

# Future role of ECMO Far Forward

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How FAR should we go?

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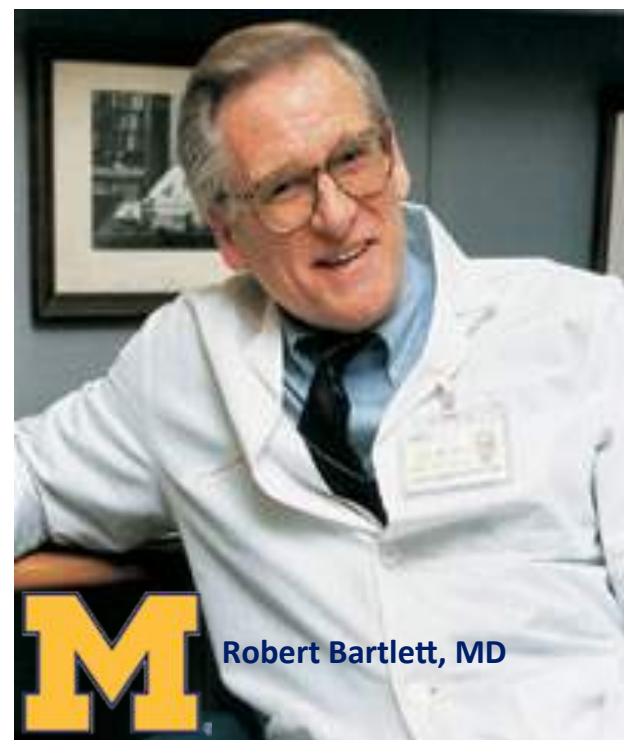
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# ECMO in general and far forward in particular...



$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \frac{\lambda^p}{\Gamma(p)} x^{p-1} e^{-\lambda x} \quad x > 0; \quad \Gamma(p) = \int_0^\infty x^{p-1} e^{-x} dx \quad L(\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i) = \frac{\lambda^{pn}}{\Gamma^n(p)} (\prod x_i)^{p-1} e^{-\lambda \sum x_i} \\
 K(\lambda) &= \ln L(\lambda) = np \ln \lambda - n \ln \Gamma(p) + (p-1) \sum x_i - \lambda \sum x_i \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{np}{\sum x_i} \Rightarrow \Lambda = \frac{p}{\bar{x}} \\
 E(\Lambda) &= E\left(\frac{np}{\sum x_i}\right) = \int_0^\infty \frac{np}{x} \frac{\lambda^{pn}}{\Gamma^n(pn)} x^{pn-1} e^{-\lambda x} dx = \frac{\lambda n}{\Gamma(pn)} \int_0^\infty (\lambda x)^{pn-2} e^{-\lambda x} \lambda dx = \frac{\Gamma(pn-1)}{\Gamma(pn)} \lambda np \\
 \frac{np}{np-1} \lambda &= \mathbf{f} \quad \text{Var } \Lambda = E\Lambda^2 - (E\Lambda)^2 = \frac{(np)^2}{(np-1)(np-2)} \lambda^2 - \left(\frac{np}{np-1}\right)^2 \lambda^2 \\
 &= \frac{(np)^2}{(np-1)^2(np-2)} \lambda^2 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \quad T_1 = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \quad T_2 = Z\bar{x}
 \end{aligned}$$

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**Optimal Strategies for  
Severe Acute Respiratory  
Distress Syndrome**

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Daniel Brodie, MD<sup>c</sup>

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# First Far-Forward Cases



## Index cases

- Dorlac 2006
- Bacchetta 2009
- Wanek 2010









# Overview

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## **Getting started**

- Definitions/Indications
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- Infrastructure

## **Keeping it running**

- More Buy-In
- More Infrastructure
- Sustainment

## **Moving forward**



# Definitions/Indications



Resuscitation 2010; 81: 804-9.



**EMERGENCY PRESERVATION AND RESUSCITATION FOR CARDIAC ARREST FROM TRAUMA (EPR-CAT) (PROPOSED STUDY)**



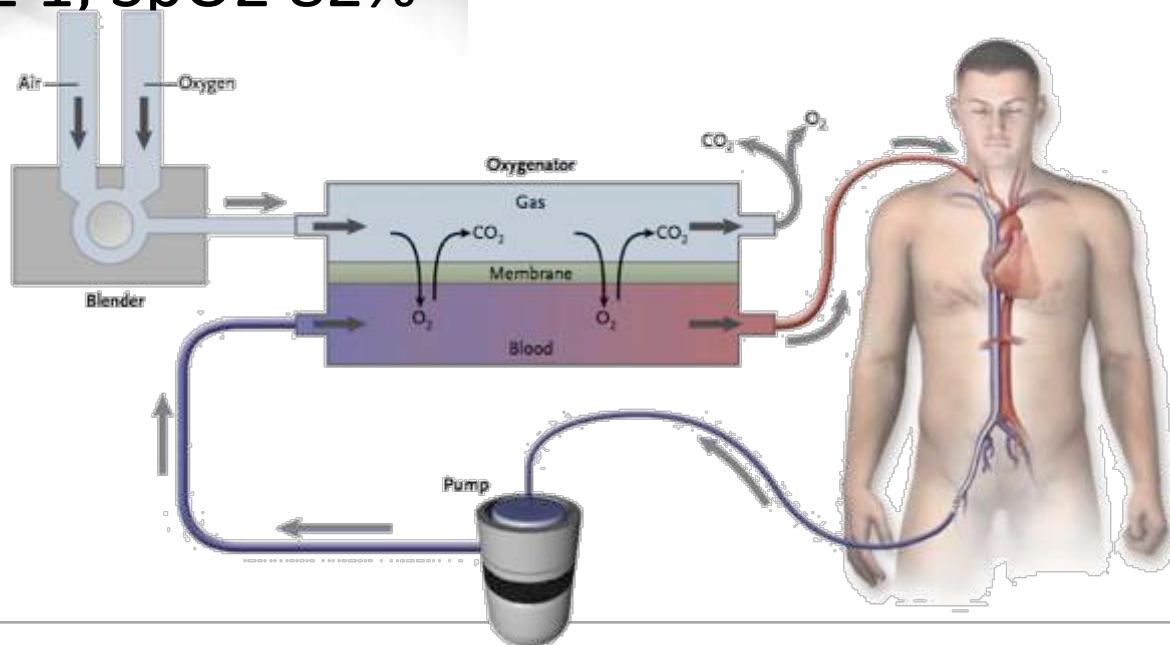


# Definitions/Indications



## VV ECMO

- Respiratory Support
- Rapidly Correct ABG
- Reduce Vent Settings



# Historic Context



**Post-Trauma ARDS, 1971**



**Extracorporeal Life Support Organization**  
Courtesy, Dr. Robert Bartlett



# Historic Context

## 1977 Bob Bartlett, 2 Bread Trucks, and a C-130



CONN: CONNECTICUT  
MASS: MASSACHUSETTS  
NH: NEW HAMPSHIRE  
RI: RHODE ISLAND  
VT: VERMONT

# Historic Context

## **1986** Maj Devin Cornish 1<sup>st</sup> ECMO Transport Program

### **A 22-year experience in global transport extracorporeal membrane oxygenation**

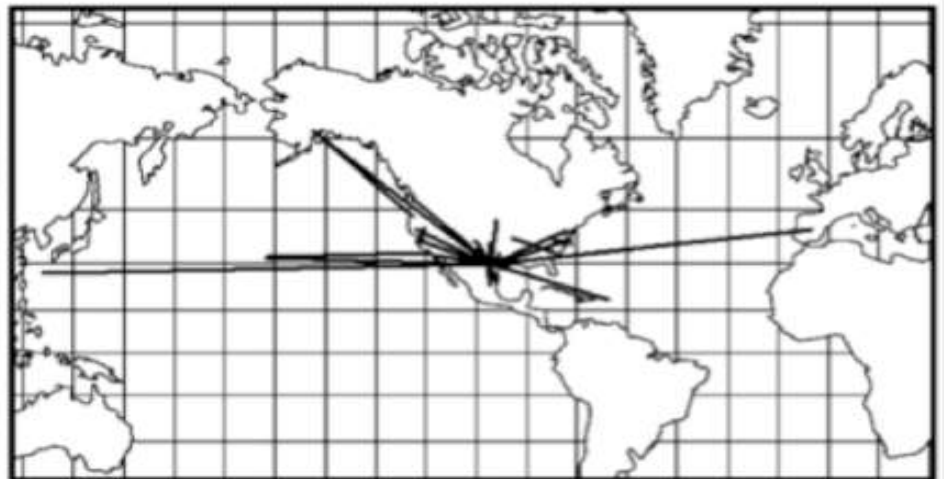
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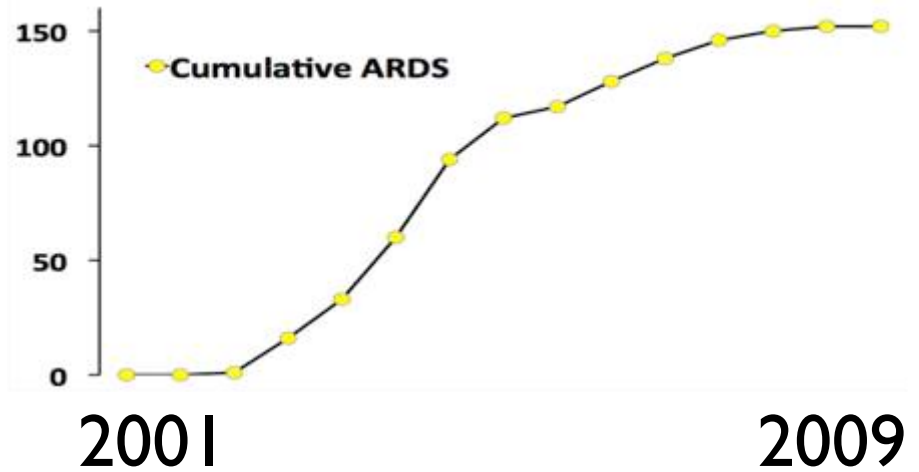
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# Needs Assessment



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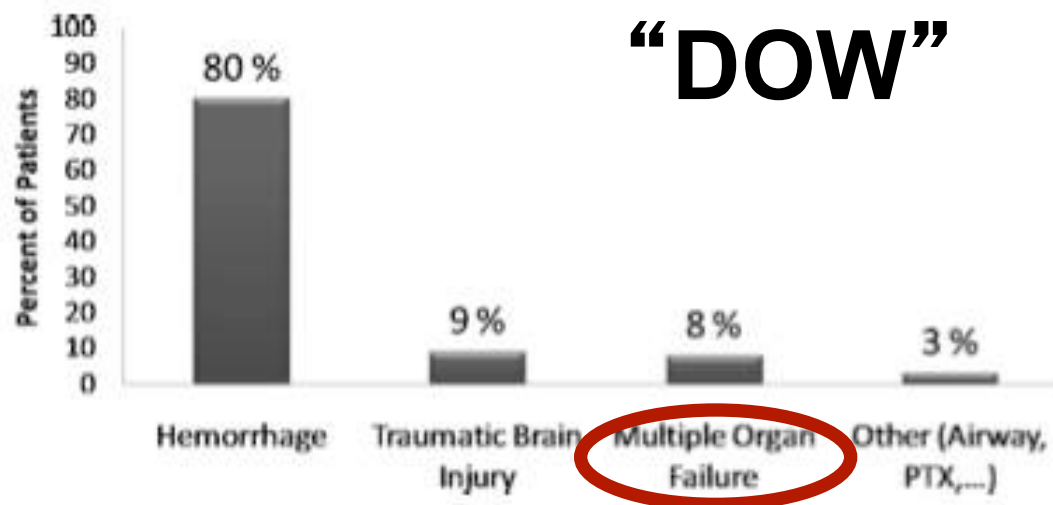
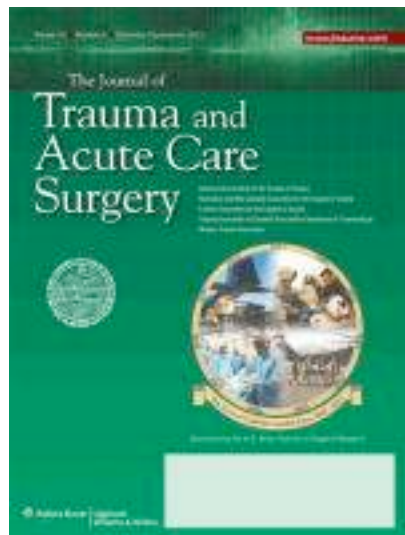


Figure 4. Mechanism of death in PS cases.

JTrauma 2011. 71:S4-8.

**If bleeding doesn't get you, MSOF will.**

**Table 1.** Why Do Trauma Patients Die?

	Acute (<48 hours), %	Early (48 hours to 7 days), %	Late (>7 days), %
Brain injury	40	64	39
Blood loss	55	9	0
MOES	1	18	61

MOF, multiple organ failure.

(Adapted from data from Sauaia A, Moore FA, Moore EE, et al. Epidemiology of trauma deaths: a reassessment. J Trauma 1995; 38:185–193, with permission.)



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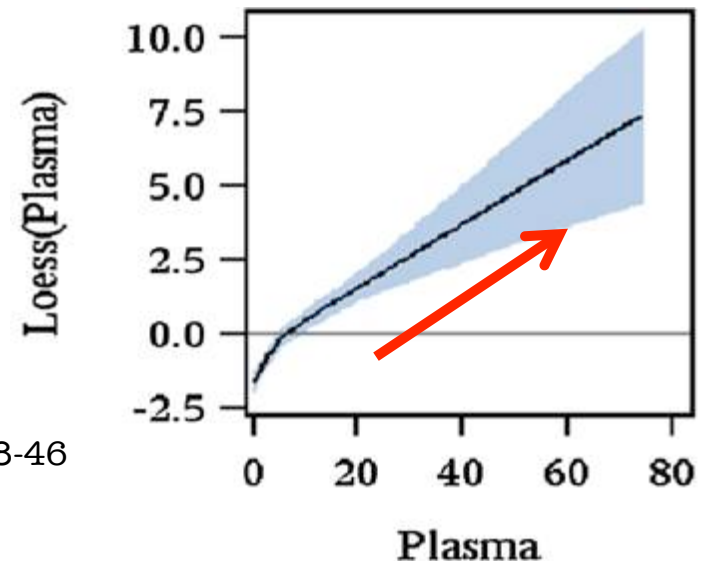
- ARDS in 6.4% intubated casualties
- Risks are female, high ISS, and shock
- Plasma & Crystalloid increase ARDS
- OR for Death = 4.8

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Transfusion strategies and development of acute respiratory distress syndrome in combat casualty care

Pauline K. Park, MD, Jeremy W. Cannon, MD, SM, Wen Ye, PhD, Lorne H. Blackbourne, MD, John B. Holcomb, MD, William Beninati, MD, and Lena M. Napolitano, MD, Ann Arbor, Michigan

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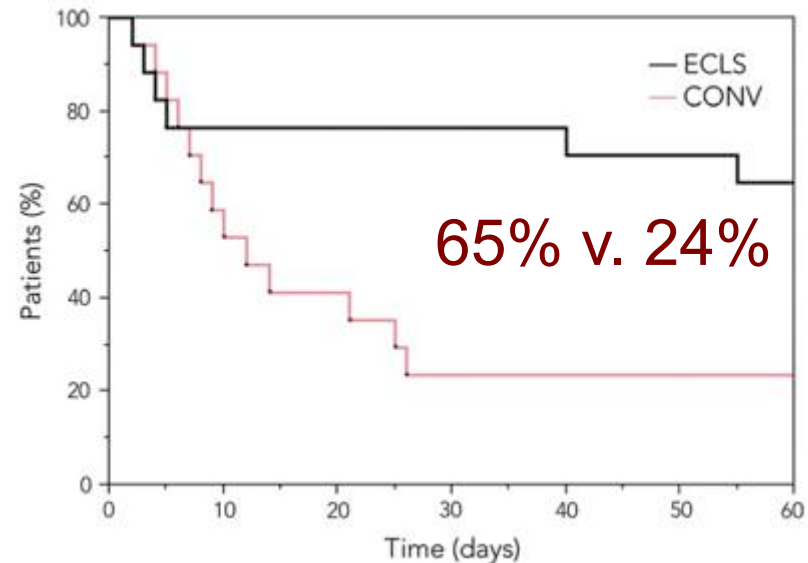
### Venovenous extracorporeal life support improves survival in adult trauma patients with acute hypoxemic respiratory failure: A multicenter retrospective cohort study

Derek M. Guirand, MD, Obi T. Okoye, MD, Benjamin S. Schmidt, MD, Nicky J. Mansfield, BS, James K. Aden, PhD, R. Shayn Martin, MD, Ramon F. Cestero, MD, Michael H. Hines, MD, Thomas Pranikoff, MD, Kenji Inaba, MD, and Jeremy W. Cannon, MD, *San Antonio, Texas*

JTrACS 2014. 76(5):1275-81.

**TABLE 2.** Mortality Analysis

	AOR (95% CI)	<i>p</i>
Full cohorts		
ECLS	0.193 (0.042–0.884)	0.034
Chest AIS	0.693 (0.496–0.967)	0.031
ISS	1.112 (1.056–1.171)	<0.001
Pre-ECLS fluid balance	1.156 (1.022–1.309)	0.022
LIS	10.939 (1.805–66.305)	0.009
Matched cohorts		
ECLS	0.038 (0.004–0.407)	0.007
ISS	1.123 (1.029–1.226)	0.009



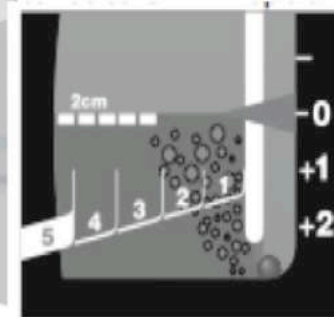
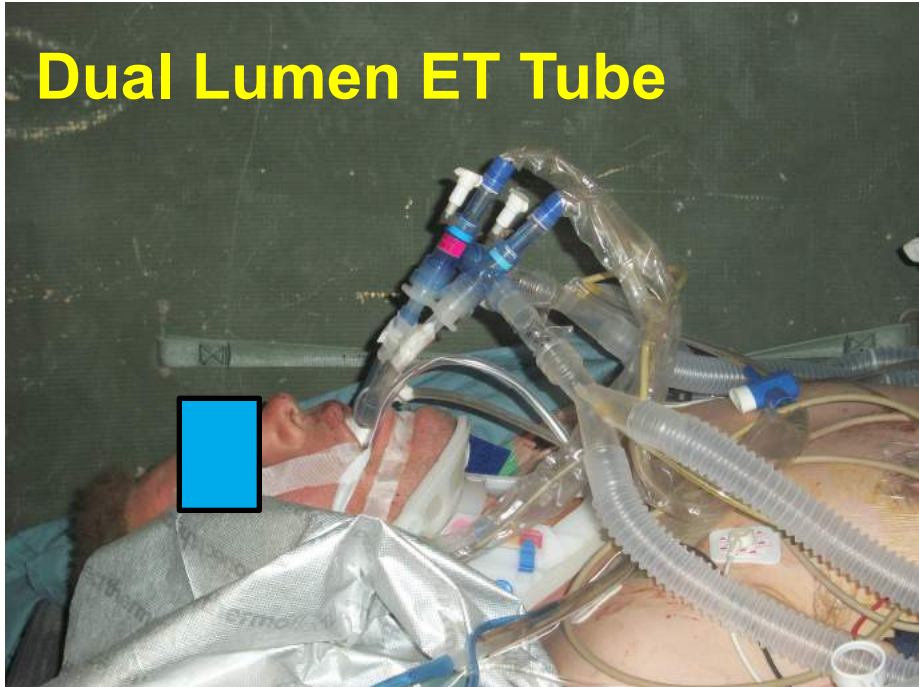


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## CCATT Capability

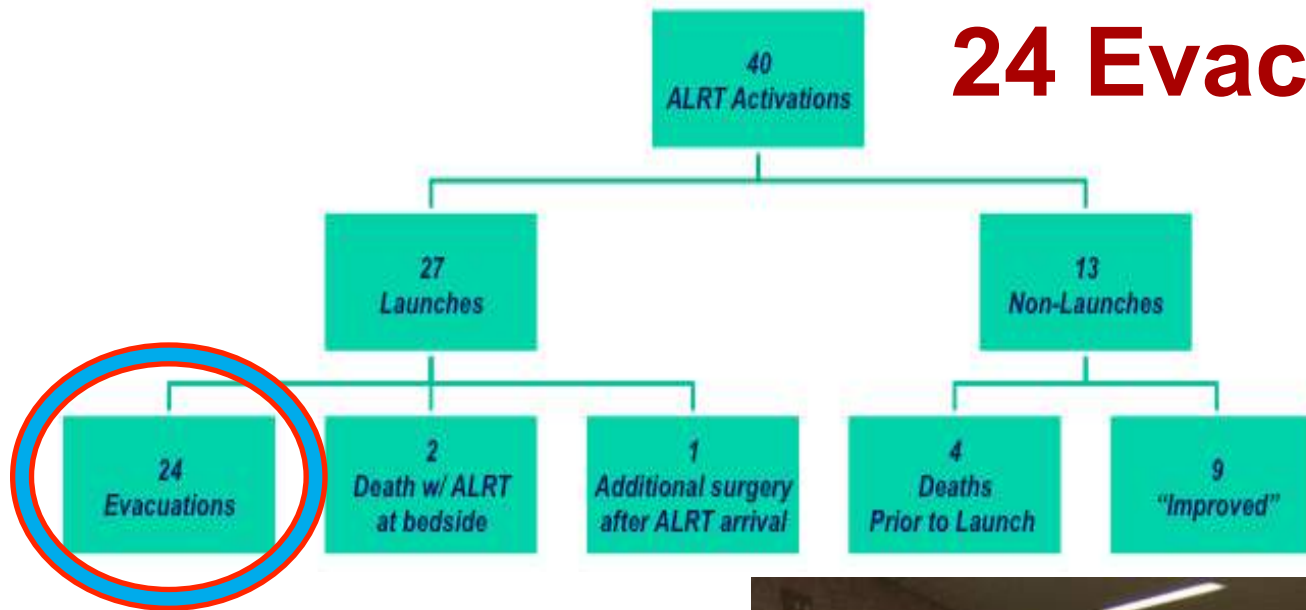
- ◆ Paralytics and the 754
- ◆ No iNO, No proning, No advanced vent
- ◆ Patients marooned in level III or died

### Dual Lumen ET Tube



# Infrastructure

## 24 Evacuations



**ATACCC 2010**



**Closing the "care in the air"  
capability gap for severe lung injury:**  
*The Landstuhl Acute Lung Rescue Team  
and extracorporeal lung support*



**Raymond Fang, Lt Col, USAF, MC, FS**  
Trauma Medical Director  
Landstuhl Regional Medical Center  
Director, USAF Critical Care Air Transport-Europe

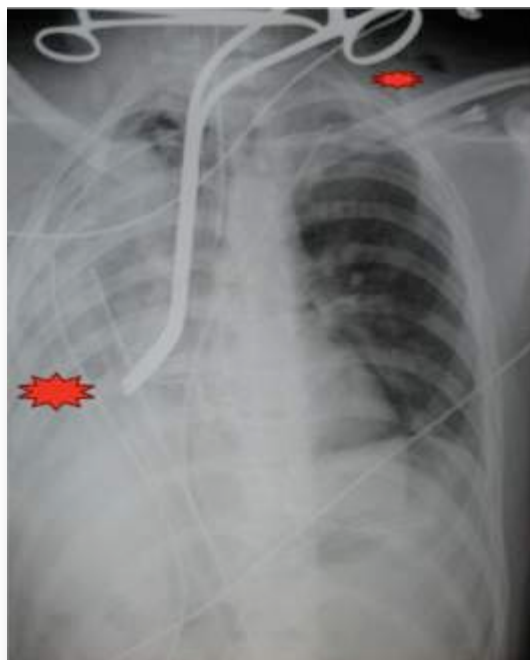
*86<sup>th</sup> Medical Group...One Team...One Mission*





# Infrastructure

**OCT 2010**





# Results

## WTA 2012 PLENARY PAPER

### Transportable extracorporeal lung support for rescue of severe respiratory failure in combat casualties

**Thomas Bein, MD, PhD, David Zonies, MD, MPH, Alois Philipp, Markus Zimmermann, MD, Erik C. Osborn, MD, Patrick F. Allan, MD, Michael Nerlich, MD, PhD, Bernhard M. Graf, MD, PhD, and Raymond Fang, MD, Regensburg, Germany**

JTrauma ACS. Dec 2012; 73(6): 1450-6.

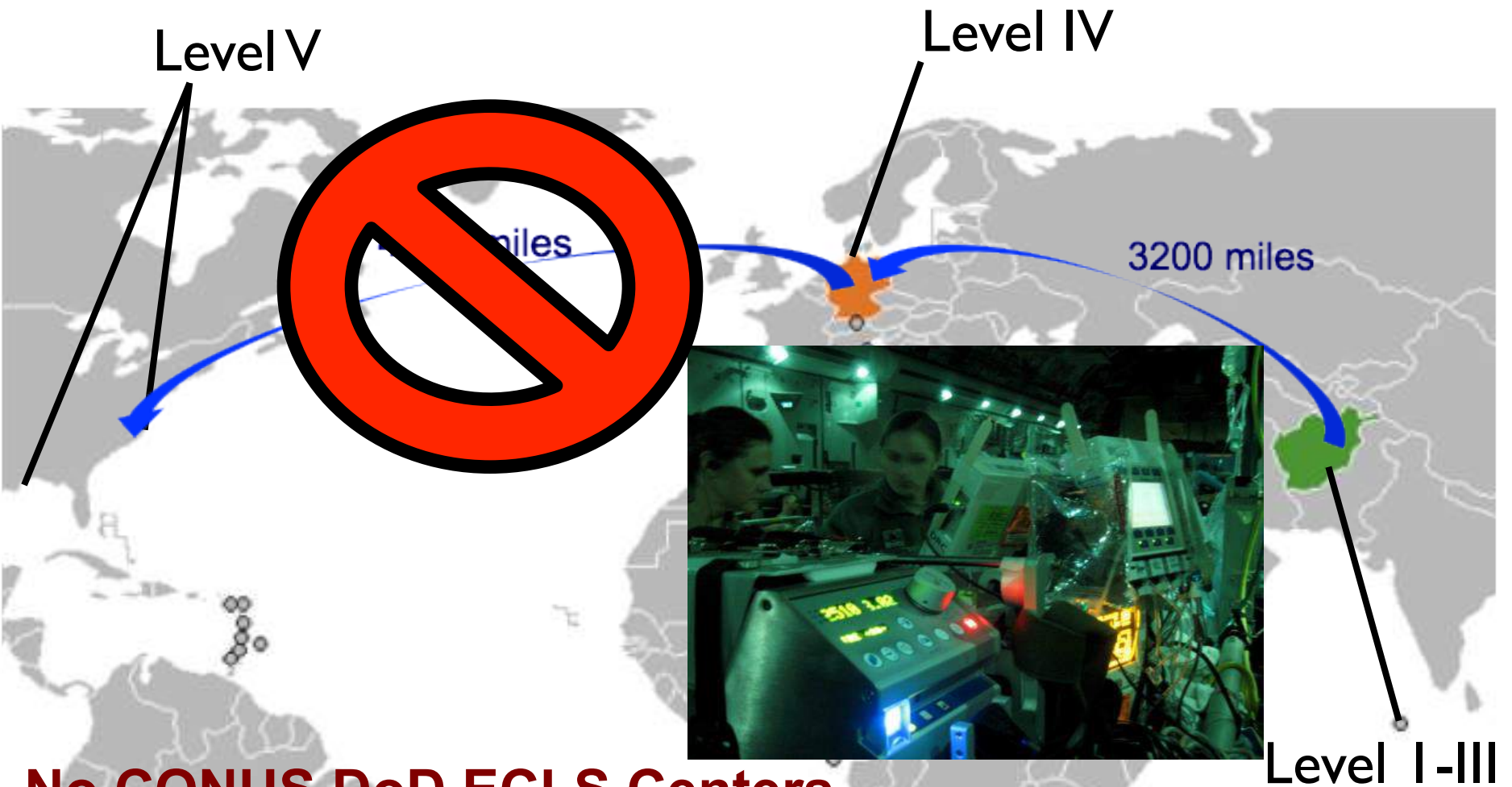
**TABLE 2.** Patient and Injury Characteristics, ECLS Use, and Outcomes

Patient	Age, y	Primary Injury	Pulmonary Injury	ISS	AIS Score (Chest)	APACHE II Score	ECLS Device	ECLS Duration, d	Outcome
1	24	Blast injury with bilateral lower-extremity amputations	Blast-related bilateral pulmonary contusions, pneumonia	13	3	N/A	PECLA	12	Survived
2	23	Blast injury with traumatic brain injury	No primary lung injury	22	0	34	PECLA	8	Survived
3	33	Blast injury with left lower-extremity amputation	Blast-related bilateral pulmonary contusions, wound sepsis	34	3	37	PECLA	9	Died
4	23	Blast injury with traumatic brain injury	Blast-related bilateral pulmonary contusions	17	1	26	PECLA	8	Survived
5	19	Gunshot to right chest	Right pneumonectomy	33	4	29	PECLA	18	Survived
6	20	Motor vehicle collision with spinal cord injury	Bilateral pulmonary contusions	33	5	24	ECMO	7	Survived
7	29	Blast injury with traumatic brain injury	Bilateral pulmonary contusions, aspiration	34	3	31	ECMO	8	Survived
8	25	Gunshot to right chest	Right pulmonary contusion	9	3	20	ECMO	7	Survived
9	22	Gunshot to right chest	Right pneumonectomy	34	5	21	ECMO	13	Survived
10	21	Gunshot to left chest	Left pulmonary contusion	14	3	12	ECMO	6	Survived

AIS, Abbreviated Injury Scale; APACHE, Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation; ISS, Injury Severity Score; N/A, not available.

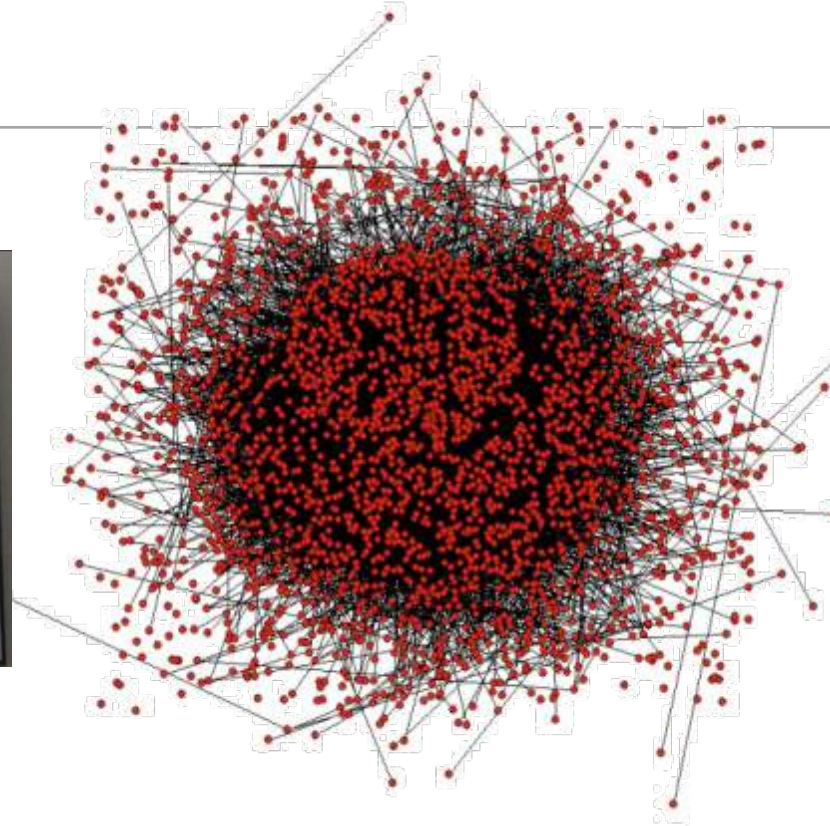
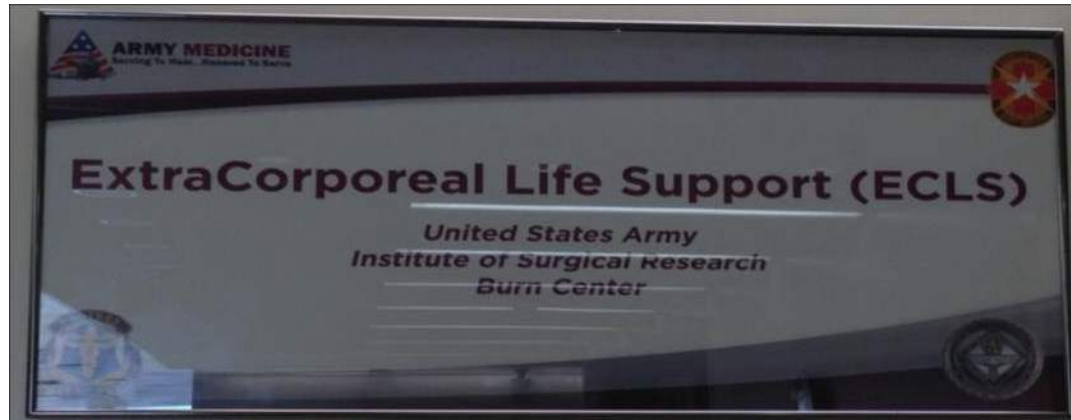
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# Keeping It Running



**No CONUS DoD ECLS Centers**  
**No CONUS Transport Team**

# More Buy-In





# More Infrastructure

## Didactics

- ELSO Course
- WHMC Course



## Training

- Animal Lab
- Clinical Cases



# Sustainment

## CONUS PROGRAM



## TRANSPORT PROGRAM



## FORWARD REACH



- ◆ 49 cases from Sep 2012-Apr 2017
- ◆ 30 in the last 16 months
- ◆ 590 ECLS days
- ◆ 30 transports (fixed wing + ground)
- ◆ 1 bridge to transplant
- ◆ 1 transport out of Afghanistan
- ◆ 65% survival to discharge



# Sustainment—2013 Bridge to TXP



**Pre-Transplant**

**German Civ→**

**LRMC→SAMMC→UH, San Antonio**



**Post-Transplant**

**October 2013**



# Sustainment—2016 Bagram, Afg



**46 yo UK contractor**  
**Influenza B + S. aureus PNA**

# Sustainment—2016 Bagram, Afg



**BAF→LRMC→Leicester, UK**







# Looking Forward

- Stable base of operations (SAMMC)
- ECMO Program Leadership Pipeline
- ECMO as AF (DOD) Doctrine

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*Tactical Doctrine*

Acute Lung Rescue Team (ALRT)

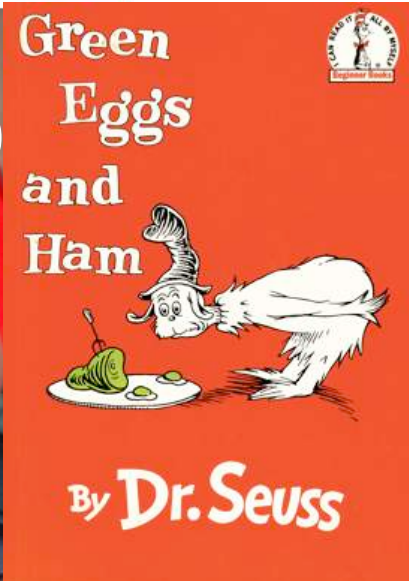
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# Looking Forward



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**Resp Failure, Not Cardiac Arrest  
Time on Vent (Level III)  
Distance (CONUS ECMO team)**



# Looking Forward

- Forward Reach: FOCUS ON ROLE III Capability
  - Early Recognition: ARDS CPG
  - “Bridge” Solutions
  - Pre-position equipment/supplies
  - ECMO Physicians
  - ECMO Support Staff



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