

3 MODERATE TO SEVERE ARDS ACCORDING TO BERLIN CRITERIA

- Within 1 week of a known clinical insult or new/worsening respiratory symptoms.
- Bilateral infiltrates not fully explained by effusions, lobar/lung collapse, or nodules.
- Respiratory failure not fully explained by cardiac failure or fluid overload.
- PaO2/FiO2 < 150 mmHg*
- The prone position has not yet been indicated by the treating physician or has been initiated within the last 16 hours.

*This criterion must be met in the latest blood gas analysis performed in the supine position, before starting the prone position, and obtained after a period of stabilization of invasive mechanical ventilation, with a PEEP ≥ 5 cmH₂O and a tidal volume between 5 and 7 mL/kg (ideal body weight).
PaO₂/FiO₂ values obtained after placing the patient in the prone position will not be considered for eligibility.