Patients undergoing elective oesophagectomy approx 360 year

Recruited to trial n=360

Salmeterol arm n=180
- Loss to follow up n=4
- Failure to proceed n=8
- 28 day survival n=168

Placebo arm n=180
- Loss to follow up n=4
- Failure to proceed n=8
- 28 day survival n=168

Stratified by centre

2.4% drop out anticipated 5% failure to proceed at surgery