Guidelines for Managing ARDS

BERLIN CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFICATION OF ARDS
1. Acute onset within 7 days
2. Rule out cardiogenic pulmonary edema/other causes for hypoxemic respiratory failure
3. Bilateral opacities consistent with edema; cannot be fully explained by effusions, collapse or nodules
4. Respiratory failure not fully explained by cardiac failure or volume overload

If above criteria is met, mild, moderate or severe ARDS is defined by the PaO$_2$/FiO$_2$ ratio on > PEEP 5 cm H$_2$O. If no arterial line is present, an SpO$_2$/FiO$_2$ of <315 (where SpO$_2$ is < 100%) would indicate a PaO$_2$/FiO$_2$ ratio of <300.

Mild >200 and < 300
Moderate >100 and < 200
Severe < 100

Management Guideline for Moderate and Severe ARDS (Berlin Criteria PLUS PaO$_2$/FiO$_2$ ratio < 200)

1. Intubation and Ventilation with ARDS Ventilation protocol
2. Narcotic and sedative administration to achieve VAMASS 1-2 A-B

Target: PaO2/FiO2 >150 AND ventilator synchrony

CONTINUE SUPPORTIVE CARE
- VTE prophylaxis
- Nutritional support
- GI prophylaxis
- Glycemic control
- Sepsis screening, management and prevention

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