

# Identification and Care of Patients with Hantavirus Disease

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# Objectives

**At the conclusion of this session, the participant will be able to:**

- Describe the risk factors, endemic areas, and incubation period of hantavirus infection**
- Identify the clinical presentation and methods to identify a patient with hantavirus in the clinical setting**
- Understand the parameters of clinical management and critical care for patients with hantavirus**

# Today's First Presenter



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# Today's Second Presenter



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# Today's Third Presenter



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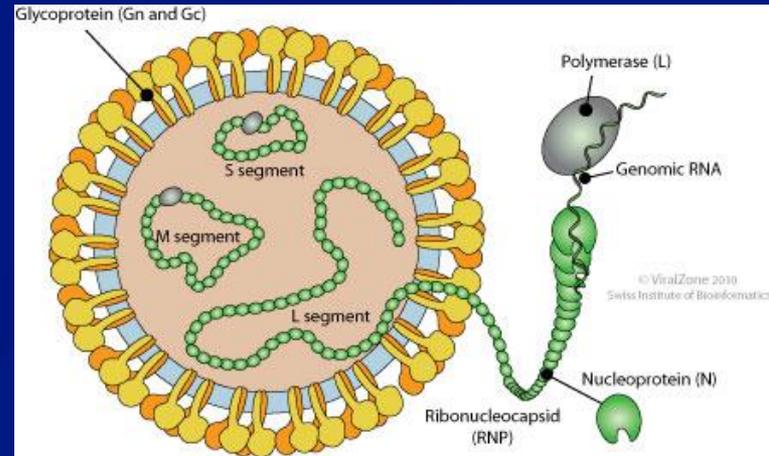
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# Hantavirus Overview and Epidemiology

- Hantavirus global overview
- US Epi summary
- Diagnostics
- Hantavirus surveillance in the US

# Hantaviruses

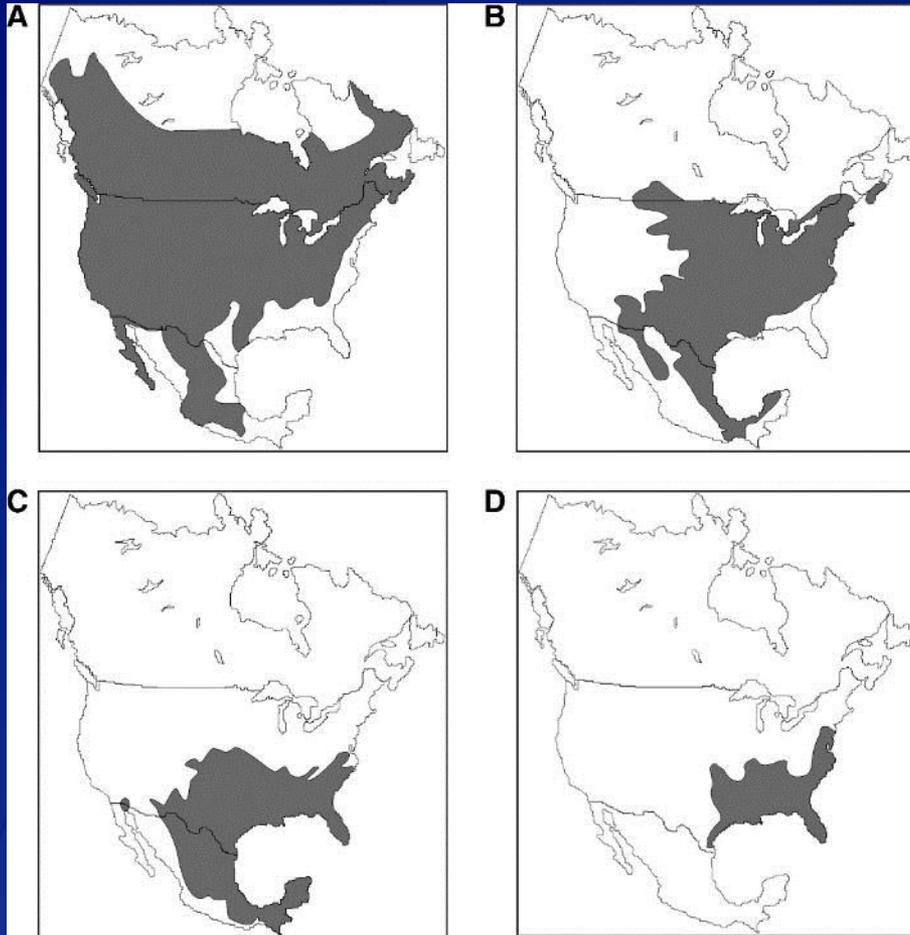
- *Bunyavirus* family
- Primarily rodent reservoirs
- Human infection
  - Inhalation of excreta
  - Bites possible
- Hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS)
  - Old-world hantaviruses (Seoul virus likely throughout world)
  - Europe and Asia
- Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS)
  - New-world hantaviruses
  - Numerous pathogenic hantavirus species across North and South America



# New World Hantaviruses



# Rodent Reservoirs of Pathogenic Hantaviruses in the US



- A. Deer mouse (Sin Nombre virus)
- B. White-footed mouse (New York virus)
- C. Hispid cotton rat (Black Creek Canal virus)
- D. Rice rat (Bayou virus)

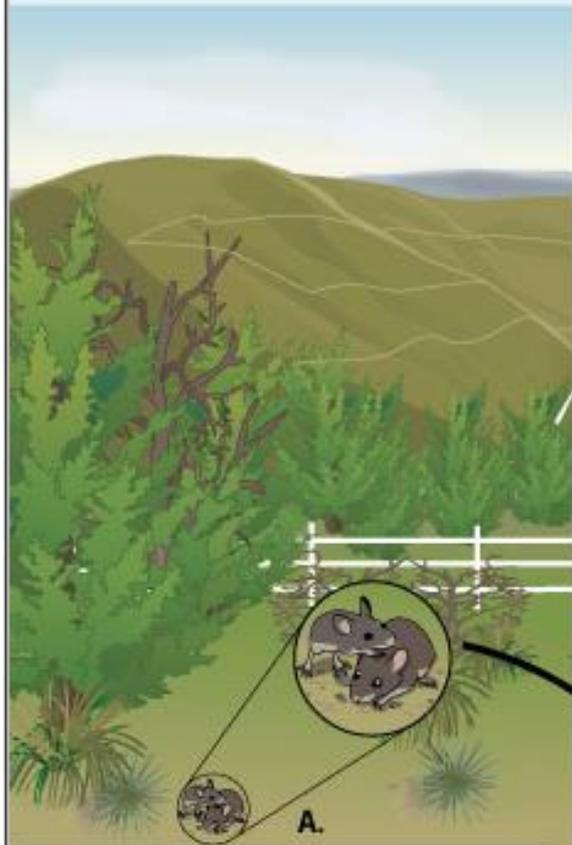


# Hanta Virus Ecology



## Enzootic Cycle

Many hantaviruses are known to cause hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS). Each virus has a single primary host. The most important hantavirus in the US is the Sin Nombre virus, hosted by the deer mouse.

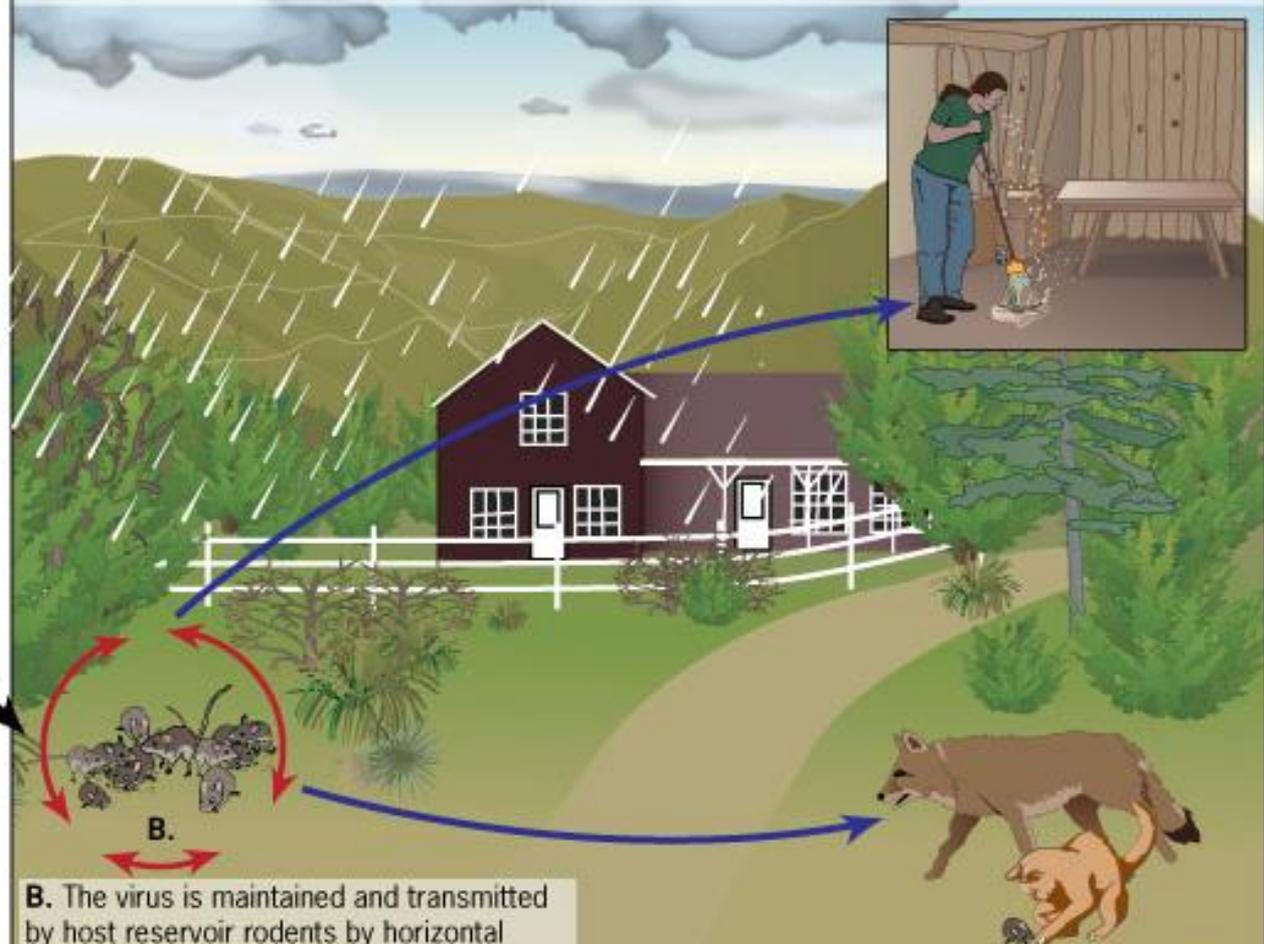


**A.** Local enzootic transmission of hantaviruses occurs at low levels during periods of unfavorable environmental conditions.

## Epizootic Cycle

Favorable environmental conditions such as mild winters and summer rainfall may cause dramatic increases in rodent populations. More rodents become infected under crowded conditions. Deer mice may enter human structures in rural areas. Humans may become

infected when they inhale airborne virus or come into direct contact with infected rodents or their urine, feces, or nests. Other mammal species (cats, dogs, coyotes) may be infected through contact with rodent hosts, but they are not known to transmit the virus.



**B.** The virus is maintained and transmitted by host reservoir rodents by horizontal transmission (aggressive behavior, biting).

# Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome Epidemiology

- Persons living or working in rural areas at increased risk
  - Farmers
  - Outdoor enthusiasts (camping, hiking)
  - Opening/cleaning unfrequented buildings and spaces (summer homes, sheds, attics, etc.)
- 20-40 cases reported annually, >95% exposed west of Mississippi River
  - Importance of exposure & travel history

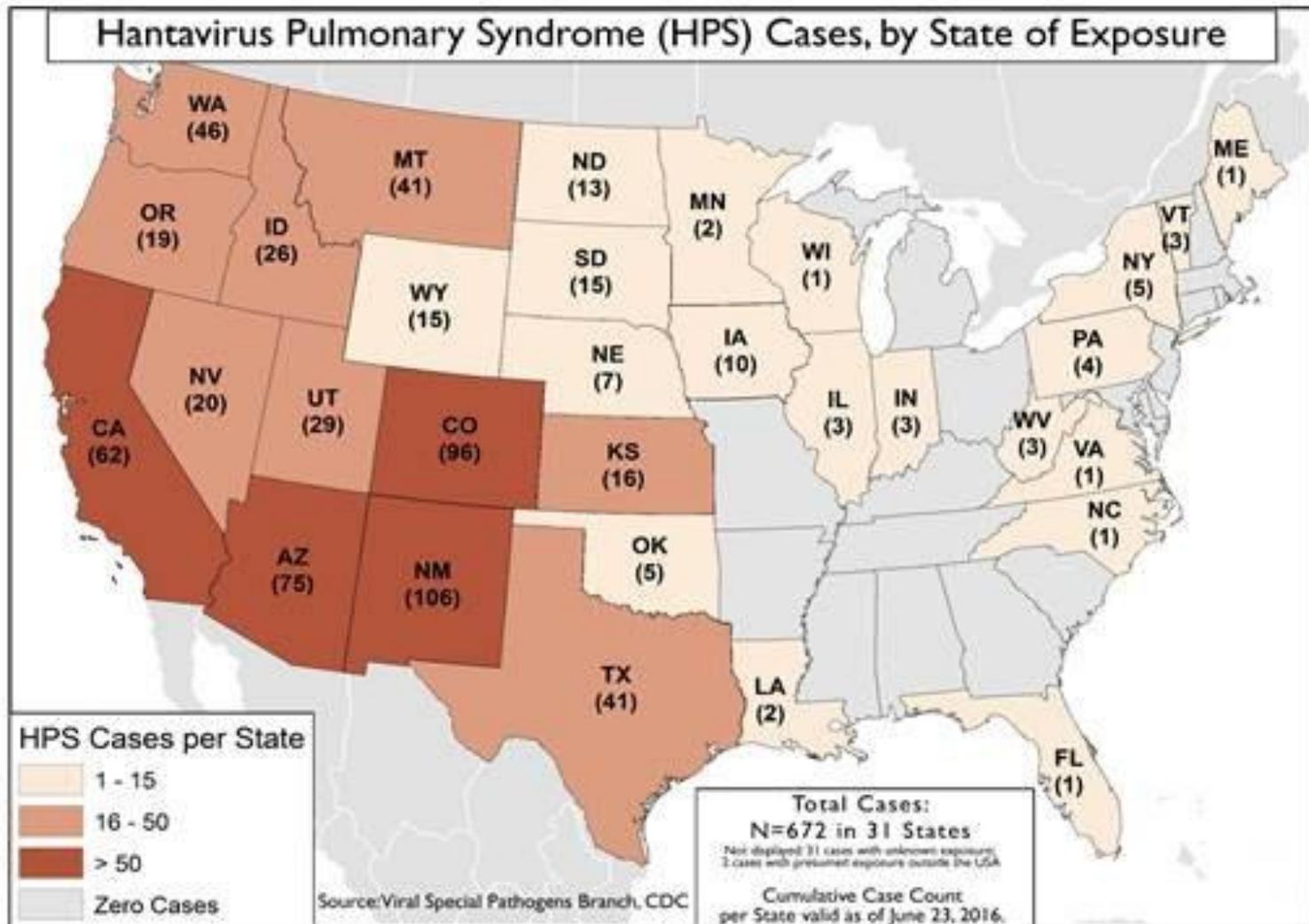
# Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome

## U.S. Descriptive Demographics

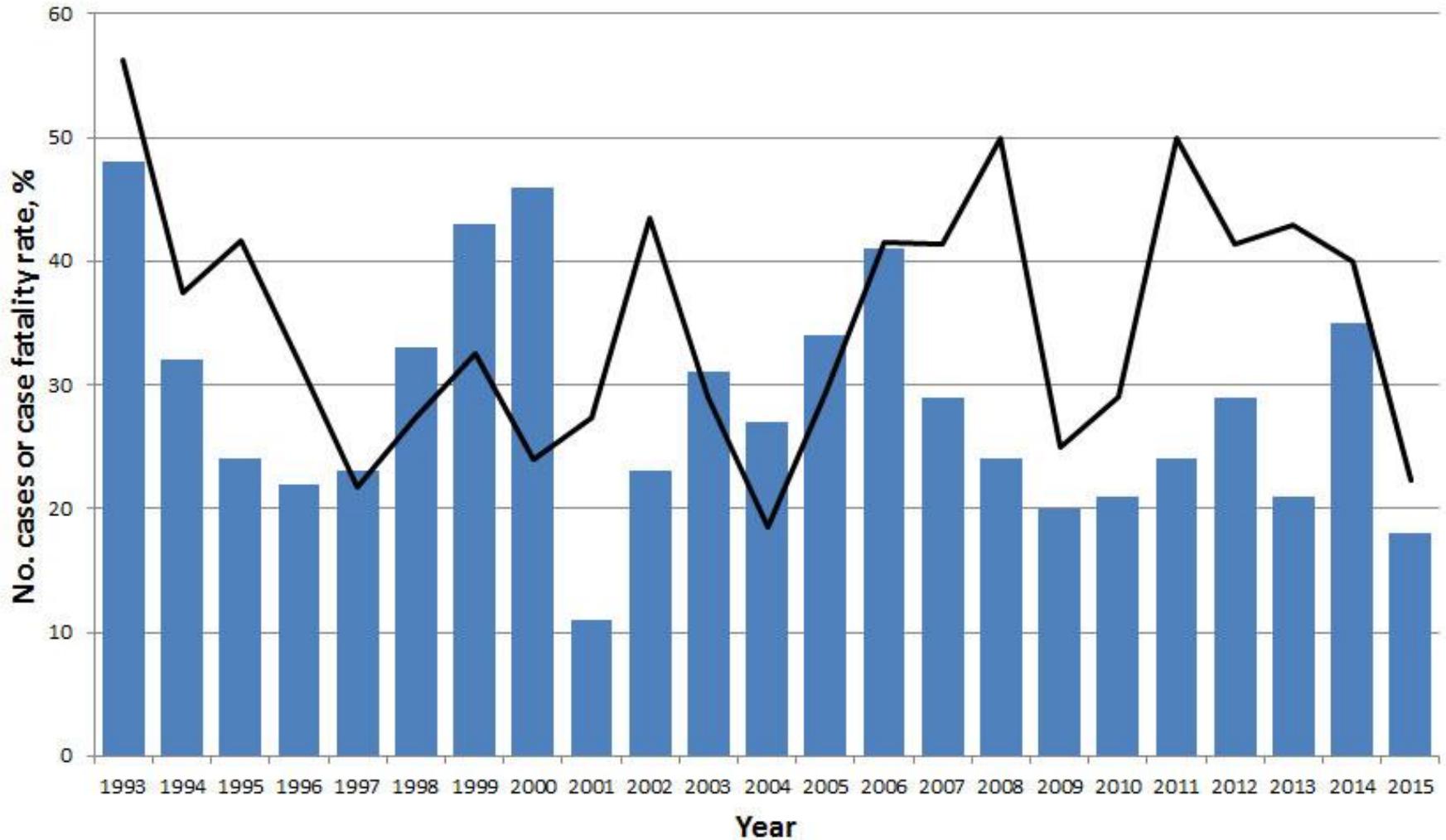
Characteristic		Total
Gender	Male	401 (63%)
	Female	236 (37%)
Race	White/Caucasian	496 (78%)
	American Indian	115 (18%)
	African American	12 (2%)
Ethnicity	Hispanic	127 (20%)
Outcome	Fatal	229 (36%)

- Total of 637 cases between 1993 and 2015
- Mean age: 37 (range: 5 to 84)

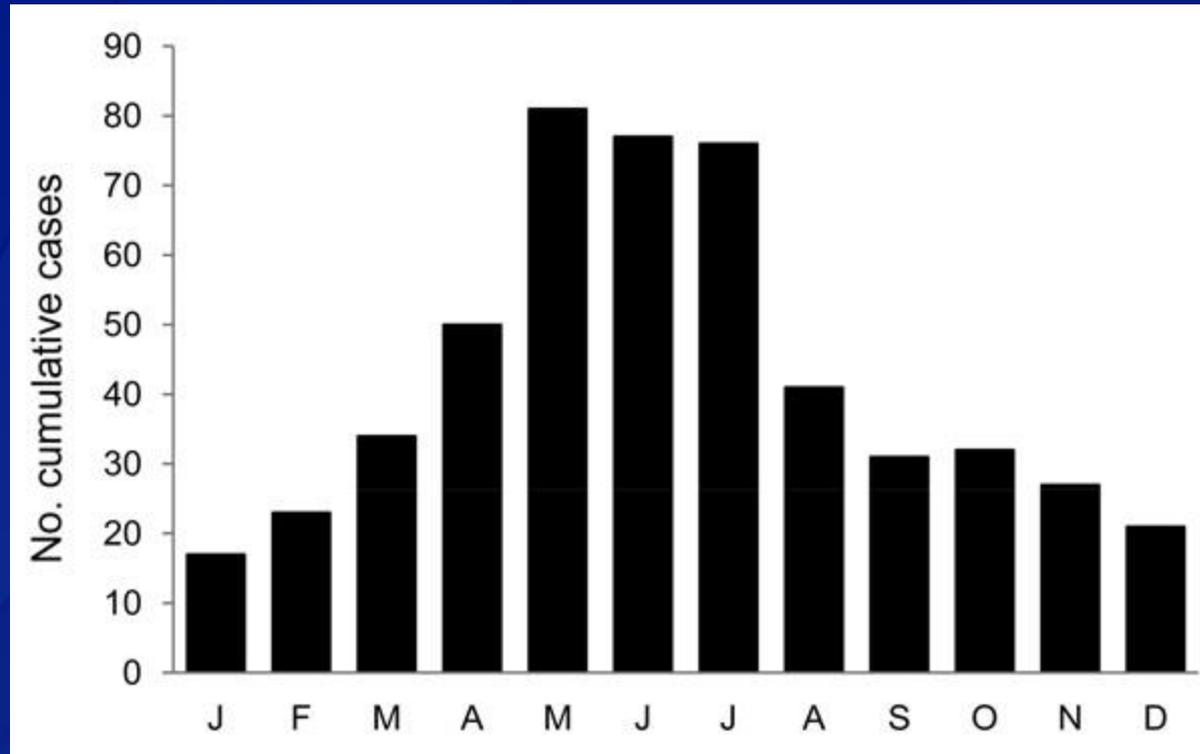
# Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome Cases In the U.S. 1993-2015



# Annual HPS Cases and Fatality Rate in the U.S. 1993-2015



# Cumulative HPS Cases by Month of Onset in the U.S.



MacNeil A, Ksiazek TG, Rollin PE. Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, United States, 1993–2009. *Emerg Infect Dis* [serial on the Internet]. 2011 Jul [date cited]. <http://dx.doi.org/10.3201/eid1707.101306>

# Hantavirus Diagnostics

- **Serology:** Most common means of diagnosis in US; detects IgM & IgG
  - Testing available through commercial and public health labs (state/federal)
- **PCR:** Detectable virus during acute phase
- **Immunohistochemistry:** postmortem detection of hantavirus antigen

# Hantavirus Antibody Testing

- IgM & IgG develop rapidly after onset of symptoms— detectable at first test in nearly all HPS patients
- Cross-reactivity between different hantavirus species
- Commercial assay:
  - False positive results possible; important to interpret results carefully
- CDC ELISA:
  - Available through state & federal labs; highly sensitive & specific

# HPS Surveillance

- HPS and hantavirus infection without pulmonary symptoms are nationally notifiable conditions
  - Providers should contact local or state health department for awareness & assistance with diagnostic testing
  - Environmental investigations may occur at exposure sites
  - Access form at [http://www.cdc.gov/hantavirus/pdf/hps\\_case-report-form.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/hantavirus/pdf/hps_case-report-form.pdf)

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Information below is required for identification and meaningful interpretation of laboratory diagnostic results. HPS may not be confirmed without compatil							
PATIENT INFORMATION		PATIENT'S BACKGROUND and EXPOSURE					
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First name:                      MI:		Ethnicity: <input type="text" value="Choose one"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black				
Age:                                      Sex: <input type="text" value="Choose one"/>		History of rodent exposure in 6 weeks	<input type="text" value="Choose one"/>				
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# HCPS: Incubation Period, Clinical Presentation and Course

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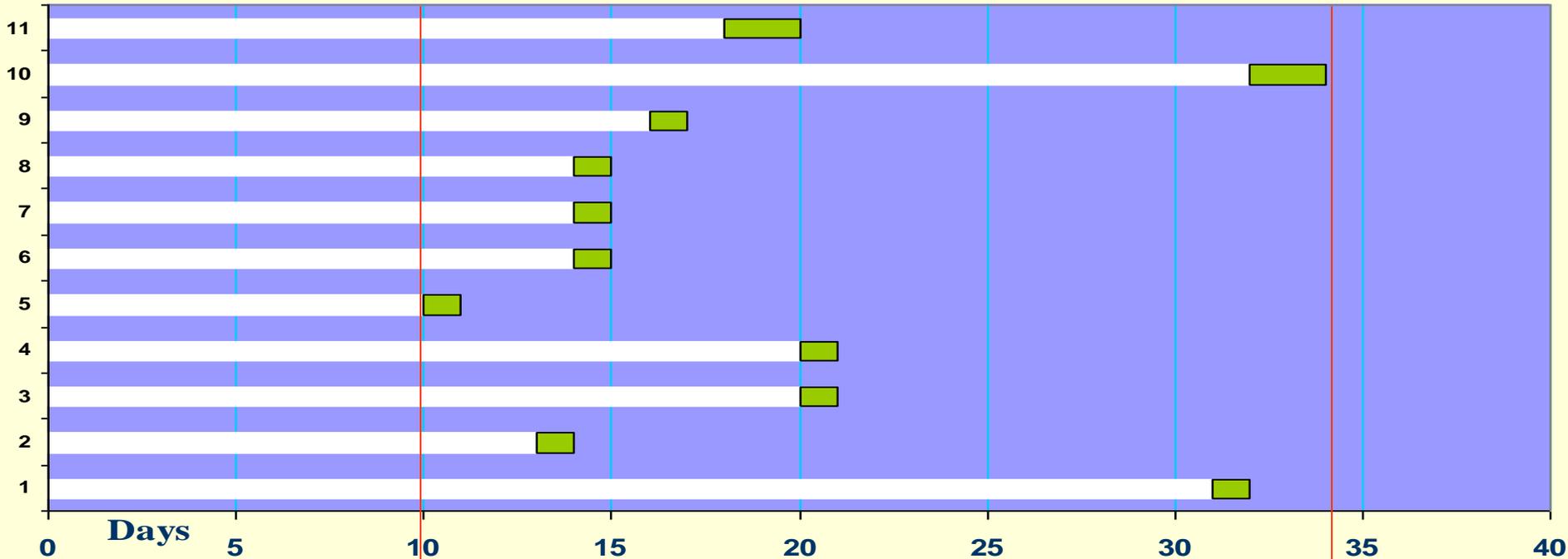
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Site of initial HCPS case cluster  
New Mexico, May 1993

**Incubation period, Andes virus (ANDV) Infection, Chile  
11 patients with 24-48 hrs of exposure in rural area**

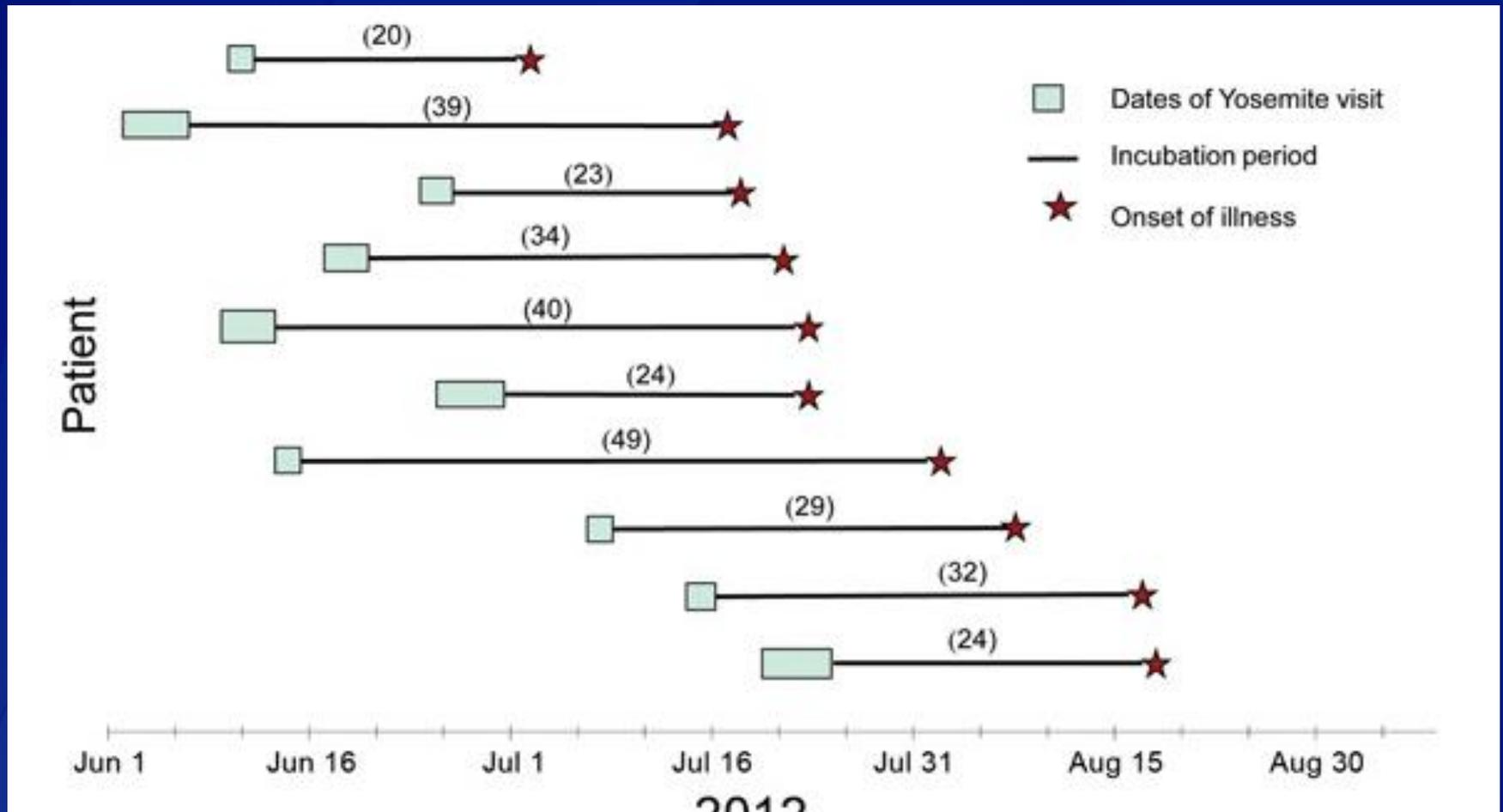


**Mean: 18.3 days**

**Range: 10-34**

# 2012 Yosemite Sin Nombre Virus outbreak

Incubation: median 30.5 (range 20-49) days



# Detection of Andes virus (ANDV) RNA by reverse-transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) in peripheral blood cells obtained from household contacts who were asymptomatic and seronegative at study entry

Additional household case patient no. from table 3 (sex, age in years)	Viral level in first positive sample, ANDV copies/mL of sedimented peripheral blood cells	Days from first positive RT-PCR to		Days from onset of symptoms in index case patient to positive RT-PCR in contact
		Onset of prodromal symptoms	Onset of cardiopulmonary phase	
16 (M, 47)	28,244	14	18	18
15 (M, 34)	33,000	15	18	15
13 (F, 48)	18,342	7	10	18
10 (F, 2)	1,181,551	NA <sup>a</sup>	12	~14 <sup>b</sup>
14 (M, 50)	116,754	5	8	22
9 (F, 47)	3882	NA <sup>c</sup>	7	19

**NOTE.** NA, not available.

<sup>a</sup> Case patient 10 was afebrile, asymptomatic, and seronegative when ANDV RNA was detected by RT-PCR, but the day of onset of prodromal symptoms could not be determined because of the subject's age.

<sup>b</sup> First positive PCR result on 1 June; the index case patient died on 21 May after several days of symptoms, but the exact date of the onset of symptoms was not known.

<sup>c</sup> Case patient 9 was seronegative when enrolled 7 days before the day of the onset of symptoms, but cells were not collected for analysis by RT-PCR at the enrollment visit.

**Ferrés M, et al. J Infect Dis. 2007;195:1563-1571. PMID: 17471425**

# Infection with Hantavirus

infection



illness



viremia



IgG

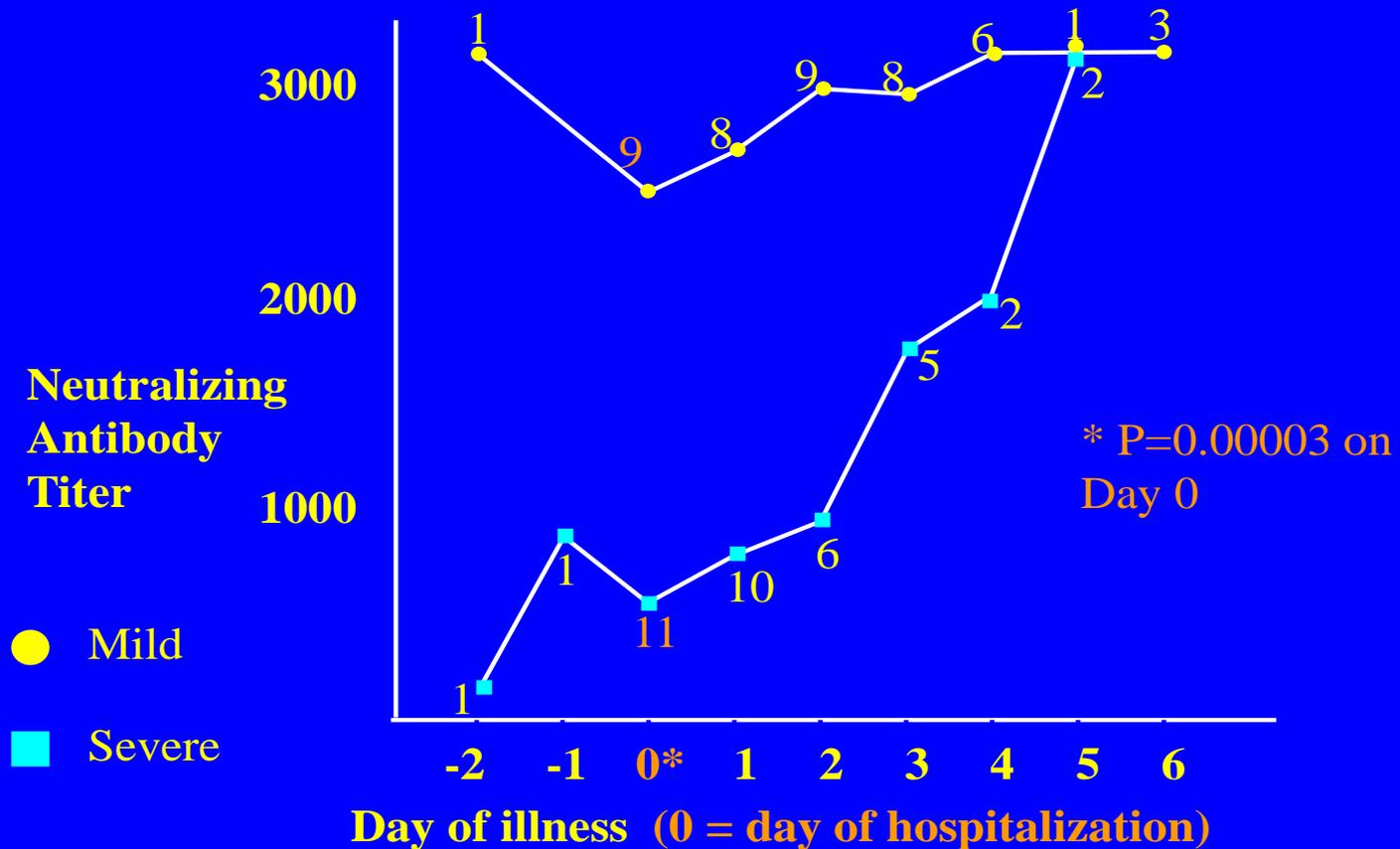


virus in cells



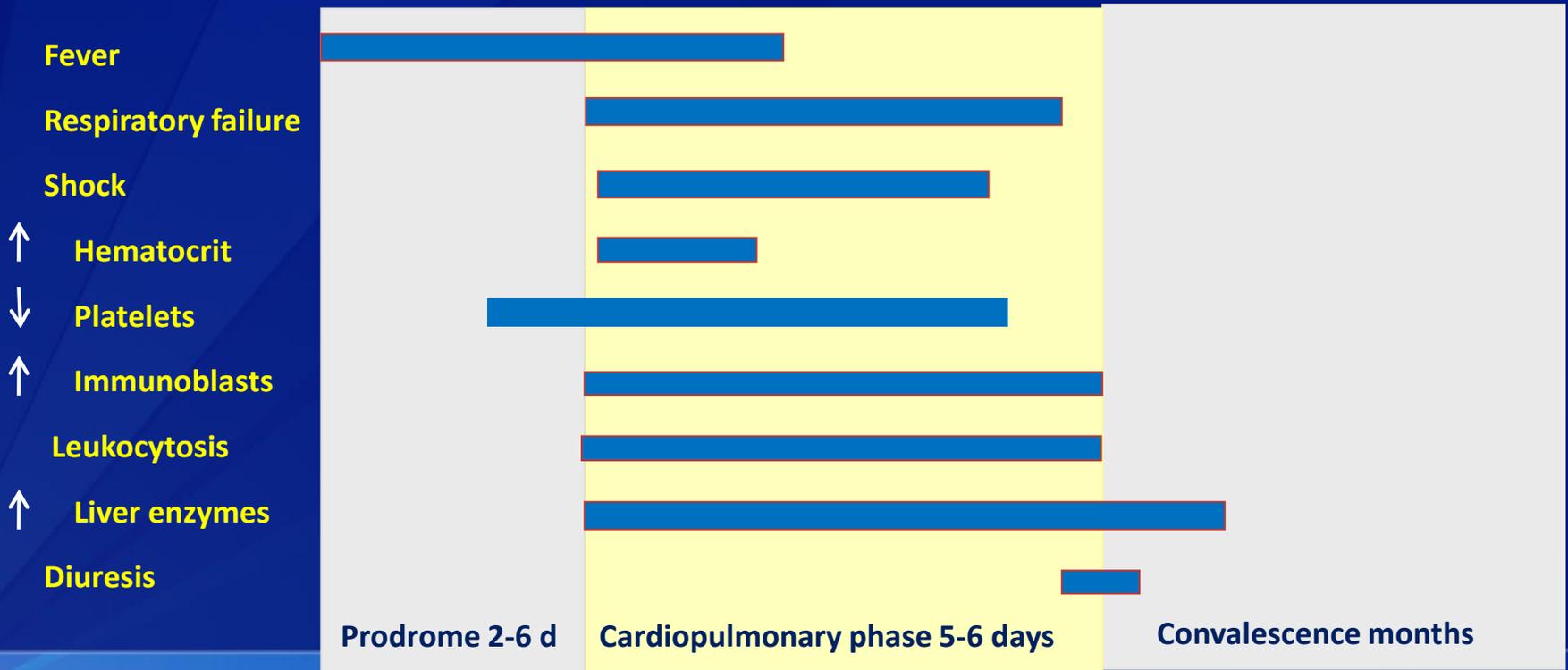
IgM

# Neutralizing Antibody Titer in HCPS

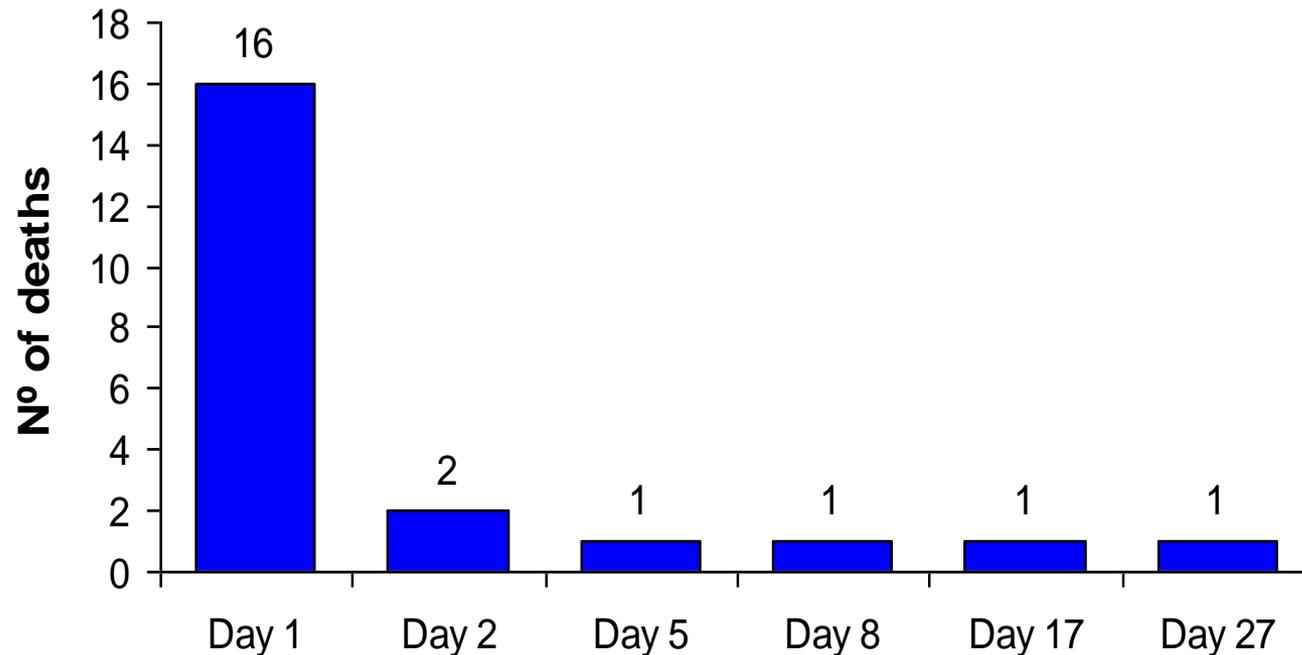


*At hospital admission, patients who have a mild course of HCPS have significantly higher anti-Sin Nombre virus (SNV) neutralizing antibody titers when compared to patients who have or progress to severe or fatal disease. (Bharadwaj M, et al, J Infect Dis, 2000; 182(1):43-8. PMID: 10882580 ).*

# HCPS Presentation



# Deaths by hospital day among 104 hospitalized HCPS cases in Chile

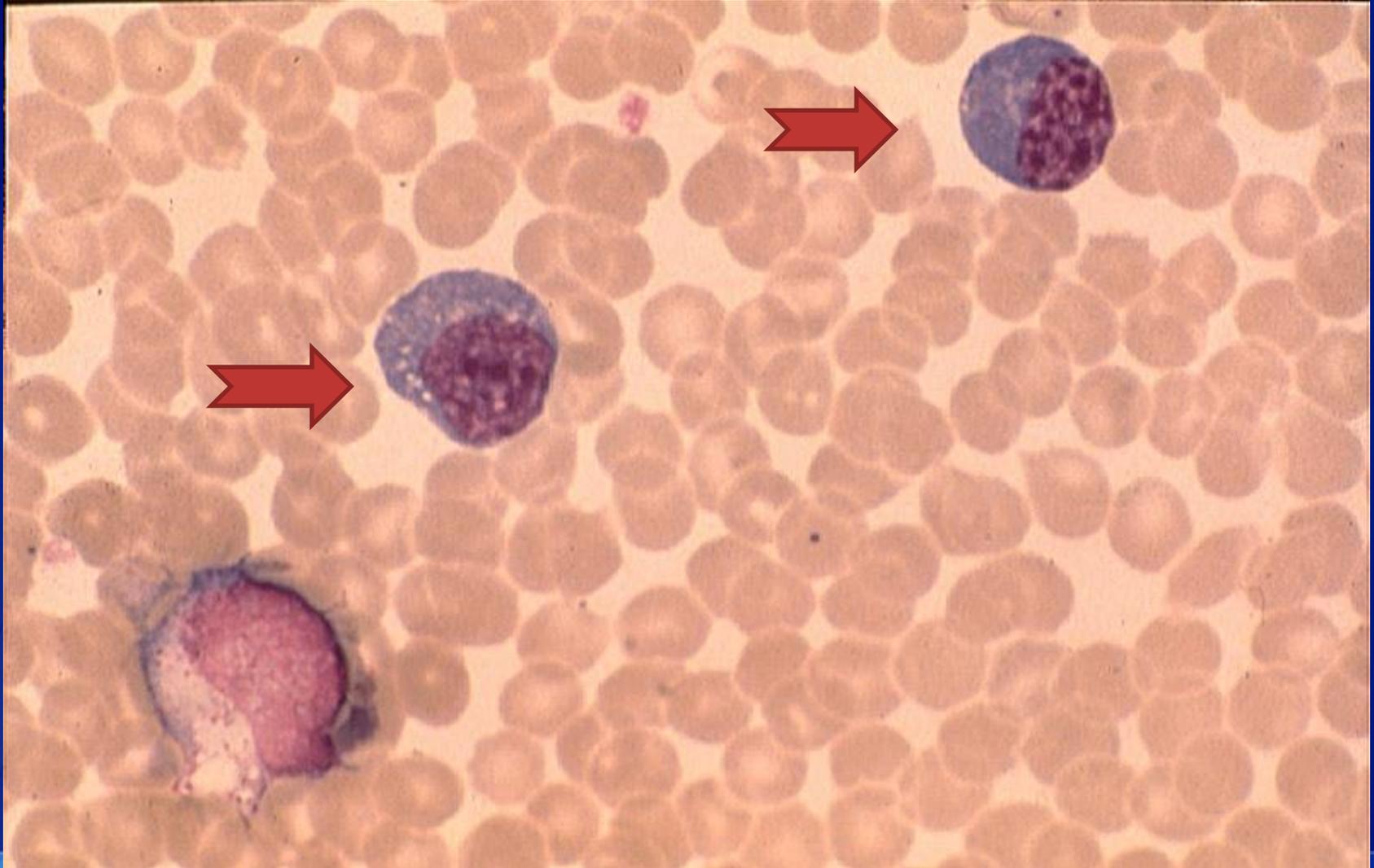


# Presumptive diagnosis in cardiopulmonary phase

**After the onset of pulmonary edema, the presence of 4 of 5 findings has a sensitivity of 96% and specificity of 99%**

- Thrombocytopenia
- Myelocytosis
- Lack of significant toxic granulation in neutrophils
- Hemoconcentration
- More than 10% lymphocytes with immunoblastic morphologic features

# Immunoblasts in HCPS appear early in cardiopulmonary stage



## Presumptive diagnosis of HCPS in the CASG IV ribavirin trial

- In 24 subjects with suspected HCPS in the cardiopulmonary phase (with bilateral infiltrates and hypoxia), SNV infection was confirmed in 23 (96%) with a presumptive diagnosis based on smear evaluation
- In 12 subjects with suspected HCPS in the febrile prodrome (with fever and thrombocytopenia), none had SNV infection.

# Hantavirus: A Tale of Mice and Men



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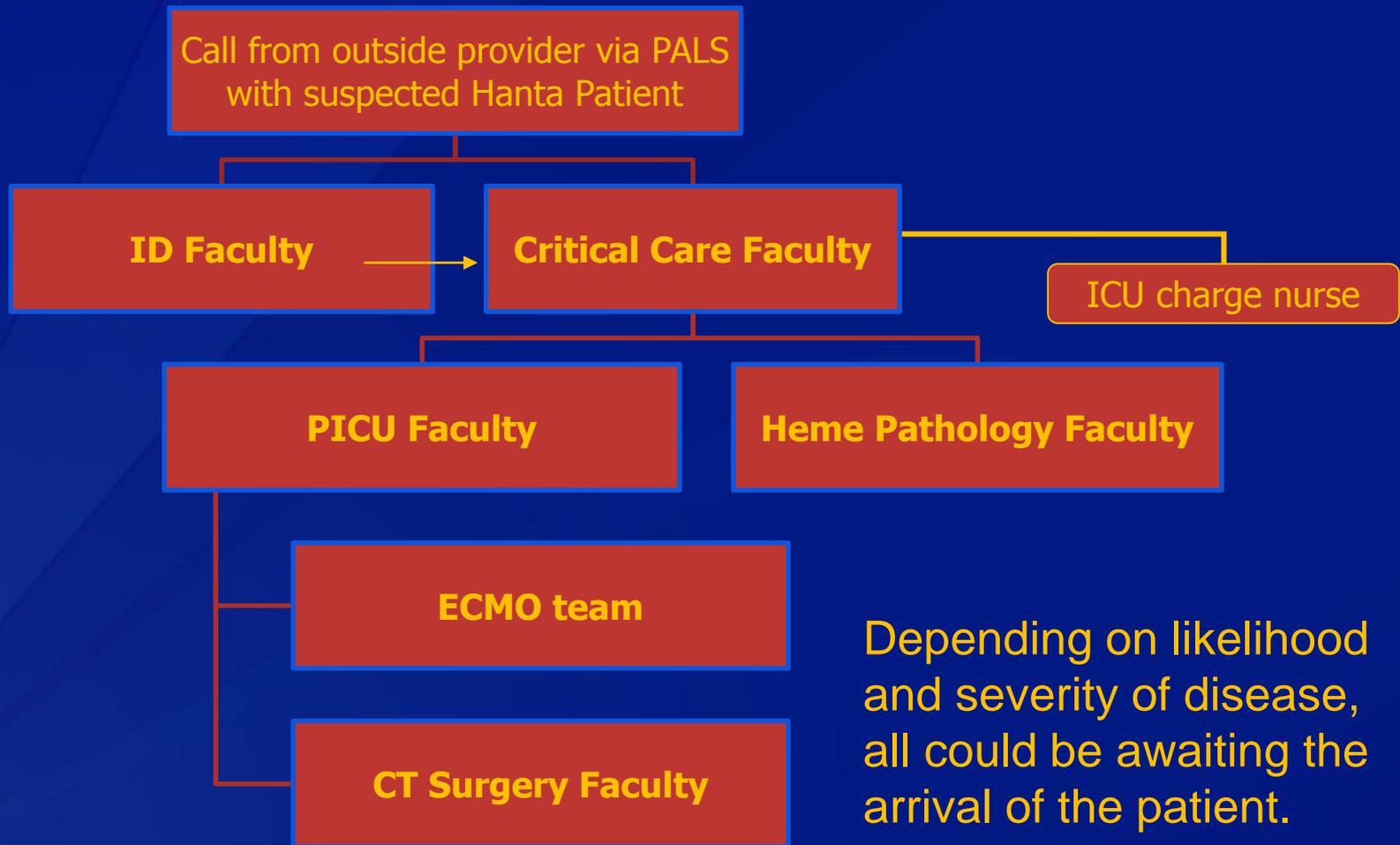
# Diagnostic Dilemma

- Patients may present with vague symptoms
- Return for CBC in 8-12 hours
- If platelet count is falling, call **1-800-272-2000** (at UNM Med Center), ask for **Medical Critical Care** or **ID physician** on call to discuss

# Triage and Treatment

- **Key point:** transfer patient prior to cardiopulmonary phase to tertiary care center, preferably one with ECMO
- Don't wait to stabilize
- AVOID fluid resuscitation
- Inotropes early
- Oxygen, try to avoid intubation
- Arrange air transport with ability for pressor initiation and to a center with ECMO capability

# Multidisciplinary Involvement in Treatment of HCPS



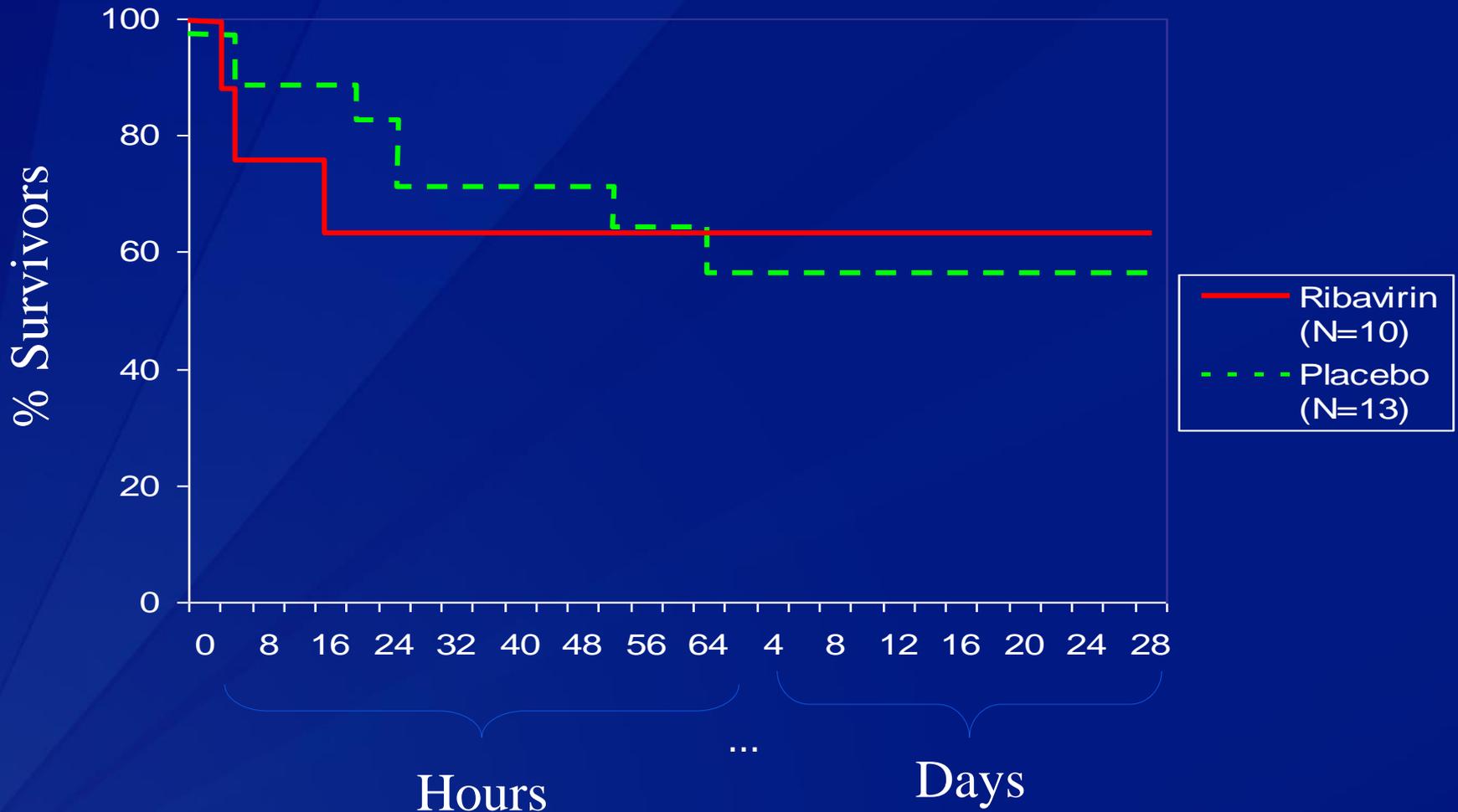
# Ribavirin

- Given early in HFRS in China, 7-fold reduction in mortality risk
- Results in HCPS inconclusive
  - Does inhibit SNV *in vitro*
  - Pre-treatment reduced deer mice sero-conversion
- *in vitro* and *in vivo* inhibition ANDV
  - Provided protection in a lethal hamster model of HCPS
  - ? Beneficial for post-exposure prophylaxis

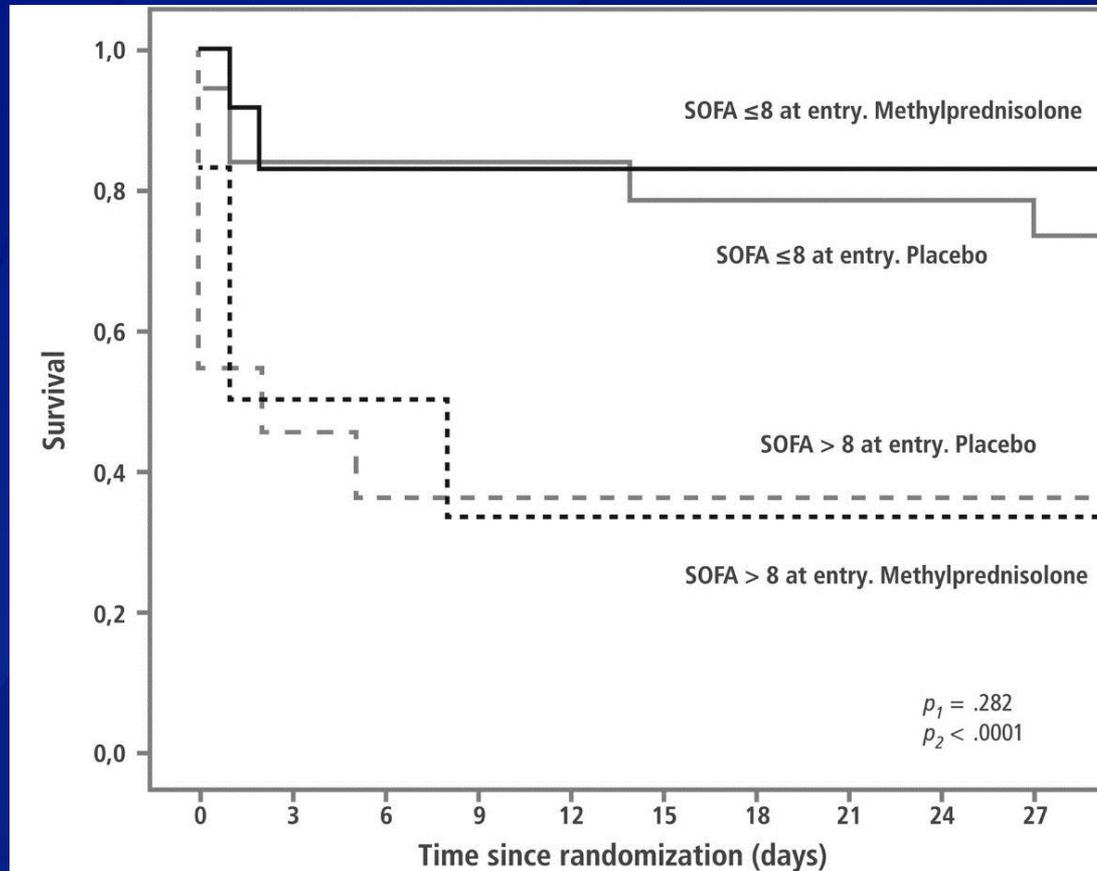
Jonsson, Clin Micro Rev, April 2010; Safronetz, Plos One, Aug 2011

# Survival without ECMO

## Ribavirin versus Placebo Recipients



# Kaplan-Meier survival analysis by treatment arm (methylprednisolone vs placebo) and severity at entry by sequential organ failure score (SOFA)



Number at risk

Methyl prednisolone	30	27	23	22	22	15	22	22	22	22
Placebo	30	21	20	20	20	20	19	19	19	18

# Immune serum

- Serum from survivors with neutralizing antibodies may combat the viremia present
- Hamster/rat/primate studies have shown passive protection from hantavirus challenge when given neutralizing Ab
- No controlled human trials
- Not available in the US

# Management of HCPS

- Critical care management
- Monitor  $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2$ , cardiac index, lactate
- Pressors rather than IV fluids
- If ECMO is available,
  - Early placement of vascular sheaths
  - Concurrent intubation and initiation of ECMO if medical management fails
- No role for ribavirin or methylprednisolone (ineffective in placebo-controlled trials)

# Why ECMO for HCPS?

- Early experience showed short duration of critical condition
- Autopsy findings without tissue damage- circulating inflammatory mediators likely cause cardiopulmonary dysfunction
- Occurs in previously healthy patients

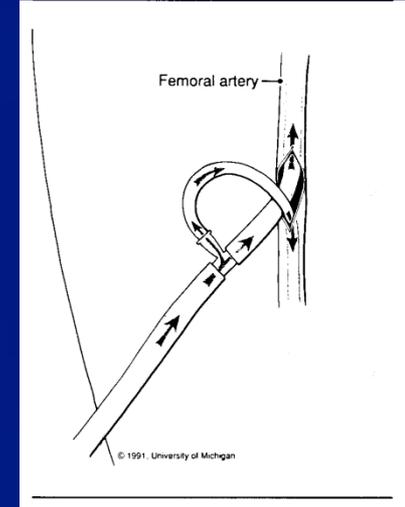
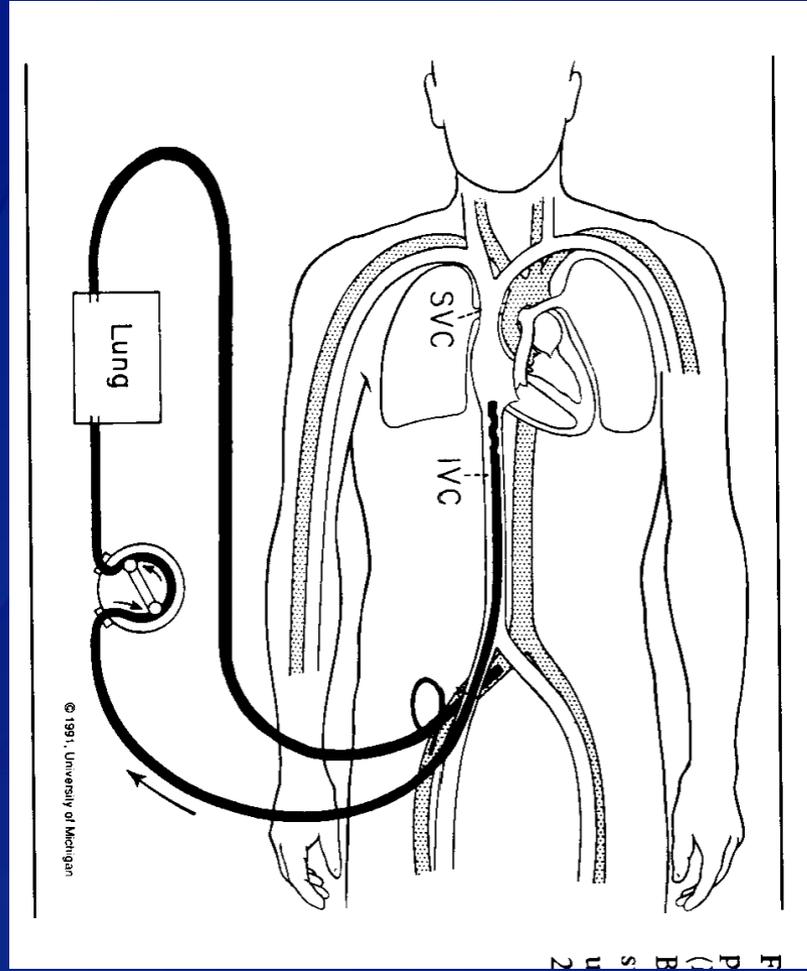
# Criteria for ECMO

- $\leq 65$  years of age
- No major organ system failure (cirrhosis, ESRD, neurologic dysfunction)
- HCPS by history, clinical judgment, smear
- $CI < 2.5$  despite resuscitation or rapidly declining clinical status
- Hypotension
- Hypoxemia –  $PaO_2/FiO_2 < 50$  despite support

# HCPS-ECMO Cannulation

- Femoral site-venoarterial  
venous- 27- 29 french  
arterial- 16-18 french
- Distal perfusion cannula – via posterior tibial artery
- Open vs. percutaneous- surgeon's preference
- Right IJ 27 to 29 french for additional drainage

# Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO)





# Typical ECMO Course

- Patient paralyzed and sedated
- Ventilator settings ~ SIMV 10/500cc/40%/10
- Hemodynamic improvement 12 hours
- Pulmonary improvement 48-72 hours
- Weaning from ECMO 4-5 days when pulmonary capillary leak resolves and cardiac function improves

# UNM Hanta Stats

- From 2000 to 5/16
  - Approximately 75 patients Hanta +, not all needed ECMO
- Several patients with HCPS died prior to or during transport to UNM
  - 2 within the last few months
    - From Four Corners area
      - One presented with GI complaints first day then represented next day in shock
      - Other one presented late

# UNM ECMO Hanta Stats

- Total 59 patients: 04/15/1994 – 3/29/16
  - Survived ECMO 43/59 (73%)
  - Survived to hospital discharge 37/59(63%)
- Age range 9 - 69
- Male 32, Female 27
- Duration of ECMO 5-276 hours (143)



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