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SYNOPSIS

Fast-tracking in cardiac surgery essentially deals with early weaning from mechanical ventilation and extubating the patient within 6-8 hours of surgery. In order to achieve fast-tracking, careful planning, patient selection, assessment and implementation of strategies that results in early awakening, de-intensification and transfer of the patient from ICU is necessary. This requires careful planning and assessment in the perioperative period so that the fast-track pathways does not compromise the patient safety in terms of morbidity and mortality.

In anesthesia and critical care, especially in the post cardiac -surgery milieu, there are no objective methods that can assess a patient's feasibility to be fast-tracked perioperatively. As the end point of fast-tracking essentially involves early weaning and tracheal extubation, this would essentially mean parameters that can predict weaning and extubation failures postoperatively. As cardiac surgery involves the use of cardiopulmonary bypass, known to cause systemic inflammatory response syndrome due to the extracorporeal circuit, pulmonary infiltrates and free radical injury initiates hypoxemia postoperatively and varying degrees of lung collapse, atelectasis and consolidation, pneumothorax and effusion (postoperative pulmonary complications) are extremely common can reduce static lung compliance postoperatively. Static lung compliance is the change in lung volume per unit change in pressure and its reduction can lead to delayed weaning from mechanical ventilation and hence prevent fast-tracking.

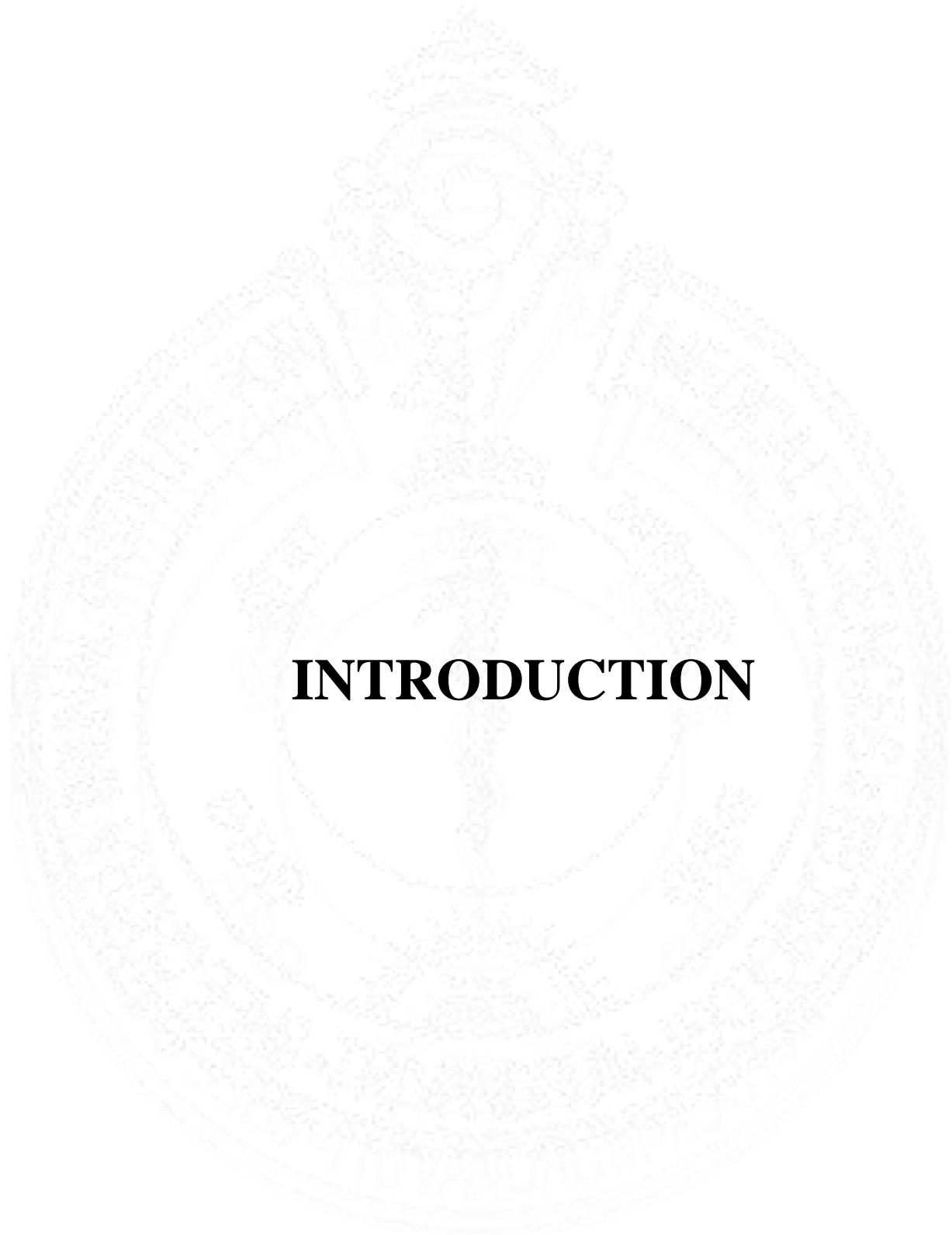
In the search for such objective parameters, P/F ratio which is commonly used in critical practices was considered. Due to the postoperative pulmonary complications – post cardiac surgery, it is a routine to apply positive end expiratory pressure (PEEP) during mechanical ventilation postoperatively to recruit the lungs and improve oxygenation.

The P/F ratio, especially in the setting of cardiac surgery, cannot adequately reflect the severity of disease.as it doesn't include PEEP. $\text{PaO}_2 / (\text{FiO}_2 \times \text{PEEP})$ (P/FP Ratio) is a new formula which addresses this gap to appropriately calculate the severity of the disease by including PEEP in the formula. No research about application of this formula in the cardiac surgery setting is available and hence we decided to evaluate its usefulness along with Static lung compliance in predicting the patient's oxygenation status, need for respiratory support and pulmonary complications after cardiac surgery and hence help in decision making in fast-tracking

A prospective observational study was carried out in the adult cardiac surgery ICU on 120 patients meeting the inclusion criteria. In the cardiac surgery intensive care unit (ICU), the P/FP ratios were calculated by incorporating PaO_2 (from arterial blood gas analysis), FiO_2 and the set PEEP from the ventilator, at the following time points: 1. immediately after ICU admission post-surgery, 2. after 1 hour and 3. 10 minutes before extubation. Static lung compliance was calculated from ventilator at 1 hour after receiving the patient in the ICU.

Patients were observed in the ICU for the following: 1. any additional requirement of non-invasive ventilatory (NIV) support after extubation, 2. tracheal reintubations 3. any postoperative pulmonary complications documented radiologically. The P/FP ratio of ≤ 150 at 1-hour post-ICU admission was significantly associated with post-extubation NIV requirement ($p < 0.001$) but not with the postoperative pulmonary complications (p value). The static lung compliance ≤ 24.6 ml/cm H₀ at 1 hour post ICU admission was significantly associated with both post-extubation NIV requirement ($p < 0.001$) and postoperative pulmonary complications ($p < 0.001$).

To conclude the new P/FP ratio and static lung compliance can predict the requirement of non-invasive ventilatory support after extubation and development of postoperative pulmonary complications in patients undergoing cardiac surgery. These pulmonary parameters can be considered for inclusion in the existing fast-track protocols to predict fast-track failure in the cardiac surgery ICUs.



INTRODUCTION

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Containment of cost and expenditure with efficient resource utilisation have forced the pendulum back to the debate of early tracheal extubation in cardiac surgical patients and the evolution of fast-track anaesthesia care.¹ The pressure to reduce costs resulted from market forces and health care reforms with implementation of health insurance in the early 1990s which forced the clinicians to perform a greater number of cases with existing resources.² This gradually paved the way for fast-tracking in all fields of surgical specialities especially cardiac surgery without compromising outcomes in terms of mortality, morbidity and quality of life.^{3,4}

Fast-tracking in cardiac surgery is a complex intervention involving several components of cardiac perioperative care, with the ultimate aim of early extubation after surgery, to reduce length of stay in the intensive care unit and in the hospital. Fast-track cardiac anaesthesia is defined as a perioperative anaesthetic approach that aims to facilitate tracheal extubation of patients within six hours after cardiac surgery. Most cardiac centres consider fast track extubation as tracheal extubation within 8 to 10 hours post- cardiac surgery.⁵

Fast- track cardiac surgery is a process of care, that involves a multidisciplinary approach aimed to improve the efficiency of care in cardiac surgical patients in which early extubation is a major key to the success.^{4,5} The clinical approach for fast-tracking starts preoperatively which involves identification of the patients and their optimisation and continues in the intraoperative period and postoperatively.

Criteria for weaning the patient from mechanical ventilation and extubation are always individualised and depends on many factors especially the cardiorespiratory, neurological, metabolic and hemodynamic status.⁶ As tracheal extubation after cardiac surgery usually happens in the post cardiac surgery ICU, there need to be certain parameters which would guide the clinician to early wean and extubate a post- cardiac surgery patient. One of such parameters is the P/F (P_aO_2/FiO_2) ratio, used commonly in anaesthesia and critical care practices. P/F (P_aO_2/FiO_2) ratio is the ratio of arterial oxygen partial pressure (P_aO_2 in mmHg) to fractional inspired oxygen (FiO_2 expressed as a fraction, not a percentage).⁷

One among the primary determinants of weaning from mechanical ventilation and tracheal extubation is the oxygenation status of the patient. Although a fair assessment of the oxygenation capacity of a patient can be deciphered by the P/F ratio, it can be influenced by the applied PEEP (Positive End Expiratory Pressure) on ventilator. As P/F ratio doesn't include PEEP, it misrepresents the severity of the disease.⁸ Hence we intend to include PEEP in the existing P/F ratio to formulate the new P/FP ratio [$P_aO_2 \times 5/FiO_2 \times PEEP$] and evaluate its usefulness in assessing the oxygenation status of the patient effectively post-cardiac surgery.

Lung compliance is a mechanical property used to describe the elasticity of the lung parenchyma, chest wall, or respiratory system as a whole. It is defined as a change in volume (ΔV) per unit change in pressure (ΔP) and can be expressed mathematically as $\Delta V/\Delta P$.

Static compliance is defined as lung compliance without the presence of gas flow. The difference between the plateau pressure (P_{plat}) during an inspiratory hold manoeuvre and the peak end-expiratory pressure (PEEP) can be used to calculate the static compliance (C_{stat}) as $V_T/(P_{\text{plat}} - \text{PEEP})$. Cardiac surgery is associated with significant structural and functional changes in the respiratory system due to the inflammatory process that is associated with the extracorporeal circuit, leading to reduced lung compliance.⁹

Postoperative pulmonary complications (PPC) as defined by occurrence of at least one among the following like atelectasis, lung collapse, respiratory failure, pneumothorax, pulmonary infections, though frequent, are under reported.¹⁰ The occurrence of PPC is a major hindrance to fast-tracking as patients become more dependent on mechanical ventilation. Similarly noninvasive ventilation (NIV) requirement, which is reported to be high in cardiac surgery and tracheal reintubations prevents fast-tracking and results in prolonged ICU length of stay.¹¹ Use of objective pulmonary parameters that could predict such factors that prevent fast-tracking, in the immediate postoperative period can guide the clinician to take corrective measures in the fast-track pathway thereby reducing the ICU length of stay and overall morbidity. By this study we intended to assess the usefulness of P/FP ratio and static lung compliance as objective pulmonary parameters in predicting postoperative pulmonary complications, post extubation NIV requirement and tracheal reintubations that could aid in fast-tracking in cardiac surgery.



AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Hypothesis

We hypothesized that the new P/FP ratio and static lung compliance can reliably predict post extubation - NIV requirement, tracheal reintubations after extubation and development of postoperative pulmonary complications after cardiac surgery and serves as useful objective pulmonary parameters that can guide the perioperative physician in fast-tracking the patient postoperatively in the ICU.

Objectives

Primary Objective

To evaluate the usefulness of the new P/FP ratio and static lung compliance as objective pulmonary parameters in predicting the surrogate markers of early weaning and extubation failure (fast-track failure) such as:

1. NIV (Non-Invasive Ventilation) requirements after extubation.
2. Tracheal reintubation.
3. Post operative pulmonary complications (PPC)

Secondary Objectives

1. To derive the optimal cut-off values of P/FP ratio and static lung compliance to predict fast-track failure.
2. To assess the effect of systolic and diastolic functions on P/FP ratio and static lung compliance.
3. To assess the effect of systolic and diastolic function on NIV requirement post-cardiac surgery.





REVIEW OF LITERATURE

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Major surgeries including cardiac surgeries induces intense physiological responses like pain, altered gastrointestinal motility, changes in the hormonal and neurotransmitter levels, increased cardiac demand and impaired pulmonary function. These physiological stresses can result in delayed ambulation, prolonged ICU and hospital length of stay and significant postoperative complications. Blunting the physiological responses to surgery, pain and supporting the systems to maintain adequate perfusion and function becomes essentially the ultimate goal of anaesthesia practices. This by itself reduces the overall perioperative morbidity and promotes early recovery postoperatively.

In the early 1990s, Professor Henrik Kehlet, a gastrointestinal surgeon from Germany conceptualised a technique to promote early postoperative recovery called as “fast-tacking”.^{12,13} The term refers to a multimodal perioperative care regime that aims to decrease the postoperative organ dysfunction and complications to promote early postoperative recovery and reductions in the ICU and hospital length of stay and morbidity. The surgical centres worldwide started adopting and pioneering this approach and achieved impressive reductions in hospital stay and surgical morbidity. This indirectly reduced the health care costs on hospital stay during the time when there was sharp increase in surgical costs worldwide.

Changes in economy worldwide in the 1990s was the main driving force in the functioning of health care delivery systems. The constant pressure for cost reduction arouse from the market economy and health care reforms.¹⁵

Abatement of the federal health insurance - Medicare, with reconstitution of the joint federal and state health insurance programme - Medicaid with recession in the premium rates of health maintenance organisations resulted in reduced reimbursement of the healthcare expenses to the healthcare providers. “More procedures with less resources” was the main apothegm in the 1990s.¹⁶

This led to the emergence and rapid inception and formulation of various fast-track principles in all specialities of surgery particularly cardiac surgery.

FAST-TRACK SURGERY – PRINCIPLES AND PATHWAYS

Fast-track surgery is defined as an evidence based multidisciplinary approach in patient care that utilises combination of several patient centred, peri-operative interventions to facilitate early recovery after surgery. In fast-track surgery, patient care is individualised and protocolised. Each protocol in fast-tracking uses evidence garnered from extensive literature in perioperative medicine, and attempts to integrate these ideas into a safe programme of clinical pathways. For this to succeed, a multidisciplinary team should be involved fully in the fast-track programme and be informed and educated about their roles within the programme.^{16,17} This also includes a well-structured and dynamic audit.

The primary objective of any fast-track programme is to achieve early ambulation, appropriate timely discharges from ICU and hospital and early return to functionality and productivity and hence the targeted interventions are applied in each phase of surgery – before, during and after.

Evidence suggests that each of these interventions has been shown to independently influence the outcome of patient undergoing surgery especially by reductions in morbidity. The synergistic effects of interventions at various phases of surgery promote early recovery postoperatively.^{17,18} The successful functioning of the early and enhanced recovery pathway requires the involvement of anaesthesiologist right from the pre-anaesthetic assessment of the patient up to late into the post-surgical period.

The phases of fast-tracking involve: -

- Pre-operative phase: Patient education and optimisation for surgery.
- Operative phase: Surgical and anaesthetic techniques to reduce surgical stress response and pain including minimally access surgeries and administration of short acting anaesthetic drugs and regional blocks.
- Post-operative phase: Multimodal rehabilitative approach to achieve early tracheal extubation. Addressing pain and postoperative nausea and vomiting is an important goal during this period.

The multidisciplinary team involved in fast-tracking is responsible for evaluating and executing the best clinical practices based on evidence-based medicine which are flexible and individualised for each patient. The anaesthesiologists as perioperative physician has an important role in decision making and policy formulation. Figure 1 depicts the members involved in fast-track surgery team.



Figure 1: Members of the inter-disciplinary fast-track surgery team.

Fast-tracking starts with preoperative evaluation and optimising organ function in patients with cardiac diseases, obstructive and restrictive lung diseases, diabetes mellitus, hypertension and other disorders, pharmacologically. Cessation of smoking needs special attention and pharmacological methods to enforce abstinence in alcoholics has resulted in reduced morbidity and enhanced recovery in such patients. Preoperative cessation of smoking for more than 6 months has shown to reduce postoperative pulmonary complications.¹⁹

Preoperative counselling of the patients regarding the procedure and plan of anaesthesia with emphasis on pain relief, reduces anxiety and improves postoperative outcome.^{20,21} Causes of delayed recovery after surgery and the factors that needs to be addressed perioperatively are depicted in Figure 2:

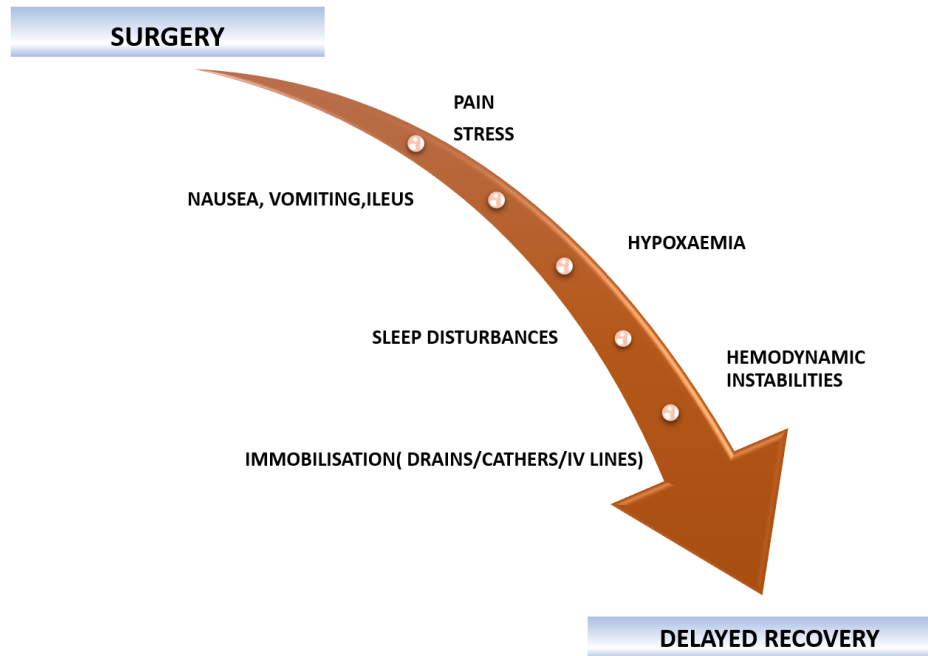


Figure 2: Factors contributing to postoperative morbidity.

Newer anesthetic techniques and short acting drugs have optimised conditions for surgeons to operate while allowing for early recovery of organ function postoperatively. Thus, the introduction of volatile anaesthetics such as desflurane and sevoflurane, short acting opioids like sufentanil and remifentanil, muscle relaxants like cisatracurium and atracurium have facilitated early weaning and extubation after surgery.²² Opioid free anesthesia by implementing multimodal analgesia with regional blocks whenever possible can significantly promote enhanced recovery after surgery and reduces incidence of postoperative nausea and vomiting. Surgical stress can lead to postoperative organ dysfunction and morbidity especially in major surgeries.

Central neuraxial blockade and regional nerve , attenuate the surgical stress response, thereby reducing postoperative organ dysfunction and morbidity allowing enhanced recovery.²³ Improved respiratory function and pain relief, reduced cardiovascular demands and postoperative ileus, are advantages of regional anesthetic techniques in fast-tracking.²³ A recent meta-analysis of regional anaesthetic studies by *Rodgers et al* showed a 30% reduction in morbidity compared with general anaesthesia techniques.²⁴

The use of minimally invasive surgical techniques has been associated with a reduction in inflammatory responses associated with surgery.²⁵ Postoperative pulmonary function seems to be improved and incidence of postoperative ileus is reduced with minimal invasive approaches.^{25,26} Intraoperative hypothermia results in increased chances of bleeding due to coagulopathy, reduced metabolism and excretion of anesthetic drugs and poor wound healing. A fall of core temperature of 2-4°C usually happens after 2 hours of surgery in operating rooms and during rewarming there is release of catecholamines that exacerbates the stress response of surgery.²⁷ A large meta-analysis of 26 randomised trials concluded that routine use of nasogastric tube may be detrimental by increasing the incidence of pneumonia and delaying early enteral feeding. Early ambulation should be encouraged with adequate analgesia, to prevent venous stasis in lower limbs and development of deep vein thrombosis as well loss of muscle mass. Early enteral feeding is promoted and initiated six hours after surgery, even after colonic surgeries with bowel anastomosis.²⁸ Principles for optimising management postoperative pain have been developed, providing adequate analgesia which allows early ambulation and physiotherapy.

Postoperative pain management in fast-track surgery involves education of staff and patients, establishment of an acute pain services, and the use of multimodal analgesic techniques. Postoperative ileus, caused by a combination of inhibitory neural sympathetic visceral reflexes and intestinal inflammatory mediators, may be decreased by epidural analgesia with decreased use of opioids, promoting minimally invasive surgery, and medications such as droperidol, phenothiazines and antihistaminics.²⁸ These perioperative interventions are the building blocks of fast-track anesthesia and surgery that promote early and enhanced recovery after surgery. (Figure 3)

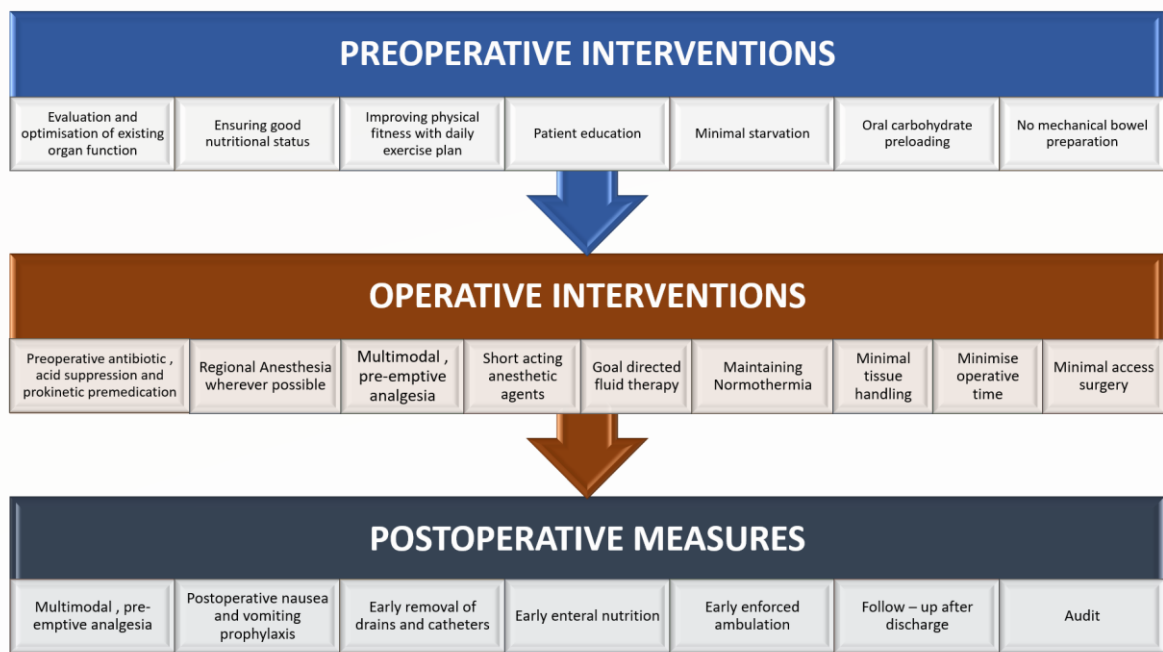


Figure 3: Components of fast-track surgery

ENHANCED RECOVERY AFTER SURGERY (ERAS)

Fast-track surgery pathways has evolved over years into the formulation of enhanced recovery after surgery protocols (ERAS) which is defined as evidence-based protocols that optimise perioperative care to minimise surgical stress response and pain, reduce morbidity, decrease hospital length of stay, and hasten recovery.²⁹ ERAS is synonymous with fast-tracking which accumulates evidence-based protocols in individual domains and creates specific fast-track pathways for various surgical principles (Figure 4). Currently the guidelines are published by the ERAS® Society and in some cases also as a joint effort with other medical societies such as The European Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism (ESPEN) and the International Association for Surgical Metabolism and Nutrition (IASMEN), part of the International Surgical Society (ISS).



Figure 4: Elements of ERAS

FAST-TRACK CARDIAC CARE

Fast tracking in cardiac surgery was introduced as an approach by which patients could be extubated early and transferred out of the intensive care unit on the day of surgery in an attempt to reduce ICU and potentially hospital length of stay, which would reduce resource utilization and improve overall health care efficiency. The risk-adjusted outcomes seen in 30-day composite causatum of interest supports the fact that fast tracking is indeed safe and does not adversely impact patient safety in cardiac surgery.³⁰

*Cheng et al*¹ proposed two pathways for fast-track cardiac recovery which would reduce the ICU length of stay. (Figure 4) The first model called as the parallel model, incorporates a cardiac recovery area (CRA) that is separate and distinct from the main ICU allowing cardiac patients to get shifted directly out of the cardiac recovery unit bypassing ICU entirely.

The second model or the integrated model, maintains patients in the same area but the care they received is tailored appropriate to their level of illness, with the potential of increasing the nurse patient ratio, if in need, as this is a strong determinant of cost and frequently a limitation on resource use. The final pathway is to bypass ICU completely- the ultrafast track approach.

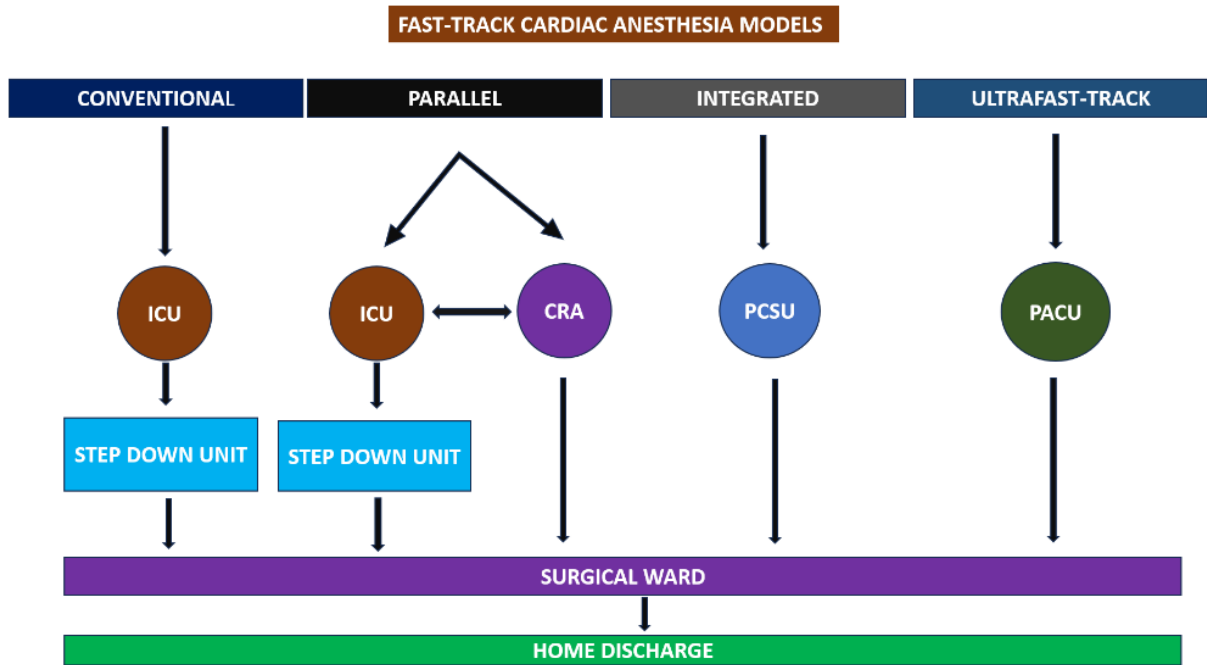


Figure 5: Fast-track cardiac care models

Fast-track cardiac anaesthesia is a perioperative anaesthetic management strategy that targets early tracheal extubation of patients within 1 - 6 hours post-cardiac surgery. Most centres worldwide consider fast-track extubation up to 8 - 10 hours post-surgery. Fast track cardiac surgery or pathways is a multidisciplinary approach aimed to enhance perioperative care in cardiac surgical patients in which early extubation is the key goal.

The outcome in terms of perioperative mortality and morbidity is dependent on patients preoperative health status and postoperative complications.³¹

Becker et al. inferred that the postsurgical acute physiology score (APS) was the most compelling predictor of mortality. They concluded that the postoperative APS emulated the overall influence of surgical skill, anaesthetic technique, quality of post-surgical care, and the presurgical health status of the patient.³² In an analysis of 885 consecutive coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) patients who had undergone fast track cardiac anaesthetic management, 75% of patients were weaned and extubated within ten hours after surgery.

Age, intraoperative use of inotropes calculated as inotropic score, intra-aortic balloon pump (IABP), and postoperative atrial fibrillation were found to be associated with failed weaning from mechanical ventilation and unable to meet extubation criteria. Hence other than age, major predictors of early tracheal extubation are the intra and postoperative factors rather than the preoperative factors which play only a minor role in fast-tracking. Furthermore, intraoperative and postoperative complications were shown to be major predictors of increased ICU length of stay.³³ In risk models, preoperative use of IABP and age were associated in terms of multivariable analysis with time to weaning from mechanical ventilation and extubation. While in a risk process model, intraoperative events also significantly contributed to determining the time to extubation.

ICU length of stay is commonly used as a yardstick for indirect measurement of the health care cost. However, reduced ICU length of stay does not necessarily imply decreased health care expenditure but also depends on proportionally decreased variable cost settings.

The economic consequences of post-CABG complications are more expensive than an uncomplicated recovery. Patients extubated early in the postoperative period recover to baseline performance in the mini-mental state examination 24 hours faster than the conventional prolonged mechanical ventilation group^{3,33}. This enhanced recovery of mental state allows for earlier mobilisation by early removal of intercostal drains , early enteral nutrition resulting in reduced ICU and hospital length of stay.

There was a direct correlation of prolonged ventilatory requirement with increasing dosage of narcotics used. This study by *London et al* inferred that the intraoperative clinical events compared to preoperative risk factors, are more important factors in determining the timing of weaning from mechanical ventilation and tracheal extubation. This study emphasises that any patient can be fit for fast-tracking in cardiac care, while the major determinants of prolonged ICU stay being the intra and postoperative course.³⁴ In their study, there is a nadir in the time of extubation happening between 10 and 12 hours after surgery. Also, the relation between time to extubation and ICU length of stay is not consistent as discharge from the ICU usually occurs at particular times of the day that depends on nurse shift changes.³⁴ In a study by *Butterworth et al* which included 1,094 patients who underwent CABG at forty centres , the authors concluded that there was no statistically significant difference between vecuronium and pancuronium in duration of mechanical ventilation and interestingly the use of short-acting opioid or neuromuscular blocking agents had no association with ICU length of stay after extubation.³⁵

ENHANCED RECOVERY AFTER CARDIAC SURGERY -ERACS

Enhanced recovery after cardiac surgery (ERACS) is a multidisciplinary, multimodal approach that aims to achieve enhanced cardiac perioperative care. ERACS involves multiple and concise evidence-based pathways that has proven to enhance patient recovery by reducing the postoperative mechanical ventilatory time, postoperative complications, intensive care unit (ICU) in-hospital length of stay (LOS).³⁶ Early tracheal extubation, defined as within 6 hours after cardiac surgery, is the cornerstone of the ERACS concept. Early weaning from mechanical ventilation and extubation is considered safe even in high risk patients.³⁷ ERAS Cardiac Society (ERACS) released its first expert review consensus guidelines for patients undergoing cardiac surgery in 2019. The class 1 recommendations under ERACS protocol is summarised in Table 1. Ultra fast-track anaesthesia is defined as tracheal extubation of a patient within 1 hour after cardiac surgery.^{36,37}

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
I	A	Tranexamic acid or epsilon aminocaproic acid is recommended during on-pump cardiac surgical procedures.
I	B-R	Perioperative glycemc control is recommended.
I	B-R	A care bundle of evidenced based best practices is recommended to reduce surgical site infections.
I	B-R	Goal directed fluid therapy is recommended to reduce postoperative complications.
I	B-NR	A multimodal, opioid-sparing, pain management plan is recommended postoperatively.
I	B-NR	Persistent hypothermia after CPB should be avoided in the early postoperative period
I	B-NR	Maintenance of chest tube patency is recommended to prevent retained blood.
I	B-NR	Postoperative systematic delirium screening is recommended at least once per nursing shift.
I	C-LD	Smoking and hazardous alcohol consumption should be stopped 4 weeks before elective surgery.

Table 1: ERACS recommendations. COR – Class of recommendations, Class I – strong LOE-Level of evidence, B-R: Randomised, NR- Non Randomised, LD -Limited Data

FAST-TRACK FAILURE

A proportion of patients though adequately optimised and managed perioperatively under fast-track management strategies fails to complete the fast-track pathway and requires prolonged mechanical ventilation and additional ICU resources. This is termed as fast-track failure. To be of concern, fast-track failure has been shown to be associated with increased morbidity and mortality. Hence the concept of fast-tracking needs to be applied to a carefully selected patient group and monitoring the clinical course in each step of the pathways becomes absolutely necessary in early identification of fast-track failure.³⁸ Therefore, for an appropriate patient selection, recognition of risk factors predicting fast-track failure needs to be established. In several studies, fast-track failure was associated with factors such as age, female sex, unstable angina, preoperative use of diuretics, preoperative institution of intra-aortic balloon pump, re- explorations due to bleeding, high inotrope score and atrial fibrillation.^{38,39}

In a study conducted by *Hendrikx et al*, with a sample size of 1097 patients who were fast-tracked in post anesthesia care unit (PACU), multivariate and univariate logistic regression analysis showed that the incidence of fast-tracking failure was 6.3%. The fast-track failures were associated with significant increases in the incidence of pericardial effusion leading to tamponade or excessive bleeding requiring re-explorations, new-onset atrial arrhythmias, ventilator associated pneumonia (VAP), postoperative delirium, and sepsis. Likewise, the ICU and hospital length of stay, and up to 5-year mortality, were significantly higher in the fast-track failure group.

The European System for Cardiac Operative Risk Evaluation II (EuroScore II) and blood products transfusion was identified as independent risk factors for fast-track failure, with only limited statistical strength as it remains unclear as whether increased blood transfusion was itself a surrogate marker for underlying confounders, such as difficult surgical milieu or other comorbidities.⁴⁰ *Branca et al* described nine risk factors of fast-track failure: advanced age, female sex, unstable hemodynamics, renal failure, recent MI (myocardial infarction), stroke, valve surgeries, emergency surgery, and redo-surgeries. In other studies, the causes of failed early extubation derived were heterogeneous. The main determinants in these studies were reduced sensorium, hypoxemia, hemodynamic instability and excessive bleeding, while the risk factors for failed early extubation appear to be similar in younger and older age groups from a study conducted by *Kogan et al*. As elderly patients are screened and optimised stringently preoperatively, the similarity in risk factors between elder and younger population can be justified.^{39,40,41}

From the literature review it becomes imperative that there are no specific objective parameters that can predict fast-track failure perioperatively, hence this study aims to introduce objective parameters that can predict fast-track failure. One among the primary reasons that leads to increased ICU and hospital length of stay thereby preventing fast tracking is the development of postoperative pulmonary complications (PPC) after cardiac surgery. PPC alone has been associated with increased health care cost in cardiac surgery.⁴²

During cardiopulmonary bypass, blood flow is solely provided to the bronchial vasculature, placing the lungs in a relative ischemic zone. Reperfusion of the pulmonary vasculature occurs after pulmonary arterial flow is established. This leads to ischemia–reperfusion injury with a state of systemic inflammatory response characterized by increased microvascular permeability, increased pulmonary vascular resistance and pulmonary edema with defective gas exchange. These physiological changes lead to the development of postoperative pulmonary complications after cardiac surgery.⁴³

The VENICE international cohort study, an international multicentre prospective trial on 707 patients concluded that the occurrence of PPC was significantly associated with a ICU and hospital LOS preventing fast-tracking.⁴⁴ PPC was defined as the occurrence of at least one among the following pulmonary complications like atelectasis, pleural effusion, pulmonary oedema, pneumonia, pneumothorax or aspiration pneumonia. Hence predicting the occurrence of postoperative pulmonary complication can be a surrogate marker for predicting fast-track failure after cardiac surgery.

Apart from the surgical causes and cardiovascular hemodynamic instability, failed weaning from mechanical ventilation and tracheal reintubations following extubation usually is the result of development of PPC. Those patients who develop pulmonary complications postoperatively usually require positive pressure ventilation either invasive or non-invasive to prevent hypoxemia and hypoventilation. Studies have reported that the use of non-invasive ventilation (NIV) in patients with acute respiratory failure may decrease the need for re-intubation after cardiac surgery.

A meta-analysis comparing patients administered non-invasive ventilation and conventional management after cardiac surgery showed that the use of NIV improved the oxygenation and decreased the need for tracheal re-intubation. There are no studies in cardiac surgery assessing the risk factors for post extubation NIV requirement and tracheal reintubations post extubation. The present aims at assessing the usefulness of objective pulmonary parameters that can predict postoperative pulmonary complications (PPC), post extubation NIV requirement and tracheal reintubations demanding dependence on positive pressure ventilation that can be a surrogate marker for fast-track failure.

P/F RATIO AND STATIC LUNG COMPLIANCE

PaO₂/FiO₂ ratio (P/F ratio) is the ratio of arterial oxygen partial pressure (PaO₂ in mmHg) to fractional inspired concentration of oxygen (FiO₂). It is a simple and rough tool to evaluate the oxygenation status of a patient which is easily reproducible at bedside. The primary use of P/F ratio in critical care is to classify acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) based on the oxygenation of patients in the Berlin definition of ARDS as 300 to 200 as Mild ARDS, 200 to 100 as Moderate ARDS and less than 100 as Severe ARDS with PEEP > 5 CM H₂O.⁴⁶

The PaO₂/FiO₂ ratio does not accurately reflect the severity of lung disease and may vary even in non-pulmonary pathology (e.g., a change in cardiac output or mixed venous oxygen saturation). It also wrongly projects the oxygenation status without the knowledge of the positive end expiratory pressure (PEEP) applied in ventilator.

Changes in the PEEP values without altering the FiO₂ gives a different PaO₂ altogether and the ratio fluctuates considerably even when altering only the PEEP. Though the P/F ratio appears to be direct reflection of oxygenation at bedside, it represents an intricate and dynamic cardio-pulmonary interaction. Many studies have proven the correlation of rise in PaO₂, concentration of hemoglobin saturated with oxygen and P/F ratio with the addition of PEEP suggesting alveolar recruitment. These results are consistent with studies in critical care medicine in patients with acute respiratory distress syndrome.

The only study in critical care setting with the use of a new P/F ratio with inclusion of PEEP is by Palanidurai et al, in which the author used the formula $\text{PaO}_2 \times 10 / (\text{FiO}_2 \times \text{PEEP})$ in ARDS patients⁴⁶. The newly formulated P/FP ratio had a constant 10 which was incorporated as more than 50% of patients enrolled in ARDS network trials had a baseline PEEP more than 10. They concluded that the P/FP ratio has a greater predictive ability for predicting mortality in ARDS for patients with a PEEP more than 5cmH₂O in mechanical ventilation than the conventional P/F ratio and its prognostic ability progressively increases with increasing levels of PEEP. Lung compliance is defined as the change in lung volume per unit change in the transpulmonary pressure while Static compliance is defined as the lung compliance without the presence of gas flow. The difference between the plateau pressure (P_{plat}) derived from the ventilator after applying an inspiratory hold maneuver and the peak end-expiratory pressure (PEEP) can be used to calculate the static compliance (C_{STAT}). It is calculated as $\text{C}_{\text{STAT}} = \text{V}_T / (\text{P}_{\text{plat}} - \text{PEEP})$. Normal value being 70-100 ml/cm H₂O. There is a sharp increase in the work of breathing when C_{STAT} is less than 25 ml/cmH₂O.

According to Badenes et al, mechanical ventilation after cardiac surgery is associated with significant structural and functional changes in the respiratory system due to the systemic inflammatory response due to the extracorporeal circuit, leading to reduced lung compliance. In a similar study static lung compliance was shown to be reduced post-cardiac surgery but this parameter was not sensitive enough to identify the prognosis of the patients with regards to weaning from mechanical ventilation and tracheal extubation.⁹

Lung compliance and oxygenation indices may help in early detection and prevention of post cardiac surgery pulmonary complications that necessitates alveolar recruitment maneuvers which decreases the intrapulmonary shunt due to atelectasis, deciding ventilatory strategies and administering immediate therapeutic measures such as intercostal drainage for pneumothorax, pleural effusion etc. The new P/FP ratio that includes PEEP, which is a major determinant of oxygenation, which can reliably reflect the actual oxygenation status, and static lung compliance were selected as the potential objective pulmonary parameters in the present study that could predict fast-track failure in terms of occurrence of PPC, requirement of NIV-post extubation and reintubations after tracheal extubation.



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Study design

A prospective observational study.

Study setting

Adult cardiac surgery intensive care unit (ICU) of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology which is a tertiary referral center performing 800-1000 adult cardiac surgeries annually.

Participants

120 adult patients undergoing coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG), aortic and mitral valve surgeries.

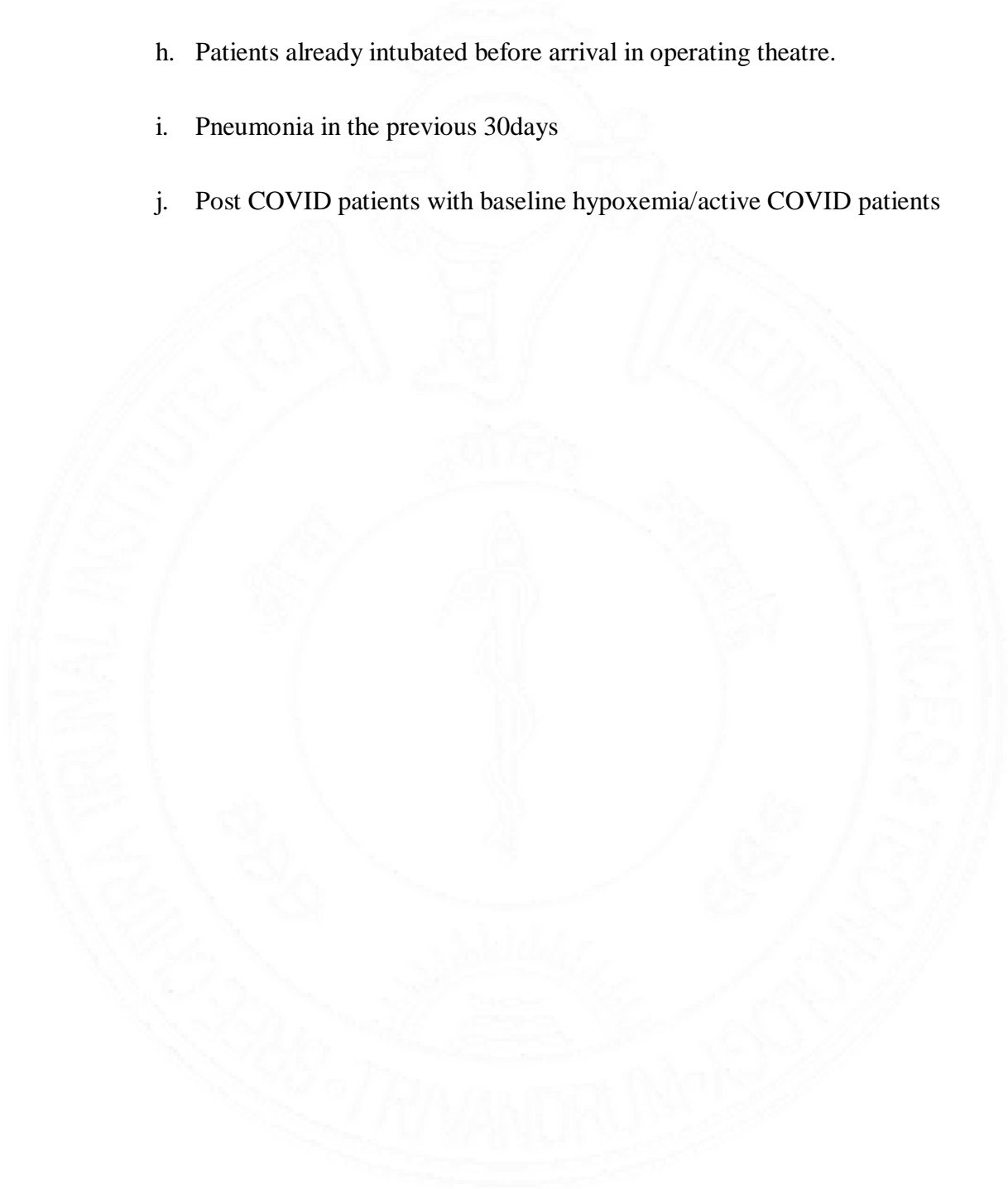
Inclusion criteria

1. Elective CABG, aortic and mitral valve surgeries with median sternotomy and two-lung ventilation.
2. Adult patients (age 18 years or older)
3. Ability to provide informed consent

Exclusion criteria

- a. Non-elective cardiac surgery
- b. Patient's refusal
- c. Pregnancy
- d. Thoracotomy approach with one-lung ventilation
- e. Previous pulmonary resection

- f. Patients with acute kidney injury requiring dialysis
- g. Patients with chronic kidney insufficiency (stage III or greater)
- h. Patients already intubated before arrival in operating theatre.
- i. Pneumonia in the previous 30days
- j. Post COVID patients with baseline hypoxemia/active COVID patients



Study protocol

In the operating room, standard ASA monitors were attached. An arterial room air blood sample was collected during arterial line insertion for blood gas analysis. Baseline P/F ratio (FiO₂-21%) was calculated. After induction of general anesthesia, all patients underwent cardiac surgery via median sternotomy.

Intraoperative ventilation strategies were based on patient's respiratory status. Volume-controlled ventilation with a tidal volume of 6-8 mL/kg and a minimum PEEP of 5cmH₂O was used to provide adequate ventilation and oxygenation. No patients were ventilated during the conduct of cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB). The aortic cross clamp time, and CPB time were noted. After the completion of surgery, all patients were shifted to cardiac surgery ICU and electively ventilated till the tracheal extubation criteria is met.

Postoperative observations

All patients were mechanically ventilated in the ICU with tidal volumes of 6-8ml/kg and PEEP adjusted according to patient's pulmonary status. The new P/FP ratio was calculated from the PaO₂, FiO₂ and PEEP using the formula: $[\text{PaO}_2 \times 5] / [\text{FiO}_2 \times \text{PEEP}]$. The arbitrary number 5 is taken as the conversion factor as majority of the cardiac centres worldwide administer a PEEP of 5 cmH₂O in adult post cardiac surgical patients¹⁰. Anyhow the minimum value of PEEP to be kept was considered as 1 cm H₂O for the study protocol. The P/FP ratios were calculated at three time points: 1. immediately after receiving the patient in ICU (PFP-ICU), 2. 1 hour after receiving the patient in ICU (PFP-1 HOUR) and 3. 10 minutes before extubation (PFP-PRE EXT).

The static lung compliance (C_{STAT}) was calculated at 1 hour after receiving the patient in the ICU. It was calculated with the parameters derived from ventilator applying inspiratory pause using the formula $C_{STAT} = V_T / (P_{PLAT} - PEEP)$, where V_T is the tidal volume, P_{PLAT} is the plateau pressure and PEEP is the applied positive end expiratory pressure.

In Hamilton Medicals Ventilator, the displayed C_{STAT} values were directly taken without inspiratory pause as the ventilator calculates it by the least square fit method. Duration of mechanical ventilation, occurrence of postoperative pulmonary complications (PPC) [atelectasis, pleural effusion, pneumothorax and pulmonary edema] before extubation, post-extubation requirement of NIV and tracheal reintubation were noted. The PPCs were defined based on European joint taskforce published guidelines for perioperative clinical outcome definitions.⁵⁹ PPCS were identified with the help of chest x-rays and lung ultrasound. Decision regarding requirement of ventilatory support in the form of NIV after extubation, was based on the institutional protocol with patient documenting $PaO_2 \leq 65$ mmHg with FiO_2 more than 80%, $PaCO_2 > 60$ mmHg or inadequate respiratory effort at any point after extubation. The time taken for the NIV requirement after extubation and the duration of the NIV support were also noted.

Preoperative Details

Diabetes (Yes/No)	
Hypertension (Yes/No)	
Smoking	
Reactive Airway Disease	
Ejection Fraction (TTE)	
Diastolic Function (TTE/TEE)	

TTE – Transthoracic Echocardiography TEE- Trans Esophageal Echocardiography

Intraoperative Details

CABG (OPCAB/ON Pump)	
Valvular surgery (Aortic/Mitral)	
CPB time	
Aortic Cross clamp time	
Preoperative PO ₂ /FiO ₂ ratio in room air	
P/FP ratio after protamine reversal	

OPCAB – Off Pump CABG

CPB – Cardio Pulmonary Bypass, P/FP ratio – $PO_2/(FI_{O_2} \times PEEP)$

Postoperative details

P/FP ratio on admission to ICU	
P/FP ratio at 1hr post ICU admission	
Static Lung Compliance assessed at 1hr post ICU admission	
Alveolar Recruitment Maneuver performed?	
P/FP ratio pre extubation (10 mts before)	

Postoperative Pulmonary Complications

Pneumonia (Consolidation /infiltrates in CXR/LUS)	
Pneumothorax (Assessed with CXR /LUS)	
Pleural effusion (CXR/LUS)	
Acute pulmonary edema (Clinical signs, CXR/LUS)	
Tracheal reintubation	

CXR – Chest Xray

LUS – Lung Ultrasound

Postoperative Non pulmonary complications.

Postoperative ventricular dysfunction	
Pericardial effusion	
Increased bleeding (drain output)	

Ventilatory Requirements

Duration of Invasive Mechanical Ventilation (hours)	
Time until tracheal extubation (hours)	
Tracheal reintubation	
Post extubation NIV requirement	
Non-Invasive mechanical ventilation (hours)	

NIV – Non-Invasive Ventilation

Statistical Analysis

Sample size for the study was calculated based on a previous study by *Esteve J et al*⁷ with a prevalence of 0.81 for high survival based on P/F ratio. The sample size needed for the study was 102 to obtain a power of 90% and an alpha error of 5%. All statistical analysis were performed using the SPSS version 25 statistical software (IBM SPSS, Inc). The continuous variables with normal distribution were expressed as mean \pm SD or median interquartile range (IQR). The quantitative variables were compared using t-test, and categorical variables were compared using Chi square test or Fisher's exact test. The cut off values for P/FP ratios and Static lung compliance was derived with the help of area under ROC and Youden's J statistic. p value < 0.05 was considered statistically significant.



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Demographic Profile

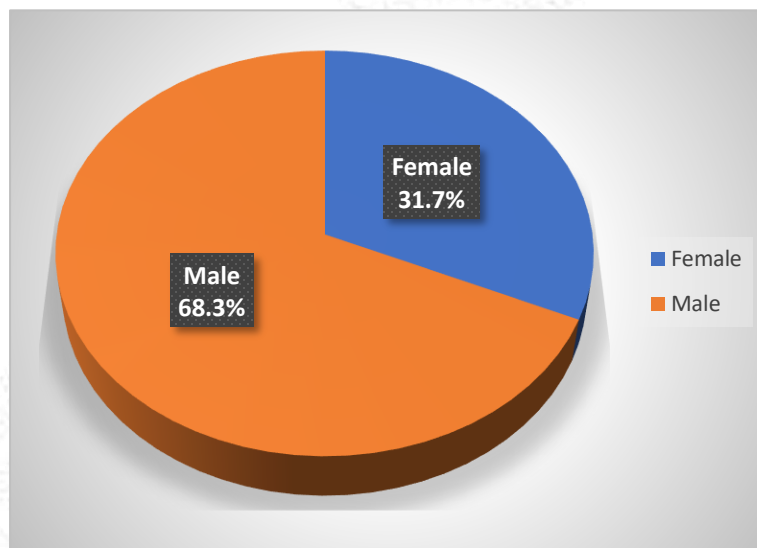
Table 2: Gender distribution of patient population

SEX	Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)
Female	38	31.7
Male	82	68.3
Total	120	100

Table 3: Demographic profile of patient population

Age (yrs)	56.7 ± 11.5
BMI (kg/m ²)	23.6 ± 3.16
BSA (m ²)	1.67 ± 0.2

Figure 6: Gender distribution of patient population

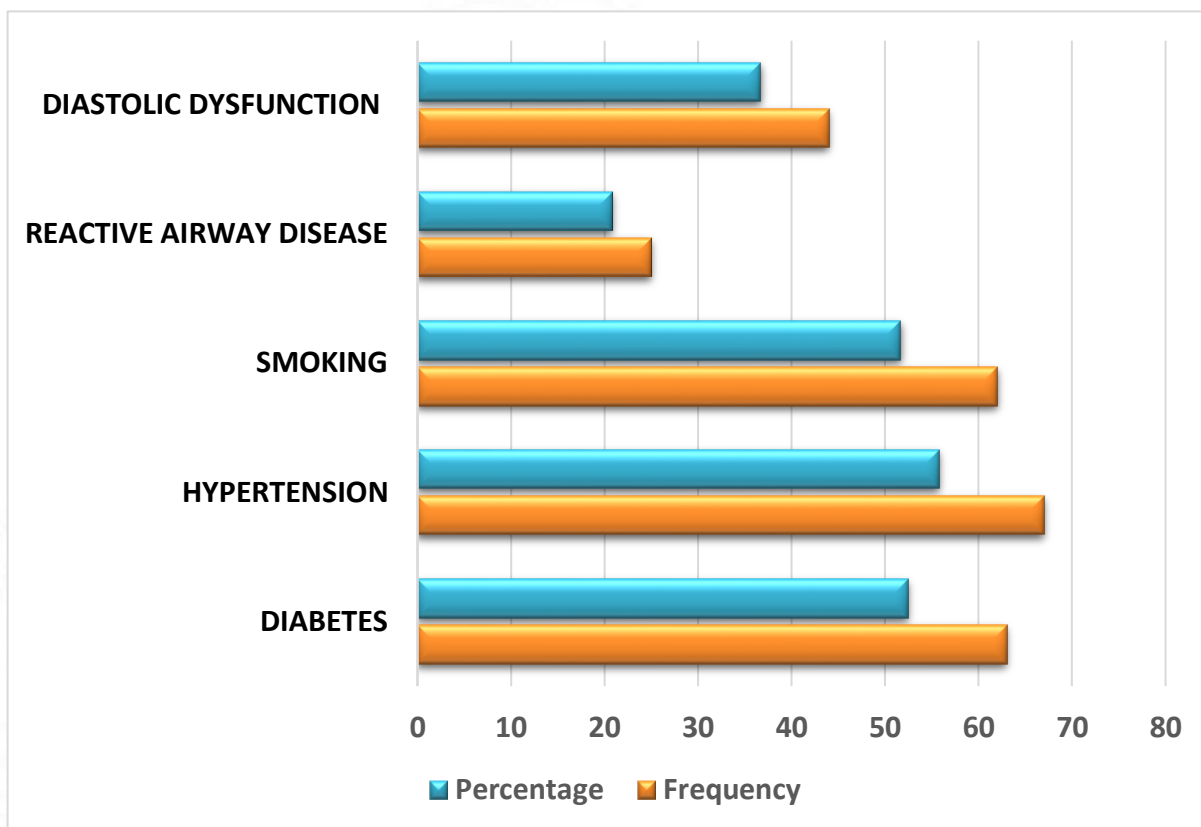


Among 120 patients included in the study, 68.3% were males (n = 82) and the rest 31.7% were females (n=38). (Table 2, Figure 5)

Table 4: Comorbidities of patients

Comorbidities	Count	Percentage
Diabetes	63	52.5%
Hypertension	67	55.8%
Smoking	62	51.7%
Reactive airway disease	25	20.83%
Diastolic dysfunction	44	36.7%

Figure 7: Comorbidities of patients

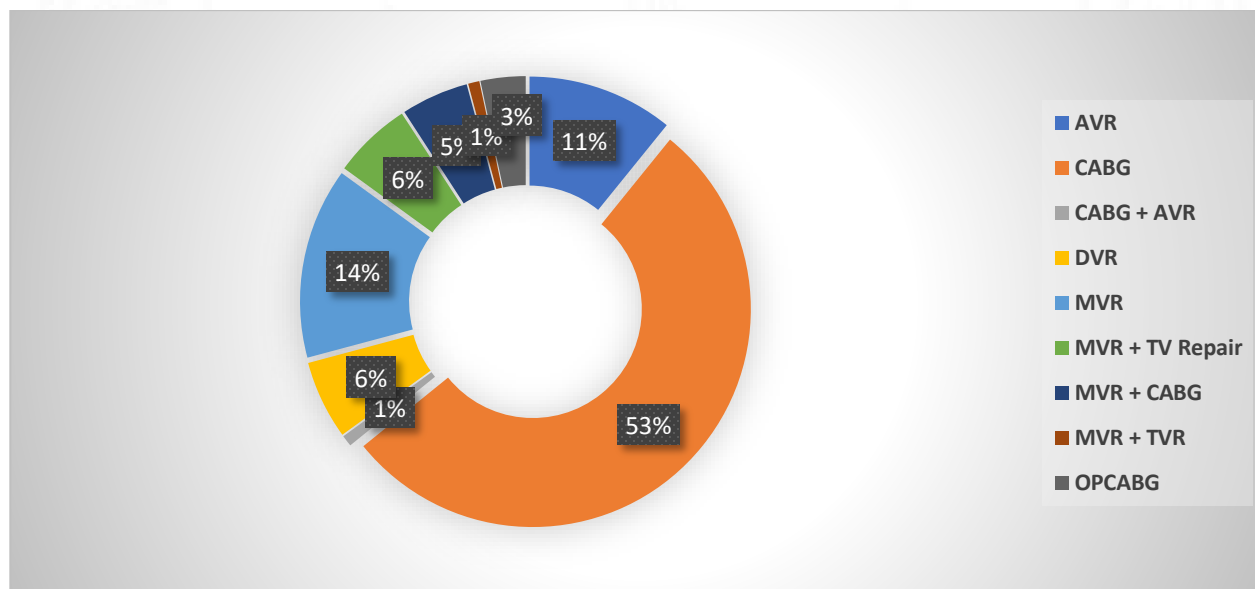


The incidence of diagnosed type – 2 diabetes mellitus (including patient on insulin and oral hypoglycemic agents) was 52.5% (n = 63), hypertension -55.8% (n=67) and smoking 51.7% (n= 62), where all smokers belonged to male gender. Reactive airway disease as defined by bronchial asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease was seen in 21% of patients (n=25) (Table 4, Figure 6).

Table 5: Surgical procedures done in the patient population

SURGERY	Frequency(n)	Percentage (%)
AVR	13	10.8
CABG	64	53.3
CABG + AVR	1	0.8
DVR	7	5.8
MVR	17	14.2
MVR + TV Repair	7	5.9
MVR+ CABG	6	5.0
MVR+TVR	1	0.8
OPCABG	4	3.3
Total	120	100

Figure 8: Surgical procedures done in the patient population

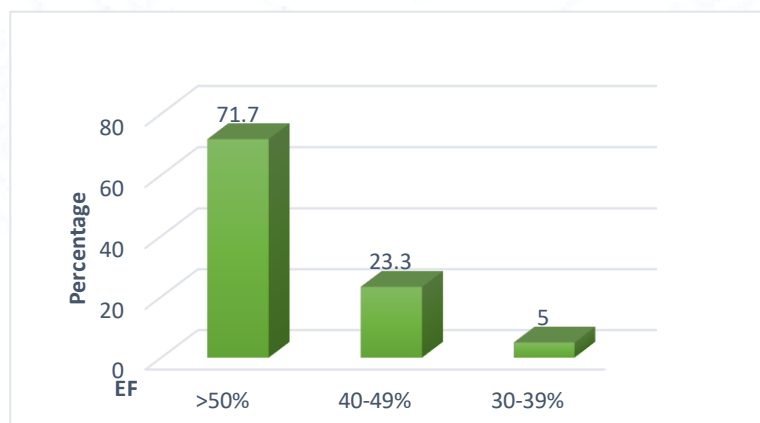


CABG- coronary artery bypass grafting contributed to the most performed surgery (53%, n= 64) followed by mitral valve replacement (MVR) [14%, n = 17]. Four CABGs were performed off -pump (OPCABG) [3.3%, n = 4] [Table 5, Figure 7]. AVR – aortic valve replacement, DVR- double valve replacement, TV repair – tricuspid valve repair, TVR- tricuspid valve replacement.

Table 6: Left ventricular systolic function- classification of patient population based on ejection fraction.

Systolic function (Ejection Fraction)	Frequency (n) (percentage)
>50%	86 (71.7%)
40-49%	28 (23.3%)
30-39%	6 (5%)

Figure 9: Left ventricular systolic function- classification of patient population based on ejection fraction.

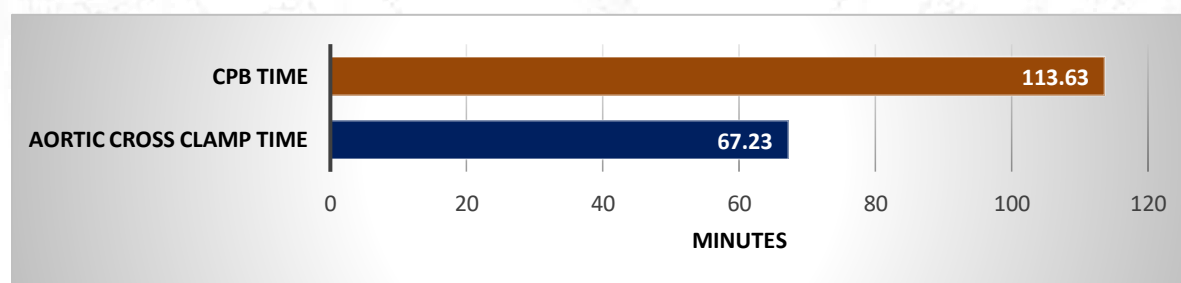


34 patients out of 120, (28.3%) had reduced left ventricular systolic function characterised by ejection fraction <50 %. (Table, Figure 8) While diastolic dysfunction was seen in 36.7% of patients (n= 44) [Table 4, Figure 6]

Table 7: Aortic cross clamp time and cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB) time

Time	Mean ± SD
Aortic Cross clamp time (mts)	67.23 ± 21.6
CPB time (mts)	113.63 ± 31.83

Figure 10: The mean aortic cross clamp time and cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB) time



The mean aortic cross clamp time was 67.23± 21.6 (SD) in minutes and the mean cardiopulmonary bypass time was 113.63 ± 31.83(SD) in minutes. SD – standard deviation.

Table 8: Trend of the potential objective pulmonary parameters (P/FP ratio, Static lung compliance)

	Mean ± SD	Range
P/FP - ICU	269.2 ± 106.9	85 - 568.75
P/FP - 1 HOUR	257.8 ± 124.6	78.5 - 682
P/FP - PRE - EXT	272.6 ± 86.8	110 - 493
P _{PLAT} – 1 HOUR (cm H ₂ O)	15.3 ± 4	8 - 24
C _{STAT} – 1 HOUR (ml/cmH ₂ O)	31.6 ± 7.9	19.09 - 56.2

Data shown as mean ± (SD) or n in percentages (%) and range. P/FP- PaO₂/(FiO₂XPEEP), PRE-EXT -pre-extubation, P/FP -ICU – at intensive care unit admission, P_{PLAT} – Plateau Pressure, C_{STAT} – static lung compliance

While, P/FP ratio measured on patient receipt to ICU after surgery showed values around 269.2± 106.9, P/FP ratio at 1 hour after ICU admission showed mean value around 257.8. P/FP ratio prior to extubation ranged from 110-493 with mean value of 272.6. The plateau pressure obtained by inspiratory hold in ventilator ranged from value as low as 8 to 24 cm H₂O. The static lung compliance measured at 1 hour after ICU admission showed mean value of 31.6 ml/cm H₂O.

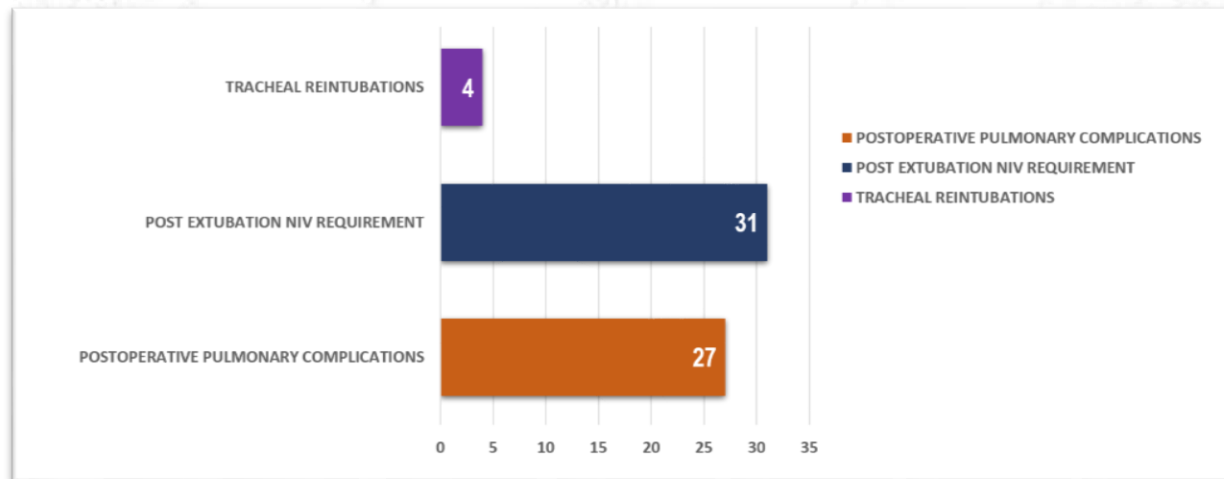
Table 9 – Parameters denoting Fast-track weaning and extubation failures- Incidence

Parameters	Frequency	Percentage
PPC	27	22.5%
Tracheal Reintubations	4	3.3%
Post extubation NIV requirement	31	25.8%
	Mean ± SD	
Duration of NIV (hours)	24.1 ± 5.2	

Data are shown as Frequency(n) & in percentages (%), mean ± SD

NIV- Non Invasive Ventilation, PPC-Postoperative pulmonary complications, SD – Standard Deviation

Figure 11: Parameters denoting fast-track weaning and extubation failures- Incidence



The incidence of postoperative pulmonary complications (PPC) was 22.5% (n= 27). 31 patients needed support of non-invasive ventilation (NIV) after tracheal extubation which contributed to 25.8%. Reintubations after tracheal extubation was needed in 4 patients (3.3%). (Table 9, Figure 10) These were considered as the surrogate markers for fast-track failure in the study.

Table 10 - Multivariate associations between the objective pulmonary parameters and the primary outcome

	Post extubation NIV requirement				t value	p value	PPC				t value	p value	Tracheal Reintubations				t value	p value
	No (n=89)		Yes (n=31)				No (n=93)		Yes (n=27)				No(n=116)		Yes(n=4)			
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD			Mean	SD	Mean	SD			Mean	SD	Mean	SD		
P/FP - ICU	288.54	103.11	213.58	98.97	4.342	0.001*	272.46	105.61	257.87	112.33	0.623	0.534	268.47	107.79	289.75	83.39	-0.39	0.697
P/FP - 1 HOUR	284.98	116.82	179.73	114.47	3.516	<0.001*	265.99	116.26	229.53	149.05	1.343	0.182	257.66	125.34	261.56	118.41	-0.061	0.951
P/FP - PRE EXT	288.33	80.60	227.54	89.29	-7.693	0.001*	277.08	83.10	257.26	98.52	1.045	0.298	271.54	87.07	304.13	81.57	-0.737	0.463
Pplat	13.94	3.34	19.26	3.23	7.467	<0.001*	14.66	3.74	17.59	4.29	-3.475	0.001*	15.28	4.06	16.25	4.03	-0.468	0.641
Cstat	34.24	7.13	24.06	4.32	7.467	<0.001*	32.97	7.54	26.90	7.39	3.7	<0.001*	31.81	7.88	25.67	6.46	1.538	0.127

There was statistically significant difference in P/FP -ICU values between patients requiring NIV post-extubation and not (mean 213.58 vs 288.54 respectively, p value <0.001) and PFP – 1 HOUR (mean 179.73 vs 284.98 respectively, p value <0.001) and P/FP -PRE-EXT values (mean 227.54 vs 288.33 respectively, p value 0.001).

Similarly, there was statistically significant difference in C_{STAT} values between patients requiring NIV post-extubation and not (mean 24.06 vs 34.24 respectively, p value <0.001). The C_{STAT} values in patients developing postoperative pulmonary complications (PPC) was less 26.9 compared to 32.97 in patients without PPC and was statistically significant (p value < 0.001).

The P/FP ratios at various time points were neither statistically different in groups requiring and not requiring NIV- post extubation, nor in patients with and without PPC.

Neither P/FP ratio and C_{STAT} values could predict tracheal reintubations as these values were statistically insignificant. (p value > 0.1).

Table 11: Predictive ability of the parameters (P/FP & C_{stat}) for post extubation NIV requirement

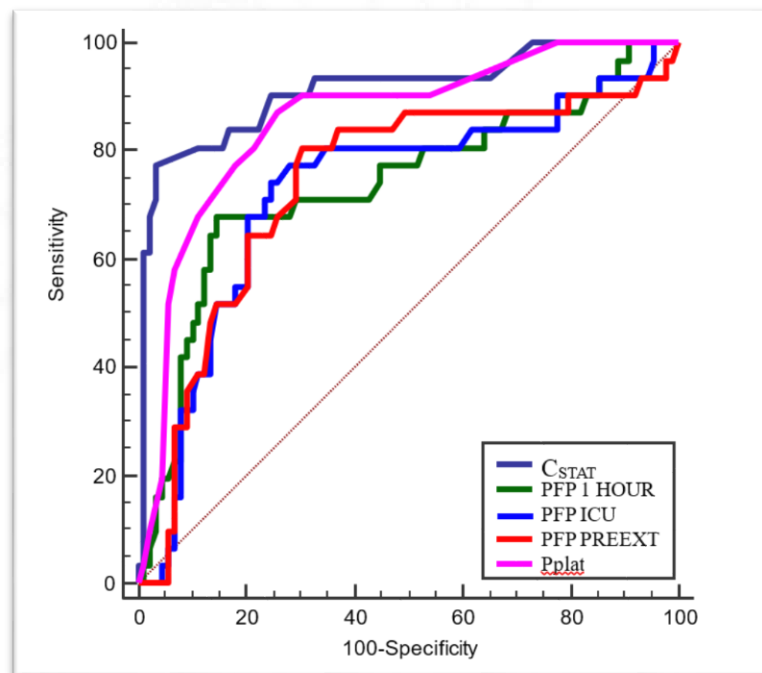
Variable	Cstat	PFP 1 HOUR	PFP ICU	PFP PREEXT	Pplat
Requiring NIV (n=31, 25.8%)					
Not requiring NIV(n=89,74.2%)					
AUROC	0.911	0.736	0.727	0.738	0.858
Standard Error	0.0347	0.0583	0.0579	0.057	0.0396
95% Confidence interval	0.845 -0.955	0.648 -0.813	0.639 -0.805	0.649 -0.814	0.783 -0.915
Z statistic	11.851	4.057	3.928	4.165	9.032
Youden index J	0.7405	0.5314	0.4947	0.5031	0.6125
Optimal cut off	≤24.6	≤150	≤223.3	≤252.5	>15
Sensitivity	77.42	67.74	74.19	80.65	87.1
Specificity	96.63	85.39	75.28	69.66	74.16
Positive Likelihood Ratio	22.97	4.64	3	2.66	3.37
Negative Likelihood Ratio	0.23	0.38	0.34	0.28	0.17
Positive Predictive Value	88.9	61.8	51.1	48.1	54
Negative Predictive Value	92.5	88.4	89.3	91.2	94.3
p Value	<0.001*	<0.001*	<0.001*	<0.001*	<0.001*

Youden index J – a single statistic that indicates the performance of a dichotomous test.

Z statistic - a numerical measurement that describes a value's relationship to the mean of a group of values.

AUROC–Area Under Receiver Operating Characteristics Curve

Figure 12. Multiple receiver operating characteristics curve comparing predictive ability of parameters for post extubation NIV requirement



The ability of P/FP ratios and C_{STAT} to accurately predict post – extubation NIV requirement was analysed with multiple ROC curves comparing AUROC (Area Under Receiver Operating Characteristics Curve) of PFP – 1 hour, PFP-ICU, PFP-PRE EXT and C_{STAT}. Youden index J was used to derive the optimal cut-off of each parameter with maximum sensitivity and specificity.

C_{STAT} showed the maximum AUROC (0.911) (Figure 11) with optimal cut off being ≤ 24.6 at which it could predict post extubation NIV requirement with 97 % specificity and 78 % sensitivity ($p < 0.001$).

P/FP -1 HOUR values ≤ 150 were predictive of post extubation NIV requirement with a specificity of 85.4 % AUROC (0.736) (p value < 0.001). PFP ICU and PRE -EXT with optimal cut off of ≤ 223.3 and ≤ 252.5 respectively had a sensitivity of 67.8% and 74.2 % respectively with AUROC of 0.727 and 0.738 respectively (p value < 0.01) (Table 11, Figure 11).

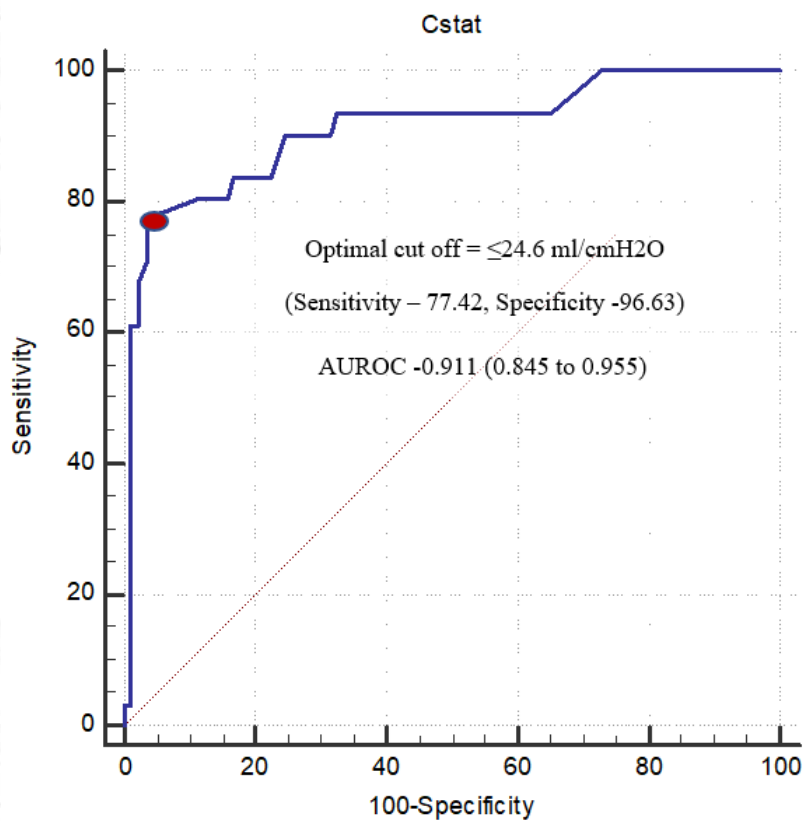


Figure 13(a). ROC of C_{STAT} with optimal cut-off to predict post extubation NIV requirement

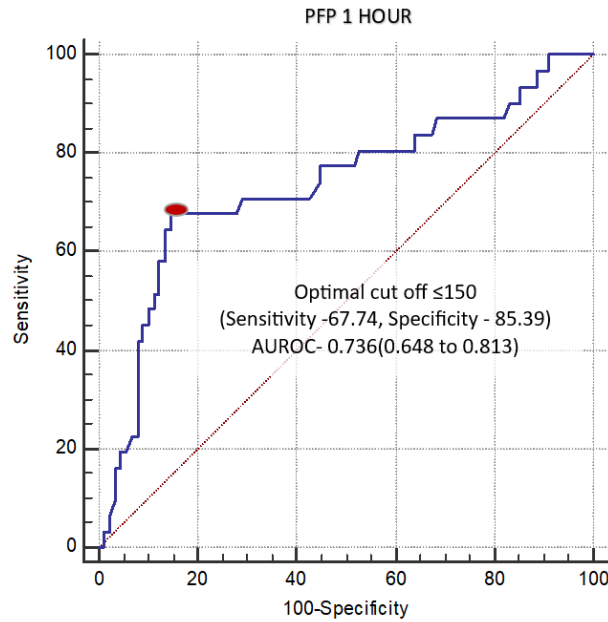


Figure 13(b). ROC of PFP 1 HOUR with optimal cut -off to predict post extubation NIV requirement.

Table 12: Predictive ability of the parameters for postoperative pulmonary complications

Variable	Cstat	PFP 1 HOUR	PFP ICU	PFP PRE-EXT	Pplat
PPC present (n = 27, 22.5%)					
PPC absent (n = 93, 77.5%)					
AUROC	0.748	0.585	0.552	0.589	0.686
Standard Error	0.062	0.0739	0.0691	0.0669	0.064
95% Confidence interval	0.660 - 0.823	0.492 - 0.674	0.458 - 0.642	0.495 - 0.678	0.595 - 0.768
z statistic	3.996	1.15	0.746	1.324	2.91
Youden index J	0.4743	0.3357	0.2605	0.2139	0.3823
Optimal cut-off	≤24.6	≤136.6	≤196	≤202	>17
Sensitivity	59.26	51.85	51.85	40.74	62.96
Specificity	88.17	81.72	74.19	80.65	75.27
Positive Likelihood Ratio	5.01	2.84	2.01	2.1	2.55
Negative Likelihood Ratio	0.46	0.59	0.65	0.73	0.49
Positive Predictive Value	59.3	45.2	36.8	37.9	42.5
Negative Predictive Value	88.2	85.4	84.1	82.4	87.5
p value	<0.001*	0.25	0.4554	0.1855	0.0036

PFP-ICU- P/FP ratio calculated on patient arrival to ICU, PFP- 1 hour – P/FP ratio calculated at 1 hour after receiving the patient to ICU, PFP – PRE EXT – P/FP ratio calculated just before extubation, *- $p < 0.05$

Figure 14. Receiver operating characteristics curve showing predictive ability of C_{STAT} for Postoperative pulmonary complications.

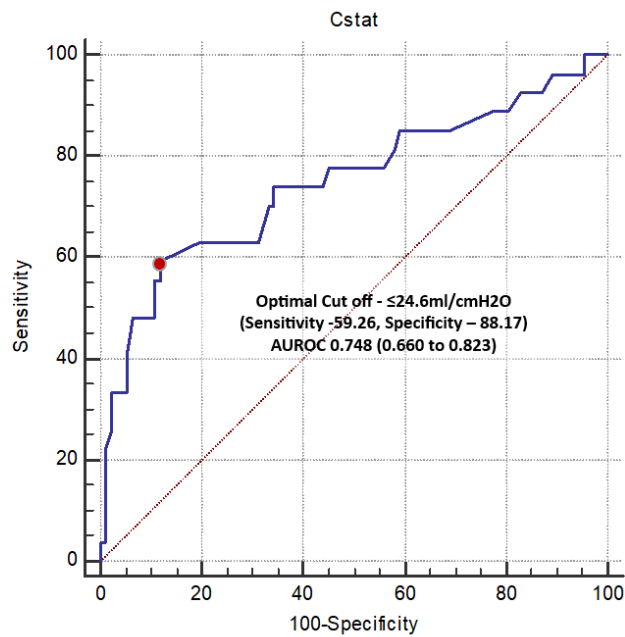
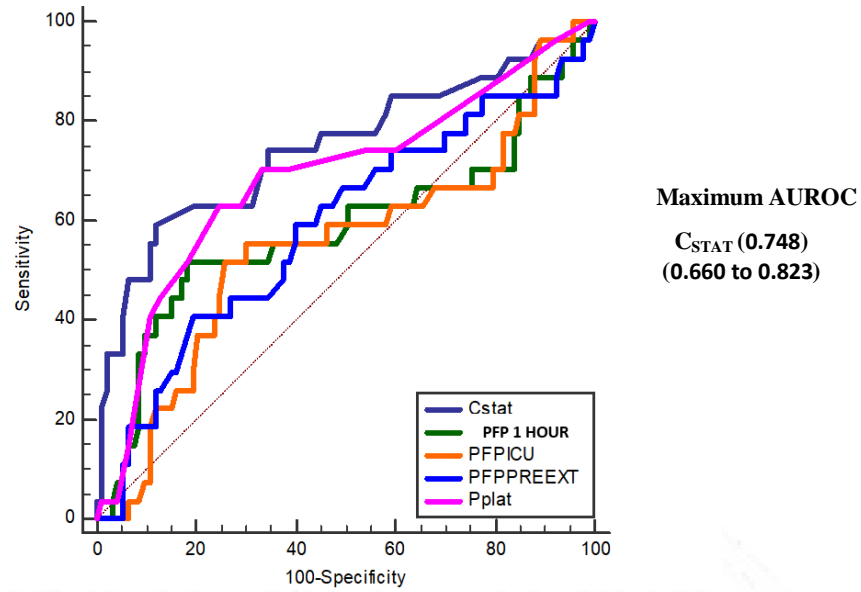


Figure 15. Multiple Receiver operating characteristics curve comparing predictive ability of parameters for postoperative pulmonary complications (PPC)

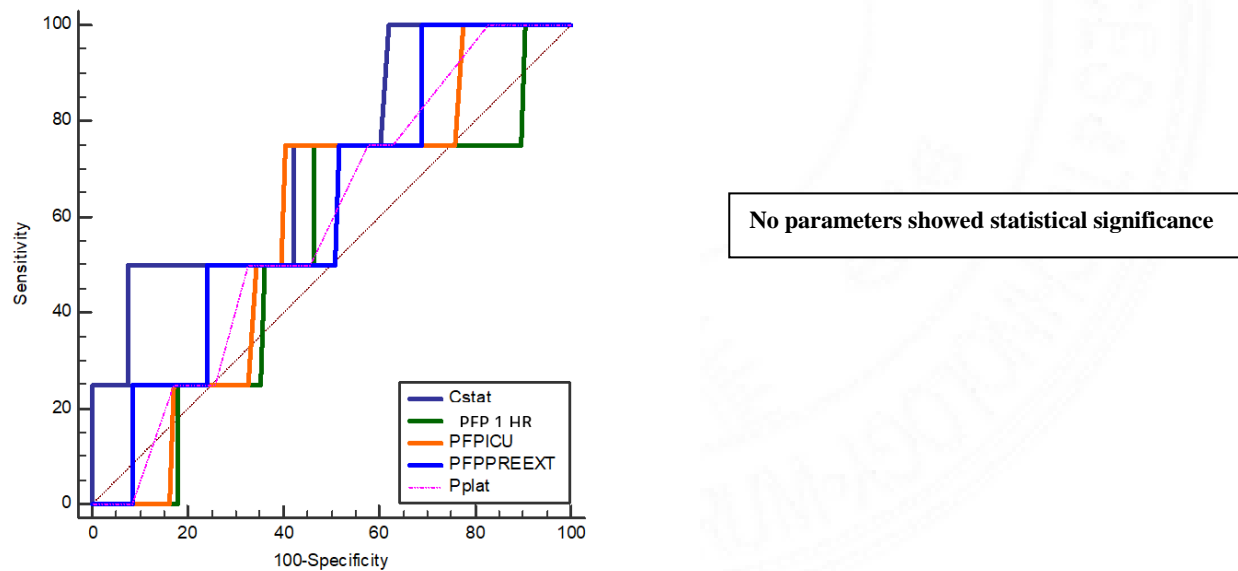


The ability of C_{STAT} to predict the development of postoperative pulmonary complications (PPC) is validated by a higher AUROC (0.748) with a specificity of 88% with an optimal cut off of ≤ 24.6 , p value < 0.001 . None of the values of P/FP ratios measured at different time points were significantly associated with postoperative operative pulmonary complications statistically. (Table 12, Figure 13,14)

Table 13: Predictive ability of the parameters for Tracheal Reintubation

Variable	Cstat	PFP -1 HOUR	PFP ICU	PFP PRE EXT	Pplat
Reintubation- Yes (n=4, 3.3%)					
Reintubations – No (n=116, 96.7%)					
AUROC	0.722	0.524	0.582	0.617	0.583
Standard Error	0.146	0.156	0.131	0.138	0.134
95% Confidence interval	0.633 - 0.800	0.431 - 0.616	0.488 - 0.671	0.524 - 0.705	0.489 - 0.672
z statistic	1.518	0.152	0.627	0.848	0.618
Youden index J	0.4224	0.2845	0.3448	0.3103	0.1724
Optimal cut off	≤21.77	>275	>282.5	>260	>14
Sensitivity	50	75	75	75	50
Specificity	92.24	53.45	59.48	48.28	54.31
Positive Likelihood Ratio	6.44	1.61	1.85	1.45	1.09
Negative Likelihood Ratio	0.54	0.47	0.42	0.52	0.92
Positive predictive value	18.2	5.3	6	4.8	3.6
Negative predictive value	98.2	98.4	98.6	98.2	96.9
p value	0.129	0.8794	0.5305	0.3963	0.5368

Figure 16: Multiple Receiver operating characteristics curve comparing predictive ability of parameters for tracheal reintubations



Low PFP ratios or C_{STAT} were not significantly associated with tracheal reintubations statistically (p value >0.1) with low AUROCs.(Table 13, Figure 15)

Table 14: Risk factors for post extubation NIV requirement.

Parameters	Patient group with post extubation- NIV requirement	χ^2	p value
Diastolic Dysfunction	n= 23, 74.2%	25.347	<0.001
Smoking	n= 22, 71%	6.235	<0.013
EF<45%	n=8, 25.8%	5.63	<0.018
PPC	n=19, 61.3%	36.07	<0.001

Values are expressed as percentage incidence. χ^2 -Chi square test was used to examine the influence of categorical variables on test statistic. EF- Ejection Fraction, PPC- Postoperative pulmonary complications, NIV- Non -invasive Ventilation.

Moderate left ventricular systolic dysfunction with ejection fraction < 45 % (χ^2 - 5.63), development of PPCs (χ^2 - 36.07), diastolic dysfunction (χ^2 - 25.35) and h/o smoking (χ^2 - 6.25) were associated with post-extubation NIV requirement p value < 0.01.

Table 15: Influence of systolic and diastolic dysfunction on PFP-1hour and static lung compliance

	PFP-1 HOUR (<150)	χ^2	p value	Cstat <24.6	χ^2	p value	PPC	χ^2	p value
EF<45%	n=8, 24.2%	4.69	0.03	n=7, 26.9%	5.31	0.021	n=5, 18.5%	0.81	0.368
Diastolic Dysfunction	n=18, 54.5%	6.27	0.012	n=19, 73.1%	18.95	0.001	n=17, 63%	10.37	0.001

Values are expressed as percentage incidence. χ^2 -Chi square test used to examine the influence of categorical variables on test statistic.

Patients with low ejection fraction < 45% (moderate left ventricular systolic dysfunction) and diastolic dysfunction had low P/FP -1 HOUR (< 150) ($p < 0.05$) and $C_{STAT} < 24.6$ ml/cm H₂O ($p < 0.05$), while diastolic dysfunction had correlation with development of PPCs. (χ^2 - 10.37) (p value -0.001) (Table 15)

Table 16– Correlation of CPB time and aortic cross clamp time with variables

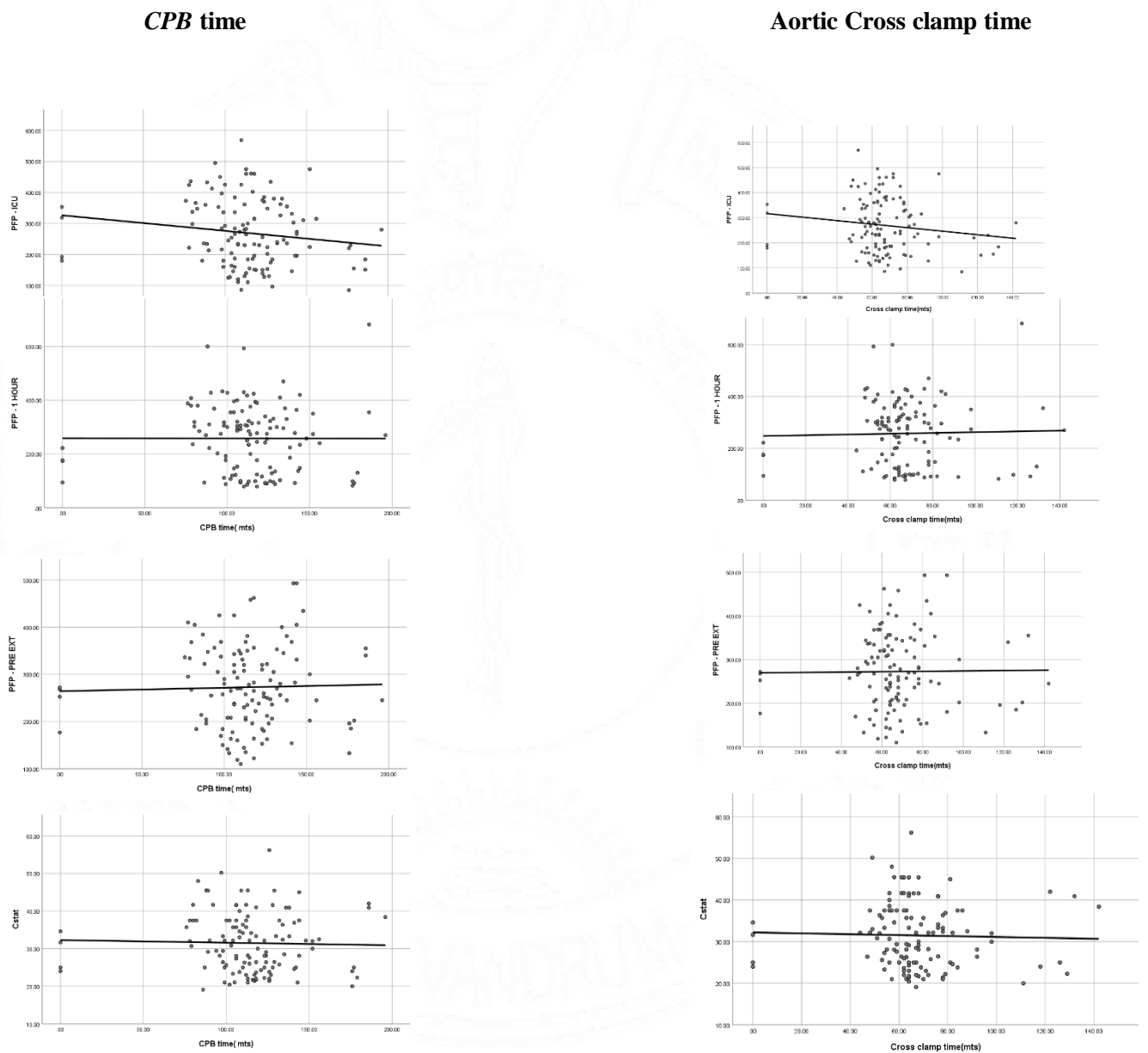
Correlation of CPB time with variables	Pearson Correlation r	p value
PFP - 1 HOUR	-0.002	0.982
PFP - PRE EXT	0.027	0.771
PFP - ICU	-0.149	0.105
Cstat	-0.028	0.76
Correlation of Cross clamp time with variables		
PFP - 1 HOUR	0.026	0.781
PFP - PRE EXT	0.011	0.906
PFP - ICU	-0.142	0.124
Cstat	-0.03	0.746

Pearson r – Pearsons’s product moment correlation coefficient, measure of linear correlation between two sets of data.

CPB – Cardio Pulmonary Bypass, PFP-PaO₂/(FiO₂ X PEEP) ratio, PRE EXT-Pre Extubation, Cstat- Static Lung Compliance. ICU- Intensive Care Unit

There were no correlation between CPB time and aortic cross clamp time with P/FP ratios and static lung compliance (C_{STAT}). (p value > 0.05) (Table 16, Figure 16)

Figure 17: Correlation between cardiopulmonary bypass time and Aortic cross clamp time with P/FP ratios and static lung compliance (C_{STAT})





DISCUSSION

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The common pulmonary parameters which are clinically correlated for tracheal extubation are PaO₂, PaO₂/FiO₂ (P/F) ratio and PaCO₂ with adjusted ventilator settings. These parameters independently depend on the inspired concentration of oxygen (FiO₂) and the presence of shunts and hence are not reliable indices of oxygenation status of a patient. To the best of our knowledge, there were no studies published in the literature where the P/FP ratio and static lung compliance were assessed to predict the requirement of NIV, occurrence of PPC tracheal reintubations after extubation which can be surrogate markers for fast-track failure.

The results from our study demonstrated that the P/FP ratio and static lung compliance can serve as reliable objective pulmonary parameters to predict the post extubation NIV requirement and PPC which may delay early weaning and fast-tracking in cardiac surgical patients. The essential concept of fast-tracking in cardiac surgery involves early weaning and extubation of patients within six to eight hours after cardiac surgery and transfer of the patient to the step down ICU on the same day of surgery , that aims to decrease resource utilization and improve overall cost reduction.⁴⁹

Fast-track failure has been demonstrated to be associated with increased morbidity and mortality⁵⁰. To prevent fast-track failures in cardiac surgery, the need exists for attaining well-defined respiratory parameters as one of the goal in aiming optimal results⁵¹.

Therefore, in the present study we evaluated the role of P/FP ratio and Cstat to predict the post extubation NIV requirement, PPC and tracheal reintubations which could be included as objective pulmonary parameters in existing fast-track protocols. In our study, we aimed to introduce a pulmonary parameter with cut off values (P/FP 1 HOUR ≤ 150 and Cstat ≤ 24.6 ml/cmH₂O) to identify the high-risk patients who may require post extubation NIV and develop PPC. This will help in decision making regarding weaning and extubation strategies in postoperative cardiac surgical patients.

In a study in acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) patients, PEEP was incorporated in the P/F ratio to study the effect of the PEEP on P/F ratio⁴⁷. Their analysis found that the addition of PEEP into the P/F ratio increases its ability to predict in-hospital mortality in ARDS patients. Also, it helped to identify the presence and aids grading in severity of ARDS. In our study, we studied the role of P/FP ratio to assess the oxygenation status in post cardiac surgical patients. We found that although the P/FP ratios at different time points predicted the requirement of NIV, the optimal cut off value of PFP-1 HOUR (≤ 150) was more specific in predicting the need of NIV post extubation (specificity -85.39, positive predictive value – 61.8). The PFP -1 HOUR can guide the intensivist in making appropriate decision on early extubation during fast-tracking after cardiac surgery.

The C_{STAT} is defined as change in lung volume per unit change in pressure when there is absence of gas flow. It was calculated from the ventilator derived parameters like tidal volume, plateau pressure and PEEP [C_{STAT} = tidal volume/ (plateau pressure -PEEP)].⁵²

The C_{STAT} may be decreased in air trapping, pulmonary edema, atelectasis, consolidation, pneumonia, pneumothorax, hemothorax, pleural effusion, pneumomediastinum and abdominal distention^{52,53}. The systemic inflammatory response syndrome caused by the extracorporeal circuit can induce infiltrates in the pulmonary parenchyma and vasculature which can lead to reduction in lung compliance.⁵³ Although, studies had shown that C_{STAT} was reduced in patients after cardiac surgery, but it was not sensitive and accurate enough to help in assessing the prognosis of the patients with regard to weaning from mechanical ventilation and tracheal extubation. Monitoring C_{STAT} may help to identify the pulmonary complications early and hence can aid in implementing preventive and treatment strategies like alveolar recruitment maneuvers for collapse-atelectasis and intercostal drainage tube placement for pneumothorax or pleural effusion.⁵⁴

In our study, C_{STAT} of patients at 1 hour of ICU admission ranged from 19.09 to 56.2 ml/cmH₂O with a mean value of 31.6 ± 7.9 . The optimal cut-off of C_{STAT} value (≤ 24.6 ml/cmH₂O) was strongly associated with post extubation NIV requirement (Sensitivity-77.4, Specificity-96.63 and positive likelihood ratio of 22.97) and PPC (sensitivity of 59.26, specificity of 88.17 and positive likelihood ratio of 5.01). Studies have shown that the incidence of PPC was very high after cardiac surgery.^{44,54} Therefore it is extremely important to predict the development of PPC early in the postoperative period. We recommend the C_{stat} value >24.6 ml/cmH₂O at 1 hour of ICU admission as a reliable pulmonary parameter to safely execute weaning and tracheal extubation during fast-tracking.

There is a significant reduction in the left ventricular stroke work during positive pressure ventilation as it helps in decreasing the left ventricular transmural pressure gradient in systole. It also helps in reducing the extravascular lung water.⁵⁵ Hence those patients with systolic and diastolic dysfunction can become NIV dependant post extubation that becomes evident from our study. This implies that the weaning and tracheal extubation may not be easy in patients with systolic or diastolic dysfunction. It needs a strategic approach with reliable pulmonary parameters to guide weaning from mechanical ventilatory support.

In our study we found that patients with systolic and diastolic dysfunction had low P/FP ratio (≤ 150 p and Cstat (≤ 24.6 ml/cmH₂O) at 1 hour of ICU admission. So, we recommend that all patients with systolic and diastolic dysfunction should undergo a delayed tracheal extubation and also the NIV support should be commenced electively soon after tracheal extubation. Studies have shown that increase in CPB time does not affect P_{O_2} , in our study too, there wasn't any correlation.⁵⁶ In our study, the requirement of NIV support after tracheal extubation was 25.8% and the incidence of PPC was 22.5%. The ideal ventilatory modes and parameters which needs to be set during the conduct of CPB still remains to be defined and validated.

Low tidal volume ventilation with high PEEP and alveolar recruitment manoeuvres shall be considered in an open-lung ventilatory strategy on CPB to reduce the PPC.⁵⁷ Preoperative intensive physiotherapy to strengthen respiratory muscles were shown to be beneficial and could decrease the incidence of PPCs in patients who underwent CABG surgery⁵⁸.

Prophylactic use of continuous positive airway pressure also has shown to decrease PPCs by preventing atelectasis formation⁵⁸. The scope of this study was with limited focus and serves to attract future prospective randomised studies on fast tracking after cardiac surgery.



CONCLUSION AND LIMITATIONS

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- Clinical manifestation of fast-tracking failure are evident by delayed extubation beyond 6 hours, with delayed mobilisation to step down ICU / PACU (Post Anaesthesia Care Unit) and transfer to normal ward beyond 36 hours. This statistically correlated in terms of post extubation NIV requirement and development of postoperative pulmonary complications.
- Combined P/FP ratio ≤ 150 and Static lung Compliance ≤ 24.6 ml/cmH₂₀ at 1 hour after receiving the patient in ICU after surgery, strongly predicts post extubation NIV requirement.
- While, static lung compliance ≤ 24.6 ml/cmH₂₀ at 1 hour can independently predict the development of PPC, which leads to fast-track failure.
- Static lung compliance and the new P/FP ratio can alley the clinical doubts regarding early weaning and extubation and predict fast-track failure within 1hr. These parameters can be a good predictor and has a potential to be well considered for inclusion in the existing fast-track protocols in cardiac surgery.
- Systolic (EF<45%) and Diastolic-dysfunction, smoking, postoperative pulmonary complications had an independent statistically significant association with post extubation NIV requirements, while diastolic-dysfunction had a strong association with only postoperative pulmonary complications.

LIMITATIONS

- We acknowledge that there were certain limitations in our study. First, this is a prospective observational study with limited sample size.
- Second, all patients in our study followed the institutional protocol for tracheal extubation. So, the observations of our study cannot be directly implemented in patients planned for fast-tracking after cardiac surgery.
- Third, the present study was conducted in a heterogenous cardiac surgical population which included CABG, valve surgeries and combination of both. This could have independently influenced the heart lung interactions and respiratory physiology, thereby affecting the absolute values of P/FP ratios and static lung compliance.
- Fourth, we did not analyse the requirement of NIV support and occurrence of PPC in patients with LV systolic and diastolic dysfunction.
- Finally, the institutional protocols vary regarding NIV administration or re-tracheal intubations which could influence the outcome of the present study in different ICU settings. Future multicentric studies with large sample size and randomization is needed to validate the results of our study and to add strength to the literature.

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ANNEXURES



श्री चित्रा तिरुनाल आयुर्विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, त्रिवेन्द्रम
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Institutional Ethics Committee

(IEC Regn No. ECR/189/Inst/KL/2013/RR-21)

SCT/IEC/1874/MAY/2022

21.10.2022

Dr. Hari Dev JJ
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SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram

Dear Dr. Hari Dev,

The Institutional Ethics Committee held on 13th May, 2022, reviewed and discussed your application to conduct the study titled "ROLE OF THE NEW PAO₂/(FIO₂ X PEEP) [P/FP] RATIO AND STATIC LUNG COMPLIANCE IN FAST TRACKING CARDIAC SURGERY" (IEC/1874).

The following members of the Ethics Sub-committee were present at the meeting held on 13th May, 2022.

SL. No.	Member Name	Highest Degree	Gender	Scientific /Non Scientific	Affiliation with Institution(s)
1.	Dr. Pradeep S	MBBS, MD	Male	Basic Medical Scientist	No
2.	Smt. Sathi Nair	MA (English Literature)	Female	Lay Person	No
3.	Dr. Christina George	MD Psychiatry	Female	Clinician	No
4.	Dr. P. Manickam	BSMS, MSc (Epid), PhD	Male	Health Science Expert/ Social Scientist	No
5.	Adv. Priya Kaimal	LLM, MBL	Female	Legal Expert	No
6.	Dr. Manikandan.S	MBBS, MD, PDCC	Male	Clinician	Yes
7.	Dr. Srinivas G	PhD	Male	Basic Medical Scientist (Member Secretary)	Yes

The following documents were reviewed:

Original submission

1. Checklist Form
2. Abbreviations
3. Covering letter addressed to the Chairman, IEC, SCTIMST dated 02.09.2021
4. IEC Application Form
5. Declaration form
6. Forwarding letter
7. Research Proposal
8. Proforma
9. Patient Information Sheet in English and Malayalam
10. Informed Consent Form in English and Malayalam
11. CV of PI and Co-PIs
12. SRC Recommendation letter

Revised submission

1. Covering letter addressed to the Member Secretary, IEC, SCTIMST dated 15.10.2022
2. Checklist Form
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IEC Decision

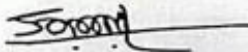
The IEC approved the conduct of the study in the present form.

Remarks:

The Institutional Ethics Committee expects to be informed about the progress of the study, any SAE occurring in the course of the study, any changes in the protocol and patient information/informed consent and asks to be provided a copy of the final report.

There was no member of the study team who participated in voting / decision making process. The ethics committee is organized and operated according to the requirements of Good Clinical Practice and the requirements of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

Sincerely,



Dr. G. Srinivas
Member Secretary, IEC

MEMBER SECRETARY
INSTITUTIONAL ETHICS COMMITTEE (IEC)
SCTIMST, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM



PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET

Title of study:

ROLE OF THE NEW $\text{PaO}_2/(\text{FiO}_2 \times \text{PEEP})$ [P/FP] RATIO AND STATIC LUNG COMPLIANCE IN FAST TRACKING CARDIAC SURGERY

What is P/FP ratio and Static lung Compliance?

P/FP ratio is an index of oxygenation of arterial blood in your body. It helps in managing ventilation strategy in ICU and identifying complications.

Static lung compliance is the measure of expandability of lung for a particular change in pressure when there is no flow of air in and out of lungs.

How can these be calculated?

P/FP ratio can be calculated from the arterial blood gas analysis which we routinely perform in our ICU. This doesn't require an additional prick since we will be routinely placing a cannula in radial/femoral artery under anesthesia for all cases, from which blood can be aspirated.

Static lung compliance is a value that is obtained from the ventilator when it is connected to you for mechanical ventilation.

What are the risks and side-effects?

There are no risks or side effects associated as this is an observational study without intervention.

Why are we doing this study?

Majority of the cardiac surgeries involves cardiopulmonary bypass which maintains the oxygenation and perfusion during the surgery. Due to this reason, as well due to the effect of residual anesthesia, you will be mechanically ventilated until you are fully awake, hemodynamically stable and maintaining good oxygenation. After all surgeries, prolonged mechanical ventilation can deteriorate your health, so weaning early from ventilator is extremely important. P/FP ratio and static lung compliance may help in deciding ventilation strategies postoperatively as well may help to predict early pulmonary complications.

Can you withdraw from this study after it starts?

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary and you will be free to decide to withdraw permission to participate in this study. If you do so, this will not affect your usual treatment at this hospital in any way.

What will happen if you develop any study related injury?

We do not expect any injury to happen to you as this is an observational study

Will you have to pay for the study?

No.

Will your personal details be kept confidential?

Your personal details will be kept confidential. The result of this study maybe be published ina medical journal but you will not be identified by name in any publication or presentation of results.

If you have any further questions, please ask:

Dr. Subin Sukesan, Additional Professor, Division of Cardiac Anesthesia, Department of Anesthesia (Tel:8289983726)

Name of the PI: **Dr. Hari Dev J J**, Senior Resident, Division of Cardiac Anesthesia, Department of Anesthesia (Tel:9074555232 or email id: jjharidev@gmail.com)

Signature of the PI:



For any clarifications regarding the study's ethics clearance, you may contact:-

Dr. Shrinivas G,
Member Secretary of SCTIMST- IEC,Phone number:0471-2524689,
Email id : iec.mem.sec@sctimst.ac.in

INFORMED CONSENT

I, _____ S/o, D/o, H/o, w/o, F/o, M/o or G/o _____
_____(Name of the patient) aged _____(in years), declare that I have read the above
information provided to me regarding the study **“Role of the new PaO₂/ (FiO₂ X PEEP) [P/FP]
ratio and Static lung compliance in fast tracking Cardiac surgery”**

Please tick the relevant boxes

- I confirm that I have read and understood the information sheet dated... for the above study and have the opportunity to ask questions
- I also understand that my ward's participation in this study is entirely voluntary and that I am free to withdraw permission to continue to participate at any time without affecting my usual treatment or my legal rights
- I understand that the investigators and institutional ethics committee members will not need my permission to look at the health records even if I withdraw my ward from the trial. I agree to this access
- I understand that my ward's identity will not be revealed in any information released to third parties or published
- I voluntarily agree to allow my ward to take part in this study
- I received a copy of this signed consent form

Name:

Signature

:

Date:

Name of witness:

**Relation to
participant:**

Date:

Signature:

(PERSON OBTAINING CONSENT)

I attest that the requirements for informed consent for the medical research project described in this form have been satisfied. I have discussed here search project with the parents/guardian/participant and explained to him or her in nontechnical terms all of the information contained in this informed consent form, including any risks and adverse reactions that may reasonably be expected to occur. I further certify that I encouraged the participant to ask questions and that all questions asked were answered.

Name and Signature of Person Obtaining Consent (For Principal Investigator)

Contact No: 9074555232

Dr. Hari Dev J.J (Principal Investigator)

രോഗിക്കുള്ള കാര്യവിവരണപത്രം

ശരീർഷകം

“ഹൃദയശസ്ത്രക്രിയ്ക്കുശേഷം ആരോഗ്യം വീണ്ടെടുക്കുന്നത് ത്വരിതപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിന്റെ അളവ്കോലായി പി/എഫ്.പി റേഷിയോയും ശ്വാസകോശത്തിന്റെ സ്റ്റാറ്റിക് കോംപ്ലിയൻസും വഹിക്കുന്ന പങ്കിനെ അടിസ്ഥാനമാക്കിയുള്ള പഠനം.”

പഠനത്തിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം (ഞങ്ങൾ എന്തിന് ഈ പഠനം നടത്തുന്നു.)

ഭൂരിഭാഗം ഹൃദയ ശസ്ത്രക്രിയകളും കാർഡിയോ പൾമോണറി ബൈപാസിന്റെ സഹായത്തോടെയാണ് നടത്തുന്നത്. ഓപ്പറേഷൻ ചെയ്യുമ്പോൾ അവയവങ്ങളിലേയ്ക്കുള്ള രക്തയോട്ടവും നിയന്ത്രിക്കുന്നത് ഈ ഉപകരണമാണ്. ശസ്ത്രക്രിയാനന്തരം രോഗിയെ സാധാരണയായി വെന്റിലേറ്ററിലാണ് പരിപാലിക്കുന്നത്. പൊതുവായുള്ള ആരോഗ്യവും, ബി.പി., ഹൃദയതാളം, ഇവയെല്ലാം കൃത്യമായി സാധാരണനിലയിൽ ആയാൽ മാത്രമേ രോഗിയെ വെന്റിലേറ്ററിൽ നിന്നും മാറ്റുകയുള്ളൂ. എന്നാൽ വെന്റിലേറ്ററിൽ അധികനാൾ ഘടിപ്പിക്കുന്നത് ശ്വാസകോശത്തിൽ ഉണ്ടാകുന്ന മാറ്റങ്ങൾക്ക് കാരണമായേക്കാമെന്ന് പഠനങ്ങൾ സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. അതിനാൽ വെന്റിലേറ്ററിൽ നിന്നും രോഗിയെ ക്രമാനുഗതമായി വിച്ഛേദിക്കുന്നത് അത്യന്താപേക്ഷിതമാകുന്നു. രക്തധമനിയിൽ നിന്നും എടുക്കുന്ന ശുദ്ധരക്തത്തിൽ ഓക്സിജന്റെ അളവ് നിരീക്ഷിക്കുന്ന പി/എഫ്.പി.റേഷിയോ വെന്റിലേറ്റർ ചികിത്സയെ സഹായിക്കുമെന്ന് വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു. ശ്വാസകോശത്തിന്റെ വികസനം സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്ന സ്റ്റാറ്റിക് കോംപ്ലിയൻസും അതുവഴി ശരീരത്തിലെ ഓക്സിജന്റെ അളവ് നിരീക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിലൂടെ രോഗിയുടെ വെന്റിലേറ്റർ സമയം കുറക്കാൻ സഹായകരം ആകുമെന്ന് കരുതുന്നു.

പഠനത്തിന്റെ കാലദൈർഘ്യം എത്ര?

താങ്കളെ ആശുപത്രിയിൽ നിന്നും വിടുതൽ ചെയ്യുന്നതുവരെ നിരീക്ഷിക്കും. നടപടിയുടെ വിശദീകരണം സ്ഥാപനത്തിന്റെ പതിവ് നടപടിക്രമ പ്രകാരം എല്ലാ അംഗീകൃത നിരീക്ഷണങ്ങളും നടത്തും. താങ്കളുടെ ശരീരത്തിലെ ശുദ്ധരക്തത്തിൽ നിന്നും ഓക്സിജന്റെ അളവ് നിർണ്ണയിക്കുകയും, വെന്റിലേറ്ററിന്റെ സഹായത്തോടെ ശ്വാസകോശത്തിന്റെ വികസനക്ഷമത നിരീക്ഷിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യും. ഈ പഠനത്തിൽ പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കാവുന്ന അസ്വസ്ഥതകളെ അപകട സാധ്യതകളോ ഒന്നും ഉണ്ടാകുകയില്ല.

ഈ പഠനത്തിന്റെ നേട്ടങ്ങൾ എന്തെല്ലാം? താങ്കൾക്ക് ഈ പഠനത്തിൽ നിന്നും നേട്ടം ഉണ്ടാകുമോ?

ഹൃദയശസ്ത്രീക്രിയാനന്തരം രോഗിയുടെ വെന്റിലേറ്റർ സമയം ചുരുക്കാൻ ഉതകുന്നതാകും ഈ പഠനം എന്ന് കരുതുന്നു. വെന്റിലേറ്ററിൽ നിന്ന് മാറ്റുന്ന രോഗിക്ക് നോൺ ഇൻവേസീവ് വെന്റിലേഷൻ ആവശ്യമായി വരുമോ എന്ന് മുൻകൂറായി തീരുമാനം എടുക്കാനും ഈ പഠനം സഹായകരം ആകുമെന്ന് വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു

പഠനം ആരംഭിച്ച ശേഷം താങ്കൾക്ക് പിന്മാറാൻ ആകുമോ?

താങ്കളുടെ പഠനത്തിലെ പങ്കാളിത്തം തികച്ചും സ്വമേധയായുള്ളതും സമ്മതം പിൻവലിക്കാൻ ഏതുസമയത്തും താങ്കൾക്ക് സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യമുള്ളതുമാണ്. താങ്കളങ്ങനെ ചെയ്താലും ഈ ആശുപത്രിയിലെ താങ്ങളുടെ പതിവ് ചികിത്സയെ ഒരു തരത്തിലും ബാധിക്കില്ല.

പഠന സംബന്ധമായി എന്തെങ്കിലും പരിക്ക് താങ്കൾക്ക് ഉണ്ടായാൽ താങ്കൾ എന്ത് സംഭവിക്കും?

ഈ പഠനത്തിൽ താങ്കളുടെ പരിശോധനകളുടെയും ചികിത്സയുടെയും വിവരങ്ങൾ വിശകലനം ചെയ്യുക മാത്രമേ ചെയ്യുന്നുള്ളൂ. എന്നതിനാൽ താങ്കൾക്ക് പരിക്കൊന്നും ഞങ്ങൾ പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കുന്നില്ല. പക്ഷേ താങ്കൾക്കെന്തെങ്കിലും പാർശ്വഫലങ്ങളോ പ്രശ്നങ്ങളോ ഉണ്ടായാൽ ഈ ആശുപത്രിയിൽ താങ്കൾക്കധികം ചെലവില്ലാതെ ചികിത്സിക്കും. എന്നാലും സാമ്പത്തികമായ നഷ്ടപരിഹാരം നൽകാനാകില്ല.

പഠനത്തിനായി താങ്കൾ പണം മുടക്കണോ?

പതിവ് ചിലവിലധികമായി താങ്കൾ പണം മുടക്കേണ്ടതില്ല.

താങ്കളുടെ വ്യക്തിപരമായ വിവരങ്ങൾ രഹസ്യമായിരിക്കുമോ?

താങ്കളുടെ വ്യക്തിപരമായ വിവരങ്ങൾ രഹസ്യമായിരിക്കും. ഈ പഠനം പൂർത്തിയാകുമ്പോൾ ഫലങ്ങൾ ഒരു വൈദ്യശാസ്ത്ര ജേർണലിൽ പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിച്ചേക്കാം. പക്ഷേ താങ്കളെ പേരുകൊണ്ട് പ്രസിദ്ധീകരണത്തിലോ പ്രദർശനത്തിലോ ഒരിടത്തും തിരിച്ചറിയാനാകില്ല.

പഠന പങ്കാളികളുടെ എണ്ണം?

ഈ പഠനത്തിൽ ആകെ 120 രോഗികളെ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തും.

താങ്കൾക്ക് കൂടുതൽ ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ താഴെ നൽകിയിരിക്കുന്ന ഗവേഷകരോട് ചോദിക്കുക.

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1. ഹൃദയ ശസ്ത്രക്രിയക്ക് ശേഷം ആരോഗ്യം വീണ്ടെടുക്കുന്നത് ത്വരിതപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിന്റെ അളവുകോലായി പി/എഫ്.പി റെഷിയോയും ശ്വാസകോശത്തിന്റെ സ്റ്റാറ്റിക് കോംപ്ലിയൻസും വഹിക്കുന്ന പങ്ക് * എന്ന പഠന സംബന്ധമായി തീയതിയിൽ എനിക്കു തന്ന കാര്യ വിവരണ പത്രം വായിക്കുകയും മനസ്സിലാക്കുകയും ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ ചോദിക്കാൻ എനിക്ക് അവസരം ലഭിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. []

2. എന്റെ പങ്കാളിത്തം സ്വമേധയായാലാണെന്നും, എന്റെ പതിവ് ചികിത്സയെയോ നിയമപരമായ അവകാശങ്ങളെയോ ബാധിക്കാതെ ഏതു സമയത്തും പങ്കെടുക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള എന്റെ അനുവാദം പിൻവലിക്കാമെന്നും ഞാൻ മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നു. []

3. ഈ പഠനത്തിന്റെയും ഇതുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട ഭാവിയിലെ പഠനങ്ങളുടെയും ക്ലിനിക്കൽ പരിശോധനയുടെ സ്പോൺസർ, സ്പോൺസറിനു വേണ്ടി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നവർ, എത്തിക്സ് കമ്മിറ്റിയും നിയന്ത്രണാധികാരികളും എന്നിവർക്ക് പഠനത്തിൽനിന്നും ഞാൻ പിൻമാറിയാലും ഈ പഠനവുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട ആരോഗ്യരേഖകൾ എന്റെ അനുവാദം കൂടാതെ പരിശോധിക്കാമെന്ന് ഞാൻ മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നു, അതിന് ഞാൻ സമ്മതിക്കുന്നു. എന്നിരുന്നാലും എന്റെ വ്യക്തിപരമായ വിവരങ്ങൾ മൂന്നാം കക്ഷികൾക്കോ പ്രസിദ്ധീകരണങ്ങൾക്ക് നൽകുകയോ ഇല്ലെന്നു മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നു. []

4. ശാസ്ത്രീയ ഉദ്ദേശത്തോടെയുള്ള ഉപയോഗത്തിന് ഈ പഠനത്തിൽനിന്നുള്ള വിവരങ്ങൾ ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നതിന് തടസ്സമാവില്ലെന്ന് ഞാൻ സമ്മതിക്കുന്നു. []

5. ഞാൻ ഈ പഠനത്തിൽ പങ്കെടുക്കാൻ സമ്മതിക്കുന്നു. []

6. ഞാൻ സ്വമേധയാ ഈ പഠനത്തിൽ പങ്കെടുക്കാൻ സമ്മതിക്കുന്നു. []

7. സമ്മതപത്രത്തിന്റെ ഒപ്പിട്ട ഒരു പ്രതി എനിക്ക് ലഭിച്ചു. []

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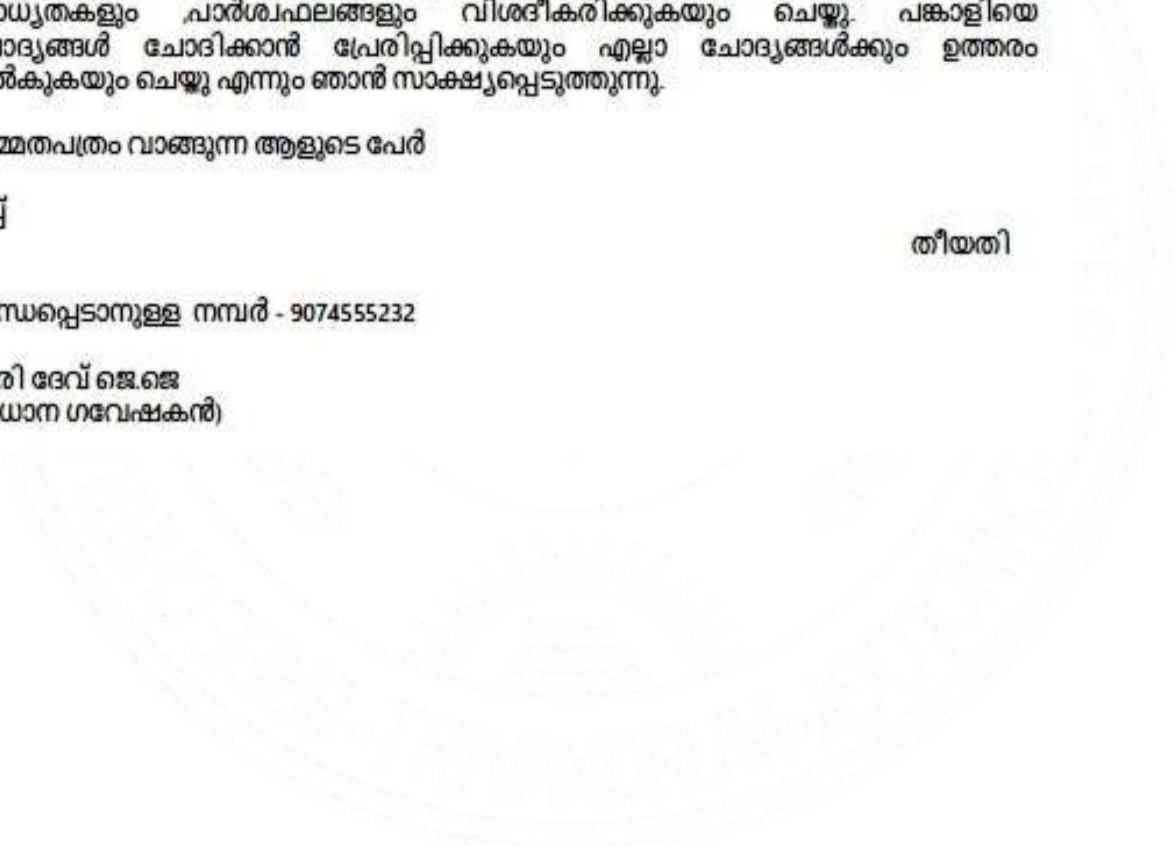
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Site	SEX	AGE	SURGERY	FFP-IC	HOUR	FF-RECT	P-02	Pr:WV	F02-Pr:WV	duration of mechanical ventilation	FFP ratio on MV	Time of MV	percentage on Pcpk	Coras	MV	Division of MV/RE/ENTUBAT/POPC	Alveolar recruitment maneuvers	Debate	Hypotension	POPC	Fluctuation Froth	Roach's away/60sec	Diastolic deflation	CPB(mg/kg)	Door clamp(hg/kg)		
1	1	65	CABG	160	171	90								18	25	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	106	56	
2	1	72	CABG	284	320	425	14.5			16	280			12	416	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	105	64	
3	1	64	CABG	140	316	135	0.4	112		14.5	280			0	21	21	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	106	70	
4	1	32	AVR	300	316	330	8.5			8.5	14	32.14		14	32.14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	114	74	
5	0	35	MNR	313	388	330								14	33.71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	116	53	
6	0	41	MNR	366	380	405	0.44	84			185			12	315	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	63	
7	0	55	CABG	382	470	256								11	38.26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	78
8	1	55	MNR+CABG	191	682	340	20							10	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	122
9	1	72	CABG	213	360	330								11	43.45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	109	62
10	0	55	MNR	181	483	345								14	37.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	70
11	0	55	MNR	183	633	360	112.72				112.72			14	37.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	70
12	0	44	MNR+TRepair	230	413	320	3							12	41.65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	82
13	1	45	CABG	461	424	458	18	74	0.44	18	163.2			15	217	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	116	68	
14	1	64	CABG	302.1	364	453	95.5	24	0.44	18	163.2			15	217	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	116	68	
15	0	58	MNR+CABG	35	82.14	133	22							20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	142	81
16	1	42	MNR	190	93.15	244	11.5	0.44			163.5			21	19.09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	116	111
17	1	40	MNR+TRepair	233	123.6	122	8.5	0.44			163.5			19	23.66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	116	62
18	1	46	DVR	196	234	453	84	0.44			20	191		16	28.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	144	32
19	0	48	DVR	224	274	300	18							15	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	38
20	0	38	MNR+TRepair	190	316	222	83	0.36			247.2			15	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	119	68
21	1	54	CABG	86	783	110	20				240			0	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	67
22	1	54	CABG	193	190	162.5	19	0.4			240			0	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	78
23	1	71	CABG	2133	420	405	163				163			11	40.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	144	84
24	1	72	CABG	241	330	345	112	0.4			222.5			0	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	76
25	1	60	CABG	146	107.4	116	116	0.4			222.5			0	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	76
26	1	55	MNR	2165	428	445	21							12	33.14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	76
27	1	55	MNR	2165	428	445	21							12	33.14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	76
28	0	78	CABG	166	122.1	157.1	19	0.44			207			0	19	21.05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	63
29	0	78	CABG	166	122.1	157.1	19	0.44			207			0	19	21.05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	63
30	0	58	CABG	236	224	331.2	11				188			11	40.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	76
31	0	48	MNR	436	236	334	8.5				188			11	30.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	56
32	1	45	CABG	36.42	81.5	236	12				188			11	30.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	56
33	1	45	CABG	402	384	245	15	0.36			243.1			1	21.42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	76
34	1	72	CABG	180	93.15	116.7	12.5				188			1	21.42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	76
35	1	70	CABG	204	336	285	14				188			13	34.51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	58
36	0	48	DVR	238	410	330	14				247.2			14	32.14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	48
37	1	61	CABG	193	314	278	16	0.36			247.2			12	37.15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	86
38	0	31	MNR	380	600	322	10							11	43.49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	69
39	1	52	CABG	425	421	426	23							12	31.96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	48
40	1	52	CABG	425	421	426	23							12	31.96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	48
41	1	48	CABG	563.8	533	343.75	17							11	38.26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	52
42	0	56	AVR	425	430	270	18							12	34.95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	75
43	0	63	CABG+MNR	280	270	245	24							12	34.95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	75
44	0	63	CABG+MNR	280	270	245	24							12	34.95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	75
45	1	70	CABG	164	146	163.3	8.5				216.7			10	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	64
46	1	70	CABG	164	146	163.3	8.5				216.7			10	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	64
47	1	54	CABG	330	300	305	18.5	0.44			188.3			1	23.33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	54
48	1	54	CABG	330	300	305	18.5	0.44			188.3			1	23.33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	54
49	1	56	CABG	87	120	133	18				188.3			16	28.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	51
50	1	62	CABG	353	275	305	16.5	0.4			188.3			16	28.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	51
51	1	62	CABG	353	275	305	16.5	0.4			188.3			16	28.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	51
52	1	45	AVR	415	234	231.5	10				235			0	21	24.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	141	82
53	1	45	AVR	415	234	231.5	10				235			0	21	24.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	141	82
54	1	45	AVR	415	234	231.5	10	0.44			188.3			17	28.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	72
55	1	45	AVR	415	234	231.5	10	0.44			188.3			17	28.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	72
56	1	51	CABG	100	814	144	10	0.36			188.3			24	23.33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	64
57	1	56	MNR+CABG	230	314	185	8	0.44			188.3			24	23.33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	64
58	1	56	AVR	315	340	320	8							14	32.14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	72
59	0	41	MNR	432.5	310	204.6	14							15	27.23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106	54
60	0	48	MNR	415.3	255	388.7	8.5							12	23.96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106	64
61	1	33	MNR+TRepair	186	78.57	163.8	19	0.44			188.7			12	41.66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	62
62	1	42	CABG	381.1	305	230	16				188.7			14	33.71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112	63

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Demographic Details

Study ID Number:

Age:

Sex:

Height:

Weight:

BMI:

BSA:

Preoperative Details

Diabetes (Yes/No)	
Hypertension (Yes/No)	
Smoking	
Reactive Airway Disease	
Ejection Fraction (TTE)	
Diastolic Function (TTE/TEE)	
TAPSE	
Preoperative Hemoglobin	
Serum Creatinine	

TTE – Transthoracic

Echocardiography TEE-

Trans Esophageal

Echocardiography

TAPSE – Tricuspid Annular Systolic Plane Excursion

Intraoperative Details

CABG (OPCAB/ON Pump)	
Valvular surgery (Aortic/Mitral)	
CPB time	
Aortic Cross clamp time	
Preoperative PO ₂ /FiO ₂ ratio in room air	
P/FP ratio after protamine reversal	

OPCAB – Off Pump CABG

Postoperative Details

P/FP ratio on admission to ICU	
P/FP ratio at 1hr post ICU admission	
Static Lung Compliance assessed at 1hr post ICU admission	
Alveolar Recruitment Manoeuvre performed?	
P/FP ratio pre extubation (10 minutes before extubation) (If no fast tracking, after 6 hrs)	

Postoperative Pulmonary Complications

Pneumonia (Consolidation /infiltrates in CXR/LUS)	
Pneumothorax (Assessed with CXR /LUS)	
Pleural effusion (CXR/LUS)	
Acute pulmonary edema (Clinical signs, CXR/LUS)	
Tracheal reintubation	

CXR – Chest Xray

LUS – Lung Ultrasound

Postoperative Non pulmonary complications.

Postoperative ventricular dysfunction	
Pericardial effusion	
Increased bleeding	

Ventilatory Requirements

Number of days of ICU stay	
Invasive Mechanical Ventilation (hours)	
Hours until tracheal extubation	
Tracheal reintubation	
Post extubation NIV requirement	
Non Invasive mechanical ventilation (hours)	

NIV – Non Invasive Ventilation



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