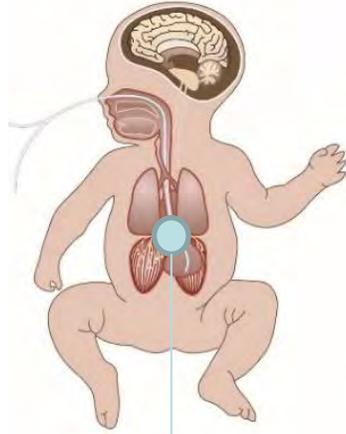
***“Synchronized”, small #'s.....but RR 0.64 (0.44-0.95)***

# **Nasal SIMV & Extubation**

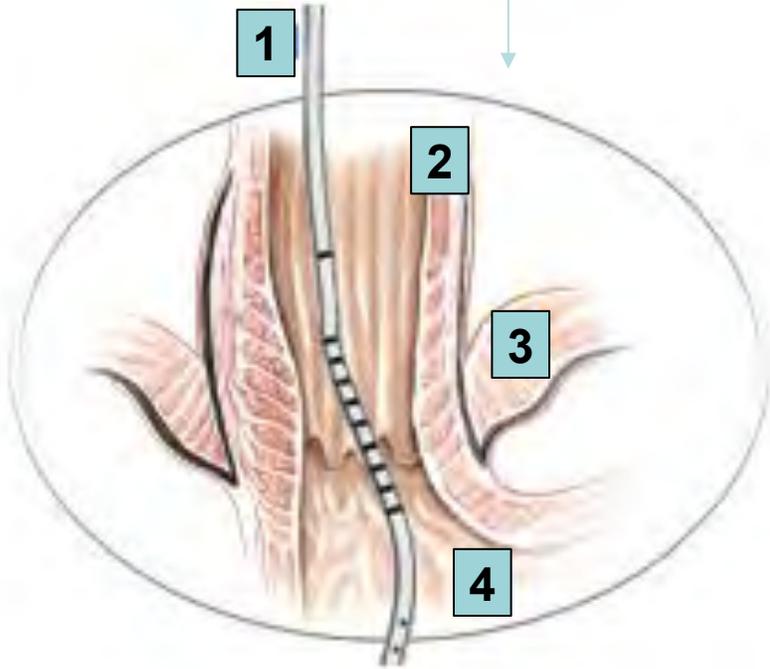
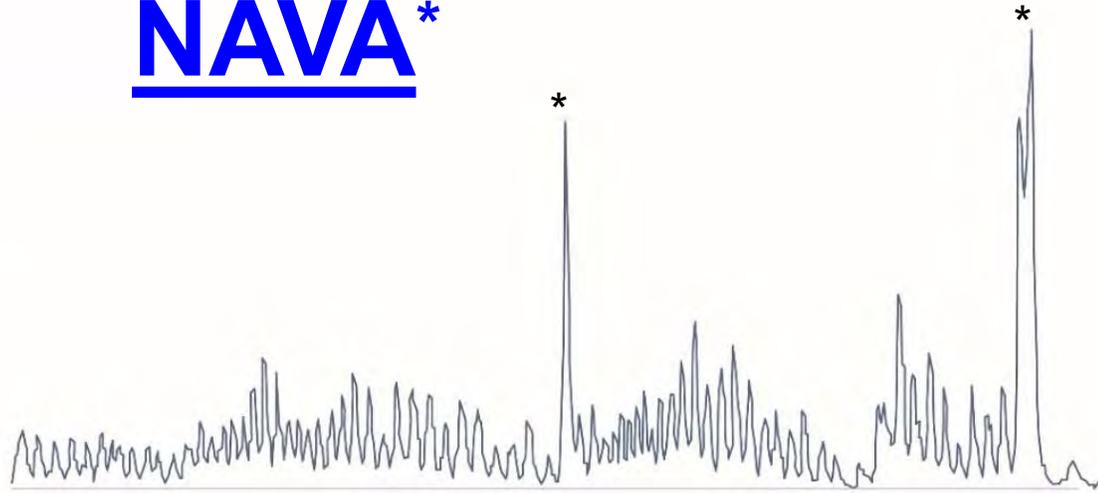
**Extubation to sNIMV seems more effective  
at maintaining extubation, minimizing apnea,  
& lowering pCO<sub>2</sub> than nCPAP alone...**

**...but unclear benefit on BPD, later lung function**

Infant



# NAVA\*



1. Edi catheter – electrode  
black

1st line

No

2. Esc

3. Diap

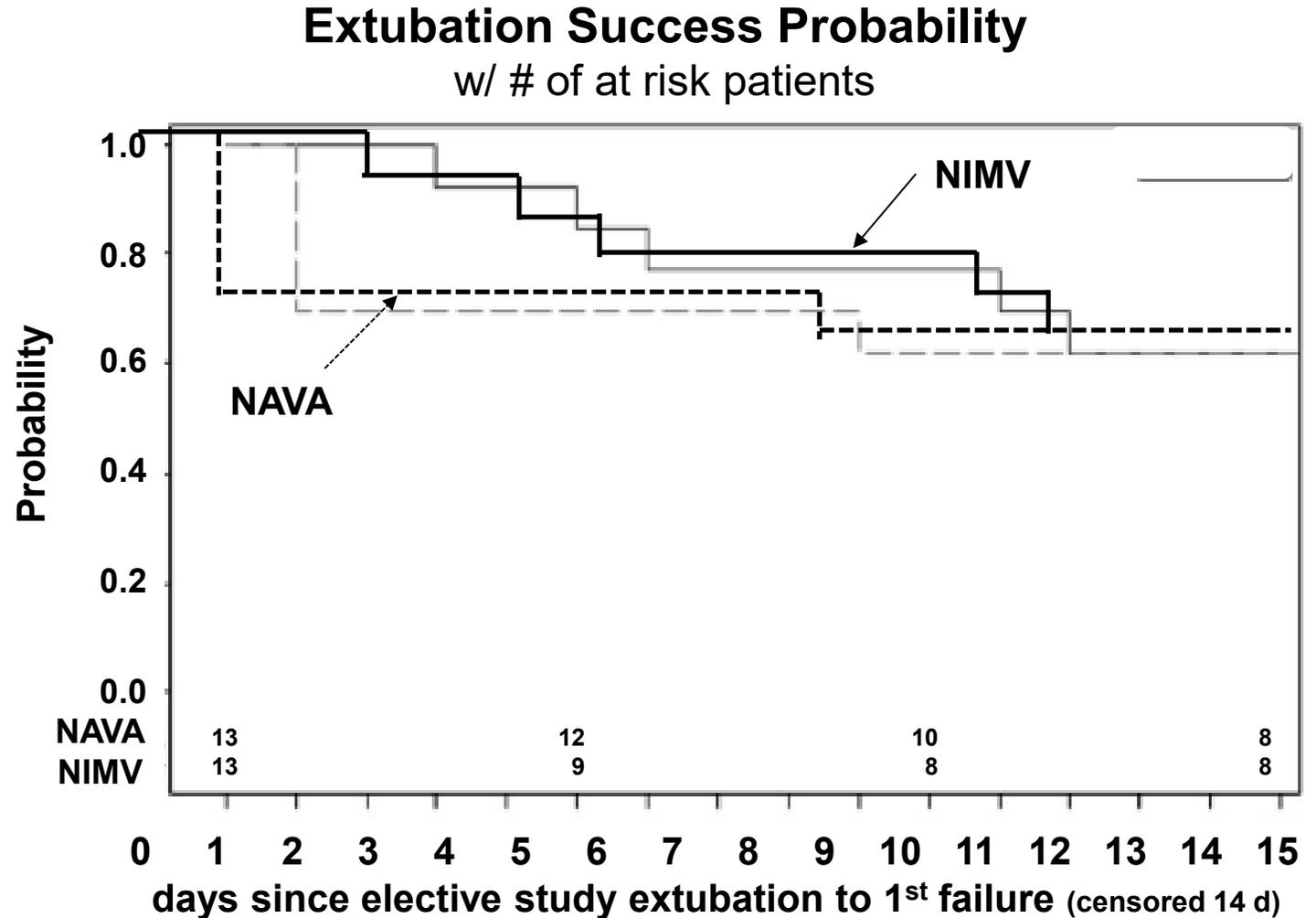
4. Stomach

**Is Synchronization  
the Key??**

\* Neurally Adjusted Ventilatory Assist

# NIV-NAVA may increase probability of NIV success in VLBWI

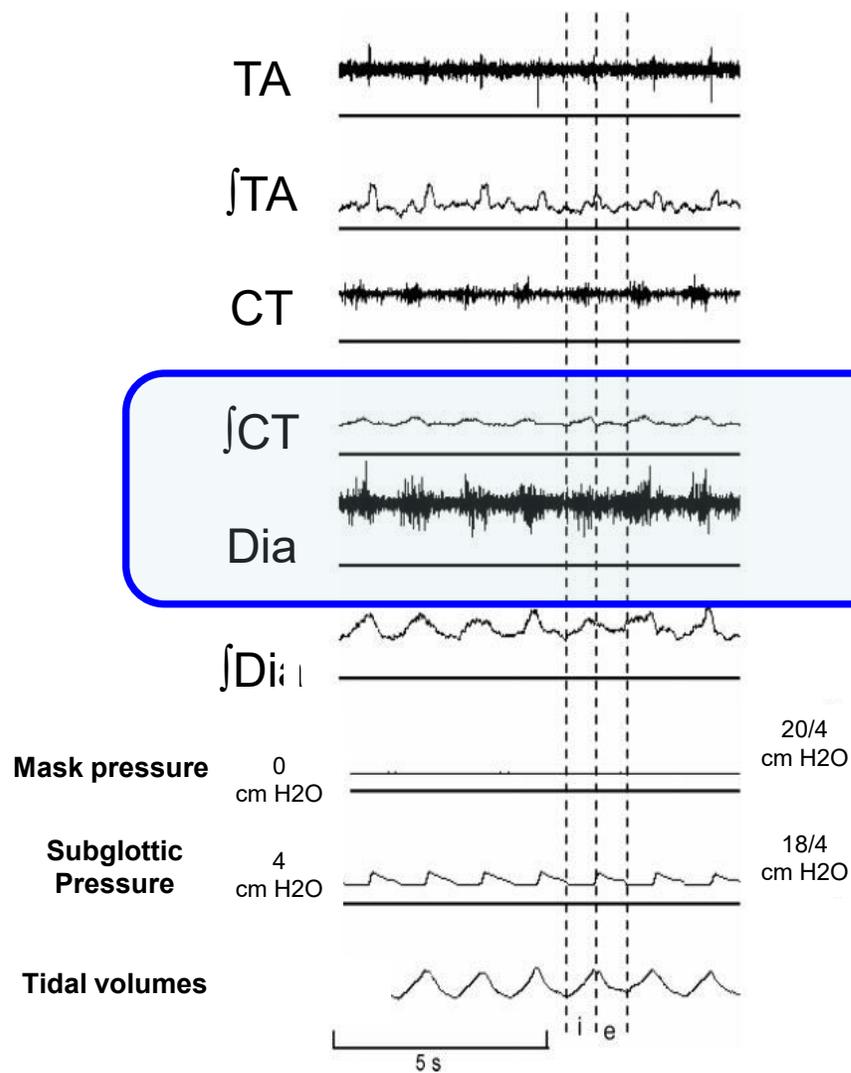
	<b>NAVA N=13</b>	<b>NIMV N=13</b>
EGA	27 [25-28]	27 [26-30]
DOL 1 <sup>st</sup> extubated	3 [3-5]	3 [2-5]
Success at 120 hrs	12 (92%)	9 (69%)
PN Steroid	4 (31%)	2 (15%)





**Why Might NIMV  
*NOT* Be Better??**

## No CPAP



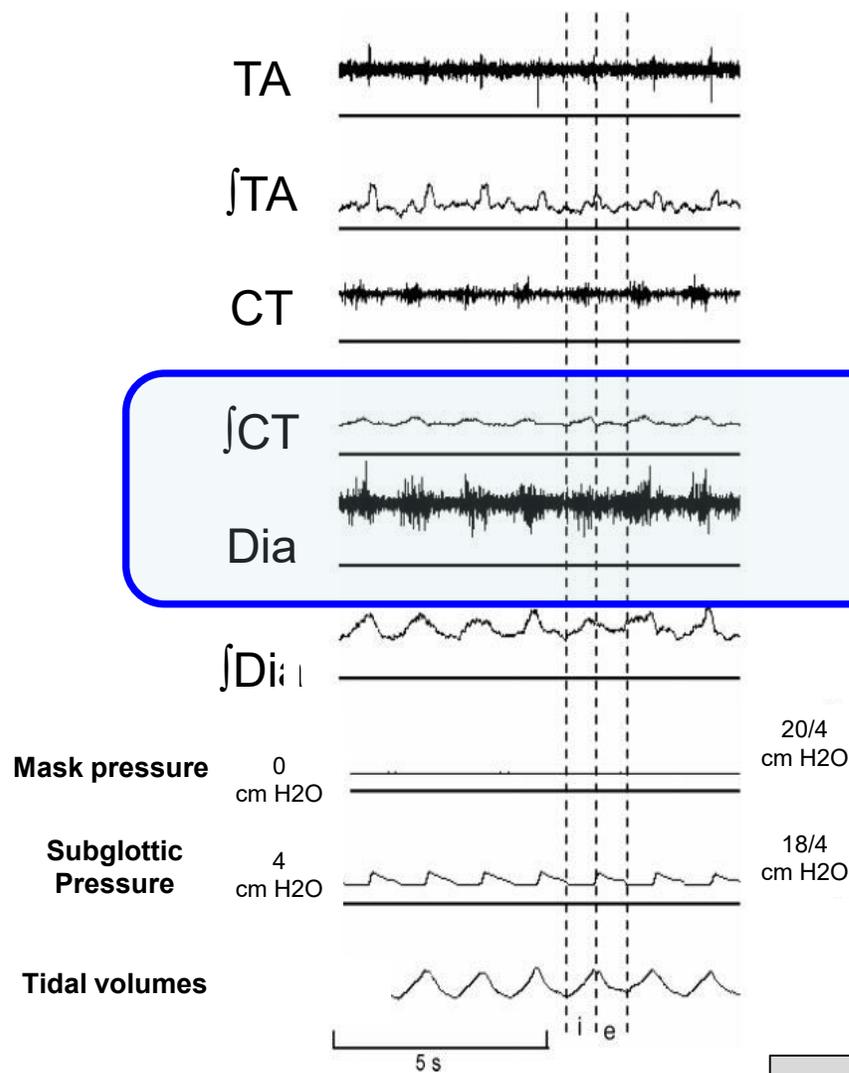
## Normal breathing:

*Minimal activity of glottic constrictor muscles (TA)*

Active ***relaxation*** of glottic muscles (CT) to “open”/dilate the upper airway

Allows easier gas flow  
Enhances tidal volume  
Minimizes work of breathing  
Less inspiratory pressure

## No CPAP



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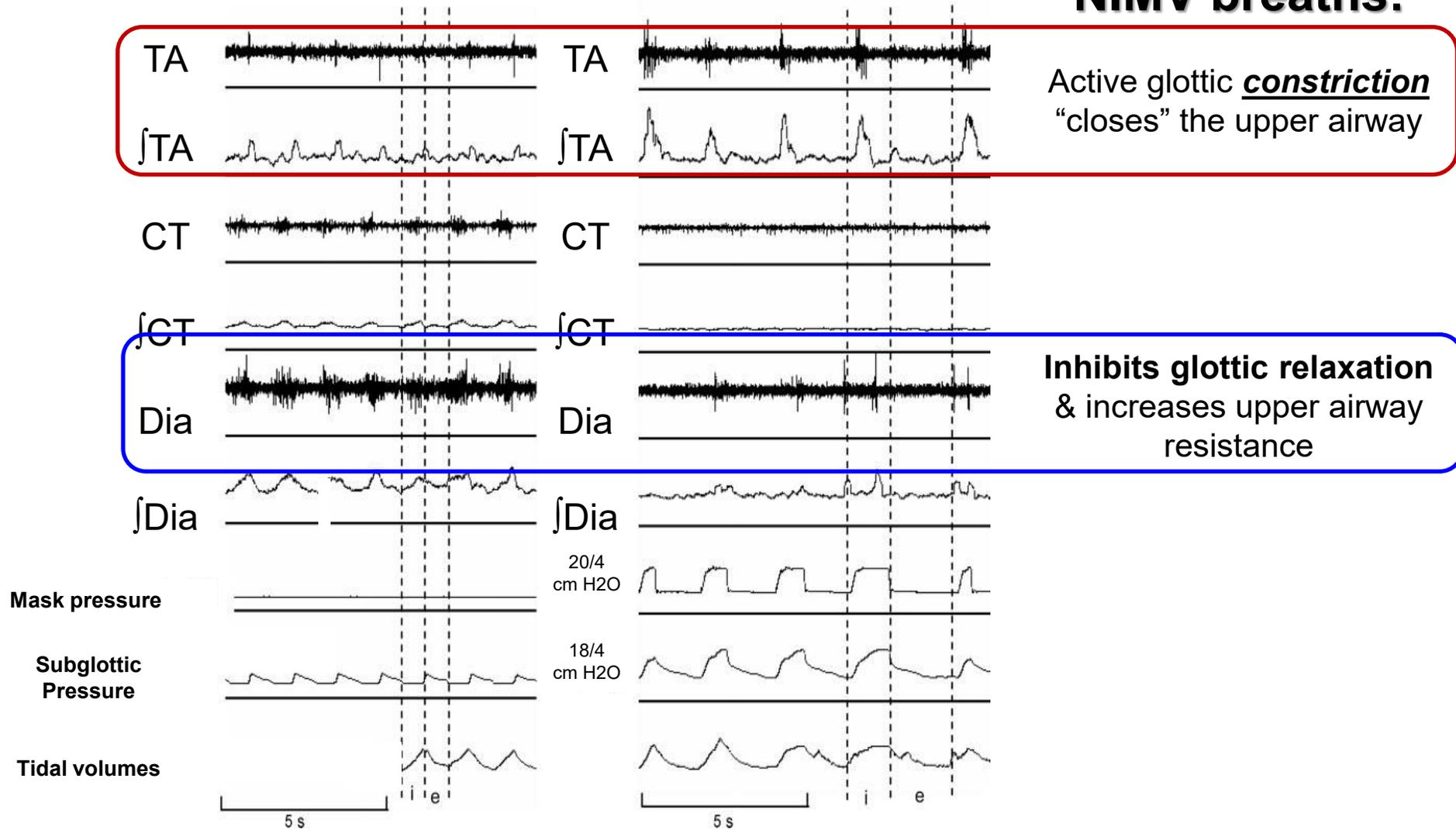
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**CPAP alone does not alter this**

No CPAP

Nasal Pressure Support 10/4

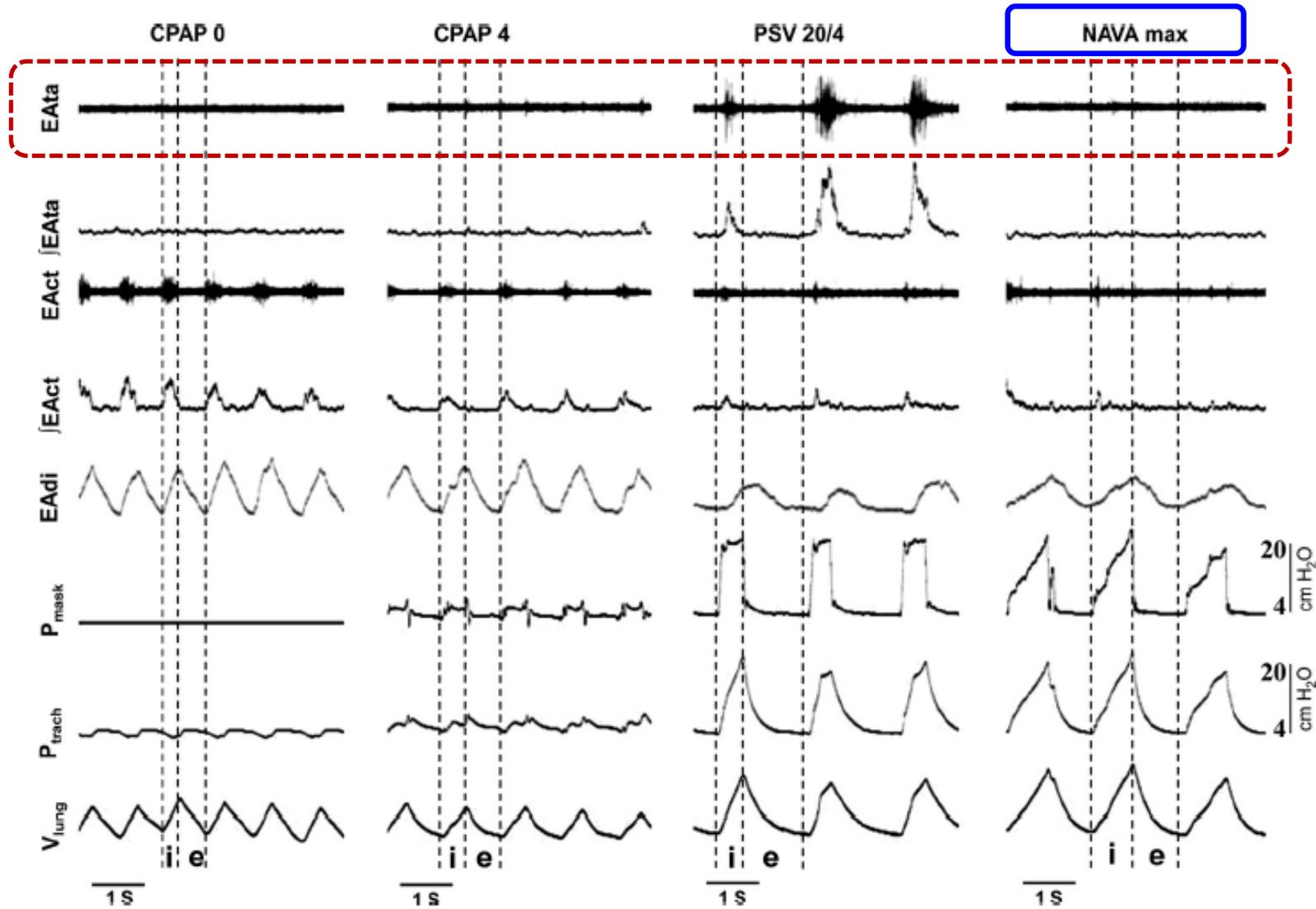
**NIMV breaths:**



**NIMV disturbs normal physiology**

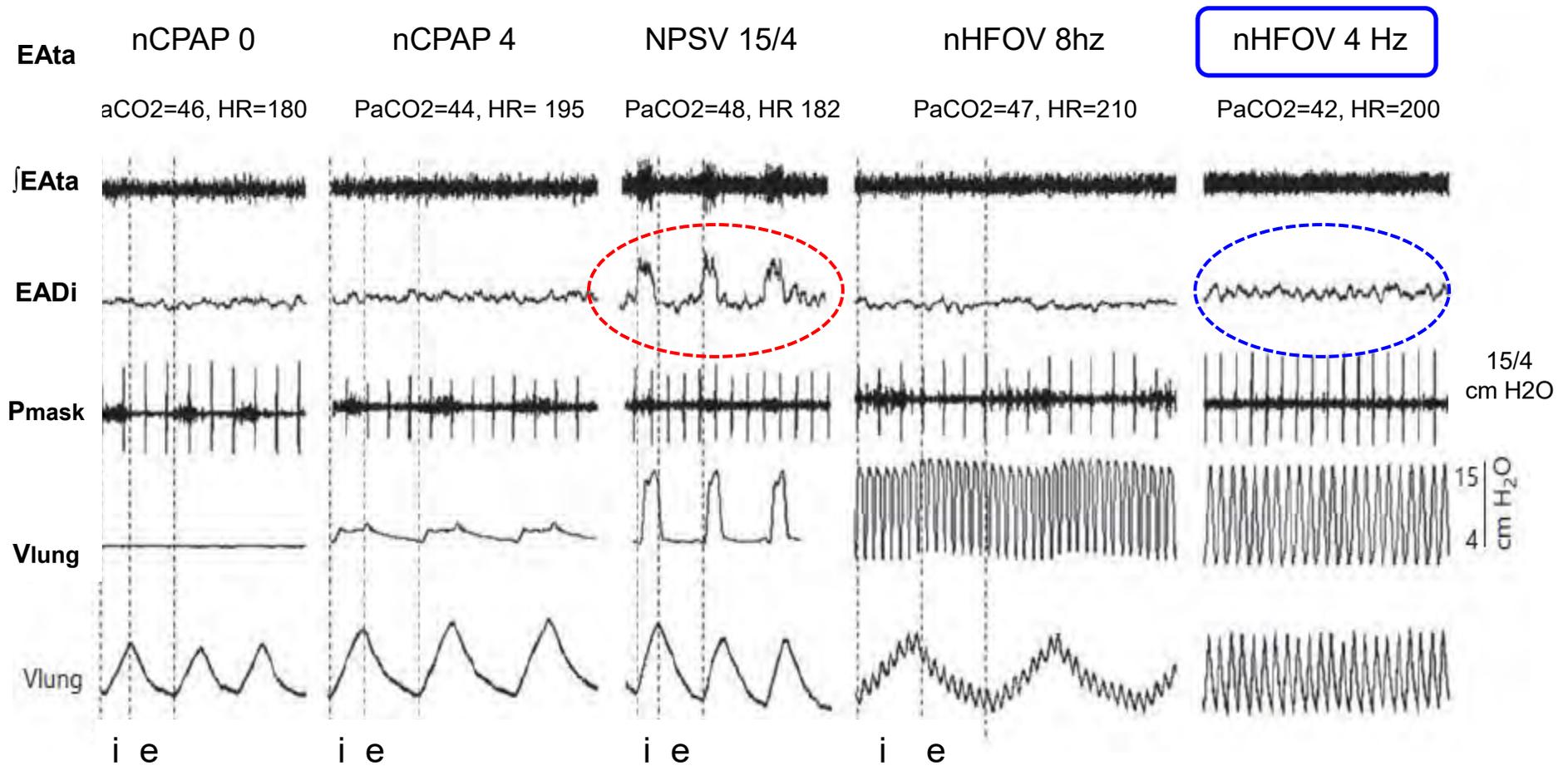
# *but....* NIV-NAVA supports normal glottis muscle activation in newborn lambs

Hadj-Ahmed MA, JAP 2012



# Interestingly.....so does Nasal HFOV

Support normal/active relaxation of glottis muscles w/  
minimal activity of glottis constrictor muscles

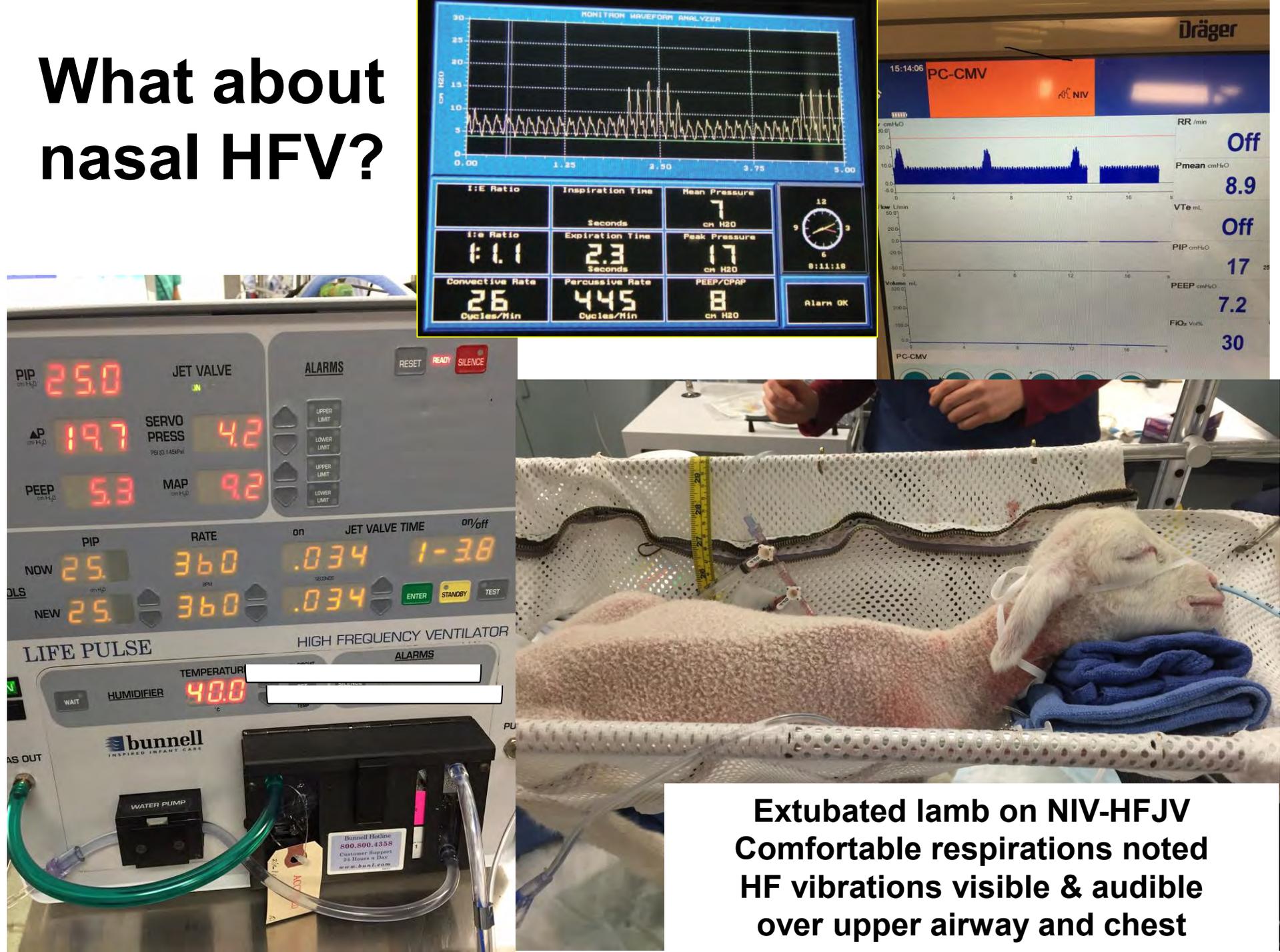


# **Interim Summary # 5**

## **nasal IMV**

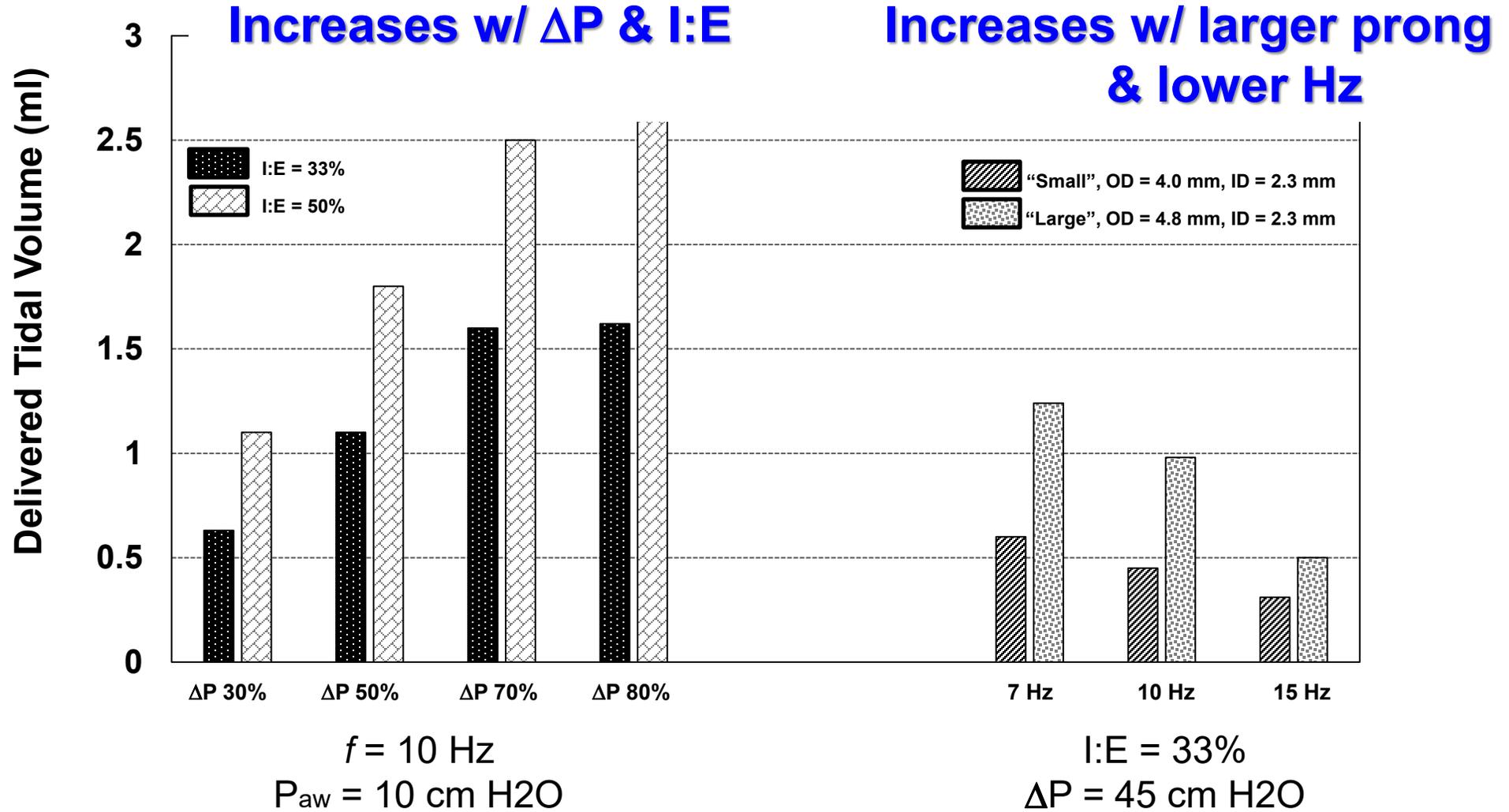
- **Studies support less extubation failure v CPAP**
  - **RCTs do not support lower BPD rates**
- **Synchronization may be key to reducing BPD**
- **No significant tidal volume delivery when apneic**
  - **Large MCT RCT's w/ NAVA are needed**

# What about nasal HFV?



**Extubated lamb on NIV-HFJV  
Comfortable respirations noted  
HF vibrations visible & audible  
over upper airway and chest**

# VT during nasal-HFO



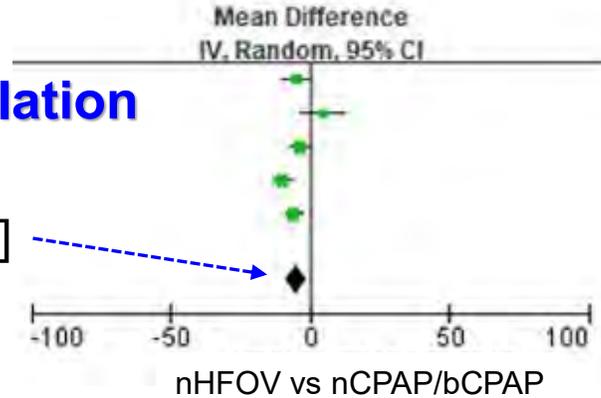
\* HFOV 3100A

# Meta-analysis for nHFV

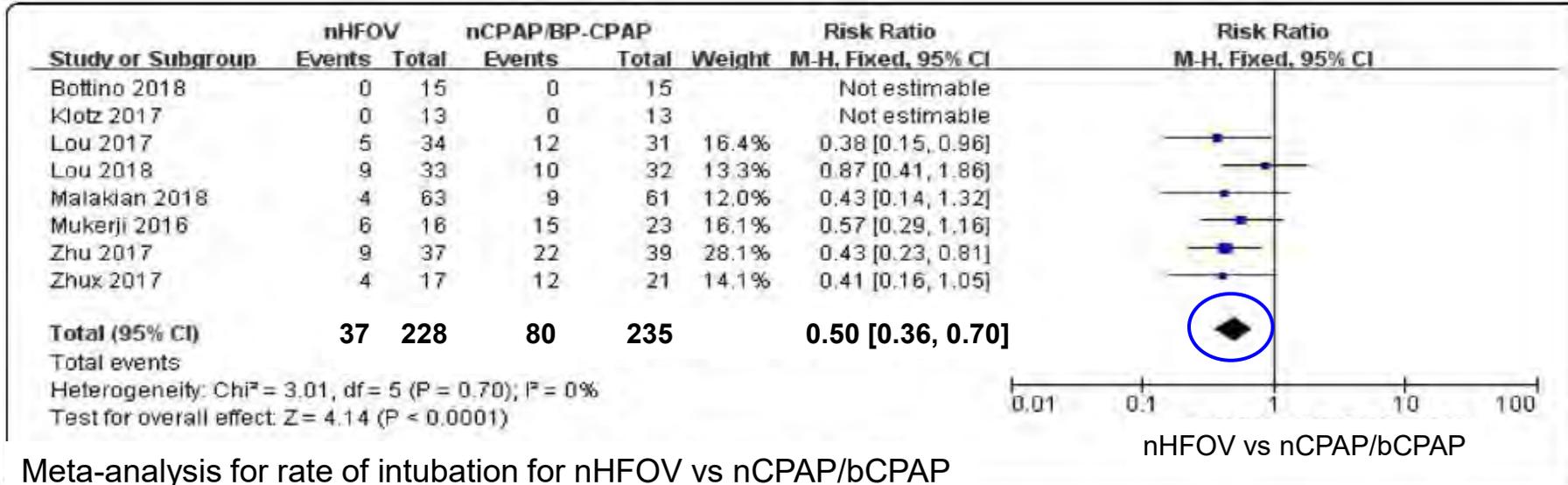
Jing Li et al, Respir Res 2019

Improved ventilation

$\Delta pCO_2$   
-4.9 [-8.4, -1.4]



Reduced rate of intubation

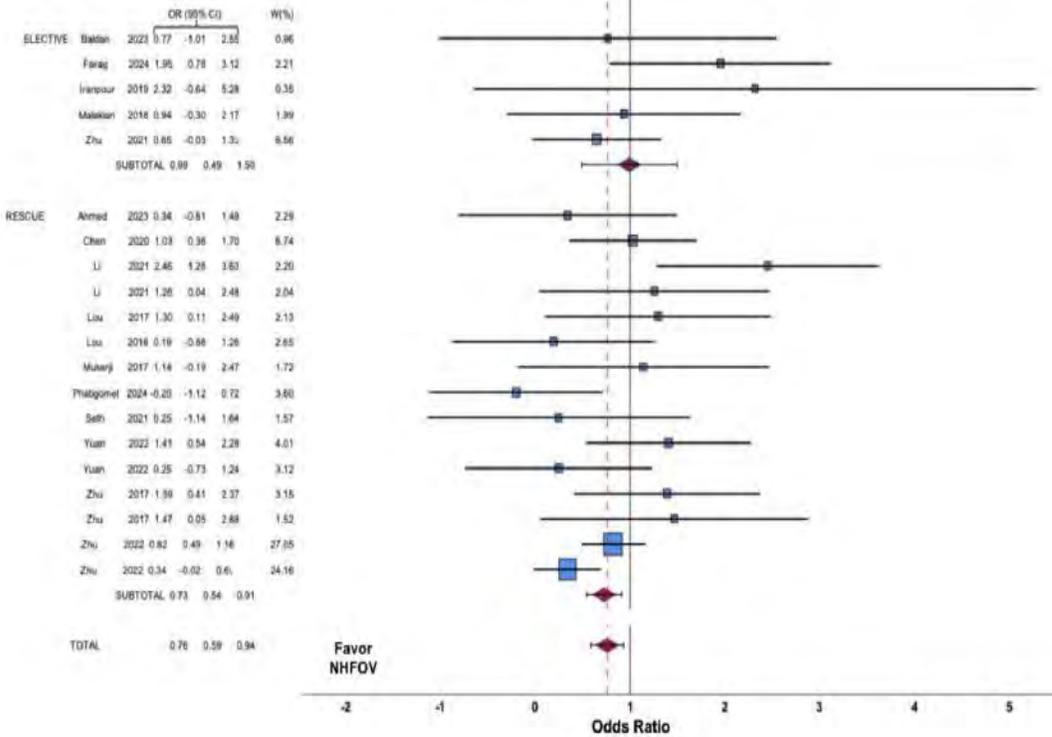


Meta-analysis for rate of intubation for nHFV vs nCPAP/bCPAP

# Meta-analysis for nHFV

De Luca D et al, Semin Perinatol 2025

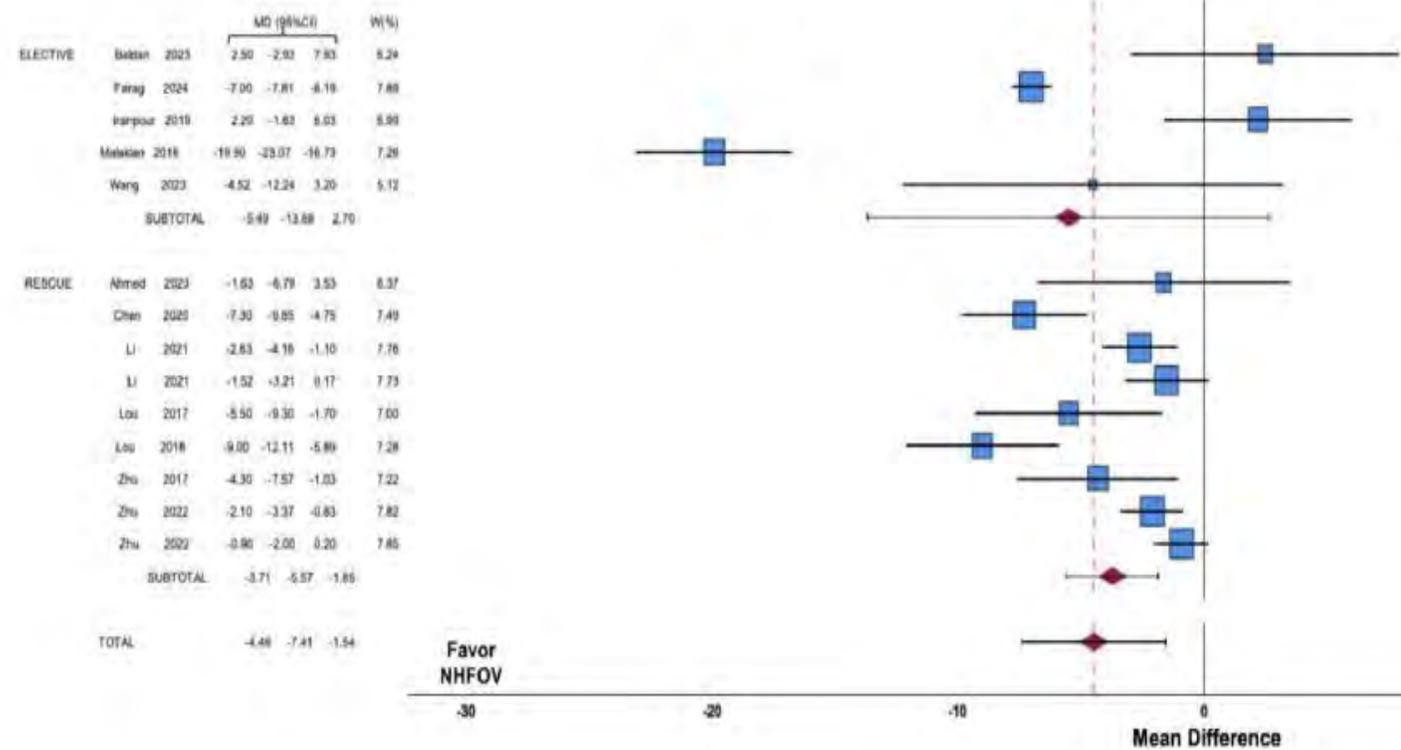
## Extubation Failure



20 trials, n=3219

**Favors nHFV; 0.76 [0.59-0.94]**

## Δ pCO<sub>2</sub>



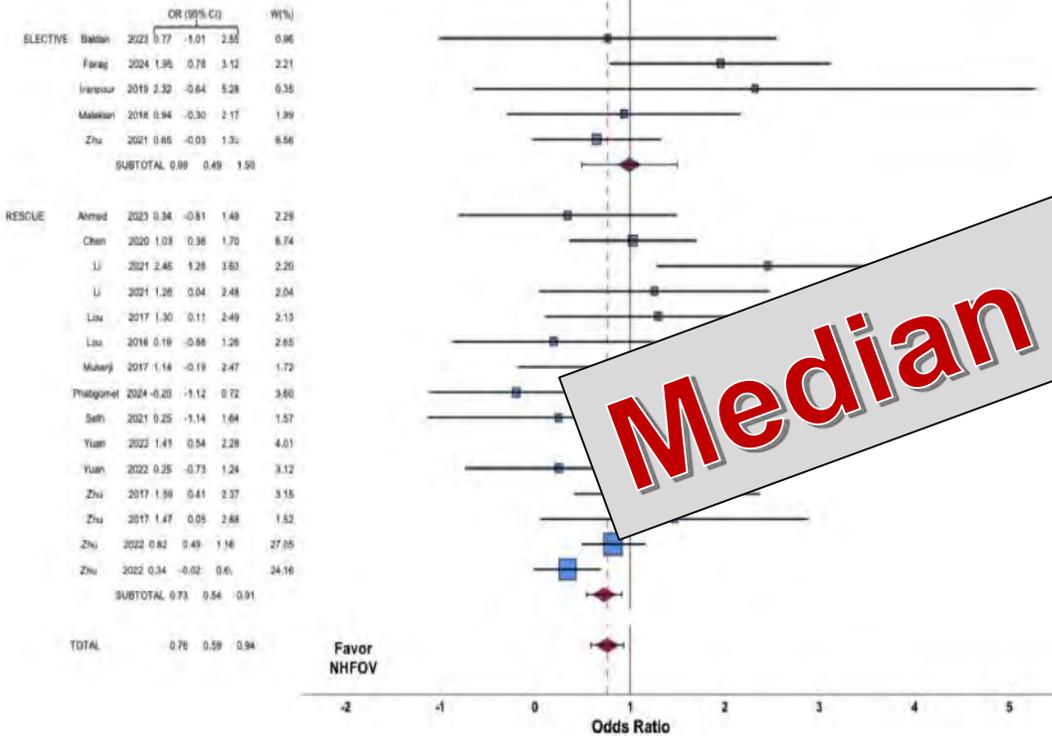
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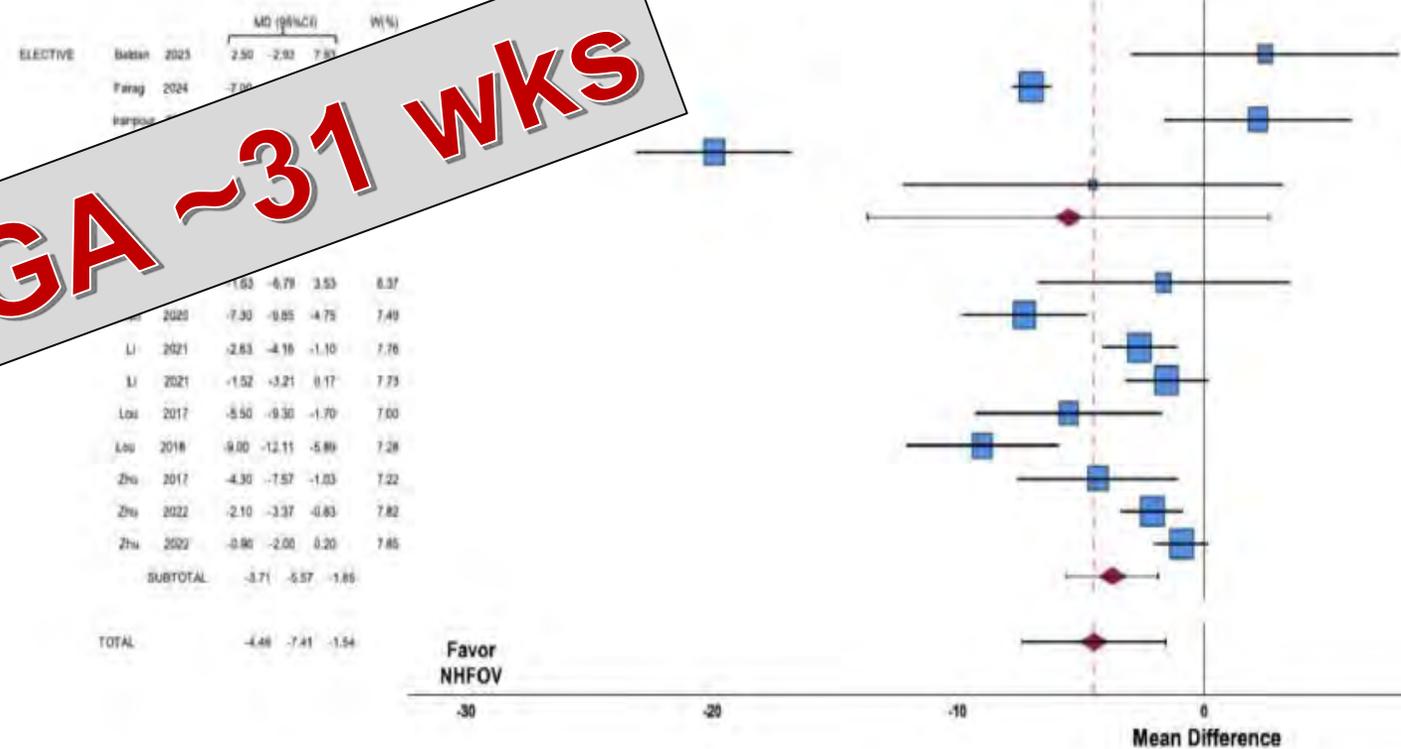
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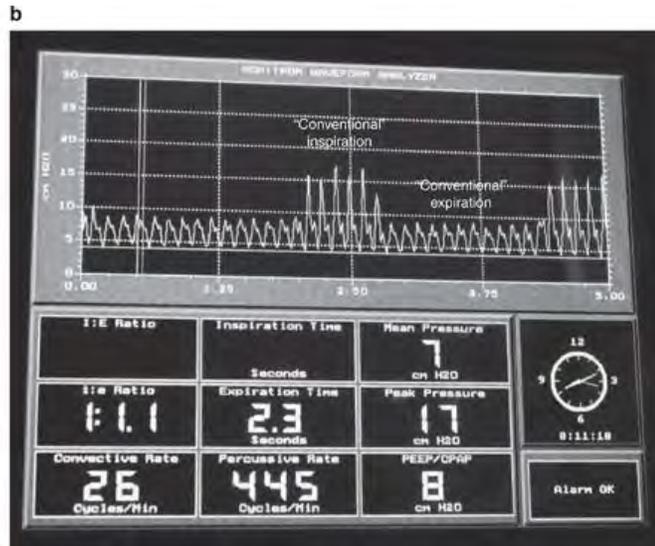
## Δ pCO<sub>2</sub>



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Favors nHFV; -4.5 [-7.4, -1.5]

**Median GA ~31 wks**



# Nasal HFV in the Neonate

- It can be done
- What device, interface & how?
- Who should be considered?
- High-quality RCT's are needed

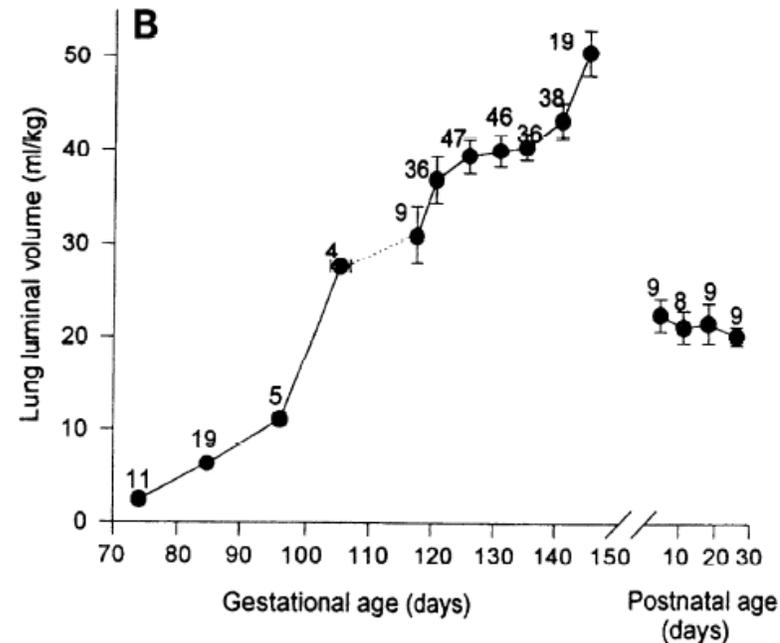
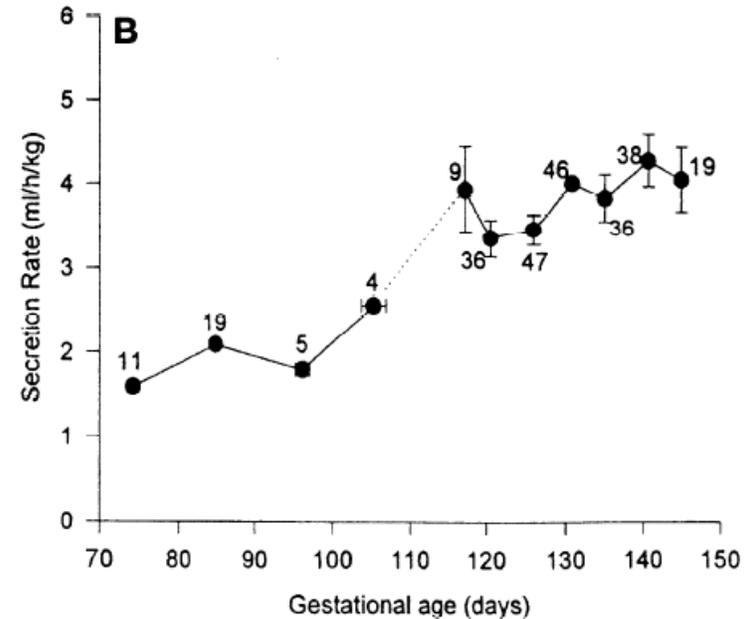
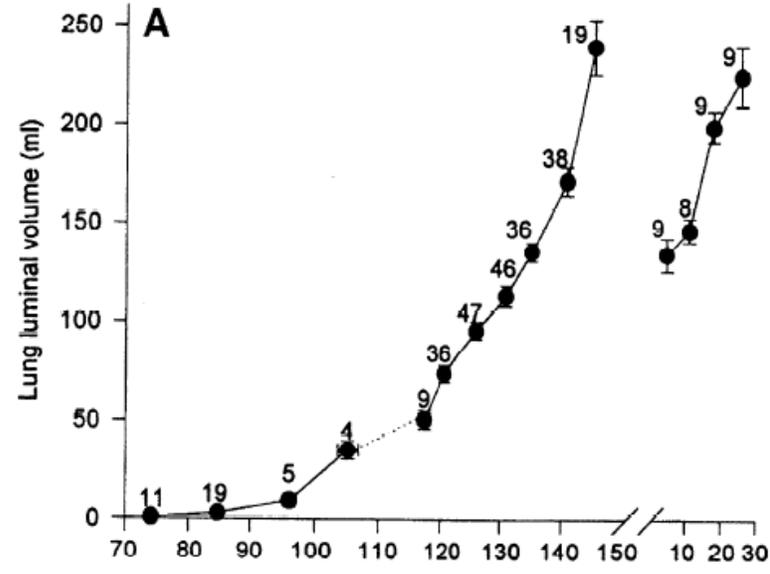
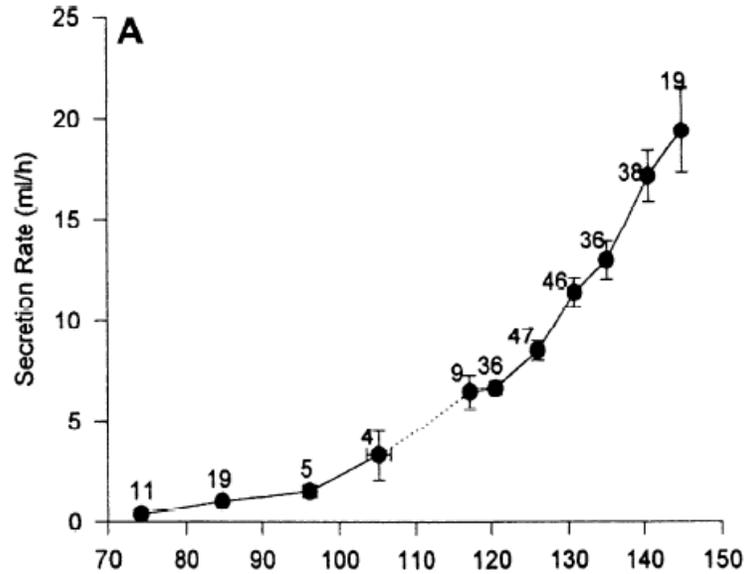
# **Interim Summary # 6**

## **nasal HFV**

- **Meta-analyses suggest as optimal NIV approach**
  - **RCTs limited by inadequate ELGAN's**
    - **Synchronization not needed**
- **Optimal interface, driver & approach not established**
  - **Large MCT RCT's w/ ELGAN's needed**

**How long should we  
provide NIV support ?**

# How long should we use NIV?

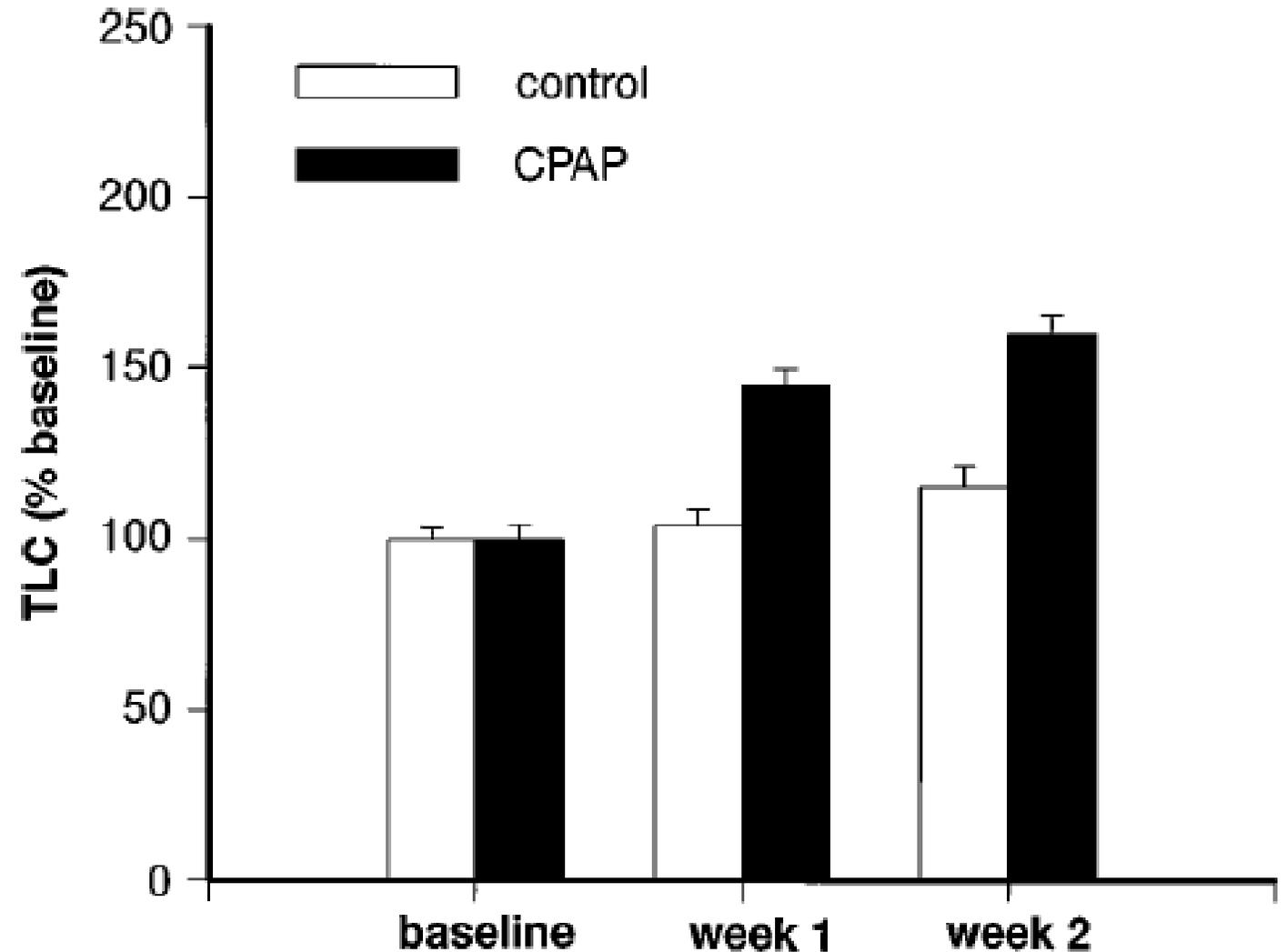


**Continuous fetal lung liquid production**

**Intraluminal pressure of fetal lung varies from 2-3 cmH<sub>2</sub>O**

## How long should we use NIV?

**Ferret's exposed to 6 cm H<sub>2</sub>O CDP showed increased lung volumes**



# The Effect of Extended Continuous Positive Airway Pressure on Changes in Lung Volumes in Stable Premature Infants: A Randomized Controlled Trial

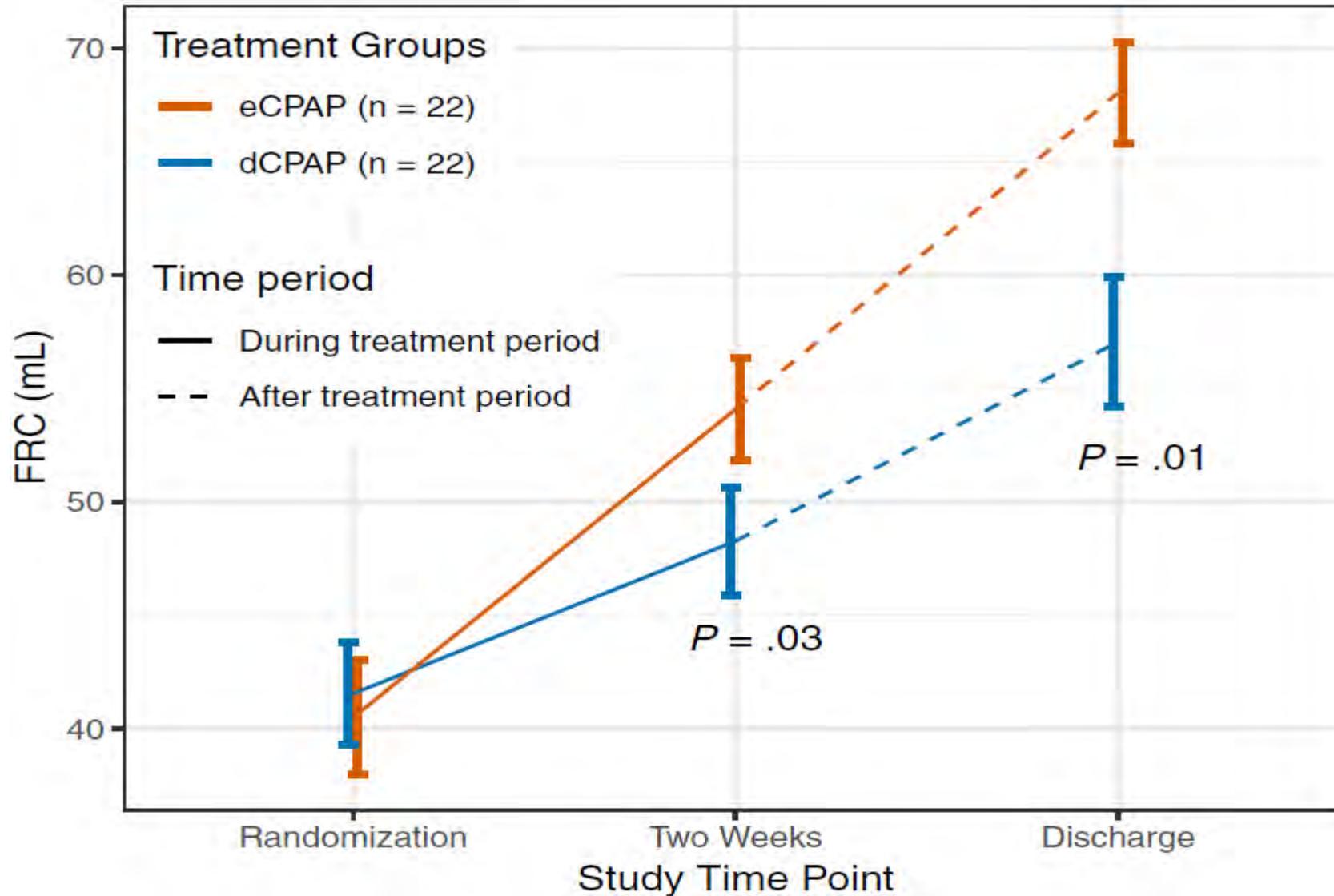
J Peds 2019

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- Bubble CPAP via Hudson
- “Stability” =
  - 4-5 cm H<sub>2</sub>O
  - 21% FiO<sub>2</sub>
  - RR < 70
  - Minimal A/B/D’s
  - Tolerating 15 minutes off

	<b>extCPAP</b> n=22	<b>offCPAP</b> n=22
<b>GA</b>	29.5 (1.9)	28.7 (2.2)
<b>BWT</b>	1405 (417)	1222 (389)
<b>ANS</b>	91%	77%
<b>Male</b>	41%	64%
<b>Surf</b>	18%	46%
<b>Vent days</b>	0 (0,1)	0 (0,1)
<b>CPAP days</b>	12 (6-29)	17 (10-32)
<b>PMA</b>	32.2 (0.7)	32.0 (0.8)

# RCT: Effect of extended CPAP on Lung Volumes in Stable Preemies



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- No differences in:
  - Lung compliance
  - Airway resistance
  - Age to full PO feeds
    - (36 weeks)
  - Rates for home O<sub>2</sub> use
- Extended CPAP increased FRV after 2 weeks & at D/C
  - FRV ~ 28 ml/kg vs ~ 25 ml/kg
- Need larger trials w/ long-term f/u to determine benefit vs risk
- Need cost analysis

# **RCT on Extended CPAP in Preterm Infants: Lung Growth & Function at 6 Months**

McEvoy CT et al, Am J Resp CCM 2025

- Enrolled 100 infants 25-32 weeks stable on CPAP
  - Minimum 24 hours of CPAP.... & 12 hours “stable”
  - “Stable” = CPAP 5, 21%, RR < 70, minimal A/Bs
  - Bubble CPAP via Hudson prongs w/ chin strap
- Intervention: extended CPAP x 14 days vs to LFNC
- Primary outcome: Alveolar volume at 6 months
  - Secondary includes DL<sub>CO</sub> & FEF

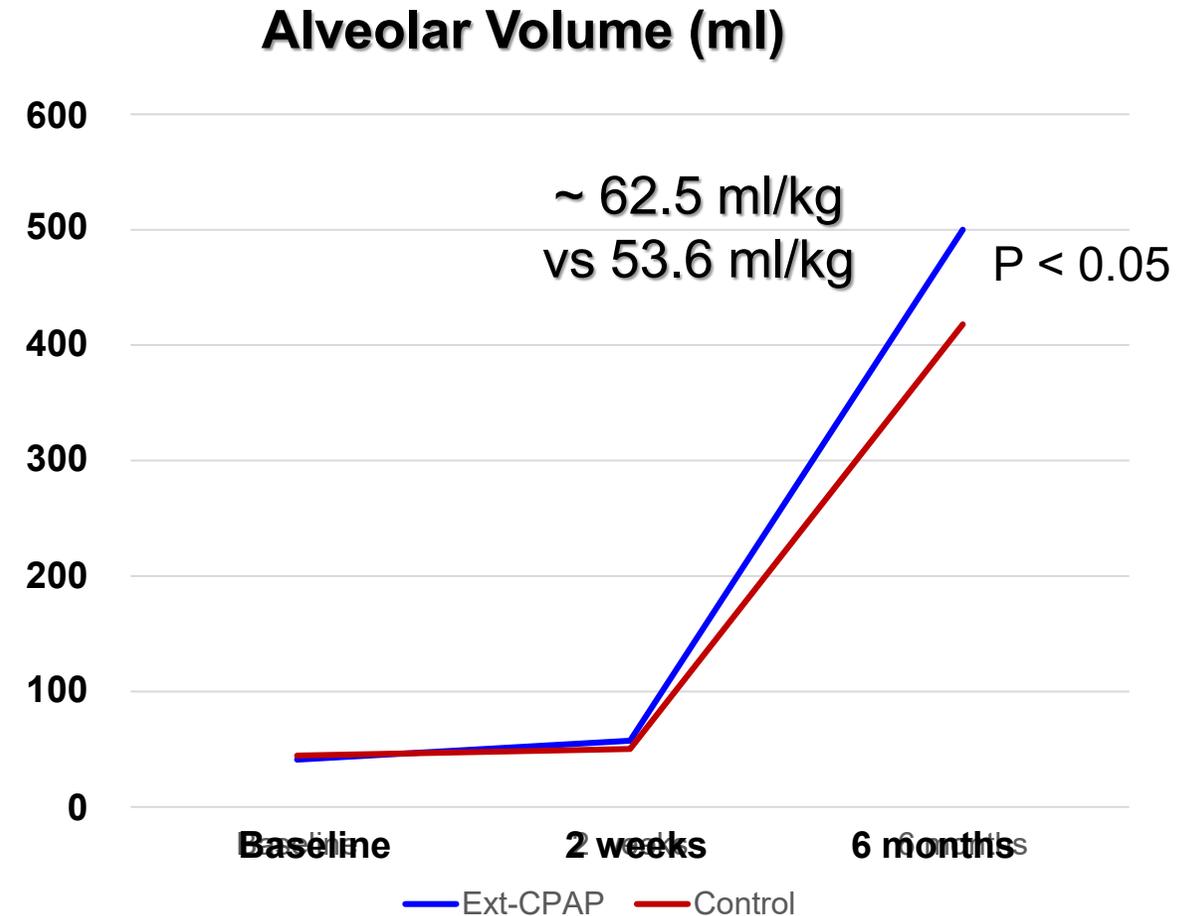
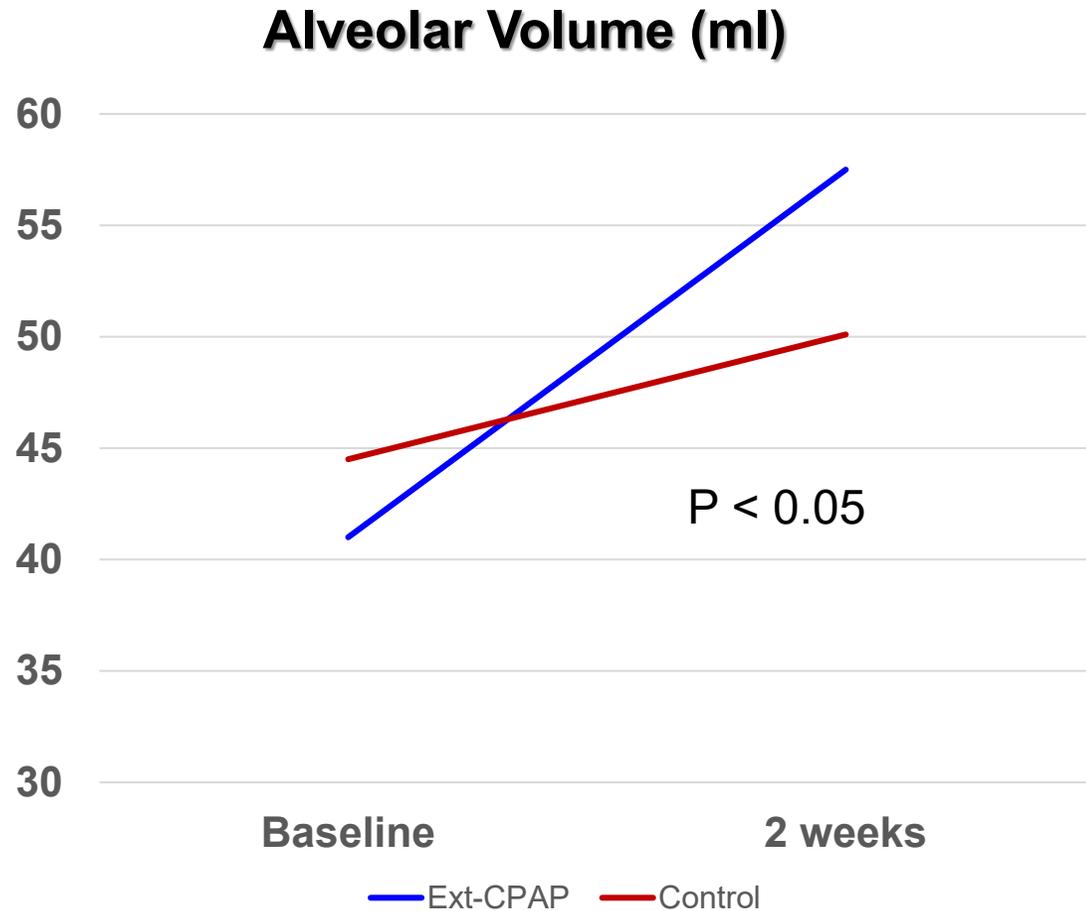
# RCT on Extended CPAP in Preterm Infants: Lung Growth & Function at 6 Months

McEvoy CT et al, Am J Resp CCM 2025

	<b>Extended CPAP (n=54)</b>	<b>Usual CPAP (n=46)</b>
Gestation (wks) < 29 wks	30.2 (1.8) 12 (26%)	30.2 (2.0) 12 (28%)
Birth weight (g)	1420 (328)	1434 (359)
Any surfactant	14 (26%)	17 (37%)
Any MV > 1 hr	19 (41%)	17 (37%)
Age/PMA randomization	Not defined	Not defined

# RCT on Extended CPAP in Preterm Infants: Lung Growth & Function at 6 Months

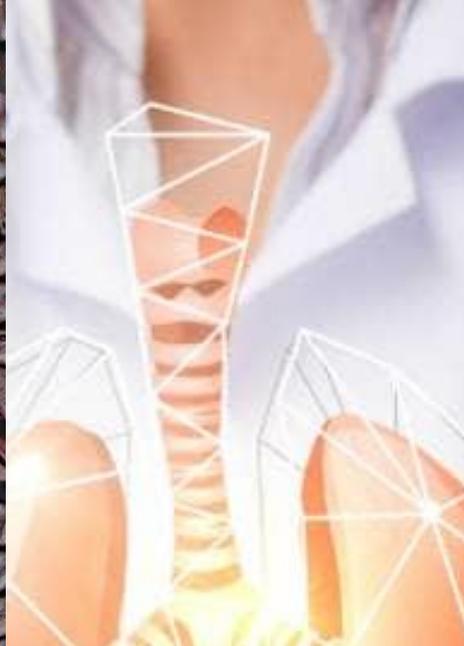
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# **Interim Summary # 7**

## **How Long Should We Support w/ NIV?**

- Large RCT needed to assess benefit of prolonged NIV
- Is the Interface critical (i.e., BNP vs RAM NC vs nHFT) ?
- What pressure &/or flow is needed/optimal?
- To what PMA → 32 vs 34 weeks....or other?
- MCT underway by McEvoy at Oregon
- Proposed MCT under review by NRN



**What About Role of Adjunct Rx's?**

# CaLI Trial: Caffeine plus LISA or nCPAP

- 24<sup>0</sup> - 29<sup>6</sup> weeks: in DR or NICU w/in 2 hours age
- Outcome ETT or “resp failure”

	LISA (n=92)	nCPAP (n=88)
Gestation < 27 wks	28 ± 2 29%	28 ± 2 34%
B Weight	1042 ± 272	1019 ± 275
ETT/Fail	21 (23%)	47 (53%) *
BPD – any Grade 2 or 3	24 (26%) 10 (11%)	52 (39%) * 8 (9%)

# OPTIMIST Trial: MIST vs “sham”

- 25-28 weeks; randomized once  $\text{FiO}_2 \geq 0.30$  &  $< 6$  hrs age
- Outcome: survival w/o BPD at 36 wks

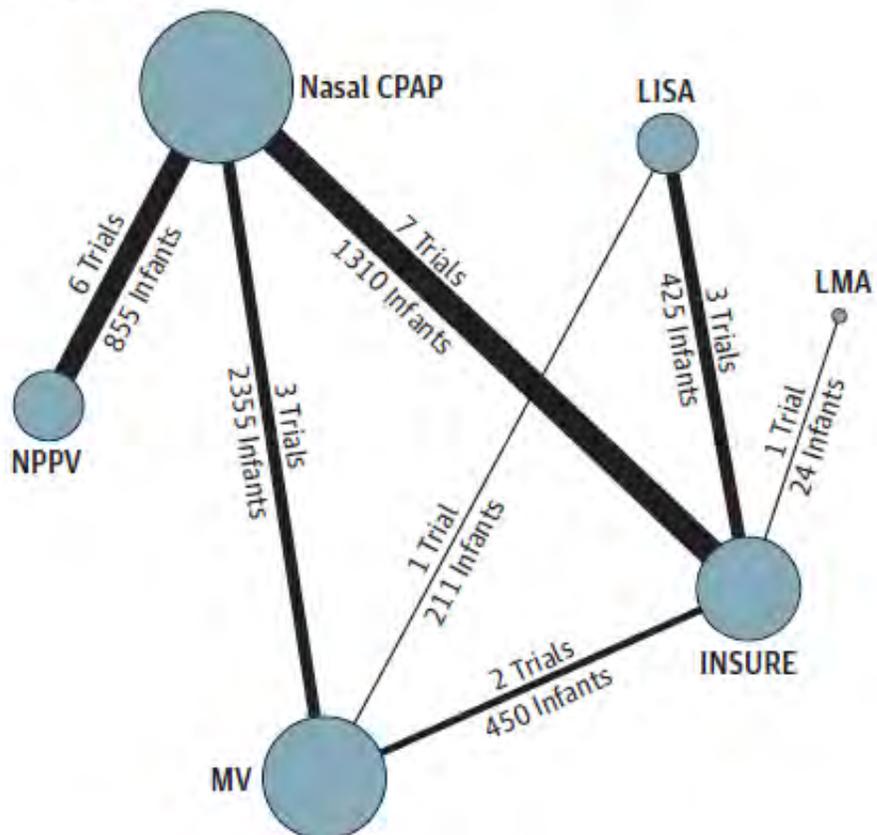
	<b>MIST (n=241)</b>	<b>SHAM (n=244)</b>
Gestation	27.3 (26.3-28.1)	27.3 (26.4-28.0)
B Weight	929 $\pm$ 221	928 $\pm$ 216
ETT in 1 <sup>st</sup> 72 hrs	37%	72% *
Surv w/o BPD	56.4%	50.4%
Any BPD	37%	45% *

# Association of Noninvasive Ventilation Strategies With Mortality And Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia Among Preterm Infants: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

JAMA 2016

Tetsya Isayama, Hiroko Iwami, Sarah McDonald, Joseph Beyene

**A** Death or bronchopulmonary dysplasia  
4987 Infants (21 trials)<sup>a</sup>



**Conclusions limited  
by study numbers & quality**

**LISA coupled w/ NIV support  
has lowest risk for death  
&/or BPD as outcome**



**What Should You Use & When  
Should You Use it??**

**Most effective**

**Most familiar**



**Least invasive**

**Least costly**



# nCPAP

- Best studied & most experience
- **Should probably still be default mode**
  - Consider for all babies  $\geq 24$  weeks
  - Consider w/ MIST/LISA at  $< 30$  weeks
  - Post-extubation for preterms  $< 28$  weeks
  - Optimal interface  $\rightarrow$  binasal prongs or mask

# NIMV

- **NIMV** may ↓ extubation failure....BUT
- Large RCT showed no difference in BPD
  - Consider if nCPAP not effective
- **Equivalent alternative to nCPAP as first choice**  
for NIV support in ELBWI
- Synchronized may be better....but need RCTs

# nHFT

- Consider in lieu of nCPAP if:
  - Extubation from low PAW & FiO<sub>2</sub>
  - Stabilized on nCPAP for > 24/48 hrs and FiO<sub>2</sub> < 30% and pressure ≤ 6 cm H<sub>2</sub>O
  - Start high (7-8 lpm) and wean like CPAP

# nHFV

- Small trials indicate feasibility
- Best driver w/ VT-HFV ability
- Optimal settings not clear/established
- Large trials needed w/ focus on < 27 wks

# Bundled Care

- Best outcome centers use care “bundles”
- Time, effort & team – need “champions”
- Significant evidence base supports individual components of such bundles
- Larger effect size than “1-intervention” RCT’s

# NIV Support – Unanswered ?'s

- Should we change modes? If so, when?
- Should we preferentially minimize exposure to FiO<sub>2</sub>, pressure or flow?
- Any advantage to extending lung expansion into saccular/early alveolar stage?  
(What mode, what pressure, how long?)

# **Conclusions**

**Any form of PPV contributes to lung injury & may have systemic effects**

**Non-invasive ventilation (NIV) is an important adjunctive therapy**

**Relatively few contraindications to NIV**

# **Conclusions**

**Limited evidence suggests optimal  
approach for ELGAN's couples NIV  
w/ early caffeine and LISA/MIST**

# **Conclusions**

**Each unit should develop own bundled  
approach to optimize NIV support  
in ELGAN/ELBW infants**



**Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow**

**The important thing is to never stop questioning**



# nCPAP use ↑ in 2005 versus 1991-1992 & 1997

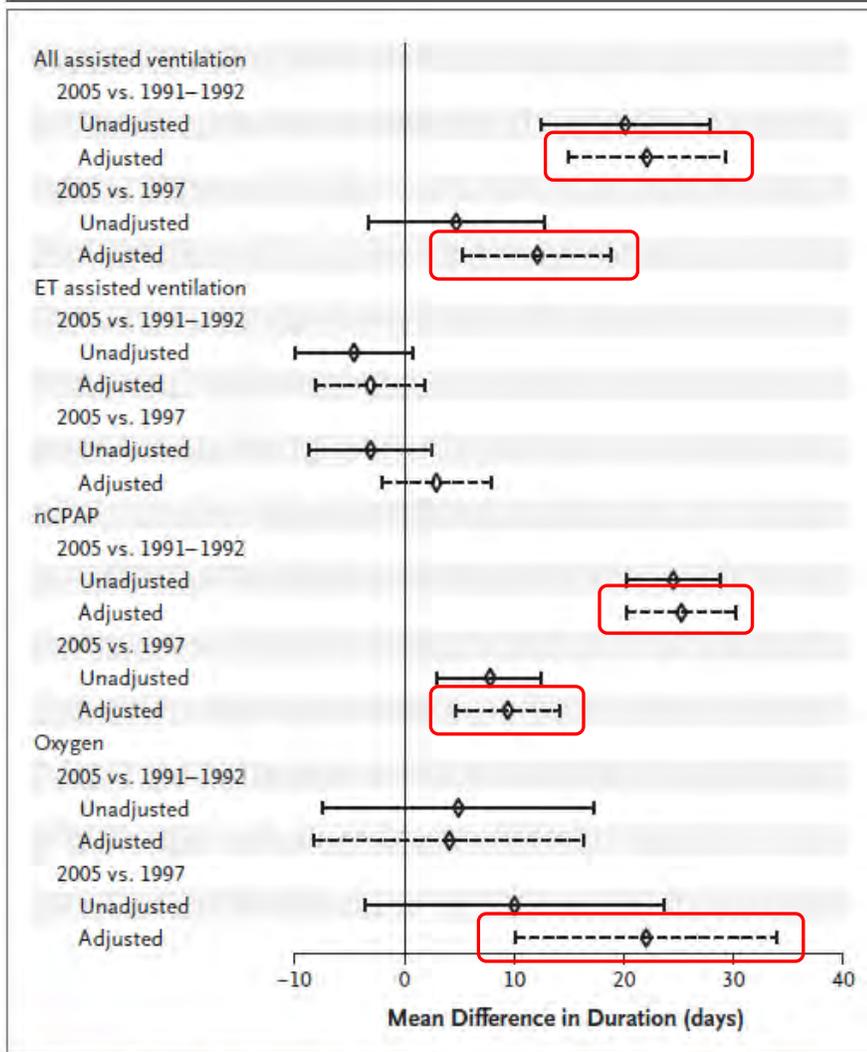


Figure 2. Mean Duration of Assisted Ventilation and Oxygen Use in Three Discrete Periods.

# Despite ↑ CPAP use lung function was not improved

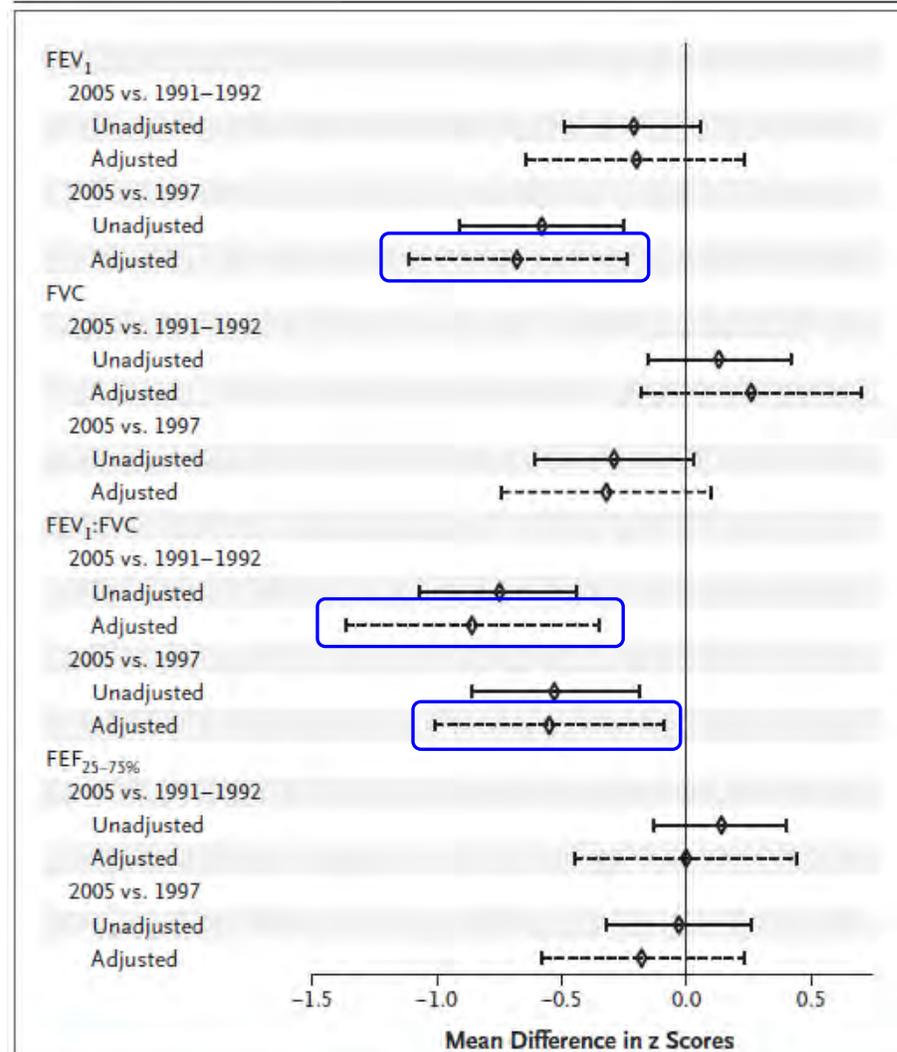


Figure 3. The z Scores for Expiratory Flows in Three Discrete Periods.