

**Date and Time:** 6<sup>th</sup> of June 19:00- 20:00

**Subject:** Weaning from mechanical ventilation

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BACCN Twitter Chat was launched during the #BACCNConf2016 in Glasgow and it's been great exploring all your views and opinions on subjects that matters to us all.

Mechanical ventilation support is an essential part of critical illness management, but it's also something we should aim to liberate any patient off from as rapidly as possible. We know that about 20-30% of all patients will have difficulty in weaning from invasive mechanical ventilation, and that prolonged ventilation is associated with significant morbidity and mortality. With this in mind, we'll be asking:

- 1) Do you have a "nurse led" weaning protocol?
- 2) What is your strategy for difficult weaning situations?

Reading List:

<https://www.uptodate.com/contents/methods-of-weaning-from-mechanical-ventilation>

<http://journal.publications.chestnet.org/article.aspx?articleid=2583277>

<http://openaccess.city.ac.uk/13500/>

<https://www.brit-thoracic.org.uk/document-library/clinical-information/acute-hypercapnic-respiratory-failure/bts-guidelines-for-ventilatory-management-of-ahrf/>