

OXYGEN DELIVERY IN HEALTH AND DISEASE

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U.S. COST OF O₂ SERVICES

> 1 million people rely on Medicare for home-oxygen therapy.

- 2009 \$2.9 billion/yr (\$500 billion budget).
- Average cost (2006) \$201.20/pt/month, (\$55.81 for equipment and \$145.39 for services).

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CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL NECESSITY
CMS-484— OXYGEN

SECTION A: Certification Type/Date: INITIAL 07/06/2017 REVISED 10/12/2017 RECERTIFICATION

PATIENT NAME: ADDRESS, TELEPHONE AND HICN
 BENNY B. BCS
 CN WMDX7654549304

SUPPLIER NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE AND NSC or NPI #
 LINCARB
 3900 ROOSEVELT RD
 SUITE 103
 SAINT CLOUD, MN 56301-9863
 (3 2 0) 6 2 4 - 1 7 4 2 NSC or NPI # XX 147762849

PLACE OF SERVICE 12 Supply Item/Service Procedure Code(s) PT D09 11/20/1975 Rev F (MF) HL (n) WH
 NAME and ADDRESS of FACILITY
 If applicable (see reverse) 20411
 E1390 PHYSICIAN NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE AND UPIN or NPI #
 MARK B WYLAN, M.D.
 200 1ST ST SW
 ROCHESTER, MN 55905-0001
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 (3 0 7) 2 8 4 - 2 5 1 1 UPIN or NPI # 1003880865

SECTION B:
 EST. LENGTH OF NEED (# OF MONTHS): 99 1-99 (99=LIFETIME) DIAGNOSIS CODES: R09.02

ANSWERS ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-9. (Check Y for Yes, N for No, or D for Does Not Apply, unless otherwise noted.)

a) mm Hg
 b) %
 c) 10/12/2017

1. Enter the result of most recent test taken on or before the certification date listed in Section A. Enter (a) arterial blood gas PO2 and/or (b) oxygen saturation test.
 (c) date of test.

2. Was the test in Question 1 performed (1) with the patient in a chronic stable state as an outpatient, (2) within two days prior to discharge from an inpatient facility to home, or (3) under other circumstances?
 0 1 0 2 0 3

3. Check the one number for the condition of the test in Question 1: (1) At Rest; (2) During Exercise; (3) During Sleep
 0 1 0 2 0 3

4. If you are ordering portable oxygen, is the patient mobile within the home? If you are not ordering portable oxygen, check D.
 0 Y 0 N 0 D

5. Enter the highest oxygen flow rate ordered for this patient in liters per minute. If less than 1 LPM, enter an "X".
 3.00 LPM

6. If greater than 4 LPM is prescribed, enter results of most recent test taken on or after 4 LPM. This may be an arterial blood gas PO2 and/or (b) oxygen saturation test with patient in a chronic stable state. Enter date of test (c).
 a) mm Hg
 b) %
 c) 10/12/2017

ANSWER QUESTIONS 79 ONLY IF PO2 = 56-69 OR OXYGEN SATURATION = 85 IN QUESTION 1

7. Does the patient have dependent edema due to congestive heart failure?
 0 Y 0 N

8. Does the patient have cor pulmonale or pulmonary hypertension documented by P pulmonale on an EKG or by an echocardiogram, gated blood pool scan or direct pulmonary artery pressure measurement?
 0 Y 0 N

9. Does the patient have a hematocrit greater than 56%?

NAME OF PERSON ANSWERING SECTION B QUESTIONS, IF OTHER THAN PHYSICIAN (Please Print):
 NAME TITLE EMPLOYER

SECTION C: Narrative Description of Equipment and Cost

(1) Narrative description of all items, accessories and option ordered; (2) Suppliers charge; and (3) Medicare Fee Schedule Allowance for each item, accessory, and option (see instructions on back)

This oxygen flow rate prescribed is 3.00 lpm continuous.

Description
 Compressed Gas Concentrator
 Supplies and Accessories : NASAL CANNULA
 Test Pac: MAYO CLINIC, 200 1ST ST, ROCHESTER MN 55905

SECTION D: PHYSICIAN Attestation and Signature/Date

I certify that I am the treating physician identified in Section A of this form. I have received Sections A, B and C of the Certificate of Medical Necessity (including charges for items ordered). Any statement on my letter/head attached hereto, has been reviewed and signed by me. I certify that the medical necessity information in Section B is true, accurate and complete, to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that any falsification, omission, or participation in a false statement in this section may subject me to civil or criminal liability.

PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE DATE 10/28/2017

Signature and Date Stamps Are Not Acceptable.
 Form CMS-484 (1/1/11)

Group I Criteria

Rest PO2 < 55 mm Hg or the arterial oxygen saturation < 88%.

Sleep PO2 falls to 56-59 mg Hg or the arterial oxygen saturation is 89% for at least 5 minutes.

Exercise, the arterial PO2 < 55mm Hg or the arterial oxygen saturation is < 88

Recertification is required after the beneficiary has been receiving oxygen therapy for nine months.

A supplier who knowingly and willfully fails to include this information may be subject to a civil monetary penalty up to \$1,000 for each form or document so distributed.

GUIDELINES TO OXYGEN USE

Prior to 2008 BTS guidelines

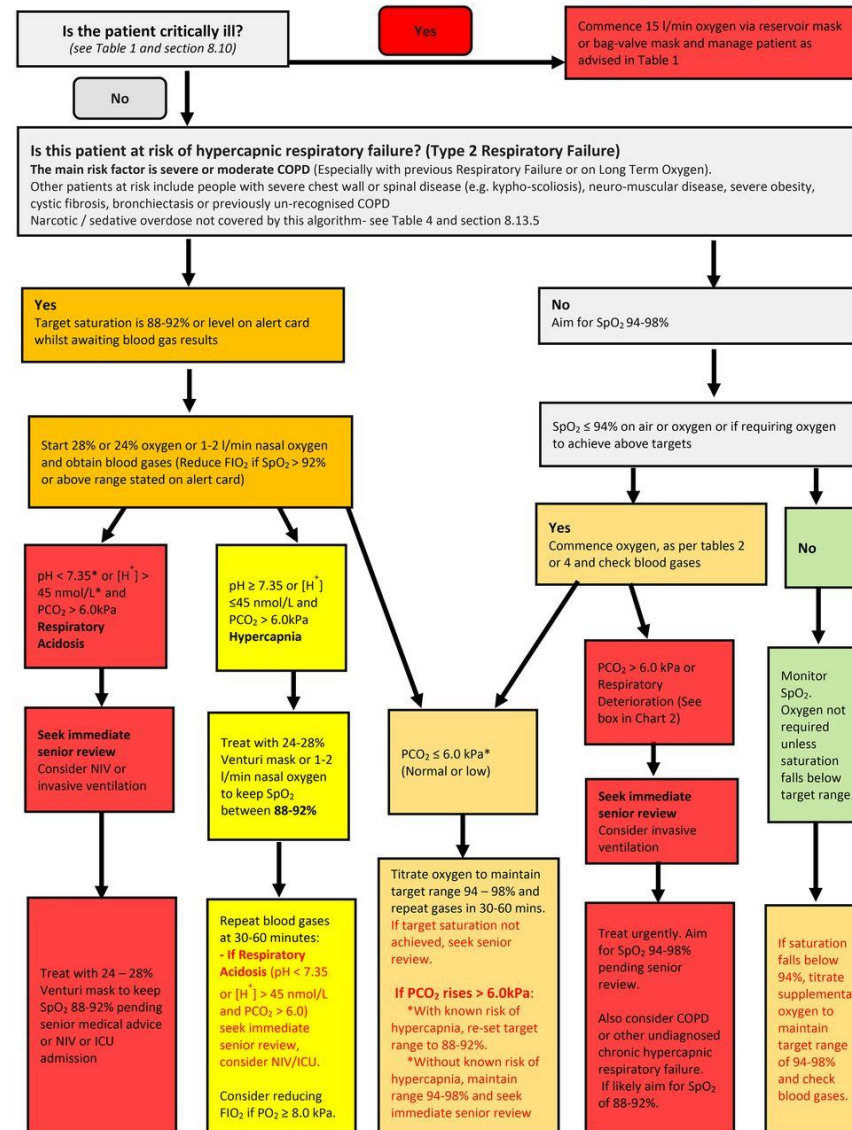
- 34% ambulance rides used O₂ (2million/yr)
- Poor O₂ prescription use
- Problems
 - O₂ may worsen gas exchange (COPD)
 - O₂ does no relieve dyspnea in non-hypoxemic pts
 - Minimal effectiveness in mildly hypoxemic COPD or advanced cancer patients.

GUIDELINES TO OXYGEN USE

BTS Guideline for Oxygen Use in Adults in Healthcare and Emergency Settings.

- “Oxygen is probably the commonest drug used in the care of patients who present with medical emergencies”

Oxygen prescription for acutely hypoxaemic patients in hospital.



THE O₂ AVAILABILITY GAP

25% health facilities sub-Saharan Africa never have O₂.

Kenya 42% children prescribed O₂ unable to get it.

Need steady power supply, transportation and health care training.

WHO lists O₂ as an essential medicine.



lymphatic circulation is regulated, allowing the skin to become nourished with active substances. This cellular revitalisation treatment consists of mixing pure Oxygen (hyperbaric) with an anti-ageing serum rich in active ingredients, by applying it under and on the epidermis by propulsion. Oxygen replenishes and moisturises the skin, and wrinkles are thus filled and smoothed. Concept Clinic offers its patients Oxygen treatment to reduce the appearance of wrinkles, giving a glow to the face.



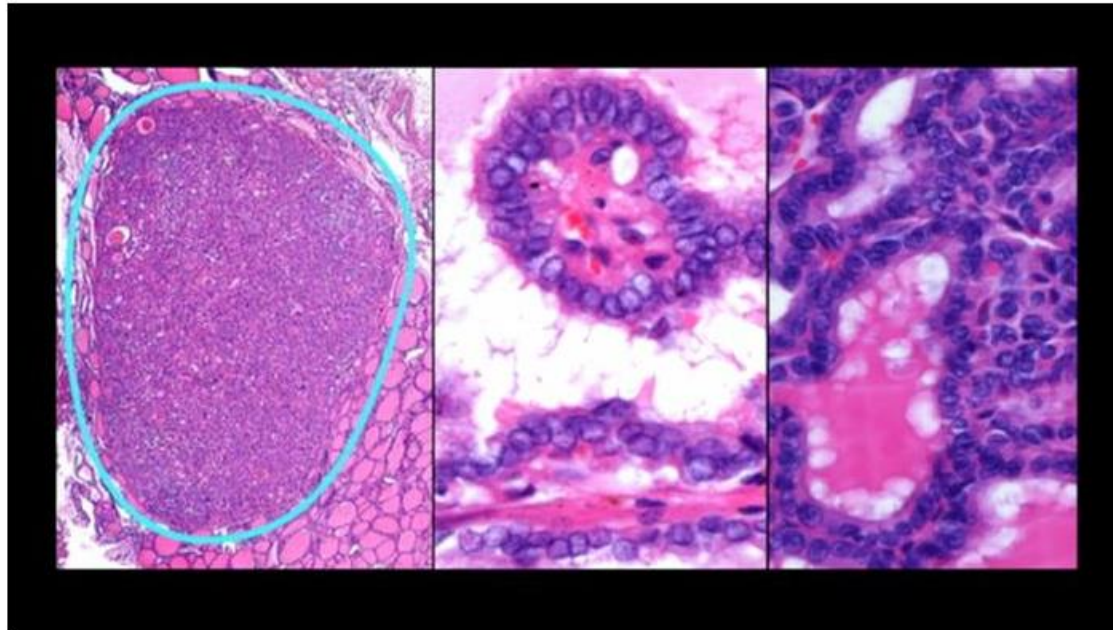
Treatment and results

During your consultation, you will be attended to by one of our aesthetic experts, who will assess the condition of your skin and your expectations of Oxygen therapy. Oxygen treatment lasts between 20 to 30 minutes. During Oxygen therapy, we will apply a mixture of Oxygen and anti-ageing serum (hyaluronic acid, vitamins and antioxidants) to your skin. This Oxygen care may also be combined with other wrinkle treatments, and also forms an ideal complement to [facial plastic surgery](#).

Alternatives to Oxygen therapy

Swiss researchers claim boosting oxygen as their 'radical' new cancer treatment

Swiss researchers are testing how oxygen can be used to fight cancer. Their new approach goes against everything that's been common in cancer treatment until now - but it could be an effective tool.



Oxygen is at the center of research conducted by scientists at Zurich's university hospital. But instead of depriving tumors of oxygen - as you may expect - the researchers are upping the load.

They are using the chemical molecule ITPP (Inositol Trispyrophosphat).

The idea is that ITPP should normalize blood vessels changed by a tumor by increasing the oxygen flow to those vessels. Then, a patient would start on chemotherapy, says Pierre-Alain Clavien, the director of the study.

DUAL NATURE OF O₂ AND AEROBIC RESPIRATION

O₂ reduction to water by ETC is required for ADP → ATP.

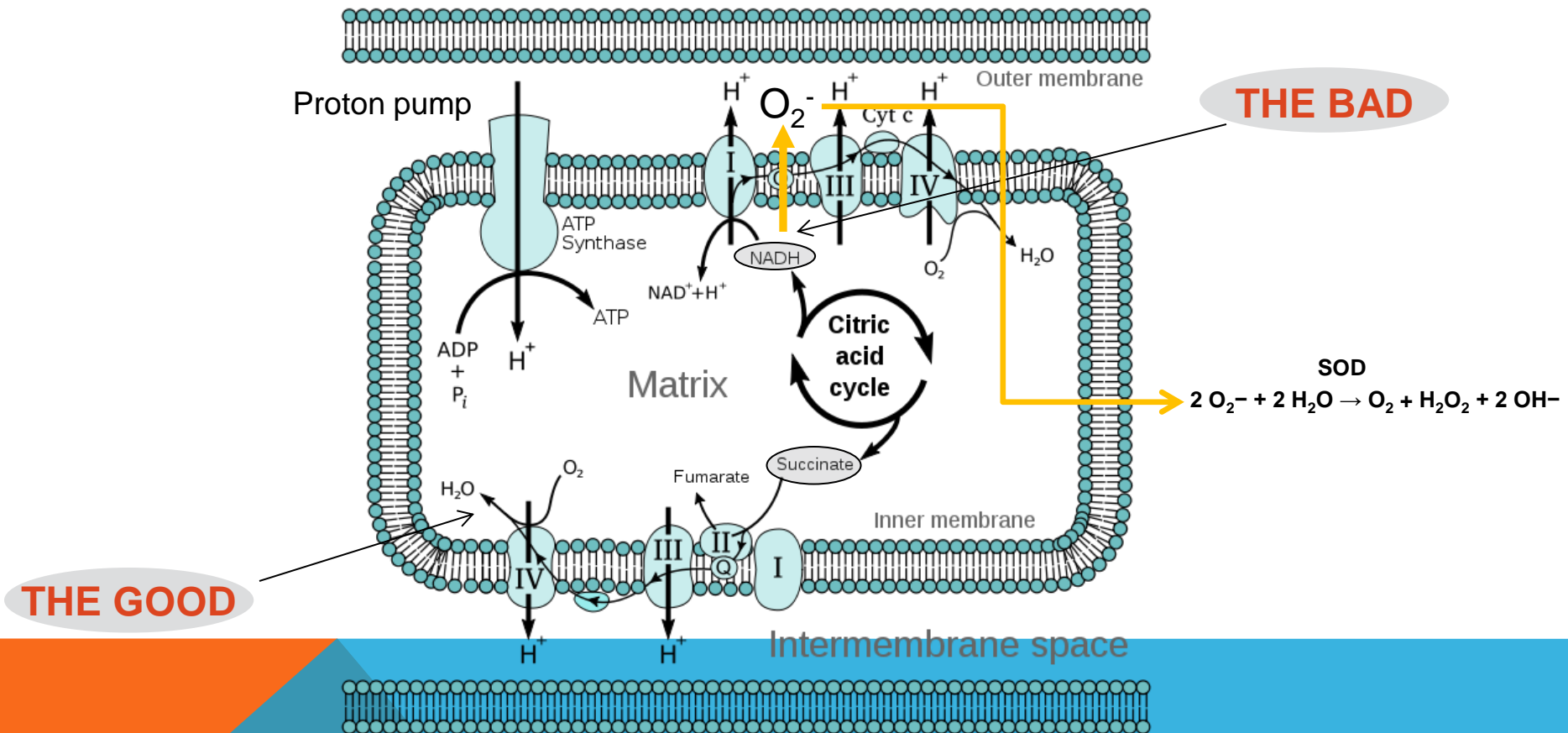
In normoxia (cell respiration not limited) small amounts of ROS are formed.

In cellular hypoxia = ETC inhibited. NADH → glycolytic pathways.

- depression of cellular metabolism.
- paradoxically further increases in ROS.

ETC = electron transport chain
ROS = reactive oxygen species

ELECTRON TRANSPORT CHAIN



In normoxia a small percentage of electrons are prematurely leaked to oxygen, resulting in the formation of the toxic free-radical superoxide (the one-electron reduction of dioxygen O_2).

NORMOXIA, HYPOXIA, AND HYPEROXIA

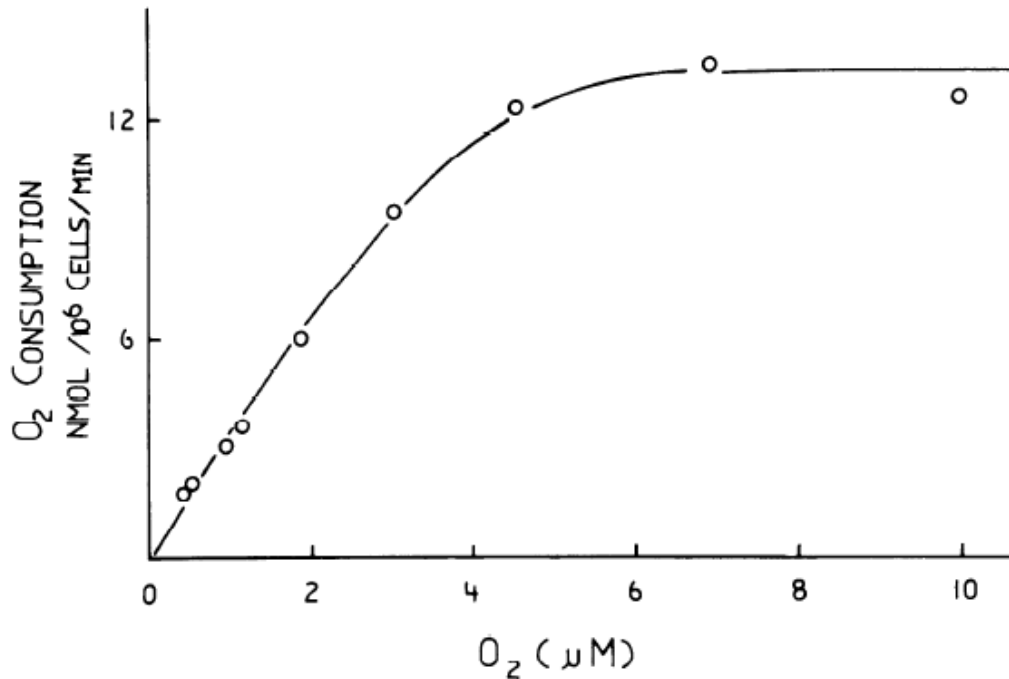
Normoxia: oxygen required for normal energy production.

Hypoxia: imbalance in O₂ supply and demand, ETC inhibited, cells become energy deplete and glycolytic pathways become active.

Hyperoxia: excess production of ROS.



O₂: HOW MUCH DO CELLS NEED?

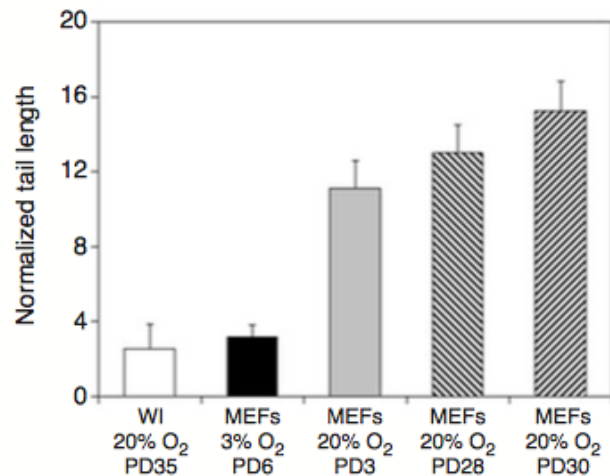
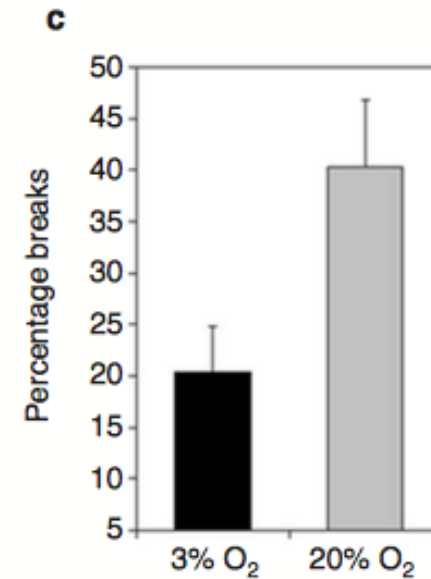
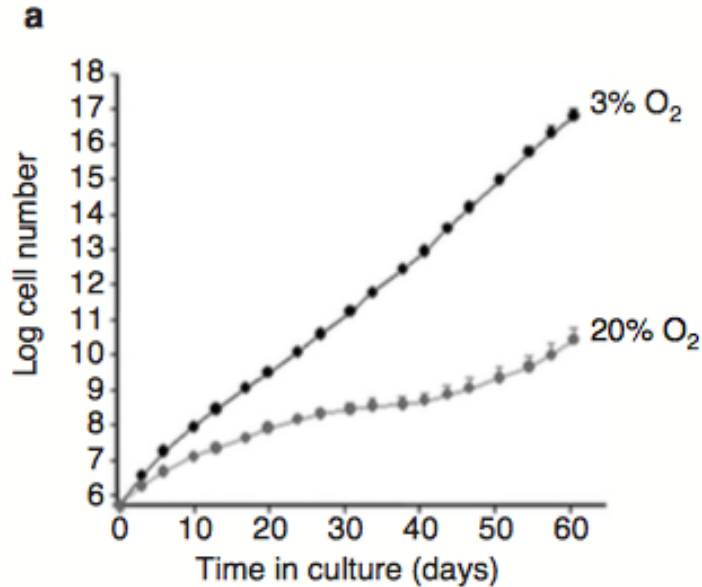


O₂ uptake in isolated hepatocytes cells decreases when O₂ tension is below a critical value of 1-10 torr.

$K_m = 2.8 \pm 0.9 \mu\text{M}; 1.55 \text{ Torr}; 0.37 \text{ kPA}$

Dean Jones and Frances Kennedy
AJP Cell 243(5):C247-C253, 1982

O₂: HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?



S. Parrinello et al.
Nature Cell Biol 5(8):741-747, 2003

OXYGEN DELIVERY – ORGAN AND WHOLE ANIMAL

$$QO_2 = \text{C.O.} \times \text{arterial } O_2 \text{ content}$$

- arterial O_2 content = [Hgb] and saturation (%)

Stagnant hypoxia reduced flow

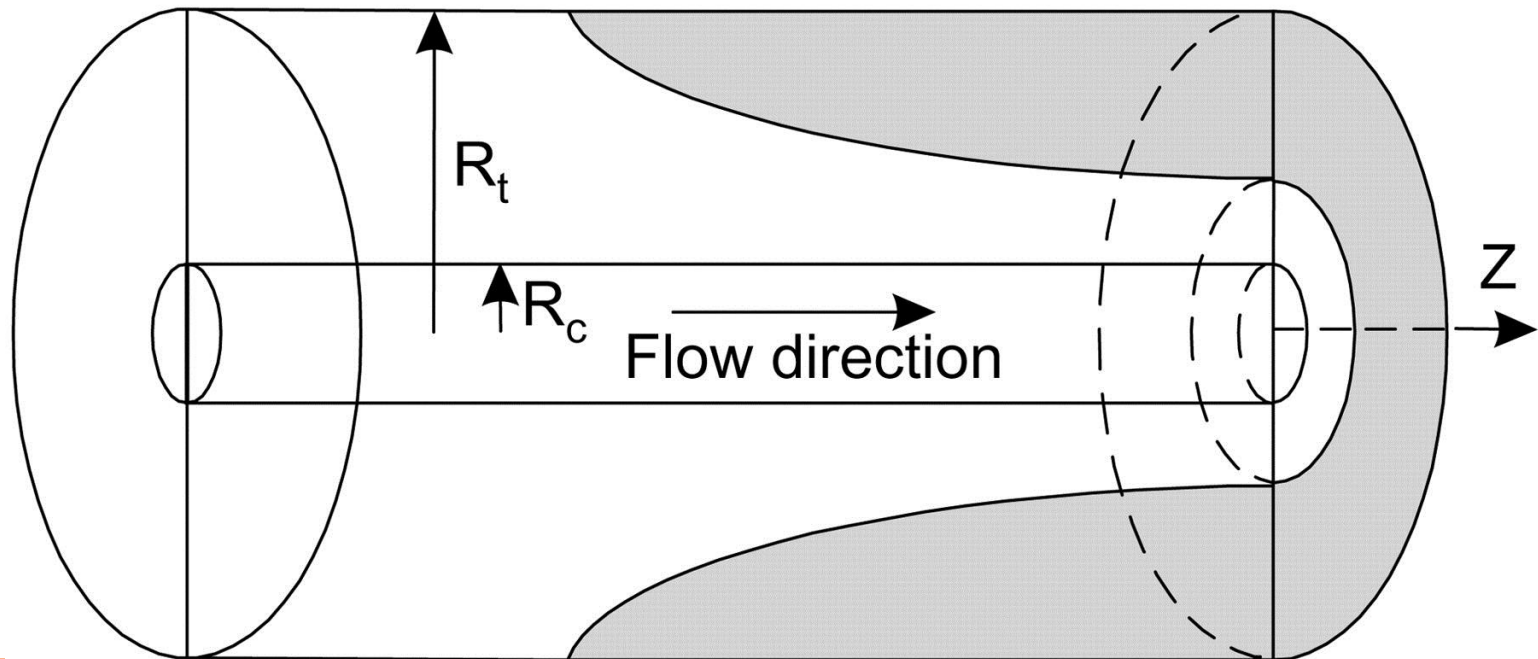
Anemic hypoxia reduced [Hgb]

Hypoxic hypoxia reduce HgB_{O_2sat}

Histotoxic hypoxia directly impaired ETC

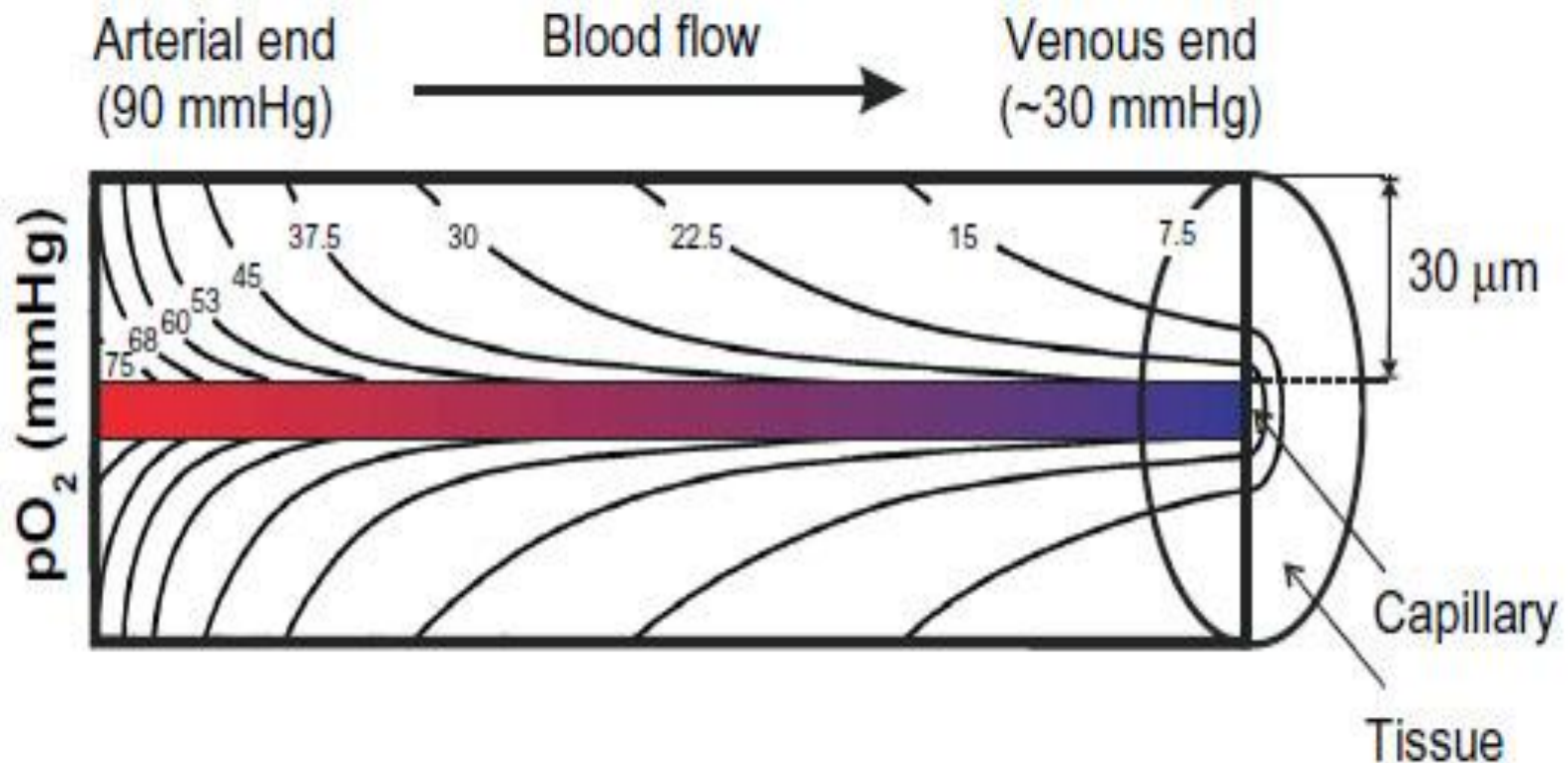


KROGH CYLINDER 1919



$$K \left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dz} \left(r \frac{dP}{dr} \right) \right] = M(P)$$

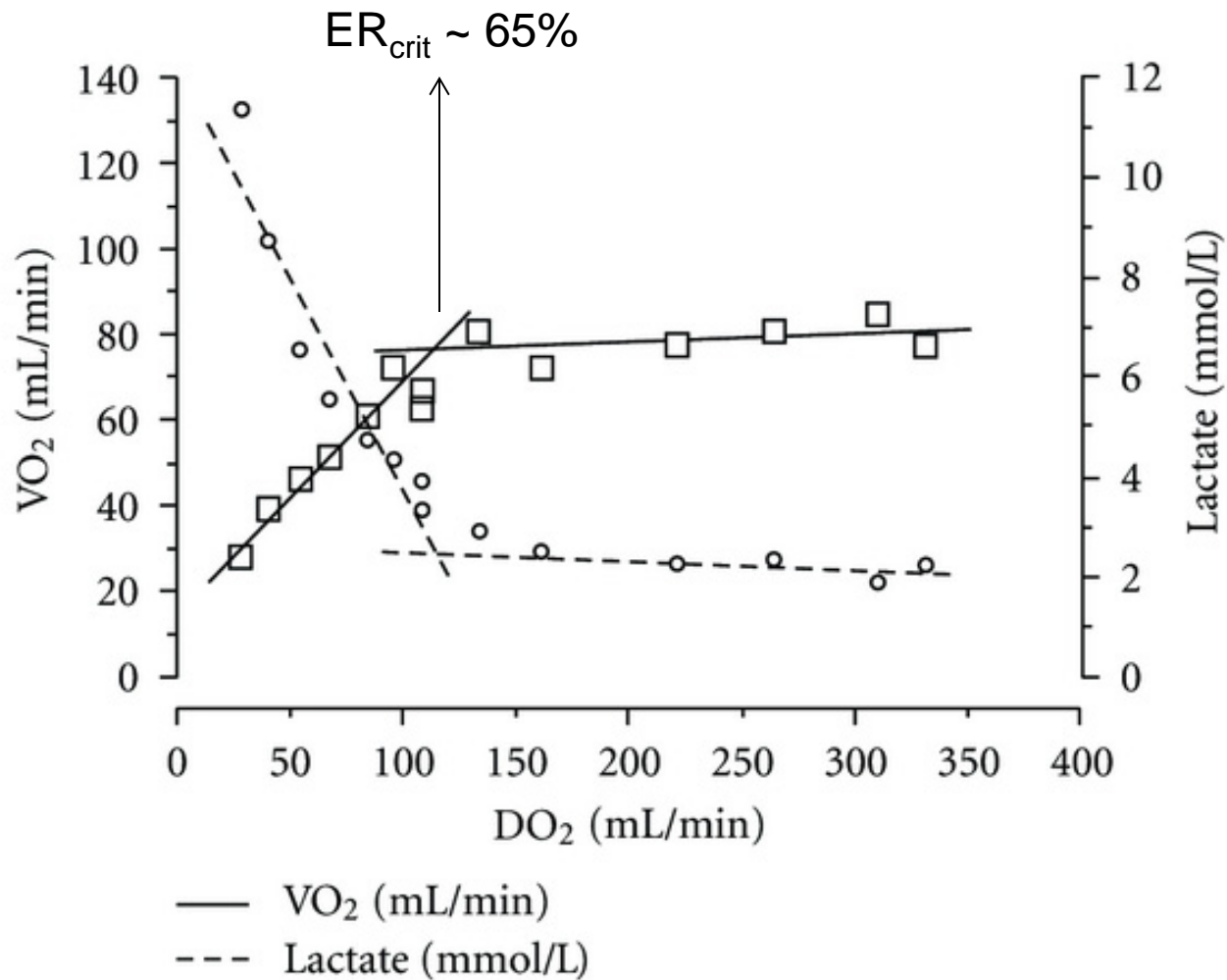
KROGH CYLINDER MODEL PREDICTS HYPOXIC HYPOXIA IS WORST



1920 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for the discovery of the mechanism of regulation of the capillaries in skeletal muscle

O₂ DELIVERY—

STAGNANT, ANEMIC HYPOXIA, AND HYPOXIC HYPOXIA

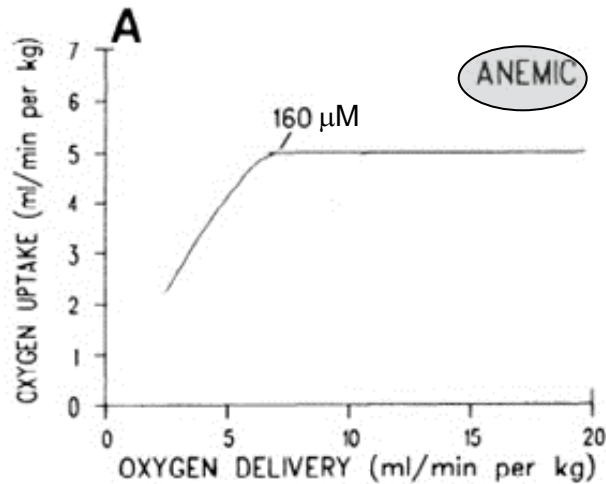


J.L Vincent et al.

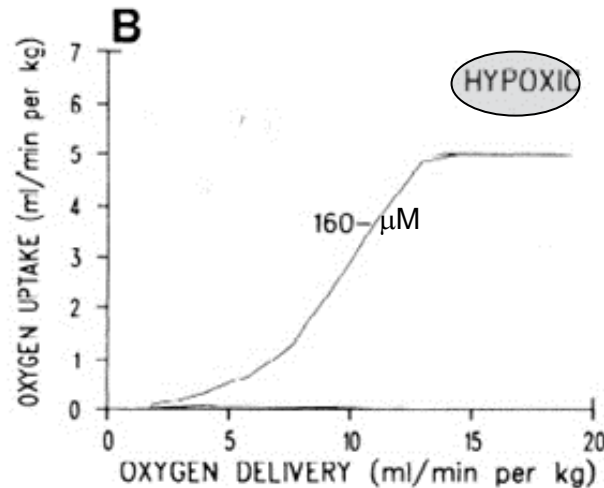
Intensive Care Med 30:1990-1996, 2004

OXYGEN DELIVERY - GLOBAL

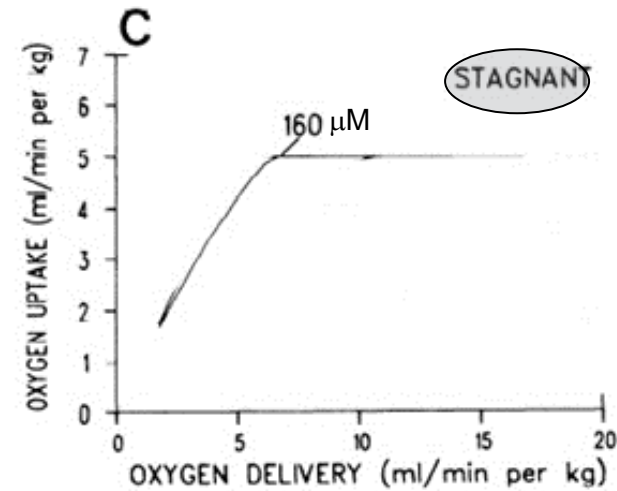
$ER_{crit} \sim 71\%$



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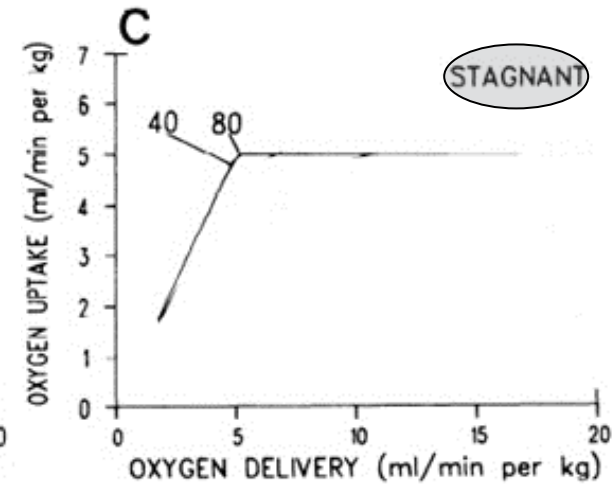
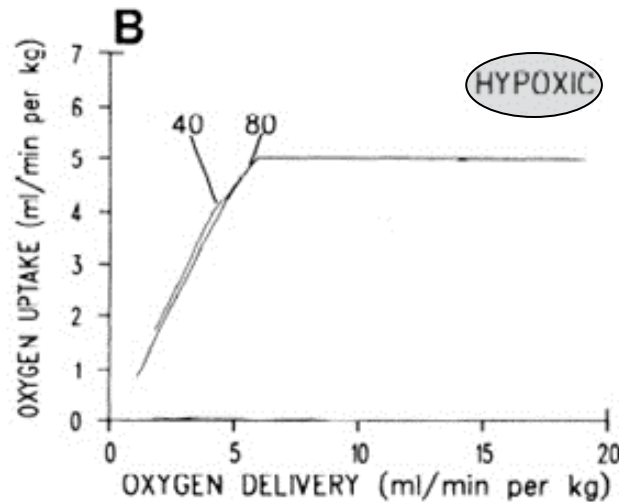
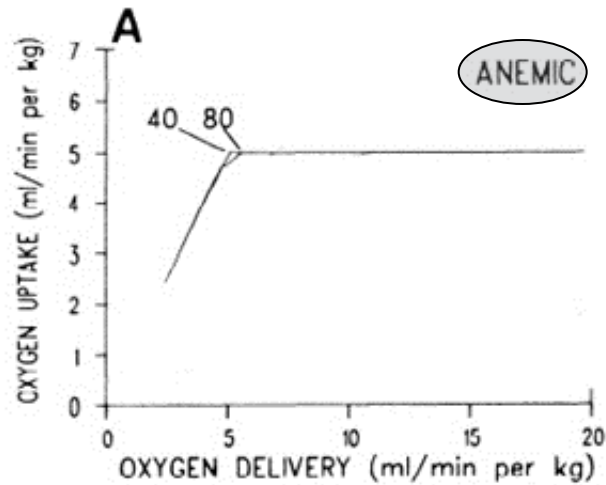
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P.T. Schumaker and R.W. Samsel
J. Appl. Physiol 67(3):1234-1244, 1989

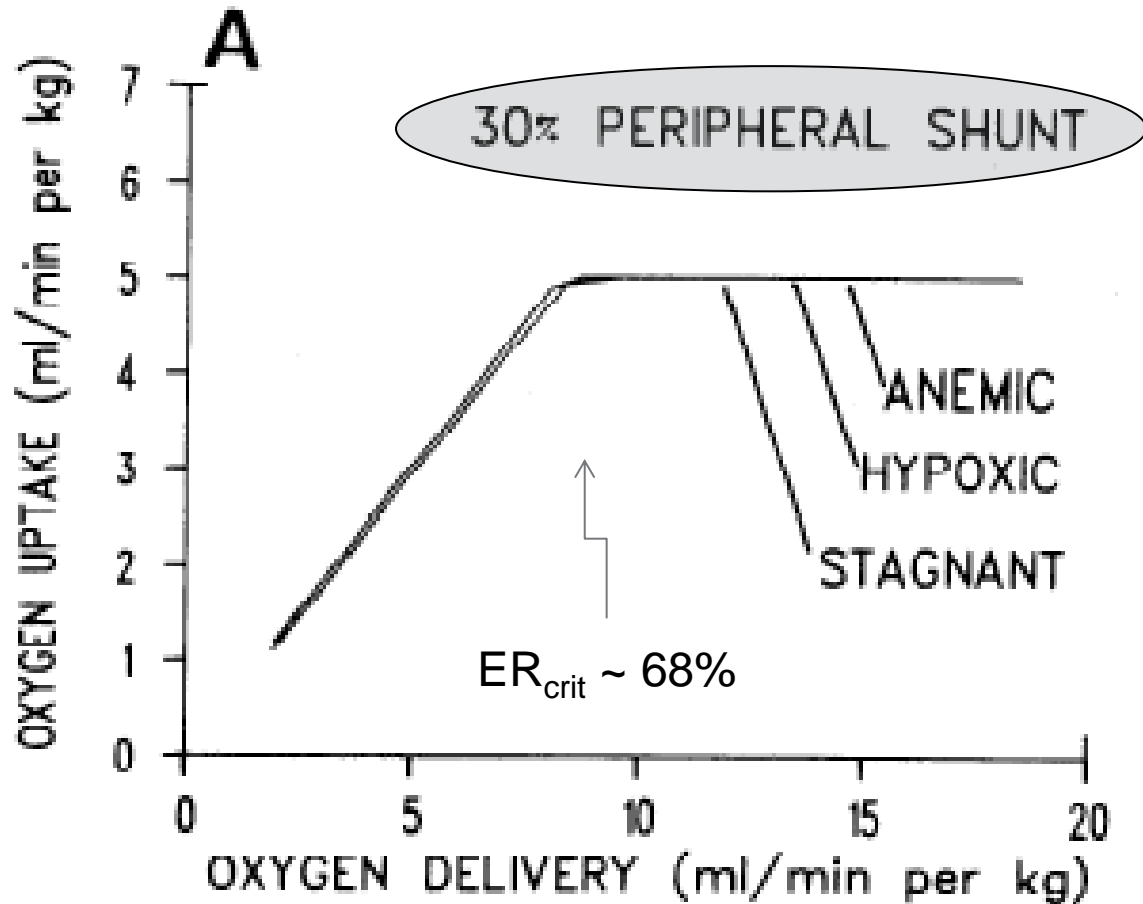
OXYGEN DELIVERY - GLOBAL

$ER_{crit} \sim >90\%$



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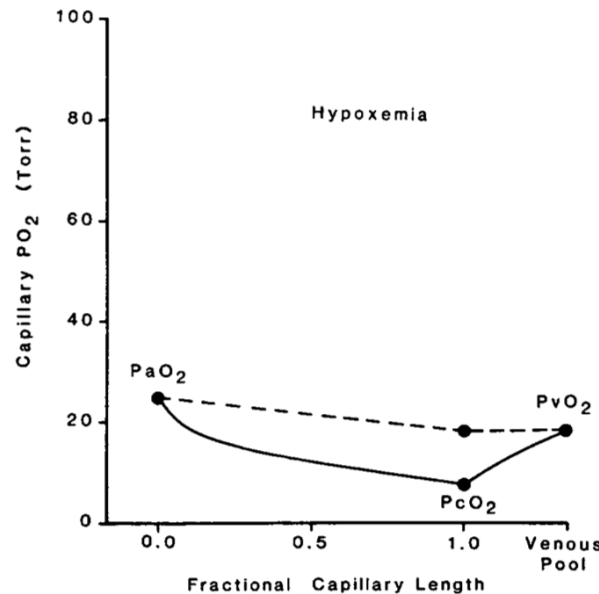
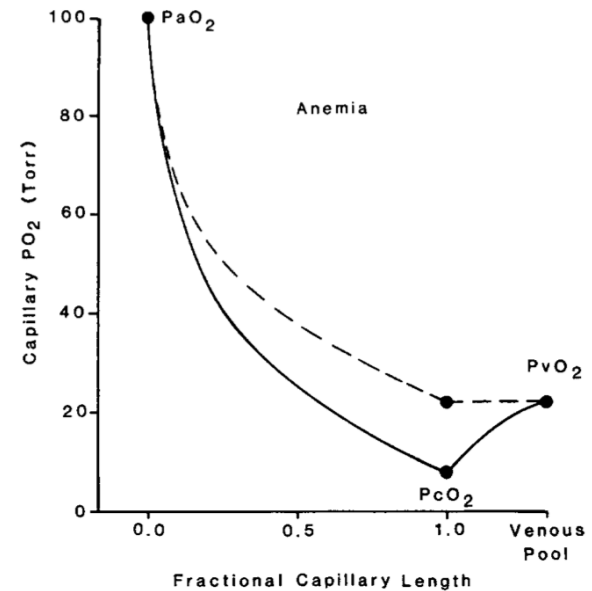
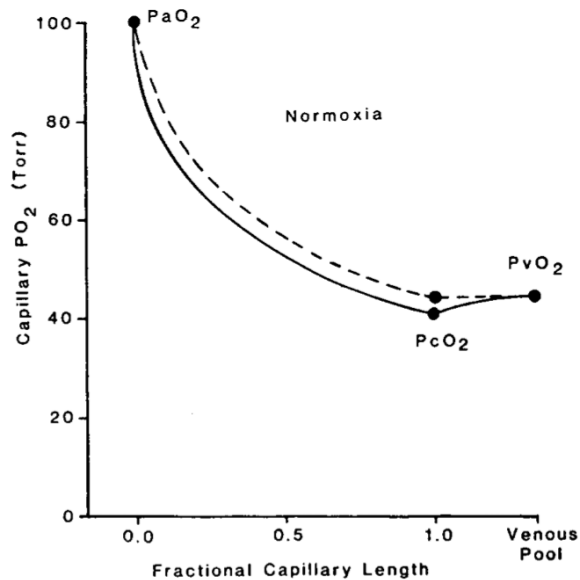
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KINETICS OF RBC DEOXYGENATION

RELEASE KINETICS OF O₂ FROM RBC IN ANEMIC AND HYPOXIC IS SIGNIFICANT



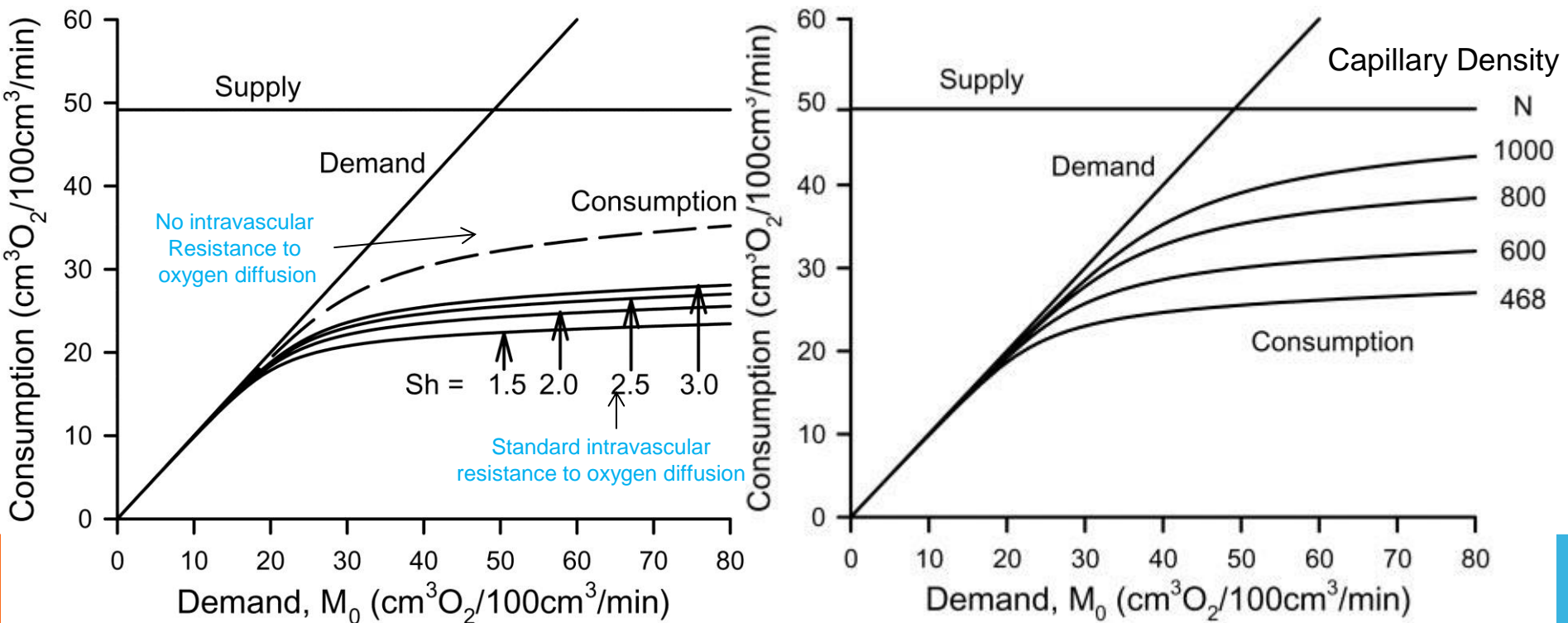
Instantaneous O₂ Release from RBC

Time Dependent O₂ Release from RBC

Guillermo Gutierrez
Resp Physio 63, 79-96, 1986

EFFECT OF DEMAND ON CONSUMPTION:

THEORETIC EFFECTS OF EXERCISE



B. J. McGuire, and T. W. Secomb
J Appl Physiol 91:2255-2265, 2001

OXYGEN DELIVERY – LOCAL (MICROVASCULAR) “REVIEW OF LOCAL VARIABLES”

$$QO_2 = \text{organ blood flow} \times \text{arterial } O_2 \text{ content}$$

Complex 3D structure.

Small scale: RBC diameter approx. vessel size.

Heterogeneity in perfusion: local and systemic
vasodilators and constrictors, microthrombi.

Dissociation and diffusion constants.

Effects of demand altering diffusion along the
capillary.

THEORETICAL OR PRACTICAL

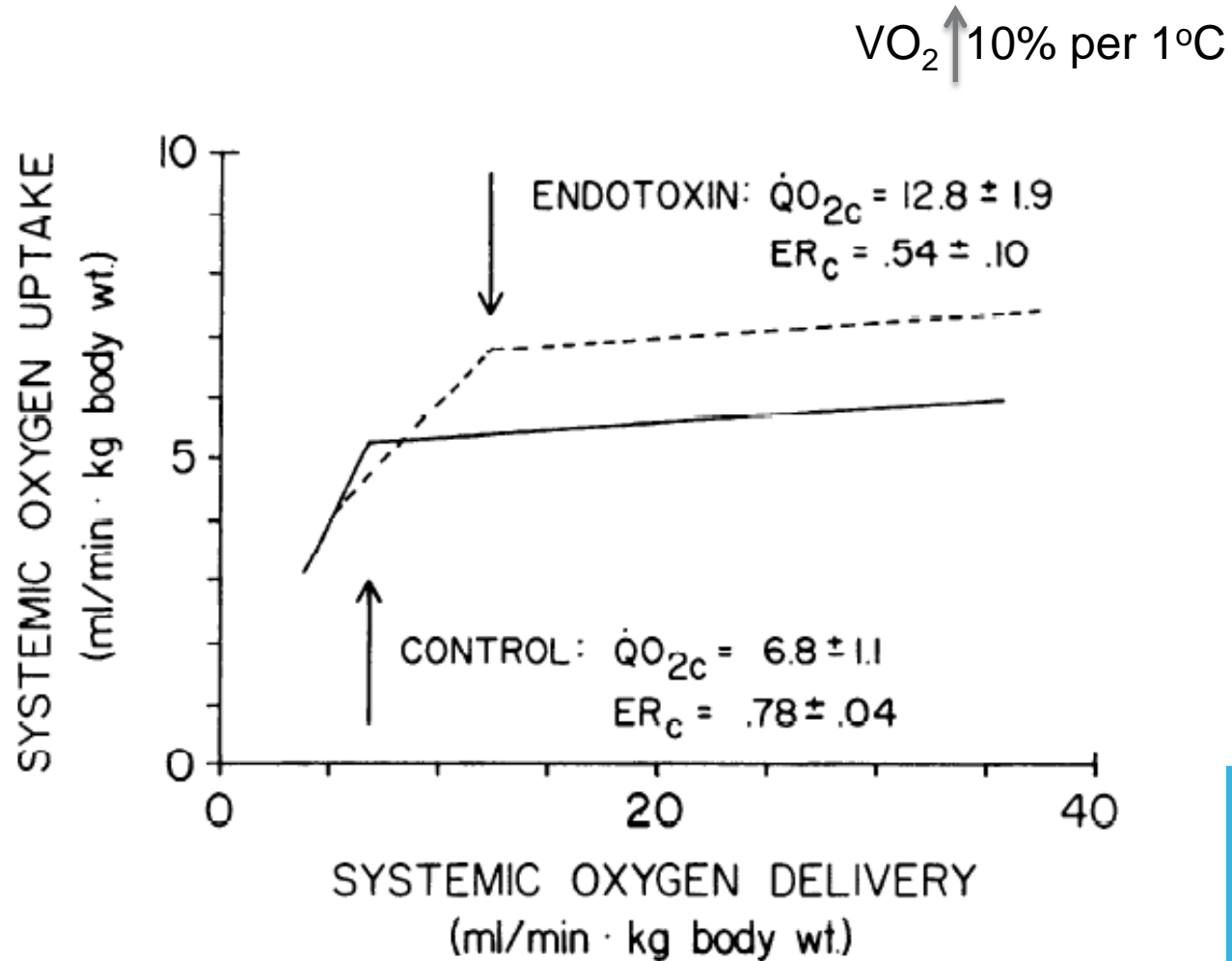
Exercise training:

- Reduces intravascular resistance to oxygen diffusion due to increased myoglobin content
- Increases mitochondrial density
- Increases capillary density
- Rightward shifts oxyhemoglobin dissociation curve.

SEPSIS

COMPLEXITY OF OXYGEN DELIVERY
A SPECIAL FORM OF TISSUE HYPOXIA

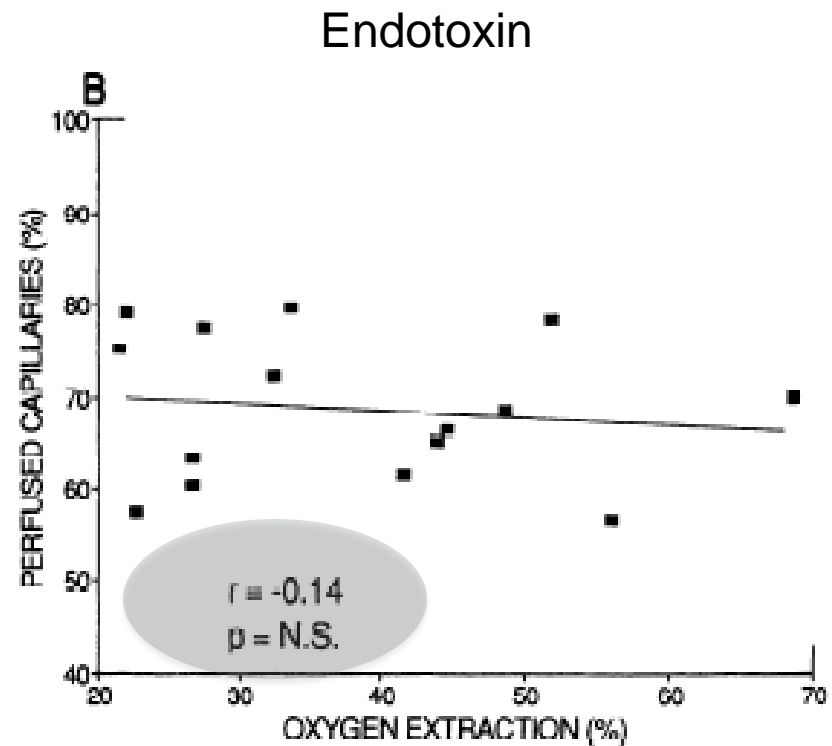
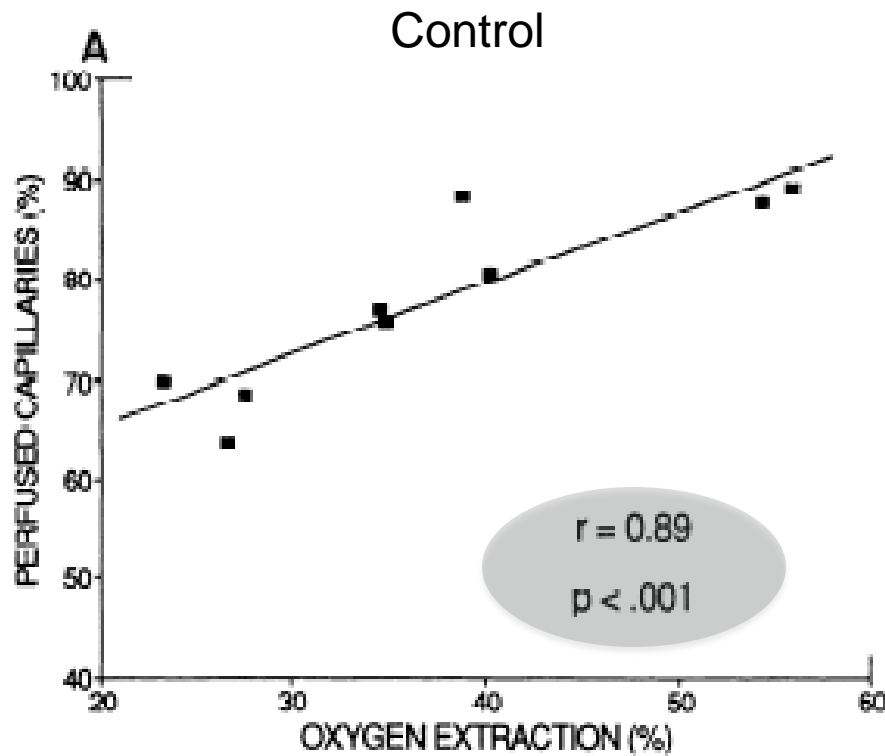
EFFECT OF ENDOTOXEMIA ON O₂ EXTRACTION



Nelson et al.

J Appl Physiol 64(6):2410-2419, 1988

EFFECT OF ENDOTOXEMIA ON O₂ EXTRACTION



Drazenovic et al.
J. Appl. Physiol. 72(1):259-265, 1992

INTRINSIC VASCULAR EFFECTS OF ENDOTOXEMIA ON O₂ EXTRACTION

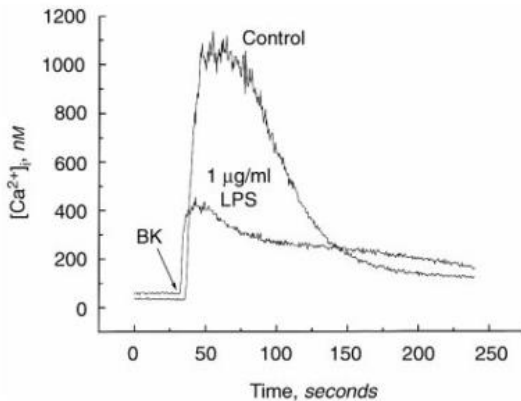


Endothelial NOS



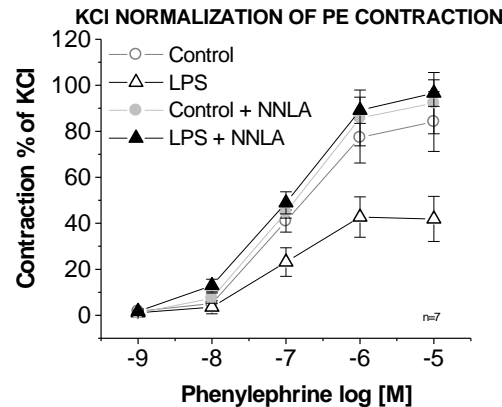
Smooth Muscle NOS

Contractile Dysfunction



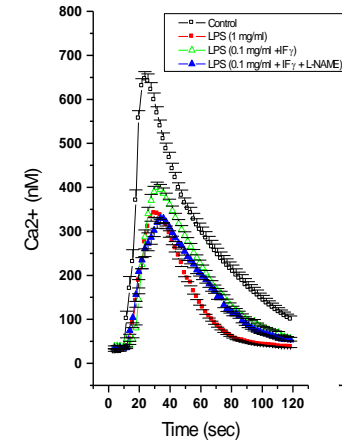
Reduced perfusion

GI, renal, brain



Over-perfusion

Muscle



Hypotension

*Essence: Microcirculation O₂ delivery mismatch in sepsis

Wylam et al.

Am Rev Respir Dis 148:1638-1645, 1991

ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE BLOOD FLOW DISTRIBUTION IN SEPSIS

NOS inhibitors

Petros A, Lamb G, Leone A, Moncada S, Bennett D, Vallance P. Effects of a nitric oxide synthase inhibitor in humans with septic shock. *Cardiovasc. Res.* 28(1), 34–39 (1994).

fail to reduce mortality

Lorente JA, Landin L, De Pablo R, Renes E, Liste D. L-arginine pathway in the sepsis syndrome. *Crit. Care Med.* 21(9), 1287–1295 (1993).

fail to reduce mortality

Methylene Blue

Kirov MY, Evgenov OV, Evgenov NV, et al. Infusion of methylene blue in human septic shock: a pilot, randomized, controlled study. *Crit Care Med* 2001; 29:1860-1867.

Survival 50% MB
Survival 70% placebo

Memis D, Karamanlioglu B, Yuksel M, et al. The influence of methylene blue infusion on cytokine levels during severe sepsis. *Anaesth Intensive Care* 2002; 30:755-762.

fail to reduce mortality

Vasoconstrictors

No clear consensus (NE, dopamine, vasopressin regarding the optimal or most effective vasopressor in patients in septic shock.

SO WHAT TO DO IN SEPSIS?

EARLY GOAL DIRECTED THERAPY

This approach involves adjustments of: cardiac preload, afterload, and contractility to balance oxygen delivery with an increased oxygen demand.

It is a goal based approach to Achieve

CVP of 8-12 mmHg

Superior vena cava oxygen saturation (ScvO₂) of > 70% OR mixed venous oxygen saturation (SvO₂) of > 65%.

Mean arterial pressure of > 65 mmHG.

Urine output of > 0.5 ml/kg/hr

Result: 15.9% absolute reduction in 28 day mortality rate.

SO WHAT TO DO IN SEPSIS?

LACTATE CLEARANCE VS. CENTRAL VENOUS OXYGEN SATURATION AS GOALS OF EARLY SEPSIS THERAPY A RANDOMIZED CLINICAL TRIAL

Lactate T_1 – Lactate T_2

Lactate T_1

Group 1: Seek CVP > 8 with fluid; MAP 65 with dopamine/NE; seek ScvO₂ >70% with PRBCs or Dobutamine

Group 2: Same as Group 1, plus, seek lactate clearance of 10% (not knowing ScvO₂) with PRBCs or Dobutamine

Hospital Mortality and Length of Stay

Variable	Lactate Clearance Group (n = 150)	ScvO ₂ Group (n = 150)	Proportion Difference (95% Confidence Interval)	P Value ^b
In-hospital mortality, No. (%) ^a	25 (17)	34 (23)	6 (–3 to 15)	
Intent to treat				
Per protocol	25 (17)	33 (22)	5 (–3 to 14)	
Length of stay, mean (SD), d	5.9 (8.46)	5.6 (7.39)		.75
ICU				
Hospital	11.4 (10.89)	12.1 (11.68)		.60
Hospital complications	9.3 (10.31)	9.9 (11.09)		.67
Ventilator-free days, mean (SD)				
Multiple organ failure, No. (%)	37 (25)	33 (22)		.68
Care withdrawn, No. (%)	14 (9)	23 (15)		.15

SHOULD WE MONITOR S_cVO_2 IN CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS?

PROBLEMS

Correlation with S_vVO_2
is only 0.75-0.81.

Does not reflect
coronary sinus.

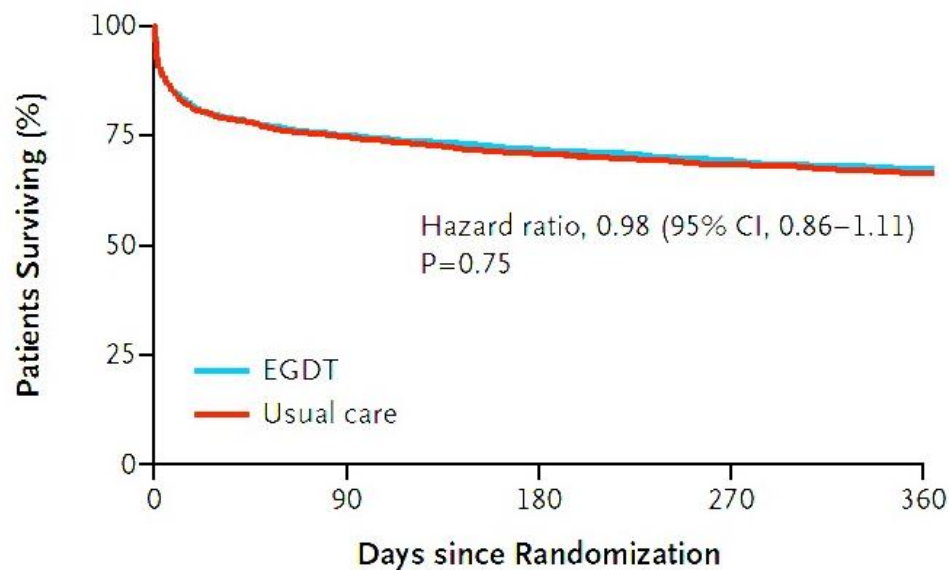
Ignores regional
circulation
sensitivity.

PROPOSERS

Rivers study showed
lower mortality (46.5%
to 30.5%) using $ScVO_2$
guided resuscitation.-
Single center study.

SHOULD WE MONITOR SCVO₂ IN CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS?- A PATIENT-LEVEL META-ANALYSIS

Resource use category	Statistic	ProCESS		ARISE		ProMiSe	
		EGDT (N=439)	Usual resuscitation (N=456)	EGDT (N=793)	Usual resuscitation (N=798)	EGDT (N=625)	Usual resuscitation (N=626)
Interventions							
PreSep™ central venous oximetry catheter	N	391	19	705	3	545	2
	%	89%	4%	89%	0%	87%	0%
Standard CVC	N	72	246	109	494	48	316
	%	16%	54%	14%	62%	8%	50%



ANEMIC HYPOXIA: AABB RED BLOOD CELL TRANSFUSION GUIDELINES

31 randomized clinical trials (RCTs), > 12, 500 pts.

2-tiered approach provides support for making more individualized transfusion decisions.

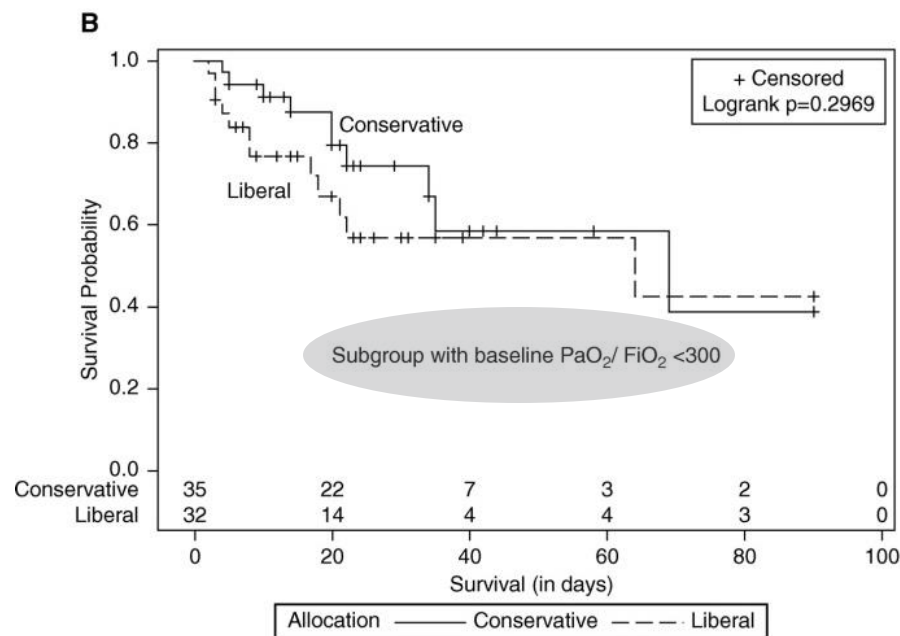
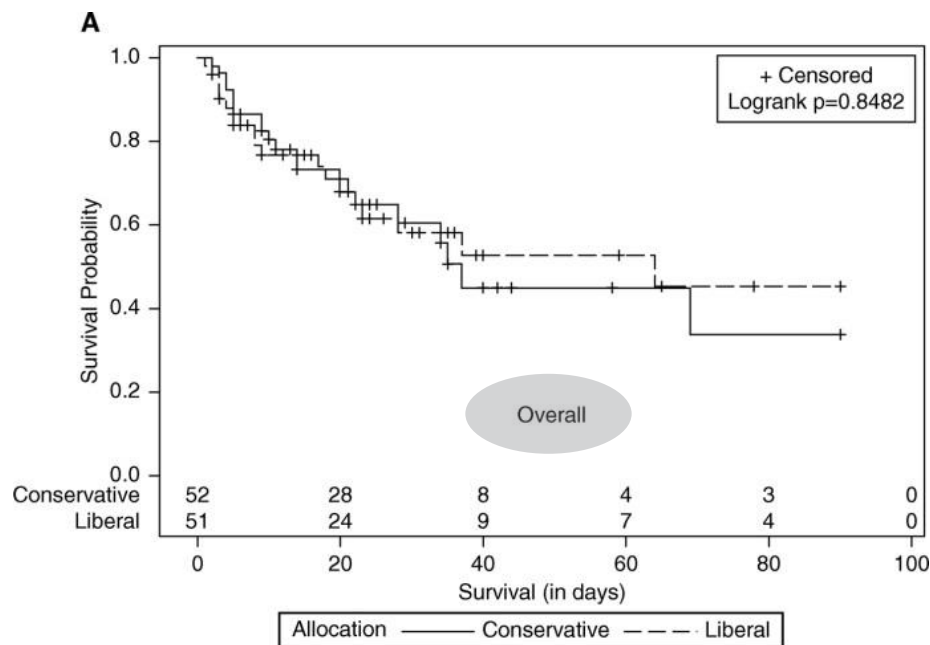
- Stable, adult inpatients hemoglobin concentration of less than 7 g/dL including those in the intensive care unit.
- Post-surgery patients or those with preexisting cardiac disease and hemoglobin concentration of less than 8 g/dL.

What about Hypoxic hypoxia?

Inpatient and outpatient setting?



CONSERVATIVE VERSUS LIBERAL OXYGENATION TARGETS FOR MECHANICALLY VENTILATED PATIENTS



Conservative oxygenation strategy: target O₂ sat 88–92% (n = 52)

Liberal oxygenation strategy: target O₂ sat > or equal to 96% (n = 51).

AJRCCM (193)1:43-51, 2016

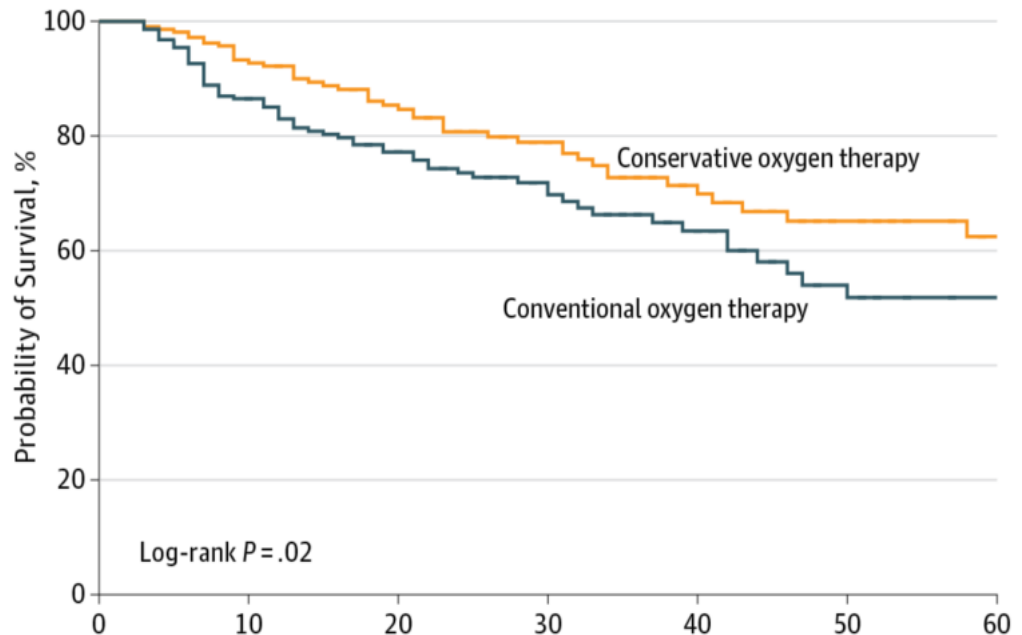
EFFECT OF CONSERVATIVE VS CONVENTIONAL OXYGEN THERAPY ON MORTALITY AMONG PATIENTS IN AN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT: THE OXYGEN-ICU RANDOMIZED CLINICAL TRIAL

480 patients randomly assigned

Conservative: O₂ to maintain Pao₂ 70 - 100 mm Hg or Spo₂ 94% -98%.

Conventional group: O₂ allowed Pao₂ values up to 150 mm Hg or Spo₂ 97% -100% ().

Findings: Conservative: absolute risk reduction of mortality of 8.6% compared with conventional therapy.



Meaning: Among critically ill intensive care unit patients with a length of stay of 72 hours or longer, a conservative protocol for oxygen therapy may be beneficial.

OXYGEN IN THE ICU TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING?

What is a clinician to do?

The JAMA study is not a trial of permissive hypoxemia, which has been proposed but is as yet a completely unproven therapeutic strategy.

This trial involved targeting relative normoxia, avoiding both significant desaturations and exposure to supraphysiological P_{aO_2} .

Until the results of further trials : there appears to be little downside in the careful titration and monitoring of supplemental oxygen in the ICU to achieve physiologically normal levels of P_{aO_2} while avoiding potentially dangerous hyperoxia.

SUPPLEMENTAL OXYGEN PROLONGS SURVIVAL FOR PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD) AND RESTING HYPOXEMIA.

LANDMARK TRIALS

Continuous or Nocturnal Oxygen Therapy in Hypoxemic Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease: A Clinical Trial *Ann Intern Med.* 1980;93(3):391-398.

Long Term Domiciliary Oxygen Therapy in Chronic Hypoxic Cor Pulmonale Complicating Chronic Bronchitis and Emphysema.

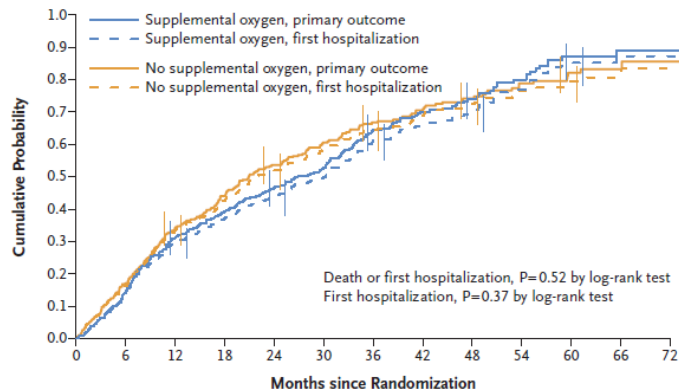
***Lancet* 8222 (1): 681-6, 1981**

LONG-TERM OXYGEN TREATMENT TRIAL RESEARCH GROUP. A RANDOMIZED TRIAL OF LONG-TERM OXYGEN FOR COPD WITH MODERATE DESATURATION.

- Unblinded, multicenter, 738 patients, randomized, followed 1 to 6 years.
- Compared 24-hour supplemental oxygen to no such therapy.
- Stable COPD and moderate resting or exercise-induced desaturation (oxygen saturation, 89%-93%).

LONG-TERM OXYGEN TREATMENT TRIAL RESEARCH GROUP. A RANDOMIZED TRIAL OF LONG-TERM OXYGEN FOR COPD WITH MODERATE DESATURATION.

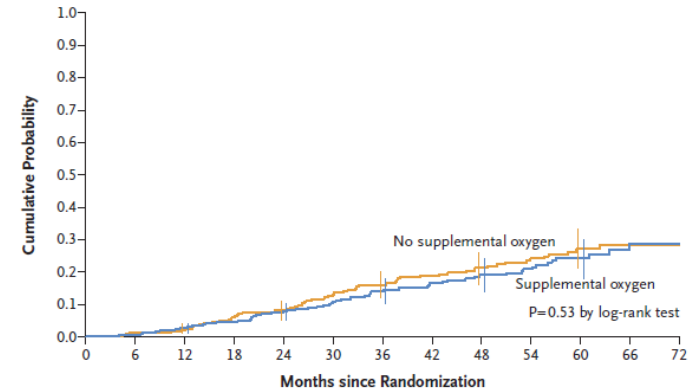
A Primary Outcome (Death or First Hospitalization) or First Hospitalization



No. at Risk

No supplemental oxygen	370	304	232	181	139	102	76	59	43	29	21	7	1
Supplemental oxygen	368	314	243	198	158	125	86	61	44	24	13	6	1

B Death



No. at Risk

No supplemental oxygen	370	366	362	319	295	242	210	177	152	120	88	33	10
Supplemental oxygen	368	366	358	321	294	245	216	184	149	116	88	33	8

No difference in time to death or first hospitalization for any cause.

No consistent benefit was found for secondary outcomes, including quality of life, depression, anxiety, lung function, or physical status.

Implications: Supplemental oxygen does not benefit patients with stable COPD and moderate resting or exercise-induced desaturation. Limiting use of supplemental oxygen to patients with COPD and severe desaturation will protect patients from supplemental oxygen–associated harms, lessen risk of tripping, and reduce costs.

SUPPLEMENTAL O₂ IN INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: AN ART IN NEED OF SCIENCE

- Currently, the use of continuous supplemental O₂ for resting hypoxemia in ILD is extrapolated from studies in COPD patients published > 35 years ago.
- Advanced ILD frequently has a rapid and more severe exertional hypoxemia compared with those with COPD; suggesting that it is likely inappropriate to extrapolate COPD data to ILD.
- There are no high-quality studies evaluating the use of supplemental oxygen in patients with ILD who desaturate only with exertion.

SUPPLEMENTAL O₂ IN INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: AN ART IN NEED OF SCIENCE

- Observational study (133 pts) with IPF + mild exertional hypoxemia reported no mortality benefit of supplemental oxygen. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med* 2000;161:1172–1178.
- Several studies in ILD demonstrate that breathing supplemental O₂ or hyperoxia during exercise improves endurance time, walk distance, dyspnea, maximal oxygen uptake, and maximal workload. *Eur Respir J* 2012;40:269–270.

BUT these studies are small sample sizes, retrospective, lack blinding with sham oxygen, and have been inconsistent regarding confounders, such as disease severity or pulmonary hypertension.



- Double-blind, placebo-controlled crossover study (20 pts) with IPF + exertional desaturation found 4 L/min of nasal prong O₂ did not improve 6-min. walk distance compared with breathing room air. *Respir Med* 2013;107:1241–1246.

SUPPLEMENTAL O₂ IN INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: BEST RECOMMENDATIONS

ATS/ERS: Resting oxygen saturation less than 88% should be treated with supplemental oxygen.

Specific criteria for patients with isolated exertional hypoxemia were not provided

BTS: comments that long-term oxygen therapy may survival in patients with ILD with chronic resting hypoxemia, and suggests that patients with ILD with severe breathlessness could be considered for palliative oxygen therapy. However, this guideline further states that ambulatory oxygen should not be routinely offered to patients without chronic hypoxemia at rest (grade B recommendation).

Am J Respir Crit Care Med 183:788–824, 2011

Thorax 70:i1–i43, 2015

OPTIMUM OXYGEN THERAPY PRETERM BABIES

- Retinal and brain vasculature and lung epithelium are affected by O₂-regulated vascular endothelial growth factor.
- Hyperoxia of preterm elicits:
 - ROS
 - doubles risk of cerebral palsy
 - an important cause of BPD

OPTIMUM OXYGEN THERAPY PRETERM BABIES

- Target fractional oxygen saturation was 80–90% with the lower alarm limit set to operate only if saturation fell below 70% (restrictive approach).
- ROP was 6.3% compared to 27.7% in the liberal O₂ group.

OPTIMUM OXYGEN THERAPY IN TERM BABIES: BEST RECOMMENDATIONS

Benefit of Oxygen Saturation Targeting (BOOST) Trial was published in 2003.

Trial oximeters were modified to keep the functional saturation in the range 91–94% or 95–98% depending on allocation at trial entry, while displaying a figure in the range 93–96%.

No evidence that the growth and developmental outcome of the oxygen-dependent preterm infant was improved by keeping their oxygen saturation in the high range.

**SO₂S: No Benefit of Routine Oxygen
in Acute Stroke**

**Determination of the Role of Oxygen in
Suspected Acute Myocardial Infarction
(DETO2X-AMI)-Sweden**

Trials 15: 99, 2014

***NEJM* 377:1240-1249, 2017**

BARRIERS TO OXYGEN USE

Costly, not funded for all who may benefit.

Many populations have no funding for exertional O₂.

Burdensome, makes one look and feel old and infirm.

Confusion on flow rates

In some minimal symptom relief

Compliance is low in frail populations.

High flow is impractical and dangerous.



MULTIPLE OTHER POTENTIAL ROLES FOR O₂ IN DISEASE

Exercise.

Pulmonary hypertension.

High altitude with lung disease.

Hyperbaric O₂ for wounds, stroke.

Carbon monoxide.



SUMMARY

To be done.

