



Getting to zero: VAP Wake Up and Breathe

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Session Overview: VAP

- Wake up and Breathe---'A' of the ABCDE bundle for critically ill patients
- Sedation guidelines development and implementation
- Spontaneous Awakening Trials

4 E's: Implementation Framework

	Frontline Staff	Team Leaders	Senior Executives
Engage	<p><i>Ask, how does this make the world a better place?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Help staff understand the preventable harm – Share stories about patients affected – Estimate number of patients harmed – Develop a business case 		
Educate	<p>What do I need to do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Convert evidence into behaviors; – evaluate awareness and agreement 		
Execute	<p>How can I do it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Listen to resisters – Standardize, create independent checks – Make it easy to do the right thing – Learn from mistakes 		
Evaluate	<p>How do I know we made a difference?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Define measures – Regularly assess measures 		



Engage:

The Critical Care Bundle: ABCDE

Three principles:

1. Improving communication among members of the ICU team
2. Standardizing care processes
3. Breaking the cycle of over sedation and prolonged mechanical ventilation which can lead to delirium and muscle weakness



Engage:

The Problem

- In the United States, 55,000 patients are cared for daily in 6000 ICUs.
- The most common reason for admission is respiratory failure and the need for mechanical ventilator.
- The vast majority of patients on ventilators require sedation
- 60-80% of ventilated patients develop delirium at some point during their hospital course

Ely EW et al. Delirium as a predictor of mortality in mechanically ventilated patients in the ICU. JAMA 2004; 291: 1753-62



Engage:

Quote from husband of 32 year old sepsis survivor

“Doctor, she’s not all there. The wit, the comprehension, the concentration. It’s all haphazard at best. To most, it is unrecognizable. The best way to describe it is mental disorganization, like there is a connection missing or a synapse not firing. It has been 10 months, and I just keep waiting for it to straighten itself out. Is this it?”

(Engagement)



Approach to Reducing VAP

as well as optimizing overall patient outcomes

As simple as “ABCDE”

- A** Awakening trial-daily
- B** Breathing trial-daily
- C** Coordinating A and B
- D** Delirium management: non-pharmacological and pharmacological
- E** Exercise—progressive mobility



Review the Evidence: ABC Trial – Objectives

- To determine the efficacy and safety of a protocol combining daily interruption of sedatives and spontaneous breathing trials (SBTs)
 - Ventilator-free days
 - ICU and hospital length of stay
 - Survival
 - Duration of coma and delirium
 - Long-term neuropsychological outcomes

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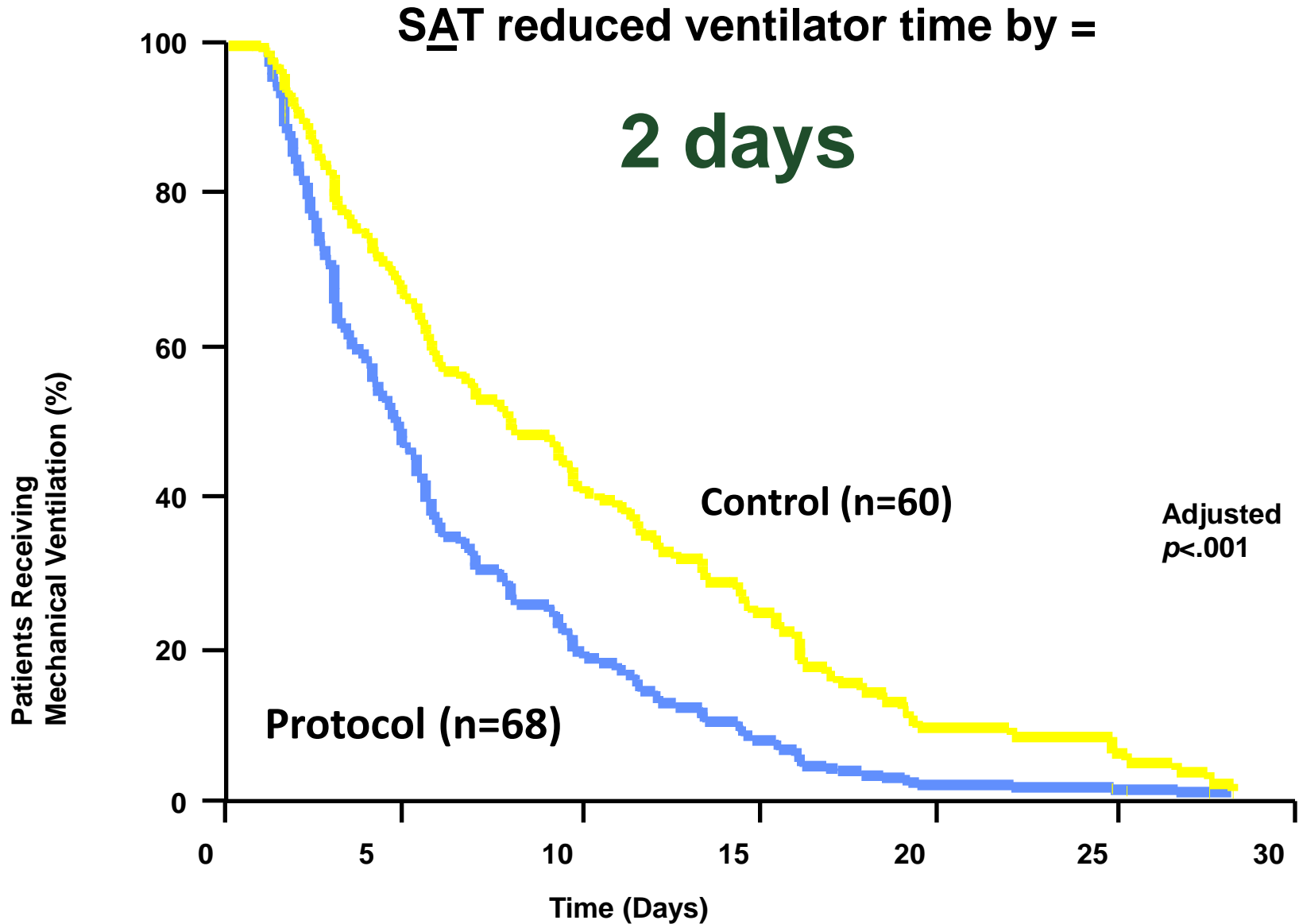
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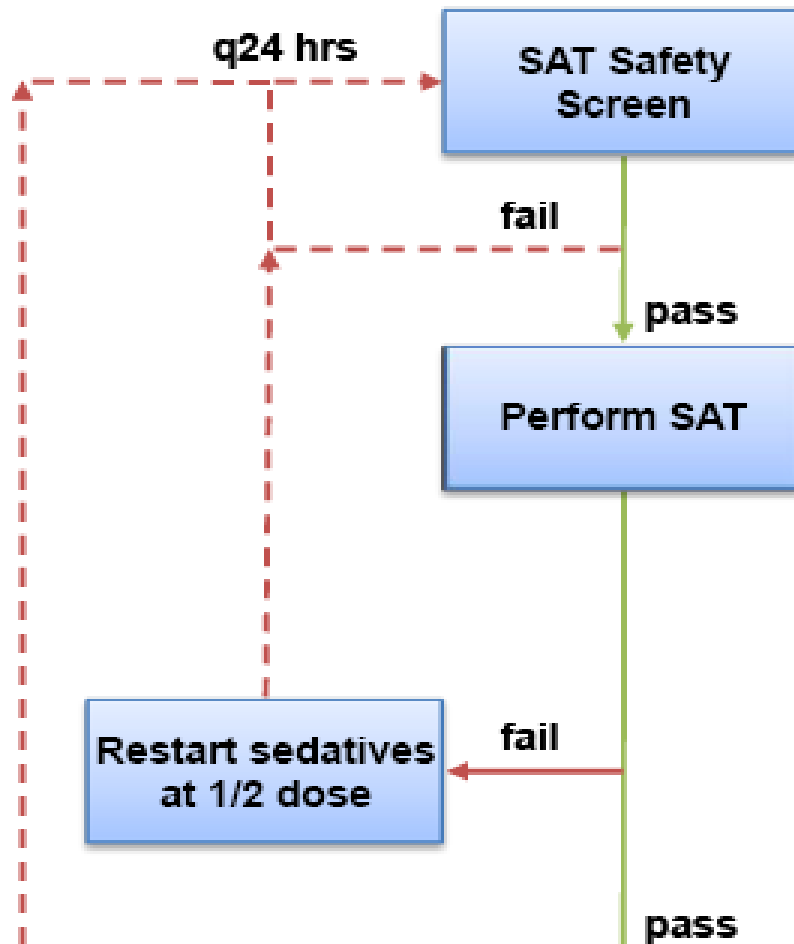
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Daily Interruption of Sedatives



Spontaneous Awakening Trial



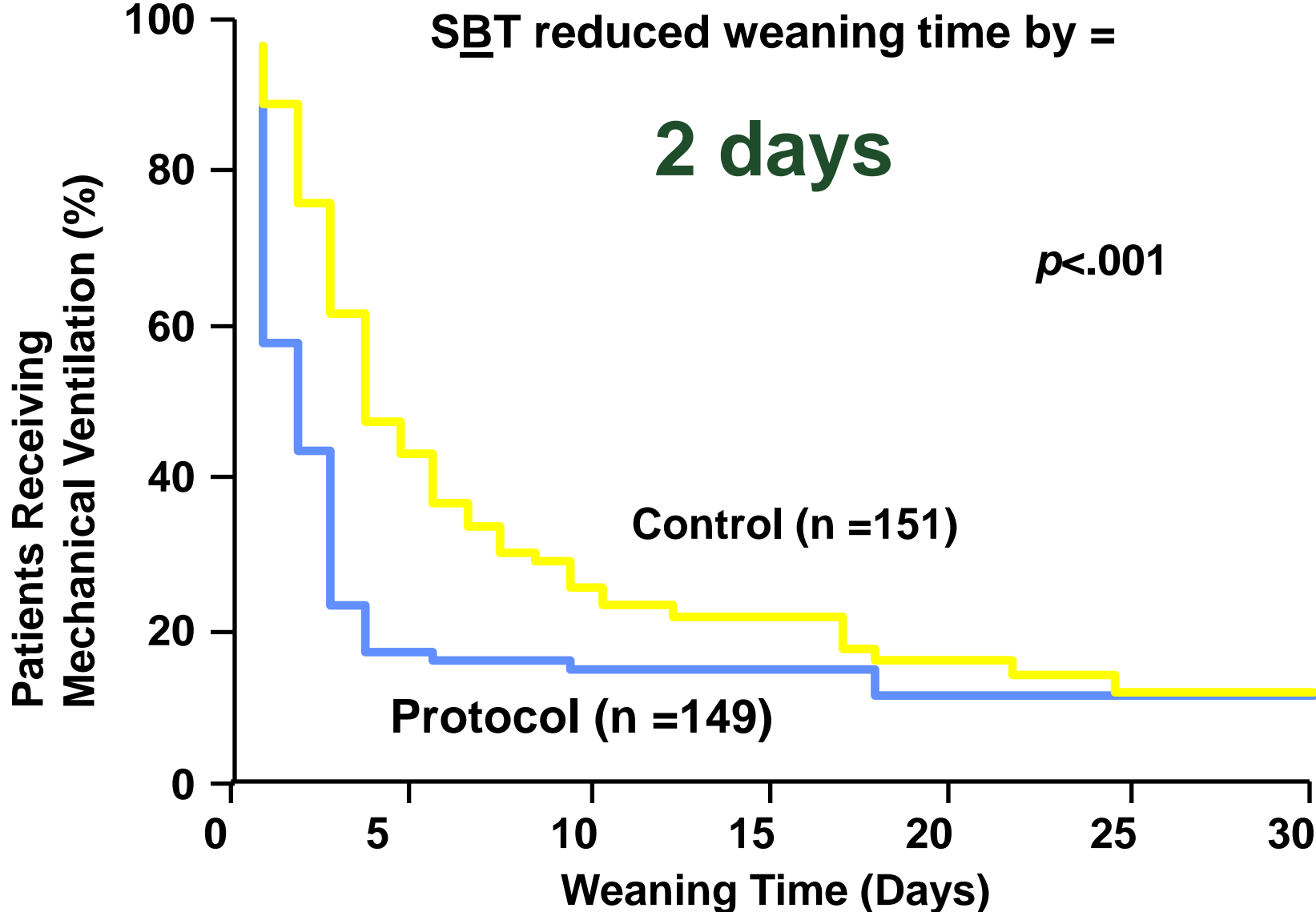
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No alcohol withdrawal
No agitation
No paralytics
No myocardial ischemia
Normal intracranial pressure

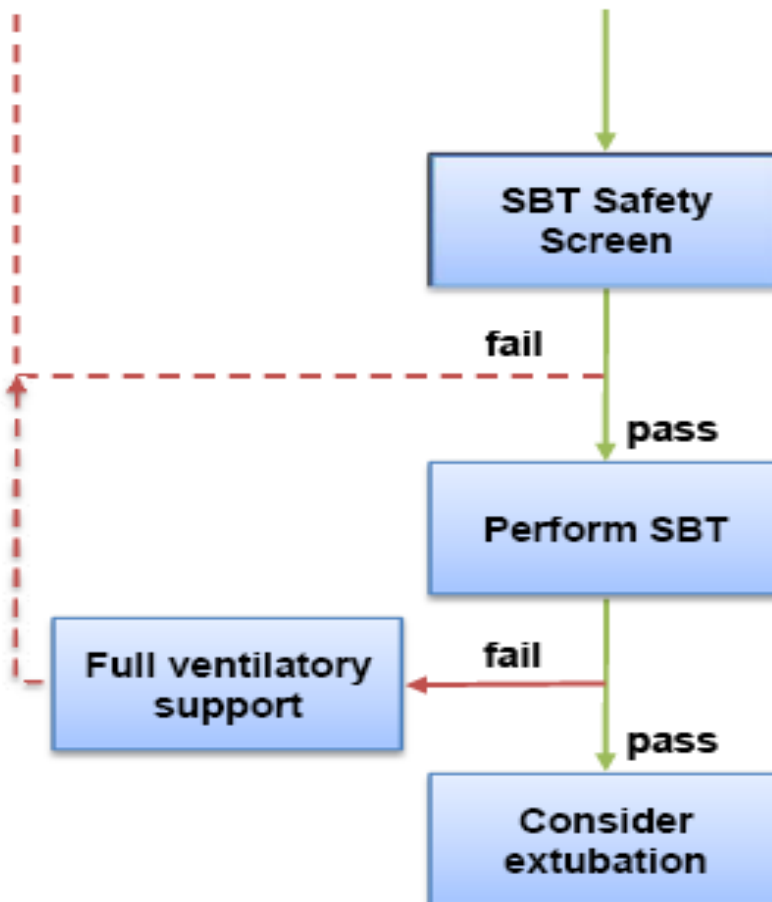
SAT Failure

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Respiratory rate > 35/min
SpO₂ < 88%
Respiratory distress
Acute cardiac arrhythmia

Weaning protocol



Spontaneous Breathing Trial



SBT Safety Screen

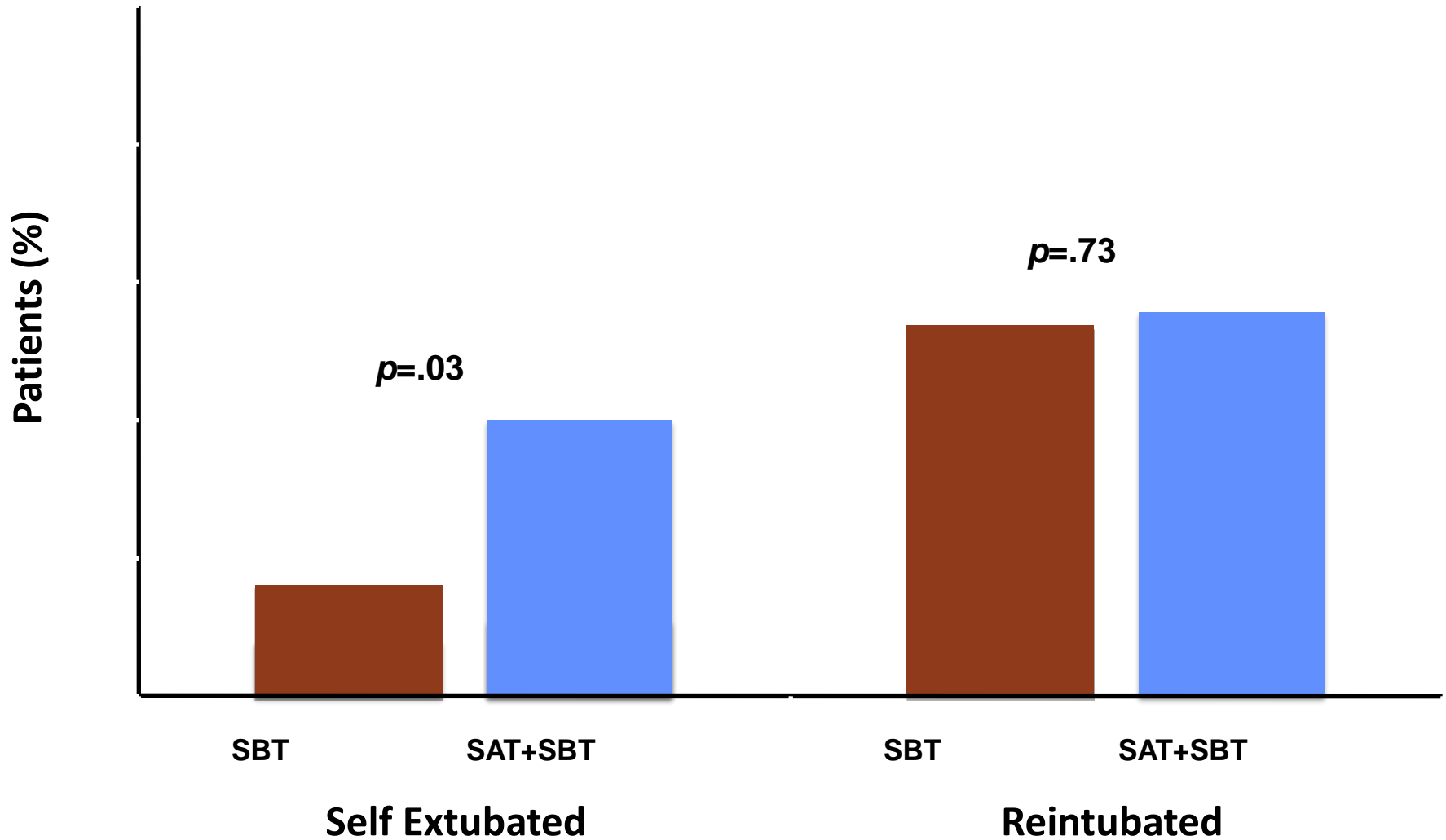
No agitation
 Oxygen saturation $\geq 88\%$
 $FiO_2 \leq 50\%$
 $PEEP \leq 7.5$ cm H₂O
 No myocardial ischemia
 No vasopressor use
 Inspiratory efforts

SBT Failure

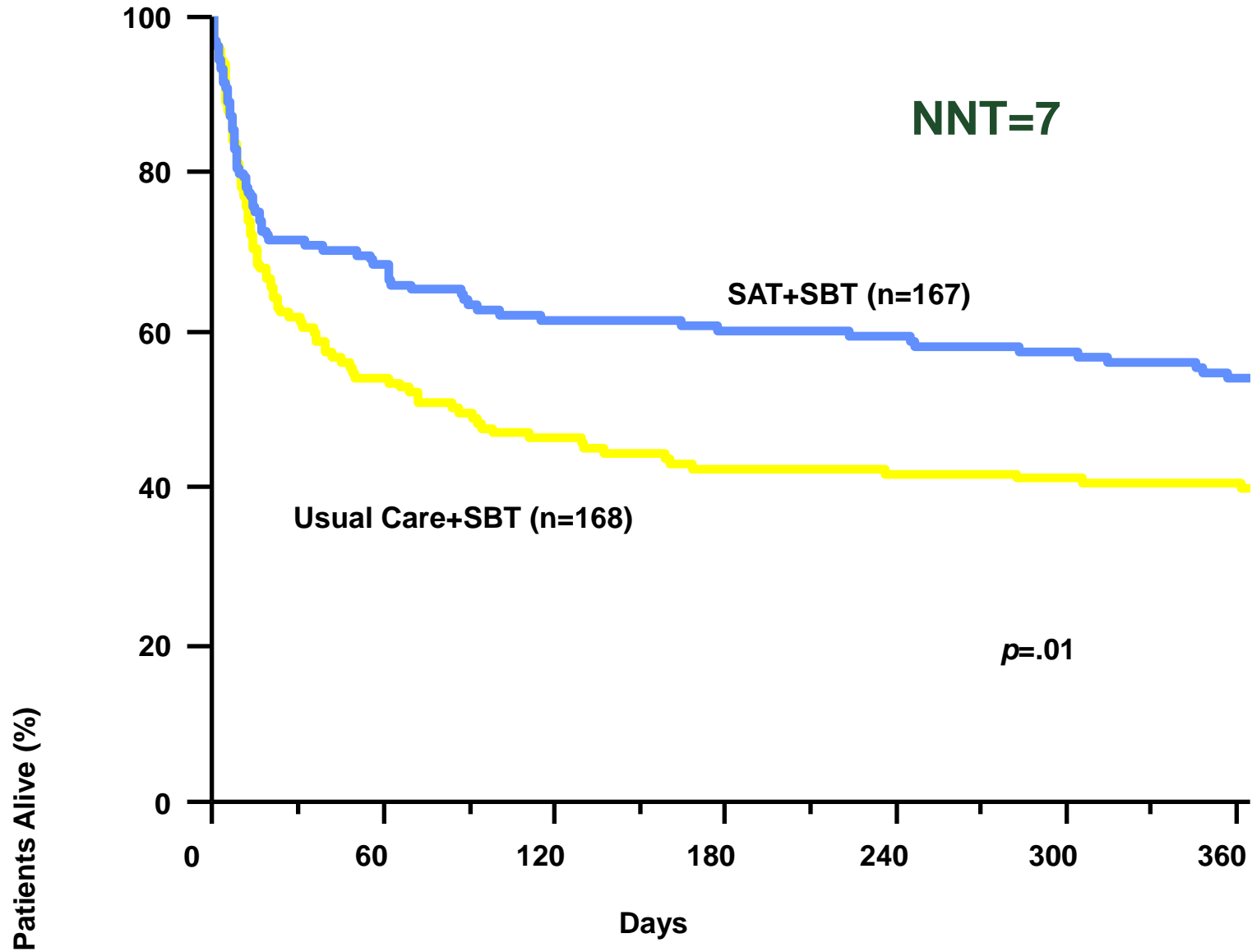
Respiratory rate > 35 /min
 Respiratory rate < 8 /min
 $SpO_2 < 88\%$
 Respiratory distress
 Mental status change
 Acute cardiac arrhythmia

Adverse Events –

more self-extubations but not re-intubations



One-Year Survival





Okay, but does it mess with your head?

- **Sedation Interruption group had**
 - **Lower Impact of Events score**
(11.2 vs. 27.3, p 0.02)
 - **Trend toward a lower incidence of PTSD** (0% vs. 32%, p 0.06)
 - **Trend toward a better total Psychosocial Adjustment to Illness score**
(46.8 vs. 54.3, p 0.08)
- **NO!!! If anything it is good for your head**



What about other stuff?

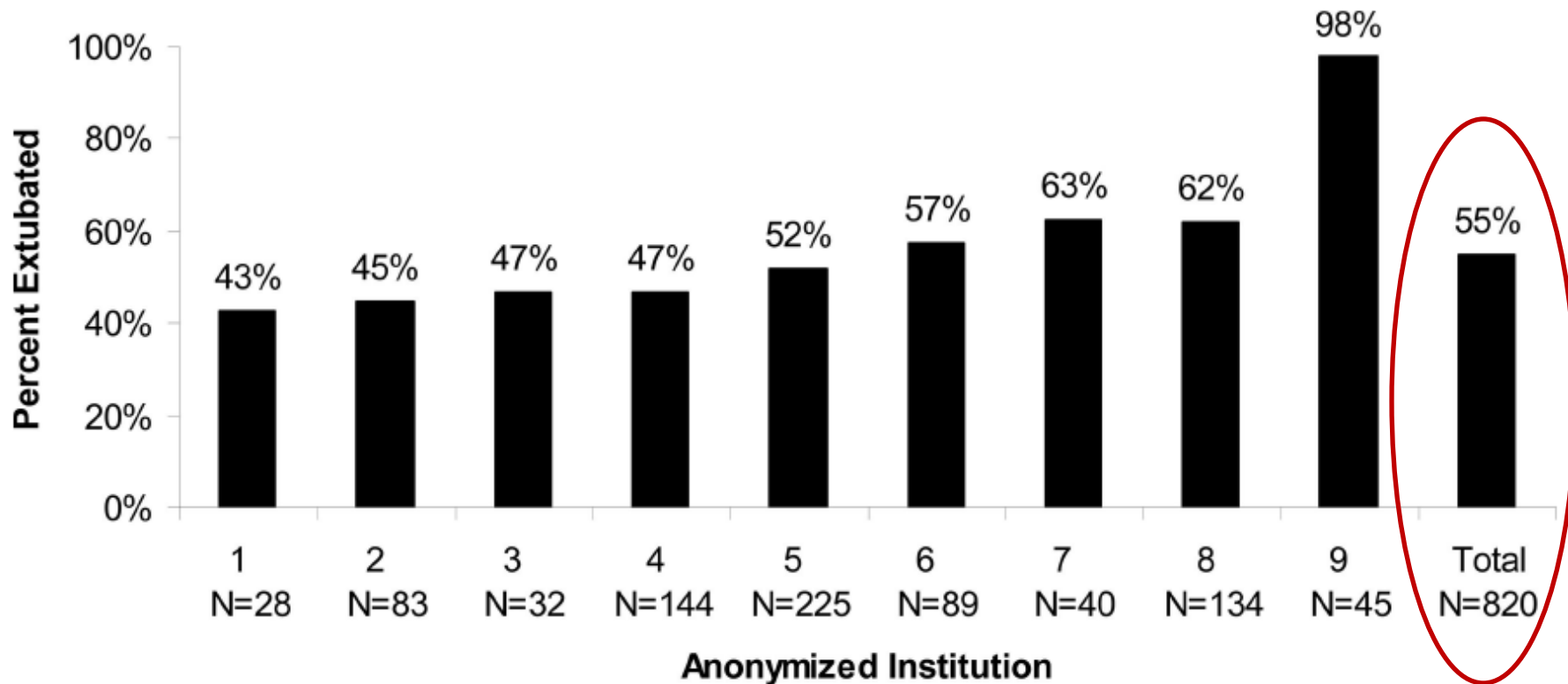
Complication	Intervention, No.	Control No.
VAP	2	5
Upper gastrointestinal hemorrhage	5	4
Bacteremia	4	7
Barotrauma	0	3
VTE	2	5
Cholestasis	0	1
Sinusitis	0	1
Total (No.)	13	26

Fewer overall complications with daily interruption



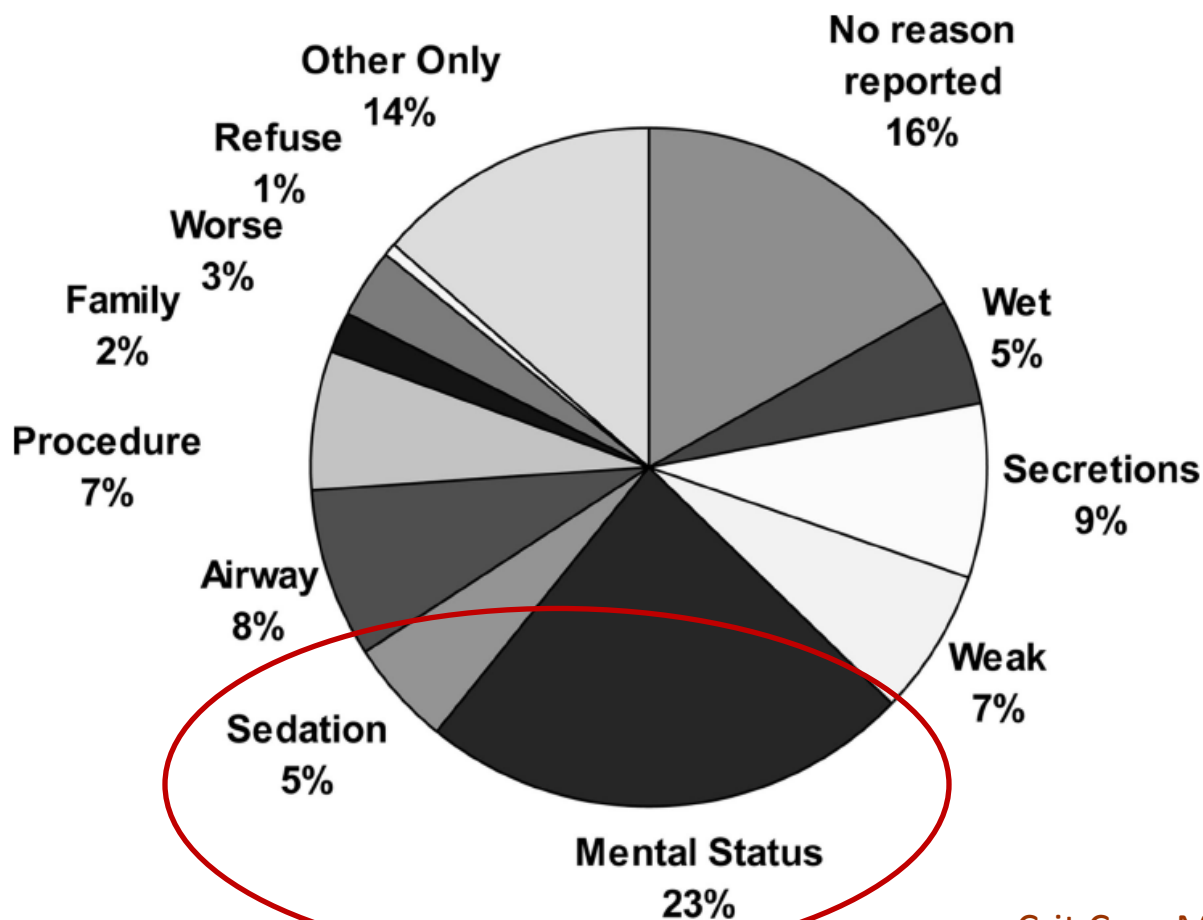
Seems simple but . . .

Only 55% of patients who pass an SBT are extubated



Seems simple but . . .

Often because of poor mental status and sedation





SAT + SBT – Off the vent sooner

	Intervention group (n=167)	Control group (n=168)	p value
Ventilator-free days*			
Mean	14.7 (0.9)	11.6 (0.9)	0.02
Median	20.0 (0 to 26.0)	8.1 (0 to 24.3)	
Time to discharge (days)			
From intensive care	9.1 (5.1 to 17.8)	12.9 (6.0 to 24.2)	0.01
From hospital	14.9 (8.9 to 26.8)	19.2 (10.3 to NA)†	0.04
28-day mortality	47 (28%)	58 (35%)	0.21
1-year mortality	74 (44%)	97 (58%)	0.01
Duration of brain dysfunction (days)			
Coma	2 (0 to 4)	3 (1 to 7)	0.002
Delirium	2 (0 to 5)	2 (0 to 6)	0.50
RASS at first successful SBT	-1 (-3 to 0)	-2.5 (-4 to 0)	0.0001
Complications			
Any self-extubation	16 (10%)	6 (4%)	0.03
Self-extubation requiring reintubation‡	5 (3%)	3 (2%)	0.47
Reintubation‡	23 (14%)	21 (13%)	0.73
Tracheostomy	21 (13%)	34 (20%)	0.06

Data are mean (SD), n (%), or median (IQR). RASS=Richmond agitation-sedation scale. SAT=spontaneous awakening trial. SBT=spontaneous breathing trial. *Ventilator-free days from study day 1 to 28. †Greater than 25% of patients in the SBT group remained in the hospital at study day 28. ‡Reintubation within 48 hours of extubation.



Turn the Evidence into behaviors: Implementation

- Understand current sedation practices for ventilated patients
- Sedation guidelines incorporating a sedation scale and pain scale
- Spontaneous Awakening Trial



Ideal Sedation Management

- Goal-directed approach
 - Objective measure of a desired goal
 - Frequent reassessment of that measure
 - Change therapy to achieve and remain at goal
- Utilize therapeutic approaches that are evidence-based
- Allow for **patient-centered** deviations as necessary



Consequences of Inadequate Sedation

- Anxiety
- Pain
- Patient-ventilator dysynchrony
 - Hypoxemia
- Agitation
 - Self-removal of tubes/catheters
- Myocardial ischemia



Consequences of Excessive Sedation

- Hemodynamic Effects
 - Hypotension
 - Bradycardia
- Neurologic Effects
 - Prolonged Coma
 - Respiratory Depression
- Ileus
- Prolonged Mechanical Ventilation



Sedation Level

Sedation levels

1 = Unresponsive to painful stimuli
2 = Responsive to painful stimuli only
3 = Responsive to verbal stimuli
4 = Responsive to touch
5 = Interactive, calm, and cooperative
6 = Alert and occasionally agitated
7 = Agitated and pulling at catheters or tubes
8 = Aggressive and pulling

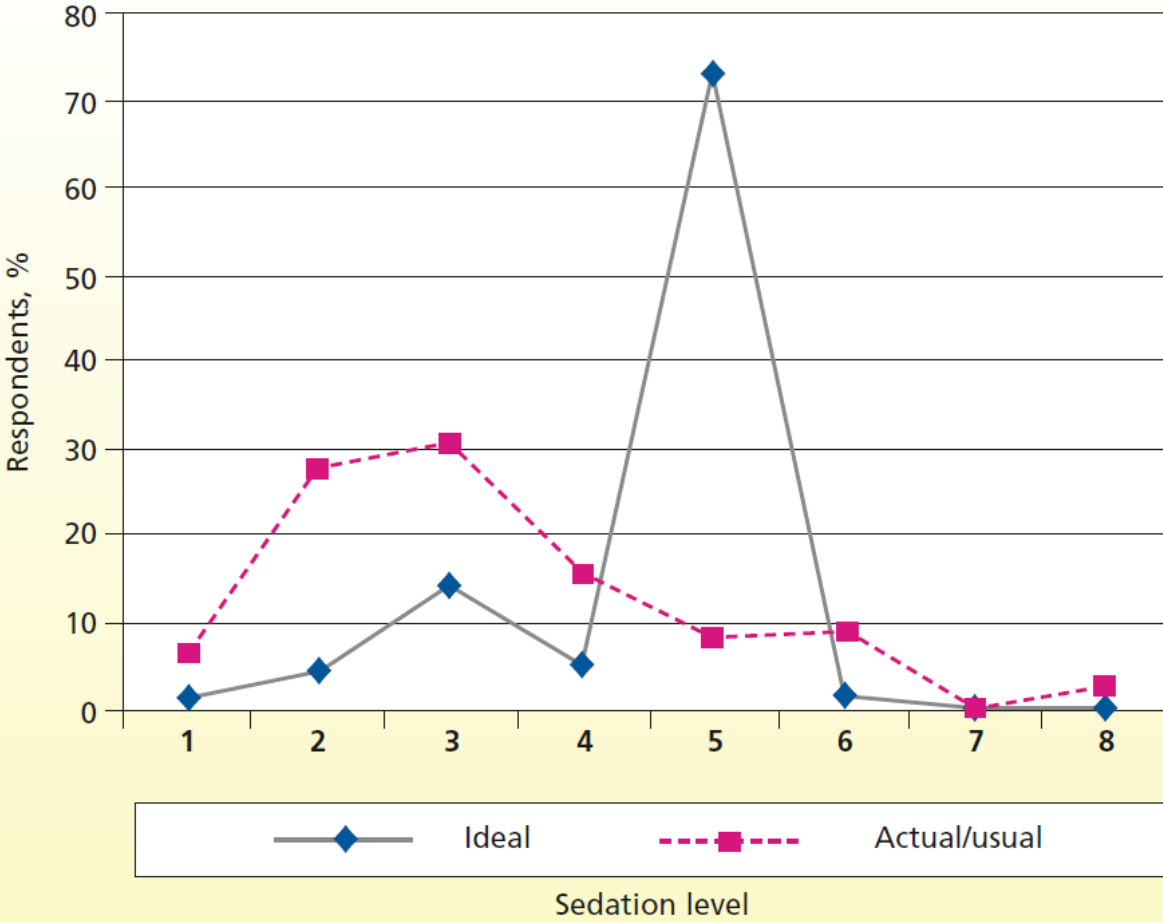
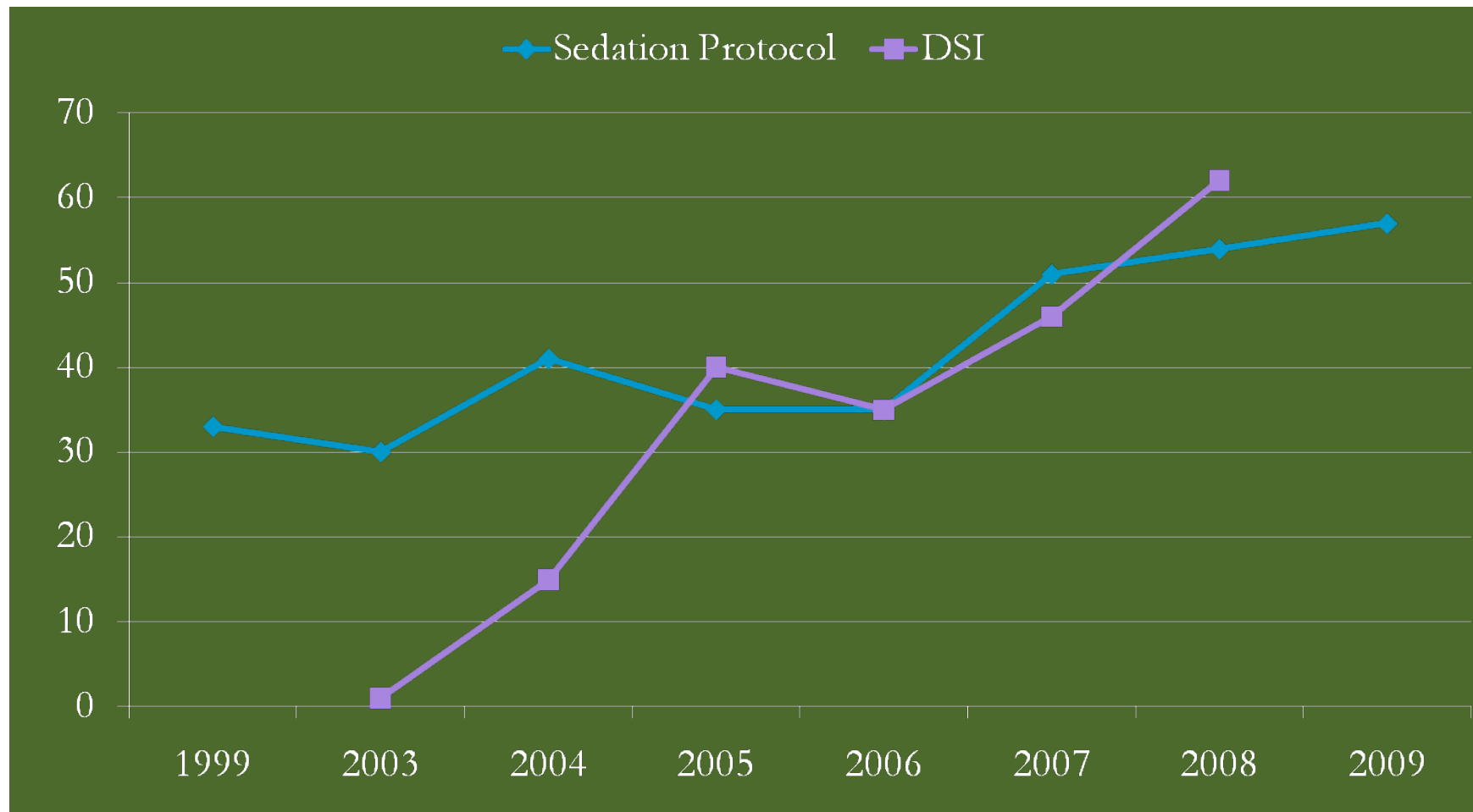


Figure Respondents' opinions on ideal vs usual sedation level of patients receiving mechanical ventilation (n = 235).



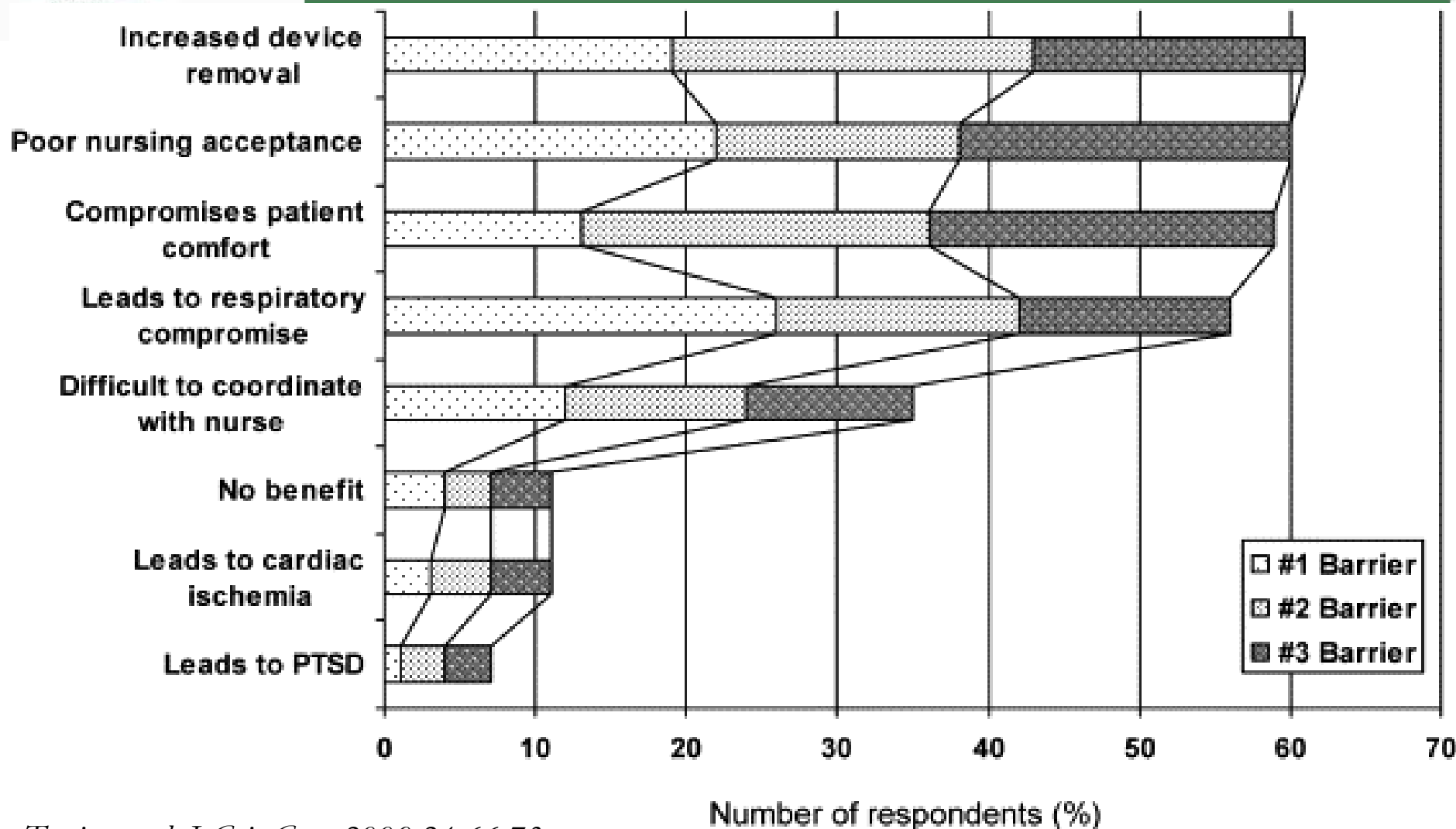
Sedation Practices



Mehta et al. Crit Care Clin 2009; 25: 471-8



Perceived Barriers to DSI





DSI: A Deeper Dive

- Survey of 185 UK ICUs in 2000
- 163 (88%) reported using a sedation scale
- 148 (80%) reported having a sedation guideline
- 144 (78%) practiced DSI
- 99 (54%) audit compliance with DSI
 - 0 to 60%: 19%
 - 60 to 80%: 26%
 - 80 to 90%: 23%
 - 90 to 100%: 24%



Sedation Guidelines

- Choose a sedation scale
 - RASS or Ramsey



Richmond Agitation and Sedation Scale: RASS

TABLE 1. RICHMOND AGITATION–SEDATION SCALE

Score	Term	Description
+4	Combative	Overtly combative or violent; immediate danger to staff
+3	Very agitation	Pulls on or removes tube(s) or catheter(s) or has aggressive behavior toward staff
+2	Agitated	Frequent nonpurposeful movement or patient–ventilator dyssynchrony
+1	Restless	Anxious or apprehensive but movements not aggressive or vigorous
0	Alert and calm	
–1	Drowsy	Not fully alert, but has sustained (more than 10 seconds) awakening, with eye contact, to voice
–2	Light sedation	Briefly (less than 10 seconds) awakens with eye contact to voice
–3	Moderate sedation	Any movement (but no eye contact) to voice
–4	Deep sedation	No response to voice, but any movement to physical stimulation
–5	Unarousable	No response to voice or physical stimulation

Procedure

1. Observe patient. Is patient alert and calm (score 0)?
Does patient have behavior that is consistent with restlessness or agitation (score +1 to +4 using the criteria listed above, under DESCRIPTION)?
2. If patient is not alert, in a loud speaking voice state patient's name and direct patient to open eyes and look at speaker. Repeat once if necessary. Can prompt patient to continue looking at speaker.
Patient has eye opening and eye contact, which is sustained for more than 10 seconds (score –1).
Patient has eye opening and eye contact, but this is not sustained for 10 seconds (score –2).
Patient has any movement in response to voice, excluding eye contact (score –3).
3. If patient does not respond to voice, physically stimulate patient by shaking shoulder and then rubbing sternum if there is no response to shaking shoulder.
Patient has any movement to physical stimulation (score –4).
Patient has no response to voice or physical stimulation (score –5).



Ramsey Sedation Scale

Table 1 – Ramsay scale⁴

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 | Patient anxious and agitated or restless, or both |
| 2 | Patient co-operative, orientated, and tranquil |
| 3 | Patient responds to commands only |
| 4 | Brisk response to a light glabellar tap or auditory stimulus |
| 5 | Sluggish response to a light glabellar tap or auditory stimulus |
| 6 | No response to the stimuli mentioned in items 4 and 5 |



Develop Pain, Agitation and Delirium Management Algorithm



Sedation protocol and RASS Worksheet2010.pdf

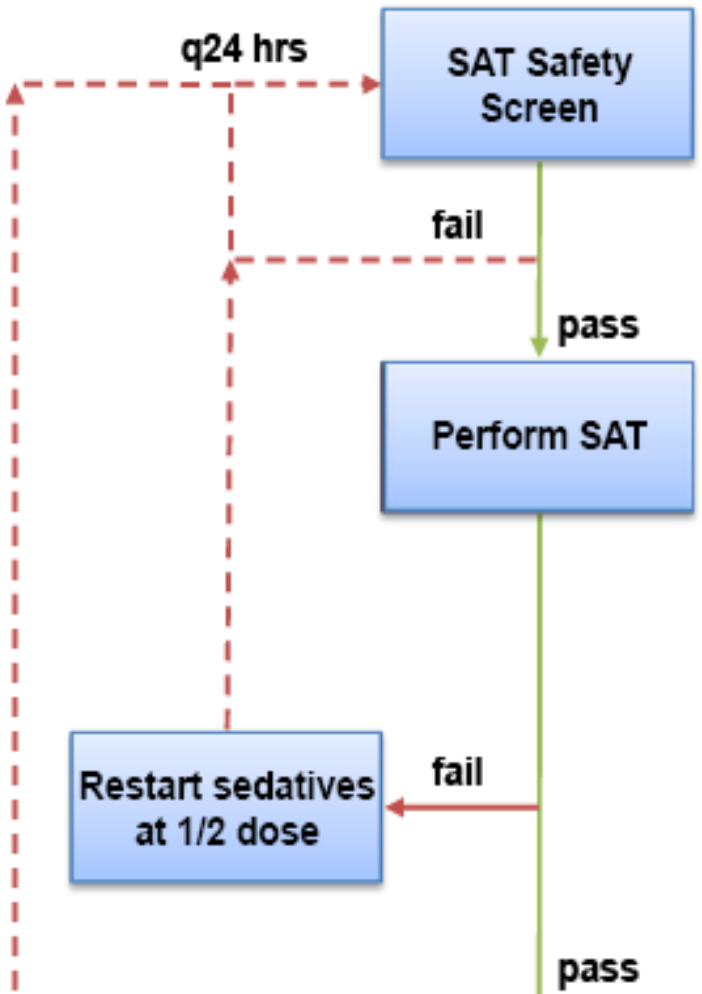


Spontaneous Awakening Trial

- Define time of day to be done
- All continuous IV medication given for sedation should be completely turned off
- Evaluate for pass/fail
- If fail, restart sedative at $\frac{1}{2}$ the previous dose



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Educate

- Classroom Education
- Return Demonstration of completing assessment scales on real patients
- Self Learning module for new hires
- Bedside re-enforcement with case studies



Execute:

Create Independent Redundancy

Develop unique and separate system checks

- Standard Order Sets
- Multidisciplinary Rounds with Daily Goals
- Policies/procedures
- Pharmacist rounding on patients
- Algorithm
- Guidelines
- Pocket cards
- Fliers



Evaluate

- Collect data relating to compliance with use of Pain, agitation and delirium algorithm
- Collect data related to compliance with daily SAT
- Monitor VAP rate

Interventions To Ensure Patient Receive Evidence & Sustain Benefit



- Education...to all caregivers...it works*
- Empower nurses
- Products/Processes that make it easy for the frontline caregiver to provide the care
- Measurement/Feedback**
- Setting targets/Celebrating successes
- Placement of new practice/education in orientation
- Treat every infection as a DEFECT to learn from
- Clarify expectations related to new practice and hold staff accountable

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Thank you

QUESTIONS????