

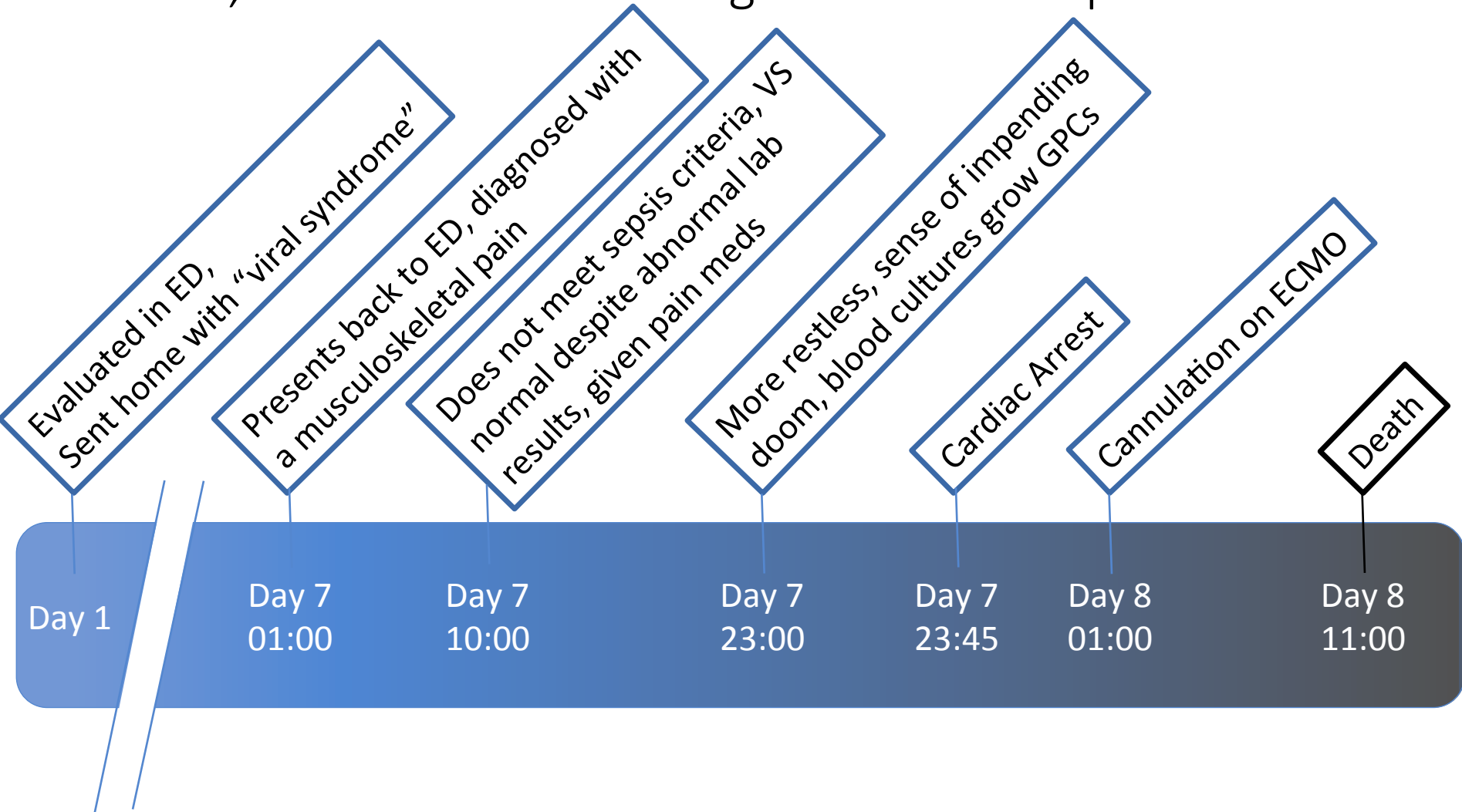
Heterogeneity in Critical Illness: Challenges and Opportunities

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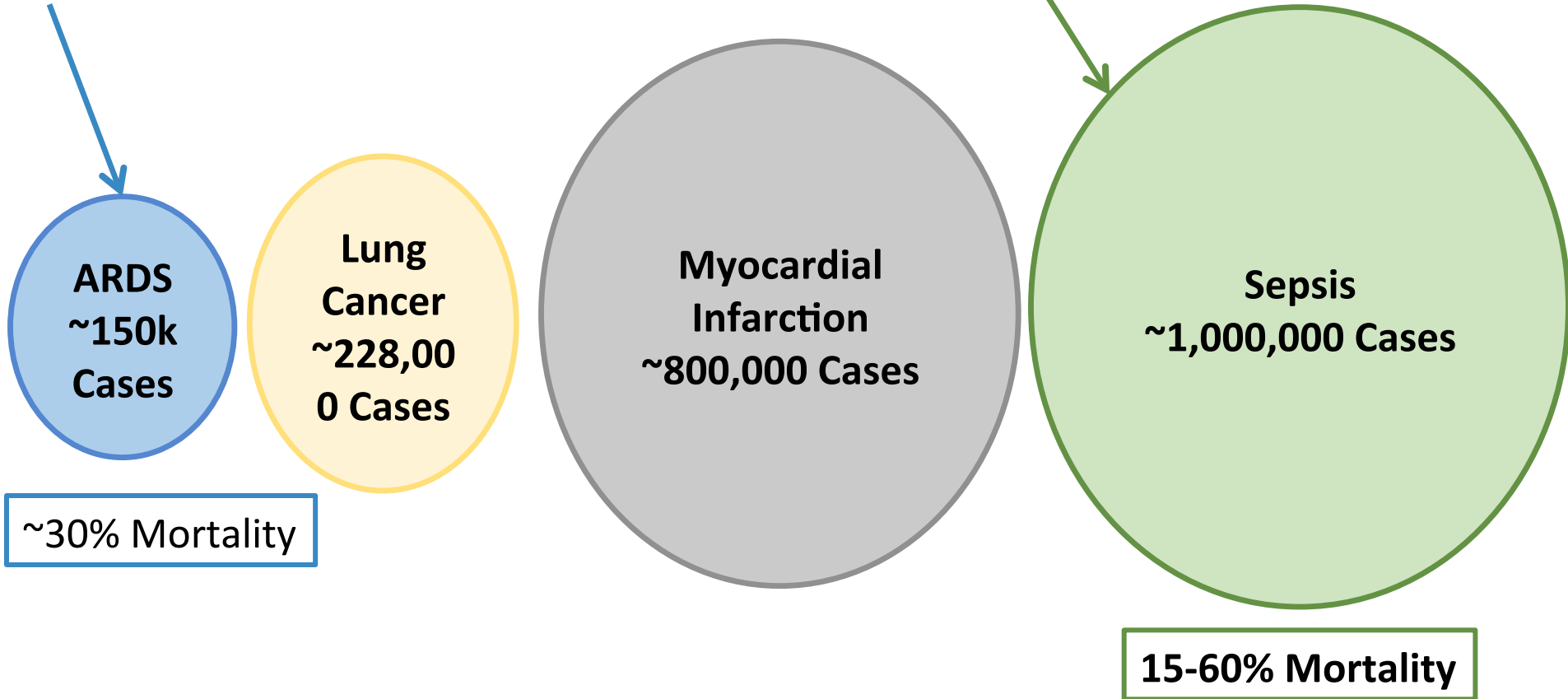


Outline

- Context and Definitions
- Syndromes versus Diseases
- Impact of Heterogeneity
- Network Physiology Opportunities

Burden of Critical Illness – Incidence (US)

“Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome”



Significant morbidity, mortality, and cost associated with these conditions

Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

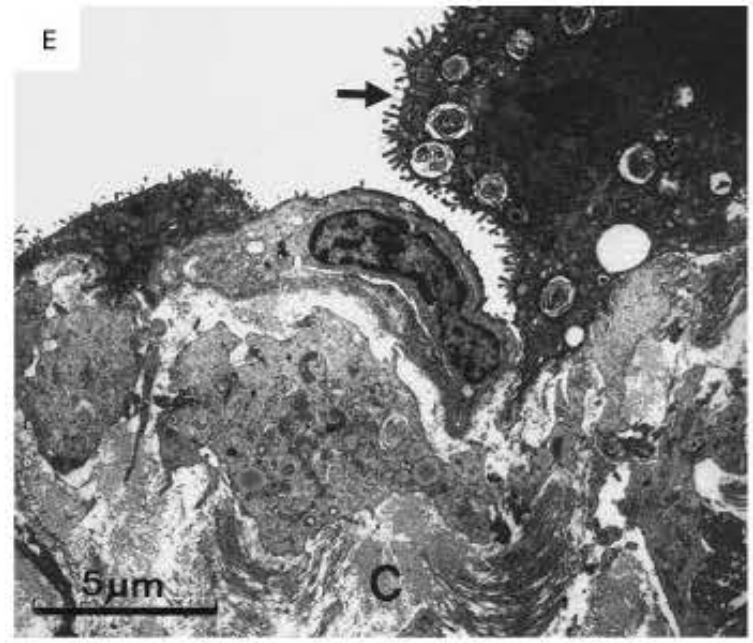
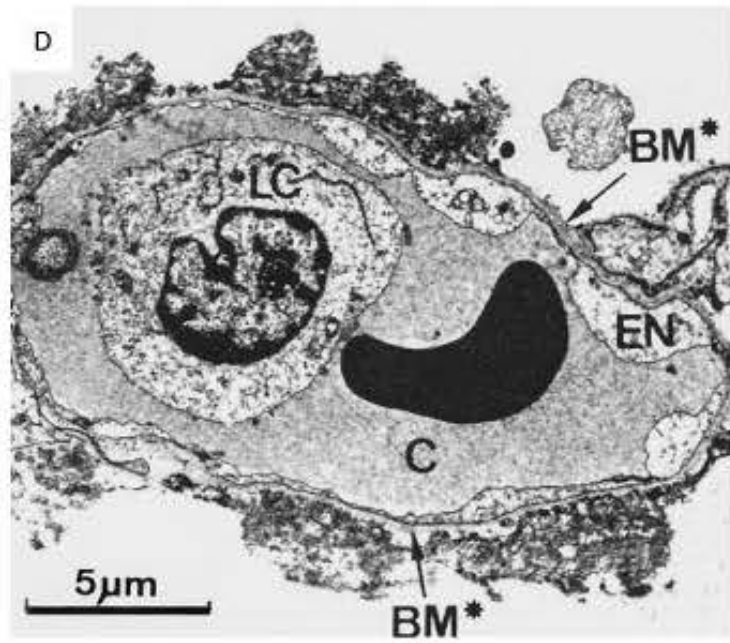
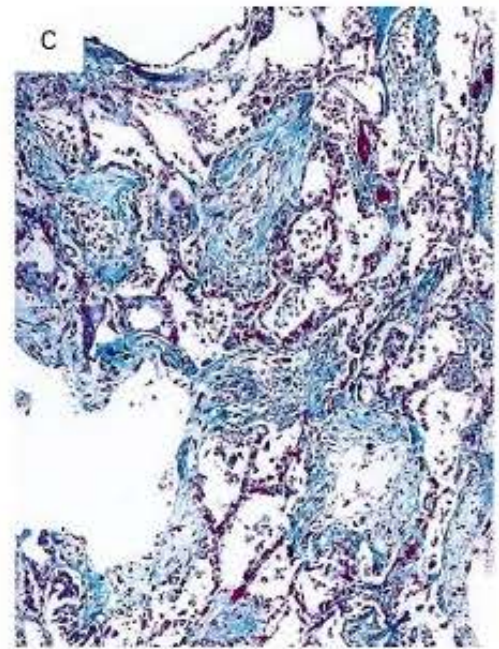
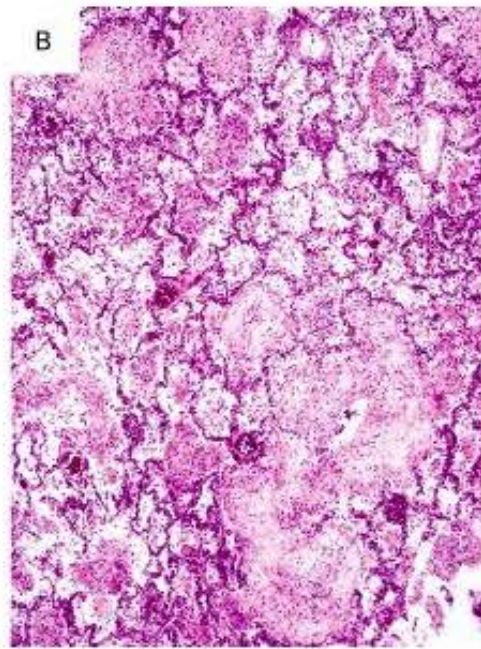
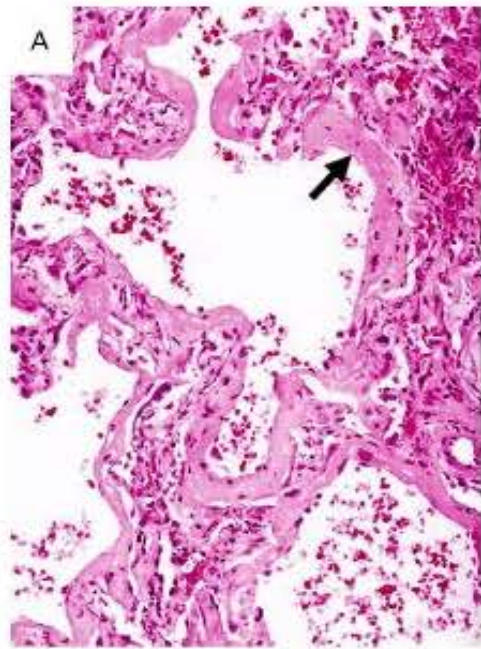
The Berlin Definition

The ARDS Definition Task Force*

Table 3. The Berlin Definition of Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

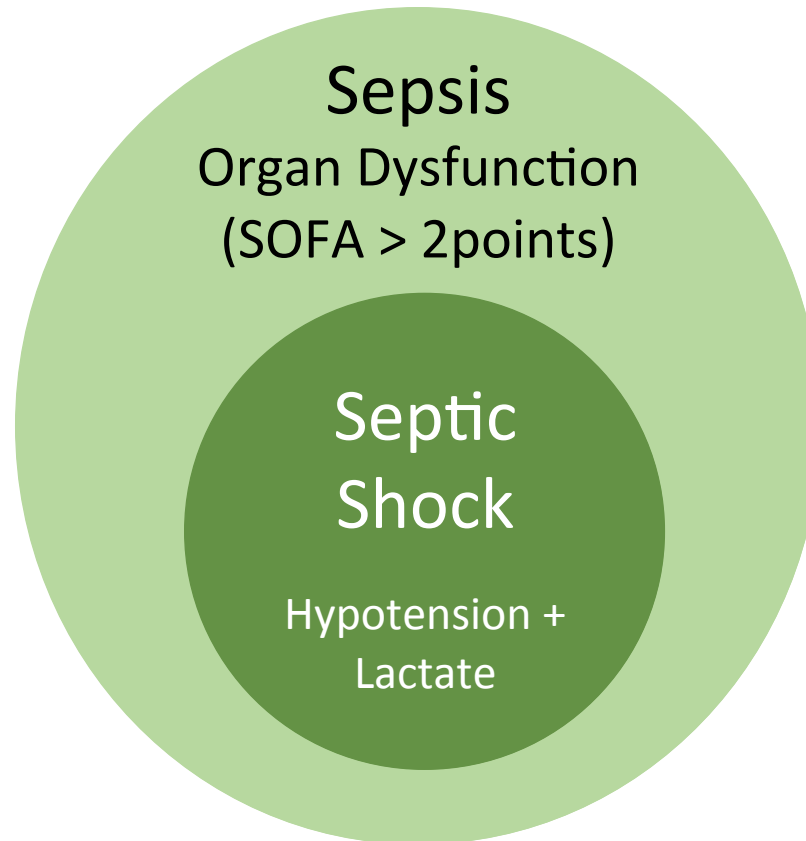
Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome	
Acute	Within 1 week of a known clinical insult or new or worsening respiratory symptoms
Abn'l Imaging	Bilateral opacities—not fully explained by effusions, lobar/lung collapse, or nodules
Not Something Else	Respiratory failure not fully explained by cardiac failure or fluid overload Need objective assessment (eg, echocardiography) to exclude hydrostatic edema if no risk factor present
Low Oxygen Levels	$200 \text{ mm Hg} < \text{PaO}_2/\text{FIO}_2 \leq 300 \text{ mm Hg}$ with PEEP or CPAP $\geq 5 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O}^c$
	$100 \text{ mm Hg} < \text{PaO}_2/\text{FIO}_2 \leq 200 \text{ mm Hg}$ with PEEP $\geq 5 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O}$
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Definition of Sepsis

“Life-threatening organ dysfunction caused by a dysregulated host response to infection”



Cental Nervous System

Acute change or
worsening mental
status

Respiratory

Tachypnea
Increased need for
O₂

Renal

Decrease urine output
Rising creatinine

Metabolic

Elevated lactate

Cardiovascular

Hypotension

Liver

Elevated bilirubin,
AST, ALT, Alk Phos

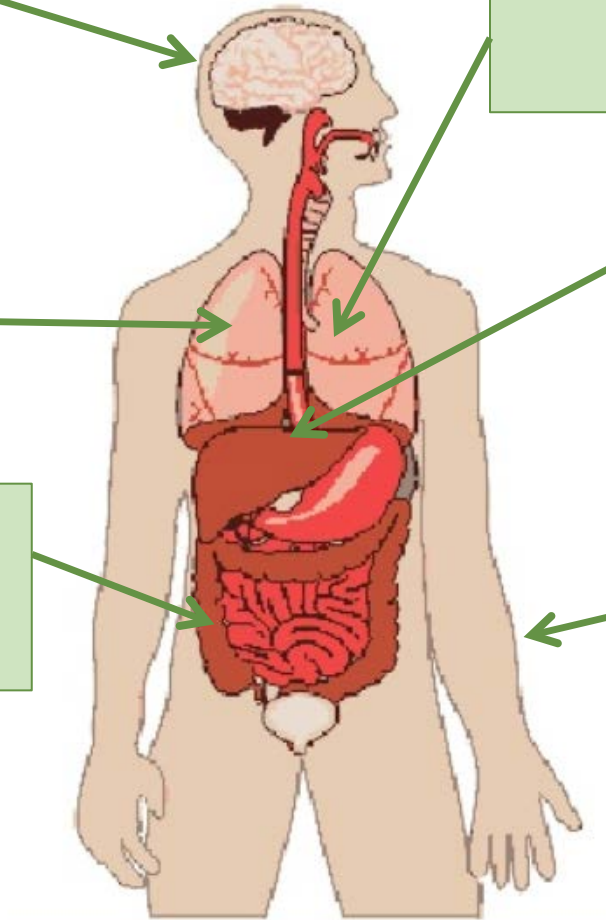
Circulatory

Poor capillary refill
Skin mottling

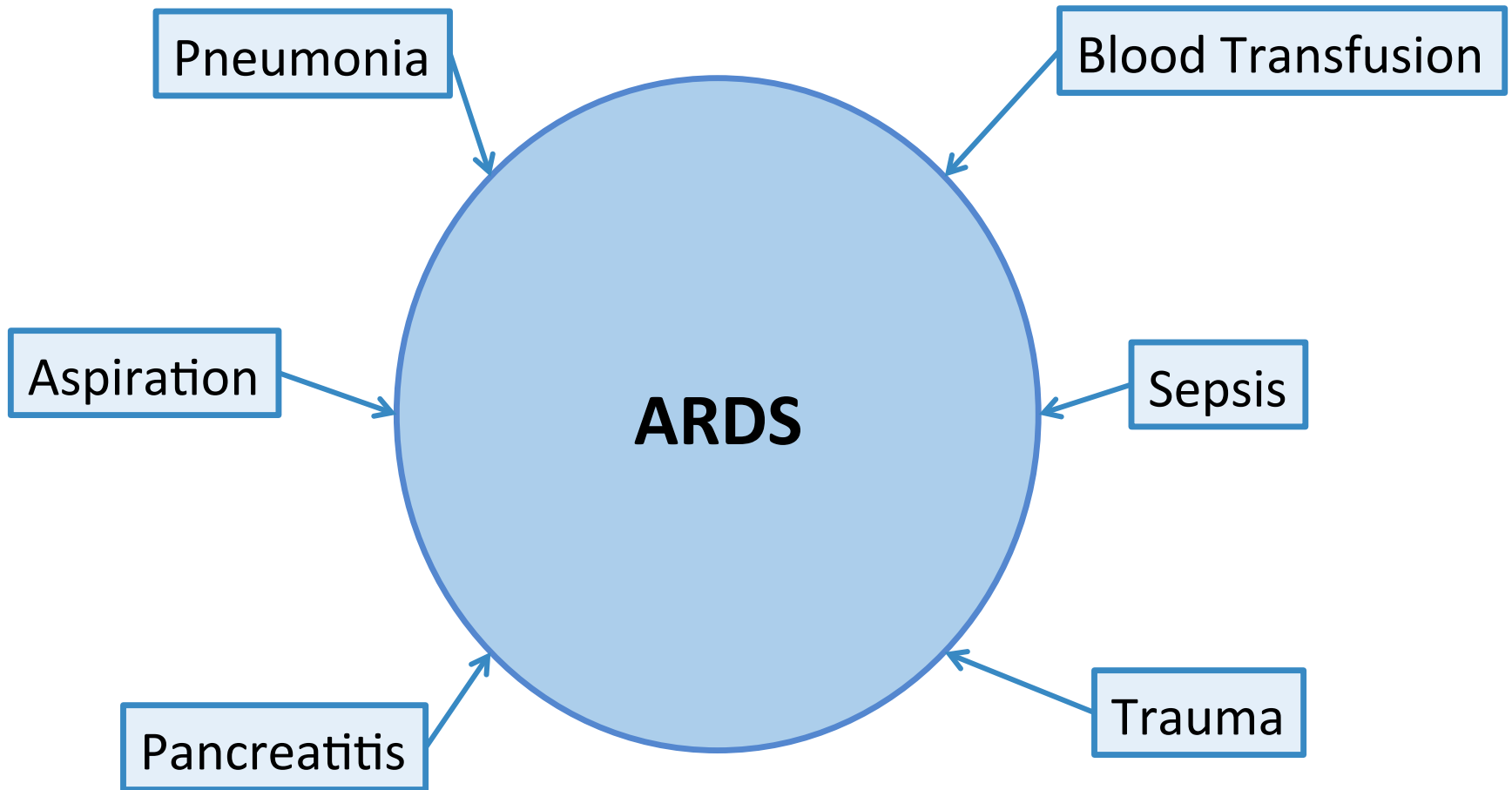
Hematologic

Thrombocytopenia
Coagulopathy (elevated
INR, DIC)

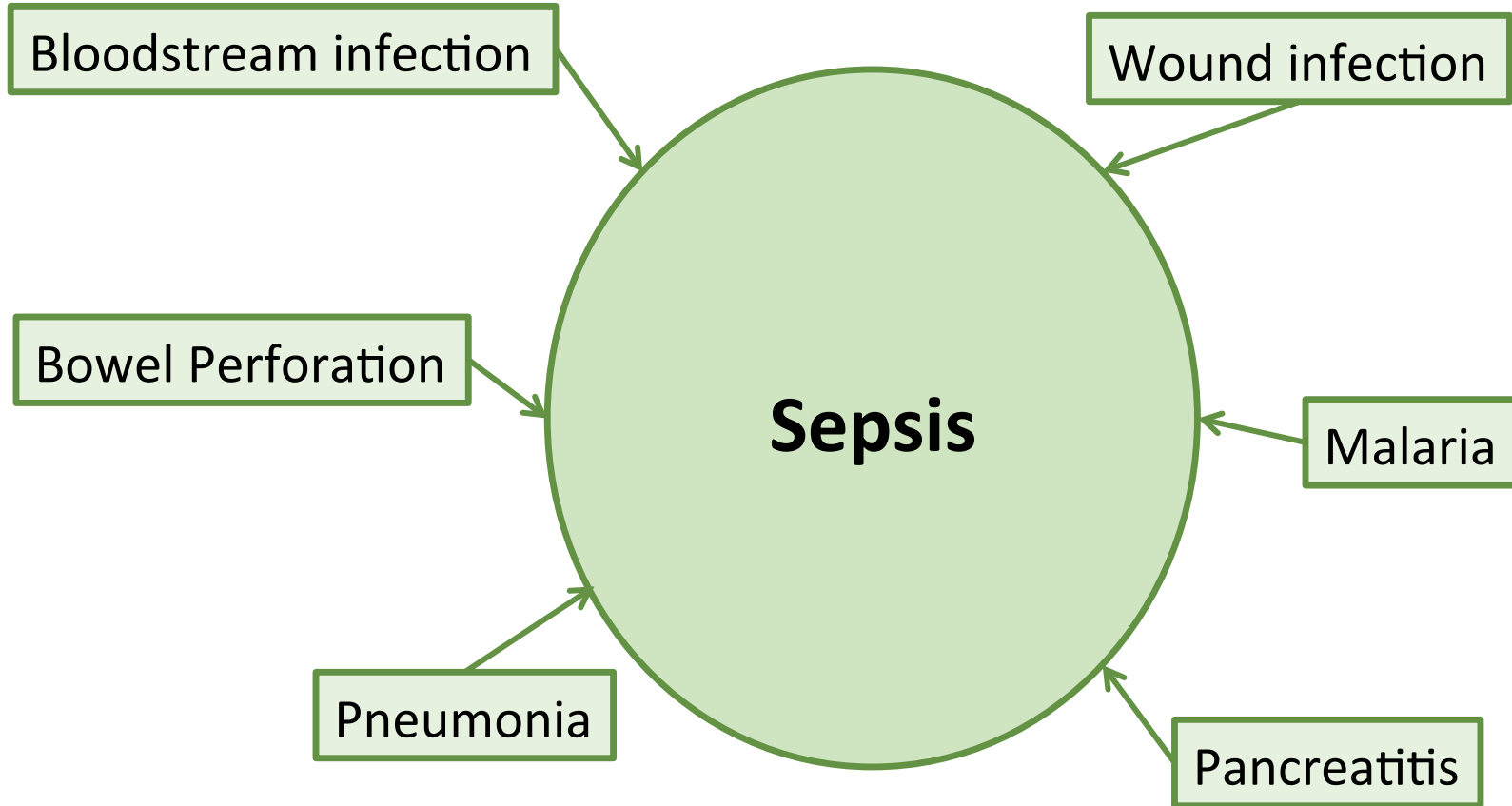
**Overall Toxic
Appearance**



Critical Illness as Final Common Pathway?

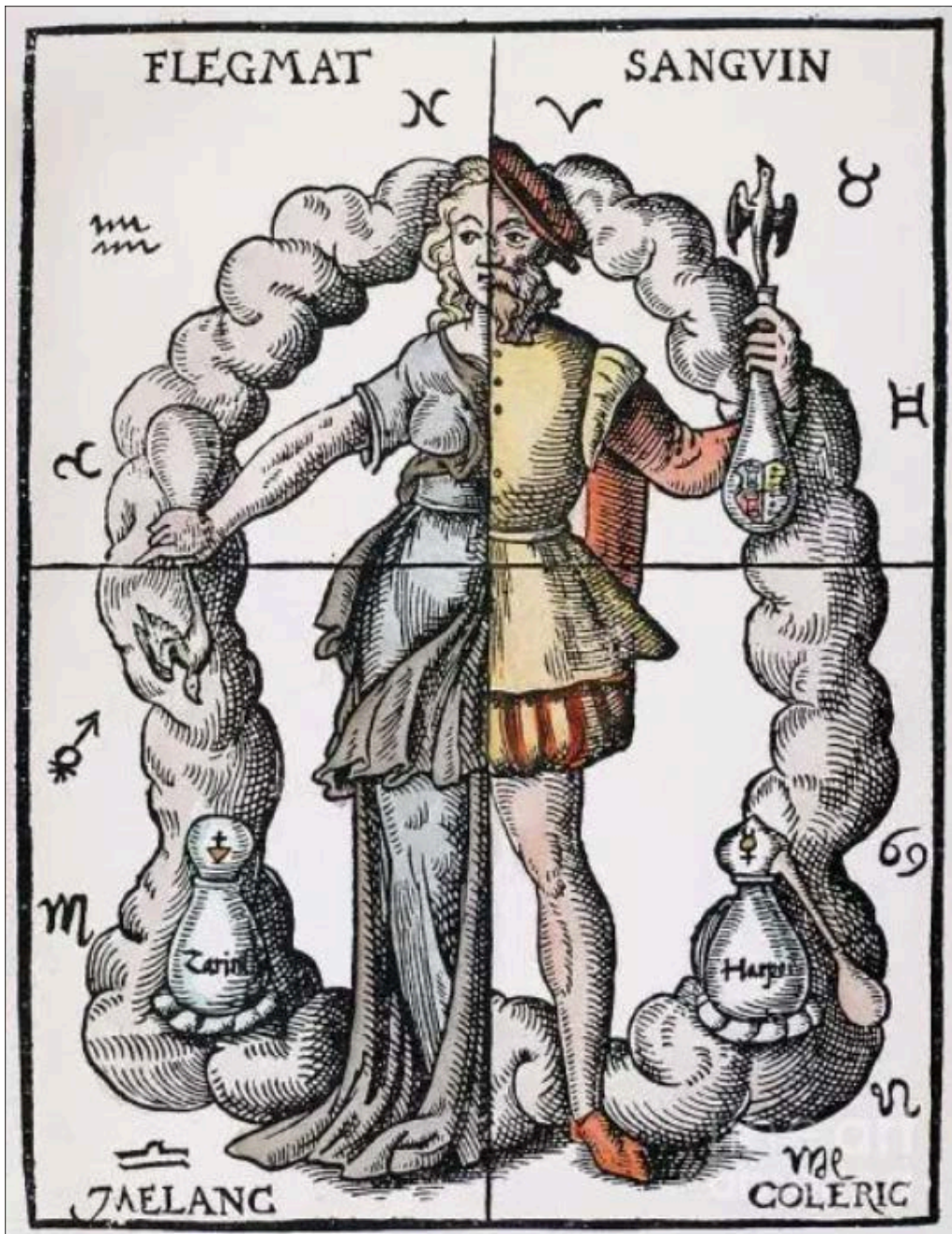


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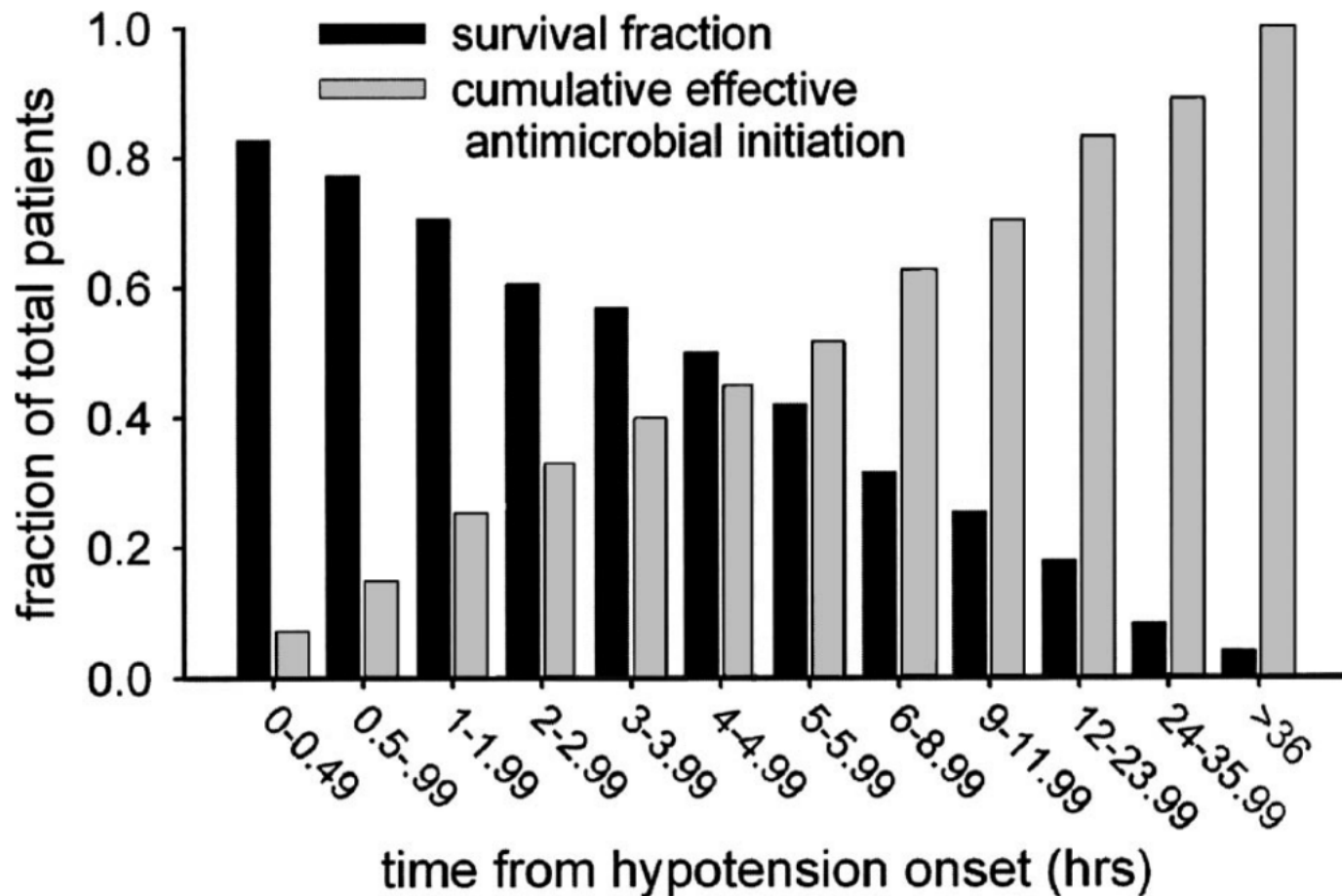
Sepsis and ARDS are Syndromes, not Diseases

- No specific biomarker (e.g. a blood test) to identify either “sepsis” or ARDS
- Diagnosis can be made at the bedside, but may not be specific (or even that sensitive)
- Purposefully inclusive definitions based on easily accessible clinical information
- Developed from need for a case definition

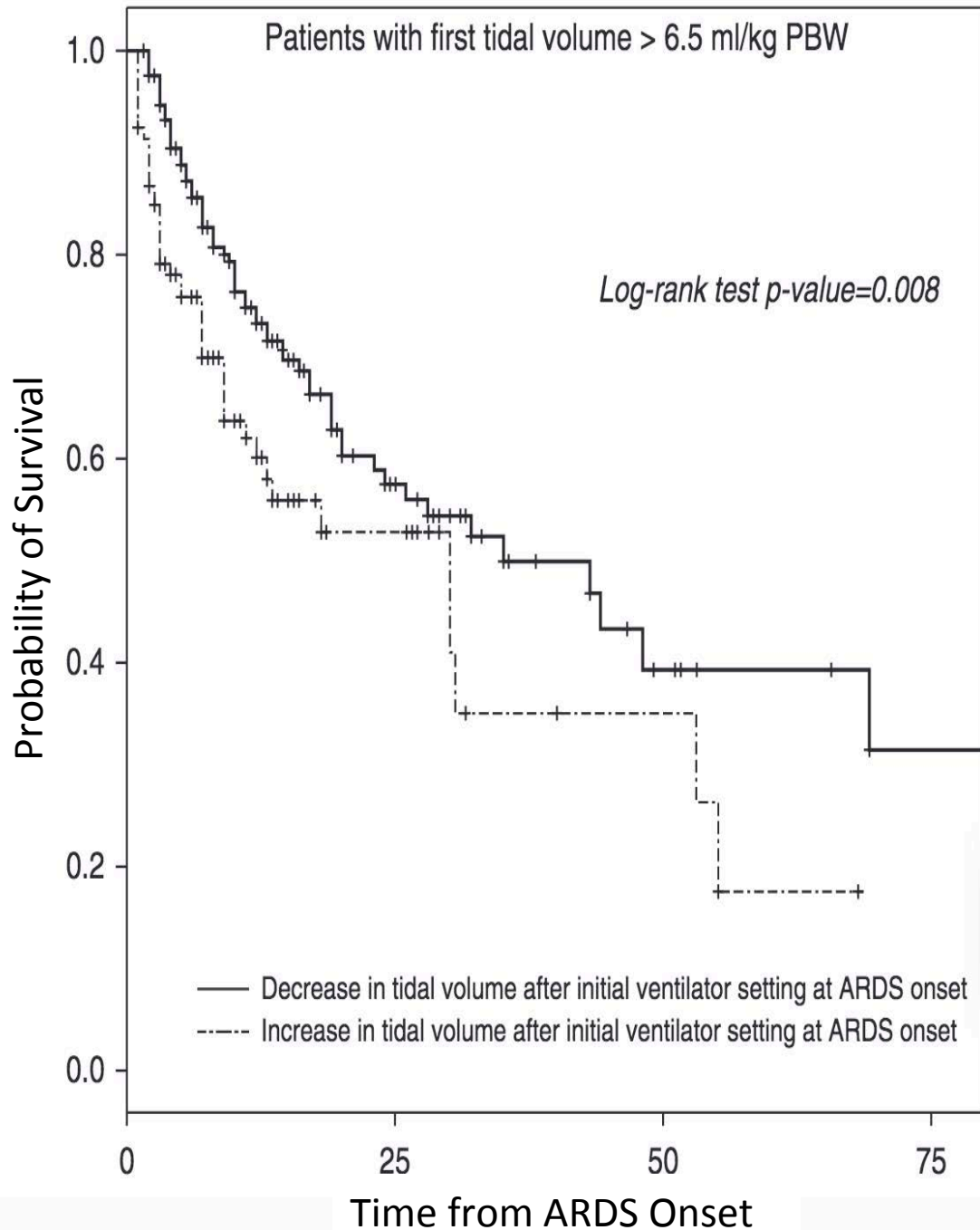


Have we really
come that far?

Early Identification → Early Intervention

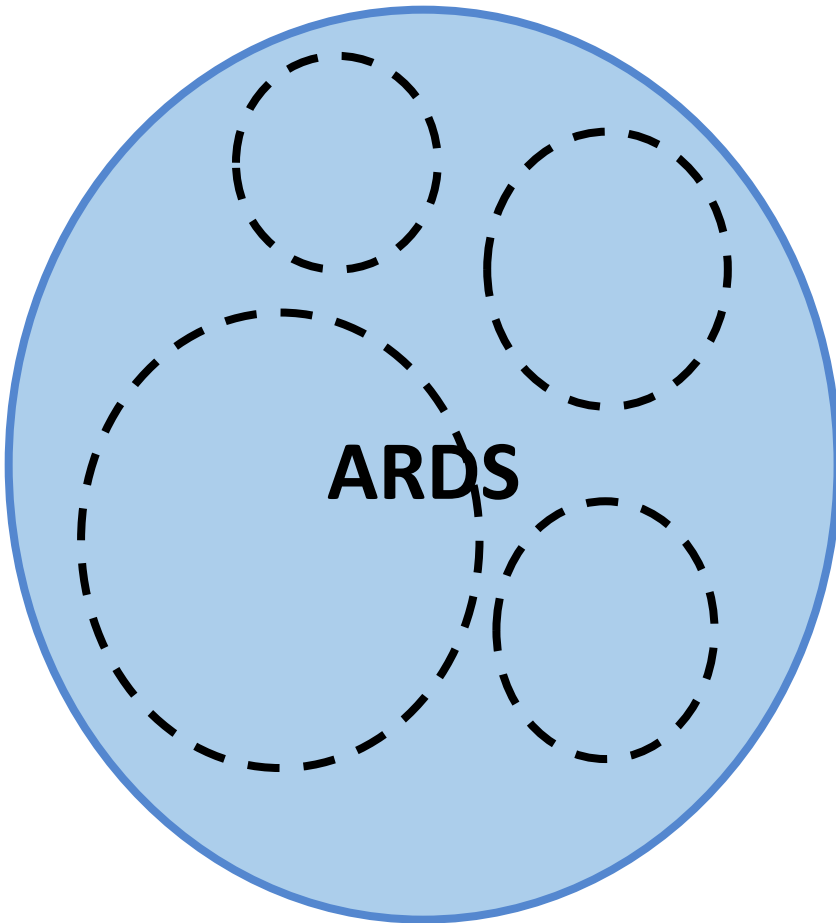


Timing of antibiotics in septic shock affects survival

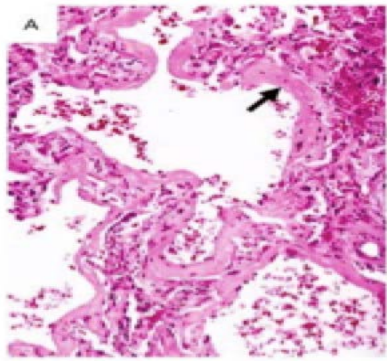


Ventilator management
at ARDS onset impacts
survival

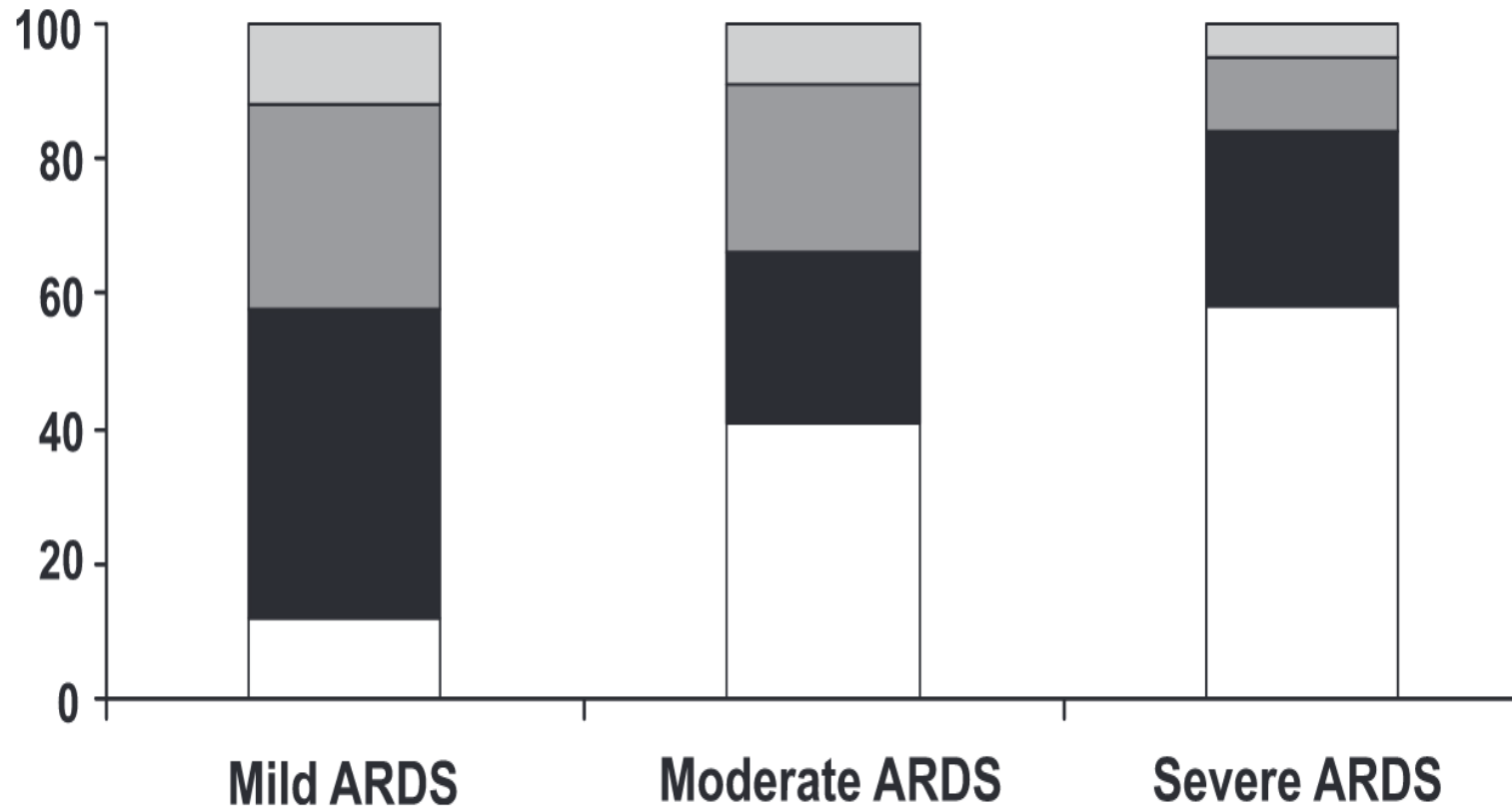
A Challenge of Syndromic Definitions: Heterogeneity!!



- **Subphenotypes:** groups that appear different in some way
- **Endotypes:** groups with distinct disease processes

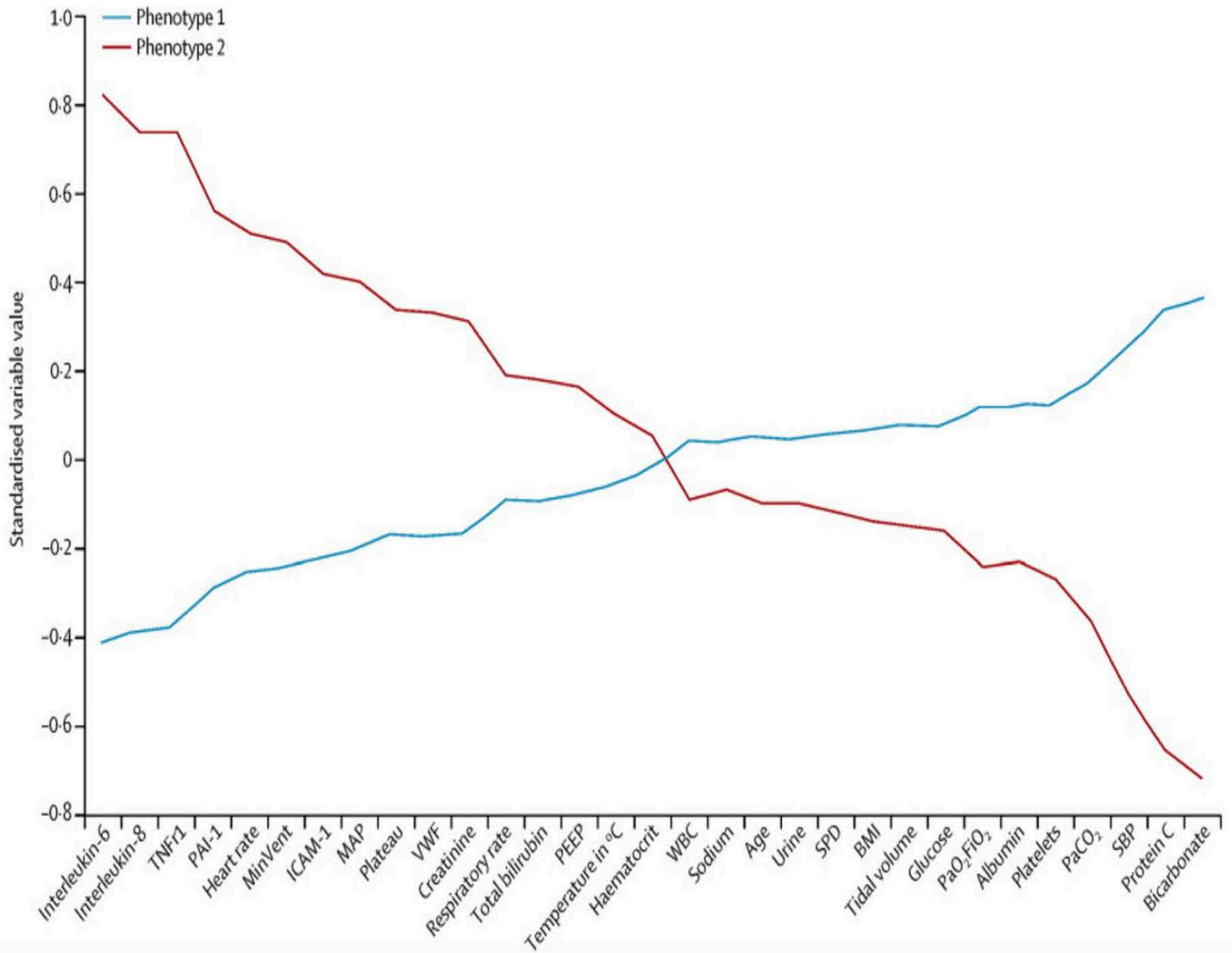


- No pulmonary lesion
- Other diagnostic
- Pneumonia
- Diffuse alveolar damage



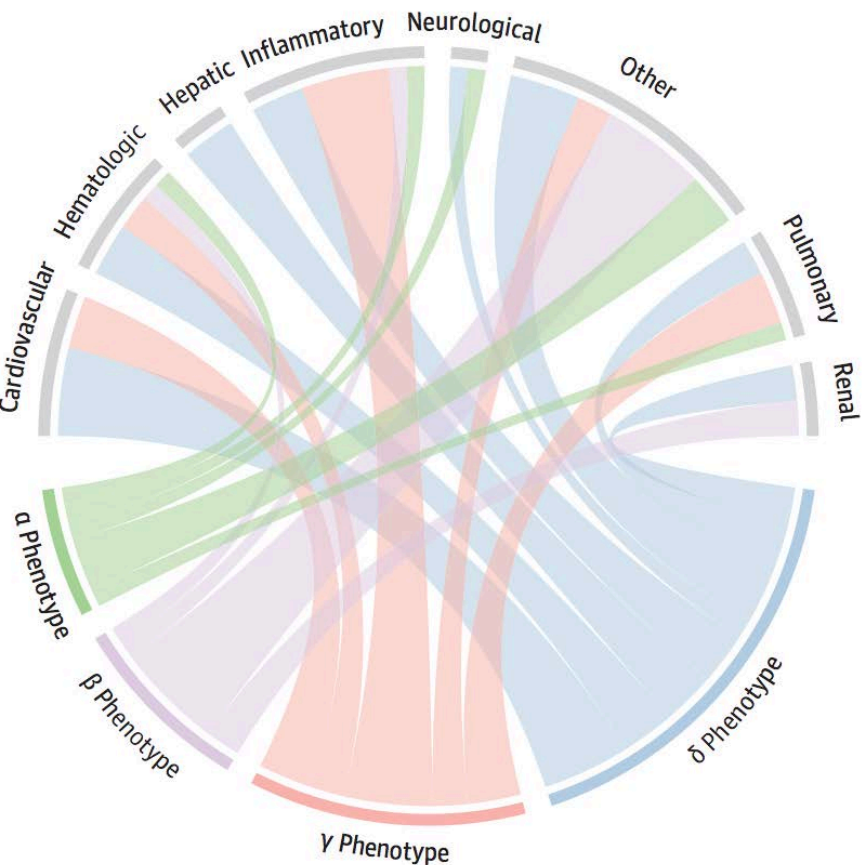
How to Identify Subgroups in ARDS

- What caused it?
 - Direct versus indirect injury
- What does it look like? (anatomic)
 - Focal versus diffuse
- What does it look like? (biomarker profile)
 - Latent class analysis

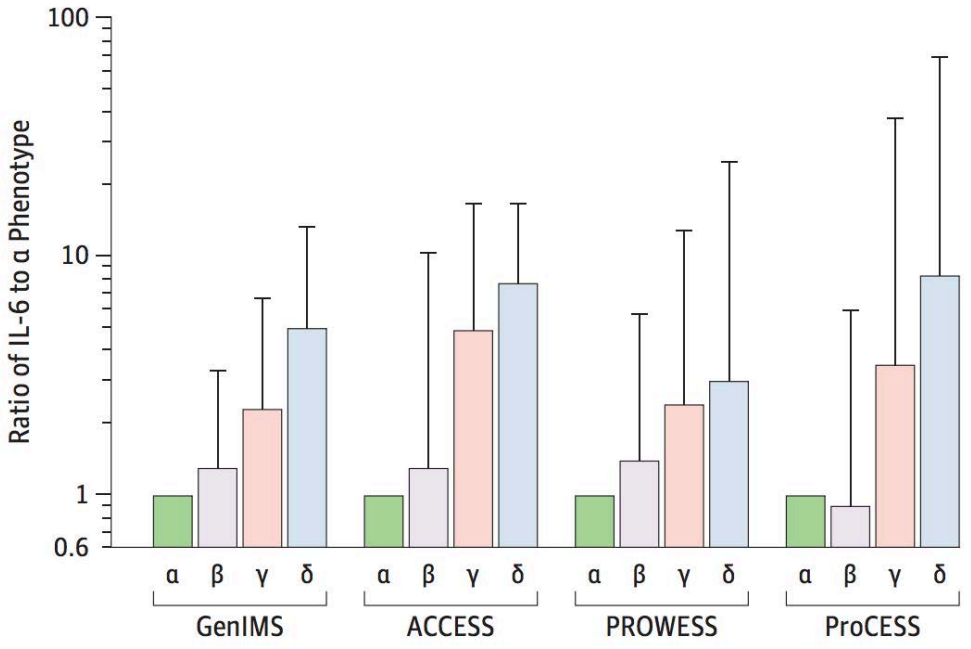


Sepsis Phenotypes

A All phenotypes combined



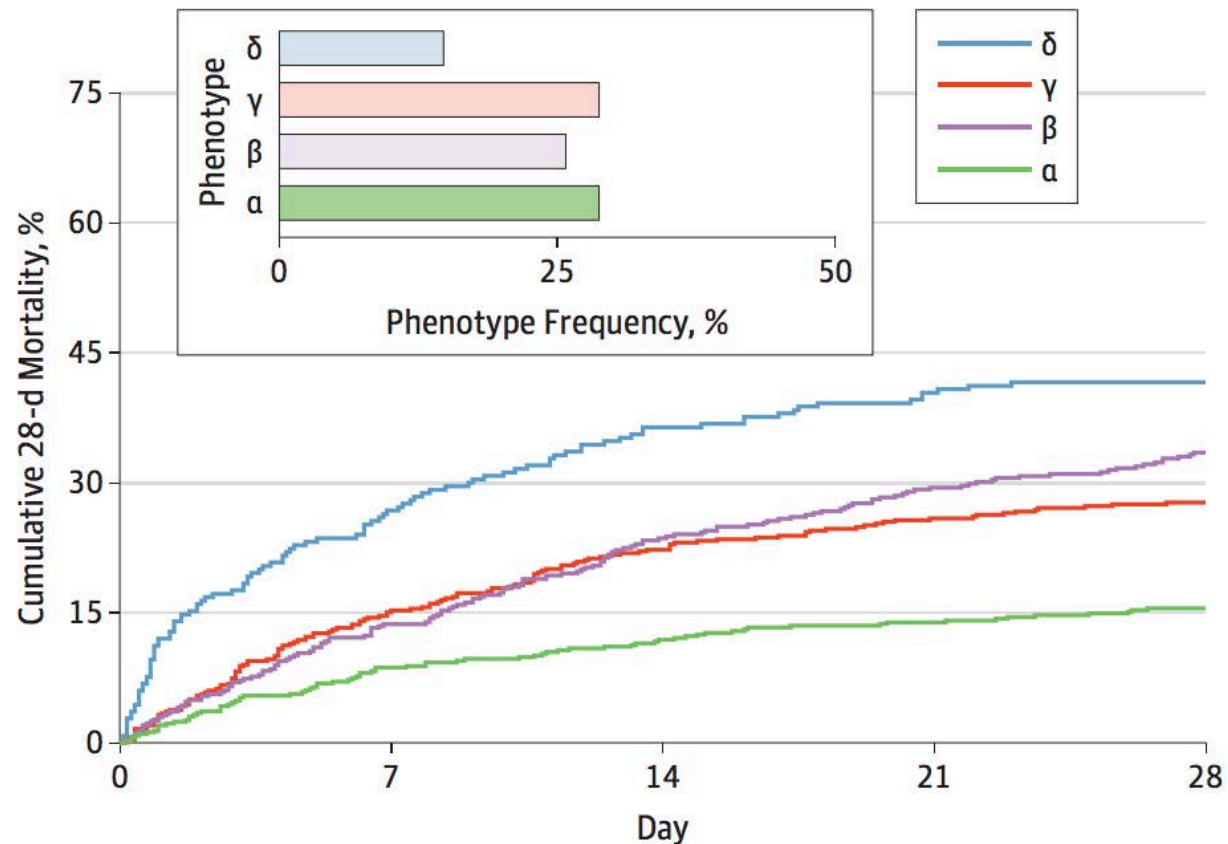
A Ratio of IL-6 to a phenotype

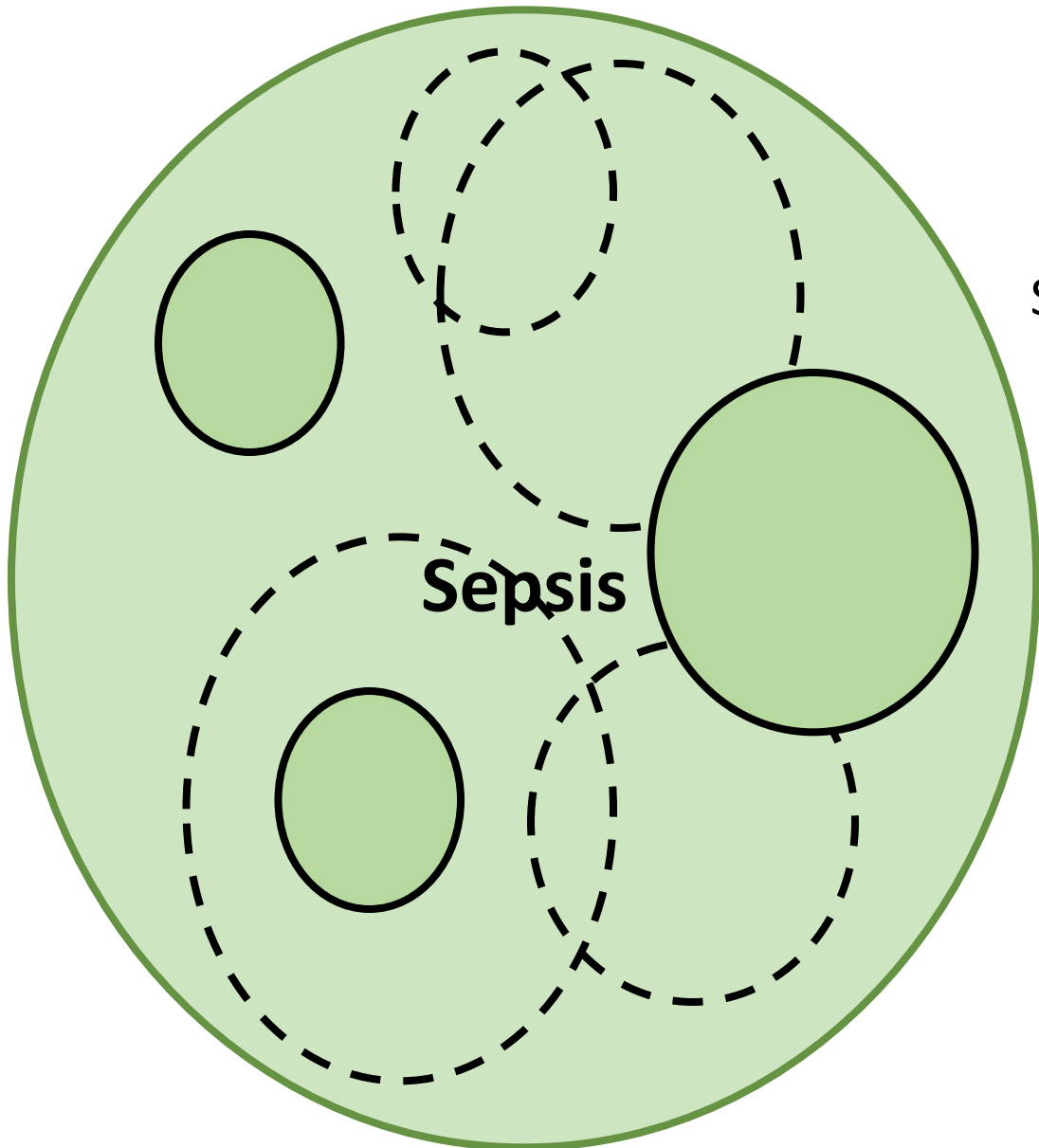


How do we know our subgroups are real?

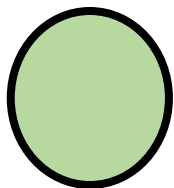
- Do they behave differently? Prognosis or Therapeutic Response

E PROWESS trial (n= 1690) (drotrecogin alfa vs placebo)

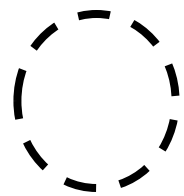


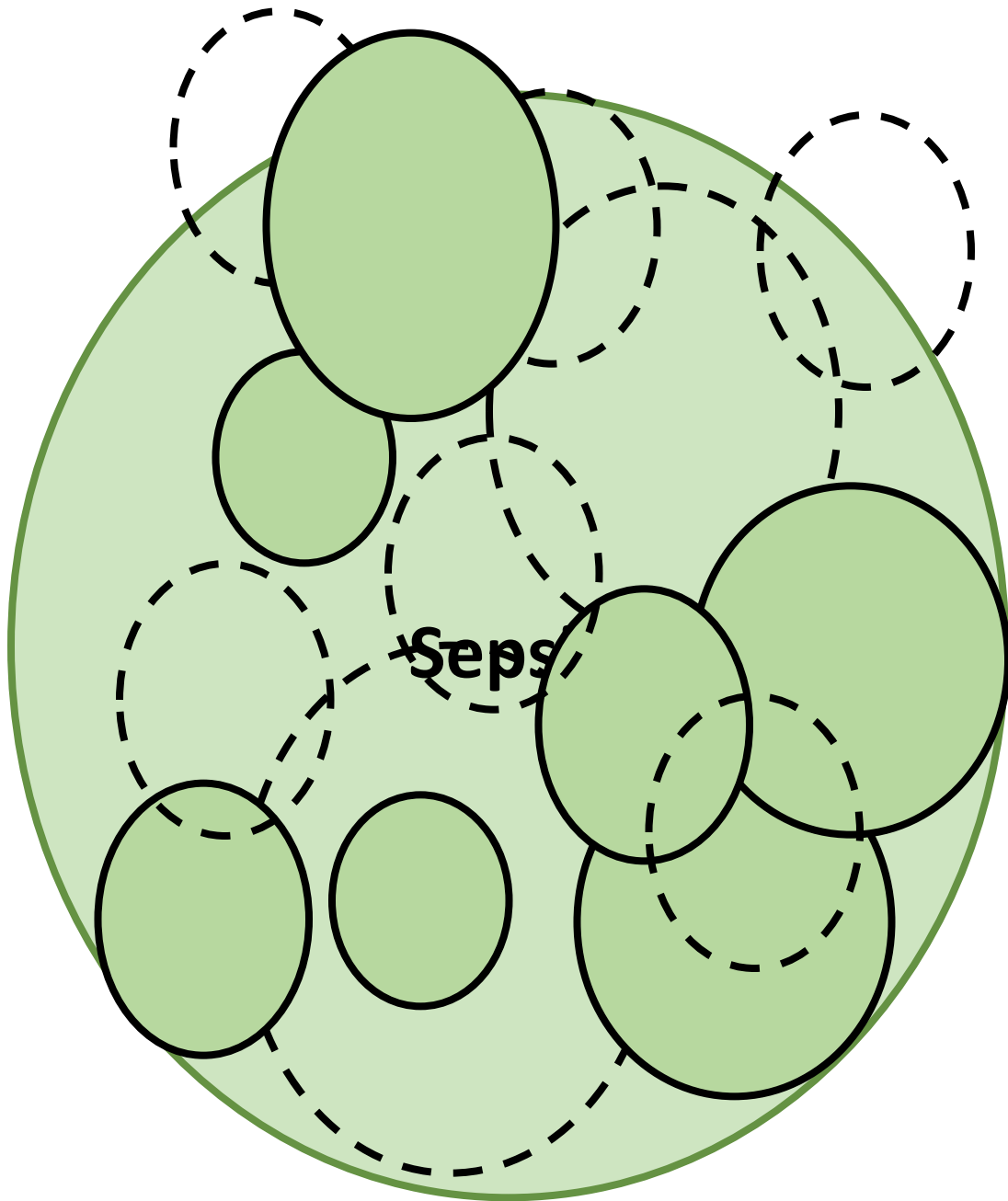


Some subgroups are identifiable



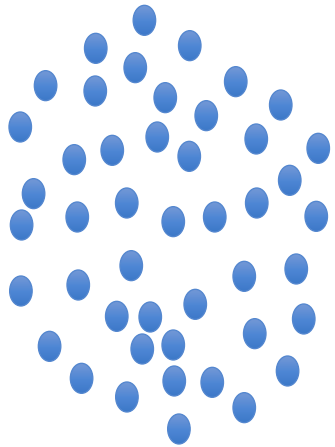
Some subgroups are not identifiable



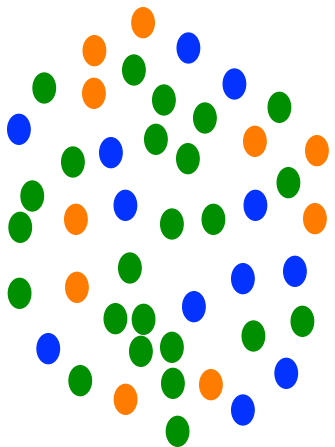


And it's probably even worse than we know....

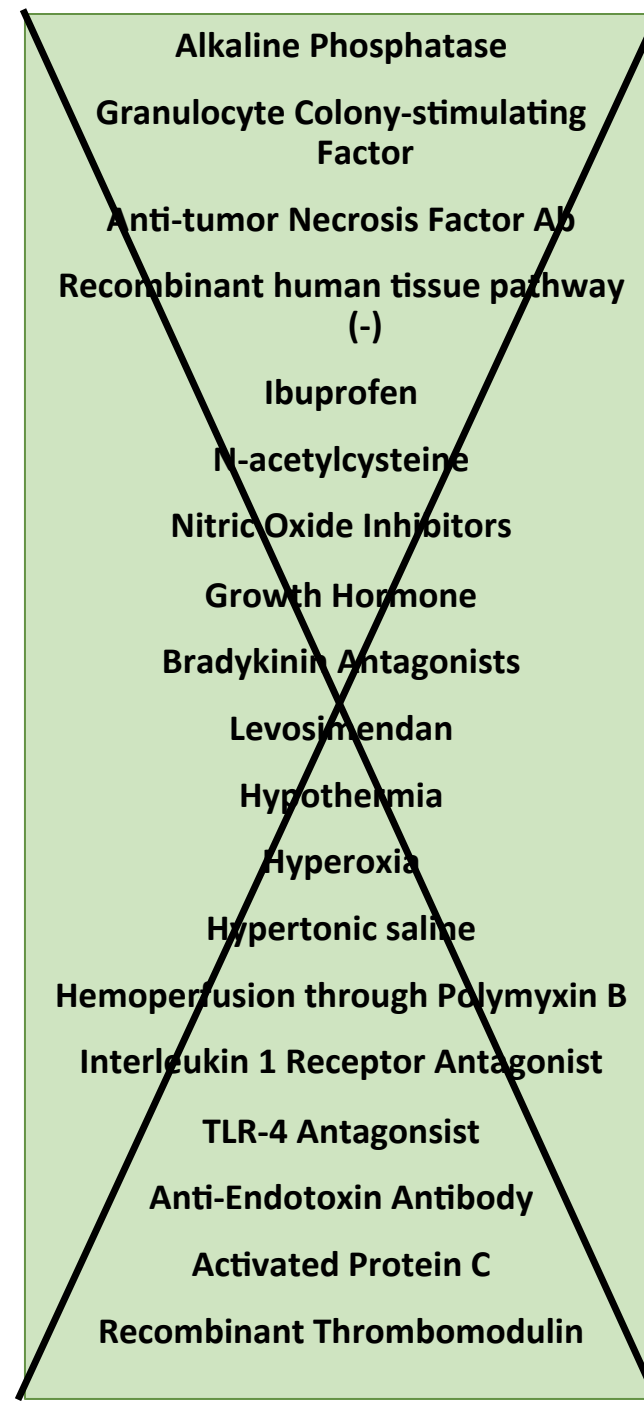
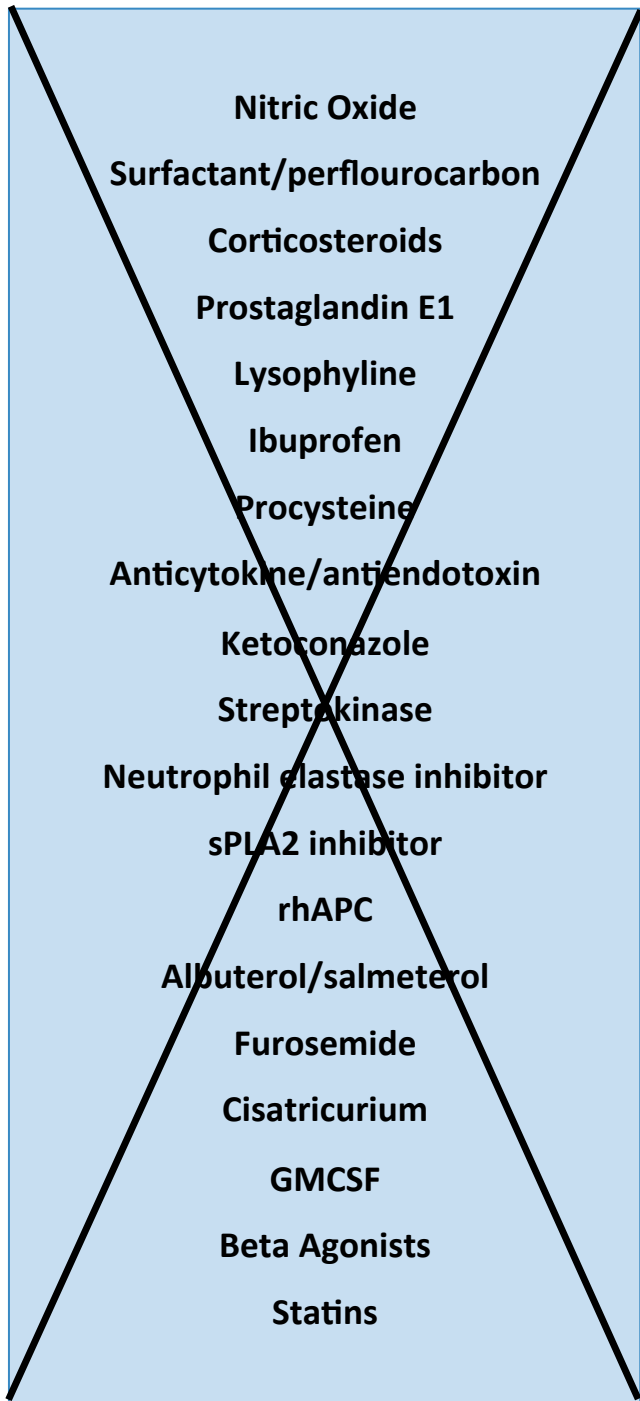
Why Does Heterogeneity Matter?



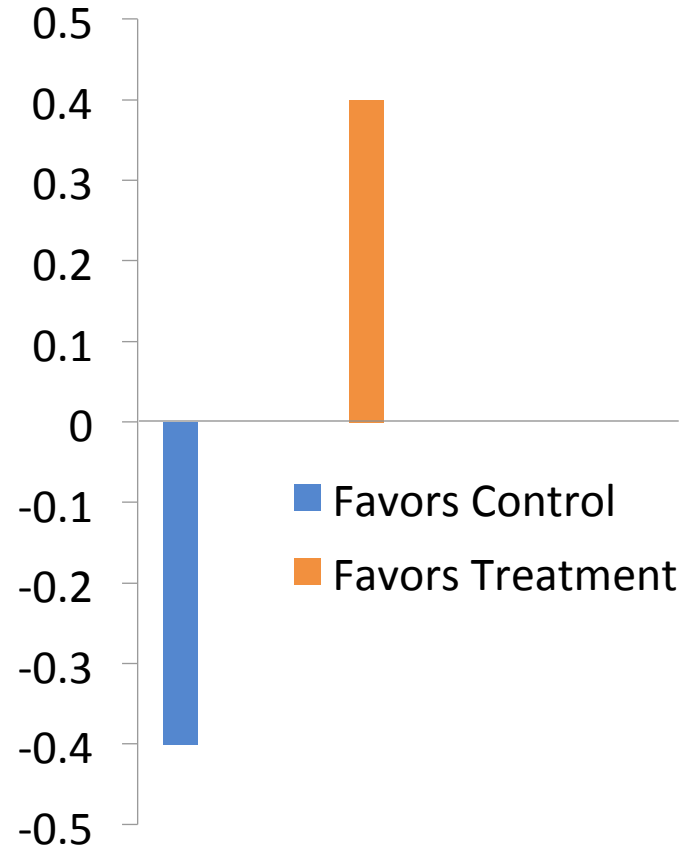
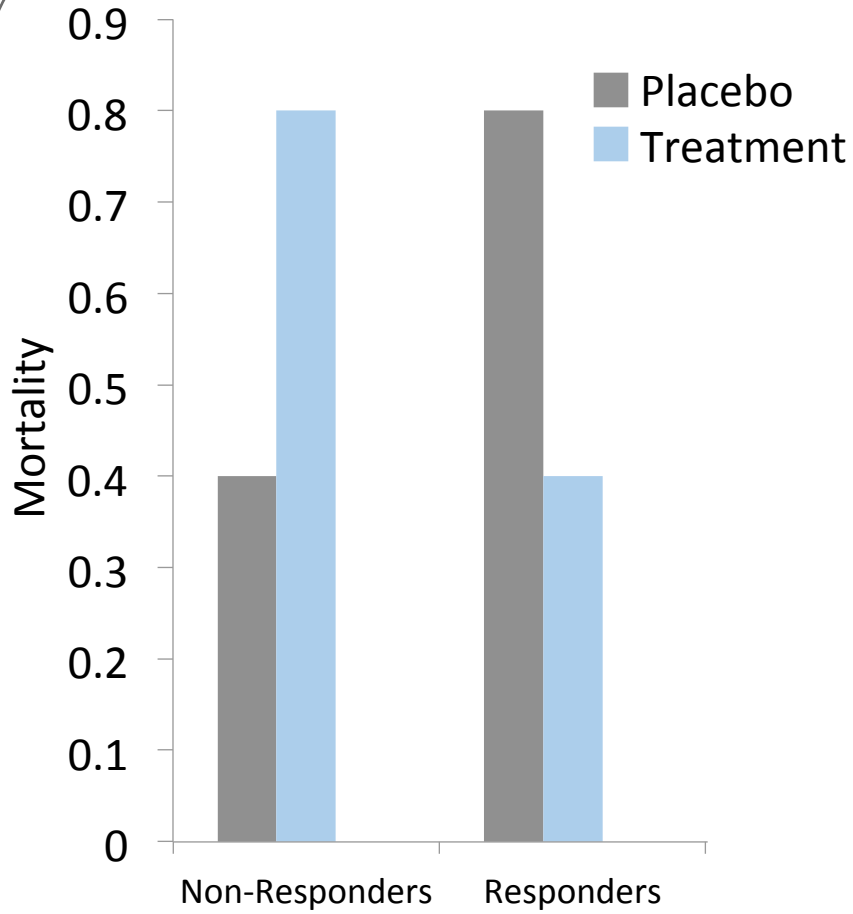
Variable outcomes
and response to
therapy

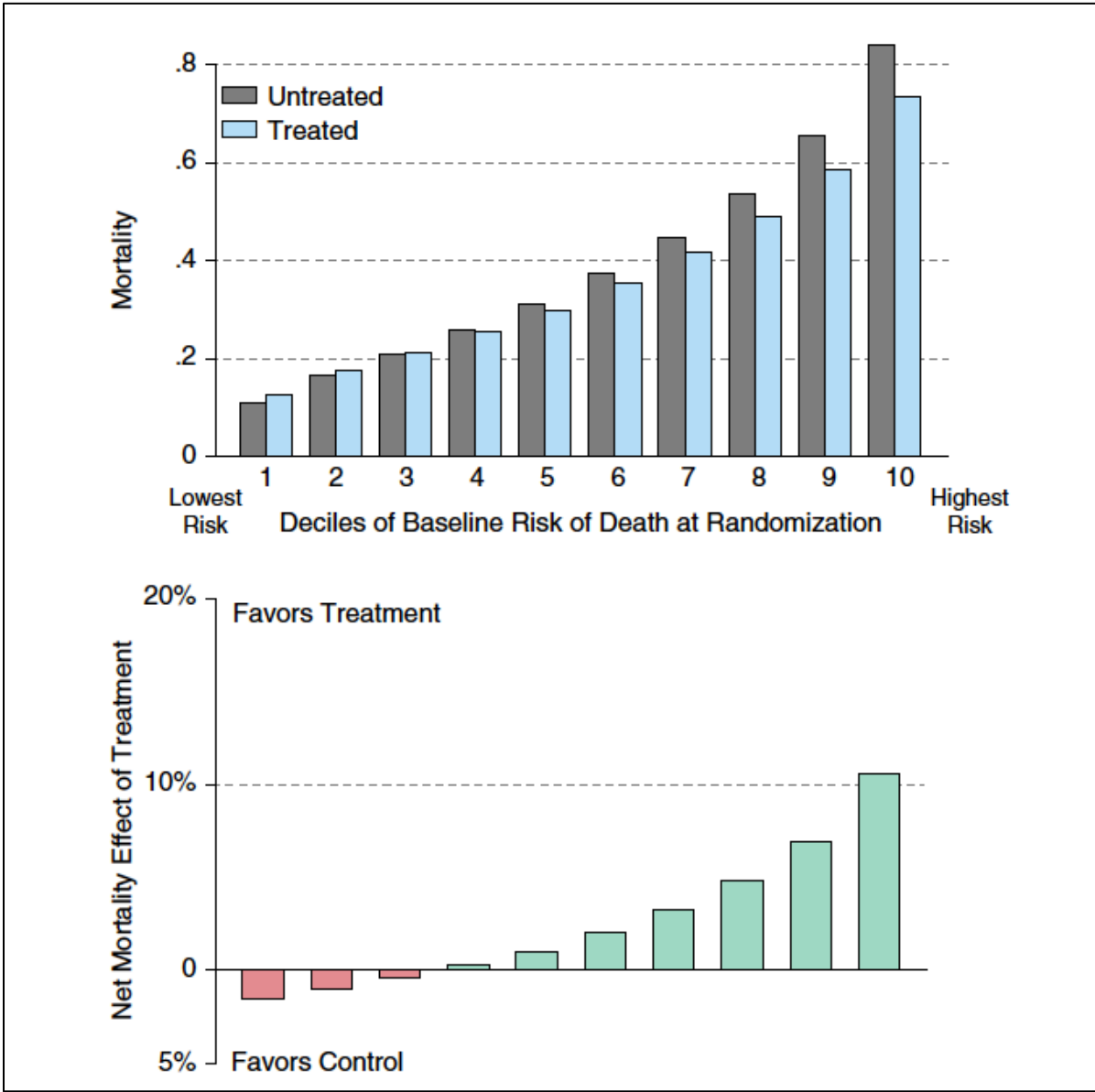


Accurate Prognosis
&
Personalized and
Effective Therapy



Why Heterogeneity Matters





Heterogeneity of Treatment Effect

Summary So Far...

Common and Highly Morbid Conditions

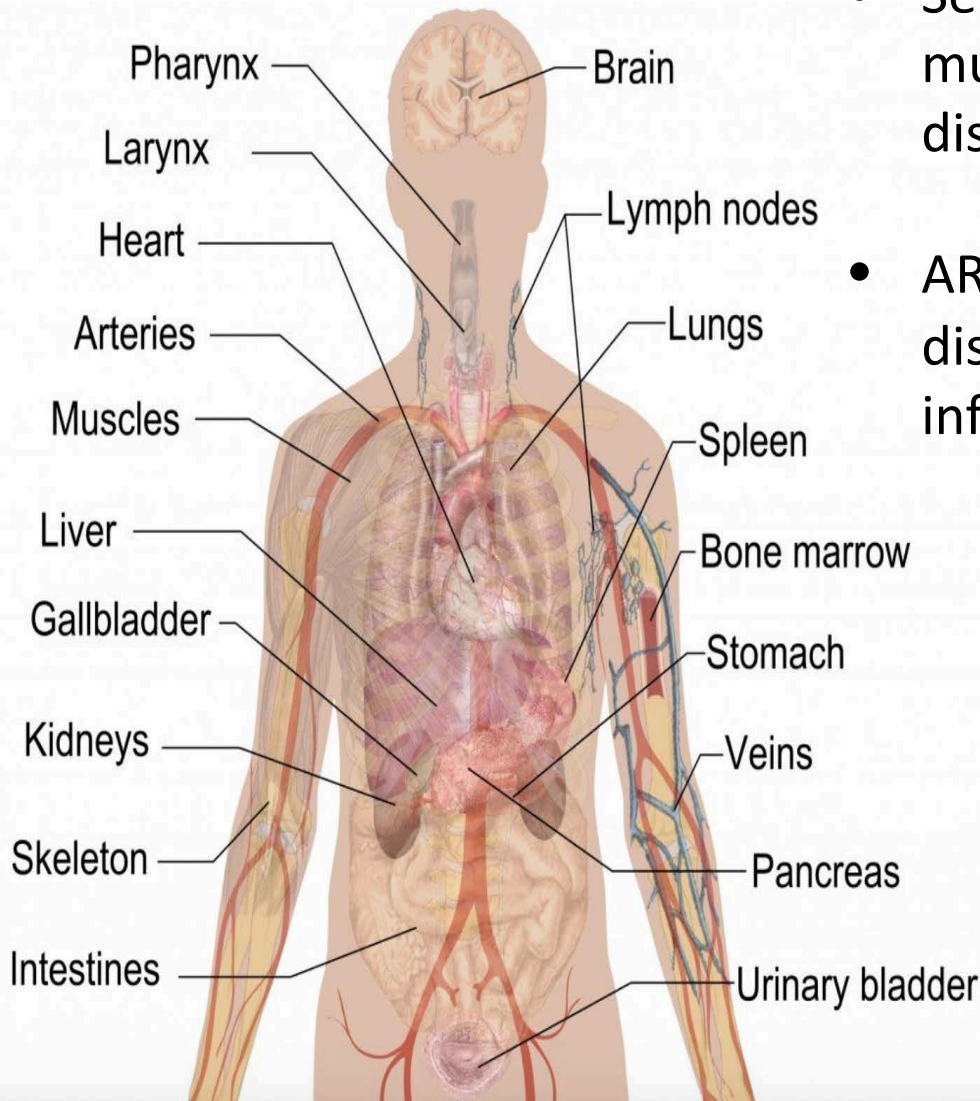
+ Importance of Early Recognition and Intervention

+ Heterogeneous Groups

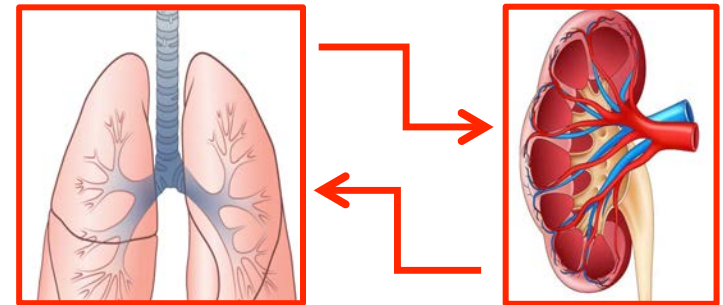
+ Need for More Targeted Trials and Therapies

= Opportunity for Network Physiology??

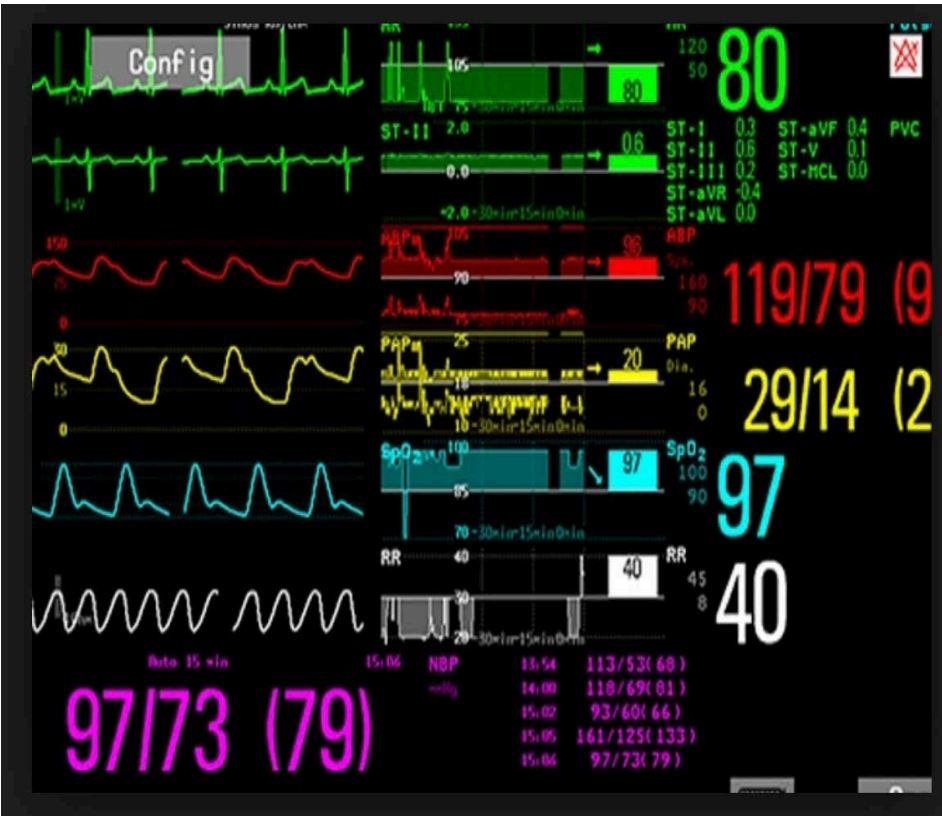
Critical Illness and Network Physiology: Multiorgan Failure



- Sepsis is defined by dysfunction of multiple organs and is a systems disease
- ARDS (although a “pulmonary” disease) is often part of a cycle of inflammation and organ failure



Critical Illness and Network Physiology: The Data

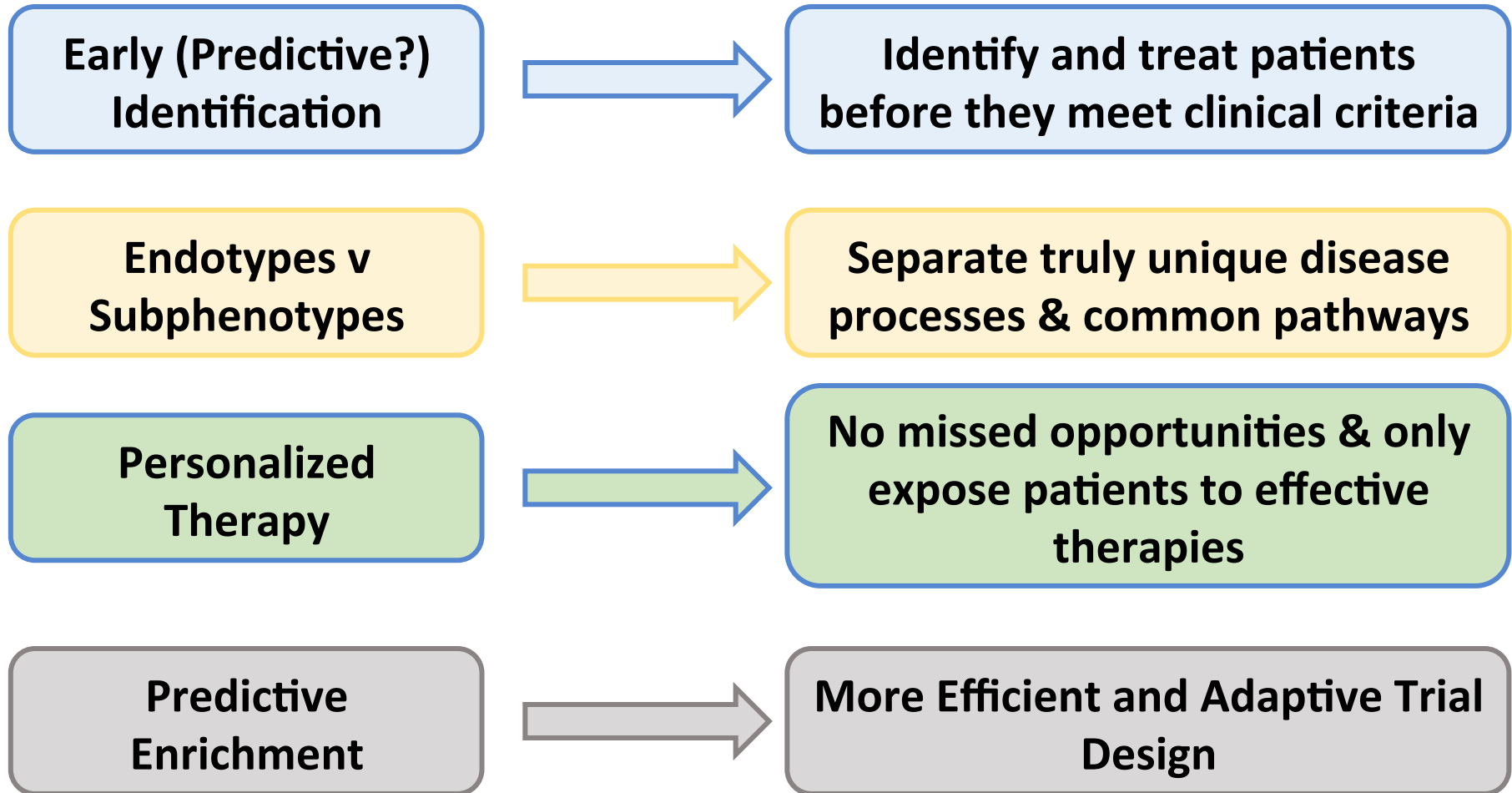


- Critical illness is a data rich condition...
- Standard of care* is continuous monitoring of multiple organ systems
- Electronic medical record and central storage of monitoring data

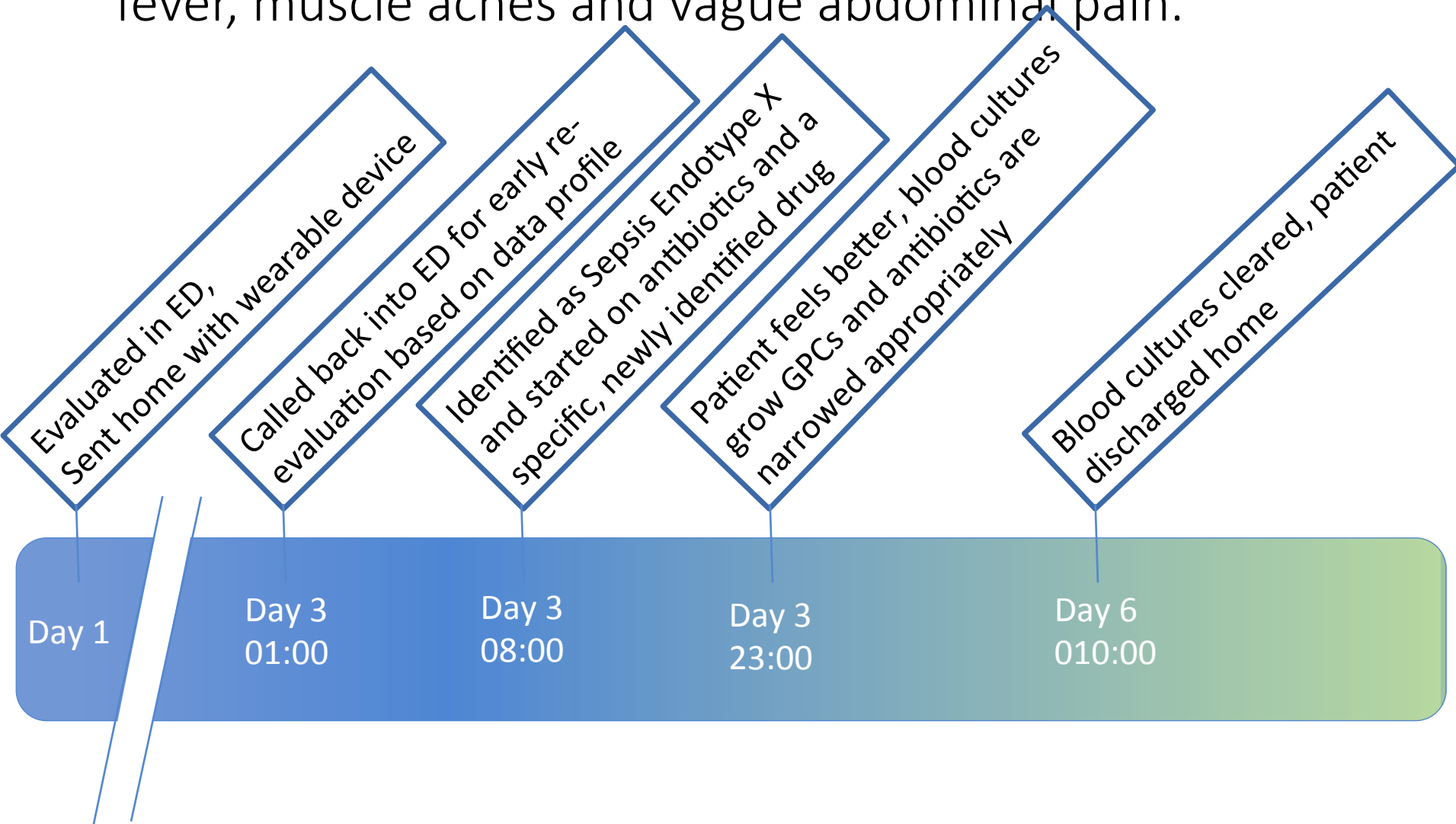
* In resource-rich settings

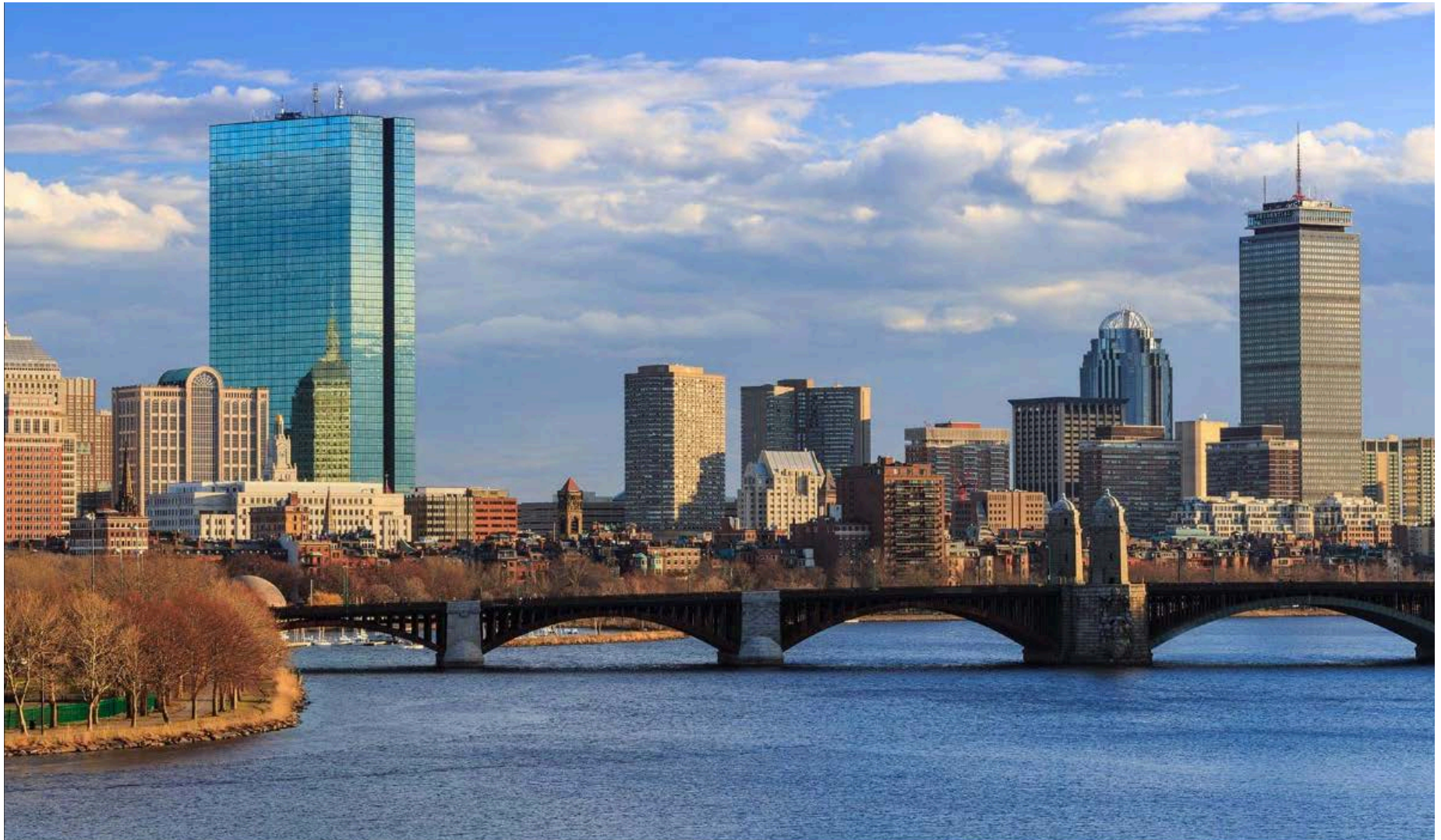


Critical Care and Network Physiology



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