

Management of one lung ventilation during thoracic surgery – Impact on postoperative complications

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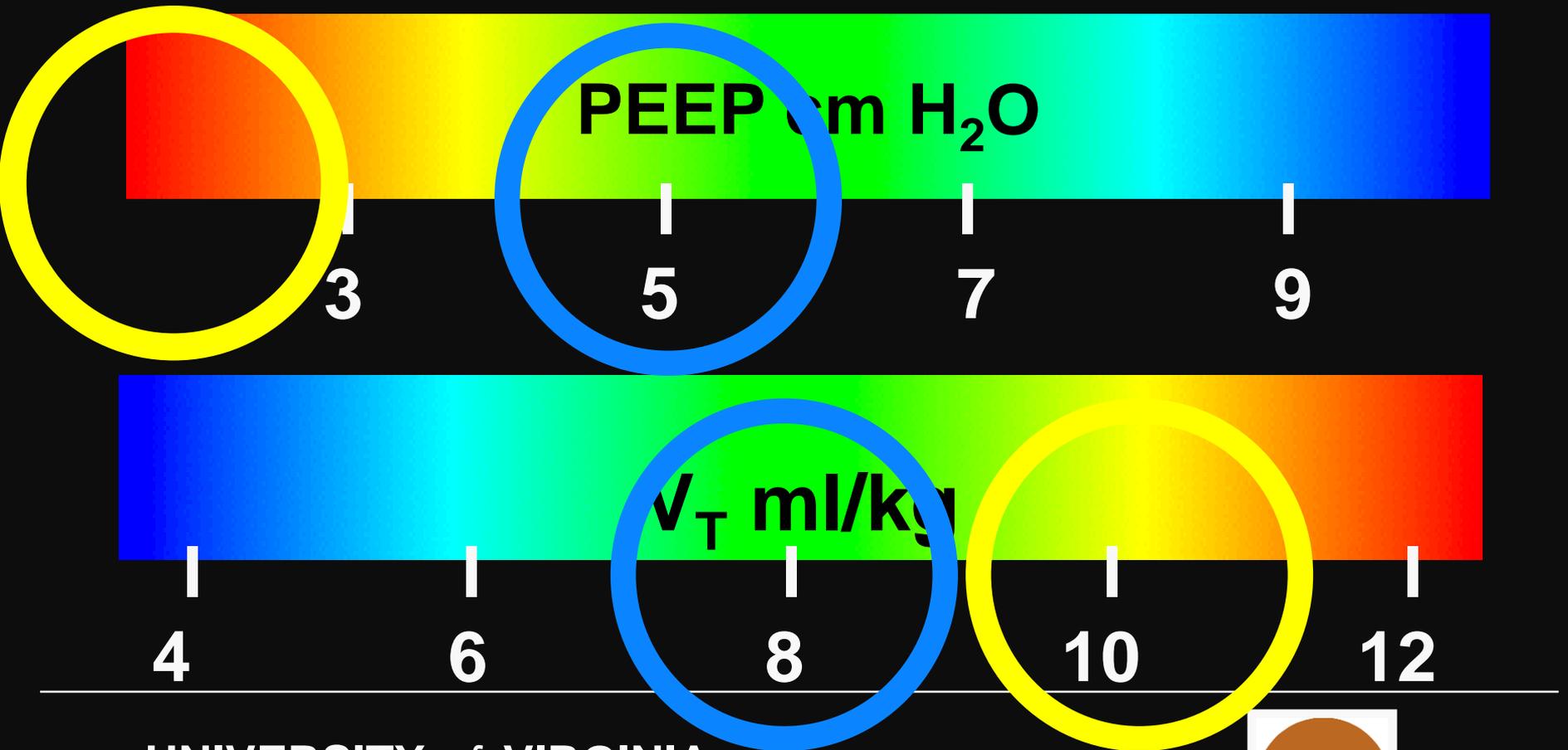


Lung Protective Ventilation

- Potential for outcome improvement
- RCTs
 - Bundled ventilator variables (V_T , PEEP)
 - Control groups not reflecting standard practice
 - Large composite primary outcomes
- Incompletely defined
- No clinical standard



LPV Bundles



What we don't know about LPV

- Exactly what LPV is!
- Ideal
 - V_T
 - Combination V_T , PEEP
- Whether PEEP 5 cm H₂O is sufficient
- Safe limits of airway pressure (ΔP)
- Contribution of practice Δ to outcome Δ



Overall Aim

- Assess relationship
 - management of 1LV
 - V_T , PEEP, P_{aw}
 - Postoperative complications



MPOG – STS Integration



Integration obstacles:

Personnel

Thoracic surgery/CT anesthesia champions

STS & MPOG site IT champions

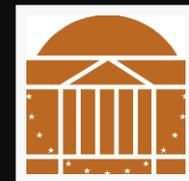
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Data security / privacy

Collaborative spirit between CT surgery/anesthesia

Regulatory

MPOG participating site IRB → STS integration language



Outcomes

- **Primary outcome - PPCs**

- Tracheostomy
- Empyema requiring treatment
- Pneumonia
- Reintubation
- Initial ventilator support > 48 h
- ARDS
- Bronchopleural fistula
- Pulmonary embolism
- Air leak > 5 d
- Atelectasis requiring bronchoscopy
- Respiratory failure

- **Major morbidity**

- PPCs – any
- Unexpected return to OR
- Dysrhythmia requiring Rx
- Myocardial infarction
- Sepsis
- Renal failure
- Central neurologic event
- Unexpected ICU admission
- Anastomotic leak

- **Composite**

- Any major morbidity
- Mortality



Aim 1

- To determine whether adherence to putative LPV regimen predicts improvements in clinical outcomes?
 - $LPV = V_T \leq 5 \text{ ml/kg PBW and PEEP} \geq 5 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O}$
 - $Non LPV = V_T > 5 \text{ ml/kg PBW or PEEP} < 5 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O}$
- To determine whether the documented increase in adherence to LPV recommendations over the study period is associated with improved clinical outcomes



Unmatched

Demographics	No LPV N=3929	LPV N=621	P value
Age	63	63	0.203
Female sex	2084	192	<0.001
BMI	27.6	26.2	<0.001
ASA Class 3 or higher	74.6%	72%	0.166

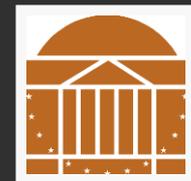
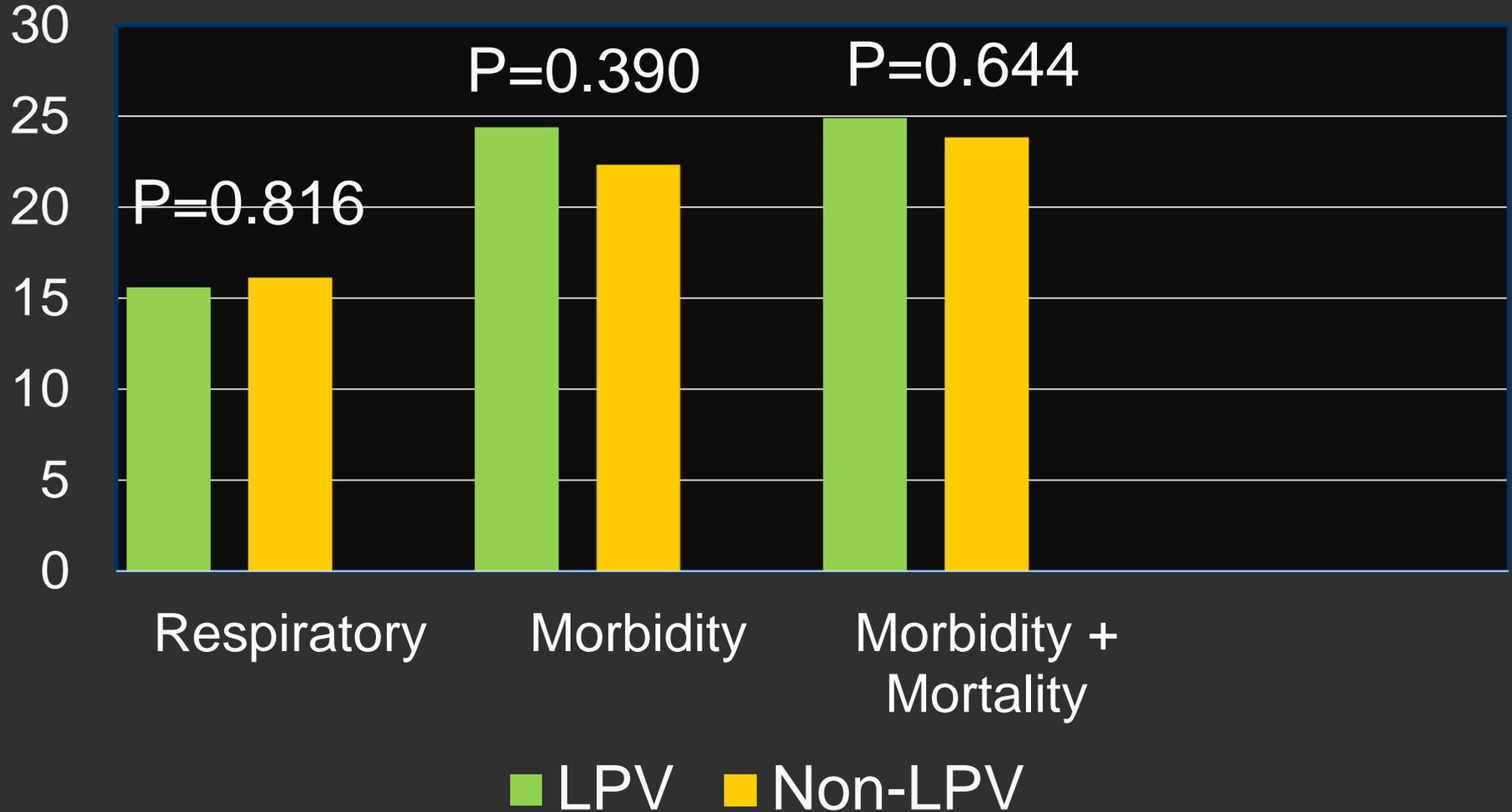
- Propensity score matched cohort (12 variables)
- LPV matched 1:1 with controls



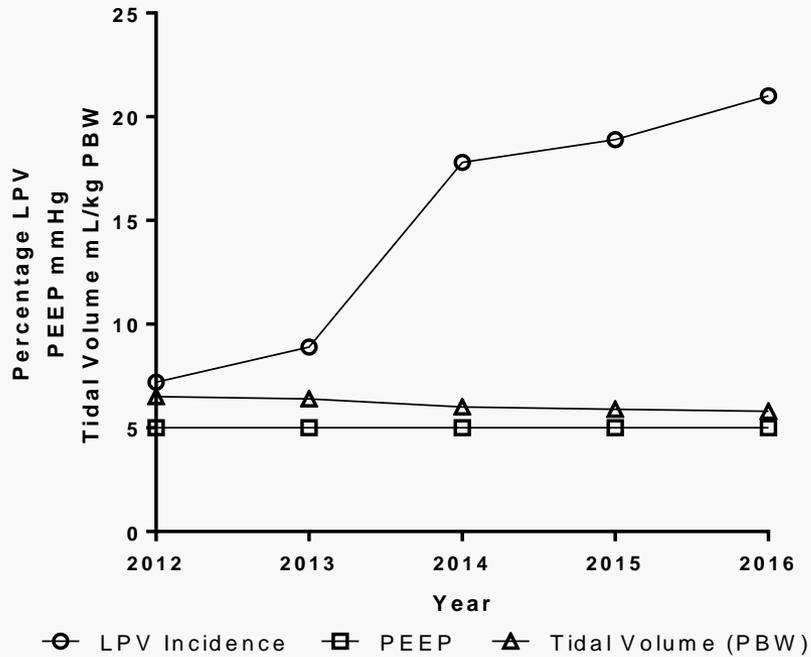
Ventilation	Non LPV	LPV	P Value
Respiratory Rate	12	14	<0.001
FIO ₂ %	95	95	0.661
Mean P _{insp}	10	10	0.607
PIP	22	21.5	0.001
P _{PLAT}	20.5	20	0.387
ETCO ₂	34.1	38	<0.001
V _T (ml/kg) PBW	6.2 (5.6-7.0)	4.5 (4.1-4.8)	<0.001
PEEP	5 (4.0-5.0)	5 (5.0-5.0)	<0.001
mΔP	16 (13.0-20.0)	14 (11.0-18.0)	0.013



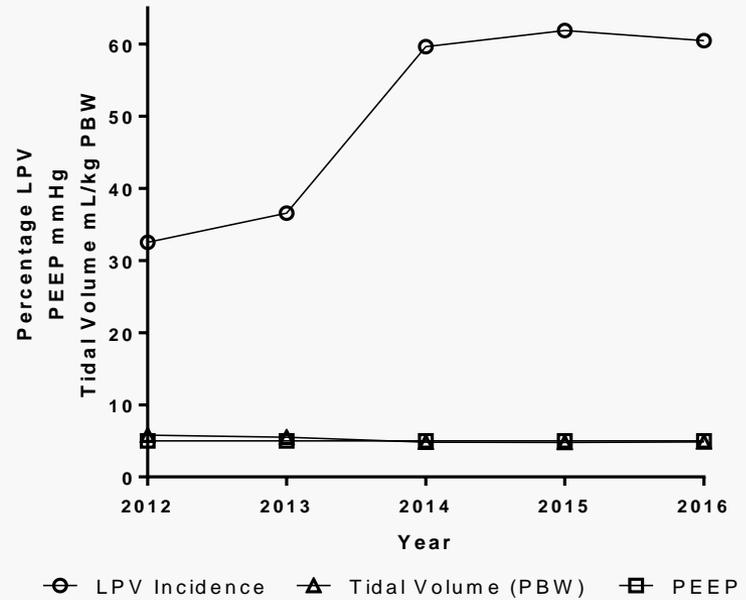
LPV and Outcomes



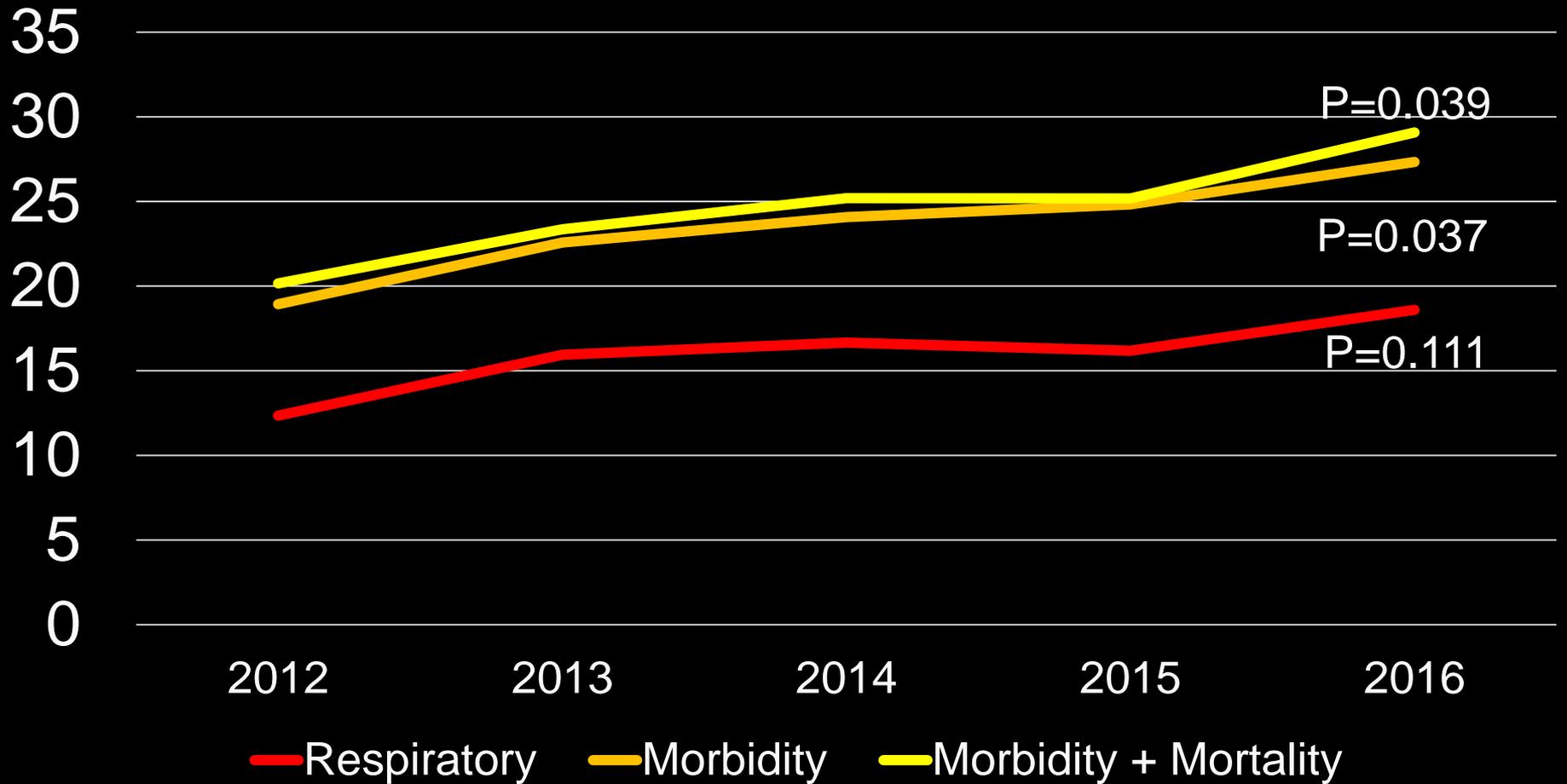
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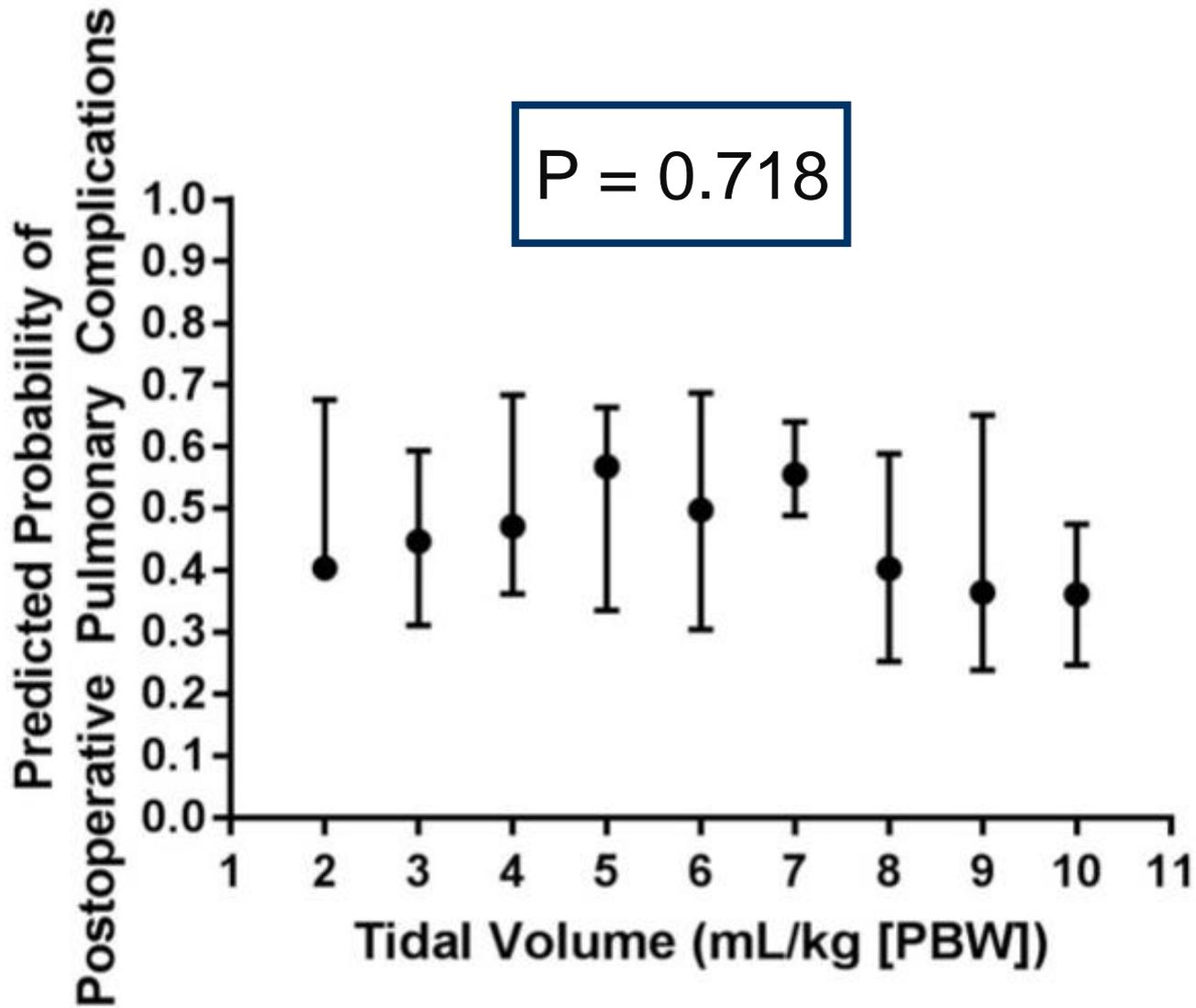
Complications by Year

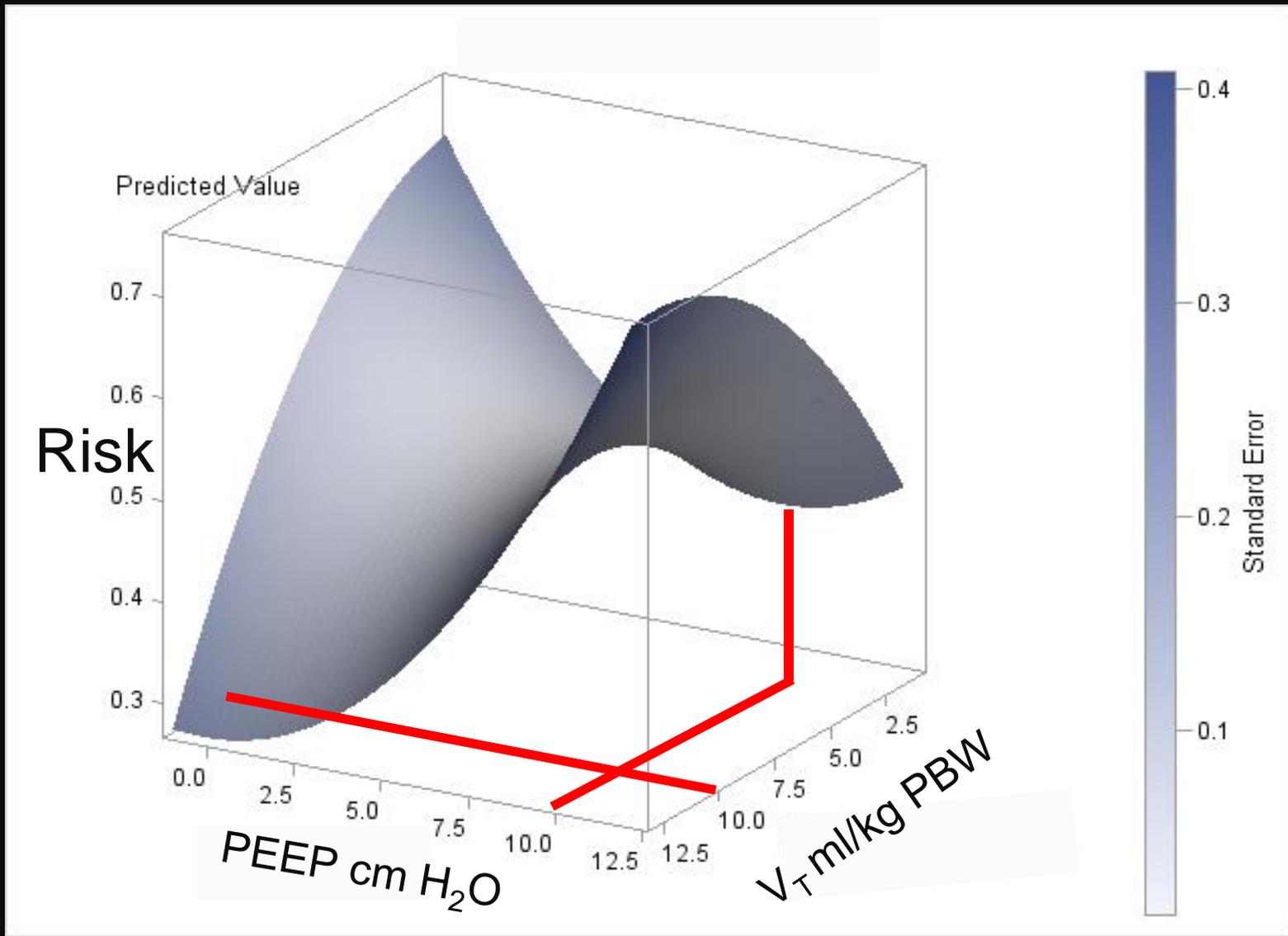


Aim 2

- To assess the interaction between ventilator parameters to determine a “best” combination of V_T and PEEP during 1LV for minimizing postoperative complication rate







Aim 3

- To determine whether ventilatory correlates of dynamic alveolar strain – notably ΔP ($P_{\text{plat}} - \text{PEEP}$) or $m\Delta P$ are predictive of postoperative complications

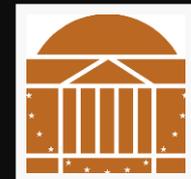
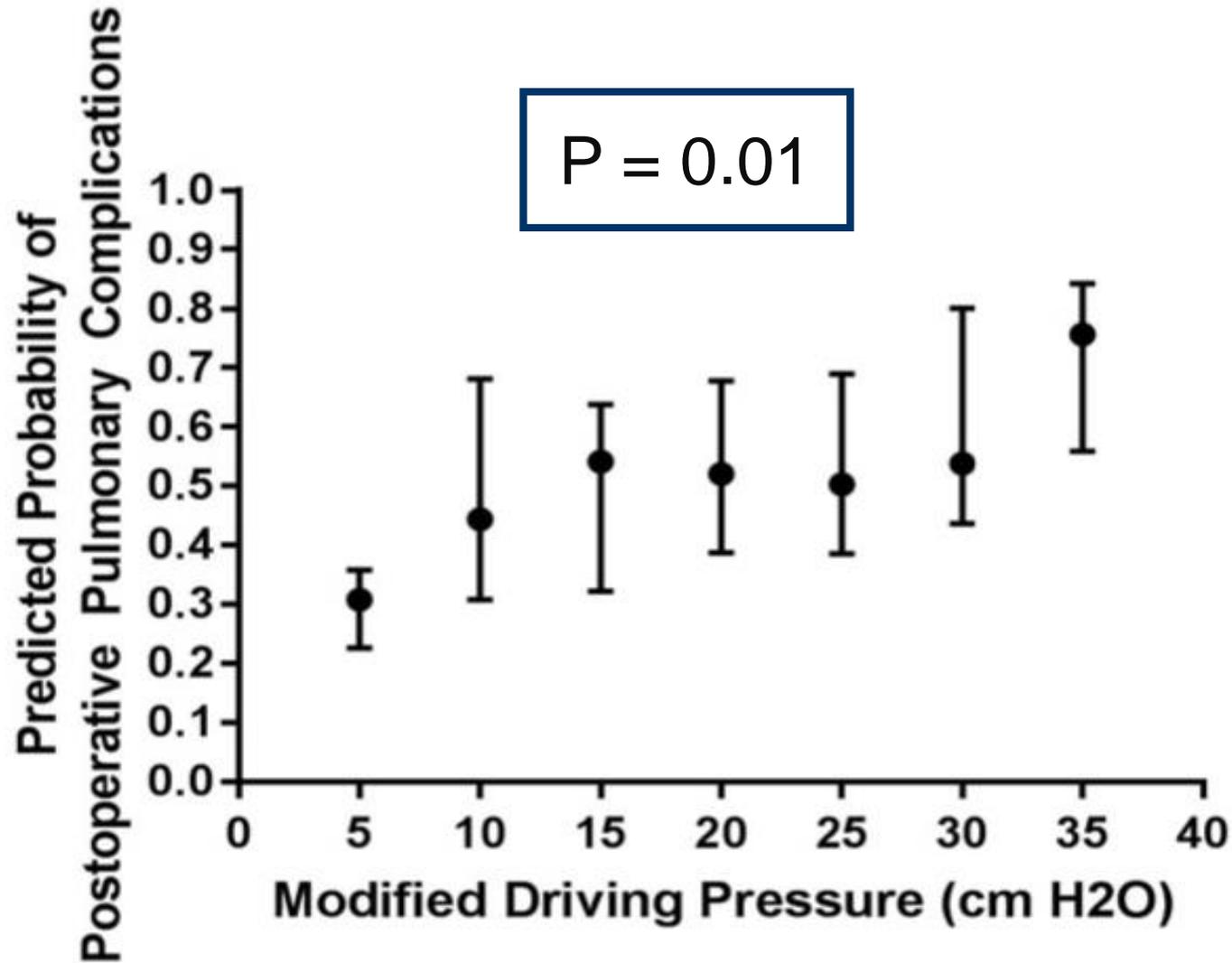


Driving Pressure and Complications

P_{per} 1 cm H₂O

	Respiratory Complications		Morbidity		Morbidity and Mortality	
	Adjusted Odds (95% CI)	P-value	Adjusted Odds (95% CI)	P-value	Adjusted Odds (95% CI)	P-value
Modified Driving Pressure	1.03 (0.99, 1.08)	0.156	1.05 (1.01, 1.09)	0.021	1.06 (1.01, 1.10)	0.021
Peak Inspiratory Pressure	1.03 (0.99, 1.07)	0.152	1.05 (1.01, 1.09)	0.012	1.06 (1.02, 1.10)	0.003





Conclusions

- LPV – as currently defined
 - not ideally protective
- Low V_T not inherently protective
- ΔP predicts complications
- Large database studies integrating
 - Intraoperative (ventilation)
 - Postoperative (outcome)
 - Role/interaction of V_T , PEEP, P_{aw}
- 3D surface plot analysis



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Respiratory Complications

	Total (N = 1220)	No LPV (n = 610)	LPV (n = 610)	P-Value
ARDS	4 (0.3)	2 (0.3)	2 (0.3)	0.999
Air leak > 5 days	76 (6.2)	46 (7.5)	30 (4.9)	0.041
Atelectasis	53 (4.3)	21 (3.4)	32 (5.2)	0.131
Bronchopleural Fistula	2 (0.2)	2 (0.3)	0 (0.0)	N/A
Pneumonia	42 (3.4)	20 (3.3)	22 (3.6)	0.758
Pneumothorax	28 (2.3)	14 (2.3)	14 (2.3)	0.999
Other pulmonary event	22 (1.8)	10 (1.6)	12 (2.0)	0.670
Pulmonary embolism	6 (0.5)	3 (0.5)	3 (0.5)	0.999
Respiratory failure	36 (3.0)	19 (3.1)	17 (2.8)	0.739
Tracheostomy	11 (0.9)	7 (1.1)	4 (0.7)	0.366
Ventilator support > 48 hours	11 (0.9)	6 (1.0)	5 (0.8)	0.763
Total		16%	16%	0.816



Protective Ventilation

Meta Analysis 15 Trials, N=2127

Outcome	RR	p Value
PPC	0.64	< 0.01
ARDS	0.45	0.01
Barotrauma	0.39	0.03

Serpa Neto et al. Anesthesiology 2015; 123: 66-78



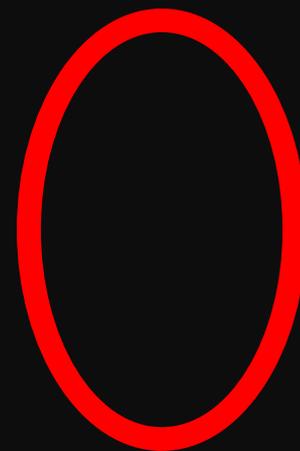
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32%

6.6 X

	Median V_T ml/kg
Protective	7.3
Conventional	10.8



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Ventilation Data (MPOG)

Time



V_T ABW, PBW
PEEP
PIP
 P_{aw}
 P_{plat}

RR
Vent mode
 FIO_2
 $ETCO_2$

$$\Delta P = P_{PLAT} - PEEP$$
$$m\Delta P = PIP - PEEP$$



STS Thoracic Database

Baseline Patient, Procedural

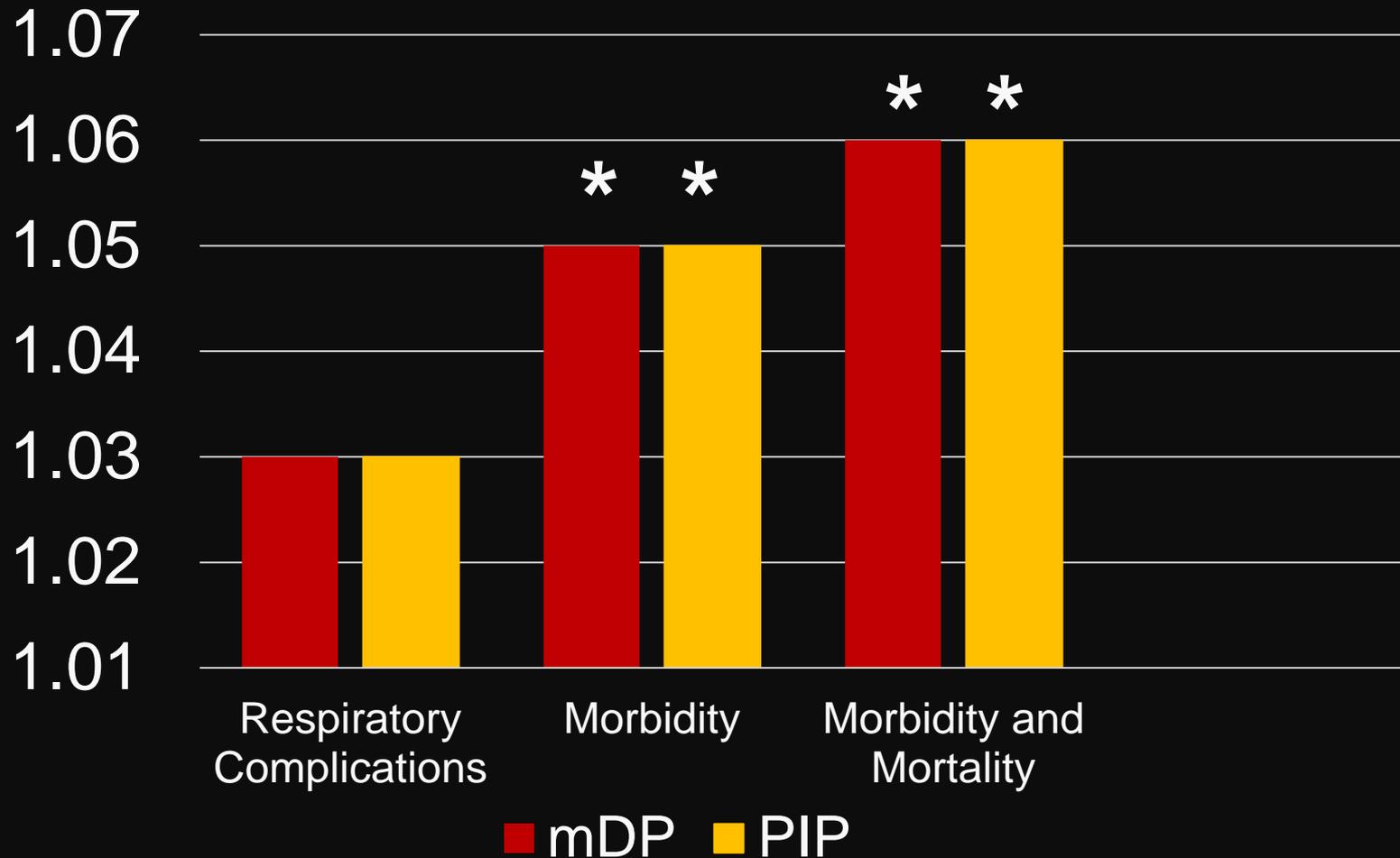
Age at surgery
Female sex
BMI (kg/m²)
Zubrod score
ASA status
Renal dysfunction
Current smoker
Induction chemotherapy or radiation
Preoperative steroid therapy
FEV₁ (% predicted)
Major preoperative morbidity
Blood product transfusion
VATS
Thoracotomy
Other approach
Wedge resection
Bilobectomy/pneumonectomy
Esophageal procedure
Lung transplantation
Pleura/diaphragm/mediastinal/chest wall
Segmentectomy/lobectomy
Other thoracic procedure

Outcomes, Complications

Tracheostomy
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Pneumonia
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Initial ventilator support > 48 h
ARDS
Bronchopleural fistula
Pulmonary embolus
Air leak > 5 days
Atelectasis requiring bronchoscopy
Respiratory failure
Unexpected return to operating room
Atrial arrhythmia requiring treatment
Ventricular arrhythmia requiring treatment
Myocardial infarction
Anastomotic failure requiring treatment
Sepsis
Central neurologic event
Renal failure
Unexpected ICU admission
Mortality within 30 days
Primary outcome
Secondary outcome



Odds Ratios per 1 cm H₂O mΔP



Aim 4

- To determine whether patients known to be at higher risk for receiving high V_T /kg PBW – patients with **high BMI, short stature, and female gender** - are more likely to be subjected to ventilator regimens associated with higher levels of ΔP
- Whether these patients are at higher risk for postoperative complications
- **Mixed effects logistic regression modeling**



Results

	B Coefficient (Std. Err.)	P-Value
BMI	0.32 (0.02)	<0.001
Height (cm)	0.01 (0.02)	0.712
Female Sex	-0.56 (0.35)	0.116

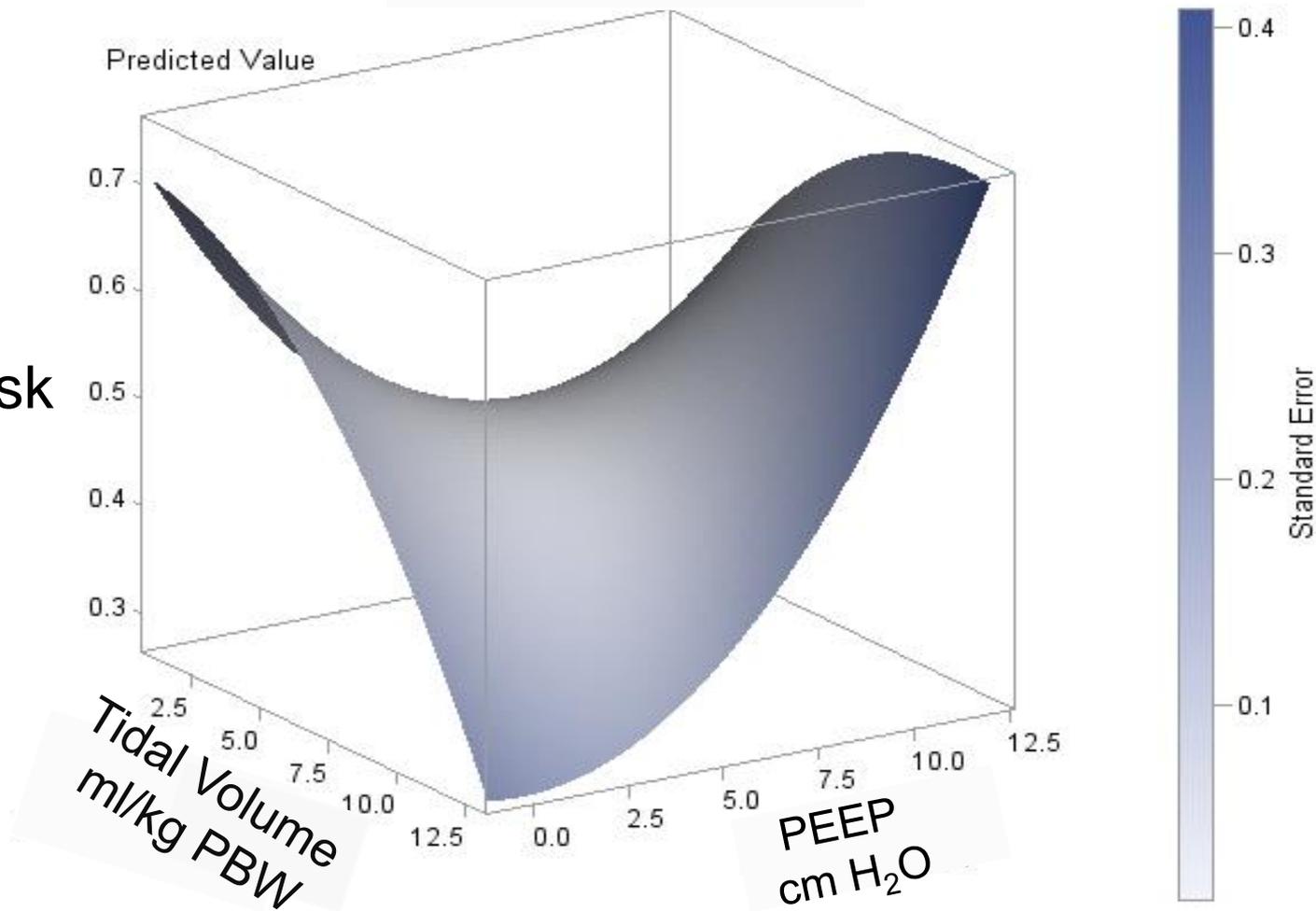


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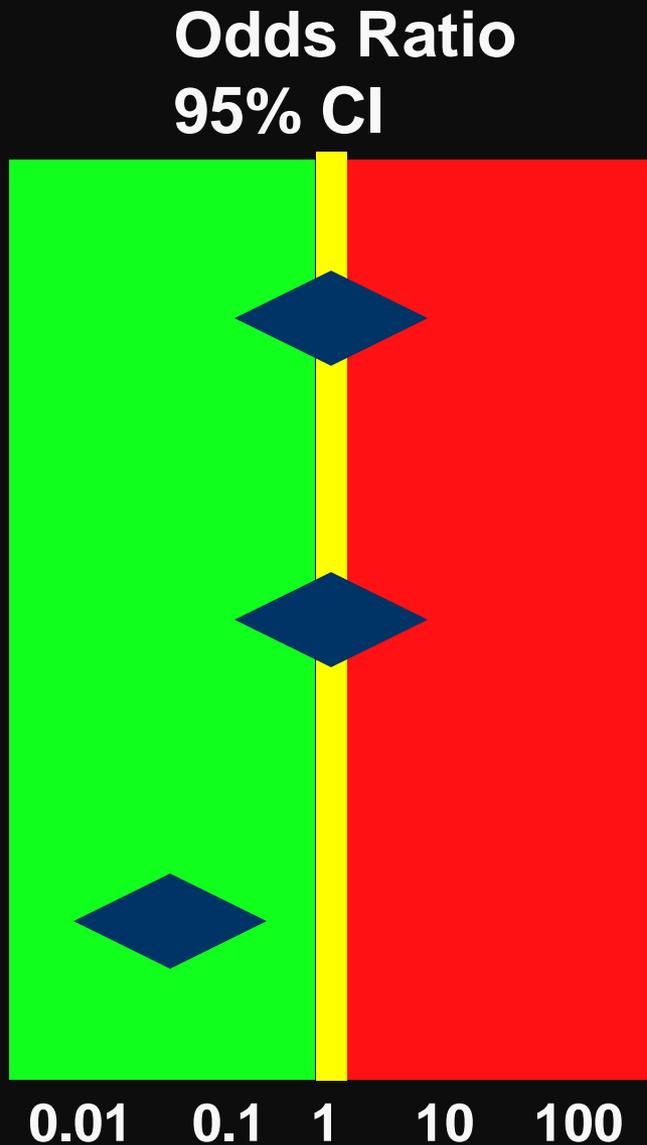
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	Adjusted Odds (95% CI)	P-value	Adjusted Odds (95% CI)	P-value	Adjusted Odds (95% CI)	P-value
BMI	0.99 (0.95, 1.03)	0.625	1.01 (0.98, 1.05)	0.507	1.01 (0.97, 1.04)	0.728
Height (cm)	0.98 (0.95, 1.01)	0.132	0.98 (0.95, 1.00)	0.088	0.98 (0.95, 1.01)	0.115
Female Sex	2.35 (1.08, 5.10)	0.031	1.38 (0.72, 2.64)	0.326	1.25 (0.66, 2.39)	0.494



Risk



Pulmonary Complications



Lower V_T only

Higher PEEP only

Lower V_T and higher PEEP



MPOG Perioperative Data

- **Intraoperative Data**

- Medications, fluids, blood products
- Physiologic monitoring, ventilator management
- Procedure/case times

- **Additional Perioperative Data**

- Lab values – 365 days before/after surgery
- Anesthesia H&P – some additional concepts
- Billing/lab-based outcomes data

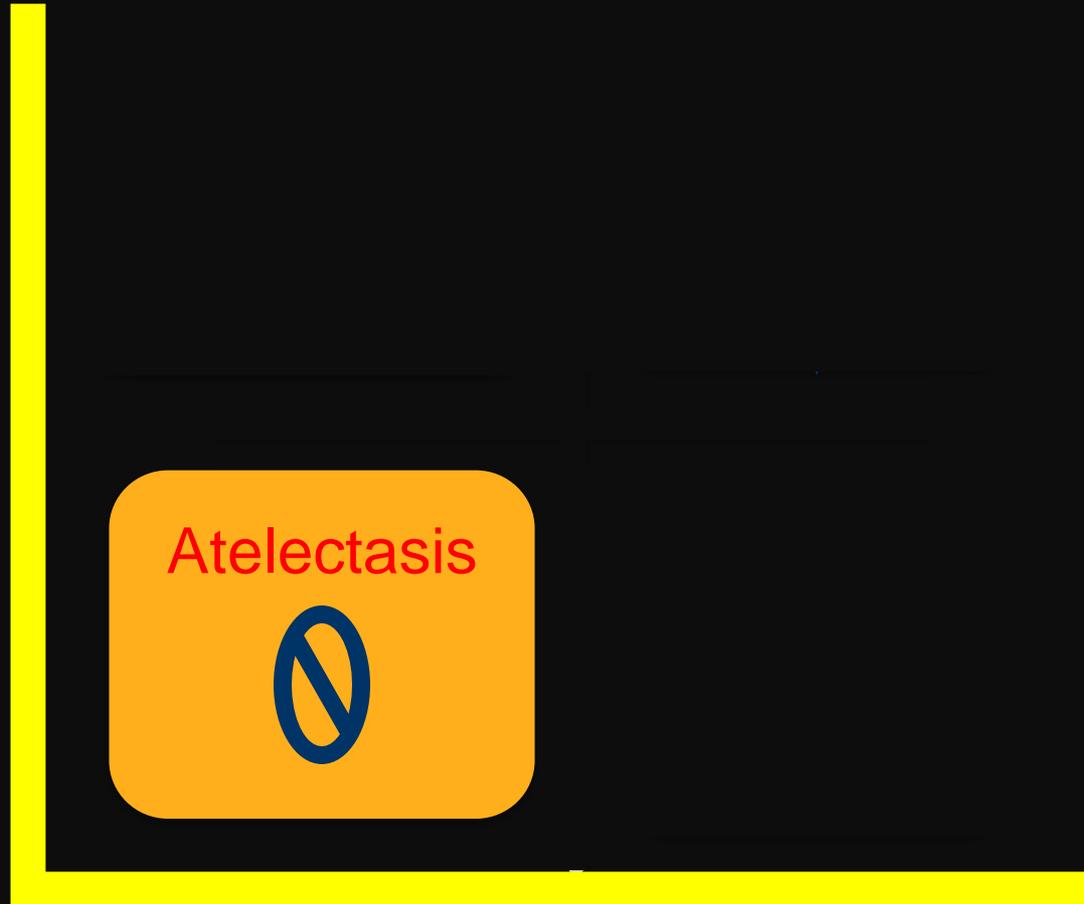


STS Thoracic Database

- Strengths of STS
 - Outcomes (verified by site data managers)
 - Comorbidities (also verified)
 - Preoperative testing
 - Established national standard, 281 sites



Tidal Volume



PEEP



PPCs in Surgical Patients

Open Lung Strategy

ΔP Limitation

ARM
PEEP



Atelectasis



Atelectrauma

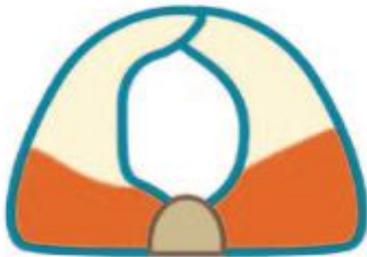


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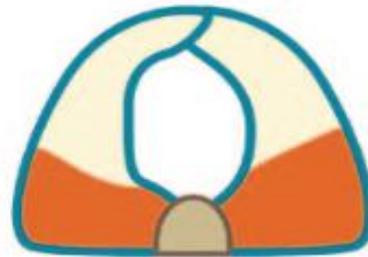


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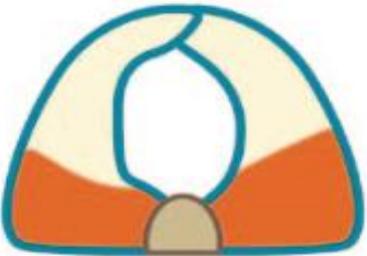
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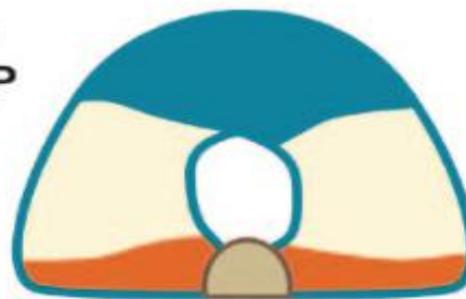
Low V_T
Low PEEP



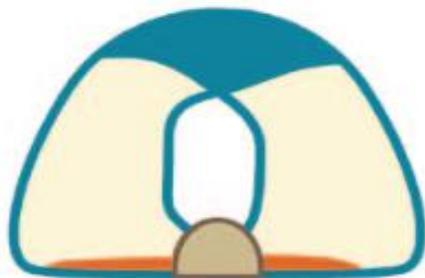
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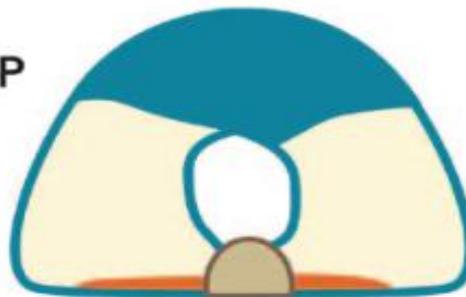
High V_T
Low PEEP



Overinflation
Tidal recruitment



Low V_T
High PEEP



Overinflation

Overinflation Normally aerated Atelectasis



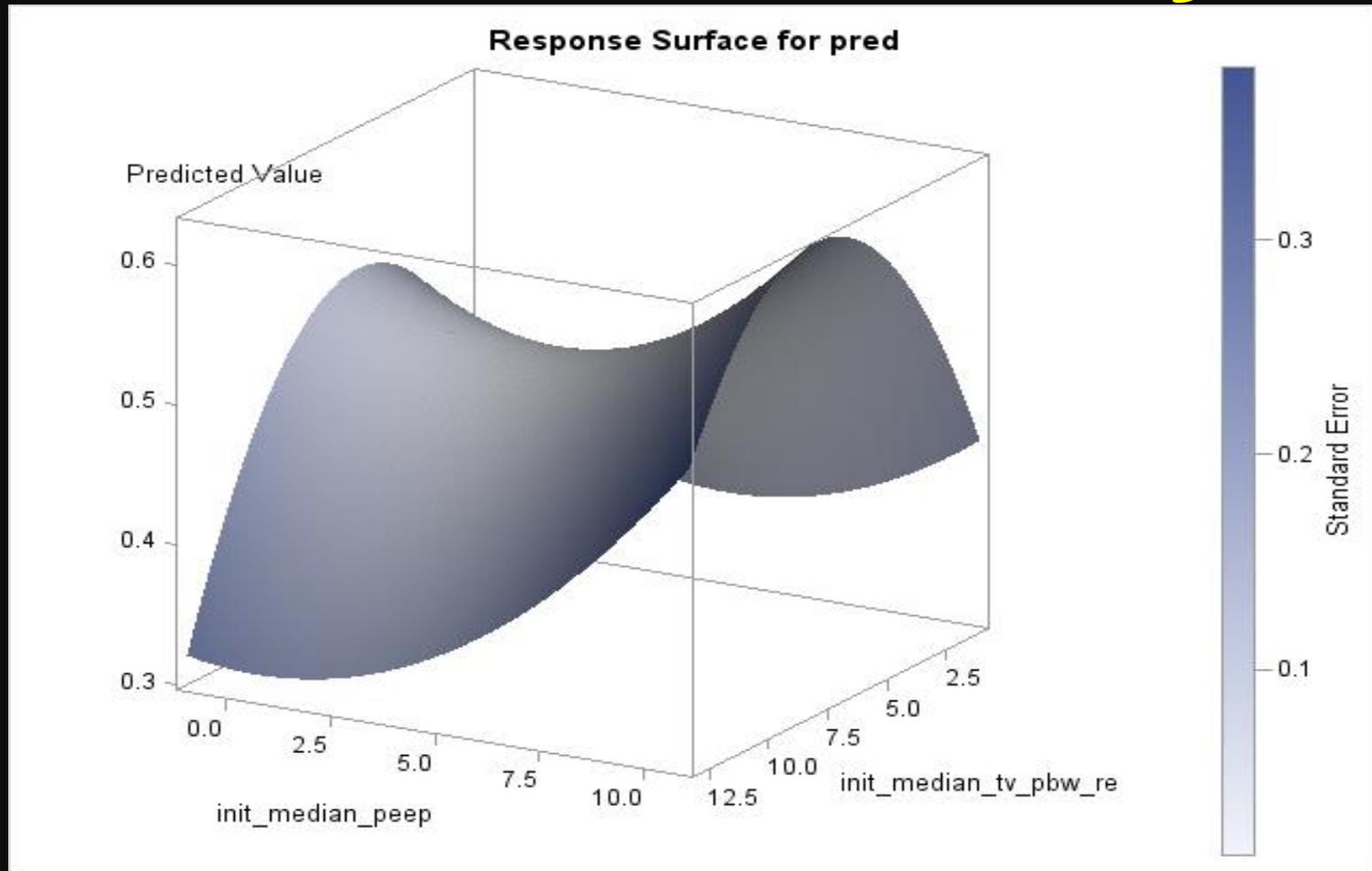
Standardizing V_T

- Lung volume data not routinely available for surgical patients
- Need measure of functional lung volume
 - Relative to delivered V_T
 - Easily measured in surgical patients
- Airway driving pressure
 - Ability of lung parenchyma to accommodate V_T
 - ΔP predicts adverse outcomes



Study	Subjects	Parameter	Conclusion
Br J Anaesth 2015;114:483	ASA 1-3 Excluding COPD	Intratidal compliance	PEEP = 5 insufficient to prevent derecruitment
Anesth Analg 2008;106:175	ASA 1-2, healthy lungs	Compliance, dead space fraction	Optimal PEEP = 10
Acta Anaesthesiol Scand 2006; 50: 833	Morbid obesity BMI 49 _± 8	Electrical impedance tomography	Optimal PEEP = 15
Br. J Anaesth 2017;119:1194	Obesity BMI \geq 35	Electrical impedance tomography	Individualized mean PEEP = 18.5
Anesthesiology 2018; 128: 531	OLV	Mechanics -P/F, shunt, ΔP	PEEP = 10
Lancet Resp Med 2018; 6: 193	Elevated risk PPC	Clinical outcomes	PEEP > 10 when individualized

Aim 2 – Morbidity



VILI during OLV

Reexpansion
I/R injury

Vt 5 ml/kg



Atelectasis



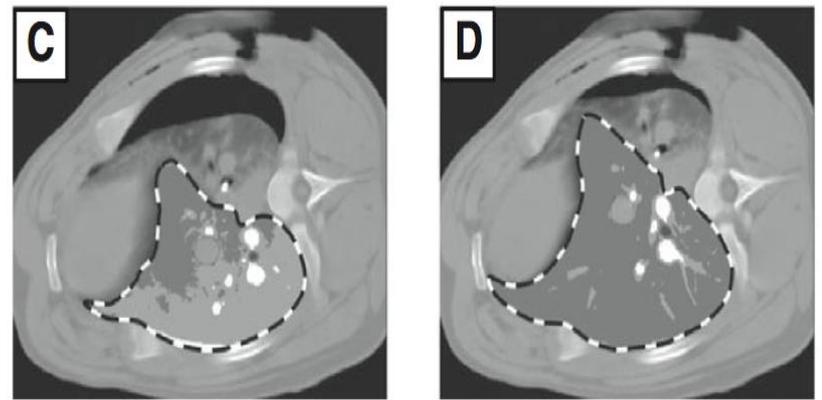
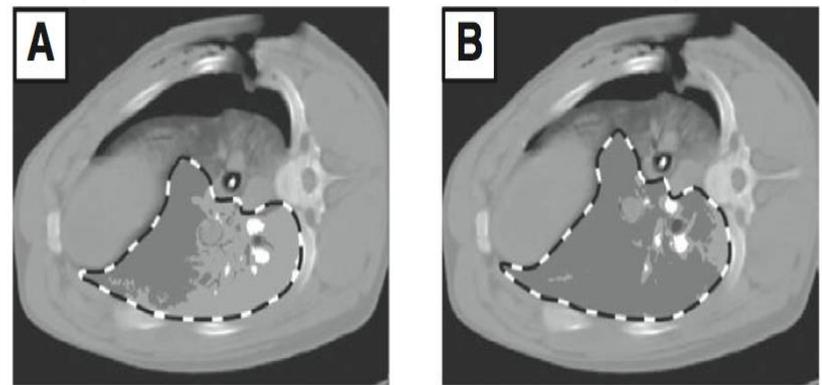
Tidal recruitment
Overdistension
Volutrauma

Vt 10 ml/kg



Tidal recruitment

Expiration → Inspiration



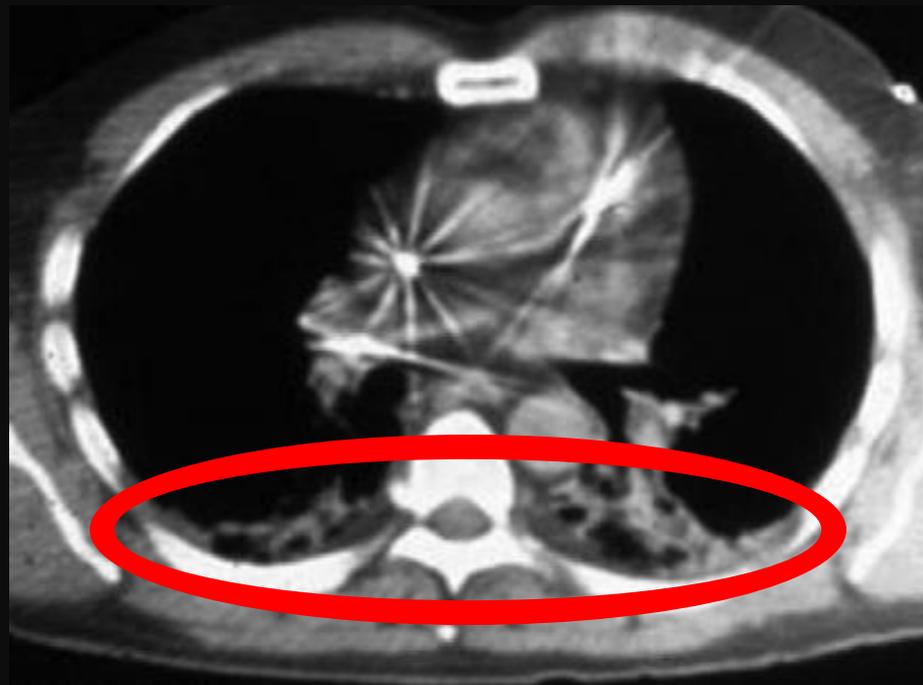
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 normally aerated
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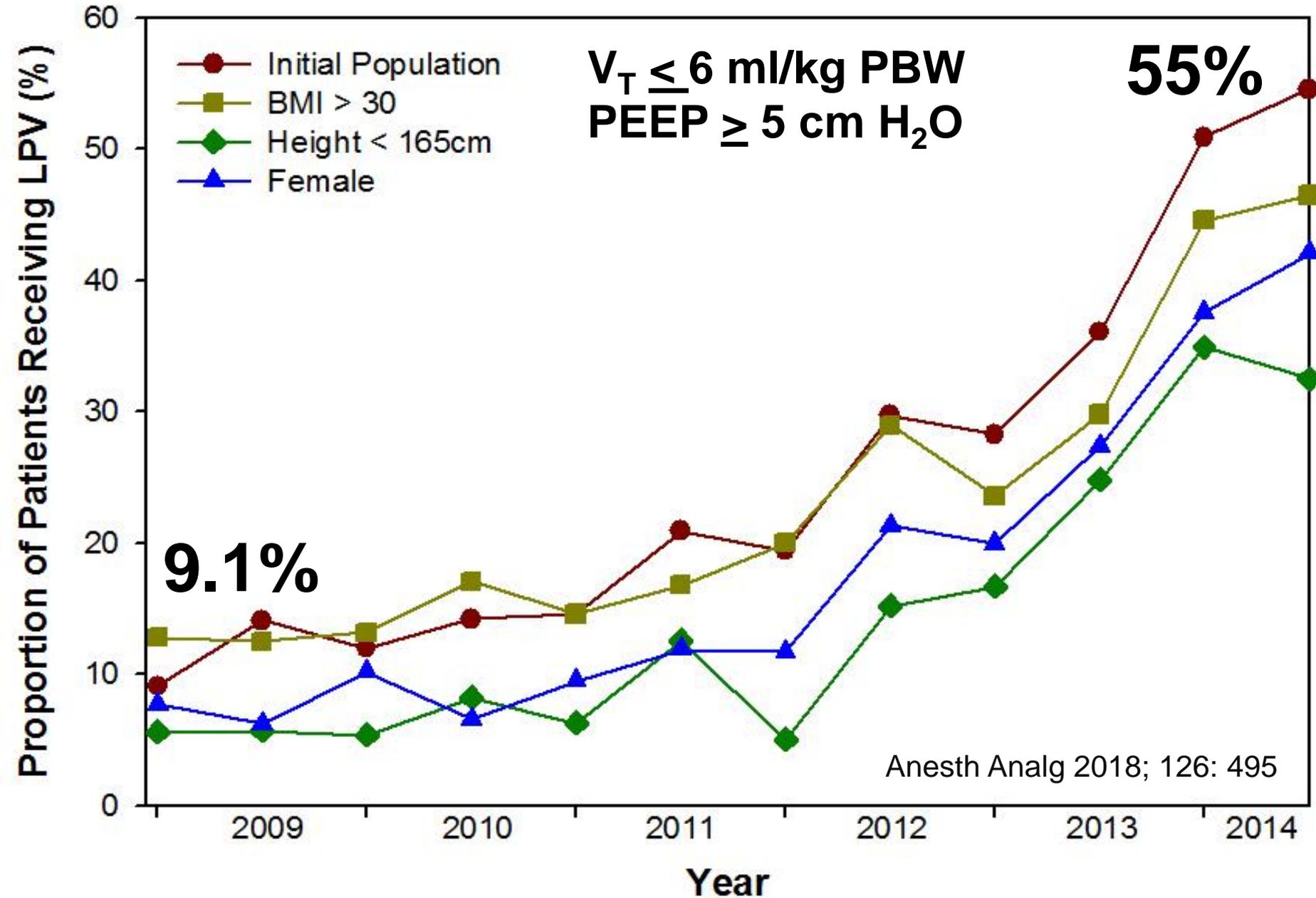
Capillary shear stress

What do we know about LPV?

- Supraphysiologic V_T and ZEEP is harmful
- Physiologic V_T , moderate PEEP better
- Low V_T not protective per se



Lung Protective 1LV



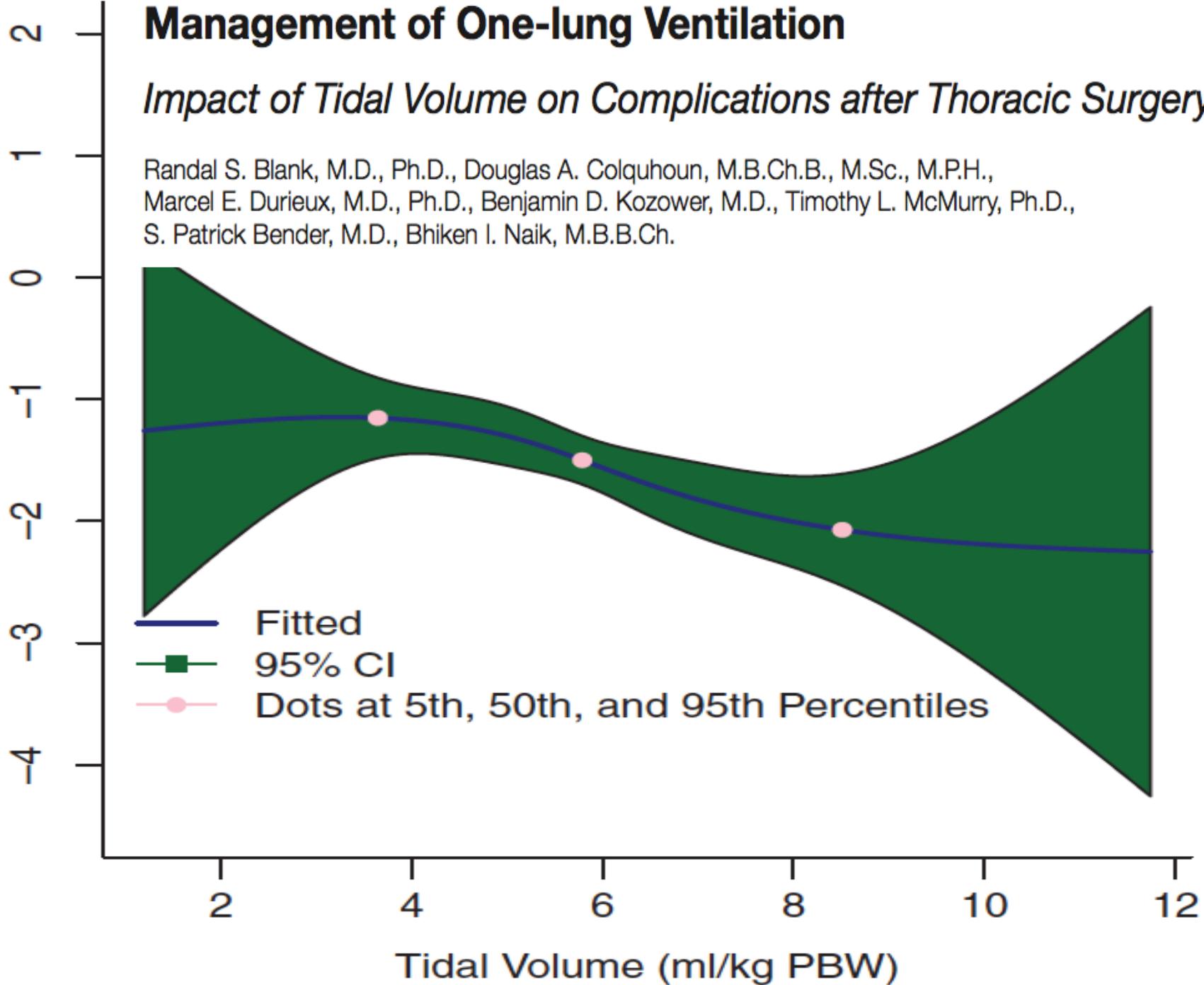
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Log Odds of Primary Outcome



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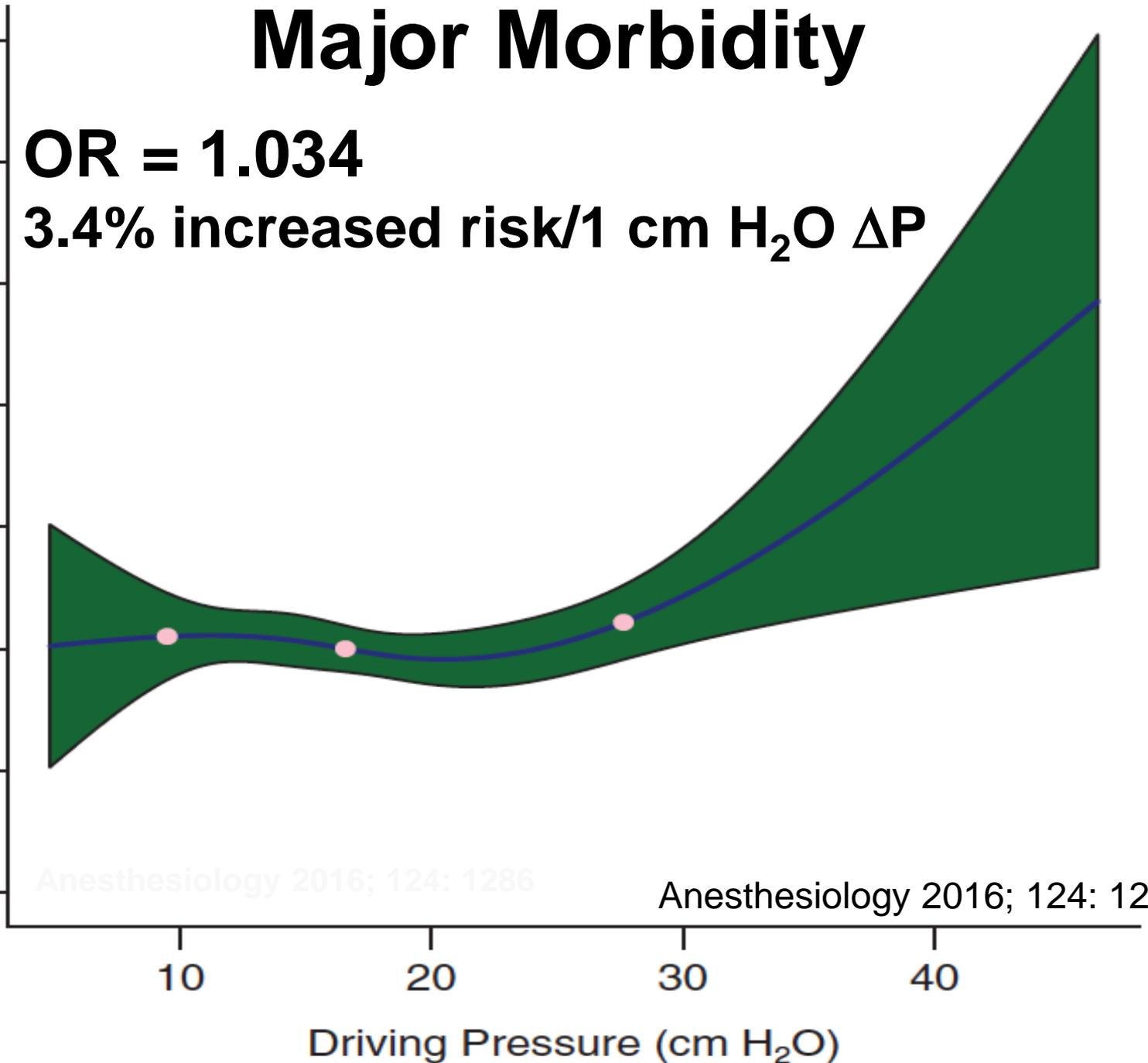
Major Morbidity

OR = 1.034

3.4% increased risk/1 cm H₂O Δ P

Log Odds of Secondary Outcome

4
3
2
1
0
-1
-2
-3



Driving Pressure (cm H₂O)