

# Early Mobilization of Critically Ill Patient: fact of fantasy?

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**ICU-associated muscle weakness: causes, implications, and mechanisms**

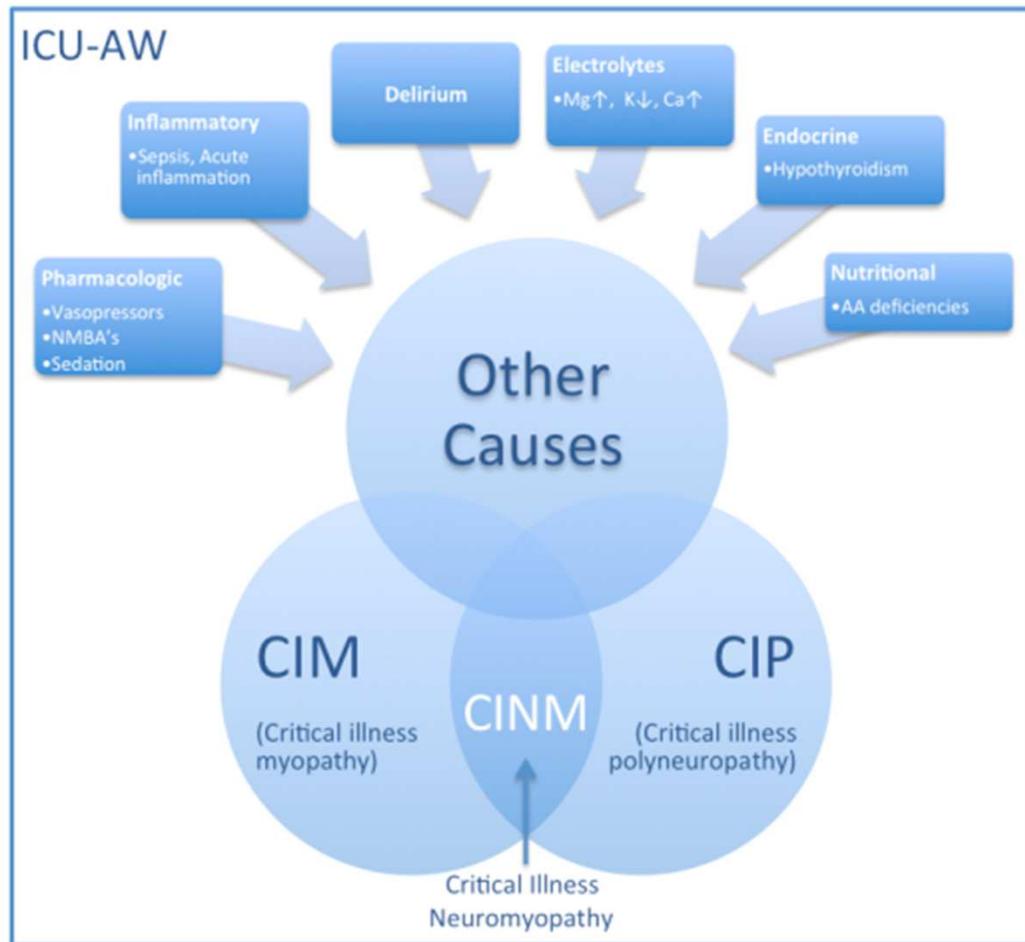
**Postoperative respiratory complications: impact of respiratory muscle weakness**

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**The SOMS trial**



# Mechanisms of ICU acquired muscle weakness



# Clinical focus in the ICU contributes to ICU-associated muscle weakness.

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## Focus on safety and patients' comfort

- Pain, Anxiety
- Devices
- Falls
- Hemodynamics
- Weight bearing restrictions
- CVVH lines / function
- Aspiration

## Culture of low-tidal volume ventilation (6 cc/kg)

- ARDS
- Risk of ARDS
- All patients with hypercarbic respiratory failure

**Opioids, Propofol, Seroquel, NMBA, Restraints, NG-tube, Bed-rest, Controlled ventilation, day-light**



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# Respiratory muscles include upper airway dilators and diaphragmatic pump muscles

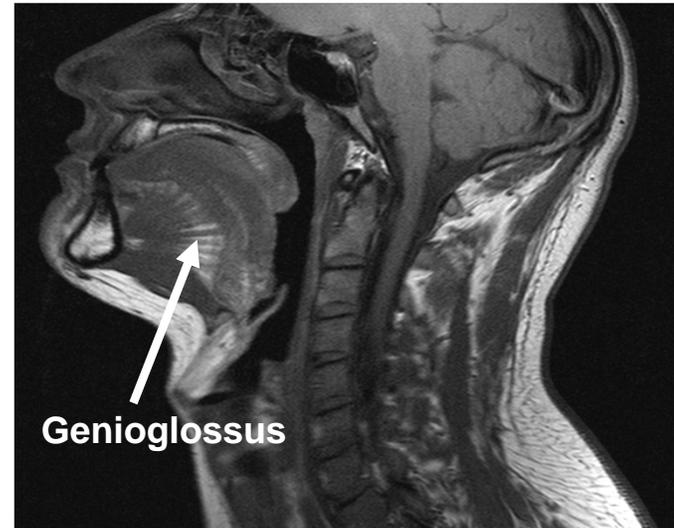
## Respiratory pump muscles

- Weaning failure (rapid shallow breathing)
- Extubation failure (cough)

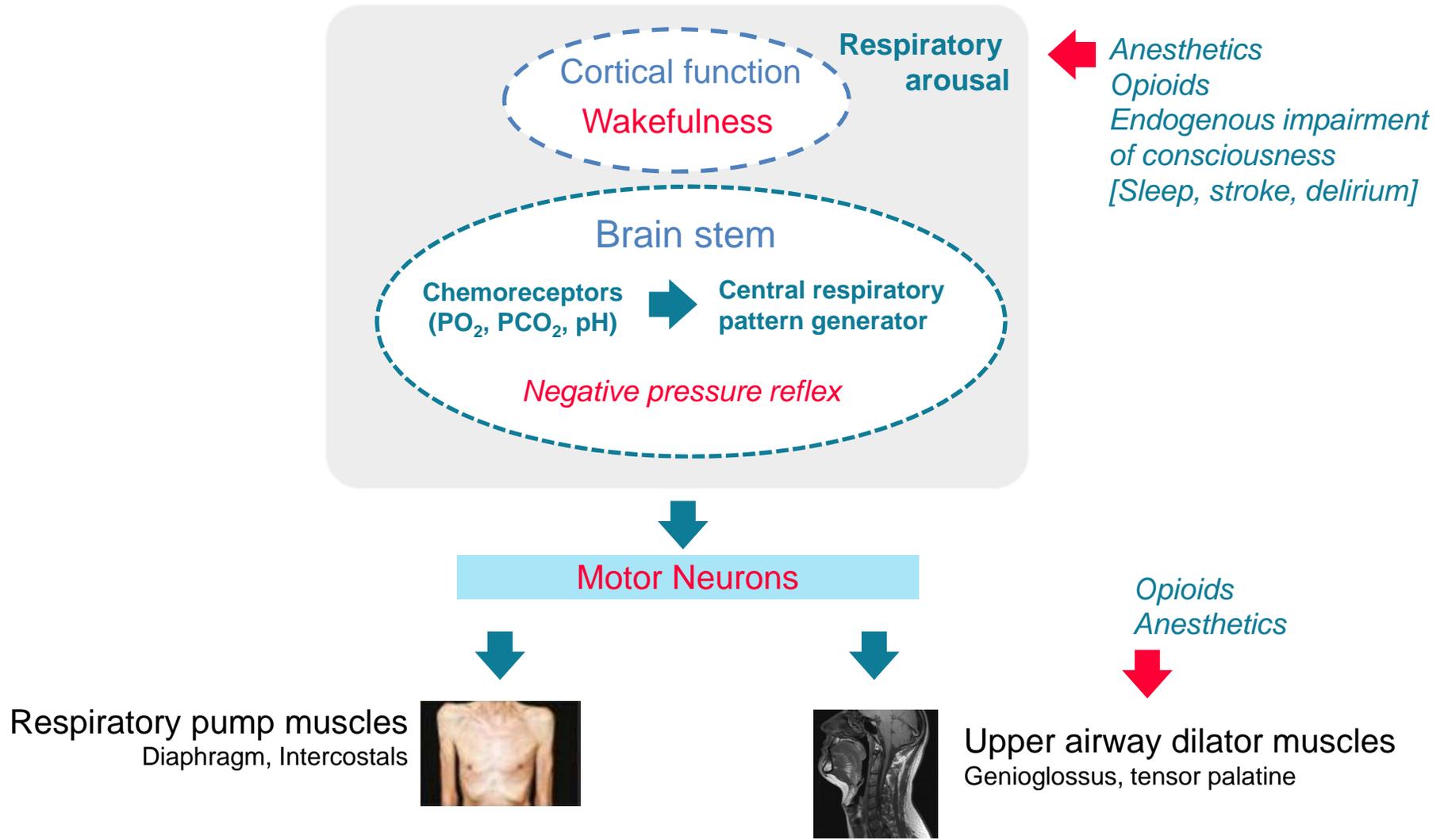


## Upper airway muscles

- Aspiration
- Airway collapse

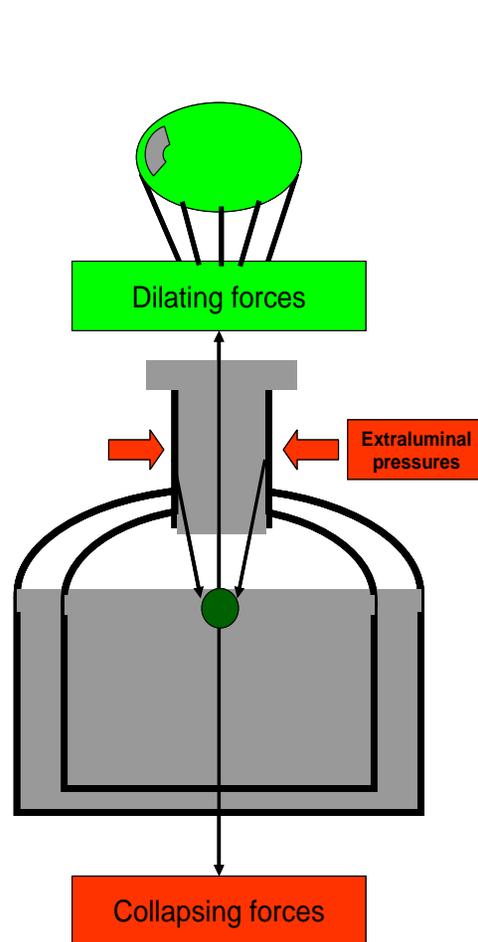


# Respiratory arousal: neural activation of pump muscles & upper-airway dilatory muscles

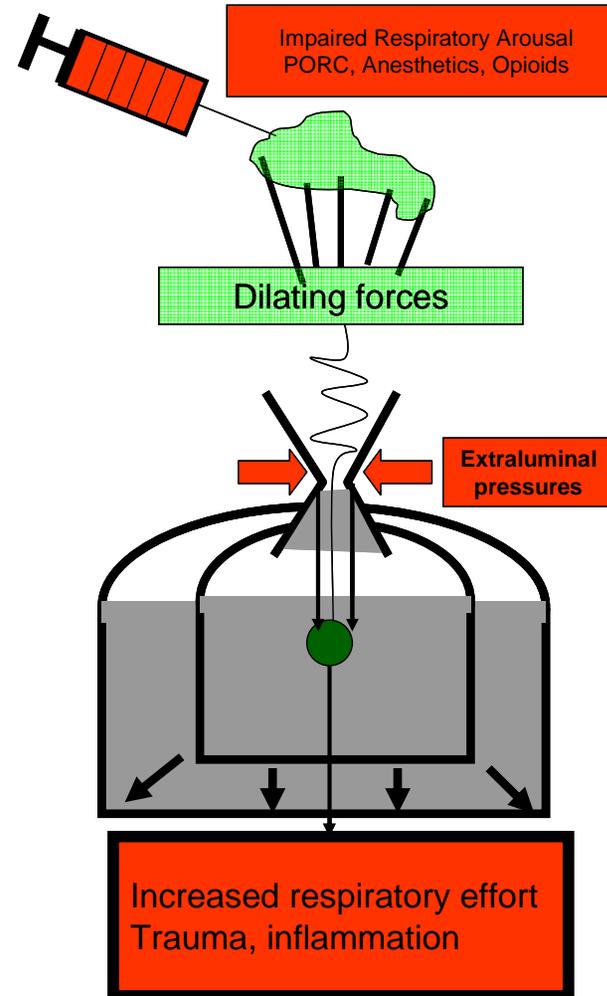


# Anesthetics, NMBA and cognitive dysfunction can impair balance between dilating upper airway dilator & pump muscles

Physiological conditions



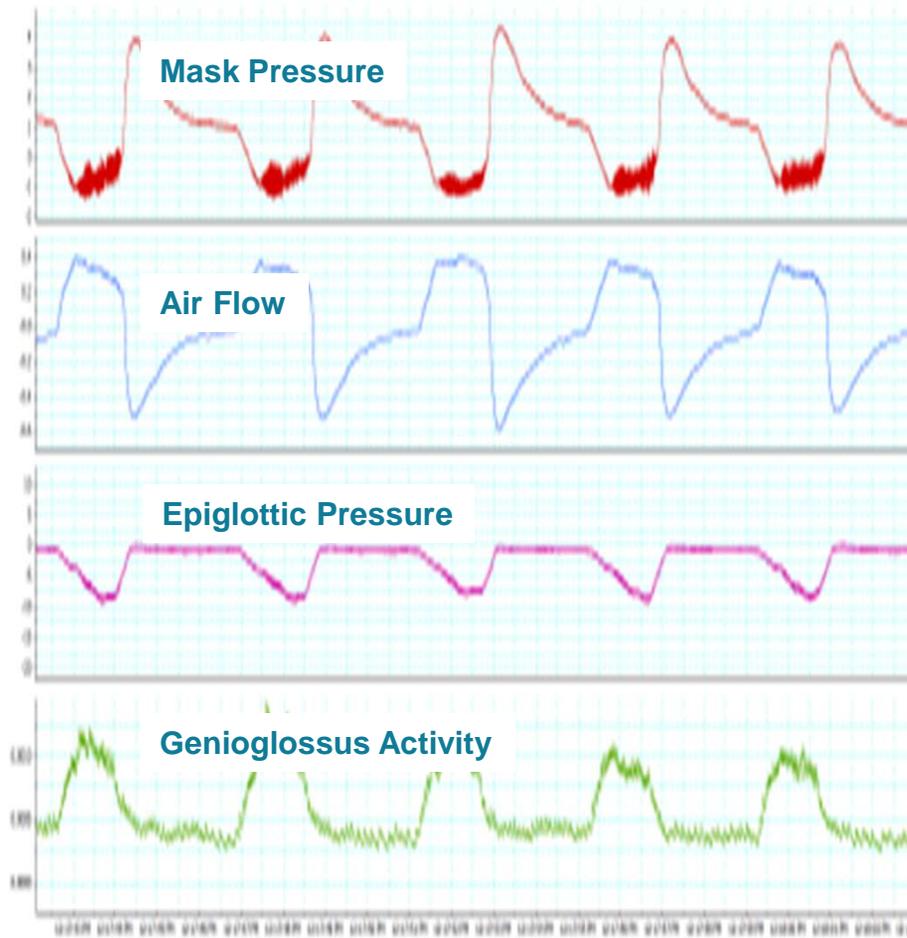
Pathological conditions



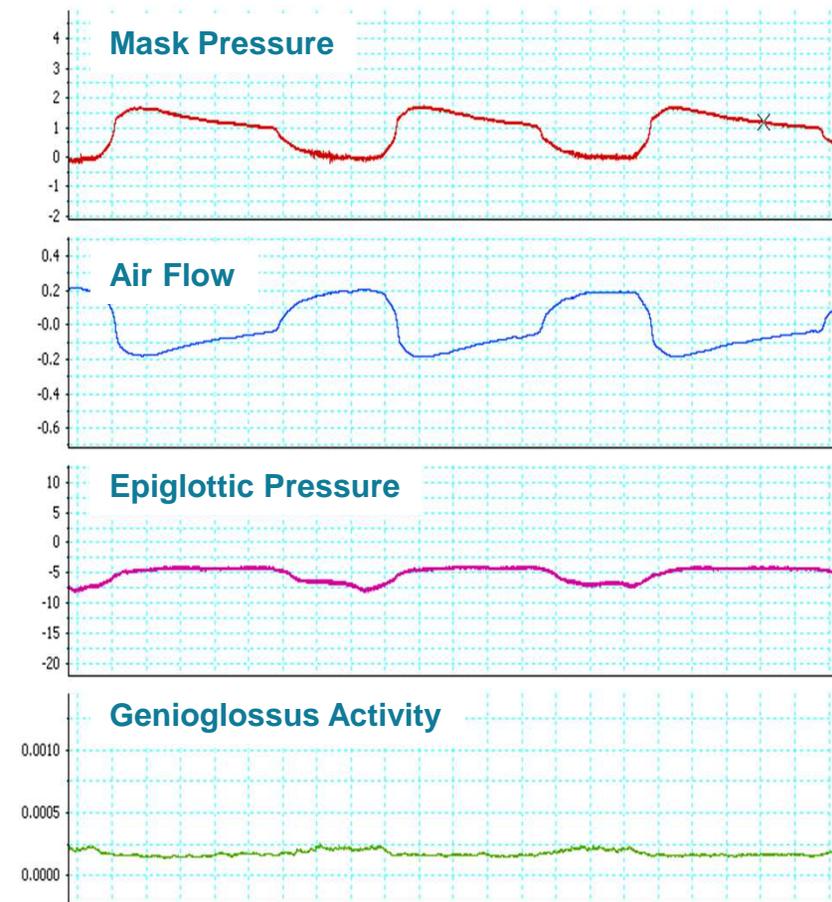


# Propofol decreases upper airway muscle activity & diminishes negative pressure from respiratory pump

Shallow



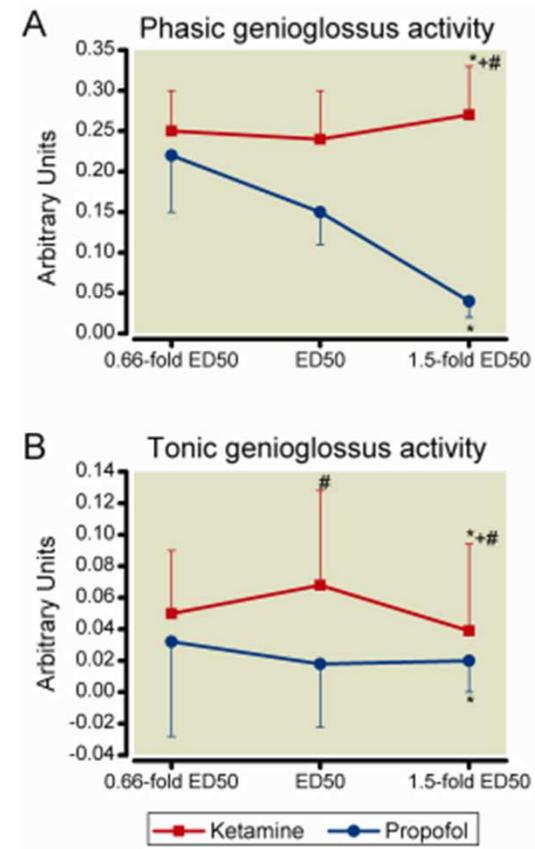
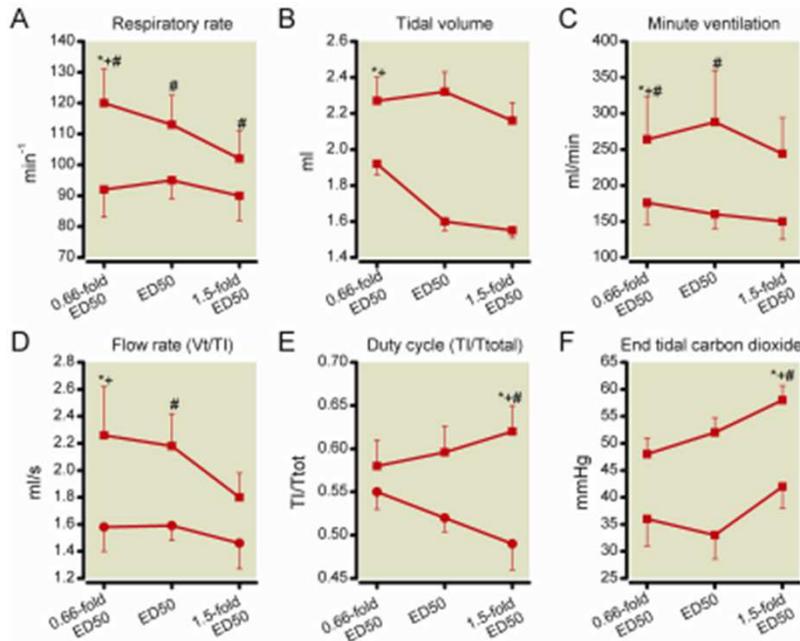
Deep



# Effects of anesthetics on respiratory muscles: Ketamine compared with propofol is more forgiving

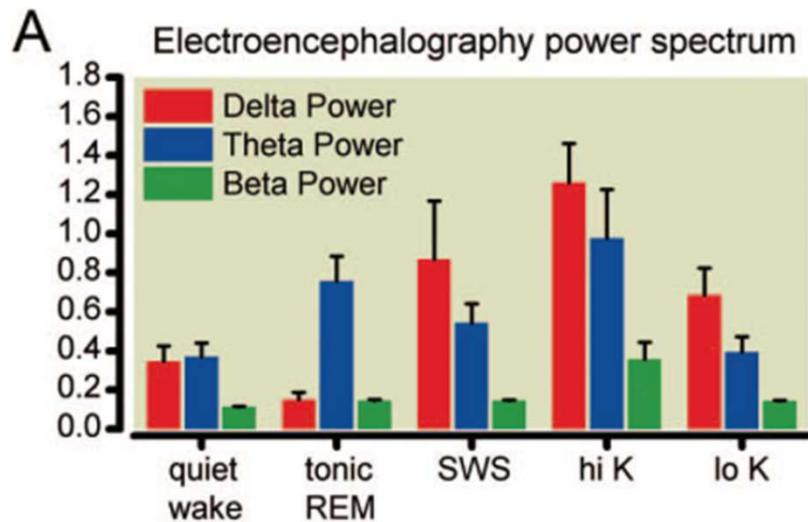
Ketamine: Higher ventilatory drive

No upper airway muscle compromise

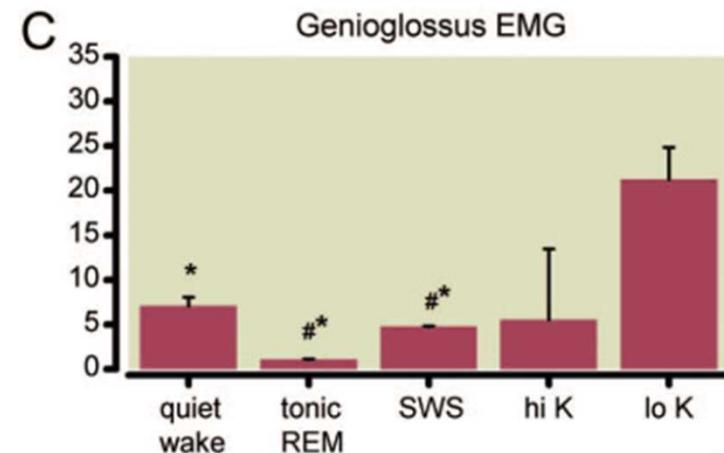
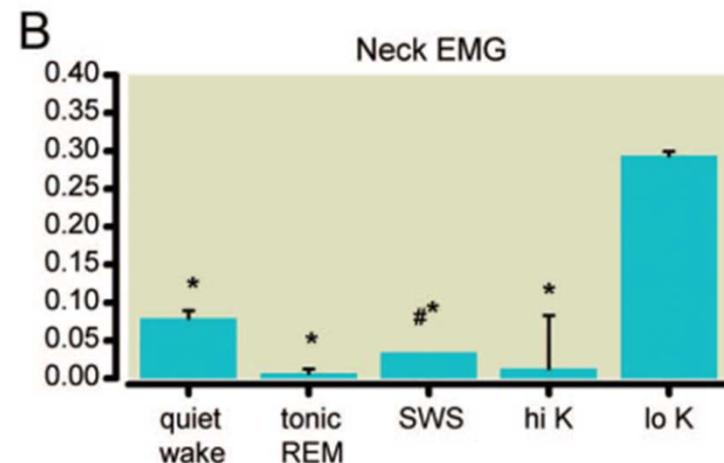


# Ketamine: Dissociation between unconsciousness and airway muscle dysfunction

EEG: sleep-like increase in total power



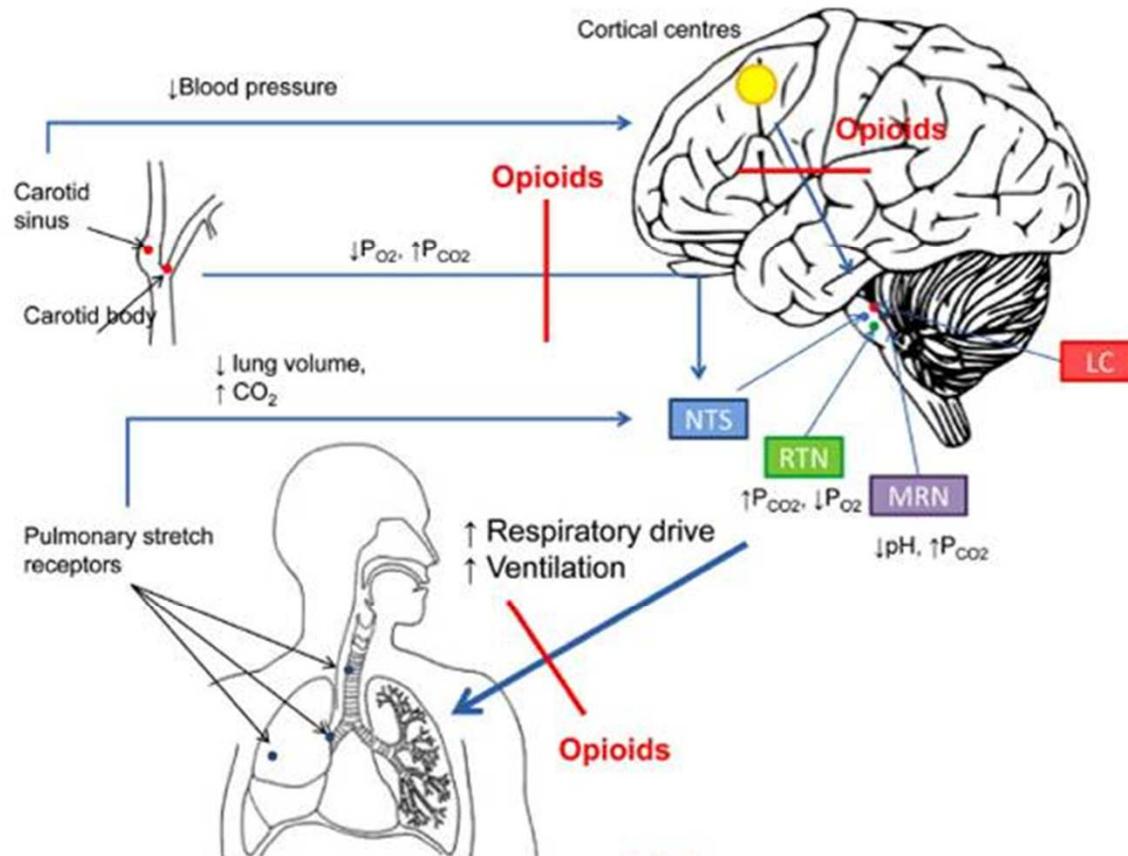
EMG: activation (low-dose range)



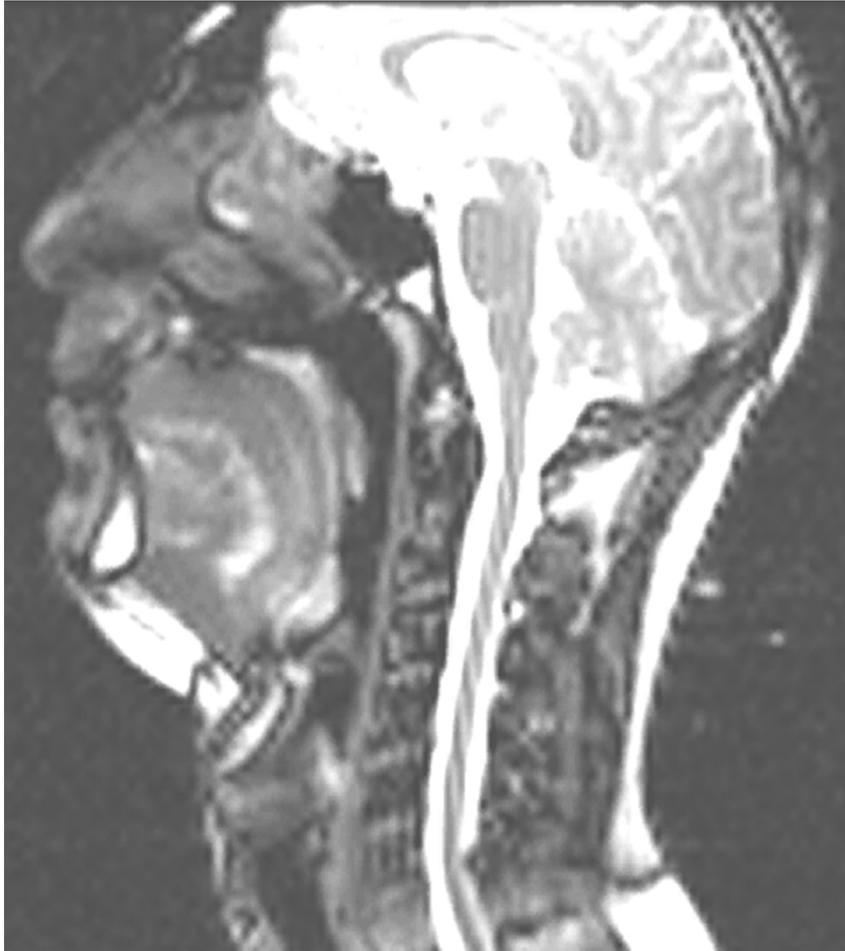
# Opioids suppress breathing by multiple mechanisms

Peripheral and central chemoreception

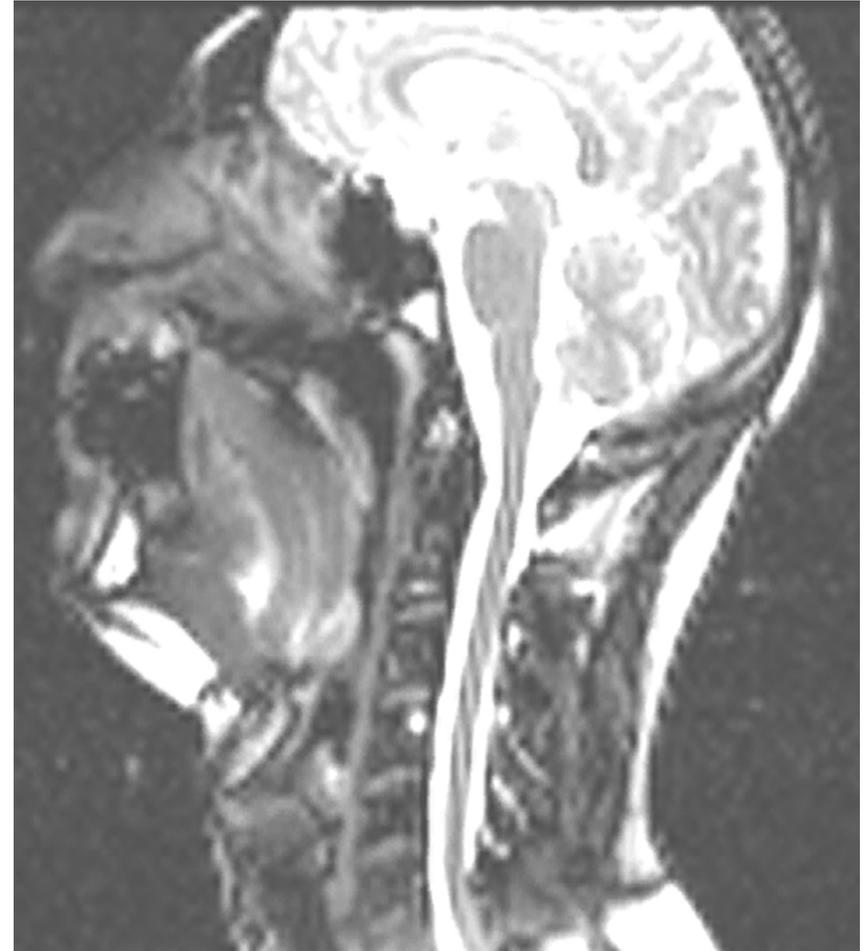
Respiratory motor neurons, cortical cough reflex



Subclinical doses of neuromuscular blocking agents decrease pharyngeal airway muscle activity.



**Baseline**



**TOF 80**

# Pharyngeal muscle weakness: Association between ICU-acquired muscle weakness and aspiration

RACU: FEES in patients with and without weakness



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## Muscle Weakness Predicts Pharyngeal Dysfunction and Symptomatic Aspiration in Long-term Ventilated Patients

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ICU acquired respiratory muscle weakness

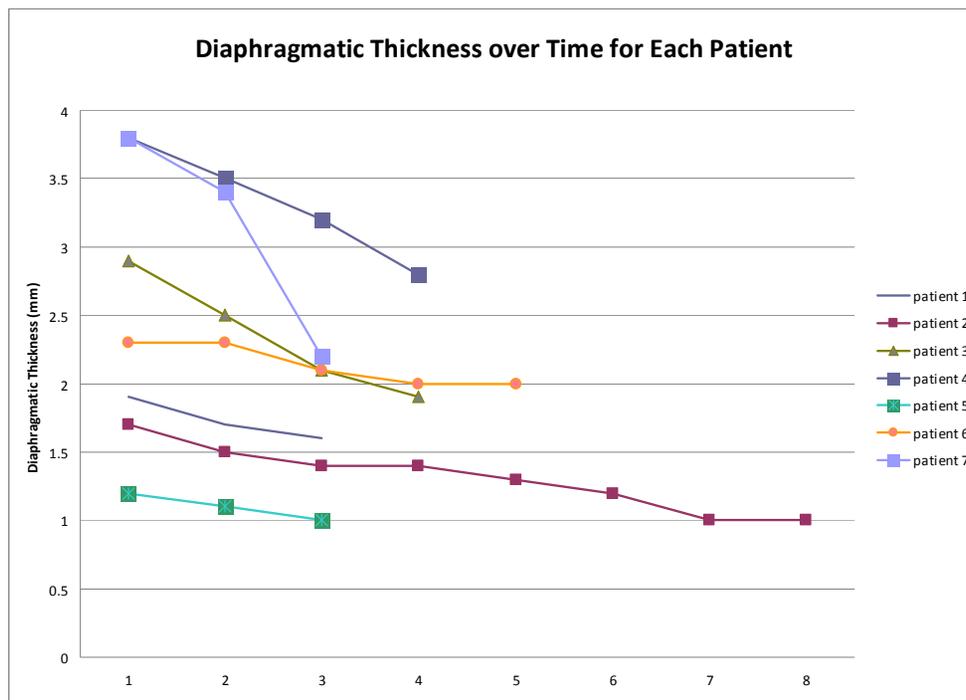
## **The diaphragm**

# Immobilization (Ventilator-induced) leads to weakness in respiratory muscles

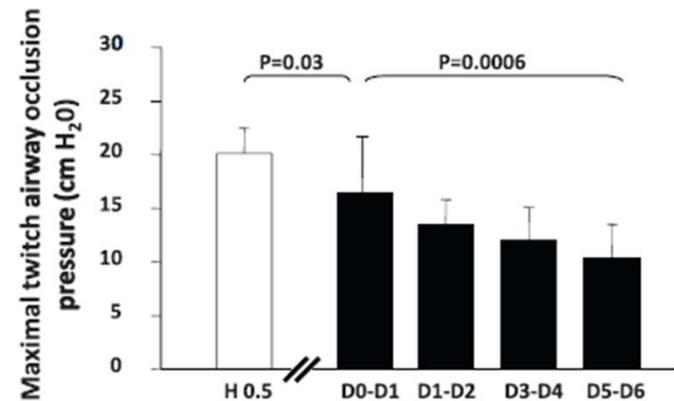
## Ultrasound of diaphragm

### Diaphragm Muscle Thinning in Mechanically Ventilated Patients

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## Evoked airway occlusion pressure



**Figure 2.** Relationship between duration of mechanical ventilation (MV) and diaphragmatic function. Maximal twitch airway occlusion pressure (TwPtr) generated by magnetic stimulation of the phrenic nerves at different time points in short-term MV (open bar; n = 6) and long-term MV (solid bars; n = 6) groups. H = number of hours of MV; D = number of days of MV.

# Preclinical data show that mechanical ventilation is associated diaphragmatic weakness

## Immobilizing ventilator settings

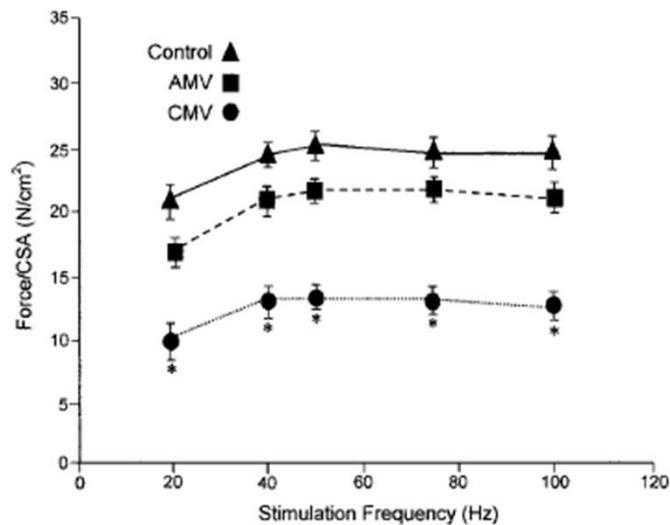
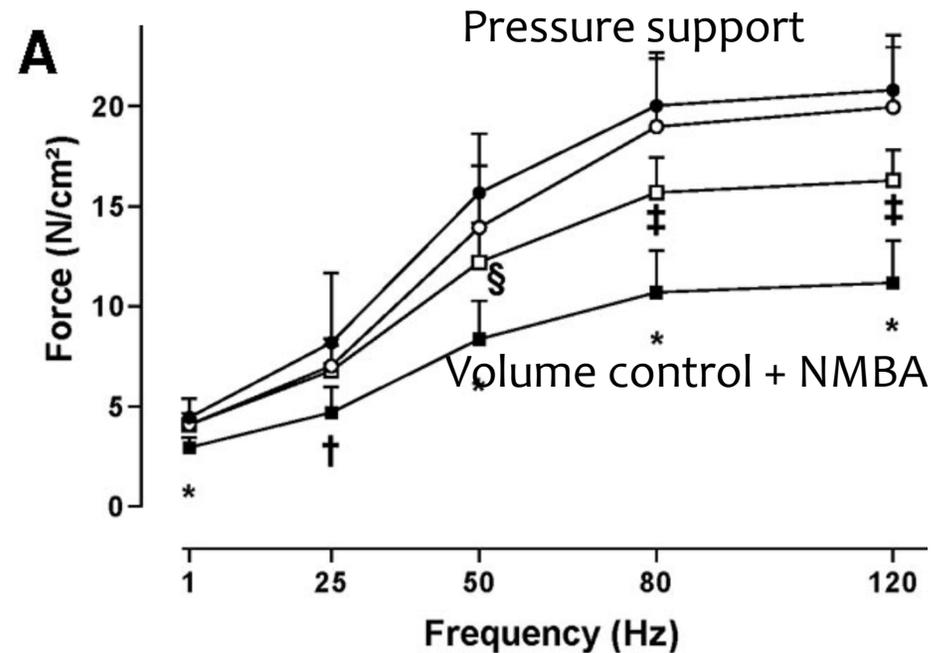


Fig. 5. Diaphragmatic tetanic force (forced divided by cross-sectional area [CSA]) at various stimulation frequencies in control, assist-control mechanical ventilation (AMV), and controlled mechanical ventilation (CMV). \*  $p < 0.01$  for CMV versus control and AMV. AMV attenuated the force-loss induced by CMV. (From Reference 37, with permission.)

## Muscle relaxants make it worse



# Spontaneous breathing can improve hemodynamics and O<sub>2</sub>-delivery in ARDS with less sedation and shorter ICU LOS



## Spontaneous Breathing During Ventilatory Support Improves Ventilation-Perfusion Distributions in Patients with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

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## Long-Term Effects of Spontaneous Breathing During Ventilatory Support in Patients with Acute Lung Injury

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### Spontaneous breathing :

- Right ventricular end-diastolic volume,
- Stroke volume
- Cardiac index (CI)
- PaO<sub>2</sub>
- Oxygen delivery
- Mixed venous oxygen tension (PvO<sub>2</sub>)
- Reductions in pulmonary vascular resistance.

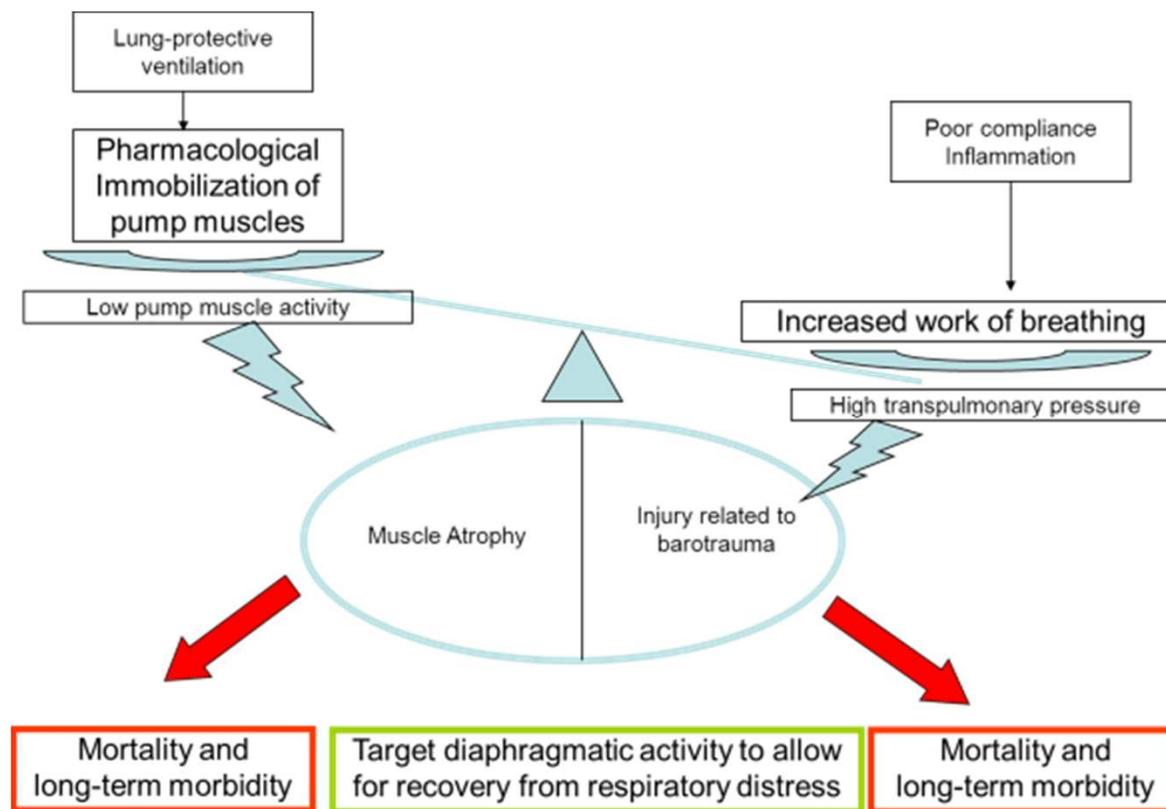
### Spontaneous breathing :

- Less sedation.
- Improves cardiopulmonary function
- Shorter duration of ventilatory support
- Shorter ICU stay.



# Remain within a narrow range of muscle activation to avoid atrophy and protect from labored breathing injury

Optimize delicate balance every day



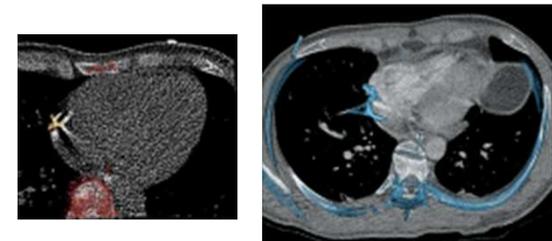
## Case 11-2014: A Man with Traumatic Injuries after a Bomb Explosion at the Boston Marathon

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Lisfranc fracture

- | Spontaneous breathing on the ventilator and early extubation
- | Enabling optimal healing of the residual right leg.
- | Early treatment and prevention of functional limitations, such as sitting up and standing,
- | Positioning and exercise training to preserve joint range of motion and muscle length.
- | As the patient improved, his physical therapy progressed to include a focus on aerobic exercise and functional mobility training,



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# Early mobilization

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## World War II

- Effort to expedite the recovery of soldiers for return to the battlefield

## Our definition

- In-bed mobility, passive range of motion exercises, edge of bed activities, transfers out of bed to chair, and gait training



# Morris et al: showed that early mobilization in the medical ICU accelerates ICU and hospital length of stay

## Goal-directed mobility protocol

## Results of the trial

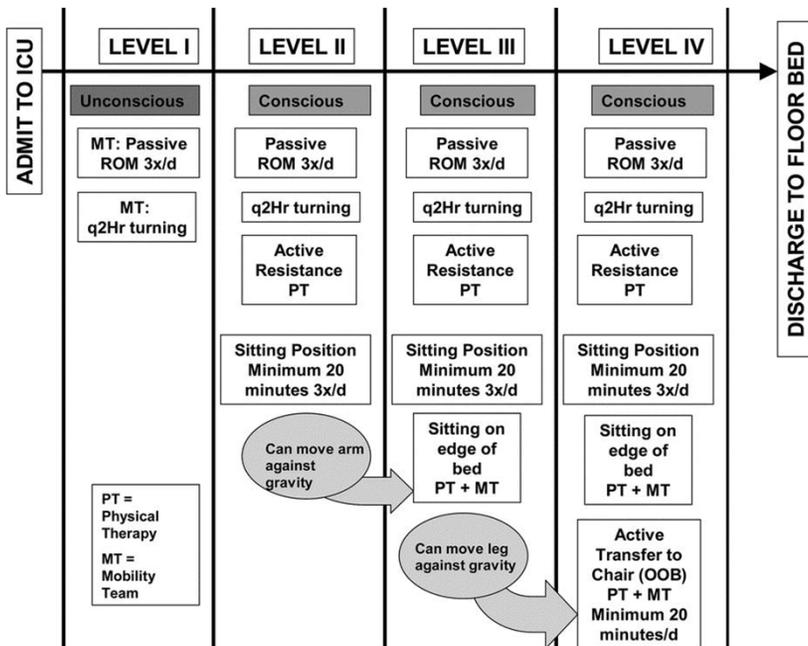


Table 3. Outcomes (survivors)

	Usual Care (n = 135)	Protocol (n = 145)	p
Days to first out of bed	13.7 (11.7–15.7)	8.5 (6.6–10.5)	<.001
Days to first out of bed (adjusted <sup>a</sup> )	11.3 (9.6–13.4)	5.0 (4.3–5.9)	<.001
Ventilator days	9.0 (7.5–10.4)	7.9 (6.4–9.3)	.298
Ventilator days (adjusted <sup>a</sup> )	10.2 (8.7–11.7)	8.8 (7.4–10.3)	.163
ICU LOS days	8.1 (7.0–9.3)	7.6 (6.3–8.8)	.084
ICU LOS days (adjusted <sup>a</sup> )	6.9 (5.9–8.0)	5.5 (4.7–6.3)	.025
Hospital LOS days	17.2 (14.2–20.2)	14.9 (12.6–17.1)	.048
Hospital LOS days (adjusted <sup>a</sup> )	14.5 (12.7–16.7)	11.2 (9.7–12.8)	.006

Data are presented as means (confidence intervals).

Adjusted<sup>a</sup>, adjusted for body mass index, Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation II, and vasopressors.

ICU, intensive care unit; LOS, length of stay.

# Schweickert et al show that early mobilization in the Medical ICU improves recovery of functional mobility

## Multi-centric RCT

- Goal-directed early mobility with PT versus standard of care
- All patients: weaning protocol, daily d/c of sedation attempts.
- Primary: Function mobility at hospital discharge

## Recovery of functional mobility

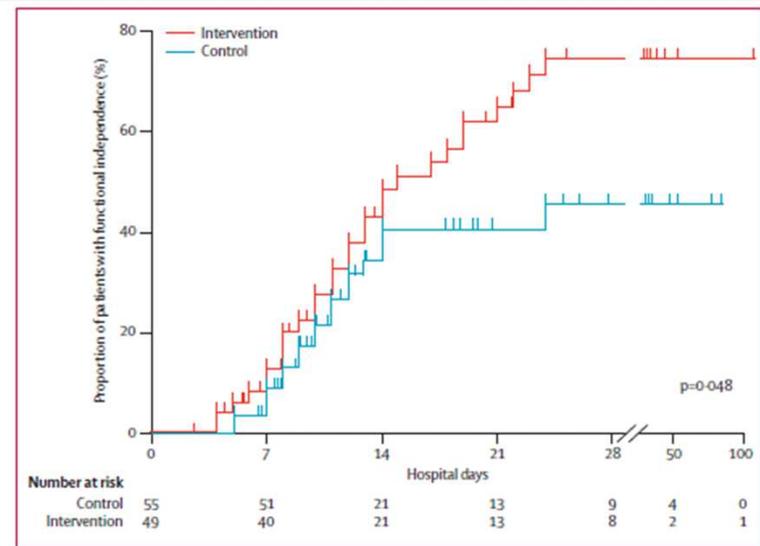


Figure 2: Probability of return to independent functional status in intervention and control groups

The Lancet 2009

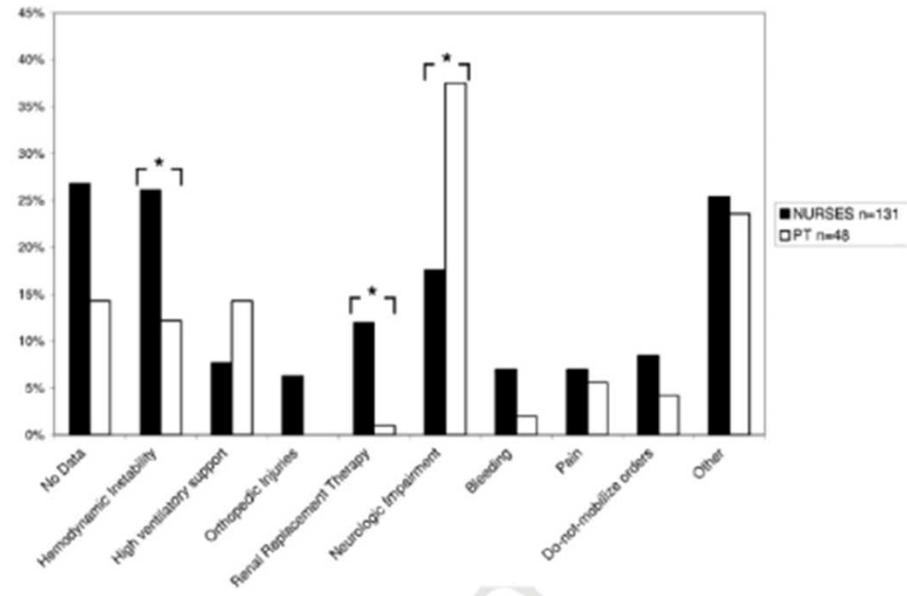


# Early mobilization in the Surgical ICU: MGH experience

## Potential issues

- Wound pain?
- Inflammation?
- Weight bearing restrictions?
- Drains or other medical devices?
- Open abdomen/chest/fascia?

## Survey: Barriers to early mobilization



# Orchestrating a culture of change in an interdisciplinary fashion

## Identify stakeholders

- Nurses (CNS, Directors, Staff)
- PT
- PM&R
- Surgeons
- Fellows
- Anesthesia & CC-Attendings

Plan, do, check, act:  
Design a communication tool

SOMS Algorithm					
	No mobilisation (0)	PROM (1)	Sitting (2)	Standing (3)	Ambulation (4)
Safety criteria for advancing mobilisation	1) Stable spine 2) No excessive predicted mortality in next 24 hours 3) ICP < 20 cm H2O	→			
		1) Follows 1-step commands 2) Volitional movement 3) No SCI, open lumbar drains, open EVD, femoral vein access for CVVH	→		
			1) ≥3/5 bilateral quadriceps strength 2) Sits with no support 3) No WB restrictions	→	
				1) Stands twice with minimal assist 2) Steps-in-place with minimal assist	→
Attempt to maintain blood pressure and heart rate in clinically appropriate range during mobilisation: consider vasopressors, fluid volume, vasodilators, pain medication and other interventions as indicated. If unsuccessful in achieving hemodynamic stabilization, do not advance.					

# Orchestrating a culture of change in an interdisciplinary fashion

Validate the communication tool

Use it and spread the word, study

The surgical intensive care unit optimal mobility score predicts mortality and length of stay

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Protocol

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**Surgical Intensive Care Unit Optimal Mobilisation Score (SOMS) trial: a protocol for an international, multicentre, randomised controlled trial focused on goal-directed early mobilisation of surgical ICU patients**

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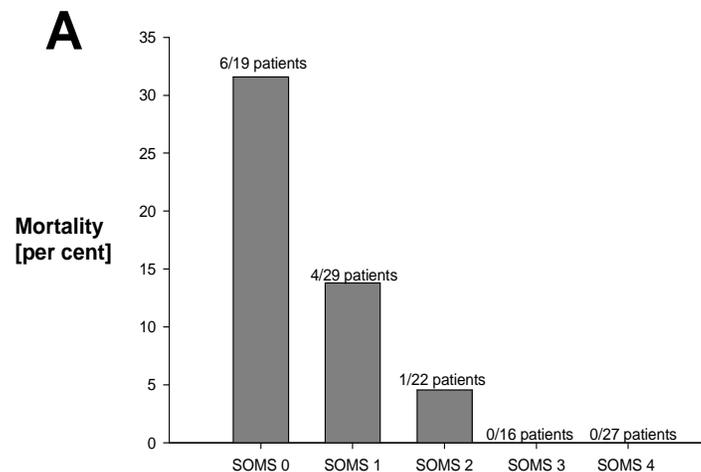
# SICU Optimal Mobilization Score (SOMS) predicts morbidity and mortality in the ICU (CCM 2012)

## The surgical intensive care unit optimal mobility score predicts mortality and length of stay

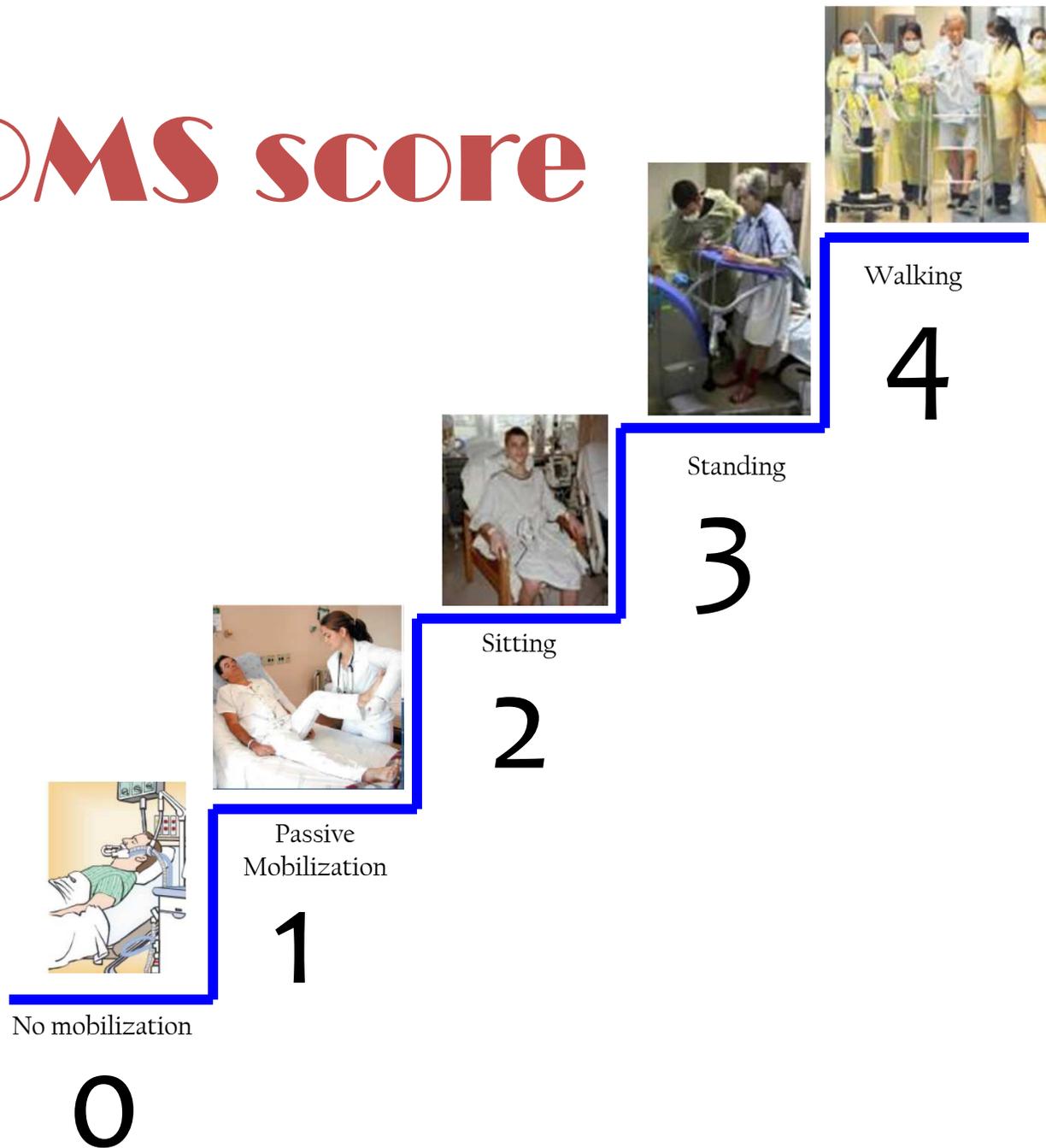
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Table 1. Patient demographics (during the first full day in the surgical intensive care unit) and outcome variables taken on day 1 after admission to the intensive care unit

Variable	Measure (Mean ± SD)	Range
Age	60.2 ± 18.1	18–93
Male:female ratio	58.4 (n = 66):41.6 (n = 47)	Not available
Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation II score	15.68 ± 6.9	3–32
Comorbidity index	2.29 ± 1.85	0–10
Vasopressor therapy	49.6% (n=56)	Not available
Ventilator days	3.19 ± 2.48	0–10
Renal replacement therapy	2.7% (n= 3)	Not available
Delirium	18.9% (n=21)	Not available
Achieved surgical intensive care unit optimal mobilization scale	2 ± 1.46	1–4
Surgical intensive care unit length of stay	5.21 ± 5.26	1–31
Hospital length of stay	14.1 ± 11.31	1–61
Mortality	9.7% (n=11)	N/A



# SOMS score

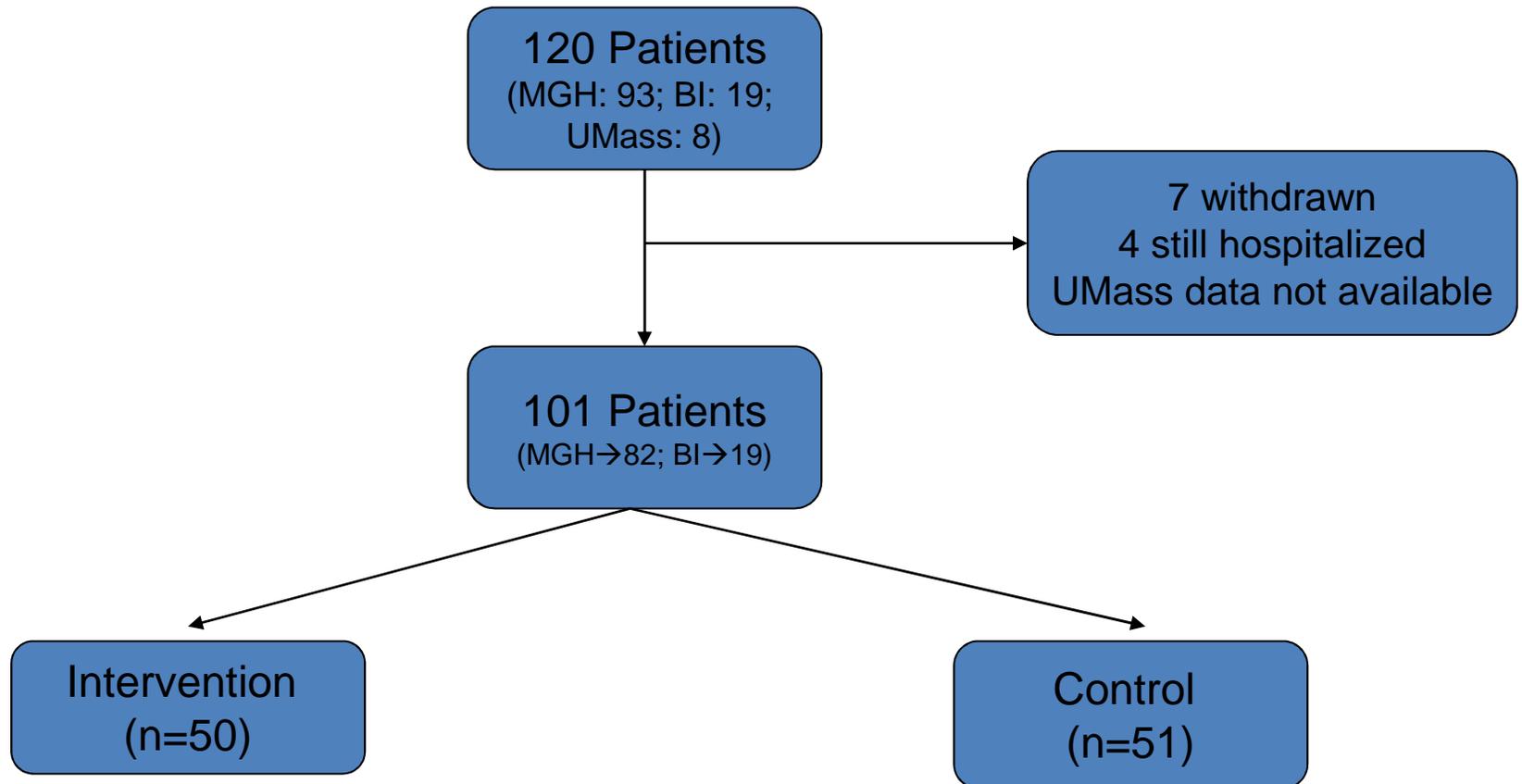


# Intervention

- Multidisciplinary team
  - Nursing, clinicians, PT (when consulted), study staff
- Daily Work
  - Rounding tool: SOMS goal set in AM by multidisciplinary team and plan created to achieve goal
  - Work towards goal throughout day
  - Identify barriers and work around ('sedation')
  - Score SOMS in PM by day RN
    - List barriers on score sheet if goal not met

# Study Population

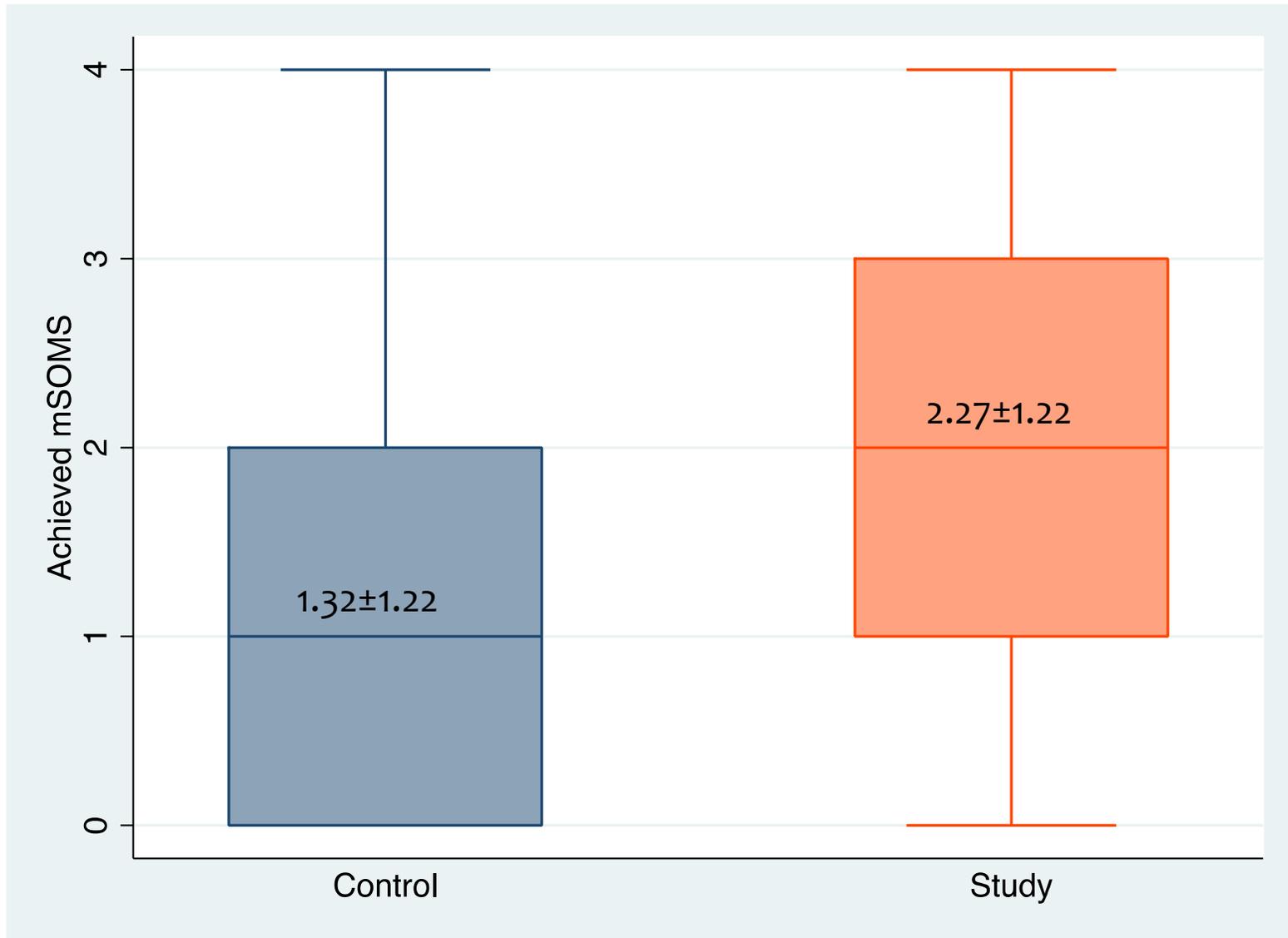
- $\geq 18$  years old
- $< 48$ hrs of mechanical ventilation with likely continued mechanical ventilation  $> 24$ hrs
- Baseline functional independence (Barthel  $\geq 70$ )
  - Determined at time of consent from patient's health care proxy; frame of reference 2wks prior to hospital admission



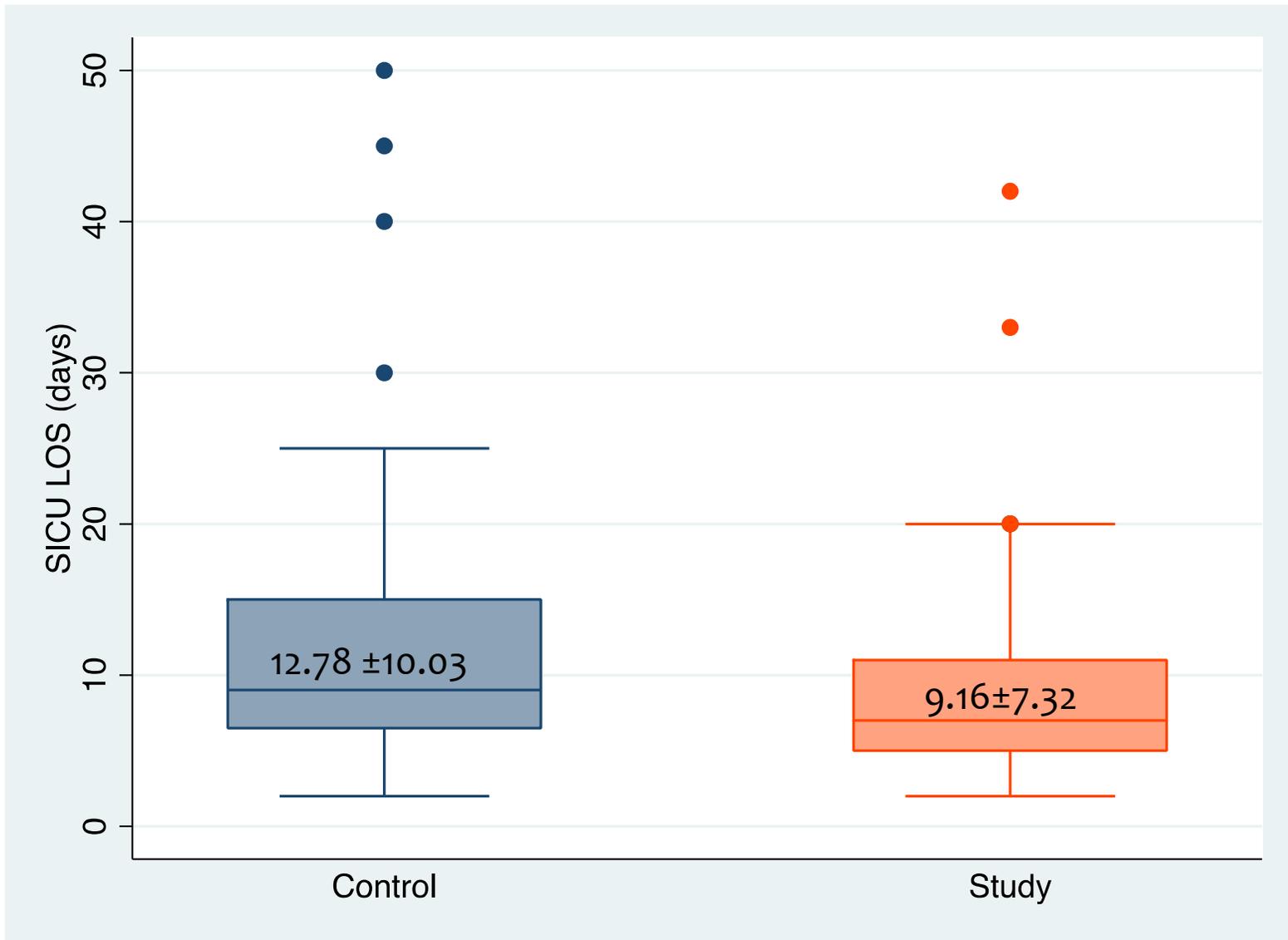
# Baseline Data

	STUDY	CONTROL
Age (years)	60.21±17.35	58.78±17.46
Gender	M 60.8%	M 62.7%
	F 39.2%	F 37.3%
Race	White 78.4%	White 78.4%
	African American 3.9%	African American 7.8%
	Asian 2%	Asian 2%
Ethnicity	Other 15.7%	Other 11.8%
Height (inches)	66.24±4.61	67.51±6.74
Weight	171.51±41.88	179.76±60.53
Glasgow Coma Scale	10.1±2.08	9.66±2.63
Pre-enrolment mSOMS	0.22±0.47	0.36±0.8
Admission hemoglobin (g/dL)	11.27±2.16	11.82±2.42
Admission serum creatinine (mg/dL)	1.52±1.60	1.51±1.26
Admission INR	1.26±0.35	1.29±0.34
Admission serum albumin (g/dL)	3.13±0.78	3.20±0.76
Total APACHE II Score	16.9±8.42	17.58±7.72
Total Barthel Score	98.33±6.29	98.43±5.04

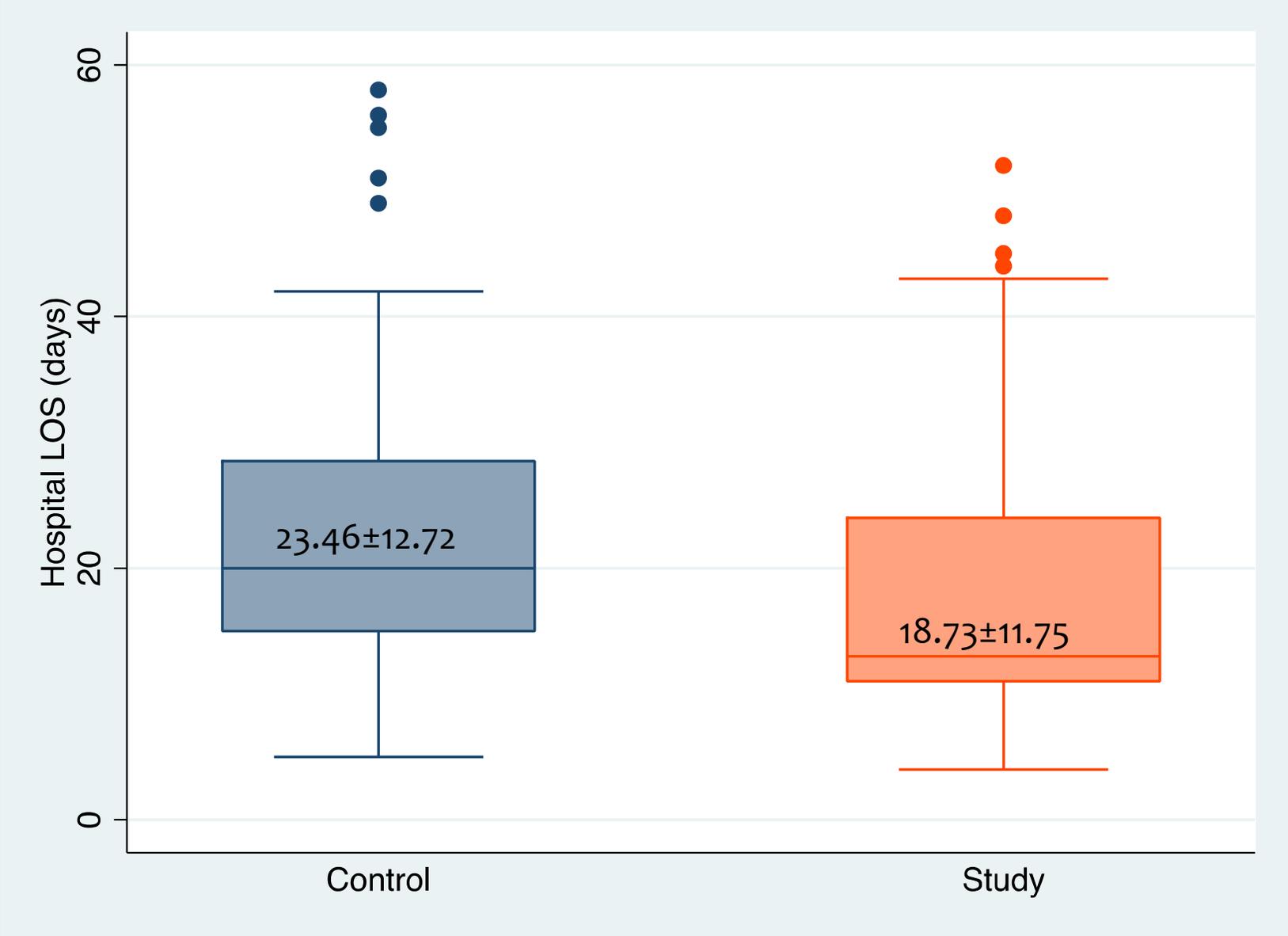
# Mean achieved SOMS



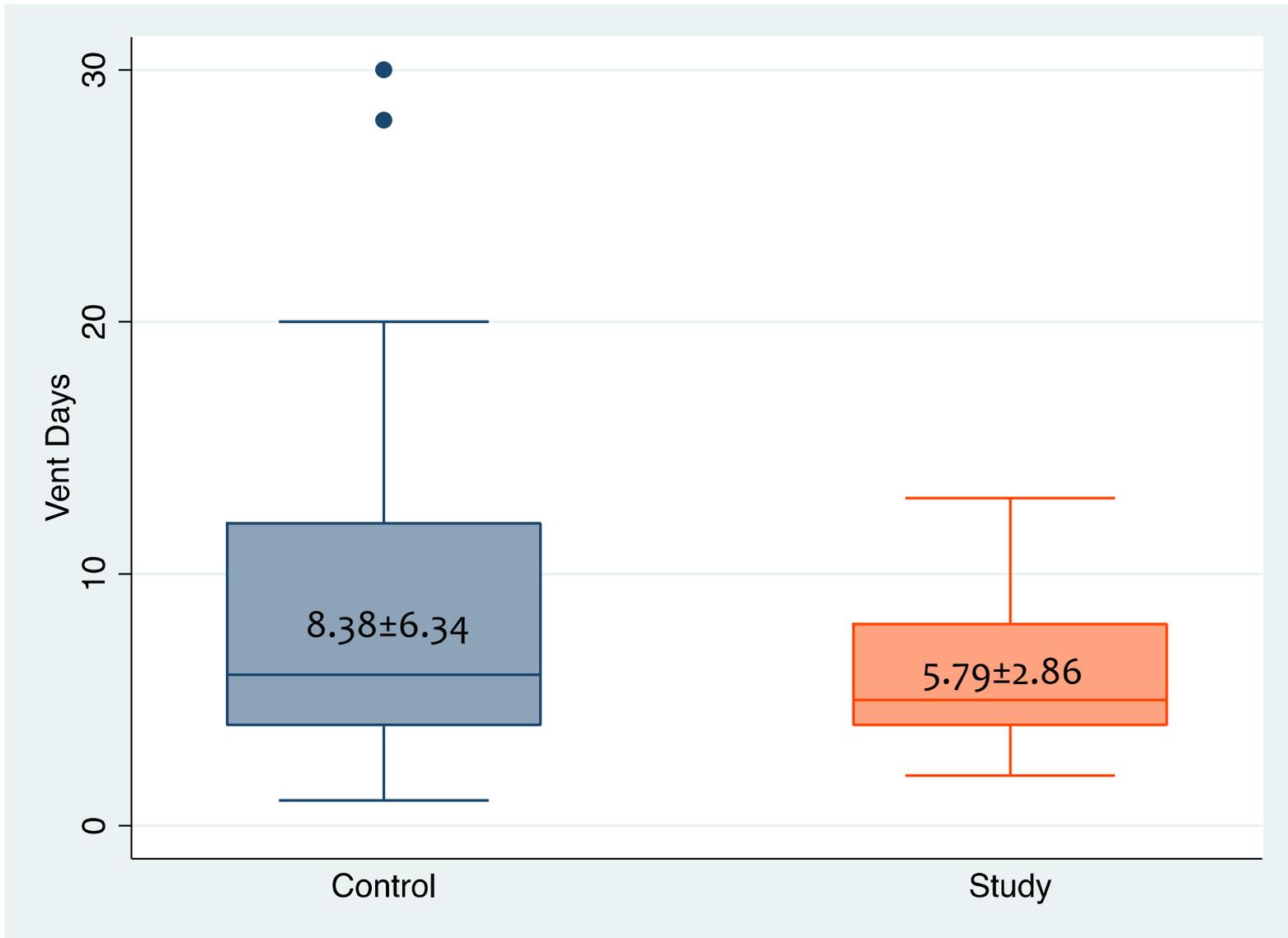
# SICU Length of stay



# Hospital Length of Stay



# Days with mechanical ventilation



# Medical Research Council (MRC) Evaluation

0. No contraction
1. Contraction, no active movement .
2. Active movement that cannot overcome gravity
3. Active movement that can overcome gravity
4. Active movement against gravity and resistance
5. Normal muscle strength

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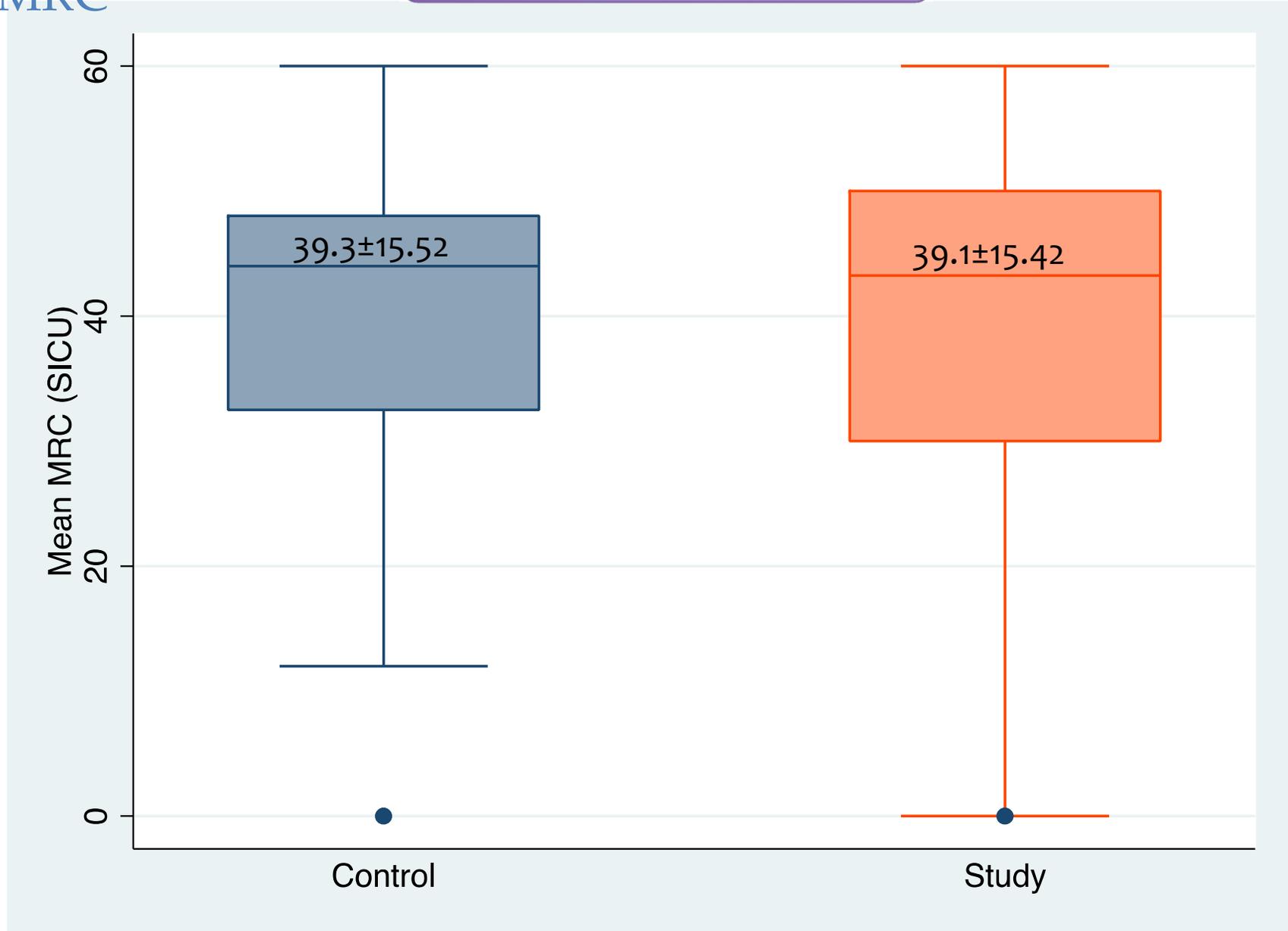
MRC: Medical Research Council.

<b>Arm Abduction</b>	<b>Wrist Flexion</b>	<b>Wrist Extension</b>	<b>Leg Flexion</b>	<b>Knee Extension</b>	<b>Dorsal Foot Flexion</b>	<b>SUM</b>

MRC



Missings or Unable to test:  
almost 50% in both groups



# Functional Independence Measure (FIM)

SICU Hospital

INPATIENT REHABILITATION FACILITY - PATIENT ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT			
Function Modifiers*		39. FIM™ Instrument*	
Complete the following specific functional items prior to scoring the FIM™ Instrument:			
ADMISSION	DISCHARGE	ADMISSION	DISCHARGE
29. Bladder Level of Assistance (Score using FIM Levels 1 - 7; 8 if unable to assess)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30. Bladder Freq. of Accidents (Score as below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 - Continent 6 - Continent; uses device such as catheter 5 - Incontinent every 5 days or more 4 - Incontinent every 4 - 7 days 3 - Incontinent every 2 - 3 days; not daily 2 - Incontinent daily; some control 1 - Incontinent with every void 8 - Does not void (e.g., due to dialysis)			
Score Item 29G (Bladder) as the lowest (most dependent) score from Items 29 and 30 above.			
31. Bowel Level of Assistance (Score using FIM Levels 1 - 7; 8 if unable to assess)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32. Bowel Freq. of Accidents (Score as below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 - Continent 6 - Continent; uses device such as ostomy 5 - Incontinent every 8 days or more 4 - Incontinent every 4 - 7 days 3 - Incontinent every 2 - 3 days; not daily 1 - Incontinent daily 8 - Could not assess; no bowel movement in 8 days			
Score Item 29H (Bowel) as the lowest (most dependent) score of Items 31 and 32.			
33. Tub Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34. Shower Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Score using FIM Levels 1 - 7; 8 if unable to assess) Score Item 34K (Tub/Shower Transfer) as the lowest (most dependent) score of Items 33 and 34.			
35. Distance Walked (feet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36. Distance Traveled in Wheelchair (feet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Score Items 35 and 36 using the following scale: 3 - 150 feet; 2 - 50 to 149 feet; 1 - Less than 50 feet or unable; 8 - Not applicable)			
37. Walk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
38. Wheelchair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Score using FIM Levels 1 - 7; 8 if not applicable) Score Item 38L (Walk/Wheelchair) as the lowest (most dependent) score of Items 37 and 38)			
SELF-CARE			
A. Eating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Grooming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Bathing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Dressing - Upper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Dressing - Lower	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Toileting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPHINCTER CONTROL			
G. Bladder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. Bowel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TRANSFERS			
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J. Toilet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	C - wheelChair	
	B - Both	
	A - Auditory	

## FIM LEVELS

No Helper

7 Complete Independence (Timely, Safely)

6 Modified Independence (Device)

Helper - Modified Dependence

5 Supervision (Subject = 100%)

4 Minimal Assistance (Subject = 75% or more)

3 Moderate Assistance (Subject = 50% or more)

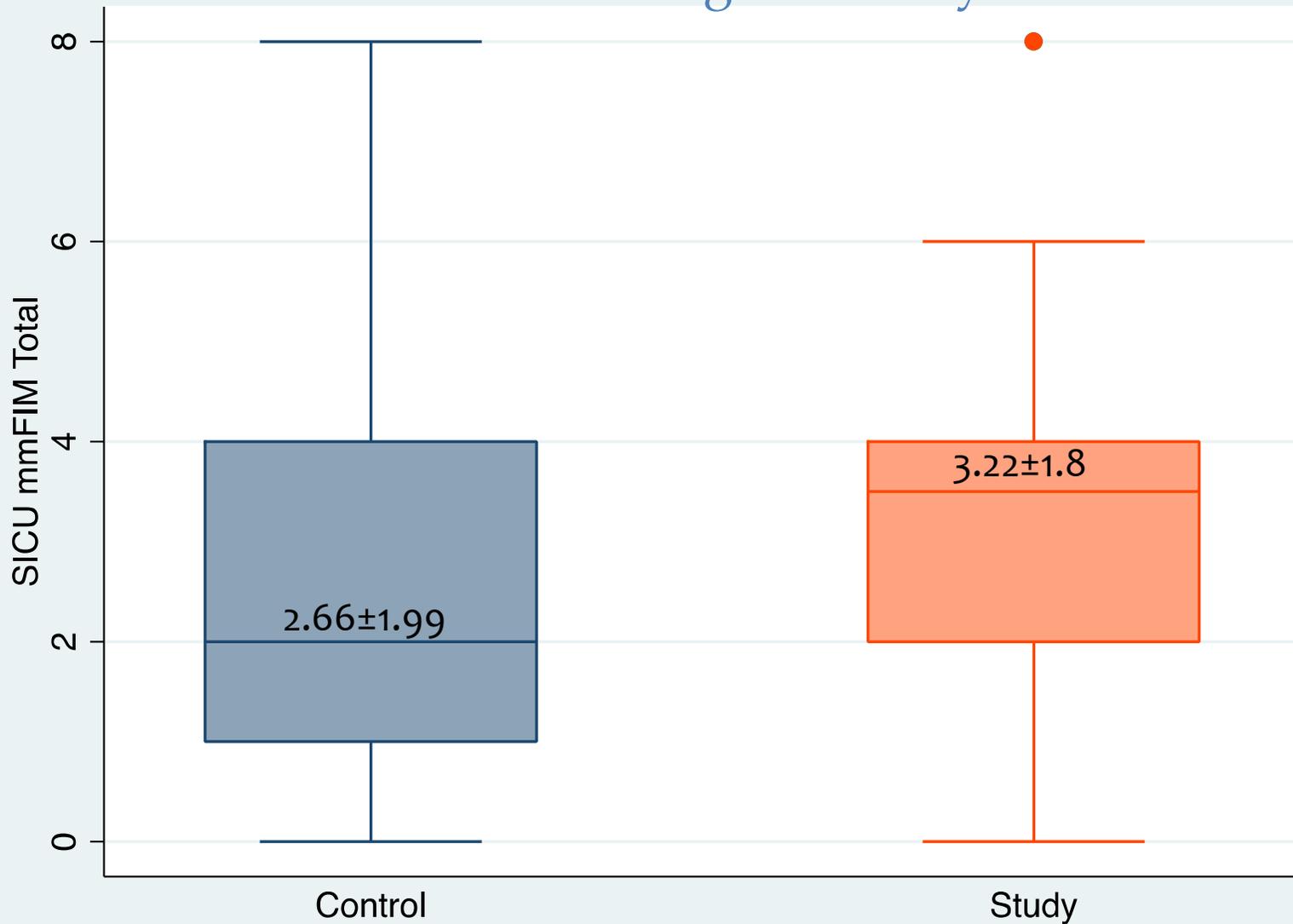
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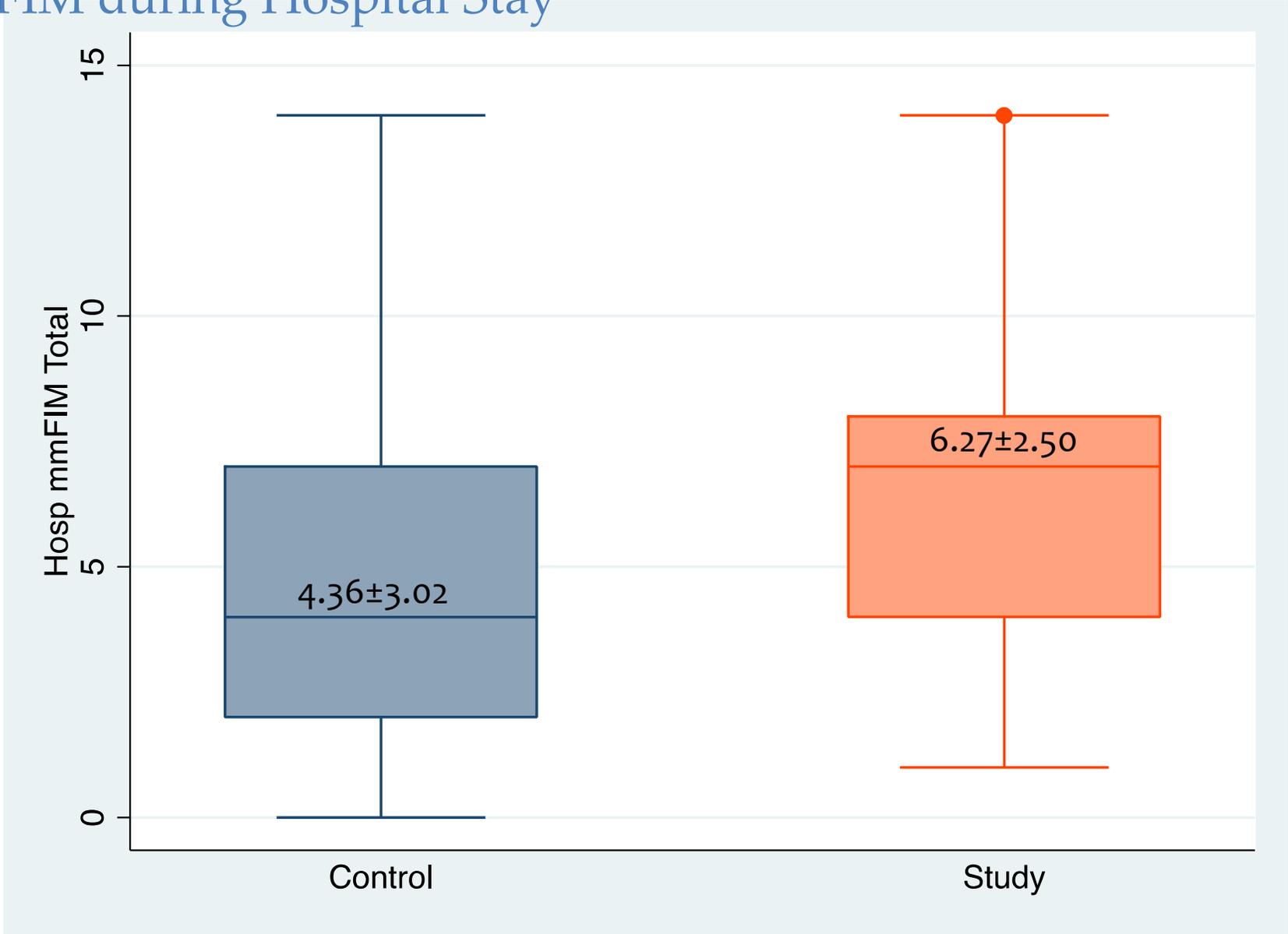
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## FIM during SICU stay



# FIM during Hospital Stay



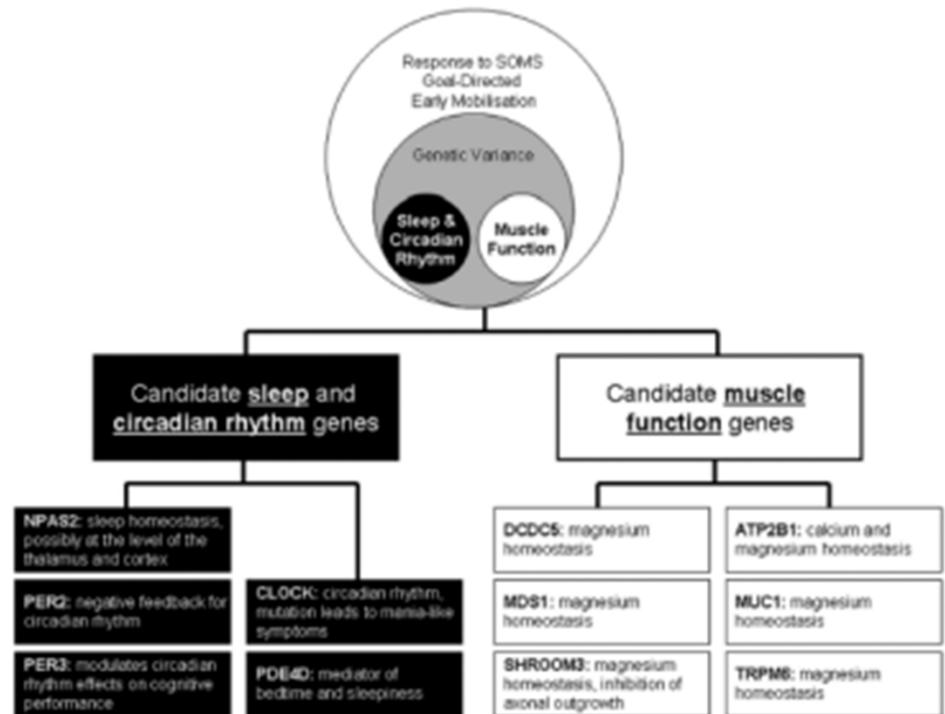


# SOMS is an an international, multicentric RCT

## Hypothesis generating part

- To get mechanism-based exploratory data

## Genetic testing



# External centers

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## Munich

- German validated study completed (n=120)
- IRB for RCT approved (last week)
- Recruitment will start next week

## Brescia

- Italian validation study completed
- IRB submitted



# Conclusion

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## Keep your patients moving

- Bed-rest is associated with morbidity
- Early mobilization improves outcome
- Get the patient out of bed
- Do we need sedation / opioids today?
- Do we need neuromuscular blockade?
- Do we need controlled ventilation today?
- Can we extubate the patient today?

## Get more evidence

- Effects of early mobilization on mortality and long-term morbidity.
- Does-response relationship.
- Test effects of different ventilator patterns on ventilator-induced diaphragmatic injury.
- Test sedation protocols.
- Early oral food intake: Network with speech therapists.

