

**Patients scheduled for open abdominal surgery**

Excluded

**Informed consent**

Excluded

**Randomization n = 50**

**Variable Ventilation**

n = 25

**Conventional Ventilation**

n = 25

**Variable Ventilation**

$V_T = 6 \text{ ml/kg}$

CV  $V_T$  30%

**Conventional Ventilation**

$V_T = 6 \text{ ml/kg}$

CV  $V_T$  0%

Drop out

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**Follow up**

Days 1, 3, 5,  
day of hospital discharge

Lost to follow up