

# **Fluid Balance** in Children with Congenital Heart Disease

# Pediatric cardiac patients

- passive pulmonary blood flow
- restrictive right / left ventricular physiology
- parallel circulations
- marginal coronary reserve
- Intra-cardiac shunting

# Cardiopulmonary Bypass

- “Controlled shock”
- Loss of pulsatile blood flow
  - Capillary leak
  - Vasoconstriction
  - Renovascular effects
    - Renin/angiotensin
- Cytokine release
- Endothelial damage and “sheer injury”

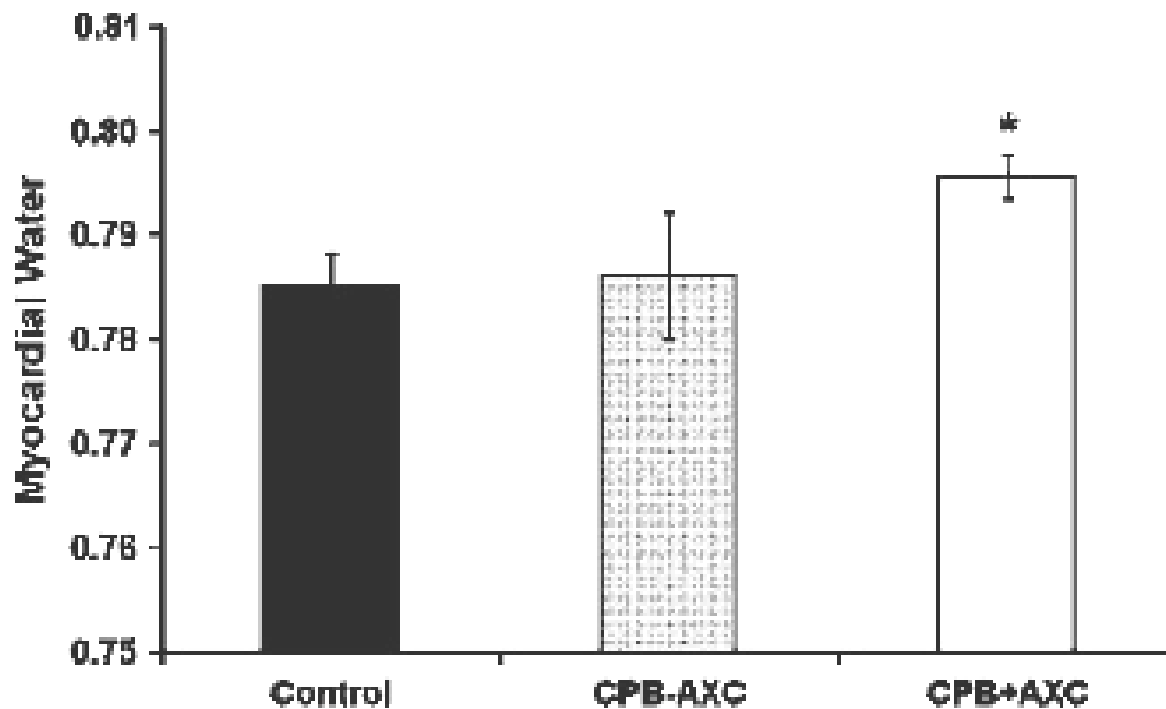


Figure 2. Myocardial water. Proportion of heart as water in non-cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB) control animals (black column), lambs undergoing CPB without aortic crossclamping (AXC; gray column), and lambs undergoing CPB with AXC (white column). Significant myocardial edema was present in lambs undergoing CPB+AXC lambs, and a nonsignificant increase in myocardial water occurred in those undergoing CPB-AXC (Mann-Whitney *U* test). \**P* < .05. Data shown are presented as means ± standard error of the mean.

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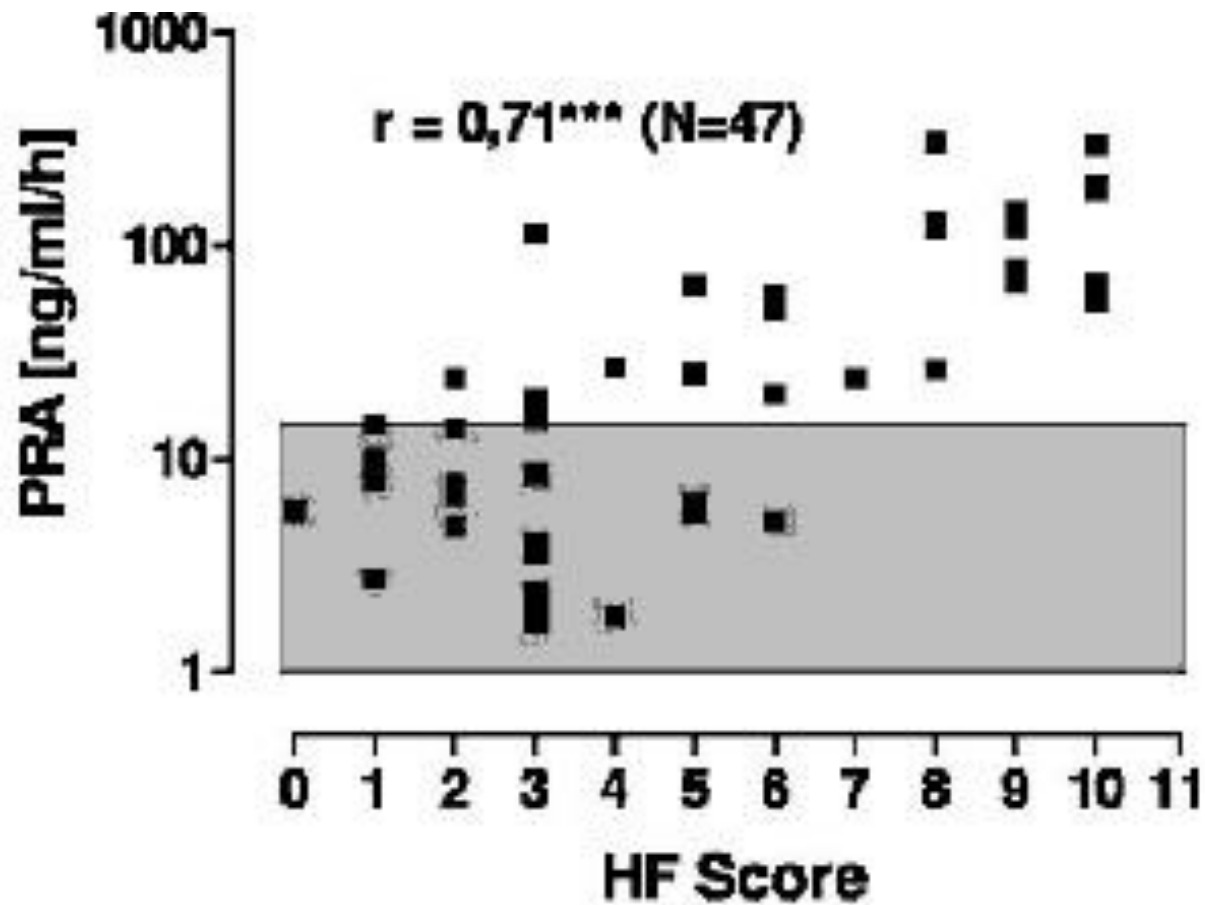
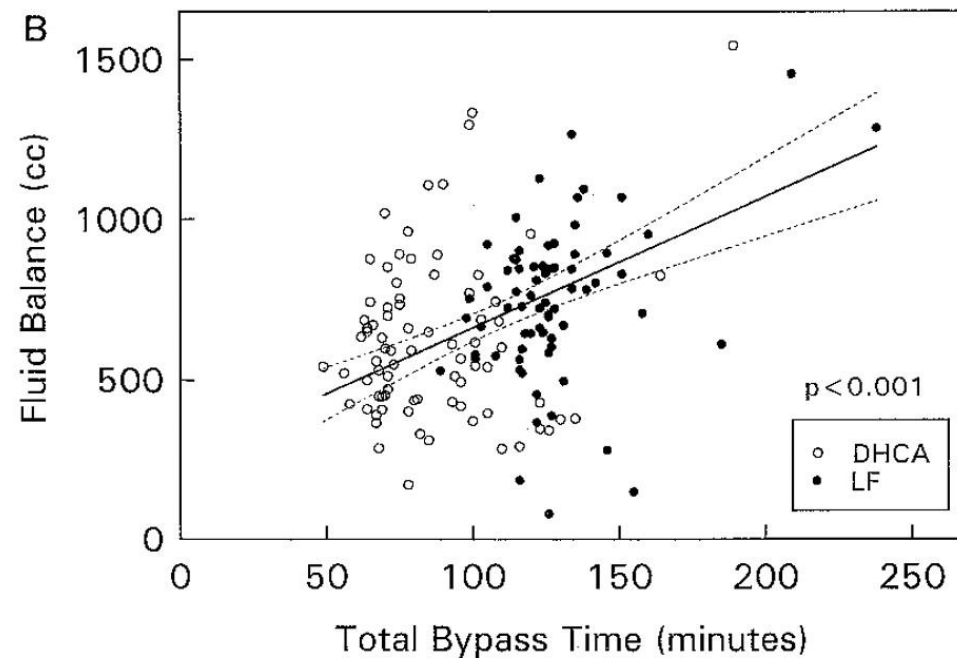
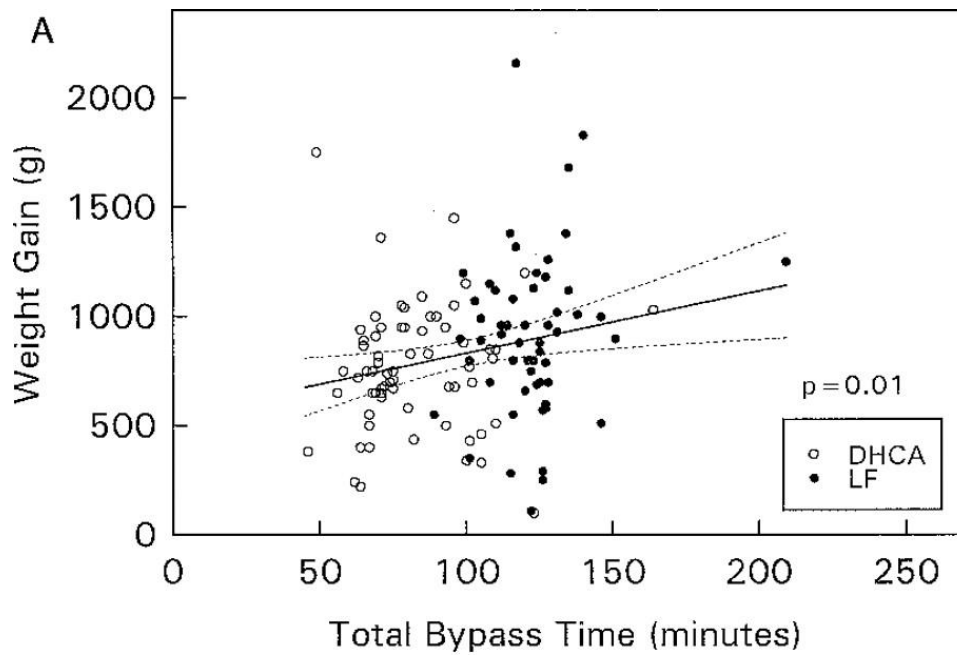


Fig. 1. Plasma renin activity (PRA) and clinical heart failure score (HF Score) in infants with left-to-right shunts. y axis: log scale; gray shaded bar: normal range for PRA in infants. Result of Spearman correlation:  $r=0.71$ ;  $***P<0.0001$ .

## Reasons for disturbances in intravascular and total body fluid status

- intrinsic myocardial dysfunction
- neuroendocrine response
- renal dysfunction
- systemic inflammation with endothelial dysfunction.



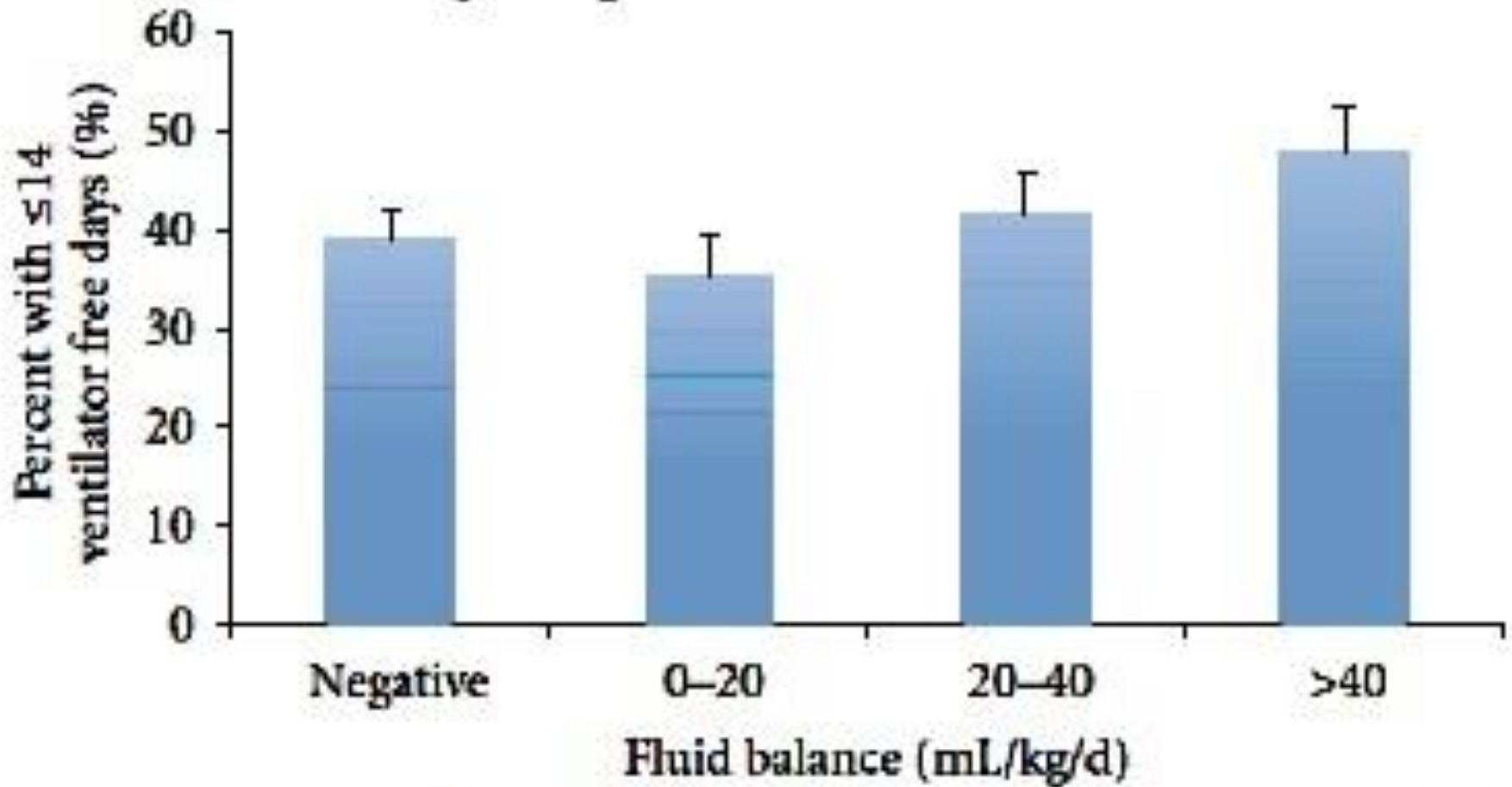
Average fluid accumulation of 664 mL ( $\approx 30\%$  weight gain) following the arterial switch operation.

***Circulation 1995***

Positive Fluid Balance is Associated with Higher Mortality, Prolonged Mechanical Ventilation and acute kidney injury in Critically ill Patients



### Fluid balance and need for prolonged mechanical ventilation



*Heidi et al. Critical Care Research, 2011*

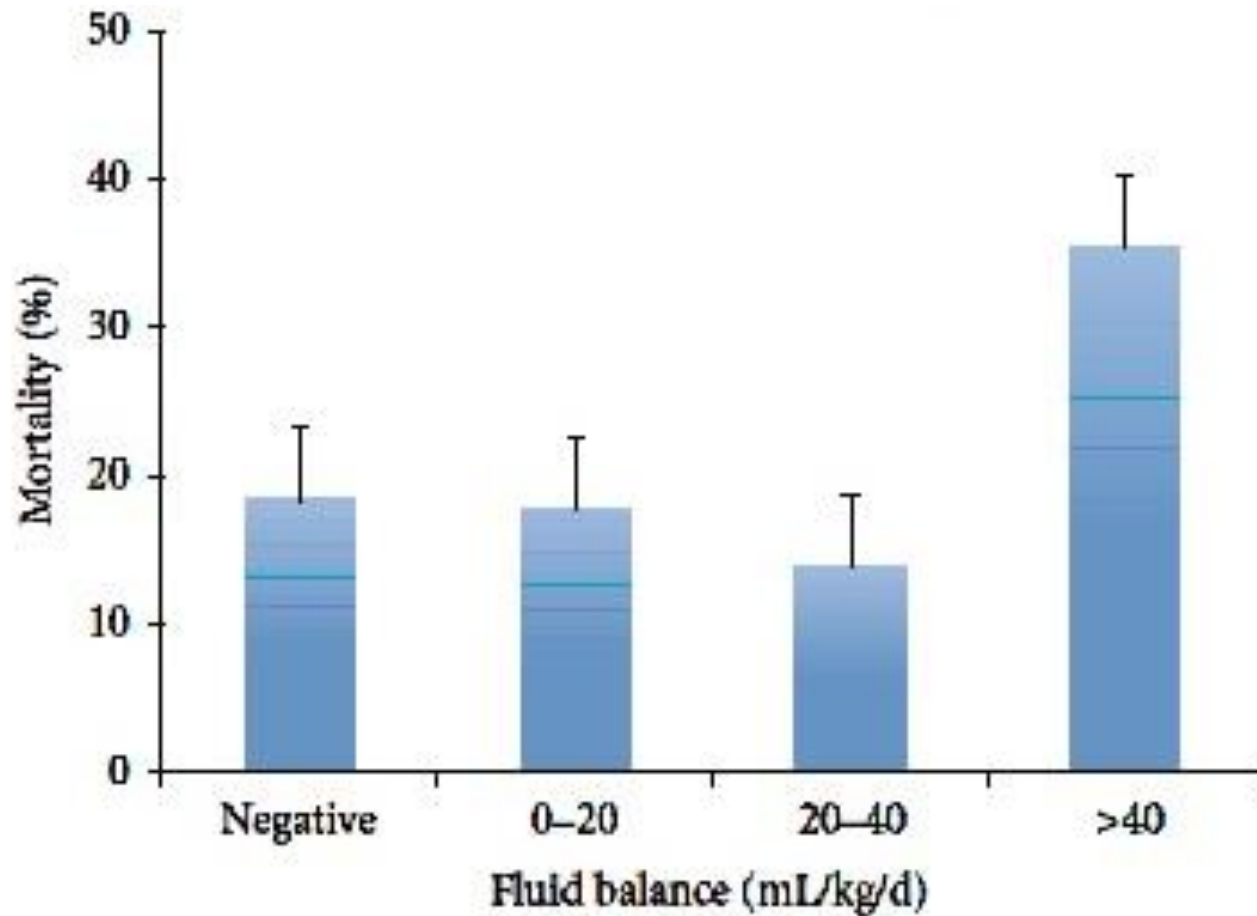
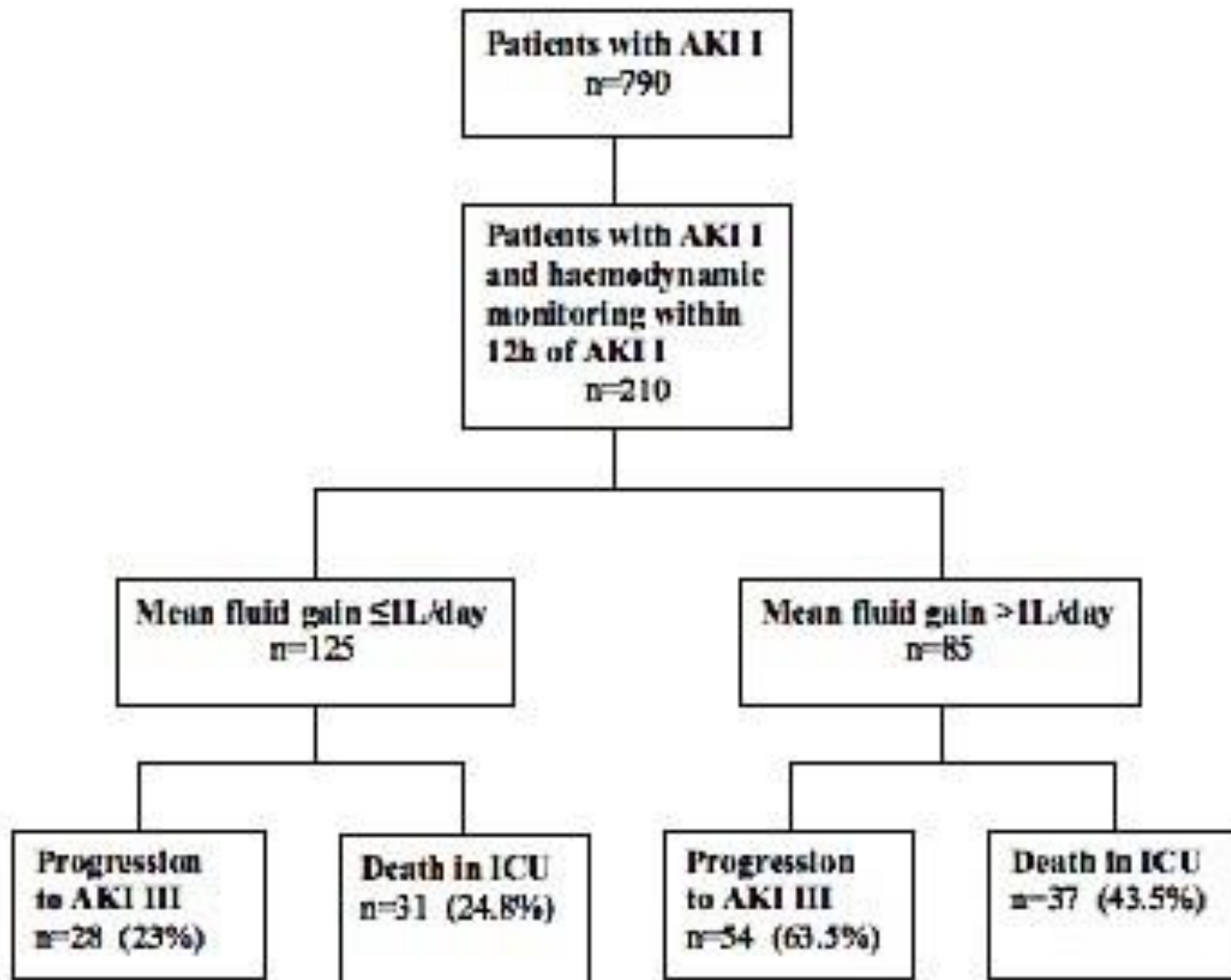


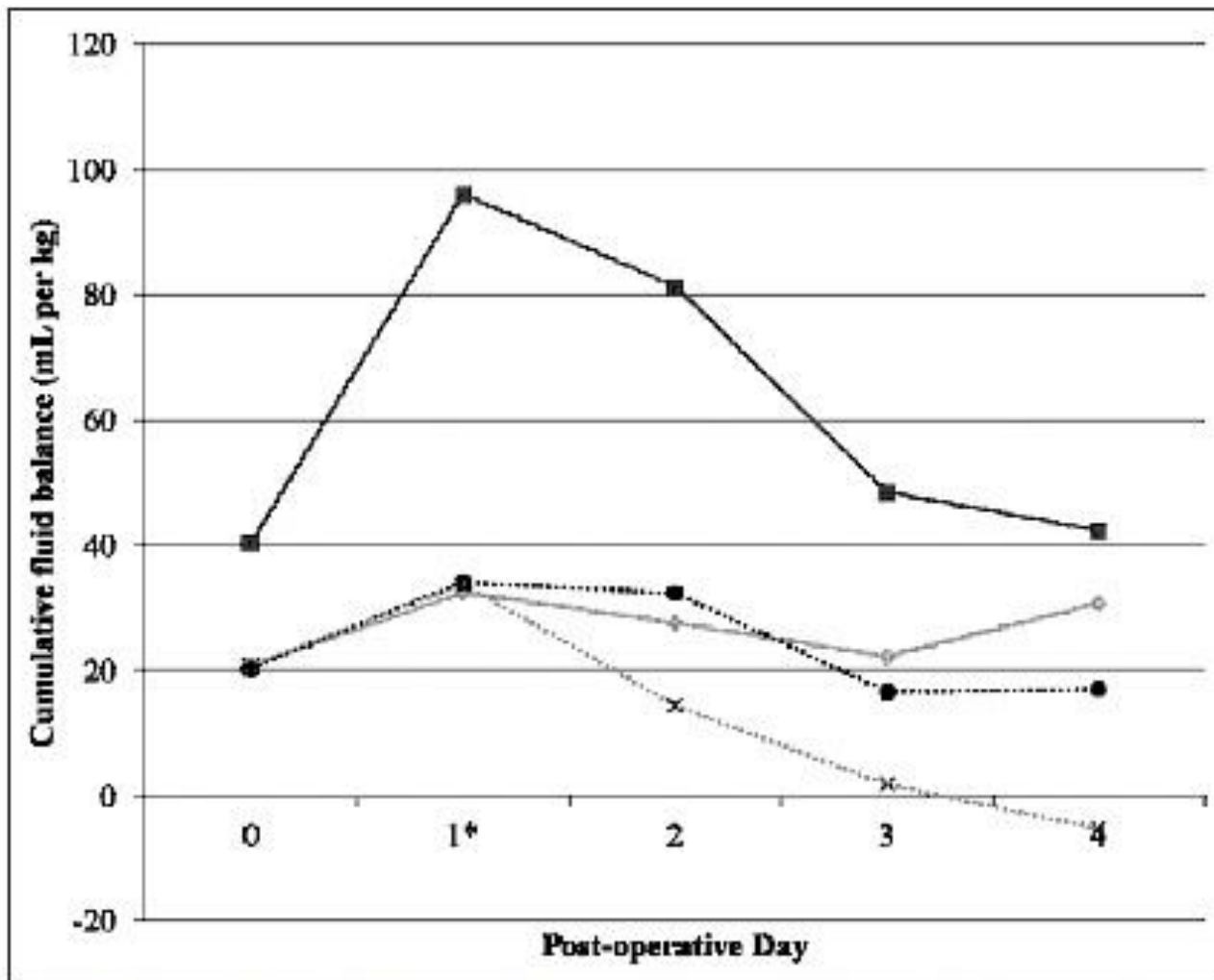
FIGURE 1: Bar graph depicting the association between cumulative fluid balance within the first 72 hours after ALI and all-cause mortality.

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Abbreviations: AKI = acute kidney injury; ICU = intensive care unit;

- Consensus definitions for fluid overload do not exist
- Fluid overload may be defined as a positive fluid balance of **at least 50–100 mL/kg** on a given day
- Percentage fluid overload 5 %  
**([volume fluid in (L) – volume fluid out(L)]/[weight] × 100)**



**Figure 1.** Median cumulative fluid balance in milliliters per kilogram body weight in patients in each category of acute kidney injury using pediatric-modified Risk, Injury, Failure, Loss, and End-stage criteria over the study period. Risk = more than 25% loss of renal function, Injury = more than 50%, Failure = more than 75% loss or an absolute function less than 9.5 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>. \*Significant comparisons as obtained using Kruskal-Wallis comparison between all groups. None = gray diamond, Risk = closed circle, Injury = "x" mark, Failure = closed square.

Attention to “early fluid overload”  
(e.g., first 24 postoperative hours)  
and cumulative fluid overload

### **TABLE 3. Multivariable Analysis of the Predictors of Prolonged Mechanical Ventilation**

Variable	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	p
Early fluid overload	3.15 (0.58–17.12)	0.1835
Cardiopulmonary bypass time	1.04 (1.02–1.07)	0.0001
Age (mo)	0.98 (0.96–0.99)	0.0277

OR = odds ratio.

p values obtained by logistic regression controlling for presence of a cyanotic lesion, cardiopulmonary bypass time, baseline estimated glomerular filtration rate, and pediatric-modified Risk, Injury, Failure, Loss, and End-stage category.

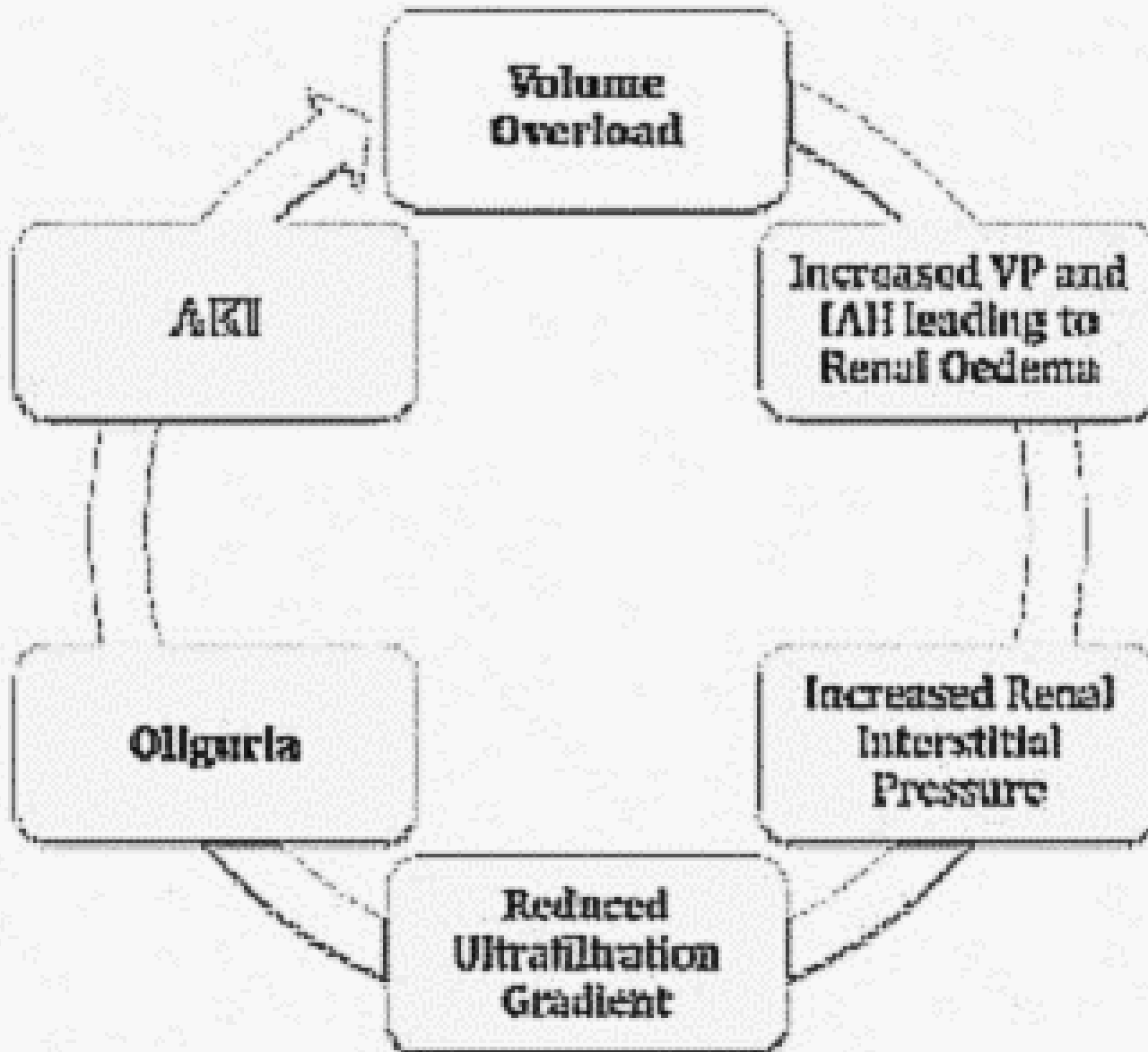
**Association between mean fluid balance, urinary output, and fluid intake between AKI and progression to AKI III or recovery and hospital mortality**

Multivariable analysis				
	Progression to AKI III		Death in hospital	
	OR (95% CI)	P value	OR (95% CI)	P value
<b>Model 1*</b>				
Fluid gain (per liter/day)	2.7 (1.8–4.1)	<0.001	1.6 (1.2–2.1)	0.001
<b>Model 2*</b>				
Urine output (per liter/day)	0.8 (0.3–2.2)	0.6	0.8 (0.4–1.4)	0.66
Fluid intake (per liter/day)	1.8 (1.1–8.8)	0.02	1.3 (1.0–1.8)	0.09

AKI, acute kidney injury; APACHE, Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation; CAD, coronary artery disease; CCF, congestive cardiac failure; CI, confidence interval; MAP, mean arterial pressure; OR, odds ratio; SOFA, sequential organ failure assessment.

\*All models adjusted for age, sex, CAD and/or CCF, DO<sub>2</sub>l, MAP, diuretic use, type of fluids administered, SOFA, and APACHE scores on admission.





- Specific guidelines for the composition and rate of IV fluid administration for the pediatric cardiac patient do not exist
- Adequate organ perfusion requires **appropriate circulating blood volume**
- **Renal perfusion pressure = MAP – CVP**

- Widely accepted values for normal renal perfusion pressure in the pediatric cardiac population have not been established
- A number of variables should be considered to determine whether an individual patient has adequate renal perfusion pressure

# Considering Factors

- younger age/gestational age
- preoperative mechanical ventilation
- type of repair
- longer CPB
- hypothermic circulatory arrest times

## The underlying cardiac physiology

- Noncompliant right ventricle (e.g., PA with IVS, TOF)  
elevated RA pressure and systemic venous pressure
  - Functional SV palliated with TCPC  
nonphasic, elevated CVP
- => higher MAP to achieve adequate renal perfusion

- Note that pressure alone may not correlate well with regional organ perfusion and quantification of flow to end organs is often impractical at the bedside
- Urine output is quite sensitive to renal perfusion pressure and should be followed closely
- Serum blood urea nitrogen, creatinine, Ccr may assist in the assessment of renal perfusion pressure and evolving renal dysfunction

- Serum creatinine ( $S_{Cr}$ ) is a delayed marker for AKI after cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB)
- Rapidly detectable AKI biomarkers could allow early intervention and improve outcomes (JACC 2011, Nov 22)
- Biomarkers, such as neutrophil gelatinase–associated lipocalin (NGAL) and cystatin C, are useful for early identification of AKI and may become part of routine clinical care in the near future

Near-infrared spectroscopy may be used to measure renal tissue oxygenation

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