



# THE MOST DOMINANT BOEY SCORE PARAMETER TO PREDICT MORTALITY IN GASTRIC PERFORATION PATIENTS IN RSUD DR. SOETOMO SURABAYA

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**Abstract:** The Boey score is the most commonly used scoring system for risk stratification because of its simplicity and high predictive value for mortality and morbidity in cases of gastric perforation. This score is widely used in daily practice because it only assesses 3 assessment components; namely the onset of perforation, shock at first admission, and comorbid disease; which is easy to do and has a fairly good accuracy. In Boey score 2, the mortality rate is still high, so research on the factors that most influence mortality at Boey Score 2 needs to be done. This study uses secondary data from medical records of patients who meet criteria of inclusion and exclusion. This study is a comparative test using a cohort analytic observational study design (longitudinal retrospective), comparing the components of the Boey score which is the most influential in predicting the mortality rate in gastric perforated patients. Boey score 1 and Boey score 2 at RSUD Dr. Soetomo Surabaya. A total of 65 subject were included in this study, consisted of 43 men (66.2%) and 22 women (33.8%). We found 16 patients (24.6%) with Boey score 1 and 49 patients (75.4%) with a Boey score 2. From the Boey score component, 49 patients (75.4%) were obtained with the onset of perforation > 24 hours, 31 patients (50.8%) with preoperative shock, and 34 patients (52.3%) with comorbidities. Comorbidities in study subjects included hypertension in 17 patients (26.2%), diabetes mellitus in 4 patients (6.2%), heart disease in 4 patients (6.2%), lung disease in 5 patients (7.7%), and kidney disease in 7 patients (10.8%). Shock is the most dominant Boey Score predictability factor that affects the mortality rate in gastric perforation patients with Boey score 1 and Boey score 2.

**Keywords:** Gastric perforation, Boey score, mortality

## INTRODUCTION

The Boey score is the most common used scoring system for risk stratification because of its simplicity and high predictive value for mortality and morbidity in cases of gastric perforation. This score is widely used because it is easy in daily practice because it only assesses 3 variables components; namely the onset of perforation, shock at first admission, and comorbid disease; which is easy to do and has pretty good accuracy.<sup>1,8,9</sup>

A preliminary study by Boey et al showed that patients with risk factors 0, 1, 2 and 3 who underwent laparotomy had a mortality rate of 0%, 14.1%, 58% and 100%.<sup>2</sup> The results of Boey's research (1982) are almost the same as the results of research conducted at the Dr. Soetomo Hospital in Surabaya, it was found that from a total of 33 cases of gastric perforation performed by laparotomy in 2018, 27.3% of cases of gastric perforation were obtained with a Boey score 2 assessment with a mortality rate of 11.1. %. In 2019 from January to June. From a total of 27 cases, 37% of cases were gastric perforation with a Boey score 2 assessment with a mortality rate of 50%.<sup>3,4,5,6,7</sup>

The results of these study indicates that in the Boey score 2, the mortality rate is still high, so research on the factors that most influence mortality at Boey Score 2 needs to be done, because from the existing research on the Boey score there is an inconsistency of the factors that most determine mortality between one research to another

## Methods

The study design is a comparative test using a cohort analytic observational study design (longitudinal retrospective), comparing the components of the Boey score which one is the most influential in predicting the mortality rate in gastric perforated patients with Boey score 1 and Boey score 2 at RSUD Dr. Soetomo Surabaya. The cohort study was carried out during the patient care in the hospital.

The inclusion criteria of this study were the medical records of patients with gastric perforation Boey Score 1 in RSUD Dr. Soetomo, medical records of patients with gastric perforation Boey Score 2 at Dr. Soetomo, Patient with gastric perforation Boey Score 1 at RSUD Dr. Soetomo, who underwent a gastric repair surgery using the Cellan Jones Patch technique, a patient with gastric perforation Boey Score 2 at Dr. Soetomo performed gastric repair surgery using the Cellan Jones Patch Technique. Exclusion criteria were patients who died during treatment due to other causes (pneumonia, heart attack), incomplete medical records.

## RESULTS

In this study, a total subject of the study was 65 people, consisting of 43 men (66.2%) and 22 women (33.8%). From the patient age group, it was found that the highest age was in the 51-60 years age group with 26 people (40%) and the least in the 21-30 years age group, namely 2 people (3.1%).

Table 1. Characteristic of Subject Research

Characteristic		n	Percentage
Sex	Men	43	66.2%
	Women	22	33.8%
Age	21-30 y.o	2	3.1%
	31-40 y.o	4	6.2%
	41-50 y.o	20	30.8%
	51-60 y.o	26	40%
	61-70 y.o	13	20%

According to the Boey score result, 16 patients (24.6%) were obtained with a Boey score of 1 and 49 people (75.4%) with a Boey score 2. From the Boey score component, 49 patients (75.4%) were obtained with the onset of perforation > 24 hours, 33 patients (50.8%) with preoperative shock, and 34 patients (52.3%) with comorbidities. Comorbidity in study subjects included hypertension in 17 patients (26.2%), diabetes mellitus in 4 patients (6.2%), heart disease in 4 patients (6.2%), lung disease in 5 patients (7.7%), and kidney disease in 7 patients (10.8%).

Table 2. Relationship Between Boey Score and Mortality

		Mortality		P Value
		Yes	No	
Boey Score	Boey 2	31 (63.3%)	18 (36.7%)	0.008
	Boey 1	4 (25%)	12 (75%)	
Total		35 (53.8%)	30 (46.2%)	

The mortality rate was found as many as 24 patients (70.9%) in the group with shock and as many as 10 patients (38.2%) in the group without shock. Chi-square statistical test showed significant differences in the two groups with  $p = 0.004$  ( $p < 0.05$ ).

Table 3. Correlation Between Shock and Mortality<sup>33</sup>

		Mortality		P Value
		Yes	No	
<b>Preoperative Shock</b>	Yes	24 (72.7%)	9 (27.3%)	0.004
	No	10 (31.2%)	22 (68.8%)	
<b>Total</b>		34 (52.3%)	31 (47.7%)	

The mortality rate was found as many as 17 patients (50%) in the comorbid group and as many as 18 patients (58%) in the non-comorbid group. Statistical test using Chi-square found no significant difference in the two groups with  $p = 0.515$  ( $p > 0.05$ ).

Table 4. Correlation Between Comorbid Illnes and Mortality<sup>32</sup>

		Mortality		P Value
		Yes	No	
<b>Comorbidity</b>	Yes	17 (50%)	17 (50%)	0.515
	No	18 (58%)	13 (42%)	
<b>Total</b>		35 (53.8%)	30 (46.2%)	

## DISCUSSION

The Boey score scoring system is one of the predictive systems for prognosis in patients with gastric perforation. This system helps in the prediction of patient outcome because often patients with gastric perforations have high morbidity and mortality rates. The analysis of the total Boey score showed a significant result in accordance with previous research studies which showed that increasing the Boey score would increase the risk of mortality in patients.<sup>1,11,12</sup>

From the results of the regression analysis, it was found that the Boey score component found the most dominant factor is preoperative shock. Binary logistic regression analysis showed that preoperative shock had a greater role in predicting mortality ( $p = 0.001$ , with exponent (B) 7.911), whereas onset and less comorbidity were seen to have a greater effect on mortality in gastric perforated patients in this study.

Preoperative shock in patients with gastric perforation arises mainly due to 2 main reasons dehydration due to decreased fluid intake and the result of sepsis arising from peritonitis in the patient. These two conditions aggravate each other where both will further reduce the hemodynamic condition in the patient and increase injury to other organs. Mortality due to sepsis is still high worldwide, with a rate ranging from 25-80% of patients with sepsis.<sup>12</sup>

The onset of perforation in this study was also influential in predicting patient mortality. The onset of perforation until the time medical action is given indicates the duration of peritoneal contamination. The longer the duration of the contamination will increase the degree of inflammation that occurs which results in an increase in the severity of the peritonitis that occurs. The longer the duration of peritonitis also affects the occurrence of sepsis in the patient.<sup>13</sup> Meanwhile, comorbidities in patients from this study did not show any significance in predicting mortality. This can be due to the comorbidity is not directly related to the patient's sepsis condition, so it does not have much effect.

Shock in gastric perforation is commonly due to a septic shock that occurs when infectious microorganisms in the bloodstream causing an inflammatory response that causes hemodynamic decompensation. Pathogenesis involves a complex response of cellular activation that triggers the release of many proinflammatory mediators. This inflammatory response causes activation of leucocytes and endothelial cells, as well as activation of the coagulation system. The excessive inflammatory response that characterizes septic shock is primarily driven by tumor necrosis factor cytokines alpha (TNF- $\alpha$ ) and interleukin-1 (IL-1),

which are produced by mono-sites in response to infection. This shock condition plays a role in the decrease in tissue perfusion which results in organ system failure and ends in death.<sup>14,15,16,17</sup>

## CONCLUSION

Shock is the most dominant Boey Score predictability factor that affects the mortality rate in gastric perforation patients with Boey score 1 and Boey score 2

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