

Table 2. Main indications and contraindications for VHI

Main indications for VHI	Number	Main contraindications for VHI	Number
Poor tolerance to disconnection	11 (64.8%)	Undrained pneumothorax	14 (82.4%)
High risk of de-recruitment	11 (64.8%)	Significant cardiovascular instability	8 (47%)
High ventilation pressures	10 (58.8%)	Bullae / surgical emphysema	6 (35.3%)
Infection control	8 (47%)	High peak airway pressures	4 (23.5%)