

When Disaster Strikes: Intraoperative Dilemmas, My Worst Case, and How to Manage ECMO update

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ECMO COVID FOURTH WAVE/DELTA Dilema #1

- 31F 39 weeks pregnant. Presents to OSH in labor on 11/28/21
 - Symptomatic: 11/23
 - COVID positive: 11/26
 - vaccinated
- Emergent c section 11/29 secondary to worsening hypoxemic respiratory failure
- Admitted to ICU post op on HFNC
 - Remdesivir
 - Dexamethasone
 - Тосі



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Patient VU

- Intubated on 12/6
- VDR, iNO at 40
- Sedated, paralyzed, proned
- Cannulated-
- VV ECMO Fem-IJ on 12/6
- 20F fem-flex cannula in the RIJ and a 25F multiport sorin venous cannula



 Transferred to Columbia on 12/9



Patient VU

- At OSH: Flows >6L, Pven -200s, saturations in the mid 90s
- Once at Columbia: Decreased flows to 4.9L, Pven -130s, saturations in the mid to high 80s
- December 15th- patient becomes septic,
 - LDH trending up (1228 from 1150)
 - Increasing pressors
 - Increasing AKI
- Decmber 16th- reconfigured from VV to VVV- addition of 29F drainage cannula via right femoral vein.
- Post reconfiguration- flows increased, saturation up to 100%, Pven -80s

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Stroke

 Decmber 29th- altered mental status and difficulty obtaining a neuro exam. Continuous EEG placedasymmetric slowing

• Head CT with L parietal infarct



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DRESS Syndrome





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PROTEIN, TOTAL	4.3	÷		
ALBUMIN, SERUM/PLASMA	2.0	•		
GLOBULIN	2.3			
BILIRUBIN, TOTAL	1.2			
BILIRUBIN, DIRECT	0.8	^		
BILIRUBIN, INDIRECT	0.4			
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ALT	461	•		
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Off ECMO now in rehab after 73 day ECMO run



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ECMO 2022

• ECMO COVID

- CU experience
- Chicago experience
- World

ECMO Non Covid/ARDS Operative support

- ECMO Infrastructure
 - Team
 - -Q/A
- ECMO Evolution

ECMO FIRST WAVE

ASAIO Journal 2021

Management of COVID-19 Patients

Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation for Coronavirus Disease 2019: Crisis Standards of Care

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ECMO COVID COLUMBIA



Sonett circa march 2020/ ecmo transport

ECMO FIRSt WAVE

Table 1. Demographic Information			
Study Population	n = 22		
Age (years) Male sex	52 (19–68) 18 (82)		
Body mass index (kg/m ²) Comorbidities	28.2 (21.3–55.0)		
Obesity	10 (45.5)		
Diabetes mellitus Hypertension	7 (31.8) 5 (22.7)		
Asthma	4 (18.1)		
Coronary artery disease	1 (4.5)		
Postpartum status	1 (4.5) 7 (31 8)		
SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR positive	22 (100)		

Data are reported as number (%) or median (range). SARS-CoV-2 RT PCR, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction.

Table 2. Pre-ECMO Characteristics			
Study Population	n = 22		
Indications for ECMO* ARDS Cardiogenic shock† Barotrauma	21 (95.4) 7 (31.8) 5 (22.7)		
Admission to cannulation (days) Intubation to cannulation (days) Transport on ECMO	9 (1–23) 3.5 (1–10) 12 (54.5)		
Pre-ECMO conditions Shock Acute kidney injury requiring renal replacement therapyt	22 (100) 10 (45.5)		
Thrombus (intracardiac or pulmonary embolism)§ Pneumothorax/barotrauma Cardiac arrest	6 (27.3) 5 (22.7) 4 (18.2)		
Pre-cannulation ABG Ph PaCO ₂ (mmHg) PaO ₂ :FIO ₂ (mmHg) Pre-ECMO mechanical ventilation	7.23 (7.08–7.38) 67 (36–100) 63 (49–100)		
Respiratory rate (breaths per minute) Tidal volume (ml) PEEP (cm H_2O) FIO ₂ (%) End-inspiratory plateau pressure (cm H_2O) Neuromuscular blocking agent Prone positioning Inhaled nitric oxide Pre-Cannulation Illness Severity Score	34 (18–38) 400 (200–600) 15 (10–20) 100 (80–100) 36 (21–50) 21 (95.5) 8 (36.4) 4 (18.2)		
APACHE II SAPS II	31 (20–36) 67 (43–81)		

ECMO FIRST WAVE

Table 3. ECMO Characteristics

Study Population	n = 22
ECMO configuration	
Venovenous	15 (68.2)
Venoarterial-venous	6 (27.3)
Venoarterial	1 (4.5)
ECMO circuit parameters*	
Blood flow rate (LPM)	4.4 (3–5.6)
Sweep gas flow rate (LPM)	6.4 (3–12)
Complications	
Oxygenator failure (number of patients) Number of oxygenator failures (total)	12 (54.5) 24
Time to oxygenator failure (days)	10 (3-46)

Data are reported as number (%) or median (range).

*Blood flow and sweep gas flow rates 24 hours following ECMO cannulation.

ARDS, acute respiratory distress syndrome; ECMO, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation; LPM, liters per minute.

Table 4. Clinical Outcomes			
Study Population	n = 22		
Survival to Decannulation	16 (72.7) 12 (54 5)		
Hospital discharge	12 (54.5)		
ECMO duration (days) ECMO duration of survivors (days)* Complications	24.5 (7–74) 23 (7–74)		
Bleeding requiring transfusion	13 (59.1) 12 (54.5)		
Pneumothorax Hemolysis	5 (22.7)		
Cerebrovascular accident Cannula site infection	2 (9.1) 1 (4.5)		

Data are reported as number (%) or median (range). *Patients surviving to ECMO decannulation.

ECMO, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation; ICU, intensive care unit.

Most up to date is over 40 patients with 60 percent survival to discharge.

Finish Line: Mile 26.2

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Special Issue of Invited Presentations: Adult: Mechanical Circulatory Support: Invited Expert Opinions

Tatooles et al

Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation with right ventricular support in COVID-19 patients with severe acute respiratory distress syndrome

Antone J. Tatooles, MD, Asif K. Mustafa, MD, PhD, Devang J. Joshi, MD, and Pat S. Pappas, MD

	Video	clip	is	available	online.
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Mustafa AK, Alexander PJ, Joshi DJ, Tabachnick DR, Cross CA, Pappas PS, et al. Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation for patients with COVID-19 in se-vere respiratory failure. JAMA Surg. 2020;155:990-2

FIRST 40 patients survival to discharge 82%

MECHANICAL VENT LESS THAN 2 WEEKS

RA_PA support Aggressive Extubation Aggressive Anticoagulaiton

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136/140 patients who have completed their hospital course 75% were extubated from the ventilator

67% decannulated from ECMO and discharged alive.

The average time for mechanical ventilation was 23.5 days +/- 5 ECMO was 48.4 +/- 4.9 days.

> The average age was 46.9 years; The average body mass index (BMI) was 34.3

Tracheostomy in only 13% of patients.

ECMO Covid/world

Review Article

ECMO in COVID-19 Patients: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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ECMO COVID Survival 61 Percent

consistent with previous prospective studies of covid ards EOLIA ANS CESAR

ECMO 2022 Prevailing Thoughts



Ambulation





RIGHT FEMORAL VENOUS CANULATION



Dilemma



2 Year old presents to Emergency room with coin lodged in esophagous

Case presentation



Pediatric Esophageal Foreign body extraction device was used to attempt to remove coin



Case presentation

Coin in Place

Blood tinged sputum Rapid subcutaneous emphysema neck, chest , abdomen

Intubated in ER

Brought to Operating Room Rigid Esophagoscope used to remove Bronch Revealed tracheal laceration

In PICU decompensation Bilateral Pneumothorax Difficulty ventilating Repeat bronch ,complete separation of membranous airway trachea to rul



ECMO and You

A 19F double lumen cannula was placed via Seldinger technique into the right internal jugular vein under ultrasound guidance and position in the right atrium confirmed with fluoroscopy.



ECMO Beyond ARDS

- TRANSPLANT
 - 10 percent of transplant in US ARE BRIDGED with ECMO
 - ECMO support during and post transplant now "routine"
 - Prophylactic ?
- Status Asthmaticus
- Pregnancy support
 Safe Pre and Post
- OR Support
 - Airway surgery

Tracheal injury during extraction of an esophageal foreign body: Repair utilizing venovenous ECMO



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Extracorporeal lung support for tracheoesophageal fistula surgical repair with free flap

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Bronchoscopy-guided intervention therapy with extracorporeal membrane oxygenation support for advanced cancer metastasis to the central airway A case report

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Article

Multivariate Analysis of Risk Factor for Mortality and Feasibility of Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation in High-Risk Thoracic Surgery Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation in pregnancy: a bridge to delivery and pulmonary recovery for COVID-19-related severe respiratory failure

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Extracorporeal Carbon Dioxide Removal in the Treatment of Status Asthmaticus

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Intraoperative support with venovenous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation for complex thoracic oncologic resection

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Intraoperative veno-venous extracorporeal lung support in thoracic surgery: a single-centre experience[†]

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Extracorporeal support in airway surgery

Konrad Hoetzenecker¹, Walter Klepetko¹, Shaf Keshavjee², Marcelo Cypel²

Conclusions

In the vast majority of cases, airway surgery can be safely performed by experienced teams without the need for ECLS. However, there are instances where airway control is predictably very difficult or near impossible, or where loss of airway control can suddenly occur. ECLS is an important tool in the armamentarium of the thoracic surgeon to facilitate extended airway surgery or endoscopic airway manipulation in critical obstructions.

J Thorac Dis 2017;9(7):2108-2117

ECMO INTRA-OP

- Veno Venous
 - FEM IJ
 - Fem-Fem
- High flow low Heperan
 - 3000 bolus to canulate
 - No further anticoagulation

ECMO QUALITY



Isn't Limb as Precious as Life ...

ALWAYS MONITER DISTAL PERFUSION WITH NIR DISTAL PERFUSION CATH IF COMPROMISED

new on the ECMO horizon Equipment

- New Cannulas- multiport peripheral cannulas made from Elaston (less thrombogenic), longer insertion lengths
- New dual lumen VV cannula options
- New vascular access devices- offers bidirectional flow (to reduce limb ischemia and distal perfusion insertion)
- New circuitry with different coatings to prevent thrombosis are on the horizon
- New circuits with smaller priming volumes
- New flow dynamics. Moving to more cylinder shaped oxygenators to prevent stasis
- multiple flow probes for measuring flows in multiple lines on hybrid ECMO or with distal perfusion lines.
- New Digital oxygenator blenders here and more to come in the future.

new on the ECMO horizon AI/QI?/Safety/Learning

Remote monitoring

- collecting real time data and displayed in a useful way for the clinician.
- Dashboards can be used displaying certain parameters
 - to be monitored to watch trends and real time values for anticoagulation, labs, ECMO parameters such as RPM, blood flow, circuit pressures and circuit saturations.
- Artificial intelligence with smart coupling of alarms t
 - Alert the clinician that something is happening and try to catch the event early. For example, if the cvp increases a %, arterial blood pressure decreases %, HR increases, circuit negative pressure increases- could alert the clinician that there is a possible tamponade physiology.

<u>Troubleshooting decision trees</u>

- in electronic format that can help the bedside clinican to troubleshoot certain conditions.
- Oxygenator health critical scoring-
 - to help guide the clinician and monitor oxygenator performance







Remote Monitoring

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Institutional ECMO Quality

- Pediatric ECMO
- Adult Pulmonary ECMO
 - Non-Transplant'
 - Transplant
- Cardiac ECMO

MICU: Pulmonary ECMO/Bridge to Transplant CTICU: Post Transplant/Cardiac NP's Beside Perfusion Supervision

EMCO PROGRAM "CLIFF NOTES FOR TEAM"

	V-V ECMO	V-A ECMO		
Purpose	Lung Support	Heart & Lung Support		
Cannulation Site	Femoral Vein & Internal Jugular Dual Lumen Internal Jugular	Femoral Vein & Femoral Artery Internal Jugular & Axillary Artery Right Atrium & Aorta Internal Jugular & Carotid Artery		
Types of patients	Cystic Fibrosis ARDS Bridge to Lung Transplant	Cardiac Arrest Failure to wean off bypass Post Heart Transplant Acute MI		
Weaning	Wean FiO2 Wean Sweep Turn off Sweep	Wean Flow		
Problems	If patient pO2 is low despite maxing out vent settings, may need to add an extra arterial line, converting to V-A-V ECMO If need higher flow, may add an extra venous line to increase drainage	For fem-fem patients, if heart is ejecting and patient pO2 is low despite maxing out vent settings, may need to add an extra venous line, converting to V-A-V ECMO		



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Membrane Lung Dysfunction Lecture

LV distension on ECMO



Cardiovascular Pharmacology

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Surgical Approaches to PA HTN

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PHTN ECMO MODEL



ECMO Quality

#encrypt #phi ECMO Complications/Events



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Sat 2/5/2022 1:12 AM

To: Fung, Kenmond; Mullin, Dana Apsel; Kirtane, Ajay J.; Agerstrand, Cara L.; Berman-Rosenzweig, Erika S. +23 others

Date Name Location Complication Per							
2022-02-04 12:46:03		KIMBERLY KUDLO	MICU 230	Oxygenator Failure - Oxy Change Out - Gas Exchange Impairment			
2022-02-01 07:00:00		Baby boy Kelly	9 North - 923	Oygenator Failure - Oxy Change Out - Thrombus/ Increase Delta Pressure			
2022-01-27 00:33:12		VICTORIA URGO	MICU 228	Oxygen Delivery Failure - Gas Line Disconnect			
2022-01-25 09:52:41		VICTORIA URGO	MICU 228	Circuit Thrombosis - Clots: Tubing Most fibrin located along drainage 25; some fibrin on drainage 29 near Y			
2022-01-25 00:01:00		VICTORIA URGO	MICU 228	Circuit Thrombosis - Clots: Pump Head			
2022-01-18 11:03:44		VICTORIA URGO	MICU 228	Oxygenator Failure - Oxy Change Out - Thrombus / Increase Delta Pressure			
2022-01-17 15:20:00		RAIZY FLOHR	9 Central - 903	Oygenator Failure - Oxy Change Out - Thrombus/ Increase Delta Pressure			
2022-01-15 20:13:37		KIMBERLY KUDLO	MICU 230	Patient Event - Pneumothorax			
2022-01-12 07:11:50		PATRICIA SCALISE	CTICU 8	Circuit Thrombosis - Clots Pre-pigtail			
2022-01-08 13:51:38		KIMBERLY KUDLO	MICU 230	Oxygenator Failure - Oxy Change Out - Thrombus / Increase Delta Pressure			
2022-01-06 05:59:00		ANTHONY MENDOZA	9 Tower - 906	Oygenator Failure - Oxy Change Out - Thrombus/ Increase Delta Pressure			
2022-01-02 07:34:21		KIMBERLY KUDLO	MICU 230	Circuit Thrombosis - Clots: Other Post oxy 3, 9, 12 o'clock			
2021-12-21 11.26.14		VICTORIA URGO	MICU 228	Circuit Thrombosis - Clots: Other Hemolysis			
2021-1_Screenshot		GINA WELLS	CTICU 2	Circuit Thrombosis - Clots: Post-pigtail			

ECMO



- ECMO now commonly used at a diversity of Institutions
- New compact and "packaged" units will continue to Evolve to expand "entry"
- Growing comfort and decreased morbidity enable ECMO as an operative tool
- Institutional guidelines, Q/A, teaching will be critical to uniform results and safety

ECMO Revolution and Corona Virus slide circa 2020

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Pandemic Resource Allocation



Less than 70 years old Intubated less than 7 days

Lesson learned time, time, time

Rationale is different for each disease



Patients appropriate for extubation

- ✓ Awake
- ✓ Cooperative
- ✓ Good cough
- ✓ Medically appropriate
- ✓ Room on oxygenation
- ✓ Able to control tachypnea with sweep
- ✓ Consider risk of ECMO vs. MV removal
 - Bleeding / coagulopathy



Bilvalrudin vs. Heparin?

No RCTs exist 3 retrospective observational studies

58 patients - 40 bilvalrudin vs. 18 heparin

Heparin had more aPTT variation (26% vs. 11%, p<0.001) Bleeding (NS) pRBC transfusions (NS) Mortality (NS)

Sanfilippo F, et al. J Intensive Care Med, 2017

Modern ECMO Experience

Low-dose anticoagulation protocol is favored

aPTT 40-	Occlusive DVT 11.8%	
Variables	Median (IQR) (N = 38)	No circuit
Hemoglobin, g/dL pRBCs transfused	8.2 (7.9–8.7)	changed
Total per patient		
Units	1 (0–3)	
Volume, mL	250 (0-750)-300 (0-900)	
Per day of ECMO support		
Units	0.11 (0-0.33)	
Volume, mL	27.8 (0-83.3)-33.3 (0-100)	
aPTT, s	46.5 (40.8–50.8)	

HELP-ECMO Ultra-low level anticoagulation?

31 patient RCT, unblinded 22 VV / 9 VA aPTT 50-70s vs. <45s

ECMO duration: 9 days

NO difference in thrombotic or bleeding complications

McQuilten Z, et al. Blood J, 2016

Right parameter to monitor? PTT/Xa/TEG

No consensus in monitoring parameter or target ranges

Significant areas of uncertainty and variations in practice

ECMO /Beyond ARDS Lung Transplant

- Lung Transplant
 - ECMO vs CPB
 - ECMO Bridge to Transplant now routine
 - Ambulation and extubation key
 - Currently 10 Percent of US Transplants
- ECMO in Lung Transplant

no support 🕨

Support as needed ► "Prophylactic" PHTN All Columbia Experience using ECMO as a Bridge to Lung Transplantation

72 Patients 2007-2016

LAS 91.2

VV 45 (62.5) VA 23 (31.9) VVA 3 (4.2) Central 1 (1.4) Post-transplant Survival 1-year 90% 2-year 84%

50 (69.4%) ambulated

Biscotti, et al. Ann Thorac Surg 2017

Dilemma ECMO and ECMO Transport Pandemic

- ECMO Call Center
- ECMO Medical Attending/NP
- ECMO Team
 - 24/7 zoom discussion
 - Medical assessment and decision making
- Nursing Capability Triage
- Hospital Capability Triage

Old Slides



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Biomarker Multiplex Immunoassay in Covid-19 Patients Requiring Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO)

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Methods

- Clinical Data
 - Retrospective cohort study including all SARS-CoV-2 positive patients with refractory respiratory failure cannulated to ECMO from March 1st, 2020 through June 1st, 2021
- Primary outcome: In-hospital mortality
- Secondary outcomes: Demographics, hospital and ECMO course, laboratory values
- Biomarker Multiplex Immunoassay
 - Blood was collected near time of cannulation (within 24hrs) centrifuged and stored at -80C for future analysis
 - Cytokines in human serum samples were measured using Human XL Cytokine Premixed Kit (R&D Systems, MN) and the Luminex 200 platform (Luminex Corp, Austin, TX)
- R Project for Statistical Computing (Vienna, Austria) was used for statistical analysis

Background Methods		Results	Discuss
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Figure 1



Figure 2



Conclusions

Among patients with Covid-19 critical illness with refractory respiratory failure requiring ECMO support, higher IL-6 and lower CCL5 (RANTES) cytokine levels at time of cannulation were associated with improved survival.



ECMO 2020 First Wave

History of Present Illness:

HISTORY / 24 HOUR EVENTS: 53 yo male with no significant past medical history presented to Lawrence Hospital on 3/31 with fever/cough/ SOB found to be COVID positive and hypoxic requiring NRB ultimately requiring intubation on 4/4 now s/p VV ECMO cannulation and transferring to MICU for acute hypoxic respiratory failure/ARDS 2/2 to COVID.

Mr Teodulo was admitted to the floor initially for hypoxia requiring NRB with increasing 02 requirements. He started on 4/4 he was intubated for progressive hypoxia and tachypnea and was transferred to OSH CCU. He had refractory hypoxia requiring paralysis ultimately proned on 4/7 for 12 hours for a P/F < 150. He remained hypoxic with sats in the low 80's and when supine had worsening hypotension with increased pressor requirements. He was on phenylephrine and vasopressin. Gave 20 mg Lasix w 100 cc urine output. He completed a five day course of azithromycin and hydroxychloroquine. Prior to cannulation pH 7.16/82/58, sats in 70's, phenylephrine @ 300, vasopressin @ 6. He was cannulated to VV ECMO with abg 7.37/39/137 ACVC 20/350/50%/18. Tidal volumes further decreased to 300 and RR to 15 with ECMO flows at 3 and sweep 3. OSH labs notable for Cr. 1.18 (0.72), TG 556, WBC 11.7, Fibrinogen >1000, Ddimer 1151, LDH 881.

MICUA: Pt arrived to MICUA on VV ECMO on vasopressin @ 2.4 and phenylephrine @ 150. Paralysis off. Propofol to Versed d/t triglyceride>500. Vent adjusted: 10/280/50%/15.

Operative Report

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Date of Surgery: 4/8/2020

Preoperative Diagnosis: Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) due to severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)

Postoperative Diagnosis: Same as preoperative diagnosis

Procedure: Veno-venous Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) Cannulation

Surgeon(s): Philippe Lemaitre, MD, PhD

Assistants: Richard DuBois, MD

Anesthesia: General anesthesia

Drainage Cannulation: 25Fr RFV multiport

Reinfusion Cannulation: 20Fr LIJ EOPA



ECMO Surgical Fellow Progress Note

Diagnosis: ARDS/COVID19 Cannulation Date: 4/8/2020 Days on ECMO: 31 Configuration: VV (25Fr RFV muliport --> 20Fr LIJ EOPA)

24 hour events:

- TV improved despite being 1L positive



ECMO Surgical Fellow Progress Note

Diagnosis: ARDS/COVID19 Cannulation Date: 4/8/2020 Days on ECMO: 43 Configuration: VV (25Fr RFV muliport --> 20Fr LIJ EOPA)



ECMO Surgery Progress Note

Diagnosis: ARDS/COVID19 Cannulation Date: 4/8/2020 Days on ECMO: 58 Configuration: VV (25Fr RFV muliport --> 20Fr LIJ EOPA)

24 hour events:

-sweep weaned to 1 -RR remains in 30s -may trial off sweep today

Vitals:



MICU Attending Progress Note

Hospital Admit Date: 4/8/2020 3:32 PM ICU Length of Stay: 72d 21h 10m ICU Indication: COVID ARDS

Isolation: Droplet, Contact, Klebsiella aerogenes (MDR), COVID-19

24hr/Interval Events:

-Off pressors

- Oxygenator swapped out yesterday for poor post-oxygentor gas indicating that it was failing
- Weaning sweep
- On minimal sedation this morning his pupils were ~7 mm in diameter round but not reactive to light on my exam
- given that he is on anticoagulation and aware of the complexity of his care the decision was made to send him for a non-contrast CT head
- He had a CT head showing a 1.6 x 1.1 x 1.1 cm acute intraparenchymal hemmorhage

- In the process of getting the head CT and transferring from head CT gurney to transport stretcher L IJ ECMO drainage canula was dislodged. This was noted immediately, canula were clamped, pressure was held at the L IJ and team was called including myself, fellow, CT surgery, anesthesia.

- In this setting patient lost approximately 500 cc blood, he was stabilized and returned to the MICU.

- Given the intraparenchymal hemmorhage and the requirement for anticoagulation with ECMO, the ECMO team has limited enthusiasm for putting him back on circuit but would rather prefer to manage him on the vent.


Milstien Hospitalist Attending Progress Note

Interval Events:

Had a haircut today Sat comfortably in chair, able to return to bed with assistance Extensive discussion with patient, wife, daughter re: post-discharge care

Medications:

Medications



5 months in hospital Discharge day







NewYork-Presbyterian Columbia University Irving Medical Center



ECMO 2022



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The Lancet · Saturday 12 August 1967

ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS IN ADULTS

Case	Respiratory support	Frequency (min. ⁻¹)	$\dot{V}_{E}(l./min.)$	Sao.	PiO ₂ PaO ₂ gradient (mm. Hg)	P _a co _s (mm. Hg)	pH	Compliance (l./cm. water)
1	Nasal oxygen (8 1./min.)	40	16.0	85		45.0	7.360	0.016
2	Bennett respirator (P.R.L.) (100% oxygen)	28	16.8	72		62.0	7.245	0.016
3	Bennett respirator (P.B.I.) (100% oxygen)	48		78		40.0	7.410	
4	Bennett respirator (P.R.I.) (100% oxygen)	48		73		47.0	7.330	
5	Engstrom respirator (70% oxygen)	48	8.0	85		63.0	7.270	
6	Room air	36	14.4	84.4		37.0	7.338	0.017
7	Oxygen mask (3 1./min.)	64		79		22.0	7.420	
8	Room air	44	20.0	41.	536	29.5	7.395	0.009
_					(100% oxygen)			
9	Bennett respirator (vol.) (80% oxygen)	20	8-0	84	320	57.5	7.270	0.016
_					(100% oxygen)			
10	Nasal oxygen (7 l./min.)	48	48.0	87	(, g ,	30.5	7.420	0.019
11	Bennett respirator (P.R.L.) (40% oxygen)	36	25.2	74		29.5	7.480	0.017
12	Bennett respirator (P.R.L) (40% oxygen)	34	12.8	72	220	30-0	7.450	0.013
					(100% oxygen)			
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TABLE II----RESPIRATORY DATA

In view of the similar response of the lung to a variety of stimuli, a common mechanism of injury may be postulated. The loss of lung compliance, refractory cyanosis, and microscopic atelectasis point to alveolar instability as a likely source of trouble. The inability to Microscopic appearance of the lungs was consistent in the 5 patients who died early in the course of the illness. Striking features were hyperæmia, dilated engorged capillaries, and areas of alveolar atelectasis (fig. 3). Interstitial and intra-alveolar hæmorrhage and œdema were also common (fig. 4). Alveolar macrophages were numerous. A striking finding was the presence of hyaline membranes

MEDICAL PROGRESS

ACUTE RESPIRATORY FAILURE IN THE ADULT (Third of Three Parts)

H. PONTOPPIDAN, M.D., B. GEFFIN, M.D., AND E. LOWENSTEIN, M.D.

Patient	Ventilation Mode	Minute Ventilation (L/min)	Tidal Volume (L)ª	PEEP (cm H ₂ O)	Auto-PEEP (cm H ₂ O)	Peak Inspiratory Pressure (cm H ₂ O)	Mean Airway Pressure $(cm H_2O)$
1	SIMV/AC	14/21	0.8/0.8	15/15	NA	70/67	30/33
2	AC/SIMV	24/27	1/0.85	5/15	17/20	56/60	34/30
3	SIMV/SIMV	13/11	0.75/0.75	5/5	NA	67/77	16/16
4	SIMV/SIMV	10/11	0.8/0.8	7/10	NA	65/75	NA
5	SIMV ^b	21	0.6	15	14	80	38
6	SIMV/SIMV	15/12	0.95/0.95	15/10	0/0	54/54	19/17
7	SIMV/SIMV	11/16	0.9/1	10/15	NA	53/47	26/24
8	AC/AC	23/22	0.75/0.75	12/15	NA	55/57	26/28
9	AC/AC	11/11	0.6	12/12	NA	52/55	24/32
10	AC/AC	17/17	0.7	20/16	NA	75/50	NA
11	NAC						
12	SIMV/SIMV	9/6	1/1	5/5	0/0	32/28	15/9
13	AC/AC	12/9	0.38/0.38	14/14	NA	80/80	30/28

PROLONGED EXTRACORPOREAL OXYGENATION FOR ACUTE POST-TRAUMATIC RESPIRATORY FAILURE (SHOCK-LUNG SYNDROME)

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Hill JD, Bramson M. NEJM, 1972 Photo courtesy of Robert Bartlett, MD

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Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation in Severe Acute Respiratory Failure

A Randomized Prospective Study

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NHLBI-sponsored prospective RCT Conventional MV alone vs. ECMO with MV

90 patients P:F < 50 9 centers

Zapol WM, et al. JAMA 1979

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(JAMA 242:2193-2196, 1979)

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Limitations

✓ Minimal ECMO experience \checkmark VA configuration ✓ Early ECMO technology ✓ High levels of anticoagulation ✓ Fixed 5d run ✓ Injurious MV strategies

(JAMA 242:2193-2196, 1979)

Modern VV Era



Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation for 2009 Influenza A(H1N1) Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

The Australia and New Zealand Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ANZ ECMO)

JAMA. 2009;302(17):1888-1895

15 ICUs in Australia & New Zealand ECMO for H1N1-associated ARDS

68 patients Median age 34 Median P:F 56

Observational

Davies A, et al. JAMA 2009 Davies A, et al JAMA 2010

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ELSO Registry Data

67% survival H1N1 68 patients Median age 34 Median P:F 56

75% Survival with ECMO

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Limitations

- ✓ Retrospective
- ✓ Observational
- ✓ No control
- ✓ Young patients with H1N1 influenza

CESAR Trial

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RCT 180 adults (18-65y) Severe respiratory failure Murray score > 3 or pH < 7.2 Efficacy and economic assessment of conventional ventilatory support versus extracorporeal membrane oxygenation for severe adult respiratory failure (CESAR): a multicentre randomised controlled trial

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Disorder leading to study entry			
Hypoxia†	85 (94%)	87 (97%)	
Murray score	3.5 (0.6)	3.4 (0.3)	
PaO ₂ /FiO ₂ (mm Hg ⁻¹)	75·9 (29·5)	75.0 (35.7)	
Positive end-expiratory pressure (cm H₂O)	13·7 (9.6)	14-2 (9-4)	
Lung compliance (mL/cm H ₂ O)	27.4 (12.2)	25·3 (8·0)	
Chest radiograph (quadrants infiltrated)	3.5 (0.7)	3 . 7 (0.6)	
Uncompensated hypercapnoea†	5 (6%)	3 (3%)	
рН	7·1 (0·1)	7.1(0.1)	

6-month survival



Figure 2: Kaplan-Meier survival estimates

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Limitations

✓ No MV protocol in control group

- Any LTVV: 90% vs. 70% (p=<0.001)
- Days at LTVV: 23 vs. 15 days (p=<0.001)

✓ Not all patients received ECMO

• 19% of patients in ECMO arm did not receive ECMO

✓ No transport on ECMO

• 6% of patients in ECMO arm died during transport

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CESAR Conclusion

Referral to an ECMO center improves outcomes as part of a standard management protocol for patients with severe ARDS

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Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation for Severe Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

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EOLIA

Multinational RCT Adults with very severe ARDS Intubated <7 days

n=249

Combes A, et al. NEJM, 2018



- Lung protective ventilation
 - VT 6 cc/kg IBW
 - Pplat 28-30 cmH_2O
- iNO, proning, paralysis

- Ultra lung protective ventilation
 - RR 10-30
 - − PEEP \geq 10 cm H₂O
 - FIO₂ 30-60%
 - − Pplat \leq 24 cm H₂O

Inclusion criteria for EOLIA

✓ Diagnosis of ARDS

✓ Intubated <7 days

ABG criteria

- PaO_2 : FIO₂ < 80 for 6 hours
- PaO_2 : FIO₂ < 50 for 3 hours
- pH <7.25 with $PaCO_2 \ge 60 \text{ mmHg}$

for 6 hours with RR of 35 and Pplat \leq 32 cm H₂O



Combes A, et al. NEJM, 2018

Did EOLIA work?

The trial was stopped early for futility

To reach their primary outcome of 20% reduction in mortality

EOLIA

Primary outcome: 60 Day Survival



Combes A, et al. NEJM, 2018

Secondary Outcome: Risk of Death or Treatment Failure



Combes A, et al. NEJM, 2018

Venovenous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation for acute respiratory distress syndrome: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Laveena Munshi, Allan Walkey, Ewan Goligher, Tai Pham, Elizabeth M Uleryk, Eddy Fan



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Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation for Severe Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome and Posterior Probability of Mortality Benefit in a Post Hoc Bayesian Analysis of a Randomized Clinical Trial

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Munshi L, et al. Lancet, 2019 Goligher E, et al. JAMA, 2018

Mechanical Ventilation

25 year-old man with PNA and ARDS cannulated onto VV ECMO

Pre-ECMO ABG ABG: pH 7.05 / PaCO₂ 85 / PaO₂ 57 AC/PC: RR 35 / Pi 32 / PEEP 15 / FiO₂ 100%



25 year-old man with PNA and ARDS cannulated onto VV ECMO

ECMO Settings

Blood Flow: 4.5 LPM

RPM: 3250

Sweep: 4 LPM

FDO₂: 100%

Pre-Ox Sat: 74%

Drainage P: 22

Delta P: 18

Line Pressures: 158/140

ECMO Configuration



ABG: 7.38 / 46 / 110

Agerstrand C, et al. ASAIO, 2014 Courtesy of COACH, with permission from CollectedMed.com Incremental decrease in ventilator over several hours to target settings

What are target settings?

"Lung Rest"

Shift the work from the patient to the circuit

ARDSnet ARMA study



ARDSnet, NEJM 2000

Mechanical Power



Gattinoni L, et al. Critical Care, 2017



As CO₂ removal increased via the membrane lung, alveolar ventilation decreased proportionally (TV & RR both decreased)

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Kolobow T, et al. Anesthesiology, 1977

Decreased respiratory effort in ARDS



Transition of respiratory effort from the patient to the circuit

Parameter	Low Support	High Su	upport
Sweep gas (L/min)	2.5	11.9	
RR (breaths/min)	33	15	
рН	7.46	7.49	
PaCO ₂ (mmHg)	37	34	
CO ₂ removal (mL/min)	83	226	At high sweep:
			-Decreased PaO ₂
			-Increased shunt fraction

Spontaneous breathing does not necessarily mean prevention of lung injury

... Ventilation-associated lung injury

Crotti S, et al. Anesthesiology, 2017



Anticoagulation

Bleeding complications are the most common complications reported during ECMO







Activated Clotting Time (ACT)

Historically most used test Developed 1966, used in cardiopulmonary bypass

> Point of Care Test (POC) Whole blood sample

Sample	Range
Normal	90-120 s
СРВ	>480 s
ECMO	180-220 s



ACT is affected by multiple factors, making is less reliable as a measurement of coagulation status

- Platelet count & function
- Factor Deficiencies
 - VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, fibrinogen
- Elevated D-dimer
- Lupus anticoagulant
- Oral anticoagulants
- Hypothermia
- Hemodilution
- Patient age
- Type of machine



Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time (aPTT)

- Prolonged by
 - >20-40% factor deficiency
 - Acquired clotting factor inhibitors
 - LAC
 - Warfarin
- Shortened by
 - Acute phase reactants



ACT vs. aPTT in Adult ECMO patients n=46



Table 3. Pearson product-moment correlation coefficient for heparin rate and either ACT or aPTT.

Heparin rate	Correlation coefficient for ACT and heparin rate	Correlation coefficient for aPTT and heparin rate
Heparin rate (units/hr)	0.11	0.43
Heparin rate (units/kg/hr) IBW	0.12	0.52
Heparin rate (units/kg/hr) DW	0.14	0.55
Heparin rate (units/kg/hr) ABW	0.14	0.54

IBW: ideal bodyweight, DW: dosing weight, ABW: actual bodyweight.

The "Gold Standard" for Heparin Measurement: Anti-Factor Xa

> Anti-factor Xa levels measure the heparinantithrombin complex thus are specific to the anticoagulation effect of heparin

> Considered more accurate than other testing modalities.

Not affected by other coagulopathies

Price E, et al. Annals Pharmacotherapy, 2013

The "Gold Standard" for Heparin Measurement: Anti-Factor Xa

Frequently discordant with aPTT in 42% of 2300 data pairs Associated increased mortality



Price E, et al. Annals Pharmacotherapy, 2013

Viscoelastic testing TEG or ROTEM

More recently being used during ECMO support Measure total hemostatic function Validity & clinical impact not well-studied in





Modern ECMO Experience

Low-dose anticoagulation protocol is favored

EOLIA

aPTT 40-55 s -or -Anti-Xa 0.2-0.3

Cannula thrombosis 14% Circuit changed 28% No ischemic CVA

Combes A, et al. NEJM, 2018

Modern ECMO Experience

Low-dose anticoagulation protocol is favored

aPTT 40-60 seconds

Variables	Median (IQR) (N = 38)
Hemoglobin, g/dL pRBCs transfused	8.2 (7.9–8.7)
Total per patient Units	1 (0–3)
Volume, mL Per day of ECMO support	250 (0-750)-300 (0-900)
Units	0.11 (0-0.33)
Volume, mL	27.8 (0-83.3)-33.3 (0-100)
aPTT, s	46.5 (40.8–50.8)

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Systematic review of anticoagulation for VV ECMO

	Bleeding	Thrombosis
Overall	16%	53%
aPTT (n = 199)	19%	27%
aPTT > 60 (n=43)	56%	7%
aPTT <60 (n=56)	8%	32%

Role of anticoagulation unclear Limited by retrospective, observational design & patient heterogeneity

Sklar M, et al. AATS, 2016

What about physical rehabilitation of patients on ECMO?

ECMO in the modern era...



- Advances in circuit technology
- Innovative cannulation techniques
- New exercise equipment/cannula security devices
- Evolving approach to ICU management

Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation as a bridge to pulmonary transplantation

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62 physical therapy sessions

7 VV via dual site cannulation (Fem-IJ) 1 VA via central cannulation (RA-aorta)

Mean age 56 3 bridge to recovery, 5 bridge to transplant

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Study endpoints were safety during PT and PT interruptions due to instability

3 sessions (5%) stopped due to tachycardia or tachypnea No clinically significant adverse events

Candidates for Ambulatory ECMO Bridge to transplantation or bridge to recovery patients

✓ Awake

- ✓ Cooperative
- ✓ Stable airway or extubated
- ✓ Hemodynamically stable
- \checkmark No active bleeding
- \checkmark Well-supported on ECMO

In our first 100 ECMO patients...

35 received active physical therapy - 19 BTT, 16 BTR

VVDL 23 (66%), VV 8 (23%), VA 4 (11%)

66% were extubated

51% ambulated Median distance: 175 feet (4 – 2800 feet)

No patient or circuit complications

Abrams, et al. Critical Care 2014

Columbia Experience using ECMO as a Bridge to Lung Transplantation

72 Patients 2007-2016

LAS 91.2

VV 45 (62.5) VA 23 (31.9) VVA 3 (4.2) Central 1 (1.4) Post-transplant Survival 1-year 90% 2-year 84%

50 (69.4%) ambulated

Biscotti, et al. Ann Thorac Surg 2017



Agerstrand, et al. ASAIO 2014



Agerstrand, et al. ASAIO 2014



Venoarterial ECMO

V-A ECMO Subclavian Artery Cannulation



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V-A ECMO: Innominate Artery Cannulation "Central Sport Model"



Chicotka, et al. ASAIO 2016
BTT Patients with ILD

Tracheostomy & Ambulation



EMCO PROGRAM "CLIFF NOTES FOR TEAM"





ECMO in the Field: The New Logistics of Pump and Run

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Background

- Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) can be a salvage therapy for cardiac or respiratory failure^{1,2}
 - Venoarterial (VA) ECMO
 - Bridge to recovery
 - LVAD insertion
 - Transplantation
 - Venovenous (VV) ECMO
 - Bridge to recovery
 - Transplantation
- ECMO management at specialized centers
 - ~200 ECMO centers in the world
 - Referral and transport in "hub and spoke" configuration³⁻⁵
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Cannulation for Field Transport

- Simple is always better than complex
 - Select what meets physiologic needs
 - Remember Aero MedEvac can further compromise O₂ levels
- Durable to withstand transition zones
 - Bed to stretcher
 - Stretcher to ambulance/aircraft
 - Ambulance/aircraft to ambulance/aircraft
 - "Tail-to-tail" transfer
 - Ambulance to ICU
 - Stretcher to ICU bed

Dual Site VV ECMO: Simple Easy to teach, easy to execute, minimal gear



Single Site VV ECMO: Complex Consider for patients with traumatic amputations



VVA ECMO: Slightly more complex Required for combined cardiopulmonary/hemodynamic issue





Indications

- Hypoxemic respiratory failure
- Hypercapnic respiratory failure
- Respiratory failure as a bridge to transplant
- Severe bronchopleural fistulas
- Failure to wean from cardiopulmonary bypass Heart failure
- Massive pulmonary embolism
- Cardiac failure
- Cardiac arrest



Indications:

Hypoxemic Respiratory Failure

- PaO₂:FiO₂ <80
- Acute Lung Injury Score (ALIS) 3-4
 - PaO_2 :FiO_2: >300 (0) \rightarrow <100 (4)
 - CXR: 1 pt per quadrant involvement
 - PEEP: ≤5 (0) → ≥15 (4)
 - Compliance: $\geq 80(0) \rightarrow \leq 19(4)$

Reflective of the Berlin Definition. JAMA 2012

- Consider for P:F < 150 or ALIS 2-3
 - May be appropriate for rapid worsening to avoid delays in initiation
- Reversible causes
 - Do Not Provide a Bridge to Nowhere



Relative Contraindications

- Mechanical ventilation with high inflation pressures (Pplat > $30 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O}$) or high O₂ concentrations (FiO₂ > 0.8) for ≥7 days
- Advanced age >65
- Weight > 150 kg OR BMI > 60
- Severe medical co-morbidities
- Severely immunocompromised host
- Malignancy with limited life expectancy



Absolute Contraindications

- Documented irreversible brain injury
- Irreversible multi-system organ failure or other futile condition
- Prolonged cardiac arrest
- Contraindications to anticoagulation
 - Recent or expanding CNS hemorrhage
 - Active hemorrhage
- Inability to receive blood products



Role of ECMO Transport Teams

• Extend ECMO care to patients at smaller hospitals or soldiers in field

- Patients gain access to complex tertiary care
- Facilitate the safe transfer of critically ill patients to specialized centers of care



Why ECMO Transport?

- Provides a higher level of care
 - Community hospitals
 - Support your medical services
 - Support your cardiothoracic services
- Use will continue to grow
 - Technological improvements
 - Smaller, more reliable equipment
 - Successful programs will attract more referrals as experience leads to improved outcomes
 - Cost improvements



ECMO Transport: What does it Provide?

- Regionalization of care
 - Concentration of expertise in managing the "very sick"
 - CESAR Trial hinted at the advantage of concentrated expertise
 - Concentrated expertise comes in all forms: ICU mgmt, surgery, etc.
 - Military applications: Move severely injured soldiers out of the combat theater
- Is it safe?
 - Review of the literature suggests it is safe
 - May be only successful programs publish their results
 - Do you cannulate at point of care?
 - Emergency privileges



Columbia Service Line Model

- Any successful regional program must provide a service!!!
 - Consultancy
 - Medical-surgical consultants
- Service line model vs Procedural model
 Surgeons like to do procedures
 - Referrals want more than a procedure
 - Want advice on management that might obviate need for ECMO transport



Service Line Model

- Center for Acute Respiratory Failure

 ARDS, COPD exacerbation, PE, heart failure, etc
- Service line contact number
- Consult service
 - Standardized In-take form
 - Review by ECMO attending (Pulm ICU)
 - Review by Surgeon led transport team



Maintain consultancy role

- Smarter decision
- Relationship building
- Ensure proper care of patient





The Ideal Regional Center

- Expert personnel
 - Surgery
 - Intensive care
 - Nursing
 - Perfusion
 - Available 24/7: Consult services



The Ideal Regional Center

- Advanced disease management programs

 Heart failure
 - Heart transplant, VAD
 - Lung failure
 - Acute: ALI/ARDS, Pulmonary embolism
 - Chronic lung disease program: ILD, Lung Tx
- Transport capability





Columbia Experience

• Performed 203 safe ECMO transports

- First transport September 2008
 - Increasing yearly volume
 - 48 Transports in 2015





Transports: Personnel

- Longer distances
 - Aeromedical transports
 - International transport
- 5 dedicated ECMO intensivists
- 5 surgeons





- Dedicated ECMO fellow
- Nurse practitioners with advanced ECMO training
- Dedicated medical and surgical ICU's
- Dual site cannulation
- Compact circuit/pump/oxygenator
- Liberalized exclusion criteria

Personnel & Training: Train for Success

- Dedicated team members

 Not ad hoc
- Training programs/certifications

 Courses: ELSO, STS, AATS
- Ongoing training

 Recurrent/scheduled
- Drills
- Simulation



Protocol for ECMO Transport

- Consult called via institution-wide transfer center
 - Intake and patient optimization
 - Patient accepted if deemed unstable for transport
 - Coordination of surgeons, perfusionists, ambulance, operating privileges
- Consulting hospital responsibilities
 - Central venous catheter (LIJ)
 - Arterial line (radial)
 - Bedside ultrasound
 - Vascular surgical tray



Protocol at Patient Bedside

- Sedation
 - Benzodiazepine and opioid infusions
 - Neuromuscular blockade
- Cannulation
 - Percutaneous Seldinger technique
 - Existing CPB cannulation
 - Single site
 - Dual site
 - Heparin bolus
- Circuit selection
 - Centrifugal pump and polymethylpentene oxygenator
 - Integrated pump/oxygenator system



Protocol at Bedside: Prior to Transport

- Patient management
 - Ventilator adjustments
 - Peak airway pressures <35cm H₂O
 - Respiratory rate <20 breaths/minute
 - Target pH 7.35-7.45
 - Minimal PEEP adjustments
 - Neuromuscular blockade
- Transport equipment
 - Generator
 - Two Oxygen tanks
 - Hand Crank



Ground vs Air MedEvac

• Ground

Steady state partial pressures

• Unless you are driving over mountain ranges

• Air

- Partial pressures are dynamic, i.e. a function of the altitude
 - Higher altitude is more efficient for planes but bad for patient oxygenation

- Device flow shifts when taking off and landing

• 200 – 500 cc per minute



Physiologic Stresses of Flight and Extended Travel Distance

- Decreased partial pressure of oxygen
 Know your rated cabin pressure
- Barometric pressure changes
- Thermal changes: patients can easily lose heat
- Decreased humidity increased fluid requirements from insensible losses



Physiologic Stresses of Flight and Extended Travel Distance

- Noise:
 - Difficult to communicate; disturbs the patient
- Vibration:
 - Things fall apart if you shake them enough
- Gravitational forces:
 - Acceleration & deceleration
- Long range transport:
 Wear & tear on the staff
- Oxygen Capacity: Are the tanks big enough?



PaO2 of 100 at sea level equates to a PaO2 of 60 at 10,000 feet





Oxygenator Function Declines at Altitude

- Boyle's Law and Dalton's Law (partial pressure O2 available)
- Real life example courtesy of LTC Eric Osborn

– Sea level	ABG post oxygenator	7.43/44/ 290
	patient	7.39/52/48

- 7500 ftABG post oxygenator7.42/49/119- 3ampatient7.36/61/39
- – Iowa City 700ft
 ABG post oxygenator
 7.44/36/285

 – 530am
 patient
 svo2 68%, 02 Sat 82%

Example courtesy of LTC Eric Osborn (US Army)

Complications & Management

- Columbia experience: 3 complications
 - Console pump failure
 - Decannulation at Bedside transition
 - Oxygenator failure
- Back up pump, Hand crank
- Rapid clamp out of circuit and re-cannulation
- Oxygenator swap out

PREPARE & TRAIN



ECMO in the Austere Environment Far Forward Position in Afghanistan




Transport Distance





Factors Affecting Survival

- Age and APACHE II
 Score correlate with decreased survival
- No correlation with survival
 - P:F
 - Mechanical ventilation time prior to ECMO
 - Transport Distance

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Univariate Analysis	p-value				
	All patients Respiratory Failure				
Age	<0.0001	0.001	<		
BMI	0.638	0.973			
Sex	0.223	0.831			
APACHE II Score	0.041	0.039	←		
Pre-ECMO P:F	0.319	0.436			
Pre-ECMO pH	1.000	0.924			
Intubation to ECMO (days)	0.248	0.118			
Transport Distance	0.207	0.22			



- 20 years of ECMO transport experience
 - 221 patients
 - 79 pediatric
 - 142 adults
 - Reason for support
 - Respiratory: 180
 - Cardiac: 41
 - Mode of ECMO
 - Venoarterial: 114
 - Venovenous: 107



- Travel Distance:
 - Survivors: 191 km
 - Nonsurvivors: 182 km
- Travel Time:
 - Survivors: 1.4h
 - Nonsurvivors: 1.7h
- Survival to Discharge:
 - Adult: 55%
 - Pediatric: 71%
 - Neonatal: 72%



- Complications
 - Missing Item: 23
 - Electrical complication: 39
 - Patient care complications (cardiac arrest): 9
 - Delay in travel: 8
 - Circuit issue: 20
 - Inadequate flow: 20
 - Death: 1



- Conclusions:
 - Transport requires requires an immense institutional commitment
 - Transport itself can be successful (99.5% survival)
 - Transport does not confer a survival disadvantage compared to non-transport ECMO
 - Be prepared to manage complications



Stockholm Experience

- Over 700 Patients transported from 1998
 - 80 to 90 per year
- 59% by aircraft
 - 4 to 8357 miles
- Reported Results from last 3 years
 - 288 ECMO transports
 - 1 death
 - 27% Complication rate

Broman et al. Critical Care, 2015



Stockholm Experience

- Transport team:
 - Critical Care physician
 - ECMO ICU Nurse
 - Cannulating Surgeon
- Comparable Survival to in-house ECMO

Broman et al. Critical Care, 2015



Combat Transport Experience

TABLE 2. Patient and Injury Characteristics, ECLS Use, and Outcomes

Patient	Age, y	Primary Injury	Pulmonary Injury	ISS	AIS Score (Chest)	APACHE II Score	ECLS Device	ECLS Duration, d	Outcome
1	24	Blast injury with bilateral lower-extremity amputations	Blast-related bilateral pulmonary contusions, pneumonia	13	3	N/A	PECLA	12	Survived
2	23	Blast injury with traumatic brain injury	No primary lung injury	22	0	34	PECLA	8	Survived
3	33	Blast injury with left lower-extremity amputation	Blast-related bilateral pulmonary contusions, wound sepsis	34	3	37	PECLA	9	Died
4	23	Blast injury with traumatic brain injury	Blast-related bilateral pulmonary contusions	17	1	26	PECLA	8	Survived
5	19	Gunshot to right chest	Right pneumonectomy	33	4	29	PECLA	18	Survived
6	20	Motor vehicle collision with spinal cord injury	Bilateral pulmonary contusions	33	5	24	ECMO	7	Survived
7	29	Blast injury with traumatic brain injury	Bilateral pulmonary contusions, aspiration	34	3	31	ECMO	8	Survived
8	25	Gunshot to right chest	Right pulmonary contusion	9	3	20	ECMO	7	Survived
9	22	Gunshot to right chest	Right pneumonectomy	34	5	21	ECMO	13	Survived
10	21	Gunshot to left chest	Left pulmonary contusion	14	3	12	ECMO	6	Survived

AlS, Abbreviated Injury Scale; APACHE, Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation; ISS, Injury Severity Score; N/A, not available.

1) 2017 Linningatt Williams & Willing

Bein et al. J Traum Acute Care Surg 2012



Equipment: Civilian





Equipment: Civilian







Ambulance Transport



Conclusions

- ECMO transport is safe and feasible
 - Technological advances in equipment
 - Improved clinician experience
- Cannulation strategy
 - Simple is always better than complex
 - Physiologic needs of the patient
 - Physiologic demands of transport
 - High altitude vs ground transport
 - Multiple securing sutures



Conclusions

- Intra-transport monitoring & management
 - Transition points are high risk for mishaps
 - Distribution of responsibilities for each team member
 - Team leader and proper communication
- Preparation for complications
 - Critical back up equipment as needed
- Military MedEvac vs. Civilian
 - Increased complexity: combat zone, polytrauma
 - Greater equipment & personnel redundancy



Conclusions

- Success is built on foundation
 - Personnel selection
 - Standardized protocols
 - Patient selection
 - Transport equipment
 - Training
 - Baseline and on-going
 - Wet drills
 - AAR (After Action Reviews)
 - Continuous improvement process



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