

Schematic comparison of traditional weaning

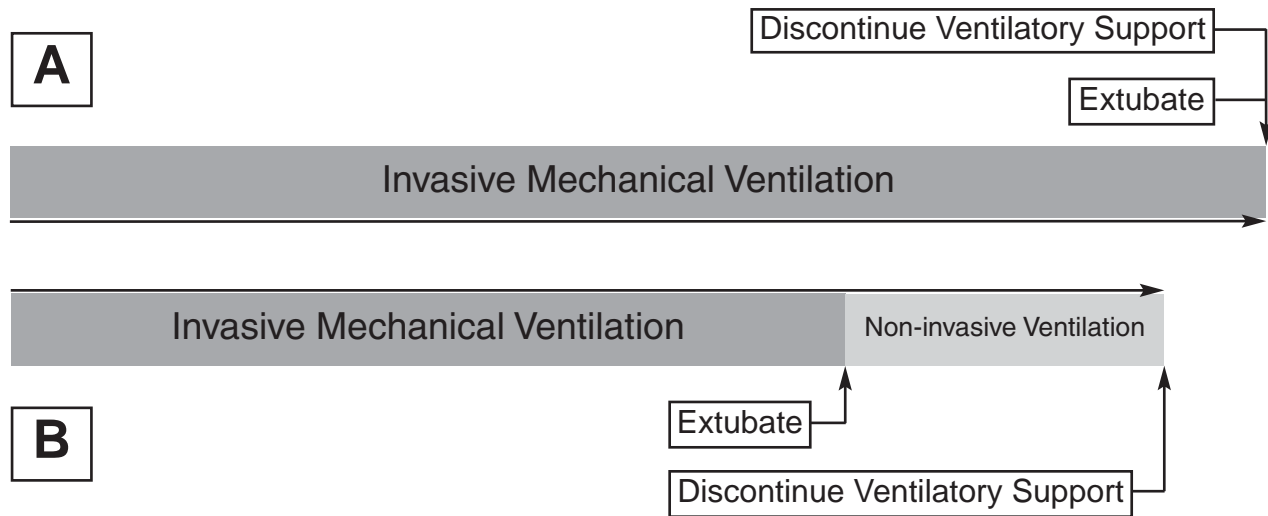


Figure: (A) With traditional weaning, both ventilatory support and intubation are discontinued at the same time, with early conversion to non-invasive ventilation; (B) With early conversion to non-invasive ventilation, ventilatory support is continued following extubation and subsequently weaned as tolerated. Strategy B shortens both the period of intubation and the total duration of ventilatory support.