

ICU-ACQUIRED WEAKNESS

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INTRODUCTION

- 1915: Sr W. OSLER – The Principles of Medicine – VIIIth Edition
« *Neuromuscular Dysfunction in patients with sepsis* »

LESIONS OF PERIPHERAL NERVES DEVELOPING DURING COMA

Clarence W. Olsen, M.D., Beverly Hills, Calif.

Olsen CW. J Am Med Assoc.1956; 160(1):39-41

SEVERE MYOPATHY AFTER STATUS ASTHMATICUS

MacFarlane IA et al. Lancet.1977; 2(8038):615

Polyneuropathy in critically ill patients

CHARLES F BOLTON, JOSEPH J GILBERT, ANGELIKA F HAHN, WILLIAM J SIBBALD

Bolton CF et al. J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry.1985; 47(11):1223-31



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Table 1. Terms used for critical illness neuromuscular disorders

Terms	References
Myopathic syndromes	
Thick filament myopathy	Danon 1991 (14)
Acute corticosteroid- and pancuronium-associated myopathy	Sitwell 1991 (118)
Acute quadriplegic myopathy	Hirano 1992 (6)
Acute necrotizing myopathy of intensive care	Zochodne 1994 (10)
Acute corticosteroid myopathy	Hanson 1997 (108)
Critical illness myopathy	Lacomis 2000 (15)
Polyneuropathic syndromes	
Polyneuropathy in critically ill patients	Bolton 1984 (16)
Critically ill polyneuropathy	Bolton 1986 (17)
Critical illness polyneuropathy	Zochodne 1987 (18)
Critical illness neuropathy	Coakley 1992 (119)
Mixed or undifferentiated syndromes	
Critical illness polyneuromyopathy	Op de Coul 1991 (75)
ICU-acquired weakness	Ramsay 1993 (9)
Critical illness myopathy and/or neuropathy	Latronico 1996 (12)
Critical illness neuromuscular abnormalities	De Jonghe 1998 (76)
ICU-acquired paresis	De Jonghe 2002 (30)
Critical illness neuromyopathy	Young 2004 (120)
Critical illness neuromuscular syndromes	De Jonghe 2006 (96)
Intensive care unit-acquired neuromyopathy	Hough 2009 (121)

Stevens RD et al. Crit Care Med.2009; 37: S299-S308



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DEFINITION:

ICU-acquired weakness designates clinically detected weakness in critically ill patients in whom there is no plausible etiology other than critical illness.

→ 3 sub-categories

Stevens RD et al. Crit Care Med.2009; 37: S299-S308



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- **VENTILATOR INDUCED DIAPHRAGMATIC DYSFUNCTION (VIDD)**

- Involvement of the respiratory muscles

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HOW TO TRANSLATE ?

- Polyneuropathie des soins intensifs ???
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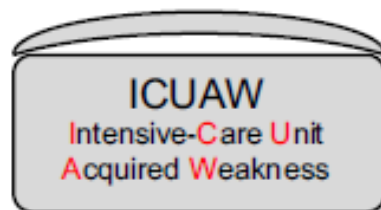
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- Critical Illness Polyneuropathy
- Critical Illness Myopathy

NEURO- ou MYOPATHIE
DU PATIENT CRITIQUE





clinically descriptive
syndromal term

CIP

Critical Illness
Polyneuropathy

- mechanical ventilation
- muscle immobilization
- muscle excitable (direct muscle stimulation)
- atrophy

CIM

Critical Illness
Myopathy

- mechanical ventilation
- muscle immobilization
- muscle hypoeccitability
- severe atrophy
- preferential myosin proteolysis
- disorganized sarcomeres

SIM

Sepsis-induced
Myopathy

- muscle hypoexcitability
- atrophy
- no preferential myosin proteolysis
- disorganized sarcomeres
- mostly no ventilation in animal models but in patients with sepsis/severe sepsis

SDM

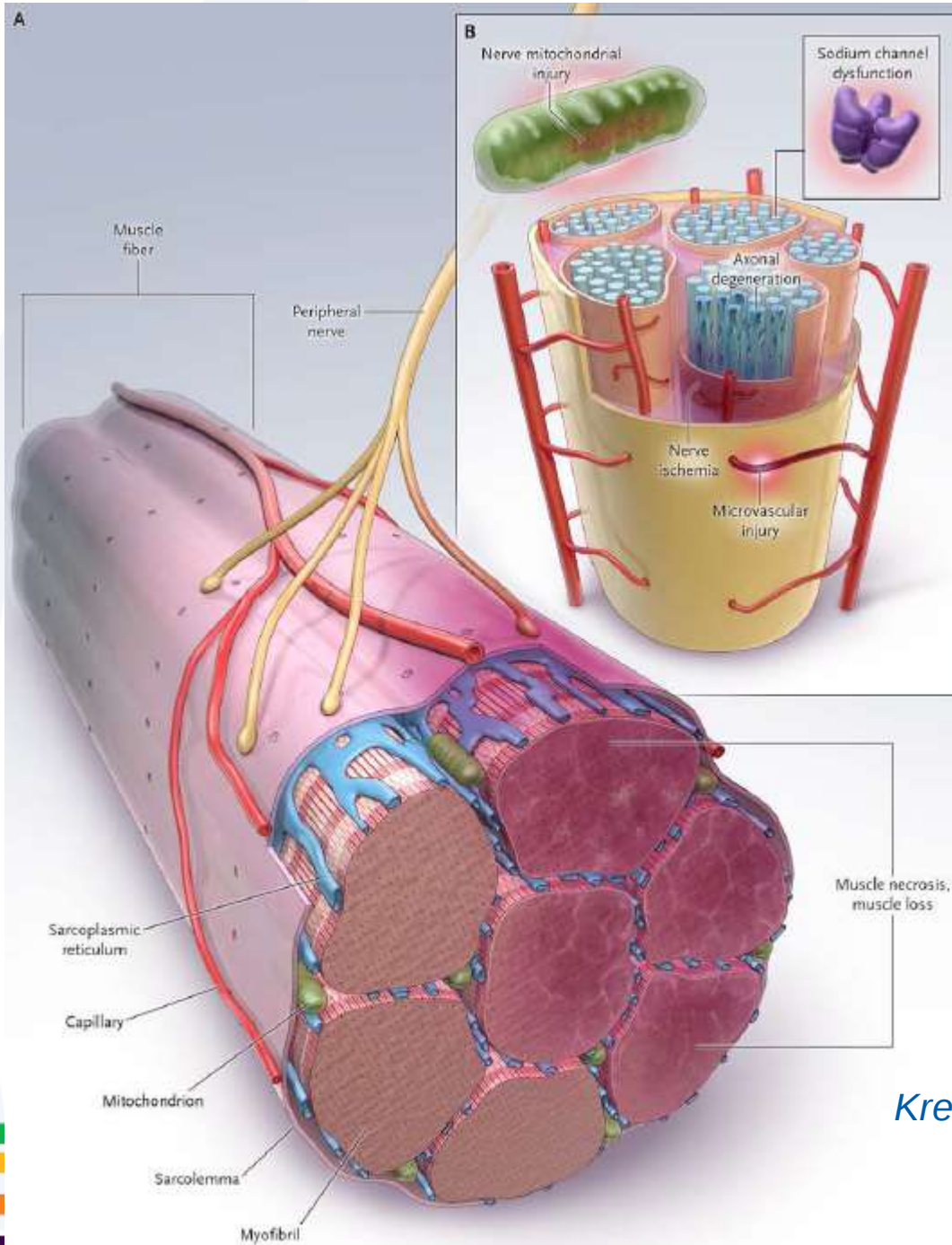
Steroid-Denervation
Myopathy

- muscle immobilization
- muscle hypoexcitability
- severe atrophy
- preferential myosin proteolysis
- disorganized sarcomeres

Putatively distinct pathophysiologic processes separable in animal models that are currently postulated to combine to produce weakness in critically ill patients

Friedrich O et al. *Physiol Rev*.2015; 95:1025-1109





NERVE:

Polyneuropathy with axonal degeneration

- Microvascular injury with nerve ischemia
- Sodium channel dysfunction
- Mitochondrial injury

MUSCLE:

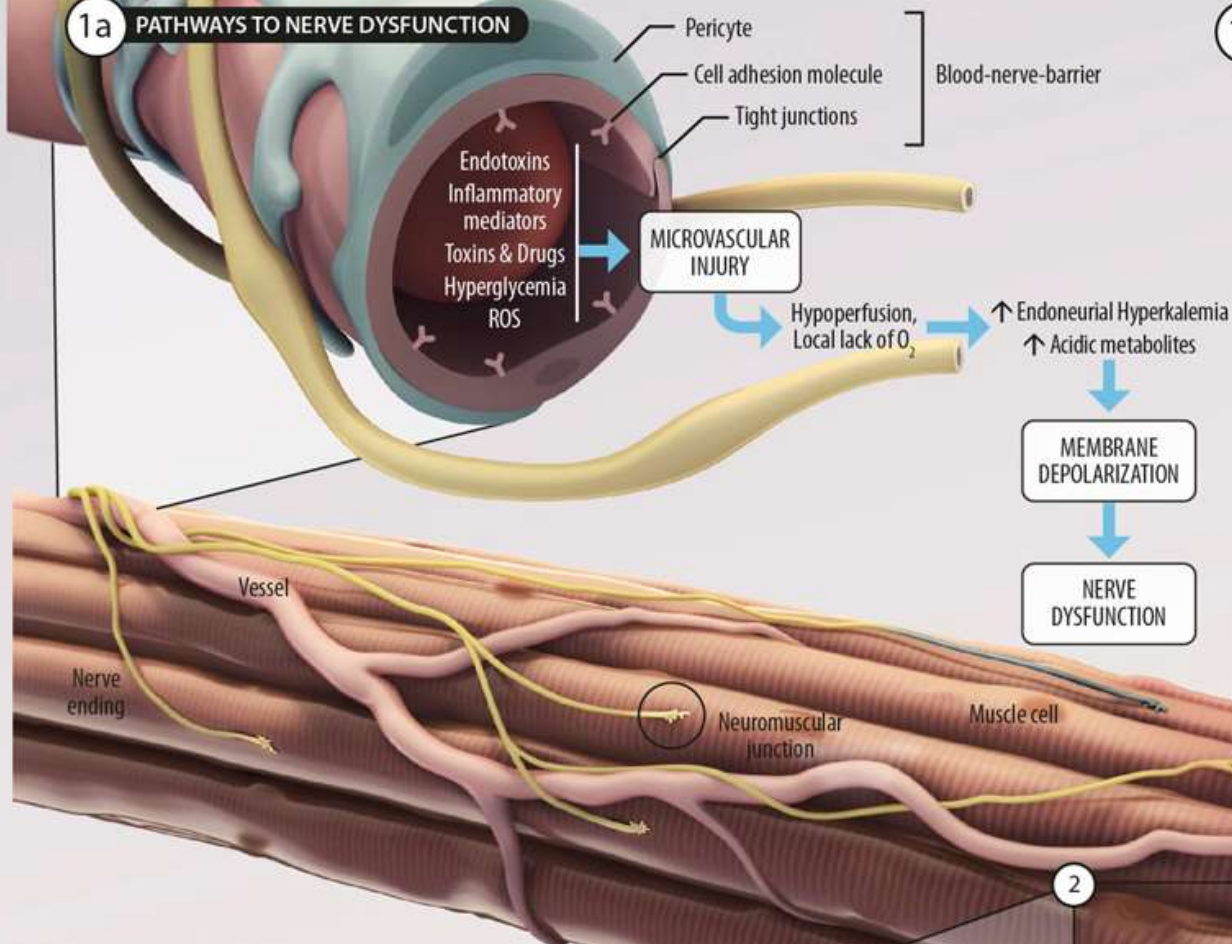
Skeletal muscle wasting

- Microvascular ischemia
- Catabolism
- Immobility

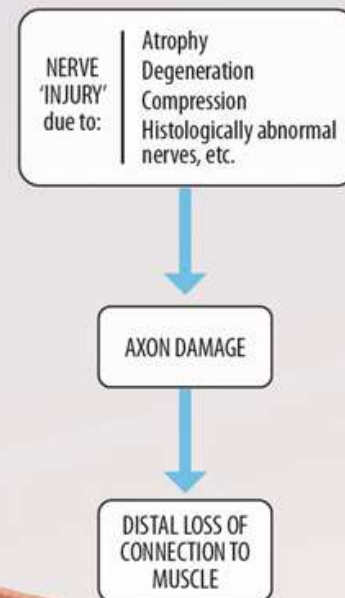
Kress and Hall. NEJM.2014; 370:1626-35

1 | Critical illness polyneuropathy (CIP)

1a PATHWAYS TO NERVE DYSFUNCTION



1b PATHWAYS TO DENERVATION



C.I.N. or C.I.P.

- **Axonal degeneration**

- Microvascular changes in the endoneurium
- Vascular permeability
- Penetration of toxic factors into the nerve ends
- Nerve edema
- Impaired energy delivery to the nerve and axonal death
- Mitochondrial dysfunction

- **Channelopathy (Natrium)**

- **Small Fiber Neuropathy**

- Nonlength-dependent small fiber neuropathy
- Responsible of neuropathic pain, stocking and glove sensory loss, numbness, cold extremities, burning pain.

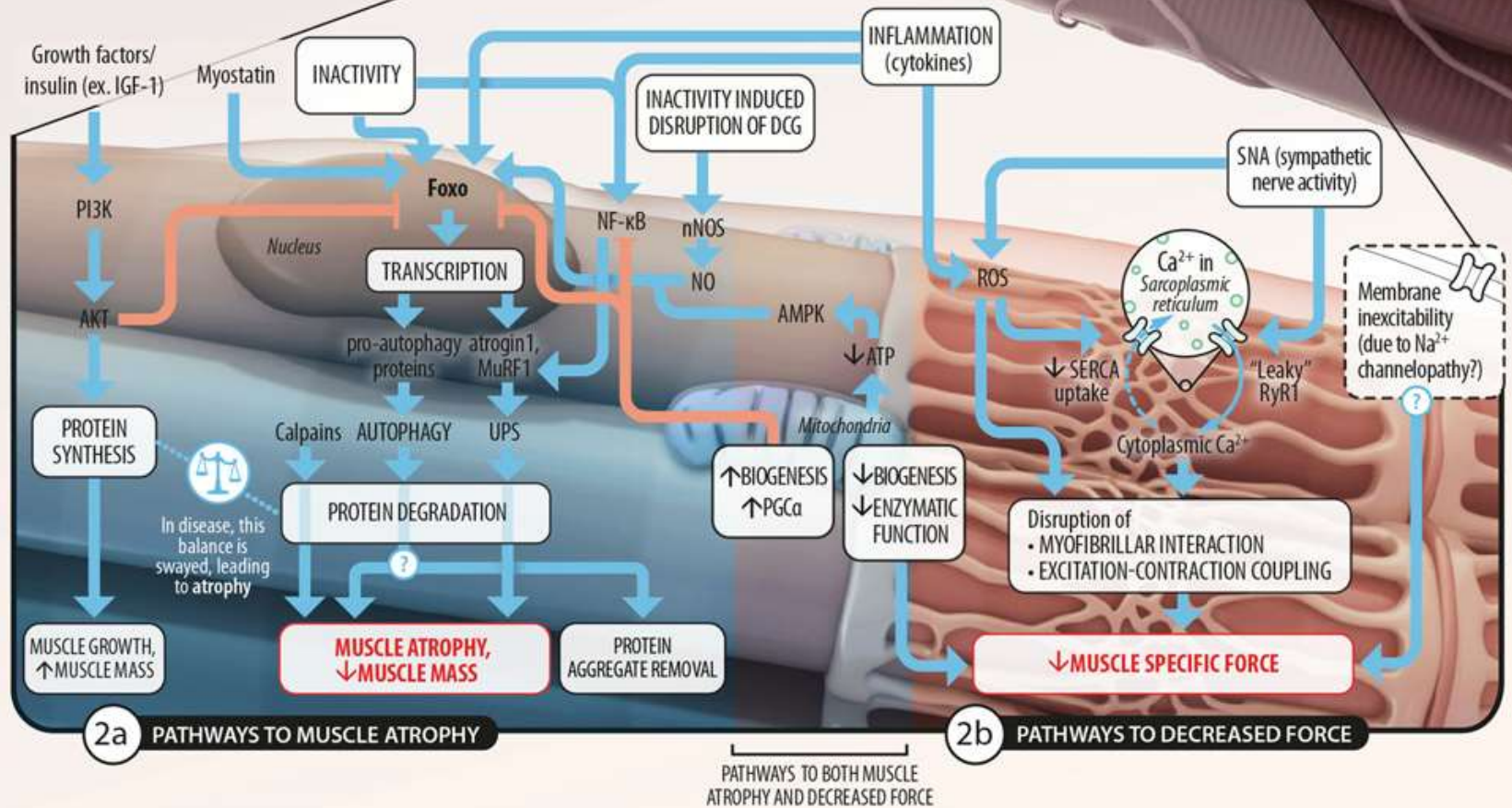
- **Autonomic dysfunction**

- Axonal degeneration of the vagal nerve and sympathetic chain documented on autopsy findings

Hermans G et al. Crit Care.2015; 19:274



2 | Critical illness myopathy (CIM)



Batt et al. AJRCCM.2013; 187(3):238-246

C.I.M.

Inflammation Immobilisation Endocrine stress response Nutrition Deficit Impaired microcirculation Denervation

Protein synthesis / breakdown imbalance



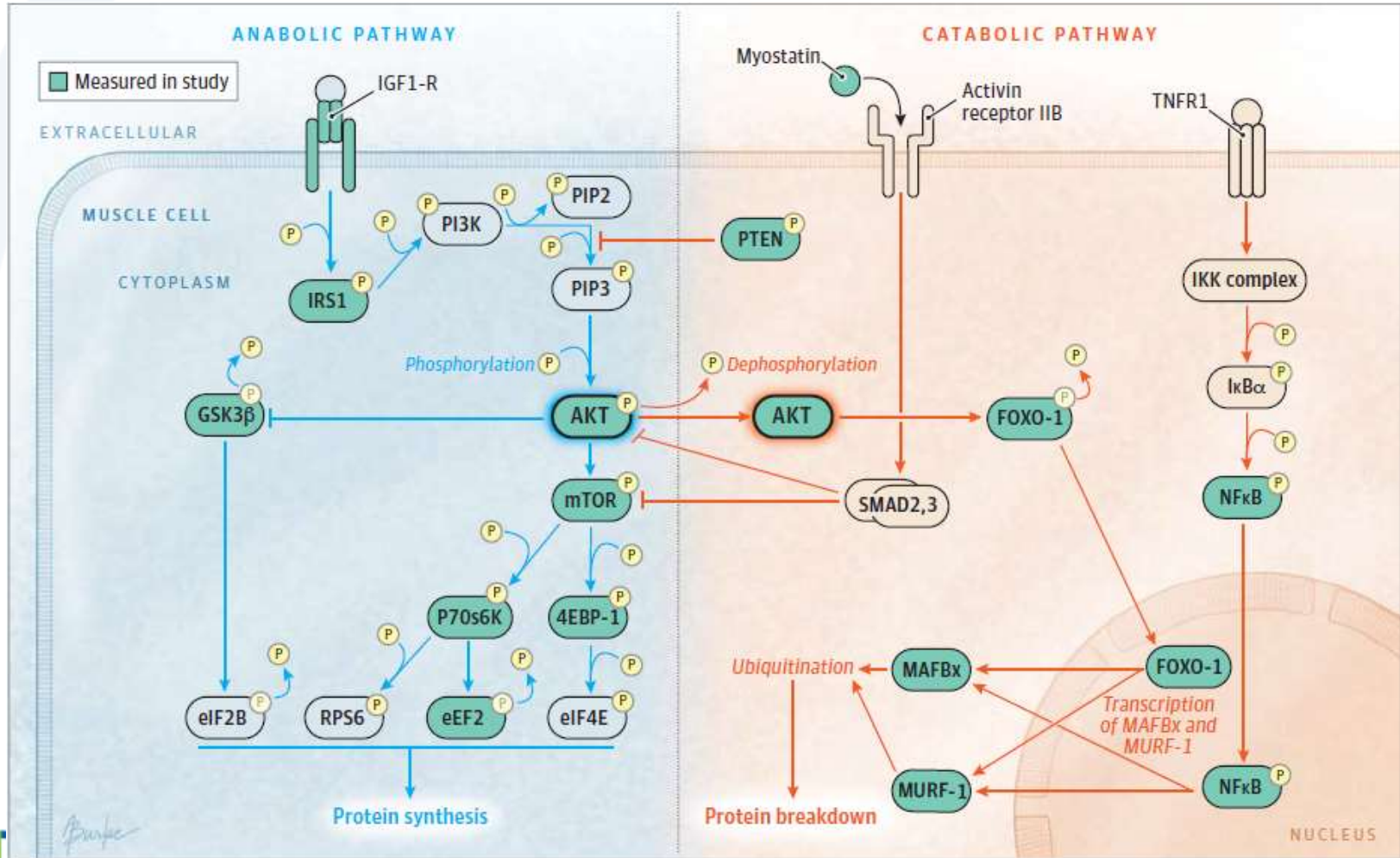
- **Muscle atrophy** (Myosin loss)
- **Disorganisation of sarcomeres**
- **Ultrastructural abnormalities**
- **Electrical hypoexcitability**



Inflammatory Mediator	Molecular Mass, kDa	Effects in Skeletal Muscle
TNF- α (cachectin)	26 (mature secreted form: 17)	Also expressed in type II muscle fibers (550)
		Depolarization of plasma membrane (712)
		Na ⁺ -current inhibition, left shift of Na ⁺ channel activation and inactivation (274)
		Activation of PKC-mediated Na ⁺ channel phosphorylation (148)
		Induces muscle proteolysis and atrophy (148)
		Alters resting Ca ²⁺ levels (decrease in myotubes) (741)
		No change in tetanic Ca ²⁺ amplitudes in muscle fibers (741)
		Decreases Ca ²⁺ transient amplitudes by 50% (in myotubes) (741)
		Depresses tetanic force production in limb and diaphragm muscle (571)
		Activates ubiquitin-proteasome pathway (227,428)
		Increase major histocompatibility complex II surface expression (in combination with IFN- γ) in human muscle cells (359)
		Activation of NF- κ B (573)
		Downregulation of MyoD inhibits myogenic differentiation (280)
IL-1	13–17 (precursors: 33)	Induces insulin resistance in muscle (248)
		Produced by activated macrophages; also expressed in muscle fibers in health (619), following exercise (101), and in inflammatory myopathies (26)
		IL-1 α : primarily membrane-bound
		Associates with RyR1, blocks SR Ca ²⁺ -release, and decreases SR Ca ²⁺ leak in muscle fibers (220)
		IL-1 β : secreted form
		Upregulates iNOS expression (4)
IL-6	23–30 (glycosylation diversity)	Induces skeletal muscle proteolysis [IL-1 α (785), but maybe not IL-1 β (228)]
		Stimulates IL-6 production in skeletal muscle cells (IL-1 β) (445)
		Stimulates prostaglandin E ₂ (PGE ₂) production and proteolysis (250)
		Ubiquitin gene expression $\uparrow$ (437) or $\leftrightarrow$ (228)
		Inhibition of protein synthesis (132)
		Produced by activated macrophages and T-cells, tumor cells, but also produced by muscle fibers (type I > type II) (550)
IL-10	18 (unglycosylated in humans)	No effect on ubiquitin expression (437)
		Promotes infiltration of myocytes with prostaglandins (780)
		Both pro- and anti-inflammatory actions in critical illness (24)
		Induces skeletal muscle protein breakdown (in rats) (259)
IFN- γ	20–25	Reduces insulin-stimulated glucose uptake in muscle (364)
		Anti-inflammatory cytokine (780)
		Prevents skeletal muscle from IL-6-induced defects in insulin action (364)
		Produced by activated T-cells and natural killer cells but also in muscle fibers following muscle injury (118)
		Required for muscle regeneration (118)
		Inhibits protein translation in muscle by stimulating NO synthase activity (223)
		Modulator of TNF- α signaling in muscle (myotubes: downregulation of TNF-R2 and increased NF- κ B activity) (710)
		Ubiquitin gene expression $\uparrow$ (437)

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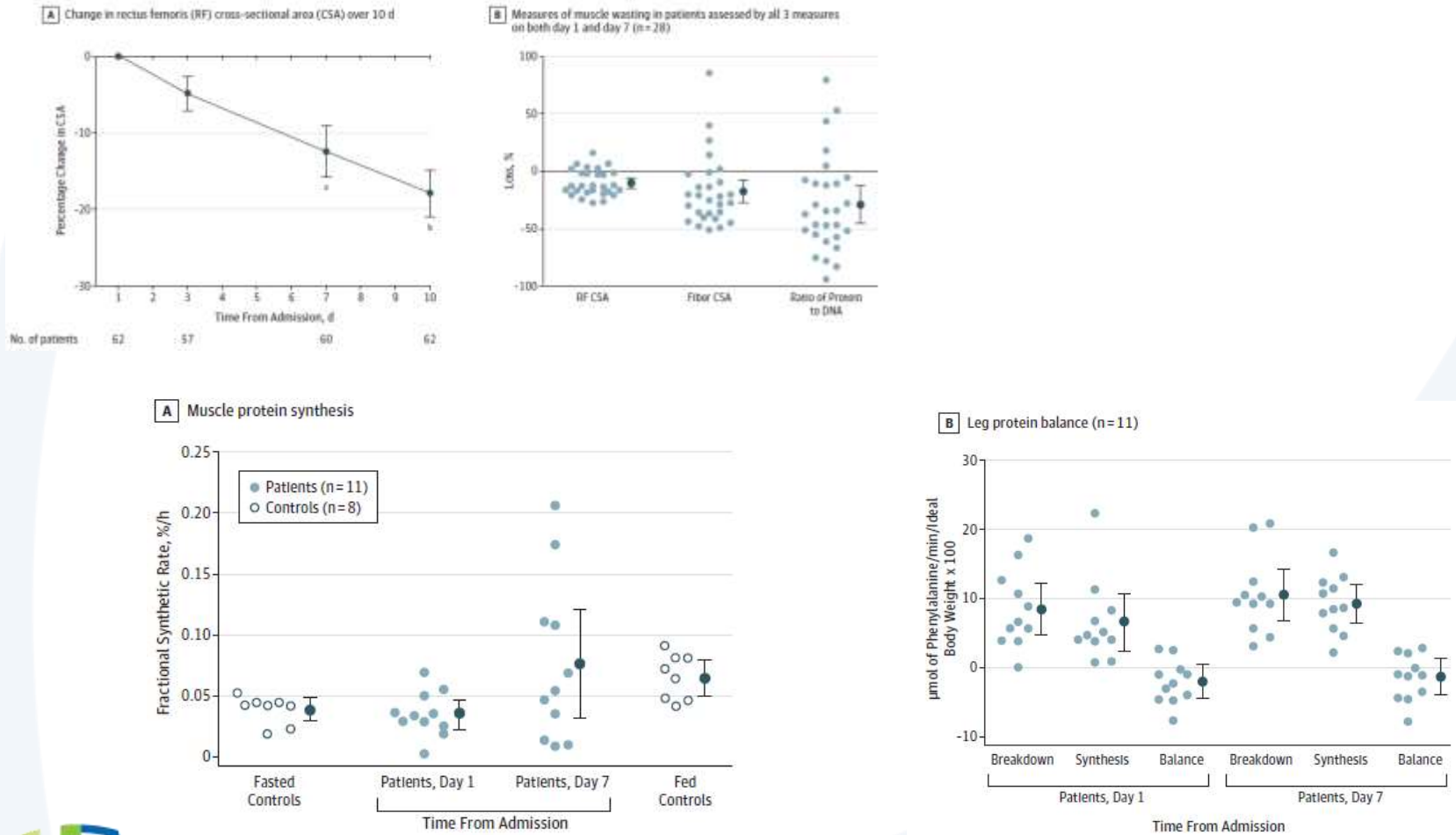
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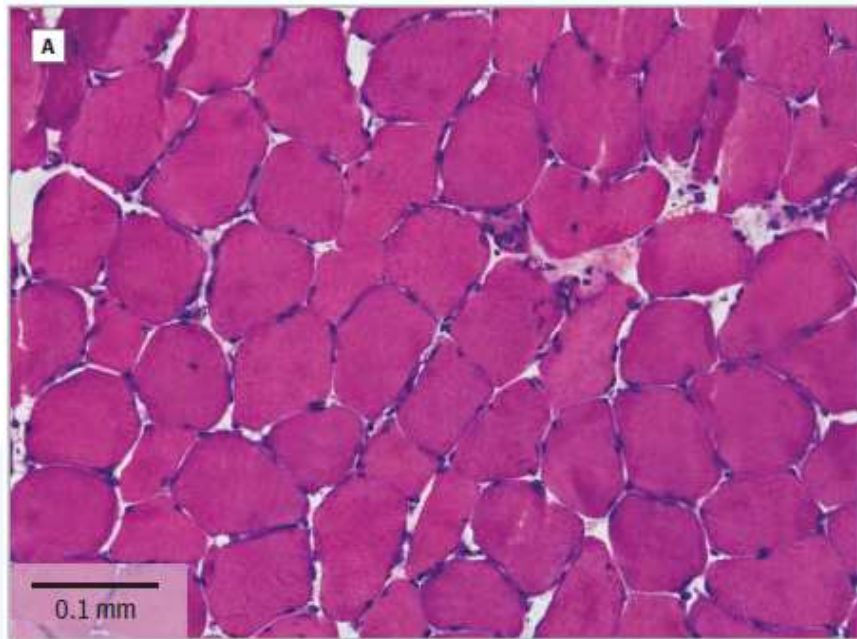
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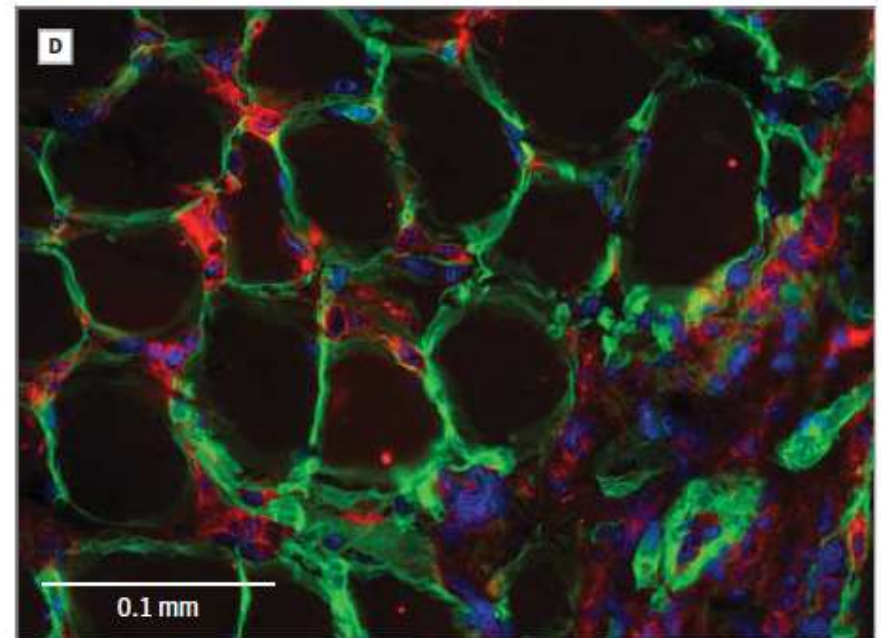
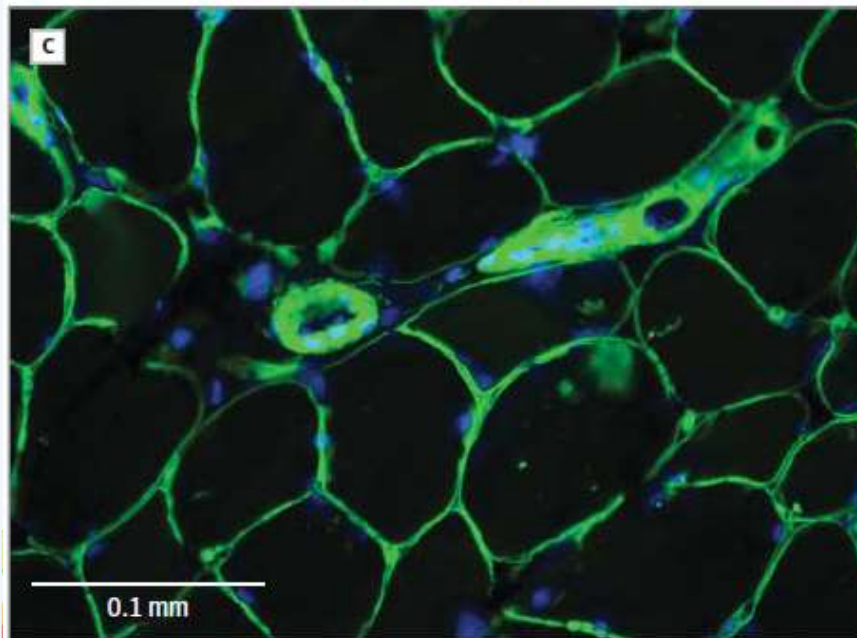
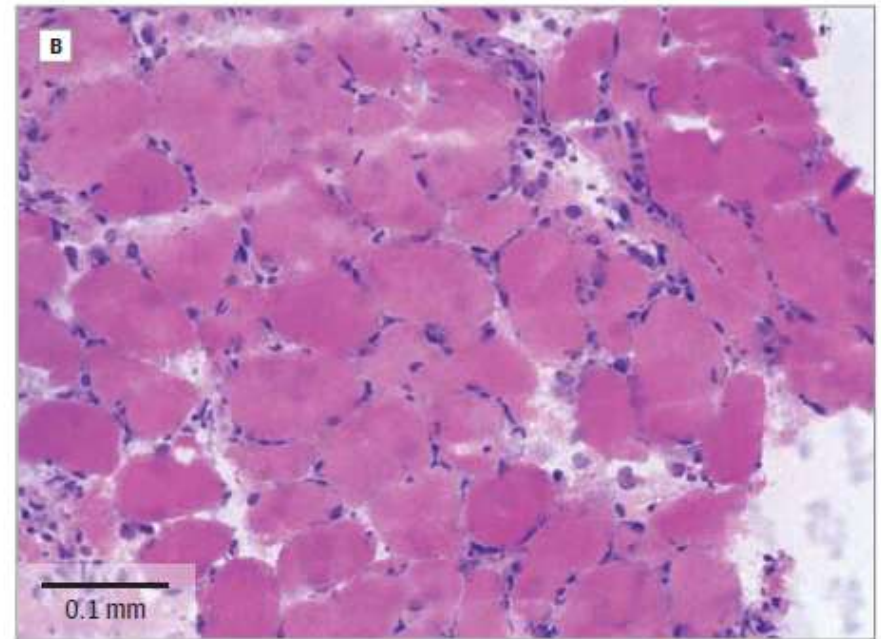
Figure 2. Measurements of Muscle Wasting During Critical Illness



Day 1



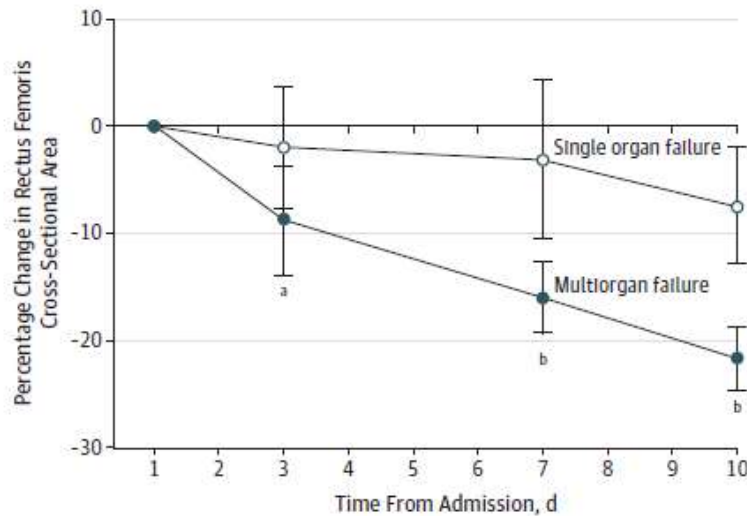
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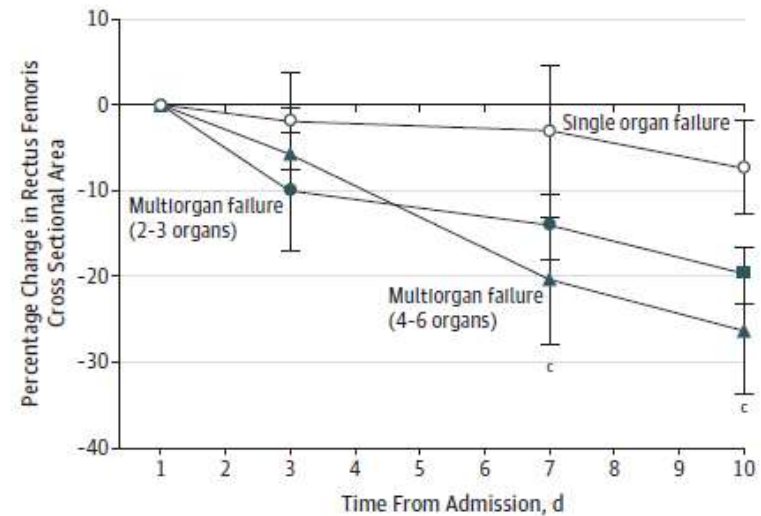
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A Single vs multiorgan failure



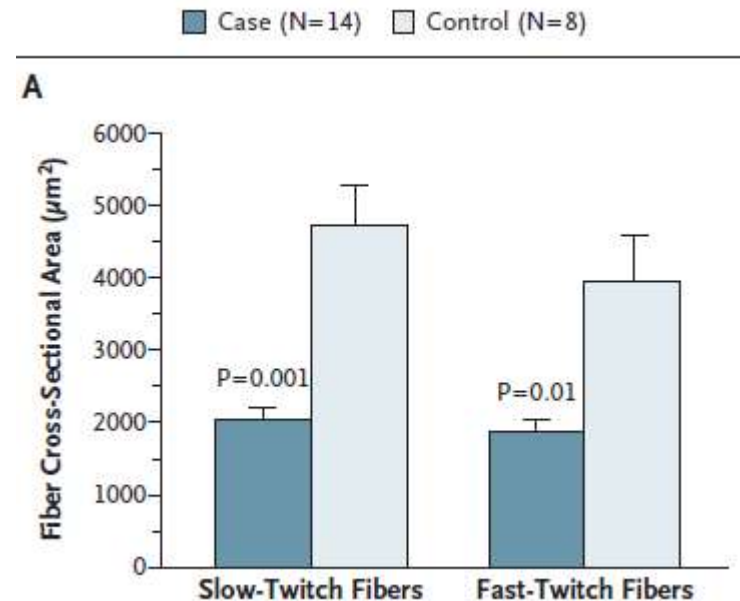
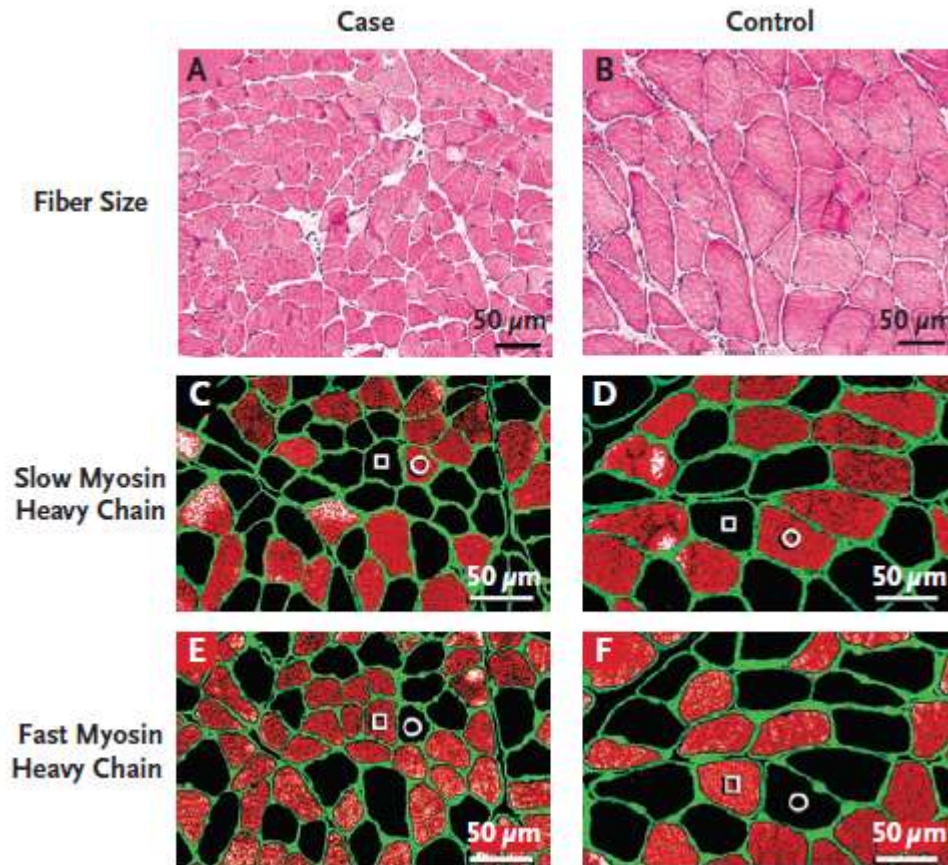
No. of patients				
Single organ failure	15	14	15	15
Multiorgan failure	47	43	45	47

B Single vs multiorgan failure



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Multiorgan failure				
2-3 Organs	33	31	32	33
4-6 Organs	14	12	13	14

Rapid Disuse Atrophy of Diaphragm Fibers in Mechanically Ventilated Humans



Levine S et al. NEJM.2008; 358:1327-35

DIAGNOSIS

An Official American Thoracic Society Clinical Practice Guideline: The Diagnosis of Intensive Care Unit–acquired Weakness in Adults

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- Physical Examination (Manual Muscle Testing – MRC Score)
- Electromyography
- Nerve Conduction Studies
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- Muscle or Nerve Biopsy

Fan et al. AJRCCM.2014; 190(12):1437-46



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*lack of consensus on surveillance, diagnostic method,
timing of evaluation*

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Physical Examination (Manual Muscle Testing – MRC Score)

Table 1 Medical Research Council sum score

Muscle group evaluated

Wrist extension
Elbow flexion
Shoulder abduction
Dorsiflexion foot
Knee extension
Hip flexion

Appointed score

0, no visible/palpable contraction
1, visible/palpable contraction without movement of the limb
2, movement of the limb, but not against gravity
3, movement against gravity
4, movement against gravity and some resistance
5, normal

- The sum score ranges between 0 and 60
- ICUAW when MRC < 48
- Diagnosis of CIP or CIM ???
- Patient needs to be awake and cooperative
- Objectivity ?

Hermans G et al. Crit Care.2015; 19:274



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Physical Examination (Manual Muscle Testing – MRC Score)

Table 3. Diagnostic criteria for ICUAW

- 1) Generalized weakness developing after the onset of critical illness
 - 2) Weakness is diffuse (involving both proximal and distal muscles), symmetric, flaccid, and generally spares cranial nerves^a
 - 3) MRC sumscore (82) <48, or mean MRC score (80) <4 in all testable muscle groups noted on ≥ 2 occasions separated by >24 hrs
 - 4) Dependence on mechanical ventilation
 - 5) Causes of weakness not related to the underlying critical illness have been excluded
- Minimum criteria for diagnosing ICUAW: 1, 2, 3 or 4, 5

Stevens RD et al. Crit Care Med.2009; 37: S299-S308



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ELECTROMYOGRAPHY and NERVE CONDUCTION STUDIES

EMG Characteristics of ICUAW

Characteristic	CIP	CIM
CMAP	Low amplitude	At least 1 low amplitude Variable duration
Sensory nerve action potentials	Low amplitude or absent	Normal
dmCMAP	Low	Low
Nerve-evoked CMAP-to-dmCMAP ratio	< 0.5	> 0.5
Fibrillation potentials (reflect denervation)	Found in distal and proximal muscles in multifocal pattern with variable severity May be found in 30% of diaphragm	Found in at least 1 muscle in 71% to 100% of patients May be diffuse
Motor unit recruitment	Decreased	Early and full May be of short duration and low amplitude

Zorowitz RD. Chest.2016; 150(4):966-71



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ELECTROMYOGRAPHY and NERVE CONDUCTION STUDIES



Single Fibular Nerve Conduction Study

Quick, Safe, Easy

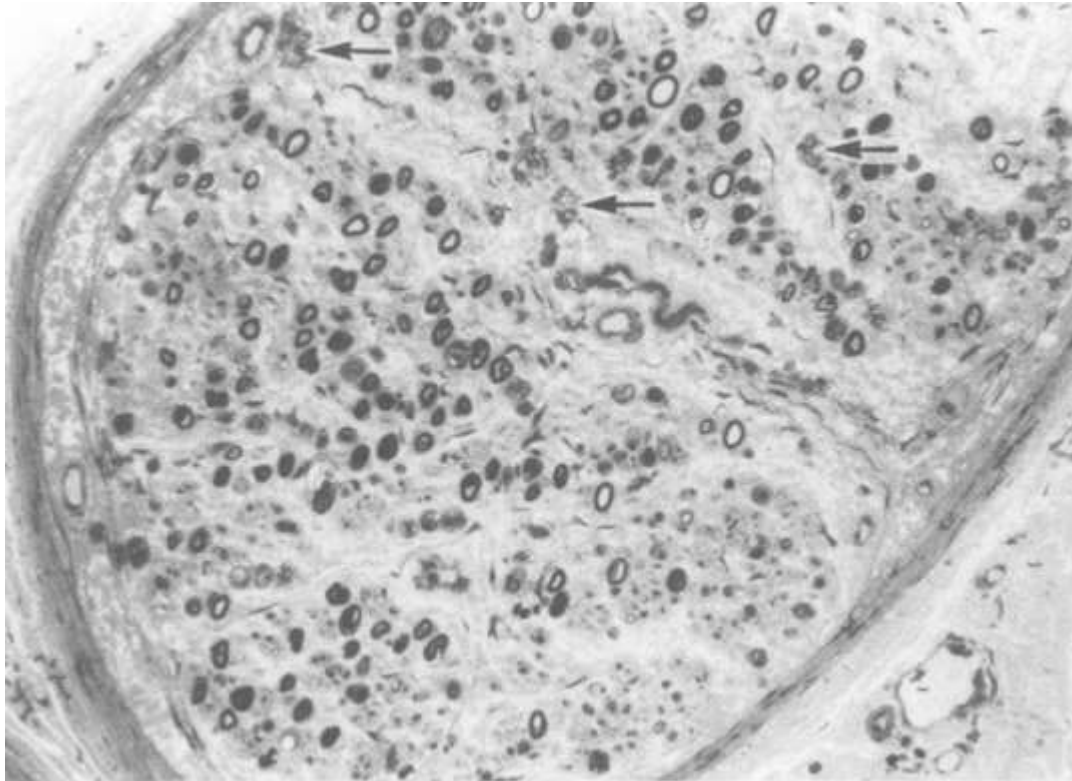
Common peroneal (fibular) compound motoneural action potential is measured using 2 surface electrode;
Progressive increase in stimulus intensity until maximal CMAP is achieved.

Jolley SE. Chest.2016; 150(5):1129-40



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BIOPSY



Bolton CF et al. J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry.1985; 47(11):1223-31



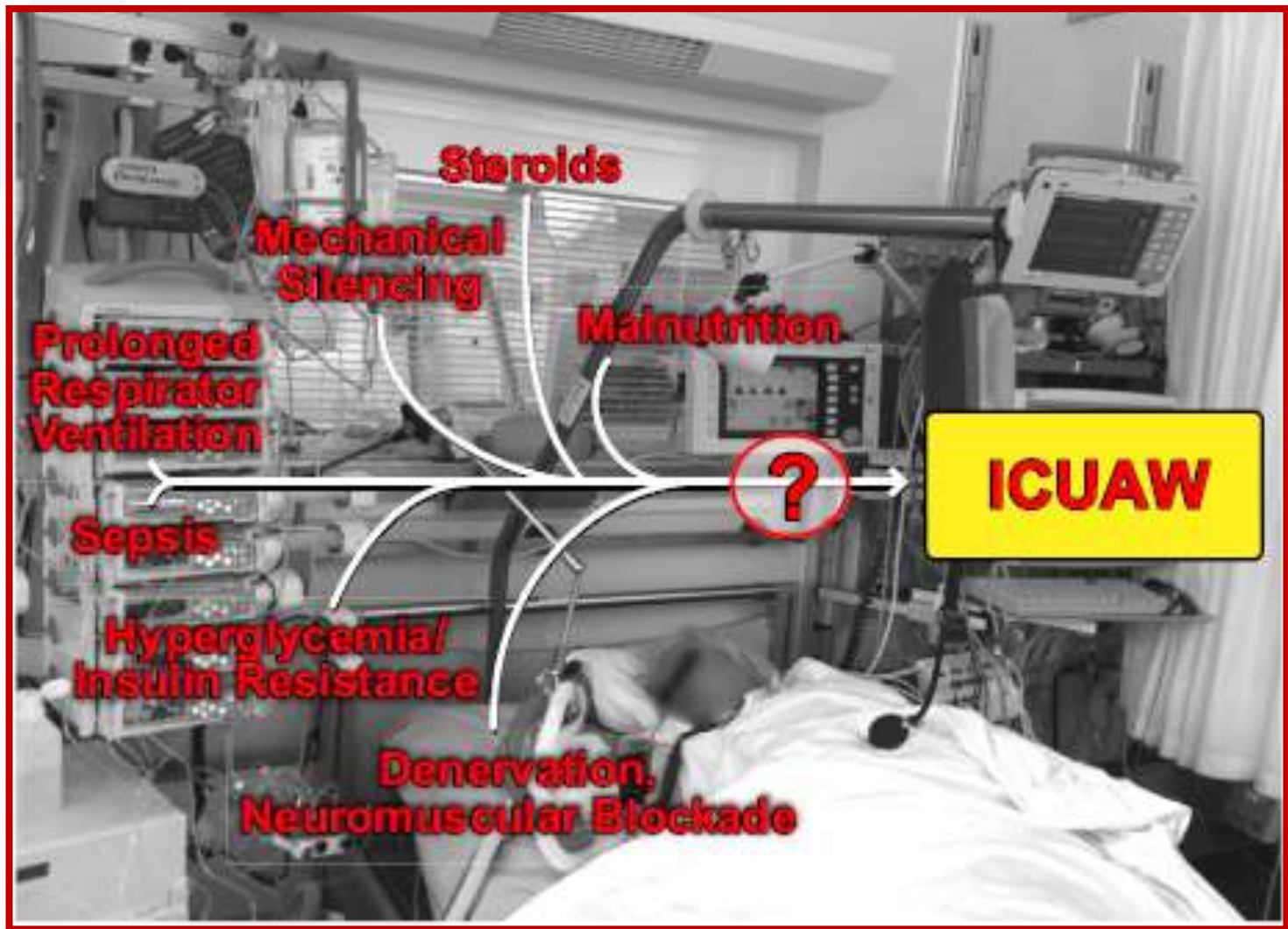
Modality	Potential Benefits	Potential Limitations
Full NCSs with EMG	• Part of the gold standard definition of CIM and CIP • Associated with functional outcomes	• Time intensive • Expensive • Moderately invasive • Requires technical expertise • Potentially limited by tissue edema or electrical interference • Requires patient participation for full EMG
Single NCSs	• Quick to perform • Minimally invasive • Less cost than full NCS • Associated with functional outcomes	• Requires technical expertise • Potentially limited by tissue edema or electrical interference
Muscle biopsy	• Depicts muscle architecture • Differentiates CIM from CIP • Part of gold standard for diagnosis of CIM	• Invasive • Expensive • Potentially painful • Requires technical expertise • Requires pathologist support for interpretation • Patient refusal common • Risk of bleeding and/or infection
Muscle ultrasound	• Depicts gross muscle architecture • Noninvasive and comfortable for the patient • Does not require patient participation • Inexpensive once ultrasound machine is obtained • Good interrater reliability • Readily available in most ICU settings	• Requires technical expertise • Diagnostic accuracy and functional significance for CIM and CIP not yet clear • May be limited in patients who are obese or severely edematous
MRC manual muscle strength testing	• Easy to administer • Minimal expertise necessary • Cheap • Direct functional significance	• Relies on patient cooperation • Interrater variation • Ceiling effect after hospital discharge

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RISK FACTORS

- MECHANICAL VENTILATION
- MUSCLE IMMOBILIZATION
- SEPSIS (SEVERE SEPSIS)
- MULTIPLE ORGAN DYSFUNCTION
- NEURO-MYOTOXIC AGENTS





Friedrich O et al. Physiol Rev.2015; 95:1025-1109



STERIODS ???

Efficacy and Safety of Corticosteroids for Persistent Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

N Engl J Med 2006;354:1671-84.

Neuromyopathy — no./ total no. (%)			0.18
Retrospective review	10/43 (23)	15/44 (34)	
Prospective review	11/48 (23)	11/44 (25)	0.67
Overall	21/91 (22)	26/88 (30)	0.20

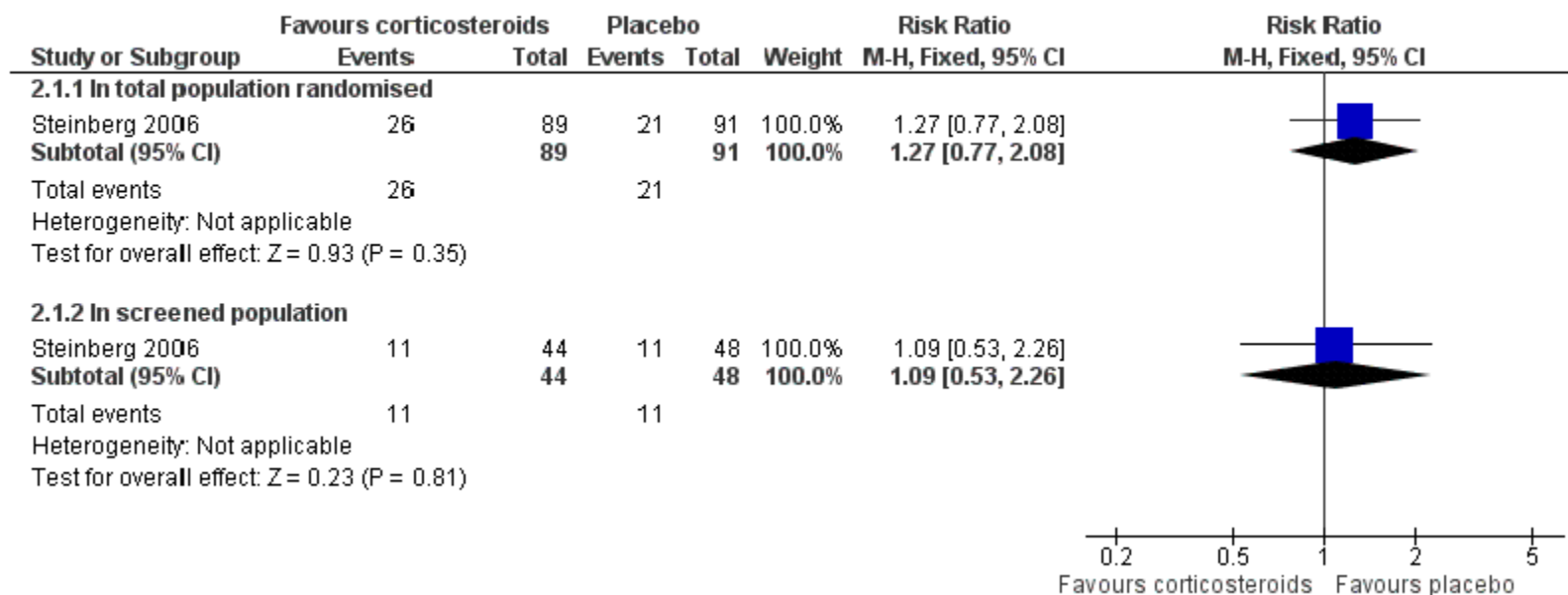
Effect of Hydrocortisone on Development of Shock Among Patients With Severe Sepsis The HYPRESS Randomized Clinical Trial

JAMA. 2016;316(17):1775-1785.

MRC Scale for Muscle Strength score available, No. (%)	151 (79.9)	150 (80.6)	301 (80.3)	.86
Muscle weakness, No. (%) ^b	36 (23.8)	46 (30.7)	82 (27.2)	.18

STEROIDS ???

Figure 4. Forest plot of comparison: 2 Corticosteroids versus placebo, outcome: 2.1 Occurrence of CIP/CIM.



Hermans G et al. Cochrane Database Syst Rev.2014;CD006832

N.M.B.A. ???

Neuromuscular Blockers in Early Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

N Engl J Med 2010;363:1107-16.

MRC score — median (IQR)§

At day 28	55 (46–60)	55 (39–60)	1.07 (0.80–1.45)	0.49
At ICU discharge	55 (43–60)	55 (44–60)	0.92 (0.71–1.19)	0.94



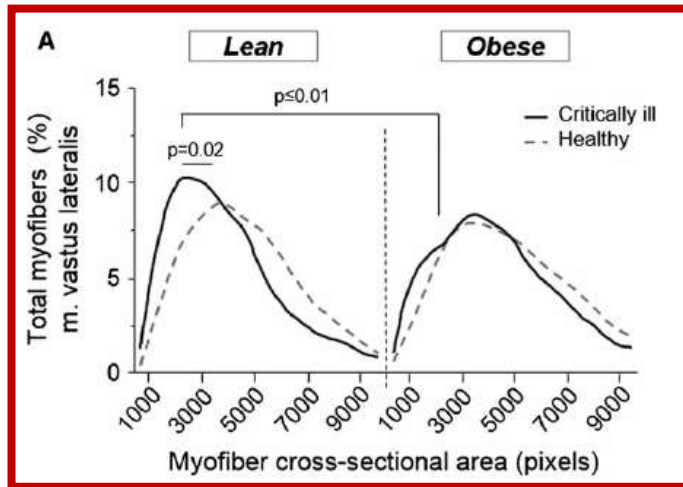
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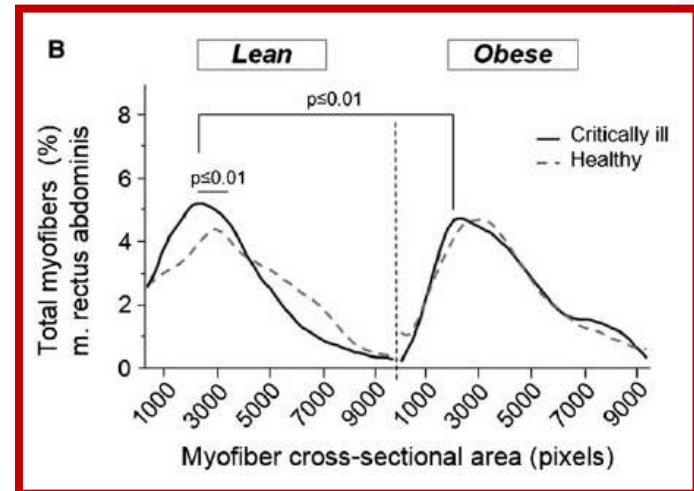
NUTRITION STATUS

Premorbid obesity, but not nutrition, prevents critical illness-induced muscle wasting and weakness

- Mice study
- Critical Care Patients study / D7



In Vivo biopsies of the vastus lateralis



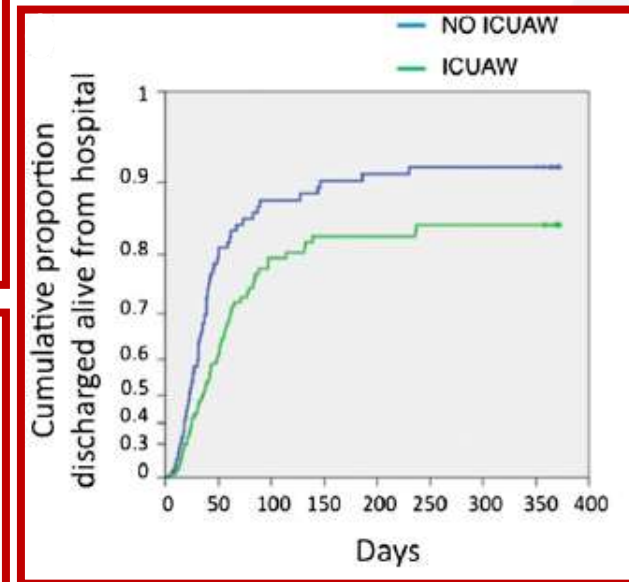
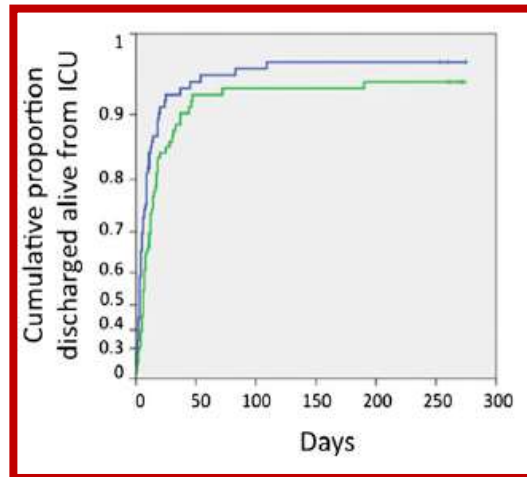
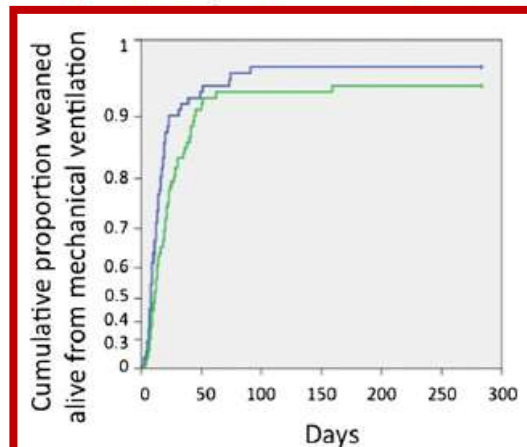
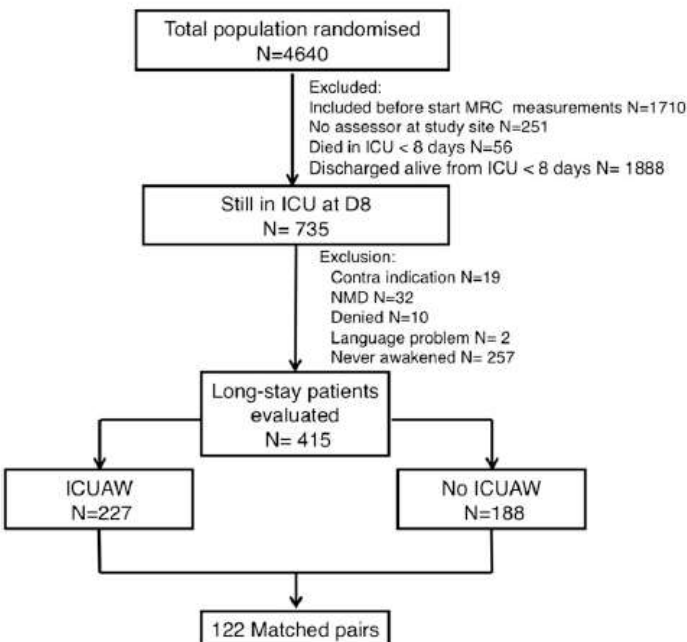
Post mortem biopsies of the rectus abdominis

Goossens C et al. *J Cachexia Sarcopenia Muscle* .2016; in press



Acute Outcomes and 1-Year Mortality of Intensive Care Unit-acquired Weakness

A Cohort Study and Propensity-matched Analysis

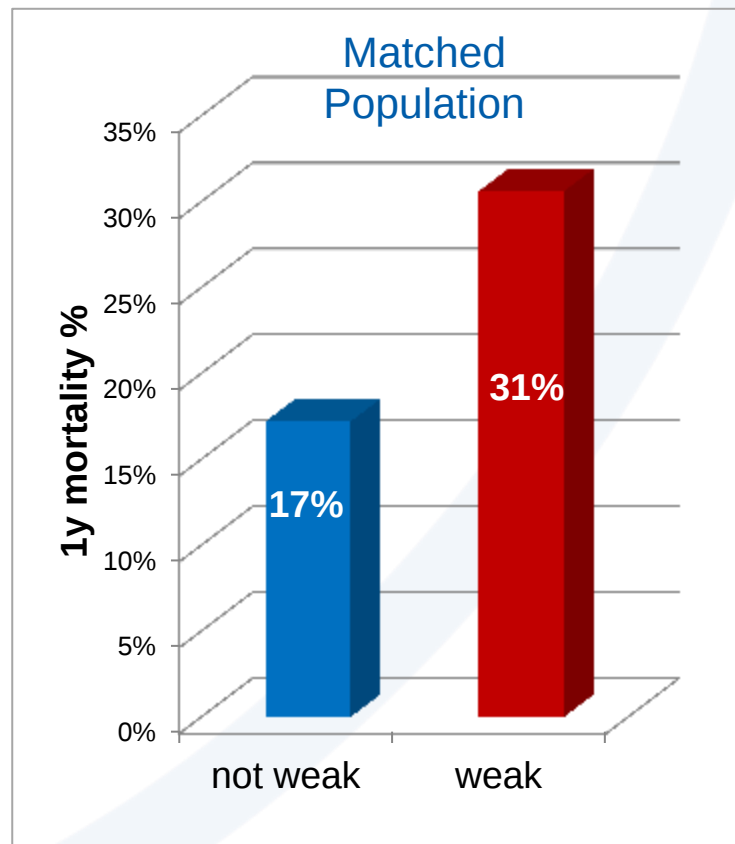
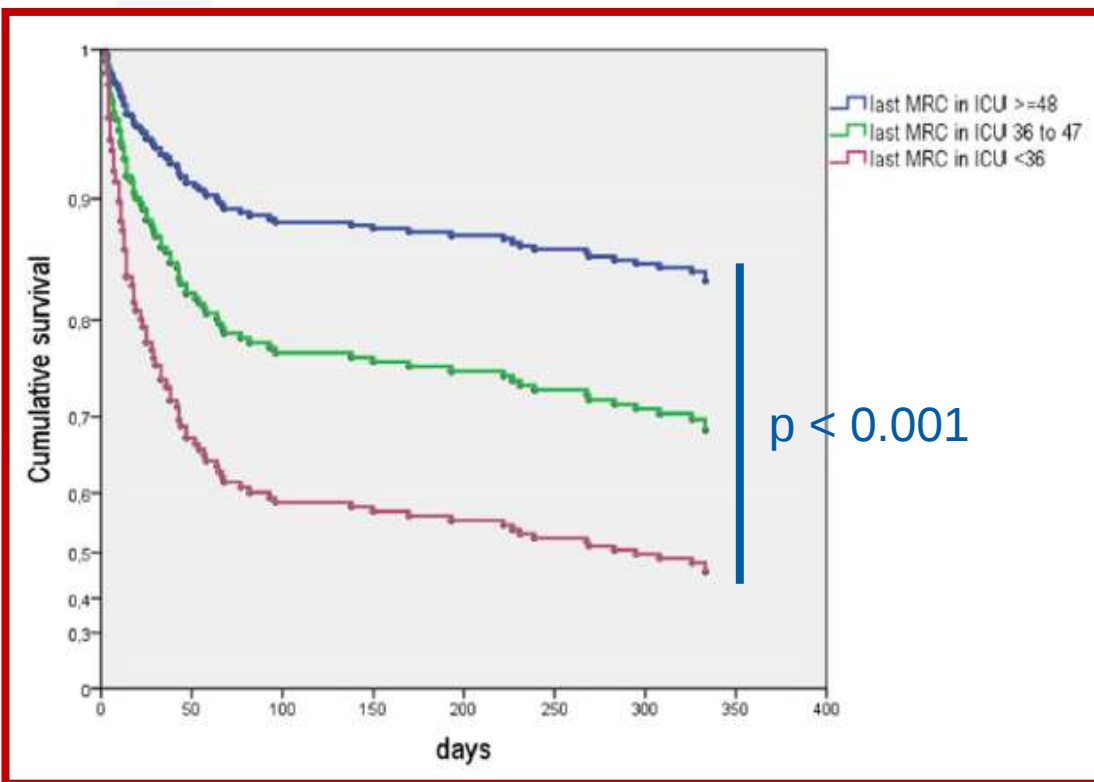


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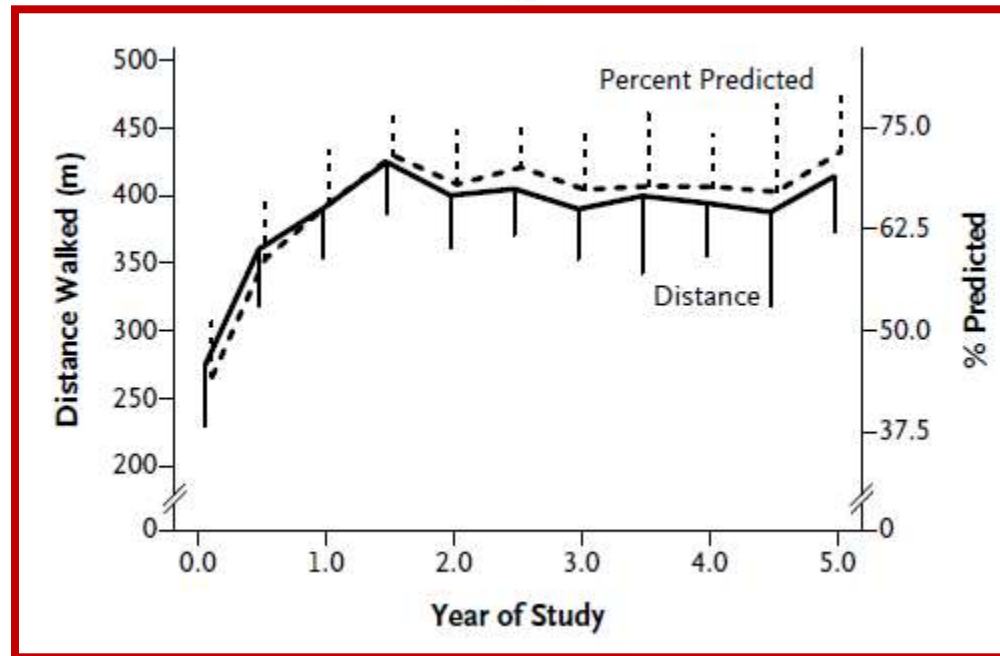
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Functional Disability 5 Years after Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome



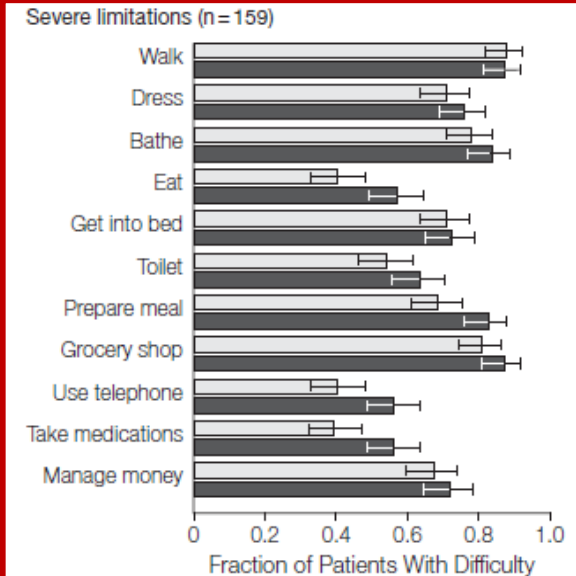
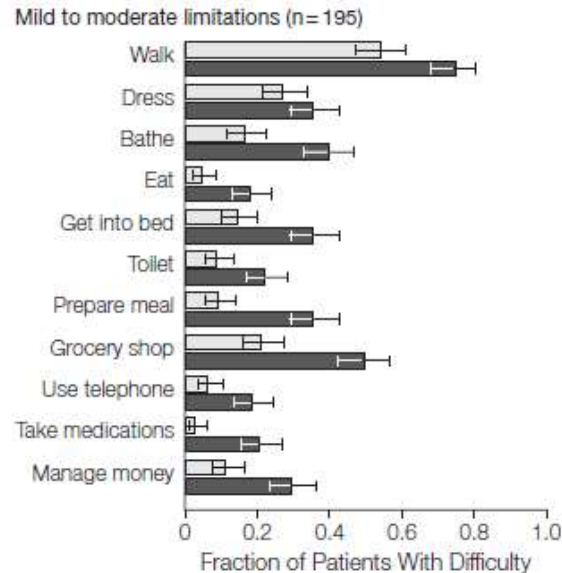
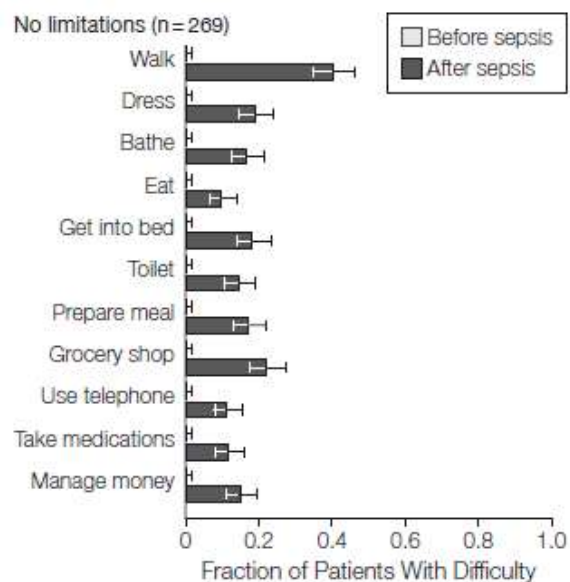
Distance walked in 6 min§

Median — m	422	416	418	406	436
Interquartile range	277–510	285–496	311–474	314–488	324–512
Percent of predicted¶	66	68	67	71	76

Herridge MS et al. N Engl J Med.2011;364: 1293-304



Long-term Cognitive Impairment and Functional Disability Among Survivors of Severe Sepsis



Iwashyna et al. JAMA.2010; 304(16): 1787-94





Interventions for preventing critical illness polyneuropathy and critical illness myopathy (Review)

Authors' conclusions

There is moderate quality evidence from two large trials that **intensive insulin therapy reduces CIP/CIM**, and high quality evidence that it reduces duration of mechanical ventilation, ICU stay and 180-day mortality, at the expense of hypoglycaemia. Consequences and prevention of hypoglycaemia need further study. There is moderate quality evidence which suggests **no effect of corticosteroids on CIP/CIM** and high quality evidence that steroids do not affect secondary outcomes, except for fewer new shock episodes. Moderate quality evidence suggests a **potential benefit of early rehabilitation on CIP/CIM** which is accompanied by a shorter duration of mechanical ventilation but without an effect on ICU stay. Very low quality evidence suggests no effect of EMS, although data are prone to bias. Strict diagnostic criteria for CIP/CIM are urgently needed for research purposes. Large RCTs need to be conducted to further explore the role of early rehabilitation and EMS and to develop new preventive strategies.

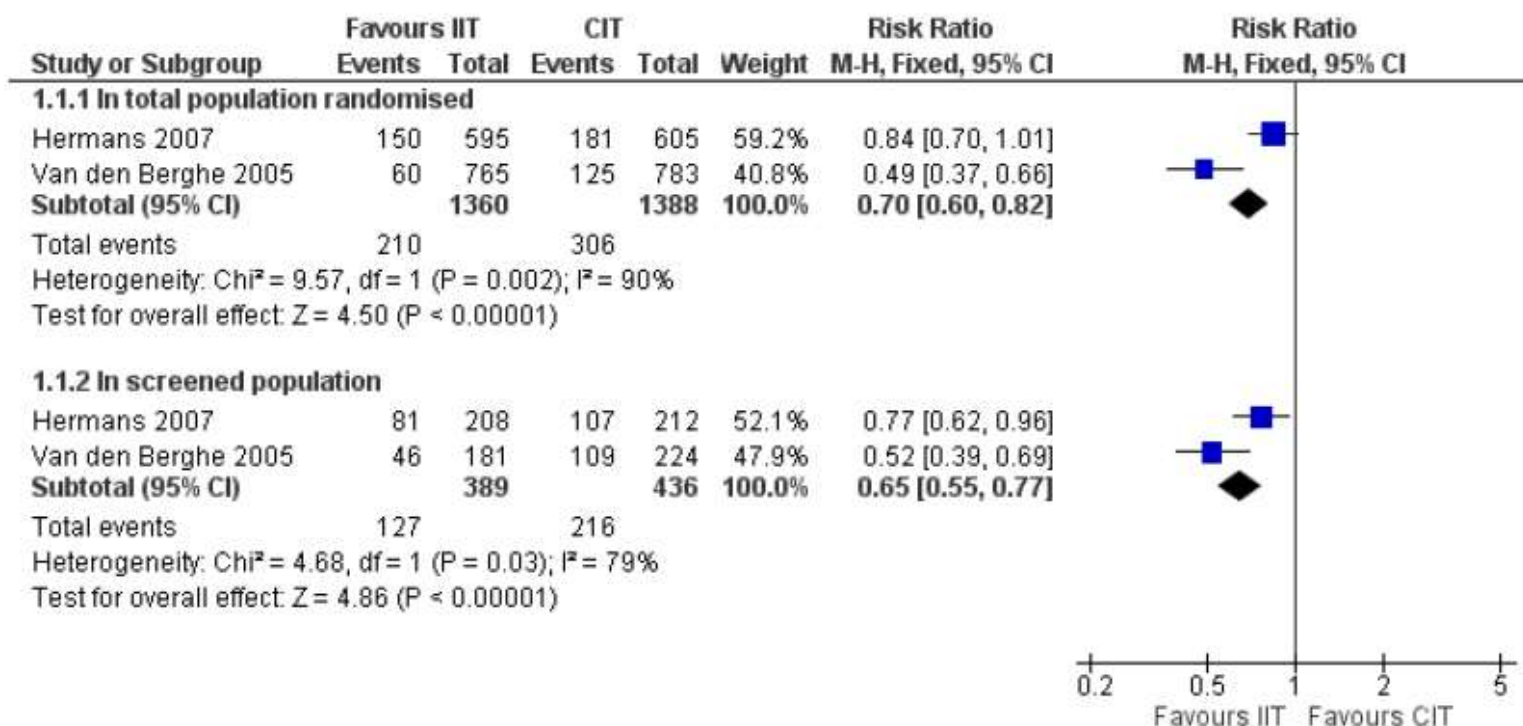
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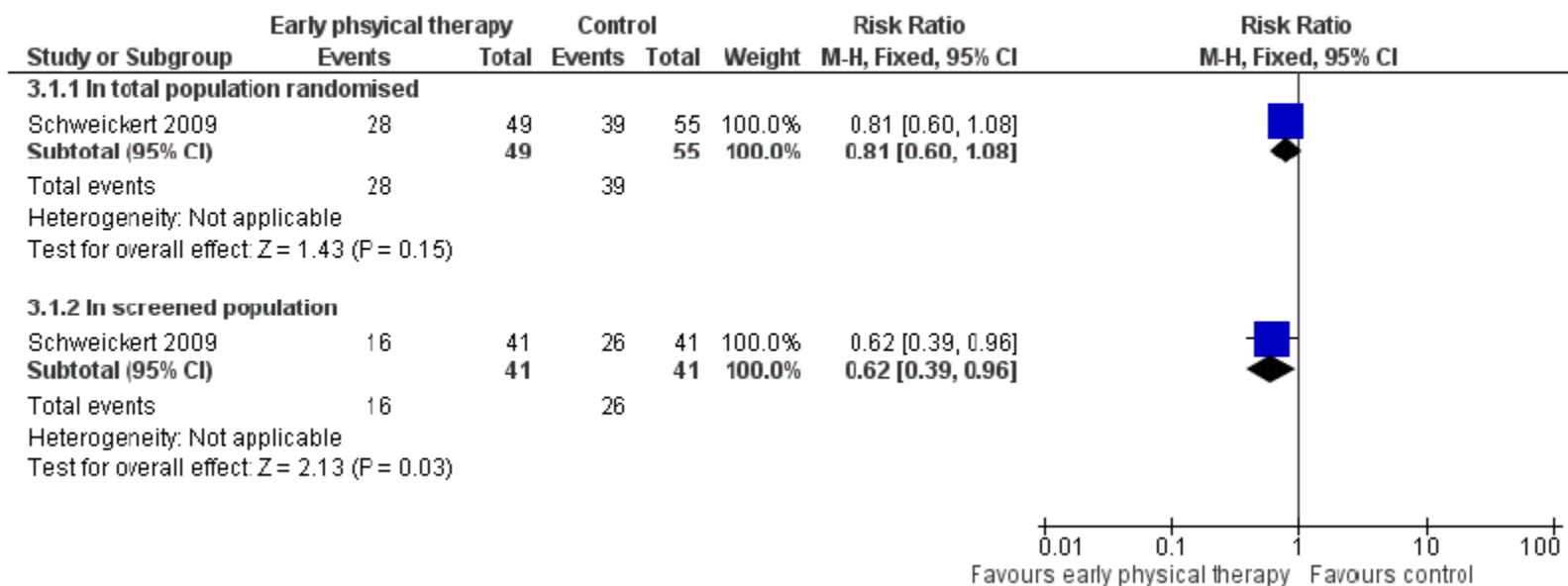
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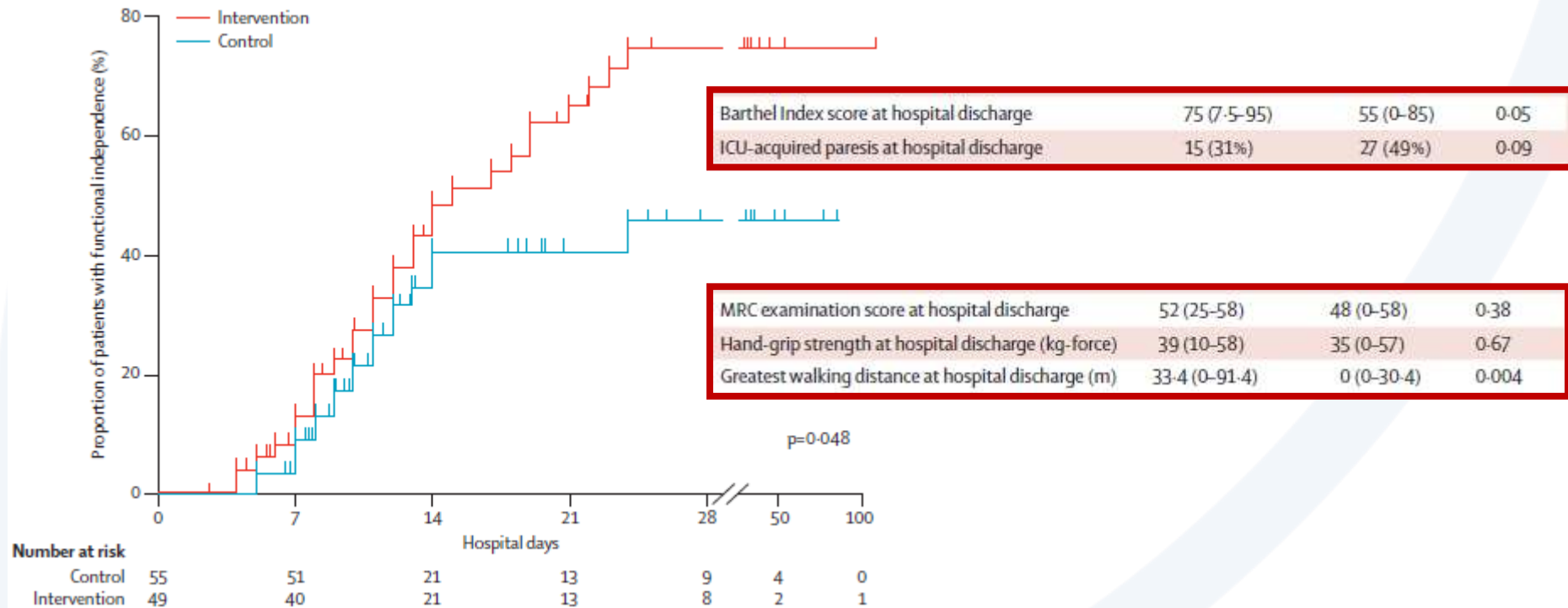
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Figure 5. Forest plot of comparison: 6 Early physical therapy versus control, outcome: 6.1 Occurrence of CIP/CIM.



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CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE Post-ICU hospital-based rehabilitation, including increased physical and nutritional therapy plus information provision, did not improve physical recovery or HRQOL, but improved patient satisfaction with many aspects of recovery.

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Restorative mechanisms regulating protein balance in skeletal muscle during recovery from sepsis

Sepsis recovery mouse model

Male C57BL/6 mice

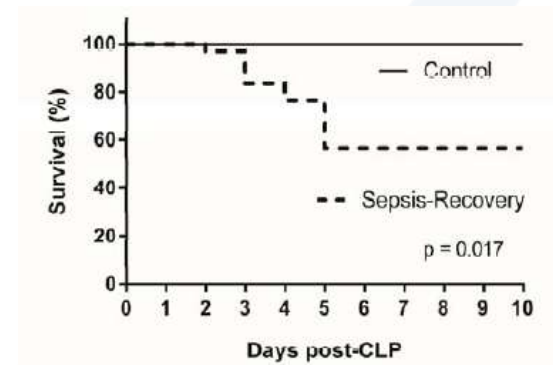
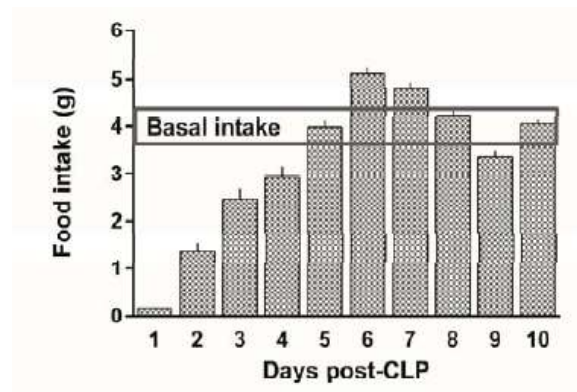
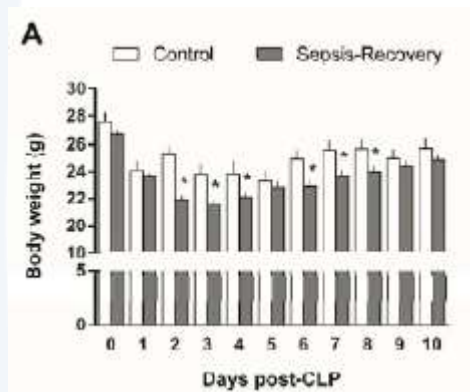
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H24: antibiotics

H48: surgery

D10: in vivo protein synthesis measurement

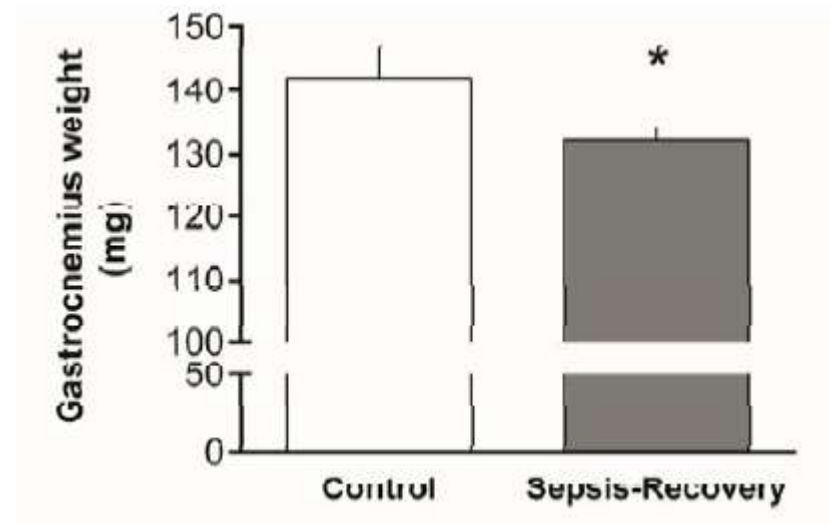
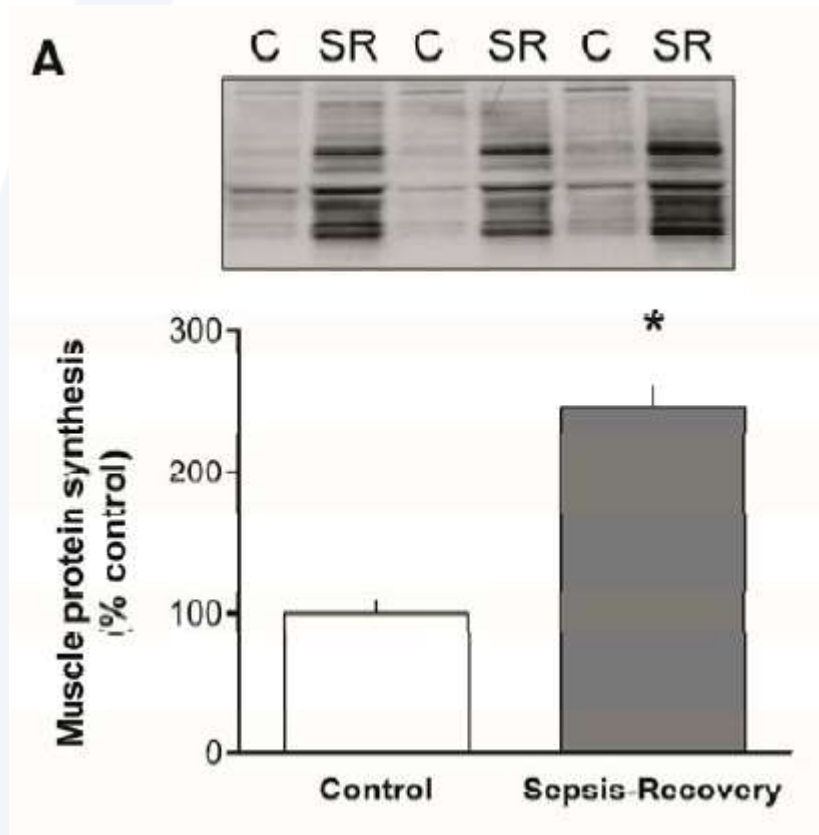
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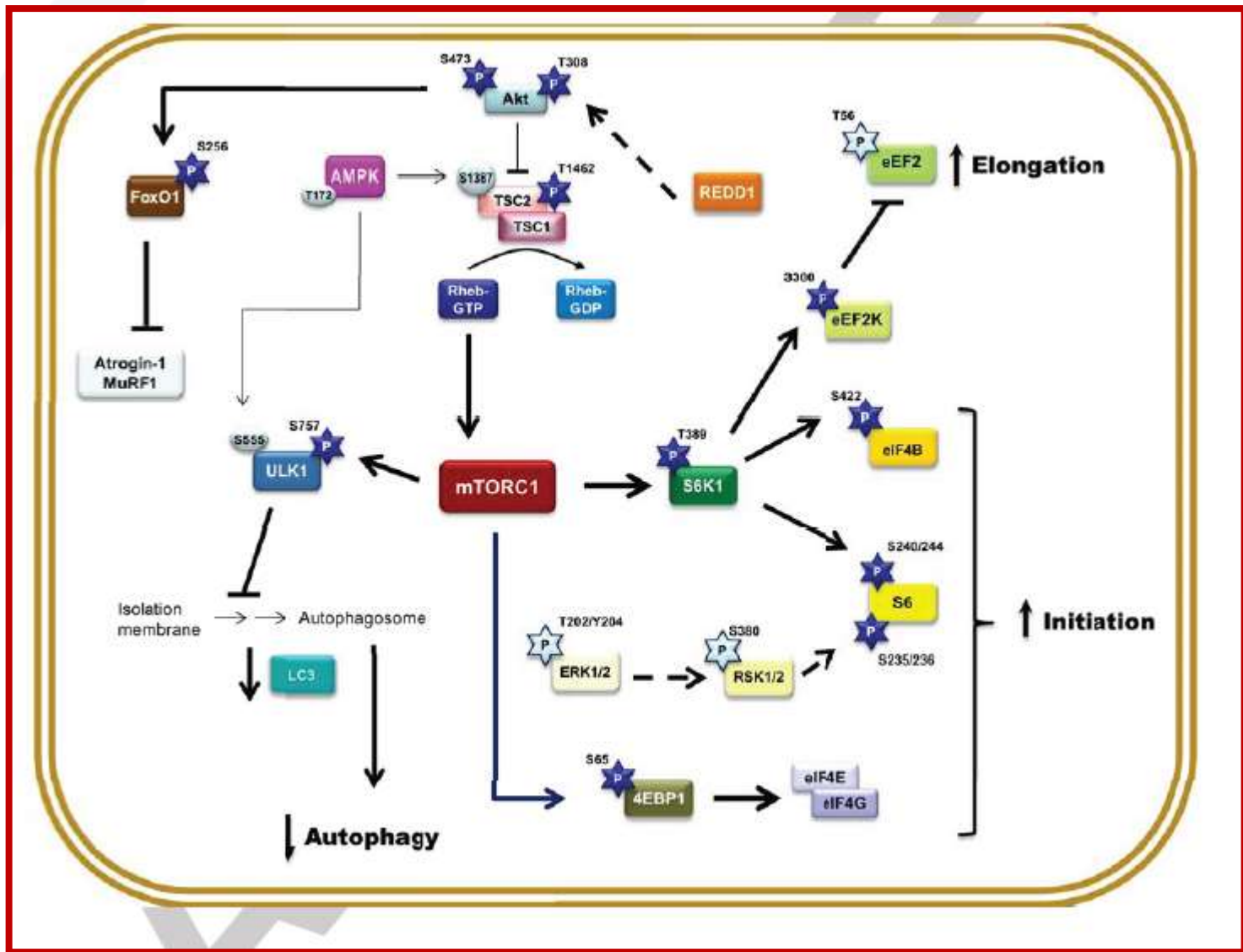
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During recovery:

1. Period of over-compensation (muscle protein synthesis is above normal value)
This increase is mediated by a activation of the Akt-TSC2-mTORC1 transduction system.
2. Divergent effects on the pathways modulating the protein breakdown.
3. Decrease in autophagy

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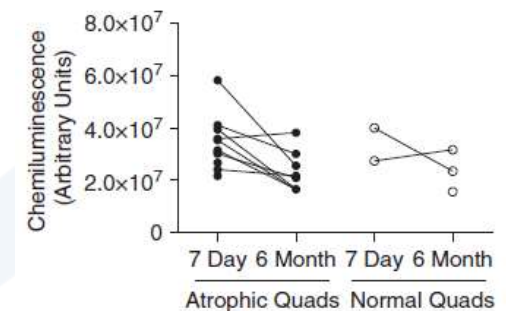
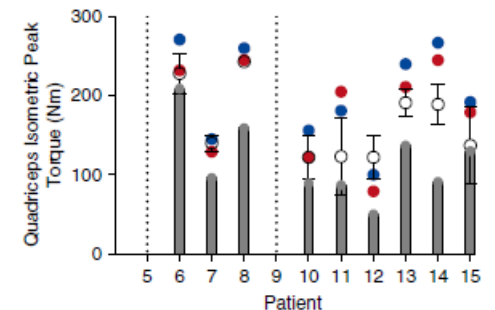
Mechanisms of Chronic Muscle Wasting and Dysfunction after an Intensive Care Unit Stay

A Pilot Study

Nested, prospective, study of patients on MV for at least 7 days.
Evaluation at D7 and M6 post ICU discharge.

RESULTS:

- Decreased strength at D7;
- Improvement at M6 (w/o normalisation)
- Sustained muscle atrophy at M6 in the majority of patients
- Persistent myopathy detected by EMG at M6 in 3/8 patients
- Inflammatory cells infiltration present at D7 resolves at M6
- The UPS-related proteolysis returns to levels comparable to healthy individuals despite persistent quadriceps atrophy

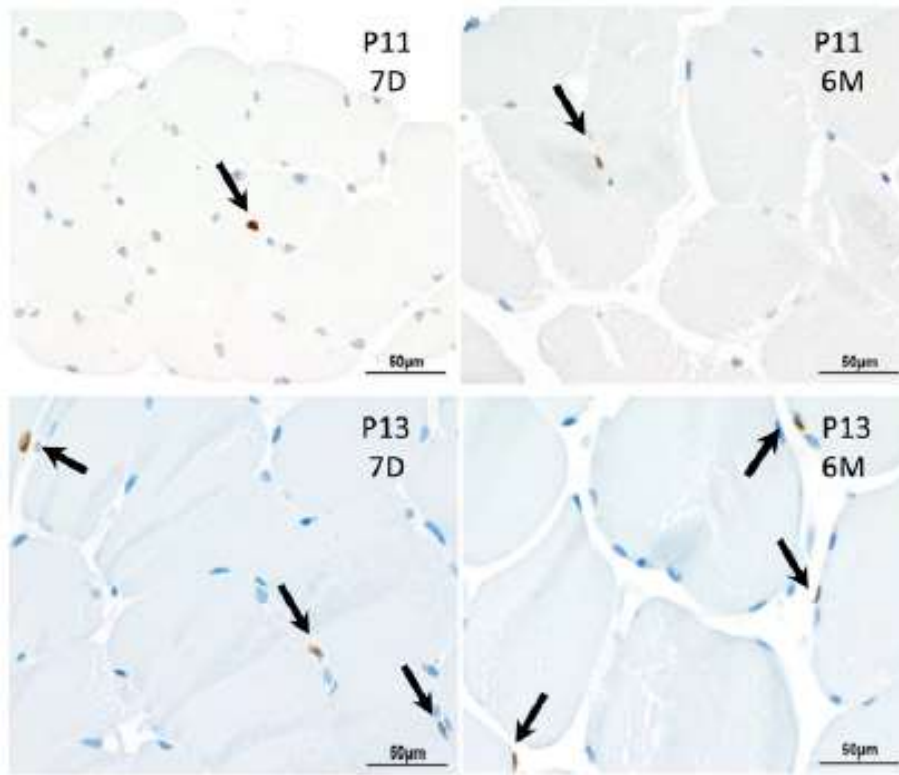


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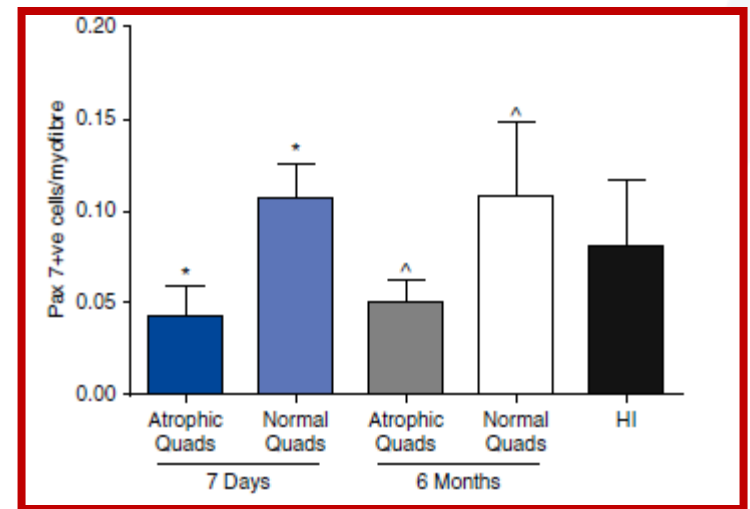
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Persistent atrophy (CSA)



Normalized CSA

SATELLITE CELL CONTENT



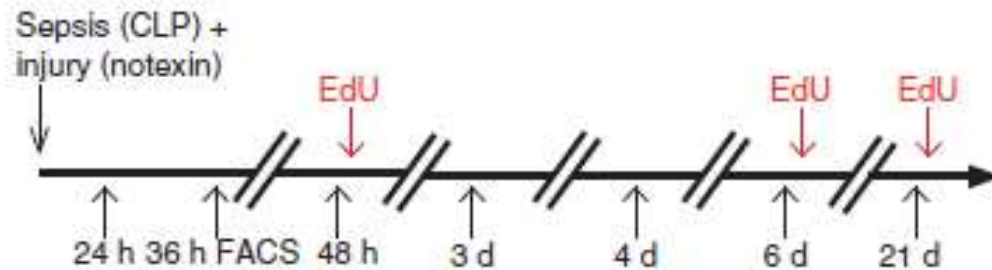
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Male C57BL/6RJ mice

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D21:

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- Endomysial fibrosis
- Persistence of chronic endomysial inflammation
- Calcification of necrotic myofibers
- Increased CPK

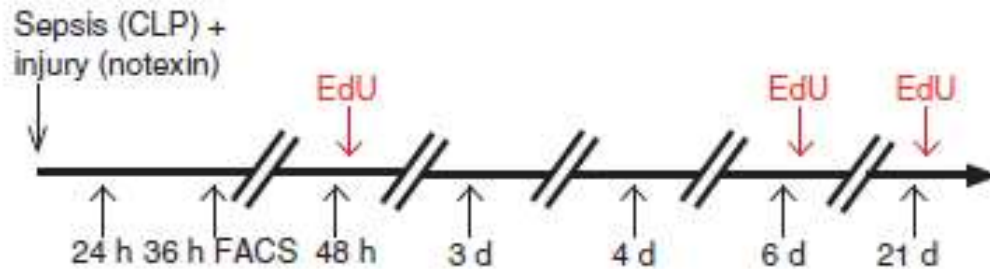
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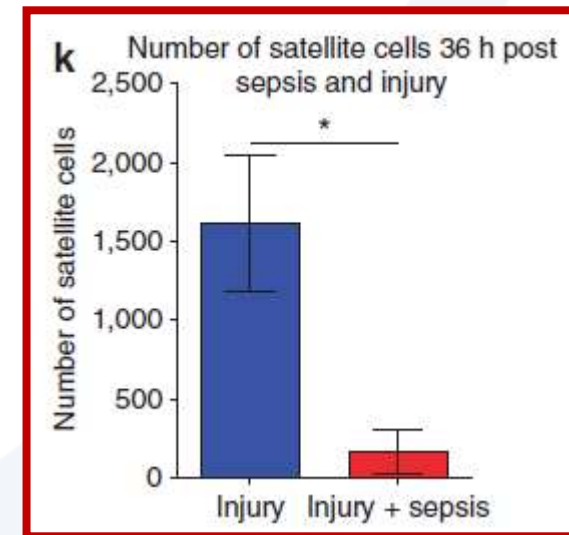
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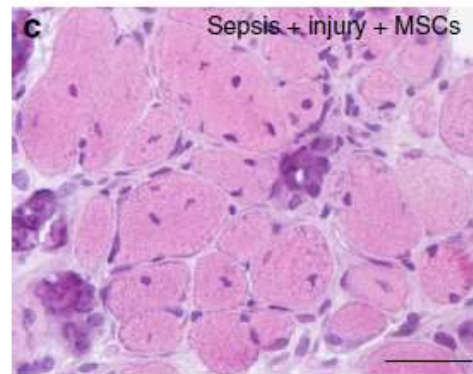
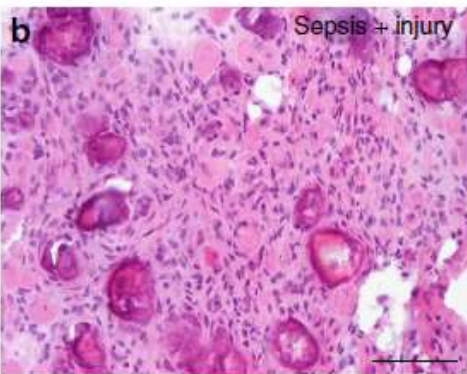
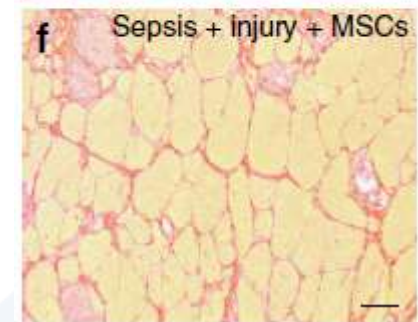
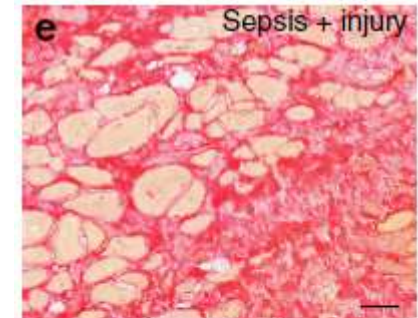
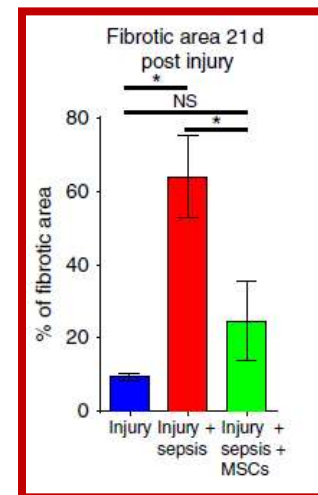
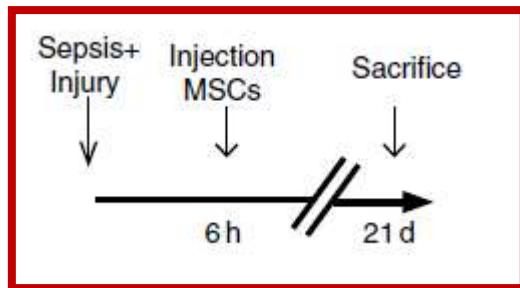
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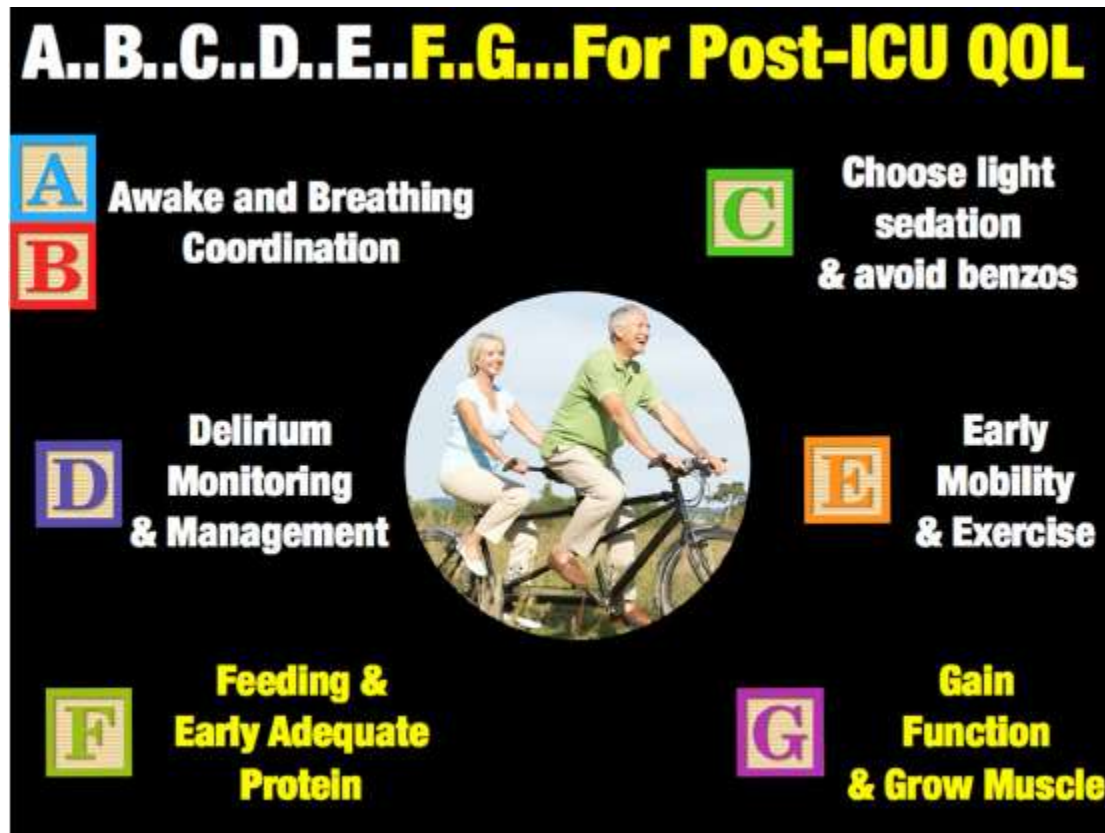


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Recovery from ICU via Surveillance, Exercise, and Nutrition (RISEN) protocol

Day 1 (ICU admission)

Baseline nutritional and metabolic evaluation

- Nutrition risk score (NUTRIC score?)

- Metabolic evaluation with indirect calorimetry

Baseline muscle evaluation

- Lean body mass ultrasound

- Muscle glycogen ultrasound

- Markers of muscle injury?

 - CPK-MM (creatine phosphokinase-muscle component)

 - Myoglobin

 - LDH-(lactate dehydrogenase)

Every 3-7 days post ICU admission

Ongoing nutritional evaluation

- Indirect calorimetry to guide feeding and assess recovery and mitochondrial function along with lactate measurements.

Muscle evaluation

- Lean body mass ultrasound

- Muscle glycogen ultrasound

- Markers of muscle injury?

 - CPK-MM

 - Myoglobin

Physiologic exercise evaluation (when able)

- Diagnose exercise/mitochondrial function

- Individualized exercise prescription including resistance training to improve metabolic and musculoskeletal function.



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TAKE HOME MESSAGES

ICU-AW

- Frequent complication
- Morbidity / Mortality
Age, Comorbidities, Organ failure,
- Slow recovery and ongoing decline
- May warrant closer follow-up during and after ICU stay
- Potential therapies (MSC ? Nutrition? Mobilisation?)

