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- 15 • Predictors of surviving VA-ECMO support are increasingly important in resource limited intensive care units. Learn how to use demographics to help guide patient selection.

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1 **ABSTRACT.**

2 **Background**

3 Several models exist to predict mortality in patients on Veno-arterial (VA) extracorporeal membrane
4 oxygenation (ECMO). Whether expanded demographic data points have prognostic implications is less
5 understood. This study assessed the prognostic value of demographics in patients on VA-ECMO.

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7 **Methods**

8 This retrospective cohort study investigated 410 patients who received VA-ECMO. Survival to hospital
9 discharge, survival to intensive care unit discharge and survival to ECMO explantation were examined. A
10 multivariable logistic regression was performed incorporating 11 demographic variables.

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12 **Results**

13 44% (181/410) of patients survived to ECMO explant, 37% (152/410) of patients survived to ICU discharge,
14 and 36% (146/410) of patients survived to hospital discharge. There was an increase in odds of survival to
15 hospital discharge in patients who were less than 55 years old (Odds Ratio (OR) = 3.91 [95% Confidence
16 Interval (CI) 2.35-6.49]). There was a decrease in odds of survival to hospital discharge in patients who had a
17 prior cardiac arrest (OR = 0.35 [95% CI 0.20-0.63]). Patients who survived to hospital discharge less
18 frequently had a history of smoking (51% vs 65%, respectively; $p=0.008$), and were younger compared to
19 those who did not survive (51.4 \pm 14.03 vs 57.3 \pm 16.54).

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21 **Conclusion**

22 Age less than 55 years old was a prognostic indicator of survival to hospital discharge following VA-ECMO,
23 while history of smoking, history of dialysis, and history of cardiac arrest were associated with mortality. Sex,
24 BMI, atrial fibrillation, hypertension, DM, and COPD were not significant indicators. These data may help
25 guide optimal patient selection for VA-ECMO support.

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1 INTRODUCTION

2 Extracorporeal Membranous Oxygenation (ECMO) is used as a temporary adjunct for respiratory and cardiac
3 support in patients with either severe respiratory failure or cardiogenic shock.¹ Featuring large bore cannulae,
4 an external oxygenator, temperature control unit, and pump circuit, ECMO has been used increasingly in
5 intensive care unit settings for patients refractory to conventional therapeutics. This highly invasive procedure
6 requires substantial training in the initiation and maintenance of ECMO physiology. Veno-Venous ECMO (VV-
7 ECMO) continues to be used for patients in respiratory failure with preserved cardiac function,² treating acute
8 respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) patients, where it has been instrumental in providing lung rest, while
9 Veno-Arterial ECMO (VA-ECMO) has allowed for both cardiac rest and end organ resuscitation.

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11 As ECMO has grown in prevalence due to its ability providing to support patients until more definitive, durable
12 cardiac recovery can be achieved.³ The prognostic implications of this increase in prevalence, however, hinge
13 on a multitude of factors, especially as higher risk cohorts with additional comorbidities are provided ECMO
14 support.⁴ Both the ethical concerns of poor ECMO candidate selection, and the resource requirements make
15 identifying optimal candidates for ECMO a critical, and practical part of any successful ECMO program. Giving
16 clinicians tools to predict who will be successfully bridged to recovery is of paramount importance. Several
17 studies have described prognostic factors associated with VV or VA-ECMO, but due to the differences in
18 indications, optimal candidates for VV or VA-ECMO differ significantly.

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20 The COVID-19 pandemic has spurred research in selecting candidates for VV-ECMO,⁵⁻⁷ with 2020 yielding
21 more ECMO research than any year prior, but questions still remain about the optimal VA-ECMO candidate.⁸
22 The Survival After Veno-Arterial ECMO (SAVE) score,^{9, 10} duration of ECMO support,¹¹ and other lab values
23 have been used to describe the prognosis of candidates for VV-ECMO, and VA-ECMO, but additional
24 demographic, comorbidities, and disease factors are not well understood, or described.^{12, 13} Identifying these
25 traits to help better identify optimal candidates for limited availability¹⁴ going forward is of central importance to
26 ensuring positive patient outcomes, safe staffing ratios,^{15, 16} and managing goals of care. This study seeks to
27 help bridge that gap.

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1 METHODS

2 We performed a retrospective cohort analysis of a major heart failure center for patients who received veno-
3 arterial extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (VA-ECMO) between 2016-2020. We identified 545 patients
4 over the age of 18 who underwent all categories of ECMO. 122 patients were excluded because they
5 underwent veno-venous ECMO, while an additional 13 were excluded for receiving a configuration of ECMO
6 which was not considered to be purely veno-arterial throughout their ECMO duration (e.g., VA-ECMO to right
7 ventricular assist device or mixed Veno-arterial-venous ECMO).

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9 We utilized retrospective electronic medical record chart review in conjunction with data collected through the
10 University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC) ECMO QA/QI database to build a dataset including
11 demographic, clinical, and outcome data for this patient population. Specifically, age, sex, body mass index
12 (BMI), history of hypertension, history of diabetes mellitus (DM), history of chronic obstructive pulmonary
13 disease (COPD), history of smoking, history of dialysis, and history of prior cardiac arrest were collected by a
14 trained data abstraction team from EMR. Training was standardized between abstractors to ensure
15 homogeneous data definitions, and criteria, but abstractors were not blinded to the hypothesis.

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17 The primary outcome of interest was survival to discharge from the hospital. Secondary outcomes included
18 ECMO explantation and discharge from the intensive care unit (ICU). Explantation was defined as removal of
19 ECMO without replacement for greater than 24 hours. Discharge from the ICU was defined as removal of
20 ECMO with stable hemodynamics not requiring vasoactive chemotherapeutics and otherwise meeting clinical
21 criteria for floor status. Discharged from hospital was defined as discharge from the floor with placement being
22 either home, physical medicine rehabilitation center (PM&R), or skilled nursing facility (SNF).

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24 To understand associations between demographic factors and clinical history on outcomes following VA-
25 ECMO, we utilized t-test, and univariate analysis for continuous variables, while a chi squared test was used
26 for categorical variables. An F test was used to test for heterogeneity of variance. A multivariable
27 logistic regression was also performed to analyze outcomes when stratified by outcome (explantation, ICU
28 discharge, or hospital discharge) incorporating 11 variables (age less than 55, sex, BMI, history of
29 hypertension, history of DM, history of COPD, history of smoking, history of dialysis, and history of cardiac
30 arrest).

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32 After performing multivariable logistic regression, we performed Welch two-sample, two-sided t-test analysis on
33 characteristics of interest (characteristics which were found to be significant or nearly significant during logistic
34 regression analysis). Equal variance was first tested with an F test and subsequent t tests were performed
35 based on equality or inequality of variances. These characteristics included age, history of hypertension, history
36 of smoking, history of dialysis, and history of prior cardiac arrest. Running t-tests for these populations helped
37 us tease out instances where multicollinearity had occurred. An additional Welch two-sample, two-sided t-test
38 was performed for time on VA-ECMO support. As this is not a historical factor of a patient's history, it was not
39 included in the multivariable logistic regression analysis. A significance threshold of 0.05 was chosen. R Studio
40 Software (Version 1.4.1717) was utilized for data analysis. Google Documents and Microsoft Word were used

1 for generating tables and figures. This study was approved by University of Rochester's RSRB (ID:
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1 RESULTS.

2 Of 410 patients who were included in the study, the mean age was 55.2 years old. 32% of patients were
3 female. The average BMI was 31 kg/m². 26% of patients had a history of atrial fibrillation, 63% has a history of
4 hypertension, 33% had a history of diabetes mellitus, 15% had a history of COPD, 60% had a history of
5 smoking, 6% had a history of dialysis, and 23% had a history of cardiac arrest. Demographics and descriptive
6 characteristics were also stratified by survival to hospital discharge. Complete demographic characteristics
7 are found in **Table 1**.

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9 Of 410 patients, 44% (181/410) of patients survived to ECMO explant. 37% (152/410) of patients survived to
10 ICU discharge. 36% (146/410) of patients survived to hospital discharge. For the following analyses, findings
11 reaching significance are described textually while complete findings (significant and non-significant) are
12 reported in **Tables 2-3**.

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14 A multivariable logistic regression was run to elucidate associations between survival to ECMO explantation
15 and various known clinical factors (age less than 55, history of hypertension, smoking, dialysis, and prior
16 cardiac arrest). There was an increase in odds of survival to explantation in patients who were less than 55
17 years old (Odds Ratio (OR) = 3.05 [95% Confidence Interval (CI) 1.87-4.98]). There was a modest but
18 significant increase in odds of survival to explantation in patients who had hypertension (OR = 1.67 [95% CI
19 1.01-2.76]). There was a decrease in odds of survival to explantation in patients who had a prior cardiac arrest
20 (OR = 0.29 [95% CI 0.17-0.51]). A t-test or chi-squared test was performed to further characterize
21 associations between survival to ECMO explantation (for continuous variables and categorical variables
22 respectively) (age, history of hypertension, smoking, dialysis, and prior cardiac arrest). Of patients who
23 survived to explantation, mean age was 53.3+/-14.8 years; of patients who did not survive to explantation, the
24 mean was 56.8+/-16.6 (p = 0.030). Patients who survived to explantation were less likely to have a history of
25 cardiac arrest when compared to patients who did not survive to explantation (13% vs 32%, respectively; p
26 <0.0001).

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28 An additional multivariable logistic regression was run to investigate survival to ICU discharge. There was an
29 increase in odds of survival to ICU discharge in patients who were less than 55 years old (OR = 3.89 [95% CI
30 2.35-6.45]). There was a decrease in odds of survival to ICU discharge in patients who had a prior cardiac
31 arrest (OR = 0.35 [95% CI 0.20-0.62]). A t-test or chi-squared test was performed to further characterize
32 associations between survival to ECMO explantation (for continuous variables and categorical variables
33 respectively). Of patients who survived to ICU discharge, their average age was 15.6 +/- 14.2 compared to an
34 average age of 57.4+/- 16.5 in folks who did not survive to ICU discharge (p = 0.0002). A history of smoking
35 was associated with a decreased odds of survival to ICU discharge (52% vs 65%, respectively; p=0.008).
36 Similar to ECMO explant, patients who survived to ICU discharge were less likely to have a history of cardiac
37 arrest compared to patients who did not survive to ICU discharge (13% vs 29%, respectively; p <0.0001).

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39 A third multivariable logistic regression was examining survival to hospital discharge. There was an increase
40 in odds of survival to hospital discharge in patients who were less than 55 years old (OR = 3.91 [95% CI 2.35-
41 6.49]). There was a decrease in odds of survival to hospital discharge in patients who had a prior cardiac

1 arrest (OR = 0.35 [95% CI 0.20-0.63]). Of patients who survived to hospital discharge, their average age was
2 51.4+/-14.0 compared to those who expired, with an average age of 57.3+/-16.5 ($p = 0.002$). Patients who
3 survived to hospital discharge were less likely to have a history of smoking compared to patients who did not
4 survive to hospital discharge (51.4% vs 65.2%, respectively; $p=0.006$). Similarly, patients who survived to
5 hospital discharge had lower rates of cardiac arrest compared to patients who did not survive to hospital
6 discharge (13.0% vs 29.2%, respectively; $p = 0.0002$). No other statistically significant associations were
7 noted.

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9 When comparing time on VA-ECMO support by all outcome variables, there were no correlations found
10 between length of VA-ECMO run time and outcome (**Table 3**). Specifically, those explanted had a similar time
11 receiving ECMO support to those who were not explanted (205 vs 174 hours, respectively; $p=0.09$).
12 Additionally, those who were discharged from the ICU had a similar time receiving ECMO support to those
13 who were not discharged from the ICU (191 vs 185 hours, respectively; $p=0.77$). Lastly, those who were
14 discharged from the hospital had a similar run time to those who were not discharged from the hospital (182
15 vs 191 hours, respectively; $p=0.65$). (**Table 3**)

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17 Utilizing findings from both the multivariable logistic regressions and t-tests, we summarized the protective
18 prognostic factors versus the harmful prognostic factors of discharge from the hospital following VA-ECMO
19 (**Figure 1**). Age less than 55 was found to be protective in predicting discharge from the hospital following VA-
20 ECMO. History of smoking, dialysis, or cardiac arrest were found to be harmful in predicting discharge from
21 the hospital following VA-ECMO.

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23 Location of ECMO cannula was also investigated. Central ECMO placement (in the thorax, rather than
24 peripherally in femoral/axillary arteries) was associated with increased survival to hospital discharge (79.7%
25 vs 61.6%; $p = 0.005$), with a lower rate of cardiac arrest noted (12.5% in central cohort, 25.43% in peripheral
26 cohort; $p = 0.024$) in those receiving central ECMO. Conversely, central ECMO was associated with no
27 difference in duration of ventilator support, (12.94 vs 13.70 days; $p = 0.715$), or duration of ECMO support
28 (193.66 hours peripheral vs 154.31hours central; $p = 0.137$). There was a difference in rates of
29 cardiomyotomy between central and peripheral cohorts ($p <0.0001$), but of note cardiomyotomy was not
30 associated with a differential in survival to hospital discharge ($p = 0.051$).

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1 DISCUSSION.

2 Advancing the predictive power of ECMO prognostic models continues to be important for critical care
3 clinicians. Since ECMO is designed only for short term intervention, appropriate allocation of resources is
4 necessary as institutions seek to bridge patients capable of recovering cardiac function to recovery,
5 destination, or transplant for definitive support. Given limited resources now more than ever during the time of
6 pandemics, ethical discussions have led to the need for more research regarding patient selection for ECMO.⁵
7 Prolonged use of VA-ECMO causes significant hemolysis, inflammation, and other adverse complications.
8^{17,18} Because of this, patients who have a low likelihood of a good outcome, and little chance of recovery
9 should be considered poor candidates for this technology, further highlighting the importance of accurate
10 prognostic information as part of ECMO candidate selection processes.

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12 Published data on pre ECMO risk factors has aided in the creation of Survival After Veno-Arterial ECMO
13 (SAVE), a risk prediction model of mortality for patients requiring ECMO.⁹ This clinical tool is limited to the
14 specific risk factors included in the study and shows association of these variables with mortality. Specifically,
15 history of smoking, dialysis status, BMI, atrial fibrillation, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, and COPD were not
16 explored in the study; factors we believe are necessary for additional cohort prognostication. Studies allude to
17 the SAVE score underestimating the probability of survival, while showing no clear trend of survival between
18 the different risk groups classified within SAVE.¹⁹ Thus, further research is needed to discern additional
19 demographics to provide better prognosis of ECMO patients. SAVE has identified both protective prognostic
20 factors (e.g. Younger age, lower weight, acute myocarditis, heart transplant, refractory ventricular tachycardia
21 or fibrillation, higher diastolic blood pressure, and lower peak inspiratory pressure) and prognostic factors
22 associated with poor outcomes (Chronic renal failure, longer duration of ventilation prior to ECMO initiation,
23 pre-ECMO organ failures, pre-ECMO cardiac arrest, congenital heart disease, lower pulse pressure, and
24 lower serum bicarbonate (HCO₃)) that are associated with mortality post ECMO explantation.⁹

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26 This study shows age of less than 55, no history of smoking, no history of dialysis, and no history of cardiac
27 arrest as protective prognostic factors leading to discharge from the hospital. In comparison, age greater than
28 55, history of smoking, history of dialysis, and history of cardiac arrest were identified as harmful prognostic
29 factors (**Table 1**). While smoking was not associated with survival to explant, its consistent, strong trend
30 across both survival to ICU discharge, and survival to hospital discharge suggests that this is a true
31 association.

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33 Differences between central and peripheral ECMO are surprising. These differences may be due to the
34 selection of candidates for cardiac surgery prior to initiation of ECMO, or may be due to differences in artery
35 and vein selection. It is possible that that central ECMO offers reduced rates of complications that have been
36 shown to increase mortality, as lack of differential in ventilator support, and duration of ECMO support suggest
37 that this difference in mortality is not secondary to variance in underlying disease severity, but this is in
38 contrast with prior research that showed increased rates of limb ischemia in central VA-ECMO.²⁰ This
39 difference may be due to differences in fluid dynamics, leading to improved coronary perfusion,²¹ or higher
40 rates of post-transplant ECMO support but the small patient population in this cohort receiving a heart
41 transplant (n = 19) and durable mechanical support (n = 7) suggests that a different mechanism underlies this

1 difference in survival. Additionally, the difference in rates of cardiomyotomy are understandable, due to the
2 nature of central ECMO, but due to the lack of association with survival, this difference alone does not explain
3 the difference in survival to hospital discharge between central and peripheral ECMO support. Further
4 research is necessary to elucidate the mechanism of this differential.

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6 Although providers may be hesitant to initiate ECMO on obese patients due to difficulty in cannulation, and
7 high rates of comorbidities,²² prior studies on VV-ECMO have showed no difference in survival to discharge
8 based on BMI classification.^{22, 23} This study further adds to that body of evidence, evaluating the role of VA-
9 ECMO, and showed no significance in outcome prediction on BMI. **(Table 2)** This is important as it rejects the
10 stigma associated with obese patients, allowing for optimum care. Further research also needs to be done to
11 support this finding within additional patient cohorts. In this study, sex did not show a significant prediction in
12 outcome. Such findings are consistent with other ECMO predictor models, ENCOURAGE, where they found
13 no difference in survival between sexes.²⁴

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15 This study adds to the ability of providers to make evidence based decisions during candidate selection for
16 VA-ECMO cannulation, and supports the idea that BMI may not be an independent factor associated with
17 outcome prognosis, while other pertinent medical history, smoking history, and dialysis history may be
18 important in selecting patients who will have favorable outcomes after VA-ECMO support.

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1 **SUMMARY - ACCELERATING TRANSLATION**

2 Title: Prognostic Factors of Survival in Venous-Arterial ECMO Patients: A Multivariable Logistic Regression
3 Analysis

5 Problem to Solve

6 Extracorporeal membranous oxygenation (ECMO) is a method of providing support to a patient in heart
7 failure, who's heart has a weakened ability to circulate blood. This support, however, is invasive, risky, and is
8 associated with a high rate of mortality. Additionally, due to the complexity of ECMO, it requires higher than
9 normal levels of staffing, and training. Due to the resource limitations on the medical system, identifying
10 patients who will benefit from ECMO support, and are most likely to survive is of critical importance.

12 Aim of Study

13 This study seeks to use demographic and medical history to identify patients who are most likely to survive
14 and benefit most from ECMO support. The importance of creating a model that is based on readily available
15 patient information prior to ECMO initiation rather than variables that present during the duration of the
16 support is central to the aims of this research.

18 Methodology

19 All patients who received ECMO support between 2016 and 2020 at a single large center were retrospectively
20 included in this study. A model to isolate the effect of each variable on patient survival was generated,
21 allowing the researchers to identify the impact of each variable individually on the outcome.

23 Results

24 There was an increase in odds of survival to hospital discharge in patients who were less than 55 years old.
25 There was a decrease in odds of survival to hospital discharge in patients who had a prior cardiac arrest. Of
26 patients who survived to hospital discharge, their average age was 51.4+/-14.0 compared to those who
27 expired, with an average age of 57.3+/-16.5, a statistically significant difference. Patients who survived to
28 hospital discharge were less likely to have smoked. Patients who survived to hospital discharge had lower
29 likelihood of a prior cardiac arrest (13.0% vs 29.2%, respectively; $p = 0.0002$). No other associations were
30 noted.

32 Conclusion

33 This study shows age of less than 55 years, no history of smoking, no history of dialysis, and no history of
34 cardiac arrest as protective prognostic factors leading to discharge from the hospital. In comparison, age
35 greater than 55, history of smoking, history of dialysis, and history of cardiac arrest were identified as harmful
36 prognostic factors. While smoking was not associated with survival to ECMO discontinuation, its consistent,
37 strong trend across both survival to ICU discharge, and survival to hospital discharge suggests that this is a
38 true association.

39 This study, evaluating the role of VA-ECMO, showed no significance in outcome prediction on BMI. This is
40 important as it rejects the stigma associated with obese patients, allowing for optimum care. In this study, sex

1 did not show a significant prediction in outcome. Such findings are consistent with other ECMO predictor
2 models, such as ENCOURAGE, where they found no difference in survival between sexes.

3 Differences between central ECMO placed in the chest and peripheral ECMO placed in limbs and neck are
4 surprising. These differences may be due to the patients with central access for ECMO placement, or
5 differences in the anatomy of the blood vessels. It is possible that that central ECMO offers reduced rates of
6 complications that have been shown to increase mortality, as lack of differential in ventilator support, and
7 duration of ECMO support suggest that this difference in mortality is not secondary to variance in underlying
8 disease severity, but this is in contrast with prior research that showed increased rates of limb ischemia in
9 central VA-ECMO.

10 This study supports existing predictors of survival in patients receiving ECMO, and importantly notes poorer
11 survival in patients with age greater than 55, history of smoking, history of dialysis, and history of cardiac
12 arrest. These factors can potentially help guide selection of patients for ECMO in the current resource limited
13 ICU setting.

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1 **FIGURES AND TABLES.**

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3 **Figure 1. Protective Prognostic Factors vs. Harmful Prognostic Factors in Discharge from Hospital**

Protective Factors	Harmful Factors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Age less than 55 ● No history of smoking ● No history of dialysis ● No history of cardiac arrest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Age greater than 55 ● History of smoking ● History of dialysis ● History of cardiac arrest

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1 **Table 1. Demographics and Descriptive Characteristics of Patient Cohort**

	All Patients (n=410)	Survived to Hospital Discharge (n = 146)	Expired in Hospital (n = 264)	p-Value * Indicates statistical significance
Age at Hospitalization (Mean; Years Old) +/- std dev	55.2 +/- 15.93	51.4 +/- 14.03	57.3 +/- 16.54	p = 0.0002*
Female (%)	31.7	30.1	32.6	p = 0.61
BMI (kg/m ²)	30.9 +/- 7.25	30.6 +/- 6.74	31.0 +/- 7.53	p = 0.60
Atrial Fibrillation (%)	26.1	24.0	27.3	p = 0.53
Hypertension (%)	63.4	62.3	64.0	p = 0.73
Diabetes Mellitus (%)	32.7	31.5	33.3	p = 0.71
COPD (%)	15.1	11.6	17.1	p = 0.14
Smoking (%)	60.2	51.4	65.2	p = 0.006*
Dialysis (%)	5.9	3.4	7.2	p = 0.12
Cardiac Arrest (%)	23.4	13.0	29.2	p = 0.0002*

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1 **Table 2. Multivariable Logistic Regressions of Survival to Various Endpoints**

	ECMO Explant		ICU Discharge		Hospital Discharge	
	OR (95 CI)	p value	OR (95 CI)	p value	OR (95 CI)	p value
Age <55	3.05 (1.87-4.98)	<0.0001	3.89 (2.35-6.45)	<0.0001	3.91 (2.35-6.49)	<0.0001
Female	0.67 (0.42-1.07)	0.09	0.72 (0.44-1.17)	0.19	0.73 (0.45-1.20)	0.22
BMI	0.98 (0.95-1.01)	0.26	0.98 (0.95-1.02)	0.35	0.99 (0.95-1.02)	0.38
Atrial Fibrillation	0.95 (0.58-1.57)	0.84	1.19 (0.71-2.01)	0.51	1.05 (0.62-1.78)	0.86
Hypertension	1.67 (1.01-2.76)	0.05	1.57 (0.93-2.64)	0.09	1.68 (0.99-2.85)	0.06
Diabetes Mellitus	1.32 (0.82-2.14)	0.25	1.25 (0.76-2.05)	0.38	1.05 (0.64-1.74)	0.85
COPD	0.77 (0.41-1.42)	0.40	0.80 (0.42-1.55)	0.52	0.81 (0.41-1.58)	0.53
Smoking	0.89 (0.58-1.38)	0.61	0.68 (0.44-1.07)	0.09	0.66 (0.42-1.03)	0.07
Dialysis	0.74 (0.30-1.80)	0.51	0.42 (0.15-1.15)	0.09	0.36 (0.12-1.03)	0.06
Cardiac Arrest	0.29 (0.17-0.51)	<0.0001	0.35 (0.20-0.62)	0.0004	0.35 (0.20-0.63)	0.0005

2 Bold indicates significance

3 OR = Odds Ratio

4 95 CI = 95% Confidence Interval

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1 **Table 3. Summary Statistics by Outcome Point**

	Survived to Explant			Survived to ICU Discharge			Survived to Hospital Discharge		
	Survived	Expired	p	Survived	Expired	p	Survived	Expired	p
Age Mean years +/- std dev	53.3 +/- 14.8	56.8 +/- 16.6	0.030	51.6 +/- 14.2	57.4 +/- 16.5	0.0002	51.4 +/- 14.0	57.3 +/- 16.5	0.0002
Hypertension	65%	62%	0.65	63%	64%	0.77	62%	64%	0.73
Smoking	56%	63%	0.15	52%	65%	0.008	51%	65%	0.006
Dialysis	6%	6%	0.80	4%	7%	0.21	3%	7%	0.12
Cardiac Arrest	13%	32%	<0.0001	13%	29%	<0.0001	13%	29%	0.0002
Time on ECMO mean hours +/- std dev	205 +/- 157	174 +/- 220	0.09	191 +/- 164	185 +/- 212	0.77	182 +/- 130	191 +/- 224	0.65

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