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# Perioperative Mortality

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# Dylan Thomas, 1954

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*Time held me green and dying,*

*But I sang in my chains like the  
sea.*

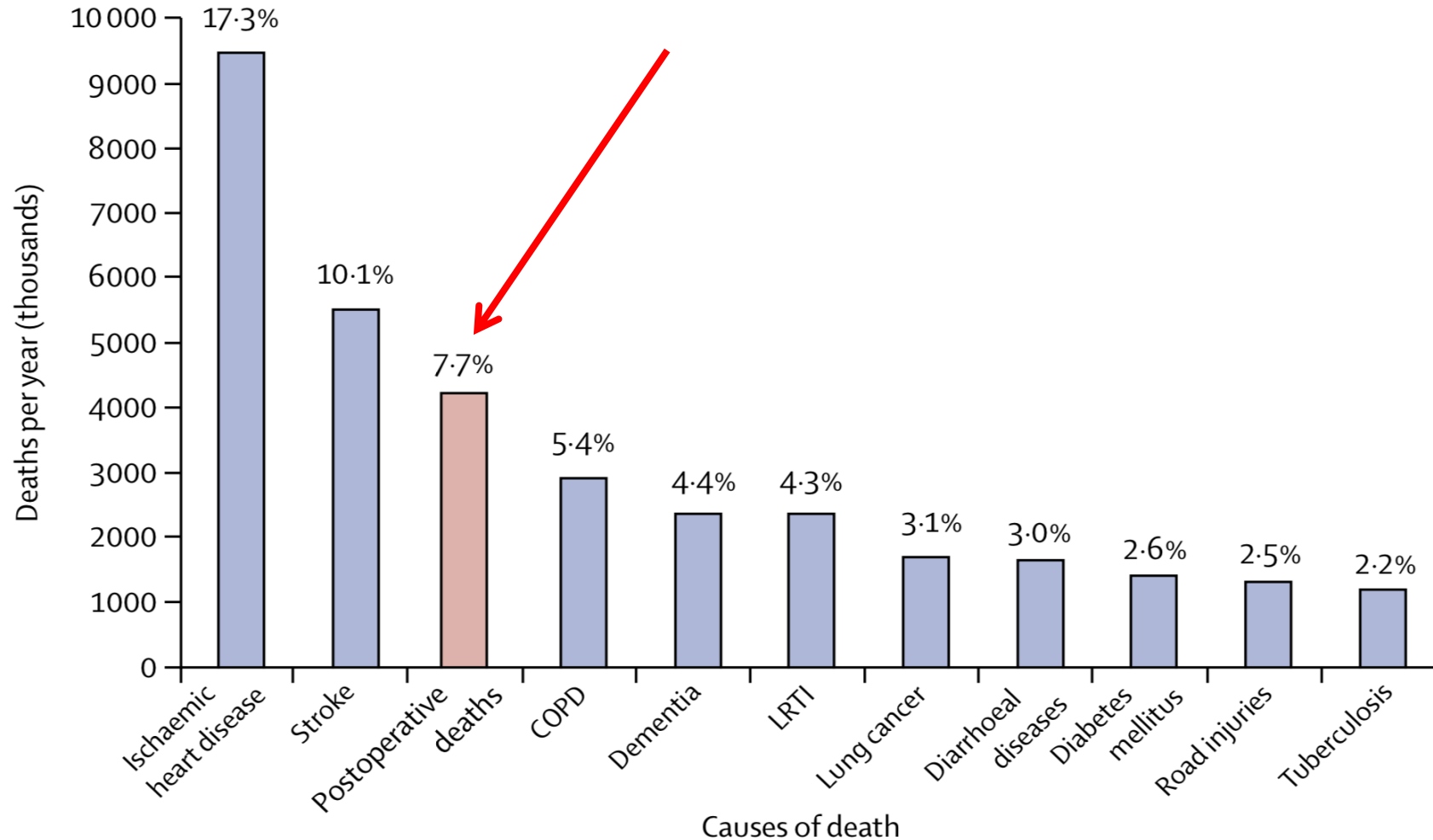
Dylan Thomas, shortly before dying

*Do not go gentle into that good night,*

*Old age should burn and rave at  
close of day;*

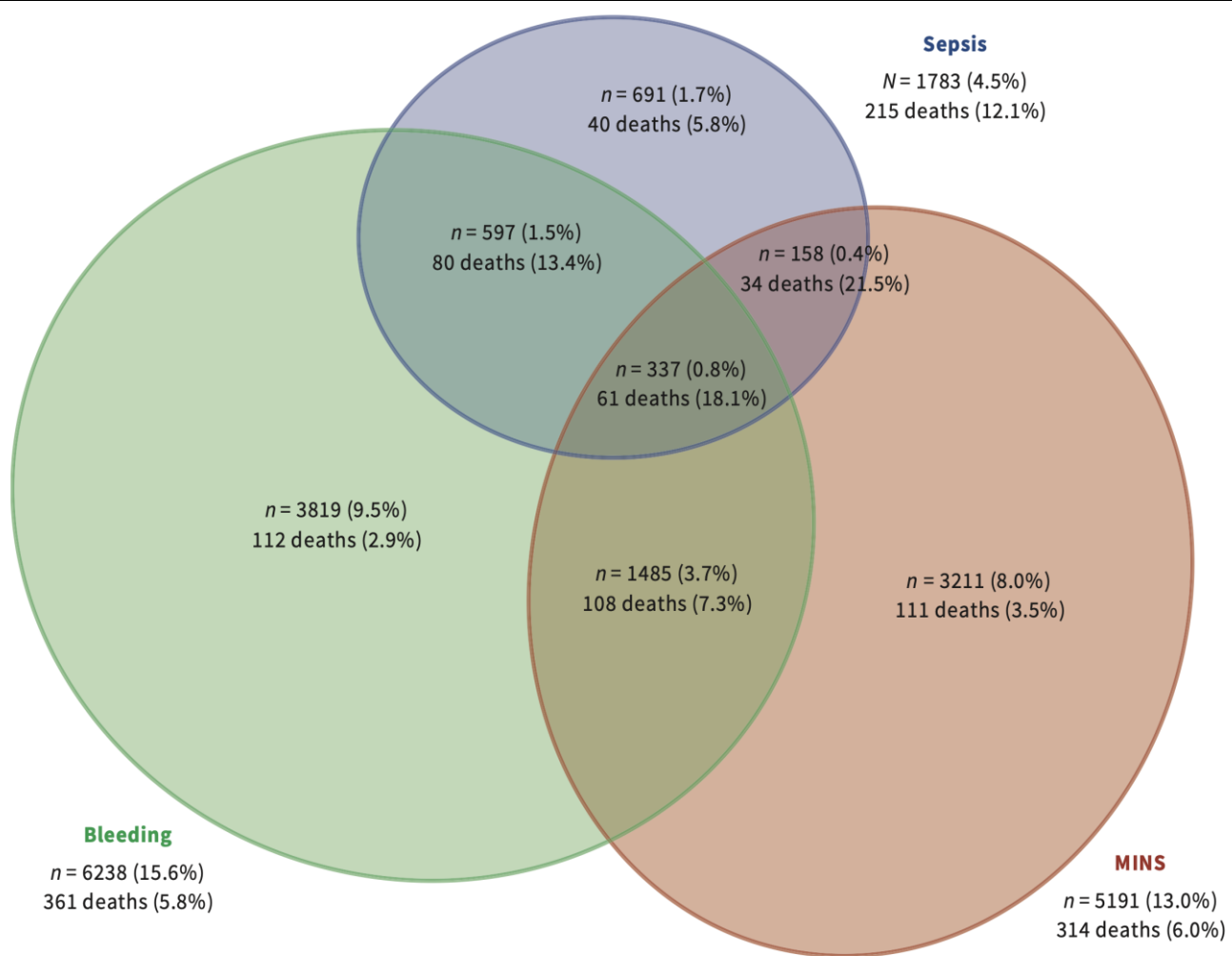
*Rage, rage against the dying of the  
light.*

# 30-day Postoperative Mortality



Nepogodiev,  
Lancet 2019

# Causes of Perioperative Mortality



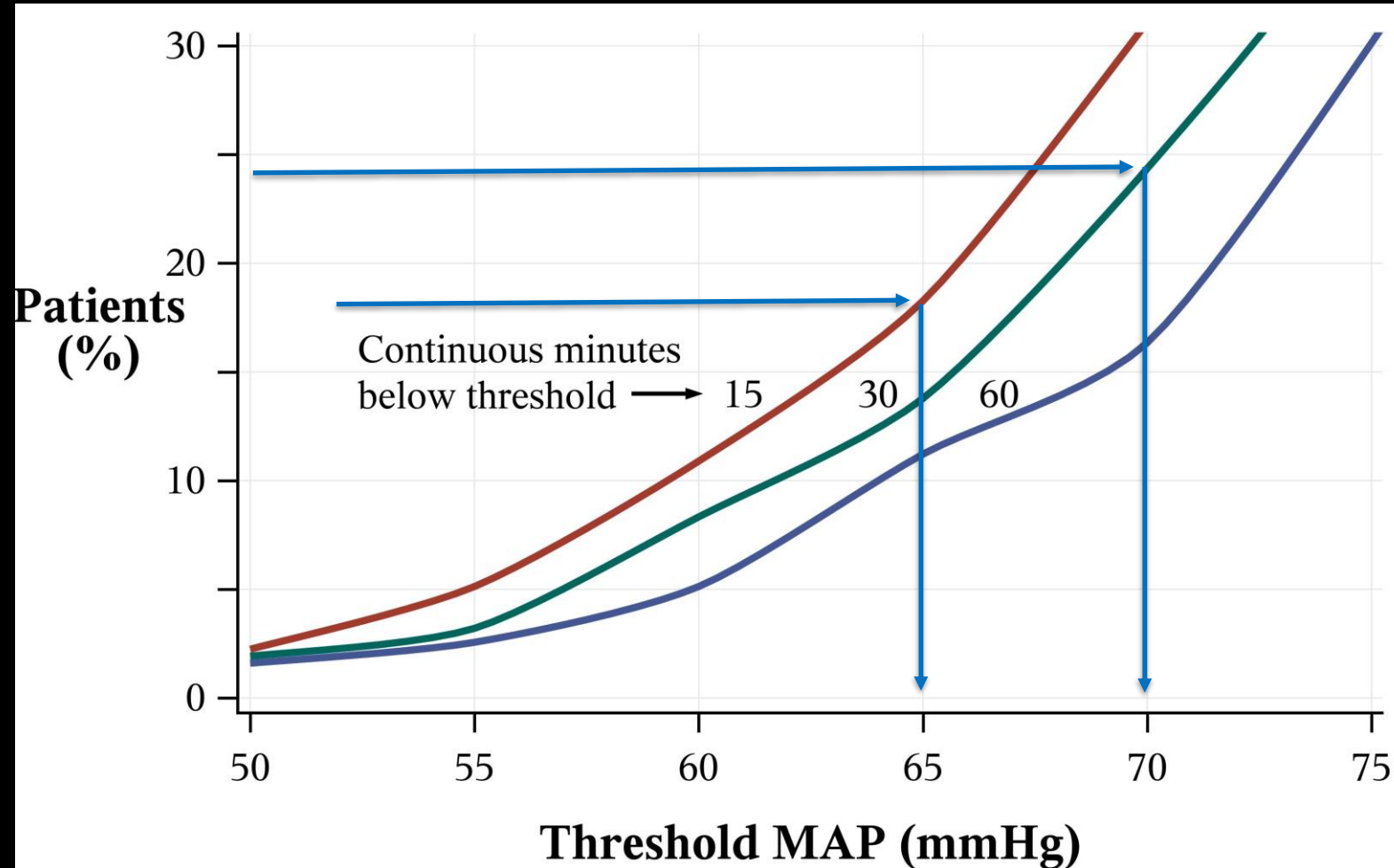
## Attributable risk

- Bleeding 17%
- Myocardial injury 16%
- Sepsis 12%

## Respiratory events

- ≈45,000 US pts/yr need emergency ventilation
  - 40% lethal
- 40% of ward cardiopulmonary arrests are respiratory
  - 80% lethal
- **Largely preventable**

# Continuous Ward MAP Monitoring (n=312)



Routine vital  
signs missed  
half the patients  
with MAP  
<65 mmHg for  
15 minutes

Turan,  
Anesthesiology  
2019

# Respiratory Complications

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Respiratory arrests should not kill hospitalized patients

## Causes

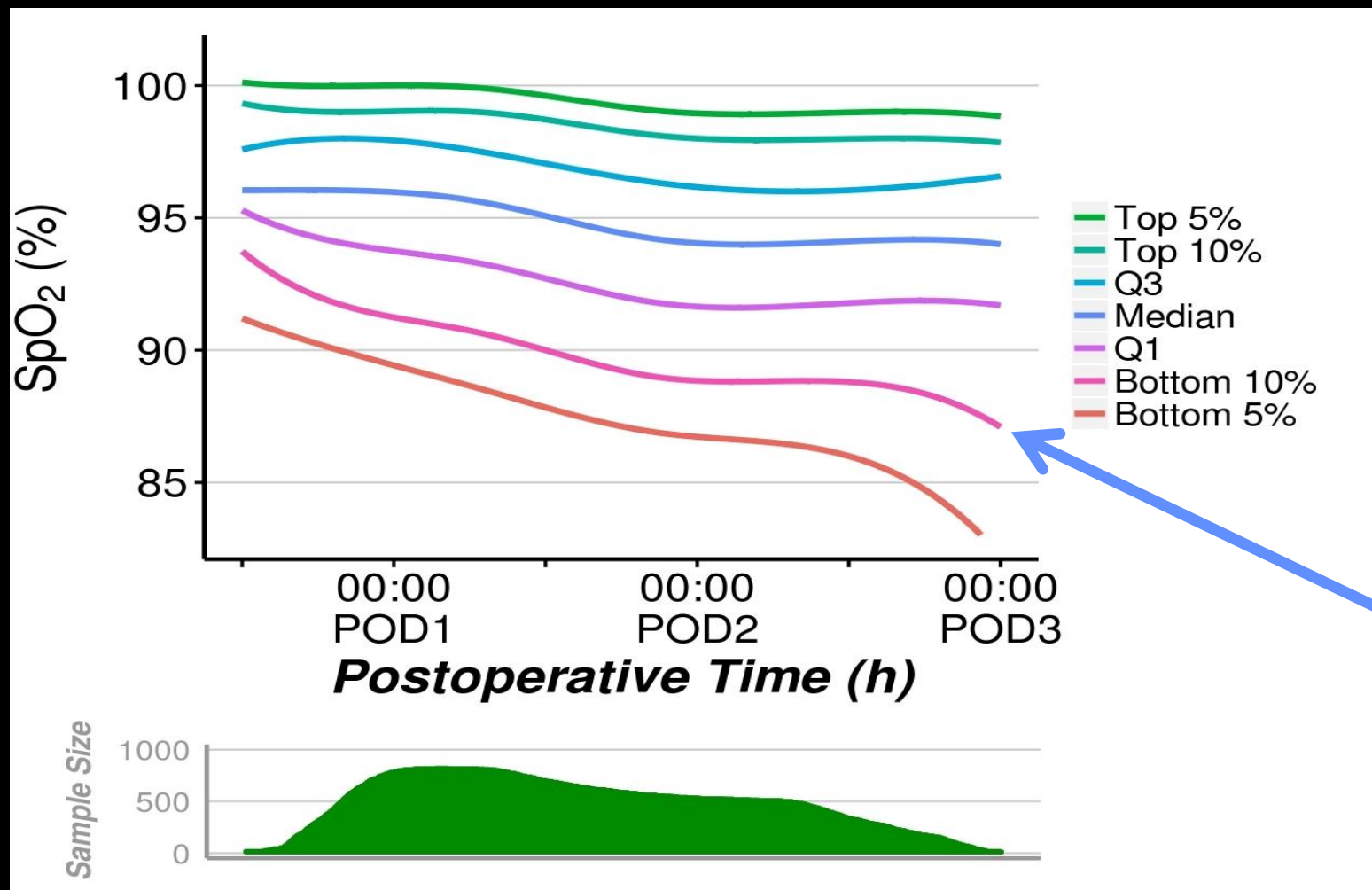
- Obstruction
- Respiratory muscle weakness, including residual blocks
- Reduced ventilation, often from pain
- Impaired respiratory control

And...

# Opioids & Sedatives

	Cardiac Arrest (n=96,554)	No Cardiac Arrest (n=12,180,137)	OR	95%CI
Opioids & Sedatives	41%	22%	3.47	(3.40, 3.54)
Opioids only	28%	31%	1.81	(1.77, 1.85)
Sedatives only	14%	14%	1.82	(1.78, 1.87)
Neither opioids nor sedatives	17%	33%	Ref	

# Blinded Saturation Over Time



Nurses missed 90% of patients who had 1 continuous hour of saturation <90%

More than 10% of ward saturations were <90%

# Opioid-induced Respiratory Depression

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## Closed-claims analysis

- 77% of episodes = death or severe brain injury
- 88% within 24 hours of anesthesia

## 97% deemed preventable

- 42% within 2 hours of last nursing check

## Potential causes

- Multiple prescribers
- Potentiating non-opioid sedatives

# Vital Sign Monitoring

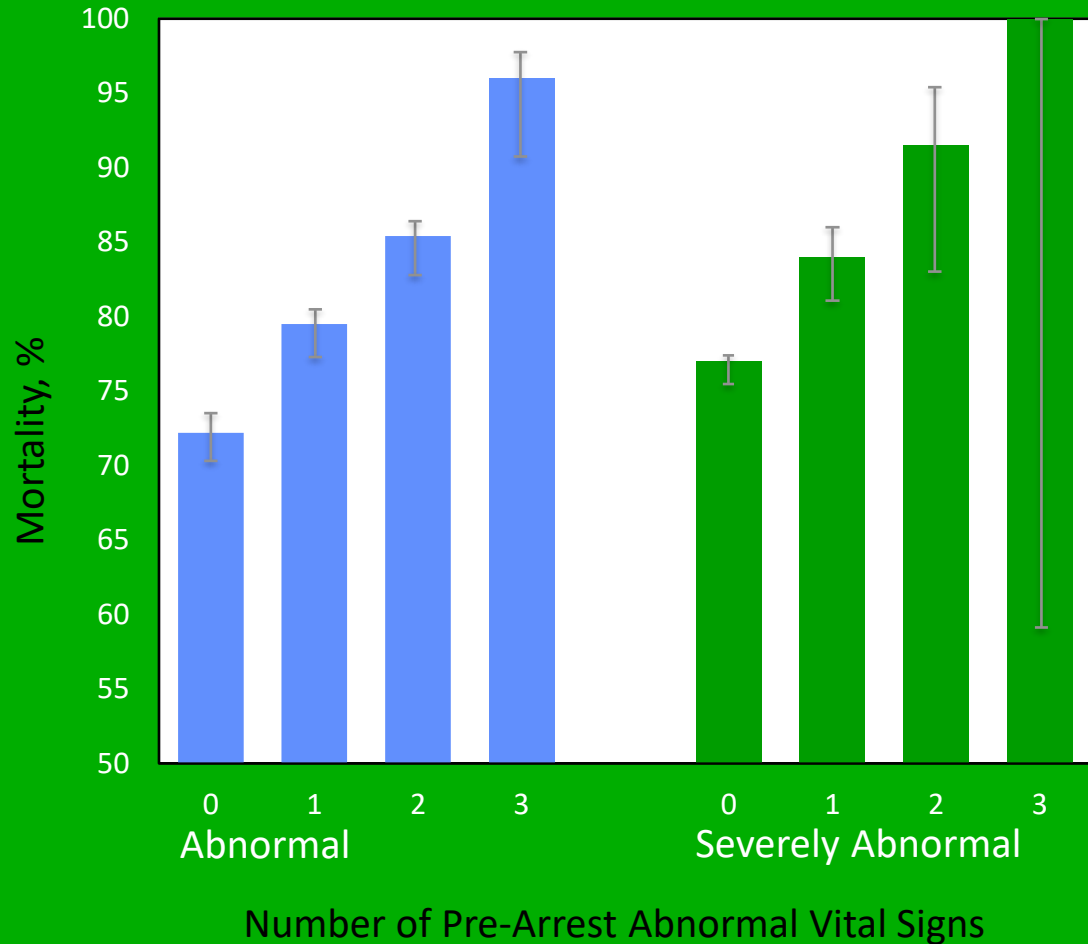
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We monitor vital signs about the way  
we did a half-century ago

We're still stuck on "failure to rescue"  
rather than *preventing complications*

Continuous ward vital sign  
monitoring may help

# Arrests Proceeded by Abnormalities



Most in-hospital cardiorespiratory arrests preceded by hours of vital sign abnormalities

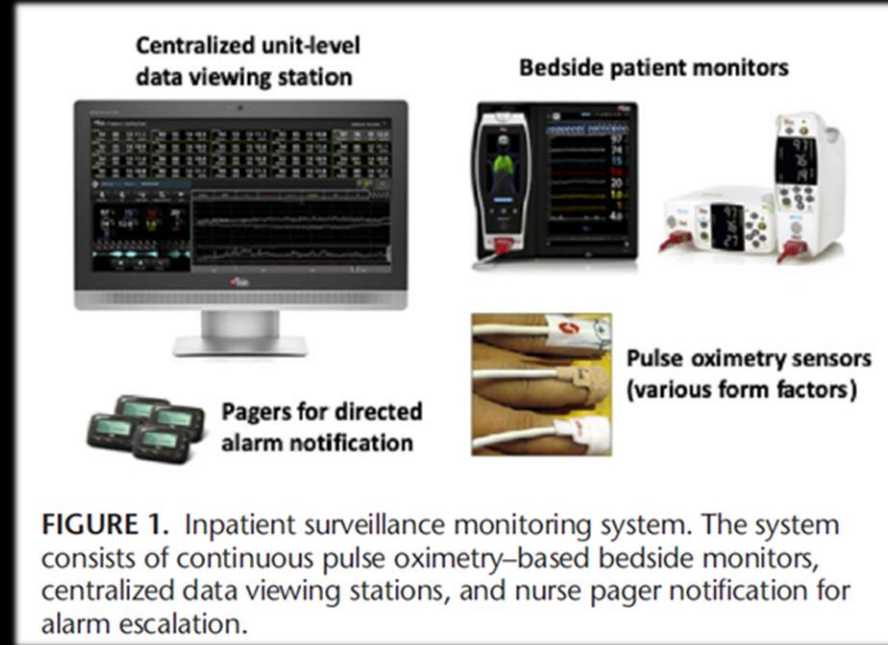
# Dartmouth 10-year Outcomes Study

Continuous Masimo surveillance monitoring of general ward patients (n=111,488)

No OIRD deaths among continuously monitored patients

One OIRD-related death among patient for whom continuous monitoring was available but not used

Continuous SpO<sub>2</sub> monitoring reduced death rate from baseline of 19.73 per 100,000 patients (p=0.03)

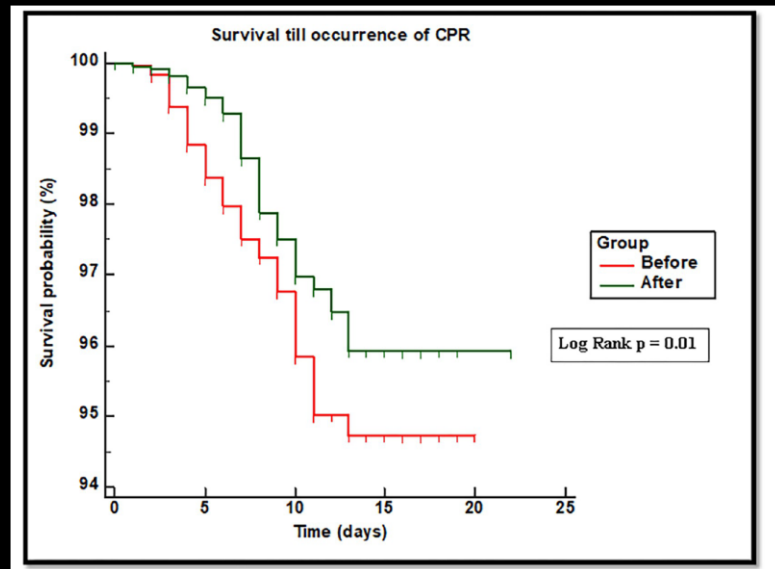


# Continuous Ward Monitoring Helps

‘Before and After’ 8-month comparative outcomes study

Continuous SpO<sub>2</sub> monitoring using Masimo SET with Patient SafetyNet

King Saud Medical City - 1,200 bed hospital



↓ **Mortality**  
↓ **CPR events**  
↑ **CPR success**  
↓ **Length of stay**

Balshi, PLOS ONE 2022

	Before Patient SafetyNet™	After Patient SafetyNet™	P value
CPR Event Rate	3.3%	1.95%	0.01
CPR Success	38.5%	59.5%	0.04
Length of Stay	8.7 ± 3.4 days	8.3 ± 3 days	0.001
Mortality	5.45%	4%	0.04

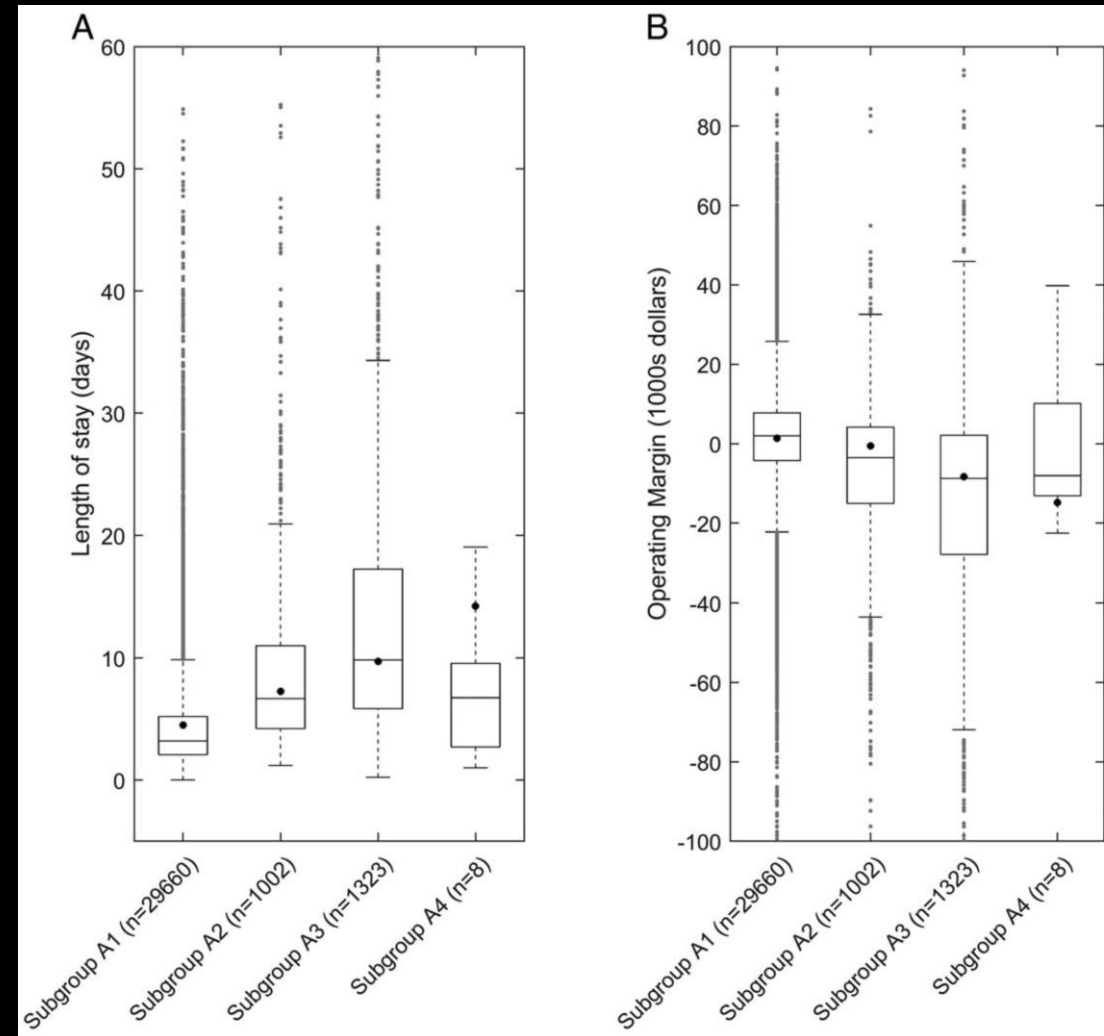
# Impact to Cost of Care

Dartmouth clinical outcome study using Masimo SET with Patient SafetyNet

Cost-of-care analysis of 31,993 ward patients admitted July 2016 – Dec 2019

Operating margin savings of \$5,500 per patient rescue prevented and \$10,700 per patient for rescue/care transfer prevented

Significant operating margin savings



# CONSTANT Trial: Methods

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500 Patients recovering from major noncardiac surgery

Intermittent postop nursing vital signs per routine

Continuous vital sign monitoring for 48 hours

- Radius PPG and Patient SafetyNet

Randomization

- Blinded continuous vital sign monitoring
- Unblinded continuous vital sign monitoring with nurse alerts

Investigator-initiated, Masimo-funded

# CONSTANT Trial: Primary Hypothesis

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Unblinded continuous ward monitoring reduces a composite of areas exceeding the thresholds of desaturation ( $<85\%$ ), bradypnea ( $<5$  breaths/min), tachypnea ( $>25$  breaths/min), tachycardia (heart rate  $>130$  beats/min), bradycardia (heart rate  $<35$  beats/min), mean arterial pressure (MAP)  $<65$  mmHg, and MAP  $>145$  mmHg during the initial 48 postoperative hours after major non-cardiac surgery.

# CONSTANT Trial: Secondary Hypothesis

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Unblinded continuous ward monitoring increases a composite of clinical *interventions* for desaturation, hypoventilation, tachypnea, tachycardia, bradycardia, and hypotension within 48 hours after major non-cardiac surgery.

# Summary: Postop Mortality is Preventable

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Postoperative deaths are world's 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death

Major causes are cardiovascular and respiratory events

- Preceded by vital sign abnormalities
- Most are missed with conventional 4-hour vital sign monitoring

Continuous ward monitoring is likely to:

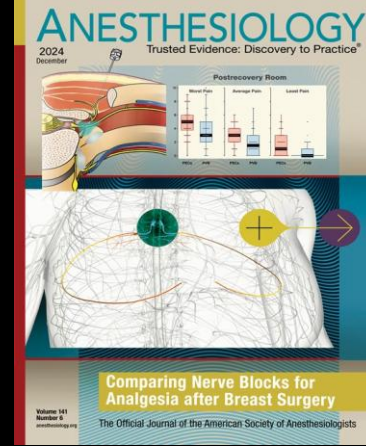
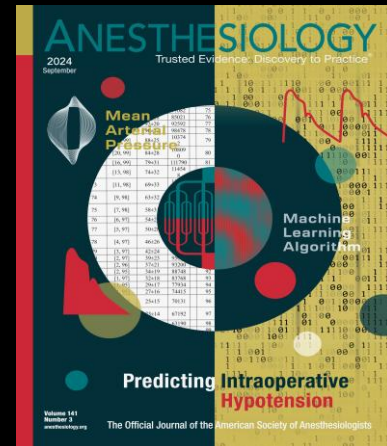
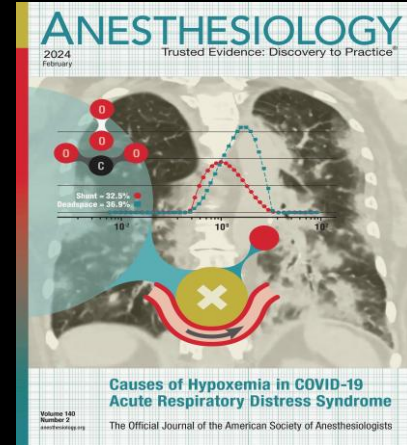
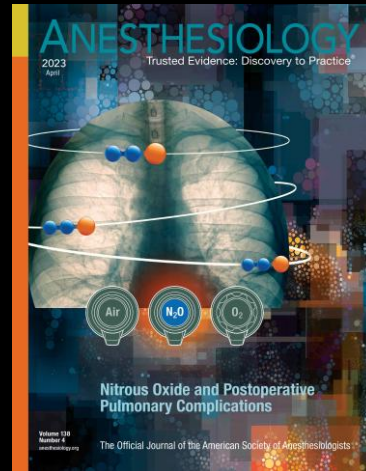
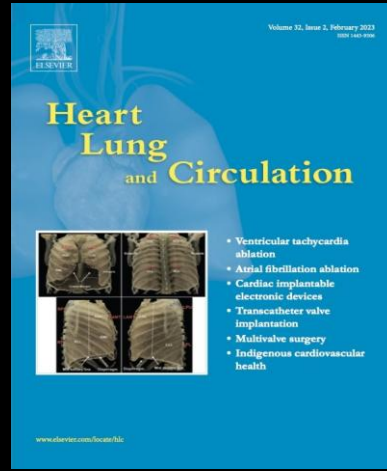
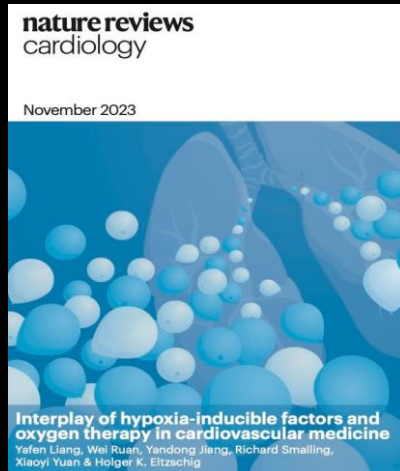
- Identify vital sign abnormalities in real time
- Provoke salutatory clinical responses
- Reduce the incidence and severity of critical events

Triple win for patients, hospitals and payors

**We can make a difference!**



# And that's all folks...



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