

# Tretman pacijenata sa COVID-19 u jedinici intenzivne njege sa posebnim osvrtom na ARDS

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# ARDS vs. COVID-19 ARDS (CARDS)

ARDS  $\longrightarrow$  isključen kardiogeni edem pluća i ostali mogući uzroci akutnog hipoksemijskog respiratornog zatajenja i bilateralnih plućnih infiltrata!!!  
(Berlinski kriteriji)

Perspective

It is time to update the ARDS definition: It starts with COVID-19-induced respiratory failure<sup>☆</sup>



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## ABSTRACT

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) may rapidly worsen respiratory failure, thereby leading to death. COVID-19-induced respiratory failure exhibits some atypical characteristics, silent hypoxemia, and high lung compliance. Some histopathological changes associated with COVID-19-induced respiratory failure differ from those of classic acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). However, compared with classical ARDS, COVID-19-induced respiratory failure has a similar timing of onset, clinical syndromes, radiological profile, and mortality rate in the intensive care unit (ICU). Respiratory failure induced by COVID-19 is a type of ARDS and is currently underdiagnosed. This condition stretches the definition of classic ARDS; therefore, an updated definition is warranted.

## Specific features of COVID-19-related ARDS

### • Injury site

- Mainly respiratory system
- Alveolar epithelial cells

### • Specificity of clinical features

- Clinical symptoms were inconsistent with the severity of laboratory and imaging findings
- Clinical manifestations were relatively mild

## Differences from ARDS caused by other factors

### • Timing of onset

- 8-12 days

### • Respiratory system compliance

- Lung compliance might be relatively normal in some COVID-19-related ARDS patients

### • Severity based on oxygenation index

- Three categories (PEEP $\geq$ 5cmH<sub>2</sub>O)
  - Mild (200mmHg $\leq$ PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub><300mmHg)
  - Mild-moderate (150mmHg $\leq$ PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub><200mmHg)
  - Moderate-severe (PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub><150mmHg)

### • Management protocols

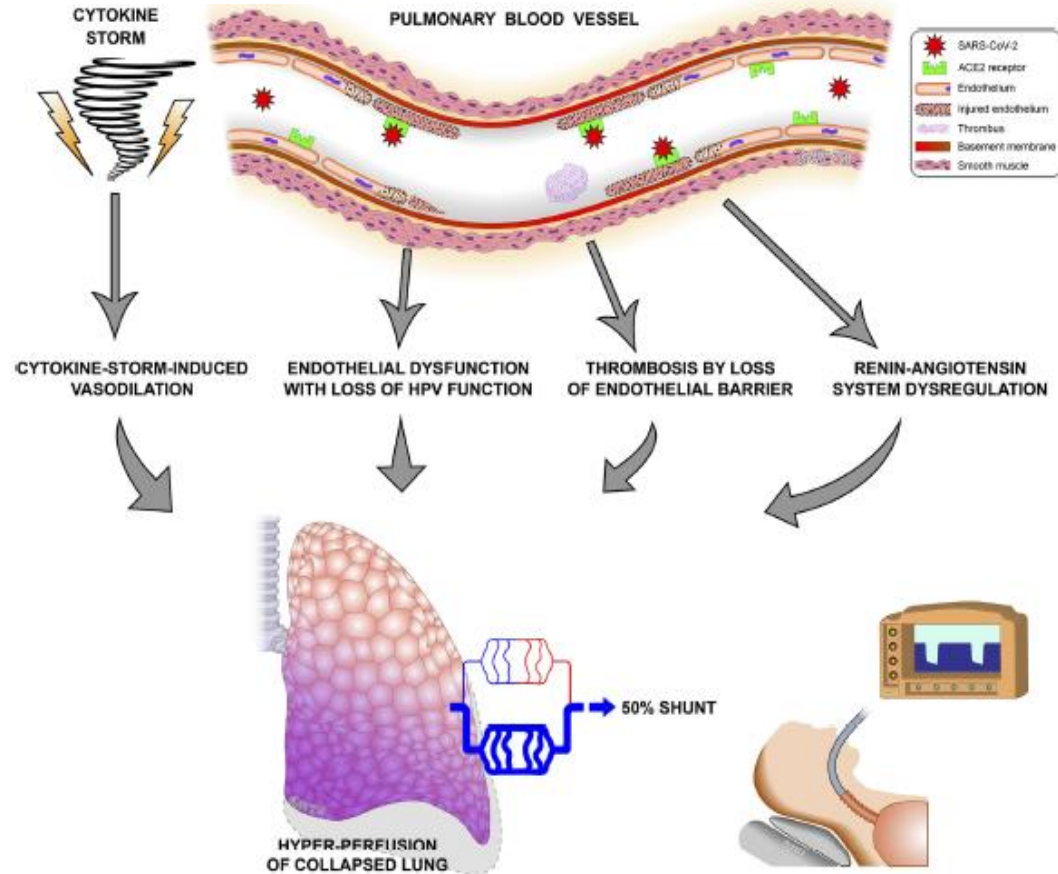
- HFNO
  - HFNO can be safe even in some moderate-severe patients
  - The timing of invasive mechanical ventilation is very important
- Corticosteroids
  - The effects of corticosteroids were uncertain

# Patofiziologija ARDS-a u COVID-19

**REVIEW**

*Physiology in Medicine*

## Functional pathophysiology of SARS-CoV-2-induced acute lung injury and clinical implications



- *Hipoksemijsko respiratorno zatajenje*: citopatski efekti virusa na pneumocite; nivo surfaktanta ↓; nastanak atelektaza i difuzne alveolarne hemoragije; formiranje hijalinih membrana; "*silent hypoxemia*"
- *Citokinska oluja*: Neu i Mono → porast proinflammatoryh citokina (IL-6), IL-1 i TNF
- *COVID-19- uzrokovana hiperkoagulabilnost*: protrombotsko stanje nastalo kao rezultat povišenja nivoa fibrina i fibrinogena

# Klinička slika (fenotip “L” i “H”)

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## EDITORIAL

### COVID-19 pneumonia: different respiratory treatments for different phenotypes?



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#### COVID-19 pneumonia, Type L

At the beginning, COVID-19 pneumonia presents with the following characteristics:

- *Low elastance.* The nearly normal compliance indicates that the amount of gas in the lung is nearly normal [4].
- *Low ventilation-to-perfusion (VA/Q) ratio.* Since the gas volume is nearly normal, hypoxemia may be best explained by the loss of regulation of perfusion and by loss of hypoxic vasoconstriction. Accordingly, at this stage, the pulmonary artery pressure should be near normal.
- *Low lung weight.* Only ground-glass densities are present on CT scan, primarily located subpleurally and along the lung fissures. Consequently, lung weight is only moderately increased.
- *Low lung recruitability.* The amount of non-aerated tissue is very low; consequently, the recruitability is low [5].

#### COVID-19 pneumonia, Type H

The Type H patient:

- *High elastance.* The decrease in gas volume due to increased edema accounts for the increased lung elastance.
- *High right-to-left shunt.* This is due to the fraction of cardiac output perfusing the non-aerated tissue which develops in the dependent lung regions due to the increased edema and superimposed pressure.
- *High lung weight.* Quantitative analysis of the CT scan shows a remarkable increase in lung weight (> 1.5 kg), on the order of magnitude of severe ARDS [12].
- *High lung recruitability.* The increased amount of non-aerated tissue is associated, as in severe ARDS, with increased recruitability [5].

# Dijagnostičke procedure

- *Klinički pregled pacijenta*
- *Laboratorijski testovi:* neu<sup>↑</sup>, limf<sup>↓</sup>, AST<sup>↑</sup>, ALT<sup>↑</sup>, kreatinin, urea, CRP<sup>↑</sup>, PCT, feritin<sup>↑</sup> i faktori koagulacije, PV, fibrinogen, D-dimer<sup>↑</sup>
- *Radiološke slikovne tehnike:*
  - Rtg p/c PA/AP
  - CT grudnih organa
  - UZ pluća
- *Faktori visokog rizika za kliničko pogoršanje i razvoj ARDS:* starost  $\geq 65$  godina,  $T > 39^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $\text{RR} \geq 30/\text{min}$ ,  $\text{spO}_2 \leq 93\%$  i plućni infiltrati  $> 50\%$
- *Kriteriji za prijem pacijenta u ICU:* potreba za kiseoničkom potporom 6–8 l/min kako bi se postigla  $\text{spO}_2 \geq 90\text{--}92\%$ , respiratorno zatajenje, šok, multiplo organsko zatajenje, kao i pacijenti pod visokim rizikom za kliničko pogoršanje stanja

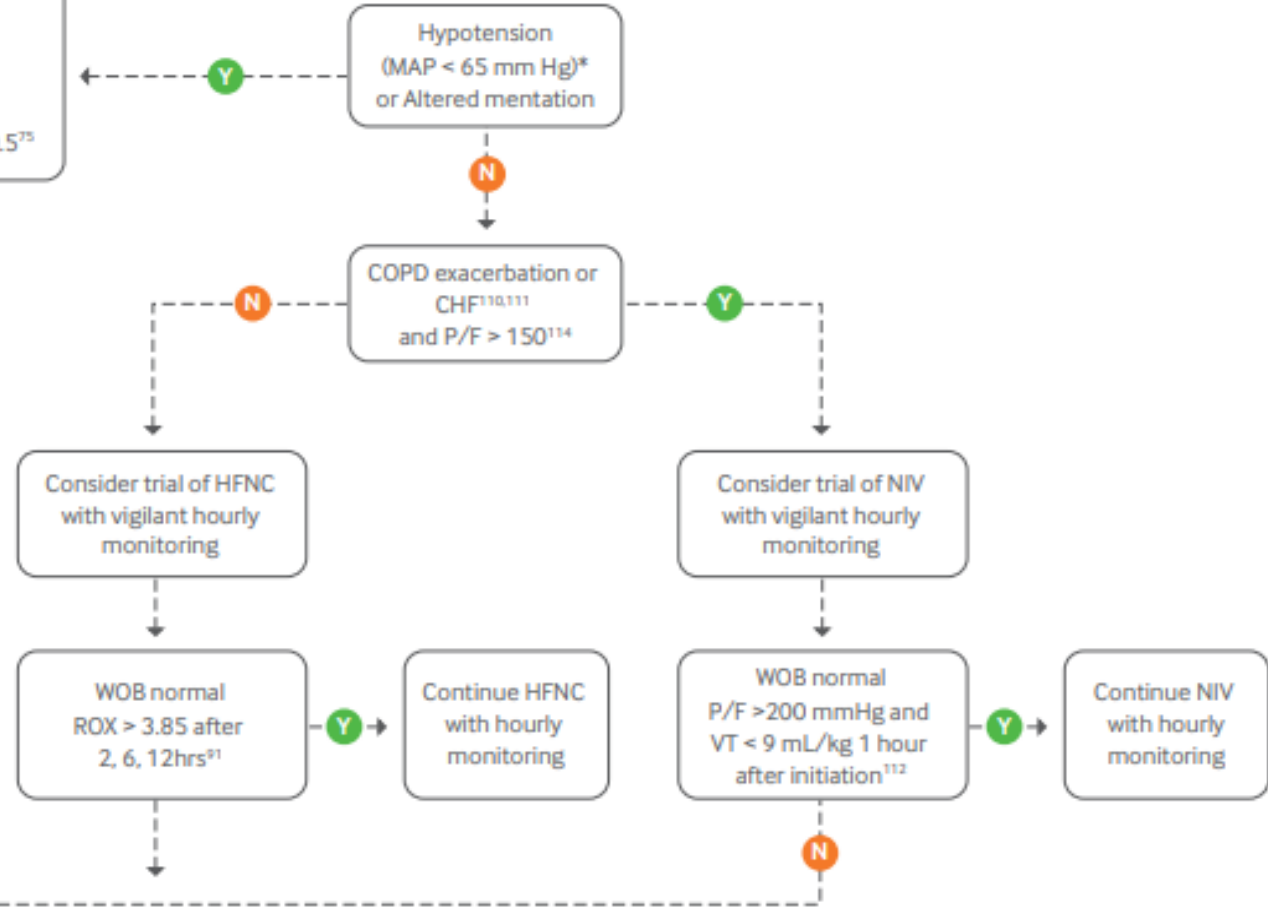
# Tretman neintubiranog pacijenta/Ventilacija

- **Proniranje**
- Blaga do umjerena dispnea i hipoksemija, bez adekvatnog odgovora na *low-flow* NC -**HFNC uz proniranje**
- NIV (CPAP vs. BiPAP) –alveolarni recruitment; posebni entiteti (HOPB, CHF)
- **Alarmi**: respiratorni pogon<sup>↑</sup>, umor respiratornih mišića i neadekvatna mehanika disanja, pogoršanje respiratorne acidoze kao i sniženo stanje svijesti – ETI i MV se ne smiju odlagati!!!
- *Prijeteći CARDS*- respiratorni pogon<sup>↑</sup> može generirati visoke transpulmonalne pritiske -"**patient self-inflicted lung injury**" (P-SILI)

**Patient with Severe COVID-19 Pneumonia and Hypoxemic Respiratory Failure**  
 (SaO<sub>2</sub> < 90% on oxygen mask at 50%)  
**Increased Work of Breathing**  
 (accessory muscle use, RR > 30/min, intercostal retractions, abdominal paradox, tracheal tug, nasal flaring)

**Invasive mechanical ventilation**

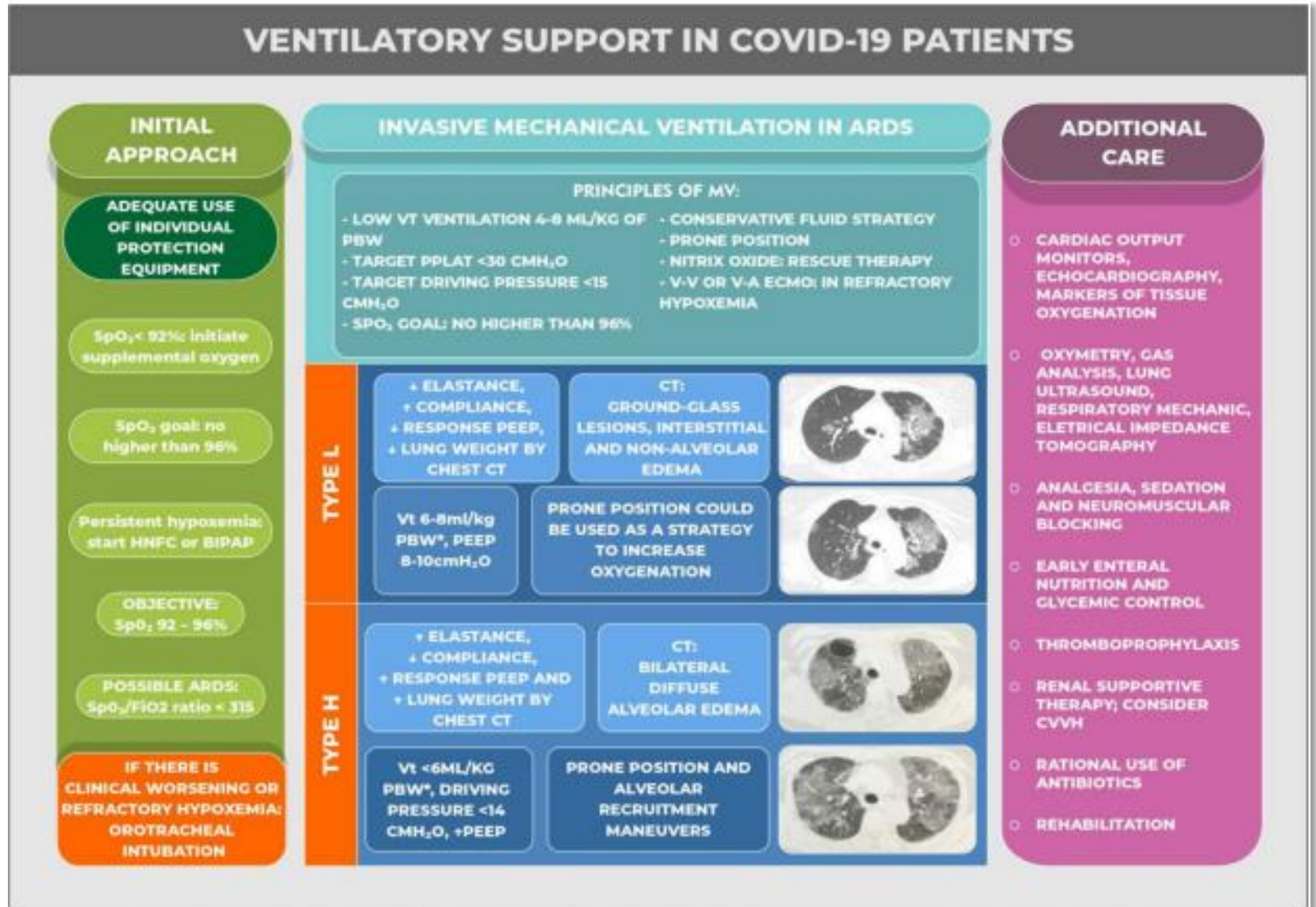
- low tidal volume<sup>65</sup>
- neuromuscular blockade<sup>60</sup>
- prone if P/F < 150<sup>79</sup>
- consider high PEEP table<sup>72</sup> if R/I > 0.5<sup>75</sup>



\* requires vasopressors  
or has clinical signs of shock

**Y** Yes  
**N** No

# Tretman intubiranog pacijenta/Ventilacija



# Tretman ICU pacijenta/ Medikamentozni pristup

## Hospitalized and Requires Supplemental Oxygen

Use 1 of the following options:

- **Remdesivir<sup>a,c</sup>** (e.g., for patients who require minimal supplemental oxygen) **(BIIa)**
- **Dexamethasone plus remdesivir<sup>a,c</sup>** **(BIIb)**
- **Dexamethasone (BI)**

For patients on dexamethasone with rapidly increasing oxygen needs and systemic inflammation, add a second immunomodulatory drug<sup>d</sup> (e.g., baricitinib<sup>e</sup> or tocilizumab<sup>e</sup>) **(CIIa)**.

## Hospitalized and Requires Oxygen Through a High-Flow Device or NIV

Use 1 of the following options:

- **Dexamethasone (AI)**
- **Dexamethasone plus remdesivir<sup>b</sup>** **(BIII)**

For patients with rapidly increasing oxygen needs and systemic inflammation, add either **baricitinib<sup>e</sup>** **(BIIa)** or **IV tocilizumab<sup>e</sup>** **(BIIa)** to 1 of the 2 options above.<sup>e,f</sup>

## Hospitalized and Requires MV or ECMO

- **Dexamethasone (AI)<sup>g</sup>**

For patients who are within 24 hours of admission to the ICU:

- **Dexamethasone plus IV tocilizumab (BIIa)**

If IV tocilizumab is not available or not feasible to use, IV **sarilumab** can be used **(BIIa)**.

**Rating of Recommendations:** A = Strong; B = Moderate; C = Optional

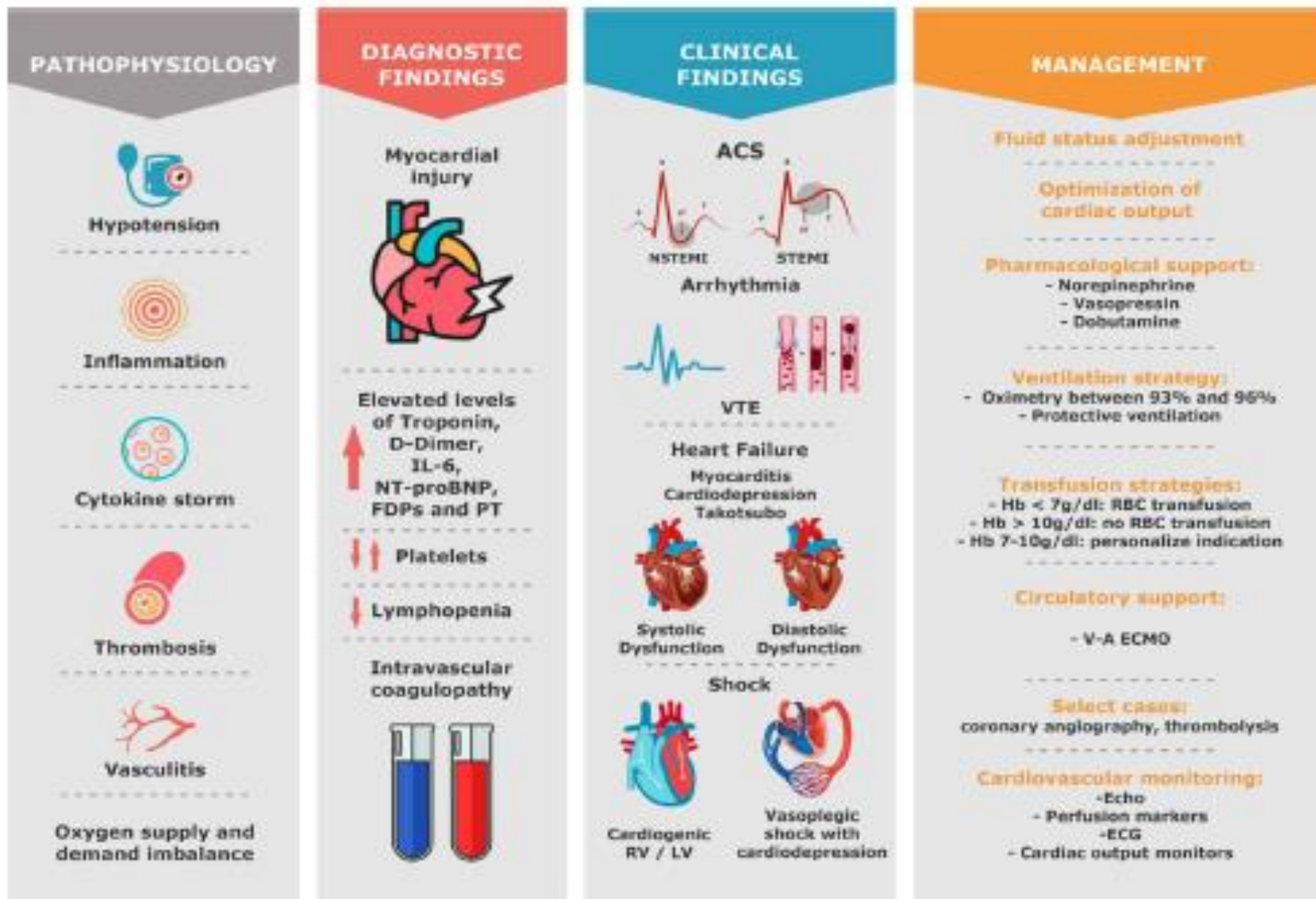
**Rating of Evidence:** I = One or more randomized trials without major limitations; IIa = Other randomized trials or subgroup analyses of randomized trials; IIb = Nonrandomized trials or observational cohort studies; III = Expert opinion

REVIEW

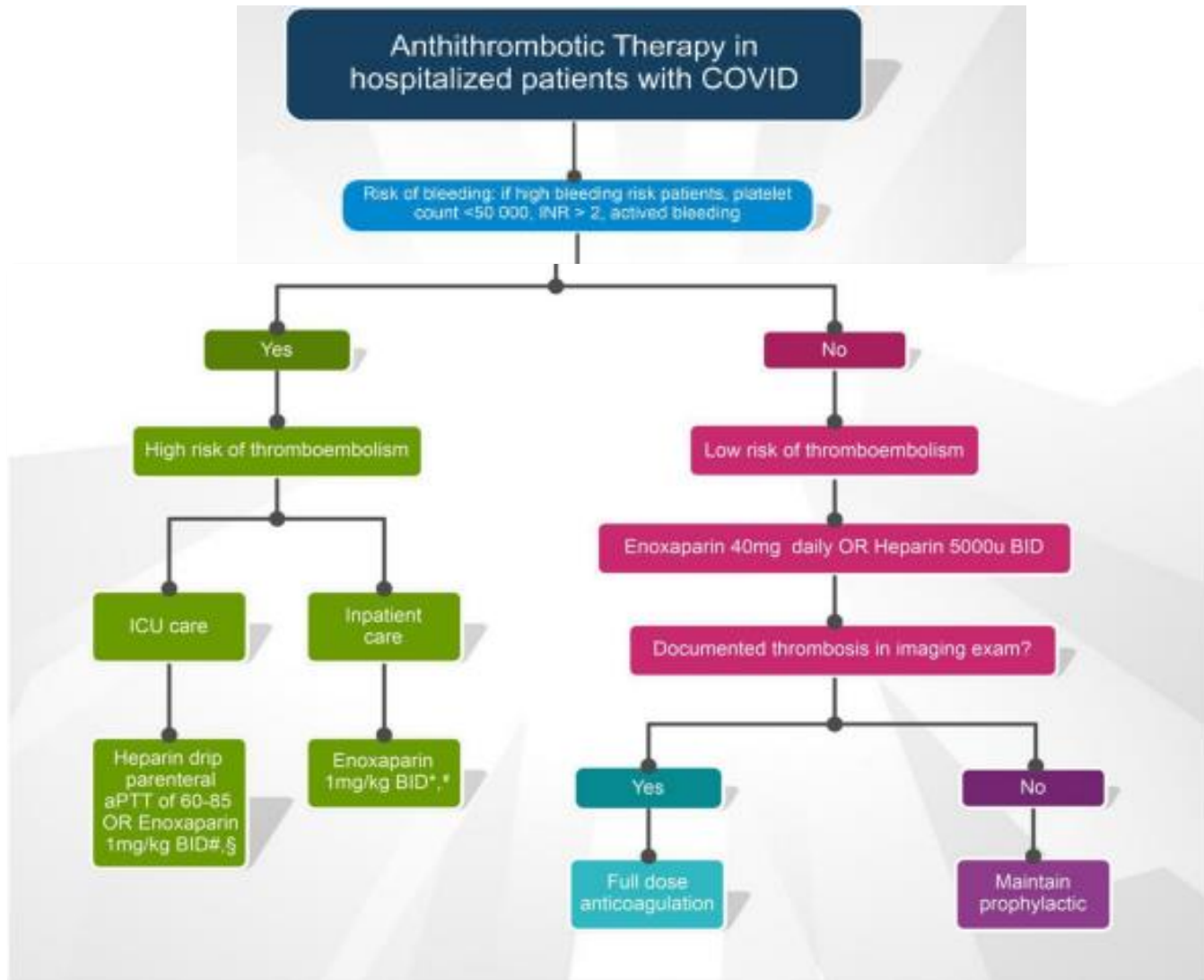
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# Intensive care management of patients with COVID-19: a practical approach



# Antikoagulantna terapija



# IZAZOVI: *NO, ECMO*

## Role of Pulmonary Vasodilator Therapies

Selective pulmonary vasodilation is thought to improve ARDS secondary to redistribution of blood from poorly ventilated areas to those with higher ventilation, thereby decreasing the shunt fraction and correcting hypoxemia. *Nitric Oxide* and *Prostaglandins* (e.g. PGI<sub>2</sub> [epoprostenol]), despite its pulmonary vasodilatory properties have failed to demonstrate a mortality benefit in ARDS.<sup>[44]</sup> Nitric Oxide use during the COVID-19 patients is controversial.<sup>[45]</sup> Some authors advocate for its potential anti-viral activity following the results of a study performed during the SARS-CoV outbreak in 2004.<sup>[46]</sup> Currently there is no recommendation for the use of pulmonary vasodilators in patients with ARDS due to COVID-19, other than a last resource (rescue therapy) for refractory hypoxemia.<sup>[29]</sup>

In order to determine patient eligibility, the ELSO consensus on CARDS provides a forthright algorithm centered in providing conservative management (prone positioning, neuromuscular blockade, pulmonary vasodilators, high PEEP, recruitment maneuvers) for patients with PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub> ratio < 150 mmHg. If the patient develops worsening refractory hypoxemia (PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub> ratio < 80 mmHg for > 6 h, or PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub> ratio < 50 mmHg for > 3 h) or signs of poor tissue perfusion and hypercarbia (pH < 7.25 with partial pressure of arterial carbon dioxide [PaCO<sub>2</sub>] > 60 mmHg), then the patient should be considered for ECMO, assuming no contraindications are present. Also, for patients with PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub> ratio > 150 mmHg, but with signs of poor tissue perfusion and hypercarbia, ECMO should be considered as well.<sup>[46]</sup>

Hvala za pažnju!!