Patients scheduled for open abdominal surgery

Informed consent

Randomization n = 50

Variable Ventilation n = 25

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$V_T = 6 \text{ ml/kg}$

$CV \ V_T 30\%$

Drop out

Conventional Ventilation n = 25

Conventional Ventilation

$V_T = 6 \text{ ml/kg}$

$CV \ V_T 0\%$

Drop out

Follow up

Days 1, 3, 5,

day of hospital discharge

Lost to follow up