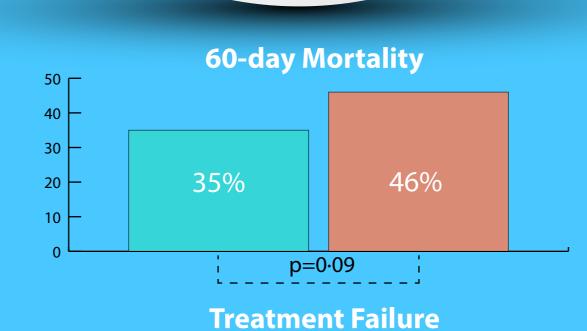




Is early initiation of Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) associated with reduction of 60-day mortality compared to standard care?

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## CONVENTIONAL



**125 Patients** 

- ✓ Protective lung strategy
- Adjuvant therapies:
  high PEEP, recruitment,
  paralysis, and
  bicarbonate as needed
- Cross over for severe hypoxemia

**ECMO** 



**124 Patients** 

- ✓ Venovenous ECMO
- Low level ventilation strategy
- ✓ Anticoagulation

Early initiation of ECMO did not improve 60-day mortality in severe ARDS patients compared to a strategy of conventional mechanical ventilation and ECMO as a rescue therapy.

p<0.001

58%

35%