

# Indications for ECMO

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- I have no disclosures

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- No absolutes
- Multiple studies with similar but variable indications
- Institution specific

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## Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation in Severe Acute Respiratory Failure

A Randomized Prospective Study

Warren M. Zapol, MD; Michael T. Snider, MD, PhD; J. Donald Hill, MD;  
Robert J. Fallat, MD; Robert H. Bartlett, MD; L. Henry Edmunds, MD; Alan H. Morris, MD;  
E. Converse Peirce II, MD; Arthur N. Thomas, MD; Herbert J. Proctor, MD; Philip A. Drinker, PhD;  
Philip C. Pratt, MD; Anna Bagniewski, MA; Rupert G. Miller, Jr, PhD

JAMA, Nov 16, 1979—Vol 242, No. 20

### Inclusion criteria

- PaO<sub>2</sub> less than 50 mm HG for more than 2 hours with FiO<sub>2</sub> 100% and PEEP > 5
  - (Fast criteria)
- PaO<sub>2</sub> < 50 mm HG for > 12 hours with FiO<sub>2</sub> 60% **and** PEEP ≥ 5 cm H<sub>2</sub>O **and**
- Pulmonary shunt > 30%
  - When FiO<sub>2</sub> 100% and PEEP ≥ 5 cm H<sub>2</sub>O

### Exclusion criteria

- Age < 12 years or > 65 years
- Pulmonary insult > 21 days
- PCWP > 25 mm HG
- Severe burns
- Rapidly fatal malignance
- Chronic systemic disease
  - Heart, liver, renal failure

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## Low-Frequency Positive-Pressure Ventilation With Extracorporeal CO<sub>2</sub> Removal in Severe Acute Respiratory Failure

Luciano Gattinoni, MD; Antonio Pesenti, MD; Daniele Mascheroni, MD; Roberto Marcolin, MD; Roberto Fumagalli, MD; Francesca Rossi, MD; Gaetano Iapichino, MD; Giuliano Romagnoli, MD; Ljilj Uziel, MD; Angelo Agostoni, MD; Theodor Kolobow, MD; Giorgio Damia, MD

JAMA, Aug 15, 1986—Vol 256, No. 7

### **Inclusion criteria**

- Similar to 1979 Zapol et al study
- Differences
  - Needed static compliance less < 30 ml/cmH<sub>2</sub>O

### **Exclusion criteria**

- Similar to 1979 Zapol et al study
- Differences
  - Age extreme not a limitation
  - Time of pulmonary insult not a limitation

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## Efficacy of Extracorporeal Life Support in the Setting of Adult Cardiorespiratory Failure

THOMAS PRANIKOFF, RONALD B. HIRSCHL, CYNTHIA N. STEIMLE, HARRY L. ANDERSON III, AND ROBERT H. BARTLETT

*ASAIO Journal 1994*

**Table 1. ECLS Selection Criteria for Cardiopulmonary Failure in Adults**

**Indications**

Transpulmonary shunt ( $Q_{sp}/Q_t$ )  $\geq 30\%$  } Despite and after  
Lung compliance  $< 0.5$  ml/cm  $H_2O/kg$  } optimal care  
Diffuse infiltrates on CXR  
Cardiac failure not manageable by inotropic support/IABP

**Contraindications**

Age  $> 60$  yr  
Incurable condition  
Pre ECLS ventilation  $> 10$  days

**Relative Contraindications**

Multiple organ failure  
Pre ECLS ventilation  $> 7$  days

**Optimal Care**

PCV, PEEP

Diuresis

Prone

Sedation

Paralysis



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**Efficacy and economic assessment of conventional ventilatory support versus extracorporeal membrane oxygenation for severe adult respiratory failure (CESAR): a multicentre randomised controlled trial**

*Giles J Peek, Miranda Mugford, Ravindranath Tiruvoipati, Andrew Wilson, Elizabeth Allen, Mariamma M Thalanany, Clare L Hibbert, Ann Truesdale, Felicity Clemens, Nicola Cooper, Richard K Firmin, Diana Elbourne, for the CESAR trial collaboration*

(Lancet 2009;374:1351-63)

- **CESAR Trial**
  - Prospective
  - Randomized
    - Conventional management
    - Referral for ECMO consideration

# Indications for ECMO – CESAR Trial

## ***Inclusion Criteria***

- 18-65 years old
- Severe but potentially reversible respiratory failure
  - Murray score > 3 or
  - Uncompensated hypercarbia with pH < 7.20

## ***Exclusion criteria***

- High pressure (PIP > 30 cm H<sub>2</sub>O) for > 7 days
- High FiO<sub>2</sub> (80%) > 7 days
- Intracranial hemorrhage
- Inability to tolerate heparin
- Contraindication to continuing treatment

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TABLE 2

COMPONENTS AND INDIVIDUAL VALUES OF THE LUNG INJURY SCORE\*

|   |                              | Value |
|---|------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Chest roentgenogram score                            |                              |       |
| No alveolar consolidation                               |                              | 0     |
| Alveolar consolidation confined to 1 quadrant           |                              | 1     |
| Alveolar consolidation confined to 2 quadrants          |                              | 2     |
| Alveolar consolidation confined to 3 quadrants          |                              | 3     |
| Alveolar consolidation in all 4 quadrants               |                              | 4     |
| 2. Hypoxemia score                                      |                              |       |
| PaO <sub>2</sub> /FIO <sub>2</sub>                      | ≥300                         | 0     |
| PaO <sub>2</sub> /FIO <sub>2</sub>                      | 225-299                      | 1     |
| PaO <sub>2</sub> /FIO <sub>2</sub>                      | 175-224                      | 2     |
| PaO <sub>2</sub> /FIO <sub>2</sub>                      | 100-174                      | 3     |
| PaO <sub>2</sub> /FIO <sub>2</sub>                      | <100                         | 4     |
| 3. PEEP score (when ventilated)                         |                              |       |
| PEEP  | ≥5 cm H <sub>2</sub> O       | 0     |
| PEEP  | 6-8 cm H <sub>2</sub> O      | 1     |
| PEEP  | 9-11 cm H <sub>2</sub> O     | 2     |
| PEEP  | 12-14 cm H <sub>2</sub> O    | 3     |
| PEEP  | ≥15 cm H <sub>2</sub> O      | 4     |
| 4. Respiratory system compliance score (when available) |                              |       |
| Compliance  | ≥80 ml/cm H <sub>2</sub> O   | 0     |
| Compliance  | 60-79 ml/cm H <sub>2</sub> O | 1     |
| Compliance  | 40-59 ml/cm H <sub>2</sub> O | 2     |
| Compliance  | 20-39 ml/cm H <sub>2</sub> O | 3     |
| Compliance  | ≤19 ml/cm H <sub>2</sub> O   | 4     |

The final value is obtained by dividing the aggregate sum by the number of components that were used

|                              | Score   |
|------------------------------|---------|
| No lung injury               | 0       |
| Mild-to-moderate lung injury | 0.1-2.5 |
| Severe lung injury (ARDS)    | >2.5    |

\* Abbreviations: PaO<sub>2</sub>/FIO<sub>2</sub> = arterial oxygen tension to inspired oxygen concentration ratio; PEEP = positive end-expiratory pressure.

Murray et al. An Expanded definition of the adult respiratory distress syndrome  
*Am Rev Respir Dis* 1988 Sep;138(3):720-3

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## The Italian ECMO network experience during the 2009 influenza A(H1N1) pandemic: preparation for severe respiratory emergency outbreaks

**Table 1** List of recommended national clinical criteria for early patient centralization and for ECMO eligibility

### **Recommended criteria for early patient centralization**

**From primary and secondary hospitals to tertiary hospitals with ARDS treatment experience**

Suspected H1N1 infection with one of the following:

1. Need for invasive mechanical ventilation with PEEP
2.  $FiO_2 > 0.6$

**From any non-ECMO center to ECMOnet centers**

Suspected H1N1 infection with one of the following:

1.  $HbO_2 < 85\%$
2.  $OI > 25$
3.  $PaO_2/FiO_2 < 100$  with  $PEEP \geq 10$  cmH<sub>2</sub>O
4. Hypercapnia and respiratory acidosis with  $pH < 7.25$
5.  $SvO_2$  or  $SvcO_2 < 65\%$  despite  $Ht > 30$  and administration of vasoactive drugs

### **ECMO criteria**

#### **Inclusion criteria**

All adult and pediatric patients with severe ARDS related to suspected influenza A(H1N1) presenting with at least one of the following criteria despite the use of available rescue therapies:

1.  $OI > 30$
2.  $PaO_2/FiO_2 < 70$  with  $PEEP \geq 15$  cmH<sub>2</sub>O (in patient already admitted to one of the ECMOnet centers)
3.  $PaO_2/FiO_2 < 100$  with  $PEEP \geq 10$  cmH<sub>2</sub>O (in patients still to be transferred)
4.  $pH < 7.25$  for at least 2 h
5. Hemodynamic instability

#### **Exclusion criteria**

**Absolute**

1. Intracranial bleeding or other major contraindication to anticoagulation
2. Previous severe disability
3. Poor prognosis because of the underlying disease (i.e., unresolved malignancy)

**Relative**

1.  $MV > 7$  days

*PEEP* Positive end-expiratory pressure, *FiO<sub>2</sub>* inspired oxygen fraction, *HbO<sub>2</sub>* oxygenated hemoglobin, *PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub>* arterial partial pressure of oxygen to *FiO<sub>2</sub>* ratio, *OI* oxygenation index (computed as  $FiO_2 \times \text{mean airway pressure} \times 100/PaO_2$ ), *MV* mechanical ventilation

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## **EOLIA Trial** (*ECMO to rescue Lung Injury in severe ARDS*)

### ***Inclusion criteria***

- $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 < 50$  mm HG with  $\text{FiO}_2 \geq 80\%$  for  $> 3$  hours
- $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 < 80$  mm HG with  $\text{FiO}_2 \geq 80\%$   $> 6$  hours
- $\text{pH} < 7.25$  for  $> 6$  hours with  $\text{Pplat} \leq 32$  cm  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Despite optimal mechanical ventilation

### ***Exclusion criteria***

- Mechanical ventilation  $\geq 7$  days
- Age  $< 18$  years
- Pregnant
- BMI  $> 45$   $\text{kg}/\text{m}^2$
- Prior  $\text{O}_2$  dependence
- History of HITT
- Malignancy and fatal prognosis within 5 years
- Neurologic devastation
- DNR

# Indications for ECMO – ELSO

- ***Inclusion criteria***

- Hypoxic respiratory failure
  - ECMO ***considered*** at 50% mortality risk
    - $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 < 150$ ,  $\text{FiO}_2 > 90\%$  and/or
    - Murray Score 2-3
  - ECMO ***indicated*** (most circumstances) at 80% mortality risk
    - $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 < 100$ ,  $\text{FiO}_2 > 90\%$  and/or
    - Murray score 3-4 despite optimal care for at least 6 hours
- $\text{CO}_2$  retention on mechanical ventilation despite high Pplat (> 30 cm H<sub>2</sub>O)
- Severe air leak syndrome
- Need for intubation on a patient on lung transplant list

# Indications for ECMO – ELSO

- ***Exclusion criteria***

- ***No absolute contraindications***

- Relative contraindications

- Mechanical ventilation at high settings (> 90% FiO<sub>2</sub>, Pplat > 30 cm H<sub>2</sub>O) for > 7 days
    - Major pharmacologic immunosuppression (ANC < 400/mm<sup>3</sup>)
    - Pre-existing conditions which affect quality of life
      - CNS hemorrhage that is recent or expanding
      - Terminal malignancy
    - Age – no specific contraindication, but increasing risk with increasing age

# Predicting Survival after Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation for Severe Acute Respiratory Failure

## The Respiratory Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation Survival Prediction (RESP) Score

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**Table 3: The RESP Score at ECMO Initiation**

| Parameter   | Score            |
|---|------------------|
| Age, yr   |                  |
| 18 to 49  | 0                |
| 50 to 59  | -2               |
| ≥60   | -3               |
| Immunocompromised status*                           | -2               |
| Mechanical ventilation prior to initiation of ECMO  |                  |
| <48 h   | 3                |
| 48 h to 7 d   | 1                |
| >7 d  | 0                |
| Acute respiratory diagnosis group (select only one) |                  |
| Viral pneumonia                                     | 3                |
| Bacterial pneumonia                                 | 3                |
| Asthma  | 11               |
| Trauma and burn                                     | 3                |
| Aspiration pneumonitis                              | 5                |
| Other acute respiratory diagnoses                   | 1                |
| Nonrespiratory and chronic respiratory diagnoses    | 0                |
| Central nervous system dysfunction†                 | -7               |
| Acute associated (nonpulmonary) infection‡          | -3               |
| Neuromuscular blockade agents before ECMO           | 1                |
| Nitric oxide use before ECMO                        | -1               |
| Bicarbonate infusion before ECMO                    | -2               |
| Cardiac arrest before ECMO                          | -2               |
| PaCO <sub>2</sub> , mm Hg                           |                  |
| <75   | 0                |
| ≥75   | -1               |
| Peak inspiratory pressure, cm H <sub>2</sub> O      |                  |
| <42   | 0                |
| ≥42   | -1               |
| <b>Total score</b>                                  | <b>-22 to 15</b> |

| Hospital Survival by Risk Class |            |          |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Total RESP Score                | Risk Class | Survival |
| ≥6                              | I          | 92%      |
| 3 to 5                          | II         | 76%      |
| -1 to 2                         | III        | 57%      |
| -5 to -2                        | IV         | 33%      |
| ≤ -6                            | V          | 18%      |



**Table 2:** Pre-ECMO Factors Associated with Survival to Hospital Discharge (Candidate Factors for the RESP Score) in Multivariate Analysis

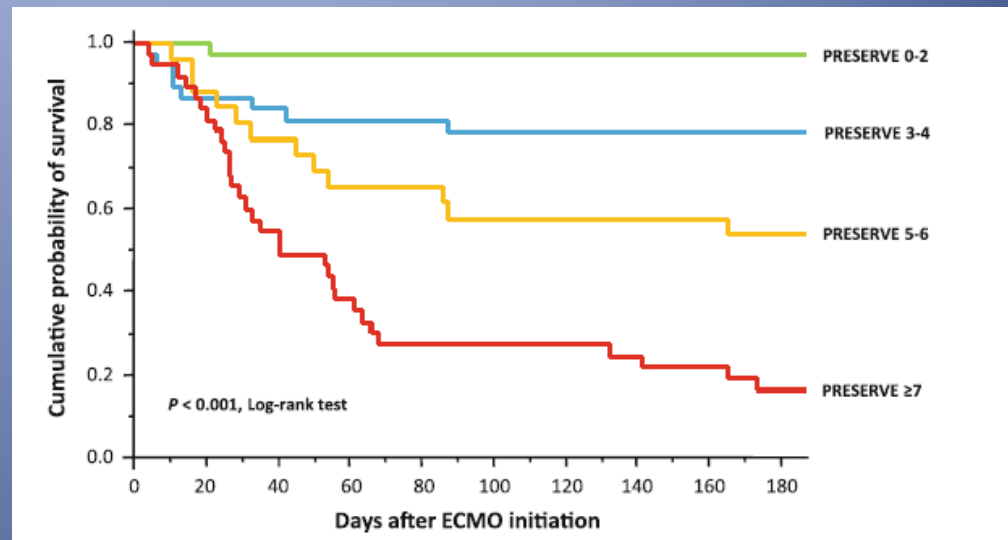
| Pre-ECMO Support   | Odds Ratio (95% CI) | P Value |
|--|---------------------|---------|
| Age  | 0.98 (0.97–0.99)    | <0.0001 |
| Immunocompromised*   | 0.64 (0.42–0.95)    | 0.029   |
| Bacterial pneumonia  | 2.12 (1.63–2.75)    | <0.0001 |
| Viral pneumonia  | 2.26 (1.62–3.14)    | <0.0001 |
| Asthma   | 17.7 (3.72–83.8)    | <0.0001 |
| Trauma and burn  | 1.82 (1.22–2.71)    | 0.003   |
| Aspiration pneumonitis                                     | 3.45 (1.82–6.53)    | <0.0001 |
| Others acute respiratory diagnoses                         | 1.29 (1.02–1.62)    | 0.032   |
| Central nervous system dysfunction <sup>†</sup>            | 0.15 (0.10–0.22)    | <0.0001 |
| Acute nonpulmonary-associated infection <sup>‡</sup>       | 0.46 (0.34–0.62)    | <0.0001 |
| Renal dysfunction <sup>§</sup>                             | 0.77 (0.61–0.98)    | 0.038   |
| Cardiac arrest   | 0.62 (0.45–0.85)    | 0.003   |
| Mechanical ventilation time prior to initiation of ECMO, d | 0.989 (0.980–0.998) | 0.017   |
| Neuromuscular blockade agents                              | 1.40 (1.14–1.66)    | 0.001   |
| Inhaled nitric oxide                                       | 0.68 (0.54–0.85)    | 0.001   |
| Bicarbonate infusion                                       | 0.69 (0.54–0.88)    | 0.002   |
| Peak inspiratory pressure                                  | 0.992 (0.986–0.998) | 0.009   |
| Pa <sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub>                               | 0.996 (0.993–0.999) | 0.020   |

# The PRESERVE mortality risk score and analysis of long-term outcomes after extracorporeal membrane oxygenation for severe acute respiratory distress syndrome

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**Table 4** The PRESERVE score calculated with parameters available at the time of decision to initiate ECMO

| Parameter                                | Score |
|--|-------|
| Age (years)                              |       |
| <45                                      | 0     |
| 45–55                                    | 2     |
| >55                                      | 3     |
| Body mass index >30                      | –2    |
| Immunocompromised                        | 2     |
| SOFA >12 <sup>a</sup>                    | 1     |
| MV >6 days                               | 1     |
| No prone positioning before ECMO         | 1     |
| PEEP < 10 cm H <sub>2</sub> O            | 2     |
| Plateau pressure >30 cm H <sub>2</sub> O | 2     |
| Total score <sup>c</sup>                 | 0–14  |



**Table 3** Factors available at ECMO institution independently associated with death by 6 months post-ICU discharge

| Factor                                | OR (95 % CI)      | p-Value |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Age                                   | 1.08 (1.04–1.12)  | <0.001  |
| Body mass index                       | 0.90 (0.84–0.97)  | 0.004   |
| Immunocompromised <sup>a</sup>        | 4.33 (1.55–12.12) | 0.005   |
| SAPS II <sup>b</sup>                  | 1.04 (1.00–1.08)  | 0.028   |
| Days of MV                            | 1.07 (1.01–1.14)  | 0.015   |
| No prone positioning before ECMO      | 2.93 (1.04–8.25)  | 0.043   |
| PEEP, cm H <sub>2</sub> O             | 0.84 (0.71–0.99)  | 0.039   |
| Plateau pressure, cm H <sub>2</sub> O | 1.18 (1.05–1.32)  | 0.006   |

# Indications for ECMO after Trauma

## Venovenous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation for acute lung failure in adults

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### ***Inclusion criteria\****

PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub> < 80 mmHG

PEEP 18 cm H<sub>2</sub>O

Refractory respiratory acidosis, pH < 7.25

\*Despite recruitment maneuver  
proning, inhaled vasodilators, HFOV

| Variable <sup>a</sup>              | Trauma with ARDS<br>(n = 14) |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Age, years                         | 27.8 ± 12.5                  |
| Body mass index, kg/m <sup>2</sup> | 28.0 ± 5.8                   |
| Pre-ECMO ventilation, days         | 4.4 ± 8.8                    |
| PaO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub> | 56 ± 13                      |
| Paco <sub>2</sub> , mm Hg          | 72 ± 29                      |
| pH                                 | 7.2 ± 0.2                    |
| PIP max, cm H <sub>2</sub> O       | 38 ± 5                       |
| PEEP, cm H <sub>2</sub> O          | 19 ± 6                       |
| Resp minute volume, liters/min     | 11.2 ± 4.0                   |
| Lung Injury Score                  | 3.5 ± 0.4                    |

# Indications for ECMO after Trauma

Venovenous extracorporeal life support improves survival in adult trauma patients with acute hypoxemic respiratory failure: A multicenter retrospective cohort study

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## ***Inclusion criteria***

- Age 16-55 years
- $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 < 80$  with  $\text{FiO}_2 > 90\%$
- No evidence of cardiogenic pulmonary edema
- Murray score  $\geq 3.0$

## ***Exclusion criteria***

- Non trauma
- Cardiogenic shock
- Acute intracranial hemorrhage
- Expired within 24 hours of admission

# Indications for ECMO after Trauma

## Use of extracorporeal membrane oxygenation in severe traumatic lung injury with respiratory failure ☆,☆☆,★

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### *2.1. Inclusion criteria for ECMO in severe traumatic lung injury*

Patients with traumatic lung injury who received conventional management initially were considered candidates for ECMO when they met one of the following criteria:

1. Arterial PaO<sub>2</sub>/fraction of inspired oxygen (1.0) less than 60 and PEEP greater than 10 cm H<sub>2</sub>O for 2 hours in spite of optimized mechanical ventilation strategy and conservative treatment.
2. Irreversible CO<sub>2</sub> retention with unstable hemodynamics.
3. The initial arterial blood gas PaO<sub>2</sub>/fraction of inspired oxygen (1.0) less than 60, where the pulmonary condition and hemodynamics rapidly deteriorated despite vigorous mechanical ventilation strategy.

# Indications for ECMO – UMMC/STC

- University of Maryland Medical Center/R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center (UMMC/STC)
  - ***Inclusion criteria*** (Non Trauma/Non Transplant)
    - Murray Score  $\geq 3$
    - Hypercapnia with pH  $< 7.25$  or inability to ventilate with Pplat  $\leq 30$  cm H<sub>2</sub>O
    - On ventilator  $\leq 10$  days
    - $\leq 75$  years old
    - Reversible etiology of ARDS
    - Bedside physician discretion

# Indications for ECMO – UMMC/STC

- ***Exclusion criteria (Relative)***
  - > 75 years of age
  - > 10 days on the ventilator
  - Requiring home O<sub>2</sub> therapy for severe lung disease
  - Severe neurological insult
  - Terminal disease with low 1 year survival rate
  - Jehovah's witness
  - Bedside physician clinical discretion

# Indications for ECMO – UMMC/STC

- Trauma

- Guidelines for consideration/initiation of VV ECMO

- *Inclusion criteria*

- Any patient post traumatic pneumonectomy
      - $\text{PaO}_2 < 100$  mmHG with  $\text{FiO}_2 \geq 80\%$ , and  $\text{Pplat} \geq 30$  cm H<sub>2</sub>O or  $\text{P1} \geq 30$  cm H<sub>2</sub>O **or** Hypercapnia ( $\text{CO}_2 > 60$ ) with  $\text{pH} < 7.25$ , or inability to adequately ventilate with  $\text{Pplat} \leq 30$  **and**
      - On ventilator  $\leq 7$  days
      - $< 70$  years of age
      - Patient with a reversal form of ARDS – (infectious, trauma, post-operative)
      - Bedside physician clinical discretion



# Indications for ECMO – UMMC/STC

- Trauma
  - Guidelines for consideration/initiation of VV ECMO
    - ***Exclusion criteria***
      - Same as non trauma
      - Underlying cirrhosis (Child class C or MELD $\geq$  30)
      - Abdominal compartment syndrome
      - Bedside physician clinical discretion
  - ***The use of VA ECMO following injury for patients without a direct cardiac injury is discouraged***

- Conclusion:

- Earlier is probably better

- No absolutes

- Severe hypoxia or hypercarbia not responding to maximal therapy

- VA ECMO after trauma is not recommended