

Prone Positioning Considerations

Intubation < 36 hours $FiO_2 > 60\%$ PFFP>5 P/F Ratio <150

Prone Positioning has been shown to:

Reduce mortality

Reduce ventilator days

Reduce ICU length of stay

Prevent ventilator-induced lung injury

Improve oxygenation

P/F RATIO PaO₂

FiO₂



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Berlin Consensus Definitions:

Timing: Within I week of a known clinical insult or new or worsening respiratory symptoms

Chest imaging: Bilateral opacities not fully explained by effusions, lung collapse, or nodules

Origin of edema: Respiratory failure not fully explained by cardiac failure or fluid overload

Monitor P/F Ratio and PEEP requirement trends

FiO ₂ ≻	100	90	80	70	60
40	40	44	50	57	67
50	50	56	63	71	83
60	60	67	75	86	100
70	70	78	88	100	
80	80	89	100		
90	90	100			
100	100				
110					
120					
130					217
140					233
150				214	250
▲ PaO₂					

MILD ARDS

 $P/F \le 300$ mm Hg -

> 200mm Ha PFFP > 5cm H2O

SEVERE ARDS

P/F < 100 mmHaPEEP > 5cm H₂O

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