



The mean ventilation days for patients who developed VAP were 10.93 compared to 8.87 of non VAP patients. This is found to be statistically significant (P value=0.04). This positive relation between duration of mechanical ventilation and VAP has long been established [6,7], but there is controversy as to whether it is the occurrence of VAP that leads to long stay on ventilator or vice versa. However, since

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