

Cross Canada Rounds

Short cases on BPD

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Key questions

1. What is BPD (definition and epidemiology)
2. How has BPD changed over time
3. What treatments can improve or prevent BPD
4. Can we predict who will develop severe BPD
5. How should Pulmonary hypertension in BPD be managed

Case 1

Baby MB

- Day 153 (5 months old)
- Born 24+1, CGA 45 weeks, BW 630g
- Currently – weight 3600g
 - CPAP PEEP 8 with short periods on 0.25L O2 via nasal prongs
 - NG feeds
 - Medications: Spironolactone, Hydroxychlorothiazine, Hydrocortisone
- Examination:
 - Spo2 98% RR 40/min, no increased work of breathing, chest clear, CVS normal, tone normal

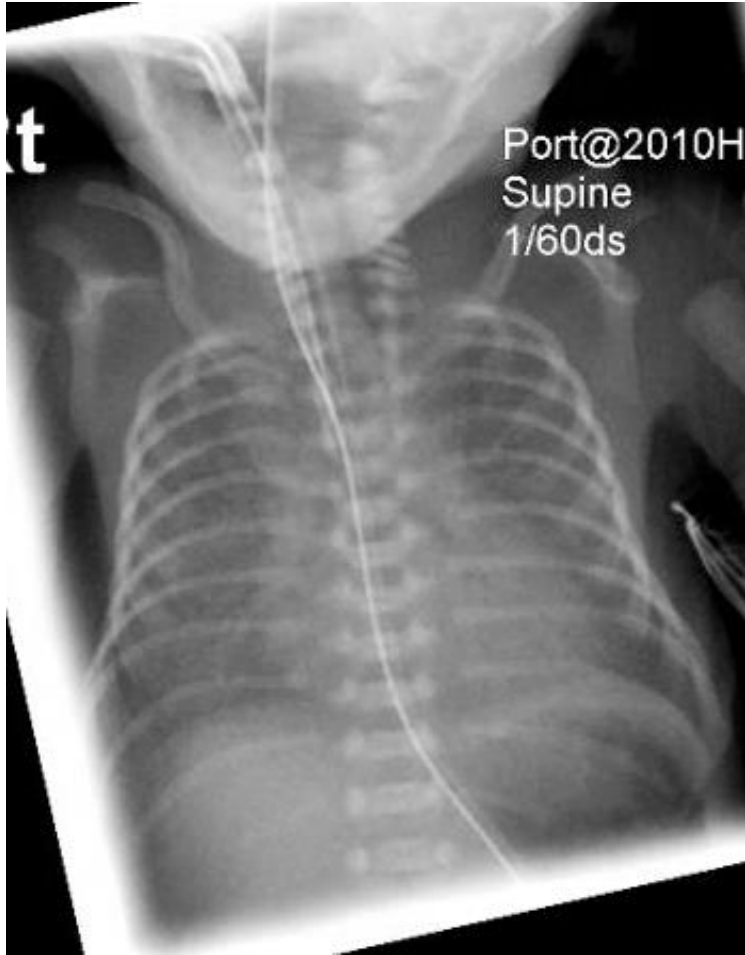
Baby MB – neonatal history

- Emergency C-section: spontaneous labour, breech
- Received antenatal steroids
- Mum – G3 P1 (born 28weeks)
 - well in pregnancy. Screening serology normal, USS normal
 - No smoking, alcohol, medications
- Birth – good condition, commenced on CPAP
- Rising FiO₂ within 3 hours - intubated and given surfactant

Respiratory course

- Ventilated day 1 – day 52 (HFOV/CMV)
- PDA treated with Indomethacin (day 10)
- X1 episode VAP, x1 episode CONS sepsis
- DART x1 - Extubated Day 52
- BiPAP day 52 to 82
- CPAP day 82 – day 124
- Day 124 to 154 CPAP with x2 2hours low flow O2

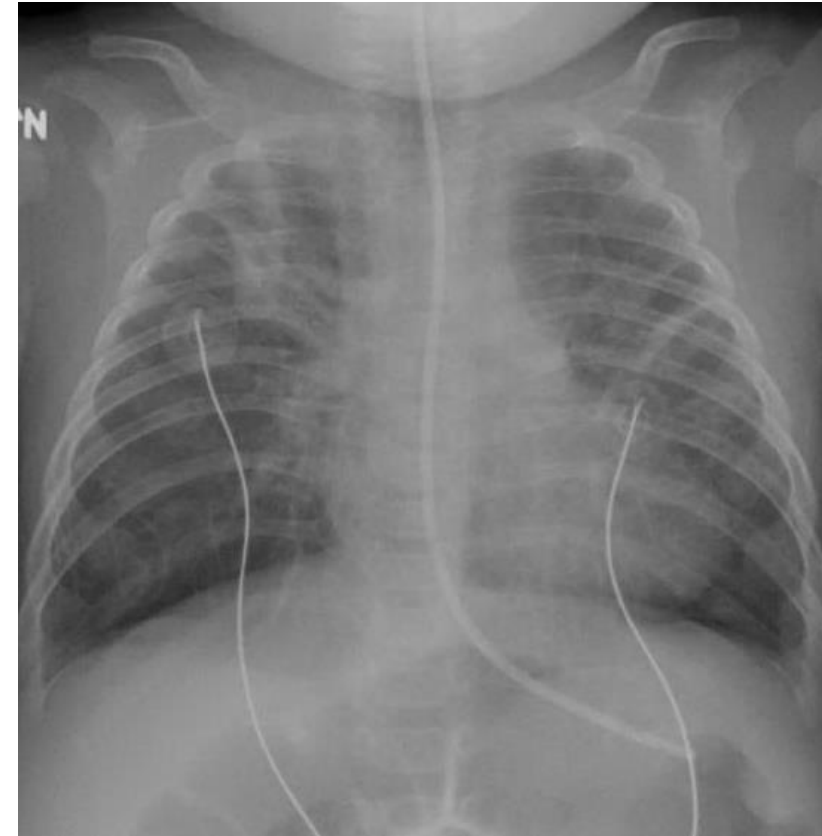
Day 1



Day 28



Term



Case 1 management

- Continued increasing time off CPAP
- Oral feeding assessment satisfactory
- Commenced oral feeds, with gradual decrease of NG volumes
- Discharged on 0.5litres O2 24 hours per day and full oral feeds
- By 9 months off day time O2, on 0.25litres at night

BPD Definition, Epidemiology and pathogenesis

Question

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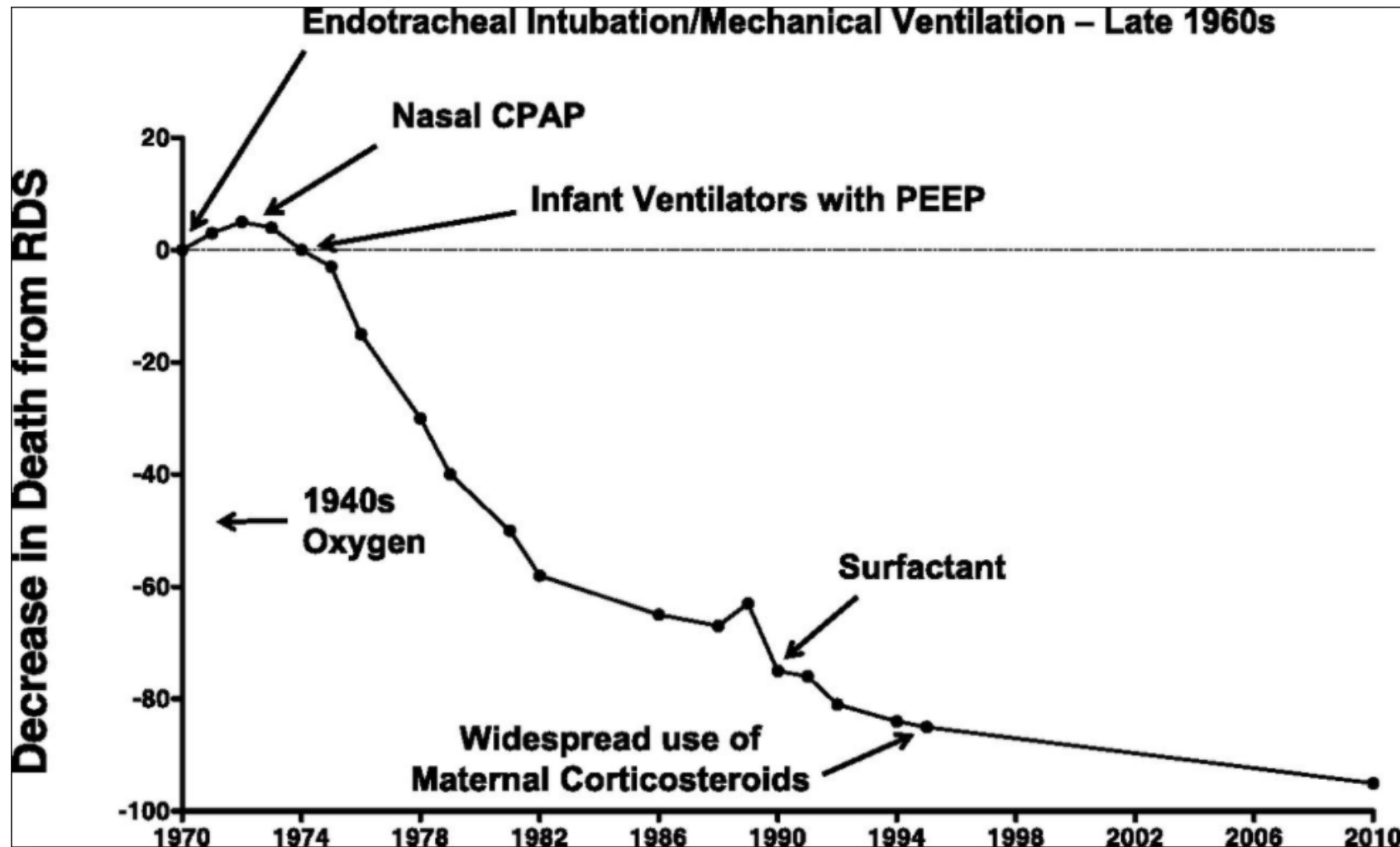
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Definition and classification of BPD (NIH)

Table I. BPD definition with severity

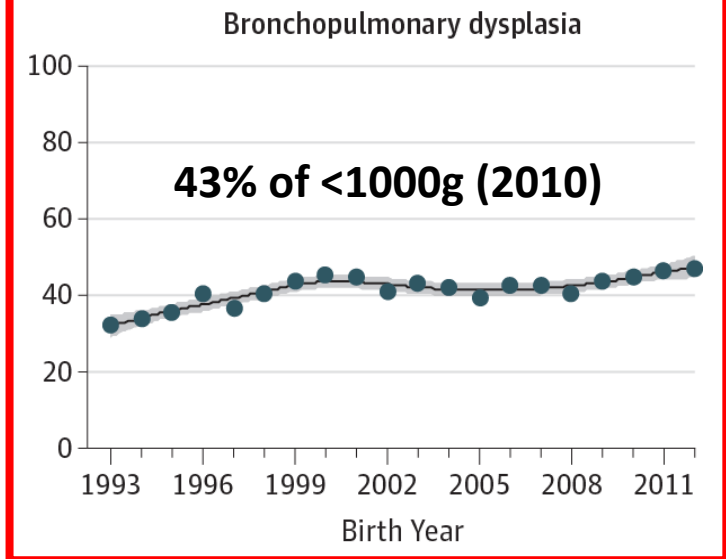
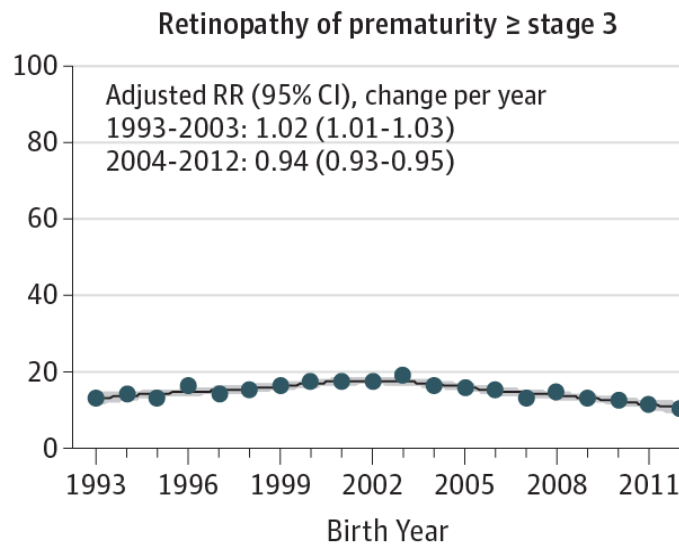
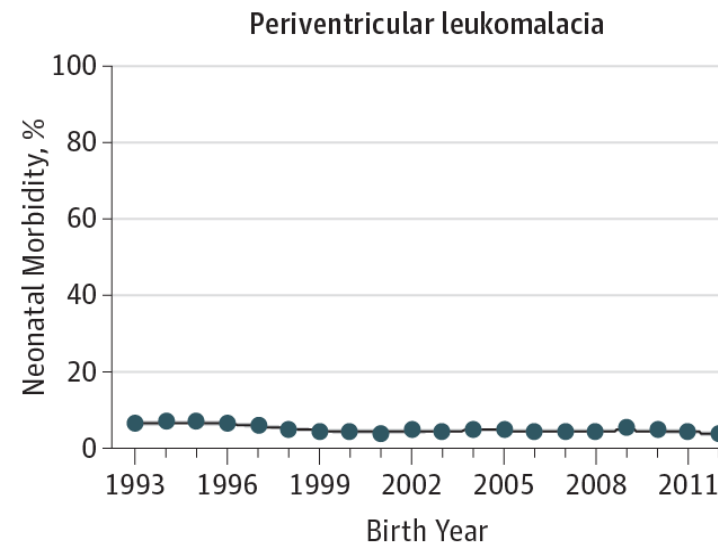
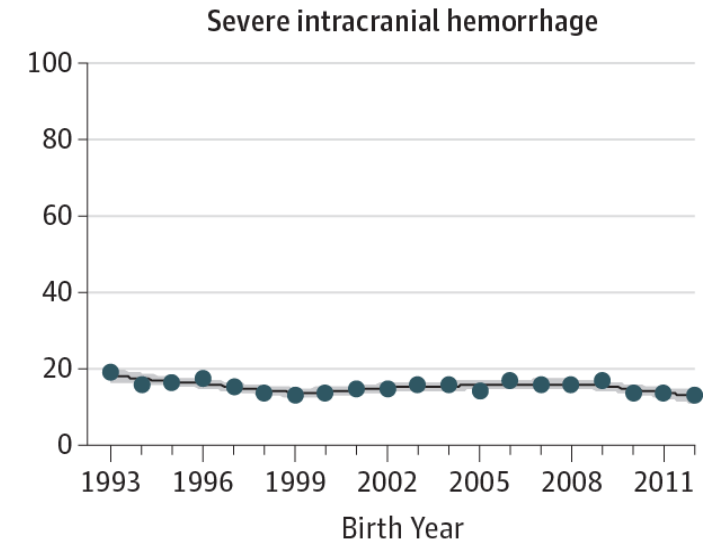
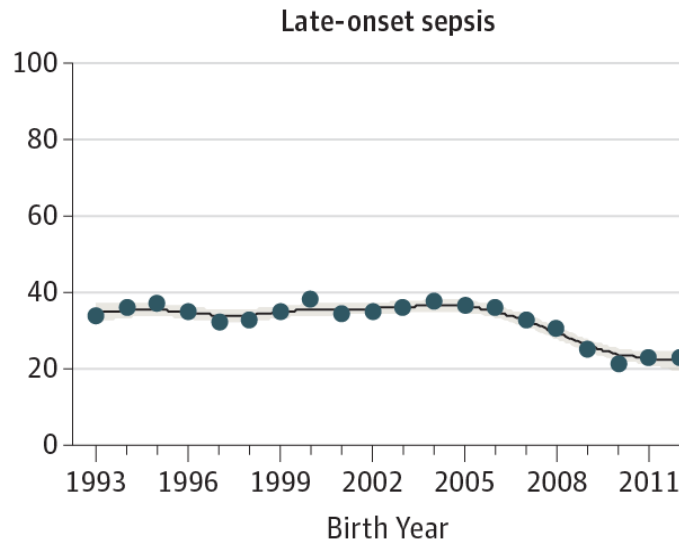
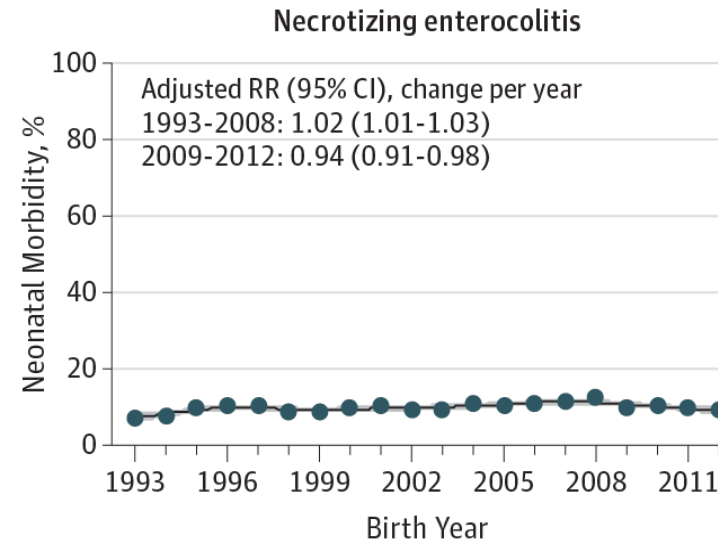
BPD severity	Definition (Modified from Jobe and Bancalari ⁴)	Relative incidence (Data from Ehrenkranz et al ⁵)	Postdischarge mortality (Data from Ehrenkranz et al ⁵)
None	O ₂ treatment <28 d and breathing room air at 36 wk PMA or discharge home, whichever comes first	23.1%	1.8%
Mild	O ₂ treatment at least 28 d and breathing room air at 36 wk PMA or discharge home, whichever comes first	30.3%	1.5%
Moderate	O ₂ treatment at least 28 d and receiving <30% O ₂ at 36 wk PMA or discharge home, whichever comes first	30.2%	2.0%
Severe (type 1)	O ₂ treatment at least 28 d and receiving ≥30% O ₂ or nasal CPAP/HFNC at ≥36 wk PMA	16.4%	4.8%
Severe (type 2)	O ₂ treatment at least 28 d and receiving mechanical ventilation at ≥36 wk PMA.		

Changes in Neonatal care over 50 years



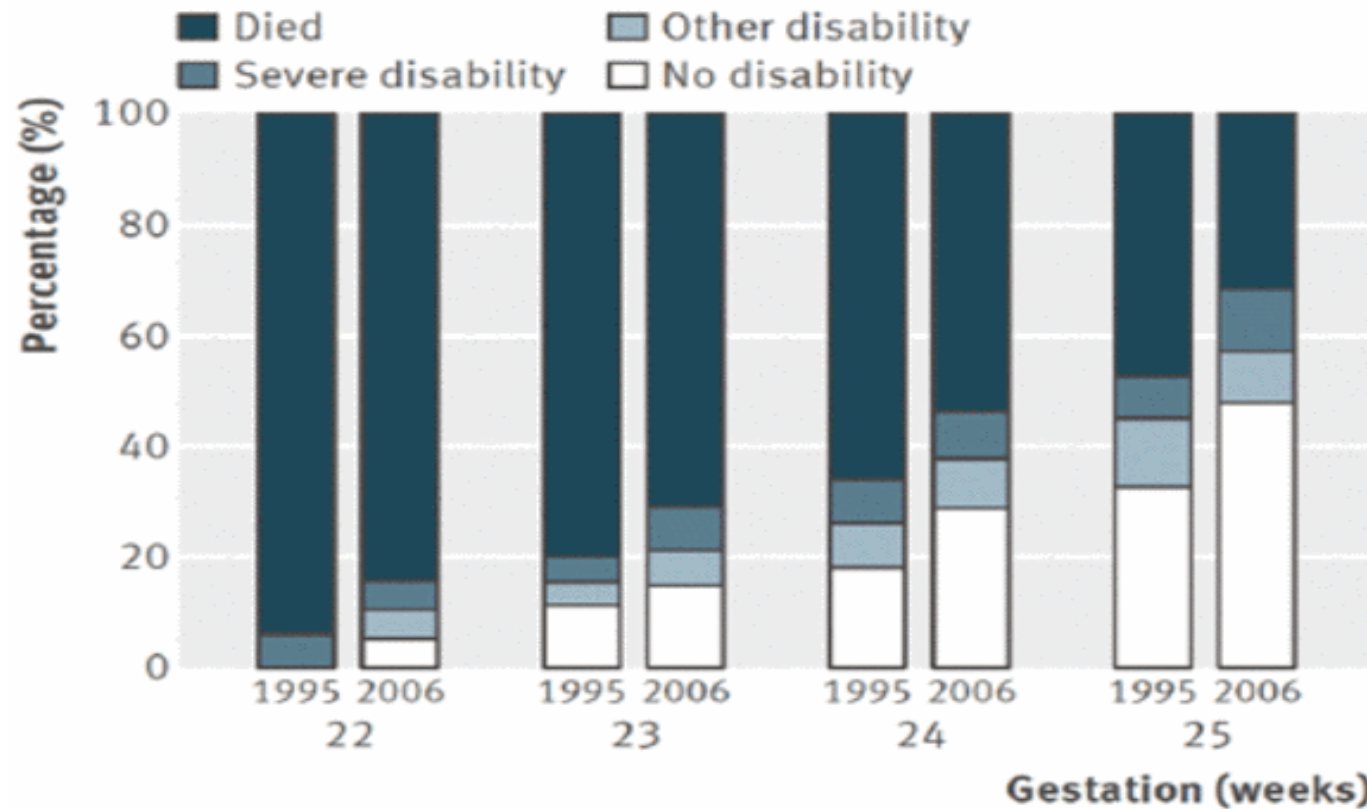
Neonatal Morbidities for Infants Born at Gestational Ages 22 Through 28 Weeks

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Neonatal Research Network



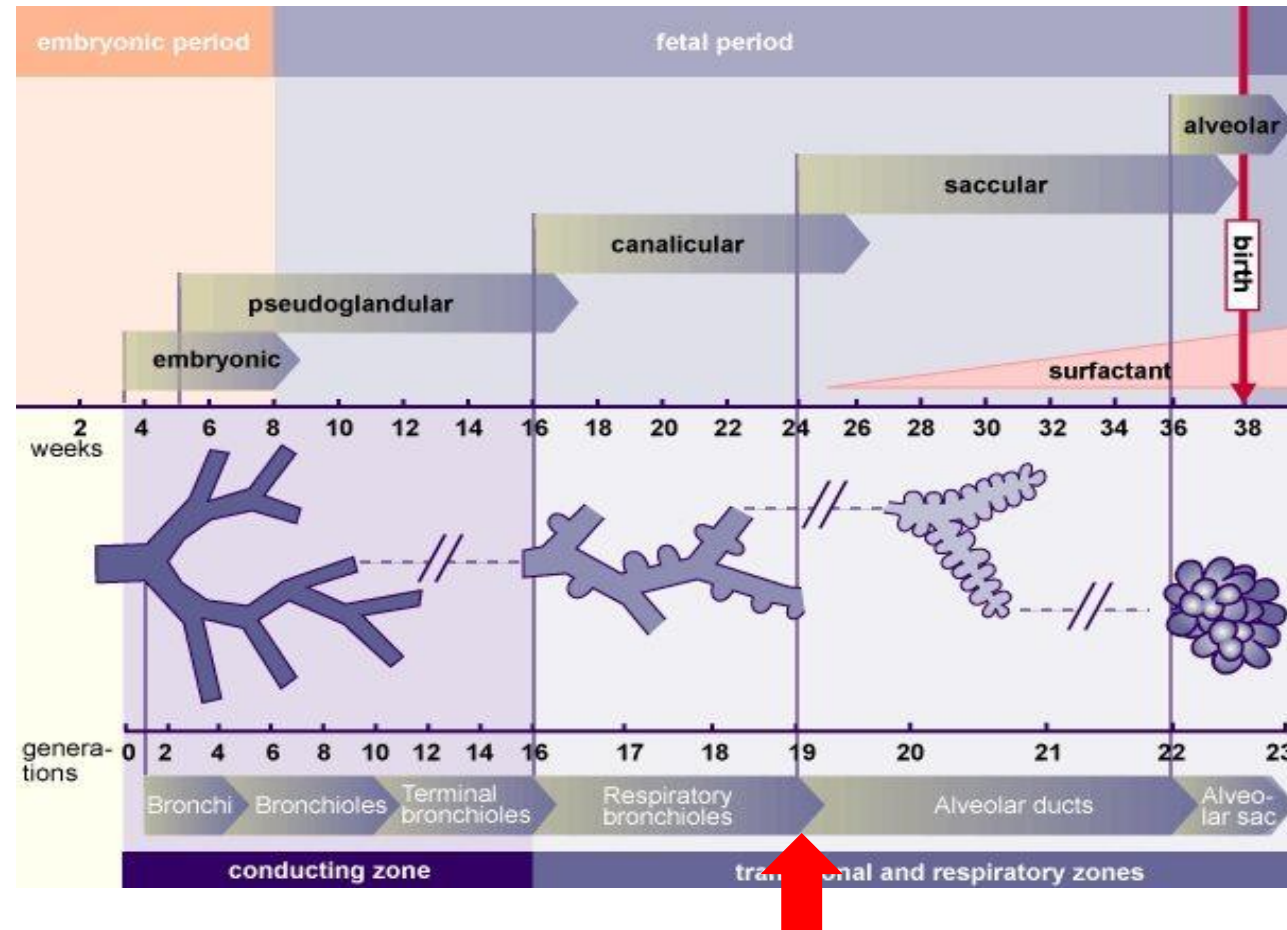
EPIcure preterm survival data

Changes in outcomes for NICU admissions

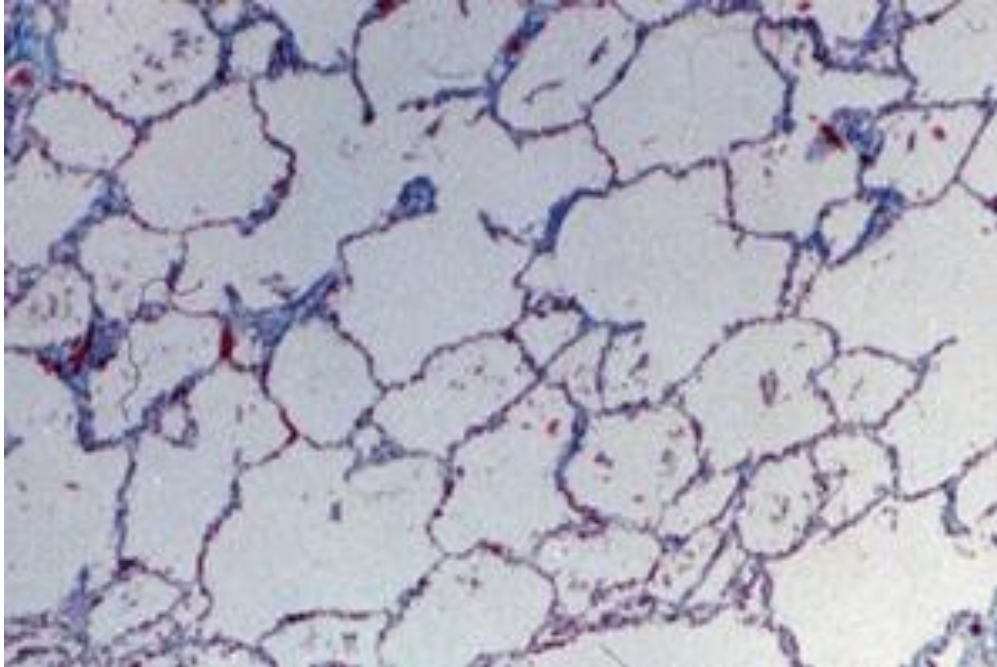


2016
24 week
survival
60-70%

‘New BPD’ is born *Jobe 1999*

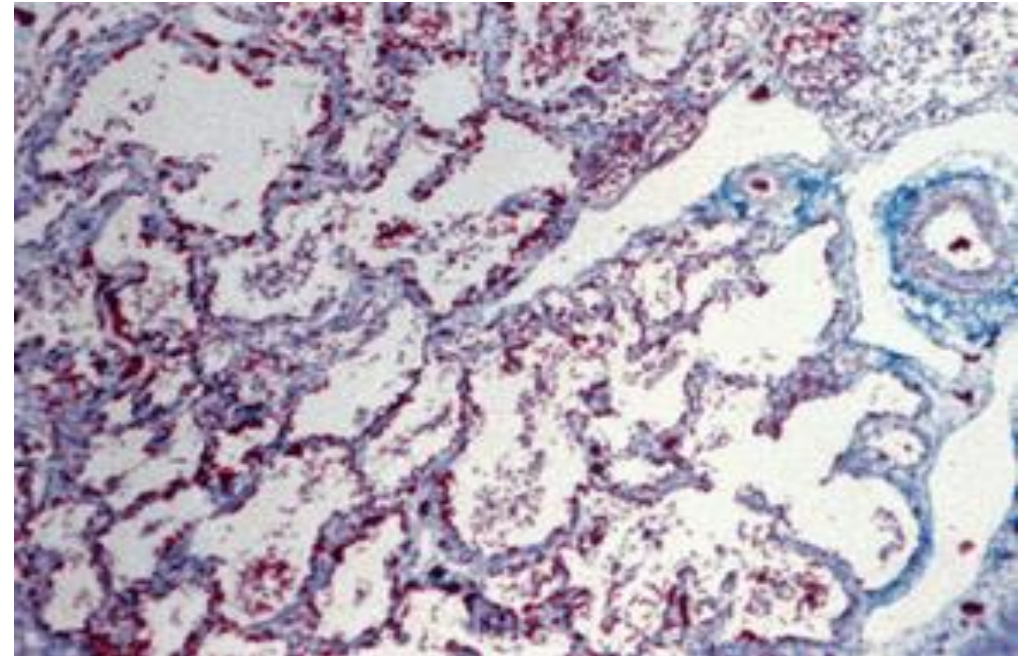


New BPD



- Fewer, larger, simplified aveoli with dysmorphic vasculature
- Due to arrested lung development

Old BPD



- Inflammation and parenchymal fibrosis
- Due to mechanical ventilation and oxygen toxicity

Pathogenesis of BPD

- Inflammation
 - External – chorioamnionitis, post natal infection/sepsis
 - Iatrogenic – oxygen, ventilation
 - Host factors – immune responses
- Genetic predisposition suggested by twin studies
- Nearly 30 studies trying to predict BPD from proinflammatory biomarkers in tracheal aspirate, blood, and urine samples
- No definitive biomarker but a lot of evolving information

Predicting which babies will develop BPD

- Large multicentre study identified the relative contributions of risk factors to the prediction of BPD
- Almost 4000 23–30 week gestation born in 17 centres
- 6 predictive factors
 - birth weight, gestational age, male sex, oxygen therapy at 24 hours, mechanical ventilation at 48 hours, and duration of assisted ventilation
 - Web based BPD risk calculator <https://neonatal.rti.org/>.

Case 2

Case 2 – Baby HB

- Day 154, 5 month old girl
- Born 24 weeks, CGA 46 weeks
- Transferred from DGH for assessment as unable to wean ventilation
- No acute change in clinical status
- Current support BIPAP 22/12, FiO2 1

Antenatal and Birth history

- Mum – obesity, hypertension, smoker during pregnancy
- Hypertensive crisis, reversed end diastolic flow
- Emergency C-section 24+2
- Had pre-natal steroid
- Intubated at 3 mins + surfactant
- Birthweight 600g

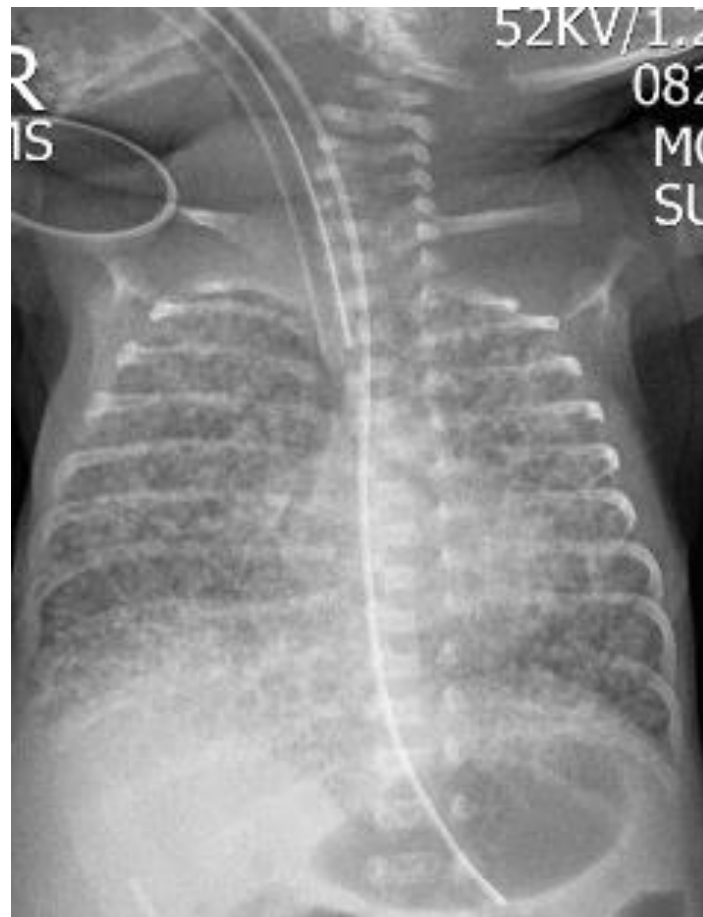
NICU course (day 1 to day 154)

- Surfactant x3
- Large PDA day 7 – Indomethacin
- Suspected sepsis d14, VAP d30
- HFJV/HFOV – 99 days
- INO day 53-105, then Sildenafil
- DART x3 (Day 30, day 40, day 80)
- Extubated day 99 (was still ventilated at 36wks PMA)

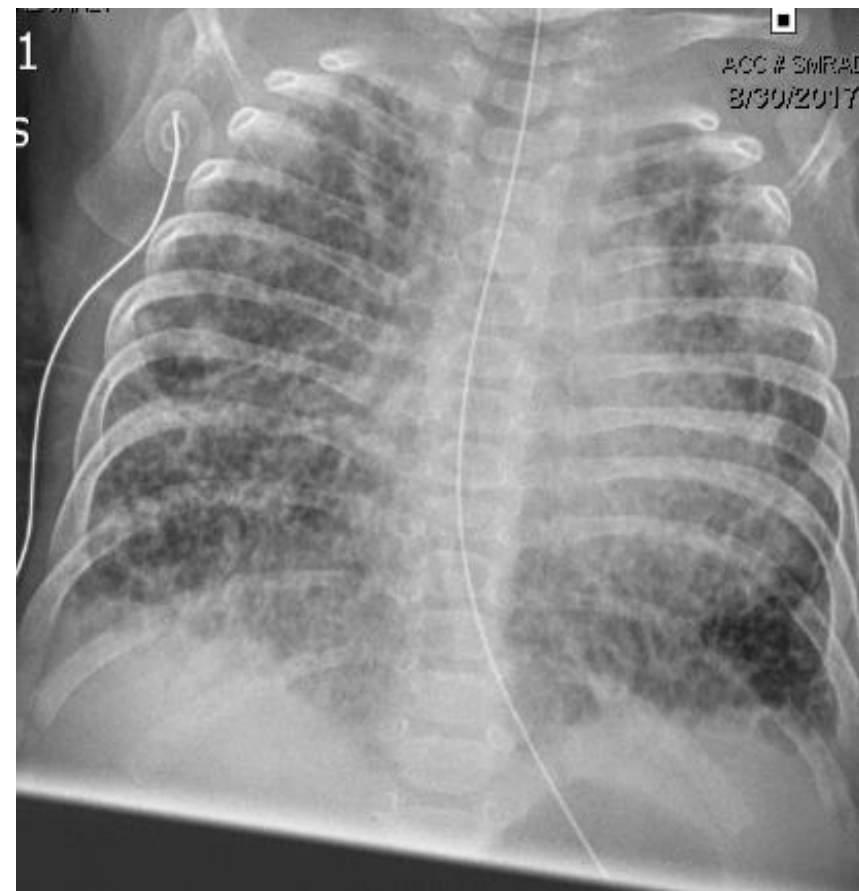
Day 1



Day 28



Day 140 (term)



Current status: Day 154 CGA 46wks

- Ventilation: NIV P 20/10, FiO2 1.0 (not acute)
- Feeds via NG
- Medications: Sildenafil, Furosemide, Budesonide, hydrocortisone
- Examination
 - Growth 10th percentile
 - RR 50-60, SpO2 86-92%, moderate increased work of breathing, weak cry, unsettled/agitated, HS 1+2 (loud P2)

Gases

Day	pH	CO2	Bicarbonate	BE	Mode of ventilation
93	7.46	44	31	7	Intubated and ventilated
114	7.38	66	39	14	BIPAP 16/8
134	7.32	81	42	15	BIPAP 18/10
139	7.33	86	45	20	BIPAP 20/10
143	7.36	74	42	16	BiPAP 22/12, nasal mask. Hydrocortisone
154	7.32	97	39	19	BiPAP 22/12, full face mask

Extubated day 99

Echocardiogram

- ECHO Day 154
 - Structurally normal heart. PFO with L– R flow
 - Insufficient TR jet to estimate RV pressure
 - Interventricular septum mildly flattened
- Previous ECHOs
 - Several. Unable to measure TR

Question

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2. Intubate
3. Tracheostomy
4. Cardiac catheterisation
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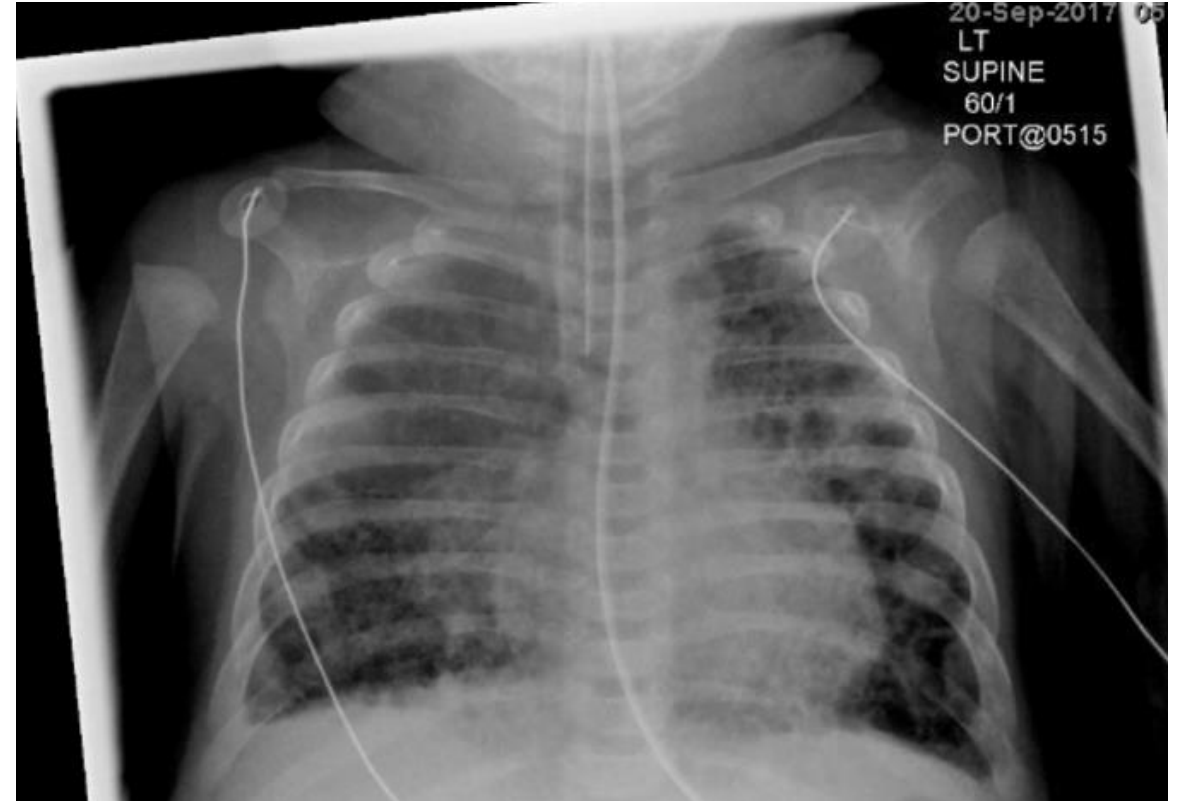
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Case 2 management

- Baby intubated and ventilated needing high pressures (31/11)
- Gas ph 7.42, CO2 69, HCO3 37, BE 16
- O2 requirement improved to 60% within 6 hours
- NJ feeds to minimise aspiration
- If fails to stabilise with ventilation – Cath, Bronchoscopy
- Likely require tracheostomy to facilitate long term ventilation



Managing BPD

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- Ventilation strategies
- Nutrition
- Pharmacology
- Investigate and manage co-morbidity in severe BPD
 - Pulmonary hypertension
 - Airway abnormalities
 - Aspiration

Ventilation strategies in BPD

- First days/weeks – lung homogeneity, low compliance, normal airway resistance
 - Strategy to prevent lung injury
 - High rate, low TV, short T1
- As BPD evolves
 - High airway resistance, air trapping, heterogeneous aeration
 - Strategy should optimise gas exchange, reduce atelectasis, decrease dead space
 - High TV, prolonged Ti, Slow rate

When to consider Tracheostomy in BPD?

- Difficult decision
- Goal to provide long term ventilatory support to reduce respiratory distress and establish clinical stability
- Allow lung growth and repair
- To enhance survival and optimise long term development, neurocognitive outcomes
- Needs consistent support of interdisciplinary team

Nutritional strategies in BPD

- sBPD growth worse than infants with no BPD, mild/mod BPD
- Hypermetabolic states, increased work of breathing, repair, growth
- Growth suppression: chronic stress, inflammation, steroids, diuretics
- Increased risk of aspiration Immature swallow, neurological insults
- Early NJ feeding, low threshold for G/GJ tube

Pharmacology in BPD

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	Evidence	Sufficient evidence for use in BPD
Caffeine	CAP trial (2007). Commenced early. BPD 36% vs 47% in supplemental O2 at 36wks	Yes
Vitamin A	Large RCT 1999 NEJM Tyson et al. BPD 55 vs 62%	Yes
Late surfactant	No evidence that repeat surfactant at 10 days improves BPD outcomes	No
Diuretics	Cochrane review 2011: Cant support loop diuretics in BPD due to lack of current evidence	No
Bronchodilators	One RCT 1998 - 173 ventilated day 10 to receive inhaled salbutamol, placebo via MDI for 28 days. no on BPD, O2 or ventilation	No
Montelukast	RCT 2015 Kim et al No difference in BPD vs placebo	No
Inhaled steroid	Cochrane review – 7 studies, 492 infants, no evidence to support the routine use of ICS in prevention of BPD (2012)	No

ICS in BPD

Largest multicentre European RCT 863 ELBW infants in first 12h to Budesonide vs placebo 2015

Budesonide MDI via mini-Aerochamber: 800mcg for 2 wks then 400mcg until 32 weeks or off all support

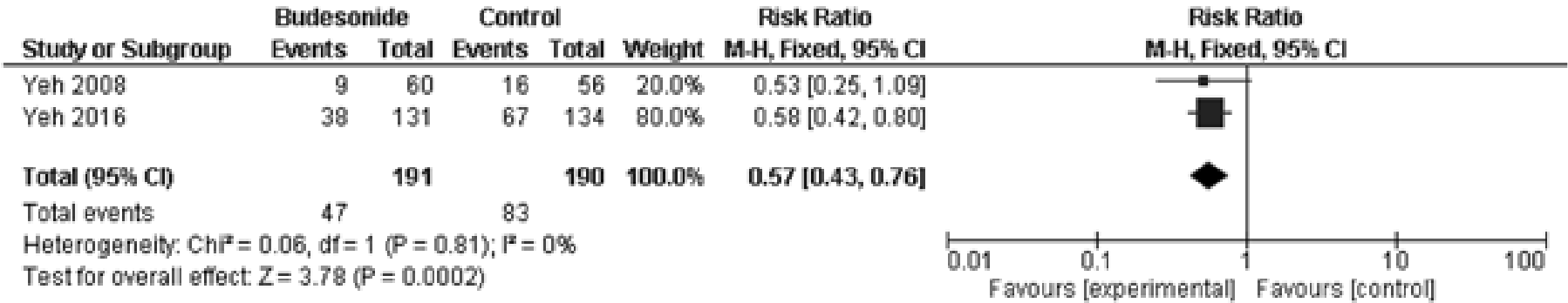
Primary Outcome	Placebo	Budesonide	Relative Risk (95% CI)	Relative Risk Adjusted for GA (95% CI)	P Value	Odds Ratio Adjusted for GA, birth weight, caffeine, mech. ventilation (95% CI)
Primary Outcome	194/419 (46.3)	175/437 (40.0)	0.86 (0.74-1.01)	0.86 (0.75-1.00)	0.053	0.71 (0.53-0.97)
Components of primary outcome						
Death at <36 wk of gestational age	57/419 (13.6)	74/437 (16.9)	1.24 (0.91-1.71)	1.24 (0.91-1.69)	0.165	
Survival with BPD	138/363 (38.0)	101/363 (27.8)	0.73 (0.59-0.90)	0.74 (0.60-0.91)	0.004	

Systemic corticosteroids in BPD

- Early corticosteroid before day 8 increases extubation and reduced risk of BPD (Halliday et al. 2014)
 - BUT very significant increase in GI perforation, and CP. Not recommended
- Late corticosteroid after day 8, increases extubation and reduced BPD with less risk death or CP (Halliday et al 2014)
 - Late corticosteroid treatment could be used for infants who are ventilator dependent as a rescue therapy
 - Timing/doses/duration unclear
- Low dose corticosteroid (DART) – higher rate of extubation vs placebo 60% vs 12% within 10 days

Intratracheal Administration of Budesonide-Surfactant in Prevention of Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia in Very Low Birth Weight Infants: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis (2017)

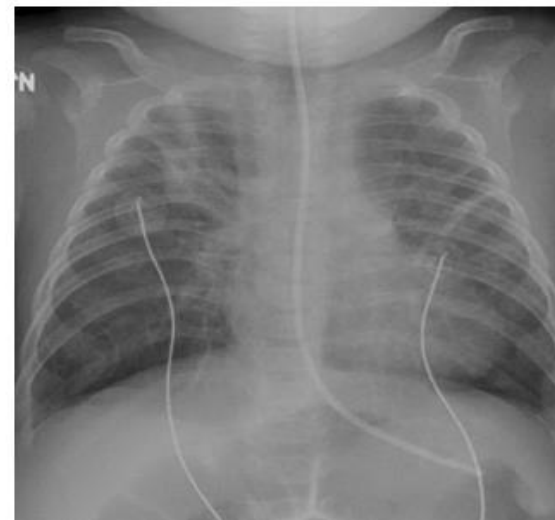
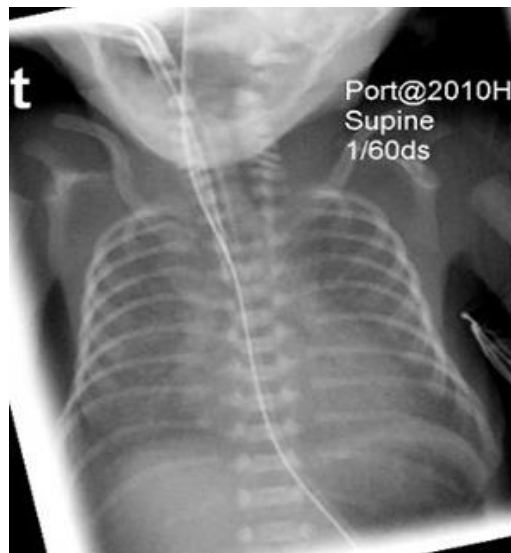
Outcome: **Bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD)**



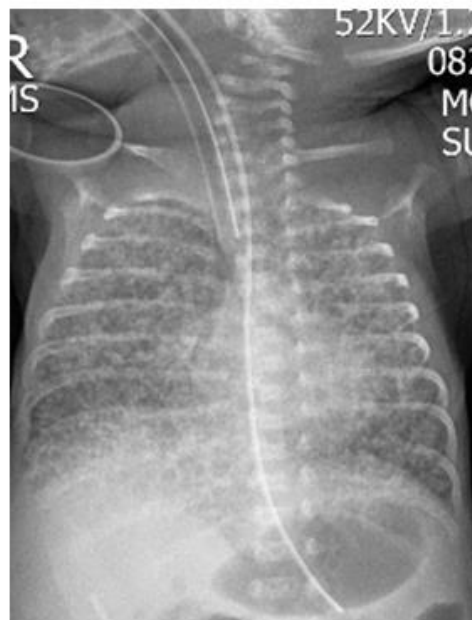
Budesonide-surfactant mixture vs surfactant alone: **risk of BPD decreased from 44 to 25%**
absolute risk reduction of 19% (ARR: 0.191; 95%CI: 0.096-0.281)

Severe BPD

CASE 1



CASE 2



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Incidence of severe BPD (sBPD)

- 16% for all infants born at <32 weeks (CHND data US based on 900 sBPD infants)
 - 91% survived to discharge
 - 66% were discharged on supplemental oxygen
 - 4% on mechanical ventilation
 - 5% received tracheostomy

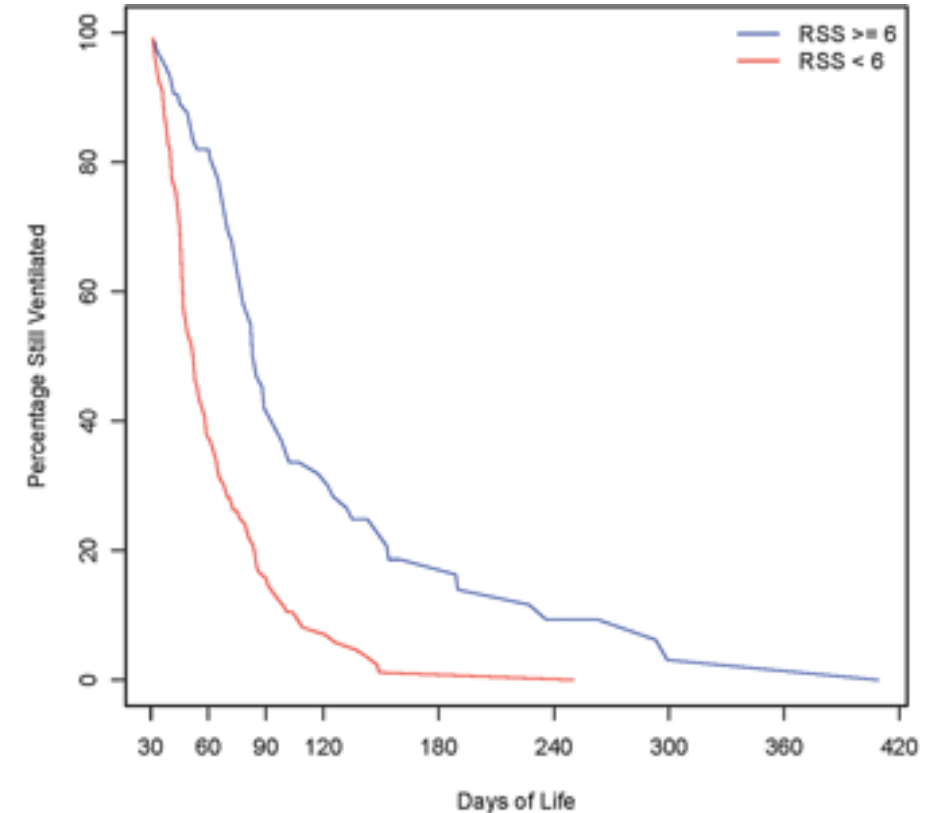
Predicting who will develop sBPD

- Male sex, sepsis, NEC strongly associated with the development of sBPD
- Early sepsis - rates of BPD increased from 35% to 62% in a cohort of 5447 very low birth weight infants (Stoll et al)
- PDA
 - Short-term effects on pulmonary oedema and pulmonary mechanics established
 - Lack of data confirming its role in the development of BPD

Predicting sBPD

Respiratory severity score (RSS) on day 30 is predictive of mortality and the length of mechanical ventilation in BPD

$$\text{RSS} = \text{MAP} \times \text{FiO}_2$$



186 infants <1500g

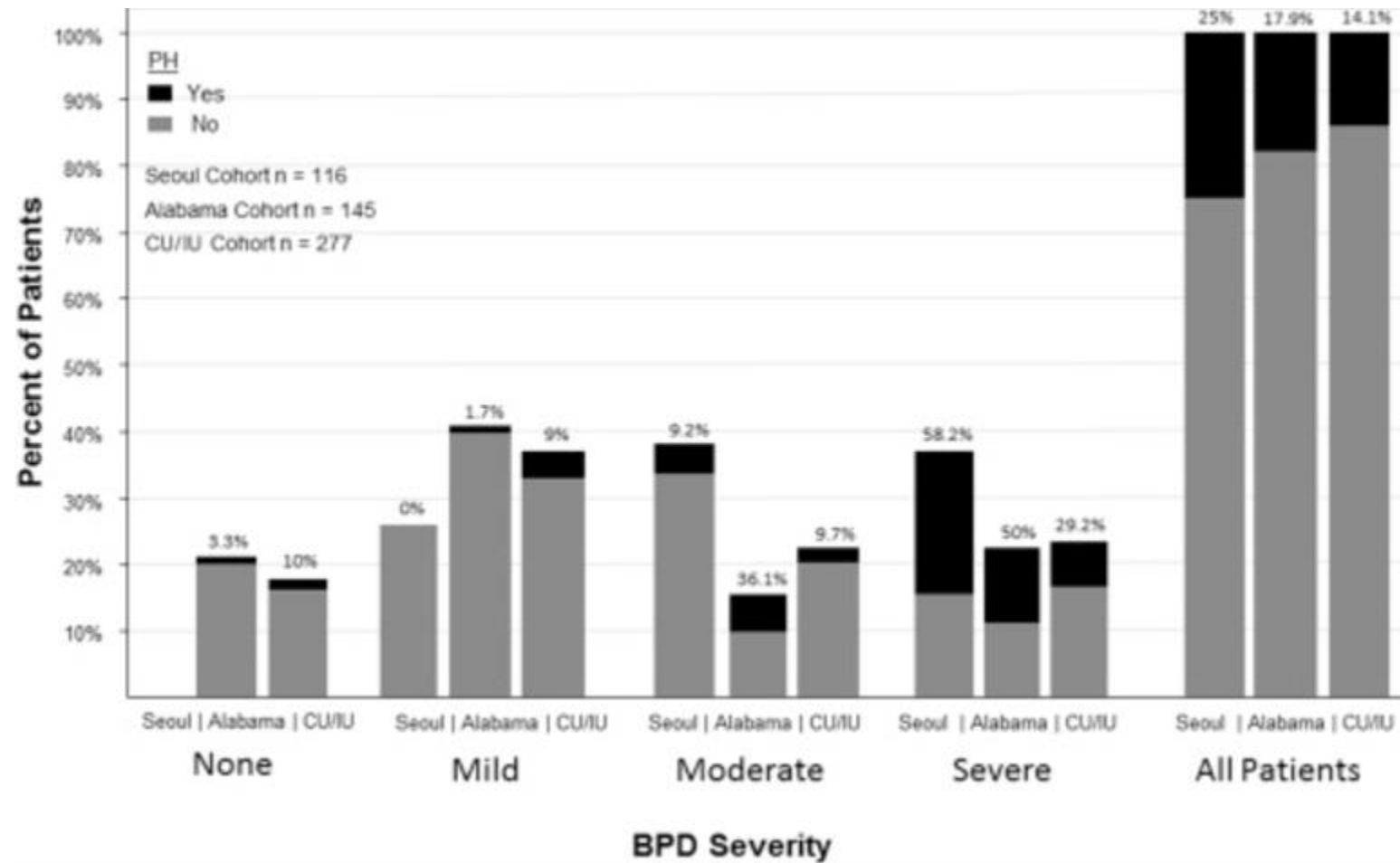
$P < 0.001$ between $\text{RSS} \geq 6$ and $\text{RSS} < 6$

Co-morbidity in sBPD

Surgical procedures and pulmonary hypertension in sBPD on the day of the “snapshot”

Percentage (%) center	N	Tracheostomy (% yes)	Gastrostomy (% yes)	Fundoplication (% yes)	Pulmonary hypertension [a] (% yes)
1	30	14%	10%	3%	21%
2	11	27%	27%	0%	18%
3	15	7%	13%	7%	36%
4	6	0%	0%	0%	17%
5	10	0%	0%	0%	20%
6	22	14%	10%	10%	19%
7	18	12%	12%	12%	29%
8	16	13%	31%	19%	19%
Entire sBPD population	128	12% (n = 125)	14% (n = 125)	7% (n = 125)	23% (n = 114)

Incidence of PH according to BPD severity



Pulmonary Hypertension

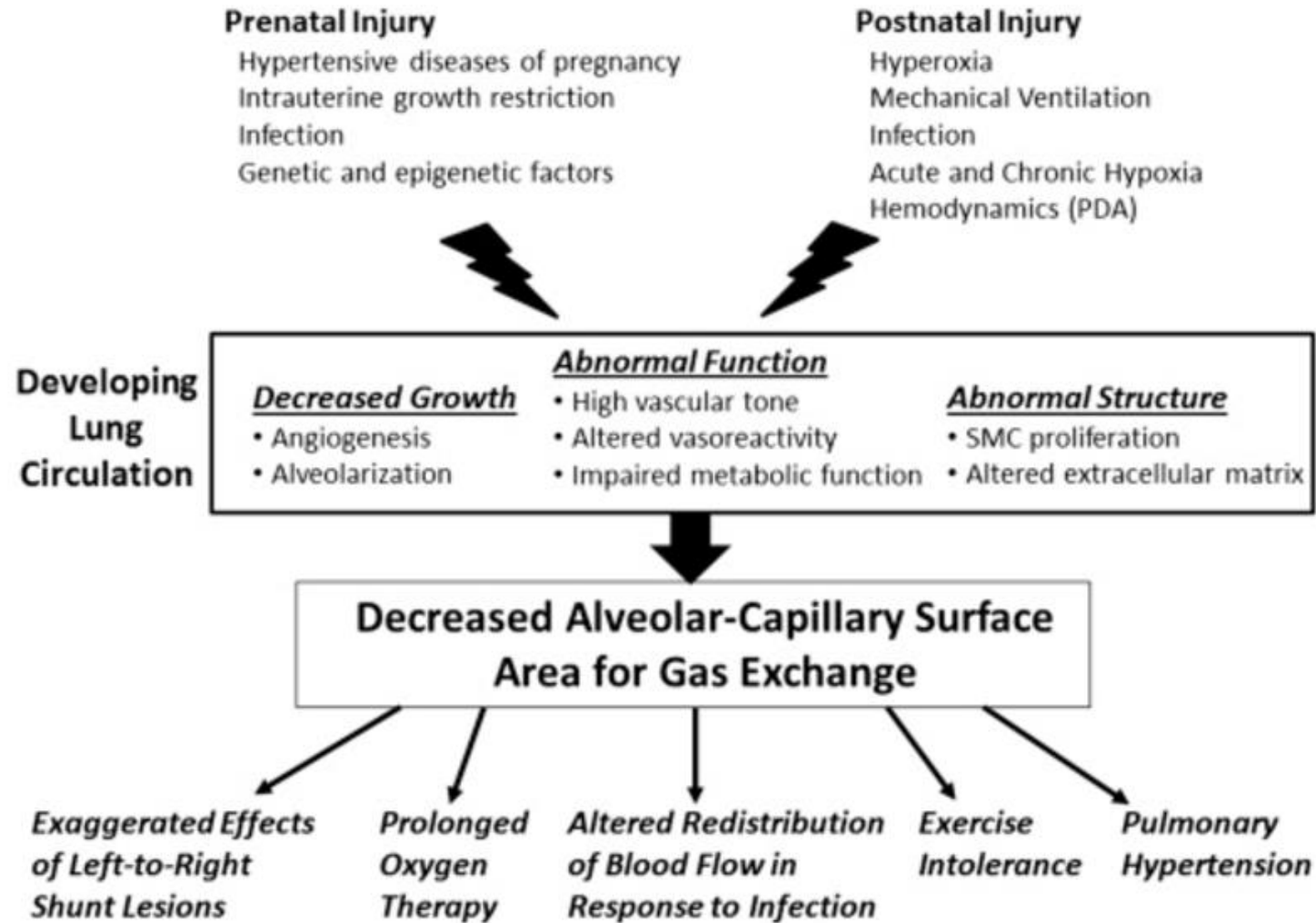
- PH complicates the course in up to 25% of patients with sBPD
- Babies with sBPD with PH on ECHO four times more likely to die compared to sBPD without PH
- Survival rate 53% at 2 years after diagnosis of PH in 42 ELBW babies with BPD

Pulmonary Hypertension - screening

- A 2015 large prospective study screened 172 ELBW babies at 28 days of life for PH. Then serial ECHOs every 4 weeks.
 - 6% of the infants showed evidence for PH at 28 days
 - On serial echo another 12% of the babies developed PH later
- Associated with longer hospitalisation times and higher mortality

Contributing factors to PVD in BPD and clinical manifestations

Mourani et al. 2015



Management of PH

1. Ensure adequate oxygenation (awake,sleep,feeds)
2. Assess adequacy of ventilation
3. Minimise chronic aspiration
4. Optimise nutrition
5. Consider ICS/Bronchodilators
6. Pulmonary vasodilators ?

Pulmonary vasodilators

- Effects of long term Sildenafil studied by Mourani et al, n=25 (2009)
 - Improvement in PH by 20% in 88% of patients
 - No significant adverse events
 - Time to improvement variable (median 40 days)
- No studies on endothelin receptor antagonists (Bosantan)
- Prostacyclin analogs: Treprostinil may provide additional benefit in BPD and PH that is poorly responsive to other medications

Airway issues in BPD

- Estimated tracheobronchomalacia of 10% in BPD
- Recent cohort study of extreme preterm infants 2010-2015 who had bronchoscopy at CHOP (111) – for sBPD/airway concerns
 - 40% had TBM
 - Needed longer ventilation, higher MAPs, higher Gtube rate, higher frequency of pneumonia

Summary

- Survival of extremely preterm infants has increased over recent years, but BPD remains a major cause of morbidity
- Pathogenesis is complex and inflammation is a key factor as a consequence of various neonatal insults
- Severe BPD requires a structured management approach, but few effective treatments
- PH and TBM are more common in severe BPD and are associated with increased morbidity and mortality and should be considered in difficult cases

Questions?