

# Drier is Better: Fluid De-resuscitation in Critically Ill Adults

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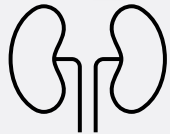
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# Learning Objectives for Pharmacists & Nurses



Recall the risks of volume overload in critically ill patients



Identify the principles of fluid de-resuscitation in critically ill patients

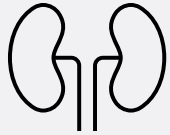


Recognize patients who may benefit from fluid de-resuscitation to improve outcomes

# Learning Objectives for Pharmacy Technicians



Recall the risks of volume overload in critically ill patients



Identify the medications commonly used for fluid de-resuscitation in critically ill patients

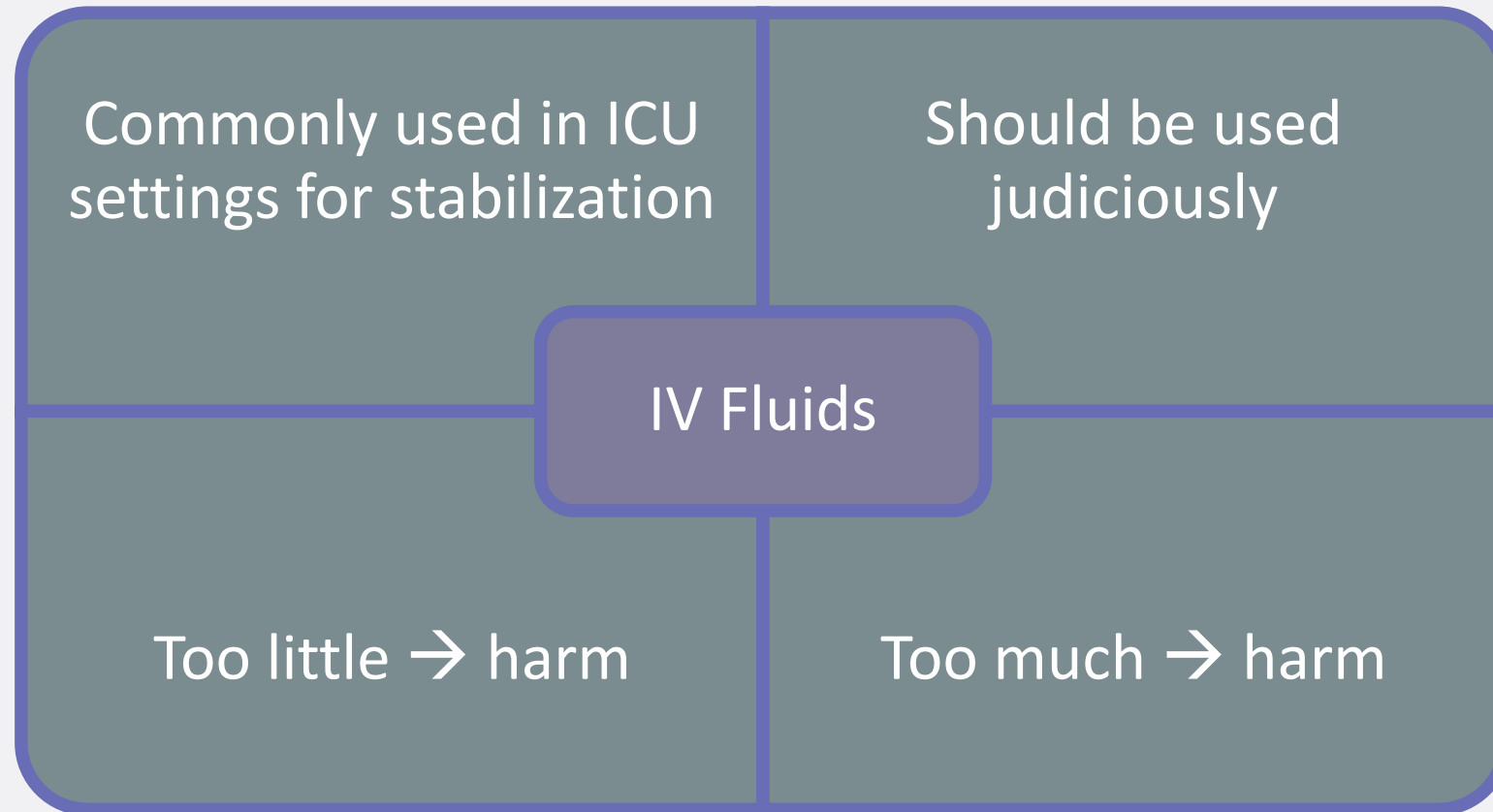


Recognize the storage and preparation considerations for medications used for fluid de-resuscitation in critically ill patients

# Abbreviations

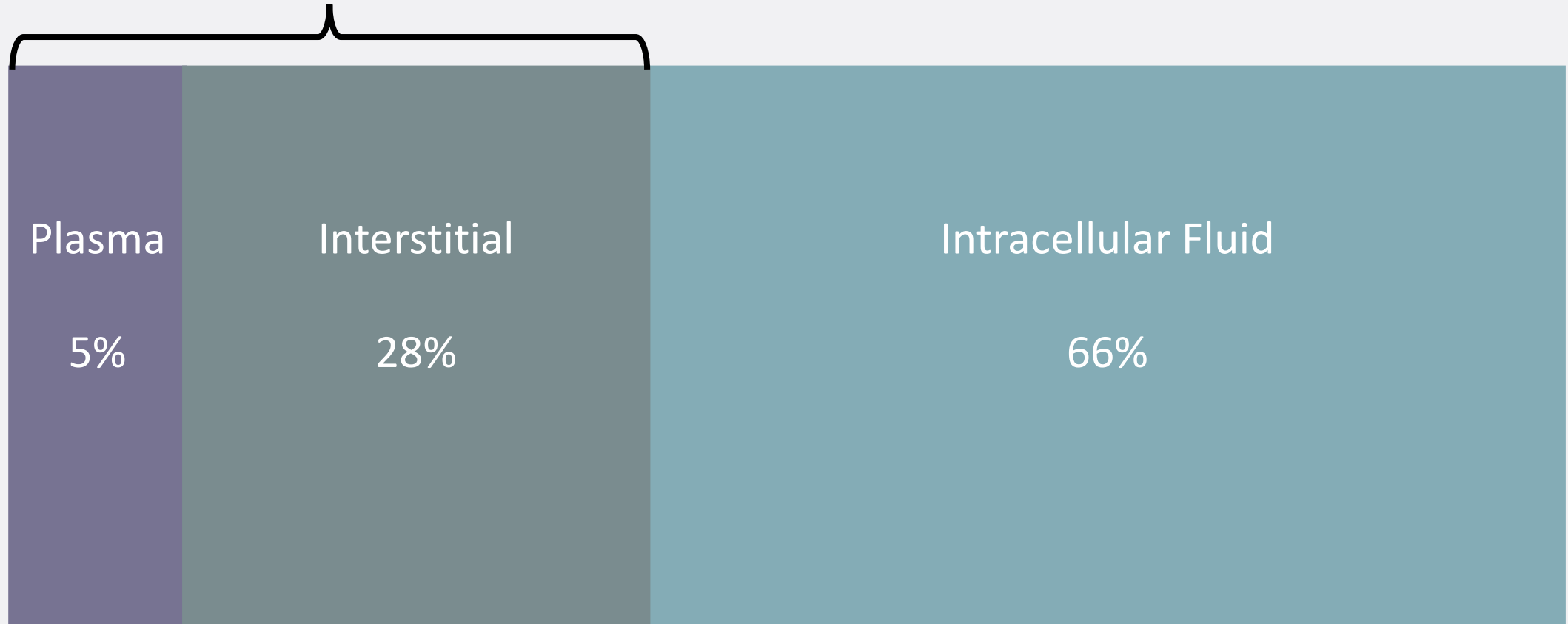
- Adverse drug events
- AKI: acute kidney injury
- BNP: basic natriuretic peptide
- CFB: cumulative fluid balance
- CI: cardiac index
- CKD: chronic kidney disease
- CO: cardiac output
- CVP: central venous pressure
- IAP: intraabdominal pressure
- KDIGO: Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes
- LA: lactic acid
- LOS: length of stay
- MAP: mean arterial pressure
- PLR: passive leg raise
- PO: by mouth
- PPV: pulse pressure variation
- RCT: randomized controlled trial
- RRT: renal replacement therapy
- ScvO<sub>2</sub>: central venous oxygen saturation
- SOFA: Sequential Organ Failure Assessment
- SSC: Surviving Sepsis Campaign
- SV: stroke volume
- UOP: urine output

# IV Fluid Use in Critical Care



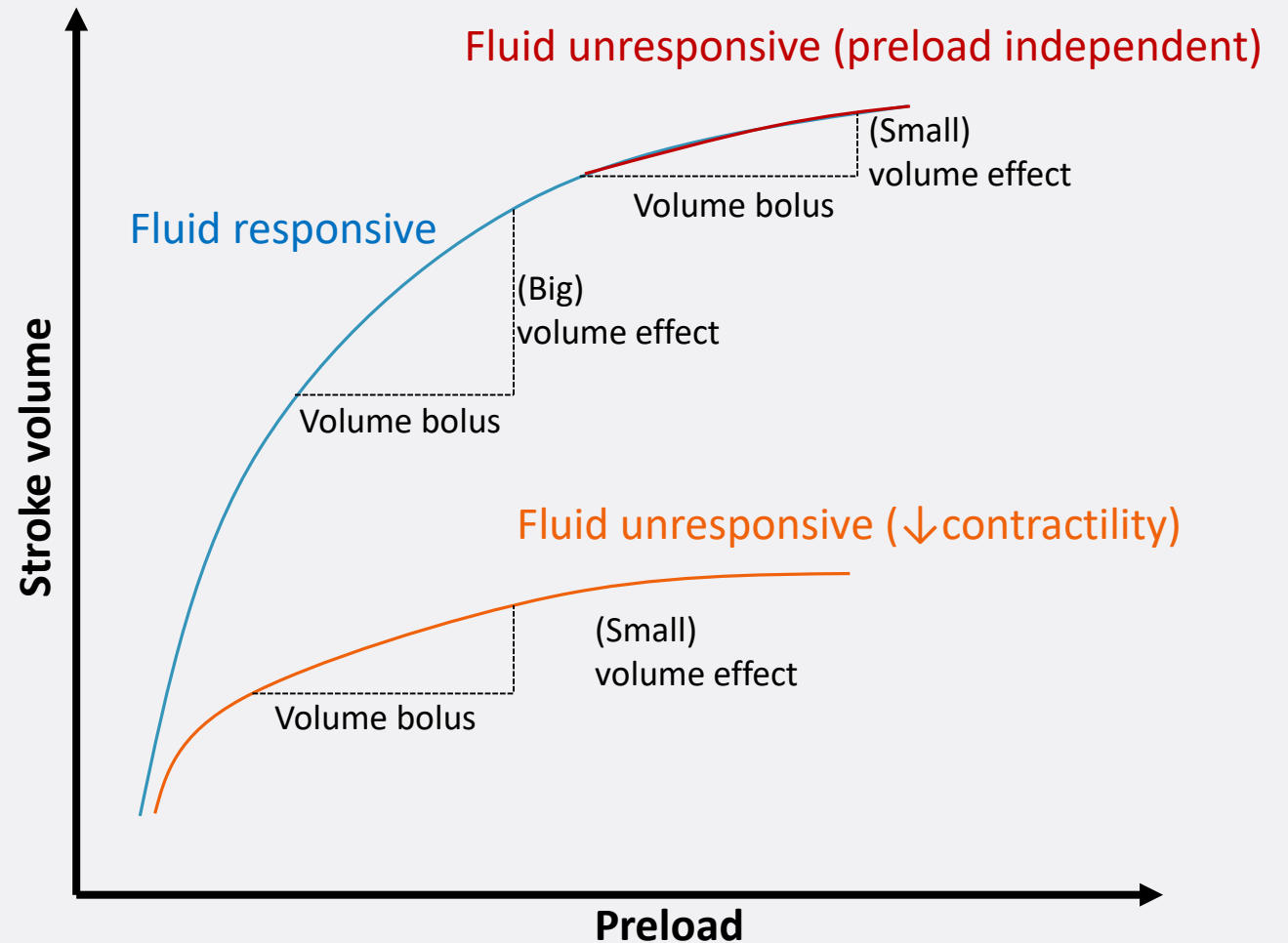
# Fluid Compartments

Extracellular Fluid = 33%



# Physiologic Response to Fluids

- Response to therapy depends on cardiac function and baseline preload
  - Decreased contractility → fluid unresponsive
  - Plateau of the Starling curve





# Sources of Fluids



Intentional



Boluses  
Maintenance  
Nutrition



“Creep”/Hidden



Flushes  
Medication diluents  
Blood products

# SUFFIR

<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify sources of fluid administration during acute phase of resuscitation</li><li>• Describe proportion of resuscitation and non-resuscitation fluids</li><li>• Assess associations between center practices and fluid intake</li></ul>
<b>Design</b>	Prospective multicenter cohort
<b>Population (n=284)</b>	Requiring vasopressor(s) and/or invasive mechanical ventilation
<b>Measurements</b>	All fluids administered IV or enteral lines recorded over 24 hours

# SUFFIR

## Indisputable homeostasis goal

Fluid losses, rehydration,  
nutrition, blood products

## Drug carriers

Vasopressors, antibiotics,  
sedation, analgesics

## Maintenance fluids

Insensible losses

## Fluids for technical needs

Vascular access management,  
keep vein open, vehicle, RRT

# SUFFIR

Total fluid (L), median [IQR]	→	3.5 [2.4, 4.9]
Indisputable	→	36% of total
Maintenance	→	28% of total
Drug carriers	→	22% of total
Technical needs	→	5% of total

Fluid boluses → only 14% of total volume

# Definitions

Fluid overload

10% weight increase due to fluid accumulation

Fluid accumulation

Overhydration associated with adverse clinical impact

# Risks of Volume Overload

Relationship with positive fluid balance and unfavorable outcomes described in multiple studies

SOAP study → positive fluid balance among the strongest prognostic factors for death

Boyd, et al. → positive fluid balance both early in resuscitation and cumulatively over 4 days is associated with an increased risk of mortality in septic shock

# Archeampong et al.

## Objective

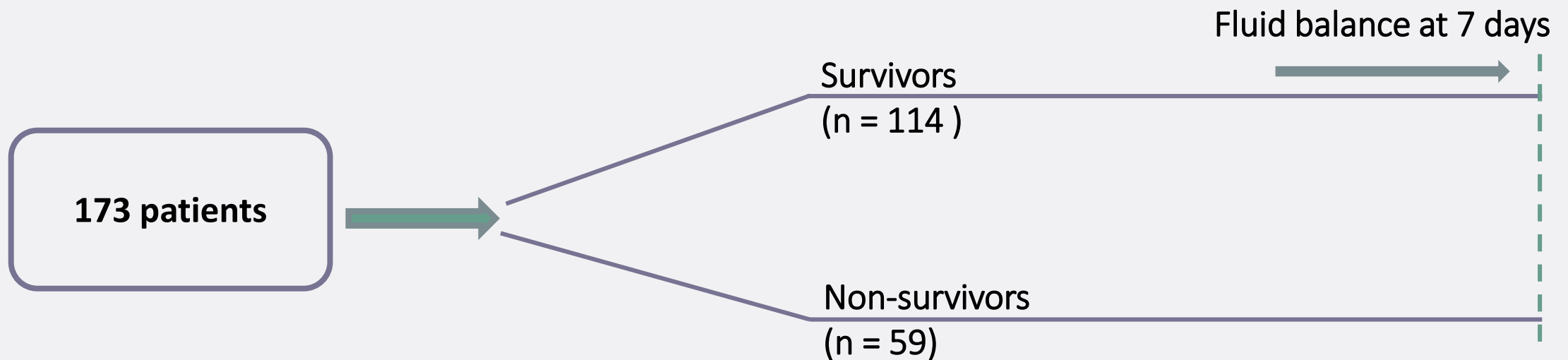
To analyze if a positive fluid balance and its persistence over time was an independent prognostic factor in septic patients

## Design

Prospective observational study

## Inclusion

>15 years old, suspected or proven infection on antibiotics, SOFA  $\geq 3$ , ICU admission  $\geq 48$  hours



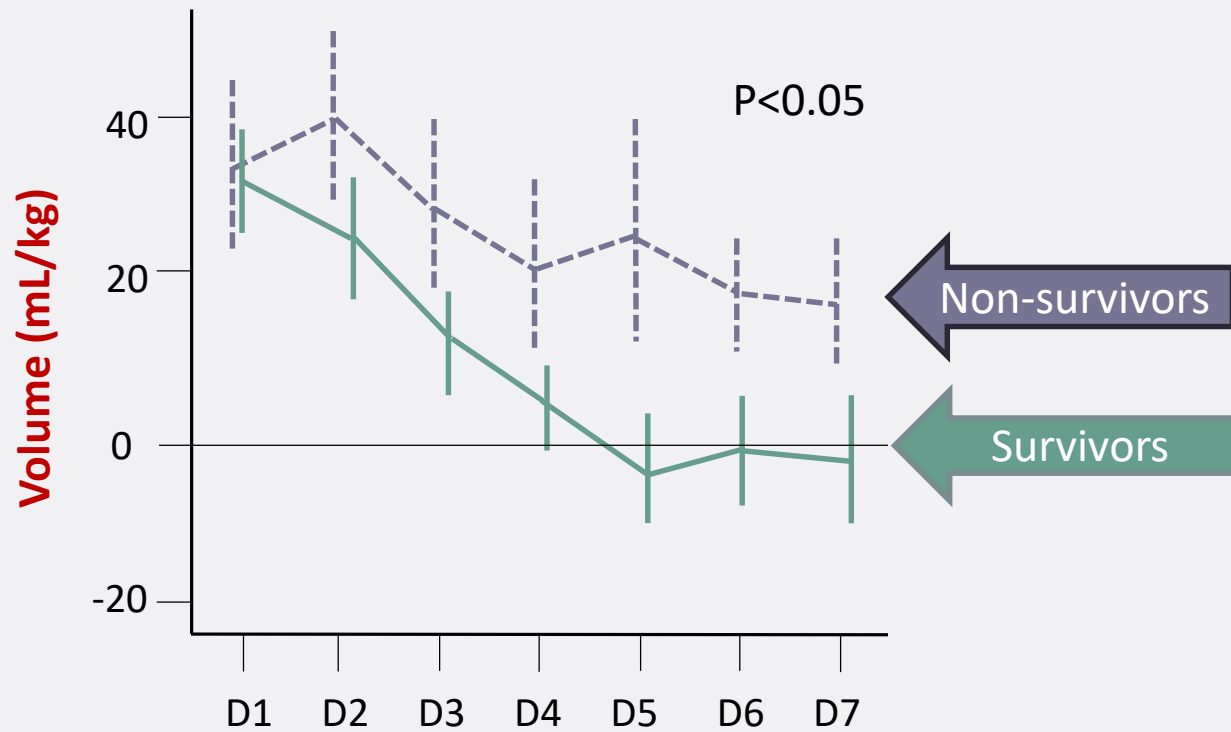
# Archeampong et al.

Characteristics	Patients (n=173)	Non-survivors (n=59)	Survivors (n=114)	P value
<b>Septic shock</b>	135 (78)	57 (97)	78 (68)	<0.001
<b>Duration of shock, days</b>	3 ± 2	4 ± 2	2 ± 2	<0.001
<b>SOFA score</b>	8.2 ± 3.4	9 ± 3.3	7.7 ± 3.3	0.023
<b>ICU LOS, days</b>	6 [4, 10]	7 [4, 12]	6 [4, 8]	0.17
Data expressed as number (%), median [IQR], or mean ± SD				



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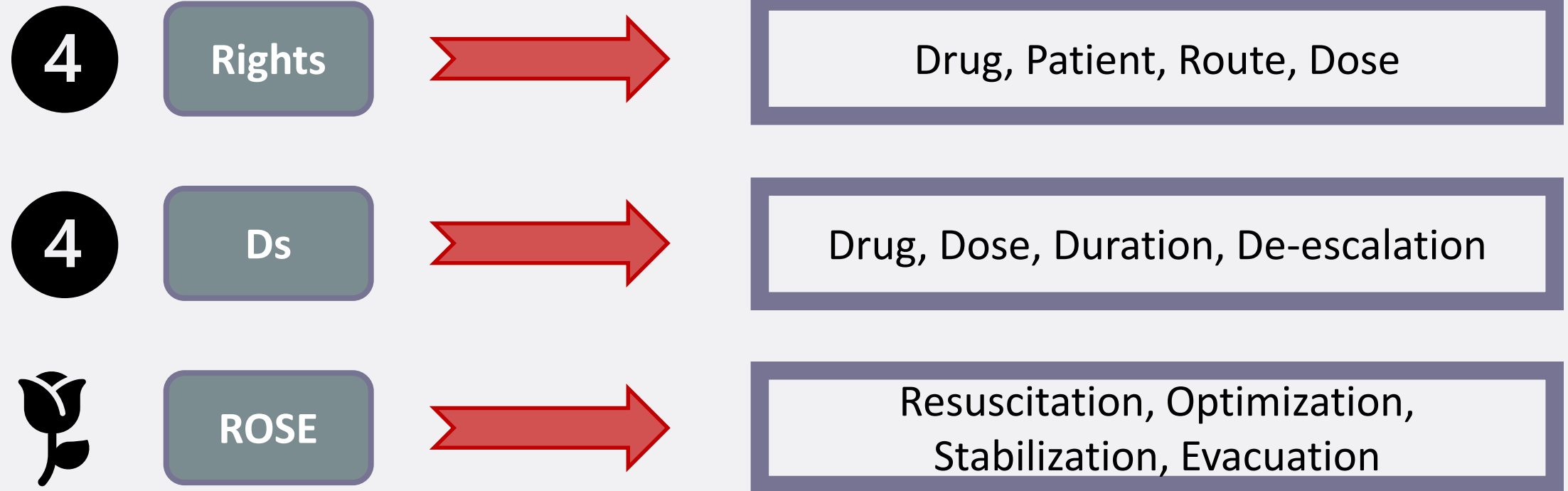
Mean fluid balance (ml/kg) in survivors and non-survivors over the 7 days after sepsis onset



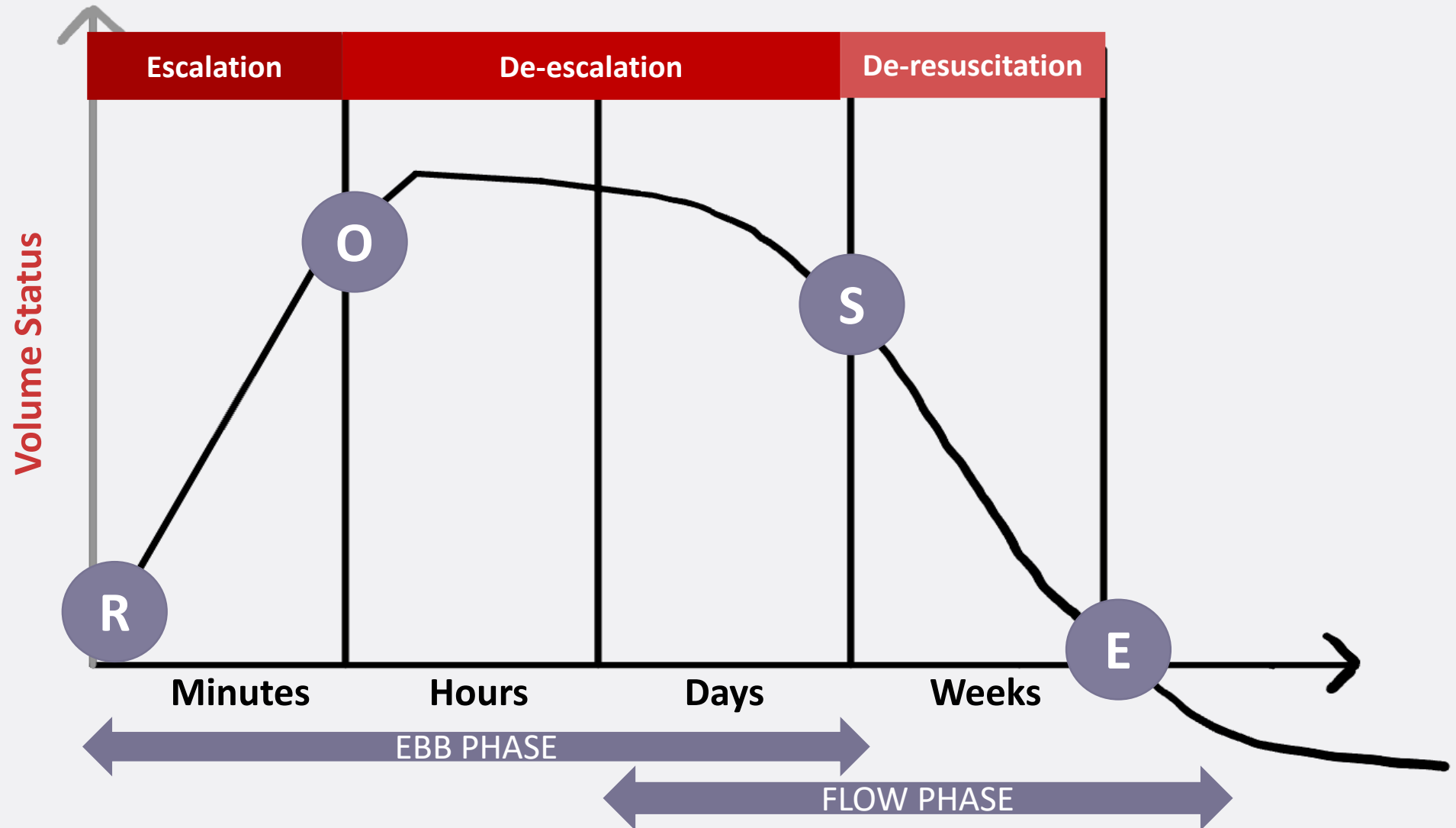
## Conclusion

- Survivors were more likely to have a negative fluid balance early in their ICU stay
- Positive fluid balance was an independent prognostic factor for ICU mortality

# Fluid Stewardship



# ROSE Model



# Distributive Shock Phases

## EBB PHASE

Hyperdynamic shock

Vasodilation

Decreased systemic vascular resistance

Increased capillary permeability

Absolute or relative intravascular hypovolemia

Decreased MAP

## FLOW PHASE

Initial stabilization

Excess fluid mobilization

Metabolic turnover increased

Innate immunity activated

Hepatic acute-phase response

Increased oxygen consumption

Energy expenditure

# Use the ROSE Model to Answer Four Key Questions

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When to **start** intravenous fluids

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When to **stop** intravenous fluids

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When to **start** de-resuscitation

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When to **stop** de-resuscitation

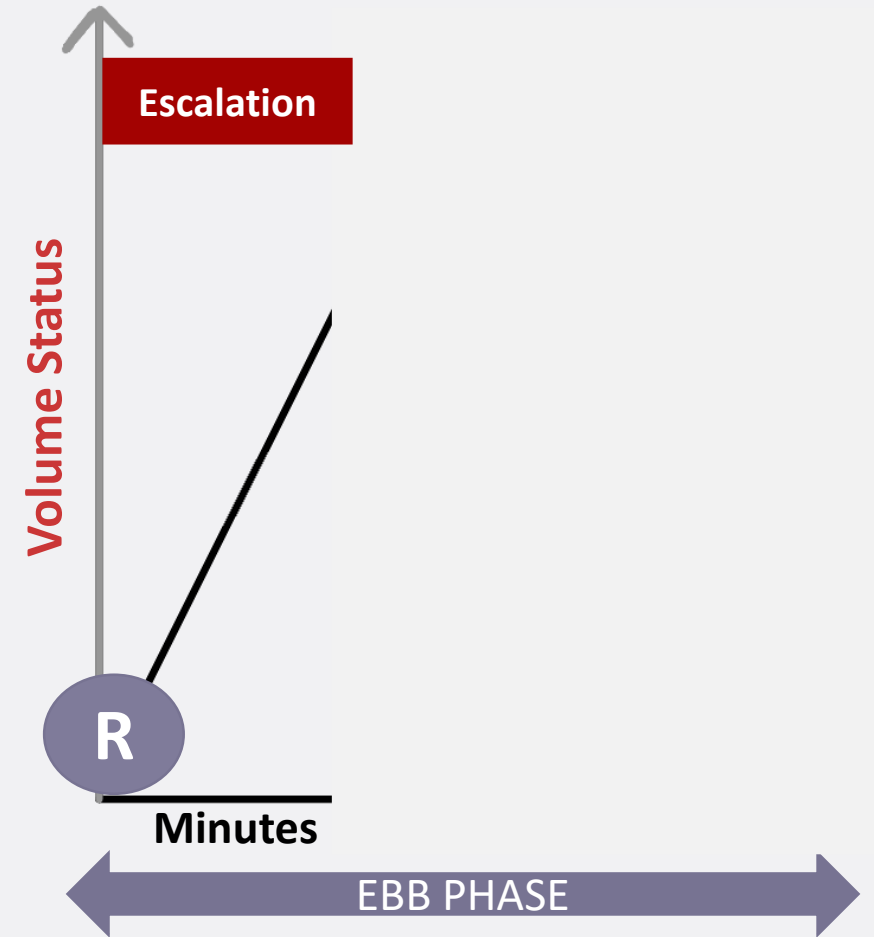
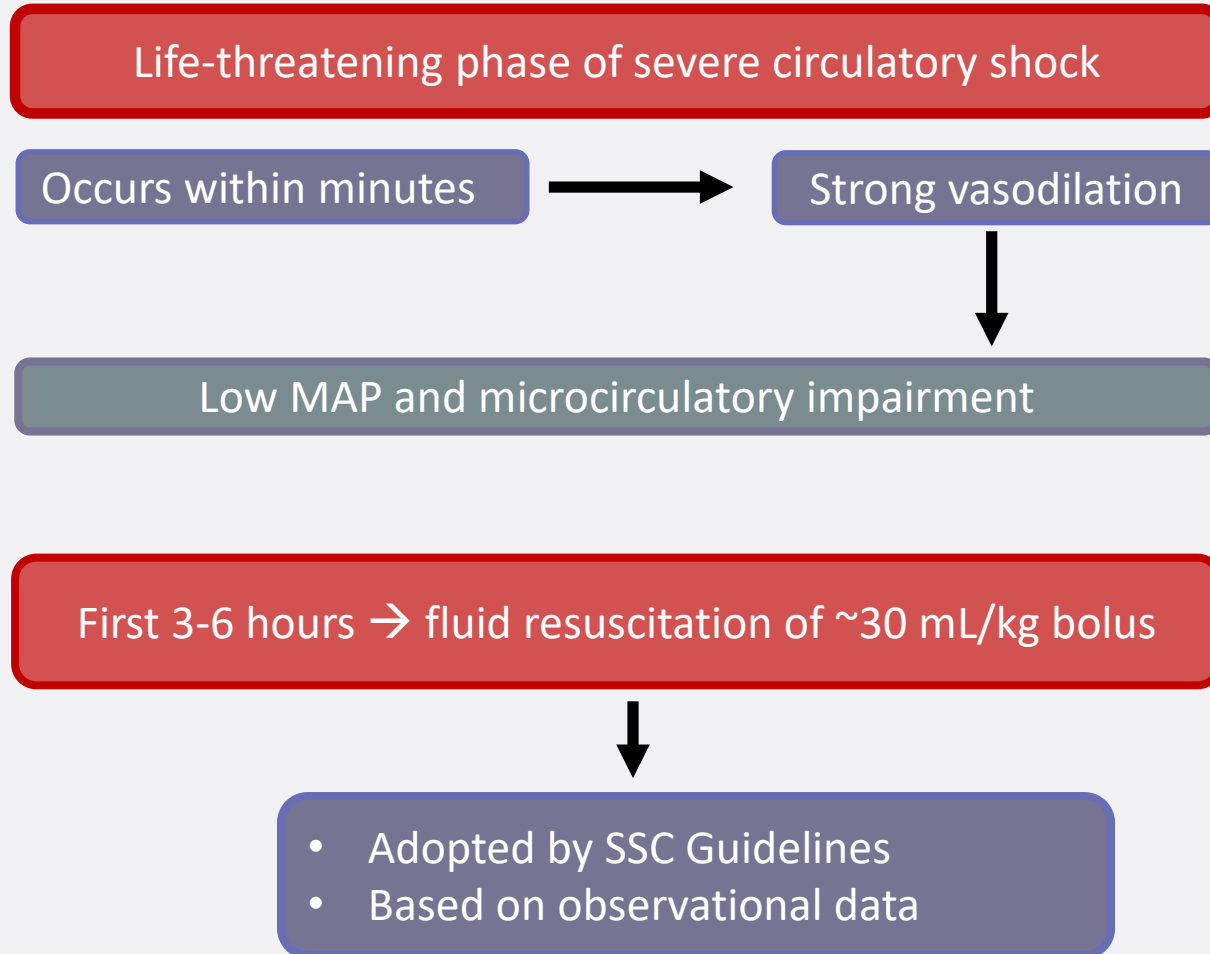
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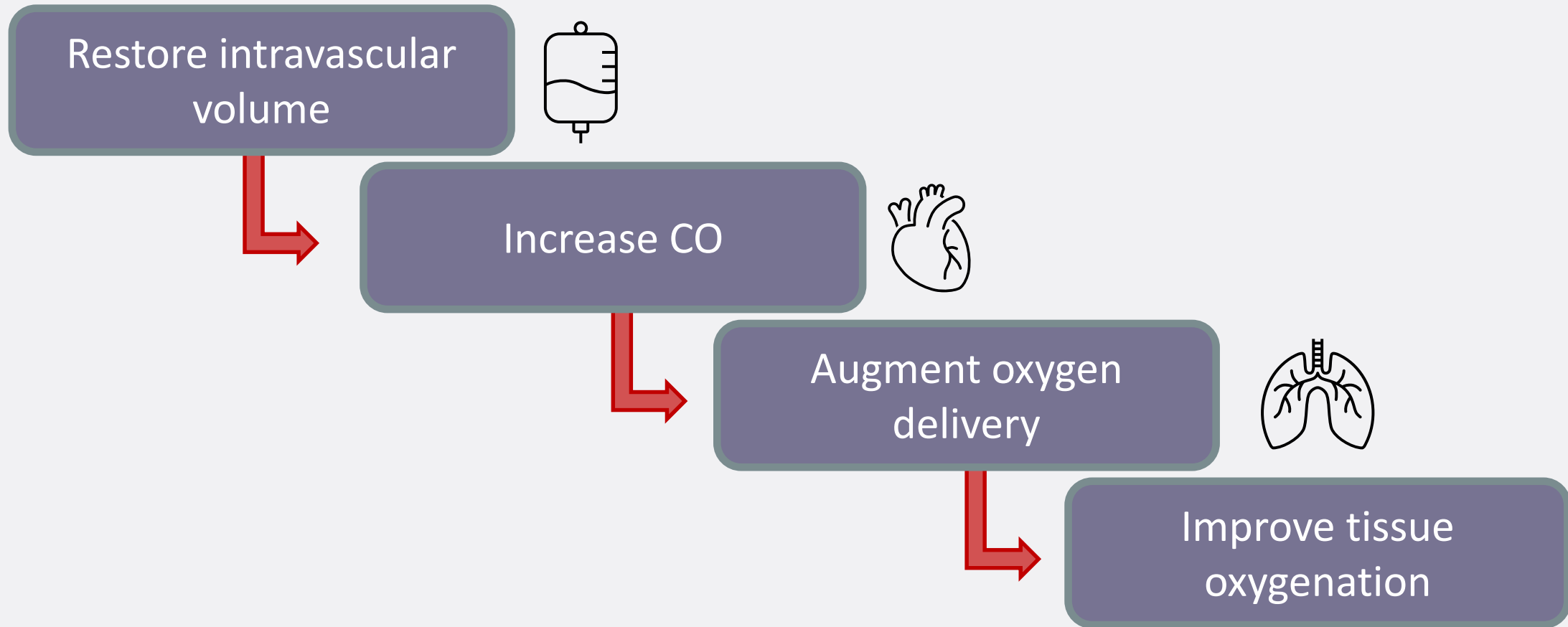
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# Resuscitation

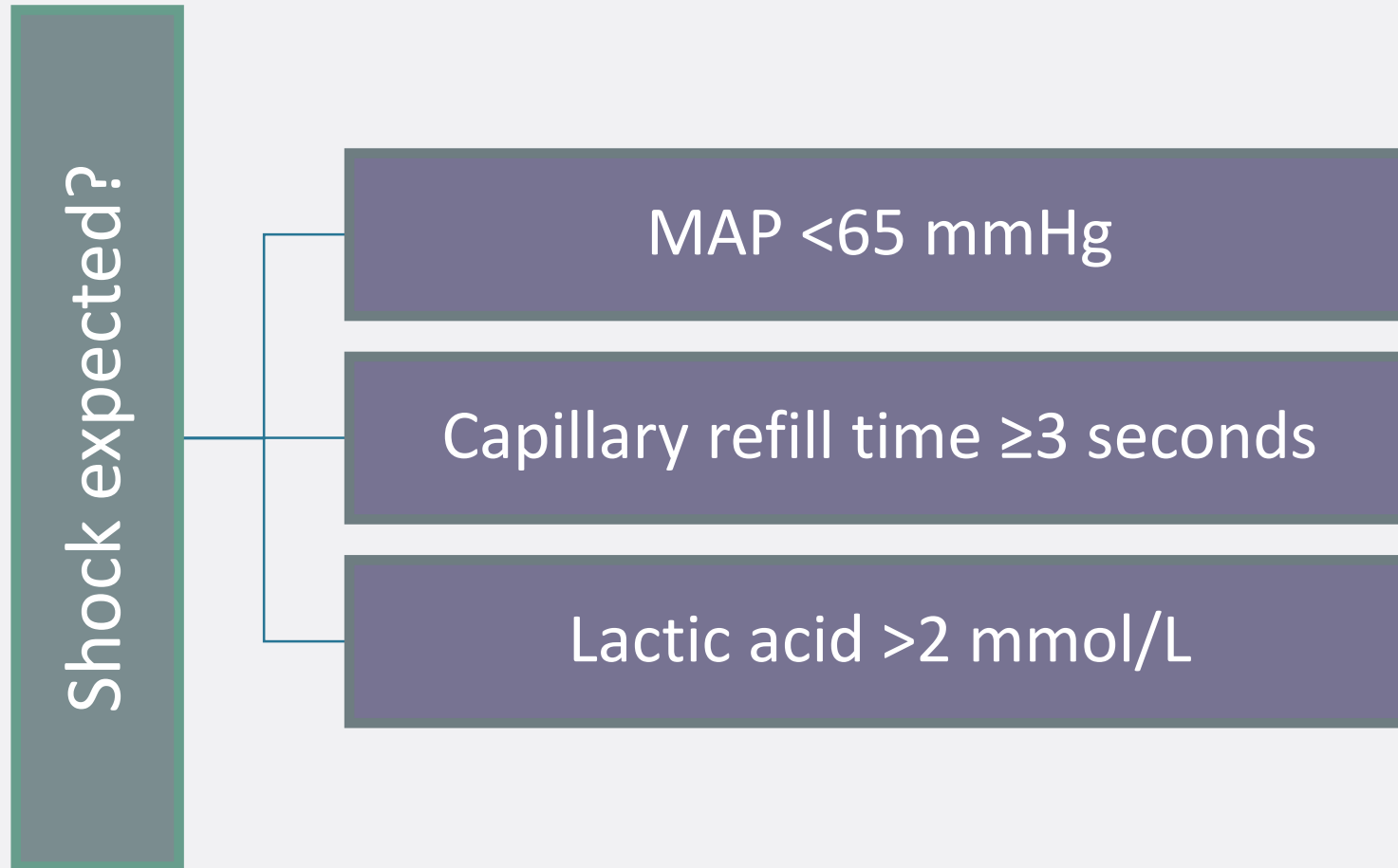


# Aim of Fluid-Resuscitation





# Signs to Resuscitate



# Predicting Likelihood of Fluid Response

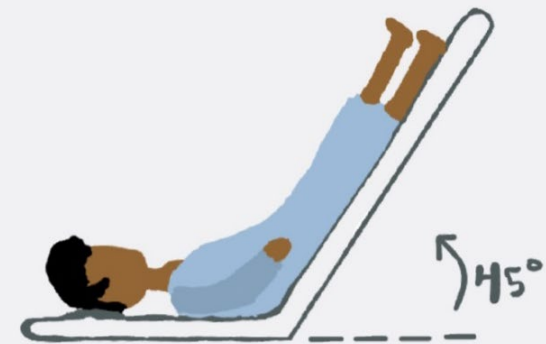
Marker	Definition	Normal Range	Change that indicates increased CO
<b>CVP</b>	Estimates right atrial pressure and cardiac preload	5-10 cm H <sub>2</sub> O	-
<b>PPV</b>	Indicates change in pulse pressure during respiration with mechanical ventilation	10%-15%	>10-12%
<b>End-expiratory occlusion test</b>	Indicates an approximate 15 second occlusion of the endotracheal tube in intubated patient at end of expiration	Variable	Pulse pressure change >5%
<b>Mini fluid challenge</b>	Dynamic maneuver in which ~100 mL fluid given over 1 minute to predict responsiveness	Variable	Change in velocity time index >10%
<b>PLR</b>	Dynamic maneuver to assess changes in preload and output in response to leg raising	Variable	Change in SV >9% and pulse pressure >10%

# PLR Test

Predicts fluid responsiveness

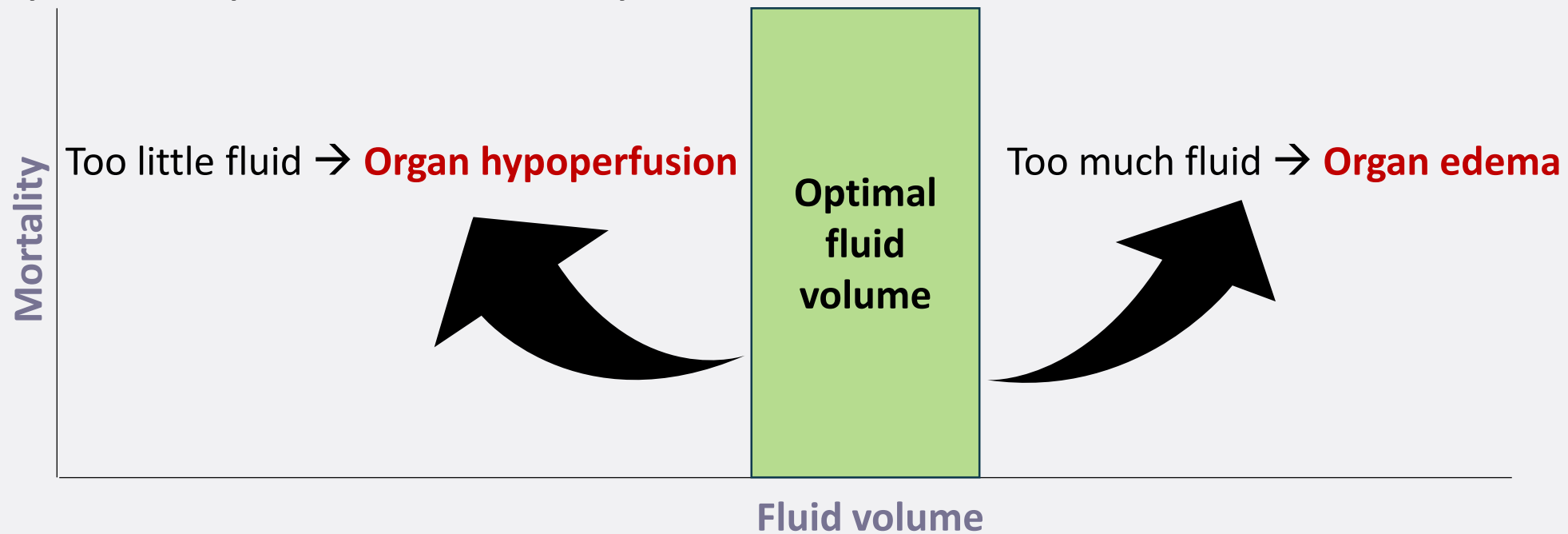
Approximates an “auto-bolus”

Threshold = 10% increase in SV and/or CO



# Clinical Trials on Resuscitation

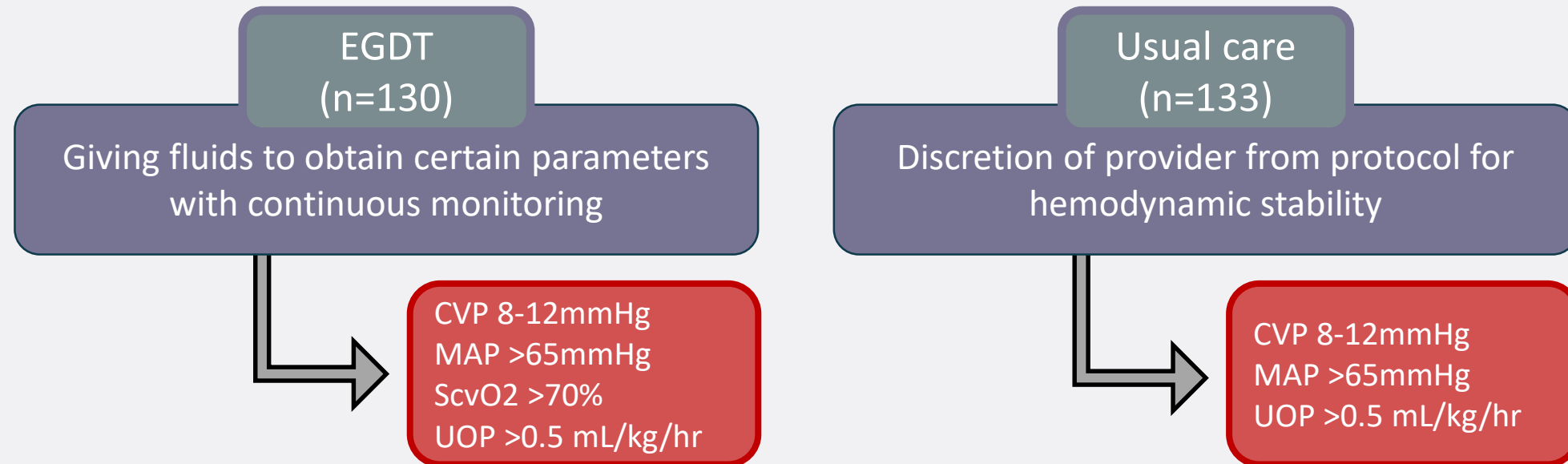
- Problem: they use one size fits all approach
- Important to individualize the need and amount of fluids
- Everyone responds differently



# Rivers, et al.

Single center, parallel-group, randomized, controlled trial in emergency room patients with sepsis randomized

**Question** Among patients with septic shock, what is the efficacy of EGDT in decreasing mortality?



# Rivers, et al.

**Mortality**: 30.5% vs 46.5% (RR 0.58; 95 CI 0.38-0.87; (p=0.009)

**28-day mortality**: 33.3% vs. 49.2% (RR 0.58; 95% CI 0.39-0.87; p=0.01)

**60-day mortality**: 44.3% vs. 56.9% (RR 0.67; 95% CI 0.46-0.96; p=0.03)

Times, h	Volume, L	P value
<b>0-6</b>	4.9 vs 3.5	<0.001
<b>7-72</b>	8.6 vs 10.6	0.01
<b>0-72</b>	13.4 vs 13.4	0.73

# EGDT

Characteristics/Outcomes	RIVERS n=263	PROCESS n=1341	PROMISE n=1251	ARISE n=1591
<b>IV Fluids Pre-Randomization</b> , median	0	2.1	2	2.5
<b>Lactate</b> , mmol/L	>7	4-5	4	4
<b>Afterload (vasopressor use)</b> , %	30	52-55	50	58
<b>Time to ICU Admission</b> , d	>6-8	<3	<2	<2
<b>Immunomodulation (steroids)</b> , %	0	10	10	30
<b>Mortality</b> , %	30.5 vs 46.4	18.2 vs 21	29.2 vs 29.5	14.5 vs 15.7

Sources: *N Engl J Med.* 2001;345(19):1368-1377

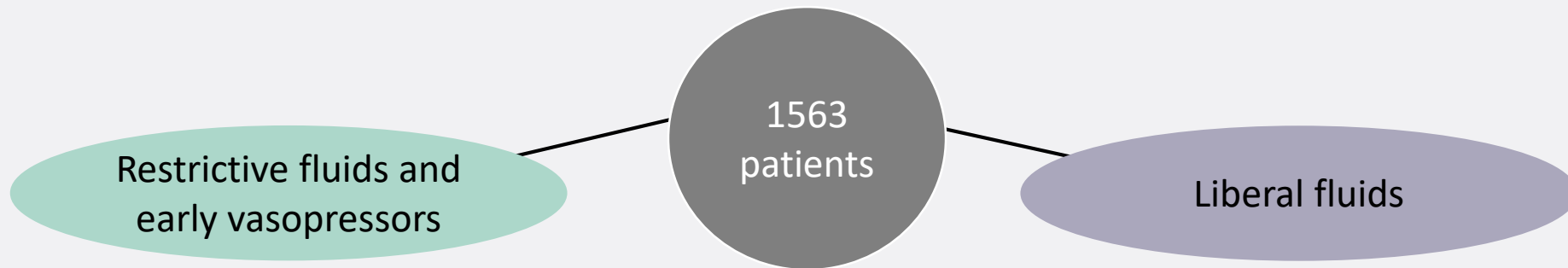
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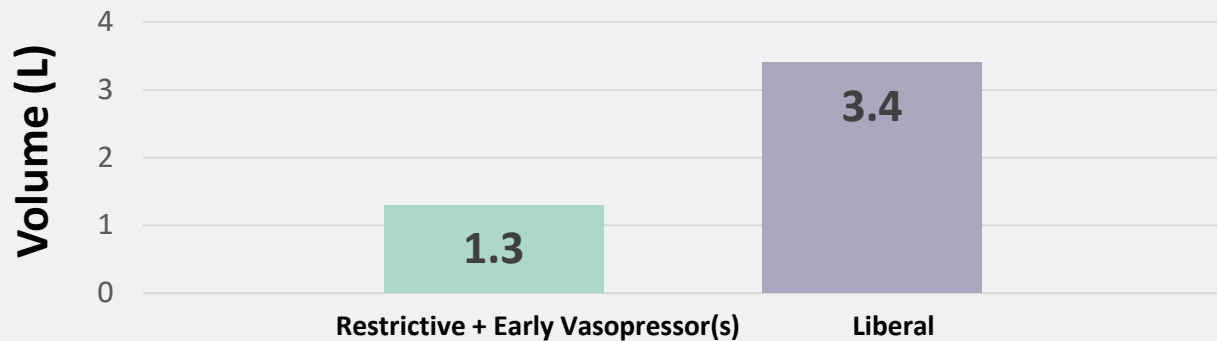
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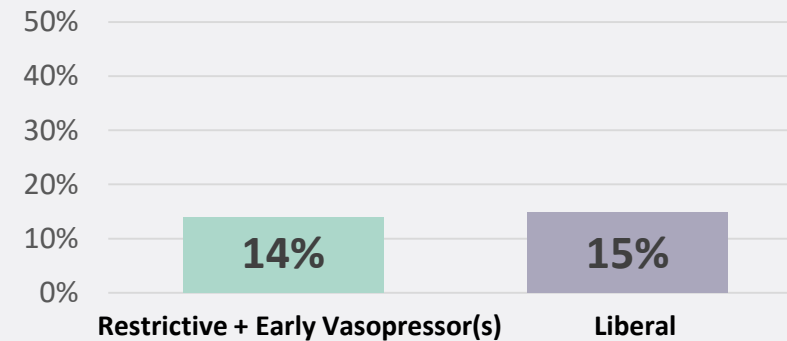
Does a restrictive fluid strategy during first 24 hours of resuscitation for sepsis-induced hypotension lead to a lower mortality before discharge by day 90 than a liberal strategy



**Median fluid volume at 24 hours**



**90-day mortality**





# Assessment Question 1

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(Pharmacists and Nurses)

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When to **stop** intravenous fluids

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# De-escalation: Optimization and Stabilization

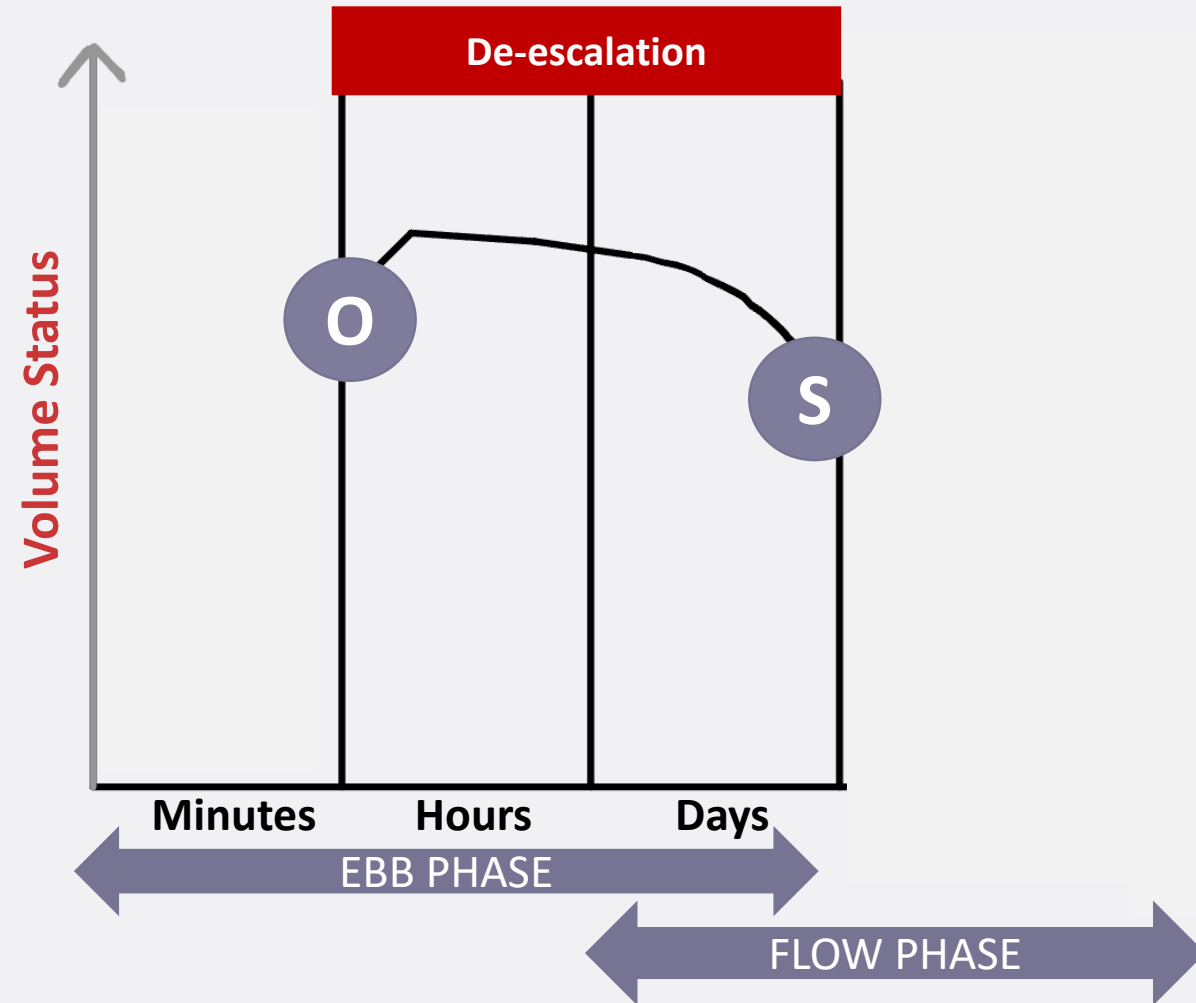
Goal

Maintain perfusion and facilitate organ dysfunction resolution

Maintain perfusion to organs and tissues while avoiding fluid overload

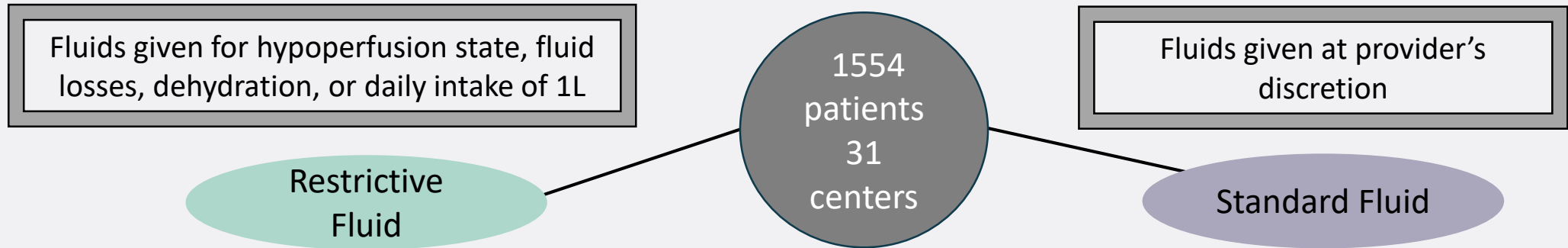


Resolution of signs to resuscitate

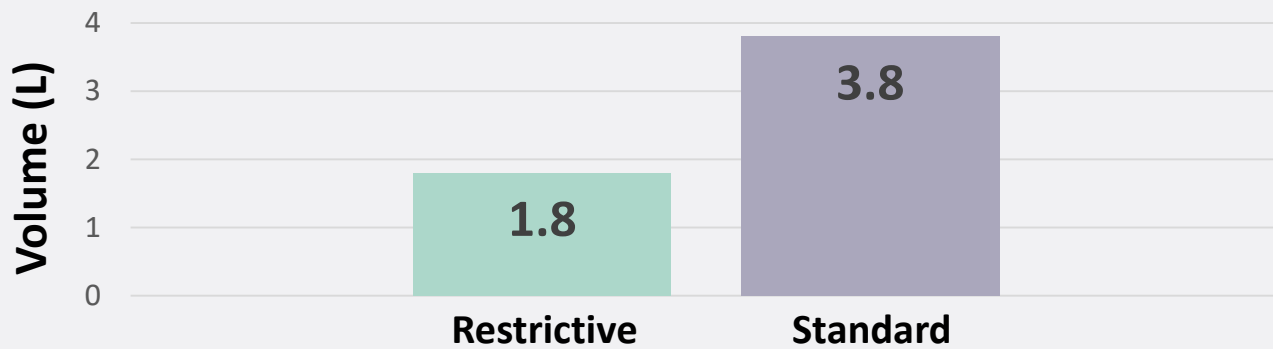


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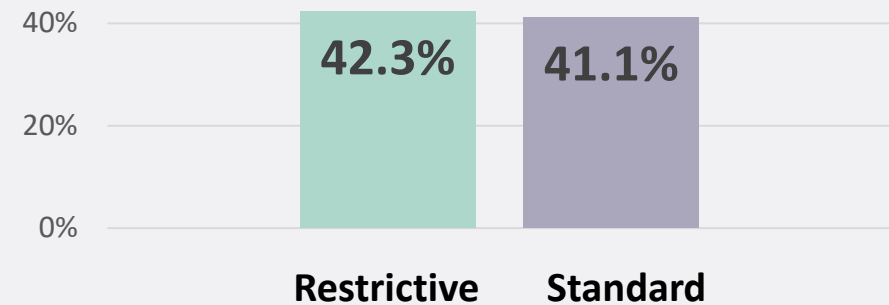
Does restrictive IV fluid improve 90-day mortality in patients with septic shock compared to standard therapy?



Median volume administered after 90 days



90-day mortality



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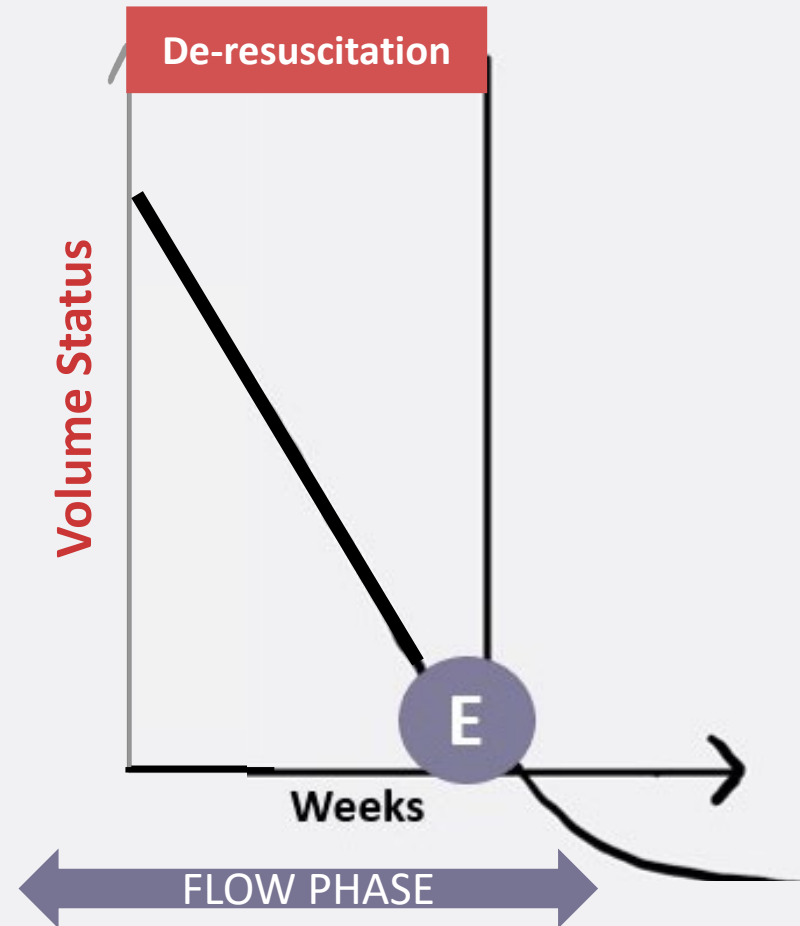
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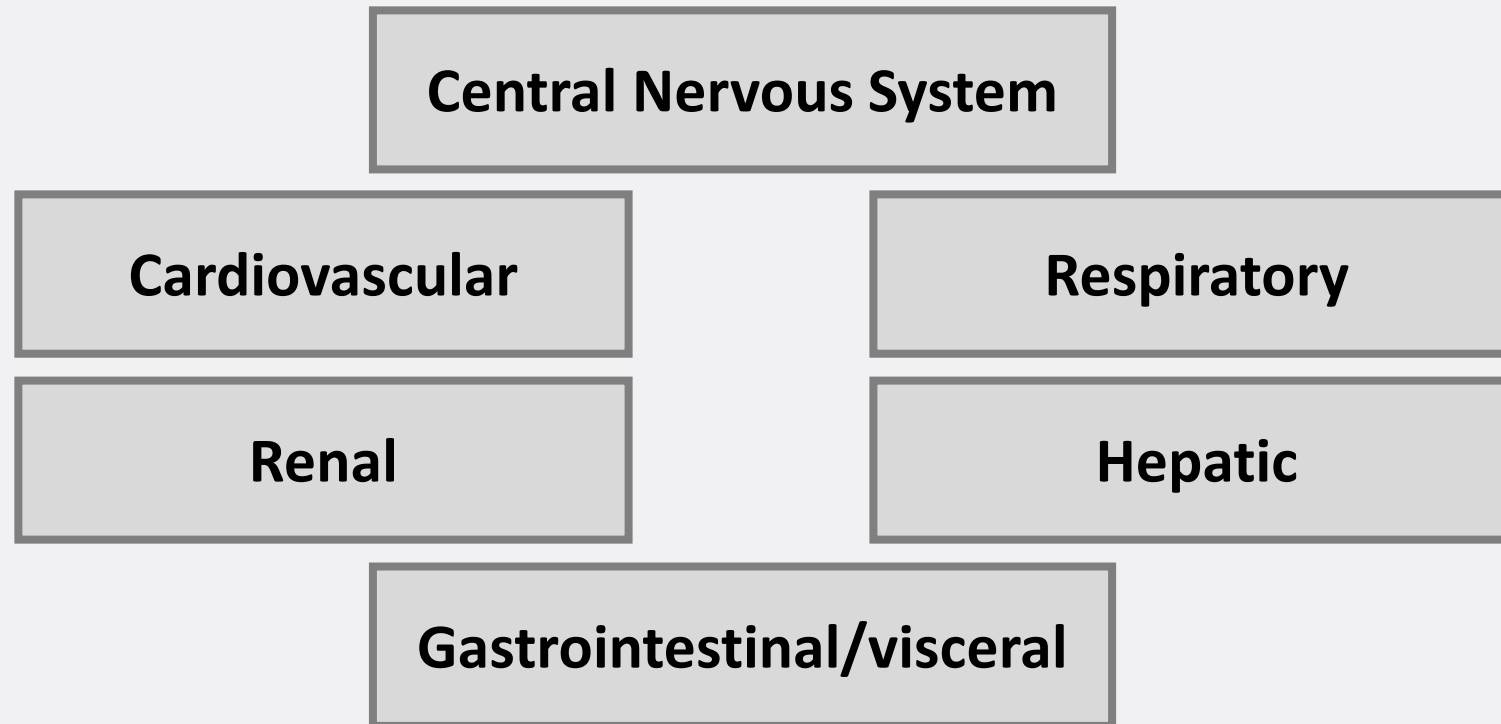
# Evacuation

Goal

Treat and/or prevent end-organ damage resulting from fluid overload



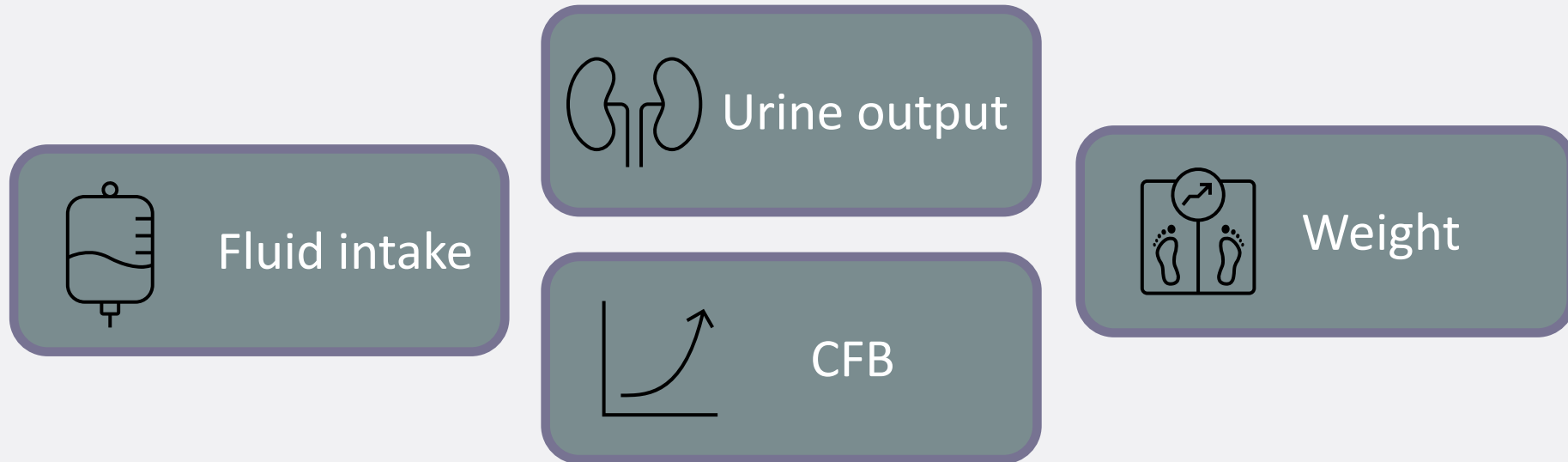
# Signs to De-resuscitate





# Evacuation – Estimating Fluid Accumulation

Daily documentation of



CFB → sum total of fluid accumulation over a period of time

## Assessment Question 2

Volume overload in critically ill patients may result in which of the following? (All)

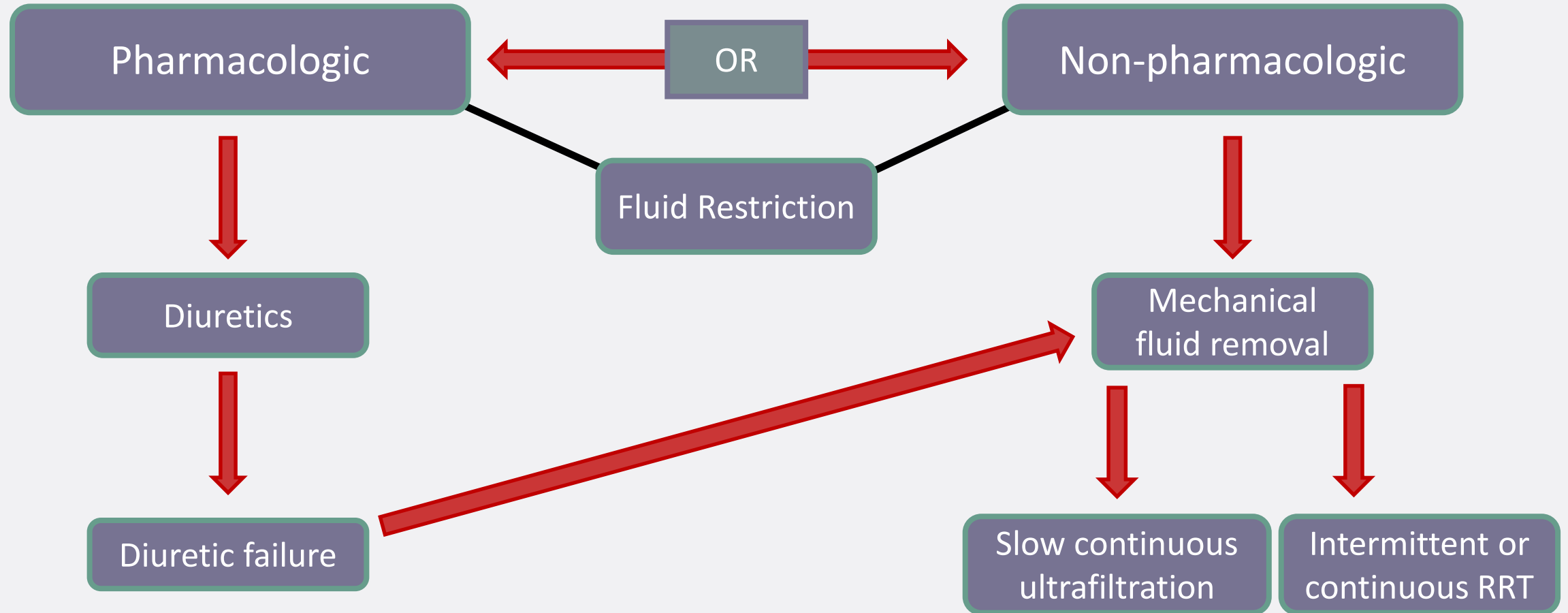
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# Measures to Remove Excess Fluid



# Malbrain et al.

Investigated the effects of fluid removal with either furosemide or RRT with net ultrafiltration on IAP

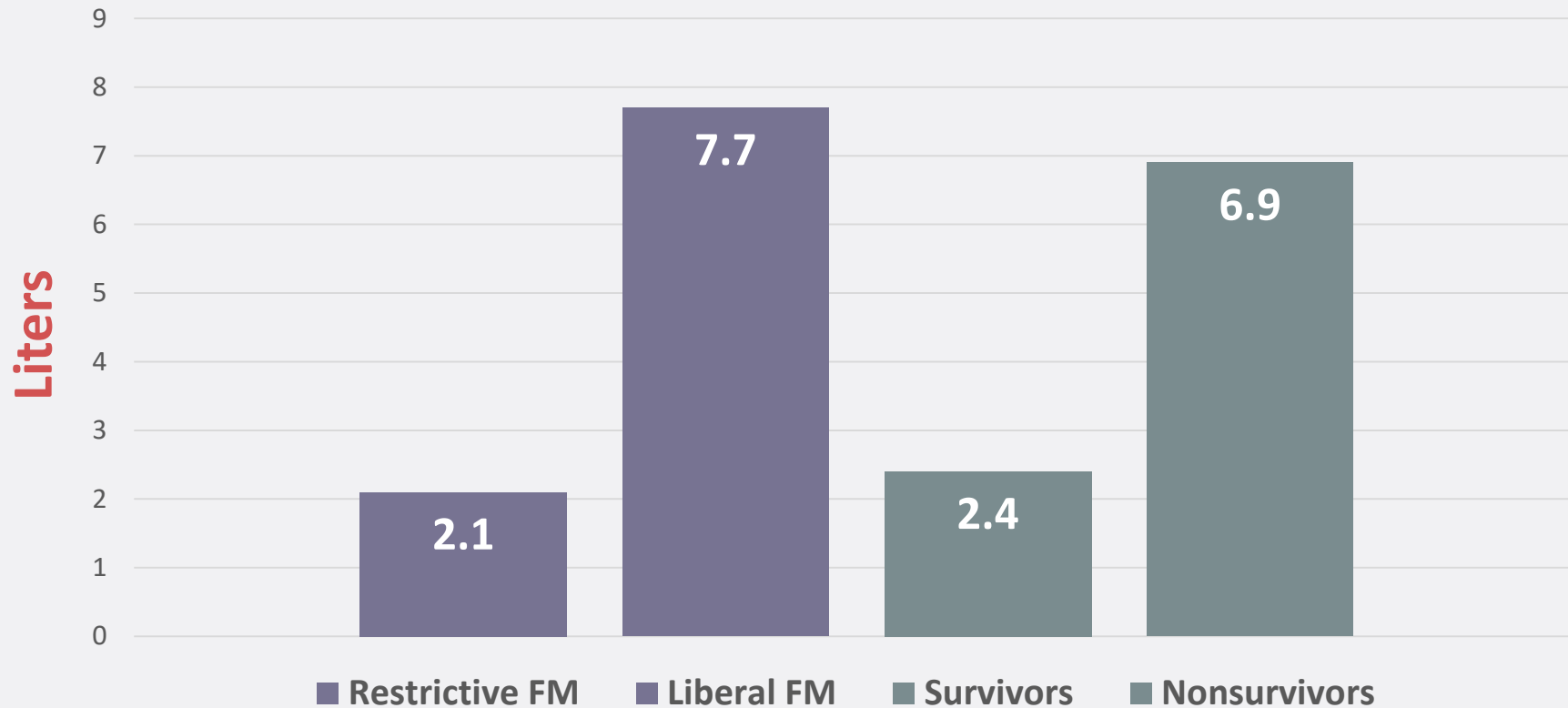
**19,902 patients studied**

Intervention had to be a strategy or protocol attempting to obtain a neutral or negative balance

Do non-survivors have a more positive fluid balance?  
Does outcome improve with an intervention to limit fluid intake or lower fluid balance?

# Malbrain et al.

## CFB after 1 week of ICU stay



# Malbrain et al.

Dose-related effect observed → the more negative the net fluid balance or fluid removal, the greater the decrease in IAP

Restrictive strategy → associated with lower mortality compared to liberal fluid management  
24.7% vs 33.2%; OR 0.42 [95% CI 0.32, 0.55];  $p < 0.0001$

Conclusion: Suggest a goal of a zero or negative fluid balance by day 3 and to keep the CFB on day 7 as low as possible

# RADAR-2

## Objective

Investigate the feasibility, safety, and clinical outcomes of a strategy of conservative fluid administration compared with usual care in critically ill adults

## Design

Open-label, parallel-group, allocation concealed randomized pilot trial

## Population

180 intubated critically ill patients (40% sepsis)

## Intervention

2-stage fluid strategy and de-resuscitation vs usual care on ICU days 2-5

1. De-escalation: discontinuation of maintenance fluids

2. De-resuscitation: furosemide + spironolactone for goal net -1 to 3L

Net fluid balance > +2L or clinical edema AND

Norepinephrine <0.2 mcg/kg/min, lactate <3.5



# RADAR-2

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Intervention (n=88)</b>	<b>Usual care (n=88)</b>	<b>P value</b>
<b>Balance day 2-3, L</b>	-0.84 (1.8)	+0.13 (1.4)	<0.01
<b>CFB at Day 3, L</b>	+2 (3.3)	+2.9 (3.5)	0.04
<b>CFB at day 5, L</b>	+0.39 (4.2)	+3.7 (4.4)	<0.01
<b>CFB at ICU discharge, L</b>	-0.46 (6.5)	+1.2 (6.6)	0.07
<b>Death within 28 days, n (%)</b>	19 (21.4)	14 (15.6)	0.45
<b>Death within 180 days, n (%)</b>	25 (28.4)	21 (23.9)	0.61
Data expressed as mean (SD) or number (%)			

# IRIHS

## Objective

Assess the efficacy and safety of a diuretic strategy to overcome positive fluid balance in patients on invasive mechanical ventilation after hemodynamic stabilization

## Design

Multicenter, single-blind, randomized, controlled trial

## Population (n=166)

77 → furosemide

- Once or twice daily until extubated
- Dose adapted by the physician with aim to reach the reference weight  
→ maximum dose 250 mg

89 → control

Diuretics prohibited unless for rescue

## Primary Outcome

Weight variation from reference weight to successful extubation

# IRIHS

Baseline Characteristics	Control (n=89)	Diuretics (n=77)
<b>Weight at randomization, kg</b>	84 [75, 97]	88.5 [73, 99]
<b>CKD, n(%)</b>	3 (3.4)	1 (1.3)
<b>Admission</b>		
Acute respiratory failure	42 (47.2)	33 (42.9)
Sepsis/septic shock	28 (31.4)	21 (27.2)
Hemorrhagic shock	5 (5.6)	4 (5.2)

Data expressed as number (%) or median [Q1-Q3]

# IRIHS

Primary outcome	Control (n=89)	Intervention (n=77)	Mean difference 95% CI	P value
Primary analysis, kg	-	-	-4.8 CI 95% [-7.3 to -2.5]	<0.001
Complete cases, kg n=144	6.4 [5, 11.2]	1.4 [1, 4.5]	-5.1 [-7.4; -2.8]	<0.001

Data expressed as number (%) or median [IQR]

## Conclusion:

- Protocolized diuretic therapy reduced accumulation in patients receiving mechanical ventilation without major adverse effects

# Bissell et al.

Impact of protocolized diuresis for de-resuscitation in the MICU

Pre and post single-center pilot study in the MICU

Mechanical ventilation with either:

- Clinical signs of volume overload on chest radiograph or exam
- Positive fluid balance since admission eligible

**Historical control (n=273)**

Diuresis per clinician discretion  
for a 2-year period

**Post-protocol group (n=91)**

Diuresis protocol for 1 year

80 [40-200]

Total cumulative dose, mg  
\*expressed as median [IQR]

240 [120-420]

# Bissell et al.

Determine patient-specific daily fluid balance goal

(Usual -1 to -2 liters)  
Stop maintenance fluids  
IV to oral switch

Known furosemide exposure

Responsive: use initial previous dose  
Not: double previous dose up to 200 mg

No known furosemide exposure

GFR >50 mL/min → 40 mg IV  
GFR 30-50 mL/min → 60 mg IV  
GFR <30 mL/min → 80 mg IV

2-hour  
assessment

# Bissell et al.

Outcomes	Historical cohort (n=273)	Intervention cohort (n=91)	P value
<b>72h fluid balance, L</b>	0.27 (-2.3-3)	-2257 (-5.7-0.9)	<0.0001
<b>Ventilator free days</b>	8 (5–13)	5 (5–12)	0.441
<b>ICU free days</b>	17 (7–21)	19 (13–22)	0.03
<b>In-hospital mortality</b>	44 (16.1)	5 (5.5)	0.008
<b>RRT receipt in ICU</b>	17 (6.2)	0	<0.0001
<b>Hypokalemia</b>	0	3 (3.3)	0.015
<b>Hypernatremia</b>	19 (6.9)	19 (20.9)	0.001

Data expressed as mean (SD), median (IQR), and number (%)

## Conclusion:

- Significant decrease in net CFB at 72 hours following shock resolution
- Potential benefit on clinical outcomes including mortality and ICU LOS

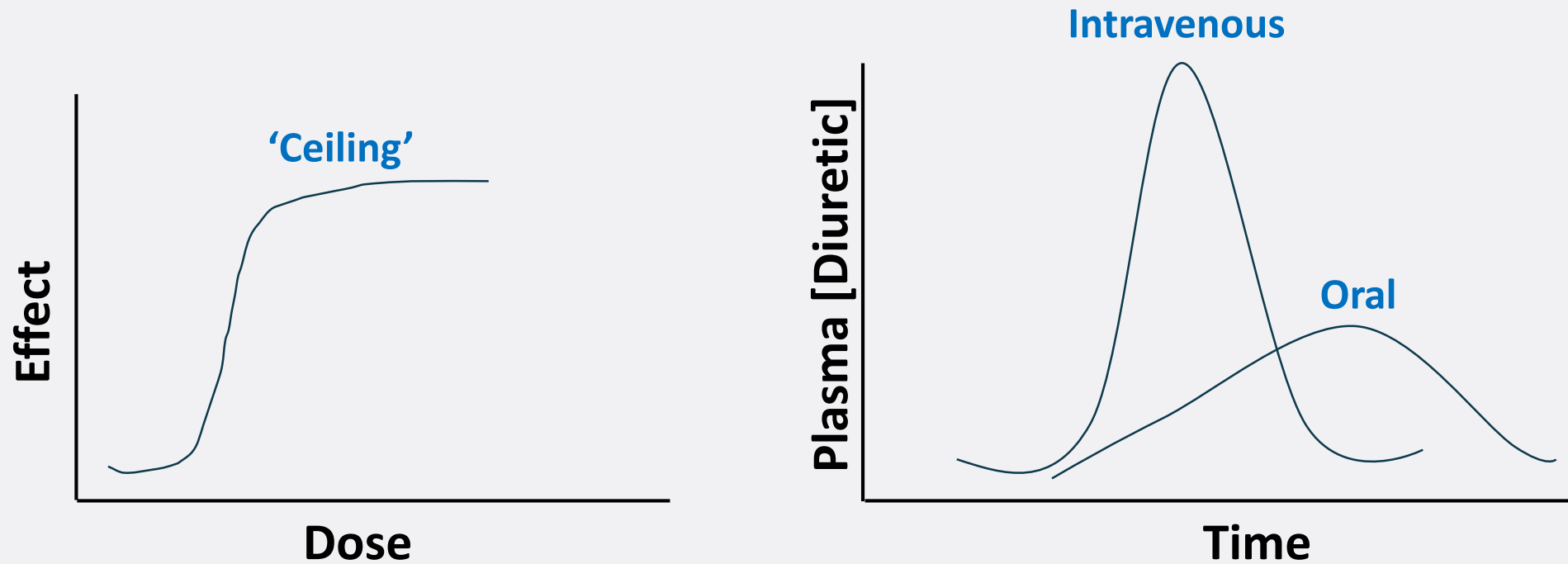
# Diuretic Options

Electrolyte Effects	Na <sup>+</sup>	K <sup>+</sup> & Mg <sup>2+</sup>	HCO <sup>3-</sup>
Loop diuretic	↑↓	↓	↑
Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors	-	↓	↓
Thiazide	↓↓	↓	↑
Potassium sparing	-	↑	↓

Furosemide	Bumetanide	Metolazone	Chlorothiazide	Indapamide	Acetazolamide	Spirolactone
20-160 mg/dose IV	0.5-3 mg IV Q6H	5-10 mg PO daily	500-1000 mg IV Q12-24H	2.5-5 mg PO daily	500 mg IV Q12H	25-50 mg PO TID



# Loop Diuretic Activity



## Assessment Question 3

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# Storage and Preparation

Bumetanide and furosemide continuous infusion

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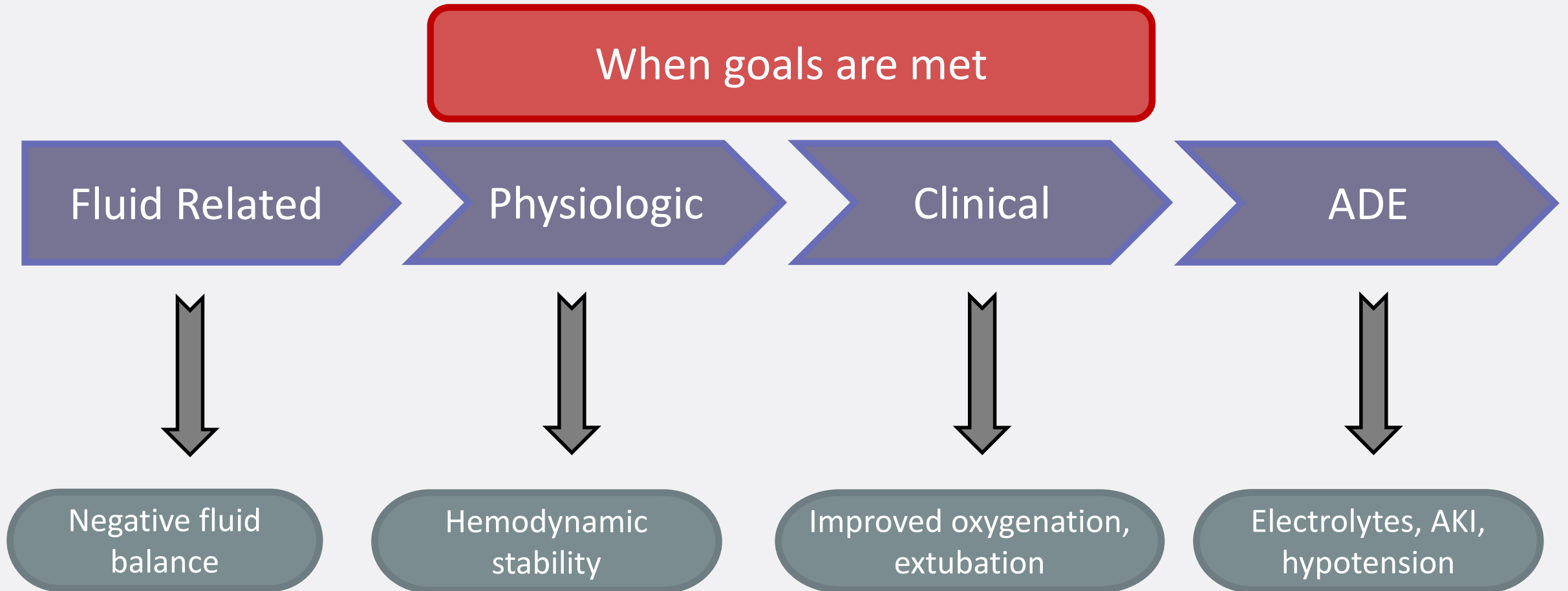
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When to **stop** de-resuscitation

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# When to Stop De-resuscitation?



# Implementation of Fluid Stewardship in a MICU

Fluid stewardship services integrated into adult MICU at a large community hospital

Data reported and categorized based on



4 Rights

ROSE

305 patients reviewed → 2597 pharmacists made recommendations

4 Rights	Interventions, n (%)
Right patient	194 (39)
Right route	165 (33)
Right drug	85 (17)
Right dose	55 (11)

ROSE	Interventions, n (%)
Resuscitation	6 (1)
Optimization	18 (3)
Stabilization	392 (79)
Evacuation	83 (17)

# Assessment Question 4

Which of the following is the optimal storage location for the discussed medications used for fluid de-resuscitation? (Pharmacy Technicians)

- A. Refrigerator
- B. Room temperature
- C. Freezer
- D. Any of the above



# Assessment Question 4

Which of the following is the optimal storage location for the discussed medications used for fluid de-resuscitation? (Pharmacy Technicians)

A. Refrigerator

B. Room temperature

C. Freezer

D. Any of the above

# Assessment Question 5

Which of the following medications are commonly used initially for fluid de-resuscitation in critically ill patients? (Pharmacy Technicians)

- A. Epinephrine
- B. Furosemide
- C. Spironolactone
- D. Mannitol

# Assessment Question 5

Which of the following medications are commonly used initially for fluid de-resuscitation in critically ill patients? (Pharmacy Technicians)

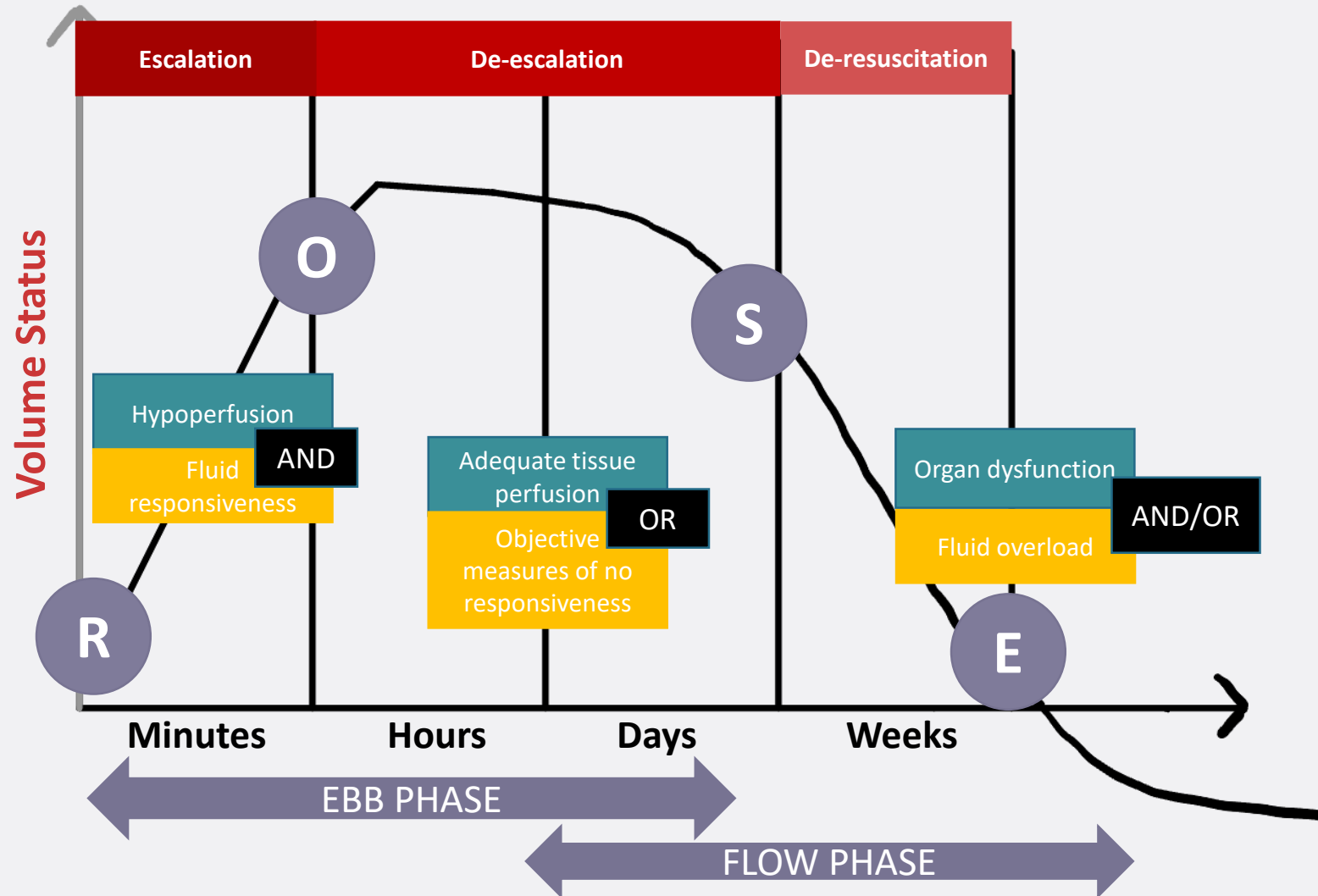
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C. Spironolactone

D. Mannitol

# ROSE Model



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