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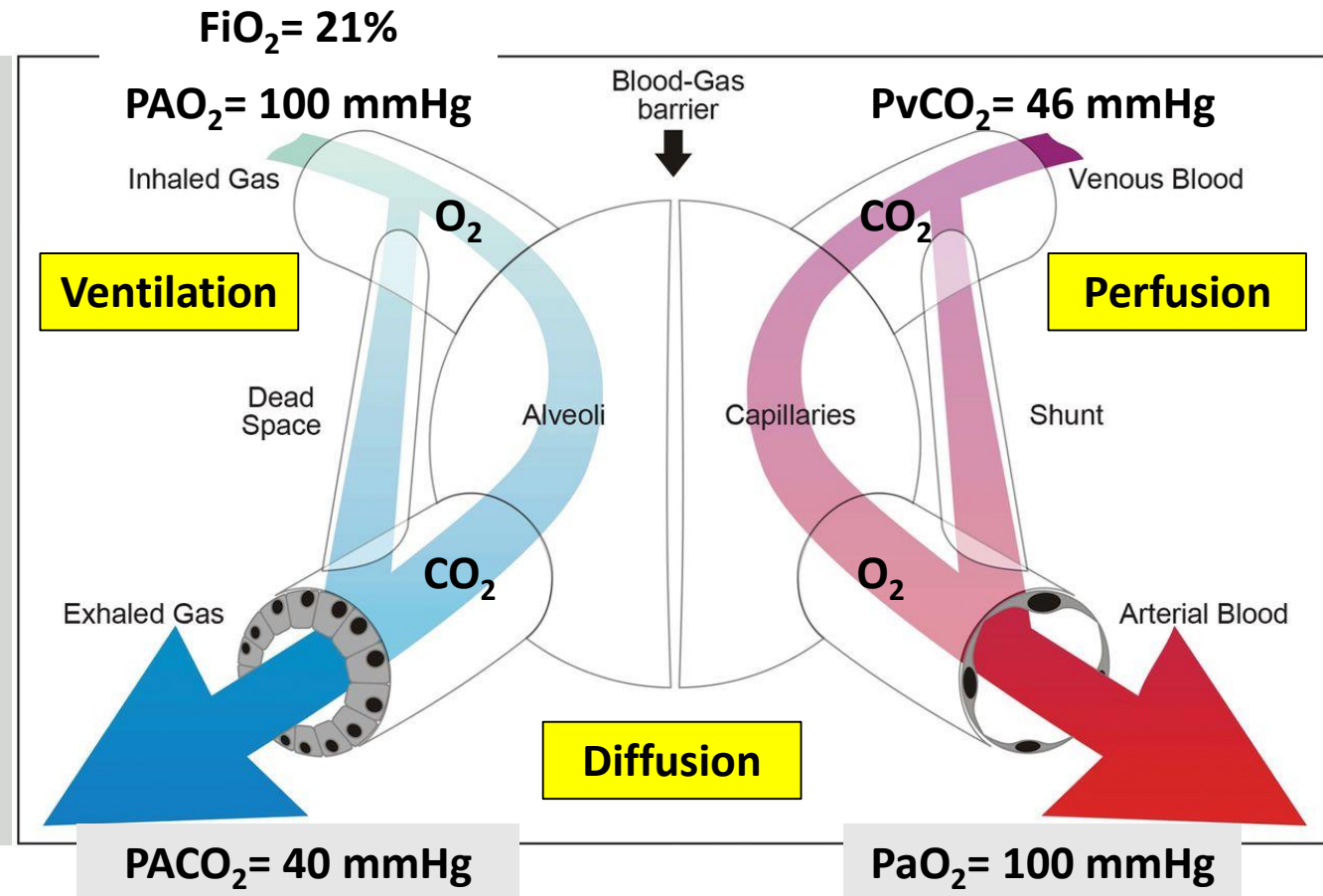
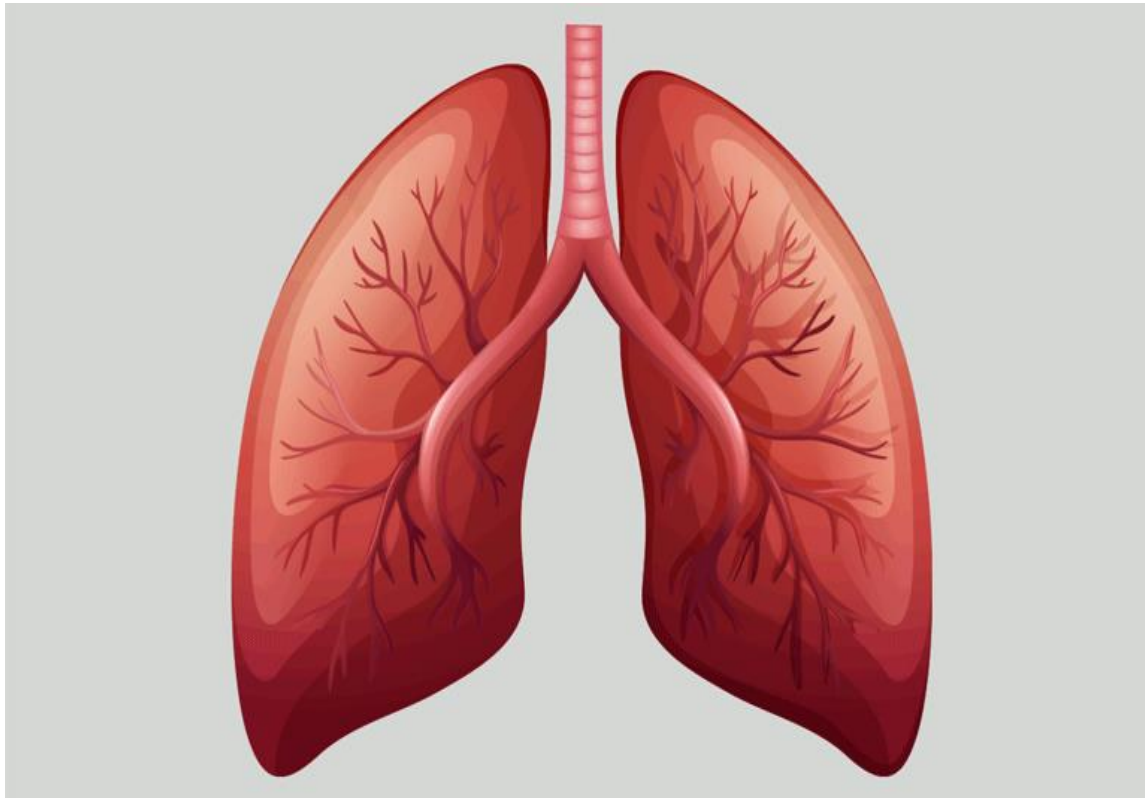
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Presentation Outline

- Pulmonary Physiology at-A-Glimpse
- Oxygen Impairments in COVID-19
- Oxygen Therapy in COVID-19
- High-flow Oxygen Therapy in COVID-19
- Preparation & Unfavored Events of High-flow Oxygen Therapy
- Conclusion

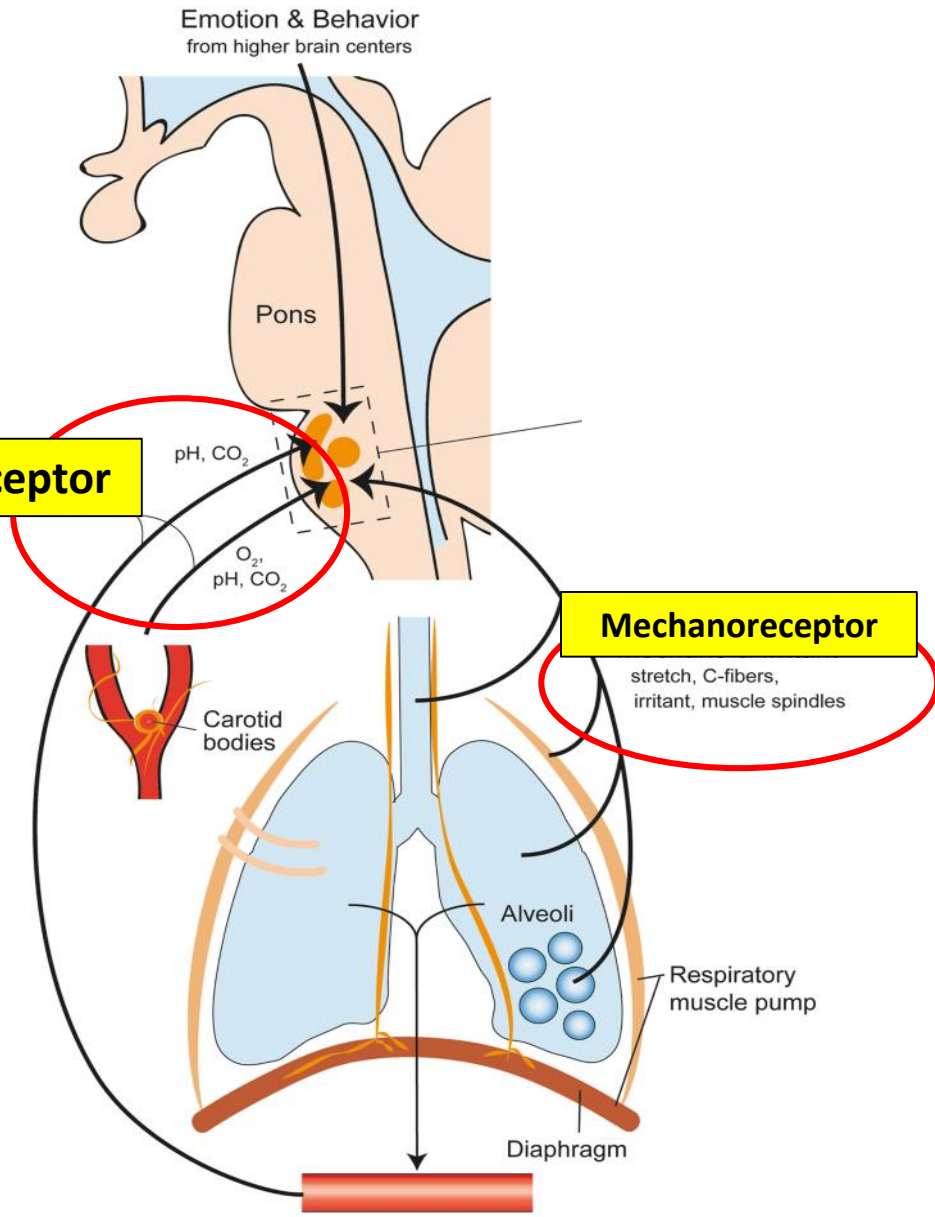
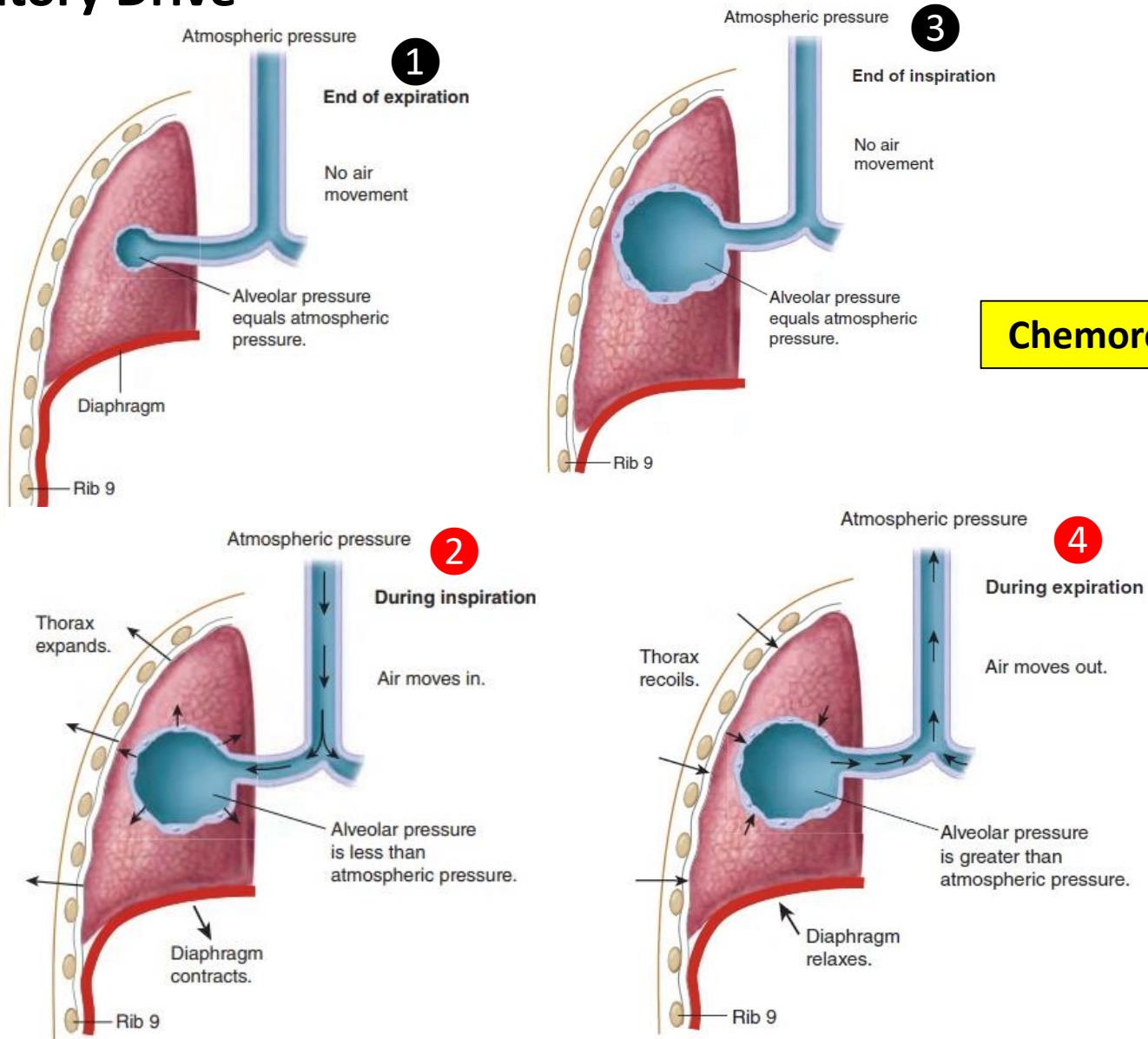


Pulmonary Physiology at-A-Glimpse



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Respiratory Drive



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Alveolar surface tension by AT2 cells

Laplace's Law:

$$\Delta P = 2\gamma/r$$

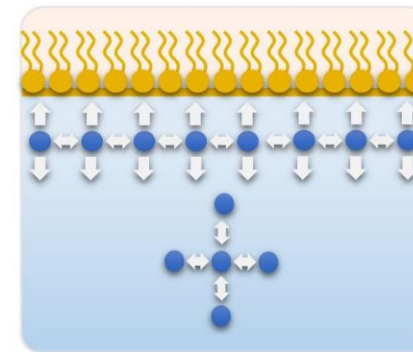
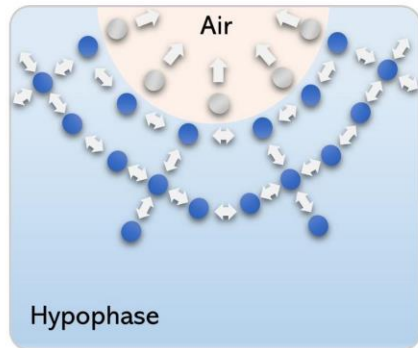
Collapse

Lung Surfactant

+ LS

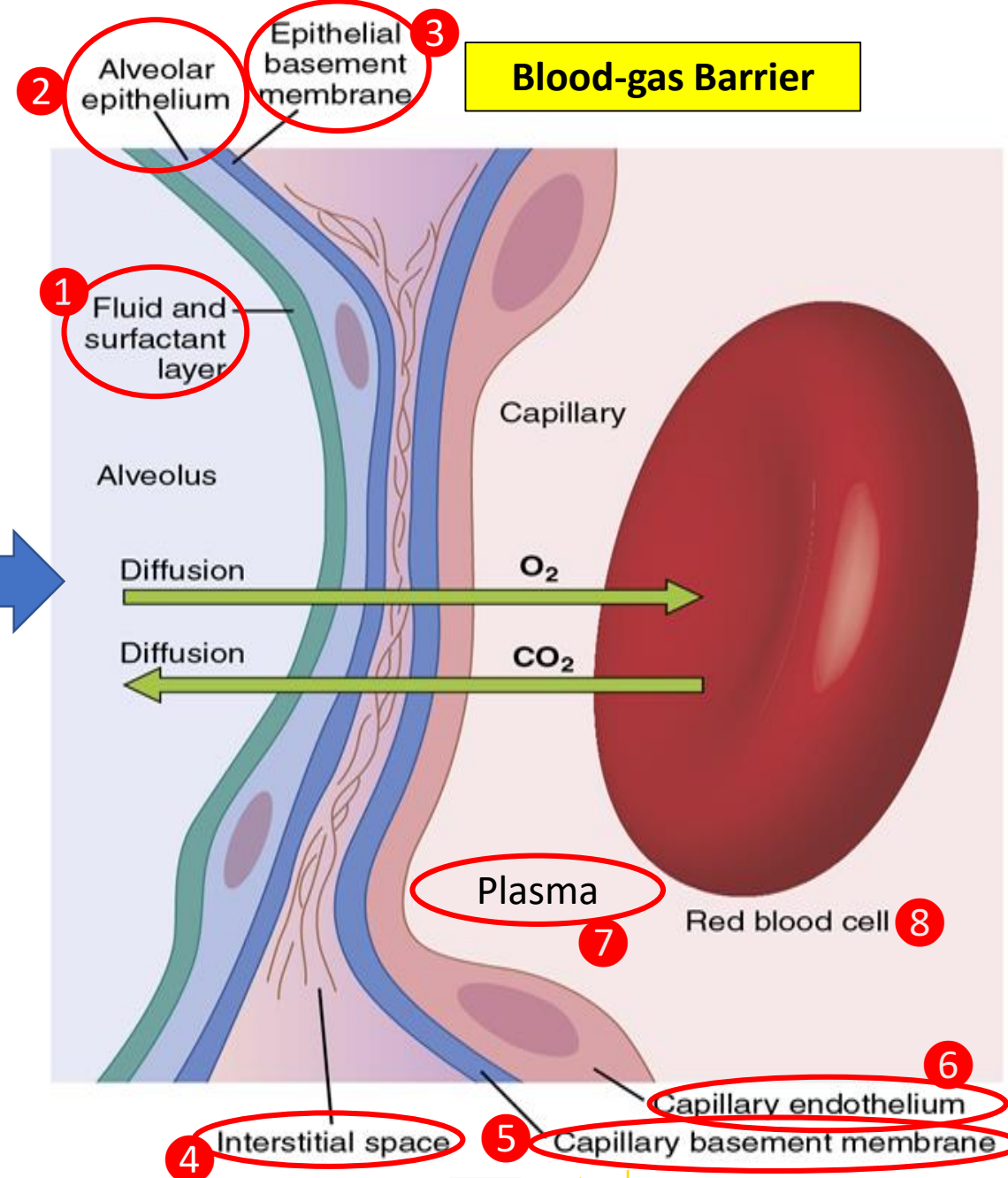
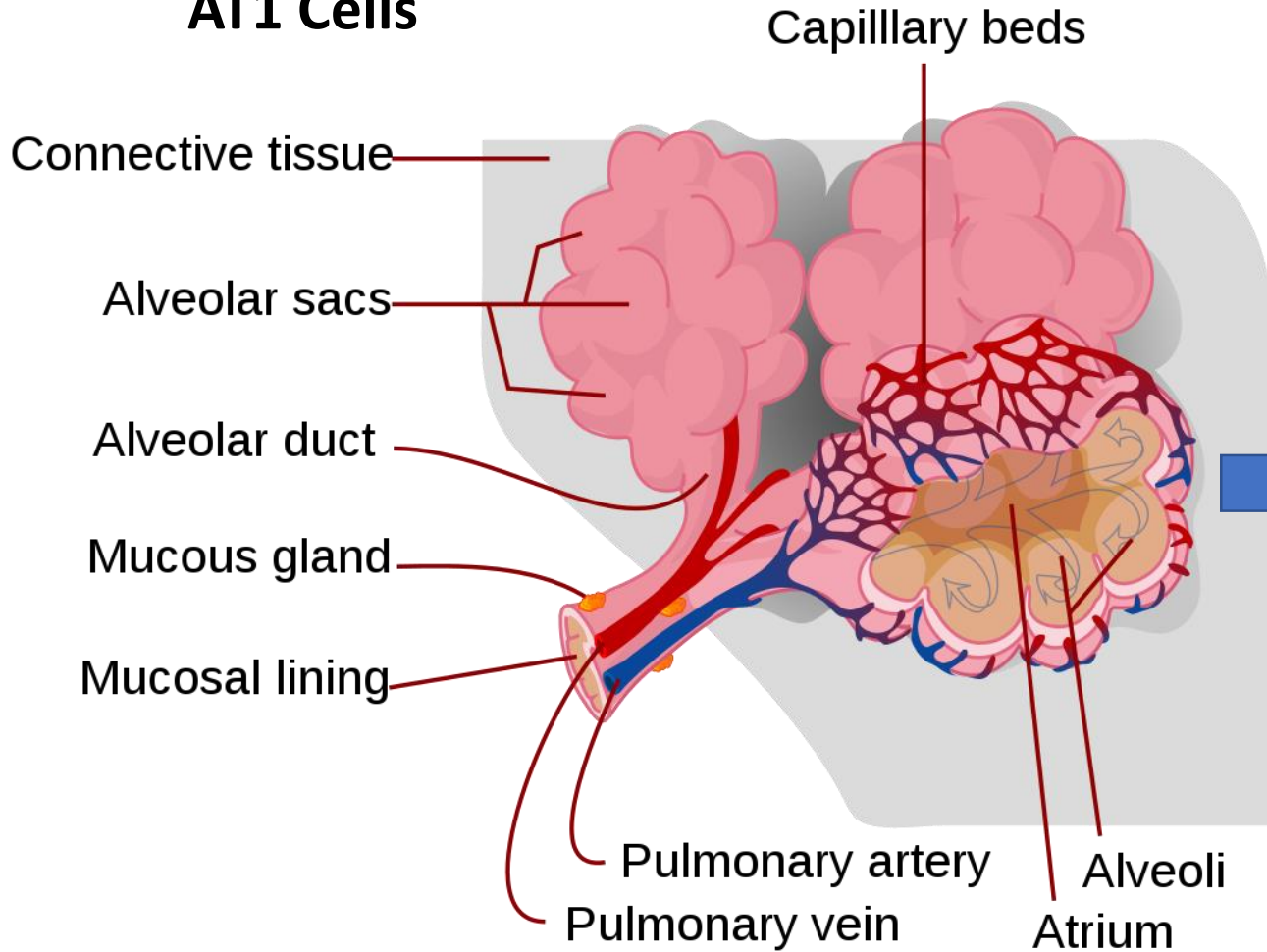
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Gas Diffusion by AT1 Cells

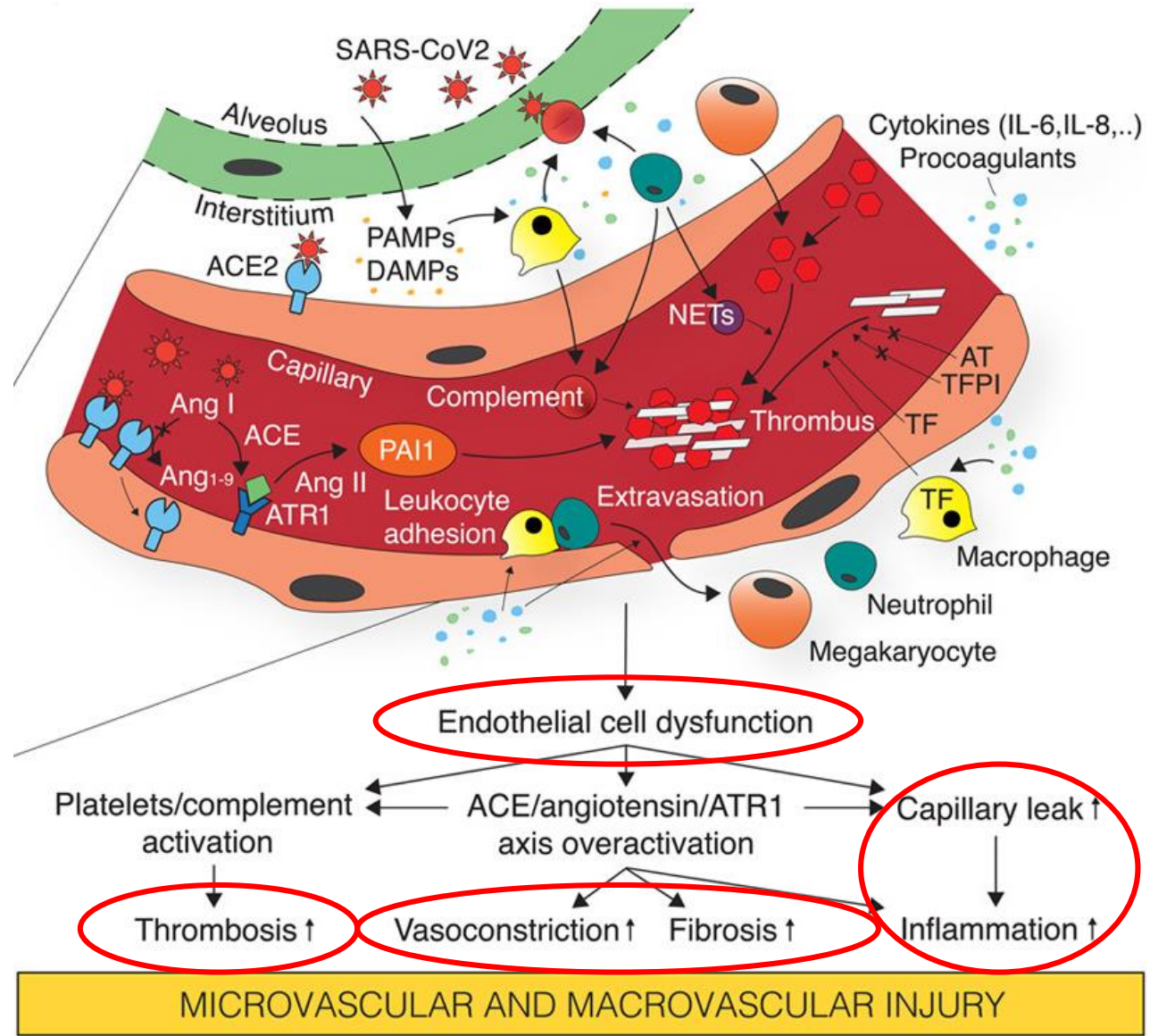
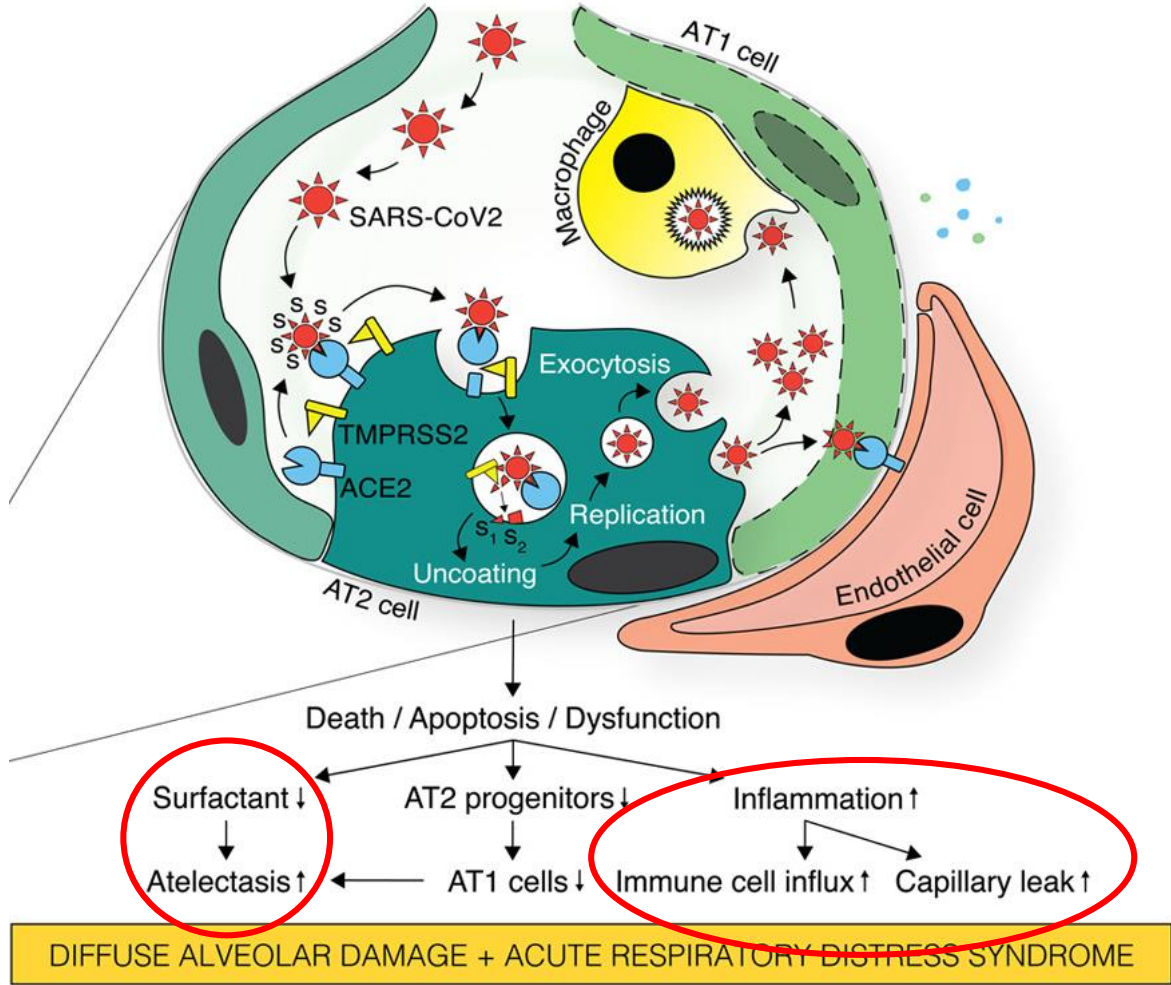


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Oxygen Impairments in COVID-19

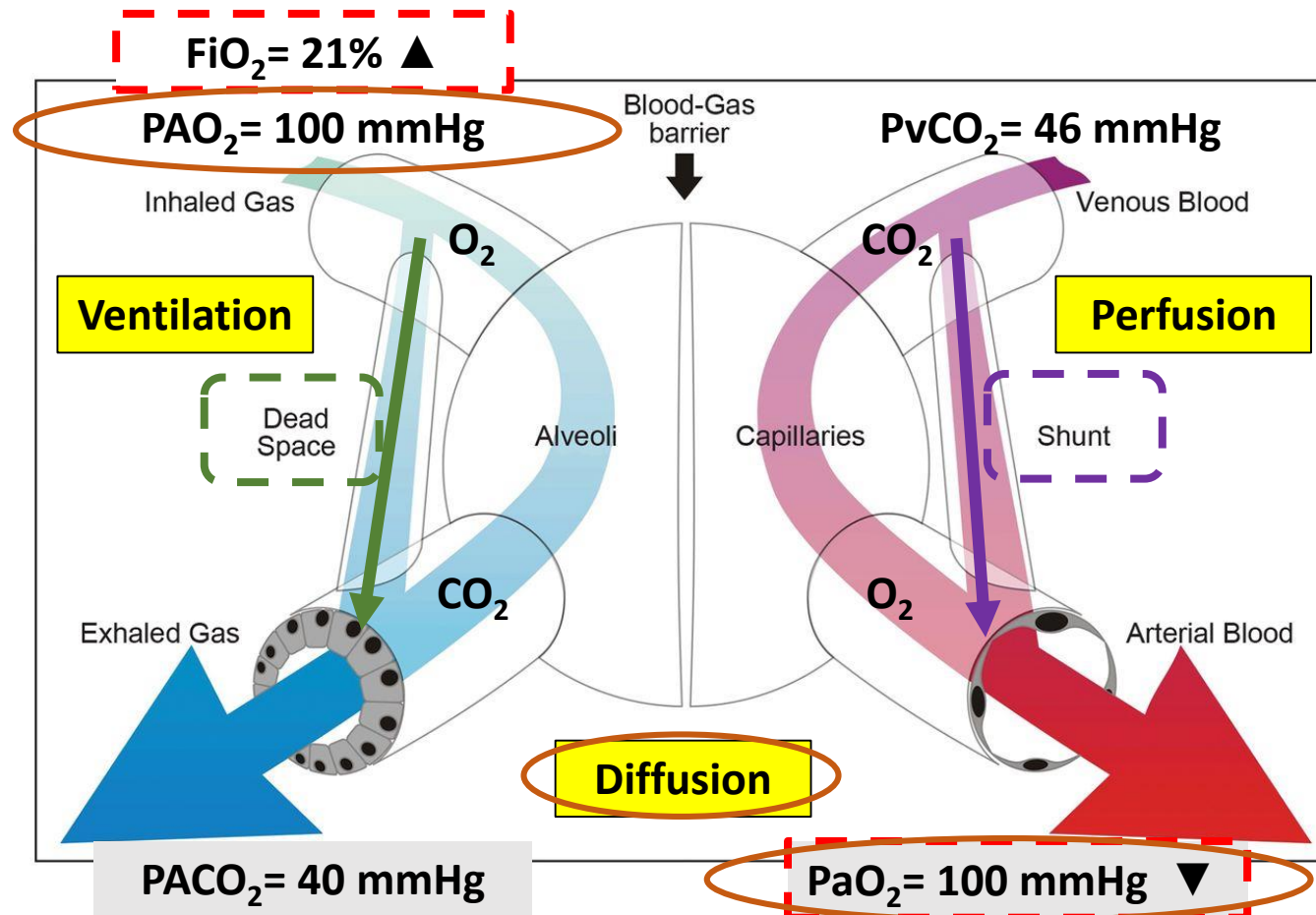
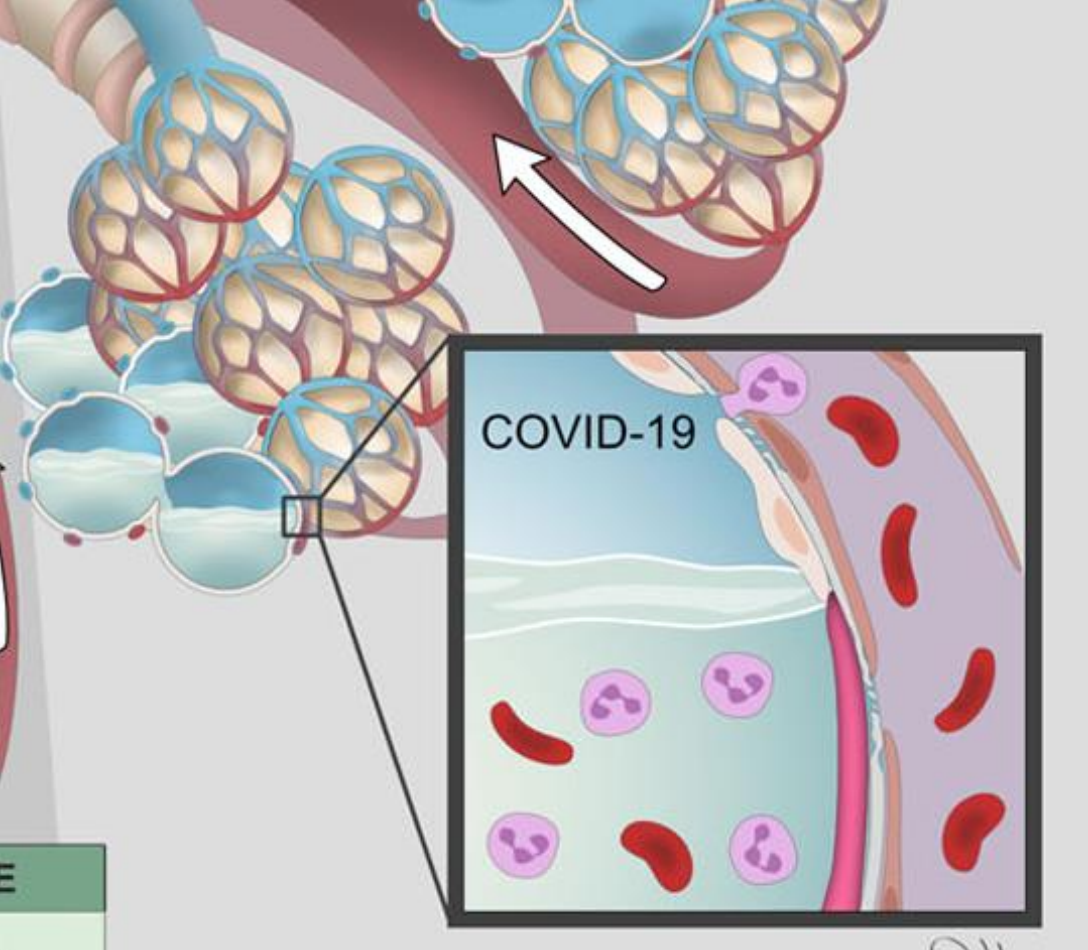


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Alveolar-arterial oxygen gradient ($A-a DO_2$)

Ventilation – Perfusion (V/Q) Mismatch ●●

$PaO_2:FiO_2$ decreased/ARDS (<300)

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Oxygen Therapy in COVID-19

- Determine an Increased Oxygen Demand in COVID-19 → **Clinical signs of hypoxemia:**
 - Increased work of breathing
 - Increased **respiration rate**
 - Decreased peripheral **oxygen saturation (SpO₂)**
 - Abnormal CXR (i.e. pneumonia, effusion, etc)
- **Estimate Oxygen Demand & Treat:**
 - Take **blood gas analysis (BGA)**
 - Calculate A-a DO₂
 - Calculate required **FiO₂**
 - Oxygen supplementation



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A-a DO₂

- In normal young adult, A-a DO₂ < 10 mmHg
- Increases with age:
 - Age 20: 4 to 17 mmHg
 - Age 40: 10 to 24 mmHg
 - Age 60: 17 to 31 mmHg
 - Age 80: 25 to 38 mmHg

A-a DO ₂	Hypoxemic Condition Associated with A-a DO ₂	Oxygen response
Normal	Hypoventilation Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neuromuscular disorders • Central nervous system disorder 	Responsive
	Low inspired FiO₂ (e.g. high altitude, inadequate oxygen)	
Increased	Dead space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pulmonary embolism • Atelectasis • Pneumonia • Obstructive lung disease (e.g. Asthma, COPD) • Pneumothorax 	
	Altered diffusion/blood-gas barrier <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interstitial lung disease, incl pulmonary fibrosis 	
	Shunt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congestive heart failure • Lobar/diffuse pneumonia • Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) 	Unresponsive

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PaO₂:FiO₂

- Identify current FiO₂
- Obtain PaO₂ from BGA
- Calculate PaO₂:FiO₂
target >300
- Re-adjust FiO₂ → re-adjust device & flow rates
- Keep in mind:
Patient's Comfort



Device	Flow Rates	Delivered O ₂ *
Nasal cannula	1 L/min	21%-24%
	2 L/min	25%-28%
	3 L/min	29%-32%
	4 L/min	33%-36%
	5 L/min	37%-40%
	6 L/min	41%-44%
Simple oxygen face mask	6-10 L/min	35%-60%
Face mask with O ₂ reservoir (nonrebreathing mask)	6 L/min	60%
	7 L/min	70%
	8 L/min	80%
	9 L/min	90%
	10-15 L/min	95%-100%
Venturi mask	4-8 L/min	24%-40%
	10-12 L/min	40%-50%

*Percentage is approximate.

*Room air, FiO₂ = 21%

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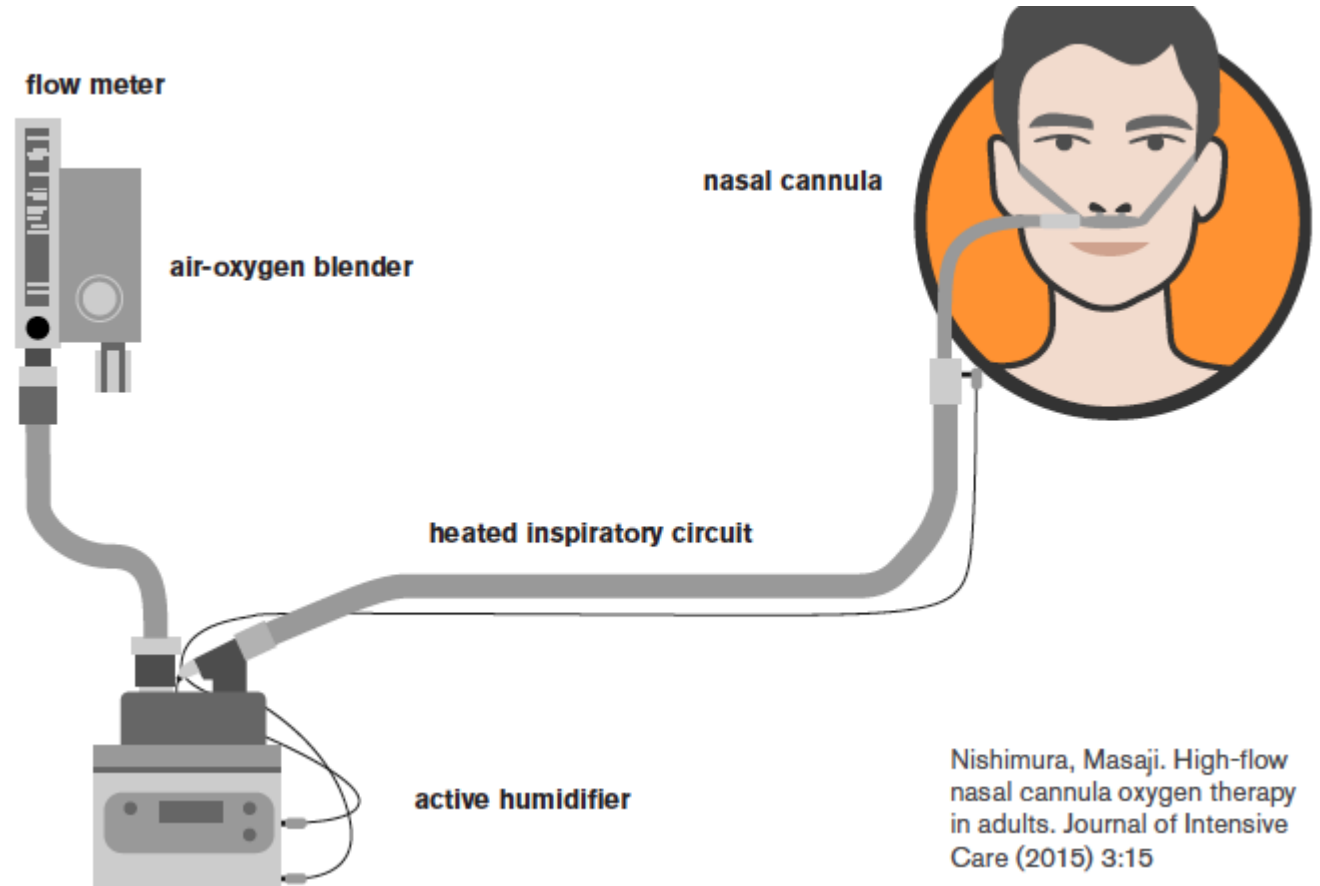
NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel's (the Panel's) recommendations

- **Goal of Oxygenation: SpO₂ 92 – 96%**
- **Why should SpO₂ >92%?**
- In a trial of non-COVID-19 ARDS, target SpO₂ 88 – 92%:
 - Increased mortality at 90 days (between-group risk difference 14%; 95% CI, 0.7% to 27%)
- **Why should SpO₂ <96%?**
- In a meta-analysis of 25 RTs, non-COVID-19, median SpO₂ 96%:
 - Increased risk of in-hospital mortality vs lower SpO₂ (RR 1.21; 95% CI, 1.03–1.43)

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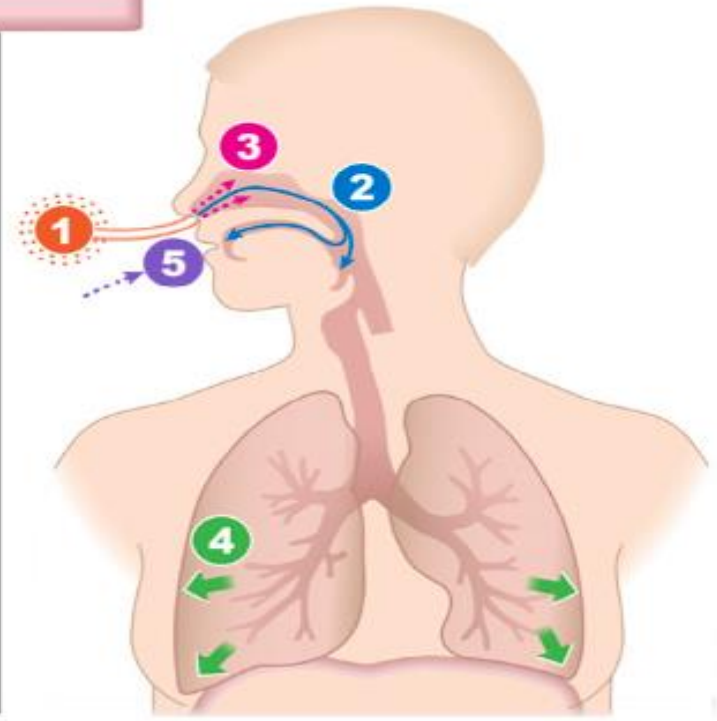
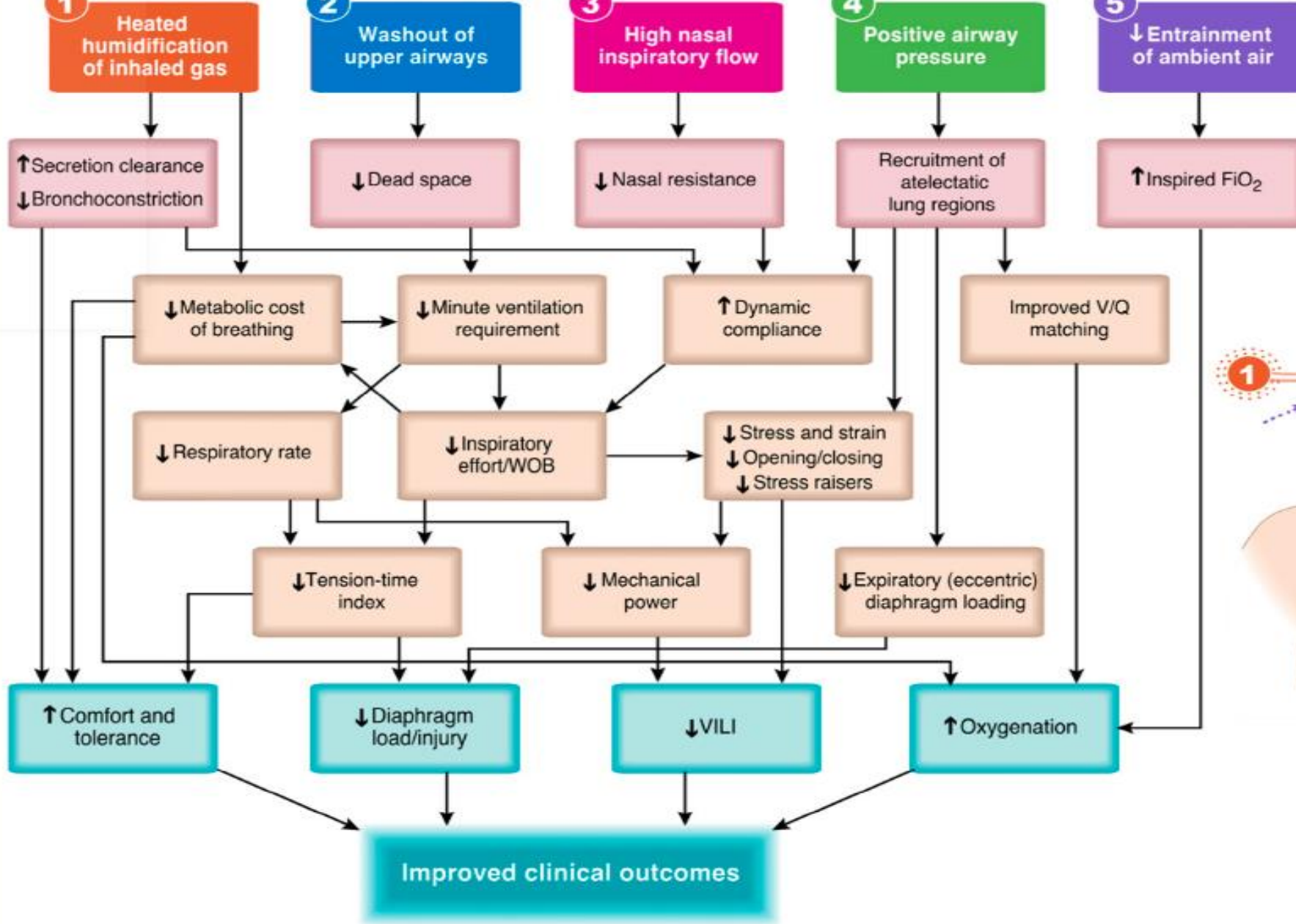
High-flow Oxygen Therapy

- Advanced oxygen therapy
- Provide **heated & humidified** oxygen at flow 15-60 L/min
- Terminology:
 - High-flow nasal cannula (HFNC)
 - High-flow oxygen therapy
 - Nasal high-flow
 - Trans-nasal insufflation
 - *Kanal hidung arus cepat* (KHAC)
 - (By respective existing brand)



Nishimura, Masaji. High-flow nasal cannula oxygen therapy in adults. *Journal of Intensive Care* (2015) 3:15

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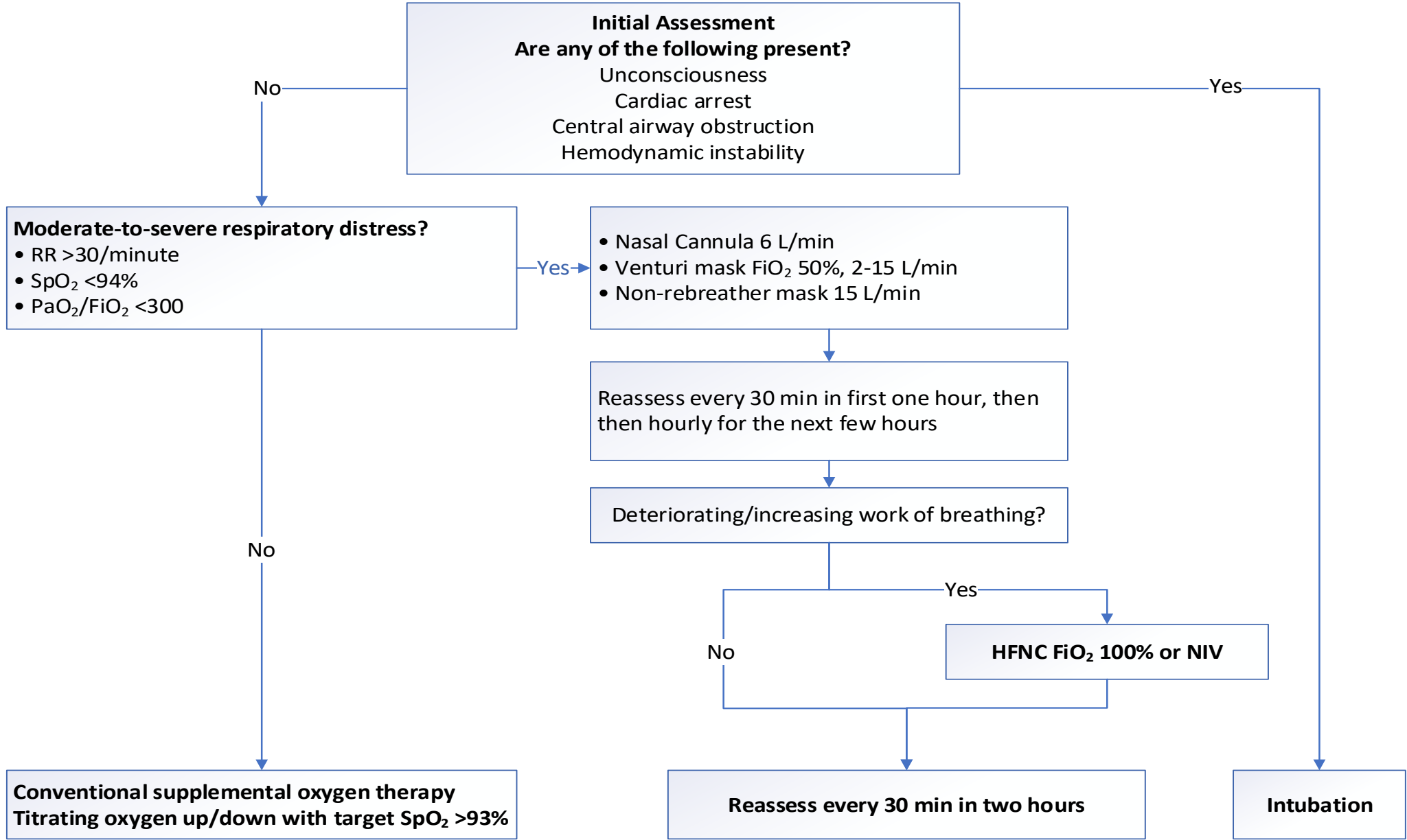
- ~~Adults w/ COVID-19~~ & acute respiratory failure after conventional oxygen therapy → **high-flow nasal cannula (HFNC) vs NIV (BI)**
 - **Recommends a closely monitored trial of NIV for whom HFNC is not available (BIII)**
- **HFNC group had more ventilator-free days** (24 days) vs conventional oxygen therapy group (22 days) or NIPPV group (19 days) (P = 0.02)
- **90-day mortality lower in the HFNC group** vs conventional oxygen therapy group (HR 2.01; 95% CI, 1.01–3.99) vs NIV (HR 2.50; 95% CI, 1.31–4.78)
- **HFNC reduced the rate of intubation** (OR 0.48; 95% CI, 0.31–0.73) & **ICU mortality** (OR 0.36; 95% CI, 0.20–0.63) vs NIV

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High-flow Oxygen Therapy Practical Recommendations

Flow rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start at 30-40 litres min⁻¹ and increase to meet the patient's demand• Increase the delivered flow until a reduction in respiratory rate and stable SaO₂ is achieved
Temperature	Set at 37 C
FiO ₂	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase the FIO₂ until satisfactory SaO₂ is achieved• FiO₂ might set 100% in acute respiratory failure
Monitoring	Continuous monitoring of heart rate, respiratory rate, SaO ₂
Positive response and weaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gas flow rate and FiO₂ adjusted according to the clinical response• Reduce FiO₂ by 5-10% and reassess after 1-2 h.• Reduce the flow rate by 5 litres/min and reassess after 1-2 h.• Consider weaning from HFNC with flow rates 25 litres/min and FiO₂ <0.4.
Ineffective response	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If there is no improvement, treatment escalation must be considered• Do not delay intubation

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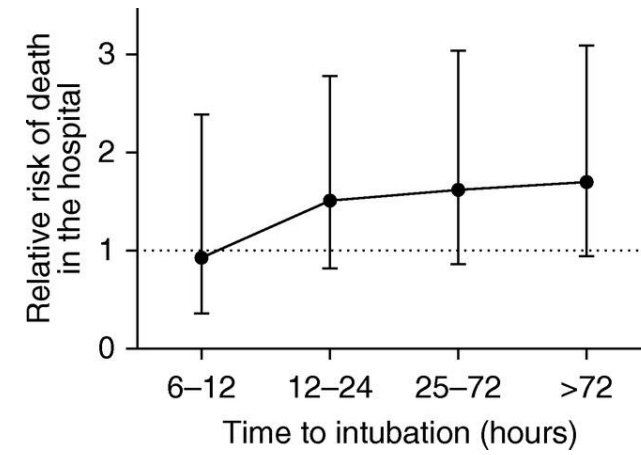
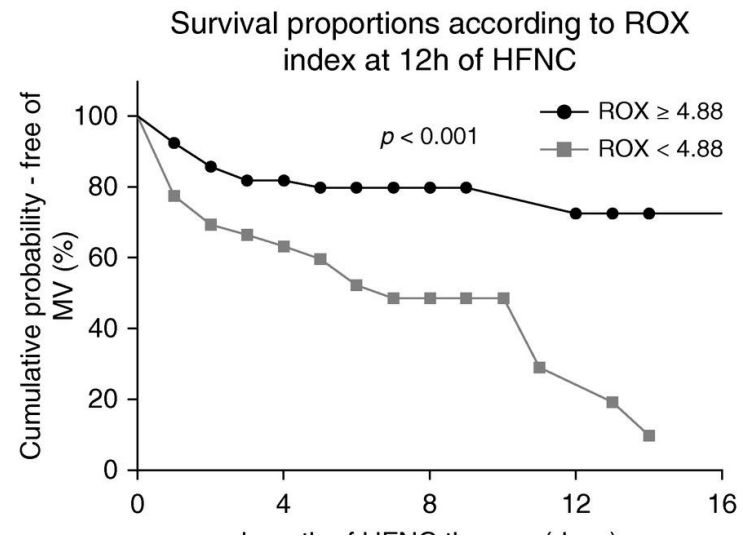
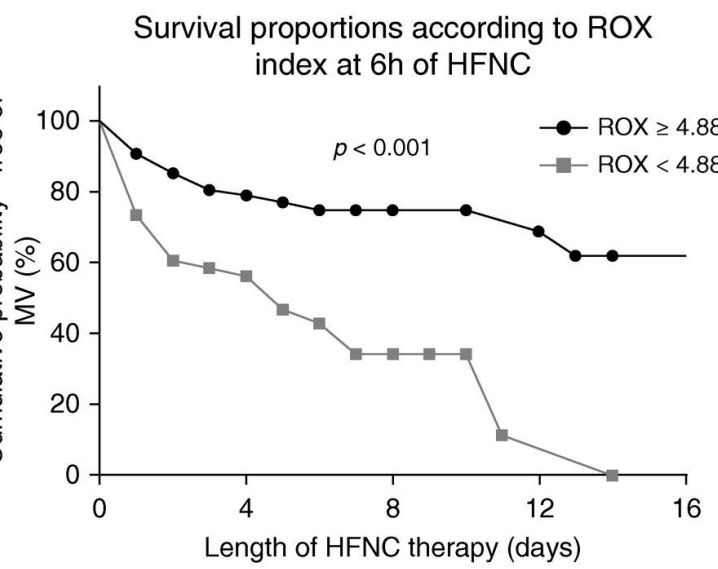
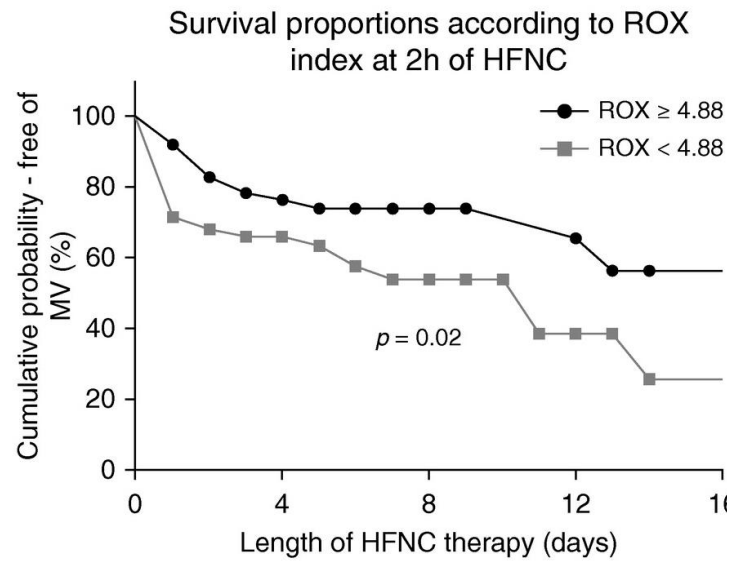
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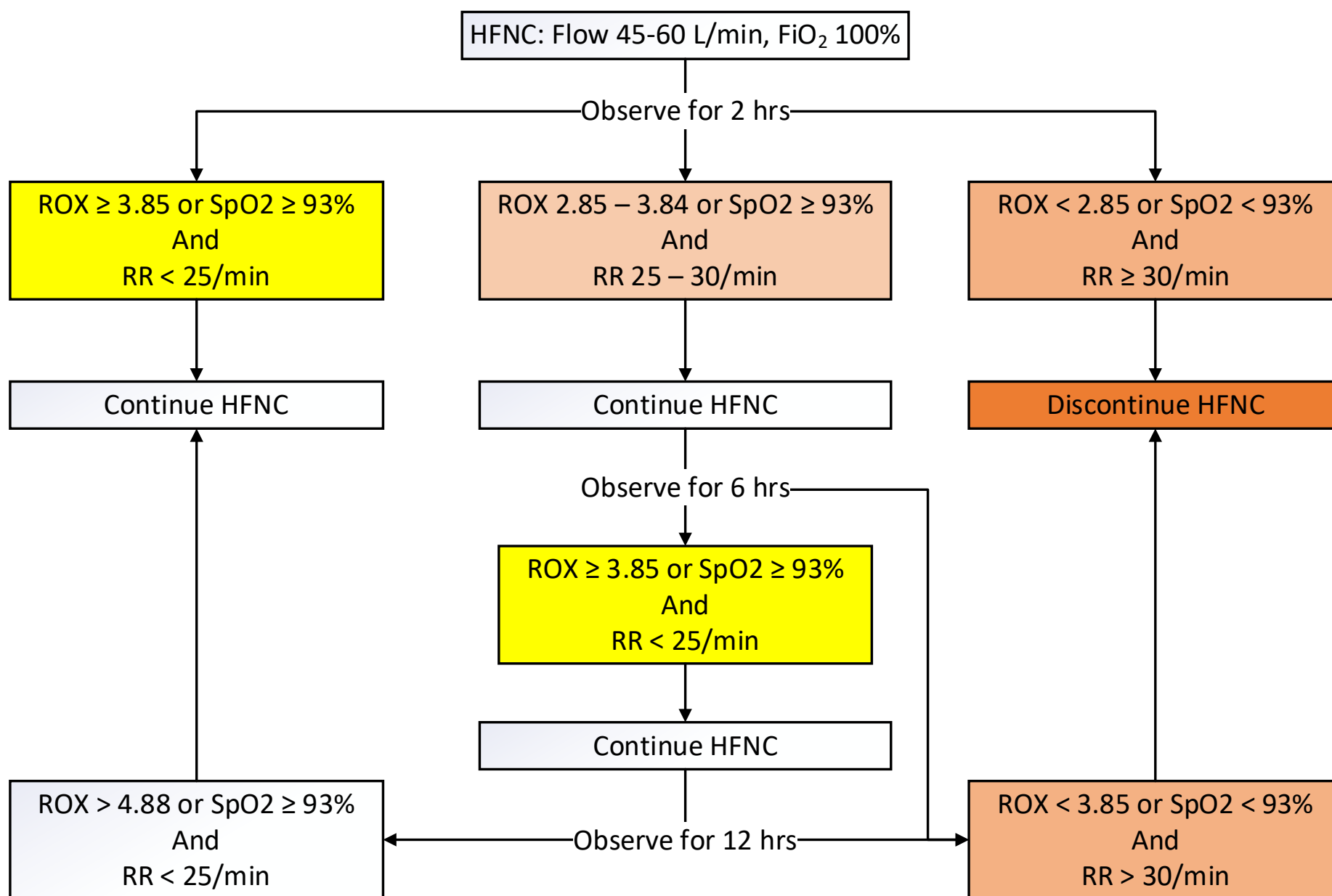
- **ROX index:** prediction tool to identify need for mechanical ventilation in pneumonia patients with hypoxemic acute respiratory failure treated with HFNC

$$\text{ROX} = \frac{\text{SpO}_2/\text{FiO}_2}{\text{Respiratory Rate}}$$

- **ROX index ≥ 4.88 at 2, 6, and 12 hrs \rightarrow predict HFNC success**



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Preparation & Unfavorable Events of High-flow Oxygen Therapy

Therapy

A. Related to the device	C. Related to humidification	F. Related to alarms
1. Settings	1. Sterile water	1. Internal alarm menu setting
i. Flow	2. Plastic bags	2. Alarm identification
ii. FiO ₂	3. Cap	G. Related to the patient
2. PaO ₂ :FiO ₂ interpretation	4. Avoid water runs out	
3. Start of treatment	5. Permeable circuit	
4. Ventilation slots patency	D. Related to the tubing	
5. Filter cleaning	1. Tube electric resistance	
6. Disinfection	2. Tube breaks	
7. Lack of internal battery	3. Tube position	
B. Related to oxygenation	4. Tube weight	
1. O ₂ tube connection	E. Related to nasal cannulas	
2. FiO ₂ delay	1. Cannula size	
3. Internal alarms menu settings	2. Appropriate cannulas	
4. Adjusting flowmeter	3. Cannula placement	
5. No smoking	4. Adequate nasal hygiene	

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Conclusion

- Features of acute respiratory failure in **COVID-19**:
Alveolar dead space, altered blood-gas barrier, shunt
- Signs of increased oxygen demand/hypoxemia:
Increased RR, decreased SpO₂, abnormal CXR
- **Oxygen therapy “dosage” → FiO₂**
- **Therapeutic target → PaO₂:FiO₂ >300**
- **HFNC in COVID-19**
→ **beneficial at correct timing (vs NIV)**
- **When giving HFNC → consider patient’s comfort & close monitoring + ROX index during first 12 hrs**





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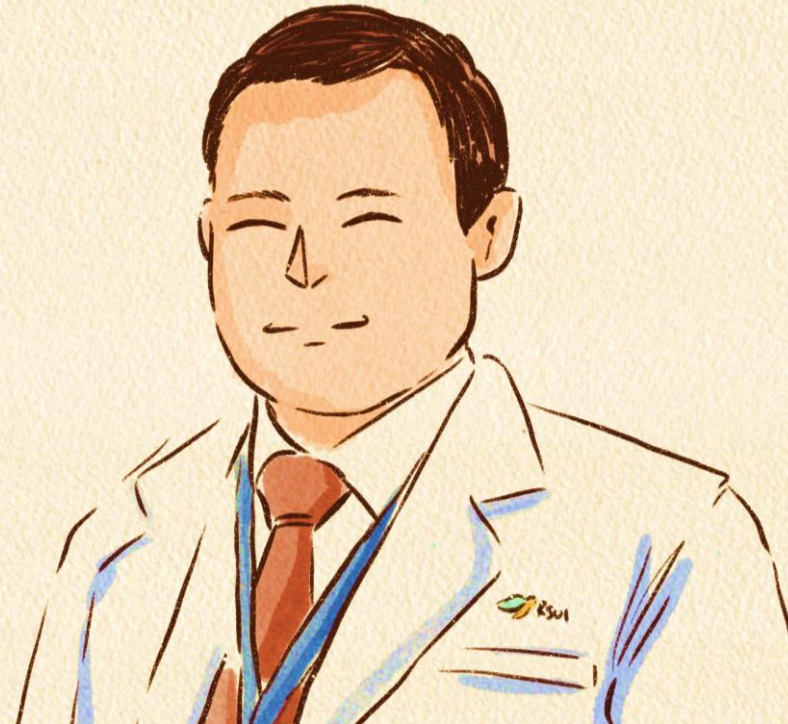
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