

# **BUBBLE CPAP & NON-INVASIVE RESPIRATORY MANAGEMENT OF THE NEWBORN**

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*Conference & Workshop*



## **Reproducibility of Bubble CPAP**

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# BPD Overtime at GW

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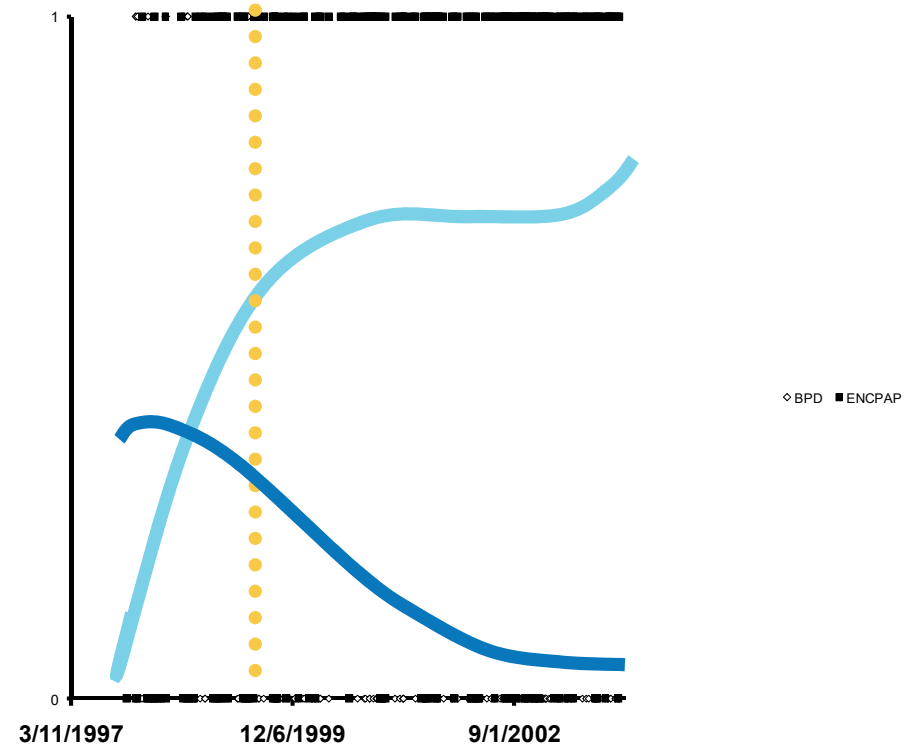
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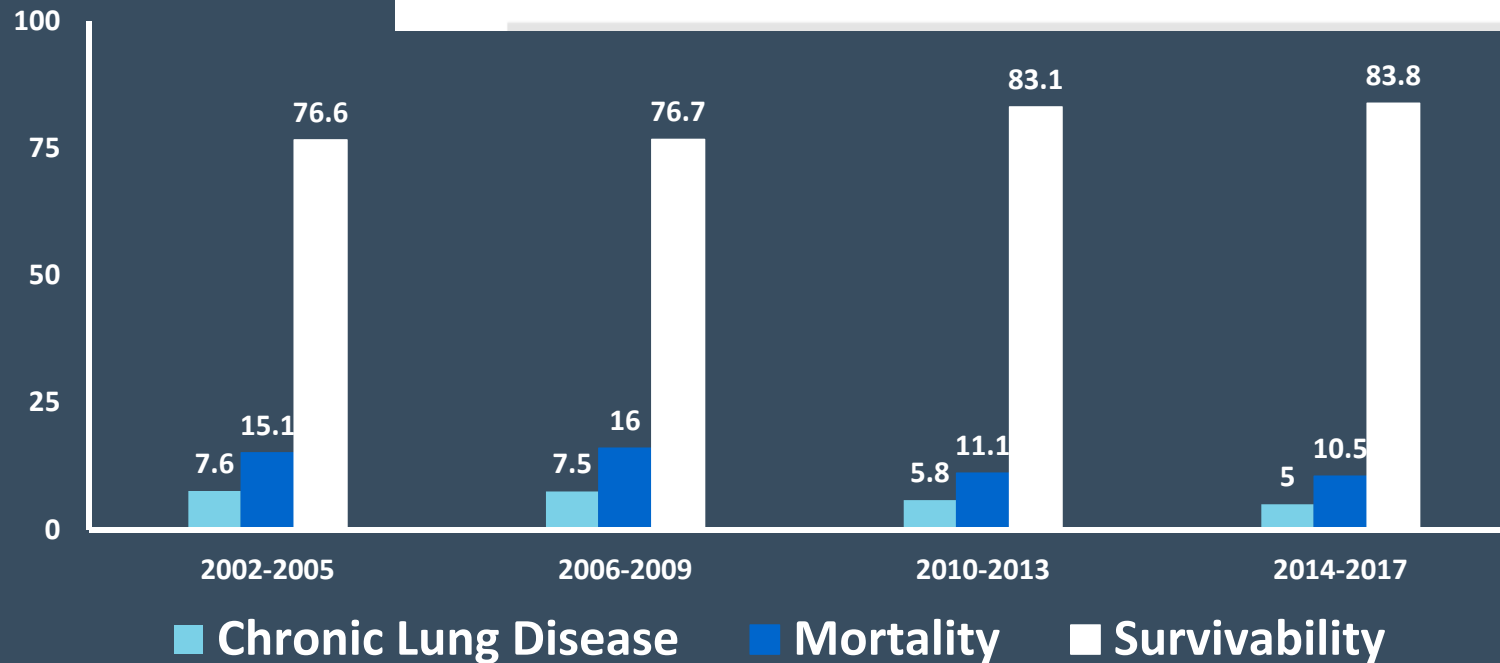
Aly et al, Pediatrics 2005



CLINICAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

# An experience with a bubble CPAP bundle: is chronic lung disease preventable?

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# CCC's NICU CLD BW < 1500 g



# Objectives

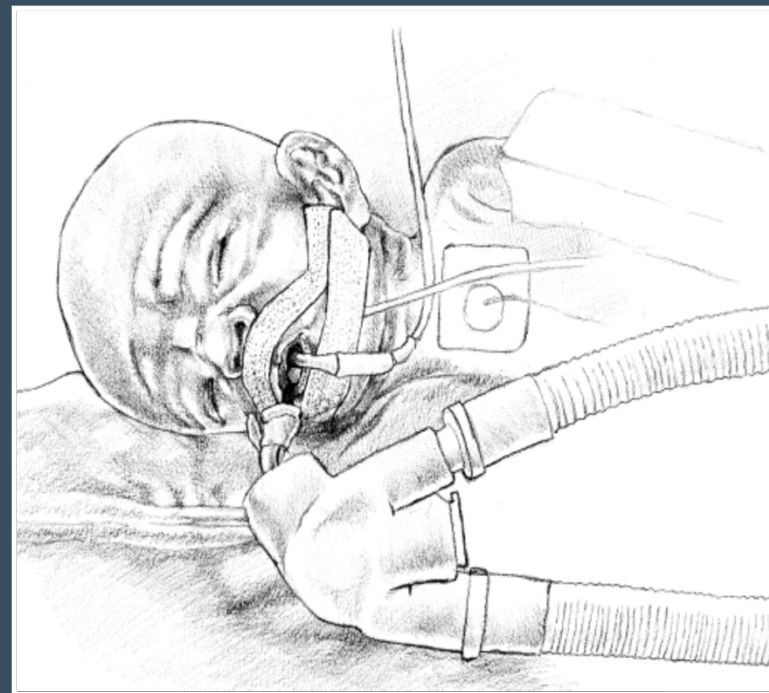
- Identify the mechanism of ventilator associated lung injury
- Recognize the variation in chronic lung disease outcome among institutions
- Implement bubble CPAP in the NICU

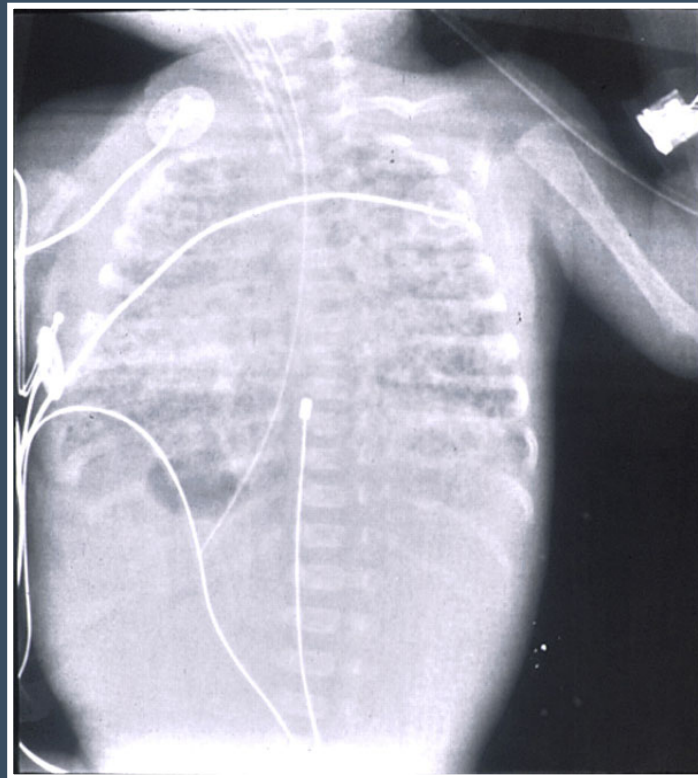


- **Concept (Why?)**
- **Skill (How?)**



# Respiratory Support





# BPD

- Which of the following could prevent the development of BPD?
  - PTV (synchronized ventilation)
  - HFOV
  - Surfactant
  - Prenatal steroids
  - SOD (superoxide dismutase)
  - PDA ligation



# Lung Injury Equation

RDS + ETT → CLD



# Lung Injury...

- 25 young adult sheep (wt 26 kg) were ventilated for 48 hours:
  - Group A (n=9): PIP <20 cm H<sub>2</sub>O, FiO<sub>2</sub> =40%
  - Group B (n=7): PIP = 50 cm H<sub>2</sub>O, FiO<sub>2</sub>=40%
  - Group C (n=9): PIP= 50 cm H<sub>2</sub>O, 3.8% CO<sub>2</sub>
- Measurement:
  - Survival
  - CL, V<sub>T</sub>, FRC
  - Histology

Kolobow et al, 1987



# Lung Injury...

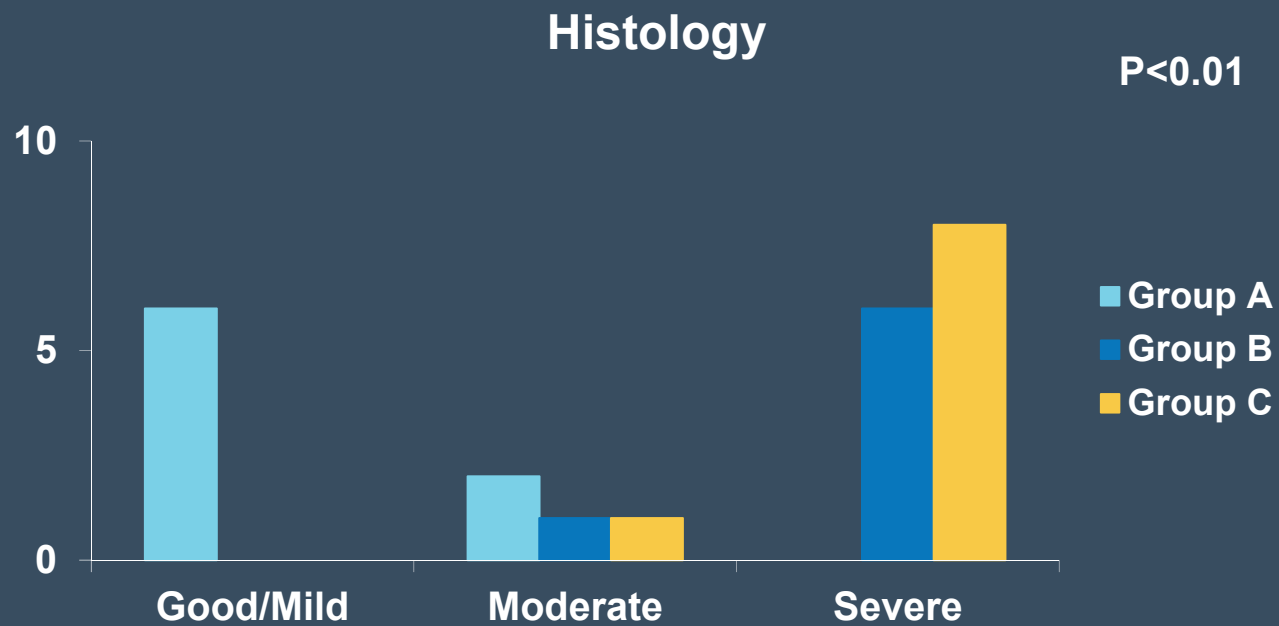
- All but 1 animal in Group A survived
- All animals in Group B died at a median of 23 hours (range 2 to 35 hours)
- 3 out of 9 animals in Group C survived.  
The median age of the remaining was 36.1 hours ( range 10 to 44 hours)



# Lung Injury...



# Lung Injury....



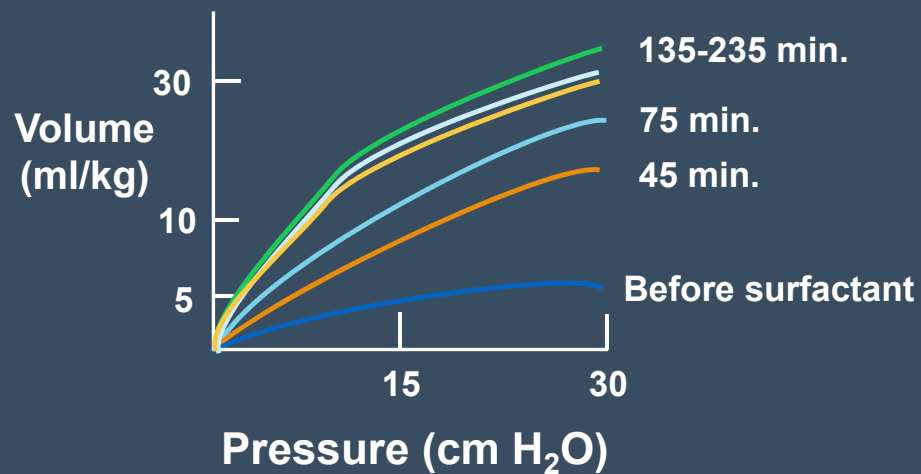
# Delivery Room PPV

- Manual positive pressure ventilation with large breaths x 6 in premature lambs was associated with a decrease in compliance to 1/3 after surfactant administration.

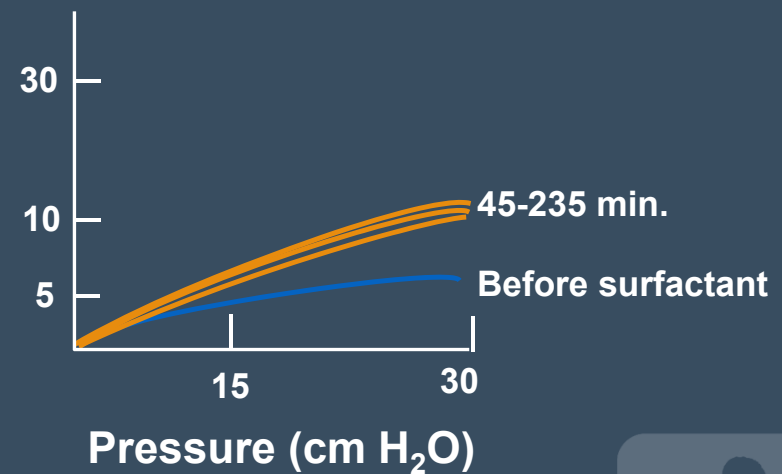


# Compliance after PPV in DR

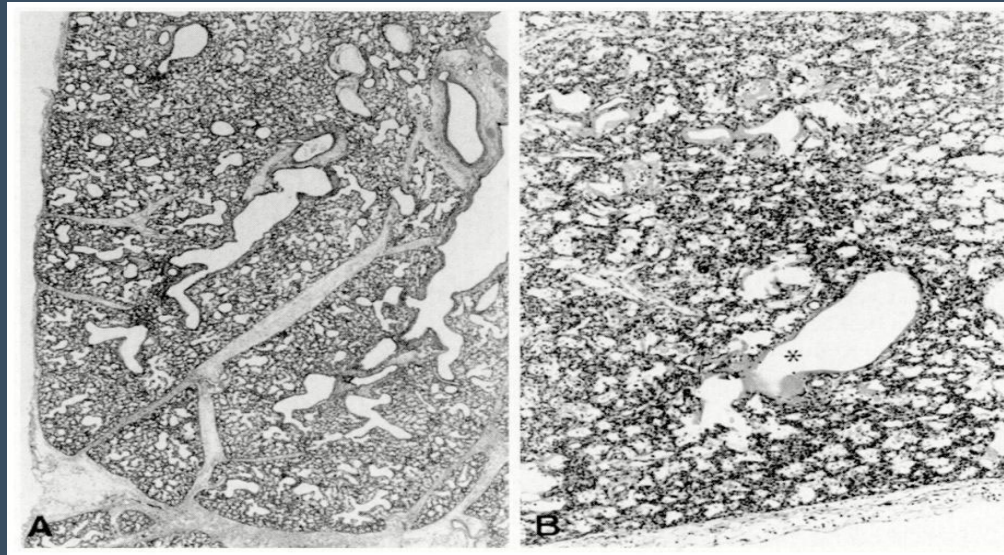
**Control Lambs**



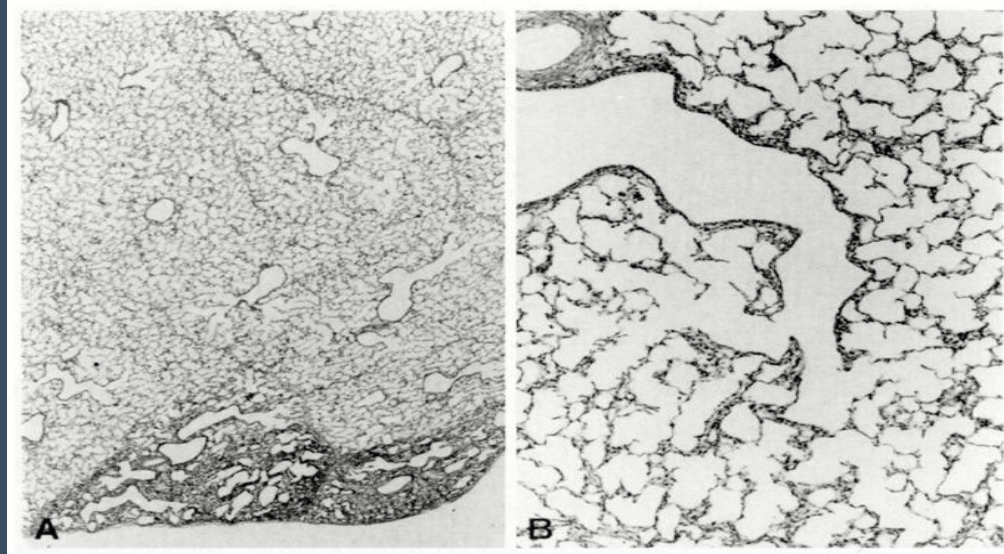
**Experimental Group**



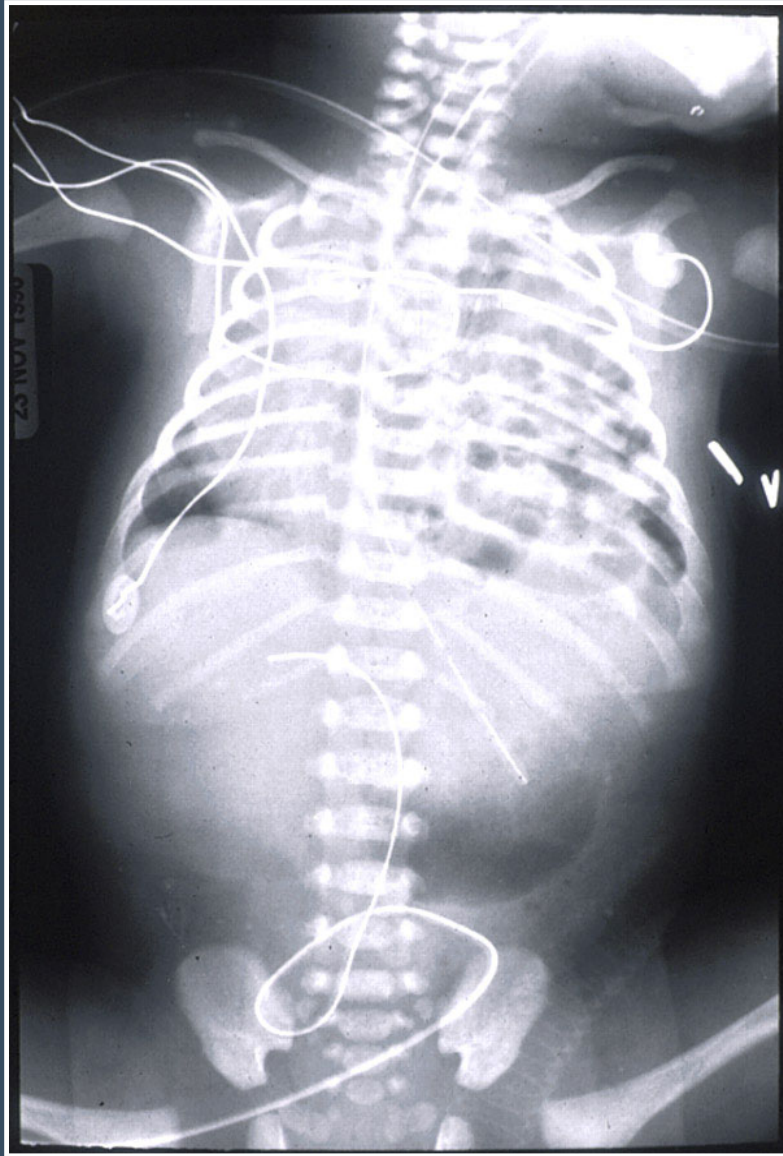
With Large  
PPV

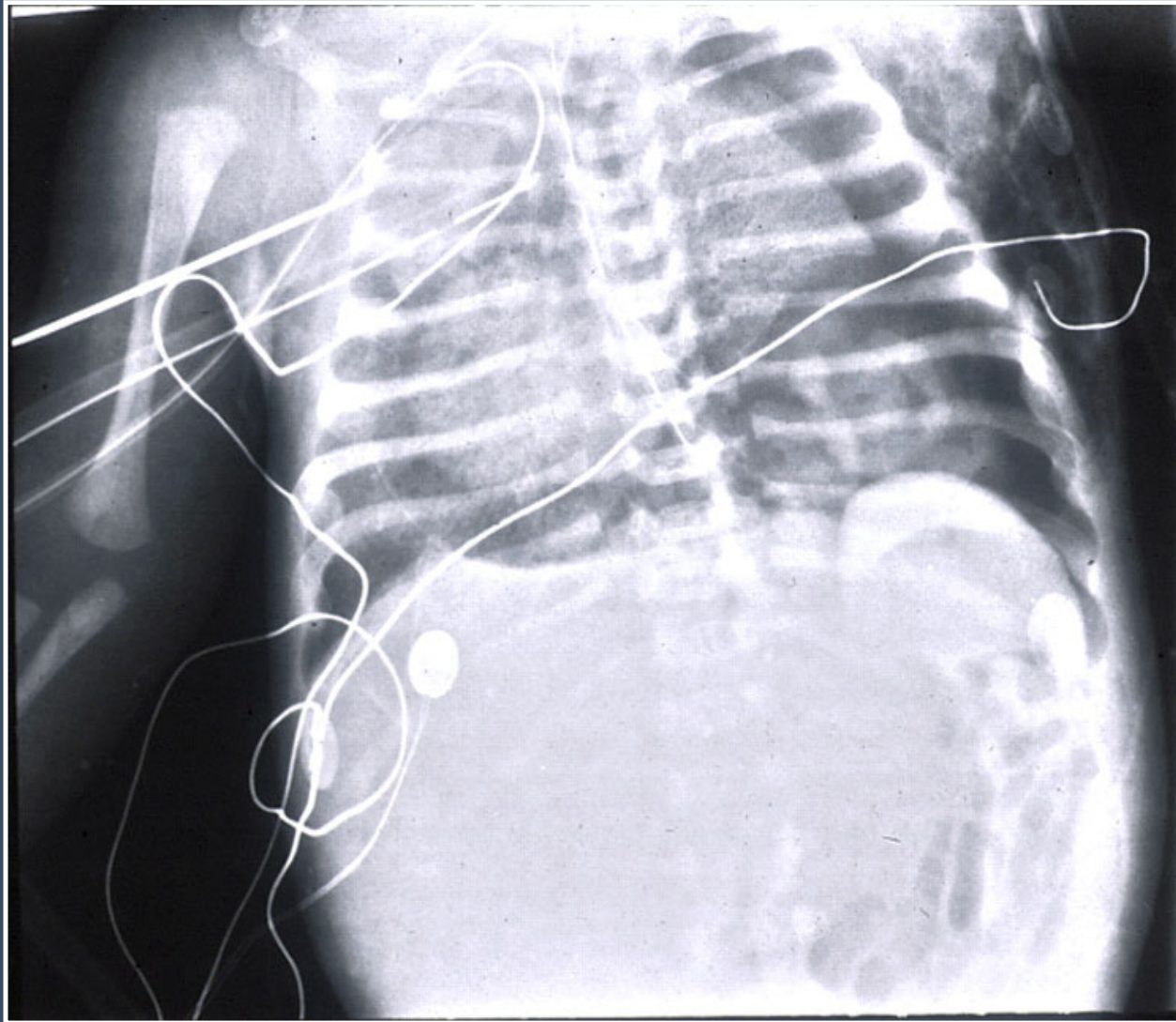


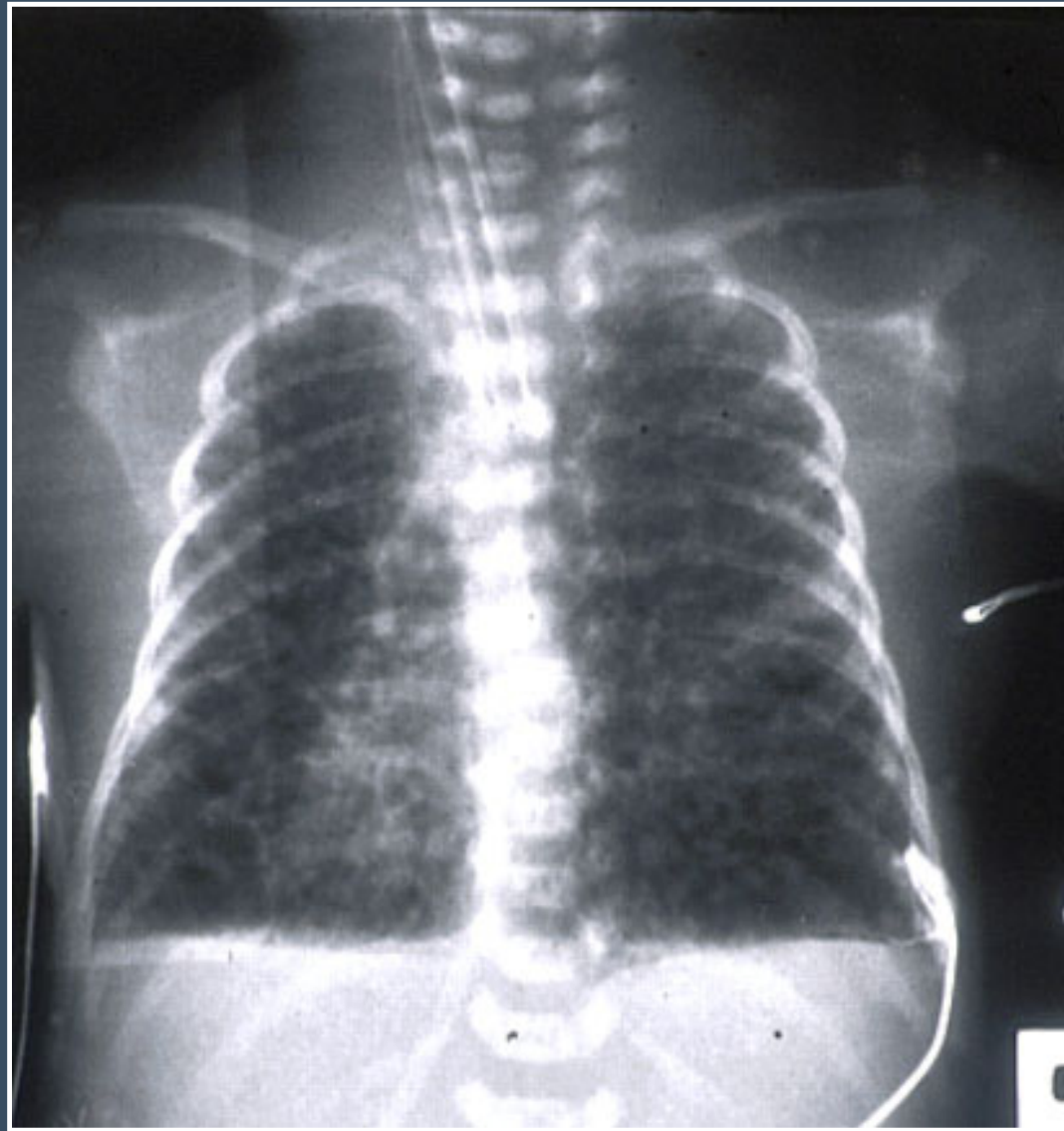
With Normal  
PPV



Bjorkland et al Ped. Res. 42: 348, 1997







# Concept

- Neonatal lung is a *delicate* organ
- Pulmonary intervention even for a brief period can have serious long-term effects
- Pulmonary adverse outcomes are mostly related to pulmonary interventions rather than to the underlying disease itself
- *Therefore, the least pulmonary support may produce the best outcomes*



# Non-invasive Tools

NIPPV  
sNIPPV

HFNC

Ventilator CPAP

Bubble CPAP

RAM cannula

SiPAP

Nasal  
cannula



## The HIPSTER Trial- Early HFNC

- This multicenter trial comparing nasal high-flow therapy with CPAP as primary support for preterm infants  $\geq 28$  weeks with respiratory distress showed a significantly higher treatment-failure rate with high-flow therapy



# Primary Outcome: $\text{FiO}_2 \geq 0.4$ and Intubation $\leq 72$ hrs

Outcome	High-Flow Group (N=278) <i>no./total no. (%)</i>	CPAP Group (N=286) <i>no./total no. (%)</i>	Risk Difference (95% CI)* <i>percentage points</i>	P Value
<b>Primary intention-to-treat analysis</b>				
Treatment failure within 72 hr	71/278 (25.5)	38/286 (13.3)	12.3 (5.8 to 18.7)	<0.001
Gestational age <32 wk	46/140 (32.9)	27/149 (18.1)	14.7 (4.8 to 24.7)	0.004
Gestational age $\geq 32$ wk	25/138 (18.1)	11/137 (8.0)	10.1 (2.2 to 18.0)	0.01
Intubation within 72 hr	43/278 (15.5)	33/286 (11.5)	3.9 (-1.7 to 9.6)	0.17
Gestational age <32 wk	30/140 (21.4)	24/149 (16.1)	5.3 (-3.7 to 14.3)	0.25
Gestational age $\geq 32$ wk	13/138 (9.4)	9/137 (6.6)	2.9 (-3.5 to 9.3)	0.38
<b>Per-protocol analysis</b>				
Treatment failure within 72 hr	64/264 (24.2)	36/279 (12.9)	11.3 (4.8 to 17.8)	<0.001
Intubation within 72 hr	39/264 (14.8)	33/279 (11.8)	2.9 (-2.8 to 8.7)	0.31

## The HUNTER Trial- Early HFNC

- This multicenter trial comparing nasal high-flow therapy with CPAP as primary support for preterm infants  $\geq 31$  weeks with respiratory distress showed a significantly higher treatment-failure rate with high-flow therapy
- Failure rates  $\leq 72$  hours: 20.5% vs 10.2%

# Conclusions

- When used as a primary support for preterm infants with respiratory distress, high-flow therapy resulted in a significantly higher rate of treatment failure than did CPAP

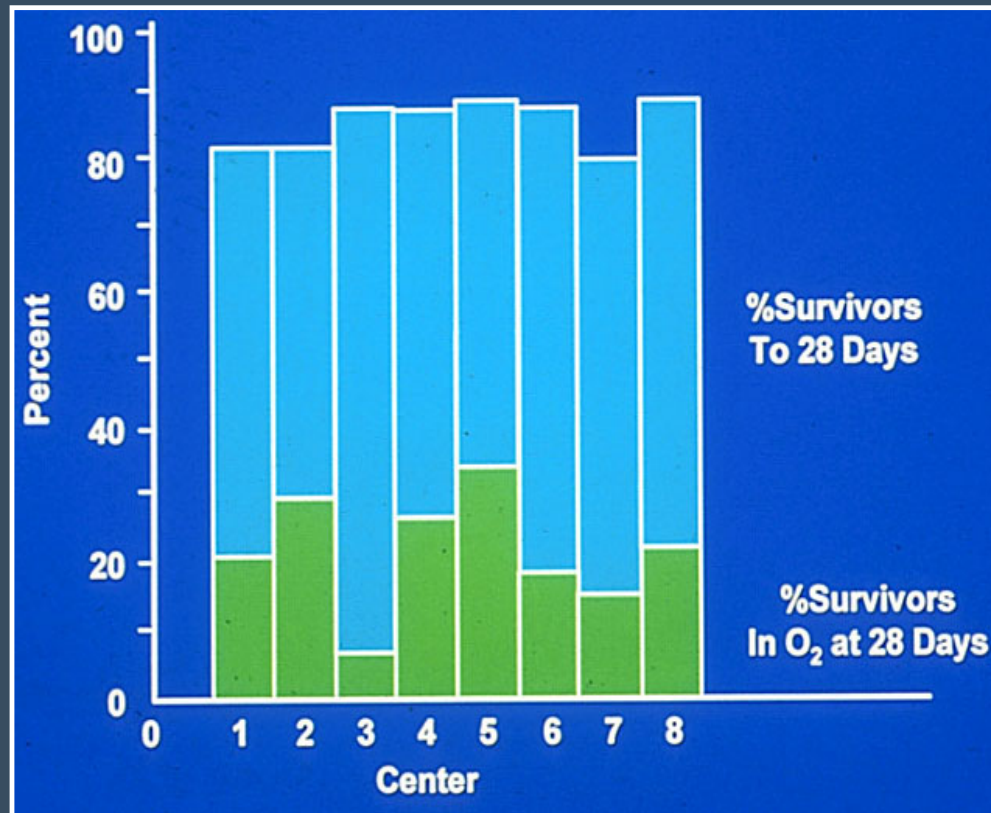




Mary Ellen Avery, MD



# Infants on O<sub>2</sub> at 28 Days of Age



Avery M, et al., J Pediatric, 1987



Jen Tien Wung, MD



# CPAP Effects

- Increases FRC
- Prevents alveolar collapse
- Increases compliance
- Conserves surfactant
- Splints airway and diaphragm
- Stimulates lung growth

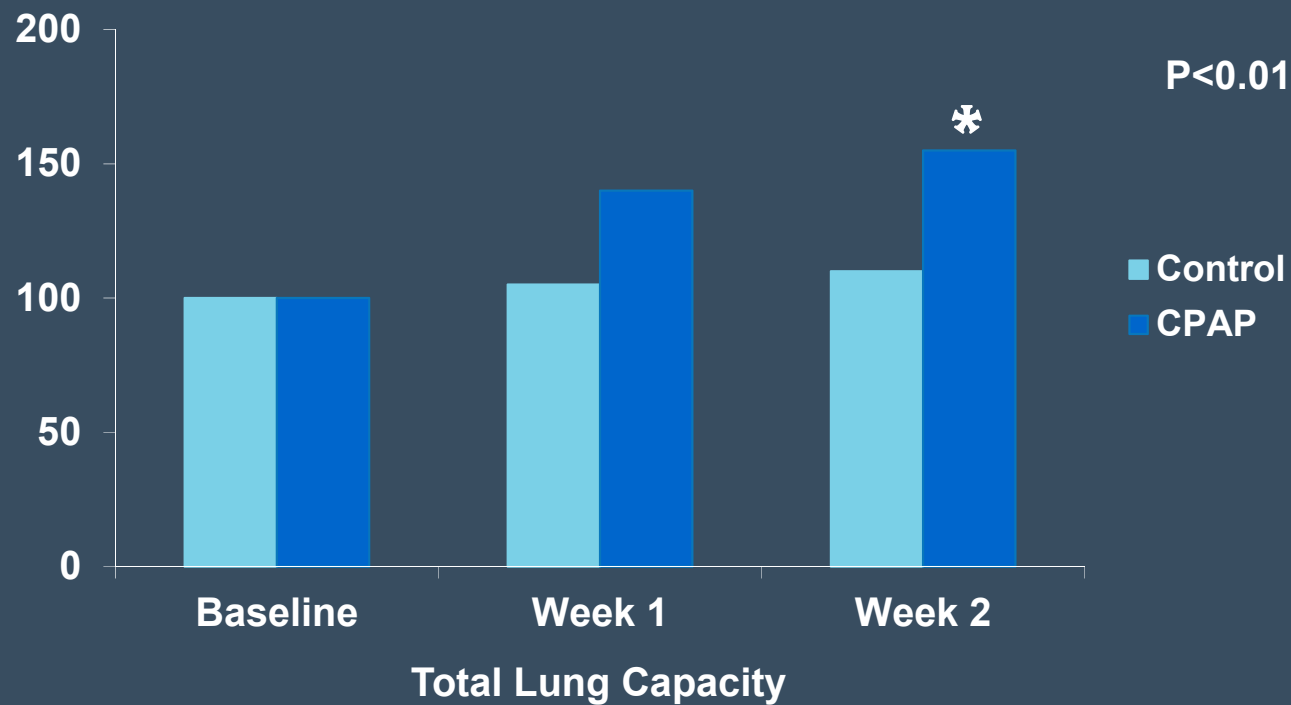


# CPAP and Lung Growth

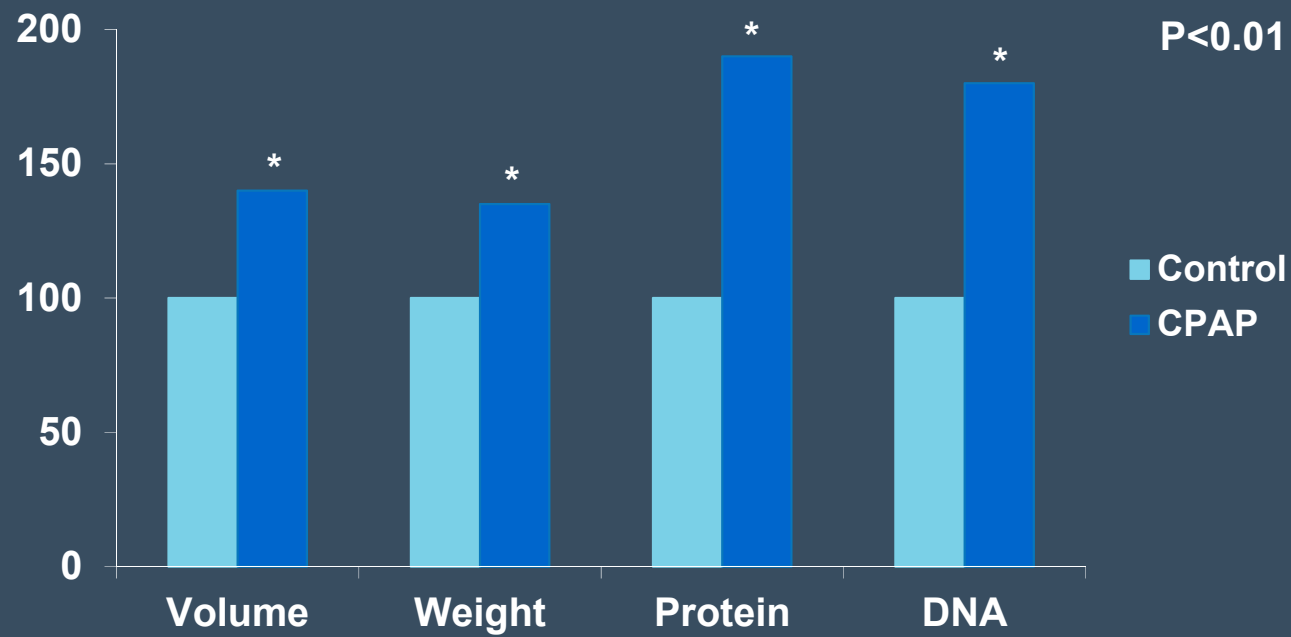
- 50 young male ferrets (wt= 350 g) were studied
- After having tracheostomy, they were randomly assigned to 2 groups:
  - CPAP Group (6 cm H<sub>2</sub>O)
  - Control Group
- Measurement after 2 wks:
  - Lung volumes
  - Lung weight
  - Lung protein and DNA content



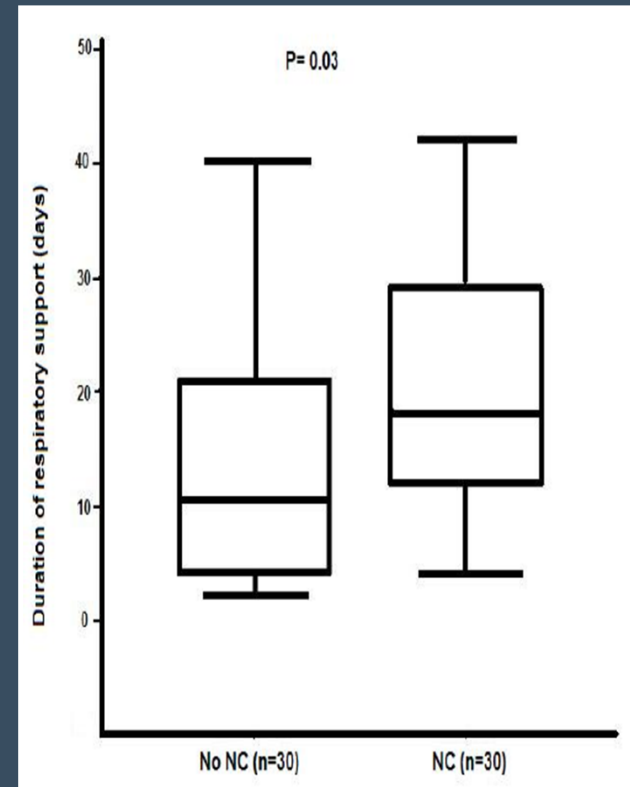
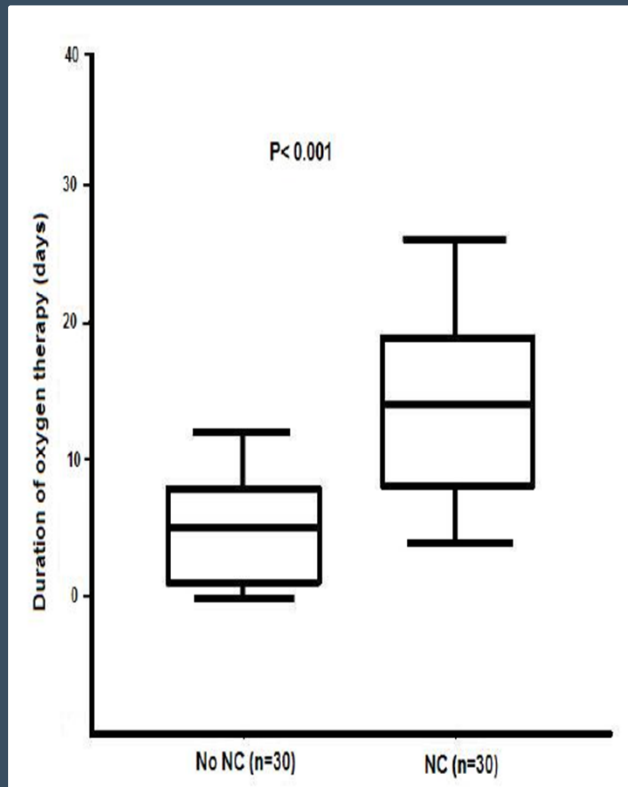
# “Chronic” Use of CPAP



# Lung Growth..



# Weaning from CPAP to HF-NC

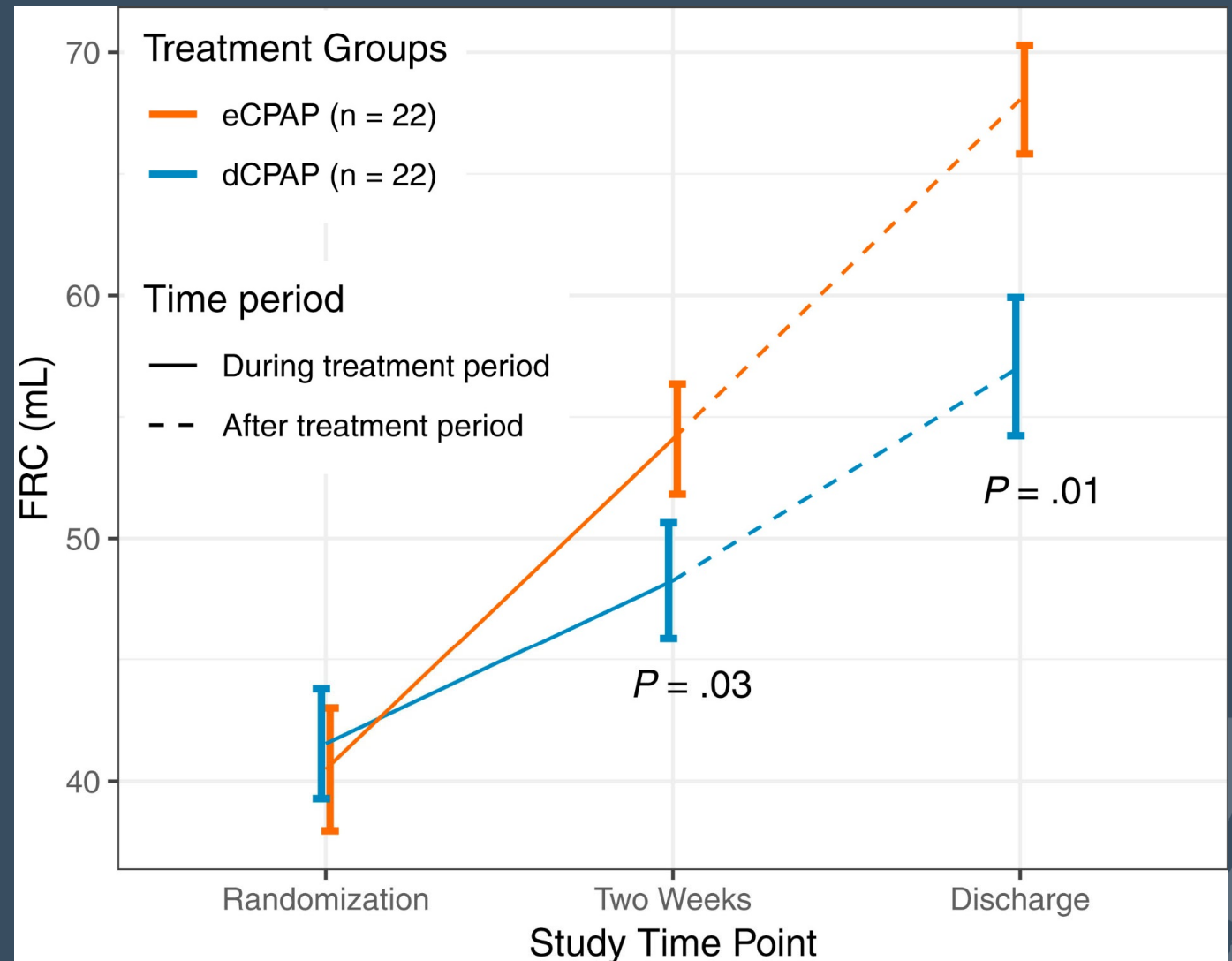


Abdel-Hady, Shouman, Aly, Early Hum Dev 2011

# The Effect of Extended CPAP on Lung Volume

Lam R, J Pediatr (2020)

≤32 weeks infants  
required CPAP >24 hrs



# The COIN Trial

- **Randomized** controlled trial for CPAP (no surfactant vs. ETT and vent (with surfactant))
- Less O<sub>2</sub> need at 28 days in CPAP group
- No difference at 36 weeks, but the trend is favorable for CPAP

Morley et al, NEJM 2008



# COIN Trial Outcomes

	CPAP	Intubation
Surfactant (%)	38	77
Days on CPAP	13	16
Days on O <sub>2</sub>	42	49
Air leak (%)	14.6 *	6.6

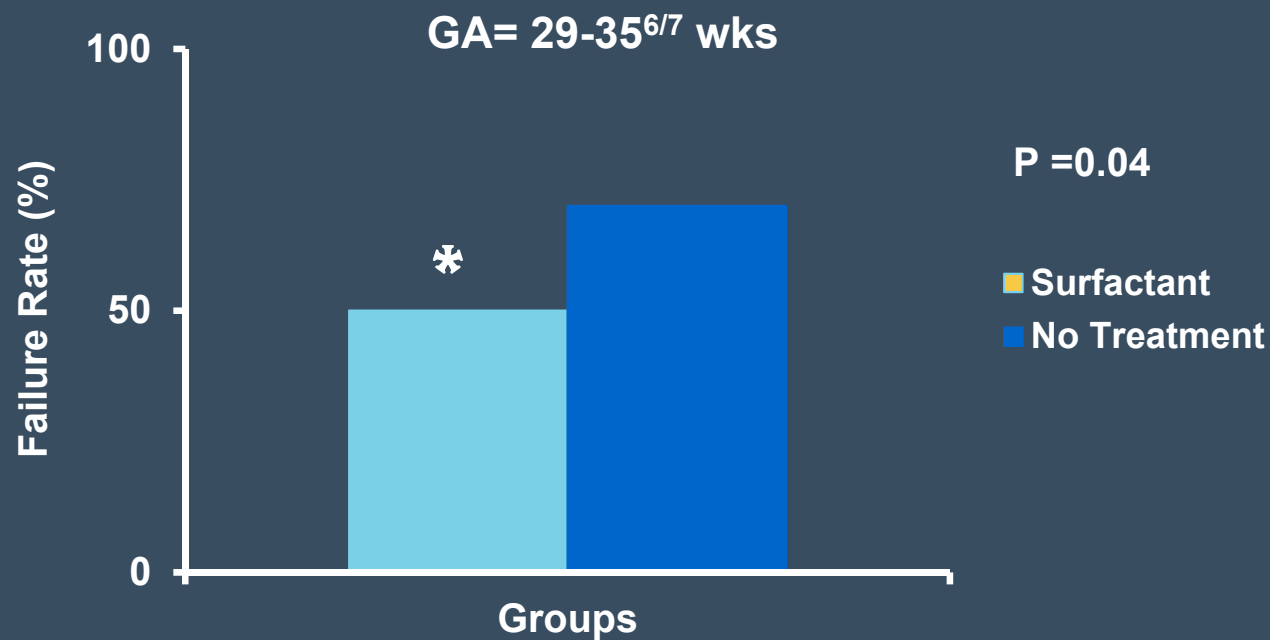
\* CPAP pressure = 8 CmH<sub>2</sub>O



# Relevance of the Current "Evidence-Based Medicine"

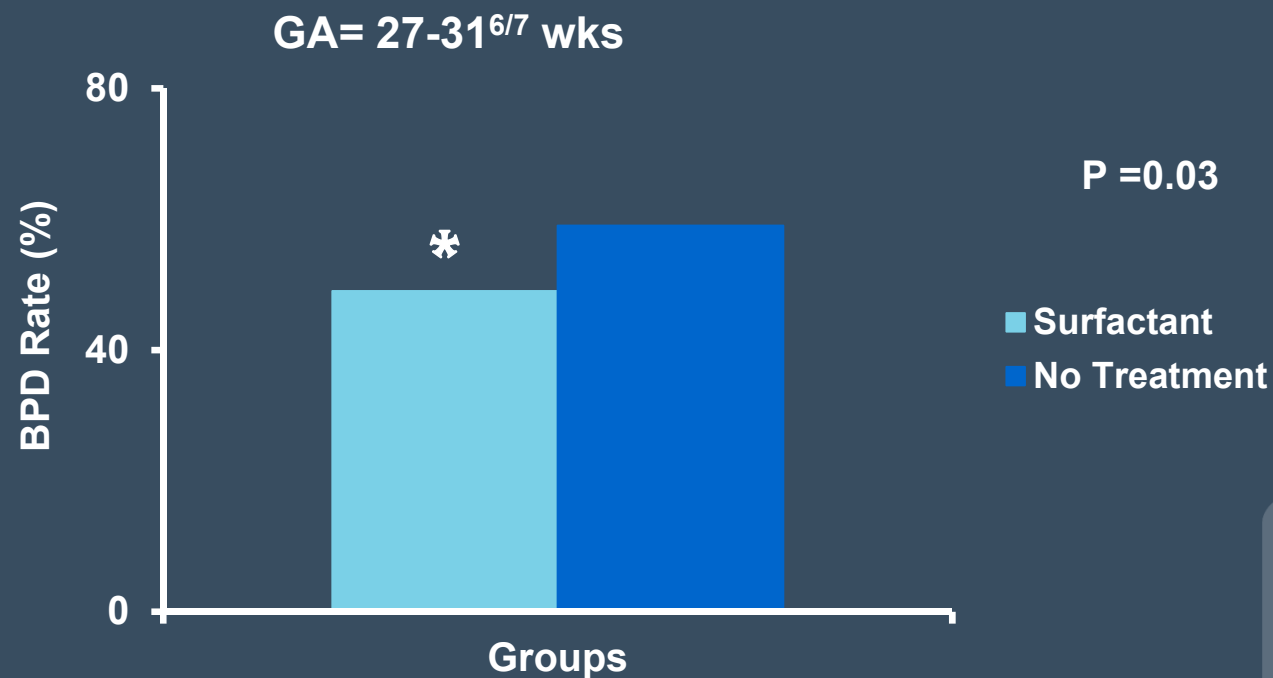
- Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence
- Presence of evidence:
  - Is the *process* scientific?
  - Does the *content* make sense?
- The current EBM practice should not preclude the use of *common sense*

# Surfactant and CPAP Success



Reininger A, et al, 2005

# Very Early Surfactant in CPAP Supported VLBW Infants



Rojas et al, Pediatrics 2009

# CPAP in ELBW Infants



Linden et al, Pediatrics; 1999

# IVH in VLBW Infants (n=342)

- In regression model, incidence of IVH was associated with:
  - Smaller birth weights ( $P=0.01$ )
  - DR intubation ( $P=0.03$ ), the adjusted odds ratio for severe IVH in VLBW infants intubated in the DR was ( $OR= 2.7$ ,  $CI: 1.1 - 6.6$ ,  $P=0.03$ )
  - Cumulative mechanical ventilation during the first 3 days ( $P= 0.001$ ).

# IVH & Intubation Attempts

- In 308 VLBW infants, severe IVH correlated with the number of intubation attempts in DR (OR 1.317, 95% CI 1.052-1.649,  $P = .016$ )
- In 102 infants with BW <750 g, severe IVH correlated with the number of intubation attempts during the first 4 days of life (OR 1.395, 95% CI 1.090-1.786,  $P = .008$ )

# Early aEEG and NDO of VLBW infants

- 100 VLBW infants
- Infants with adverse NDO at 9 and 18 months were more likely to:
  - Be intubated in the delivery room (45% vs. 16%)
  - Have severe IVH (27% vs 5%)
  - Have abnormal EEG at 1 week (31% vs 8%)

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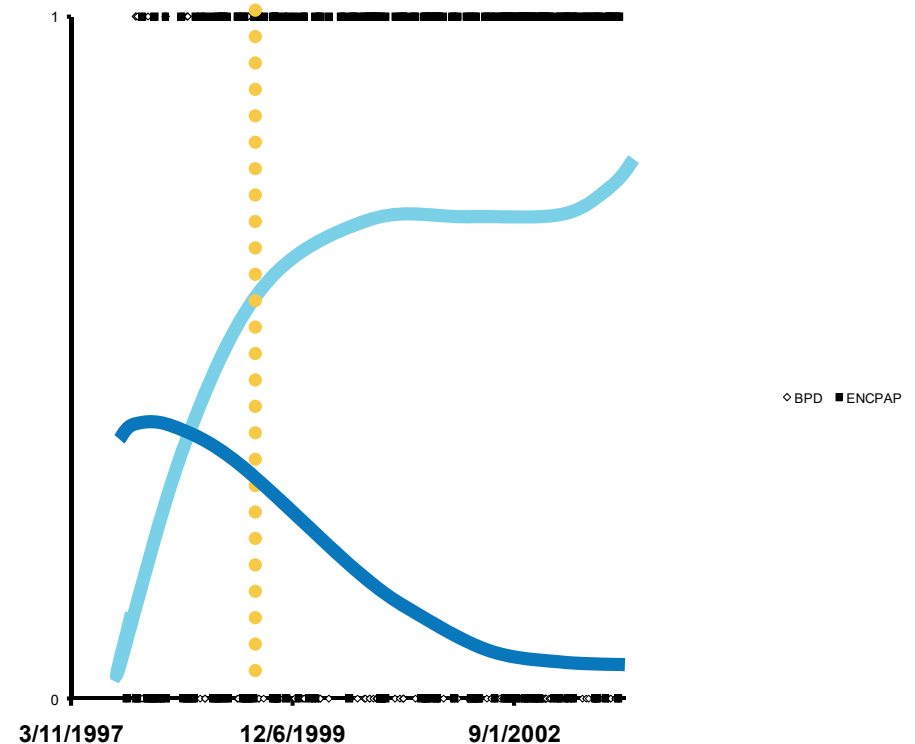
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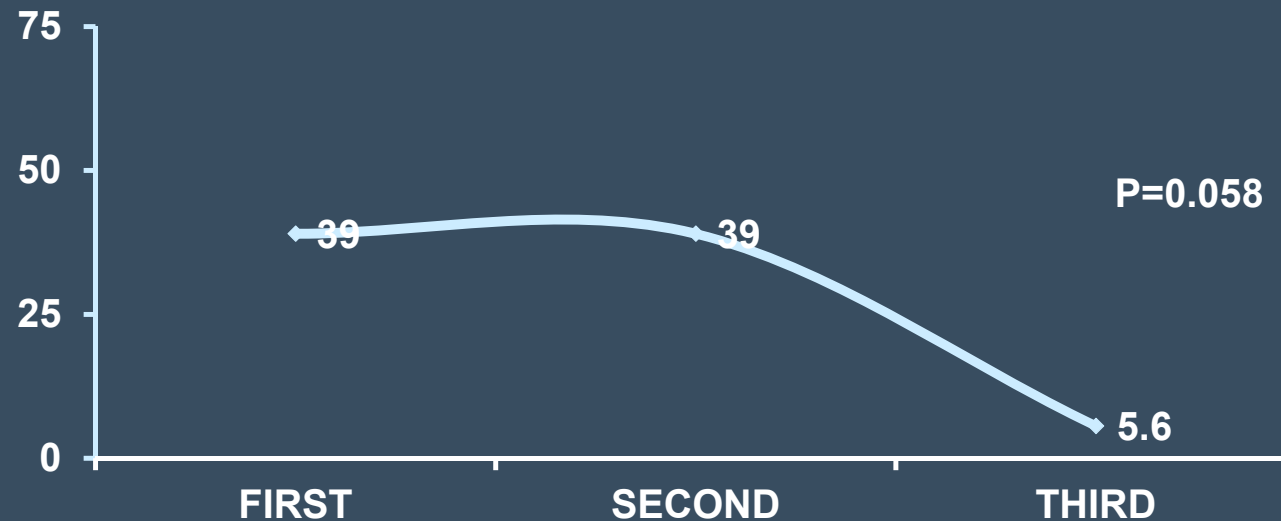
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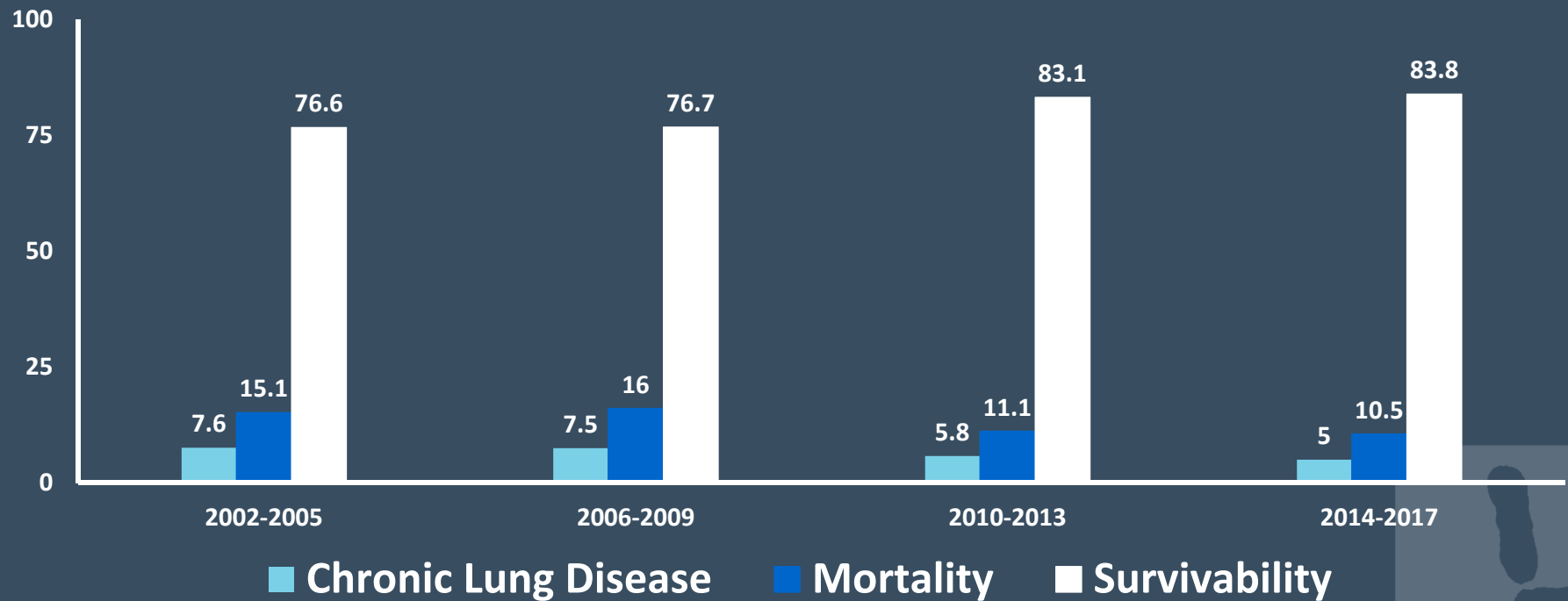


Aly et al, Pediatrics 2005

# Failure of CPAP: Improves with Experience



# BPD at GW - 16 years



# BPD Rates in RCTs

## CPAP vs MV

	GA	BPD (%)
SUPPORT	24-27	40 vs 44
COIN	25-28	29 vs 35
Dunn et al.	26-29	26 vs 25

BPD (RR=0.91, CI: 0.81 – 1.01)

Death or BPD (RR= 0.91, CI: 0.84- 0.99)

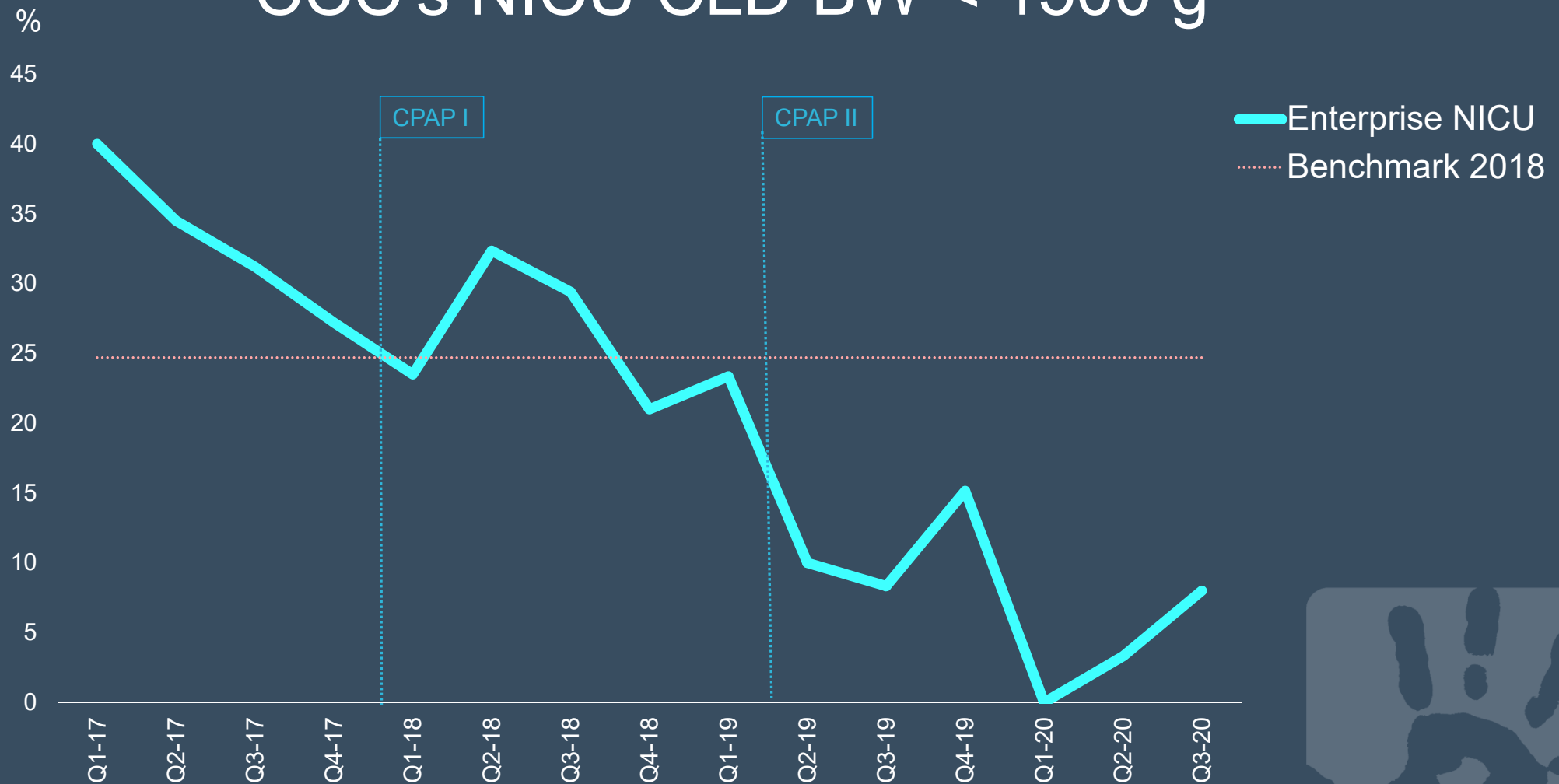
Schmölzer et al., BMJ 2013



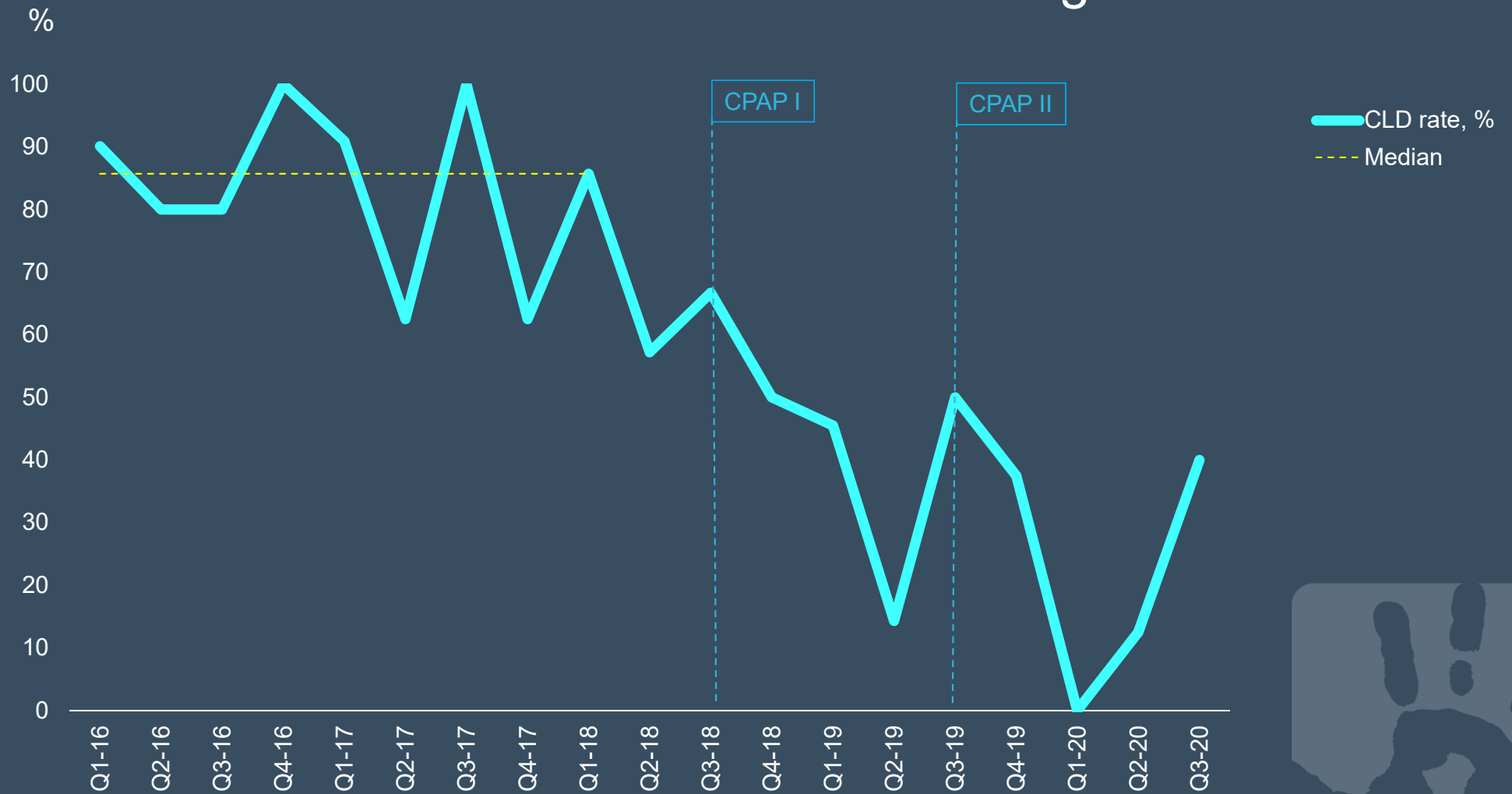
# The Cleveland Clinic Experience



# CCC's NICU CLD BW < 1500 g



# CCC's NICU CLD BW $\leq$ 750 g



# Keys for Success

- CPAP set-up is always ready in the NICU
- CPAP is applied in DR via T-piece free flow system
- Premature infants are transferred to NICU and immediately started on CPAP



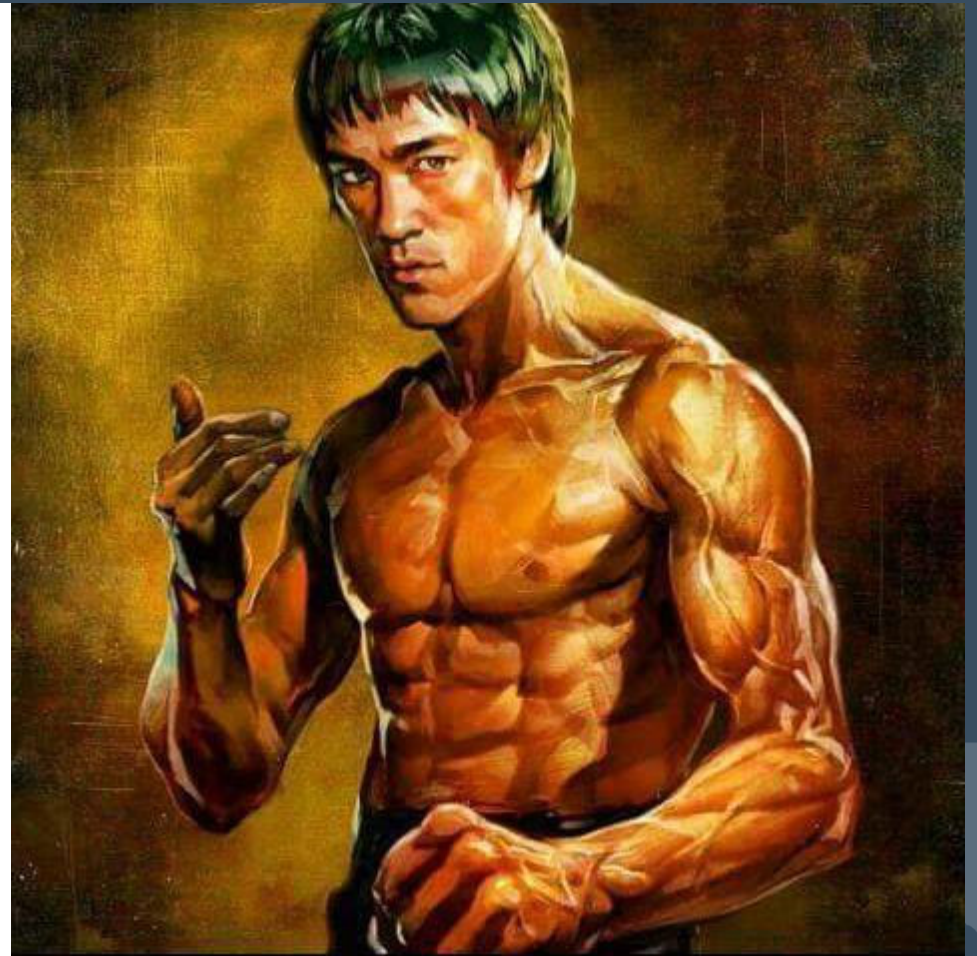
# Keys for Success

- Meticulous attention to the airway every 3 hours is recommended
- Infants are usually on NCPAP up to 1200 grams of body weight
- Increasing daily intervals off CPAP are then attempted
- CPAP is restarted if tachypnea, retraction or  $O_2$  desaturation is noted

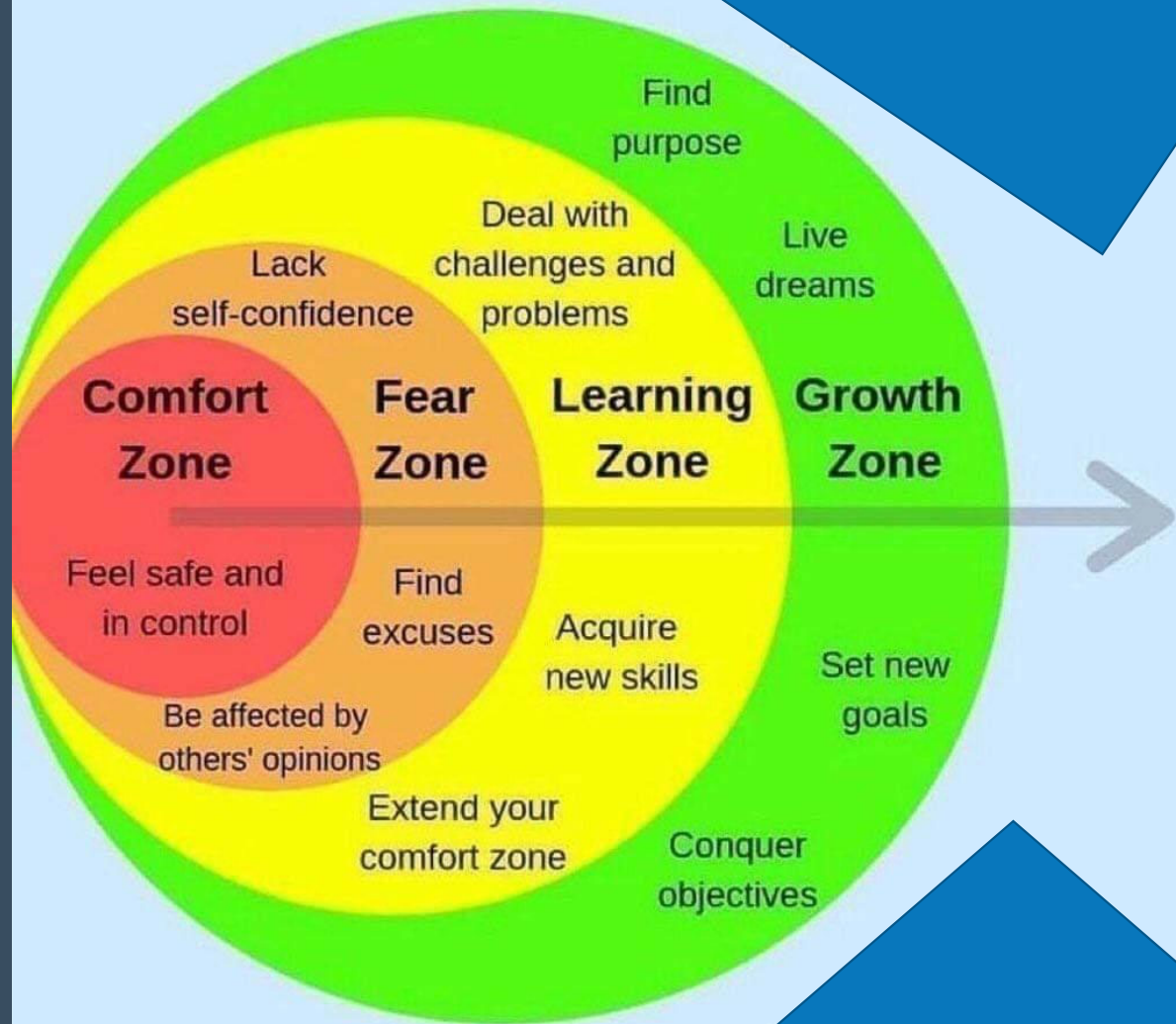


I am not afraid of a person who knows  
10000 kicks. But I am afraid of a  
person who knows one kick but  
practices it for 10000 times

BRUCE LEE



# Stages before growth can happen



# Bubble CPAP Training



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**Neonatal-Perinatal**

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MEDICINE**

**Bubble CPAP use in the NICU**

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# Keys for Success

- Have a clear policy
- Training of nurses and fellows
- Hands on management from the delivery room
- Have an algorithm for infants who have troubles on CPAP

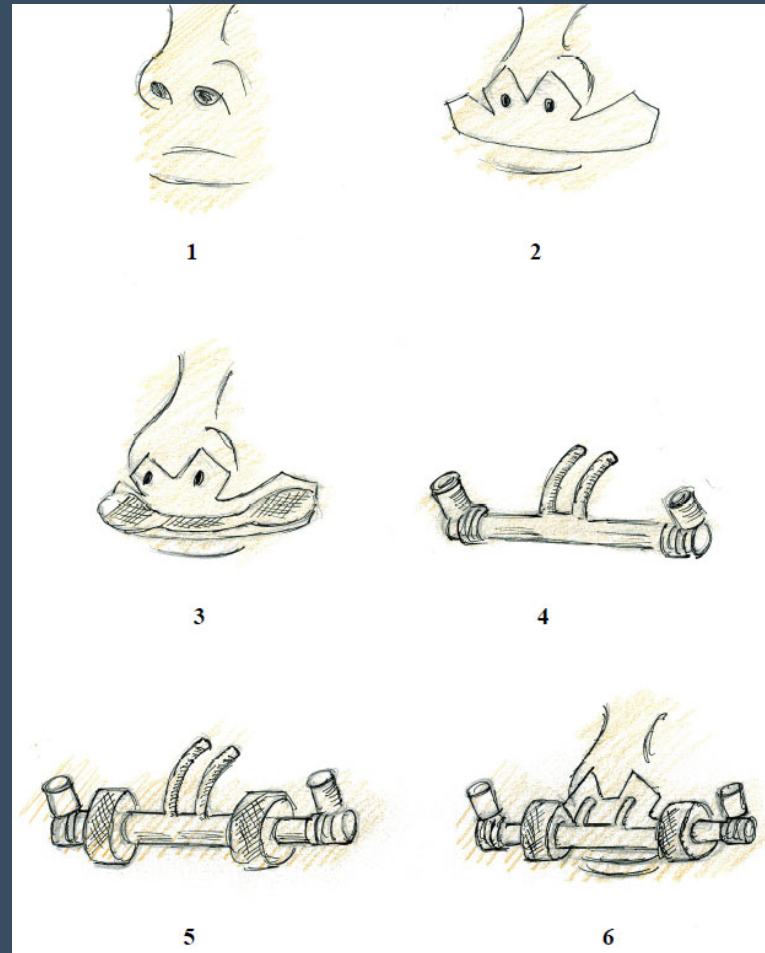


# What Type of CPAP?

- Only Bubble CPAP



# What Type of Prongs?



# CPAP Checklist

## Bedside Checklist for Each Infant while on N-CPAP

To Be Filled by Infant's Nurse Each Shift

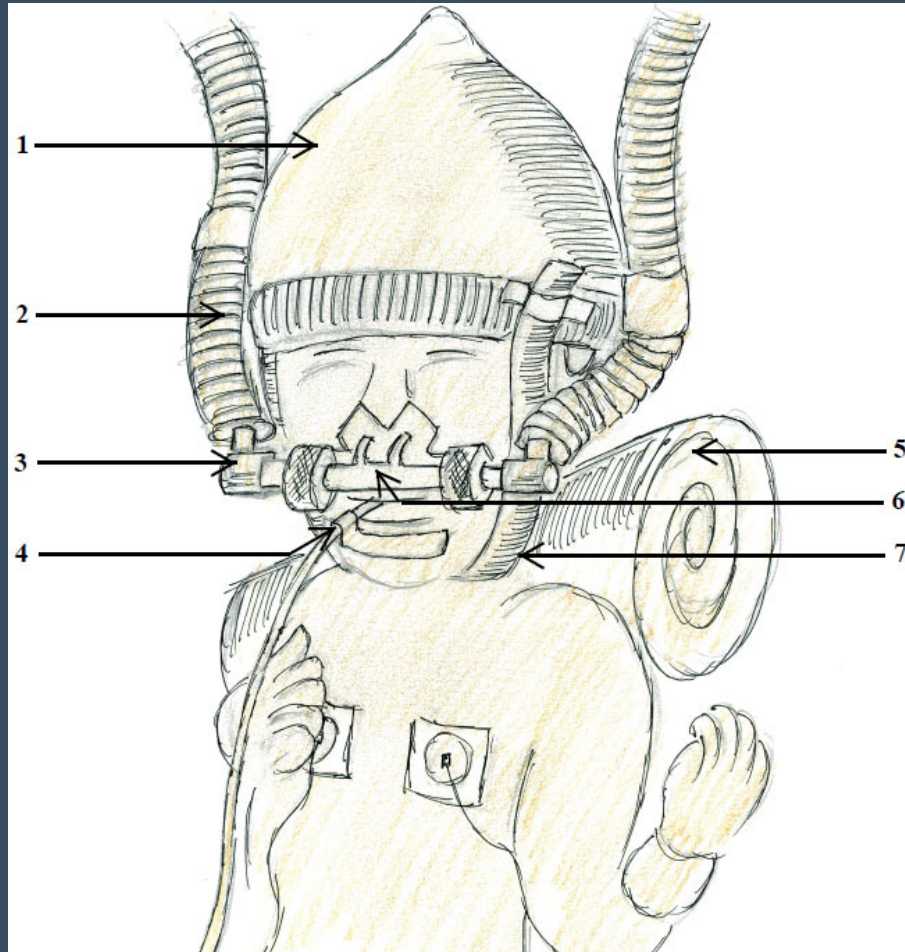
CHECKPOINT	DATE	DATE	DATE
Blended air/oxygen supply is appropriate			
Flow meter at 5 -7 l/min			
Humidifier water level is correct			
Excess rainout in the afferent tubing is drained			
Nasal Prong size is correct			
Nasal prongs positioned correctly and not touching the septum			
Hat fits snugly			
Corrugated tubing correctly placed			
Moustache is correctly placed			
Septum is intact			
Neck roll correct size and position			
Head Position is correct			
Preductal oxygen saturation probe			
Excess rainout in the efferent tube is drained			
Tape at 7cm at base of bottle			
Acetic acid level at 0 cm			
Tubing securely fixed at 5 cm under acetic acid			
Gas bubbling continuously			
Date Circuit is due for a change (7 days max)			
Date CPAP Prongs is due for a change (3 days max)			
Nurse Signature			

Comments:

### CPAP Prong Sizes

Weight	Size
<700g	0
700-1000g	1
1000-2000g	2
2000-3000g	3





Aly & Mohamed,  
Atlas of Procedures  
in Neonatology 2012



# Process Confirmation Audit Card

- 1 Headband/Hat  
(If hat, is it documented?)
- 2 Velcro wrapped around the tubing?
- 3 Prongs in correct position?
- 4 Is checklist up to date with current shift?

Responding to deviation or abnormality:  
Upon completion, ensure the deviation or abnormality is communicated and corrected to align with the process standard.

Comments:

✓	
✗	
To Be Done	
Not to be Done	

- Real-time discussion of nasal interface application
- Real-time education
- Opportunity to discuss barriers
- Collecting process data
- Focus on areas for improvement



# Process Confirmation Board Initiation

Process Confirmation **NICU** Date **10.1.19** Cleveland Clinic

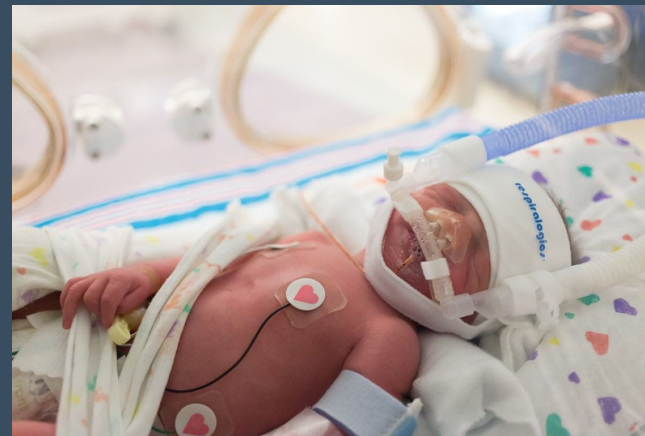
Not to be Done

Not to be Done

A3 Head breakdown  
"Bump Group"  
10 audits per week

	1	2	3	4	5
SCAMP Days	✓	✓	To Be Done	To Be Done	To Be Done
SCAMP Nights	✓	✓	To Be Done	To Be Done	To Be Done

- Team of auditors
- Visual data chart
- Audit card pockets
- 10 audits per week
- Report out in monthly Quality and Practice meeting



# Bubble CPAP NICUs

- Early CPAP in DR (no intubation)
- Early extubation
- No HFNC



# Conclusions

- There is no evidence to support efficacy of HFNC in preventing BPD
- NICUs with the lowest incidence of BPD use bubble CPAP exclusively
- Strategies that improve outcomes should be favored over those that offer easier care



# Conclusions

- Agree on the concept of lung injury
- Have a clear policy
- Train your staff (**How?**)
- Involve leadership and get feedbacks



Thank you!

