



# WHICH IS THE CHOICE: FLUID OR INOTROPES IN THE CASE OF SHOCK?

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First line and essential  
Except of severe

In life-threatening  
hypotension

- Fluids

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Except of severe heart failure & tamponade

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Patients with  
acute body  
fluid losses  
and sx of  
hypovolemia

Patients with  
severe sepsis  
or septic  
shock

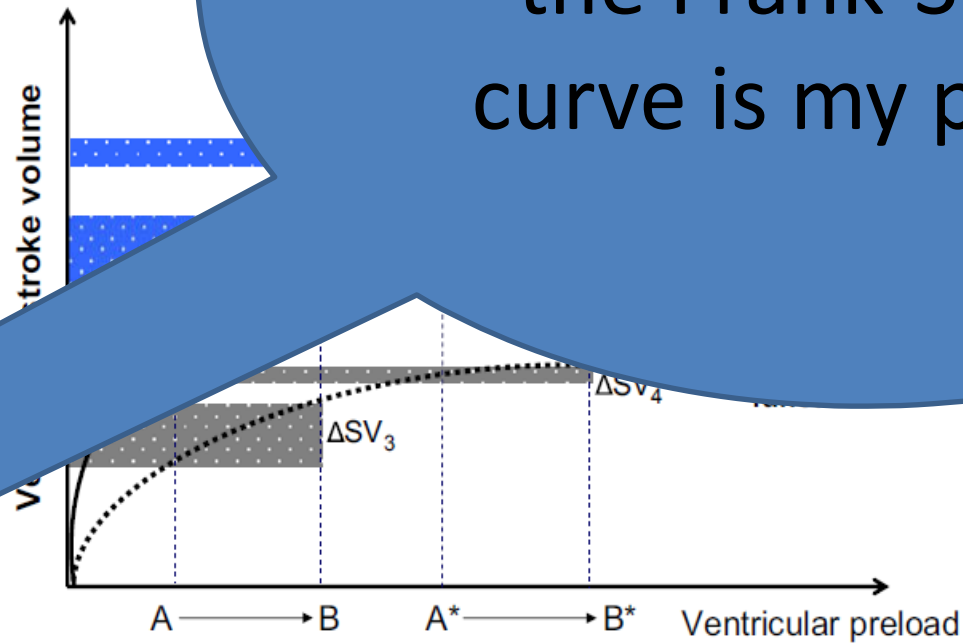
The other patients with  
hemodynamic instability

· 50%



# Will my patient

On which portion of the Frank-Starling curve is my patient?



**Fig. 1.** The Frank-Starling curve representing the non-linear relationship between ventricular preload and ventricular stroke volume (straight curve = normal ventricular function; dashed curve = reduced ventricular function). If the heart is operating on the steep part of the Starling curve, an increase in preload is associated with a relevant increase in stroke volume (preload dependency,  $\Delta SV_1$ ). In contrast, if the heart is operating on the flat part of the Starling curve the same magnitude of change in preload after volume administration (from A\* to B\*) does not increase SV (preload independency,  $\Delta SV_2$ ). This relationship is strongly affected by cardiac function. In contrast to a normal ventricular function, the same increase in preload will not induce a relevant change in stroke volume in a reduced ventricular function ( $\Delta SV_1$  and  $\Delta SV_2$ ).

the patient has  
"recruitable" CO

"flat" part of the  
Frank-Starling curve

# How to determine the preload dependent patient

- The clinical assessment of intravascular volume
  - Skin turgor
  - Blood pressure
  - Pulse rate
  - Urine output
  - Chest examination
  - Chest radiograph
- The clinical assessment is often unspecific and

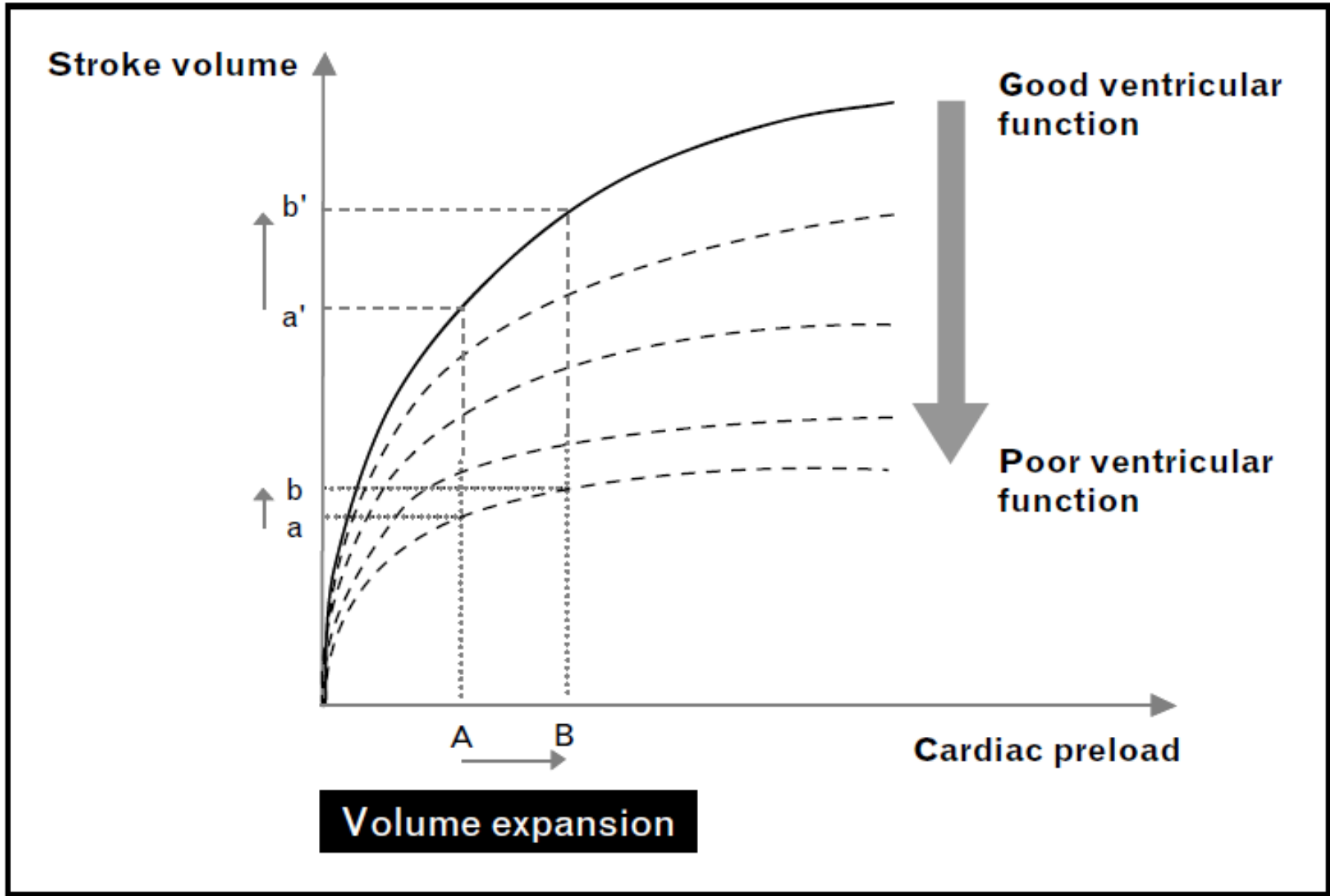
# How to determine the preload dependent patient

- Cardiac filling pressures
  - Central venous pressure & Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure
    - Poorly discriminate between responders and nonresponders to a fluid trial
    - CVP values of  $<5$  mmHg may be helpful

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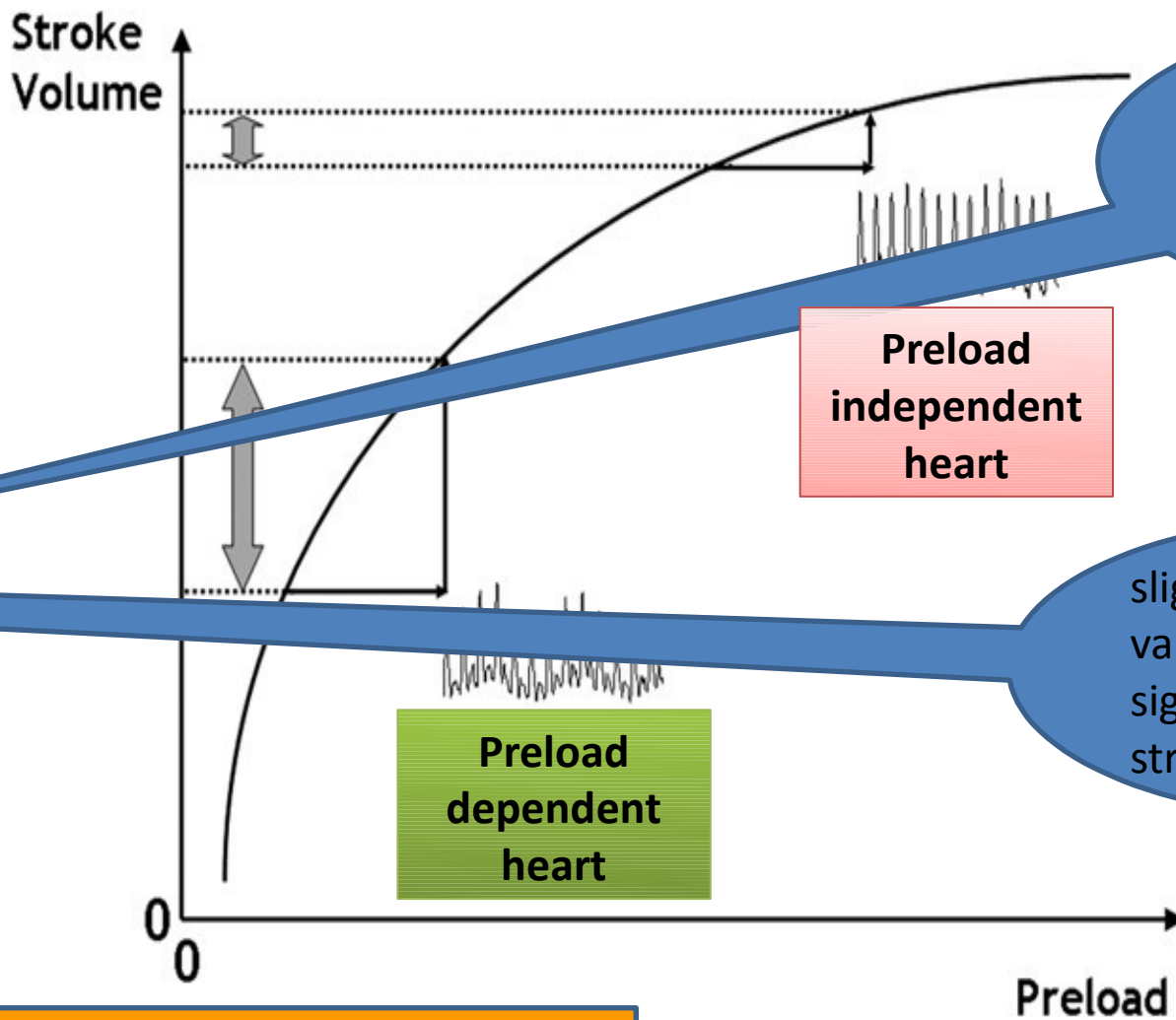
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# Mechanical ventilation & Frank-Starling curve

- Positive-pressure ventilation induces cyclic changes in vena cava blood flow, pulmonary artery flow, and aortic blood flow- stroke volume
- During inspiration, vena cava blood flow decreases (venous return decreases)





respiratory variations have no impact on stroke volume

**Preload independent heart**

slight respiratory variations induce significant changes in stroke volume

**Preload dependent heart**

SPV more than 10 mmHg = hypovolemia

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# SPV

- Changes in systolic arterial pressure or pulse arterial pressure caused by positive pressure ventilation can predict which patients respond to fluid loading with an increase in their cardiac output
- Finger arterial pulse pressure monitored noninvasively may represent an alternative
- Even the amplitude of the pulse oximetry plethysmography signal can be used

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# Echocardiography

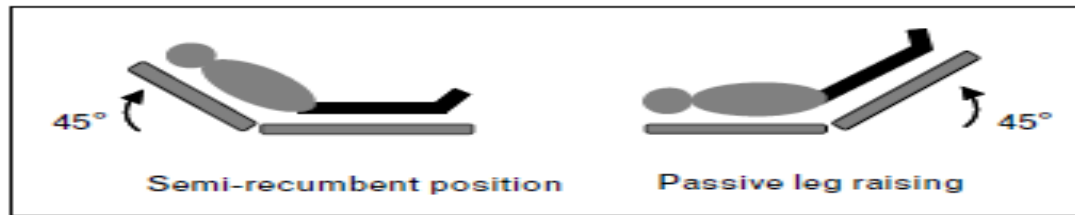
- Ventricular size
- Systolic performance
- Initial assessment of preload
- Estimation of stroke volume with echo doppler
- Vena-caval diameter measurement

# CO monitoring

- Through PAC or any less invasive flow assessment technique (e.g. Transesophageal echocardiogram, esophageal Doppler, or peripheral transpulmonary dilution)
- Fluid challenges to determine the patient's position in the Frank–Starling curve

# The passive leg-raising test

Figure 2 Passive leg raising



The passive leg-raising test consists of measuring the hemodynamic effects of a leg elevation up to 45°. A simple way to perform the postural maneuver is to transfer the patient from the semi-recumbent posture to the passive leg-raising position by using the automatic motion of the bed.

- Volume of blood transferred to the heart during PLR is sufficient to increase the left cardiac preload and thus to challenge the Frank-Starling curve
- Beyond its ease of use, the method has the advantage of inducing reversible effects once

# The passive leg-raising test

- Maximal hemodynamic effects of PLR occurred within the first minute of leg elevation
- The response to PLR

Thank you