

# The Critical Neonate with PPHN



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# Outline

- Pathophysiology
- Approach to therapeutic intervention
- Approach to pulmonary vasodilators
- Approach to cardiovascular support

# Persistent Pulmonary Hypertension Syndrome

- 1: 500 - 1500 live births
- 1 - 4 % of Level 3 NICU admissions
- Variable mortality (20%)
- High morbidity: Cognitive delay (30%), hearing loss (19%) neurodevelopmental impairment (48%)

# Scenario.....

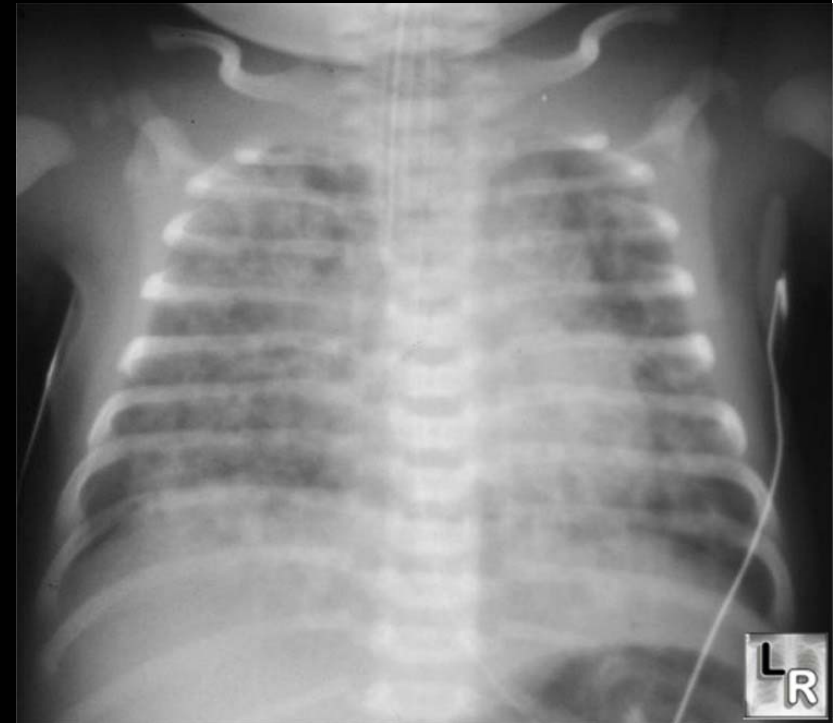
- Term infant, SVD, Thin MSL, Vigorous at birth, APGAR 8, 9
- At 1 hr nurse noted baby to be dusky, with rapid breathing

SpO<sub>2</sub> **55% in room air**      Temp 36.6 C  
HR 146/min                      CRT 5-6 sec  
Faint murmur                    MBP = 36 mmHg  
Mod retractions                RR 60/min

SpO<sub>2</sub> 69% / 50% in FiO<sub>2</sub> 100

Intubated [CMV 24/6, 50/m, Ti 0.35s]  
**FiO<sub>2</sub> 100%, SpO<sub>2</sub> 85 / 69%**

Art Gas: 7.01/79/35/16/-12



# The Challenges

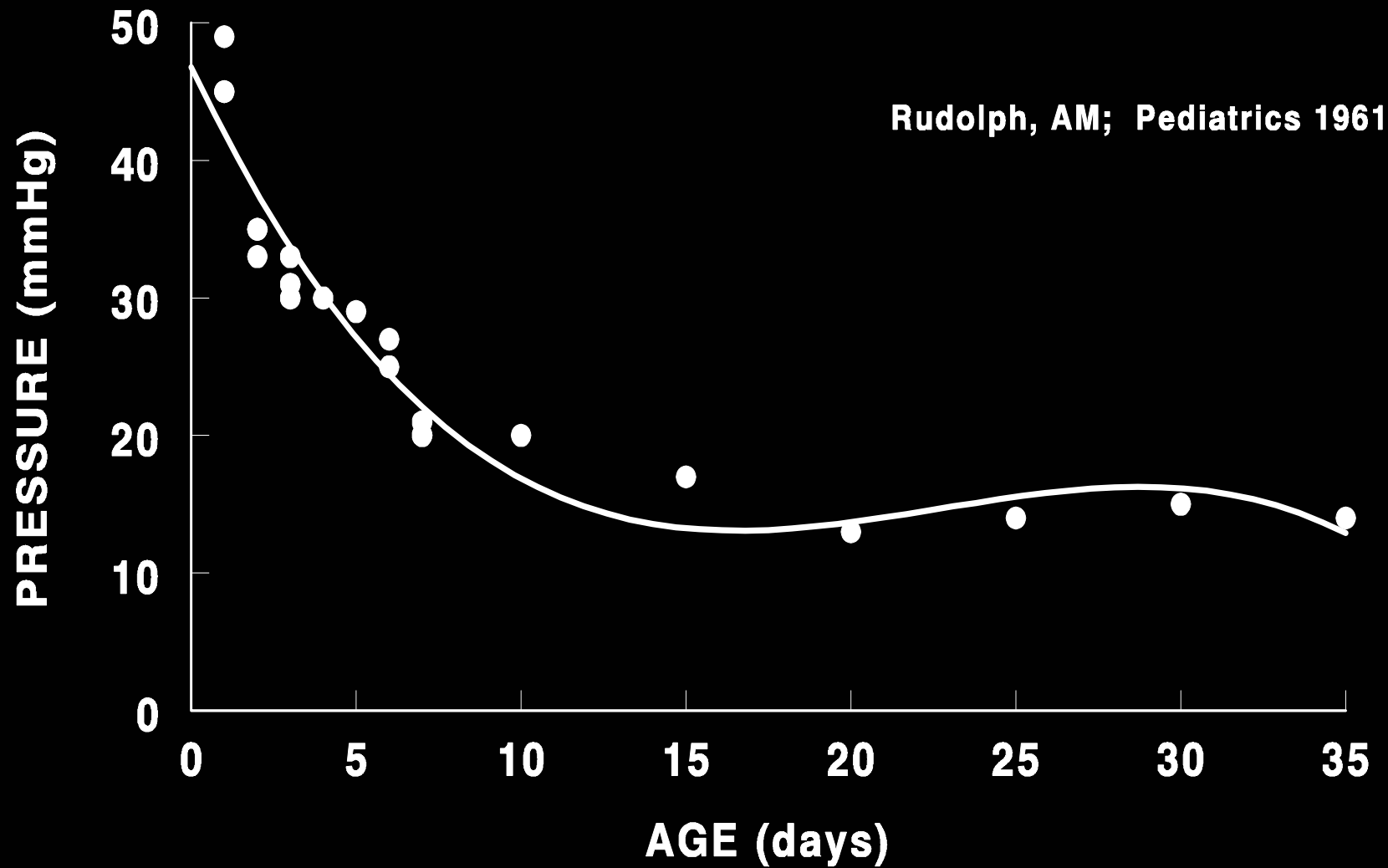
- Defining the nature of the disease
- Distinguishing PPHN of respiratory vs. non-respiratory origin
- Quantifying the magnitude of the oxygenation failure
- Quantifying the magnitude and nature of any hemodynamic disturbance

# Pulmonary Hypertension

Failure of normal postnatal adaptation with **persistent high PVR** leading to right ventricular failure and pulmonary:systemic channel shunting

Problem with RV Afterload

# CANINE RIGHT VENTRICULAR PRESSURE



# Pulmonary Hypertension

## Reversible

## Irreversible

### Pulmonary

### Non-pulmonary

#### Early

#### Late

RDS

TTN

MAS

Pneumonia

BPD

PIE

Hypoxia (HIE)

**Vein of Galen**

Pulmonary overcirculation

Neuromuscular

Drug (i.e. NSAID, SSRI)

Pulmonary hypoplasia

Alveolar capillary dysplasia

Pulmonary interstitial lymphangiectasia

Surfactant apoprotein B deficiency



# Cardiovascular approach.....

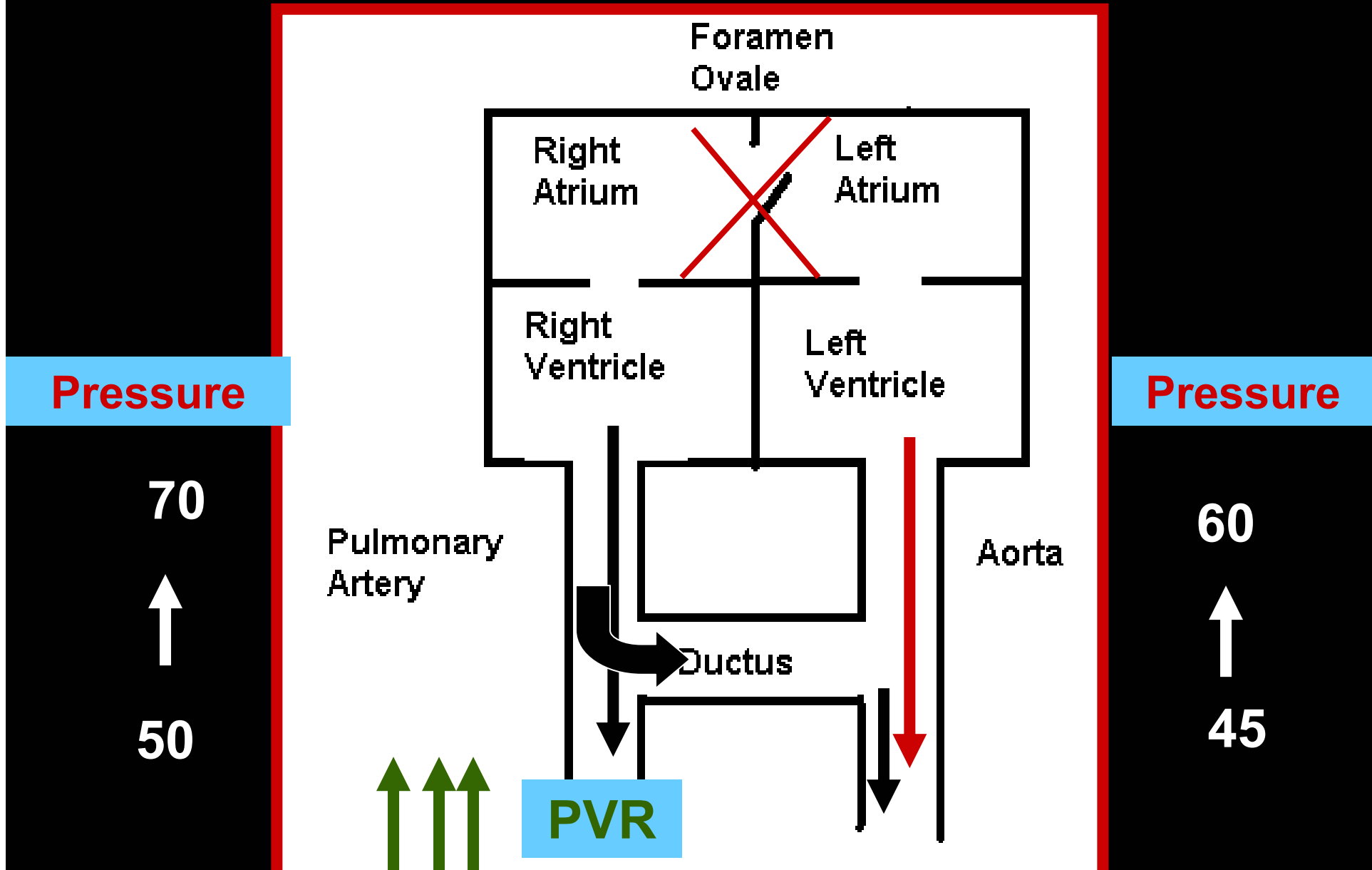


An increase in Blood Pressure improves oxygenation

Approach:

- Fluid bolus
- Inotropic support (e.g. dopamine) to increase or maintain a “high blood pressure

# High PVR – Ductus Shunt



*CLINICAL ASSESSMENT ALONE DOES  
NOT ALLOW ACCURATE EVALUATION  
OF THE NATURE OF THE  
CARDIOVASCULAR COMPROMISE*

# Cardiovascular considerations

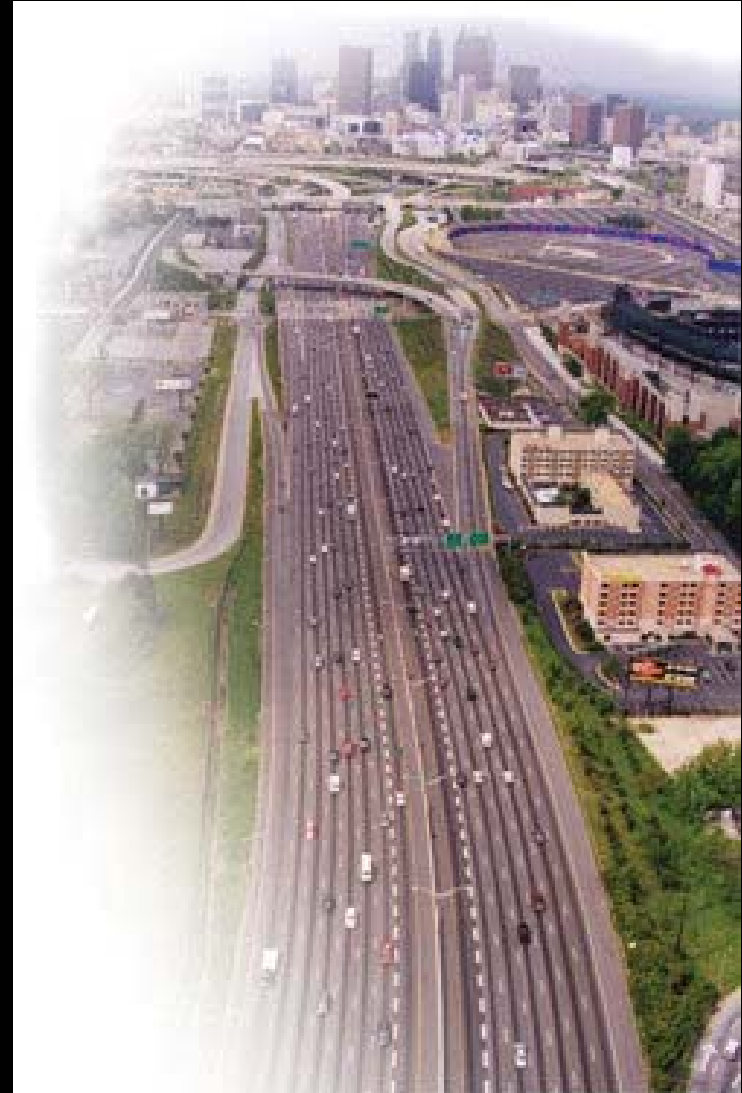
- Suprasystemic PPHN more likely if non-respiratory (85% vs 26%) origin
- PDA present in only 53% of cases with respiratory origin and highly restrictive in many cases of non-respiratory origin
- Dysfunctional right ventricle and low cardiac output commonly present

*Skinner 1996 Arch Dis Child, Evans 1995 Arch Dis Child*

# Physiologic Approach

***Treat the problem  
not the  
consequences***

- **Optimize lung recruitment**
- **Effective pulmonary vasodilation**
- **Achieve normal cardiac output and blood pressure**



# Desireable Effects

Improve Right Ventricular Function

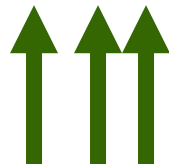
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25

Pulmonary Artery



PVR

Foramen  
Ovale

Right  
Atrium

Left  
Atrium

Right  
Ventricle

Left  
Ventricle

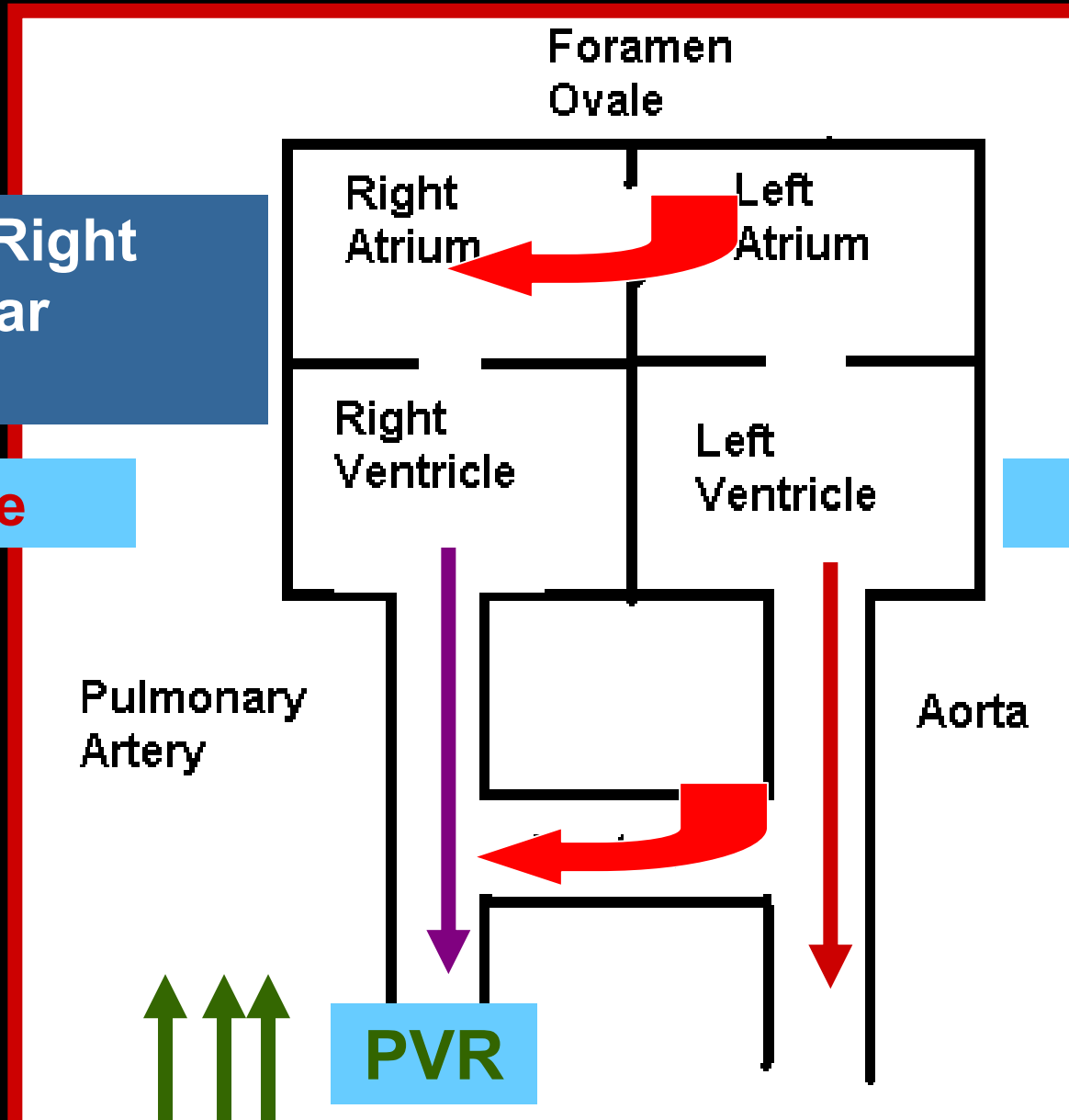
Aorta

Pressure

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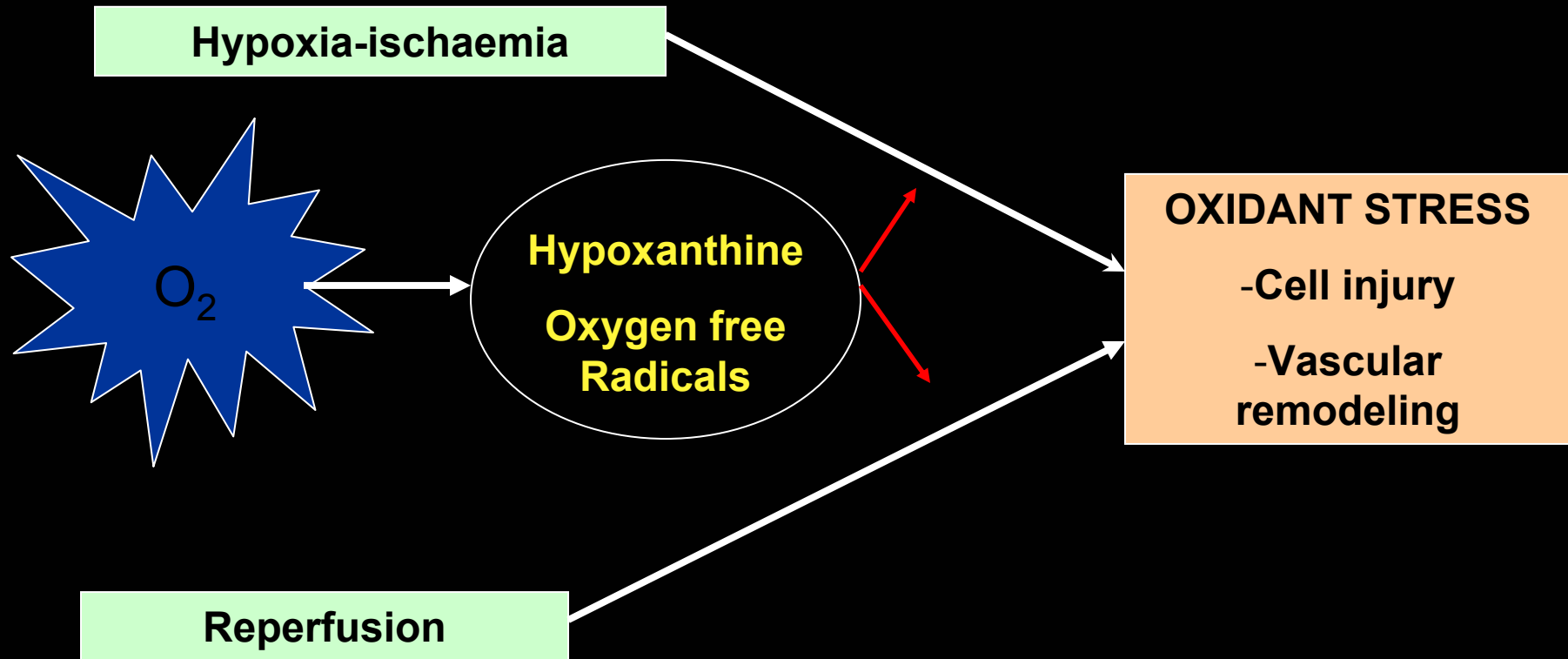
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# I. How much oxygen ?

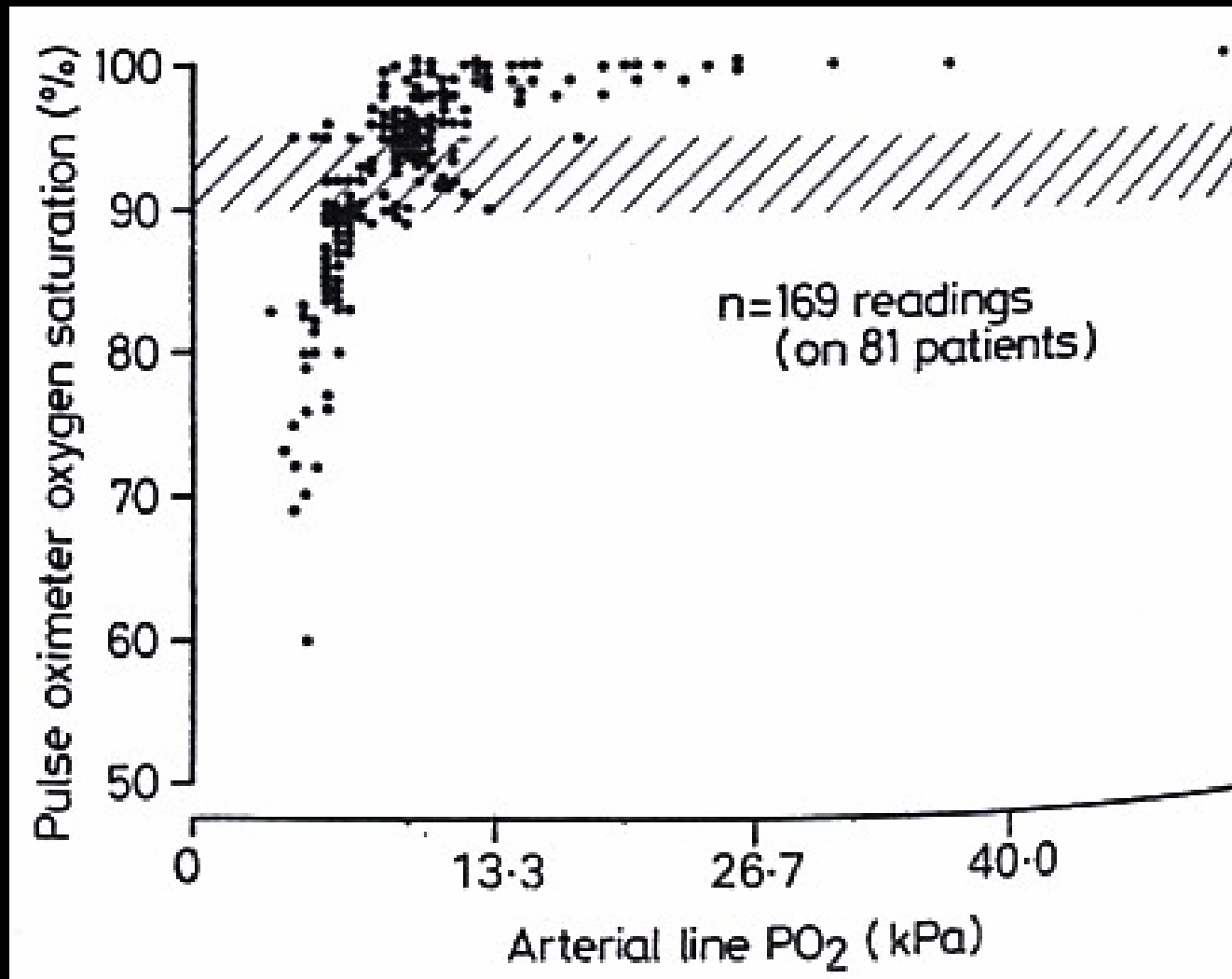
- Pulmonary vasodilator
- $\text{paO}_2$  target range?  
> 95% vs 90-85%
- Merits of post-ductal  $\text{SpO}_2$  monitoring?
- Acute vs convalescent  $\text{SpO}_2$  /  $\text{paO}_2$

# Oxygen Paradox

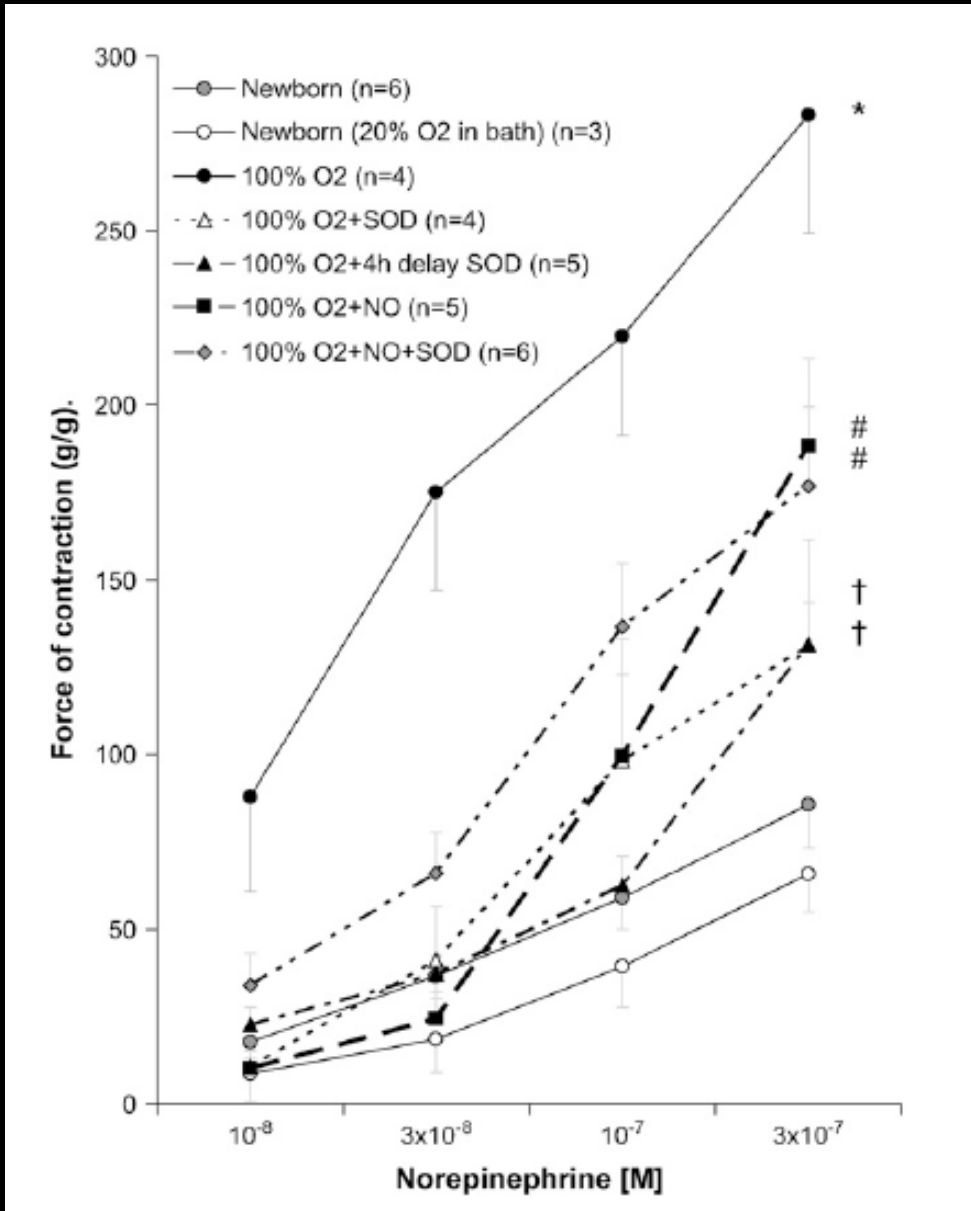




# Oxygen Saturations & PaO<sub>2</sub>



# Hyperoxia and Vascular Response



# pO<sub>2</sub> and PVR

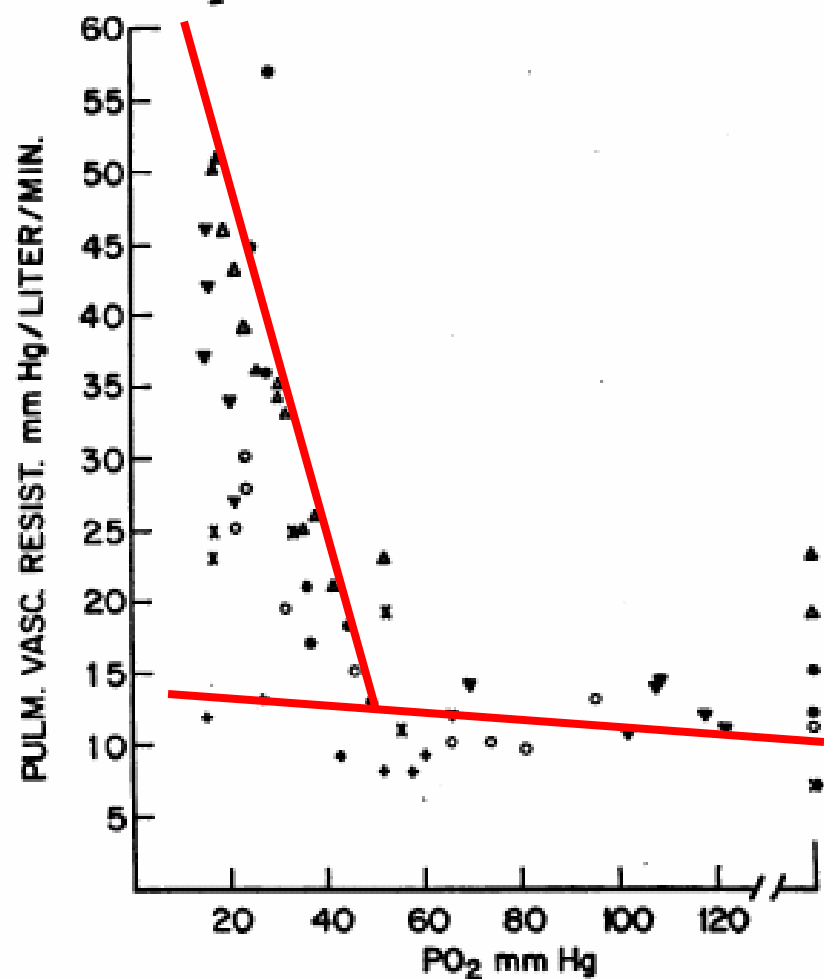


FIG. 6. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CALCULATED PULMONARY VASCULAR RESISTANCE AND ARTERIAL PO<sub>2</sub> IN SIX CALVES IN TABLE II. Each calf is represented by a different symbol.

# Oxygen Saturation Targets...

- Target pre-ductal SpO<sub>2</sub> [88-94%] and paO<sub>2</sub> [50-80 mmHg]
- No evidence to support SpO<sub>2</sub> > 95% or paO<sub>2</sub> > 80 mmHg
- Cautious approach to pre-post ductal gradient (*?? > 75% acceptable if lactate, pH, urinary output normal*)

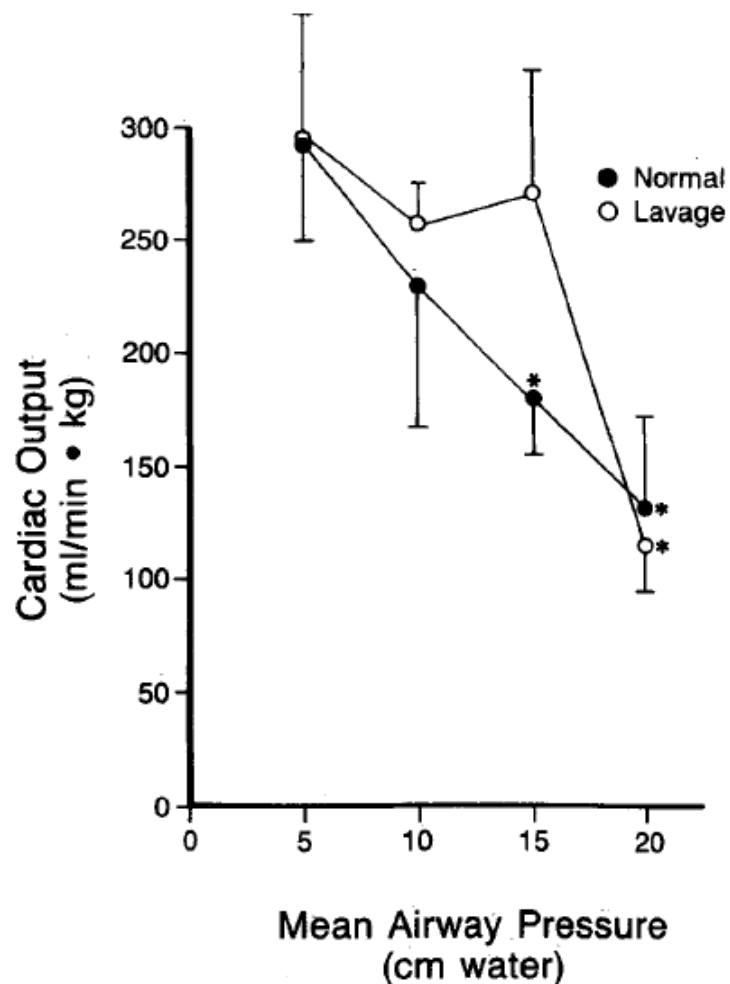
## II. Respiratory Support - Case

- Preterm infant at 32 weeks, hx of PROM
- Severe Oxygenation failure (OI 35) – received iNO (no improvement)
- Initiated on HFOV (MAP 18 on CMV) – increased to 30 cmH<sub>2</sub>O
- Progressive hemodynamic instability – treated with volume, dobutamine and dopamine
- Chest radiograph – normal lung volume

# Targeted Neonatal echo

- Heart severely volume depleted [unable to see the atria clearly and both ventricles]
- ↓ pulmonary venous flow, transmitral flow and cardiac output
- After transitioning to CMV and administering a fluid bolus filling improved and overall cardiac output improved.
- Treated with milrinone / vasopressin - stabilized
- ICU support withdrawn: Pulmonary hypoplasia

# Mean Airway Pressure & Blood flow



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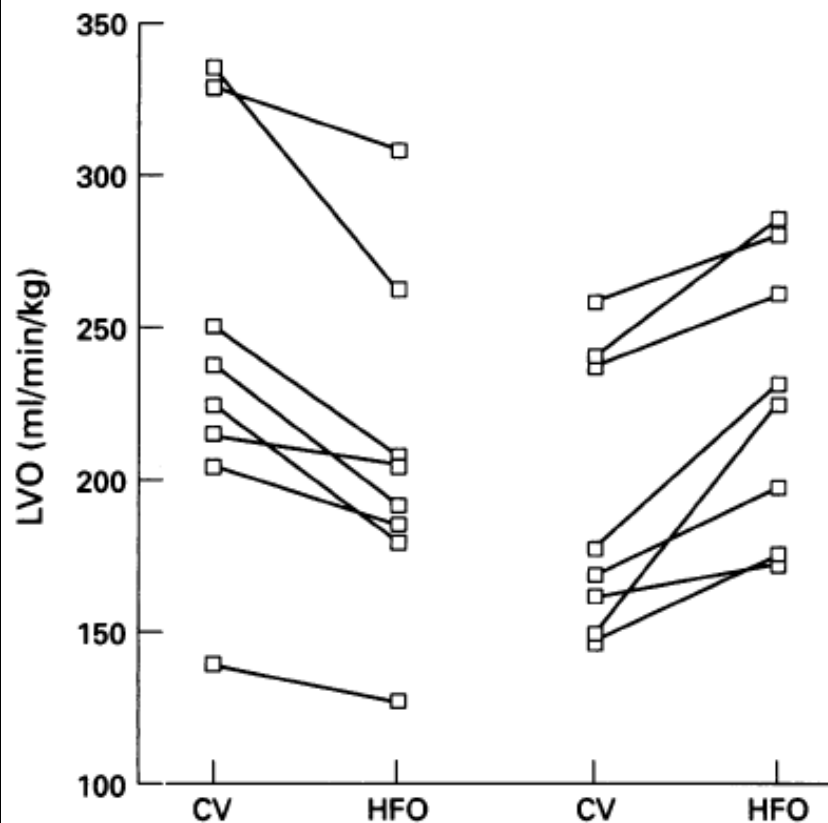
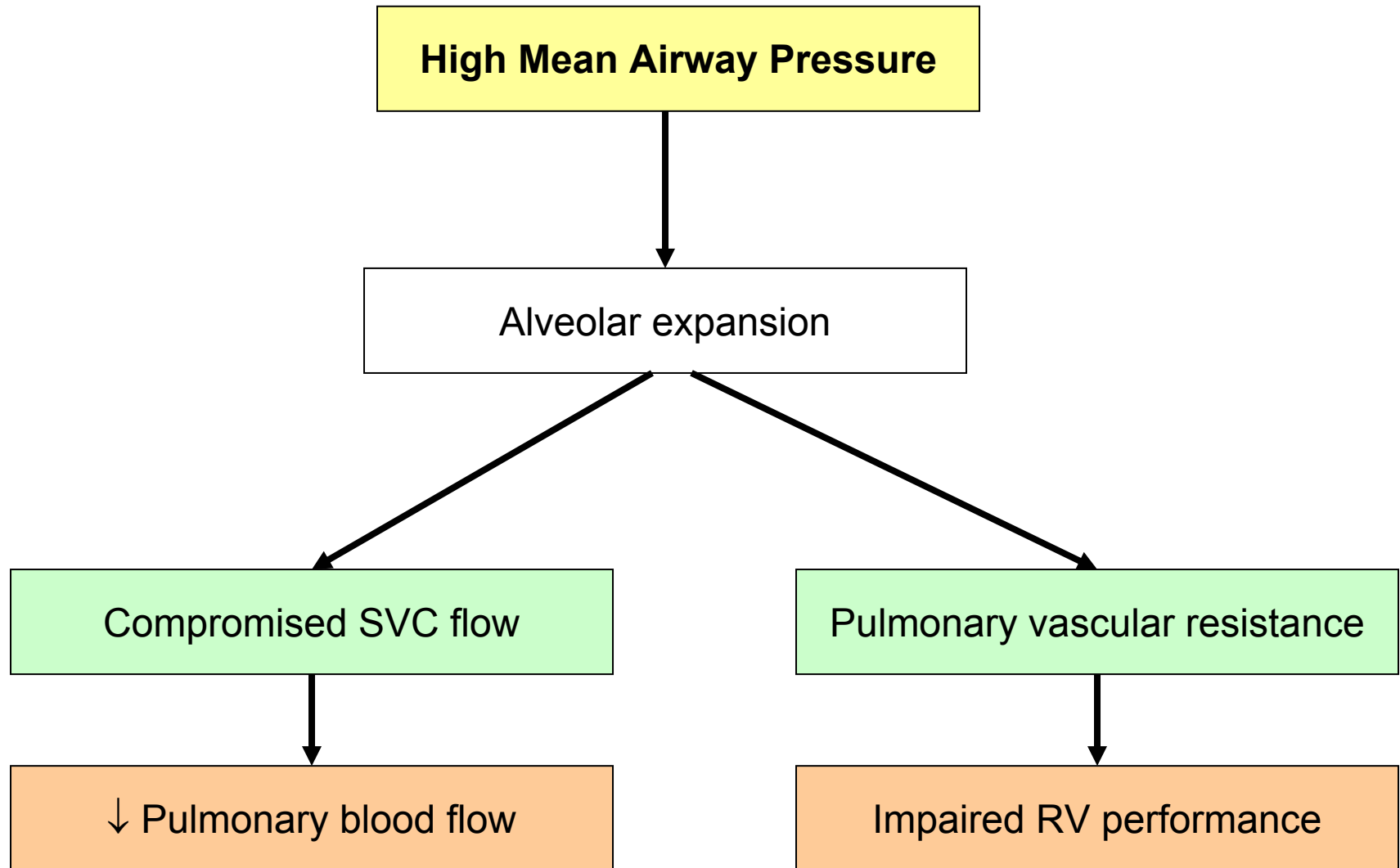


Figure 1 Effects on individual LVO of changes from CV to HFO at T1, and from HFO to CV at T2.

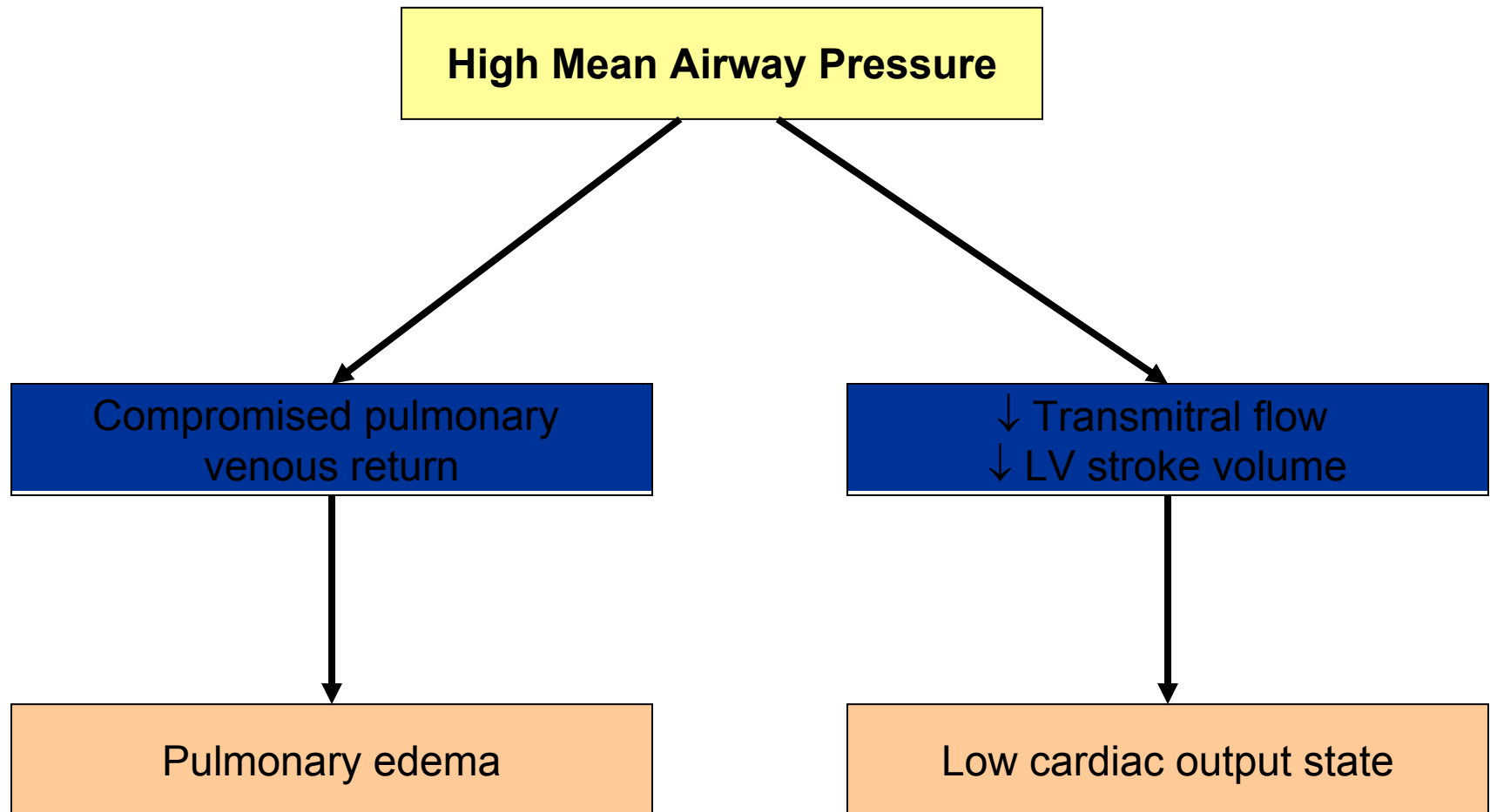
Laubscher 1996 Arch Dis Child

# Right Heart Compromise





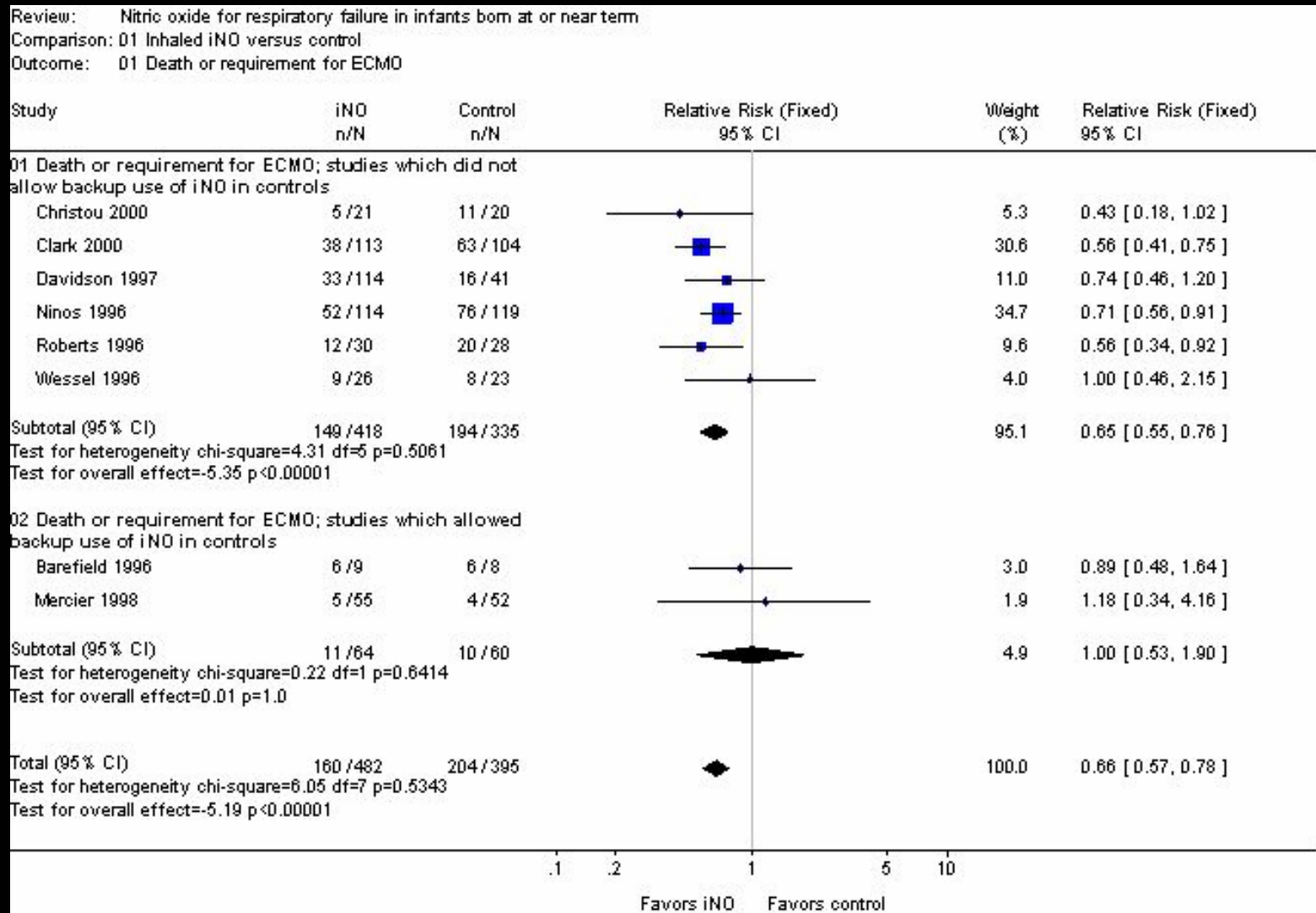
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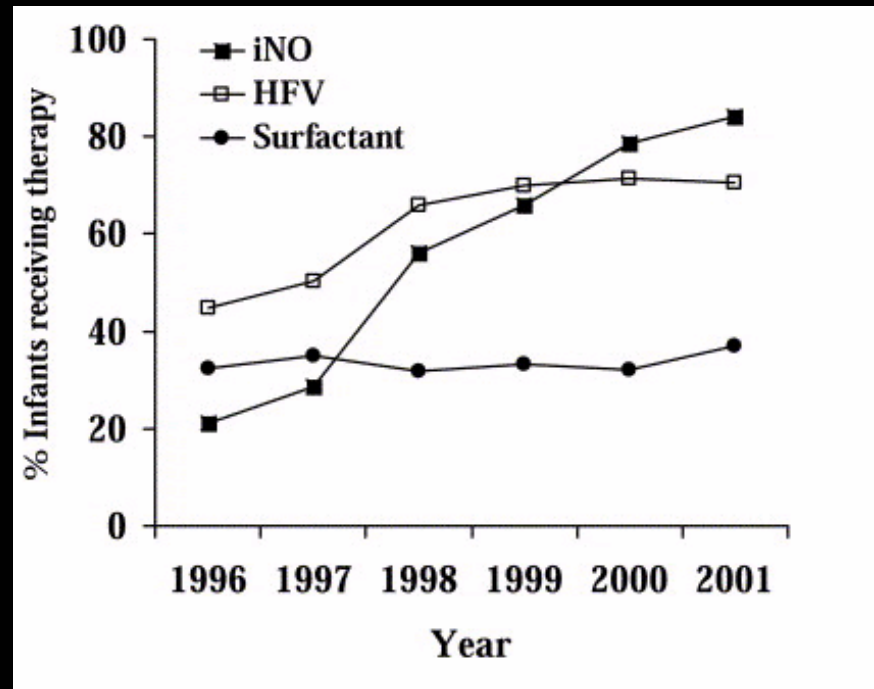
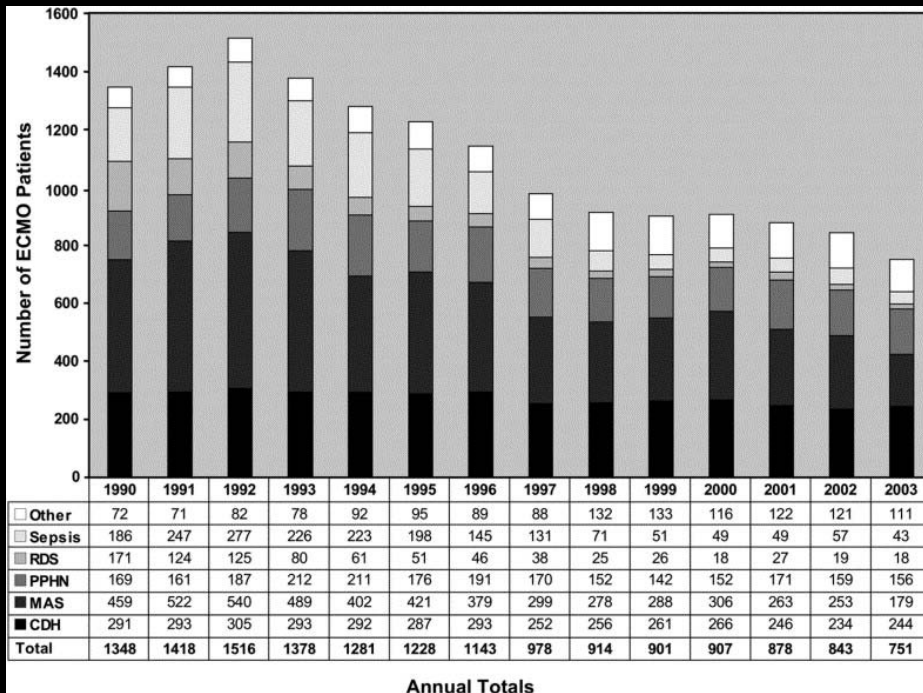
# Approach to Pulmonary Vasodilators

- **Selective**
  - Inhaled Nitric oxide
- **Non-selective**
  - Sildenafil
  - Prostacyclin
- **Non-specific**
  - Milrinone
  - Vasopressin

# iNO and Death/ECMO.....

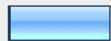
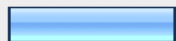
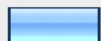



# ECMO rates




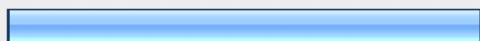
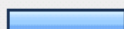


1992-2001: ↓ ECMO rates 40%

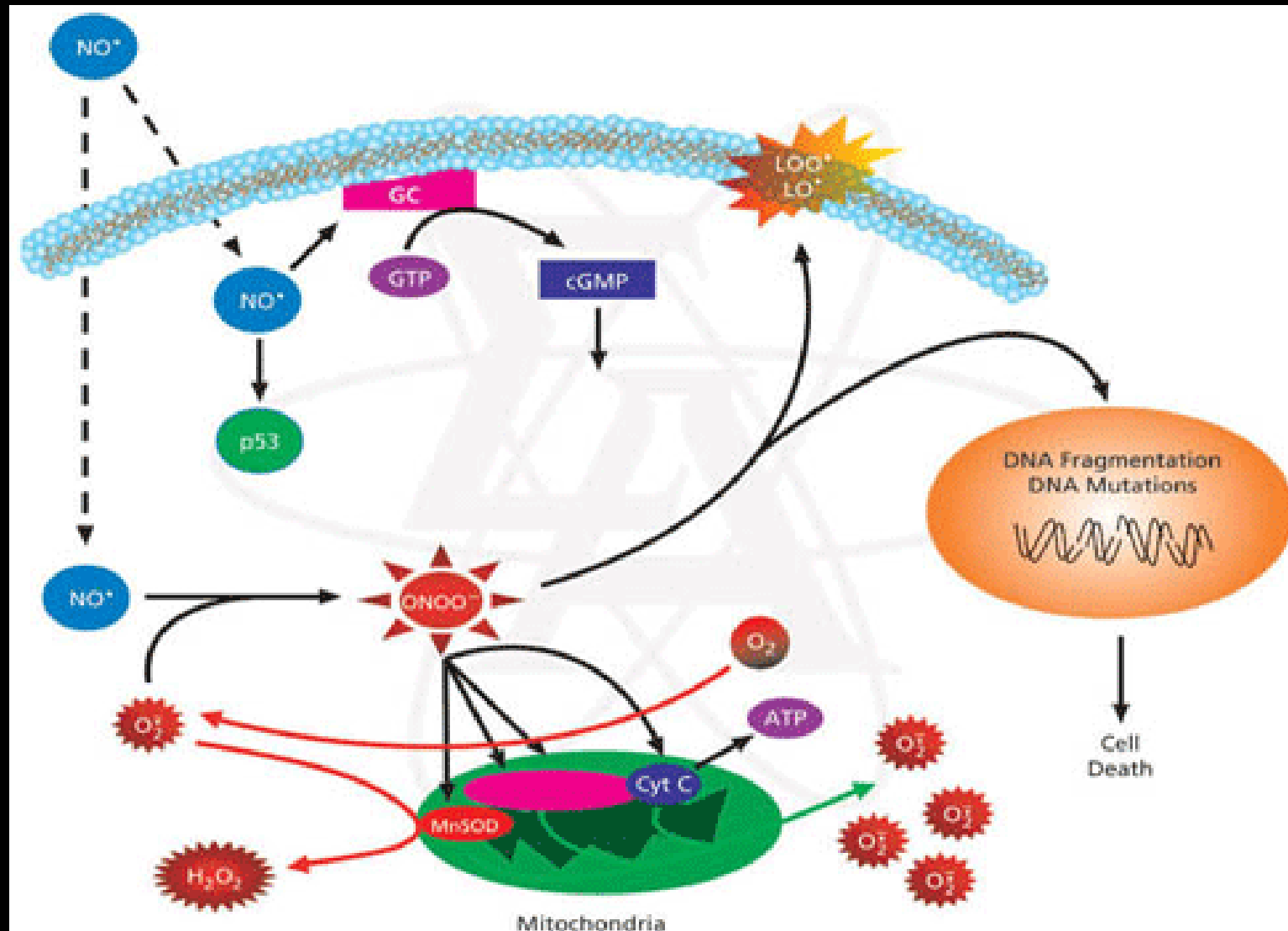
**8. If yes at which of the following OI would you start iNO treatment?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
5-9		0.0%	0
10-14		10.4%	10
15-19		17.7%	17
20-24		9.4%	9
≥25		14.6%	14

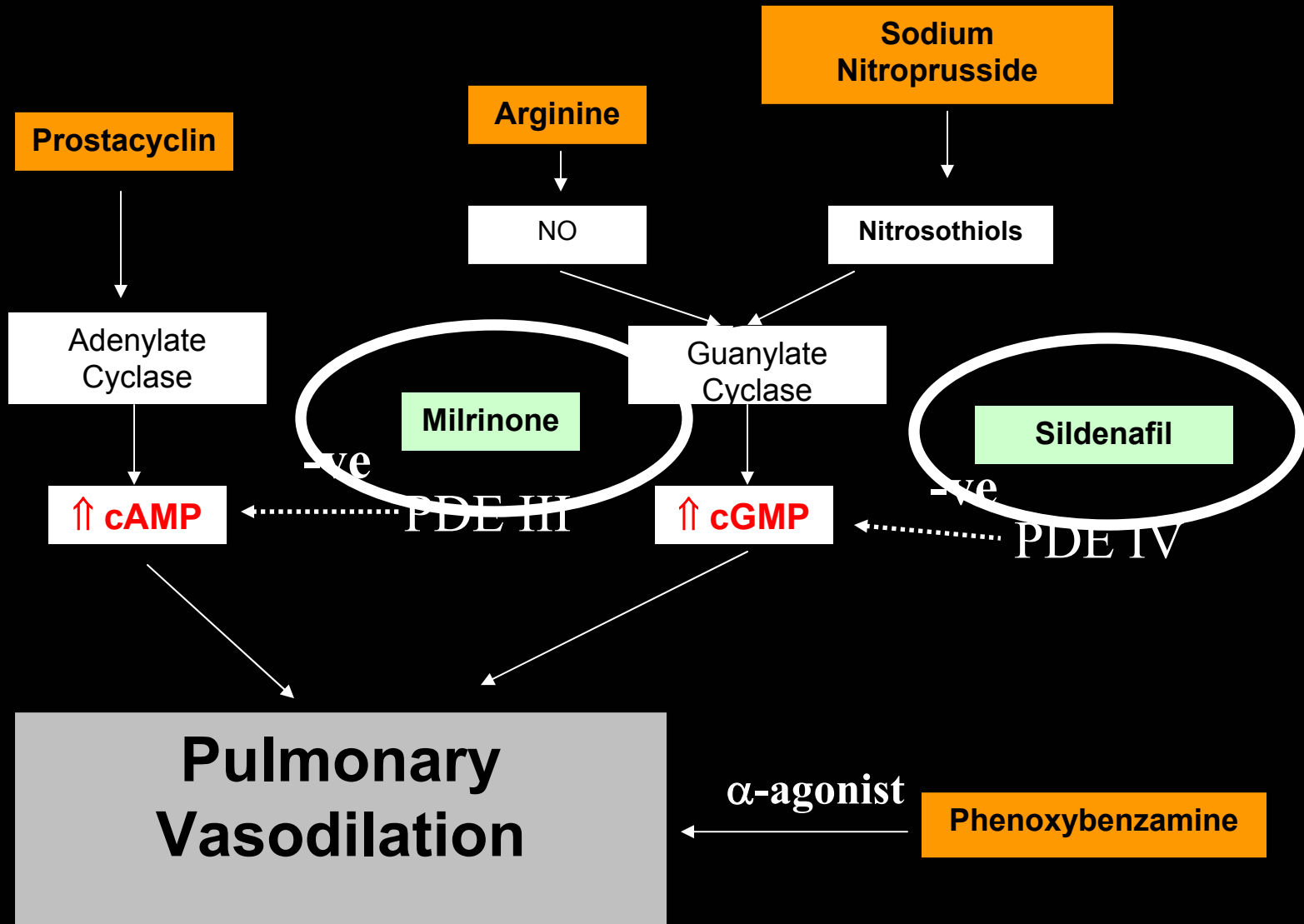
**10. According to your guideline, the starting dose of inhaled NO is**

		Response Percent	Response Count
5ppm		16.0%	17
10ppm		18.9%	20
15ppm		1.9%	2
20ppm		50.9%	54
>20ppm		0.0%	0
Not applicable		12.3%	13

# NO and Oxygen –potential for harm

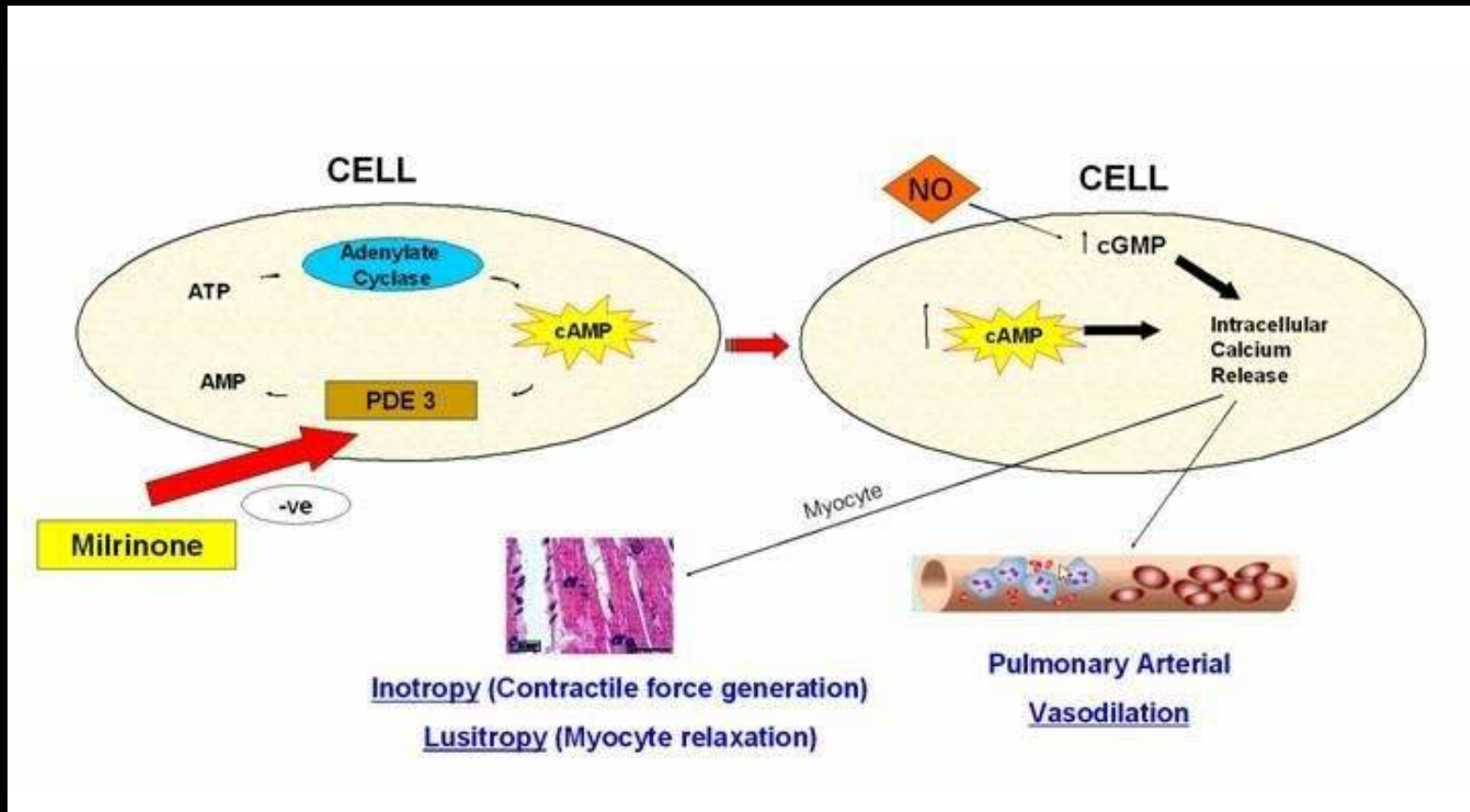


# Controlling Vascular Resistance



# Milrinone

*(Phosphodiesterase III inhibitor)*



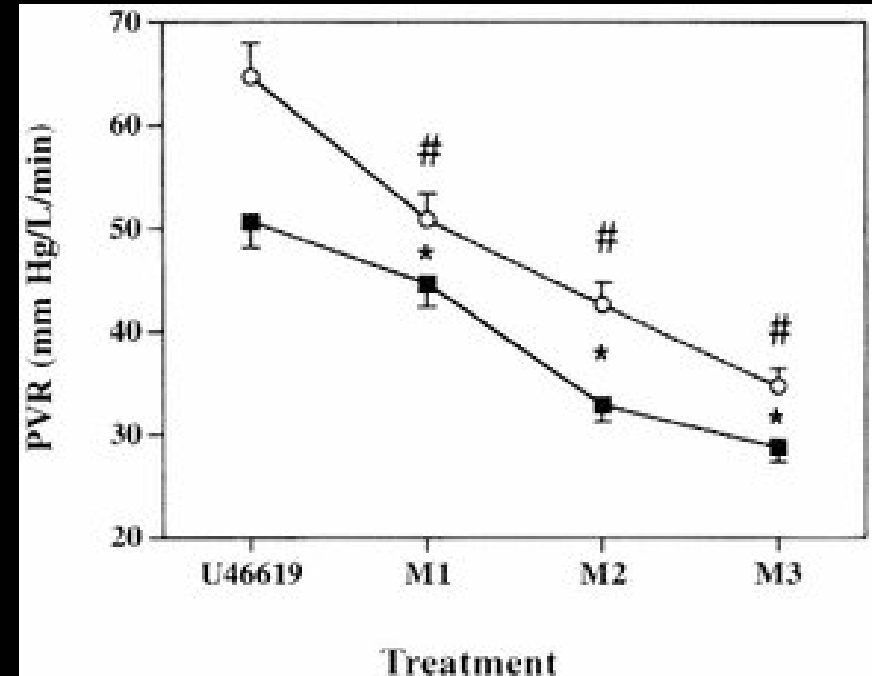
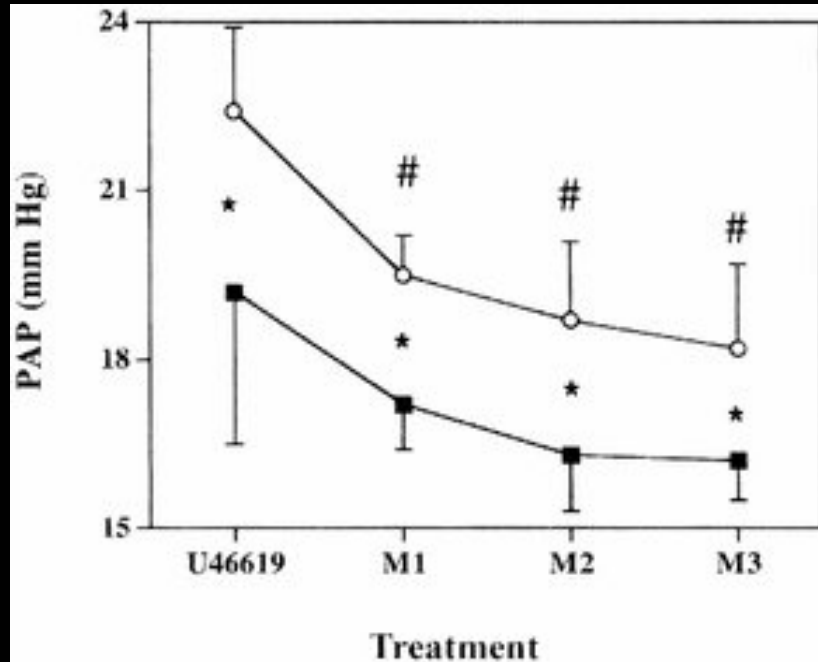
Potential synergism with iNO by increasing bioavailability of cAMP & cGMP (*central role in signal transduction and pulmonary vasodilation*)



# Milrinone & PPHN

U44619 (Thromboxane Analogue) Model

N = 6



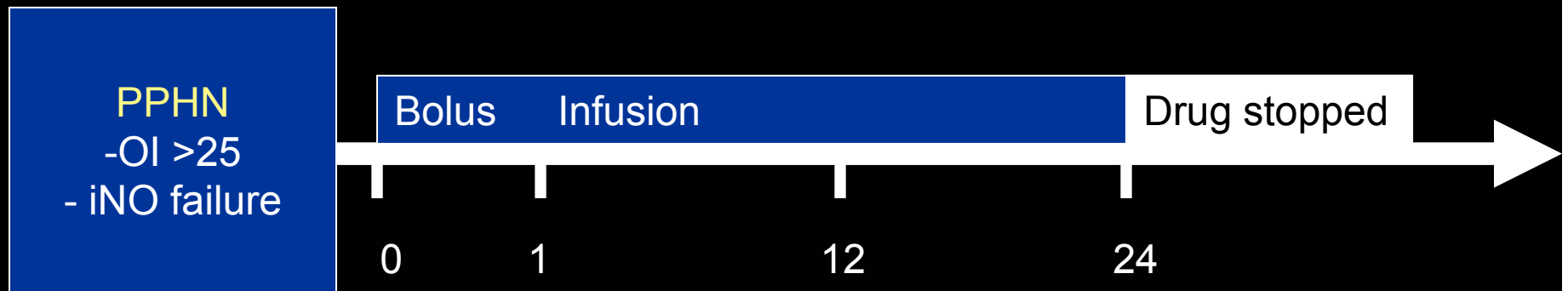
*Deb 2000 Crit Care Med*

**Milrinone led to improvement in OI in iNO refractory PPHN (OI > 25)**

*McNamara et al 2006 J Critical Care*

# Milrinone Pharmacokinetics

Eligible neonates received an iv loading dose of milrinone (50 $\mu$ g/kg) over 60 minutes followed by maintenance infusion (0.33-0.99  $\mu$ g/kg/min) for 24-72 hours

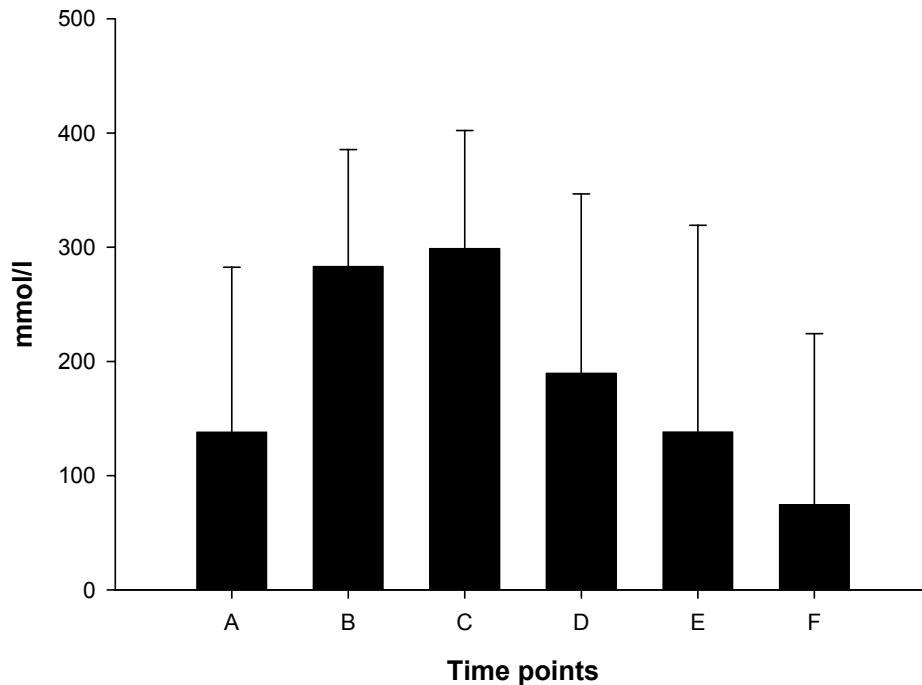


	0	1	12	24, 30, 36
<b>Clinical</b>	+	+	+	+
<b>Echo</b>	+	+	+	-
<b>Drug levels</b>	-	+	+	+
<b>ABG</b>	+	+	+	+

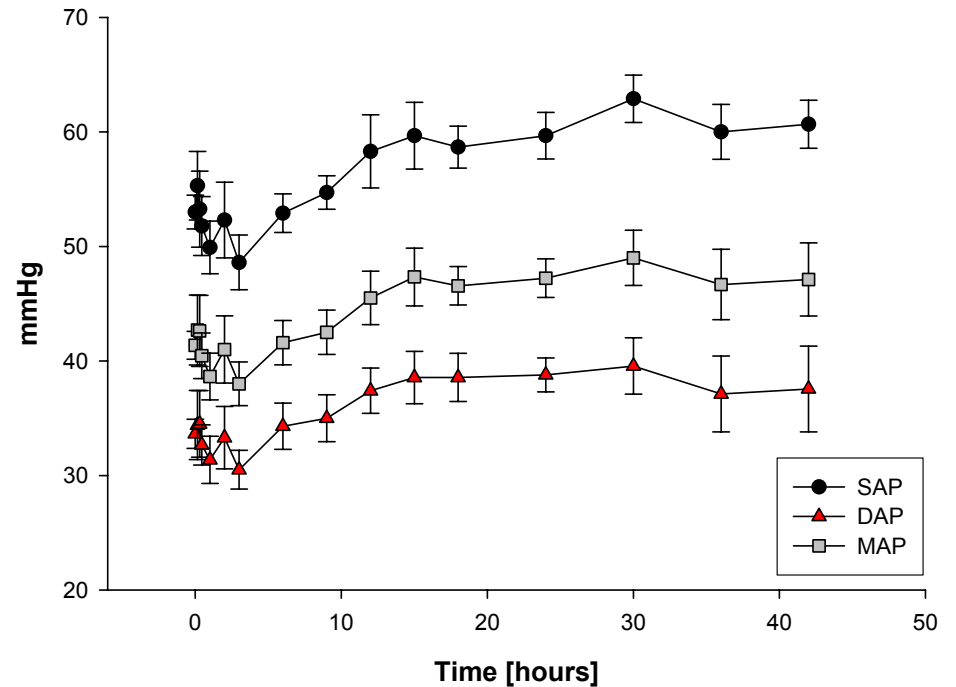
# Milrinone Kinetics

McNamara 2010 PAS

## Milrinone levels



## Arterial Pressure



Mean half-life 4.1 (1.1) hours

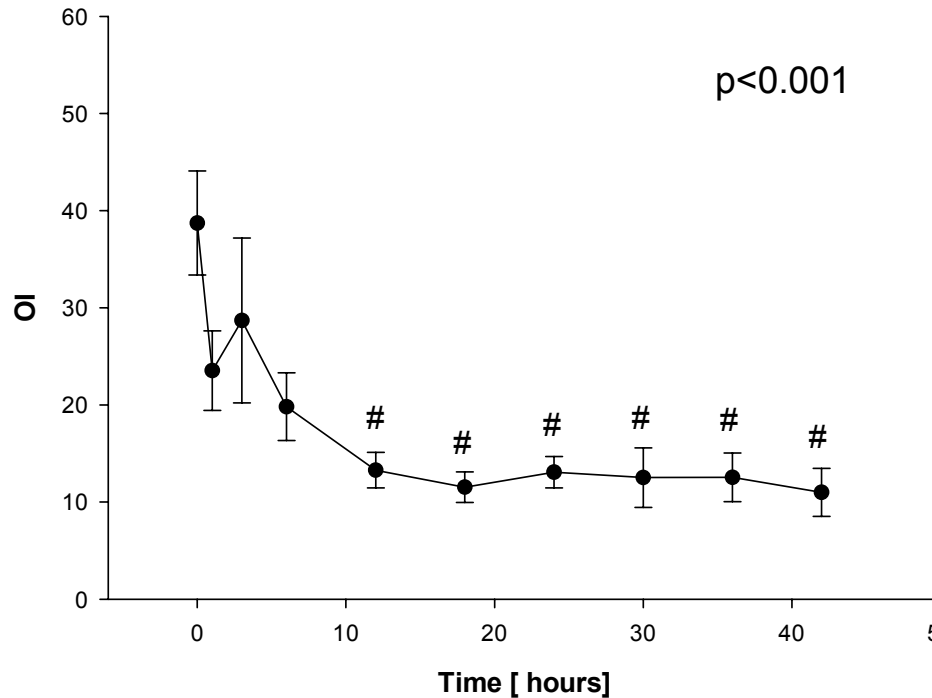
Total body clearance 0.11(0.01) L/kg/hr

Volume of distribution 0.56 (0.19) l/kg

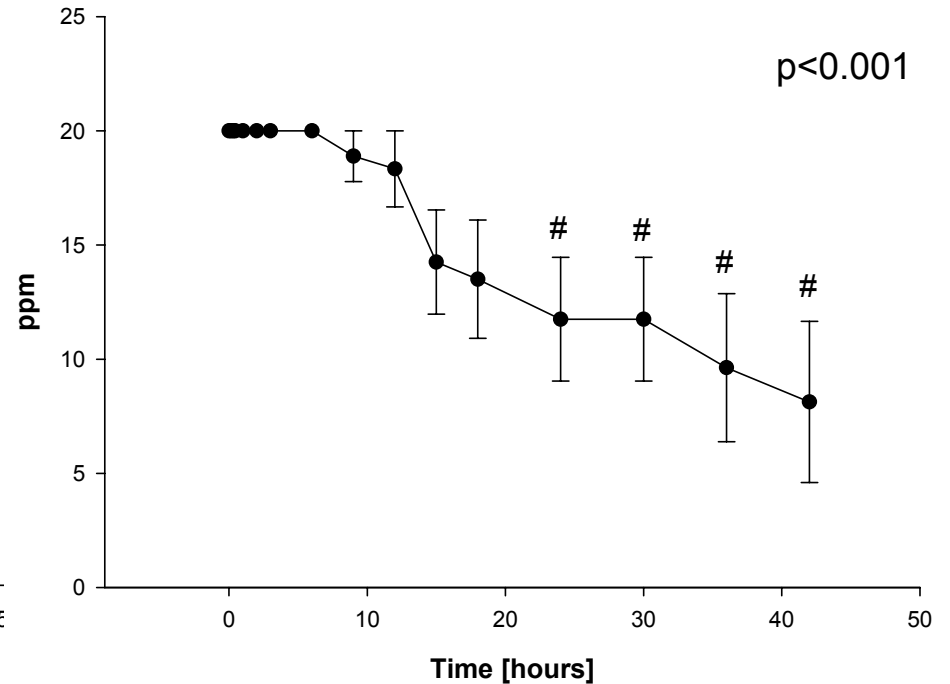
Steady state conc. 290.9 (77.7).

# Milrinone - Oxygenation

Oxygenation index

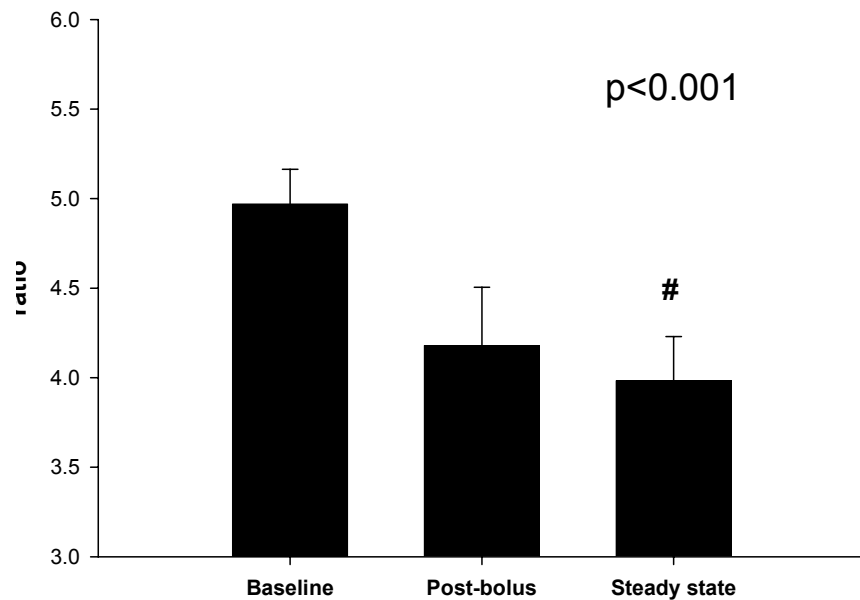


inhaled Nitric Oxide

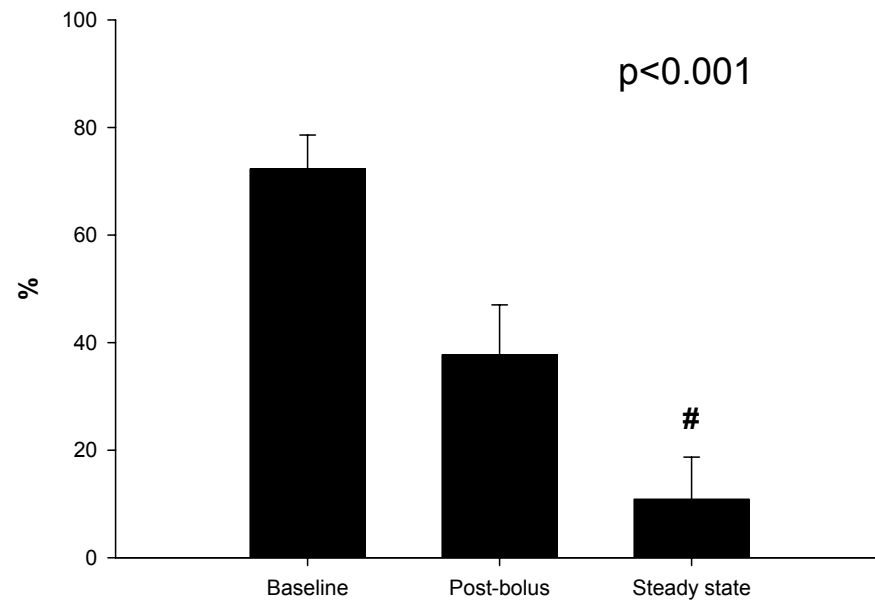


- $\downarrow$   $\text{FiO}_2$ , MAP and  $\uparrow$   $\text{pO}_2$
- $\downarrow$  base deficit &  $\downarrow$  lactate

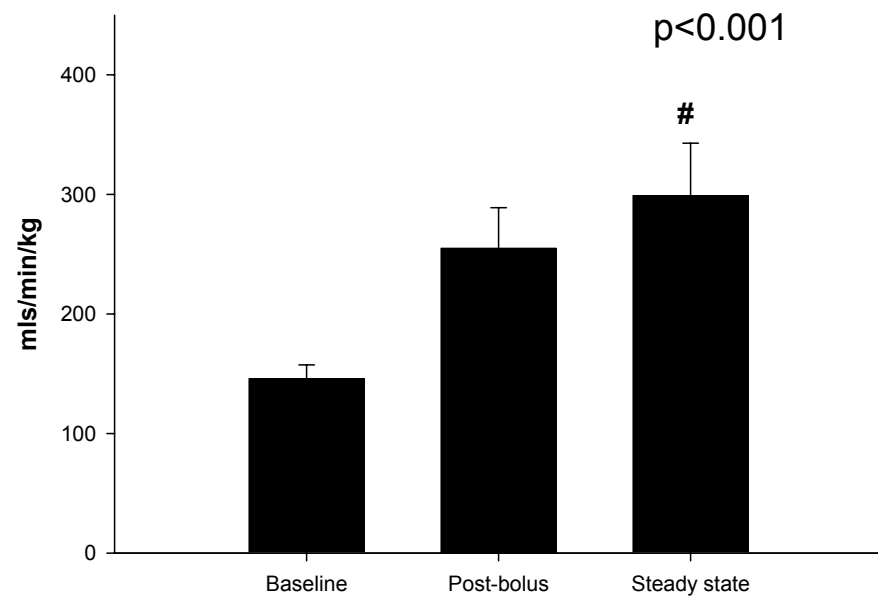
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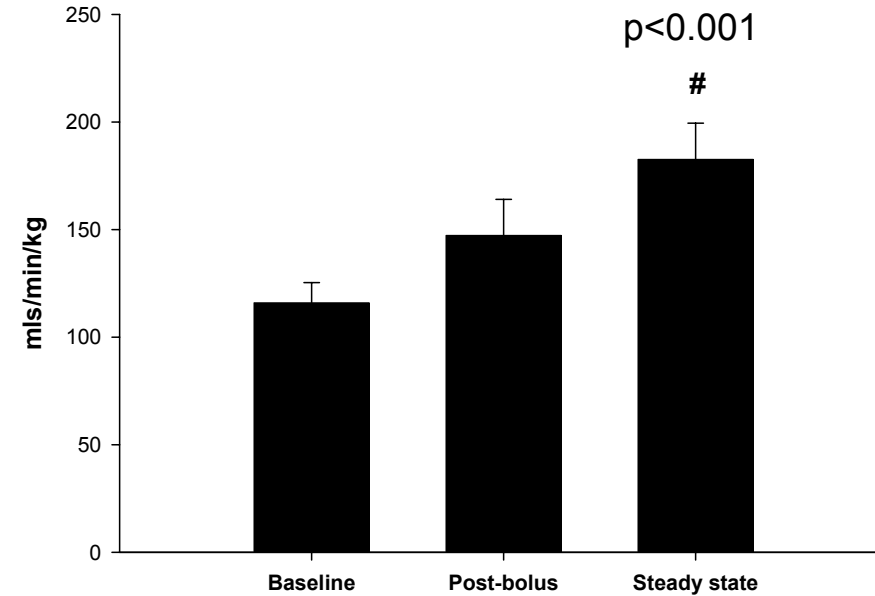
### R-L Transductal flow



### RVO



### LVO



# Summary

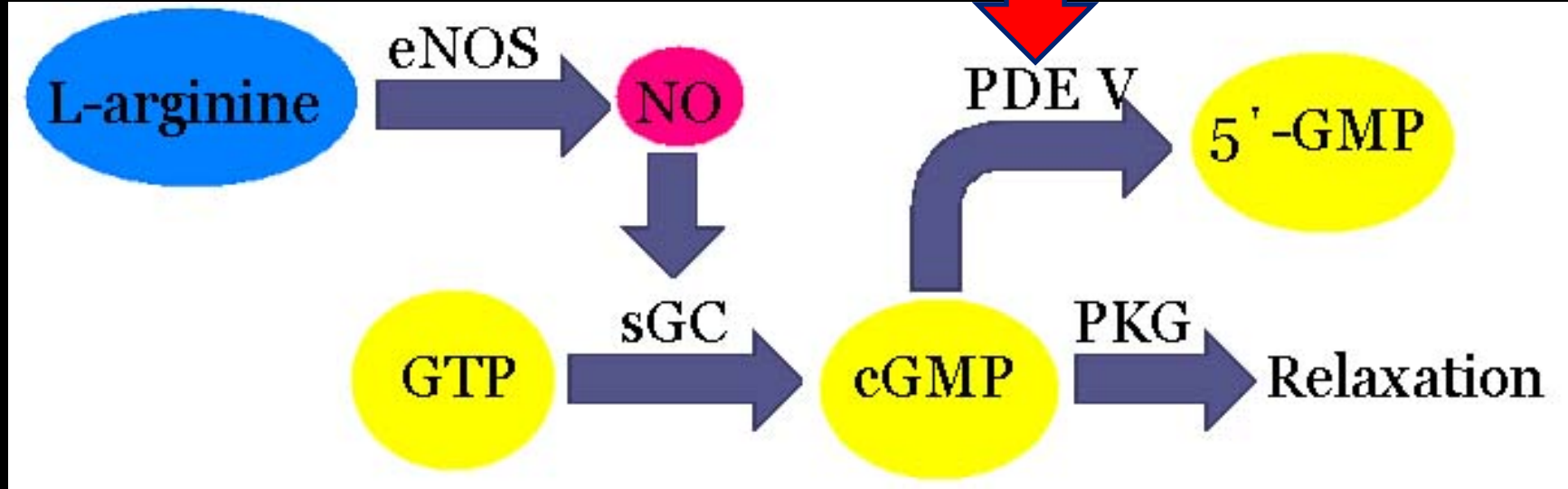
Intravenous milrinone is associated with.....

- Improvement in the efficacy of oxygenation in iNO non-responsive patients
- Reduced PVR and R-L transductal shunting
- increased right and left ventricular output

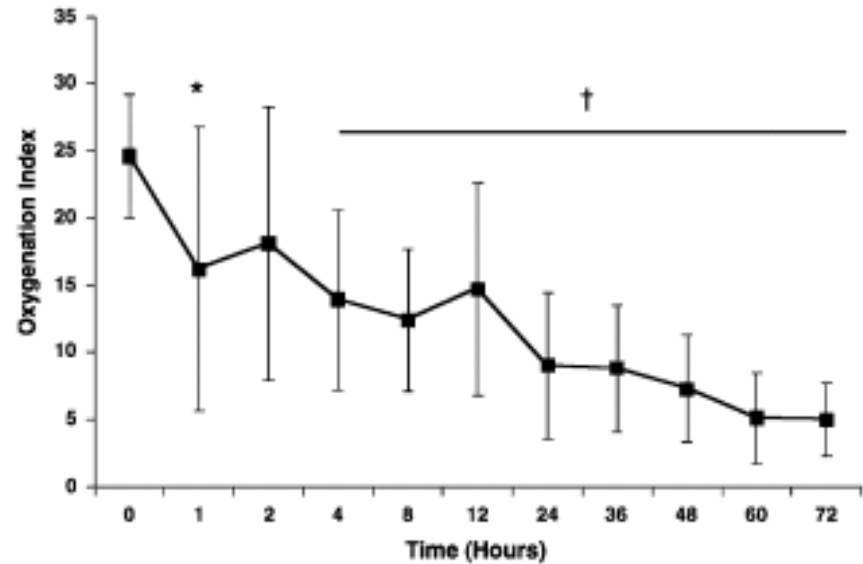
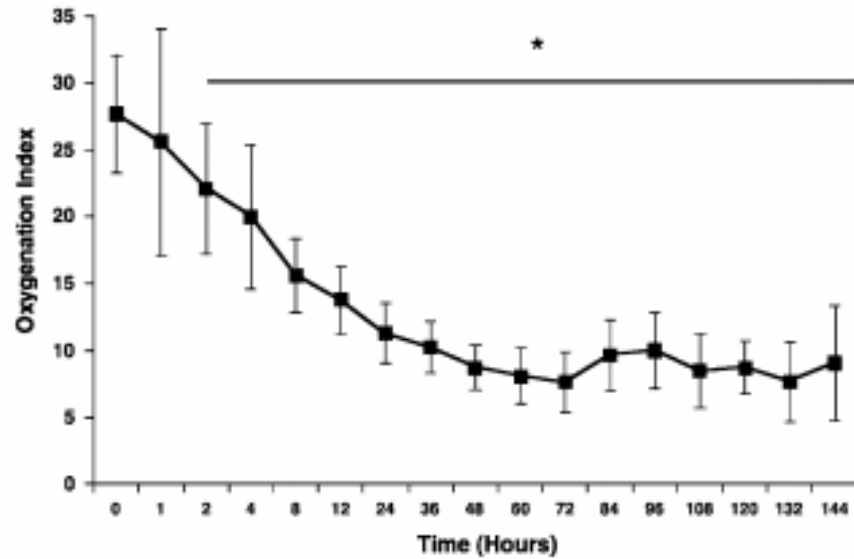
# SILDENAFIL

## cGMP PATHWAY MODULATION

PDE V inhibition  
*Sildenafil*

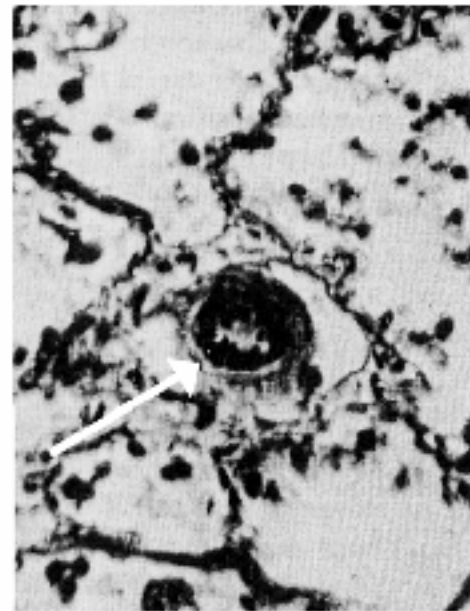
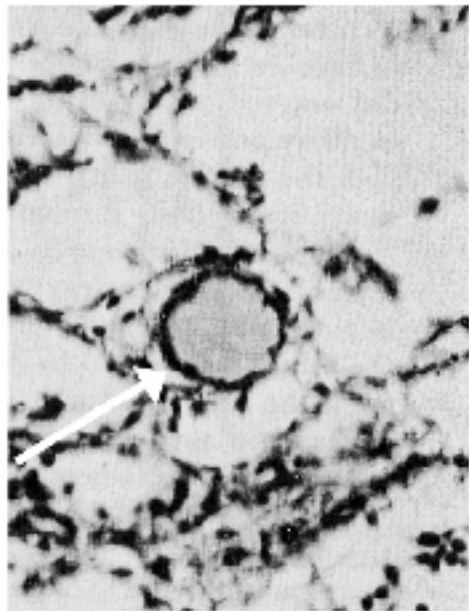
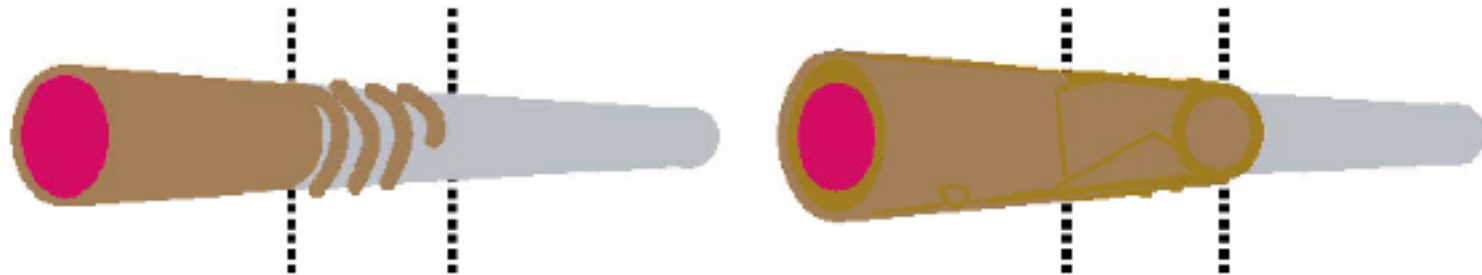


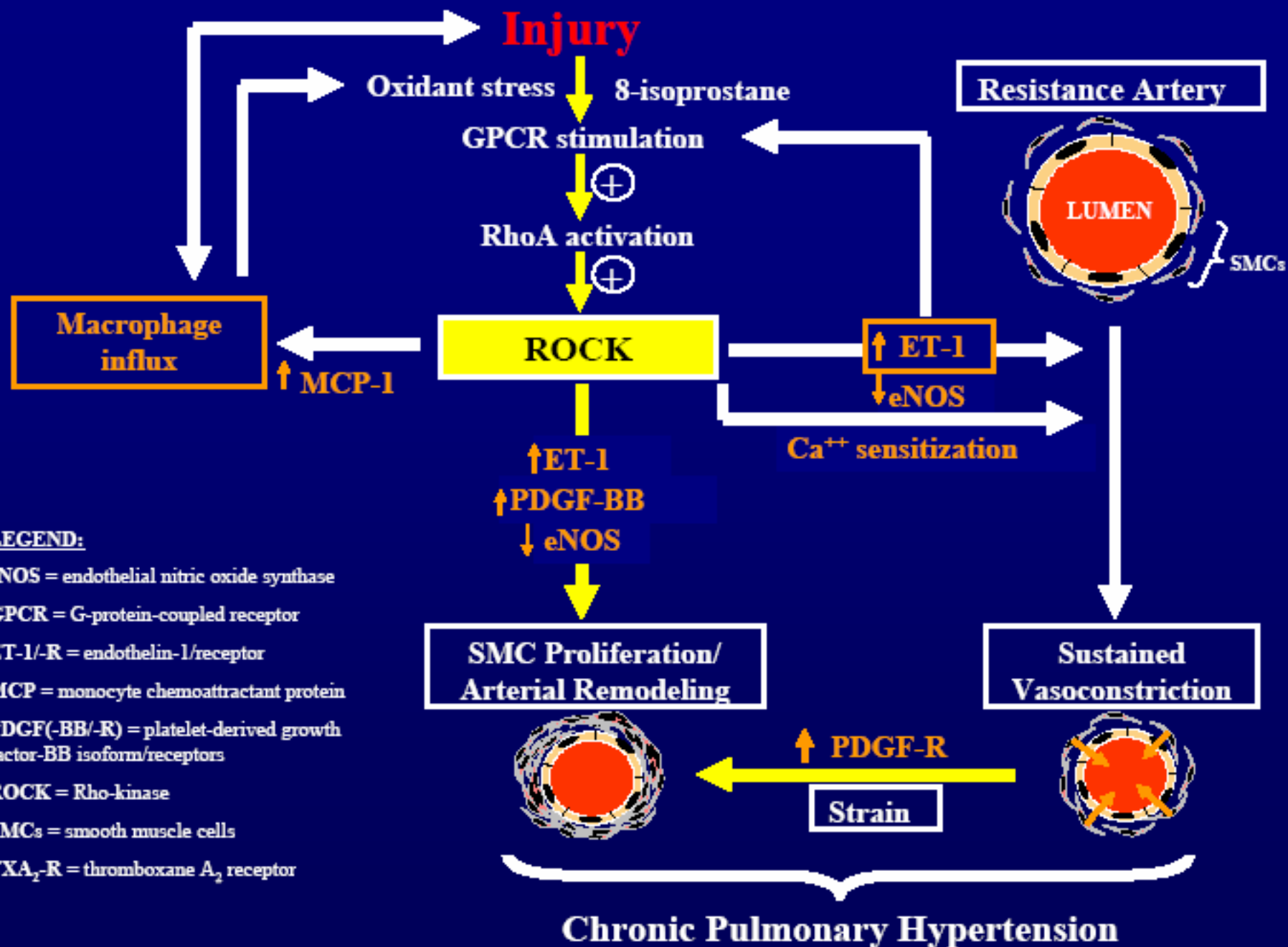
# Intravenous Sildenafil





# Vascular Remodeling: Distal Extension of Smooth Muscle





**LEGEND:**

eNOS = endothelial nitric oxide synthase

GPCR = G-protein-coupled receptor

ET-1/-R = endothelin-1/receptor

MCP = monocyte chemoattractant protein

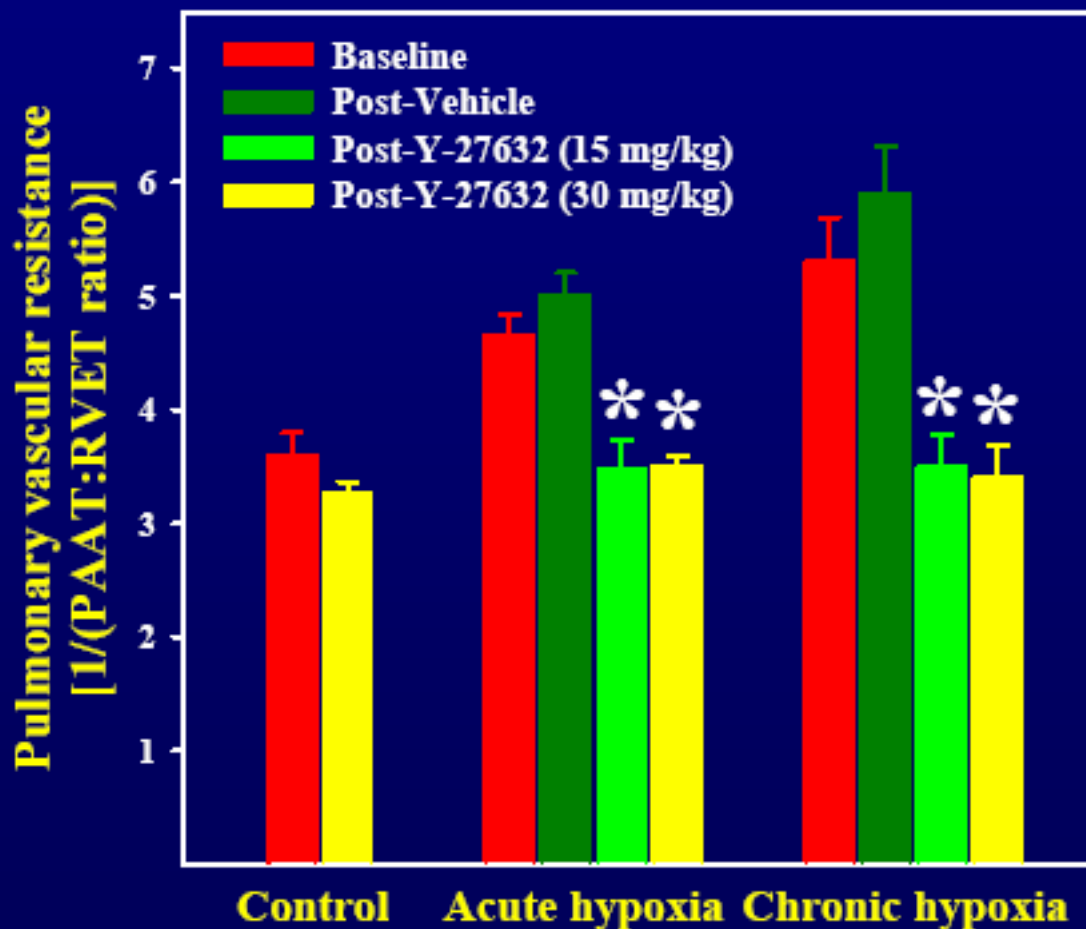
PDGF(-BB/-R) = platelet-derived growth factor-BB isoform/receptors

ROCK = Rho-kinase

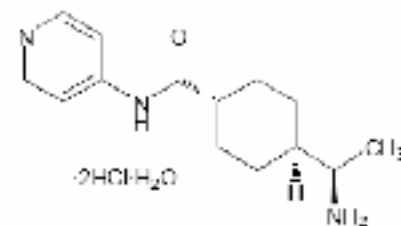
SMCs = smooth muscle cells

TXA<sub>2</sub>-R = thromboxane A<sub>2</sub> receptor

# ROCK Inhibitors: Pulmonary Hemodynamics



**Y-27632**



# Cardiotropic Drugs in PPHN?

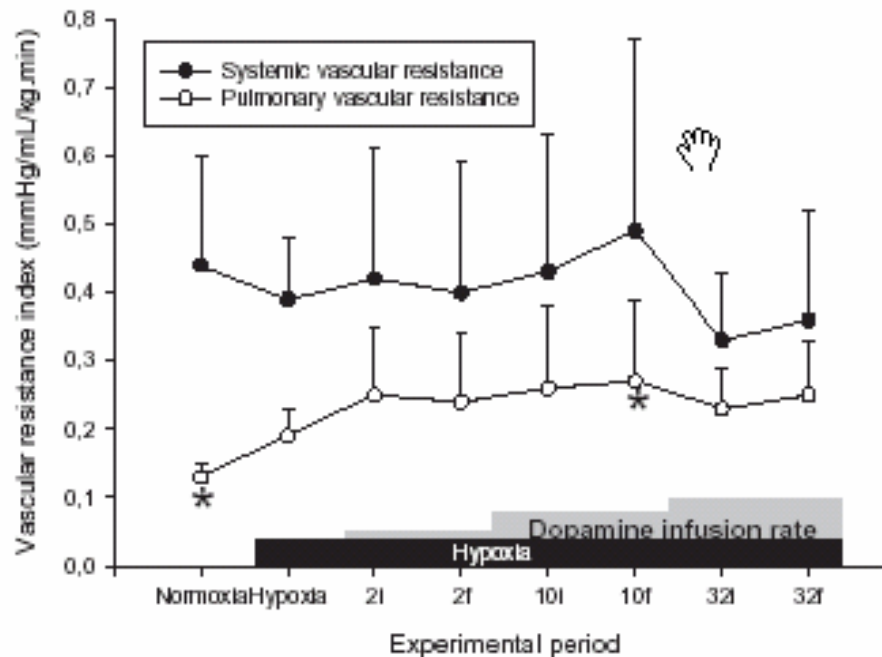


## *Physiologic Considerations:*

- Impaired RV contractility and ↓ pulmonary blood flow
- Pressure loaded RV
- Compromised left heart preload and low cardiac output
- Hypercontractile LV

# Dopamine and PVR

Figure 2



Effects of hypoxia and dopamine infusion on systemic and pulmonary vascular resistance indices. i, initial (3 min average at 30 min of infusion at that dose); f, final (3 min average at 60 min of infusion).

\* $P < 0.05$  compared with effects of hypoxia.

# Effect on Systemic perfusion

	Dobutamine	Dopamine	P value
Number	16	11	
Infusion rate			
10 µg/kg/min	5	7	
20 µg/kg/min	11	4	
Gestation (wk)	26.3 (2.1)	25.8 (1.1)	.4
Birth weight (g)	1014 (348)	900 (171)	.3
MAP (cm H <sub>2</sub> O)	6.5 (1.5)	8.2 (2.3)	.03
HR (bpm)	160 (12)	145 (12)	.004
Mean BP (n = 24)	39.8 (4.9)	35.4 (4.9)	.04
RVO (mL/kg/min)	294.5 (81.3)	169.2 (51.9)	<.001
SVC flow (mL/kg/min)	85.6 (24.7)	68.0 (30.2)	.1

Mean ± SD.

Included if SVC flow < 40 mls kg<sup>-1</sup>

## Goal is maintenance of effective tissue perfusion

- Target normal systolic and diastolic blood pressures
- Ensure adequate cardiac output state (urinary output, pH, lactate)

**Dobutamine is preferable for neonates  
with hypotension  
and signs of a  
low cardiac output (RV or LV) state**

# Use of Targeted Neonatal Echo

- Quantification of **magnitude of pulmonary hypertension**
  - Tricuspid regurgitant jet, ductal shunt direction, septal wall motion, PAAT:RVET ratio
- Evaluation of **RV performance**
  - RV contractility
  - RV output
- Evaluation of **LV performance**
  - LV diastolic performance
  - LV contractility
  - LV output



# TnECHO: PPHN (DA patent)

**Low RVO**  
170 - 350 mls/min/kg

**Normal RVO and / or LVO**  
170 - 350 mls/min/kg

**Low Preload**  
-Collapsing IVC  
-LVEDD <3rd  
-Low E ± A wave V<sub>max</sub>

**↓ LV or RV contractility**  
-FS < 25% or  
-EF < 40%

**Low preload &  
↑ (FS>50%) Contractility**

**Normal preload &  
Contractility**

**VOLUME**  
-Fluid bolus  
**VENTILATION**  
--Reduce MAP  
**iNO**

**CARDIOTROPE**  
-Dobutamine or milrinone  
(Normal DAP or High ESWS)

**CARDIOTROPE**  
-Vasopressin  
(Low DAP)

**Re-evaluate**

# Exceptions

- Infant with **Septal or biventricular hypertrophy**
  - Volume resuscitation
  - Avoid cardiotropic agents
  - Consider vasopressin or esmolol
- Infant with **abnormal cardiac anatomy or ductus closed and impaired RV performance**
  - Intravenous Prostaglandin
  - Timely cardiac consultation
- Infant with impaired myocardial performance and pericardial or pleural **effusion**
  - Timely intervention [pericardiocentesis or thoracocentesis]

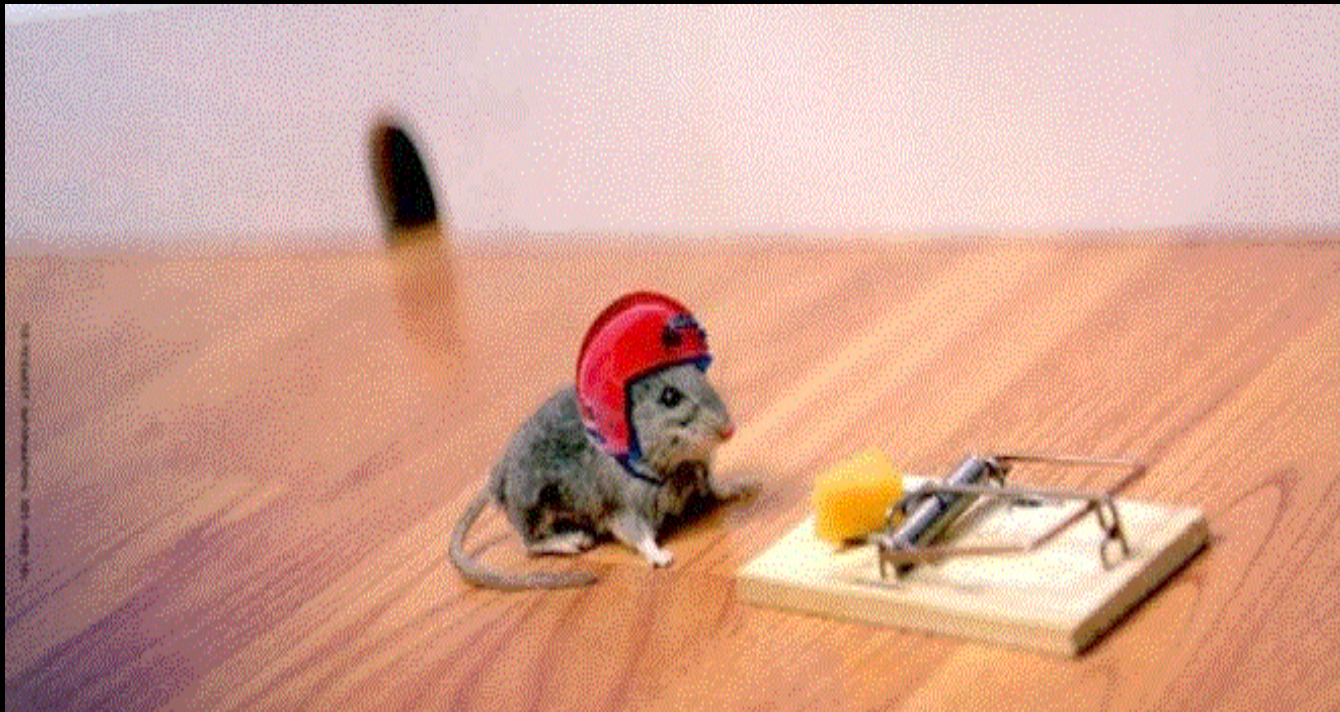
# Summary I

- PPHN is about elevated PVR and impaired myocardial performance
- Consider impact of oxygen and mechanical ventilation
- Consider tolerating postductal SpO<sub>2</sub> > 75%
- iNO is an effective pulmonary vasodilator but issues related to toxicity, lack of response and cost are concerning

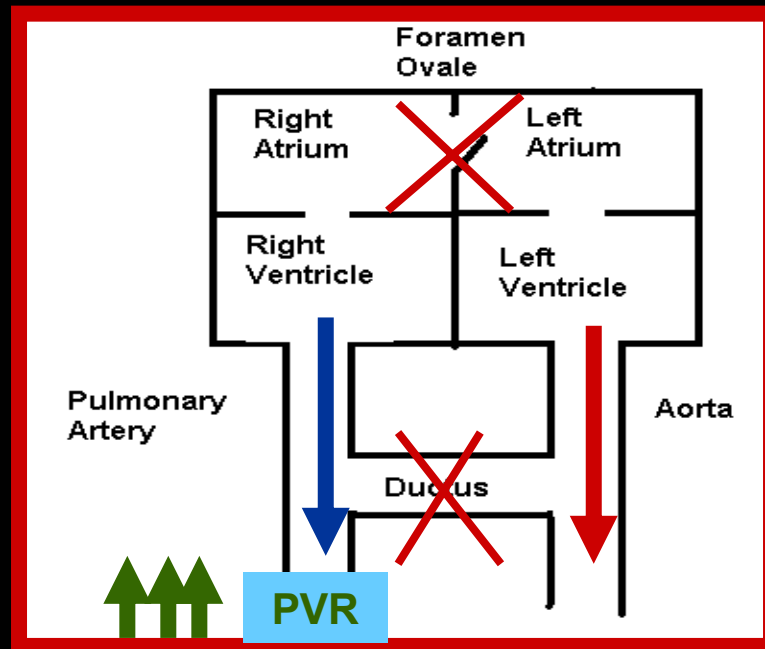
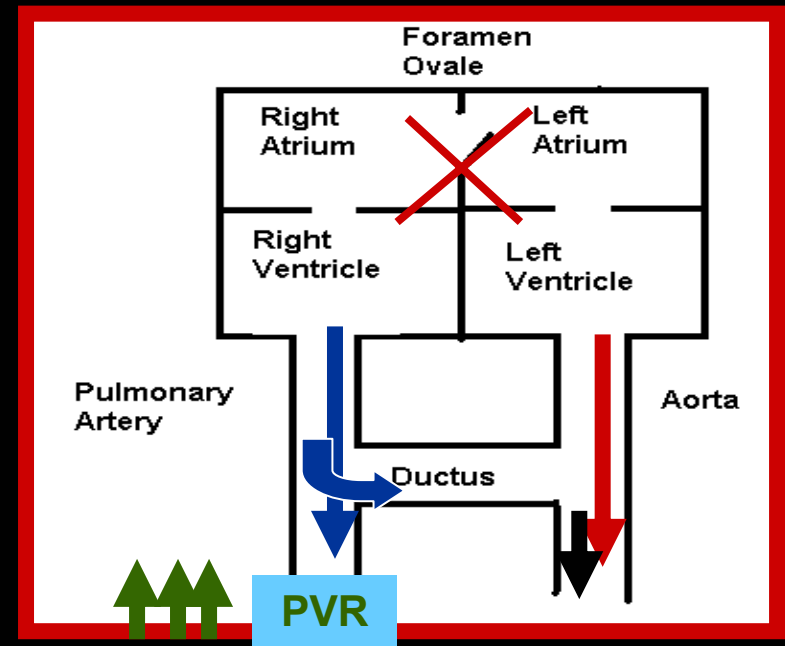
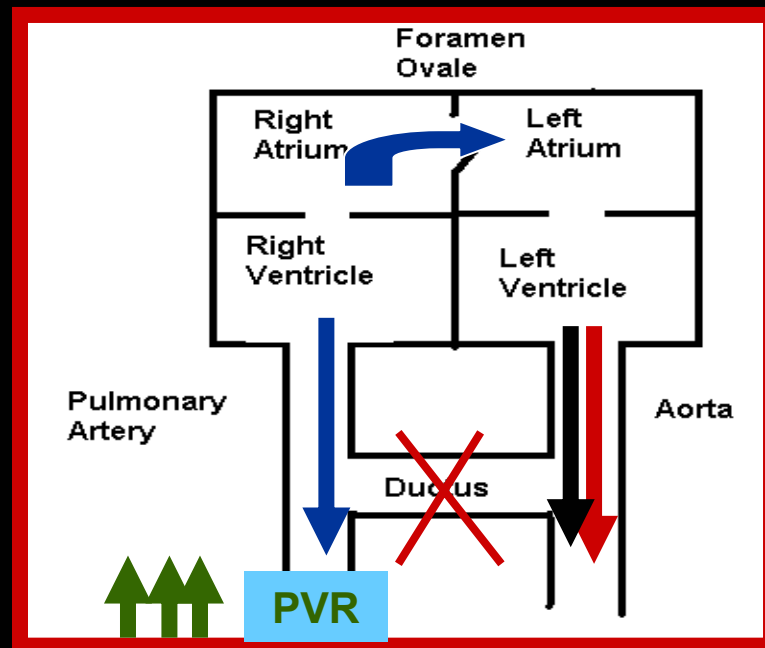
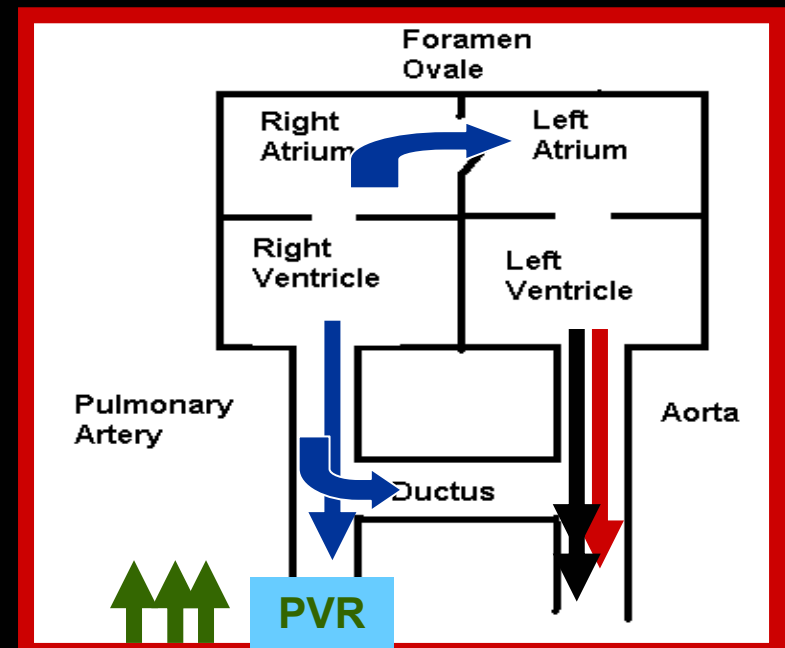
# Summary II

- Evidence for Adjunctive therapy (milrinone / sildenafil) promising
- fECHO evaluation essential in determining the nature of the hemodynamic instability
- Consider cardiotropic support to optimize cardiac output (but not to induce systemic hypertension or raise postductal SpO<sub>2</sub>)
- Avoid vasoconstricting agents that increased RV (pulmonary) afterload

# QUESTIONS



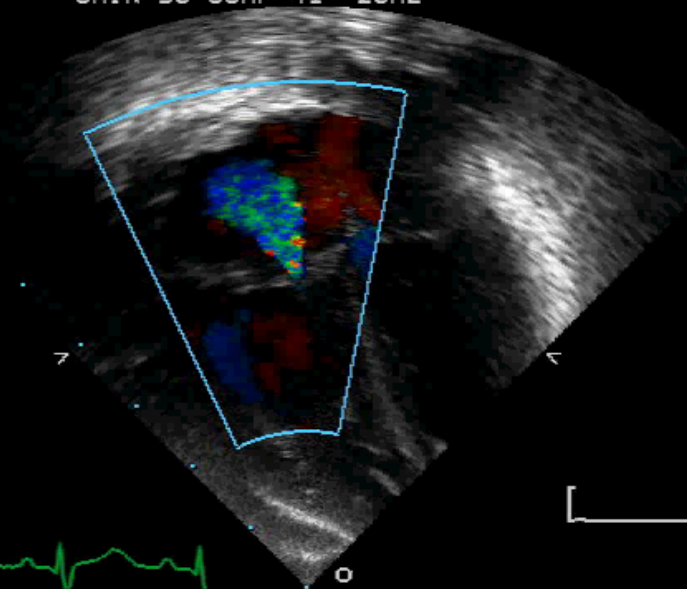


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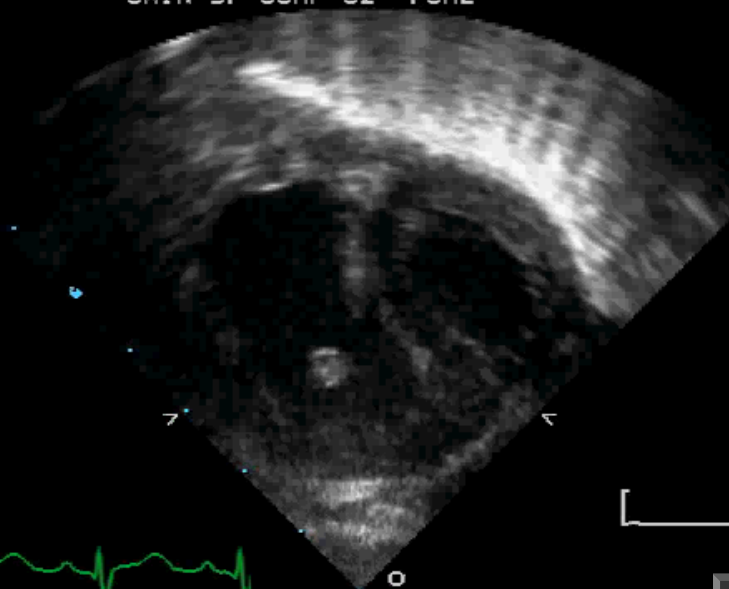


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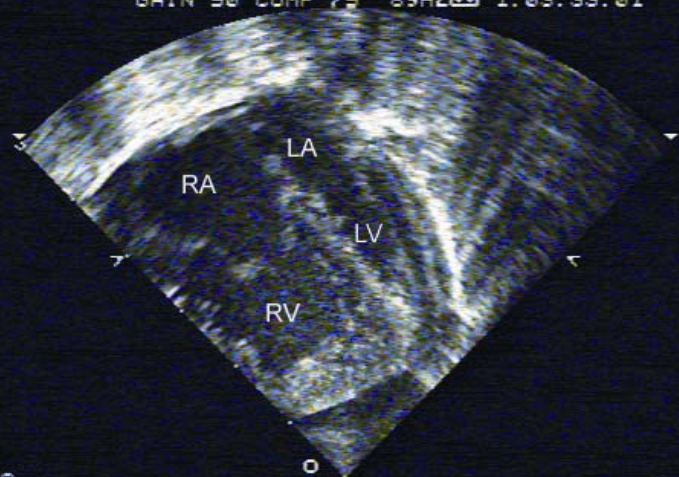


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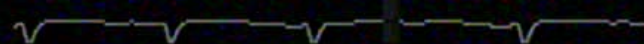


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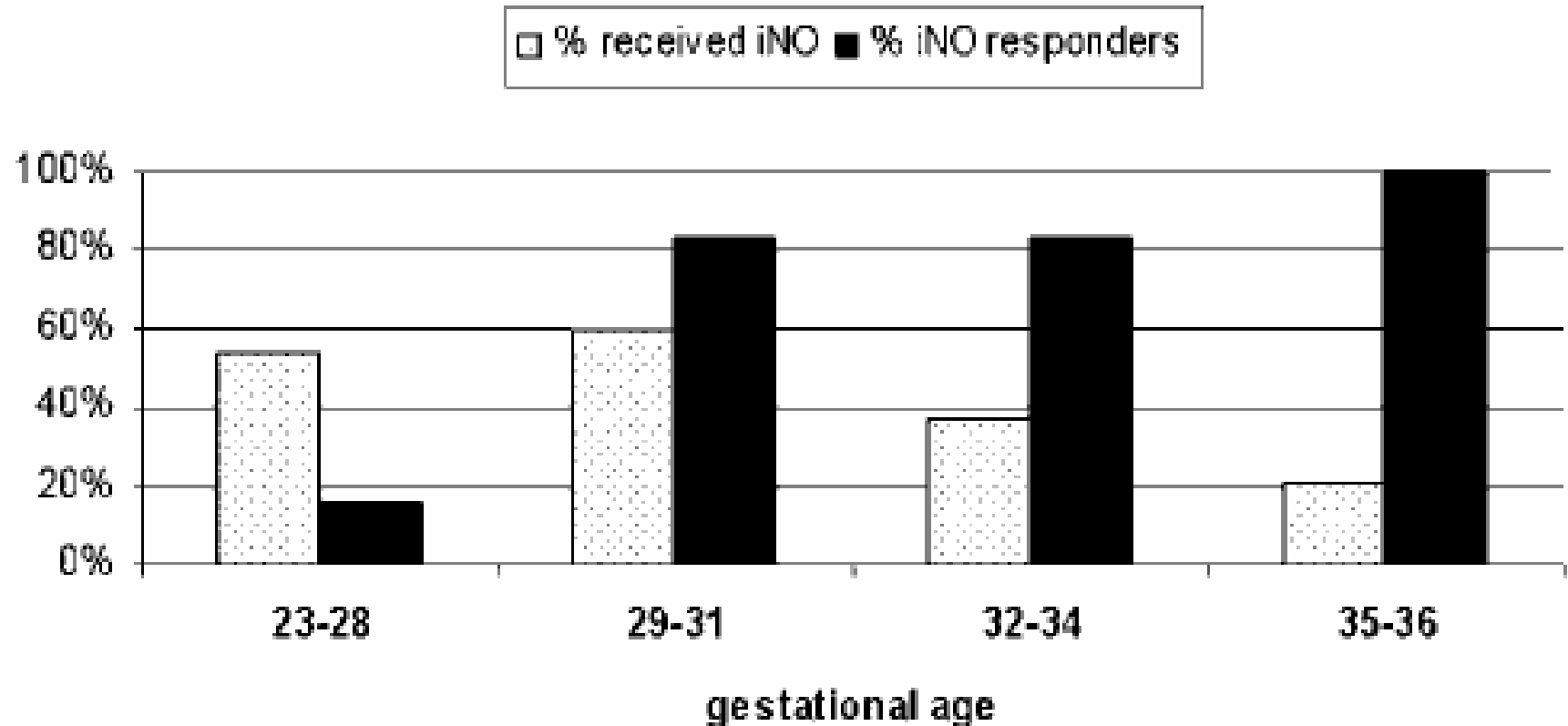
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# Response is Developmentally Regulated

Responder =  $\text{paO}_2 > 30 \text{ mmHg}$



*Immaturity of iNO signaling or vascular smooth muscle*

Author	Population	Dose	Time	Intermed. outcomes	CLD	CNS
Kinsella 1999 (n=80)	<34 wks a : A < 0.22	5 ppm	D 0-7	↑ a:A ratio	↔	↔
Schrieber 2003 (n=207)	<34 wks < 3 d	10 ppm 5 ppm	D 1 D 1-7	N/A	↓	↓ severe IVH/PVL
Van Meurs 2005 (n=420)	< 34 wks OI > 10	5-10 ppm	D 0-3	N/A	↔ >1kg: ↓	↔ < 1kg: ↑
Hascoet 2005 (n=415)	<34 wks a : A < 0.22	5 ppm	clin	a:A response 45%	↔	↔
Mestan 2005	<34 wks < 3 d	10 ppm 5 ppm	D 1 D 1-7	N/A	↓	↓ delay & disability
Ballard 2006 (n=582)	< 32 wks < 1250 g	20 ppm→ 10, 5, 2	D7-21	↓ O <sub>2</sub> duration Early disch.	↓	↔
Kinsella 2006 (n= 793)	< 34 wks < 48 hrs old 500-1250g	5ppm	D1-21	N/A	↔	↓ 750-999g

# iNO & Preterm Lung Disease

- Prevent airway and vascular muscularization

*Bland 2005 Am J Resp Crit Care Med*

- Anti-oxidant

*Cotton 2006 Ped Res*

- Anti-inflammatory (inhibits neutrophil chemotaxis)

*Terada 1996 J Appl Phys*

- Surfactant protection

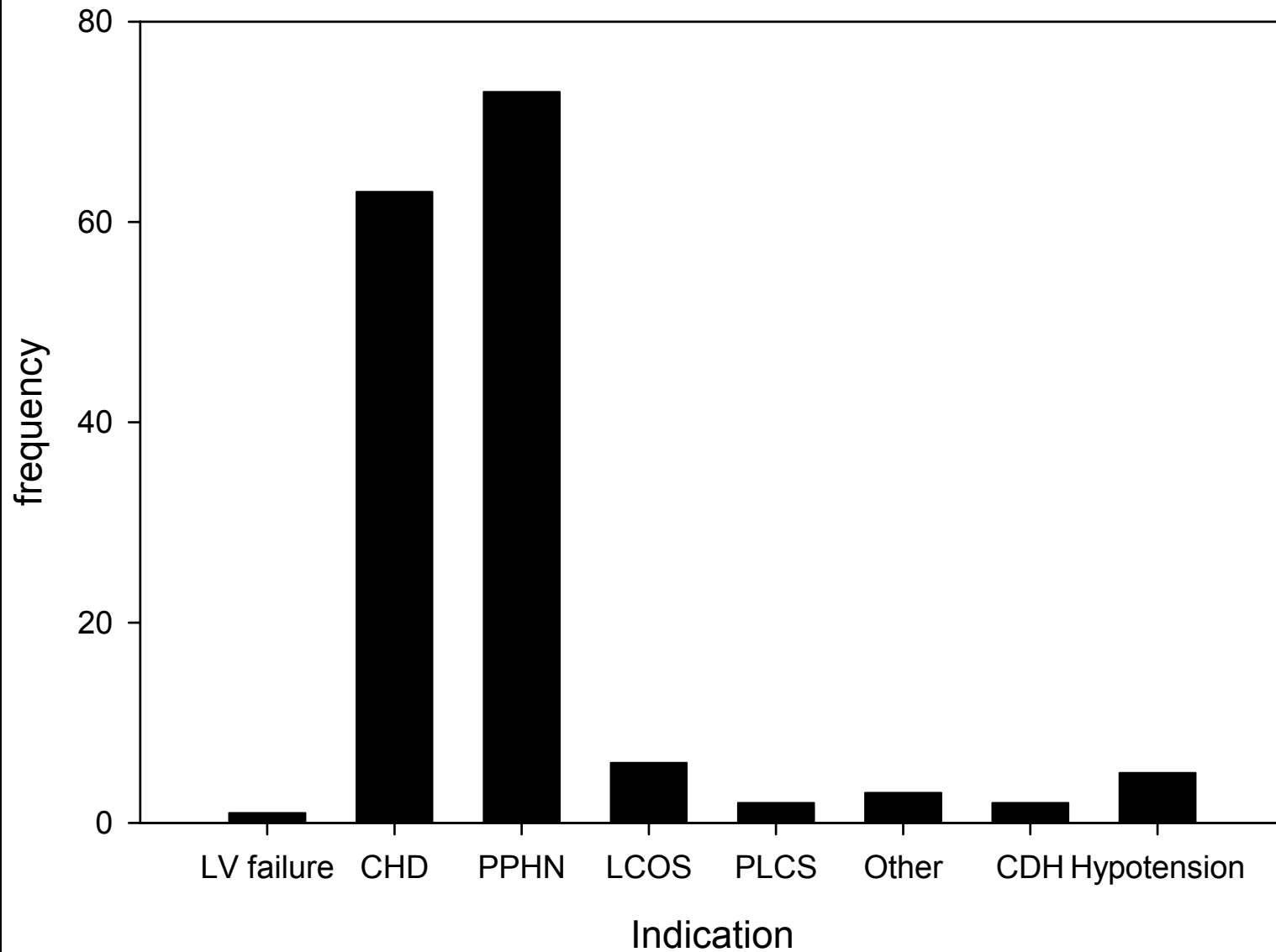
*Ballard 2006 Ped Res*

- Angiogenesis

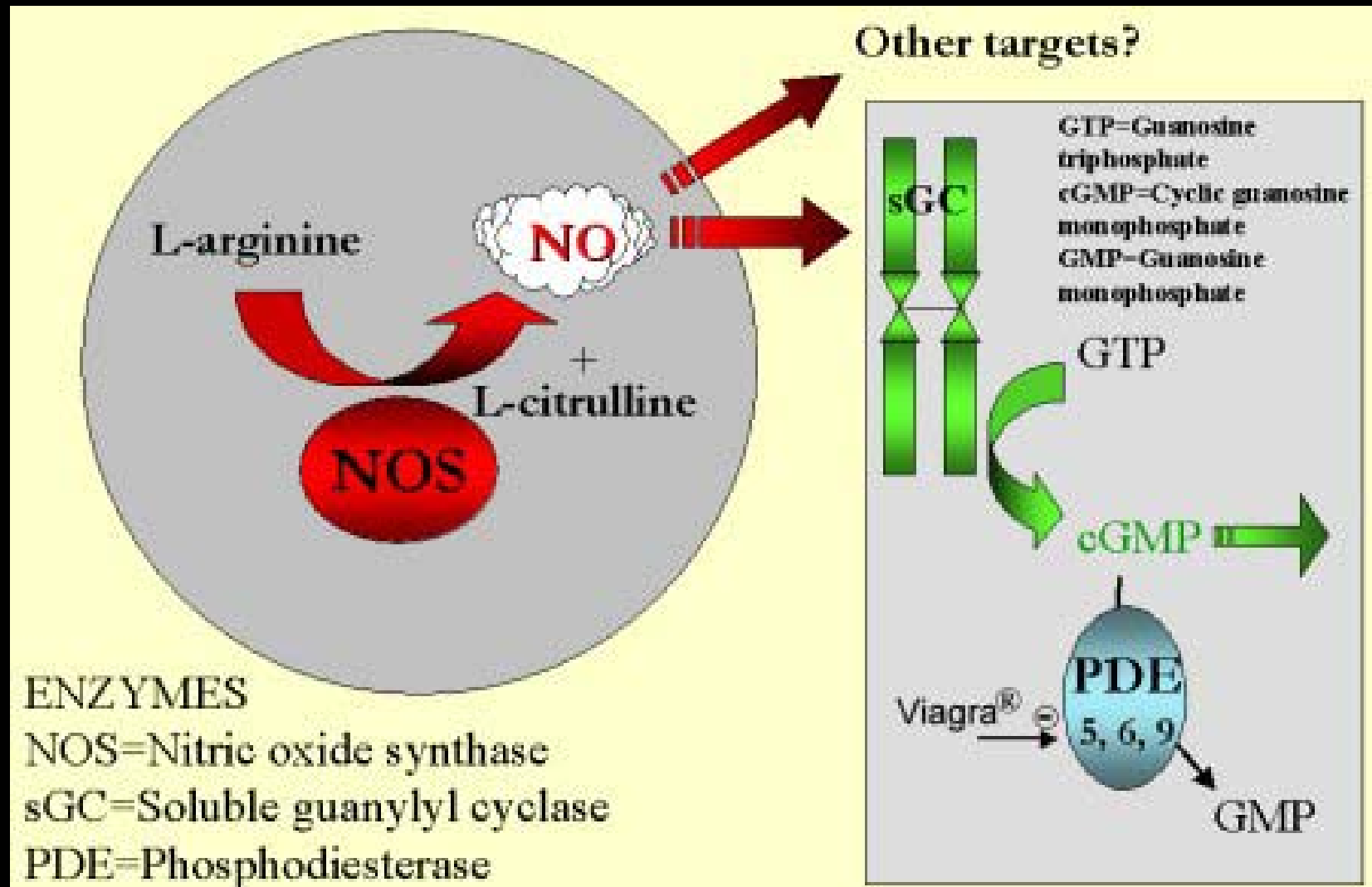
- Alveolarization

*McCurnin 2005 Am J Phys Lung Cell Mol Phys*

# Therapeutic use of Milrinone [All]

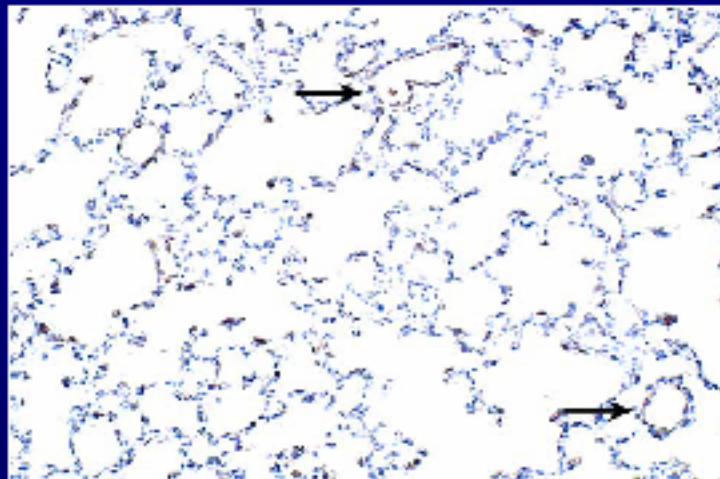


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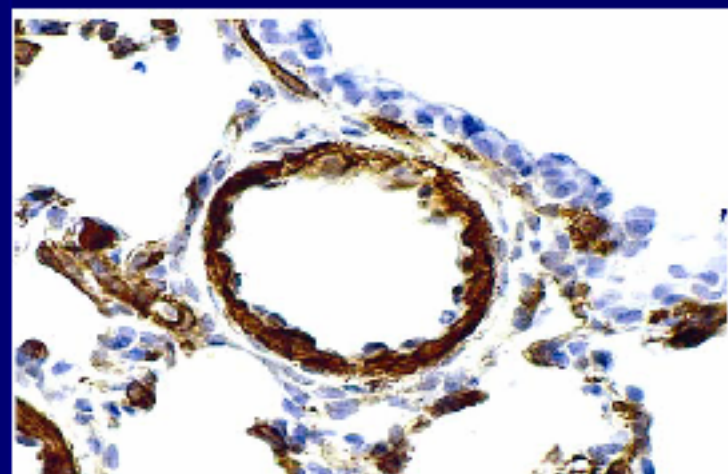
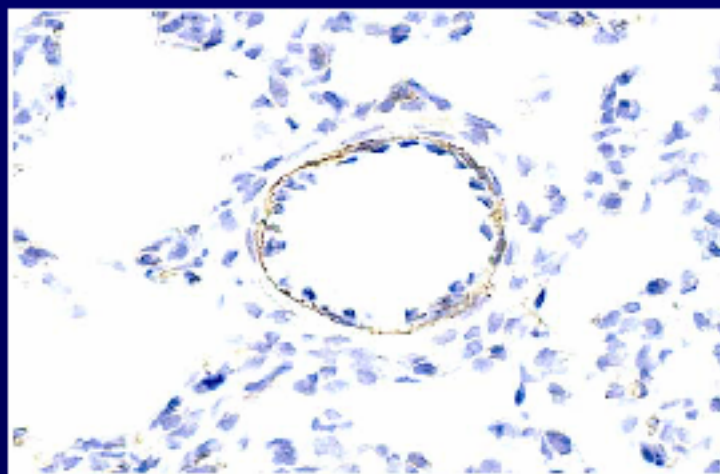
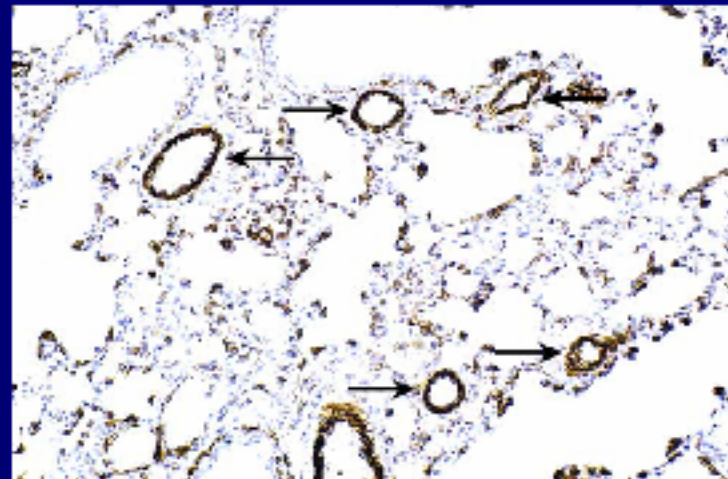


# Vascular Remodeling: Chronic Hypoxia Model

**Normoxia**



**Chronic Hypoxia**



# Chronic Pulmonary Hypertension: Therapeutic Implications

