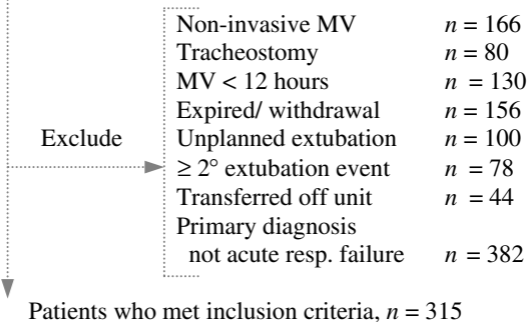


All Mechanically Ventilated (MV) Patients

January 1997 – June 1999,  $n = 1451$



Successful Extubation  
 $n = 252$

Failed Extubation  
 $n = 63$

Random selection  
 $n = 100$

7 not available

3 not available

Control cohort  $n = 93$

Study cohort  $n = 60$