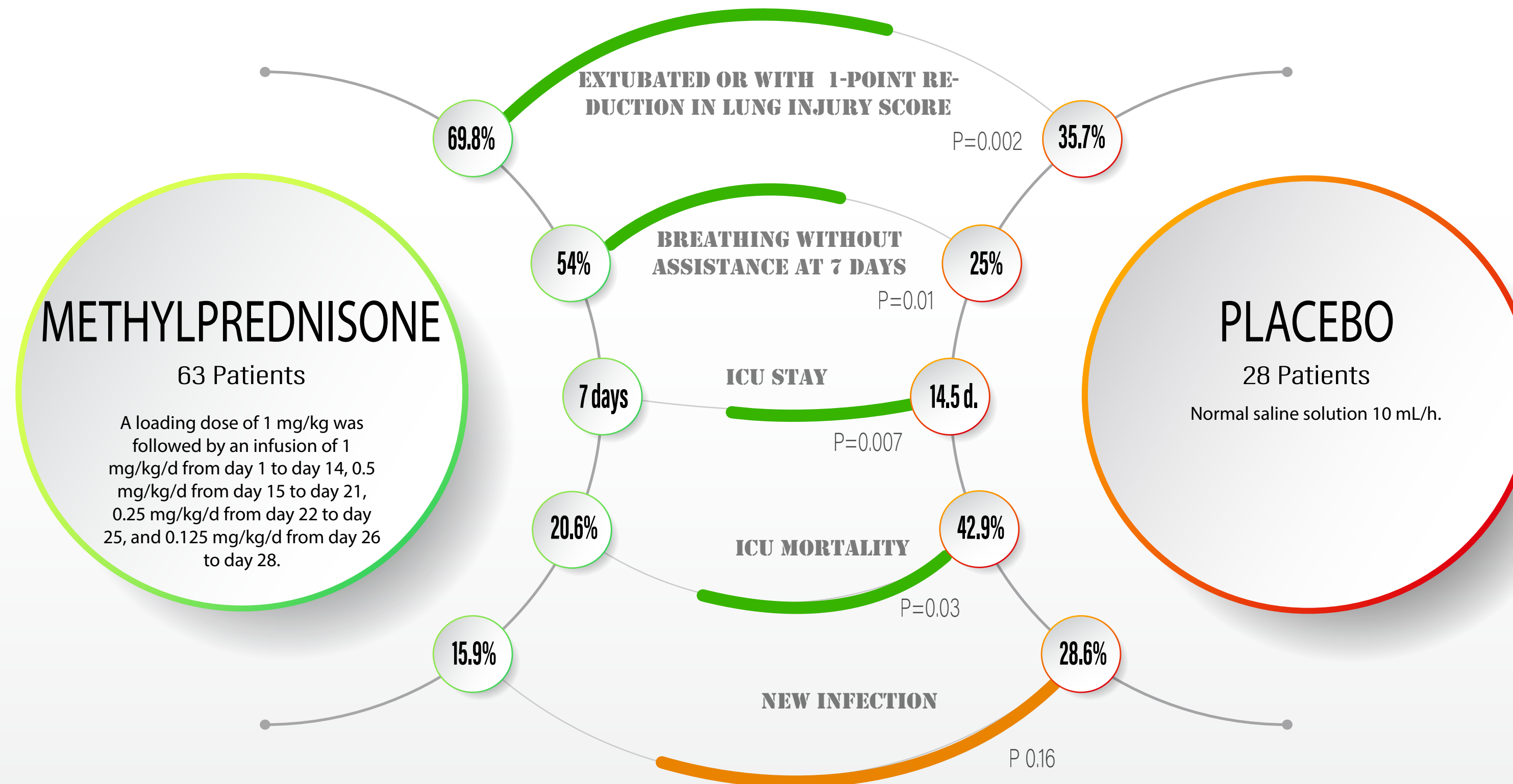


METHYLPREDNISOLONE INFUSION IN EARLY SEVERE ARDS

A RANDOMIZED, DOUBLE-BLIND, PLACEBO-CONTROLLED TRIAL



Does low-dose extended methylprednisolone infusion improve lung function in patients with early severe ARDS (72 h), as indicated by a 1-point reduction in lung injury score (LIS) or successful extubation by day 7?



In patients with early severe ARDS, low-dose extended methylprednisolone infusion was linked with significant improvement in pulmonary and extrapulmonary organ dysfunction, shortened time of mechanical ventilation, and lower ICU mortality and infection rates.