

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
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Stratified
by centre

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