

The first Golden Minute

Delivery room handling of newborn infants

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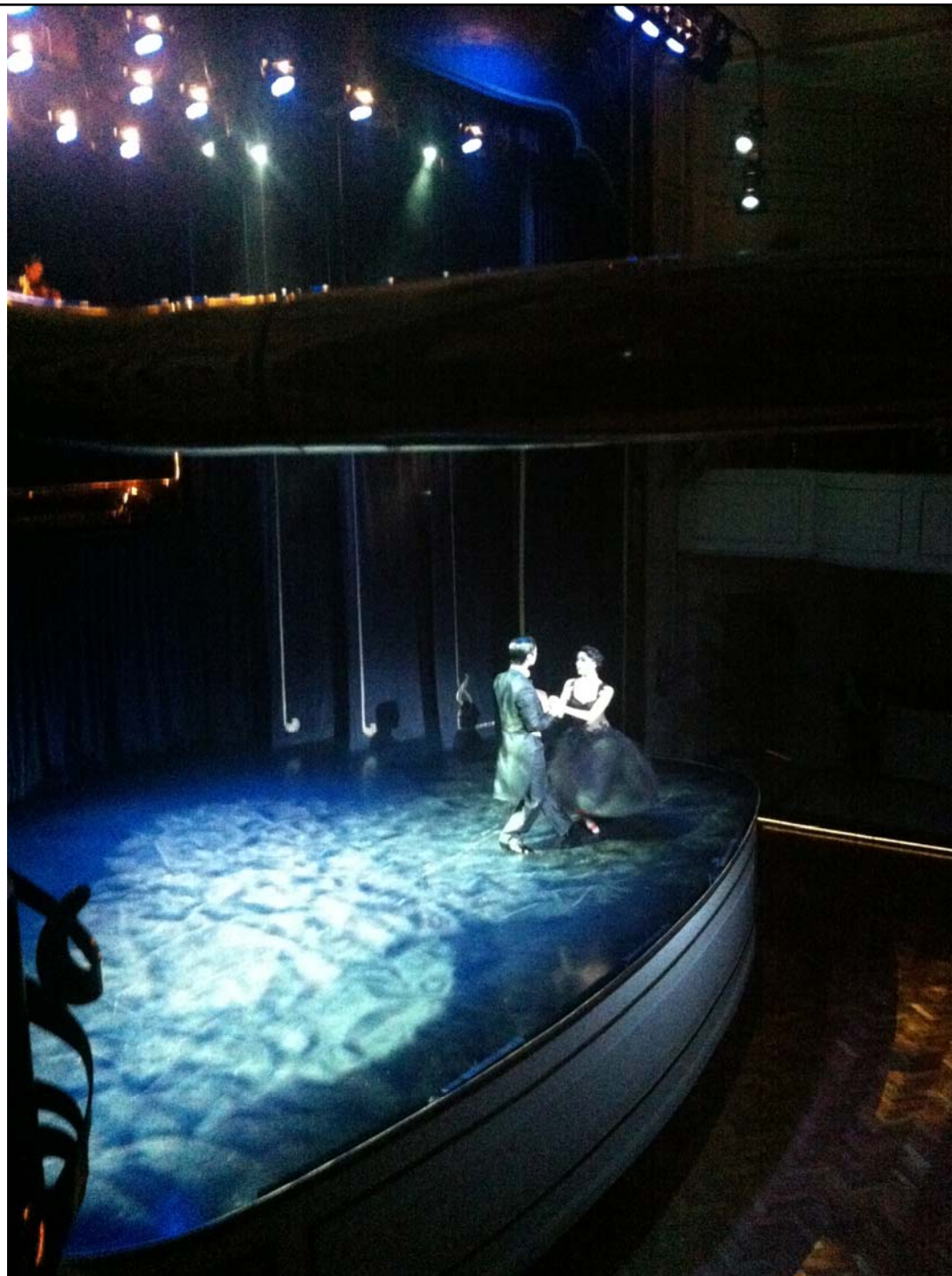
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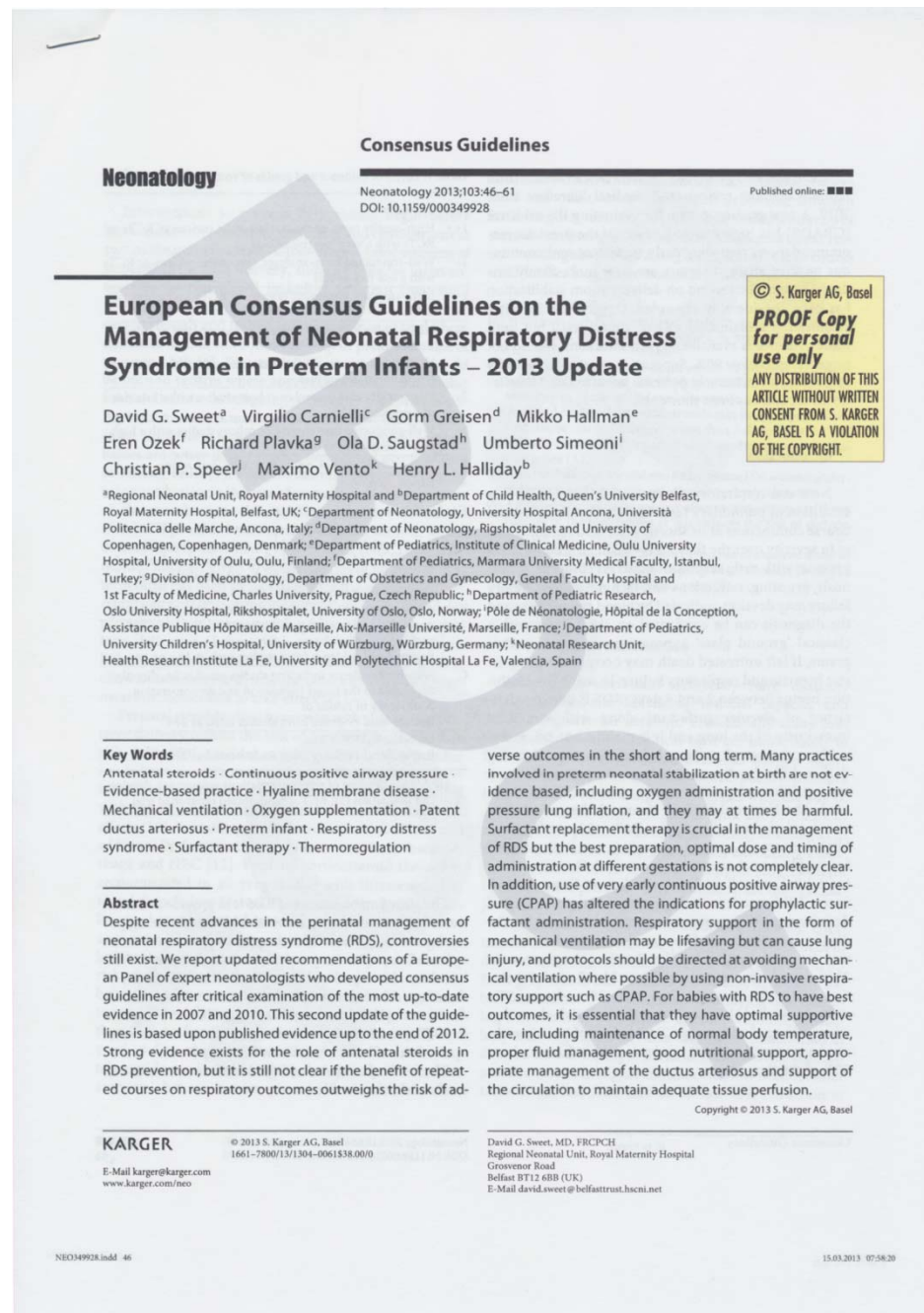
Delivery Room Stabilisation



Delivery room management

- Adequate preparation
- Cord clamping
- Free airways
- Maintenance of neutral thermal environment
- Appropriate use of supplemental oxygen
- Non invasive respiratory support
- Timely administration of surfactant
- Teamwork and communication

New European Guidelines On Management of RDS



Sweet D et al Neonatology 2013;103:353-368

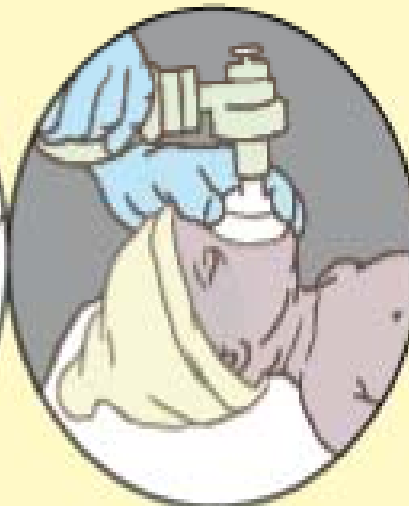
Outline of lecture

- The golden minute(s)
- Suctioning Vs wiping
- Cord clamping
- Thermal control
- Oxygenation
- CPAP/Surfactant
- Gentle resuscitation/stabilization



The Golden Minute: Helping Babies Breathe

Exercise: The Golden Minute



60 sec

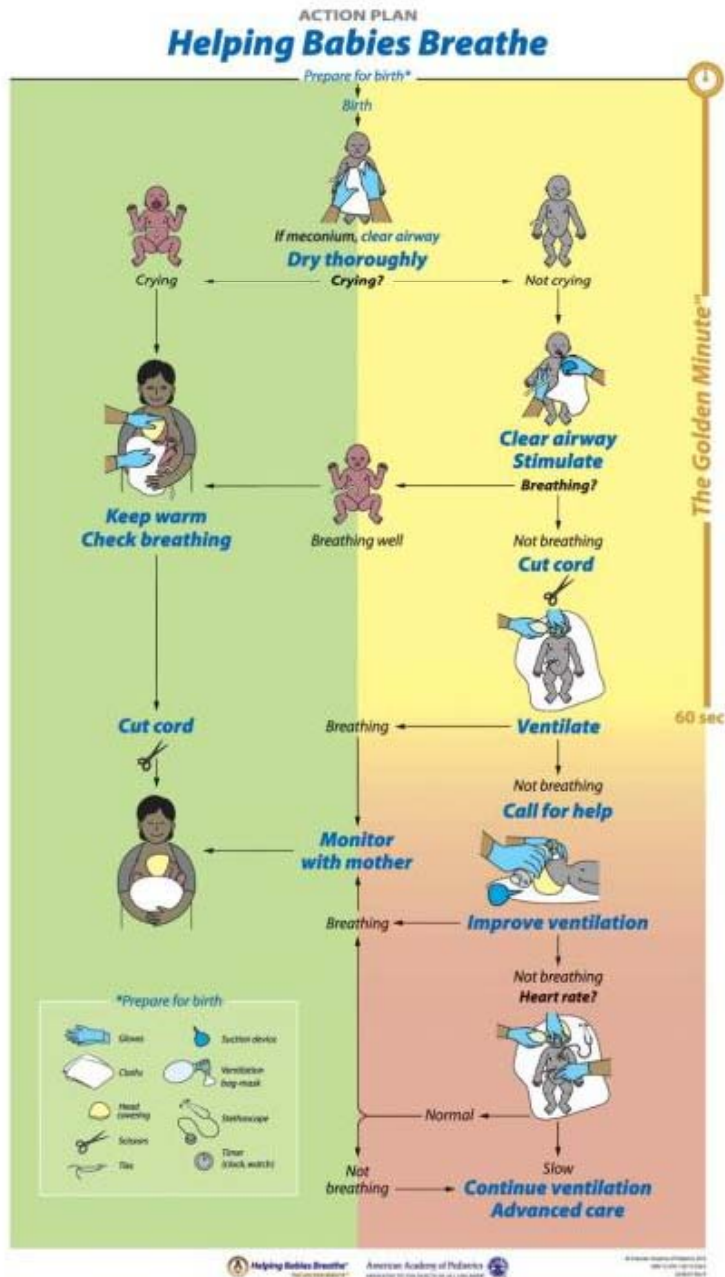
Drying/stimulating

Suctioning

Ventilation

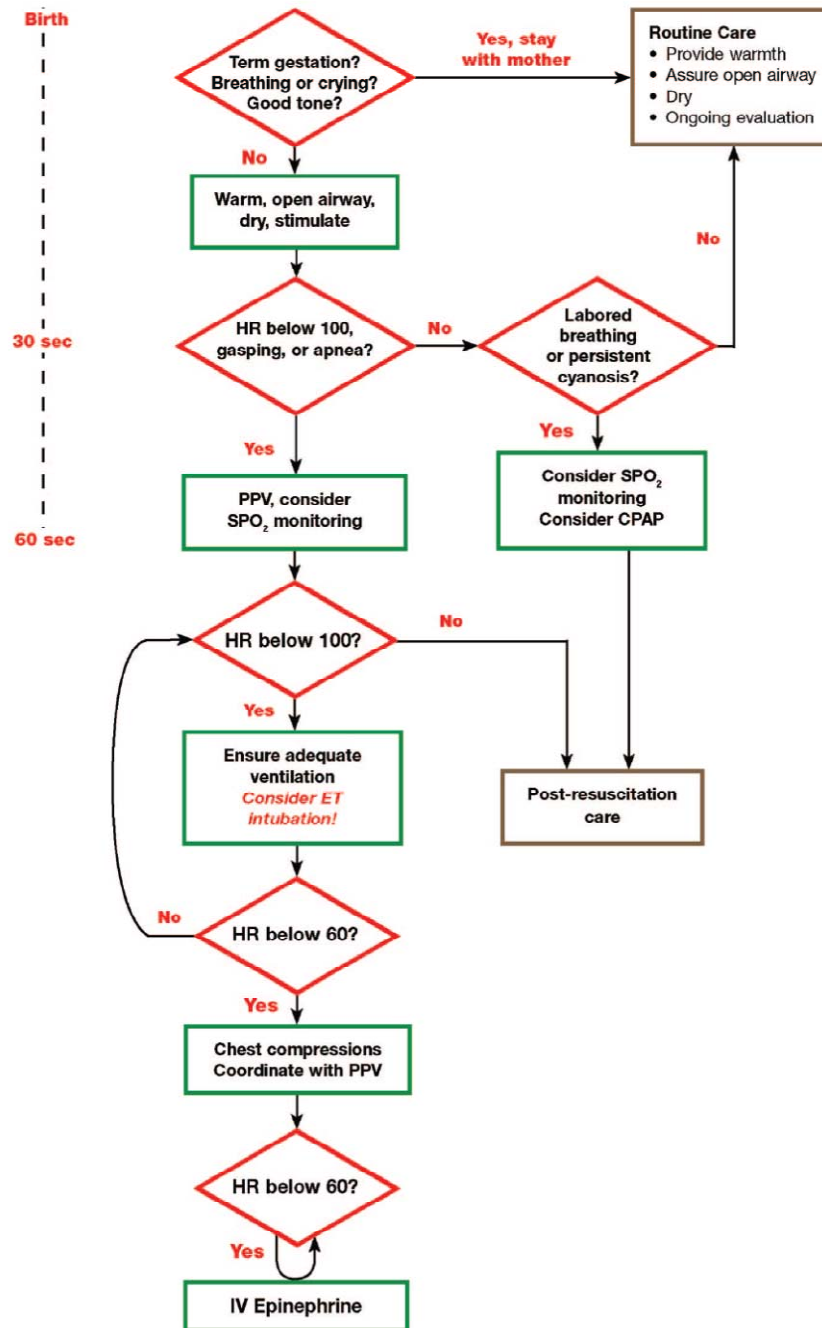
Assessment

10% need help to breathe within «the golden minute»

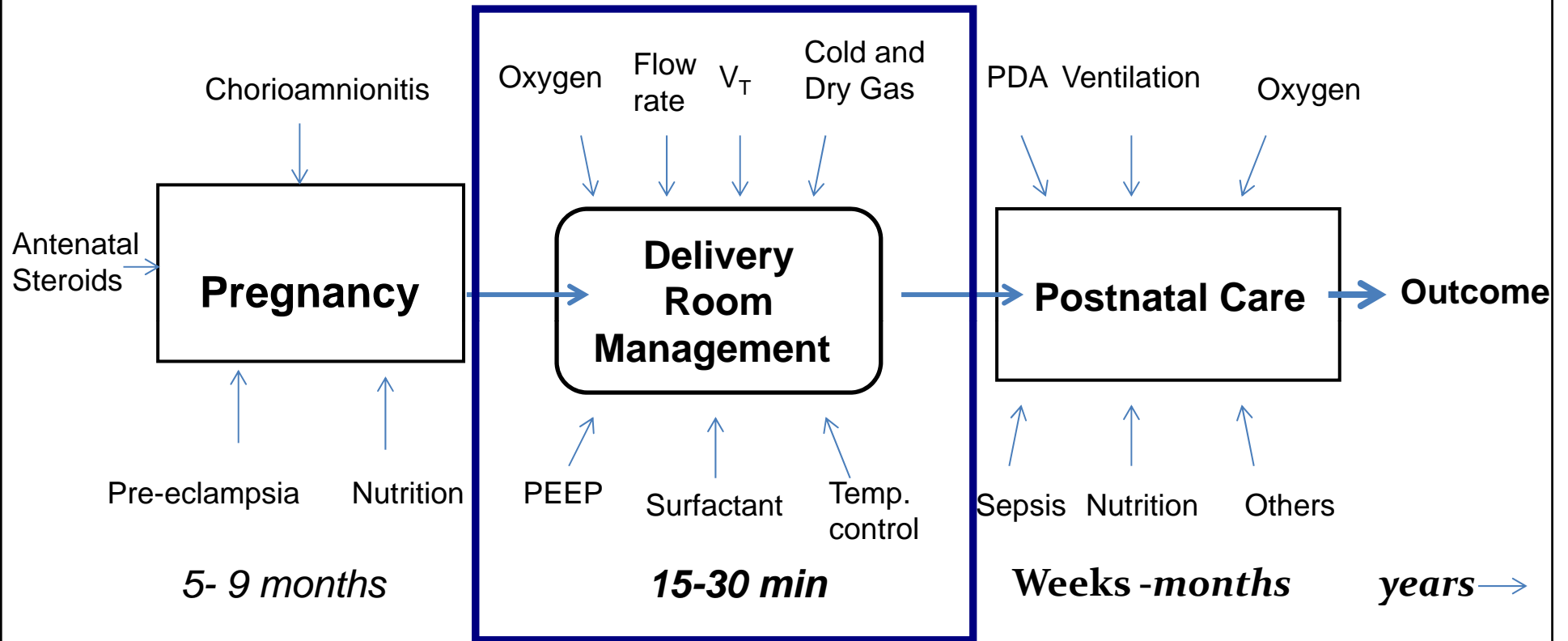


ILCOR Neonatal Resuscitation Guidelines 2010

The golden minute



The Golden Minute(s)



Modified from Alan Jobe

Stabilization or resuscitation

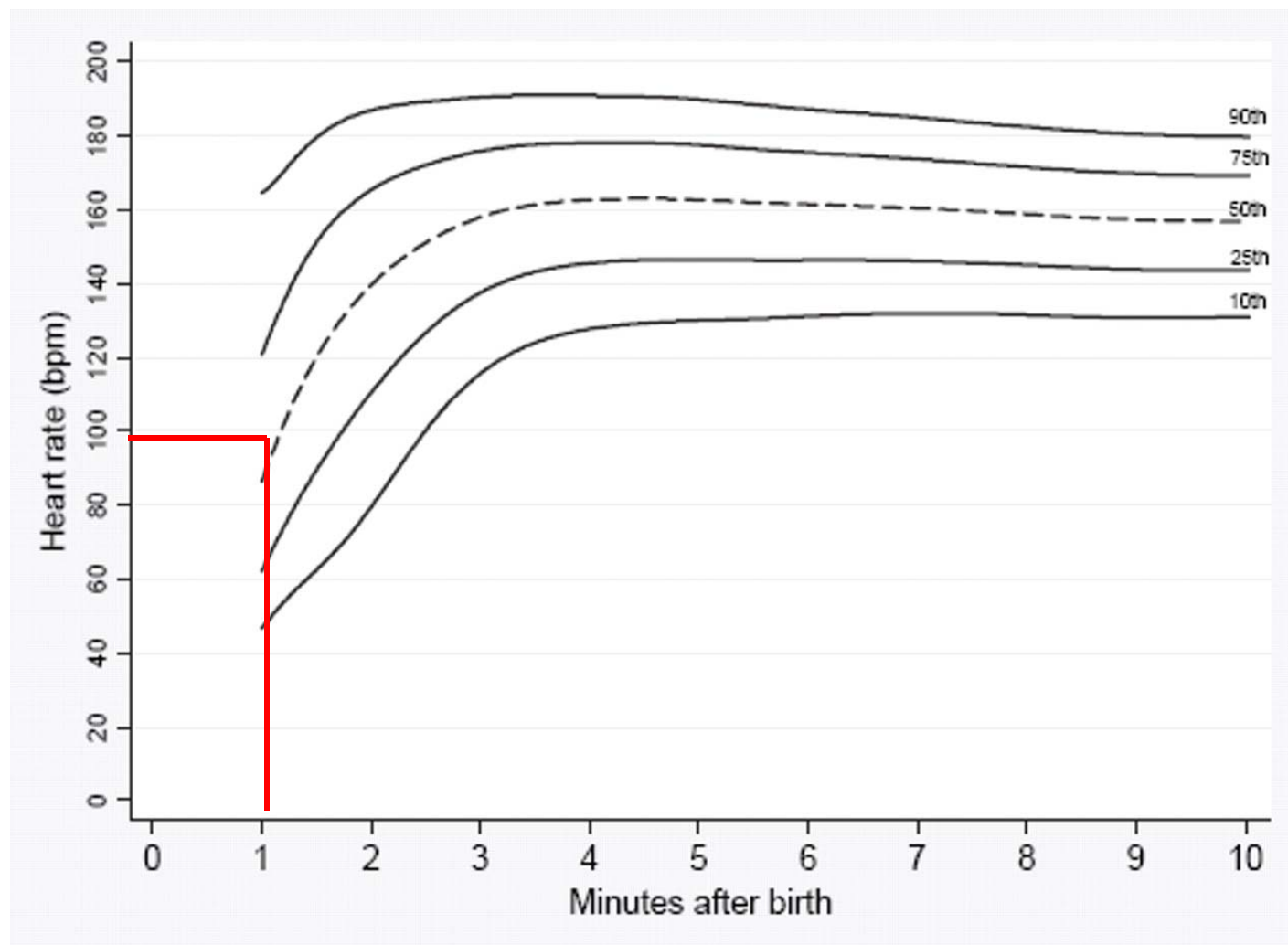
„Most premature babies are not dead and therefore do not need „resuscitation“

They need assistance in transition and adaptation

The physician is **not** the **lifesaver**, but is an **observer** and **supporter** of the infants own competences“

Angela Kribs

Development of Heart Rate in Healthy Babies First 10 minutes of Life



Dawson J et al. Arch Dis Child Fetal Neonatal Ed
2010;95:F177-F181

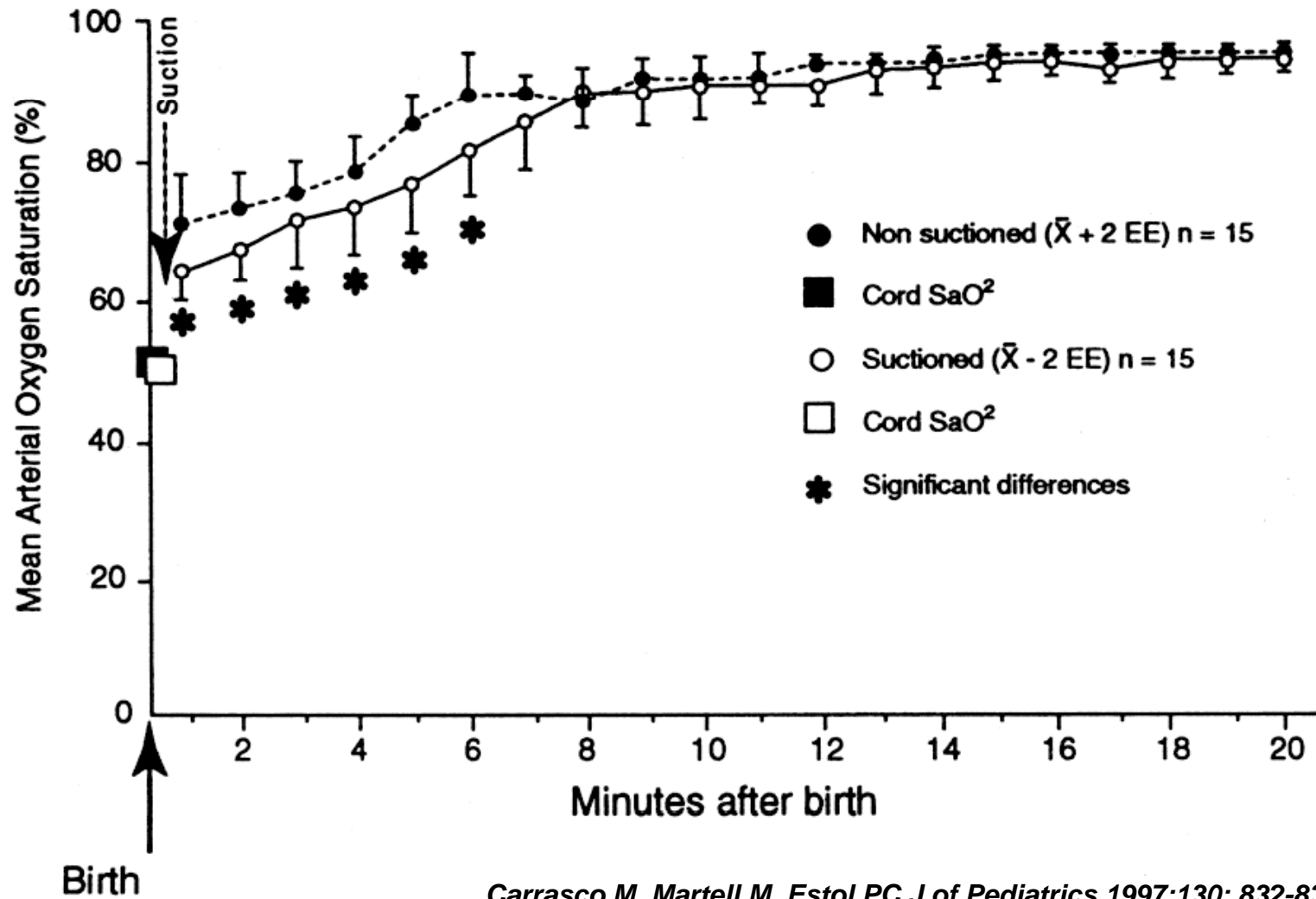
**50 percentile for heart rate
is 99 bpm at one min**

Suctioning or Wiping

Routine intrapartum oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal suctioning for infants born with clear or meconium stained amniotic fluid is no longer recommended

ILCOR 2010

Routine oronasopharyngeal suction reduces oxygen saturation



Carrasco M, Martell M, Estol PC J of Pediatrics 1997;130: 832-834

A controlled study of 30 normal term newborn infants. In 15 of them, oropharyngeal suction was performed immediately after birth. According to this study, oropharyngeal suction should not be performed as a routine procedure in normal, term, vaginally born infants.

Similar data were found after C- section *Gungor et al Gynecol Obstet Invest 2006;61:9-14*

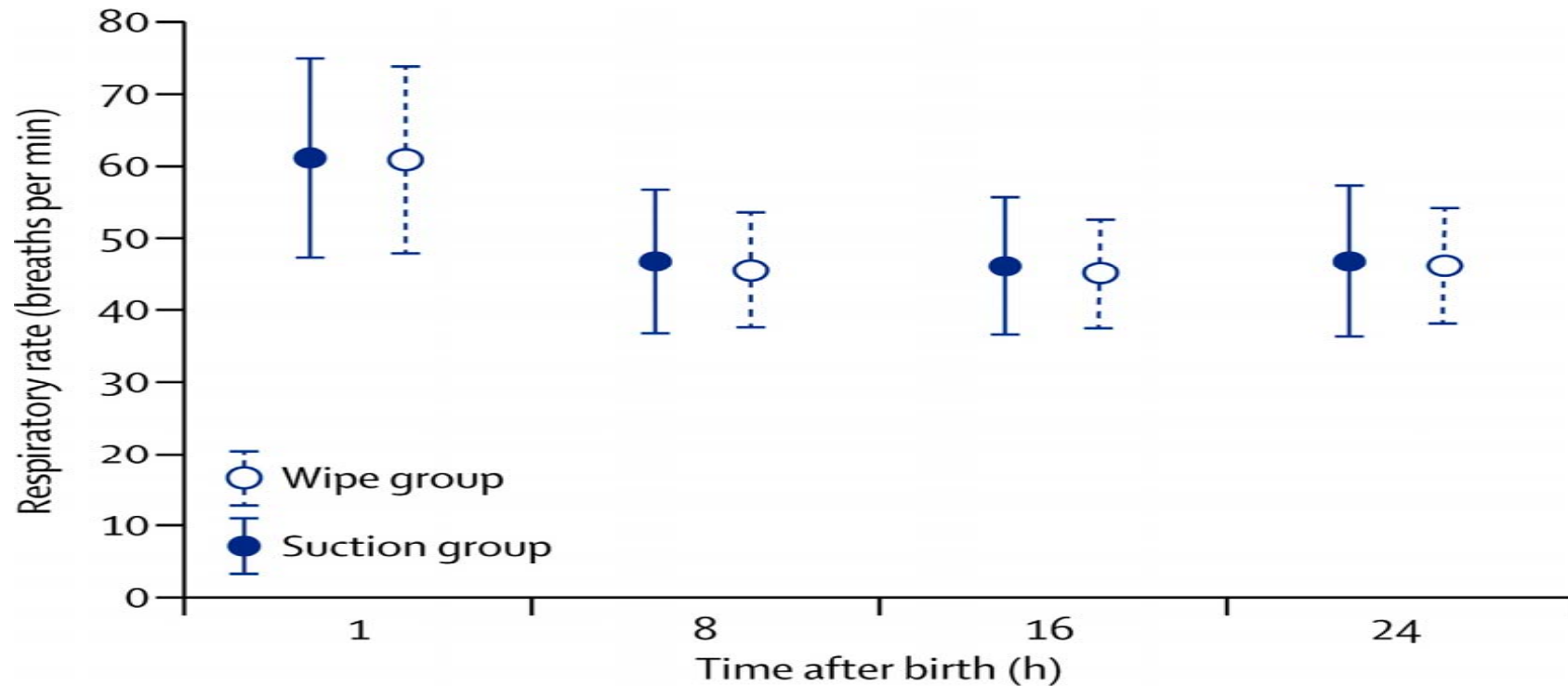
Oronasopharyngeal suction at birth: effects on arterial oxygen saturation

	Nonsuctioned (n = 15)	Suctioned (n = 15)	<i>p</i>
Birth weight (gm)*	3265 ± 262	3192 ± 438	NS
Gestational age (wk)*	39 ± 1	40 ± 1	NS
Sex (F/M)	6/9	8/7	NS
Umbilical artery pH*	7.27 ± 0.09	7.27 ± 0.06	NS
Minutes to 86% saturation*	5.0 ± 1.2	8.2 ± 3.3	<0.05
Minutes to 92% saturation*	6.8 ± 1.8	10.2 ± 3.3	<0.05

NS, Not significant.

*Values represent mean ± SEM.

Routine wiping Vs suctioning >35 weeks GA



Respiratory rates in the first 24 h after birth Data are mean (1 SD).

John Kelleher , Ramachandra Bhat , Ariel A Salas , Dylan Addis , Emily C Mills , Himel Mallick , Arvind Tripathi ...

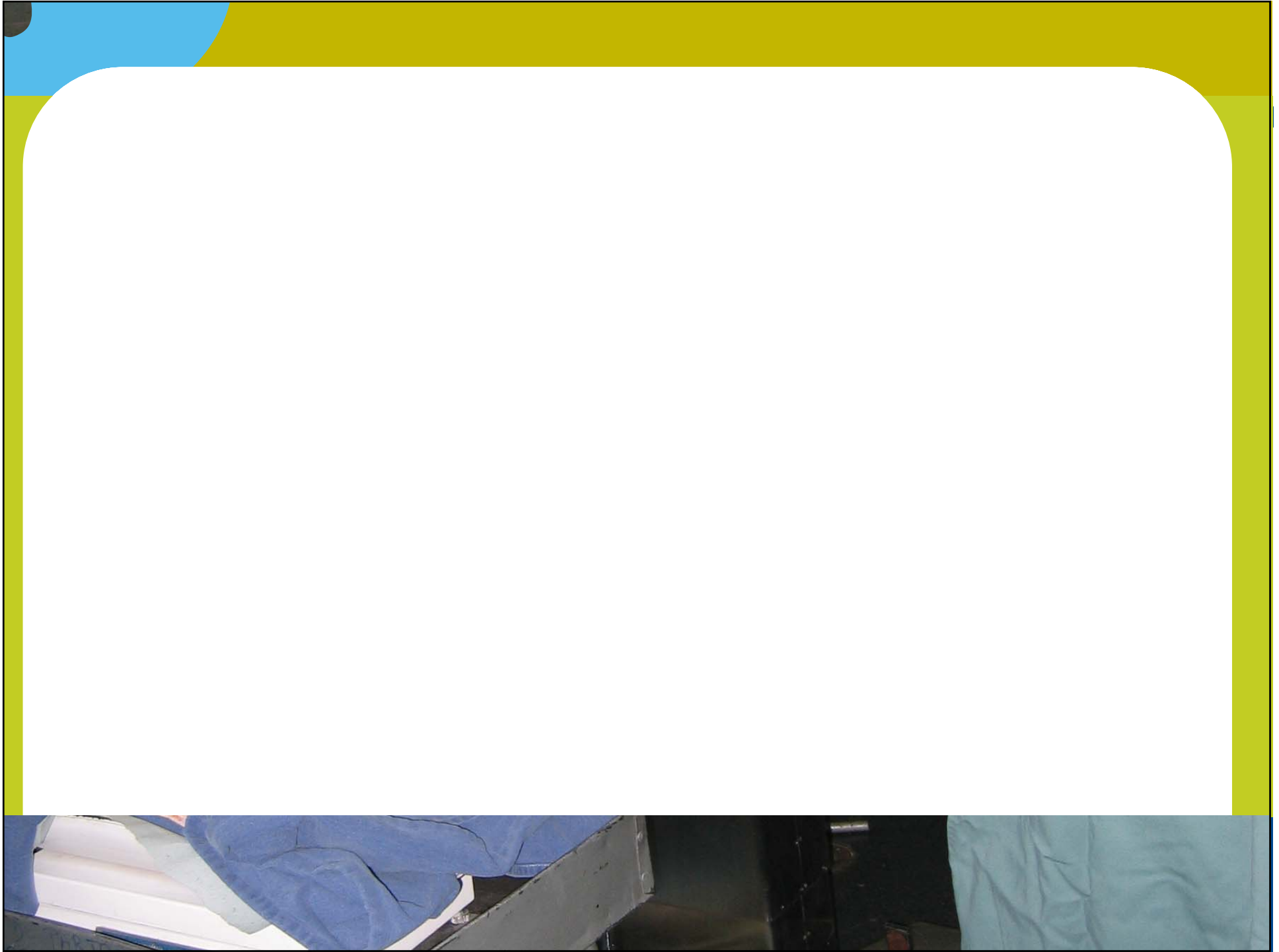
Oronasopharyngeal suction versus wiping of the mouth and nose at birth: a randomised equivalency trial

The Lancet null 2013 null [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(13\)60775-8](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(13)60775-8)

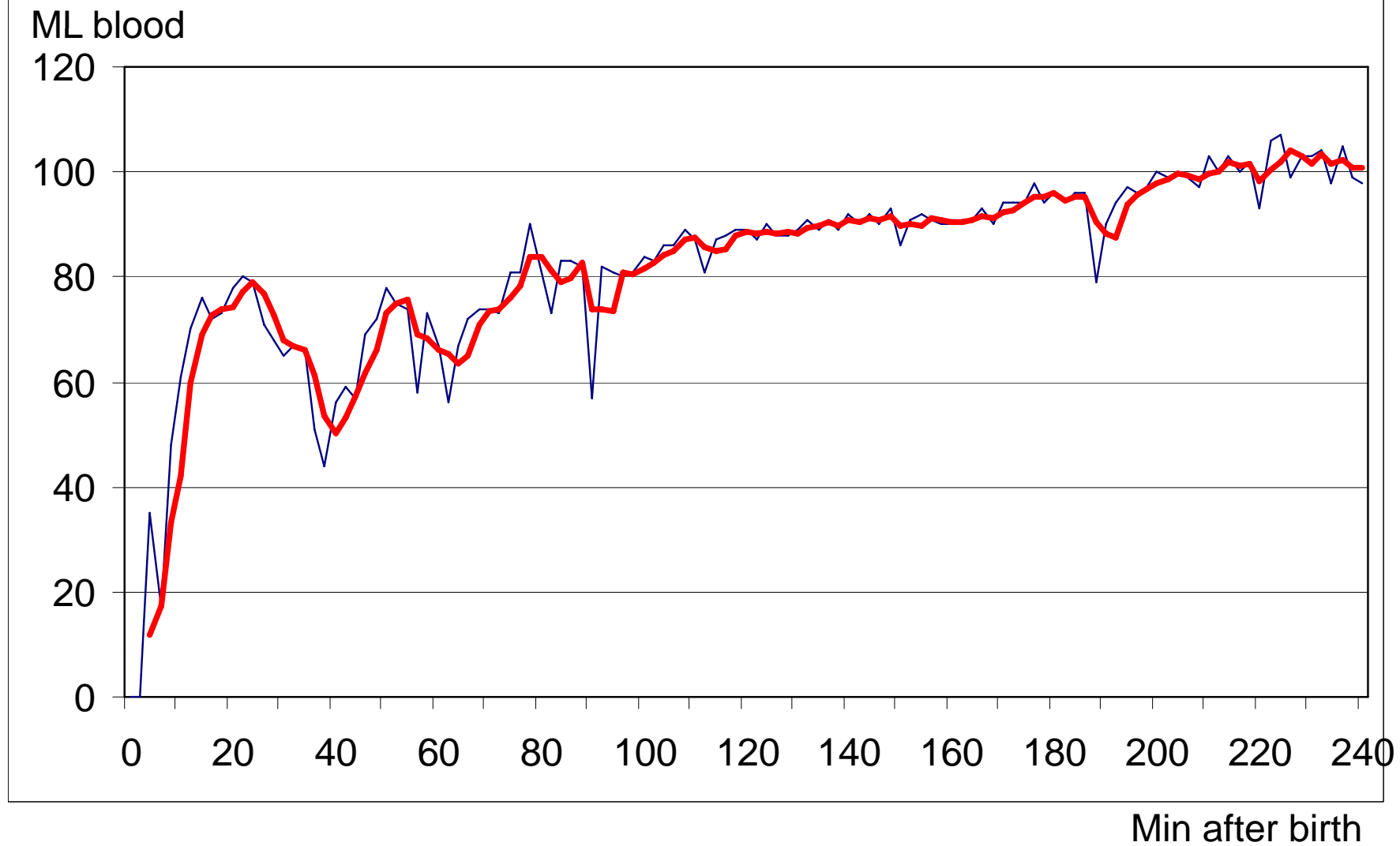
Suctioning or wiping

- A vigorous newborn who starts to breathe within 10-15 seconds does not need suctioning routinely
- Deep suctioning should be avoided especially the first 5 min of life. It may induce apnea, bradycardia and bronchospasm
- If suctioning, always suction the mouth before through the nose to minimize risk of aspiration

Wiping as efficient as suctioning

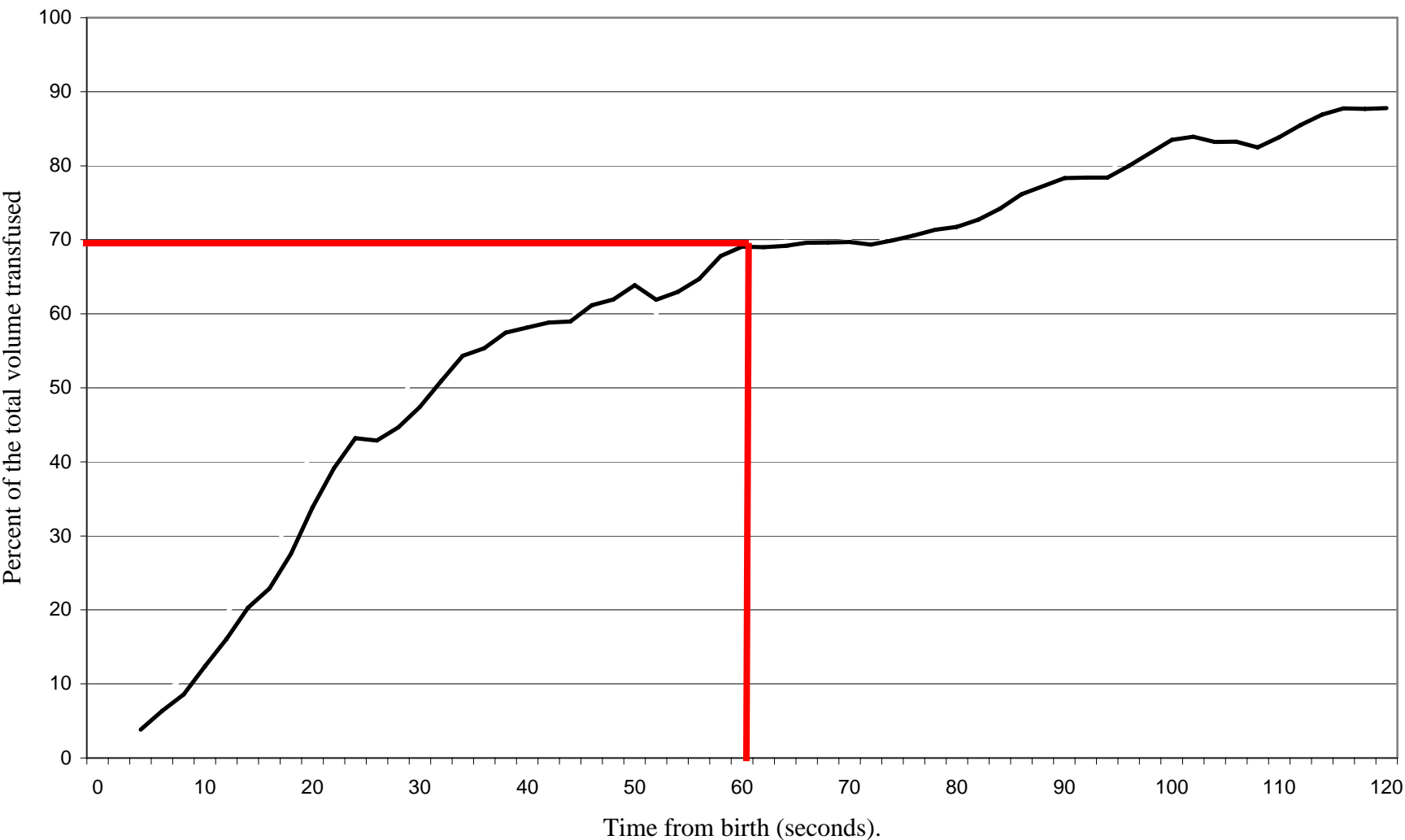


Placental transfusion BW 2865 g GA 38 weeks



Average of accumulated percentage blood volume transfused from placenta to the infant

Average of Accumulated Percentage of Blood Volume Transfused from the placenta to the infant's body.
(53 healthy full term infants)



Díaz-Rossello JL Salle L.

Late vs. Early Cord Clamping in Newborn Infants

REVIEW

CLINICIAN'S CORNER

Late vs Early Clamping of the Umbilical Cord in Full-term Neonates Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Controlled Trials

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CLAMPING AND CUTTING OF THE umbilical cord at birth is by far the oldest and most prevalent intervention in human. In spite of that, the optimal timing of cord clamping has been a controversial issue for decades.¹⁻⁴ There are no formal practice guidelines, but most practitioners in western countries clamp and cut the cord immediately after birth, while the practice worldwide is variable.⁵⁻⁹

Earlier physiological studies have shown that, of the total blood volume in the combined fetal-placental circulation at full gestation, approximately 25% to 60% (54-160 mL) is found in the placental circulation and that as many as 60% of the fetal red blood cells are found therein.¹⁰⁻¹² This blood is also known to be rich in hematopoietic stem cells.¹³

Previous research has suggested that early clamping of the cord (within the first 5 to 10 seconds of birth), compared with later clamping, results in a decrease to the neonate of 20 to 40 mL of blood per kilogram of body weight,^{14,15} which would provide the equivalent of 30 to 35 mg of iron.^{16,17} It has been argued that early cord clamping puts the newborn at increased risk of hypovolemic damage

Context With few exceptions, the umbilical cord of every newborn is clamped and cut at birth, yet the optimal timing for this intervention remains controversial.

Objective To compare the potential benefits and harms of late vs early cord clamping in term infants.

Data Sources Search of 6 electronic databases (on November 15, 2006, starting from the beginning of each): the Cochrane Pregnancy and Childbirth Group trials register, the Cochrane Neonatal Group trials register, the Cochrane library, MEDLINE, EMBASE, and CINAHL; hand search of secondary references in relevant studies; and contact of investigators about relevant published research.

Study Selection Controlled trials comparing late vs early cord clamping following birth in infants born at 37 or more weeks' gestation.

Data Extraction Two reviewers independently assessed eligibility and quality of trials and extracted data for outcomes of interest: infant hematologic status; iron status; and risk of adverse events such as jaundice, polycythemia, and respiratory distress.

Data Synthesis The meta-analysis included 15 controlled trials (1912 newborns). Late cord clamping was delayed for at least 2 minutes (n=1001 newborns), while early clamping in most trials (n=911 newborns) was performed immediately after birth. Benefits over ages 2 to 6 months associated with late cord clamping include improved hematologic status measured as hematocrit (weighted mean difference [WMD], 3.70%; 95% confidence interval [CI], 2.00%-5.40%); iron status as measured by ferritin concentration (WMD, 17.89; 95% CI, 16.58-19.21) and stored iron (WMD, 19.90; 95% CI, 7.47-32.13); and a clinically important reduction in the risk of anemia (relative risk [RR], 0.53; 95% CI, 0.40-0.70). Neonates with late clamping were at increased risk of experiencing asymptomatic polycythemia (7 studies [403 neonates]; RR, 3.82; 95% CI, 1.11-13.21; 2 high-quality studies only [281 infants]; RR, 3.91; 95% CI, 1.60-9.36).

Conclusions Delaying clamping of the umbilical cord in full-term neonates for a minimum of 2 minutes following birth is beneficial to the newborn, extending into infancy. Although there was an increase in polycythemia among infants in whom cord clamping was delayed, this condition appeared to be benign.

JAMA. 2007;297:1241-1252

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and iron loss, as well as of several blood disorders and type 2 diabetes, as a consequence of loss of hematopoietic stem cells.^{18,19} Early cord clamping has been postulated as a major cause of anemia in infancy, and this has led some investigators to recommend late clamping as a low-cost intervention to reduce anemia

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15 controlled studies, 1912 term newborn

After 2-6 months:

- Higher hematocrit
- Improved iron status
- Reduced risk of anemia
- Increased risk of asymptomatic polycythemia

Conclusion:

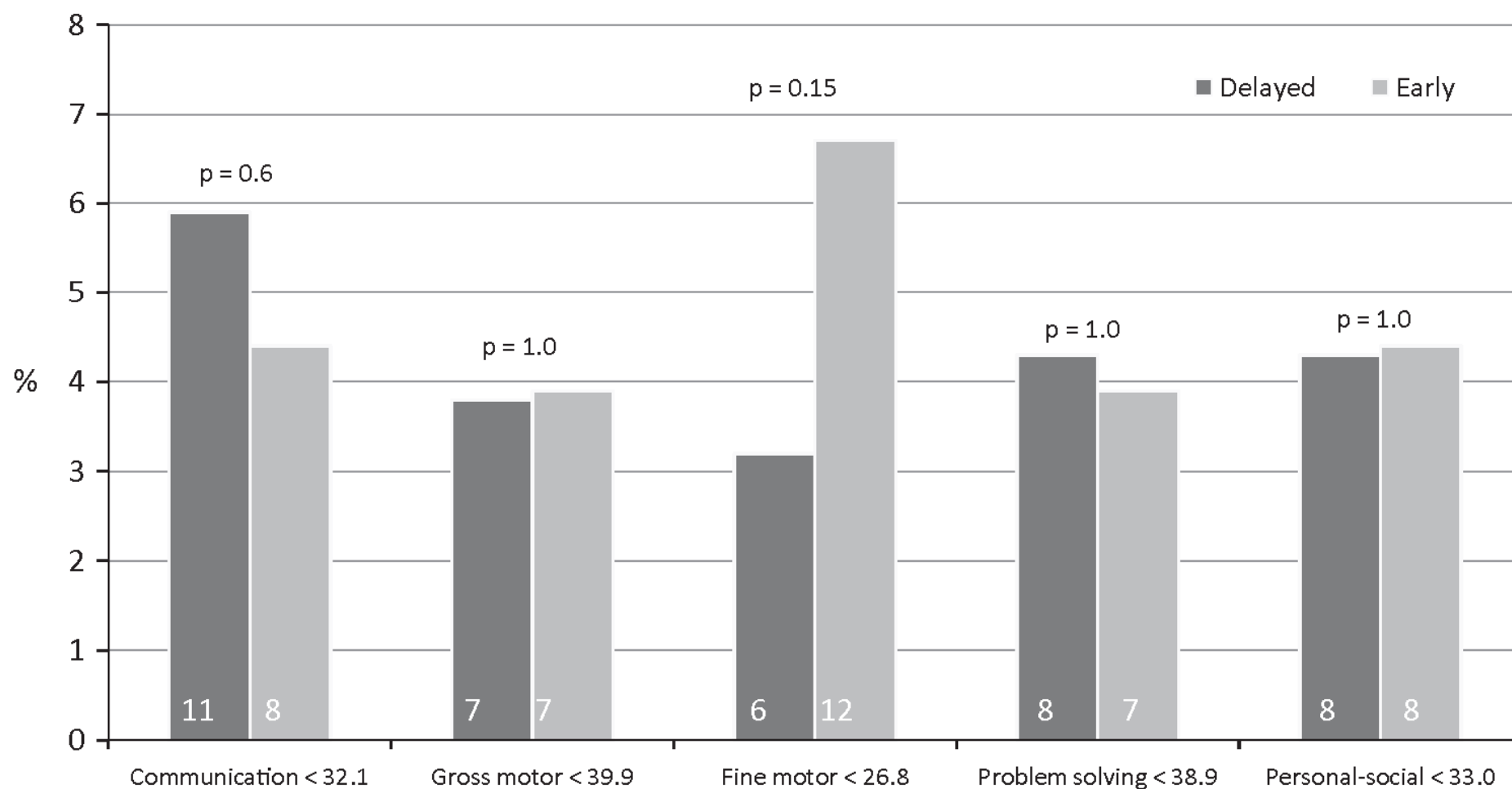
"Delaying clamping of the cord in full term neonates for a minimum of 2 minutes following birth is beneficial to the newborn extending into infancy"

Hutton, E, Hassan E. JAMA 2007; 297:1241-52

REGULAR ARTICLE

Effects of delayed cord clamping on neurodevelopment and infection at four months of age: a randomised trial

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Cord Clamping in Preterm

Half the blood volume in the placenta

Meta analysis of 15 studies of delayed cord clamping gives:

- **Increased blood volume**
- **Less need of transfusions**
- **Less NEC**
- **Reduction in IVH (nearly 50%)**

Rabe H et al, Cochrane database systematic review 2012;(8):CD003248

At least 30 s of delayed cord clamping is safe to use and does not compromise the preterm infant in the initial post-partum adaptation phase.

Rabe H, Reynolds G, Diaz-Rossello JL Neonatology 2008;93:138 -194

European Guidelines for RDS 2013:

Aim to delay cord clamping at least 45 sec

Sweet D et al Neonatology 2013;103:353-368

Cord clamping

“In newly-born term or preterm babies who do not require positive –pressure ventilation, the cord should not be clamped earlier than one minute* after birth. When newly-born term or preterm babies require positive-pressure ventilation, the cord should be clamped and cut to allow effective ventilation to be performed.”

***Should be understood as the lower limit supported by published evidence. Normally around 3 minutes necessary for applying cord traction**

WHO 2012: Basic Newborn Resuscitation

“Cord clamping should be delayed for at least 1 minute in babies who do not require resuscitation. Evidence is insufficient to recommend a time for clamping in those who require resuscitation”

ILCOR Guidelines 2010 from Perlman et al, 2010

Delaying cord clamping until ventilation onset improves cardiovascular function at birth in preterm lambs.

Lambs were delivered at 126 ± 1 days and:

(1) the umbilical cord was clamped at delivery and ventilation was delayed for about 2 min.

cord clamping reduced heart rate (by $\sim 40\%$) and right ventricular output from 114.6 ± 14.4 to 38.8 ± 9.7 ml min⁽⁻¹⁾ kg⁽⁻¹⁾), which were restored by ventilation.

(2) umbilical cord clamping was delayed for 3-4 min, until after ventilation was established. Cord clamping reduced right ventricular output from 153.5 ± 3.8 to 119.2 ± 10.6 ml min⁽⁻¹⁾ kg⁽⁻¹⁾, and did not affect heart rates.

Delaying cord clamping for 3-4 min until after ventilation is established improves cardiovascular function by increasing pulmonary blood flow before the cord is clamped. As a result, cardiac output remains stable, leading to a smoother cardiovascular transition throughout the early newborn period.

Heart rate following early clamping late clamping

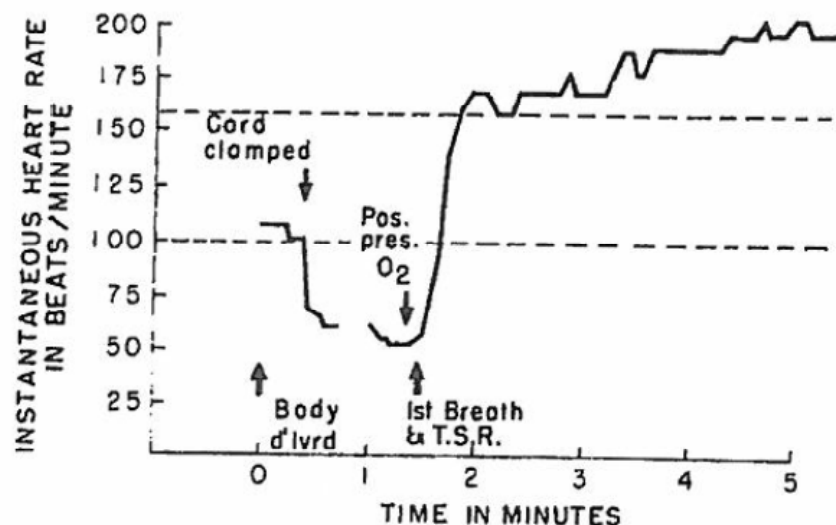


Fig. 6. Mildly depressed infant—No. 89. Onset of respiration after cord clamping and oxygen administration. Heart rate fell from 100 to 68 immediately after clamps were applied and rose to 167 with lung expansion. Score 5.

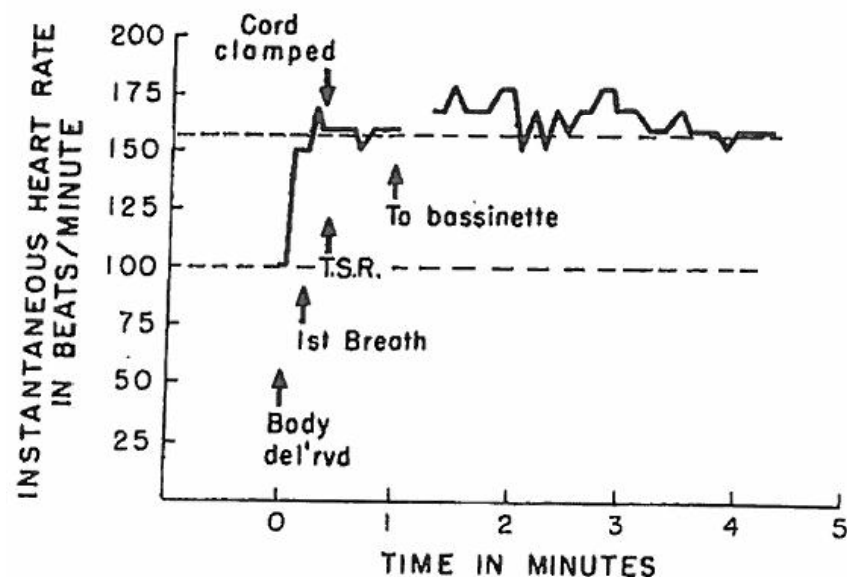
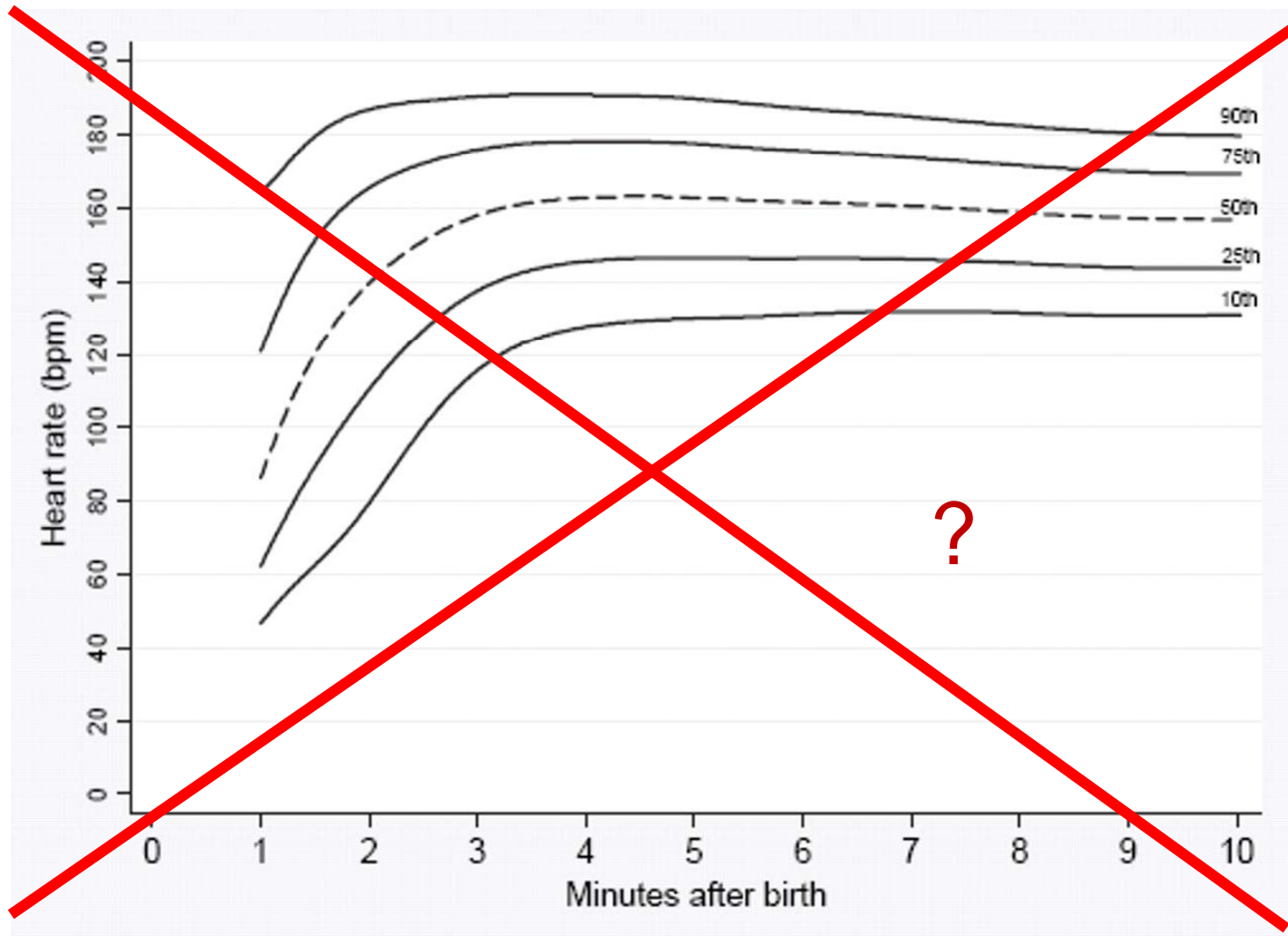


Fig. 5. Vigorous infant—No. 108. Score 8. Onset of respiration occurred before cord was clamped and heart rate of 158 was unaltered by clamping.

JP Brady and LS James Am Obst Gyn 1962; 84:1-12

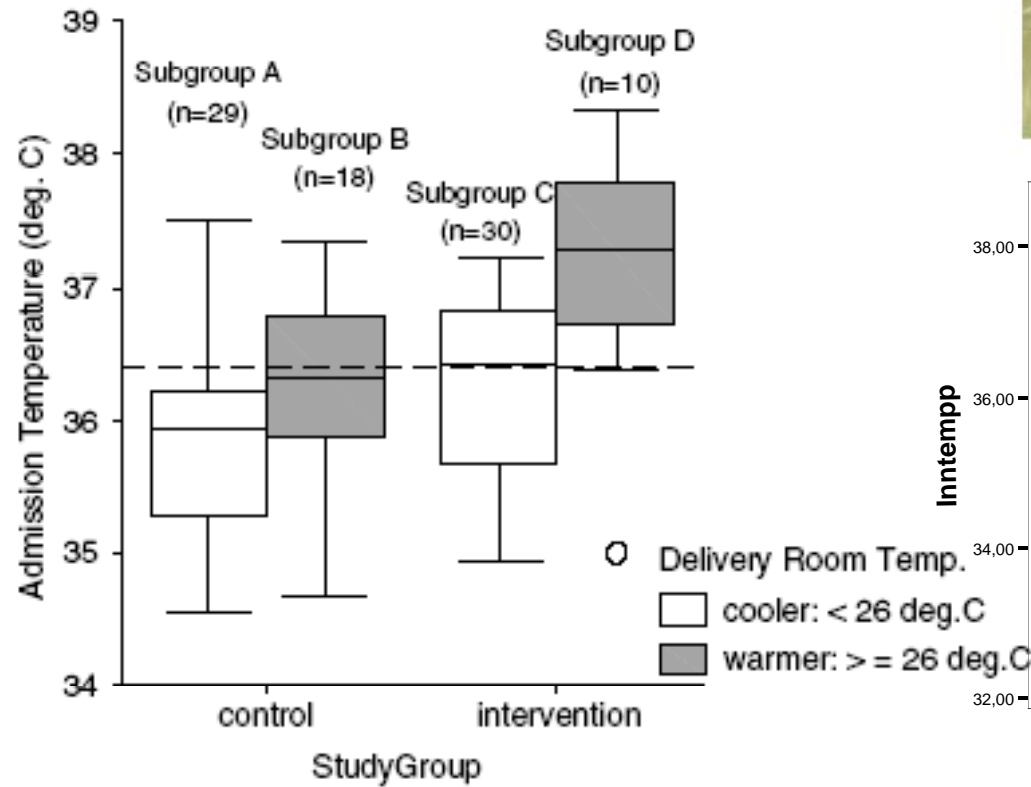
The 10th, 25th, 50th, 75th and 90th heart rate centiles for all infants with no medical intervention after birth. bpm, beats per minute.



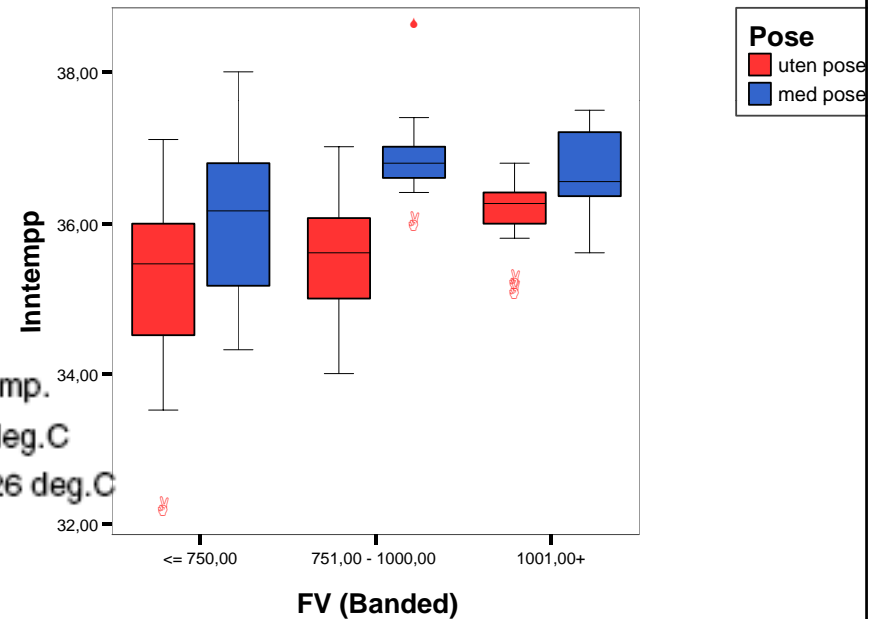
Dawson J et al. Arch Dis Child Fetal Neonatal Ed 2010;95:F177-F181

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Preventing heat loss



Robin B, Knobel J Perinatal 2005



Silberg IE,
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OXYGEN

**ESSENTIAL
FOR LIFE**

VS

**POTENTIALLY
TOXIC AND
MUTAGENIC**



- It is completely available
- It can easily diffuse across biological membrane
- It can bind heme in protein (Hemoglobin and Cytochrome)



***Over production of
Free Radicals
Oxidative stress***

All babies are born blue and it takes time to have a vivid color



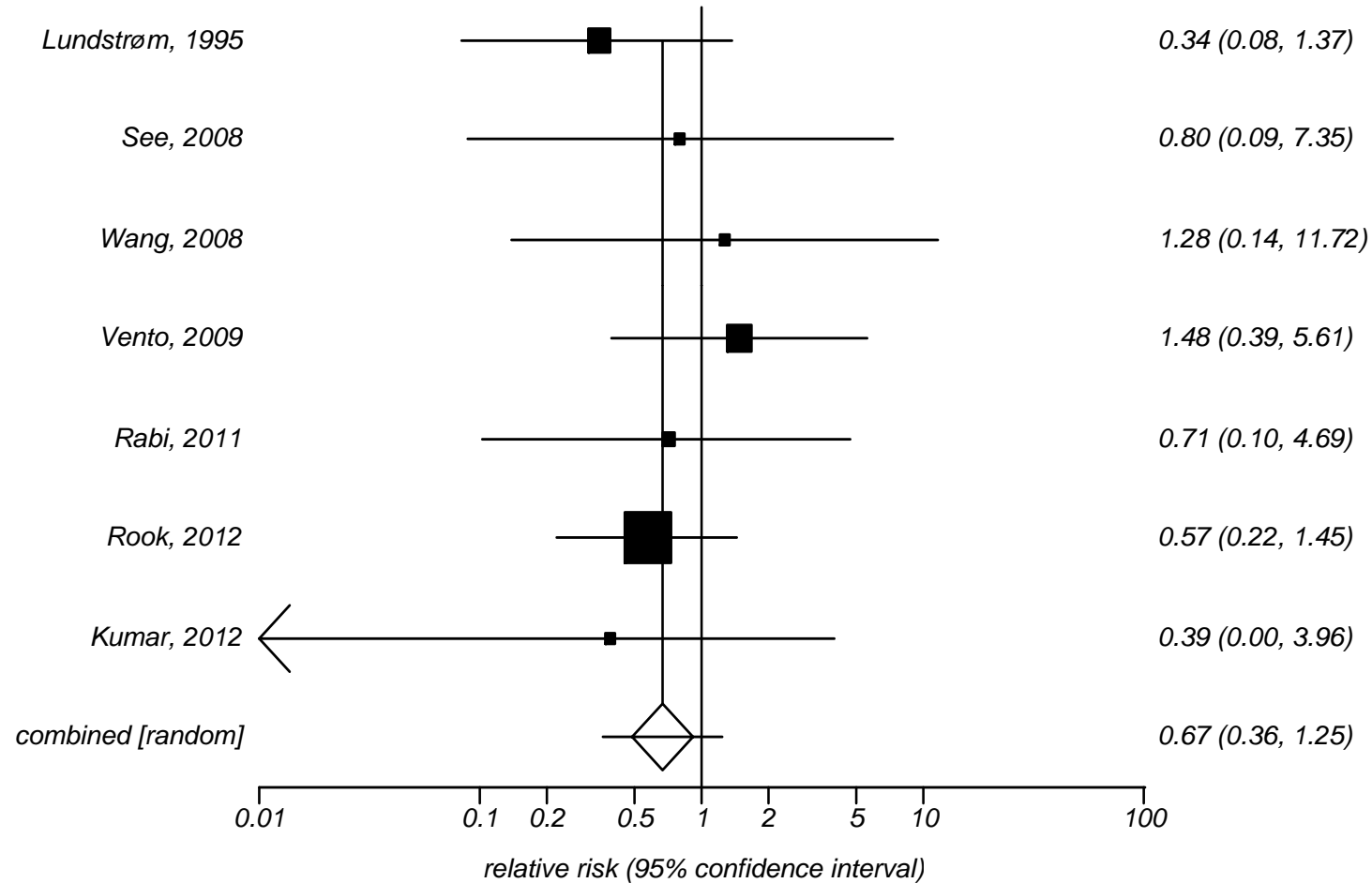
ILCOR 2010: Oxygenation

Treatment Recommendation:

- In term infants receiving resuscitation at birth with positive pressure ventilation,
it is best to begin with air rather than 100% oxygen.
- Because many preterm babies < 32 weeks' gestation will not reach target saturations in air, blended oxygen and air may be given judiciously and ideally guided by pulse oximetry.
- Both hyperoxemia and hypoxemia should be avoided.
- If a blend of oxygen and air is not available, resuscitation of preterm infants should be initiated with air

Mortality in low versus high i FiO₂

Relative risk meta-analysis plot (random effects)

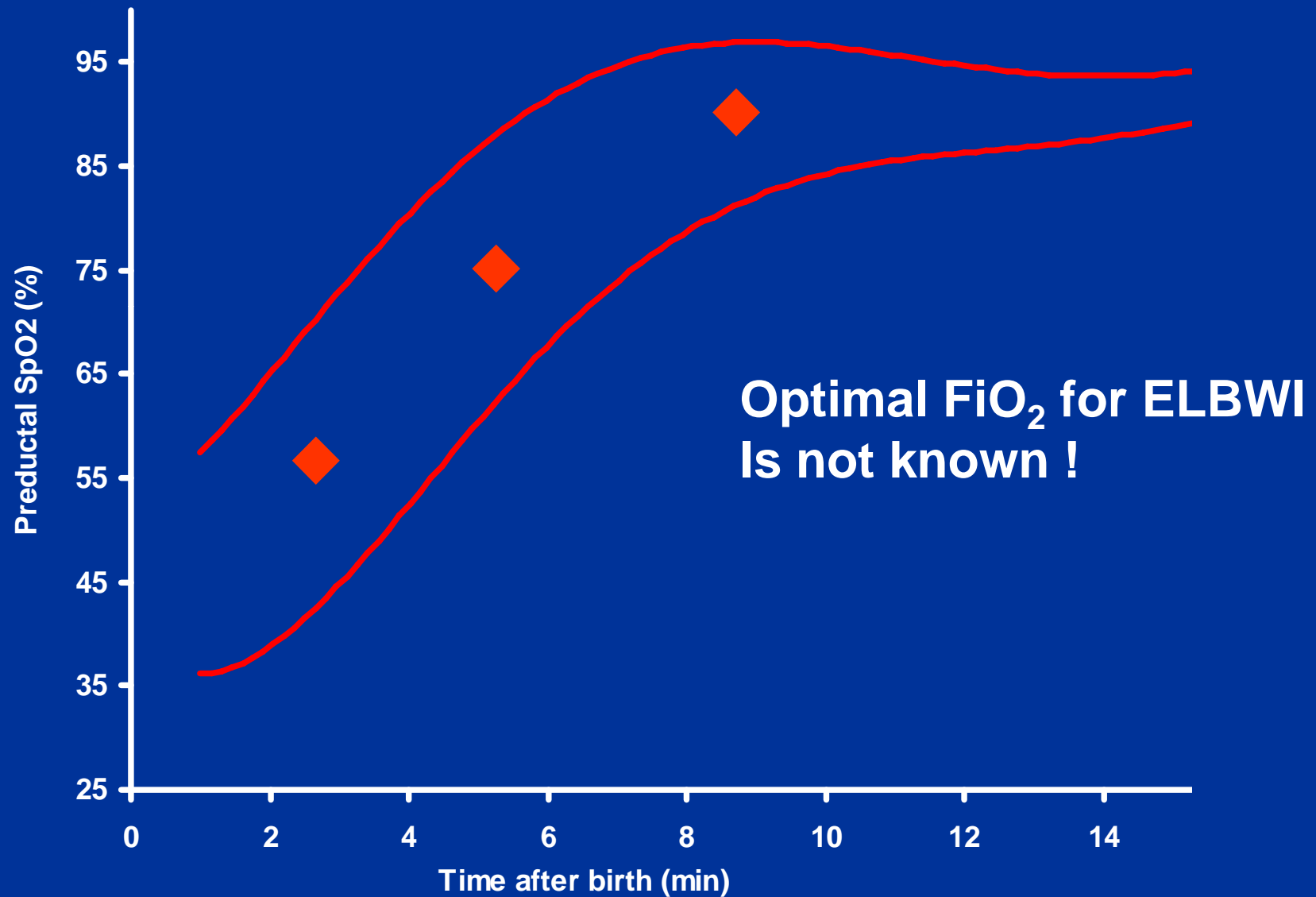


Saugstad, Aune, Finer, Vento submitted

Appropriate use of supplemental oxygen

Obtain a pulse oximetry reading by two minutes of life and continuously monitor the heart rate and oxygen saturation

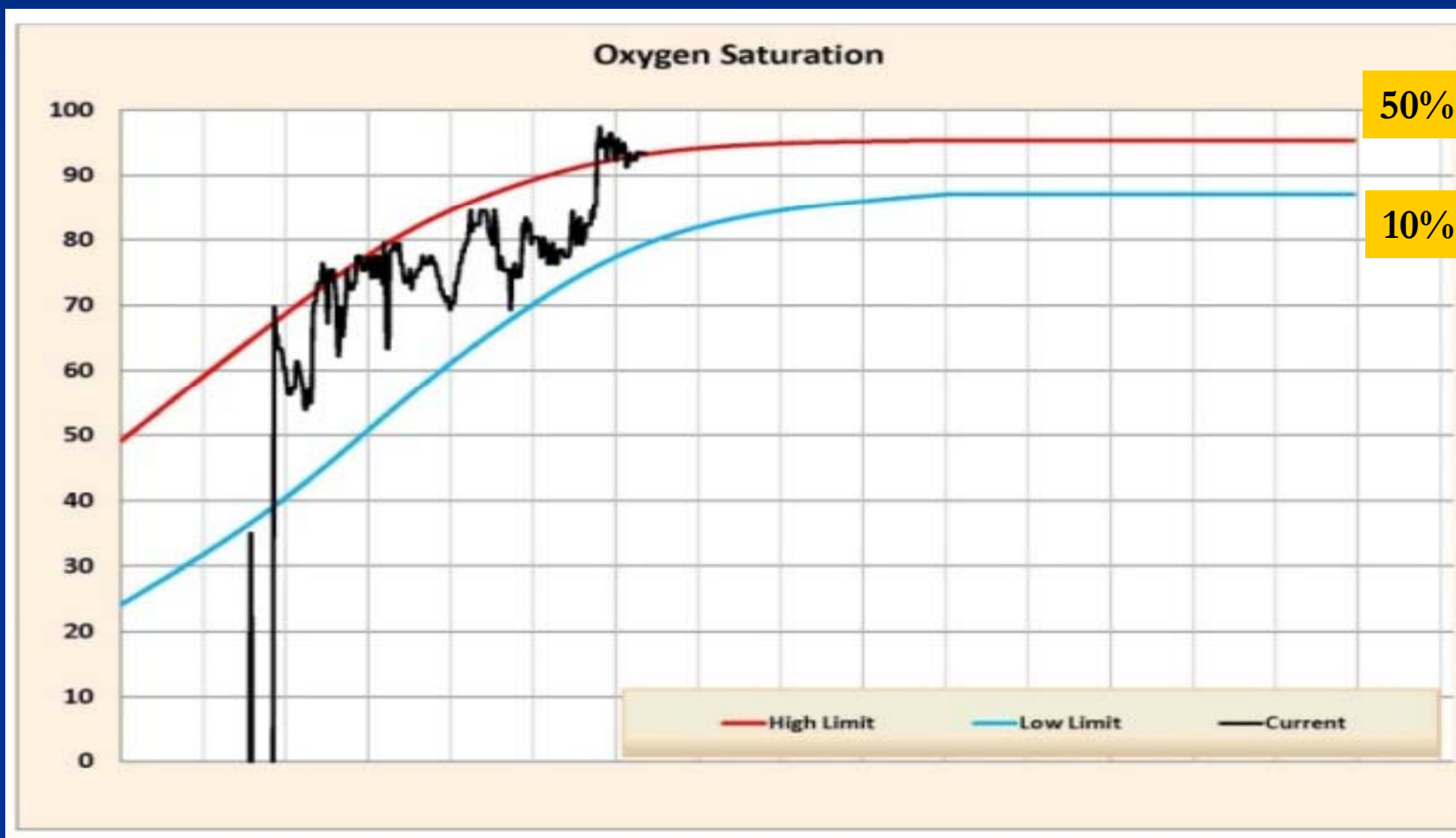
**SpO₂ polynomial adjustment curve in “control” ELBWIs ≤ 28 w GA
(n=29, ± SD)**



Resuscitation of preterm infants < 33 weeks GA:

Start low (21-30% O₂)

Adjust FiO₂ according to preductal SpO₂ allowing to individualize FiO₂ avoiding hyper/hypoxia



Rich W et al ,2011

CPAP for stabilisation

CPAP or Surfactant Vs Surfactant and CPAP



Delivery room management of premature infants

What is the best approach to take in the stabilization of premature infants at high risk of developing respiratory distress syndrome?

- Should we use sustained inflation and/or PEEP?
- Delivery room intubation and prophylactic surfactant administration with continued ventilatory support?
- Delivery room intubation and prophylactic surfactant administration without continued ventilator support?
- Early stabilization on nasal continuous positive airway pressure?

Sustained inflation and PEEP

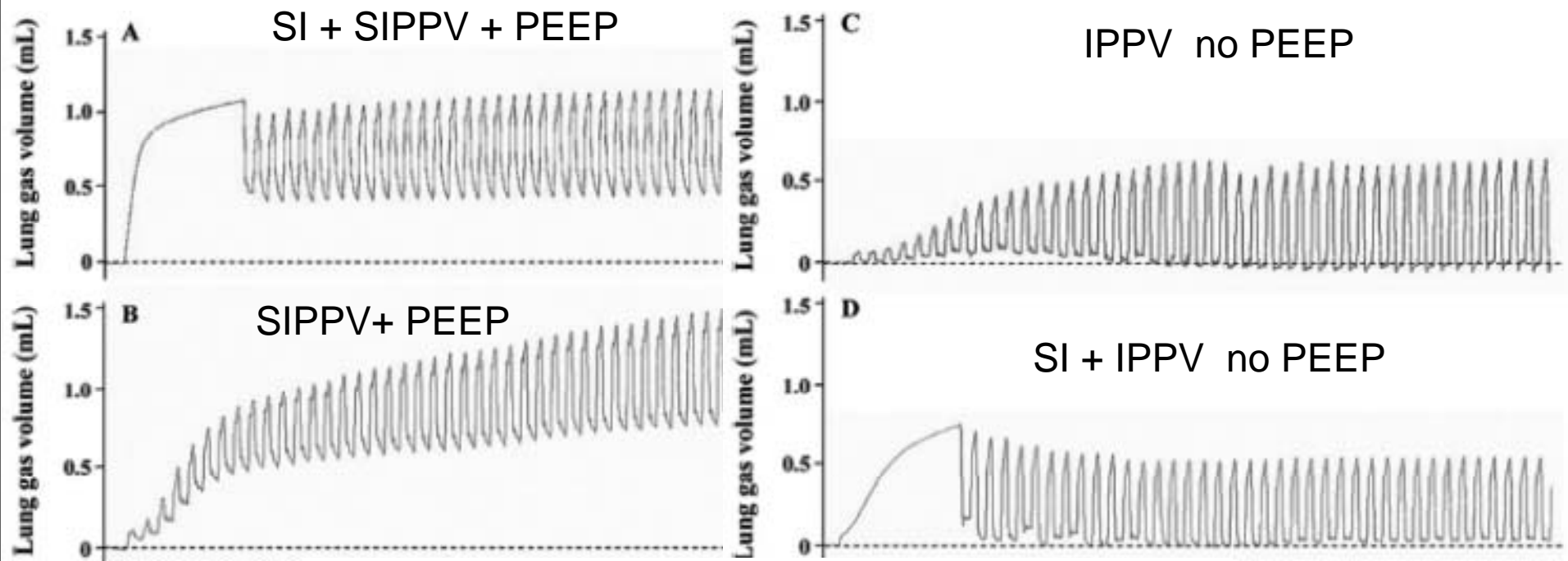


Figure 1. Representative examples of recordings from each group. Change in lung gas volume from birth in anesthetized ventilated preterm rabbit pups using plethysmography. With PEEP (A and B), an end-expiratory gas volume (FRC) was rapidly formed whereas in the absence of PEEP a significant FRC was not formed (C and D).

Te Pas et al. *Pediatr Res* 65: 537-541, 2009

Clinical data are needed

CPAP Vs Prophylactic Surfactant

CURPAP

- 208 babies 25 to 28 weeks' gestation
- Randomised to CPAP alone or surfactant followed by extubation to CPAP within 30 mins
- 78% of babies survived without BPD in both groups
- Suggests that prophylactic surfactant not superior to early CPAP and rescue surfactant

Sandri F, et al

Prophylactic or early selective surfactant combined with nCPAP in very preterm infants.

CURPAP Study Group Pediatrics. 2010 Jun;125(6):e1402-9. Epub 2010 May 3.

SUPPORT

- 1316 babies 24-27 weeks' randomised to intubation and surfactant or CPAP within 1 h

	CPAP	INTUBATE & SURF	P-VALUE
Surfactant	67%	99%	
Vent days	25	28	0.03
Steroids for BPD	7.2%	13.2%	0.001
Death/BPD	48%	51%	0.3

However population in both arms did better than non – recruited eligible babies

Finer et al NEJM 2010

Why avoid Surfactant prophylaxis?

- Surfactant requires intubation
- Often results in babies being “bagged” and mechanical ventilation being used
- Studies showing benefits of prophylaxis was done in an era of low antenatal steroid use and minimal use of CPAP

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Recommendations

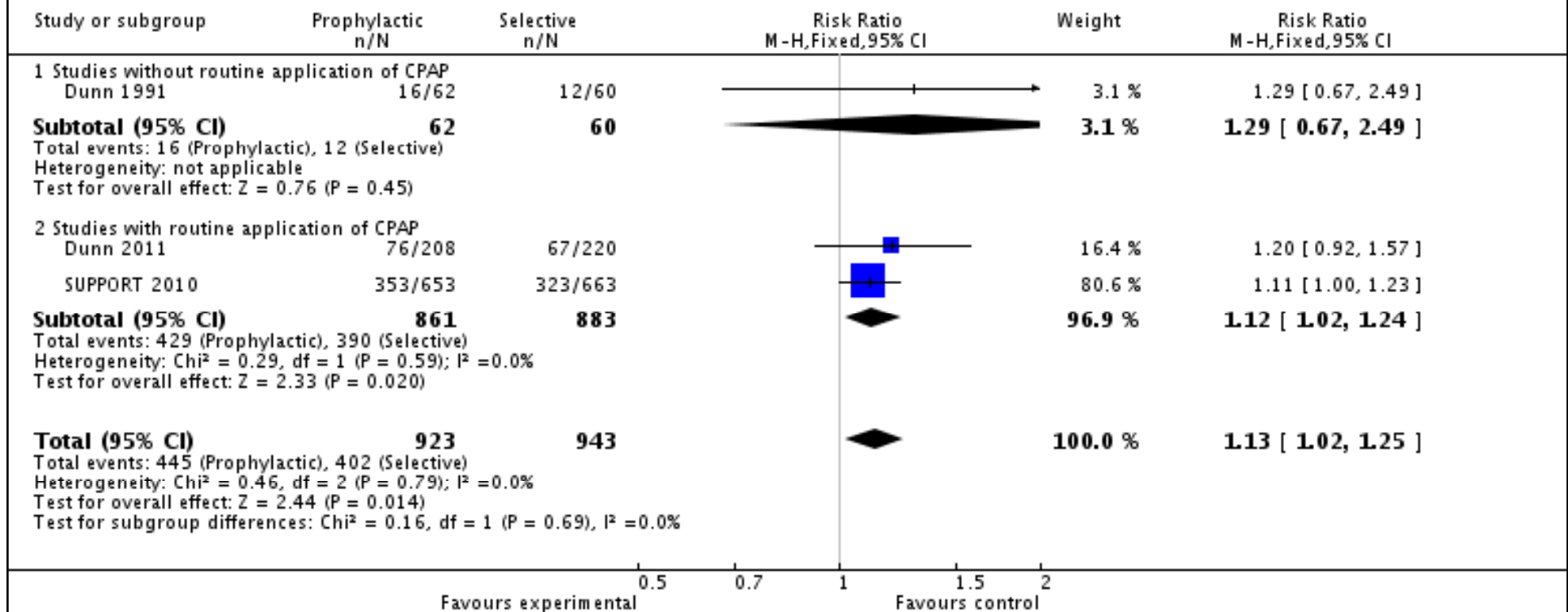
- CPAP should be started from birth in all babies at risk of RDS, such as those < 30 wk's not needing MV, until clinical status can be assessed **(A)**.
- The system delivering CPAP is of little importance. Short binasal prongs should be used rather than a single prong and a pressure of at least 6 cm water should be used **(A)**.
- CPAP with early rescue surfactant should be considered in babies with RDS **(A)**.
- A trial of NIPPV can be considered in babies failing on CPAP, but may not offer any significant long term advantages **(A)**

Cochrane Meta-analysis

surfactant prophylaxis in current CPAP era

Chronic lung disease or death

Review: Prophylactic versus selective use of surfactant in preventing morbidity and mortality in preterm infants
 Comparison: 1 Prophylactic surfactant vs. treatment of established respiratory distress in preterm infants
 Outcome: 6 Chronic lung disease or death



Rojas-Reyes MX Cochrane 2012

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Surfactant Therapy - Recommendations

- Babies with RDS should be given a natural surfactant preparation as early as possible **(A)**.
- A policy of early rescue rather than prophylaxis should be standard, with the caveat that some babies may need “rescue” in the delivery suite **(A)**
- Babies should be treated with rescue surfactant early in the course of disease. Suggested protocol is to treat babies < 26 week's when $\text{FiO}_2 > 30\%$ and > 26 week's when $\text{FiO}_2 > 40\%$ **(B)**.
- Poractant alfa 200 mg/kg is better than 100 mg/kg of poractant or beractant for rescue therapy **(A)**.
- Aim where possible to use INSURE technique **(B)**.
- A 2nd/ 3rd dose should be given if ongoing evidence of RDS such as persistent oxygen or MV need **(A)**.

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Delivery Room Stabilisation – Recommendations

- If possible, delay cord clamping for at least 60 sec **(A)**.
- Oxygen should be controlled with a blender. Use **21-30%** oxygen to start and titrate using pulse oximetry, remembering normal saturations at birth may be 40-60%, reaching 50-80% by 5 min but should be >85% by 10 min. **(B)**.
- If spontaneous breathing, stabilise with CPAP of 5-6 cm water via mask or prongs **(A)**.
- Intubation reserved for babies who have not responded to positive pressure ventilation via a face mask **(A)**. Babies who require intubation should be given surfactant **(A)**.
- Plastic bags under radiant warmers should be used during stabilisation for babies < 28 weeks' to reduce hypothermia **(A)**
- **Babies should be switched to servo-controlled temperature within 10 minutes to avoid overheating (B)**

A gentle approach ?

”Don’t just do something, stand there”

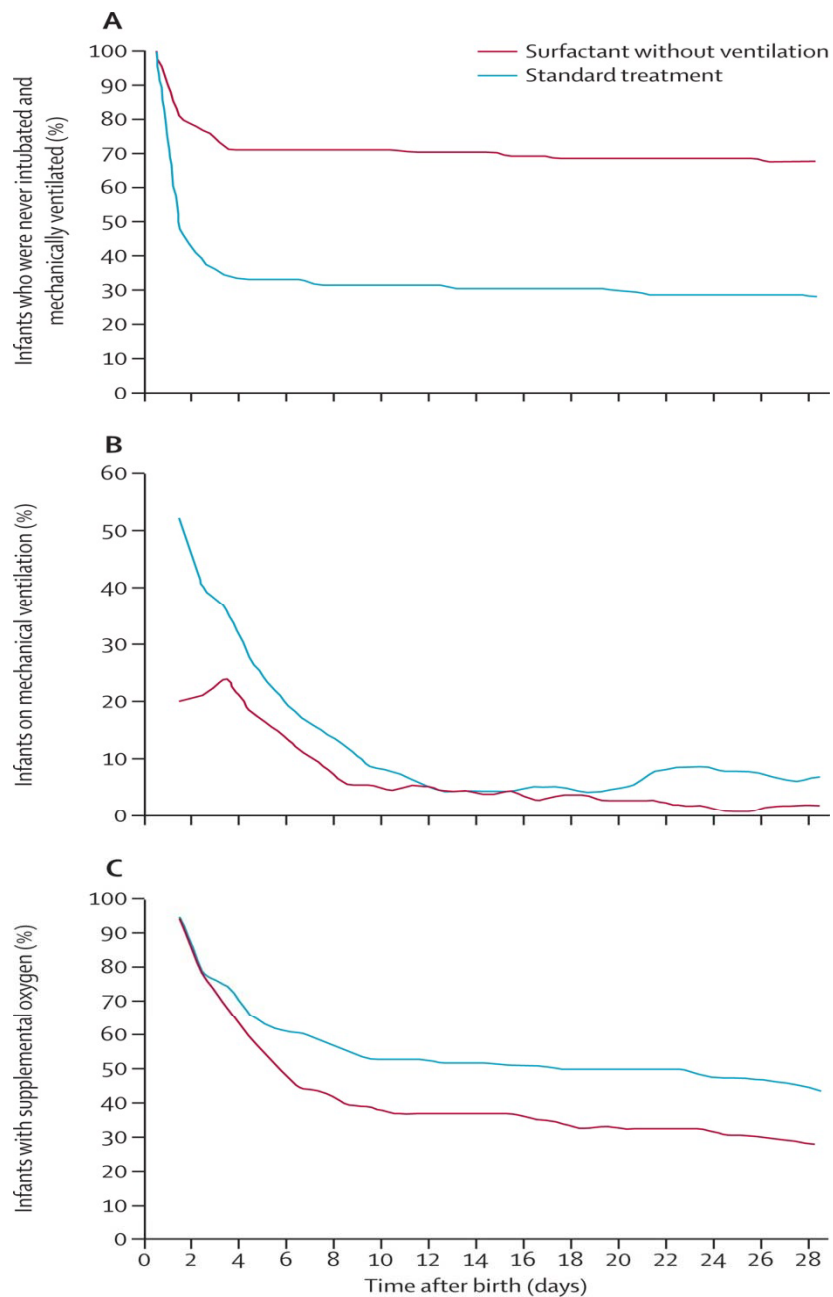
Alan Jobe 2005



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Göpel et al. Lancet 2011

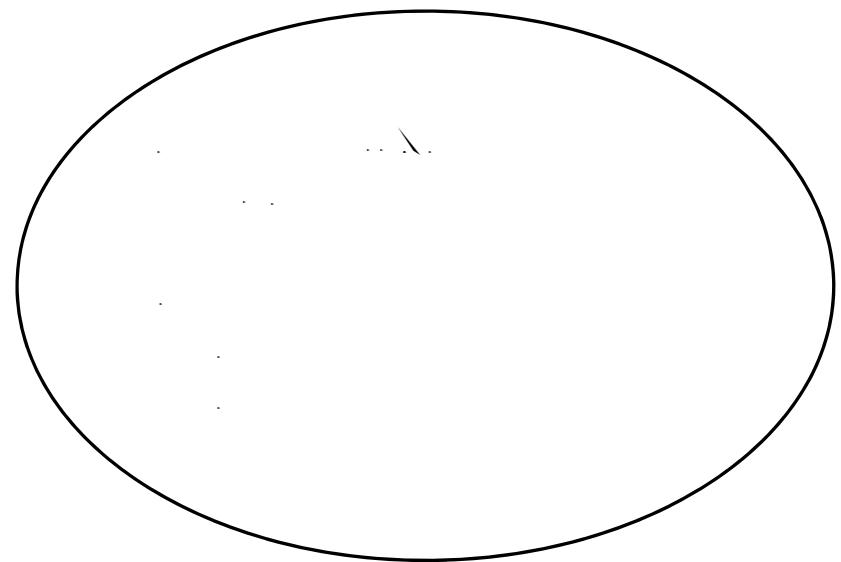


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A. MV during day 2-3 reduced from 46 to 28%, NNT 6

B. Any MV 73 vs 33%

C. O₂ at 28 days 46 vs 30% (no diff 36 w)



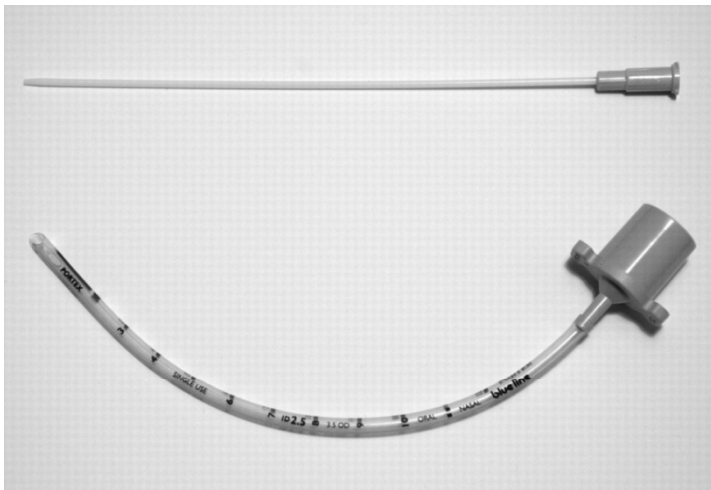
MIST – Minimally Invasive Surfactant Therapy

Dargaville PA et al ADC-FNN, 2010

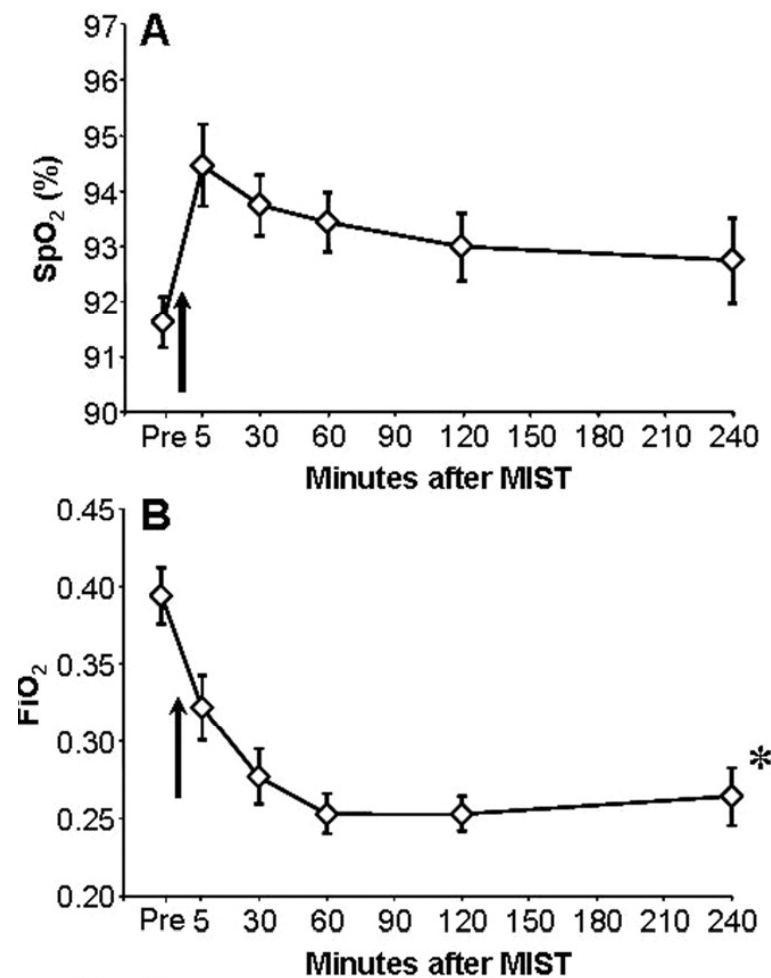


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Feasibility trial, 25 infants, 25 – 34 weeks
Semirigid vascular catheter



- Surfactant successfully administered in all infants
- 2 attempts in 32% (in GA 29-34 weeks 43%)



Conclusions and Summary

- **Stabilisation or resuscitation**

Most newborn are not dead, they need stabilisation

- **Suctioning**

Suctioning is not recommended routinely . Wiping mouth and nose is most often sufficient

- **Cord clamping**

Late cord clamping is recommended wait till after first breath – following birth asphyxia is not known

- **Thermal control**

Thermal control is important – wrap ELGANs into plastic bags

- **Oxygenation**

Term babies: start with 21%. ELGANs Start with 21% or 30%. Do not hyperoxygenate the newborn

- **Early ventilation**

CPAP and then surfactant if needed more efficient than surfactant and then CPAP

- **Gentle Resuscitation**

Needs more research, very promising techniques



Thank you!



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