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“**ENDOSCOPY LUNG
VOLUME REDUCTION
IN THE MANAGEMENT
OF EMPHYSEMA
PHENOTYPE OF COPD**”

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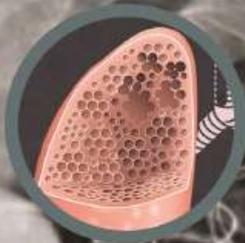
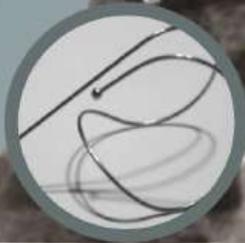
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**Invasive Techniques
in the management of
severe Pulmonary Emphysema**

Lung Volume Reduction **LVRS** Surgery

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First had the idea that localized lung resection might benefit patients with diffuse end-stage lung emphysema

Brantigan et al. A surgical approach to pulmonary emphysema. Am rev Respir Dis 1959;43:669-672

It was his thought that by removing the most diseased portions of lung, one could restore the tethering effect thus maintaining patency of the bronchioles and improve airflow

Brantigan et al. A surgical approach to pulmonary emphysema. Am rev Respir Dis 1959;43:669-672

Utilized a unilateral thoracotomy approach with excision of diseased lung. The vascular physiology, with resultant hemodynamic changes caused improvement in dyspnea

de Perrot M, Licker M, Spiliopoulos A. Muscle-sparing anterior thoracotomy for one-stage bilateral lung volume reduction operation. Ann Thorac Surg 1998;66:582-584.

Dahan M, Salerin F, Berjaud J, et al. Value of hemodynamics in the surgical indications of emphysema. Ann Chir 1989;43:669-672.



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Reported his results for the treatment of end-stage emphysema by unilateral parenchymal laser ablation via thoracoscopic approach

Wakabayashi A, Brenner M, Kayaleh RA, et al. Thoracoscopic carbon dioxide laser treatment of bullous emphysema. *Lancet* 1991;337:881-883.

Utilized a median sternotomy approach with bilateral excision of diseased, emphysematous upper lobes

Cooper JD, Trulock EP, Triantafillou AN, et al. Bilateral pneumectomy (volume reduction) for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. *J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg* 1995;109:106-116.

There were multiple technical variations, including the employment of a unilateral thoracoscopy approach, a bilateral thoracoscopy approach and bilateral minithoracotomies in addition to median sternotomy. The initial published reports were almost universally encouraging and documented rates of morbidity and mortality that were relatively favorable

Bingisser R, Zollinger A, Hauser M, et al. Bilateral volume reduction surgery for diffuse pulmonary emphysema by video-assisted thoracoscopy. *J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg* 1996;112:875-882.

Kotloff RM, Tino G, Bavaria JE, et al. Bilateral lung volume reduction surgery for advanced emphysema. A comparison of median sternotomy and thoracoscopic approaches. *Chest* 1996;110:1399-1406.

McKenna RJ, Brenner M, Gelb AF, et al. A randomized, prospective trial of stapled lung reduction versus laser bullectomy for diffuse emphysema. *J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg* 1996;111:317-322.



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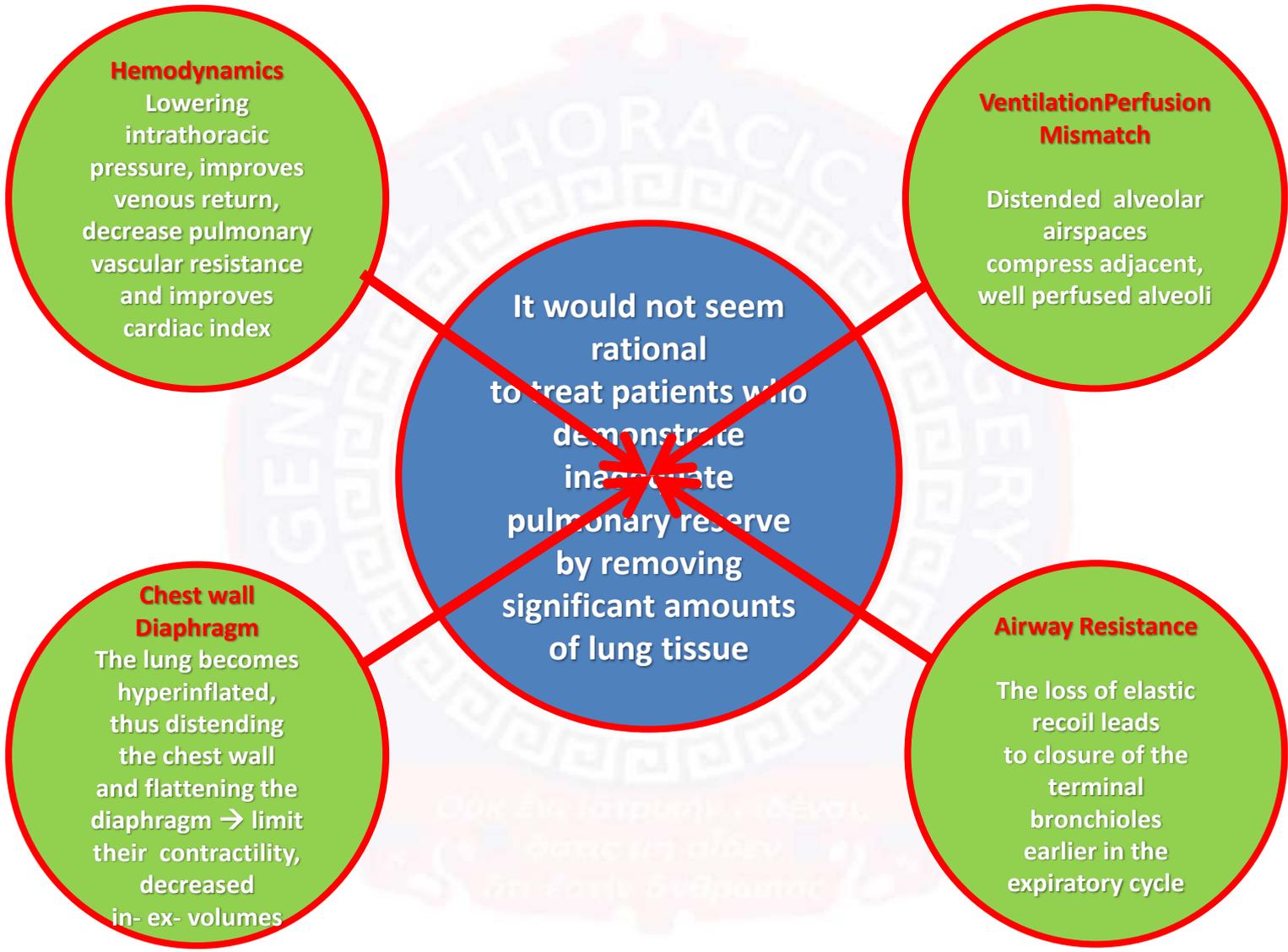
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MILD	MODERATE	SEVERE	VERY SEVERE
FEV ₁ /FVC > 70% FEV ₁ ≥ 80% predicted	FEV ₁ /FVC < 70% 50% ≥ FEV ₁ < 80% predicted	FEV ₁ /FVC < 70% 30% ≥ FEV ₁ < 50% predicted	FEV ₁ /FVC < 70% FEV ₁ < 30% predicted or FEV ₁ < 50% predicted plus chronic respiratory failure
 Smoking cessation			
 Immunizations			
 Short-acting bronchodilator			
	 Rehabilitation		
	 Long-acting bronchodilator		
		 Inhaled glucocorticoids	
			 Long-term oxygen
 J. Perkins MS, MFA, CMI			 Consider surgery

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TABLE 82.1 Inclusion Criteria (Patients Must Meet All Criteria to Participate)

History and physical examination	Consistent with emphysema; BMI ≤ 31.1 kg/m ² (men) or ≤ 32.3 kg/m ² (women) at randomization; stable on ≤ 20 mg prednisone (or equivalent) daily
Radiographic	HRCT scan evidence of bilateral emphysema
Pulmonary function (pre-rehabilitation)	FEV ₁ $\leq 45\%$ predicted ($\geq 15\%$ predicted if ≥ 70 years); TLC $\geq 100\%$ predicted; RV $\geq 150\%$ predicted
Arterial blood gas (pre-rehabilitation)	P _{CO2} ≤ 60 mm Hg (Denver: P _{CO2} ≤ 55 mm Hg) P _{O2} ≥ 45 mm Hg (Denver: P _{O2} ≥ 30 mm Hg) on room air
Cardiac assessment	Approval for surgery before randomization by cardiologist if any of the following are present: unstable angina; LVEF cannot be estimated from the echocardiogram; LVEF $\leq 45\%$; dobutamine-radiionuclide cardiac scan indicates coronary artery disease or ventricular dysfunction; arrhythmia (≥ 5 PVCs per minute; cardiac rhythm, other than sinus; PACs at rest)
Surgical assessment	Approval for surgery by pulmonary physician, thoracic surgeon, and anesthesiologist after rehabilitation and before randomization
Exercise	Post-rehabilitation 6-minute walk ≥ 140 m; able to complete 3 minutes of unloaded pedaling in exercise tolerance test (before and after rehabilitation)
Consent	Signed consent forms for screening, rehabilitation, and randomization
Smoking	Plasma cotinine ≤ 13.7 ng/mL (or arterial carboxyhemoglobin $\leq 2.5\%$ if using nicotine products); nonsmoking for 4 months before initial interview and throughout screening
Rehabilitation	Must complete pre-randomization assessments, rehabilitation program, and all post-rehabilitation and randomization assessments



BMI, body mass index; FEV₁, forced expiratory volume in 1 second; HRCT, high-resolution computed tomography; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction; PAC, premature atrial contraction; PVC, premature ventricular contraction; RV, residual volume; TLC, total lung capacity. Reprinted from National Emphysema Treatment Trial Research Group. Rationale and designs of the National Emphysema Treatment Trial (NETT): a prospective, randomized trial of lung volume reduction surgery. *J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg* 1999;118:518. Copyright © 1999 The American Association for Thoracic Surgery. With permission.

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TABLE 82.2 Exclusionary Criteria (Presence of Any Criterion Makes the Patient Ineligible)

Previous operation	Lung transplantation; LVRS; median sternotomy or lobectomy
Cardiovascular	Arrhythmia that might pose a risk during exercise or training; resting bradycardia (<50 beats/min); frequent multifocal PVCs; complex ventricular arrhythmia; sustained SVT; history of exercise-related syncope; MI within 6 months and LVEF <45%; congestive heart failure within 6 months and LVEF <45%; uncontrolled hypertension (systolic >200 mm Hg, diastolic >110 mm Hg)
Pulmonary	History of recurrent infections with clinically significant sputum production; pleural or interstitial disease that precludes surgery; clinically significant bronchiectasis; pulmonary nodule necessitating surgery; giant bulla (greater than one third the volume of the lung); pulmonary hypertension; peak systolic PPA ≥ 45 mm Hg (≥ 50 mm Hg in Denver) or mean PPA ≥ 35 mm Hg (≥ 38 mm Hg in Denver); (right heart catheterization is required to rule out pulmonary hypertension if peak systolic PPA on echocardiogram ≥ 45 mm Hg); requirement for ≥ 6 L oxygen to keep saturation 90% or greater with exercise
Radiographic	CT evidence for diffuse emphysema judged unsuitable for LVRS
General	Unplanned weight loss of <10% usual weight in 90 days before enrollment; evidence of systemic disease or neoplasia expected to compromise survival during 5-year period; 6-minute walk distance ≤ 140 m after rehabilitation; any disease or condition that interferes with completion of initial or follow-up assessments; unwillingness or inability to complete screening or baseline data collection procedures

CT, computed tomography; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction; LVRS, lung volume reduction surgery; MI, myocardial infarction; PPA, pulmonary artery pressure; PVC, premature ventricular contraction; SVT, supraventricular tachycardia.

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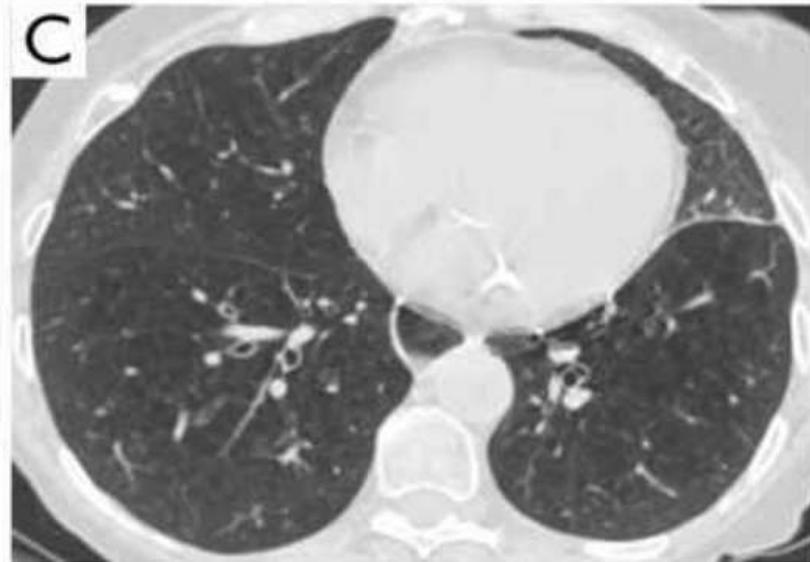
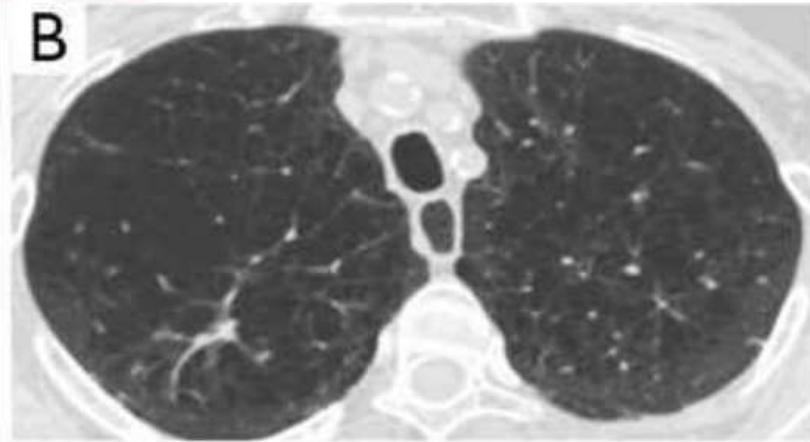
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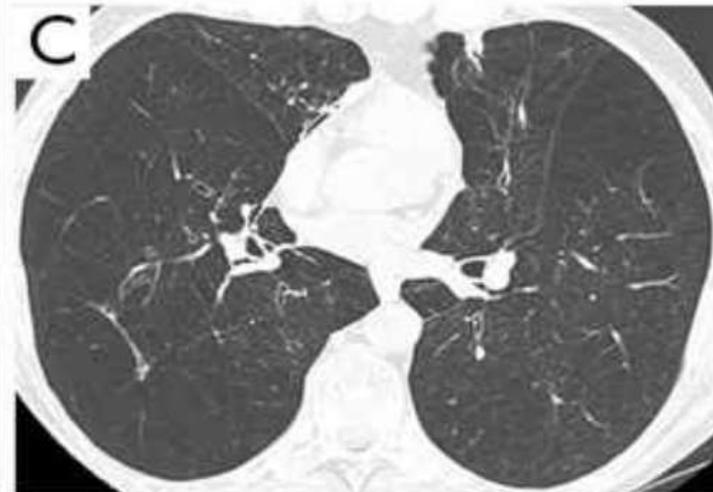
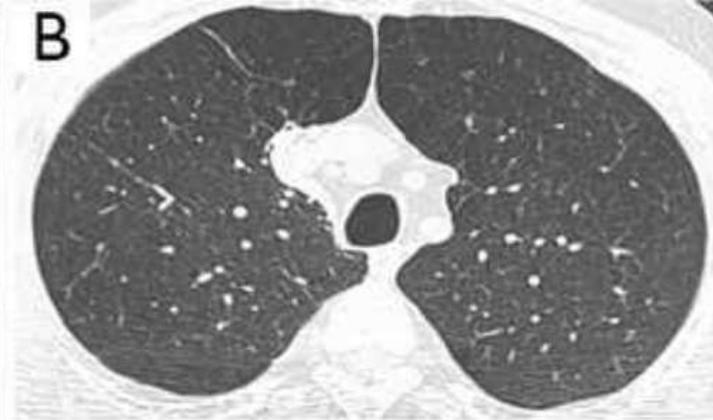
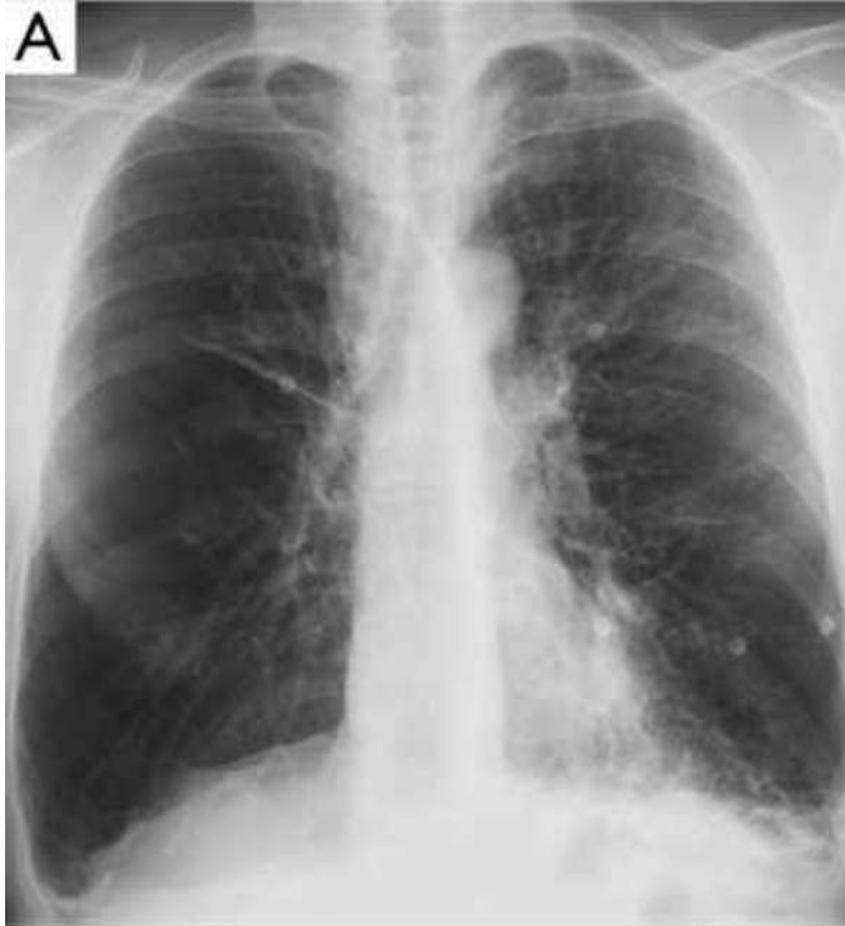
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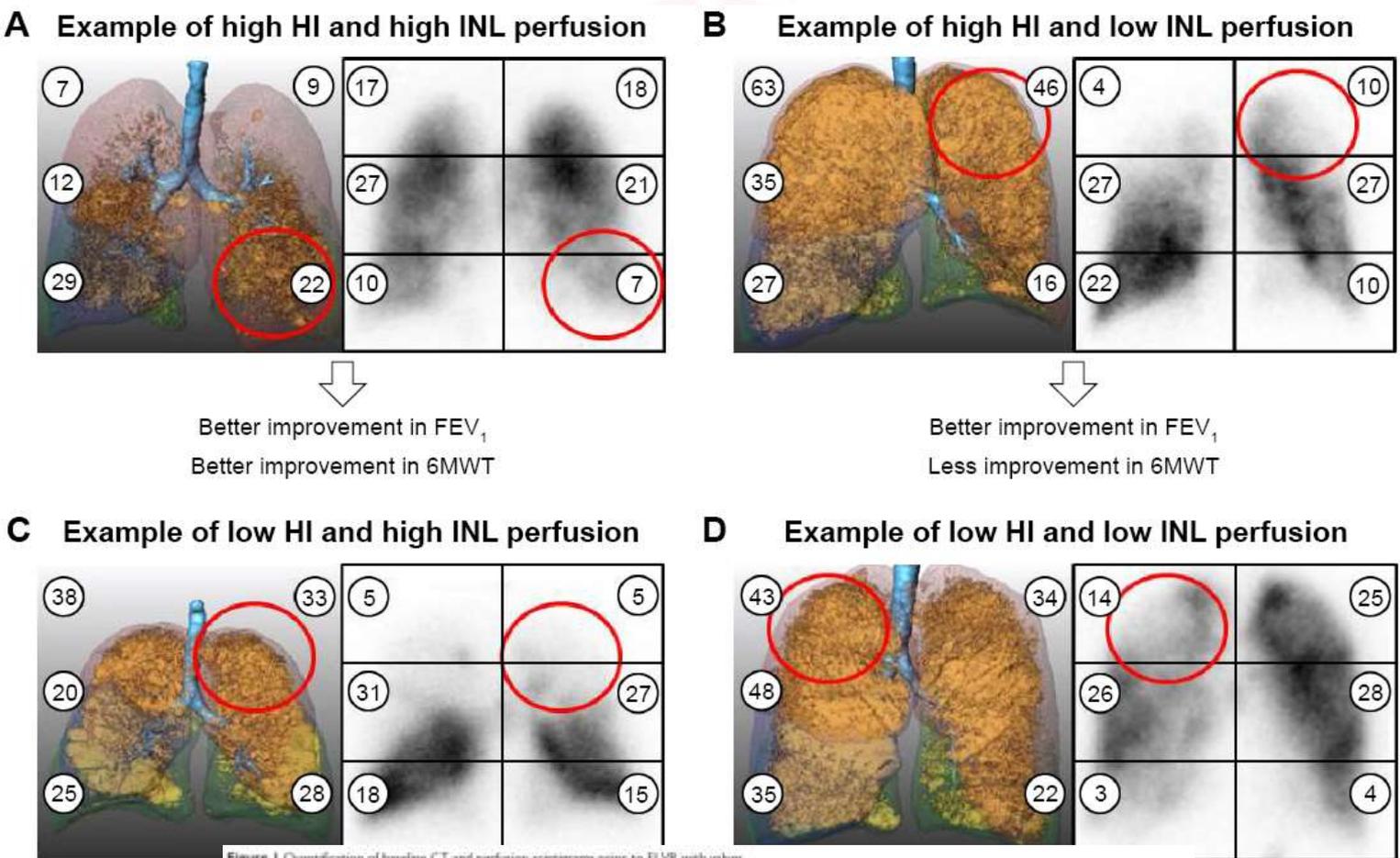
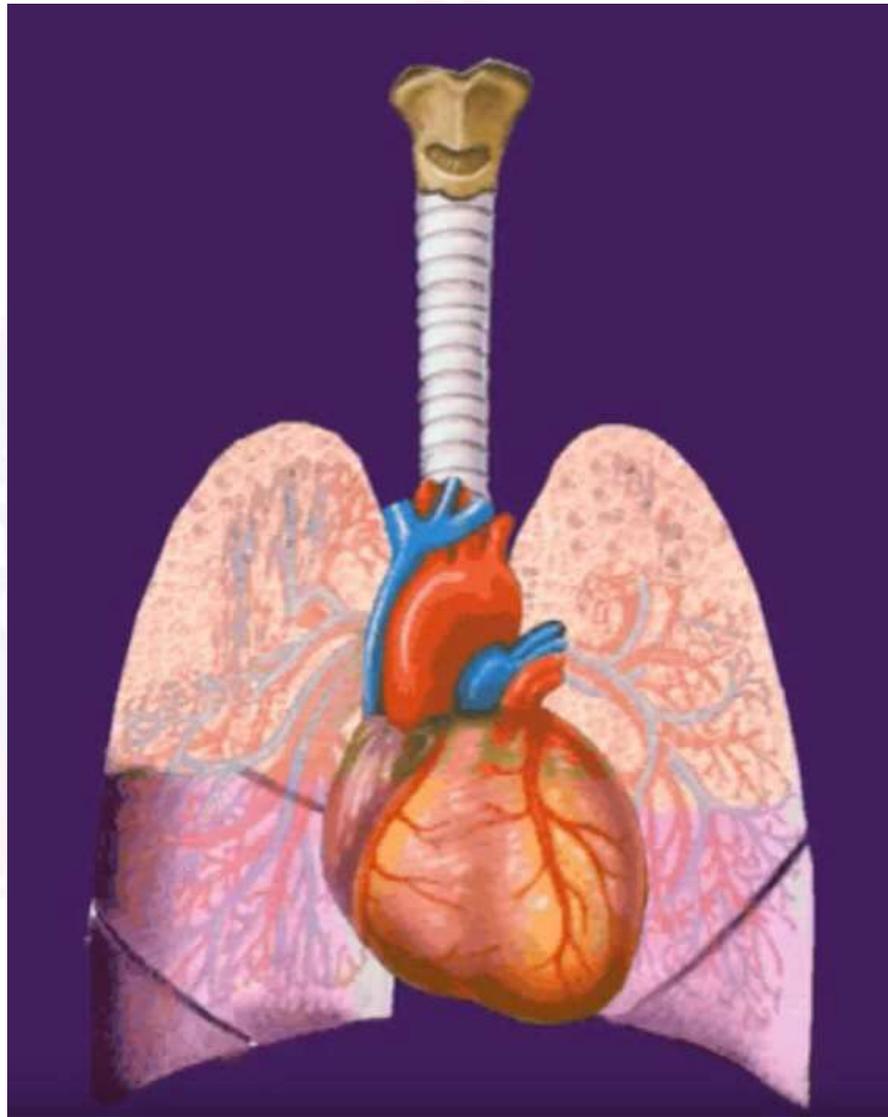


Figure 1 Quantification of baseline CT and perfusion scintigrams prior to ELVR with valves.
Notes: CT scans on inspiration were assessed by MeVisPULMO[®] for segmentation of emphysema clusters in the lung. The brown colored areas show pixels of <math>< 950</math> Hounsfield units, suggestive of emphysema. The numbers in the CT indicate the percentage of emphysema in each lung lobe relative to the total number of voxels in the respective lobe. The HI is defined as the difference in emphysema scores between TL and INL. A high HI indicates a more heterogeneous emphysema. The numbers in the perfusion scintigrams indicate the tracer activity in the respective region as percentage of both lungs, calculated for the geometric mean. The patients were grouped into high and low levels of the medians of HI (12.2%) and INL perfusion (14.7%) among all patients. The red circle marks the TL for ELVR. Views are from anterior to posterior. (A) Example of a patient with high HI (13%) and high INL perfusion (18%). (B) Example of a patient with high HI (30%) and low INL perfusion (10%). (C) Example of a patient with low HI (5%) and high INL perfusion (15%). (D) Example of a patient with low HI (8%) and low INL perfusion (3%).
Abbreviations: CT, computed tomograms; ELVR, endoscopic lung volume reduction; FEV₁, forced expiratory volume in 1 second; 6MWT, 6-minute walk test; HI, heterogeneity index; TL, target lobe; INL, ipsilateral nontarget lobe.

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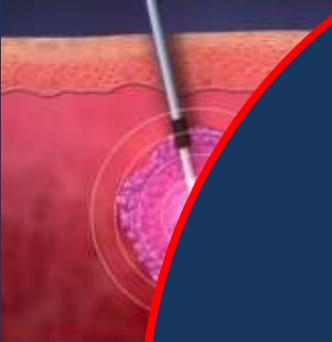
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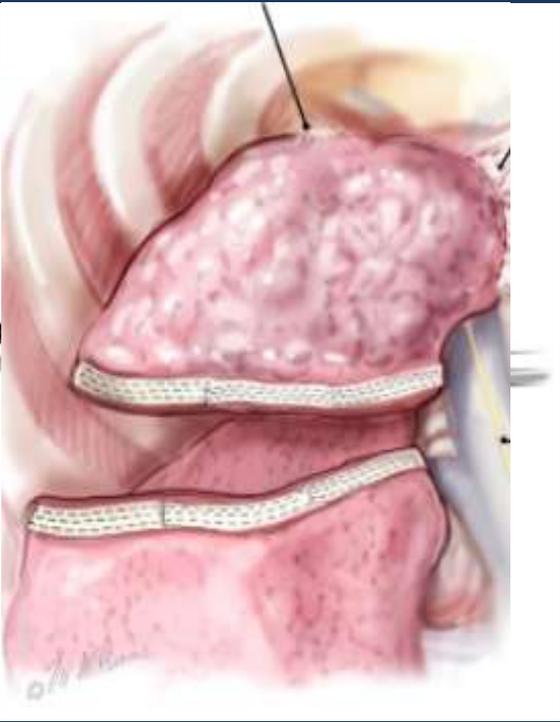
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Laser Ablation



Stapling



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Unilateral VS Bilateral

TABLE 2. UNILATERAL VERSUS BILATERAL LUNG VOLUME REDUCTION SURGERY

Author	Year	n	Technique	Mortality (%)	LOS (d)	Change in FEV ₁
McKenna (8)	1996	87	Unilateral	3	11.4	31%
Naunheim (7)	1996	50	Unilateral	2	13	35%
Keenan (9)	1996	57	Unilateral	2	17	27%
Cooper (10)	1996	150	Bilateral	4	13.5	51%
Kotloff (4)	1996	80	Bilateral	13.8	22	41%
Argenziano (5)	1996	85	Bilateral	7	17	61%
McKenna (11)	1997	154	Bilateral	4	11	52%
Kotloff (4)	1996	40	Bilateral	2.5	15	41%
NETT (18, 19)	2003/4	511	Bilateral	2.2	10	NR

Definition of abbreviations: LOS = length of stay; NETT = National Emphysema Treatment Trial; NR = not reported.



Unilateral VS Bilateral

Unilateral or severely asymmetric emphysema

Contralateral pleurodesis

Contralateral thoracotomy with or without prior lung resection

**Ipsilateral lung cancer resection with contralateral LVRS
for a patient with limited lung function**

Hemodynamic instability during the first side of planned bilateral LVRS

Massive air leak during the first side of planned bilateral LVRS

**Severe native lung hyperinflation
following single lung transplantation for emphysema**

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Candidacy

TABLE 82.5 Criteria for LVR Candidacy

	Good Candidate	Bad Candidate
History and physical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≤75 years Smoking cessation ≥6 months Daily prednisone ≤10 mg No significant comorbidity High motivation and compliance Good nutritional status 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >75 years Evidence of reversible bronchoconstriction Recurrent infections with daily sputum Severe HTN, CHF, CAD, MI, renal disease Pulmonary HTN Cachexia or obesity (BMI>30) High-risk pleural disease (empyema, pleurodesis) Prior major thoracotomy
Imaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hyperinflation on chest x-ray Heterogeneous emphysema distribution Upper-lobe predominance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased interstitial markings Homogeneous distribution
Function and PFTs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FEV₁ ≤40% predicted TLC ≥120% predicted RV ≥150% predicted DL_{CO} ≥20% predicted 6MWT >140 m after rehab 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FEV₁ ≤15% predicted DL_{CO} ≤20% predicted PaO₂ ≤55 mm Hg PaCO₂ ≥55 mm Hg Mean PA pressure ≥40 mm Hg

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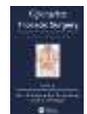
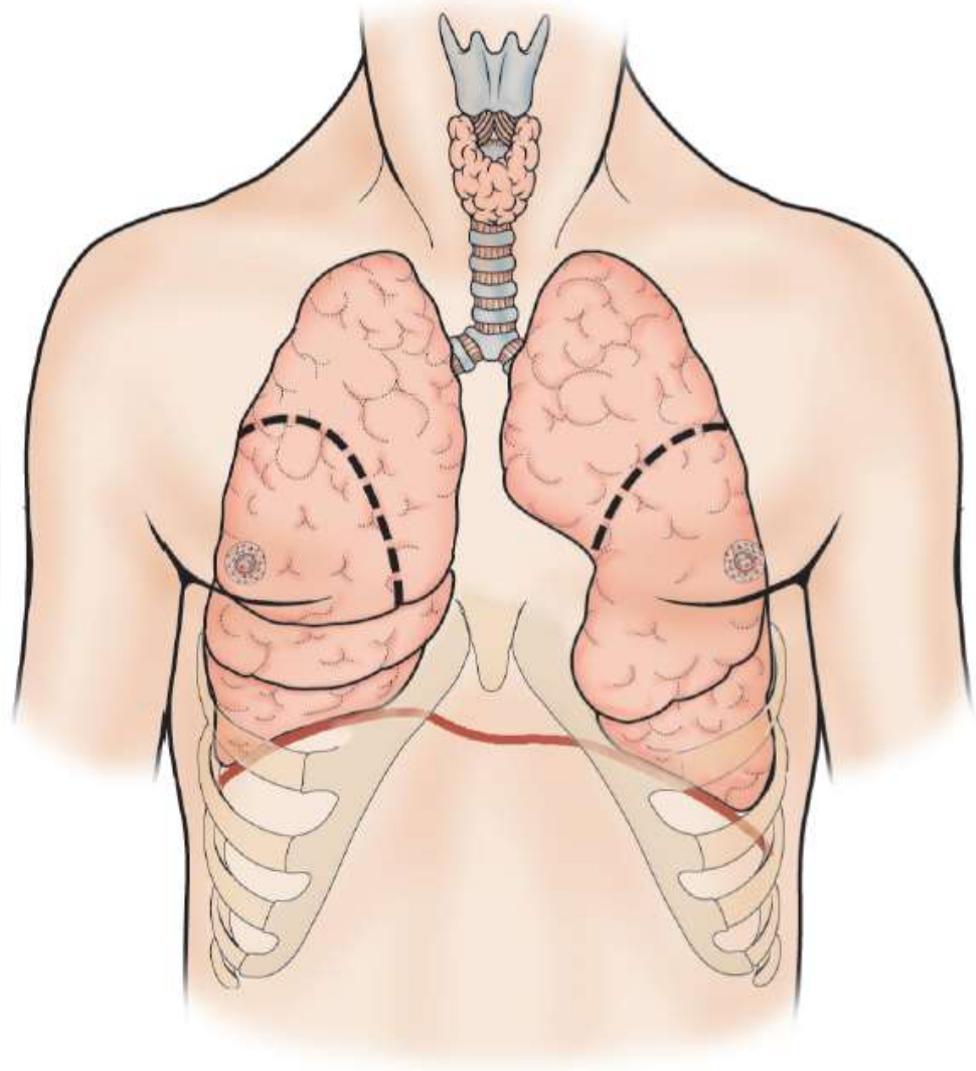
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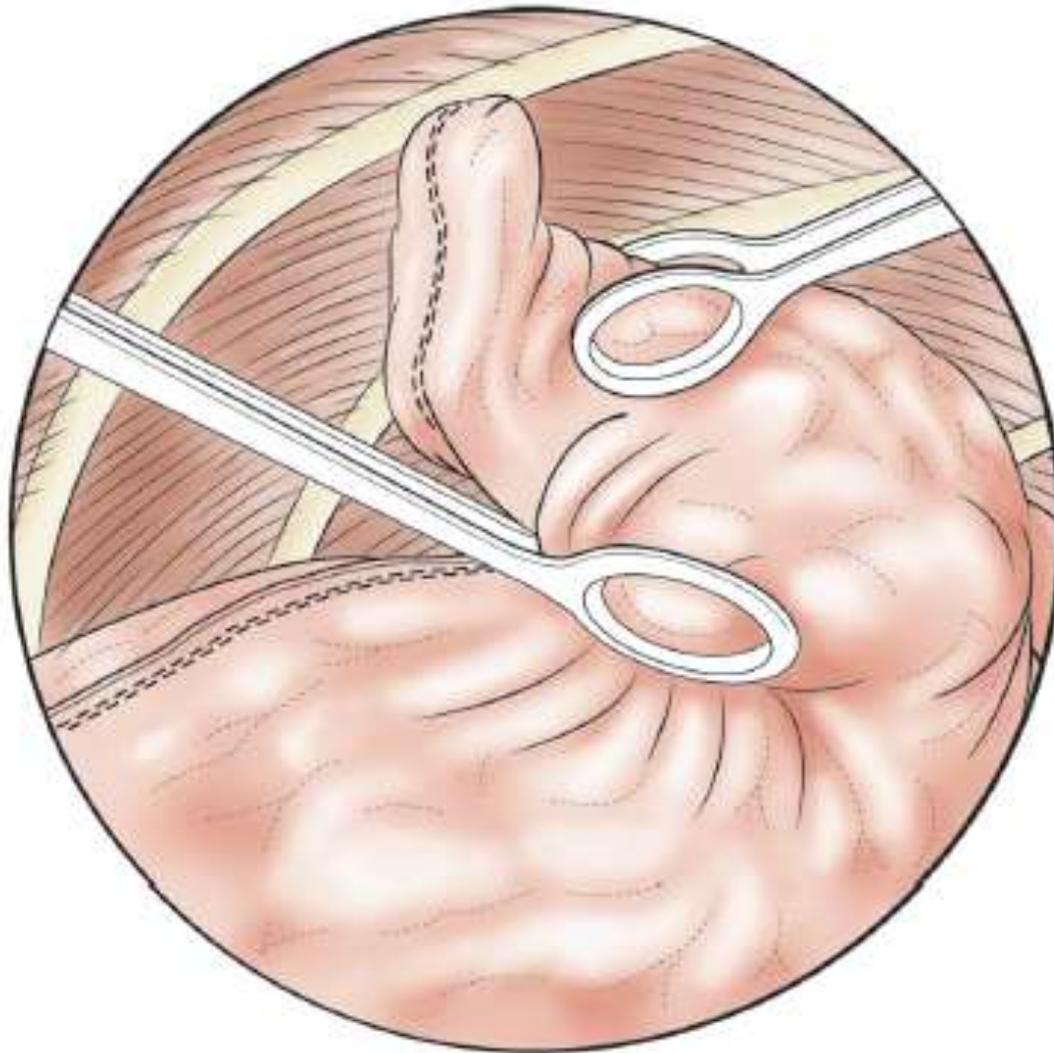
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Indications

BOX 13-1

Indications and Contraindications for Lung Volume Reduction Surgery and Lung Transplantation

INDICATIONS COMMON TO BOTH PROCEDURES

- Emphysema with destruction and hyperinflation
- Marked impairment ($FEV_1 < 35\%$ predicted)
- Marked restriction in activities of daily living
- Failure of maximal medical treatment to correct symptoms

CONTRAINDICATIONS TO BOTH PROCEDURES

- Abnormal body weight ($<70\%$ or $>130\%$ of ideal)
- Coexisting major medical problems increasing surgical risk
- Inability or unwillingness to participate in pulmonary rehabilitation
- Unwillingness to accept the risk of morbidity and mortality of surgery
- Tobacco use within the past 6 months
- Recent or current diagnosis of malignant disease
- Increasing age (>65 years for transplantation, >70 years for volume reduction)
- Psychological instability, such as depression or anxiety disorder

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Indications

DISCRIMINATING CONDITIONS FAVORING LUNG VOLUME REDUCTION SURGERY

Marked thoracic distention
Heterogeneous disease with obvious apical target areas
 $FEV_1 > 20\%$ predicted
Age between 60 and 70 years

DISCRIMINATING CONDITIONS FAVORING LUNG TRANSPLANTATION

Diffuse disease without target areas
 $FEV_1 < 20\%$ predicted
Hypercapnia with $PaCO_2 > 55$ mm Hg
Pulmonary hypertension
Age younger than 60 years
 α_1 -Antitrypsin deficiency

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TABLE 82.3 Early Clinical Series

Series	Approach	Number of Patients	Operative Mortality (%)	Percent Change in FEV ₁ (M)	Percent Change in RV	Percent Change in 6MWT
Naurheim et al. ⁹	Unilateral VATS	50	4.0	+35% (3)	-33%	+20%
Keenan et al. ⁸	Unilateral VATS	67	1.7	+27% (3)	-15%	+14%
Mineo et al. ⁵¹	Unilateral VATS	14	0	+50% (3)	-20%	+22%
McKenna et al. ³⁵	Unilateral VATS	87	2.5	+31% (3-12)	—	—
	Bilateral VATS	79	3.5	+57% (3-12)	—	—
Bingsiser et al. ¹⁰	Bilateral VATS	20	0	+42% (3)	-23%	+39%
Kotloff et al. ¹¹	Bilateral VATS	40	2.5	+41% (3-6)	-23%	+35%
	Bilateral sternotomy	80	4.2	+41% (3-6)	-28%	+21%
Argenziano ⁵²	Unilateral VATS	28	3.6	+31% (3-6)	—	58%
	Bilateral clamshell	68	7.5	+53% (3-6)	—	55%
Hazelrigg et al. ⁷	Bilateral VATS	50	0	+40% (12)	-37%	+47%
	Bilateral sternotomy	29	0	+40% (12)	-28%	+26%
Cooper et al. ⁴⁰	Bilateral sternotomy	150	4	+51% (6)	-28%	+17%
Miller et al. ⁵³	Bilateral sternotomy	40	7.5	+98% (6)	—	+104%
Daniel et al. ⁵⁴	Bilateral sternotomy	26	3.8	+40% (3)	-31%	—
Bousamra et al. ⁵⁵	Bilateral sternotomy	37	7.0	+59% (6)	—	+30%
Date et al. ⁵⁶	Bilateral sternotomy	39	0	+40% (3-6)	-25%	+19%

VATS, video-assisted thoracic surgery; FEV₁, forced expiratory volume in 1 second; M, months of follow-up; RV, residual volume; 6MWT, 6-minute walk test.

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National Emphysema Treatment Trial

Multicenter (17 US), open-label, randomized, controlled trial

Enrollment: 1998-2002

Mean follow-up: 29.2 months

Analysis: Intention-to-treat

Primary outcomes:

All-cause mortality

Improvement in exercise capacity at 24 months

N=1,218

LVRS

(n=608)

0.11/P-Y

P<0.001

15%

7.9%

33%

Primary outcome

All cause mortality

Improvement in exercise capacity at 24 months

Secondary outcomes

All cause mortality at 90 days

Improvement in QOF

at 24 months

Medical therapy

(n=610)

0.11/P-Y

3%

1.3%

9%

RR:1.01; P=0.9

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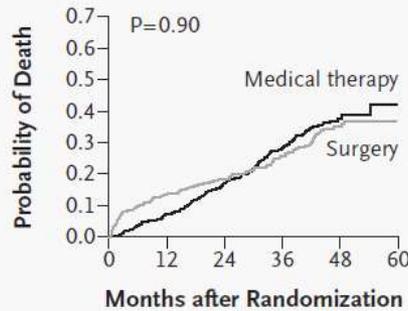
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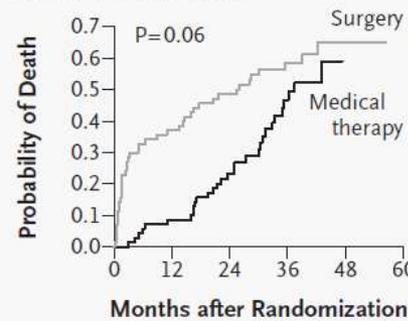
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A All Patients (N=1218)



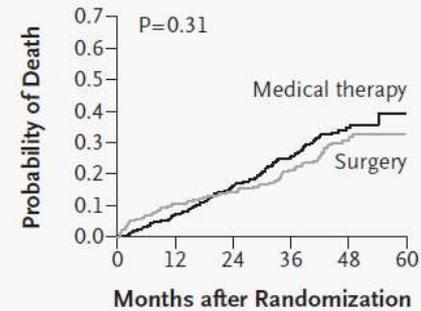
No. at Risk		0	12	24	36	48	60
Surgery	Medical therapy	608	491	376	233	74	74
		610	527	384	224	70	70

B High-Risk Patients (N=140)



No. at Risk		0	12	24	36	48	60
Surgery	Medical therapy	70	44	36	19	4	4
		70	64	45	20	0	0

C Non-High-Risk Patients (N=1078)



No. at Risk		0	12	24	36	48	60
Surgery	Medical therapy	538	447	340	214	70	70
		540	463	339	204	70	70

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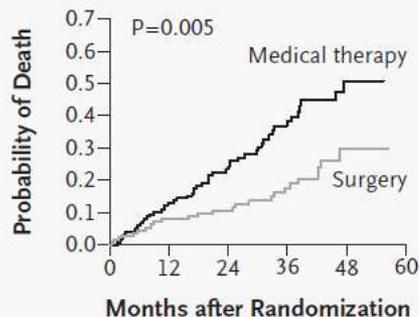
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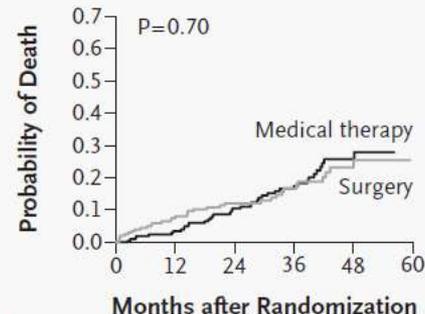
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D Upper-Lobe Predominance, Low Base-Line Exercise Capacity (N=290)



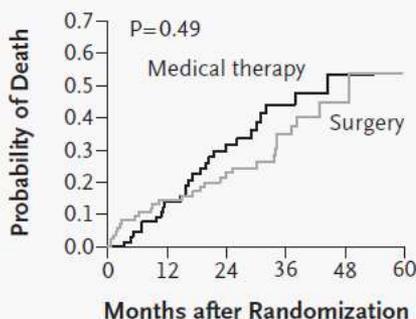
No. at Risk	0	12	24	36	48	60
Surgery	139	121	93	61	17	
Medical therapy	151	120	85	43	13	

E Upper-Lobe Predominance, High Base-Line Exercise Capacity (N=419)



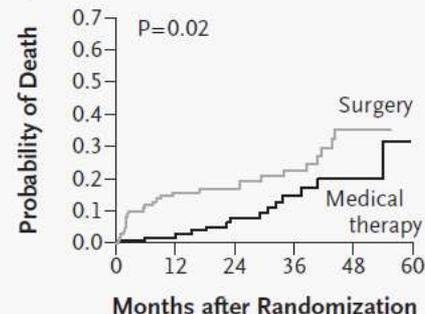
No. at Risk	0	12	24	36	48	60
Surgery	206	176	124	82	35	
Medical therapy	213	192	149	104	35	

F Non-Upper-Lobe Predominance, Low Base-Line Exercise Capacity (N=149)



No. at Risk	0	12	24	36	48	60
Surgery	84	67	52	28	6	
Medical therapy	65	55	36	17	5	

G Non-Upper-Lobe Predominance, High Base-Line Exercise Capacity (N=220)



No. at Risk	0	12	24	36	48	60
Surgery	109	83	71	43	12	
Medical therapy	111	96	69	40	17	

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Table 1 Summary of RCTs on conservative medical therapy and LVRS

Author	Year published	Cases (N)	Imaging diagnosis	Cases underwent conservative medical therapy (n)	Cases underwent LVRS(n)
Criner, G.	1999	37	CT scan	18	19
J[16] Geddes, D[12]	2000	48	CT scan	24	24
Pompeo, E. [17]	2000	60	CT scan	30	30
Fishman, A [18]	2003	1218	CT scan	608	610
Goldstein, R. S [19]	2003	55	CT and V/Q scan*	28	27
Mineo[20]	2004	60	CT scan	30	30
Hillerdal, G. [2]	2005	106	CT and V/Q Scan*	53	53
Miller, J. D[21]	2005	93	CT and V/Q Scan*	58	35

*: V/Q scan, also known as lung scan, which evaluates both the Ventilation and Perfusion of the lungs using scintigraphy and medical isotopes. Q is the symbol for perfusion which represents the movement of blood through the arteries that supply the lung.



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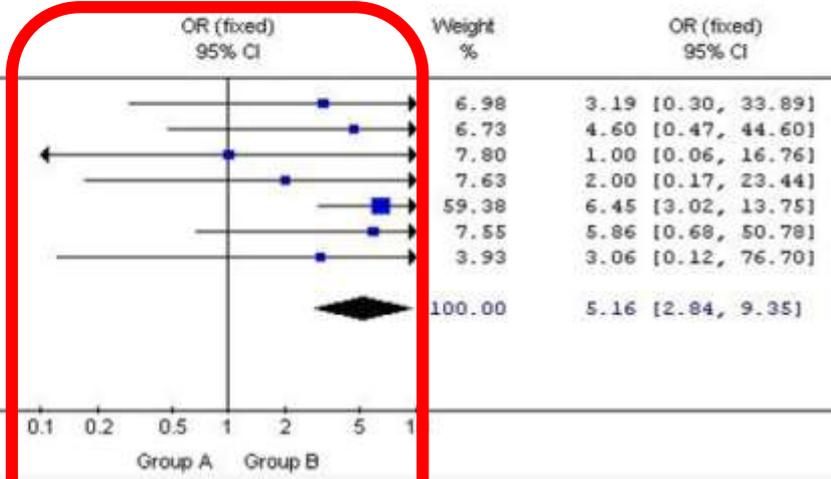
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Mortality at 3 months LVRS>>>MT

Review: Meta-analysis of mortality of group A vs group B
 Comparison: 01 Group A vs Group B
 Outcome: 01 Group A vs Group B

Study or sub-category	Group A n/N	Group B n/N
Criner,G,J	3/19	1/18
Geddes,D	4/24	1/24
Pompeo,E	1/30	1/30
Goddstein R,S	2/28	1/27
Fishman,A	48/608	8/610
Hillerdal,G	6/49	1/43
Miller,J,D	1/54	0/54
Total (95% CI)	812	806

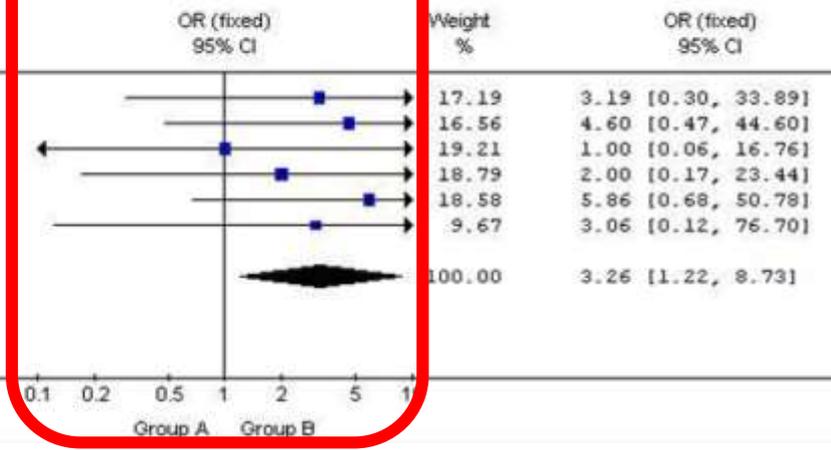
Total events: 65 (Group A), 13 (Group B)
 Test for heterogeneity: Chi²= 2.49, df = 6 (P = 0.87), I²= 0%
 Test for overall effect: Z = 5.40 (P < 0.00001)



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Miller,J,D	1/54	0/54
Total (95% CI)	204	196

Total events: 17 (Group A), 5 (Group B)
 Test for heterogeneity: Chi²= 1.20, df = 5 (P = 0.94), I²= 0%
 Test for overall effect: Z = 2.35 (P = 0.02)

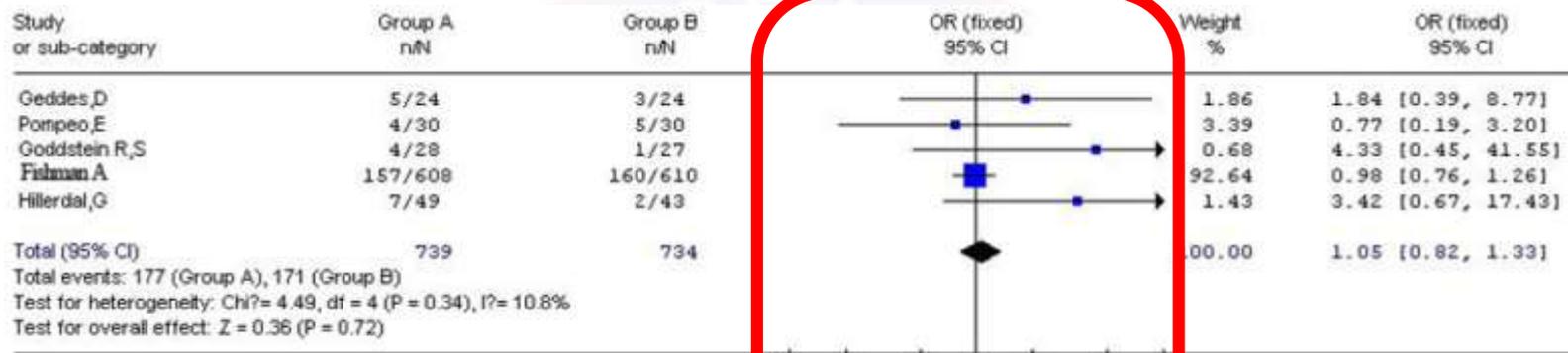


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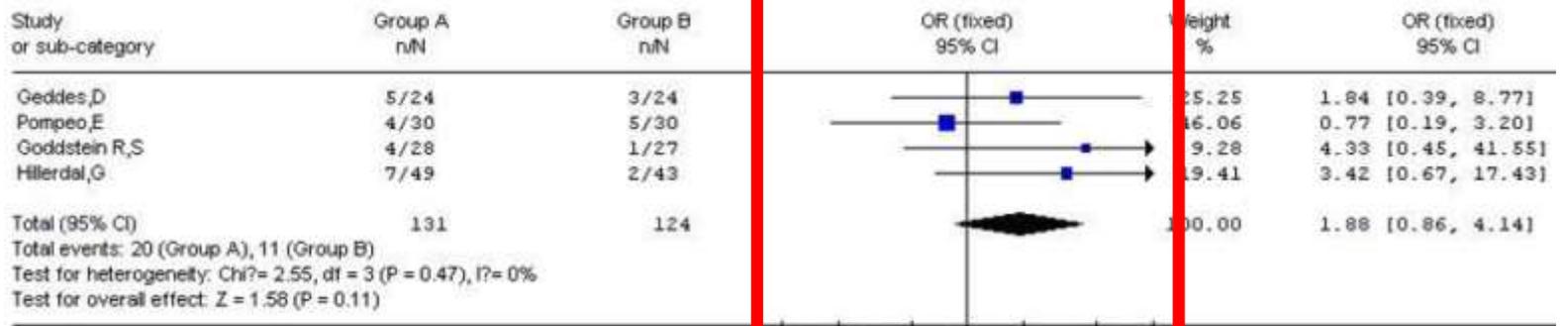
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Mortality at 12 months LVRS=MT



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 Comparison: 01 Group A vs Group B
 Outcome: 01 Group A vs Group B



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Table 2 A summary of lung function, gas exchange, DLCO% and 6MWD of five RCTs on the 3rd, 6th, 12th postoperative month

Variables	Postoperative follow-up (month)	No of RCTs	No of total patients	GroupA/B	WMD95%CI	p-value
FEV1	3	2[12,16]	80	39/41	0.23(0.08,0.37)	0.002
	6	3[2,17,19]	180	89/91	0.32(0.23,0.41)	<0.00001
	12	3[2,17,19]	169	65/64	0.28(0.20,0.36)	<0.00001
FEV1%	3	2[12,16]	80	39/41	11.31(6.29,15.69)	<0.00001
	6	3[2,17,19]	180	89/91	10.16(7.42,12.89)	<0.00001
	12	3[2,17,19]	167	85/82	7.65(4.97,10.33)	<0.00001
RV%	3	2[12,16]	80	39/41	-54.44(-75.23, -33.85)	<0.00001
	6	3[2,17,19]	170	87/83	- 54.09(- 64.66, -43.52)	<0.00001
	12	3[2,17,19]	166	86/80	- 53.42(- 63.74, -43.10)	<0.00001
TLC%	3	2[12,16]	80	39/41	- 21.70(- 30.98, -12.42)	<0.00001
	6	2[2,19]	115	59/56	- 15.73(- 22.44, -9.02)	<0.00001
	12	3[2,17,19]	120	59/61	- 16.24(- 23.07, -9.41)	<0.00001
DLCO%	6	2[17,19]	105	52/53	0.01(-0.25,0.27)	0.95
	12	2[17,19]	96	51/45	0.01(-0.25,0.27)	0.25
PaO2	6	2[17,19]	136	67/6	9.98(9.65,10.13)	<0.00001
	12	2[2,17]	114	60/54	6.37(6.10,6.64)	<0.00001
PaCO2	6	4[2,11,17,21]	229	108/121	- 1.54(- 1.72, - 1.36)	<0.00001
	12	2[2,17]	114	60/54	-2.00(-2.23, -1.77)	<0.00001
6MWD	3	2[12,16]	80	39/41	10.5(-16.30,37.38)	0.44
	6	5[2,11,17,19 ,21]	274	129/145	68.34(36.58,100.09)	<0.00001
	12	3[2,17,19]	168	85/83	76.92(60.87,92.98)	<0.00001

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Comparison of two surgical approaches

Median Sternotomy vs VATS

mortality at 90-day P=0.67

overall mortality P=0.42

mean intra-operative blood loss P=0.99

transfusion needs P=0.99

mean operation time of MS
was shorter 21.7 minutes in comparison with VATS
(P<0.001)

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Comparison of two surgical approaches Median Sternotomy vs VATS

**intra-operative complications
of MS was less in comparison with VATS
P=0.02**

**intra-operative hypoxemia
of MS was less in comparison with VATS
P=0.004**

**hospital stay of post LVRS was longer
for MS than VATS
P=0.01**

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Median Sternotomy vs VATS

**at postoperative 30 days,
independently living patients
were less for MS than VATS
P=0.02**

**there was no appreciable difference
in lung function between the two approaches
after follow-up 12 and 24 months**

**costs for either operation or the associated hospital stay
were less for VATS than for MS
P<0.01**

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LVRS offers the more benefits regarding survival, lung function, gas exchange, exercise capacity and QOL,

despite the higher mortality in initial three postoperative months.

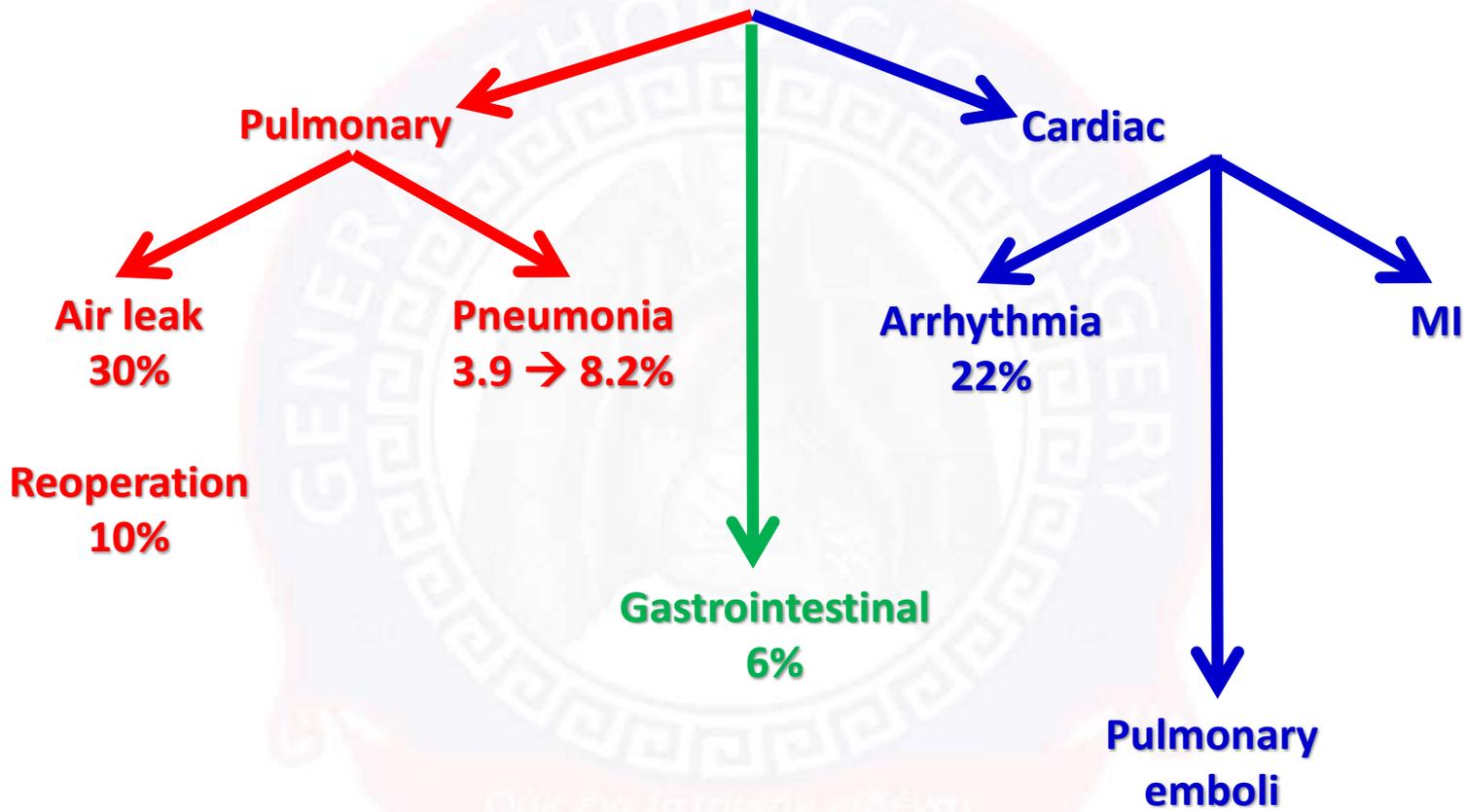
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with the optimization of surgical approach and material for reinforcement of the staple lines, should be recommended to patients suffering from severe heterogeneous emphysema.

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Table 1 Evolutionary changes in anesthesia protocol between intubated and nonintubated LVRS methods at our institution

Anesthesia characteristics	IVATS	NIVATS	
		Non-resectional awake	Non-resectional <i>minimalist</i>
Tracheal intubation	Yes	No	No + laryngeal mask
Anesthesia protocol	GA ± TEA	TEA	IBA
Sedation	GA	No	Yes (target control)
Ventilation	Mechanical	Spontaneous	Spontaneous
Diaphragm paralysis	Yes	No	No
Consciousness	No	Yes	No
Amnesia	Yes	No	Yes/no
Coughing reflex	No	Yes	Yes/no

LVRS, lung volume reduction surgery; IVATS, intubated video-assisted thoracic surgery; NIVATS, non-intubated video-assisted thoracic surgery; GA, general anesthesia; TEA, thoracic epidural analgesia; IBA, intercostal block analgesia.

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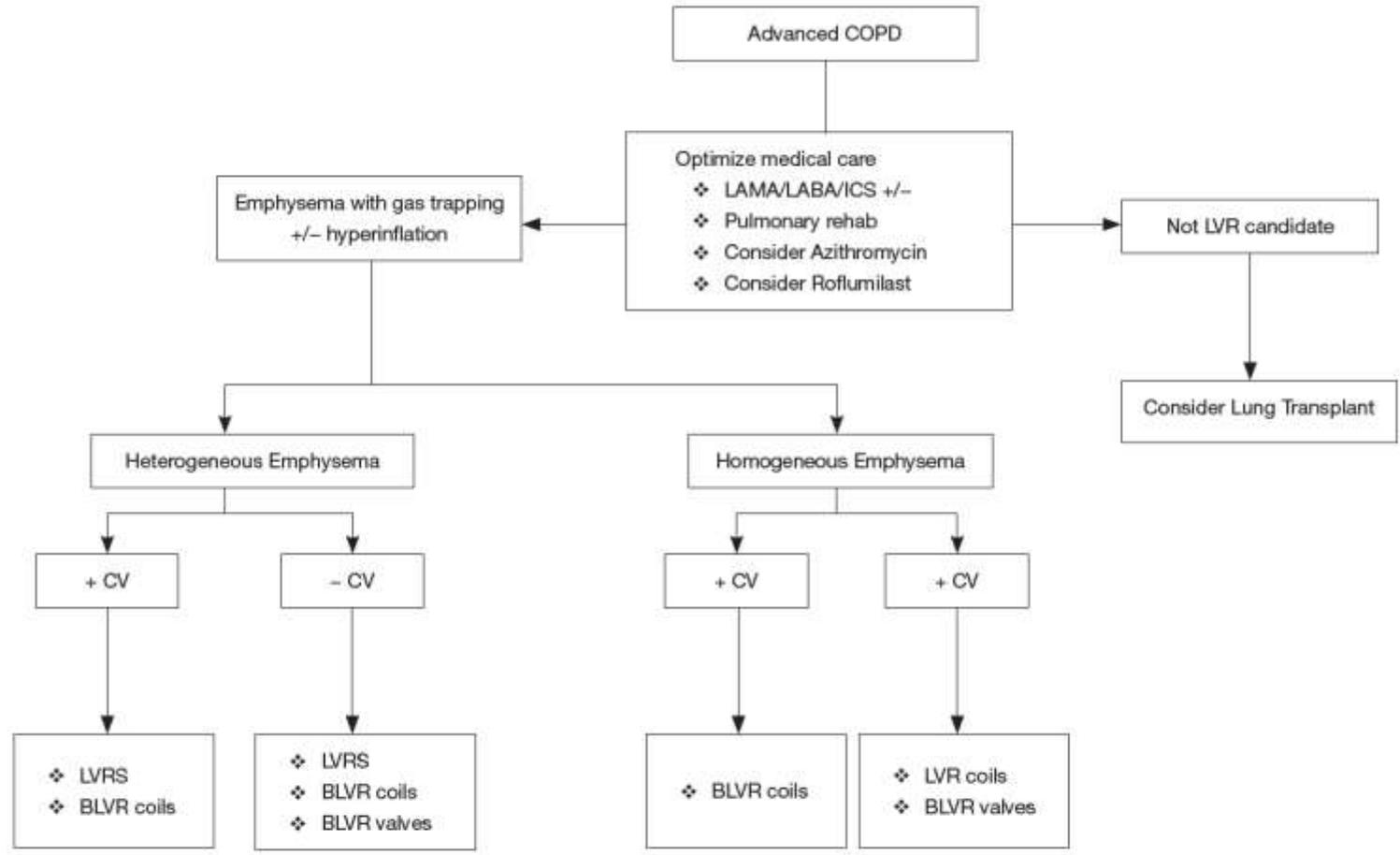


Figure 1 Therapeutic pathway in advanced COPD. Adapted from 2017 report of Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD) (36). COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; LAMA, long acting muscarinic antagonists; LABA, long acting beta agonists; ICS, inhaled corticosteroids.