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Sunday,
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Update on Anesthetic Neurotoxicity in Children: Clinical Challenges

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Learning Objectives

- Summarize the up to date animal and human neurotoxicity evidence
- Discuss the 2016 FDA Warning about prolonged or repeated anesthetics in young children
- Determine whether certain elective surgeries could be postponed until after 3 years of age
- Answer the question: Should the FDA Warning Affect My Practice?

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U.S. Food and Drug Administration
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Drug Safety Communications

FDA Drug Safety Communication: FDA review results in new warnings about using general anesthetics and sedation drugs in young children and pregnant women

[12-14-2016]


Safety Announcement

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is warning that repeated or lengthy use of general anesthetic and sedation drugs during surgeries or procedures in children younger than 3 years or in pregnant women during their third trimester may affect the development of children's brains.

"Lengthy" = >3 hours
"Deficits in cognition, learning, and behavior...."

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm532356.htm>

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Warning Label Requirement


- FDA warning has been added to the labels of general anesthetic and sedation drugs

Generic Name	Brand Name
desflurane	Suprane
etomidate	Amidate
halothane	Only generic is available
isoflurane	Forane
ketamine	Ketalar
lorazepam injection	Ativan
methohexital	Brevital
midazolam injection, syrup	Only generic is available
pentobarbital	Nembutal
propofol	Diprivan
sevoflurane	Ultane, Sojourn

*This list includes anesthetic and sedation drugs that block N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptors and/or potentiate gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) activity. No specific medications have been shown to be safer than any other.

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm532356.htm>

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Recommendations for Health Providers and Parents

- Health Providers:
 - Balance benefits of appropriate anesthesia against potential risks
 - Discuss benefits, risks, and appropriate timing of surgery or procedure
- Parents:
 - Discuss potential adverse effects of anesthesia on brain development
 - Understand the appropriate timing of procedures that can be delayed without jeopardizing health

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Similarly, surgeries or procedures in children younger than 3 years should not be delayed or avoided when medically necessary. Consideration should be given to delaying potentially elective surgery in young children where medically appropriate.

Evidence for the FDA Warning

- Adverse effects on brain development following use of general anesthetic and sedation drugs have been demonstrated in multiple animal species ranging from flatworm to nonhuman primates.
- Consistent with animal studies, recent human data suggest that a single, relatively short exposure to general anesthetic and sedation drugs in infants or toddlers is unlikely to have negative effects on behavior or learning. However, further research is needed to fully characterize how early life anesthetic exposure might affect children's brain development, particularly for more lengthy or repeated exposures and in more vulnerable children.
- No specific anesthetic or sedation drug has been shown to be safer than any other.

Evidence for the FDA Warning (cont'd)

- Based on comparisons across species, the window of vulnerability to these changes in the brain is believed to correlate with exposures in the third trimester of pregnancy through the first year of life, but may extend out to approximately 3 years in humans. The clinical significance of these nonclinical findings is not clear.
- Some published studies suggest that similar deficits in cognition and behavior may occur in children, particularly after repeated or prolonged exposures to anesthetic drugs early in life. These studies have limitations, and it is not clear if the effects reported are due to the anesthetic/sedation drugs, or to other factors such as the surgery or underlying illness.

CURRENT KNOWLEDGE:
POSSIBLE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF
ANESTHETICS ON THE
DEVELOPING BRAIN IN ANIMALS
AND HUMANS

Anesthetics/Sedatives/Analgesics and Receptors

Agent	GABA	NMDA	μ-opioid	α2-adrenergic
Halogenated anesthetics (sevoflurane, isoflurane, desflurane)	+			
Nitrous oxide		-		
Benzodiazepines	+			
Propofol	+			
Barbiturates	+			
Etomidate	+			
Chloral hydrate	+			
Ketamine		-		
Opioids			+	
Dexmedetomidine				+

GABA = gamma-aminobutyric acid; NMDA = N-methyl-D-aspartate

Best Pract Res Clin Anaesthesiol 2010;24:433

Early Exposure to Common Anesthetic Agents Causes Widespread Neurodegeneration in the Developing Rat Brain and Persistent Learning Deficits

The Journal of Neuroscience 2009; 29:945-954

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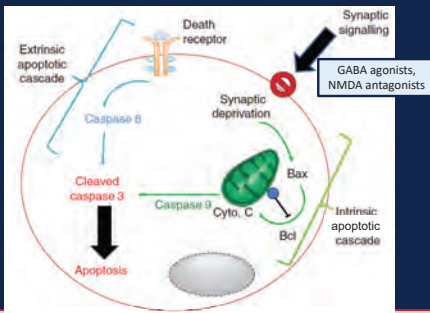
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THIS STUDY GAINED THE ATTENTION OF THE PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIA COMMUNITY AND IS CREDITED WITH INITIATING THE CONCERN ABOUT ANESTHETIC AND SEDATIVE NEUROTOXICITY

Significant deficits in long-term learning, memory, spatial discrimination



Proposed Mechanism of Anesthetic-Induced Neurodegeneration



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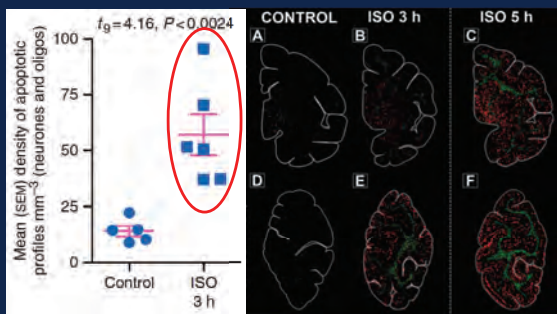


Isoflurane exposure for three hours triggers apoptotic cell death in neonatal macaque brain

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- 6-day old rhesus monkeys (n= 6) exposed to deep plane of isoflurane anesthesia for 3h
 - Controlled endotracheal ventilation, extensive physiological monitoring
 - Compared with unexposed controls (n=5)
- ISO treatment increased neuroapoptosis of neurons and oligodendrocytes >4-fold (p<0.024)
 - Oligodendrocyte injury throughout white matter; neuronal injury in cortex, caudate, putamen, thalamus

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Isoflurane Anesthesia Has Long-term Consequences on Motor and Behavioral Development in Infant Rhesus Macaques

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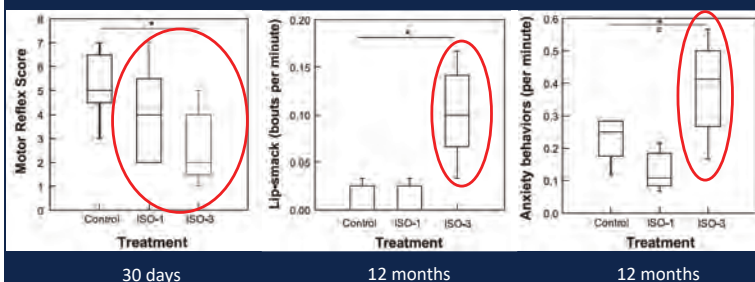
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- 24 neonatal rhesus monkeys exposed to anesthetic starting on DOL 6
 - Isoflurane 0.7-1.5% end-tidal for 5 hours
 - 8 animals with single exposure, 8 with 2 additional exposures on DOL 9 and 12, 8 control animals
- Behavioral and motor testing at DOL 14, 30, 3 months, 12 months

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Neurobehavioral Outcomes



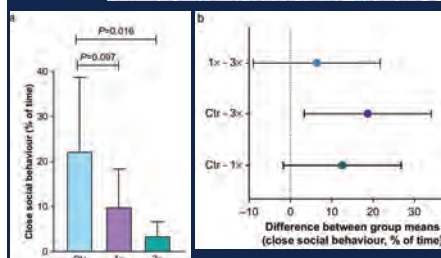
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Infant isoflurane exposure affects social behaviours, but does not impair specific cognitive domains in juvenile non-human primates

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Conclusions

Our study in 2-yr-old juvenile NHPs provides novel evidence for alterations in social behaviour assessed in the home environment after single and multiple isoflurane exposures during infancy. These NHPs model the developmental stage of children at 6-8 yr of age. Disturbances in social behaviour at this age could have serious long-term effects in children, starting to attend school or other new environments, and could result in difficulties in adjusting to new social settings. We found that neither single nor multiple 5 h exposures to isoflurane during infancy impaired the cognitive functions tested, but these exposures were associated with reduced close social behaviour. In addition, single-exposed NHPs showed increased anxiety-related behaviours and inhibition towards novel objects. These findings in NHPs resemble the outcomes of most recent clinical studies that found no effects on general intelligence, but reported alterations in social behaviours in children exposed to anaesthesia during infancy.

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British Journal of Anaesthesia, 126 (2): 486-499 (2021)



Summary of Animal Data

- GABA and NMDA binding agents cause neuroapoptosis in animal models of the developing brain
 - Volatile anesthetic agents, N₂O, benzodiazepines, propofol, ketamine
 - *In vitro*, rodents to primates
 - Reproducible effects, long lasting neurobehavioral sequelae
 - Mechanisms being elucidated
 - Interference with neurotransmission → failure of neurons to connect/communicate → ↑neuroapoptosis → ↓dendrite/spine formation and neuronal migration

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Anesthesia and Sedation in Infants and Children

- ≈6 million children undergo anesthesia or sedation annually in the U.S.
- ≈1.5 million are less than 12 months, and 2-3 million less than 36 months of age
- The question of possible anesthetic and sedative neurotoxicity has major public health implications
- Exponential growth of sedation procedures in young children, e.g. MRI, is of significant concern
- Untreated or undertreated pain definitely causes neurodegeneration and long term neurobehavioral consequences

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Br J Anaesth 2010;105 Suppl 1:i61-8



Is There a Clinical Problem in Children?

- This “disease” is the inverse of most pathology in that the animal model was first and gave rise to clinical concern
- Phenotype of neurodevelopmental-behavioral problems has not been observed clinically
 - Not obvious from the millions of children undergoing anesthesia and sedation annually in U.S.
 - Pre-existing medical conditions, and significant prevalence of neurobehavioral problems
- What is the clinical evidence to date?

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Sanders R, et al. Br J Anaesth 2013; 110 Suppl 1:i53-72



Original Investigation

Association Between a Single General Anesthesia Exposure Before Age 36 Months and Neurocognitive Outcomes in Later Childhood

JAMA June 7, 2016 Volume 315, Number 21

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- PANDA Study (Pediatric Anesthesia NeuroDevelopment Assessment)
- 105 sibling pairs
 - One sibling exposed to GA for herniorrhaphy at <36 months
 - Median anesthetic time 80 minutes (range 20-240 min)
 - Control unexposed sibling within 3 years in age
 - Neuropsychological testing battery at age 8 to 15 years
 - Primary outcome: full scale, performance, verbal IQ

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No difference in Full Scale, Performance, or Verbal IQ

No difference in directly measured tests of memory, language, attention, executive function

Minor differences in behavior by parental questionnaire

Domains
Global cog
function

Exposed
(108-113)
(105-110)
(109-114)

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Neuropsychological and Behavioral Outcomes after Exposure of Young Children to Procedures Requiring General Anesthesia

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The Mayo Anesthesia Safety in Kids (MASK) Study

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- 997 children enrolled: 380 single exposure, 206 multiple exposure, 411 no exposure to GA at <3 years, 1994-2007
- Battery of neuropsychological tests at 8-12, or 15-19 years
- Full scale IQ was primary outcome

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Table 6. Primary Analysis for Scores Chosen A Priori as of Primary Interest

Test	n	P Value*	Single Exposure, Estimate (95% CI) of Difference from Unexposed	P Value†	Multiple Exposures, Estimate (95% CI) of Difference from Unexposed	P Value†	Unexposed, Estimate of Mean (95% CI)‡
Neurodevelopmental outcomes							
WISC: Full-Scale IQ Score	993	0.099	-0.46 (-2.78, 1.87)	0.701	-1.27 (-3.75, 1.21)	0.315	106.0 (104.2, 107.8)
WISC-III: Attention/Concentration Index (SDS)	926	0.504	0.59 (-2.34, 3.53)	0.662	1.28 (-3.37, 1.40)	0.299	104.0 (102.1, 105.8)
CPVT: Hb Reaction Time (TS)	981	0.504	0.20 (-1.89, 2.29)	0.853	1.09 (-0.84, 3.03)	0.266	51.6 (50.2, 53.0)
WRAML-2: Verbal Memory Index (SDS)	993	0.269	1.27 (-1.06, 3.63)	0.289	-0.82 (-3.23, 1.60)	0.507	105.7 (104.1, 107.2)
WRAML-2: Delayed Verbal Recall Composite (SDS)	993	0.340	1.13 (-0.84, 3.11)	0.261	-0.40 (-2.40, 1.60)	0.697	104.5 (103.2, 105.8)
WRAML-2: Verbal Recognition Composite (SDS)	992	0.343	0.76 (-1.46, 3.02)	0.495	-1.02 (-3.27, 1.24)	0.318	106.5 (105.0, 107.9)
WRAML-2: Design Memory subtest (SS)	995	0.007	0.11 (-0.37, 0.60)	0.648	-0.54 (-1.03, -0.05)	0.030	8.9 (8.6, 9.2)
WRAML-2: Design Recognition subtest (SS)	995	0.628	0.17 (-0.38, 0.71)	0.550	0.12 (-0.44, 0.68)	0.678	9.9 (9.5, 10.2)
D-KEFS Trail Making Test: Condition 4 (SS)	994	0.194	0.22 (-0.37, 0.80)	0.489	-0.33 (-0.90, 0.33)	0.323	10.0 (9.5, 10.5)
D-KEFS Tower Test: Total Achievement Score (SS)	995	0.350	0.02 (-0.42, 0.46)	0.939	-0.25 (-0.78, 0.17)	0.216	10.7 (9.8, 10.4)
WISC-III: Fluid Set: Dissimilarity Responses (TS)	958	0.104	1.46 (-0.92, 3.85)	0.229	-1.40 (-3.97, 1.17)	0.296	25.4 (23.9, 27.0)
CTOPP: Rapid Naming Composite Score (SDS)	995	0.047	-2.03 (-4.78, 0.72)	0.147	-3.51 (-6.32, -0.70)	0.014	97.8 (95.9, 99.8)
Language Composite (SDS)	995	0.007	-1.81 (-4.21, 0.59)	0.205	-3.33 (-5.75, -0.91)	0.008	104.0 (101.8, 106.1)
Fine Motor Composite (SDS)	988	< 0.001	-1.34 (-0.91, 1.23)	0.306	-5.53 (-6.42, -4.64)	< 0.001	93.7 (90.5, 96.4)
Early motor motor integration ratio	995	0.168	-2.48 (-0.00, 0.04)	0.024	-1.80 (-2.77, -0.83)	0.266	99.7 (97.6, 101.7)
Visual-Spatial Ability Composite (SDS)‡	926	0.450	-1.73 (-4.61, 1.15)	0.236	-0.05 (-3.23, 3.13)	0.506	95.4 (92.6, 101.2)
Parental report							
BRIEF: Global Executive Composite (TS)	840	< 0.001	4.64 (2.36, 6.92)	< 0.001	3.23 (0.89, 5.57)	0.007	46.3 (44.0, 47.8)
CBCL: Internalizing Problems (TS)	829	0.036	1.16 (-1.25, 3.57)	0.347	2.94 (0.68, 5.20)	0.011	47.5 (46.0, 49.1)
CBCL: Externalizing Problems (TS)	829	< 0.001	2.03 (-0.24, 4.30)	0.080	3.91 (1.90, 5.92)	< 0.001	43.2 (41.9, 44.6)
CBCL: Total Problems (TS)	828	0.001	2.10 (-0.88, 4.88)	0.138	4.75 (2.23, 7.27)	< 0.001	43.9 (41.9, 45.8)
CBCL: ADHD Problems (TS)	828	0.026	1.41 (-0.05, 2.86)	0.058	1.97 (0.51, 3.44)	0.006	52.8 (51.5, 53.7)
CLDQ: Math Scale (ZS)	894	0.210	0.17 (-0.09, 0.43)	0.204	0.23 (-0.04, 0.50)	0.089	0.04 (-0.15, 0.23)
CLDQ: Reading Scale (ZS)	895	< 0.001	0.24 (0.07, 0.42)	0.005	0.44 (0.24, 0.64)	< 0.001	-0.29 (-0.39, -0.19)

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Neuropsychological and Behavioral Outcomes in Children after Anesthesia Exposure

Matched cohort study, 1994 to 2007
Unexposed (811) Single exposure (262) Multiple exposures (206)

Exposure	Intelligence Quotient vs. Unexposed Children
Single	0.8 points lower (95% CI, -0.8 to 1.9; P = 0.70)
Multiple	-1.3 points lower (95% CI, -2.8 to 1.2; P = 0.32)

Secondary Outcome: Processing speed and fine motor abilities were decreased in children with multiple exposures; there were no significant differences in attention, memory, executive function, expressive language, visual-motor abilities, or visual-spatial abilities between unexposed and other exposure category.

Secondary Outcome: Parents of children with multiple exposures reported more problems related to executive function, behavior, and reading (but not math); parents of children with a single exposure reported more problems related to executive function and reading.

Anesthesia before the age of 3 years was not associated with deficits in general intelligence.

Werner DG et al. Anesthesiology. July 2018.

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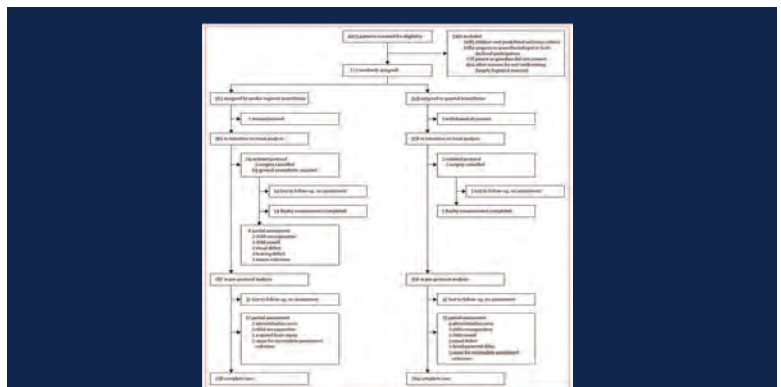
Neurodevelopmental outcome at 2 years of age after general anaesthesia and awake-regional anaesthesia in infancy (GAS): an international multicentre, randomised controlled trial

Andrew J Davidson, Nicola Dirmas, Jürgen C de Graaf, Daniela E Withington, Liam Davis, Graham Bell, Robin Stargitt, David C Bullinger, Ylva Schuster, Sarah J Aramp, Pollyanna Hardy, Rodney W Hunt, Michael J Tisdall, Gao Gribaldi, Penelope J Hartmann, Ida Silva, Neil S Martin, Britta S von Ungern-Sternberg, Bruno Guido Locatelli, Neal Wilton, Anne Lynn, Joss J Thomas, David Palmer, Oliver Bagshaw, Peter Semak, Anthony R Absalom, Geoff Finley, Charles Berde, Gillian D O'Donnell, Jacki Morrey, Mary Ellen McCann, for the GAS consortium*

Lancet 2016; 387: 239-50

- 722 infants <60 weeks PCA randomized to GA (sevoflurane) vs. spinal (bupivacaine) for inguinal herniorrhaphy
- Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development III assessed at 2 years (secondary outcome)
- Clinical equivalence margin defined as difference in means of ± 5 points

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363 assigned to awake-regional anaesthesia

359 assigned to general anaesthesia

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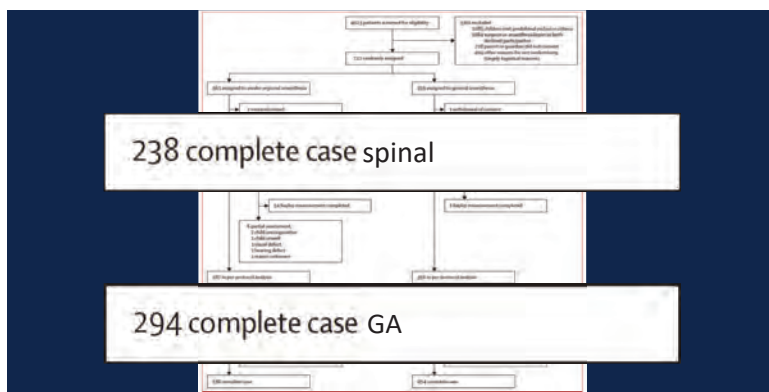
74 violated protocol

5 surgery cancelled

69 general anaesthetic required

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	RA group as per protocol	GA group as per protocol
Cognitive		
Cognitive, scaled score	238 9.7 (2.8)	294 9.6 (2.9)
Cognitive, Language	No difference in any ND assessment Median anesthesia time = 54 minutes Implications: short duration GA does not increase risk of adverse neurodevelopment	
Receptive		
Expressive		
Language, Motor		
Fine motor		
Gross motor		
Motor, composite score	232 98.3 (13.2)	274 97.9 (13.4)

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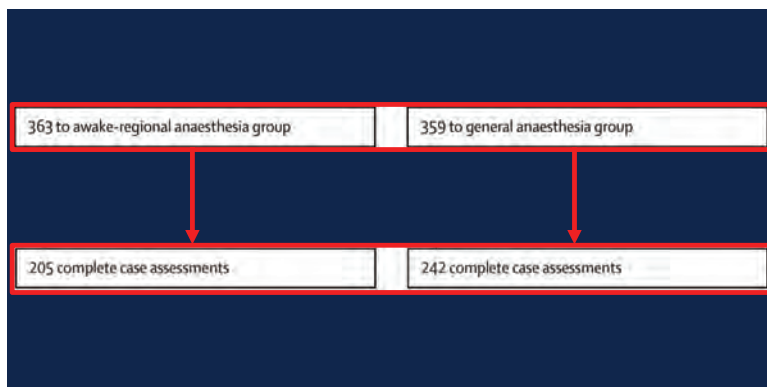
GAS Study 5-Year Outcomes

Neurodevelopmental outcome at 5 years of age after general anaesthesia or awake-regional anaesthesia in infancy (GAS): an international, multicentre, randomised, controlled equivalence trial

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	Per protocol	Complete case analysis	Intention to treat	Complete case analysis
	Multiple imputation analysis	Adjusted mean difference*	Adjusted mean difference*	Adjusted mean difference*
Global function				
WPPSI-II IQ composite score	95.1 (8.4)	95.1 (8.4)	95.1 (8.4)	95.1 (8.4)
Global cognitive				
WPPSI-II verbal IQ composite score	99.5 (13.3)	99.5 (13.3)	99.5 (13.3)	99.5 (13.3)
WPPSI-II block design verbal score	91.0 (7.1)	91.0 (7.1)	91.0 (7.1)	91.0 (7.1)
WPPSI-II spelling reading combined scaled score	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)
Perceptual and visuospatial				
WPPSI-II performance IQ composite score	99.5 (13.3)	99.5 (13.3)	99.5 (13.3)	99.5 (13.3)
WPPSI-II block design non-verbal score	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)
Processing speed				
WPPSI-II processing speed significant composite score	95.1 (8.4)	95.1 (8.4)	95.1 (8.4)	95.1 (8.4)
Attention and executive function				
WPPSI-II attention significant composite score	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)
WPPSI-II block design non-verbal score	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)
WPPSI-II spelling reading combined scaled score	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)
Memory and learning				
WPPSI-II block design non-verbal score	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)
WPPSI-II spelling reading combined scaled score	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)

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	Per protocol	Complete case analysis	Intention to treat	Complete case analysis
	Multiple imputation analysis	Adjusted mean difference*	Adjusted mean difference*	Adjusted mean difference*
Social perception				
WPPSI-II affect recognition scaled score	91.0 (7.1)	91.0 (7.1)	91.0 (7.1)	91.0 (7.1)
WPPSI-II theory of mind scaled score	91.0 (7.1)	91.0 (7.1)	91.0 (7.1)	91.0 (7.1)
Semiotaxia				
WPPSI-II finger tapping repetitions combined scaled score	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)	94.0 (3.0)
WPPSI-II finger tapping significant composite score	95.1 (8.4)	95.1 (8.4)	95.1 (8.4)	95.1 (8.4)
Academic				
WAT-II word reading composite score	91.0 (7.1)	91.0 (7.1)	91.0 (7.1)	91.0 (7.1)
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WAT-II numerical score	91.0 (7.1)	91.0 (7.1)	91.0 (7.1)	91.0 (7.1)

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Lancet 2019; 393: 664-77



PRIMARY OUTCOME: WESCHLER PRESCHOOL AND
PRIMARY SCALE OF INTELLIGENCE FULL SCALE IQ
AT 5 YEARS: NO DIFFERENCE

OTHER DOMAINS: 3 OF 124 ANALYSES WORSE
WITH GA—PARENT RATED EXECUTIVE FUNCTION,
MEASURED EXECUTIVE FUNCTION

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Are We Out of the Woods With a Single Brief Exposure Yet?

- The GAS, PANDA, and MASK studies are very reassuring for cognitive and other directly measured outcomes of neurodevelopmental abilities that **a single brief exposure is not a widespread problem**
 - We are not creating a population of children with profound neurodevelopmental handicaps**
- However, **there is a signal that behavioral diagnoses may be affected**
 - Additional analyses/studies needed
- Studies to date are in "normal" children without pre-existing developmental delay risk factors, genetic syndromes, previous brain injury, etc.
 - These vulnerable populations deserve our attention and efforts

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Mayo Anesthesia Safety in Kids continued: two new studies and a potential redirection of the field

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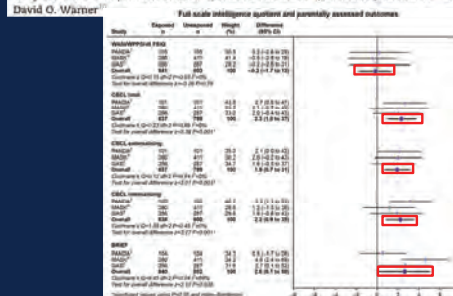
Interestingly, all three of these studies (MASK, PANDA, and GAS) also asked parents to rate their child for things, such as executive function and behaviour, and all three reported worse scores in some of these parent-reported outcomes, even after a single exposure.

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Prospectively assessed neurodevelopmental outcomes in studies of anaesthetic neurotoxicity in children: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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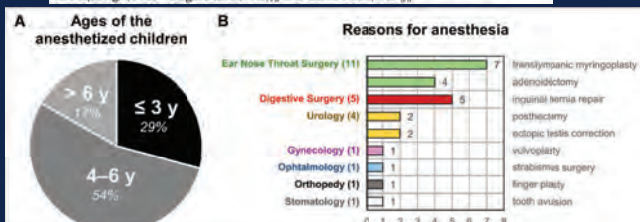
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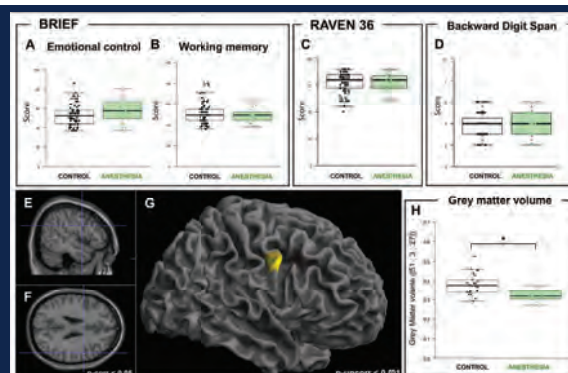
Consequences of General Anesthesia in Infancy on Behavior and Brain Structure

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Anesth Analg 2023;136:240–50



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Physiologic Derangement as a Cause of Anesthetic Neurotoxicity

- European view is that this is more likely than neurotoxicity from the drugs
- Hypotension: Multicenter EMR study
- Critical events: APRICOT Study
- NIRS: Low cerebral oxygen saturation multicenter observational study
- EEG changes: seizures and silence

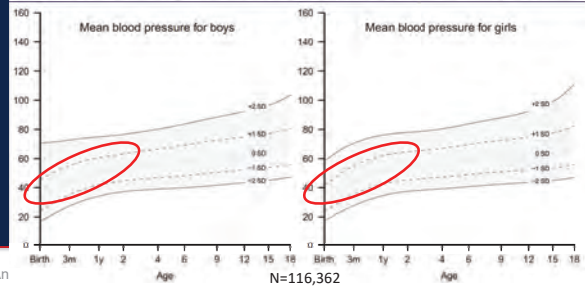
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Reference Values for Noninvasive Blood Pressure in Children during Anesthesia

ANESTHESIOLOGY 2016; 125:904-13
A Multicentered Retrospective Observational Cohort Study

Jurgen C. de Graaff, M.D., Ph.D., Wietze Pasma, D.V.M., Stef van Buuren, Ph.D., Jesse J. Duighuisen, M.D., Olubukola O. Natu, M.D., Sachin Kheterpal, M.D., Wilton A. van Klei, M.D., Ph.D.



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Incidence of severe critical events in paediatric anaesthesia (APRICOT): a prospective multicentre observational study in 261 hospitals in Europe

Lancet Respir Med 2017; 5: 412-25

Wolff Hübner, Nicola Diem, Katalin Veng, Karin Beck, Tam G Hansen, Martin John, Brigitte Leys, Neil S Morton, Petronella M Vermeulen, Mariana Zolinska, Katarina Baka, Francis Veyckemans, for the APRICOT Group of the European Society of Anaesthesiology Clinical Trial Network*

- 32,127 anesthetics in 30,874 infants and children
 - 33 countries
- Incidence of severe critical events: respiratory, neuro, cardiac, allergic requiring immediate intervention to prevent disability or death
- Incidence 5.2%
 - Respiratory 3.1%
 - Cardiac 1.9% (immediate poor outcome in 5.4%)
- All cause 30-day in hospital mortality 10 in 10,000

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Incidence of Critical Events By Age

Most significant risk factors for cardiac events: cardiac surgery, ASA III-V

Protective factors: years of experience of anesthesiologist (1%/year)

As much as 20-30 –fold difference in incidence of severe critical events by country

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5: 412-25



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Original article

Description of practices and complications in the French centres that participated to APRICOT: A secondary analysis

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An International, Multicenter, Observational Study of Cerebral Oxygenation during Infant and Neonatal Anesthesia

ANESTHESIOLOGY 2018; 128:85-96

Vanessa A. Olbrecht, M.D., M.B.A., Justin Skowron, F.C.A., F.A.N.Z.C.A., Vanessa Marchesini, M.D., Lili Ding, Ph.D., Yifei Jiang, M.D., Ph.D., Christopher G. Ward, M.D., Gaofeng Yu, M.D., Huacheng Liu, M.D., Ph.D., Bernadette Schuurink, M.D., Laszlo Vutskits, M.D., Ph.D.,

Although severe cerebral deoxygenation does occur during infant anesthesia, it is both rare and brief, and thus is unlikely to explain the reported learning and behavioral abnormalities associated with general anesthesia and surgery. (0.1% of anesthetic time during severe episodes)

Relative decline of rScO ₂ from baseline	30	3 (0-16)	0 (0-34)
Absolute decline of rScO ₂ from baseline	7	2 (0-3)	0 (0-32)
Absolute rScO ₂ 10-40%	238	53 (48-57)	2 (0-45)
Absolute rScO ₂ 50-59%	60	13 (10-18)	0 (0-50)
Absolute rScO ₂ <50%	11	2 (1-4)	0 (0-24)

N=453

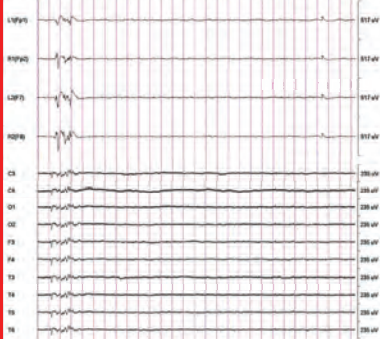
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- **Meaning:** Current EEG and su



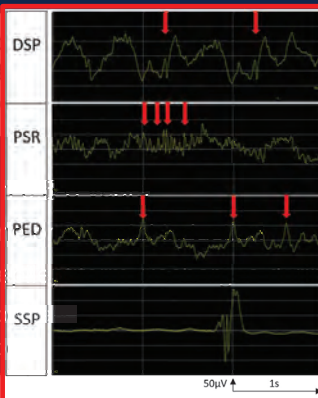
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Tosca Children's

Susanne Koch ^{a,b,c,d,e,f,g}, Leo
Klaus Dieter Wernecke ^c,

- 39 children
- Sevoflurane
- 46% had c
 - 67% sevoflurane
 - 36% propofol



g induction

Mörgeli ^{a,b,c}, Sylvia Kramer ^{a,b,c},
physiology 129 (2018) 1642–16

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Andrew J. Davidson, M.B.B.S., M.D., F.A.N.Z.C.A., Lena S. Sun, M.D., F.A.A.P., D.A.B.A.

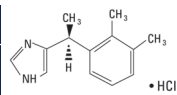
A recent U.S. Food and Drug Administration warning advised against prolonged or repeated exposure to general anesthetics as they affect neurodevelopment in children. This warning is based on a wealth of preclinical and animal studies and relatively few human studies. The human studies include a variety of different populations with several different outcome measures. Interpreting the results requires consideration of the outcome used, the power of the study, the length of exposure and the efforts to reduce the confounding effects of comorbidity and surgery. Most, but not all, of the large population-based studies find evidence for associations between surgery in early childhood and slightly worse subsequent academic achievement or increased risk for later diagnosis of a behavioral disability. In several studies, the amount of added risk is very small; however, there is some evidence for a greater association with multiple exposures. These results may be consistent with the preclinical data, but the possibility of confounding means the positive associations can only be regarded as weak evidence for causation. Finally, there is some evidence that brief exposure is not associated with any long term risk in humans. [ANESTHESIOLOGY 2018; 128:840-853]

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AREAS OF RESEARCH TO ELUCIDATE THE EFFECTS OF ANESTHETICS ON THE DEVELOPING BRAINS OF HUMANS

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- Dexmedetomidine (DEX) is a novel sedative/hypnotic/analgesic agent
 - α -2 receptors: locus ceruleus and spinal cord
 - α -2: α -1 selectivity 1600:1 (clonidine 200:1)
- Minimal respiratory depression
- Reduces post-cardiac surgical tachyarrhythmias
- Reduce doses of volatile anesthetic agents (VAA) opioids, benzodiazepines
- No neuroapoptosis in the developing brain
- Blocks neuroapoptosis by anesthetic agents
- Neuroprotective in hypoxia-ischemia
- Neuroprotective in inflammatory states



Human


Animal

Anesth Analg 2010;110:1383; Anesthesiology 2009; Ann Thorac Surg. 2011;92:964; Br J Anaesth. 2015;115:171
110:1077; Acta Anaesthesiol Scand 2010;54:710; Neurosci Lett 2006;409:128; Oxid Med Cell Longev 2015; :530371

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WILEY Pediatric Anesthesia

Pediatric Anesthesia. 2019;29:125-136.

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Jurgen C. de Graaff¹ 

Conclusion: In animals, dexmedetomidine was found not to induce histologic injury and to show a beneficial effect when administered with another anesthetic. No clinical results on the long-term effects in children have been identified yet.

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Why Dexmedetomidine?

- Clinician's perspective:
 - Familiarity
 - Feasibility for research and adoption into clinical practice
- Widely used in pediatric anesthesia and ICU
 - Post-surgical, medical ICU, premed, opioid sparing for tonsillectomy, TIVA for spines, emergence agitation, procedural sedation
- Significant body of clinical research/clinical publications in infants/children
 - 314 in infants birth-23 months
 - 809 in children 0-18 years
- FDA labeled for adults 18+
 - ICU sedation intubated patients
 - Procedural sedation: non-intubated patients; surgical and other procedures

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TREX Study: (Toxicity of Remifentanyl-DEXmedetomidine)

Received: 16 March 2018 | Revised: 31 October 2018 | Accepted: 8 November 2018
DOI: 10.1111/pan.13544

RESEARCH REPORT

WILEY *Pediatric Anesthesia*

An open label pilot study of a dexmedetomidine-remifentanyl-caudal anesthetic for infant lower abdominal/lower extremity surgery: The T REX pilot study

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Pediatric Anesthesia. 2019;29:59–67.



TREX Study Objectives

- To determine the feasibility of a Dexmedetomidine-Remifentanyl-Caudal based anesthetic for lower abdominal/lower extremity surgery in infants 1-12 months of age
- Primary objective:**
 - The frequency of having to abandon the protocol for any reason

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TREX Study (Toxicity of Remifentanyl-DEXmedetomidine)

- 60-subject pilot study; outcome: feasibility and safety
- 1-12 month old infants >120 min anesthesia time
- Surgical site covered by caudal anesthetic (hypospadias)
- Sevoflurane induction; d/c <10 minutes
- Dexmedetomidine 1 mcg/kg load; 1-1.5 mcg/kg/hr
 - Glycopyrrolate 5 mcg/kg before DEX
- Remifentanyl 1 mcg/kg load; 0.2-0.5 mcg/kg/min
- Caudal catheter with ropivacaine 0.2% 1 ml/kg; top up with 0.5 ml/kg at 90-120 min

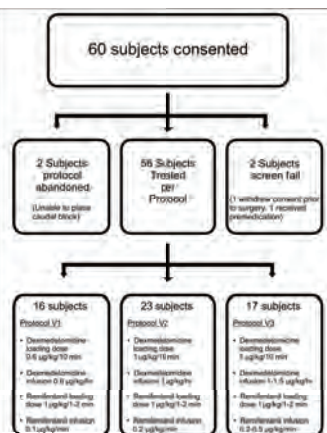
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TREX Study (Toxicity of Remifentanyl-DEXmedetomidine)

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TREX Study (Toxicity of Remifentanyl-DEXmedetomidine)

- 8 sites enrolled subjects: (1-20)
- Eye-opening times about 7 minutes
- Most had excellent analgesia in PACU, most discharged <60 minutes
- No protocol abandonment in 56 subjects
- No serious adverse events: mild/moderate hypotension (25%) and bradycardia (16%)
- 80% had "rescue" treatment for light anesthesia (movement/hypertension)**
- Protocol is feasible: 87.5% of patients with functioning caudal required no sevoflurane or propofol rescue**

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Dexmedetomidine/Remifentanyl/Low Dose Sevo vs. Standard

- ENROLLMENT STARTED AUGUST 2017: 411 ENROLLED AS OF 12/1/22
- TO DATE—SLOW ENROLLMENT -- CHANGE TO 2 HOURS SURGERY/2.5 HOURS ANESTHESIA TIME
- NO MAJOR ADVERSE EVENTS
- ABOUT 40% INCIDENCE OF LIGHT ANESTHESIA IN DEX/REMI GROUP VS. 2% IN SEVO GROUP
- >100 3-YEAR NEURODEVELOPMENTAL EXAMS

FDA WARNING: THE CONTROVERSY

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My Perspective on the FDA Warning

- Timing was unexpected
 - ???2016 Election effect???
- Basis is primarily animal data
 - FDA CDER scientists strongly feel that non-human primate data has applicability to humans
 - >3 hours and <3 years also based on animal data
- GAS and PANDA studies of a single, brief anesthetic exposure <3 years old were **NOT** associated with later neurodevelopmental problems
- MASK Study results had been expected imminently
 - Specifically addresses multiple anesthetics

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National Anesthesia Societies' Perspective



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Warnings, uncertainty, and clinical practice

www.thelancet.com Vol 389 June 3, 2017

We suggest that when clinical data are weak, incomplete, or uncertain, especially when those data are generated from retrospective cohort analyses prone to confounding by unmeasured variables, clinicians must be familiar with the pertinent current literature and prepared to address parents' queries if they arise, but be circumspect about proactively advising about the risk of unknown or uncertain adverse outcomes.

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EJA

Eur J Anaesthesiol 2017; 34:327–328

EDITORIAL

Use of anaesthetics in young children

Consensus statement of the European Society of Anaesthesiology, the European Society for Paediatric Anaesthesiology, the European Association of Cardiothoracic Anaesthesiology and the European Safe Tots Anaesthesia Research Initiative

Tom G. Hansen

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The evidence to support such warning is currently insufficient and incomplete. Therefore, this FDA warning is not shared by the European Societies listed below.

Furthermore, the implied ‘safe’ cut-off points of age 3 years or duration of procedure of 3 h quoted in the FDA warning statement are not currently supported by evidence derived from human studies.

Eur J Anaesthesiol 2017; 34:327–328

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SUPPLEMENT: SIXTH PANDA SYMPOSIUM

J Neurosurg Anesthesiol 2019;31:129–133


Anesthesia Exposure in Children: Practitioners Respond to the 2016 FDA Drug Safety Communication

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Panelists acknowledged that the FDA had an obligation to alert the public to the possible danger of anesthetic neurotoxicity based on the multiple studies in animals. However, they were dissatisfied with the way the safety communication was developed and released, especially in its original version. The communication and the lay media’s interpretation of it added to parent and provider stress, and many practitioners felt unprepared for the questions and concerns from parents that quickly arose.


All panelists agreed that emergent and semiergent surgery should not be delayed due to the concern for neurotoxicity. The timing of elective procedures should take into account a number of factors including anesthetic risk, especially in younger patients. While there is no evidence that anesthesia and surgical practice has changed much since the FDA drug safety communication, discussions with patients and families surrounding neurotoxicity and anesthetic risk has certainly been more common. Most surgical societies do not have their own

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SHOULD PARENTS
BE EDUCATED
ABOUT THE FDA
WARNING?

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RESEARCH REVIEW

Epidemiology in a population

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What is already known

Utilization of general anesthesia in children has important policy, economic, and healthcare delivery implications. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently issued warning that prolonged or repeated exposure to general anesthesia before age 3 may affect brain development.

What this article adds

One in 7 children were exposed to general anesthesia before age 3, and 1 in 4 children who received general anesthesia defined as high risk by the FDA warning.

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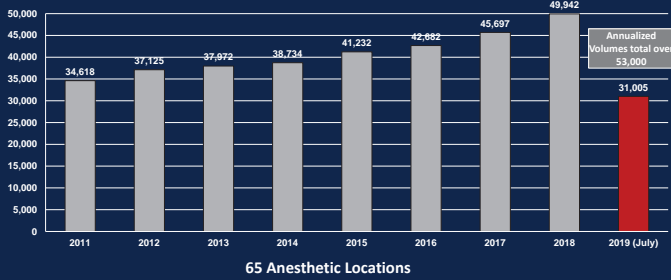


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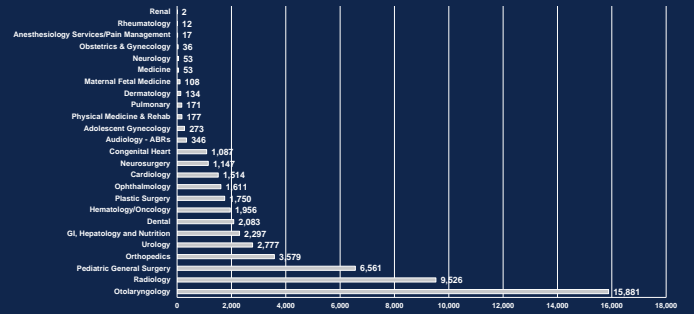
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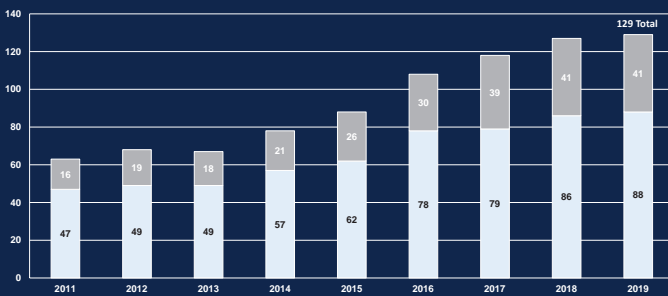
TCH Anesthetic Cases by Subspecialty 2019 Annualized Volumes



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TCH Pediatric Anesthesiology Departmental Growth by Calendar Year: Providers



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MDs CRNAs



TCH Patients Affected by FDA Warning

TCH Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine

>50,000 anesthetics annually

≈15,000 patients
are < 3 years

≈1,500 patients < 3 years
have multiple anesthetics

≈1,500 patients < 3 years
have anesthetics > 3 hrs*

Maternal-fetal anesthesia:
120 procedures

* 2/3 are CVOR or Cath Lab

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Discussion Points: Surgeons, Proceduralists, Anesthesiologists, and Referring Physicians



- Created based on Breakthrough Communications Program principles
- Focused on 3 questions:
 - Should the procedure be done now or when the child is older?
 - How long do we expect the procedure to take?
 - Will repeated or additional procedures be needed?
- Distributed to all TCH Medical Staff, TCP Providers, and APP staff

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Anesthesia and Your Child – Q&A



- Distribution Tool and Locations:
 - Surgery Packets
 - Radiology Registration
 - Pre-op Clinics – PASS, Heart Center
 - TCH Anesthesiology Website, Connect Site, EPIC Anesthesia Virtual
 - Community Campuses
- English and Spanish Translations
- Addresses general information about anesthesia, the associated risks, and the FDA Safety Announcement

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Texas Medical Disclosure Panel New Informed Consent Language

□ Potential behavior exposure sedation

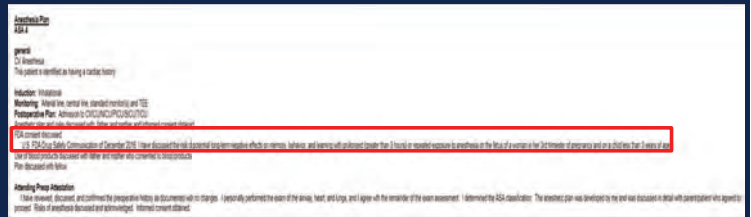
THE “WHAT A REASONABLE PATIENT WOULD WANT TO KNOW” STANDARD FOR DISCLOSING RISKS OF A MEDICAL PROCEDURE

ESIA - memory, repeated 7/deep

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EPIC EMR Documentation of FDA Warning

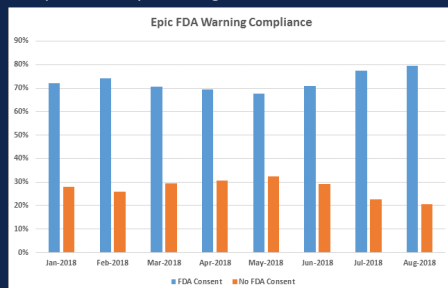


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TCH Department Practice: FDA Warning in EPIC

N= 1103 patients <3 years of age scheduled for >3 hours of surgery



Of 842 patients with 2 or more anesthetics from Jan-Aug 2018; 84% had FDA warning discussed in EPIC

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FDA Warning in 2023

- Routinely discussed at TCH in 2023, very few questions, essentially no postponements of anesthetics
- SmartTots is drafting a letter to FDA requesting revision/updating of FDA Warning
 - Reassuring human data
 - Behavioral phenotype
 - 3-year age “cutoff”, 3-hour duration
 - “Physiologic” neuroprotection
 - Will require public meetings, i.e. FDA Science Board

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NEUROIMAGING:
IS IT NECESSARY IN ALL CASES?

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MRI Questions

- MRIs are among the most frequently cited procedures under anesthesia that possibly could be delayed: but what is the data?
- What are the indications for brain MRI for developmental delay or new onset seizures, especially in children with no neurological or syndromic findings?
- What percentage of sedated MRIs in children <3 years are abnormal? Diagnostic? Which of these are actionable findings?

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IARS and AUA Abstracts May 2018

- Analyzed 1 year of brain MRI with anesthesia/sedation <3 years, immediately before the FDA Warning
- Indications: global developmental delay, new onset seizure
- Collaborative project: Neurology, Radiology, Anesthesiology
- MRI Data
 - Abnormal Yes/No
 - Findings: Diagnostic findings: etiologic diagnosis**
 - Hypothesis: 10% yield for etiologic diagnosis**

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TCH MRI Indications Study Results

- Global Developmental Delay
 - Etiologic diagnosis in 63/222 (28%)
 - 19/222 changed medical management (8.6%)
- New Onset Seizure
 - Etiologic diagnosis in 53/339 (16%)
 - 29/339 changed medical management (8.5%)
- Overall 21% etiologic diagnosis**
 - Higher than hypothesized

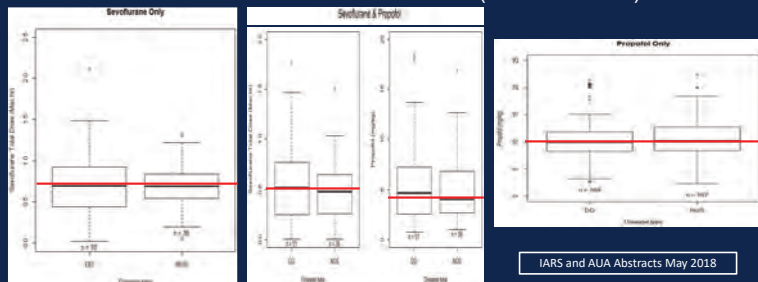
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Anesthetic Exposure Data

- Mean anesthesia time 61.9 ± 20.6 minutes (median 58 min)



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Pediatric neuro MRI: tricks to minimize sedation

Pediatr Radiol. Published online: 22 April 2017

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Fig. 1 Photo shows a neonate wrapped in vacuum bean bag with noise attenuators in place, ready for transport to scanner suite

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ARE THERE
DEFERRABLE
ELECTIVE
SURGERIES?

AAP Surgical Advisory Panel “Optimal Timing” Task Force

- Multidisciplinary task force with representation from the 10 AAP pediatric surgical specialty sections
- Consensus that many pediatric surgeries are not “deferrable” due to critical windows for neurodevelopment and function
- Initial survey of task force members has generated preliminary list of “non deferrable” surgeries based on medical literature and consensus
 - Work in progress, not finalized, discussions ongoing

Source: Constance Houck, M.D., MPH, Chair, AAP Surgical Advisory Panel

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Surgeries with “Critical Window” for Repair < 3 years

- General Surgery
 - Inguinal hernia
 - Lung malformations
 - Branchial cleft, thyroglossal duct cysts
 - Lymphangioma
- Otolaryngology
 - All procedures, including PE tubes, T&A
- Neurosurgery
 - All procedures except some dermoid cysts
- Ophthalmology
 - Cataract
 - Strabismus
 - Ptosis
 - Glaucoma
 - Retina
 - Nasolacrimal duct cyst
- Orthopedics
 - Hip dislocation
 - Casting for early scoliosis
 - Club foot
- Urology
 - Undescended testicles
 - Hypospadias

Source: Constance Houck, M.D., MPH, Chair of AAP Surgical Advisory Panel

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Vulnerable Populations

- Pediatric ICU Patients
 - Approximately 15/1000 population annually
 - 2/3 <4 years old
 - 20% have moderate to severe disability on discharge
 - No published data about long term sedation and neurocognitive outcomes
- Neonatal ICU Patients
 - 77.9/1000 live births (300,000 annually in U.S.)
 - No long term data about sedation and neurocognitive outcomes

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Association Between Anesthesia Exposure and Neurocognitive Outcomes in Long-term Survivors of Childhood Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

Table 3. Multivariable Regression Models Predicting Global Neurocognitive Impairment*

CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE Higher cumulative anesthesia exposure and duration may be associated with neurocognitive impairment and neuroimaging abnormalities in long-term survivors of childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia, beyond the known outcomes associated with neurotoxic chemotherapies. Anesthesia exposures should be limited in pediatric populations with chronic health conditions who undergo multiple medical procedures.

Pentobarbital sodium, per 10 mg/kg	1.02 (0.90-1.15)	.74
Glycopyrrolate, per 1 µg/kg	1.00 (1.00-1.01)	.14
Fluranes (per exposure) ^c	1.10 (1.01-1.21)	.03
Duration (per h)	1.03 (1.00-1.06)	.04

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SmartTots

SmartTots : Making Anesthesia Safer for Children

SmartTots brings world-renowned physicians and researchers together to study and improve anesthesia care for children.

About SmartTots

The SmartTots program is a multiyear collaborative effort designed to increase the safety of anesthetic and sedative drugs for the millions of children who undergo anesthesia and sedation each year.

To address the growing concern about the potential adverse consequences of general anesthesia in young patients, in 2008 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) established a public-private partnership with the International Anesthesia Research Society (IARS). The partnership, entitled SmartTots is working together with multiple stakeholders, including academic research institutions, medical professionals and societies, and other government and nongovernmental organizations to address scientific and clinical gaps regarding the safe use of anesthetics and sedatives in children. While nonhuman studies confirm a link between anesthesia use and damage to the developing brain in animals, currently there is insufficient clinical evidence to establish a clear link between the effects of these drugs on the development of the human brain. SmartTots is working to address the gaps in research and make anesthesia and sedation safer for children across the world.

Research funded through SmartTots investigates multiple aspects of testing anesthesia and their administration, including dosage and exposure. Perhaps from these studies will emerge new practice guidelines and, as necessary, new age-appropriate anesthetics.

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Should the FDA Warning Affect My Practice?

- Should the drugs/doses I use change? **NO**—wait for research results
- Delay surgery or other procedure? **EXTREMELY RARE**
- Not perform neuroimaging? **NO**—but more selectivity desirable, non-sedated?
- Educate parents? **YES**
- Waste time under anesthesia? **NO**
- Combine anesthetics? **YES WHEN PRACTICAL BUT NO DEFINITIVE DATA**
- Practice excellent, high-quality anesthesia minimizing major cardiopulmonary perturbations? **ALWAYS**
- Withhold appropriate anesthesia care, i.e. “too light” anesthesia to minimize drug dosages? **NEVER**

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2007 vs. 2023: What Has Changed?

- 2007: F... of a sin...
 - 2007: C... defined...
 - 2007: N... some p...
 - 2023: N...
 - 2023: N...
 - 2023: E... externalizing, internalizing, executive function. Small (3-5%) effect but significant
- WE ARE FAR MORE REASSURED THAT EFFECTS ON NEUROCOGNITIVE OUTCOMES ARE LESS SEVERE THAN ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED**
- BEHAVIOR CHANGES ARE RELATIVELY SMALL BUT CONCERNING**
- NO REASON TO POSTPONE ALMOST ANY ELECTIVE SURGERY OR ANESTHETIC**

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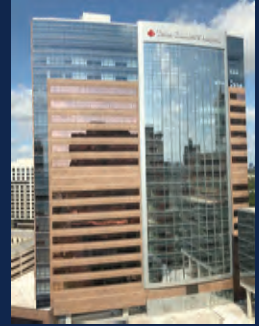
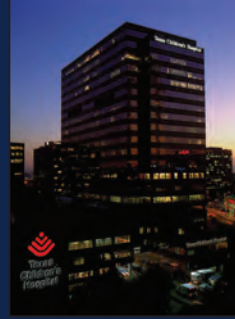
Case Study

- 13-month-old otherwise healthy male for hypospadias repair anticipated to require 2 hours of surgery, 2.5 hours anesthesia
- No previous anesthetic history, or family history of significant problems
- Parents are very concerned about the possible anesthetic effect on the brain and ask if they should postpone surgery until after age 3 years
- They are also asking about epidural or spinal anesthesia if the surgery must be done now
- They also read about dexmedetomidine and are asking for this drug if he has to have general anesthesia

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BLUNT TRAUMA AND THE USE OF REBOA

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Slide minimalist

I work at a Level I Trauma Center



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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Be able to discuss the epidemiology of blunt trauma and current treatments

Understand the use of REBOA in trauma

Understand operating room management of REBOA for anesthesiologists

Understand the potential complications of REBOA

Know applications of REBOA outside of trauma



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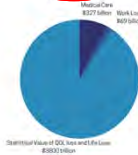
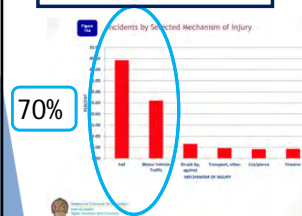
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TRAUMA: EPIDEMIOLOGY

4.4 million¹

ANNUAL TOLL OF TRAUMA IN THE U.S.

\$4.2 TRILLION



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TRAUMA TREATMENTS FOR NON-COMPRESSIBLE TORSO INJURY

Tranexamic Acid (TXA)^{3,4}

Interventional Radiology⁵

Extraperitoneal Pelvic Packing (EPP)^{6,7}

Resuscitative Thoracotomy (RT) + Aortic Clamping^{5,8,9}



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REBOA: OVERVIEW

History and Purpose

Placement

Contraindications

Removal

Evidence/Recommendations

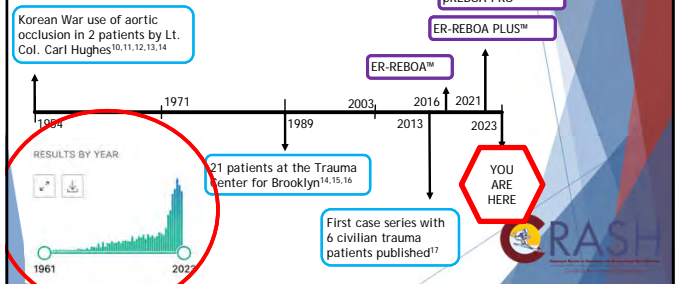


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REBOA: HISTORY & PURPOSE

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REBOA: HISTORY

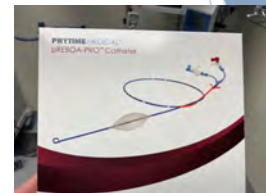


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REBOA: PLACEMENT

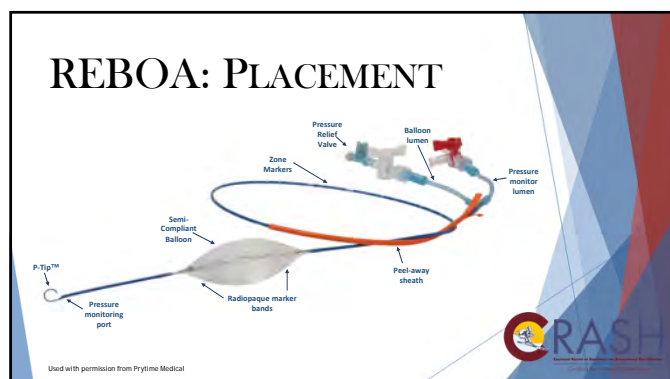
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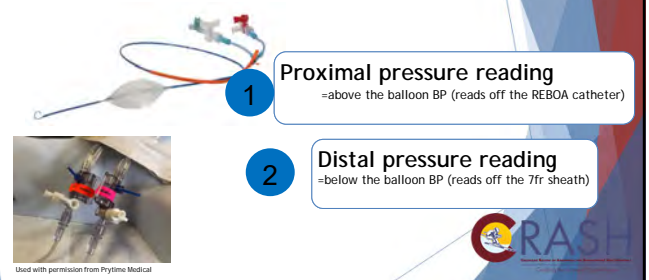
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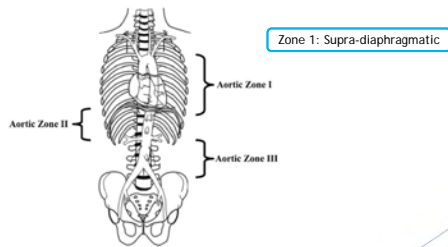
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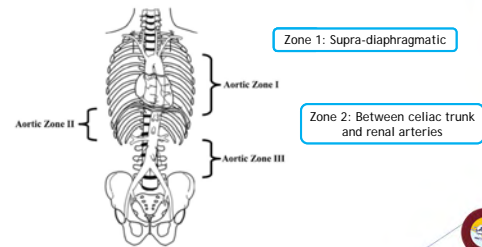
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REBOA: PLACEMENT (ZONES)



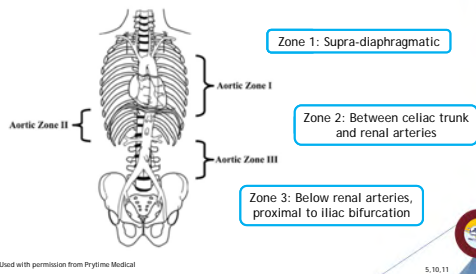
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REBOA: PLACEMENT (ZONES)



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REBOA: PLACEMENT (ZONES)



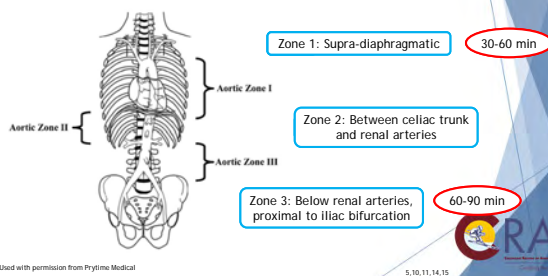
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REBOA: REBOA PRO v REBOA PLUS



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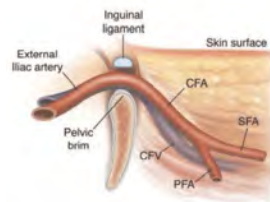
REBOA: OCCLUSION TIME



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REBOA: CONTRAINDICATIONS

Unable to obtain femoral access⁵

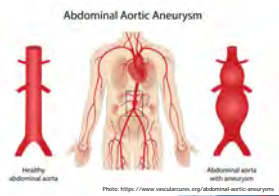


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REBOA: CONTRAINDICATIONS

Unable to obtain femoral access⁵

Aortic diameter greater than 3.2cm (32mm)^{5,18}



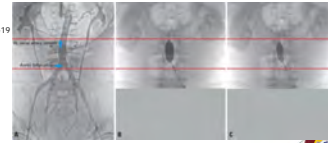
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Contrast media allergy¹⁹



¹⁹ Accessed at <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4040404/>



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Pediatric Use²⁰



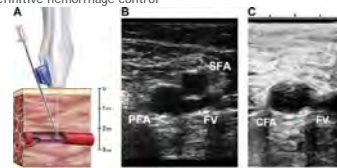
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REBOA: REMOVAL

REBOA removal after definitive hemorrhage control

+/- sheath removal

Hold pressure for ~5 mins^{10, 21}



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REBOA: EVIDENCE

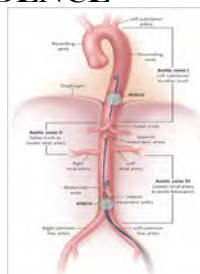
Quick arterial access is key^{5, 6, 8, 21}

Probably best placed under fluoro⁵

Hardest to place in Zone III⁵

Probably a survival benefit^{5, 6, 8, 21}

There are risks^{5, 6, 8, 21}



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REBOA: GUIDELINES

Open access

Trauma Surgery & Acute Care Open

Systematic review

Systematic review to evaluate algorithms for REBOA use in trauma and identify a consensus for patient selection

Amelia Walling Maiga¹, Rishi Kund², Jonathan James Morrison³, Chance Spalding⁴, Juan Duchesne⁵, John Hunt⁶, Jonathan Nguyen⁸, Elizabeth Benjamin⁹, Ernest E Moore⁹, Ryan Lawless⁹, Andrew Beckett⁹, Rachel Russo¹⁰, Bradley M Dennis¹¹



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REBOA: GUIDELINES

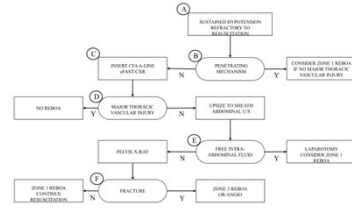
A Western Trauma Association critical decisions algorithm:
Resuscitative endovascular balloon occlusion of the aorta

Keriji Inaba, MD, FACS, Hasan R. Alami, MD, Karen J. Brasel, MD, MPH, Megan Brenner, MD, Carlos V.R. Brown, MD, David J. Ciolek, MD, Marc A. de Moya, MD, Joseph J. DuBois, MD, Ernest E. Moore, MD, Laura J. Moore, MD, Jack A. Sava, MD, Gary A. Vercruyse, MD, and Matthew J. Martin, MD, Los Angeles, California



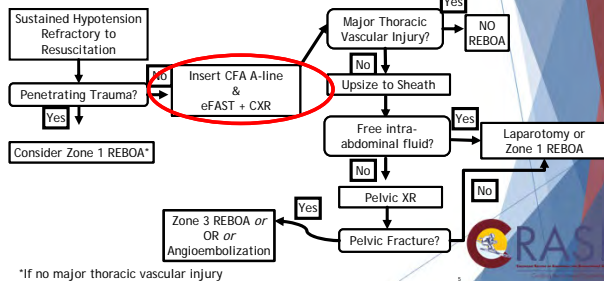
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REBOA: GUIDELINES



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REBOA: GUIDELINES



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REBOA: RECAP

History and Purpose

Placement

Contraindications

Evidence/Guidelines



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OR MANAGEMENT

Monitors

Hemodynamics

Other Considerations



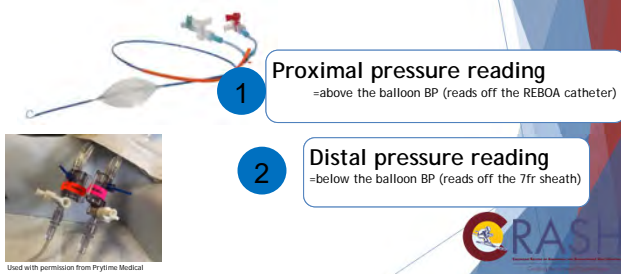
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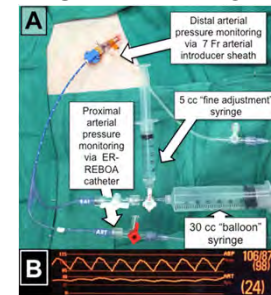
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REBOA: PLACEMENT



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OR MANAGEMENT: MONITORS



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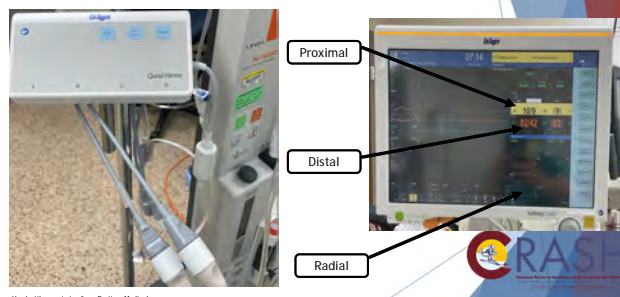
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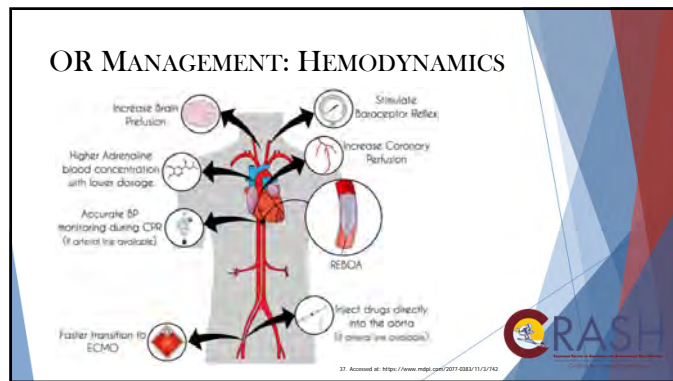
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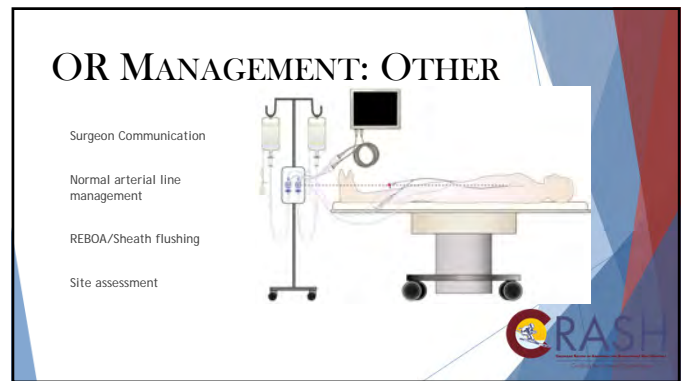
Radial Arterial Line

- Blood Sampling
- Removal
- Consistent Pressure Monitoring

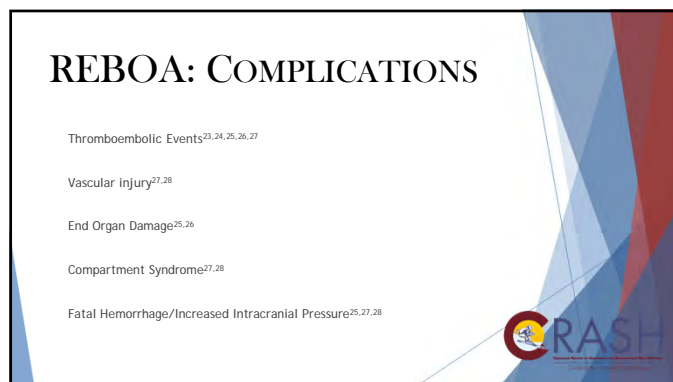
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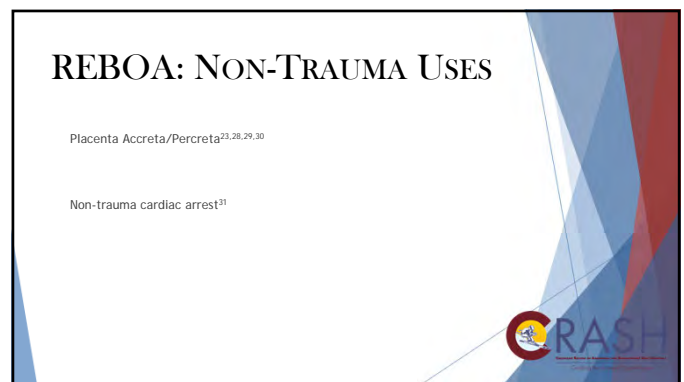
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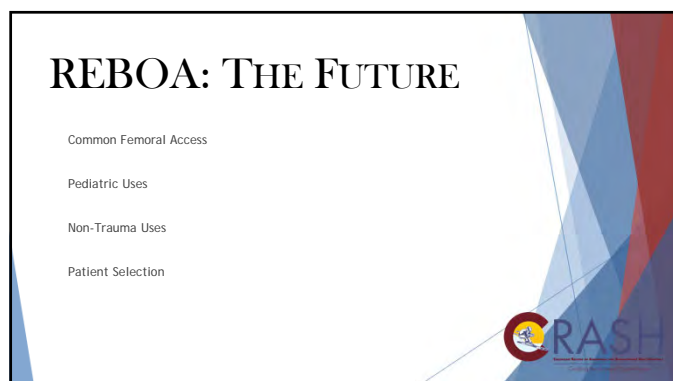
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Update on Geriatric Anesthesia


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Learning Objectives

- Discuss innovations in preoperative assessment strategies for the geriatric population.
- Learn about a couple of studies that can shed light on intraoperative care of the elderly.
- Appreciate delirium and postoperative cognitive decline as major concerns in the postoperative care of the elderly.



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Overview


This update is intended to discuss novel findings in areas of science that impact perioperative care.

We will divide the talk into three unequal, if predictable, sections:

- preop
- intraop
- postop

The prevention of postoperative cognitive issues is probably the biggest issue facing anesthesia, so we will spend the most time there.

I will have the least to say about intraoperative care.



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Preoperative Assessment

Frailty is associated with an array of poor surgical outcomes, but there is no gold standard frailty assessment tool.

A study from last October (2022) looked at 3 frailty assessments:

> *Acta Anaesthesiol Scand*. 2022 Oct 28. doi: 10.1111/aas.14162. Online ahead of print.

Frailty assessment tools and associated postoperative outcomes in older patients undergoing elective surgery: A prospective pilot study

Luis G Rabelo ^{1,2}, Anna Björnsdóttir ³, Anna B Jónsdóttir ⁴, Sveinn G Einarsson ¹, Sigurbergur Karason ¹, Martin I Sigurdsson ^{1,2}


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PMID: 36307919 DOI: 10.1111/aas.14162

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Rabelo et al 2022

Results: Out of 99 patients, 41%, 37%, and 43% had abnormal PRISMA7, TUG, and CDT screening, respectively. Postoperative delirium was more likely to occur in patients with abnormal TUG screening (19% vs. 3%, $p = .011$) and CDT (17% vs. 2%, $p = .019$). When analyzing screening tool combinations, patients with abnormal PRISMA7 and TUG had a higher rate of non-home discharge (38% vs. 17%, $p = .029$); and patients with abnormal TUG and CDT had a higher rate of postoperative delirium (25% vs. 3%, $p = .006$) and any surgical complication (58% vs. 38%, $p = .037$); and patients with abnormal results from all three tools had a higher rate of postoperative delirium (21% vs. 5%, $p = .045$) and non-home discharge (42% vs. 18%, $p = .034$).

Conclusion: Approximately 40% of elderly surgical patients have abnormal PRISMA7, TUG, and CDT screening tests for frailty, and they are associated individually or in combination with increased risk of adverse postoperative outcomes. The results will aid in designing studies to further risk-stratify patients at risk of frailty and attempt to modify associated outcomes.



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A wider look

➤ [BMJ Open](#). 2022 Oct 21;12(10):e062729. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2022-062729.

Comprehensive geriatric assessment (CGA) in perioperative care: a systematic review of a complex intervention

Rachael Lucia Miller ^{1,2}, Jonathan David Barnes ³, Ronelle Mouton ^{4,3}, Philip Braude ⁵, Robert Hinchliffe ^{4,2}

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PMID: 36270763 PMID: [PMC9594523](#) DOI: [10.1136/bmjopen-2022-062729](#)




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Not great news

Conclusions: CGA as an intervention is variably described and delivered in randomised controlled trials in the perioperative setting. The reporting of both the intervention and standard care is often poor with little focus on adherence. Future research should focus on clearly defining and standardising the intervention as well as measuring adherence within trials.

To date, our science hasn't yet decided how to delineate and define the problem, so we're asking a lot of different kinds of questions. While these questions are being answered, they're so different that those of us in the trenches can't draw much from them (yet!).

This will change as the field matures.




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Multipronged approaches work better

The heterogeneity in the data that make conclusions difficult to draw about individual tests and interventions also point to complexity being met with complexity.

Let me explain.

Multidisciplinary approaches that focus on "pre-hab" to rehab (including nutrition, PT, OT, etc.) do seem to improve outcomes. (There is data forthcoming on this from the Geriatric Surgical Quality Committee at the VA, of which I am a member.)



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A fun finding

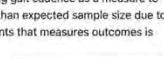
➤ [Digit Biomark](#). 2022 Jul 14;6(2):61-70. doi: 10.1159/000525344. eCollection 2022 May-Aug.

Smartphone-Based Gait Cadence to Identify Older Adults with Decreased Functional Capacity

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Conclusions: Our pilot study demonstrates the feasibility of using gait cadence as a measure to estimate functional capacity. Our study was limited by a smaller than expected sample size due to COVID-19, and thus, a prospective study with preoperative patients that measures outcomes is necessary to validate our findings.




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Intraoperative Anesthesia

Question: might BIS have an evidence-based use after all?

There are some things we can do intraop that will effect postop outcomes.



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A data-backed use for BIS

[Randomized Controlled Trial](#) ➤ [Sci Rep](#). 2022 Jul 26;12(1):12703. doi: 10.1038/s41598-022-16466-y.

Neuromonitoring depth of anesthesia and its association with postoperative delirium

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Results

The "Hidden BIS" group spent more time with a BIS <40 compared to the "Visible BIS" group (11 min vs 26 min).

The Visible BIS group also spent about 3 fewer days inpatient.

Post-op delirium rate lower, too.



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A meta-analysis on the same topic

Review > J Cardiothorac Vasc Anesth. 2022 Dec;36(12):4449-4459.
doi: 10.1053/j.jvca.2022.07.004. Epub 2022 Jul 8.

Bispectral Index (BIS) Monitoring and Postoperative Delirium in Elderly Patients Undergoing Surgery: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis With Trial Sequential Analysis

Wei Zhuen Chew ¹, Wan Yi Teoh ², Naveenaa Sivanesan ³, Pui San Loh ⁴,
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Conclusion: The authors' meta-analysis demonstrated that BIS-guided anesthesia was not associated with a reduced incidence of POD, but it was associated with a reduced incidence of POCD and improved recovery parameters.

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Postoperative badness: The big players

Delirium

Post Operative Cognitive Dysfunction (POCD)



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Delirium vs POCD

Delirium:

"Acute confusional state with alterations in attention and consciousness."
(the agreed upon definition)

POCD

"A decline in a variety of neuropsychological domains [including processing speed, memory, executive function, etc]"
(one of many definitions)



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Delirium

Delirium is diagnosed by criteria set out in the DSM.

Stated succinctly as: "a disturbance in consciousness that is accompanied by a change in cognition that cannot be better accounted for by a preexisting or evolving dementia." (DSM)

Has 3 main "flavors" described as: hyperactive, hypoactive, and mixed.

The majority (68%) are hypoactive with a mixed presentation second most common at 31%. Isolated hyperactive delirium is rare (~1%).

CAM (confusion assessment method) is the most commonly used to score delirium.



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Postoperative Delirium A major concern in the elderly

Prevalence 10% or more

Cardiac and hip surgery carry big risk

ICU care carries the biggest risk (up to 60-80%)

Age is a big risk factor for postoperative delirium.

Unsurprisingly, the greater the number of predisposing risk factors (called "vulnerability" factors) the smaller the stress needed to induce delirium.




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Postoperative Delirium

Major vulnerability factors are advanced age, visual impairment (visual acuity < 20/70), illness severity (APACHE score > 16), cognitive impairment (MMSE < 24), hearing impairment, dehydration, sleep deprivation, immobility, among others.

Prevention is key

Once delirium has begun there are few interventions that have much of a proven effect.




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Clinical Interventions in Aging

Prevention of postoperative delirium in elderly patients planned for elective surgery: systematic review and meta-analysis

Conclusion: Multicomponent interventions, the use of antipsychotics, BIS-guidance, and dexmedetomidine treatment can successfully reduce the incidence of postoperative delirium in elderly patients undergoing elective, non-cardiac surgery. However, present studies are heterogeneous, and high-quality studies are scarce. Future studies should add these preventive methods to already existing multimodal and multidisciplinary interventions to tackle as many precipitating factors as possible, starting in the pre-admission period.




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NEUROSCIENCE AND NEUROANESTHESIA

Efficacy of perioperative dexmedetomidine on postoperative delirium: systematic review and meta-analysis with trial sequential analysis of randomised controlled trials

X. Duan^{1,2}, M. Coburn^{2,a}, R. Rossaint², R. D. Sanders³, J. V. Waesberghe² and A. Kowark²

Conclusion: Dexmedetomidine can reduce POD incidence for adult cardiac and non-cardiac surgical patients. The optimal dose and timing of dexmedetomidine and influence on other outcomes or particular patient populations with risk factors warrants further studies.



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Research Paper

Anesthesia and surgery induce age-dependent changes in behaviors and microbiota

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ABSTRACT

The neuropathogenesis of postoperative delirium remains mostly unknown. The gut microbiota is implicated in the pathogenesis of neurological disorders. We, therefore, set out to determine whether anesthesia/surgery causes age-dependent gut microbiota dysbiosis, changes in brain IL-6 level and mitochondrial function, leading to postoperative delirium-like behavior in mice. Female 9 or 18 months old mice received abdominal surgery under 1.4% isoflurane for two hours. The postoperative delirium-like behavior, gut microbiota, levels of brain IL-6, PSD-95 and synaptophysin, and mitochondrial function were determined by a battery of behavioral tests, 16s rRNA sequencing, ELISA, Western blot and Seahorse XFp Extracellular Flux Analyzer. Intragastric administration of lactobacillus (10 days) and probiotic (20 days) were used to mitigate the anesthesia/surgery-induced changes. Anesthesia/surgery caused different alterations in gut microbiota, including change rate of reduction in the levels of gut lactobacillus, between the 18 and 9 months old mice. The anesthesia/surgery induced greater postoperative delirium-like behavior, increased brain IL-6 levels, decreased PSD-95 and synaptophysin levels, and mitochondrial dysfunction in 18 than 9 months old mice. Treatments with lactobacillus and probiotic mitigated the anesthesia/surgery-induced changes. These data suggest that microbiota dysbiosis may contribute to neuropathogenesis of postoperative delirium and treatment with lactobacillus or a probiotic could mitigate postoperative delirium.



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What about in people?

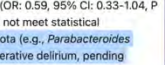
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The association between gut microbiota and postoperative delirium in patients

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their associations with postoperative delirium. Of the 86 participants [age 71.0 (69.0-76.0, 25%-75% percentile of quartile), 53% female], ten (12%) developed postoperative delirium. Postoperative gut bacteria *Parabacteroides distasonis* (Odds Ratio [OR] 2.13, 95% Confidence Interval [CI]: 1.09-4.17, $P = 0.026$) was associated with postoperative delirium after adjusting for age and sex. The association between delirium and both *Prevotella* (OR: 0.59, 95% CI: 0.33-1.04, $P = 0.067$) and *Collinsella* (OR: 0.57, 95% CI: 0.27-1.24, $P = 0.158$) did not meet statistical significance. These findings suggest that postoperative gut microbiota (e.g., *Parabacteroides distasonis*) may serve as biomarkers in the pathogenesis of postoperative delirium, pending confirmative studies.



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A deeper look

> PLoS One. 2023 Feb 7;18(2):e0281049. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0281049. eCollection 2023.

The effects of microbiome-targeted therapy on cognitive impairment and postoperative cognitive dysfunction-A systematic review

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Conclusion: In the studies we examined, most showed that MTTs decrease inflammation by down-regulating inflammatory cytokines and oxidative stress in both perioperative and non-perioperative settings. In general, MTTs also seem to have a positive effect on cognition through neural, immune, endocrine, and metabolic pathways. However, these effects have not yet resulted in a consensus regarding preventative strategies or treatments. Based on these current research results, MTTs could be a potential new preventative strategy for cognitive impairment after surgery.



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Preventing Postoperative Delirium

Antipsychotics may help (may also hurt?).
Dexmedetomidine may also help.
Probiotics?
Intraoperative correction of metabolic derangements (electrolytes, volume status, etc.)
Intraoperative and postoperative: decrease known trigger medications such as opioids, benzos, dihydropyridines CCBs, etc.
Multimodal pain management, avoiding sedating medications.
TIVA vs volatile anesthetics?



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TIVA vs volatile maintenance Delirium prevention? POCD prevention?

2018 Cochrane Review
28 RCTs and over 4500 participants.
There was heterogeneity in the data. Noted difficulty in blinding the anesthesia technique to the provider, some important variables (like intraoperative hypotension) could not be adequately controlled for.
Data reporting inconsistencies also made the analysis less reliable.



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Intravenous versus inhalational maintenance of anaesthesia for postoperative cognitive outcomes in elderly people undergoing non-cardiac surgery (Review)

Miller D, Lewis SR, Pritchard MW, Schofield-Robinson OJ, Shenton CL, Alderson P, Smith AF

Authors' conclusions: We are uncertain whether maintenance with propofol-based TIVA or with inhalational agents affect incidences of postoperative delirium, mortality, or length of hospital stay because certainty of the evidence was very low. We found low-certainty evidence that maintenance with propofol-based TIVA may reduce POCD. We were unable to perform meta-analysis for intraoperative hypotension or length of stay in the PACU because of heterogeneity between studies. We identified 11 ongoing studies from clinical trials register searches; inclusion of these studies in future review updates may provide more certainty for the review outcomes.

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A more recent analysis (2022) did show a small effect favoring TIVA.

Review > Neuropsychiatr Dis Treat. 2022 Jul 15;18:1455-1467. doi: 10.2147/NDT.S374416. eCollection 2022.

Incidence of Postoperative Cognitive Dysfunction Following Inhalational vs Total Intravenous General Anesthesia: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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Abstract

Postoperative cognitive dysfunction (POCD) has been increasingly recognized as a contributor to postoperative complications. A consensus-working group recommended that POCD should be distinguished between delayed cognitive recovery, ie, evaluations up to 30 days postoperative, and neurocognitive disorder, ie, assessments performed between 30 days and 12 months after surgery. Additionally, the choice of the anesthetic, either inhalational or total intravenous anesthesia (TIVA) and its effect on the incidence of POCD, has become a focus of research. Our primary objective was to search the literature and conduct a meta-analysis to verify whether the choice of general anesthesia may impact the incidence of POCD in the first 30 days postoperatively. As a secondary objective, a systematic review of the literature was conducted to estimate the effects of the anesthetic on POCD between 30 days and 12 months postoperative. For the primary objective, an initial review of 1913 articles yielded ten studies with a total of 3390 individuals. For the secondary objective, four studies with a total of 480 patients were selected. In the first 30 days postoperative the odds-ratio for POCD in TIVA group was 0.46 (95% CI = 0.26-0.81; $p = 0.01$), compared to the inhalational group. **TIVA was associated with a lower incidence of POCD in the first 30 days postoperatively.** Regarding the secondary objective, due to the small number of selected articles and its high heterogeneity, a metaanalysis was not conducted. Given the heterogeneity of criteria for POCD, future prospective studies with more robust designs should be performed to fully address this question.



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Original Contribution

Effect of propofol, sevoflurane, and isoflurane on postoperative cognitive dysfunction following laparoscopic cholecystectomy in elderly patients: A randomized controlled trial

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Main results: The incidence of POCD was significantly lower in the propofol group compared to the isoflurane group and the sevoflurane group at D1 and D3 (propofol vs. isoflurane: D1 and D3, $P < 0.001$; propofol vs. sevoflurane; D1, $P = 0.012$; D3, $P = 0.013$). The incidence of POCD was significantly lower in the sevoflurane group compared to the isoflurane group at D1 ($P = 0.041$), but not at D3. Postoperatively, plasma S-100 β and A β_{1-40} protein, IL-1 β , IL-6, and TNF- α concentrations were significantly decreased in the propofol group compared to the isoflurane group.

Conclusions: Propofol anesthesia may be an option for elderly surgical patients.



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Preventing Postoperative Delirium A wrinkle

Many advocate for use of neuraxial and regional techniques to avoid GA in the elderly.

Conflicting data

Recent-ish study (2020) showed no benefit specifically in hip surgery, which is one of the higher risk surgeries for postoperative delirium.

114 patients, ages 65+, ASA 2-4 with hip fracture



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

The effects of early femoral nerve block intervention on preoperative pain management and incidence of postoperative delirium in geriatric patients undergoing trochanteric femur fracture surgery: A randomized controlled trial

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RESULTS: VAS scores four hours after the first preoperative pain treatment and during the positioning for regional anesthesia were significantly lower in the femoral nerve block group. IL-8 levels are significantly lower in the femoral nerve block group but not in IL-6 levels. The incidence of delirium was less in the femoral nerve block group, but the difference was not statistically significant.

CONCLUSION: The femoral nerve block was more effective in preoperative pain management of trochanteric femur fracture and preventing pain during regional anesthesia application. The mean IL-8 level was lower in the femoral nerve block group when compared to the paracetamol group. There is no difference in the postoperative delirium incidence between groups.



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Observational Study > BMC Anesthesiol. 2023 Jan 6;23(1):6.
doi: 10.1186/s12871-022-01960-7.

Cognitive function in older patients and their stress challenge using different anesthesia regimes: a single center observational study

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Conclusions: We did not observe a difference in postoperative cognitive function between patients undergoing regional or general anesthesia for dermatology surgery. However, we found lower cortisol level in the RAG. Based on these findings, future studies should investigate alternatives to reduce stress in a general anesthesia setting.

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On the more positive side:

Review > Medicine (Baltimore). 2022 Dec 30;101(52):e32597.
doi: 10.1097/MD.00000000000032597.

Impact of regional anesthesia on outcomes of geriatric patients undergoing lower extremity revascularization: A propensity score-matched cohort study

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Bottom line: Regional might be better for geriatric patients in some settings

groups (GA vs RA: 6.3% vs 3.6%, $P = .083$). The 5-year survival rate and incidence of arterial and central venous catheter placement or intraoperative dopamine and epinephrine use were significantly higher in the GA group than in the RA group ($P < .05$). In addition, the frequency of immediate postoperative oxygen therapy or mechanical ventilation support was higher in the GA group ($P < .05$). However, there was no difference in the postoperative cardiopulmonary and cerebral complications between the 2 groups. These results suggest that RA can reduce intraoperative hemodynamic support and provide immediate postoperative respiratory intensive care. In addition, the use of RA may be associated with better short-term and 5-year survival rates in geriatric patients undergoing LER.



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Post-Operative Cognitive Decline (POCD)

Not a single, specific diagnosis in the DSM

Inconsistent definitions, but here's one: "[a new] dysfunction in cognition, that is not explained by a preexisting neurocognitive disorder" (Ntalouka et al.)

Is gradual in onset, in contradistinction to delirium.

Requires neuropsychometric testing to track.

Usually self-limiting.



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POCD and Risk


Age is thought to be the most significant risk factor.

Some newer data point to possible biomarkers (neuron-specific enolase (NSE) and S100b), but as of now it's too early to know.

Cardiac surgery is, again, a higher risk surgery.

The label "POCD" may represent several different underlying problems.

Because of the possibility that several layers of etiology are possible...



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Change in Nomenclature?


SPECIAL ARTICLE

Recommendations for the Nomenclature of Cognitive Change Associated with Anaesthesia and Surgery—2018

L. Evered, B. Silbert, D. S. Knopman, D. A. Scott, S. T. Dekosky, L. S. Rasmussen, E. S. Oh, G. Crosby, M. Berger, R. G. Eckenholtz, and The Nomenclature Consensus Working Group

Anesthesiology, V. 129 • No. 5 672 November 2018

The working group recommends that 'perioperative neurocognitive disorders' be used as an overarching term for cognitive impairment identified in the preoperative or postoperative period. This includes cognitive decline diagnosed before operation (described as *neurocognitive disorder*); any form of acute event (*postoperative delirium*) and cognitive decline diagnosed up to 30 days after the procedure (*delayed neurocognitive recovery*) and up to 12 months (*postoperative neurocognitive disorder*).



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Promise for the future


Clinical Interventions in Aging

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REVIEW

Postoperative cognitive dysfunction – current preventive strategies

exhibit undesired side effects. Interventions to reduce oxidative stress and neuroinflammation could prove beneficial. Preventive strategies, early recognition, and management of perioperative risk factors seems to be, by far, the best modality to deal with POCD till further progress in therapeutic interventions evolve.



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Is It the Anesthesia? (we don't know)

Clinical Interventions in Aging

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General anesthetic and the risk of dementia in elderly patients: current insights

"Neither the route of anesthesia nor the type of anesthetic appears to be significantly associated with the development of postoperative delirium or postoperative cognitive dysfunction."



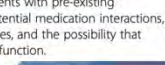
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Anesthesiology and cognitive impairment: a narrative review of current clinical literature

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Abstract

Background: The impact of general anesthesia on cognitive impairment is controversial and complex. A large body of evidence supports the association between exposure to surgery under general anesthesia and development of delayed neurocognitive recovery in a subset of patients. Existing literature continues to debate whether these short-term effects on cognition can be attributed to anesthetic agents themselves, or whether other variables are causative of the observed changes in cognition. Furthermore, there is conflicting data on the relationship between anesthesia exposure and the development of long-term neurocognitive disorders, or development of incident dementia in the patient population with normal preoperative cognitive function. Patients with pre-existing cognitive impairment present a unique set of anesthetic considerations, including potential medication interactions, challenges with cooperation during assessment and non-general anesthesia techniques, and the possibility that pre-existing cognitive impairment may impart a susceptibility to further cognitive dysfunction.



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Active prevention? Maybe?

Meta-Analysis > Medicine (Baltimore). 2022 Dec 16;101(50):e32329.
doi: 10.1097/MD.00000000000032329.

Transcutaneous electrical acupoint stimulation for the prevention of perioperative neurocognitive disorders in geriatric patients: A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

Shuying Li^{1,2}, Hailun Jiang^{1,2}, Wei Liu^{1,2}, Yu Yin^{1,2}, Chunsheng Yin^{1,2}, Hao Chen^{1,2}, Yuzheng Du^{1,2}, Qi Zhao^{1,2}, Yi Zhang^{1,2}, Chen Li^{1,2}

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This review did show promise

Conclusion: In terms of clinical effectiveness, TEAS appeared to be beneficial for prophylaxis of PND during a relatively recent period, noting the limitations of the current evidence.



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Is all POCD really POCD?

Is it possible that sometimes an acute event can cause greater scrutiny or reflection by a patient or family members?

Humans are excellent pattern-finders, so we sometimes pin changes that have been happening over months or years to a specific event thought to be sentinel.

Not all POCD research depends on clinical assessments of cognitive function.

Not every patient complaint of being "mentally different" after surgery is POCD or one of its kin.

Nevertheless, POCD remains common, and a problem of significant concern.



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A great deal of research is needed You saw that coming, didn't you?

This is an area of active research, and compared to what we need to know, very little has yet been discovered.

In the meantime, various multimodal approaches are the best we can do regarding preventing or ameliorating postoperative changes in cognition.

Prevention starts with pre-op assessments. Multidisciplinary approaches have been shown to improve an array of outcomes.



PROTECT trial

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Some take-home points

It is best to prevent delirium (you knew that already)

POCD remains a thorny question from definition to prognostication to active research. There is no treatment. Some degree of active prevention may be possible, but the research isn't there yet.

How we administer anesthesia "might" matter; if so, there is a mild bias toward:

TIVA

Regional

but this is FAR from established in the literature.

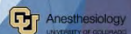
Frailty is a major predictor of many unfavorable postoperative outcomes (you knew that already)



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Thank You!



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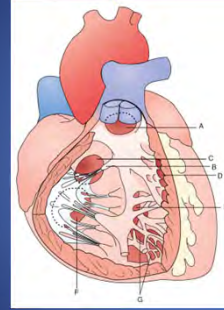
Non-Cardiac Surgery in Congenital Heart Disease

- 30% of children with CHD have extracardiac anomalies
- 41% of patients who had cardiac surgery <1 year of age also had at least 1 non-cardiac surgery by age 5 years
- NC surgery procedures in U.S. increased from 38,212 in 2015 to 45,993 in 2019 (20%)
- At Texas Children's Hospital, 20-30 patients with CHD per day have non-cardiac surgery or diagnostic procedures

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Ventricular Septal Defect (VSD): Anatomy



- A: Supracristal; subarterial
- C: Perimembranous
- F: Inlet; canal-type
- D,E,G: Muscular

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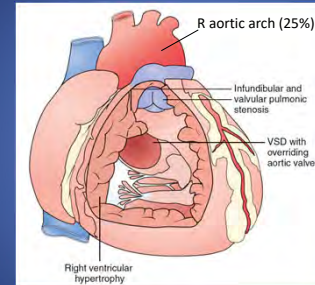
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VSD Pathophysiology

- Ranges from small, asymptomatic with minimal left-to-right shunt
 - Endocarditis
 - Aortic valve insufficiency
- Larger VSD with CHF symptoms
- Unrestrictive VSD with pulmonary hypertension
 - Eisenmenger Syndrome possible

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Tetralogy of Fallot: Anatomy



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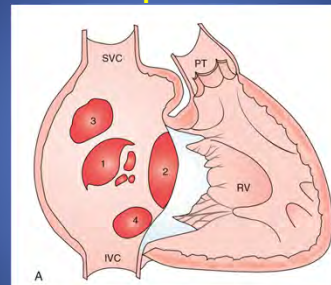
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TOF Pathophysiology

- Unrepaired:
 - Acyanotic with left to right shunt
 - Cyanotic
- Repaired:
 - Pulmonary insufficiency
 - RV dilation/dysfunction
 - Arrhythmias

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Atrial Septal Defect



- 1: Secundum
- 2: Primum
- 3: Superior sinus venosus
- 4: Inferior sinus venosus

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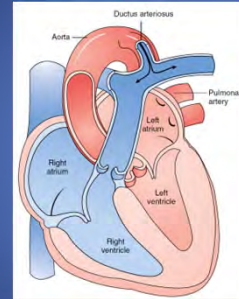
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Atrial Septal Defect Pathophysiology

- Primarily left-to-right shunt, often asymptomatic for years
- May have paradoxical embolus: TIA, stroke
- II/VI systolic murmur, fixed split second heart sound
- Acyanotic, cardiomegaly on CXR
- Diagnosis: echocardiography
- Treatment: device closure in cath lab or surgery with CPB
- Beware of partial anomalous pulmonary venous return

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Patent Ductus Arteriosus



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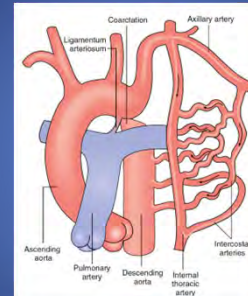
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Patent Ductus Arteriosus Pathophysiology

- Acyanotic: Left to right shunt depends on diameter, length, tortuosity, resistances in systemic/pulmonary circulations
- II-III/VI long systolic or continuous murmur
- Diagnosis: echo
- Adults: beware calcified, dilated, hypertensive PDA
- Treatment: surgery via L thoracotomy (non-bypass), device closure in cath lab
- Eisenmenger Syndrome possible

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Coarctation of the Aorta



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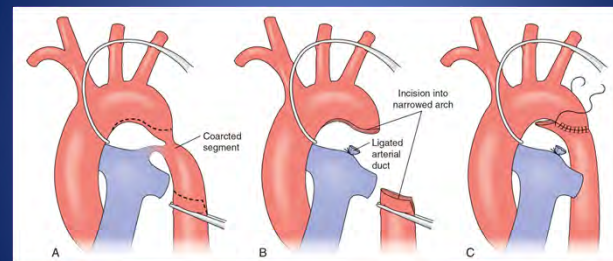
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Coarctation of the Aorta Pathophysiology

- Surgery:
 - Repaired via left thoracotomy; cath lab stenting
 - May have had subclavian flap: diminished BP left arm
- Diagnosis: echo/MRI
- Residual hypertension, coarctation, collateral circulation
- LV hypertrophy, early atherosclerosis

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Coarctation Repair



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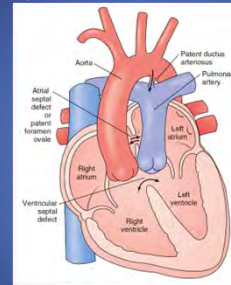
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D-Transposition of the Great Arteries

- Aorta and PA reversed in utero
- Parallel circulations: depends on communication for oxygenation: ASD,VSD,PDA
- Often profound cyanosis at birth
- Diagnosis: echo, may need balloon atrial septostomy
- Surgery: arterial switch operation since mid-1980's
- Still possible to see Mustard or Senning patients

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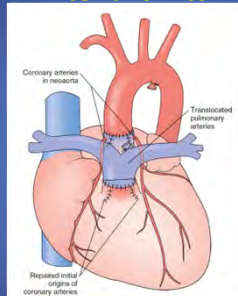
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Arterial Switch



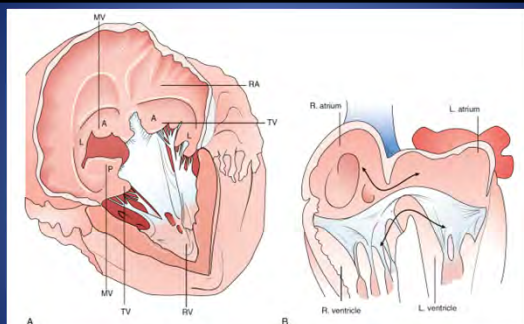
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Atrioventricular Canal

- Most frequently associated with Trisomy 21 (Down Syndrome)
- Early pulmonary hypertension possible with delayed repair
- Residual or progressive mitral regurgitation may necessitate surgery later in life
- Adults may have Eisenmenger Syndrome

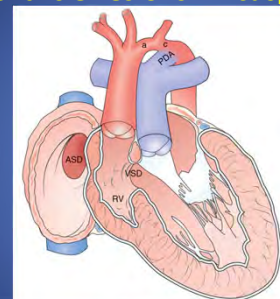
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Single Ventricle Lesions: Tricuspid Atresia



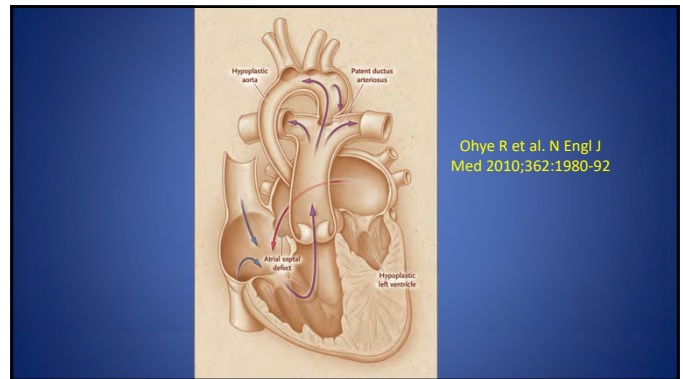
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Single Ventricle Lesions: Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

- 0.7% of CHD but one of most common neonatal operations
- Severe mitral and aortic stenosis or atresia
- Very small or non-existent LV
- Treatment: Norwood operation; “hybrid” Norwood, transplant
- Formerly 100% fatal in first month; now 70-75% survive long term
- We are now seeing young adults who had Norwoods in the 1980s-1990s

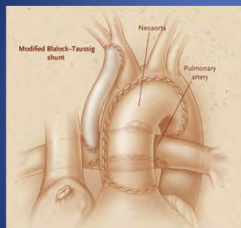
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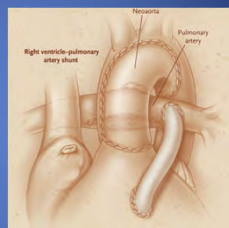
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Norwood Stage I Palliation



“Classic” BT Shunt

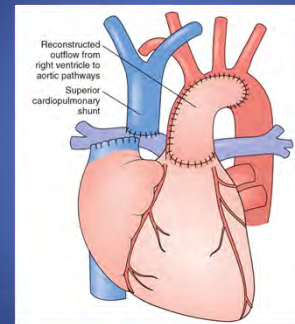


Sano Modification

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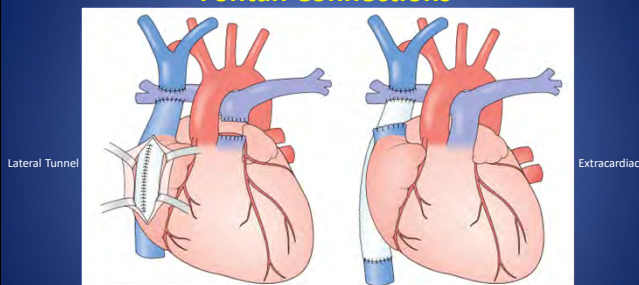
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Bidirectional Cavopulmonary Anastomosis (Glenn)



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Fontan Connections



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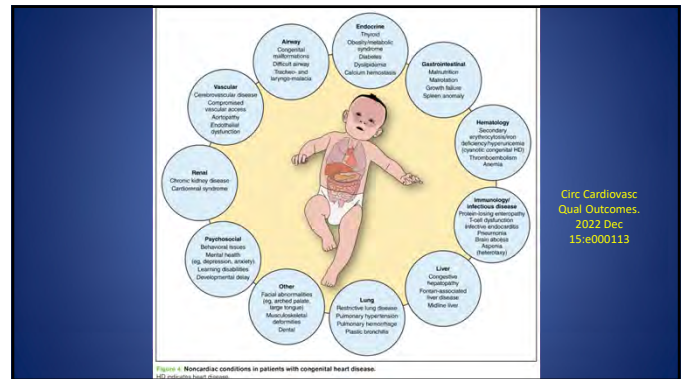
Single Ventricle Pathophysiology After Fontan

- CVP is the driving force for pulmonary blood flow
- Hypovolemia is poorly tolerated
- Positive pressure ventilation increases intrathoracic pressure, decreases pulmonary blood flow, decreasing cardiac output
- Pneumoperitoneum may be poorly tolerated
- Non-sinus rhythm is poorly tolerated
- May have fenestration: beware air in IV

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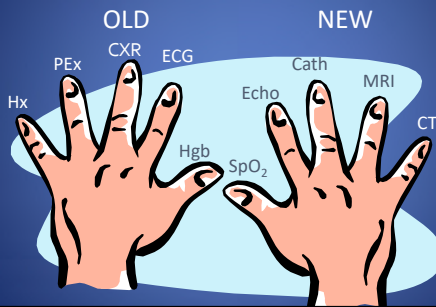
Preoperative Evaluation of Patients with Congenital Heart Disease

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10 Fingers of CHD Diagnosis



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Preoperative Evaluation: Practical Pathophysiologic Approach to CHD

- Is the patient cyanotic or acyanotic?
 - Cyanotic: is there a single functional ventricle?
 - Acyanotic: Left-to-right shunting, or obstructive/regurgitant lesion?
- Corrective or palliative surgery?
 - Resulting anatomy and residual defects?

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Cardiology Consultation

- General recommendations:
 - Cyanotic patients:
 - Well compensated: cardiology visit/echo within 6 months
 - Less well/poorly compensated: preoperative consultation
 - Acyanotic patients:
 - Well compensated: no consultation unless otherwise indicated
 - Less well/poorly compensated: preoperative consultation

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Common Preop Planning Issues

- CHD center with expertise
 - Cardiologist, Surgeon, ICU, Anesthesiologist for complex patient or procedure
- Inpatient vs. outpatient surgery
 - Proximity to help/expertise, inpatient admission
 - ASA III can undergo outpatient procedures if well compensated/minor surgery/plan to return
- Invasive monitoring: need increases with complexity
- of lesion/patient status/invasiveness of surgery
- Availability of emergency drugs/cardiobversion/defibrillator
- Blood transfusion: goals for oxygen carrying capacity
- Need for inotropes/vasodilators
- ICU care: postoperative ventilation/observation

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Conduct of Anesthesia

- No single drug or technique is prohibited for non-cardiac surgery in CHD
- Understand the pathophysiology and desired hemodynamic and ventilatory state
- Design anesthetic techniques to achieve the desired goals

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Infective Endocarditis Prophylaxis

- Major changes to AHA recommendations in 2007—no substantive changes since
 - Wilson et al. Circulation 2007;116:1736
- More limited cardiac indications
- More limited procedural indications

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Infective Endocarditis Prophylaxis

Table 3. Cardiac Conditions Associated With the Highest Risk of Adverse Outcome From Endocarditis for Which Prophylaxis With Dental Procedures Is Reasonable

Prosthetic cardiac valve or prosthetic material used for cardiac valve repair
Previous IE
Congenital heart disease (CHD)*
Unrepaired cyanotic CHD, including palliative shunts and conduits
Completely repaired congenital heart defect with prosthetic material or device, whether placed by surgery or by catheter intervention, during the first 6 months after the procedure†
Repaired CHD with residual defects at the site or adjacent to the site of a prosthetic patch or prosthetic device (which inhibit endothelialization)
Cardiac transplantation recipients who develop cardiac valvulopathy

*Except for the conditions listed above, antibiotic prophylaxis is no longer recommended for any other form of CHD.

†Prophylaxis is reasonable because endothelialization of prosthetic material occurs within 6 months after the procedure.

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Infective Endocarditis Prophylaxis

Antibiotic prophylaxis is no longer recommended for any other form of CHD, except for the conditions listed in Table 3.

Antibiotic prophylaxis is reasonable for all dental procedures that involve manipulation of gingival tissues or periapical region of teeth or perforation of oral mucosa only for patients with underlying cardiac conditions associated with the highest risk of adverse outcome from IE (Table 3).

Antibiotic prophylaxis is reasonable for procedures on respiratory tract or infected skin, skin structures, or musculoskeletal tissue only for patients with underlying cardiac conditions associated with the highest risk of adverse outcome from IE (Table 3).

Antibiotic prophylaxis solely to prevent IE is not recommended for GU or GI tract procedures.

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Infective Endocarditis Prophylaxis

Table 5. Regimens for a Dental Procedure

Situation	Agent	Regimen: Single Dose 30 to 60 min Before Procedure	
		Adults	Children
Oral	Amoxicillin	2 g	50 mg/kg
	Ampicillin	2 g IM or IV	50 mg/kg IM or IV
	OR		
Unable to take oral medication	Cefazolin or ceftriaxone	1 g IM or IV	50 mg/kg IM or IV
	OR		
	Cephalexin*†	2 g	50 mg/kg
Allergic to penicillins or ampicillin—oral	Clindamycin	600 mg	20 mg/kg
	OR		
	Azithromycin or clarithromycin	500 mg	15 mg/kg
Allergic to penicillins or ampicillin and unable to take oral medication	Cefazolin or ceftriaxone†	1 g IM or IV	50 mg/kg IM or IV
	OR		
	Clindamycin	600 mg IM or IV	20 mg/kg IM or IV

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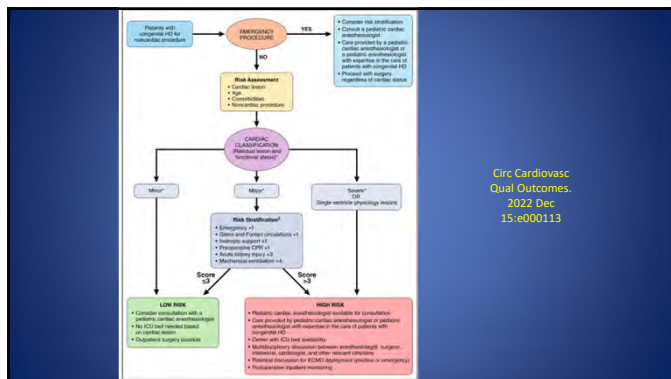
Classification of CHD

Table 1. ACS-NSQIP Classification of Congenital HD Based on Residual Lesion Burden and Functional Status

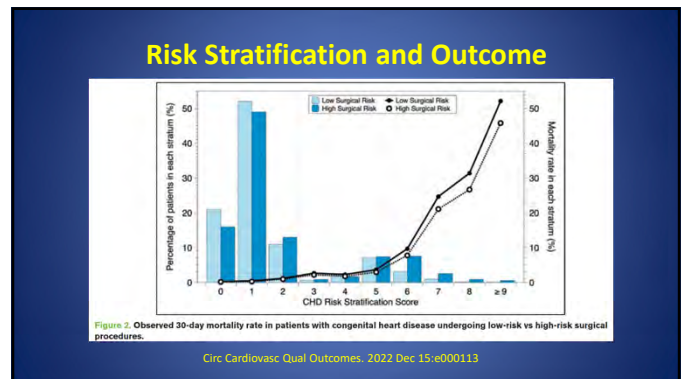
Congenital HD classification	Definition and criteria
Minor	Cardiac condition with or without medication and maintenance (eg, atrial septal defect, small to moderate ventricular septal defect without symptoms) Repair of congenital HD with normal cardiovascular function and no medication
Major	Repair of congenital HD with residual hemodynamic abnormality with or without medications (eg, tetralogy of Fallot with free pulmonary regurgitation, hypoplastic left heart syndrome including stage 1 palliation)
Severe	Uncorrected cyanotic congenital HD Patients with documented pulmonary hypertension Patients with ventricular dysfunction requiring medication Listed for heart transplantation

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TABLE 11	ACHD Management Issues for Noncardiac Surgery
Clarify CHD diagnosis	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify prior procedures, residua, sequelae, and current status, including ACHD AP classification Be aware that history obtained from only the patient and family may be faulty or incomplete Obtain and review old records to ensure accurate understanding of past procedures and clinical course Complete additional investigations required to define ACHD AP classification Develop management strategies to minimize risk and optimize outcome 	

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Factors associated with increased risk of perioperative morbidity and mortality

(S3.12-12):

- Cyanosis
- Congestive HF
- Poor general health
- Younger age
- Pulmonary hypertension
- Operations on the respiratory and nervous systems
- Complex CHD
- Urgent/emergency procedures

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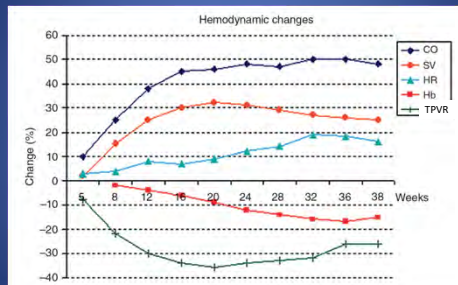
Issues to consider:

- Endocarditis prophylaxis
- Complications related to underlying hemodynamics
- Abnormal venous and/or arterial anatomy affecting venous and arterial access
- Persistent shunts
- Valvular disease
- Arrhythmias, including bradyarrhythmias
- Erythrocytosis
- Pulmonary vascular disease
- Meticulous line care (also consider air filters for intravenous lines) to reduce risk of paradoxical embolus in patients who are cyanotic because of right-to-left shunts
- Adjustment of anticoagulant volume in tubes for some blood work in cyanotic patients
- Prevention of venous thrombosis
- Monitoring of renal and liver function
- Periprocedure anticoagulation
- Possible need for nonconventional drug dosing
- Increased prevalence of hepatitis C infection because of prior procedures and remote blood transfusions
- Developmental disability

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Pregnancy and CHD



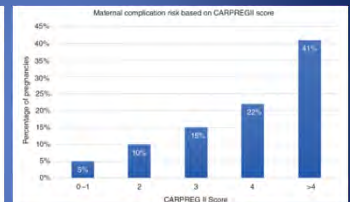
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Pregnancy and CHD

Table 20.2 CARPREG II risk stratification index

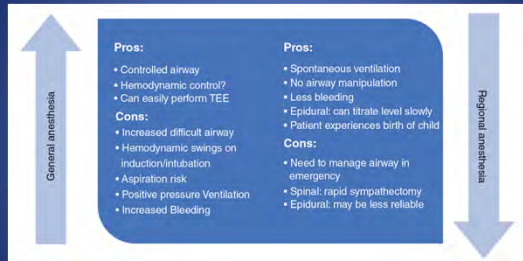
PREDICTOR	SCORE
Prior cardiac events or arrhythmias	3
Baseline NYHA II-IV or cyanosis	3
Mechanical valve	3
Ventricular dysfunction	2
High-risk left-sided valve disease/left ventricular outflow tract obstruction	2
Pulmonary hypertension	2
Coronary artery disease	2
High-risk aortopathy	2
No prior cardiac intervention	1
Late pregnancy assessment	1



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Pregnancy and CHD: General vs. Neuraxial Anesthesia



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Pacemakers/Defibrillators and CHD

- Primary issue: electrocautery often interferes with/disables pacemaker sensing/pacing, or can be interpreted as arrhythmia with defibrillators
- Crucial to understand underlying rhythm: is the patient pacemaker-dependent? (Life threatening bradycardia as underlying rhythm)
- Beat-to-beat BP monitoring essential: arterial line or well-functioning pulse oximeter; ECG and BP cuff alone insufficient
- Turn on pacemaker spike detection on OR ECG monitor
- Pacemaker/defibrillator pads for pacemaker dependent patients
- Consult cardiologist or industry representative whenever possible; often converting to asynchronous pacing and turning off defibrillator function is the approach

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Pacemakers/Defibrillators and CHD

Box 22.4: Perioperative management of patients with cardiac rhythm devices

Preoperative preparation

- Determination of the type of device and indication for pacing/CD
- Assessment of underlying rhythm and pacemaker dependency
- Evaluation of device function (pacemaker check, ECG, CXR)
- Consideration of reprogramming to the asynchronous pacing mode
- Deactivation of rate-adaptive functions
- Disabling of anti-tachycardia function/defibrillation mode as appropriate

Intraoperative management

- Intraoperative monitoring (continuous ECG, monitoring of effective cardiac output, e.g., pulse oximetry, cuff blood pressure, arterial line)
- Availability of backup temporary pacing and cardioversion-defibrillation equipment
- Immediate availability of drugs (isoproterenol, emergency agents)
- Avoidance of electromagnetic interference (bipolar electrocautery preferable; place grounding pad so current passes far away from the pacemaker and leads)
- Availability of magnet (not to replace preoperative evaluation or to be used instead of reprogramming device)

Postoperative considerations

- Continuous ECG monitoring, pulse oximetry, cuff pressure, or arterial line
- Immediate availability at all times of backup pacing and cardioversion-defibrillation equipment
- Interrogation of the device, reprogramming as needed
- Reactivation of special modes (anti-tachycardia, defibrillation mode for ICDs, and others)

CXR chest radiograph, ECG electrocardiogram, ICD implantable

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Case Study

- 42 y.o. female with history of tricuspid atresia
 - Atrial-pulmonary Fontan age 5 years
 - Fontan conversion to lateral tunnel (fenestrated) with Maze procedure at age 35
 - Pacemaker-defibrillator for sick sinus syndrome/atrial fibrillation
 - Medications: sotalolol, amiodarone, low dose aspirin
- Presents for laparoscopic cholecystectomy
- What additional information do you need?
- General approach to anesthetic?

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Conclusions

- Prevalence of CHD, high survival, and frequent non-cardiac conditions contribute to growing numbers of CHD patients having non-cardiac surgery
- Careful preoperative evaluation and planning can help direct appropriate resources to CHD patients having non-cardiac surgery
- A relatively simple risk stratification tool can help plan for the resources needed to care for these often complicated patients

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Pulmonary Hypertension Case Presentations: Your Questions Answered

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4.00 - 6.00pm



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Thin Air, Thick Vessels

Hypoxia, Pulmonary Hypertension, the Centennial State
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Definition of Pulmonary Hypertension

- An elevation in mPAP, from any cause
- First classified as mPAP > 25mmHg (1st World Symposium on PH in 1973)
- New classification as mPAP > 20mmHg (6th World Symposium on PH in 2018)
 - Why the change?
 - Emerging evidence of poor survival in patients with mPAPs of 21 - 24 mmHg
 - Normal distribution of data in a healthy population



Definition of Pulmonary Hypertension



Hemodynamic Classification of PH

Definitions	Characteristics	Clinical groups ^a
Pre-capillary PH	mPAP > 20mmHg PAP ≤ 15mmHg PVR ≥ 3 WU	1, 3, 4 and 5
Isolated post-capillary PH	mPAP > 20mmHg PAP ≤ 15mmHg PVR < 3WU	2 and 5
Combined pre- and post-capillary PH	mPAP > 20mmHg PAP > 15mmHg PVR ≥ 3WU	2 and 5

Simonneau G et al. Eur Respir J. 2019;53



Clinical Classification of PH

1. PAH

- 1.1. Idiopathic PAH
- 1.2. Heritable PAH
- 1.3. Drug and toxin induced PAH (table 3)
- 1.4. PAH associated with:
 - 1.4.1. Connective tissue disease
 - 1.4.2. HIV infection
 - 1.4.3. Portal hypertension
 - 1.4.4. Congenital heart disease
 - 1.4.5. Schistosomiasis
- 1.5. PAH long-term responders to calcium channel blockers
- 1.6. PAH with overt features of venous/capillaries (PVOD/PCH) involvement
- 1.7. Persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn (PPHN)



Clinical Classification of PH

2. PH due to left heart disease

- 2.1. PH due to heart failure with preserved LVEF
- 2.2. PH due to heart failure with reduced LVEF
- 2.3. Valvular heart disease
- 2.4. Congenital/acquired cardiovascular conditions leading to post-capillary PH

3. PH due to lung diseases and/or hypoxia

- 3.1. Obstructive lung disease
- 3.2. Restrictive lung disease
- 3.3. Other lung disease with mixed restrictive/obstructive pattern
- 3.4. Hypoxia without lung disease
- 3.5. Developmental lung disorders



Clinical Classification of PH

4. PH due to pulmonary artery obstructions

- 4.1. Chronic thromboembolic PH
- 4.2. Other pulmonary artery obstructions
 - 4.2.1. Sarcoma (high or intermediate grade) or angiosarcoma
 - 4.2.2. Other malignant tumors:
 - Renal carcinoma
 - Uterine carcinoma
 - Germ cell tumors of the testis
 - Other tumors
 - 4.2.3. Non-malignant tumors
 - Uterine leiomyoma
 - 4.2.4. Arteritis without connective tissue disease
 - 4.2.5. Congenital pulmonary artery stenosis
 - 4.2.6. Parasites
 - Hydatidosis



Clinical Classification of PH

5. PH with unclear and/or multifactorial mechanisms

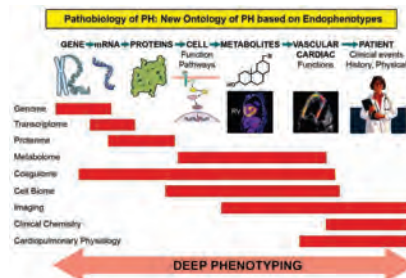
- 5.1. Hematologic disorders
 - Chronic hemolytic anemia
 - Myceloproliferative disorders
- 5.2. Systemic disorders and metabolic disorders
 - Pulmonary Langerhans cell histiocytosis
 - Gaucher disease
 - Glycogen storage disease
 - Neurofibromatosis
 - Sarcoidosis
- 5.3. Others
 - Chronic renal failure with or without hemodialysis
 - Fibrosing mediastinitis
- 5.4. Complex congenital heart disease



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Genomic Classification of PH (PVDOMICS)

Redefining Pulmonary Hypertension through Pulmonary Vascular Disease Phenomics



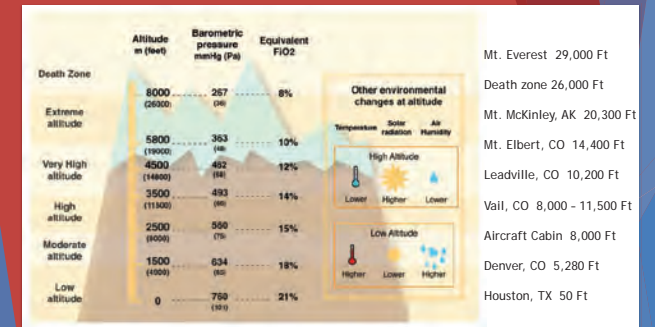
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Cardiopulmonary Responses to Hypoxia

- ▶ Acute Maladaptation
 - ▶ Acute Mountain Sickness (unacclimatized person travelling above 8,000 Ft)
 - ▶ HAPE
 - ▶ HACE
- ▶ Chronic Changes
 - ▶ Hypoxia Induced PH



Parati et al. Eur Heart J. 2018 May 1;39(17):1546-1554.

Hypoxic Pulmonary Vasoconstriction

- ▶ Acute hypoxia causes pulmonary vasoconstriction
- ▶ Importance in V/Q matching
- ▶ Problematic if it occurs in the entire lung
 - ▶ HAPE (High Altitude Pulmonary Edema)

Von-Euler Liljestrand mechanism

Cattle Ranches in Colorado.....and Pulmonary Hypertension



**DON'T FEAR
THE BRISKET**



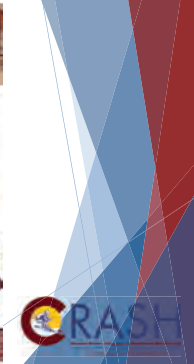
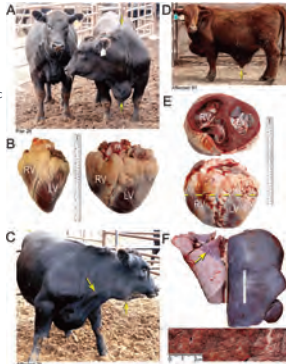
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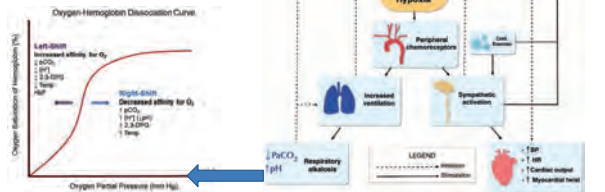


John "Jack" Reeves 1928 - 2004
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'Brisket Disease'



Physiological Response to Hypoxia



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Consequences of acute HPV

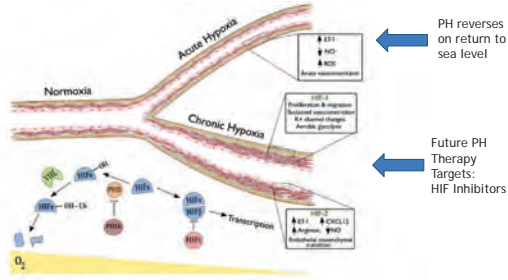


Above 5,000 Ft a 10% decrease in $\dot{V}O_2$ is observed for every additional 3,000 Ft of altitude gained



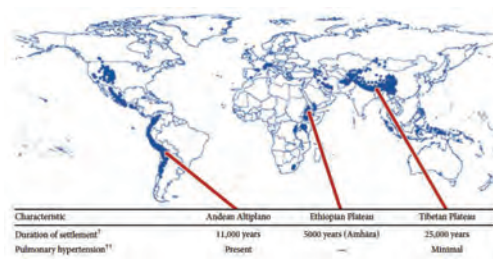
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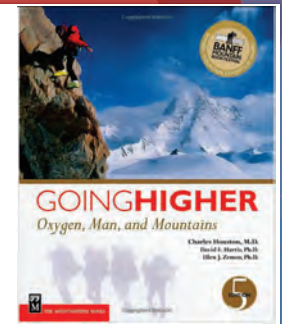
Map showing populated regions at altitudes of 8,000 Ft or higher Genetic selection vs acclimatization

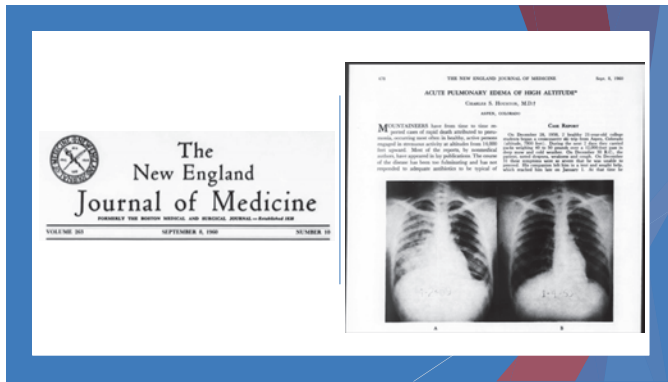


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Case Report

- ▶ 15yr old male, 34kg, presents for surgical VSD closure Sept 2022
- ▶ Lived in the mountains of Guatemala (8,000 Ft) until 6 months ago
- ▶ Diagnosis made in Guatemala but surgery not available. Intermittent treatment with diuretics
- ▶ Relocated to Albuquerque, New Mexico (5,300 Ft)
- ▶ Initially seen by a cardiologist at an outside hospital
- ▶ Echocardiogram and cardiac catheterization performed

Echocardiogram September 2022

1. Dextrocardia, situs solitus, concordant atrioventricular connection and concordant ventriculoarterial connection.
2. Large inlet ventricular septal defect with unrestrictive (low-velocity), primarily left to right shunting. The inlet VSD measures 2.53 cm X 3.28 cm.
3. Moderately to severely dilated left atrium.
4. Moderate-to-severe mitral valve stenosis in the setting of a substantial shunt, mean gradient of 14 mmHg
5. The left ventricle is severely dilated with mildly diminished systolic function. Biplane LV EF 53.1 %.
6. Dysplastic pulmonary valve with mildly thickened leaflets and systolic doming. Mild pulmonary valve stenosis with moderate regurgitation.
7. The left pulmonary artery is normal. The right pulmonary artery is severely dilated.
8. The right ventricle is moderately dilated with normal systolic function.
9. Moderate tricuspid valve regurgitation on color flow Doppler.
10. Mild-to-moderate septal flattening in systole and diastole.



Cardiac Cath March 2022

Pressure Summary (mmHg)

Time	Site	Sys	Diast	End	Mean	A Wave	V Wave	Max d/dt	HR (bpm)
Baseline									
8:46 AM	LPCW				31	24	28		80
8:46 AM	LV	72	44	12	53			720	81
8:47 AM	AO	70	44		53				81
8:47 AM	ASAO	69	41		50				80
8:47 AM	DSAO	69	41		50				80
8:48 AM	LPA	70	34		45				70
8:48 AM	RPA	73	28		44			672	80
9:50 AM	RV	78		11					85
10:09 AM	RPA	87	33		64				85

Cardiac Cath March 2022

Cardiac Output Results-M

Phase	Manual C.O. (l per min)	Manual C.I. (l per min per m ²)	Qp/Qs	YOC (l per min per m ²)	Pick C.O. (l per min)	Pick C.I. (l per min per m ²)	Pick HR (bpm)
Baseline			2.6/1.0		3.68	3.1	

Resistance Results (Wood Units)

Phase	PVR (WU)	SVR (WU)	PVR/M (WU/m ²)	SVR/M (WU/m ²)	TPR (WU)	TVR (WU)	TPR/M (WU/m ²)	TVR/M (WU/m ²)	PVR/TVR	TPR/TVR
Baseline	1.81	2.13			4.2	14.69	4.93	17.12	0.29	0.29

Valve Results-M

Valve	Mean Gradient (mmHg)	Flow (ml per s)	Area (cm ²)	Area Index (cm ² /m ²)	Reg per Diast (mmHg)	HR (bpm)
Mitral	13.49	113.97	0.92	0.7	31.37	85

What PH is this?

Increased mPAP 45 - 55 mmHg

PCWP 21 mmHg

Mean Mitral Valve Gradient 13.5 mmHg

Qp/Qs 3:1

PVRI 2 Wum²

There are lies, damn lies and cath data.....

Adapted from Mark Twain



Guidance for assessing operability in pulmonary arterial hypertension associated with congenital heart disease

PVRI Wood units m ²	PVR Wood units	Correctability / favorable long-term outcome
< 4	< 2.3	Yes
> 8	> 4.6	No
4 - 8	2.3 - 4.6	Individual patient evaluation in tertiary center



Surgery 9/22/22

Preop diagnosis: Ventricular septal defect, pulmonary hypertension, mitral valve stenosis possible mitral valve supravalar ring, dextrocardia situs solitus

Procedure: Mitral valve repair with resection of supra mitral valve ring, VSD repair Gore-Tex patch from right ventriculotomy

Indication: This patient is a 15-year-old male who has had a large ventricular septal defect with dextrocardia, situs solitus, bilateral SVC no bridging vein. Patient has evidence of elevated right heart pressures, but the VSD is completely unrestrictive. Pulmonary vascular resistance on a previous catheterization was calculated as normal. Patient has oxygen saturations that are 98% on room air. Patient has an echocardiogram that reveals systolic and diastolic left to right flow through the VSD. Inexplicably this patient does not have fixed pulmonary hypertension despite having a huge VSD. Patient also has evidence of mitral stenosis with a gradient of 15mmHg across the mitral valve in the face of a large left-to-right shunt. Patient likely has a supra mitral valve ring with some parachute subvalvular apparatus abnormality.



Post-op

Poor LV Function

Extubated following day

RA Clot noted



Echocardiogram 9/28/22

1. There is an organized thrombus with well defined borders that is adhered inside the right atrial appendage.
2. Mild tricuspid valve regurgitation on color flow Doppler. TR Vmax = 3.7 m/s; peak gradient = 56 mmHg.
3. S/P supravalar mitral ring resection and mitral valve leaflet commissurotomy. Normal antegrade mitral valve flow. Mild mitral valve regurgitation.
4. The left ventricle is moderately to severely dilated with normal wall thickness and mildly to moderately diminished systolic function. Biplane LV EF = 40.1 %. Compared to the previous study on 9/26/22, the left ventricle systolic function appears much improved, was moderate-severely diminished with an EF% of 30.2%.
5. The right ventricle is mildly dilated with moderate hypertrophy and normal systolic function.
6. There is no residual ventricular level shunting from the views obtained.



Discharged 10/4/22

Apixaban
Furosemide
Spironolactone
Lisinopril
Metoprolol

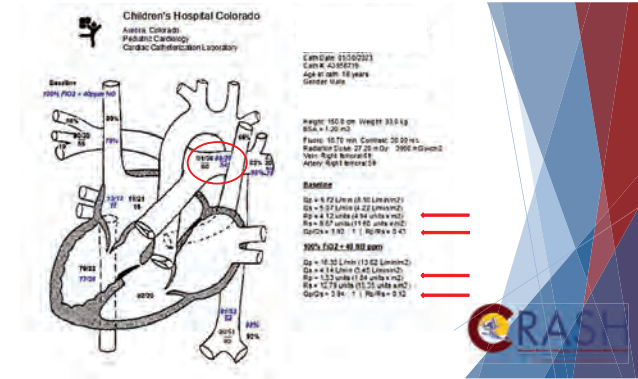


Represents 1/25/23

'He is currently critically ill with ventricular dysfunction with fluid overload in the setting of difficulties obtaining his baseline cardiac medications. Additionally, there is concern for VSD patch dehiscence which would explain his heart failure that has been exacerbated by medication non-adherence. He is currently requiring respiratory support with low-flow nasal cannula'.

Echocardiogram 1/26/23

1. Status post patch closure of inlet VSD. There is dehiscence of the basal aspect of the VSD patch with a likely small-to-moderate shunt that is predominantly left-to-right.
2. Mild to moderate tricuspid valve regurgitation on color flow Doppler. TR Vmax = 4.9 m/s; peak gradient = 95 mmHg.
3. The left ventricle is moderately to severely dilated with normal wall thickness and severely diminished systolic function. Biplane LV EF = 27.9 %.
4. The previous right atrial appendage thrombus is no longer visualized.
5. Moderate mitral stenosis. Mean gradient = 8.7 mmHg at a heart rate of 110bpm.
6. Moderately to severely dilated left atrium.
7. There is echocardiographic evidence of pulmonary hypertension.
8. The right ventricle is mildly dilated with moderate hypertrophy and normal systolic function.



Surgery 2/2/23

Indication: This patient is a 16-year-old male with a history of an untreated ventricular septal defect and mitral valve stenosis with a supra mitral valve ring. Earlier this year the patient underwent repair of the ventricular septal defect and resection of the supra mitral valve ring. Patient had significant pulmonary hypertension and decreased left ventricular function at the time of that surgery. Patient has subsequently returned with recurrent ventricular septal defect with dehiscence of the patch and mild mitral stenosis and mild insufficiency. Patient has severe left ventricular dysfunction and pulmonary hypertension. Patient presents now for repair of recurrent VSD and possible mitral valve repair. Patient is extremely high risk.

Findings: Patient was found to have significant vegetation on the VSD patch with dehiscence in the inlet portion of the VSD. Cultures were sent of the vegetation material and the patch. There was mild mitral valve insufficiency arising from the commissure. There were severe adhesions within the mediastinum there is dextrocardia with significant severe pulmonary hypertension and decreased left ventricular function.

Echocardiogram 2/9/23

1. The left ventricle is moderately to severely dilated with normal wall thickness and severely diminished systolic function. Biplane LV EF = 27.6 %.
2. The right ventricle is mildly dilated with moderate hypertrophy and low normal systolic function.
3. Moderate tricuspid valve regurgitation on color flow Doppler. TR Vmax = 3.8 m/s; peak gradient = 56 mmHg.
4. S/P supravulvar mitral ring resection and mitral valve leaflet commissurotomy. Status post mitral valve stitch annuloplasty Mild mitral stenosis. Mean gradient = 3.9 mmHg. Moderate mitral valve regurgitation.
5. Status post revision of VSD patch. previously noted tiny residual membranous ventricular septal defect not visualized.

Post-op

Extubated following day, milrinone, low dose epinephrine

Infective endocarditis: Dehisc VSD patch coag negative staph (Staph Warneri)

Currently continues with milrinone, mexilitene (PJRT), aldactone, furosemide, magnesium and potassium supplements, cefazolin

Heart Failure Treatment: Entresto (Sacubitril/Valsartan)
Sacubitril - neprilysin inhibitor
Valsartan - angiotensin receptor blocker

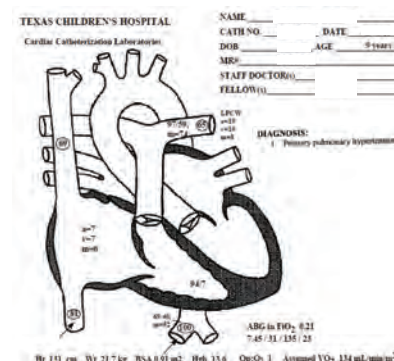
Remains an inpatient on nasal canula O₂ and AVAPS at night



Photo with parent/patient permission

Patient Data

- Echo: Mild TR 5.7-6 m/sec, mod/severe RVD/RVH, mildly depressed RV function, MPI 0.59; compressed LV with EF 63%



Catheterization Data

	FiO ₂ 0.21	FiO ₂ 0.92 + iNO 40 PPM	FiO ₂ 0.92 + iNO 40 PPM + iloprost
RAP mm Hg	6	9	11
PAP mm Hg	97/59 (74)	90/52 (67)	90/52 (67)
PA Sat %	65	79	78
PCWP mm Hg	8	10	10
FA pressure mm Hg	69/40 (52)	78/44 (57)	70/40 (51)
FA Sat %	100	100	100
CI L/min/m ²	2.2	2.2	2.5
PVRI (WoodU/m ²)	30	25.9	22.8
SVRI (WoodU/m ²)	20.9	21.8	16
Rp:Rs	1.44	1.19	1.43

Pediatric PH and Perioperative Risk

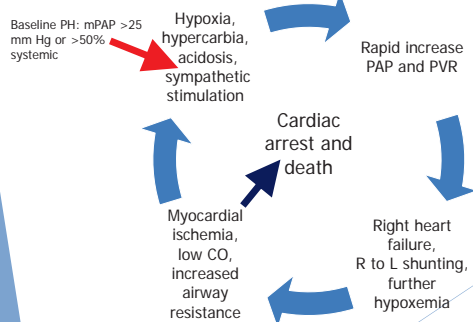
- Children with PH have a 30-400 times greater risk of cardiac arrest under anesthesia for non-cardiac surgery and cardiac catheterization, compared to children without PH/heart disease
- Children with PH have a 20-350 times greater risk of death under anesthesia for non-cardiac surgery and cardiac catheterization, compared to children without PH/heart disease
- Risk increases with severity of PH
- Suprasystemic PH confers the greatest risk



PH Pathophysiologic Classification for the Anesthesiologist

- Degree of PH:
 - 50-75% systemic
 - 75-100% systemic
 - Suprasystemic
- Reactivity to oxygen and iNO, other pulmonary vasodilators
- Symptomatology
- Medications: prostaglandins, PDE5 inhibitors, endothelin antagonists, anticoagulation

Pathophysiology of a PH Crisis



Prevention of PH Crises During/After Anesthesia

- ▶ Choose anesthetic that does not increase PVR, or lower SVR excessively
- ▶ Exception: PV obstruction—lowering PVR may worsen
- ▶ Monitoring: invasive arterial/central venous/PAP for high risk non-cardiac cases; echo—transthoracic or TEE
- ▶ Frequent ABG
- ▶ Prophylactic iNO for high risk cases
- ▶ ICU care and medical consultation postoperatively
 - ▶ Excellent multidisciplinary communication

PH Crises During Anesthesia

- ▶ Mild
 - ▶ PAP 50-75% systemic with no hemodynamic compromise, baseline SpO₂
 - ▶ Perhaps not a “crisis”
- ▶ Moderate
 - ▶ PAP 75-100% systemic
 - ▶ Compromised RV function
 - ▶ Decreased SpO₂ <10%, and systemic BP not >20%
- ▶ Severe
 - ▶ Suprasystemic PAP
 - ▶ Significant arterial desaturation >10%
 - ▶ >20% decrease systemic BP
 - ▶ Myocardial ischemia
 - ▶ Increased airway resistance

PH Crisis Diagnosis Under Anesthesia

- ▶ Direct PAP monitoring
 - ▶ Used infrequently; can measure easily with open chest
 - ▶ Reserve for high-risk cases; not available for non-cardiac surgery
 - ▶ May use with SvO₂
- ▶ Echocardiography
 - ▶ Transesophageal, epicardial, transthoracic
- ▶ TR jet velocity consistent with RVP>50% systemic
- ▶ Flattening/paradoxical motion of interventricular septum
- ▶ Depressed RV function
 - ▶ Preserved with lesser PH crisis, or with significant inotropic support

Treatment of PH Crisis During Anesthesia

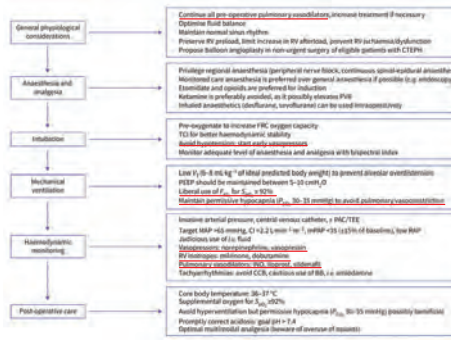
- ▶ Hyperoxygenation and hyperventilation
 - ▶ Both acutely decrease PAP/PVR
- ▶ Increase depth of anesthesia
 - ▶ Lower PVR without effecting SVR
 - ▶ Synthetic opioids, i.e. fentanyl 10-25 mcg/kg are most effective
- ▶ Increase pH with IV sodium bicarbonate
- ▶ Provide adequate RV preload

Treatment of PH Crisis During Anesthesia

- ▶ Inotropic support:
 - ▶ Milrinone infusion with loading dose if tolerated
 - ▶ Epinephrine bolus or infusion
 - ▶ Vasopressin to maintain SVR
- ▶ iNO 20 PPM
- ▶ CPR
- ▶ ECMO
 - ▶ E-CPR: rapid institution if no response to standard CPR

Freisen et al Ped Anesth 2008;18:208
 Galante Curr Opin Anesthesiol 2009;22:378
 Adata et al Cardiol Young 2009;19(E-supplement-1):23

- ▶ No single agent is ideal
 - ▶ Combinations/balanced technique
 - ▶ Hemodynamic goals more important than individual agents
- ▶ Opioids
- ▶ Anesthetic gases
- ▶ Ketamine
- ▶ Etomidate
- ▶ Propofol
- ▶ Dexmedetomidine



Eur Respir Rev
2021;30:210166

- ▶ Short painful procedure; not cooperative
- ▶ No ASD
- ▶ Minimal reactivity to pulmonary vasodilators
- ▶ Requires immobility, maintained airway with normal/low PaCO₂, high SaO₂
- ▶ Avoid catecholamine surge with port placement
- ▶ Rapid awakening without respiratory depression
- ▶ Resuscitation drugs and iNO in OR
- ▶ Continue all PO PH medications; DO NOT STOP IV PH medications!

- ▶ Preoxygenation FiO_2 1.0
- ▶ Etomidate induction 0.3 mg/kg IV
- ▶ Sevoflurane 2-3% end-tidal
- ▶ Remifentanyl 0.2-0.25 mcg/kg/min
- ▶ Muscle relaxation with rocuronium
- ▶ Laryngotracheal anesthesia 30 mg lidocaine
- ▶ ET intubation
- ▶ Ropivacaine 0.2% 4 cc to sites by surgeon
- ▶ Stable throughout; trachea extubated awake
- ▶ 60 minute anesthetic

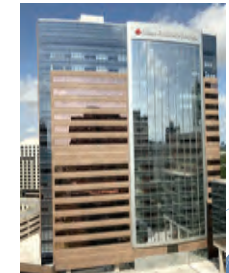


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PULMONARY HYPERTENSION IN PREGNANCY: CASE PRESENTATION

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* I have no conflicts to disclose.*



GOALS & OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss the diagnosis, management, and outcomes of pulmonary hypertension (PH) during pregnancy.
2. Review the physiologic effects of obstetric medications and techniques on PH.
3. Develop a safe delivery plan for vaginal or cesarean delivery.



CASE SCENARIO

- ▶ J.C. was a 36-year old G2P1 at 25+ weeks gestation who had been followed for 3 years in our Pulmonary Hypertension clinic for severe primary pulmonary hypertension (PPH). Her pregnancy was diagnosed at ~ 20 weeks, and although unplanned was much desired. Termination was discussed but refused. The fetus was growing normally at that point.



CASE SCENARIO

- ▶ Following her initial diagnosis 3 years ago, she had been stabilized on a regimen of Coumadin, Lasix, oxygen by nasal cannula, and a continuous prostacyclin infusion via port and central line. Because she responded so well, she had been removed from the active pulmonary transplant list. When her pregnancy was diagnosed, Coumadin was changed to heparin due to teratogenic concerns.



CASE SCENARIO

- ▶ The Anesthesiology service was initially consulted when a central line infection required removal and replacement, along with vancomycin therapy. Her obstetric history was additionally complicated by:
 - Prior cesarean delivery for dystocia 14 years ago.
 - Morbid obesity with BMI 45, 260 lbs.
 - New diagnosis of fetal hypoplastic left heart.
 - Breech fetus at 25 weeks; receiving betamethasone.



CASE SCENARIO

- ▶ Issues at our multi-disciplinary care conference:
 - Thrombocytopenia of 67K platelets, presumably due to heparin (HIT), so LMWH was substituted.
 - Teratogenicity concerns: Coumadin, Bosentan
 - Tocolytic agents: because of their side effects, no attempt would be made to treat PTL if it occurred.
 - Oxytocic choices were also limited because of their physiologic side effects.



SIDE EFFECTS OF OBSTETRIC MEDICATIONS

- ▶ L&D meds that ↑ pulmonary vascular resistance:
 - Prostaglandin F-2 alpha (Hemabate)
 - Methylergonovine (Methergine)
 - Parenteral narcotics (hypoventilation and ↑ CO₂)
 - Butorphanol (Stadol)
 - Nitrous oxide for labor analgesia or GETA



SIDE EFFECTS OF OBSTETRIC MEDICATIONS

- ▶ L&D meds that ↓ systemic vascular resistance:
 - Neuraxial local anesthetics
 - Parenteral IV morphine
 - Calcium channel blocking agents
 - Beta-agonist tocolytics (e.g. terbutaline)
 - Magnesium sulfate when given as a bolus
 - Oxytocin as a bolus or in high concentrations



CASE SCENARIO

- ▶ This was our anesthesia problem list:
 - Severe pulmonary HTN with PAS 70-90 mmHg and severely dilated right ventricle
 - Anti-coagulation with LMWH after thrombocytopenia with heparin
 - Morbid obesity
 - High probability of repeat cesarean if induced
 - Fetal hypoplastic left heart syndrome



PULMONARY HTN DURING PREGNANCY

- ▶ A diagnosis of exclusion, e.g. mitral stenosis, lupus, pulmonary embolism, peripartum cardiomyopathy
- ▶ Primary PH is typically women 20-30 years old
- ▶ Estimated incidence of 1-2 per million
- ▶ Mortality 30-50% during pregnancy & postpartum; possibly improved with new therapies
- ▶ NYHA functional class III or IV has ↑ mortality
- ▶ Most deaths occur within 1 month postpartum



PULMONARY HTN DURING PREGNANCY - DIAGNOSIS

- ▶ Signs & symptoms: fatigue, dyspnea on exertion, palpitations, pre-syncope or syncope, chest pain
- ▶ These are subtle and usually missed, as they are common during pregnancy in general
- ▶ ECHO: RA and RV enlargement, ↓ RV function, paradoxical movement of the intra-ventricular septum, TR can be used to estimate PA systolic
- ▶ The diagnostic standard is a right heart cath



PULMONARY HTN DURING PREGNANCY - PHYSIOLOGY

- ▶ ↑ blood volume and cardiac output during 2nd and 3rd trimester may ↑ PA pressures further, increasing afterload on the RV → PH crisis; usually 20-28 weeks gestation
- ▶ Hypercoagulability during pregnancy and postpartum may ↑ the tendency for thrombus formation in the lungs, thus a need for anti-coagulation
- ▶ Pregnancy is contraindicated due to high maternal and fetal mortality. But then so is hormonal contraception – thus pregnancies occur.



CASE SCENARIO

- ▶ Our patient understood her risks but would not end the pregnancy. Her stated goal was to see her daughter's 1st birthday.
- ▶ The primary objective of her medical management was to achieve low-risk clinical status: lower PVR and improve right heart function as much as possible, optimizing RV systolic function at the least degree of TR.



PULMONARY HTN DURING PREGNANCY – MEDICAL MGT

- ▶ Continuous oxygen therapy for O₂ sat \geq 95%
- ▶ Anti-coagulation with LMWH; heparin at term
- ▶ Diuretics as needed based on symptoms and CVP
- ▶ Oral vasodilators: sildenafil (Viagra, Revatio) or tadalafil (Cialis), calcium channel blockers
- ▶ Epoprostenol / Flolan by continuous infusion as a vasodilator and platelet inhibitor
- ▶ Nitric oxide for acute exacerbations intrapartum



VAGINAL VS. CESAREAN DELIVERY

Effects	Vaginal Delivery	Cesarean Delivery
Advantages	Less blood loss	Able to time the delivery and have consultants available
	Avoids surgical stress	Avoids the need for emergency cesarean - highest morbidity/mortality
	Better hemodynamic stability	
	Early ambulation	
Disadvantages	Labor can be prolonged and unpredictable	Involves a major abdominal surgery and anesthetic
		↑ risk of hemorrhage
		↑ risk of postoperative infection
		↑ postop pulmonary cx

DELIVERY PLANNING

- ▶ Thus, mode of delivery should be based on obstetric indications
- ▶ Monitors: arterial line and PA catheter placed in the cath lab under fluoro due to ↑ PAS and dilated RV *versus* avoid PA cath 2^o arrhythmias, thrombus, PA rupture?? TEE is not an option in labor
- ▶ Analgesia for labor: continuous spinal opioid infusion (i.e. wet tap → 5 mcg sufentanil / hour) pending coagulation status (LMWH, platelets)
- ▶ Planned assisted vaginal delivery to avoid Valsalva



DELIVERY PLANNING

- ▶ Anesthesia for cesarean delivery: slow titration of continuous spinal or epidural using bupivacaine, *versus* GETA with a rapid sequence induction (etomidate, opioids) after aspiration prophylaxis
- ▶ Location: main OR versus L&D operating rooms using resources and personnel brought there?
- ▶ Nitric oxide would be on standby
- ▶ Recovery in the MICU with the Pulmonary Critical Care service



ODDS & ENDS FROM CASE REPORTS

- ▶ Epidural lidocaine + aerosolized prostacyclin for C/S
- ▶ Choose epidural ropivacaine for its slow onset during titration and ↓ cardiotoxicity
- ▶ Have a variety of pulmonary vasodilators for GETA
- ▶ TEE is more useful than a PA catheter during GA to diagnosis decompensation due to hypovolemia
- ▶ ECMO can be instituted prior to C/S if acute decompensation occurs, but there is a high rate of complications in pregnancy



ODDS & ENDS FROM CASE REPORTS

- ▶ Case series have shown no difference in outcomes with C/S versus vaginal delivery or neuraxial anesthesia versus general.
- ▶ NTG boluses are sometimes used for uterine relaxation during labor and delivery; patients taking sildenafil (or similar drugs) can experience profound hypotension – avoid!
- ▶ In a recent series of cardiac surgery patients, the highest risk factor for pre-incision cardiac arrest was severe pulmonary hypertension (OR 3.40).



CASE SCENARIO

- ▶ At 36 weeks there was no interval fetal growth and the biophysical profile was only 4/10, necessitating delivery.
- ▶ Breech presentation and non-reassuring fetal monitoring required cesarean delivery.
- ▶ We chose to use the L&D OR with MICU / PH attendings present for consultation. Cardiac surgery was aware and available for possible ECMO. An OB anesthesia attending and a Cardiac attending co-managed the case.
- ▶ A PA catheter was placed in the cardiac cath lab prior to transport to the O.R. A pre-induction arterial line was inserted. General anesthesia was induced uneventfully with an easy intubation. TEE was placed and positioned.



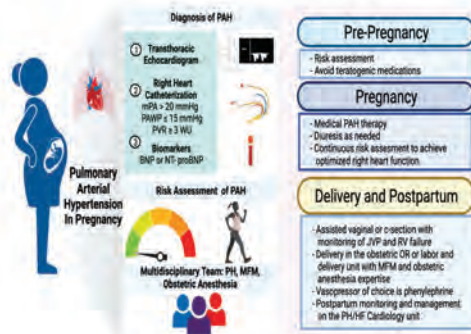
CASE SCENARIO

- ▶ Hemodynamic goals: maintain preload & afterload but avoid volume overload, tachycardia or ↑ cardiac output that would ↑ pulmonary blood flow.
- ▶ Just after delivery her PA pressures rose to 120 mmHg and her systemic pressure fell to the 90s, but both responded to dobutamine, phenylephrine and NTG.
- ▶ Nitric oxide was available in the room with respiratory therapy present, but was not used.
- ▶ She was extubated in the OR and taken to the MICU with stable hemodynamics.



CASE SCENARIO

- ▶ At two months of age the infant received a successful heart transplant.
- ▶ Six months after delivery the patient was stable in her baseline condition.
- ▶ Shortly after her daughter's 1st birthday, her husband found her dead at home of a sudden cardiac event.



CONCLUSIONS THAT HAVEN'T CHANGED IN OVER A DECADE

"Primary pulmonary hypertension is associated with a poor survival and a poor quality of life. At present there is no cure, understanding of the disease is incomplete, and treatment options are limited...As maternal mortality is 30-50%, pregnancy is best avoided and some advocate termination...The optimum mode of delivery is unclear." *Int J Obstet Gynecol 2009;18:156*



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Breathing for two





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WHAT'S NEW IN OBSTETRIC ANESTHESIA FROM 2022?

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GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Discuss how literature from the past year may:

1. Change clinical practice in obstetric anesthesia via new **guidelines and policies**.
2. Produce best practices for **analgesic and anesthetic techniques** during labor and delivery.
3. Optimize and expedite management of **anesthetic and obstetric complications**.
4. Alter practices affecting the **fetus and newborn**.



GUIDELINES, POLICIES & PROCEDURES



"It's a baby. Federal regulations prohibit our mentioning its race, age, or gender."

STATEMENT ON ORAL INTAKE IN LABOR

ASA Committee on Obstetric Anesthesia (approved 10/22)
found at www.asahq.org / Guidelines

- Gastric emptying in labor is delayed as much as 90%; worse with opioids or no analgesia, improved with neuraxial.
- Lower esophageal sphincter pressure is reduced as early as 1st trimester; 50% have GERD by 3rd trimester.
- Most GETA is emergent; difficult intubation is more common in pregnancy and increases aspiration risk.

ORAL INTAKE (cont)

- No benefits have been shown to solid food intake over drinking clear liquids, although maternal satisfaction may ↓.
- Both ASA and ACOG guidelines state consumption of solid food in active labor should be avoided.
- However strict NPO policies can cause patient distress.
- Conclusions: 1) Offer clear liquids during labor 2) High risk patients or labors may require further restrictions on intake 3) No conclusions can be made on pre-labor intake, i.e. IOL 4) Do not deny neuraxial regardless of NPO status.

STATEMENT ON QUALITY METRICS

ASA Committee on Obstetric Anesthesia (approved 10/22)

The Institute of Medicine has outlined 6 domains of quality, and these were used to develop relevant and quantifiable quality metrics for obstetric anesthesia care.

1. Mode of anesthesia for CD: avoid GA when possible
2. Neuraxial-induced hypotension during CD: monitor, prevent with pressors, and treat when below baseline
3. Post-cesarean opioid use: ↓ with multi-modal therapies

QUALITY METRICS (cont)

4. Responsiveness to the request for labor analgesia: avoid delays (defined by the institution) or failure to provide.
5. Post dural puncture headache: monitor rates, response time for evaluation, and treatments.
6. Labor epidural replacements: time to adequate analgesia, regular assessments, and replacements.

www.asahq.org

STATEMENT ON ANESTHESIOLOGISTS' ROLE IN REDUCING MATERNAL M&M

- Should be an active member of each state's MMRC.
- Should be an active member of institutional-, regional-, state-level Obstetric Quality Committees and provide reviews of in-hospital cases involving acute care.
- Antenatal consultations should be sought on high-risk patients.
- Should lead in implementation of the elements in ACOG's Levels of Maternal Care related to anesthesiology practice.
- Simulations should include teaching and planning by anesthesiologists and should include all anesthesia providers.

ASAhq.org / ASA Committee on Obstetric Anesthesia

The ACOG Levels of Maternal Care: The Anesthesiologist's Role in Reducing Maternal Mortality

ASA Monitor, July
2022, pp 34-5

Levels of Maternal Care

Level 1

- Anesthesiologist, nurse anesthetist, or anesthesiologist assistant with anesthesiologist readily available at all times

Level 2

- Anesthesiologist readily available at all times

Level 3

- Board-certified or board-eligible anesthesiologist physically present at all times
- Director of obstetric anesthesia is board-certified anesthesiologist with obstetric anesthesia fellowship training or obstetric anesthesia experience

Level 4

- Board-certified anesthesiologist with obstetric anesthesia fellowship training or obstetric anesthesia experience physically present at all times
- Same criteria as Level 3 for director of obstetric anesthesia

ASA PHYSICAL STATUS FOR OBSTETRICS

The 2020 ASA Physical Status Classification System update now includes Pediatric and Obstetric examples:

- ASA II: Normal pregnancy (due to physiologic changes) and also well-controlled HTN, PEC without severe features, gestational diabetes
- ASA III: preeclampsia with severe features, DM requiring insulin, thrombophilia requiring anti-coagulation
- ASA IV: HELLP syndrome, cardiomyopathy with ↓ EF

Anesthesiology 2021; 135: 904-19

MATERNAL MORTALITY

New CDC data from 2017-9 in 36 states with MMRCs found:

- > 80% of maternal deaths were preventable; > 90% in American Indian and Alaska Native women.
- 25% were due to suicide or overdose, the largest cause.
- Over half occurred after 1st postpartum week when patients have been discharged and are home.
- Black women died most often of cardiac causes, white and Hispanic of mental health conditions, Asian of hemorrhage

Trost SL, CDCP and HHS, 2022

MATERNAL MORTALITY

A review of 237 maternal deaths due to suicide or drug overdose in Michigan from 2008-2018:

- 71% had a documented psychiatric illness; 48% had ≥ 2 dx, but only 34.5% had documentation of taking medication for their mental illness.
- Of those who died of drug overdose 71% had a known history of substance use disorder, but only 27.4% of those received medication-assisted treatment.
- Conclusions: few who died received proper treatment- why?

Am J Obstet Gynecol MFM 2023;5:100811

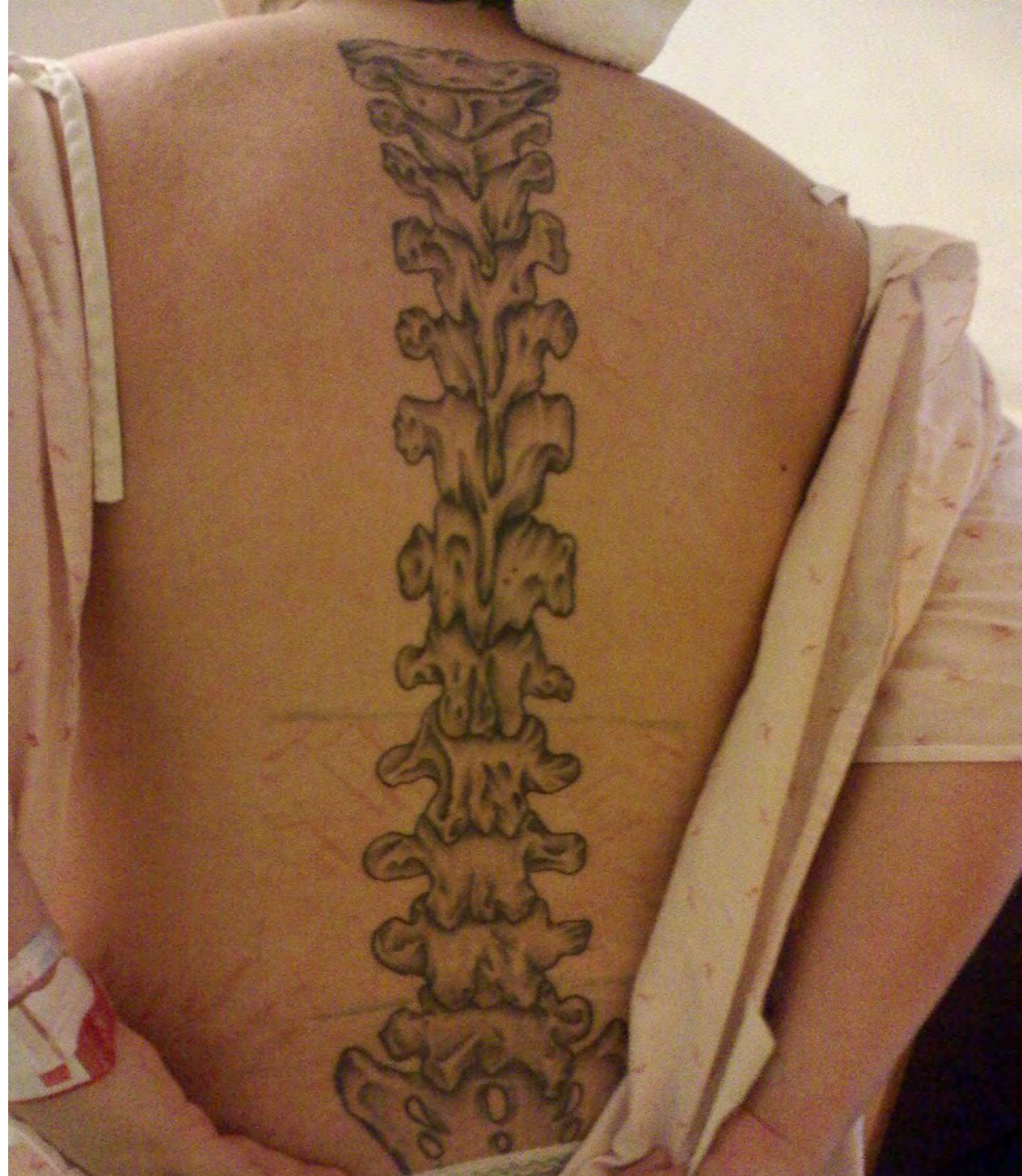
MATERNAL MORTALITY IN THE UK

Results from the UK and Ireland Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths and Morbidity 2017-19 (a triennial publication):

- Cardiac disease is the largest cause of *indirect* maternal death; neurologic causes (epilepsy and stroke) were 2nd.
- Indirect = pre-existing but made worse by pregnancy; Direct=caused by the pregnancy itself.
- Thromboembolism is the largest *direct* cause up to 6 weeks postpartum; hemorrhage and sepsis the next most common.
- Suicide is the leading cause of direct deaths occurring within a year after pregnancy.

MBRRACE-UK Saving Lives, Improving Mothers' Care 2021

LABOR ANALGESIA



NOCEBO EFFECT

Nocebo = using negative words that predispose patients to expect adverse events. Consider positive alternatives.

Anaesthesia 2022;77: 1113 and 11 (suppl.)

Nocebo terms	Alternative wording
Here comes a big bee sting.	This medicine will make you numb and comfortable for the block.
This is the worst part.	Most people find this is easier than they thought.
Let me know if you feel pain or nausea.	If you need anything at all I'm right here, just let me know.

VIRTUAL REALITY

Is immersive virtual reality effective as a distractive tool on patient satisfaction and pain relief? Does it benefit patients with pre-existing anxiety and depression?

- Used an Oculus Quest All-in-one VR Gaming Headset and patient selected the environment they preferred.
- Satisfaction was high (88/100) and 95% would use again.
- VR improved pain scores in early labor.
- Anxiety and depression scores were similar to control.

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2022;22:354

SAFETY AND UTILITY OF N₂O

Nitrous oxide is safe for mother, neonate and those who work on L&D. Conversion to epidural occurs in 40-60%. Rate of neuraxial utilization does not change if nitrous is available.

APSF newsletter, June 2020, pp 60-1

18% will use nitrous as their only pain med; 82% will transition to other modalities; 3% discontinue for side effects.

J Obstet Gynecol Neonatal Nurs 2021; PMID 33493464

50% nitrous is effective at high and low altitudes although there are fewer side effects at high altitude.

Anesth Analg 2022; 134: 294

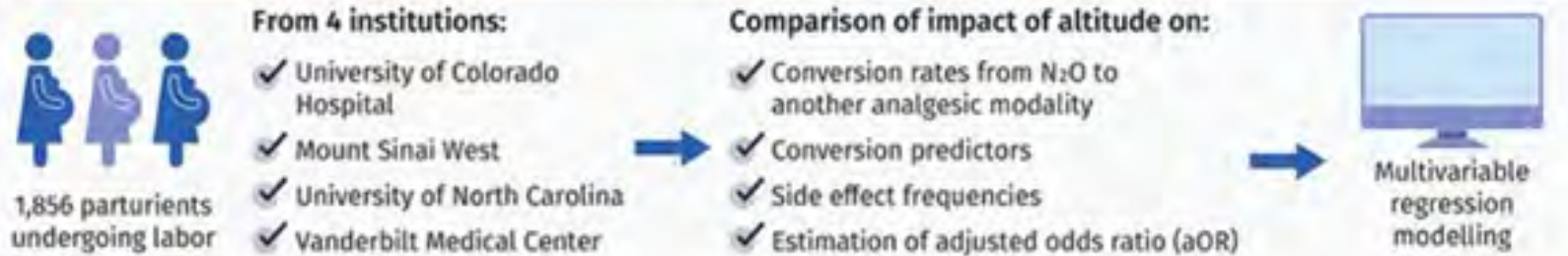
Use of Nitrous Oxide for Labor Analgesia in High-Altitude Clinical Settings

N₂O is a labor analgesic option with increasing use in the United States



What is the impact of higher altitude-associated reduction in partial pressure of N₂O on labor analgesia?

Multi-center retrospective data analysis



No significant difference between odds of converting to N₂O from other modalities due to altitude (aOR = 1.13, CI = 0.90–1.42)



High altitude group



Inadequate pain relief (aOR = 2.19, CI = 1.14–4.21)

Reason for conversion (compared to low altitude group)

Low altitude group



Neuraxial analgesia (aOR = 3.03, CI = 1.59–5.88)

Choice of analgesia after conversion (compared to high altitude group)



High side effects (aOR = 2.13, CI = 1.45–3.12)

Likelihood of side effects (compared to high altitude group)

Administration of N₂O as a labor analgesic at higher altitude has lower side effects, but no effect on conversion to another analgesic modality

BENEFITS OF NEURAXIAL ANALGESIA

Is labor neuraxial analgesia (epidural or CSE) associated with ↓ risk of severe maternal morbidity. YES

- 575K women with vaginal delivery in NY hospitals 2010-17
- Neuraxial was associated with 14% ↓ risk of morbidity.
- ↓ risk was similar between white and minority women.
- 21% of the risk reduction was ↓ risk of hemorrhage.
- Increasing access and utilization of neuraxial may help reduce maternal morbidity and improve health outcomes.

JAMA Network Open 2022; 5: e220137

OPTIMIZING NEURAXIAL: DPE

“To puncture or not to puncture: DPE vs standard epidural”

- Benefits of DPE in the general pregnant population are modest and inconsistent. Need *at least* a 25g spinal.
- When used in obese parturients, there was no difference in quality of analgesia compared to epidural without DPE.
- Editorial: “Dural puncture seems to be a clever idea in search of an indication...individual clinician judgment will probably guide the development of a home, if any, for the dural puncture epidural technique.”

Anesthesiology 2022; 136: 667, 678 + infographic

OPTIMIZING NEURAXIAL: DPE

Are labor epidural catheter replacement rates lower if DPE is used for placement?

- Retrospective trial compared DPE to standard epidural procedures for labor analgesia.
- DPE was associated with fewer catheter failures (OR 0.64).
- DPE had longer mean time to catheter replacement and required supplementation significantly later (like CSE).
- No difference in PDPH or blood patch.

Int J Obstet Anesth 2022; 52: 103590

PROGRAMMED INTERMITTENT BOLUS

What is the optimal interval between boluses using PIEB?

- 100 women in labor were randomized to varying time intervals between 10 ml boluses after DPE.
- The ED50 interval was 37 minutes and the ED90 interval was 52.5 minutes.
- The trend for PIEB maintenance is for larger boluses (8-10 ml) and longer intervals ~ 45 minutes.

Anesth Analg 2022; September PAP

GASTRIC EMPTYING IN LABOR

Is gastric emptying in labor affected by epidural analgesia?

- 4 groups: nonpregnant women, term pregnant women, laboring women without analgesia, laboring with CLE
- Gastric ultrasound was performed before and at 15, 60, 90, and 120 minutes after a light meal.
- Gastric emptying was delayed in laboring women compared to nonpregnant and term pregnant women
- Epidural analgesia facilitates gastric emptying during labor

Anesthesiology 2022; 136: 542

GASTRIC EMPTYING

	Non-pregnant	Term pregnant	Labor + epidural	Labor no analgesia
Gastric emptying at 90 min	52%	45%	31%	7%

With modern obstetric anesthesia practices, risk of aspiration is 1 per million but practice hasn't changed.

ANESTHESIA FOR CERCLAGE

We do not have an optimal spinal anesthetic for short ambulatory procedures such as cervical cerclage placement.

What is the ED90 of intrathecal chloroprocaine for cerclage?

- ED90 of 3% chloroprocaine + fentanyl was 49.5 mg.
- Median duration of surgery was 15 minutes.
- Median time to block resolution was 60 minutes for motor and 90 minutes for sensory.
- Time to PACU discharge readiness was 150 minutes.

Anesth Analg 2022; 134: 834

ANESTHESIA FOR CERCLAGE

How do spinal 3% 2-chloroprocaine and 0.75% hyperbaric bupivacaine compare for cervical cerclage?

- Randomized to 50 mg 3% CP or 9 mg bupivacaine + fentanyl
- No difference for time to motor block resolution (110 min)
- But sensory block resolution: 143 CP vs 198 min bupivacaine
- PACU discharge criteria were met 76 minutes earlier in the CP group. No TNS. Similar need for adjuncts (~ 10%).

Anesth Analg 2022; 134: 624

CESAREAN DELIVERY



**All Those In Favor Of
Faster C-sections,
Raise Your Hand.**

SURGICAL ISSUES

Azithromycin is effective at ↓ SSI after unplanned cesarean when given within 1 hour before or even after skin incision.

Obstet Gynecol 2022; 139: 1043

A meta analysis of maternal outcomes associated with uterine exteriorization found ↑ risk of IONV but no ↓ Hgb compared to uterine repair in situ.

Can J Anesth 2022; 69: 216

A meta analysis found skin closure with absorbable sutures ↓ wound complications by 50% compared to staples.

Obstet Gynecol 2022; 140: 293

OPTIMAL PRE-OXYGENATION

Does low-flow nasal oxygen + face mask pre-oxygenation extend safe apnea time? YES

- Physiologic model comparing BMIs 24-50
- Low-flow nasal oxygen was started after optimal face mask pre-oxygenation; it extended time to reach 90% saturation similar to high-flow nasal oxygen.
- For low BMI extended 25 min; for BMI 50, extended 10 min
- Low flow cannula *is* readily available in all operating rooms.

Br J Anaesth 2022; 129: 581 and 468 (editorial)

PARTNER PRESENCE DURING GA

Scoping review of the literature on partner presence in the OR during emergency cesarean using regional or general:

- Most parents preferred to have the partner present.
- Most staff are reluctant to allow partners during GA.
- Most arguments against presence are personal opinion.
- Most arguments in favor are clinical findings.

Eur J Anaesthesiol 2022; 39: 939

LEFT UTERINE DISPLACEMENT?

75 women having elective cesarean under spinal anesthesia were randomized into 3 groups: supine, 15⁰ tilt, or 30⁰ tilt from spinal placement until delivery.

- There was no difference in umbilical arterial pH between groups (7.31 vs 7.30 vs 7.31).
- But, the 30 degree group required significantly less phenylephrine and ephedrine.

Anesth Analg 2021; 133: 1235-43

Eur J Anaesthesiol 2022; 39: 236-43 (review)

LEFT UTERINE DISPLACEMENT

Review of current knowledge on supine hypotensive syndrome

- We don't tilt correctly: you need an angle of at least 30°
- We *underestimate* the angle by visually judging
- Surgical conditions are impaired with tilt, slowing delivery
- It causes patient discomfort; feelings of sliding, postoperative sciatic neuropathy
- All women have IVC compression but very few have sx
- Fetal acid-base status is not affected if BP is maintained.

Eur J Anaesthesiol 2022; 39: 236

ISOBARIC vs HYPERBARIC BUPIVACAINE

Randomized comparison of isobaric vs hyperbaric 0.5% bupivacaine for lower limb surgeries (extrapolate to cesarean!):

- Found 73% efficacy of hyperbaric compared to 100% efficacy of isobaric bupivacaine when administered intrathecally in equal volumes and amounts.
- Longest postoperative analgesia with isobaric bupivacaine.
- Consider substituting when/if drug shortages occur again.

Scientific Reports 2023;13:2736

INTRAOP INTRATHECAL FENTANYL

Are low doses (< 12.5 mcg) or higher doses (> 12.5 mcg) of intrathecal fentanyl preferable during cesarean delivery?

- Meta analysis of 11 RCTs with 1350 patients
- Higher doses result in reduced need for intraoperative analgesic supplementation and prolonged time to first request for analgesia postoperatively.
- Higher doses associated with more pruritus.
- Doses > 12.5 mcg should be used for optimal benefit.

Int J Obstet Anesthesia 2022; 50: 103270

SPINAL ANESTHESIA MISC.

Need for conversion to GA is rare but more common with emergencies and when lower bupivacaine dose is used.

Acta Anaesth Scand 2023; 67: 29

Low-dose ketamine (0.5 mg/kg infused over 40 minutes after cord clamp) during cesarean did not ↓ depression scores at 2 days in women with prenatal depression. But it did reduce IONV and ↓ postop pain at 4 hours.

Front Surg 2022; 9: 1050232

IT morphine does not prevent chronic post-cesarean pain.

Br J Anaesth 2022; 128: 700

NOREPINEPHRINE DURING CESAREAN

A comparison of infusions of phenylephrine 100 mcg/min or norepinephrine (NE) 5 mcg/min after spinal for cesarean found no difference in fetal acidosis, but base excess was significantly ↑ in the NE group and there was less maternal bradycardia.

Eur J Anaesthesiol 2022; 39: 269

A comparison of phenylephrine or norepinephrine titrated to keep maternal BP at baseline after spinal for cesarean found equivalent prevention of hypotension but higher maternal cardiac index with NE.

Anesth Analg 2022: October PAP

OXYTOCIN

Patients receiving magnesium prior to delivery (e.g. preeclampsia) require ↑ oxytocin dose during cesarean.

Anesth Analg 2022; 134: 303

Patients with twin pregnancy require higher oxytocin dosing than those with singleton pregnancy.

Anesth Analg 2022; December PAP

NEURAXIAL MORPHINE

Neuraxial morphine is the “gold standard”. How concerned should we be about respiratory depression?

- ~5000 patients received spinal (100-450 mcg) or epidural (3-5 mg) morphine after cesarean in a single center.
- There were no RRT events for respiratory depression and no oxygen desaturation events, no initiation of oxygen therapy, and no naloxone administration.
- The risk of clinically significant respiratory depression after neuraxial morphine for cesarean (even high doses) is low.

Int J Obstet Anesthesia 2022; 52: 103592

MULTI-MODAL ANALGESIA

What is the best timing for scheduled NSAIDs and acetaminophen after cesarean delivery, simultaneously q 6 hours of alternating q 3 hours?

- Ketorolac 30 mg IV or PO NSAIDs + acetaminophen 1 gram ordered q 6 hours → alternate q 3 hrs or give both q 6 hrs?
- Combined administration resulted in significantly less opioid consumption: 26.3 MME vs 105 MME in total.
- Mothers get fewer interruptions and (hopefully more rest).

J Clin Anesth 2022;80:110847

BENEFITS OF DEXAMETHASONE

Intraoperative dexamethasone (D) is an effective anti-emetic after cesarean. Does it also provide opioid-sparing effects?

- Systematic review and meta-analysis of D's effect on early resting pain scores and time to first rescue analgesia.
- D was associated with significant reduction in resting pain scores at all times, ↑ time to first request for analgesia (mean 2.64 hrs), and a small but significant reduction in opioid consumption at 24 hrs.

Eur J Anaesthesiol 2022; 39: 498

RCT: Efficacy of Single Wound Infiltration With Bupivacaine and Adrenaline During Cesarean Delivery for Reduction of Postoperative Pain

POPULATION

288 Women



Pregnant women undergoing planned cesarean delivery at full term

Mean age, 32.5 y

INTERVENTION

288 Participants randomized



143 Bupivacaine and adrenaline

Single intraoperative administration of subcutaneous bupivacaine and adrenaline before wound closure

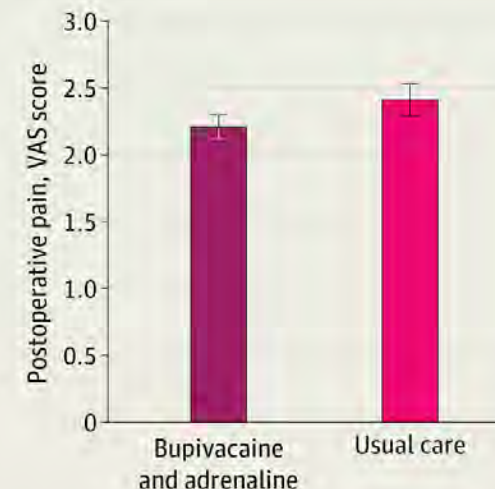


145 Usual care

Usual intra- and postoperative care without intervention

FINDINGS

A single subcutaneous administration of bupivacaine and adrenaline during cesarean delivery significantly reduced postoperative pain compared with usual intra- and postoperative care



Mean between-group difference in VAS score, intervention vs control: -0.20 (95% CI, -0.35 to -0.05)

SETTINGS / LOCATIONS



**1 Medical Center
in Israel**

PRIMARY OUTCOME

Mean pain intensity during the 24-h postoperative period after cesarean delivery as measured by a visual analog scale (VAS) score (range, 0-10, with a higher score indicating more pain)

DELAYED CORD CLAMPING

A review of high quality evidence that supports delayed (1-3 minutes) umbilical cord clamping to promote placental transfusion for both preterm and term neonates:

- No effect on maternal blood loss during C/S
- Preterm benefits: ↓ mortality, less surfactant use, more stable hemodynamics and less need for inotropic support, ↓ PVR and PDA shunt, ↑ Hct so ↓ need for transfusion
- Huge benefits from a simple and no-cost strategy.

Obstet Gynecol 2022;139:121

ANESTHETIC MORBIDITY



ADVERSE EVENTS

Canadian hospitalization database was reviewed for serious complications related to anesthesia in obstetric patients.

- 2.6M hospitalizations & 8361 adverse events; 9% were serious
- Adverse events declined significantly over the 13 years.
- PDPH was most common → 83% of events
- Rate of difficult or failed intubations was low; 2% of events
- Events were more common in cesarean deliveries, OR 1.12
- Also more common with general than neuraxial, OR 1.71
- There was a positive association with cardiomyopathy (OR 8.34), eclampsia (OR 3.11), and OSA (OR 1.91)

Can J Anesth 2022;69:72

DIFFICULT AND FAILED INTUBATION

Review of MPOG data on almost 15,000 intubations during general anesthesia for cesarean between 2004 and 2019:

- 1:49 were difficult intubations; 88% based on the view and 16% who required ≥ 3 attempts.
- 1:808 were failed intubations (defined as any attempt without successful ETT placement). All 18 were rescued using a supraglottic airway. There was 1 arrest, no deaths.
- Risk factors: MP 3 or 4, BMI ≥ 40 , and maternal age ≥ 35 .

Anesthesiology 2022; 136: 697-708

GETA AND PREECLAMPSIA

How often to preeclamptic women receive general anesthesia just due to thrombocytopenia or unavailable platelet count?

- South African registry of obstetric airway management
- Thrombocytopenia $< 75K$ was the reason for GA in 17%; half were confirmed counts and half had unavailable results.
- Of the unavailable group, 89% were subsequently found to have platelets $> 75K$, so GA was unnecessary.
- Consider the risk-benefit ratio when count unavailable.

Anesth Analg 2022; October PAP

PDPH: LONGTERM OUTCOMES

What is the risk of chronic health problems after wet tap and PDPH? Does blood patch ↓ these morbidities?

- Systematic review and meta analysis with 1M parturients and 1M controls
- Wet tap and/or PDPH were associated with ↑ risk of chronic headache, backache, neckache, and depression.
- Blood patch did not ↓ the risk.
- What should our follow-up be? Can we prevent these?

J Clin Anesth 2022;79:110787

PDPH: TREATMENT

What factors are associated with a failed epidural blood patch?

- Prospective, multi-center trial of 643 women
- EBP failed in 28%, was completely successful in 33% and partially successful in 39%
- 20% required a 2nd EBP
- Factors associated with failure: interval < 48 hours since dural puncture and wet tap at a higher level (L1-3 vs 3-5)
- History of migraine also associated with needing 2nd EBP

Pain 2022; 129: 758

SUBDURAL CATHETER: CASE REPORT

Healthy G3P2 with normal BMI requested epidural at 6 cm. Two attempts were unsuccessful at L2-3, then placed at L3-4. Aspiration and test dose negative. Because of unilateral sensory block on the right, the catheter was withdrawn 1 cm and re-bloused. She complained of shortness of breath and numbness of her right face and arm, followed by headache, ptosis, miosis and anhidrosis on the right side = Horner's Syndrome. Full resolution after 24 hours.

Anesthesiology News, February 2022, p. 38

SUBDURAL CATHETER: DIAGNOSIS

Major criteria:

- Negative aspiration of CSF
- Disproportionately extensive sensory block

Minor criteria:

- Delayed onset of sensory and motor block
- Variable extent of the motor block
- Disproportionate sympathetic block

TXA MEDICATION ERROR

IT administration of TXA has been reported from a wide range of hospitals worldwide. It has a 50% risk of mortality or life-changing neurologic disability. It is the most common neuraxial drug administration error in recent reports.

J Clin Anesthesia 2022;82:110889

If accidental epidural administration of TXA occurs, treat with saline lavage.

Can J Anesth 2022;69:1169

TXA DRUG-ERROR DEATHS

Recent cases of inadvertent intrathecal administration of TXA instead of local anesthetic for spinal anesthesia, with convulsions and 50% mortality. A list of recommendations for preventing intrathecal TXA administration includes:

- Store separately from anesthetic drugs in the OR.
- Never put on the cart used for opening the spinal tray.
- Check the label of spinal drugs multiple times.
- Utilize barcode scanning if possible.

Am J Obstet Gynecol 2023;228:January



PAIN DURING SURGERY: GUIDELINES

“Litigation arising from pain during caesarean section under neuraxial anaesthesia has replaced accidental awareness under general anaesthesia as the most common successful medicolegal claim against obstetric anaesthetists.”

- Approved by the Obstetric Anaesthetists' Association (OAA)
- 11 recommendations with emphasis on consent, adequate testing of the block, and management of intraoperative pain
- Any woman who experiences pain should receive follow-up.

Anaesthesia 2022; 77: 588

PAIN DURING SURGERY: REVIEW

What is the prevalence of inadequate neuraxial for elective cesarean and conversion to general anesthesia?

- Review of 54 RCT, 3497 patients
- 14.6% required supplemental analgesia or conversion to general anesthesia
- 0.06% were converted to GETA (is this too few?!)
- Combined spinal-epidural less likely than epidural to be inadequate: 10% vs 30% (no spinal comparison).

Anaesthesia 2022; 77: 598

PAIN DURING SURGERY: DEFINITION

Editorial: “If a mother reports being in pain, the anesthesiologist must believe her and take appropriate action. She is the only one who knows. Failure to do so compounds her distress.”

- Severity of reported harm after awareness under regional is equivalent to that after awareness under general.
- Anesthetic complications such as pain during surgery were a significant predictor of postpartum PTSD - more than emergency situations or newborn complications.

Anaesthesia 2022; 77: 523

HYPOXIC ISCHEMIC ENCEPHALOPATHY (HIE)

Review of 21 years of litigation in the UK for anesthetic negligence resulting in HIE. Examples from actual cases.

- #1: Anesthetic delay due to delayed response time, availability, waiting to dose the epidural until in the OR, choosing to place a spinal rather than GETA.
- #2: Communication – not understanding the urgency of the case or continuing with task while FHT deteriorate
- #3: Hypotension after neuraxial with delayed treatment.
- #4: Documentation: explain your thoughts, accurate times

EPIDURAL-RELATED FEVER

Epidural analgesia in labor is associated with ↑ rates of maternal fever. How can it be prevented?

- Systematic review of 37 studies found no cause and no effective preventive strategies.
- Interventions included: reduced epidural dose, prophylactic steroids, prophylactic paracetamol, prophylactic antibiotics. None worked.
- Why do we care? Intrapartum fever of any cause is associated with neonatal brain injury.

Br J Anaesth 2022;129:567

EPIDURAL-RELATED FEVER

Does the rate of fever differ between continuous epidural vs continuous spinal labor analgesia (CSA)?

- Retrospective study of 81 CSA and 162 matched controls who received epidural analgesia.
- No difference in the rates of fever between the modalities.
- Since epidural uses 10x the dose of LA as CSA, a dose-dependent effect of bupivacaine or fentanyl doesn't mediate fever.

Anesth Analg 2022;135:1153, 1151 (editorial)

SURGICAL OR MEDICAL MANAGEMENT?

How do the outcomes of operative and non-operative management (NOM) of appendicitis compare during pregnancy?

- Immediate surgery is associated with lower odds of amniotic infection and sepsis than NOM.
- There was no difference in preterm labor, preterm delivery or other maternal complications between surgery and NOM.
- Immediate operation had lower hospital charges.
- Failed NOM requiring surgery had the worst clinical outcomes.

JAMA Network Open 2022; 5: e227555

SURGICAL OR MEDICAL MANAGEMENT?

A review of acute cholecystitis from the surgical literature encourages early surgical intervention for acute cholecystitis.

- Compared to medical management during pregnancy, surgery patients had less preterm labor, fewer premature deliveries, and fewer days in-hospital.
- “During pregnancy, early laparoscopic cholecystectomy, compared with delayed operative management, is associated with a lower risk of maternal-fetal complications (1.6% vs 18.4%) and is recommended in all trimesters.”

JAMA 2022; 327: 96575

ANESTHETIC NEUROTOXICITY

Excellent review: *Long-term cognitive and behavioral outcomes following early exposure to general anesthetics.*

Summary:

...the findings of deficits in some neurodevelopmental domains (e.g., behavioral problems, ADHD) and not others (e.g., intelligence) will help guide the selection of appropriate outcomes in future studies that can further evaluate whether anesthetics have an impact on neurodevelopment in children.

Current Opinion Anaesth 2022;35:442

OBSTETRIC & MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS



"I'm going to give it to you straight,
Mr Watson, for a 27 year old you're
in pretty bad shape."

MATERNAL CARDIAC ARREST

Are survival rates different between maternal in-hospital cardiac arrest vs nonpregnant in-hospital arrest?

- Resuscitation database compared outcomes of women ages 18-50, pregnant or not
- No difference in ROSC or survival to discharge
- Pregnant women were more likely to survive with a good neurologic outcome (OR 1.57)

Am J Obstet Gynecol 2022;226:401

UTERINE ATONY

To risk-stratify patients, what are the greatest risk factors for postpartum hemorrhage due to uterine atony?

- A meta-analysis of 27 studies found 15 risk factors
- A large proportion of PPH have no risk factors!
- Prior PPH, placenta previa, abruption, uterine rupture and multiple gestation were highest risk. Also, IOL, oxytocin exposure and chorioamnionitis.
- New factors: HTN, diabetes, Hispanic and Asian race
- Obesity and magnesium were NOT associated with atony.

Obstet Gynecol 2021;137:305

PLACENTA ACCRETA SPECTRUM

- Review of the prenatal diagnosis and management:

Obstet Gynecol Clin N Am 2022;49:423

- Two studies found the association of placenta previa with PAS ↑ the risk of worse maternal outcome and higher resource use including transfusion, ICU admission, hysterectomy and intraop bowel/bladder injuries.

JAMA Network Open 2022;5:e2228002

Obstet Gynecol 2022;140:599

PLACENTA ACCRETA SPECTRUM

What is typical RBC use during PAS surgery?

- Meta-analysis found 5 studies reporting mean transfusion data on 221 patients → 6.6 units PRBC transfused. They recommend a minimum of 6 PRBC be prepared.

Obstet Gynecol 2022; PAP (Miller)

- How should we select patients for whom the REBOA or vascular control device will provide the greatest benefit? Intraop “staging” was better than using for everyone or deciding whether to use based on prenatal imaging.

Am J Obstet Gynecol MFM 2022;4:100498

AMNIOTIC FLUID EMBOLISM: DIAGNOSIS

AFE is often over-diagnosed. SMFM and the AFE Foundation propose strict criteria for diagnosis of AFE. There must be:

- Sudden onset cardio-respiratory arrest or hypotension + respiratory compromise (cyanosis, oxygen sat < 90%).
- Overt DIC prior to EBL-related coagulopathy.
- Clinical onset during labor or within 30 minutes of delivering the placenta.
- No fever $\geq 38^{\circ}$ C during labor.
- **Triad: hypotension + hypoxia + coagulopathy**

AMNIOTIC FLUID EMBOLISM

- Demographics of AFE: incidence of 6 per 100K, PAS ↑ the risk 10-fold, and mortality was up to 46% if associated with cardiac arrest and coagulopathy.

JAMA Network Open 2022;5:e2242842

- Excellent review of AFE and pulmonary embolism.

Obstet Gynecol 2022;49:439

- Biologic plausibility of AOK therapy for AFE?

Case Rep Obstet Gynecol 2017;8458375 / PMID 29430313

TREATMENT OF PPH: OXYTOCICS

Does prophylactic methylergonovine during intrapartum C/S vs oxytocin alone reduce the need for add'l uterotonics?

- Yes: fewer uterotonics (20% vs 55%), better tone, ↓ incidence PPH (RR 0.6), ↓ QBL, and ↓ need for transfusion.

Obstet Gynecol 2022;140:181

In Niger, maternal deaths due to hemorrhage were halved using 3 steps: 1) patients were given a dose of misoprostol during prenatal visit to take if birth occurs at home, 2) uterine tamponade balloon placed at hospital if still bleeding after 30 min, then 3) shock garment used to give time to get to surgery and transfusion.

Lancet Global Health 2023;11:e287

TREATMENT OF PPH: CALCIUM

A pilot study gave 1 gm calcium chloride or placebo to women with at least 2 risk factors for PPH.

- Administered over 10 minutes after cord clamping.
- Uterine atony occurred in 20% of calcium recipients versus 50% of placebo recipients (RR 0.38).
- Peak ionized calcium was 1.6 mmol/L and the CaCl was tolerated well by recipients.

J Clin Anesth 2022; 110796

TREATMENT OF PPH: TXA

What is appropriate TXA dosing? *At least* 1 gm IV was needed to inhibit activation fibrinolysis, but higher BMI correlated inversely with plasma TXA levels. Higher dosing?

Br J Anaesth 2022;129:937 / Am J Obstet Gynecol 2022;227:763

Prophylactic TXA did not reduce blood loss in women with multiple gestation (primarily twins).

Am J Obstet Gynecol 2022;227:889

TREATMENT OF PPH: TXA

Is early administration of TXA a cost-effective strategy for reducing maternal M&M due to PPH in the U.S.?

- Based on a decision-analytical model
- Early administration (within 3 hours of diagnosis of PPH) of TXA to 100K women would prevent 16 maternal deaths, 9 laparotomies and 155 re-operations with an annual cost savings of \$23.15 million.

Am J Obstet Gynecol MFM 2022;4:100588

TREATMENT OF PPH: TXA

Review article on TXA: Current known and unknowns

- Prophylactic TXA does not reduce PPH to a meaningful degree after vaginal or cesarean delivery.
- The WOMAN trial found TXA was associated with a 37% reduction in death if given within 3 hours of PPH, but it is unclear whether TXA reduces the risk of morbidity from PPH in well-resourced countries – “can be considered”.
- Catastrophic neurologic damage can occur after accidental IT administration.

Anesth Analg 2022;135:460 and 459 (infographic)

POC COAGULATION TESTING ON L&D

Clinical Expert Series: Obstetrics & Gynecology

- Laboratory assessment is essential in PPH.
- Both ROTEM and TEG provide results within 10-20 min.
- Normal ranges are now available for pregnancy.
- Correct blood products can be given early, limiting use of unnecessary transfusion of other blood products.
- Some studies have shown shorter hospital stays, lower costs and less need for re-operation.

Obstet Gynecol 2022;139:463

PREECLAMPSIA: UPDATED GUIDELINES

Both ACOG and the American Heart Association published updated guidelines on hypertension in pregnancy.

Obstet Gynecol 2020; 135: 1492

Hypertension 2022; 79: e21-e41

Common themes: 1) The main therapeutic options for preeclampsia are treatment of HTN, prevention of seizures, and timed delivery. 2) Ensure more aggressive treatment of HTN to reduce maternal morbidity and mortality due to cardiovascular complications and stroke.

PREECLAMPSIA: PREVENTION

The incidence of HTN in pregnancy ↑ from 13-16% from 2017-9. Risk was 1 in 5 for mothers 35-44 and 1 in 3 for mothers 45-55 years old. Also higher in Black and American Indian/Alaska Native mothers and in the Midwest, South and lower income communities.

MMWR 2022;71:585

How often do at-risk women receive aspirin therapy to prevent preeclampsia? < half of women with DM, obesity, and/or chronic HTN receive the recommended prophylaxis.

JAMA 2022;327:388

CHRONIC HTN IN PREGNANCY

Should mild chronic HTN be treated during pregnancy? Does keeping $< 140/90$ reduce adverse pregnancy outcomes?

- 2408 women randomized when < 23 weeks gestation to receive treatment when BP $> 140/90$ or $> 160/105$.
- Targeting $< 140/90$ was associated with better pregnancy outcomes: \downarrow in preeclampsia with severe features, indicated preterm birth, placental abruption, or fetal/neonatal death.
- No \uparrow in risk of small for gestational age birth weight.

N Engl J Med 2022; 386: 1781-92 (CHAP Trial)

MANAGEMENT OF ECLAMPSIA

What are the expected fetal heart rate changes associated with an eclamptic seizure and what should management be?

- Decelerations occurred in 79% of cases for 2-15 minutes followed by tachycardia. 48% also had minimal variability.
- Maternal support and stabilization were prioritized.
- Other than C/S for abruption, 2/3 did not have immediate operative intervention and outcomes were good for mother and newborn. Don't run to the OR!

Am J Obstet Gynecol 2022;227:622

PREVENTION OF ECLAMPSIA

Given that 30% of eclamptic seizures occur postpartum, what is the optimal duration of postpartum magnesium?

- Treatment for ≤ 12 hours vs 24 hours was not associated with increased risk of eclampsia.
- Benefits of shorter treatment: less flushing, shorter Foley catheter insertion, less time to ambulation and shorter hospital stay.

Obstet Gynecol 2022;139:521

FUTURE IMPLICATIONS

Is there an association between a history of adverse pregnancy outcomes (i.e., preeclampsia, gestational HTN or diabetes, preterm delivery, SGA baby) and coronary artery disease by CT angiography screening? Yes

- 10,528 women in Sweden with deliveries in 1973 or later had CT at age 50-65 years.
- There was a significant association between those with adverse pregnancy outcomes and image-identified CAD, including those women estimated to be at low risk.

JAMA 2023;329:393

OBSTETRIC MANAGEMENT OF PREECLAMPSIA

N Engl J Med 2022;386:1817

“The choice of neuraxial anesthesia is ultimately in the hands of anesthesiologists. However, a wide spectrum of practice exists, even within departments, particularly when platelet counts are 50-100K, so it is important that maternity care providers have confidence to advocate for women in their care....platelet counts in women with preeclampsia may decrease rapidly and unpredictably.”

N Engl J Med 2022;387:287 (letter)

CARDIOMYOPATHY IN PREGNANCY

What is the risk of pregnancy in women with cardiomyopathy of any type?

- All major adverse CV complications are more likely including a 7-fold greater risk of severe CV events and a 4-fold greater risk of dying in hospital than other forms of heart disease during pregnancy.
- A multi-disciplinary team should manage their care.
- No data was found to assist with detailed risk stratification.

Am J Obstet Gynecol 2022;227:582

ECMO IN PREGNANCY

What is ECMO utilization during pregnancy and outcomes?

- Data from the Nationwide Inpatient Sample, 1999 – 2014
- ECMO utilization increased significantly from 1 to 11 per million obstetric discharges
- In-hospital mortality decreased significantly from 74 to 32 per 100 women who received ECMO
- ECMO during pregnancy had ↑ risk of venous thromboembolism (OR 1.83) and non-traumatic hemoperitoneum (OR 4.32)

Anesth Analg 2022;135:268

ECMO IN PREGNANCY

What are the indications for using ECMO during pregnancy?

- Review of the Nationwide Inpatient Sample 2010-16
- Respiratory failure (80%), cardiogenic shock (64%), and circulatory arrest (25%) were the most common but most had more than one indication (58%).
- Mortality was 30.5% overall, but 30% with respiratory failure, 40% with cardiogenic shock, 47% with cardiac arrest, and 42% for combined diagnoses.
- Cardiogenic shock had the highest mortality rate (OR 5).

Anesth Analg 2022;135:1172

ECMO IN PREGNANCY

Review Article: ECMO is an effective peripartum rescue therapy. Pregnant physiology including uteroplacental perfusion and thrombophilia must be considered.

Anesth Analg 2022;135:277

Editorial: There were widespread reports of ECMO for obstetric patients during COVID. ECMO has the potential to reduce maternal mortality for a variety of catastrophic indications, including future pandemics.

Anesth Analg 2022;135:264

CANCER DURING PREGNANCY

When cancer is diagnosed in pregnancy, what are the effects on the child, with or without chemotherapy?

- Danish database of liveborn children over a 40 year span
- Fetuses exposed to cancer in utero had no higher mortality, no increased risk of malformations, no ↑ risk of somatic or psychiatric disease.
- Of those exposed to chemotherapy, there were no health consequences; no ↑ risk of malformations or disease.

J Clin Oncology 2022; 40:3975

HIV IN PREGNANCY

Women who conceived on antiretroviral therapy (ART) and had a suppressed viral load at time of delivery, had no perinatal HIV transmissions.

Clin Infect Dis 2022 (Sibiude et al)

What is the best ART to use pre-conception and during pregnancy for women with HIV infection?

- Highest viral suppression was with dolutegravir (96.7%).
- There was no differences in adverse birth outcomes between regimens.

N Engl J Med 2022;387:799

OBESITY IN PREGNANCY

Excellent review: *N Engl J Med* 2022;387:248

What is the risk-benefit of bariatric surgery in women for their obstetric, neonatal and child outcomes?

- Less gestational HTN, gestational diabetes, birth injuries, and large-for-gestation neonates.
- More small-for-gestation neonates
- Surgery is highly favorable for pregnancies & newborns but requires collaboration with OB, dietician, surgeon and PCP.

JAMA Surgery 2022 (Rives-Lange et al)

JAMA 2023; PAP 2/10 (Fisher et al)

OSA IN PREGNANCY

- Snoring is common, increasing as pregnancy progresses.
- ↑ upper airway edema and nasal congestion and ↓ FRC are predisposing factors.
- OSA found in 10% 1st trimester and 26% in 3rd trimester.
- Risk factors: self-reported snoring, ↑ BMI, older age, and presence of chronic HTN.
- OSA is associated with HTN, DM, PEC, preterm birth, cardiomyopathy, CHF, and 5x ↑ risk of dying before D/C.

Obstet Gynecol 2022;140:321

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

Clinical Expert Series: an excellent review of maternal, fetal and child effects of tobacco, alcohol, cannabis, opioids, stimulants and benzodiazepines and their respective treatments.

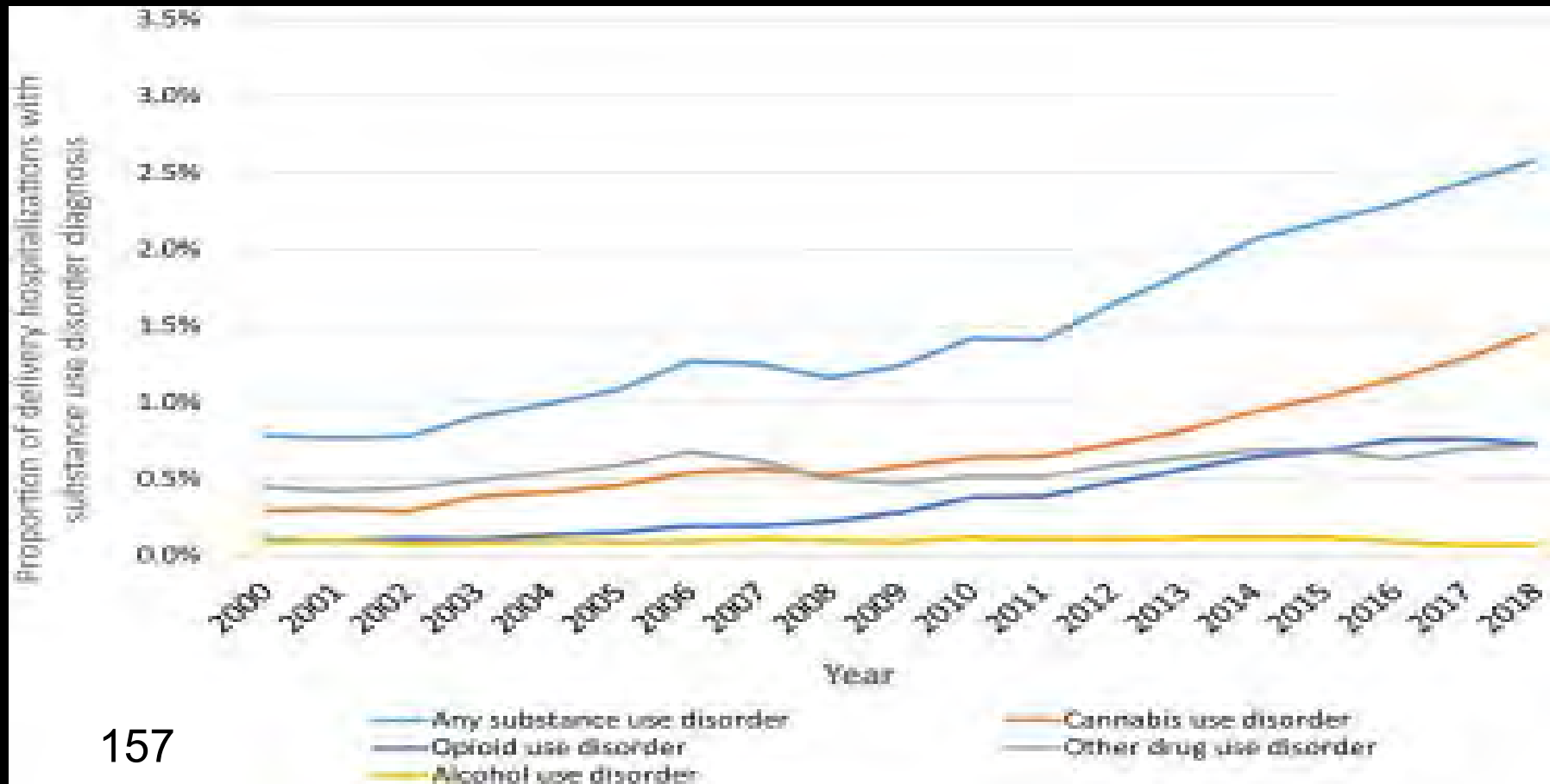
Obstet Gynecol 2022;139:317

SUD in pregnancy (cannabis, alcohol, opioid, other) has ↑ dramatically and is associated with adverse outcomes such as HTN, preterm delivery, abruption and antepartum hemorrhage.

Am J Obstet Gynecol 2022;July:100

SUBSTANCE USE IN PREGNANCY

Substance use disorder diagnoses during pregnancy have ↑ substantially from 2000-18 in the Nationwide Inpatient Sample.



Am J Obstet
Gynecol
2022;227:100

PERINATAL SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

What Obstetrician-Gynecologists Should Know About
Substance Use Disorders in the Perinatal Period (Review)

Obstet Gynecol 2022;139:317

- MAT should be continued at the same dose throughout the birthing hospitalization, and pain management should be multimodal, using nonopioid medications, regional anesthesia, and opioid agonists if needed.
- Undertreated pain is a greater risk for SUD recurrence than use of an opioid agonist for postoperative pain.

OPIOID USE DISORDER IN PREGNANCY

What is the best MAT for opioid use disorder in pregnancy – buprenorphine or methadone?

- Cohort study of 10.7K buprenorphine and 4.3K methadone
- Buprenorphine had lower risk of adverse neonatal outcomes: abstinence syndrome (RR 0.73), preterm birth, SGA, and low birth weight.
- No difference maternal outcomes: delivery by cesarean or severe maternal complications.

N Engl J Med 2022;387:2033 & editorial

OPIOID USE IN PREGNANCY

What are the characteristics associated with opioid use during pregnancy?

- Opioid use was present in 2.8% of pregnancies.
- Majority of users were: non-Hispanic white (67%), had some college education (69%), of higher parity, and had high rates of alcohol use (32%) and smoking (39%) during the pregnancy. Maternal depression → OR 2.42.
- 86% of the opioid use came from a prescription

J Women's Health 2022;PAP (Nguyen)

CANNABIS USE IN PREGNANCY: MATERNAL

Cannabis use in pregnancy has ↑ substantially and potency has tripled. Use is associated with maternal nausea, depression and anxiety. Prenatal exposure is associated with ↑ autism, SGA, preterm birth, NICU admit.

Am J Obstet Gynecol 2022;227:571 / JAMA Network Open 2022

In a large multicenter cohort, cannabis use was associated with a higher likelihood of moderate-to-severe nausea and vomiting in early pregnancy.

Obstet Gynecol 2022;140:266

CANNABIS IN PREGNANCY

Kaiser Permanente Northern California held focus groups with women who self-reported daily or weekly cannabis use.

- White and non-Hispanic black women had highest use.
- They perceived legalization was done to allow better access and exposure to cannabis. It gave them greater willingness to discuss use during pregnancy with their OB provider.
- They believed that cannabis retail staff are knowledgeable and view them as experts on the benefits of use in pregnancy.

JAMA Network Open 2022;

SEPSIS AFTER VAGINAL DELIVERY

Can a single dose of azithromycin reduce maternal infection after vaginal delivery as it does after cesarean? Yes

- 29,278 women randomized in labor to AZ or placebo.
- Maternal death or sepsis was less after AZ: RR 0.67
- Incidence of sepsis was 1.5% after AZ vs 2.4% after placebo
- No difference in neonatal sepsis, death or stillbirth did not differ between groups.

N Engl J Med 2023: PAP 2/9 (Tita et al)

COVID: MATERNAL OUTCOMES

Data from the CDC & others has shown that pregnant women have ↑ risks of ICU admission, intubation, need for ECMO, and death from COVID infection.

- COVID also ↑ risk for maternal death and morbidity due to OB causes: HTN, hemorrhage, other infections: 13% vs. 9%.
- Preterm delivery and NICU admission were more common.
- Risks were ↑ in women with moderate or severe COVID; asymptomatic cases had similar outcomes to non-infected.

JAMA 2022; 327: 748-59 and 790 (patient info)

COVID: PERINATAL OUTCOMES

Results of an individual participant data meta-analysis of 13,136 pregnant women to evaluate risks of COVID infection:

- ↑ risk of maternal mortality; RR 7.68
- ↑ risk of ICU admission or any critical care; RR 3.81 / 5.48
- ↑ risk of mechanical ventilation; RR 15.23
- ↑ risk of neonatal admission to ICU; RR 1.86
- ↑ risk of preterm birth; RR 1.71
- No increased risk of stillbirth.

BMJ Global Health 2023; 8: e009495

PRO: MATERNAL COVID VACCINATION

- 2 studies found breast milk from women vaccinated with mRNA vaccines contains specific IgA and IgG antibodies, and after a second dose the breast milk antibody levels increased. These antibodies showed strong neutralizing effects which should protect the infant.

JAMA Network Open 2021; 4: e2120575 & JAMA online 4/12/21

- Population-based studies in Sweden, Norway and Canada found that vaccination in pregnancy was not associated with an increased risk of adverse peripartum outcomes.

JAMA 2022; 327: 1451 (editorial), 1469, 1478

THE FETUS AND NEONATE



MATERNAL SUBSTANCE USE & MEDS

Benzodiazepine exposure during pregnancy was not associated with ↑ risks of neurodevelopmental disorders.

JAMA Network Open 2022;5:e2243282

Maternal marijuana exposure was associated with ↑ preterm delivery, NICU admission, low birth weight, low 1-minute Apgar score and head circumference.

JAMA Network Open 2022;5:e2145653

Maternal anti-psychotic prescription was not associated with ↓ standardized test scores or ↑ malformations / teratogenicity.

JAMA Intern Med 2022 / JAMA Psychiatry 2023;80:156

CANNABIS USE IN PREGNANCY: NEWBORN

Are adverse neonatal outcomes associated with marijuana-exposed pregnancies?

- Meta-analysis of 16 studies and 59K patients showed significant ↑ in 7 adverse neonatal outcomes.
- Birth weight < 2500 gm (RR 2.06), SGA, preterm delivery (RR 1.28), NICU admission (RR 1.38), ↓ mean birth weight, Apgar score at 1 minute, and infant head circumference.

JAMA Network Open 2022;5:e2145653 & editorial

HOME BIRTH RATES

- During the pandemic, planned home birth rates rose from 23% (from 1.03% in 2019 to 1.41% in 2021) and birth center deliveries rose 13%.
- The largest increases were in Black and Hispanic women.
- 1 in 50 U.S. births occurred in one of these settings.
- Fear of being infected with COVID or fear of receiving poor care in overwhelmed hospitals may have made women reluctant to delivery in a hospital.

JAMA 2022;328:2389

BIRTH OUTCOMES & SITE OF DELIVERY

What are neonatal outcomes if delivered outside hospitals?

- 9.8 million births were studied; 88% in hospitals with physician coverage, 11.4% in hospitals with midwives, 0.75% in freestanding birth centers
- BC deliveries had 4-fold ↑ in neonatal deaths; 7-fold if G1, 2-fold ↑ neonatal seizures, 7-fold ↑ 5-min Apgar score < 4
- Compared with hospital midwife deliveries, physician deliveries had significantly ↑ adverse neonatal outcomes.

Am J Obstet Gynecol 2022;226:116

AAP GUIDELINES ON BIRTHING PRACTICES

In 2022, AAP advised against the following birthing practices which may be associated with ↑ rates of neonatal morbidity/mortality, and have no clear benefits:

- Water birth -Vaginal seeding -Placentophagy
- Umbilical cord nonseverance
- Non-medical deferral of Hep B vax and ocular prophylaxis
- Delayed bathing of newborns exposed to active genital HSV or maternal history of HIV, hepatitis B or C

Pediatrics 2022;e2021055554

KANGAROO CARE

15M preterm babies yearly; leading cause of death < 5 years.

- New WHO guidelines for preterm babies advise immediate “kangaroo care” i.e., skin-to-skin contact with a caregiver, starting immediately after birth, no initial time in incubator.
- Combined with exclusive breast feeding, it saves lives, ↓ infections, prevents hypothermia and improves feeding.
- The guidelines are especially relevant in low resource countries where preterm mortality can be 90%.
- Consider during C/S if your Neonatologists approve.

[ASAMonitor.pub/30VbPpf](https://www.asamonitor.pub/30VbPpf)

PERIVIAL RESUSCITATION

Has active treatment of live-born neonates 22-25 weeks changes over time (2014-2020)?

- Yes – frequency of active resuscitation significantly ↑ but rates of active treatment varied by race and ethnicity.

JAMA 2022;328:652, 624 (editorial)

- NEJM Clinical Decision article: a pro/con to recommend resuscitation for ALL neonates born at 22 weeks vs selective resuscitation; anesthesiologists will be involved with these cases for analgesia or cesarean delivery.

N Engl J Med 2022;386:391

**AND WE'LL SEE WHAT'S
NEW IN 2023!**

THE END

Ambulatory Surgery

what could go wrong?

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Conflicts of Interest

- ▶ None



Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this talk, attendees will be able to:

1. Analyze best practices on patient selection for free standing ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs)
2. Discuss keeping the ORs full – what are the national trends for block release, block utilization, and case cancellations
3. Describe best practices around risk management, safety huddles and peer reviews
4. Create a recipe for creating a culture of psychological safety
 - a. Dealing with the difficult surgeon
 - b. Dealing with the difficult patient

Ambulatory Surgery

- ▶ Definition: From ASAHQ: “Outpatient surgery, also called same-day, ambulatory, or office-based surgery, provides patients with the convenience and comfort of recovering at home, and can cost less. It might also help lower your risk of infection.”
- ▶ Types of Centers: Free-standing ASC, In-Office or Hospital based
- ▶ Facts:
 - ▶ According to the CDC, two-thirds of cases are ambulatory
 - ▶ Benefits: reductions in waiting times, decreases hospital costs, and the risk of nosocomial infection
 - ▶ Large retrospective database studies of ambulatory surgeries have estimated serious complication rates of less than 1% ^[3,4] and mortality rates of 1 in 50 000 to 1 in 100 000 ^[5,6].

Ambulatory surgery centers (ASC)

- ▶ Must be licensed by CMS if they are taking care of Medicaid or Medicare patients
- ▶ Patients must be expected to stay 23 hours or less. Unanticipated longer admission **MUST** be rare*
- ▶ American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) appropriated \$50 million to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) with \$10 million devoted to the state level to increase state-level regulation

Stand up if...

- ▶ You've ever worked done anesthesia for outpatient surgery
- ▶ You've ever worked at an ASC
- ▶ You currently work at an ASC
- ▶ You have a leadership role for an ASC

Predicting an Unanticipated Admission



Identifying Those at High Risk for Major Complications

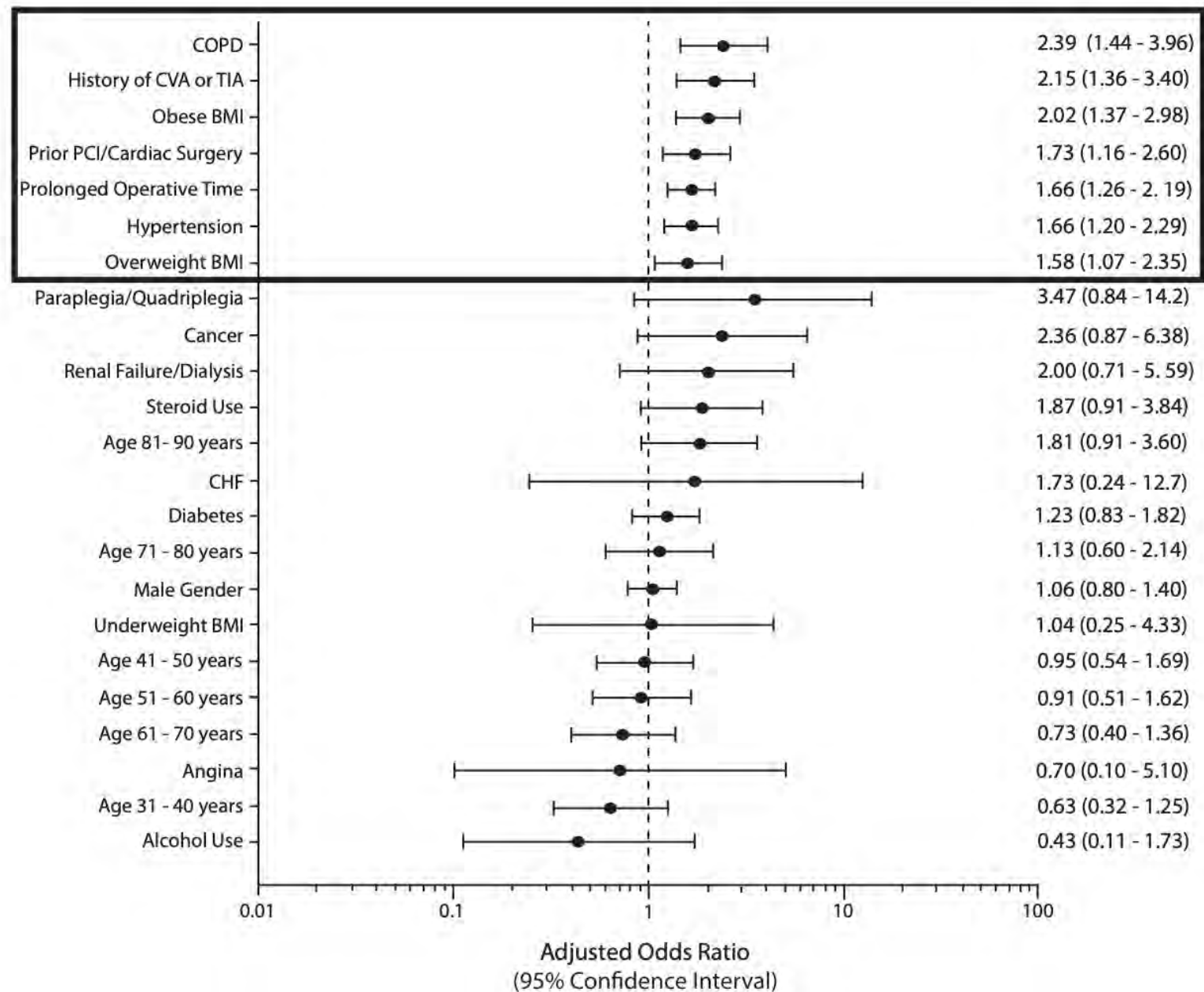
- ▶ **Hypothesis:** Specific patient history and surgical characteristics place patients scheduled for common day case-eligible surgeries at a greater risk of major morbidity and mortality within 72h after such procedures.
- ▶ **Method:** Data mining using the American College of Surgeons' National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS-NSQIP) from 2005 to 2010.
- ▶ **Results:** 241,600 outpatient cases; 232 cases experiencing an event; **21 mortalities** and **234 perioperative morbidities** (multiple morbidities in some cases) within 72h postoperatively
 - ▶ Incidence of 0.095%, or approximately 1 in 1,053 cases
 - ▶ Of the 232 cases experiencing an event, 195 (84%) were discharged within 23h of surgery.
 - ▶ No intraoperative deaths; 9 deaths on the day of surgery, 7 on POD #1, and 5 on POD #2.

Secondary Outcomes Analysis Showed

- ▶ 2,797 patients (1.1%) required an unplanned admission.
- ▶ The most common events included:
 - ▶ Pneumonia (46)
 - ▶ Unplanned postoperative intubation (37)
 - ▶ Wound disruption (25)
 - ▶ Postoperative bleeding (21)
 - ▶ Sepsis (19).

Patient Selection for Day Case-eligible Surgery: Identifying Those at High Risk for Major Complications

- ▶ Authors used the American College of Surgeons' National Surgical Quality Improvement Program Database to analyze common day case surgeries from 2005-2010
- ▶ Primary outcome morbidity or mortality within 72 hours



Reasons for admission

Surgical 40%

Anesthetic
20%

Medical
19%

Monitored anesthesia care when compared with general anesthesia (OR 0.17; 95% CI 0.04 to 0.68)

BMI 30-35 (OR 2.81; 95% CI 1.31 to 6.04).

Advanced age (> 80 yr) (OR 5.41; 95% CI 1.54 to 19.01);

ASA III (OR 4.60; 95% CI 1.81 to 11.68); ASA class IV (OR 6.51; 95% CI 1.66 to 25.59);

Length of surgery of one to three hours (odds ratio [OR] 16.70; 95% confidence interval [CI] 4.10 to 67.99) and length of surgery more than three hours (OR 4.26; 95% CI 2.40 to 7.55);

Patient Selection...



Outpatient Surgery Admission Index from Independent a Predictors of Immediate Hospital Admission

1 point

- 65 years or older
- OR time longer than 120 min

1 point

- Cardiac Diagnoses
- Peripheral Vascular Disease
- Regional Anesthesia

1 point

- Cerebrovascular Disease
- Malignancy
- HIV

2 points

- General Anesthesia

Never have I ever...

- ▶ 54 yo patient with a BMI of 54 coming in for a lap chole. PMHx significant for Type 2 DM (Hgb A1C 7.5), GERD and well controlled HTN
 - ▶ Hospital with planned admission
 - ▶ Hospital with planned discharge to home
 - ▶ Free-standing ASC

Obesity - A GROWING PROBLEM

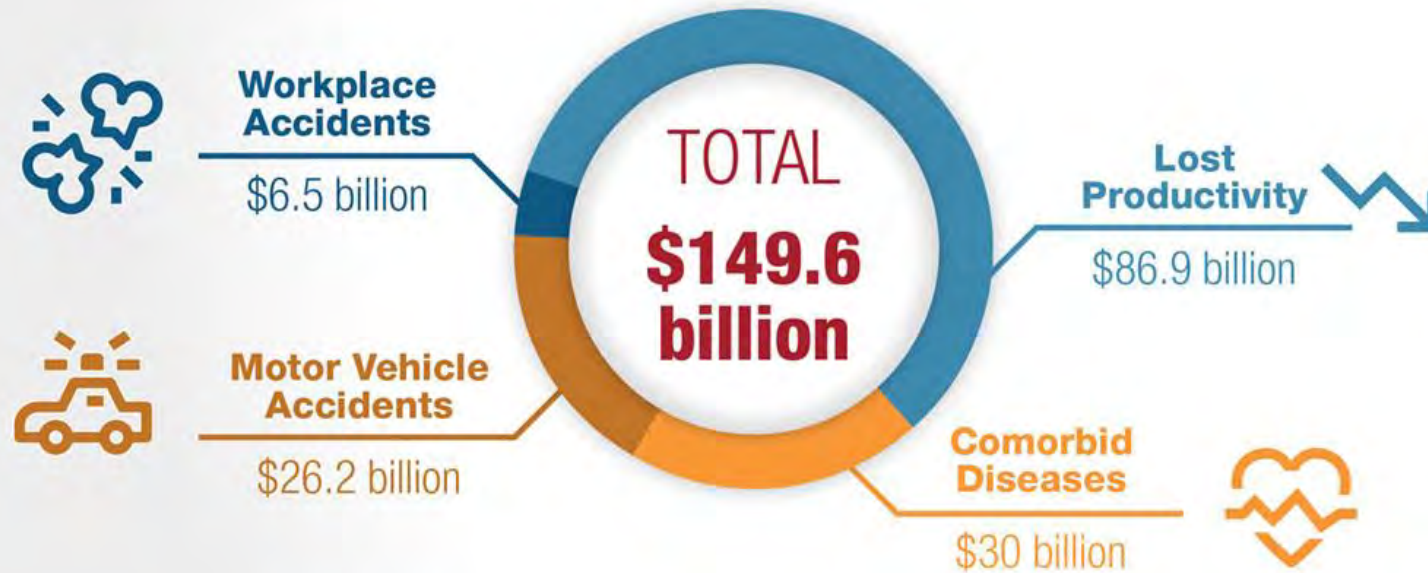
- ▶ Systematic review of published studies also showed that BMI alone did not increase perioperative complications or unplanned admissions after ambulatory surgery
- ▶ National Survey of Ambulatory Surgery) found that morbidly obese patients had a similar incidence of adverse postoperative outcomes, delayed discharge, and unplanned hospital admission, when compared with nonobese patients
- ▶ In Lopez and Byers study looking at patients presenting for weight loss surgery, looking to see the prevalence of OSA in obese patients
 - ▶ Severely obese group (BMI 35-39.9 kg/m²) had a prevalence of 70%
 - ▶ Morbidly obese group (BMI 40-49.9 kg/m²), the prevalence was 74%
 - ▶ Superobese group (BMI 50-59.9 kg/m²) 77 per cent.
 - ▶ BMI 60 kg/m² or greater, the prevalence of OSA rose to 95 per cent.
- ▶ Probably needs individualized decision based on type of surgery, anesthesia and comorbid conditions

Never have I ever

- ▶ 45 yo Male presenting for distal radius fracture ORIF. PMHx significant for obesity (BMI 39), HTN (well controlled on Lisinopril and Metoprolol). On his preop call, it is reported that his STOP-BANG questions put him at high risk of Obstructive Sleep Apnea.
 - ▶ Proceed with the case as planned with GA and a supraclavicular PNB
 - ▶ Proceed with case under PNB and very little sedation
 - ▶ Move case to hospital based OR

Undiagnosed Sleep Apnea: *A Hidden Health Crisis*

In the U.S. the estimated economic cost of undiagnosed obstructive sleep apnea was nearly \$150 billion in 2015.



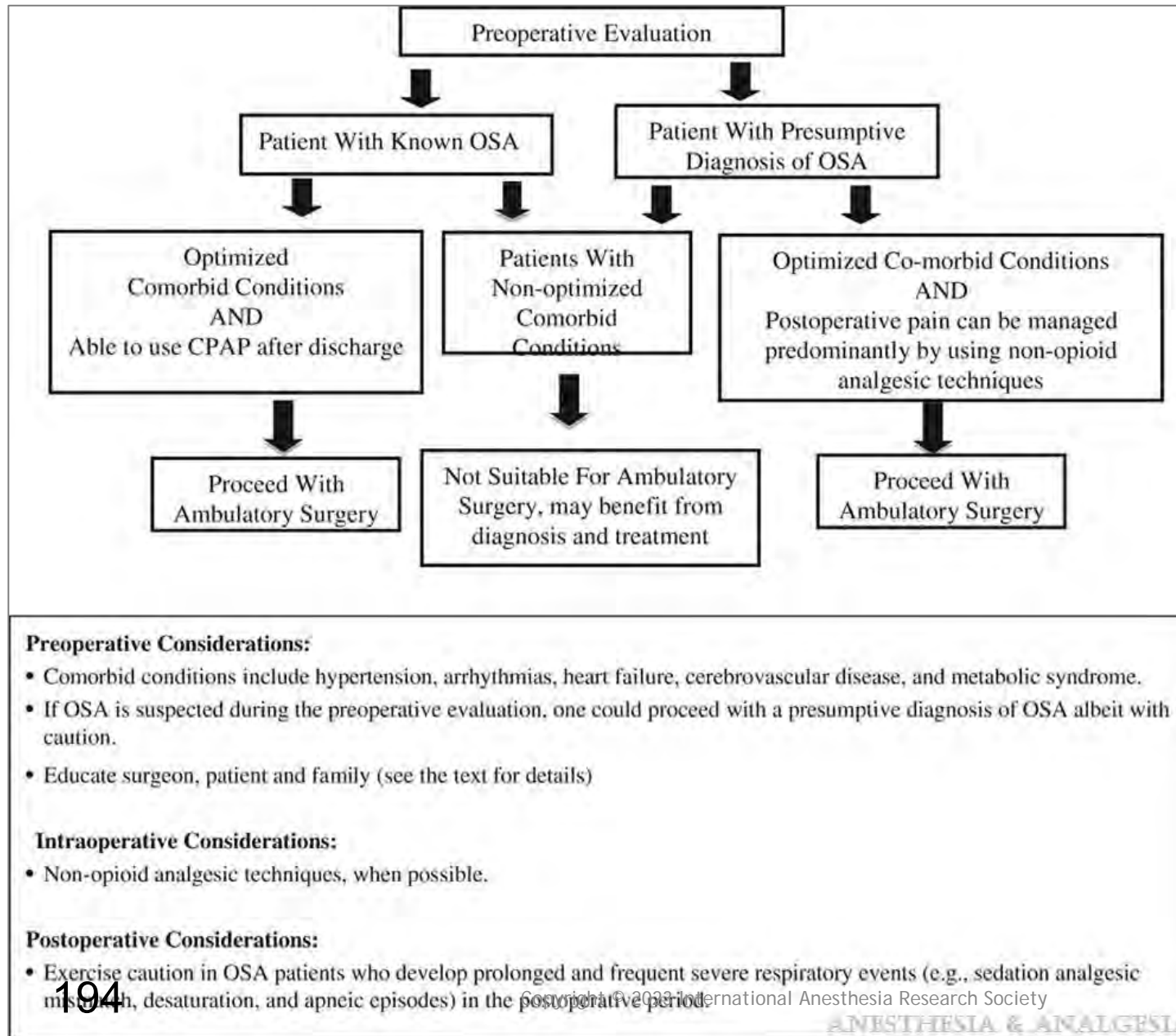
Source: American Academy of Sleep Medicine, 2016 | www.sleepeducation.org



Patient Selection for Adult Ambulatory Surgery: A Narrative Review

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SAMBA CONSENSUS STATEMENT - Decision making in preoperative selection of a patient with OSA



Joshi, Girish P.; Ankichetty, Saravanan P.; Gan, Tong J.; Chung, Frances

Anesthesia & Analgesia 115(5):1060-1068, November 2012.

STOP-BANG

Ask the patient the following:


Do you snore loudly? Louder than talking or loud enough to be heard through closed doors	No 0	Yes +1
Do you often feel tired, fatigued, or sleepy during the daytime?	No 0	Yes +1
Has anyone observed you stop breathing during sleep?	No 0	Yes +1
Do you have (or are you being treated for) high blood pressure?	No 0	Yes +1

Objective measures:

BMI	≤35 kg/m ²	0
	>35 kg/m ²	+1
Age	≤50 years	0
	>50 years	+1

6 points
STOP-BANG

High risk of OSA

Copy Results 

Next Steps >>>

STOP-Bang = Snoring, Tiredness, Observed apnea, High BP, BMI, Age, Neck circumference, and Male gender

STOP-Bang Score	Any OSA (AHI > 5)	Moderate/Severe OSA (AHI > 15)	Severe OSA (AHI > 30)
0-2	0.46 (0.39-0.53)	0.18 (0.13-0.24)	0.04 (0.02-0.08)
3	0.72 (0.65-0.78)	0.36 (0.29-0.43)	0.13 (0.09-0.19)
4	0.73 (0.66-0.79)	0.42 (0.34-0.49)	0.18 (0.13-0.25)
5	0.77 (0.69-0.84)	0.50 (0.42-0.59)	0.30 (0.23-0.39)
6	0.79 (0.68-0.87)	0.57 (0.45-0.69)	0.32 (0.22-0.44)
7 and 8	0.86 (0.72-0.93)	0.60 (0.44-0.73)	0.38 (0.29-0.53)

Data are given as probability (95% CI).

Frances Chung, Hairil R. Abdullah, Pu Liao, STOP-Bang Questionnaire: A Practical Approach to Screen for Obstructive Sleep Apnea, Chest, Volume 149, Issue 3, 2016, Pages 631-638,

Never have I ever

- ▶ 82 yo F presenting for cysto and bladder sling procedure. PMHx significant for 50 pack year smoking history, COPD (on 2 inhalers), HTN (well controlled). Wears 2 LPM O2 at night. RA saturation in PreOp 91%
 - ▶ Proceed with case at ASC
 - ▶ Postpone until able to reschedule at hospital in case admission is necessary postop
 - ▶ Postpone until she agrees to quit smoking

Risk of Post-op Pulmonary Complications

ARISCAT

Variable		Points
Age, years	≤50	0
	51-80	3
	>80	16
Preoperative SpO ₂	≥96%	0
	91-95%	8
	≤90%	24
Respiratory infection in the last month*	No	0
	Yes	17
Preoperative anemia (Hgb ≤10 g/dL)	No	0
	Yes	11
Surgical incision	Peripheral	0
	Upper abdominal	15
	Intrathoracic	24
Duration of surgery	<2 hrs	0
	2-3 hrs	16
	>3 hrs	23
Emergency procedure	No	0
	Yes	8

ARISCAT Score	Risk group	Risk of in-hospital postoperative pulmonary complications*
<26	Low	1.6%
26-44	Intermediate	13.3%
≥45	High	42.1%

*Complications were defined as a composite including respiratory failure, respiratory infection, pleural effusion, atelectasis on chest x-ray, pneumothorax, bronchospasm treated with bronchodilators, and aspiration pneumonia.

How does our patient score?

- ▶ IF surgery is less than 2 hours...
 - ▶ 24 points = LOW RISK 1.6% risk of in-hospital post-op pulmonary complications (composite including respiratory failure, respiratory infection, pleural effusion, atelectasis, pneumothorax, bronchospasm, aspiration pneumonitis)
- ▶ IF Surgery is 3 hours....
 - ▶ 40 points = INTERMEDIATE RISK 13.3% risk of in-hospital post-op pulmonary complications
- ▶ IF Surgery is 4 hours
 - ▶ 47 points = HIGH RISK 42.1% risk of in-hospital post-op pulmonary complications

Never have I ever

- ▶ 45 yo M presenting for an inguinal hernia repair. PMHx of HTN (poorly controlled with home BPs of 150's/90's), obesity (BMI 31), daily marijuana use, NIDDM (HgbA1C 6.2% last month). Reports able to mow yard weekly and vacuum house
 - ▶ Proceed with GA and ETT
 - ▶ Insist on a stress test prior to surgery at an ASC
 - ▶ Needs to go to a hospital

Ways to Assess Cardiac Risk

- ▶ GUPTA - Assesses Cardiac risk looking at :

$$\text{Cardiac risk \%} = e^x / (1 + e^x)$$

Where $x = -5.25 + \text{sum of the values of the selected variables}$

- ▶ Age
- ▶ ASA Status
- ▶ Creatinine (< 1.5 or > 1.5)
- ▶ Type of Procedure
- ▶ Revised Cardiac Risk Index - Series of yes/no questions looking at:
 - ▶ If surgery is considered “elevated risk”
 - ▶ Patient has a h/o ischemic heart disease
 - ▶ Patient has a h/o CHF
 - ▶ Patient has a h/o TIA/Stroke
 - ▶ Pre-op treatment w insulin
 - ▶ Pre-op Creatinine > 2 mg/dL

How does our patient score?

- ▶ Does he need a pre-op stress test?
 - ▶ Yes
 - ▶ No
- ▶ Is it this case safe to do at an ASC?
 - ▶ Yes
 - ▶ No

Never have I ever

- ▶ 62 yo F presenting for ORIF distal tibia. She got tangled in her puppy's leash and fell to the ground. The puppy had been purchased to celebrate her survival of her heart attack 5 weeks ago for which 2 DES were placed. Echo at her 4 week cards appointment the shows EF 45% with no regional wall motion abnormalities, normal valve function. Letter from cardiology says "cleared for surgery"
 - ▶ Proceed under regional anesthesia with little to no sedation at ASC
 - ▶ Postpone until it can be done at a hospital setting
 - ▶ Postpone until a cardiac anesthesiologist is available

- ▶ The current US and European guidelines recommend DAPT for at least 12 months in acute coronary syndrome and for at least 6 months in stable coronary artery disease without high bleeding risk
- ▶ In a meta-analyses of randomized trials comparing short (≤ 6 months) vs prolonged (≥ 12 months) DAPT duration, short DAPT was associated with lower bleeding risk without a significant increase in ischemic risk.
- ▶ Delay surgery after PCI during the re-endothelialization period, which would be 14 days after ballooning, 30 days after bare metal stent placement, and at least 3 months (preferentially 6 months) after DES placement

For our patient...

Emergent or urgent surgery during the re-endothelialization period

Consider continuation of dual antiplatelet therapy

In surgeries with serious bleeding risk, consider continuation of aspirin (or 3-4 days of cessation, if necessary) and discontinuation of oral P2Y₁₂ inhibitors with bridge therapy using cangrelor, tirofiban, or eptifibatide

In cases of non-surgical bleeding, platelet function test may be performed to guide platelet transfusion

Restart dual antiplatelet therapy as soon as possible following surgery for the intended duration after percutaneous coronary intervention

Never have I ever

- ▶ 28 yo F presenting for a full body lift. She had a gastric bypass 3 years ago and has lost 250 lbs. Current BMI is 27 and patient has excess skin that is causing pain and interferes with ADLs. Surgeon estimates it will take 6-7 hours to complete the procedure, but promises "these patients always go home. I have a great pain regiment for them. My old institution always let me do these at the ASC. She's totally healthy now."
 - ▶ Proceed with case at ASC, but insist on a first case start
 - ▶ Insist the case must be done in segments, with no segment lasting more than 4 hours
 - ▶ Move to hospital setting so patient can be admitted

Length of Case

- ▶ Cosmetic procedure complication rates range from 0.33% to 1.9% at ASCs
- ▶ State dependent limits:
 - ▶ Pennsylvania limits surgery length to 4 hours
 - ▶ Connecticut limits surgery length to 1.5 hours with a 4-hour recovery time.
- ▶ 2009 – Evidence-based safety advisory on safety selection for ASCs
 - ▶ American Society of Plastic Surgery recommended a 6-hour maximum surgery length at ASCs.
- ▶ Meta-analysis looking at facial plastic surgery
 - ▶ No increased morbidity or mortality based on case length

Discuss keeping the ORs full – what are the national trends for block release, block utilization, and case cancellations



VS





Block time

- ▶ “Each 1% of room utilization equates to \$100,000 of net revenue,” says Steve Hess, chief information officer for UCHealth in Colorado, which recently implemented an app to facilitate block scheduling. “We were able to increase overall block utilization by 4%.” That increase resulted in an additional \$15 million in revenue annually. UCHealth has 10 hospitals and more than 80 ORs.
- ▶ Review utilization of assigned block time quarterly
- ▶ Make changes accordingly

Tiered block utilization

Henderson Hospital in Henderson, Nevada, uses a tiered system for block utilization. Block time utilization percentage has to be maintained for 3 months to qualify for a tier change.

Tier	Block time utilization	When block needs to be released before scheduled start
I	80%	24 hours
II	70%-79%	72 hours
III	Below 70%	7 days

▶ Blocks must be released 30 days before planned vacations.

▶ Creativity = increased volume. Utilization increased by 28% in 1 year

CMS Requirements:

- ▶ The ASC must comply with State licensure requirements
- ▶ The ASC must have a governing body that assumes full legal responsibility for determining, implementing, and monitoring policies governing the ASC's total operation. The governing body has oversight and accountability for the quality assessment and performance improvement program, ensures that facility policies and programs are administered so as to provide quality health care in a safe environment, and develops and maintains a disaster preparedness plan.
- ▶ Surgical procedures must be performed in a safe manner by qualified physicians who have been granted clinical privileges by the governing body of the ASC
- ▶ The ASC must develop, implement, and maintain an ongoing, data-driven quality assessment and performance improvement (QAPI) program.
- ▶ The ASC must have a safe and sanitary environment, properly constructed, equipped, and maintained to protect the health and safety of patients.
- ▶ The medical staff of the ASC must be accountable to the governing body
- ▶ The nursing services of the ASC must be directed and staffed to assure that the nursing needs of all patients are met.
- ▶ The ASC must maintain complete, comprehensive, and accurate medical records to ensure adequate patient care.
- ▶ The ASC must provide drugs and biologicals in a safe and effective manner, in accordance with accepted professional practice, and under the direction of an individual designated responsible for pharmaceutical services.
- ▶ must inform the patient or the patient's representative or surrogate of the patient's rights and must protect and promote the exercise of these rights, as set forth in this section.
- ▶ The ASC must maintain an infection control program that seeks to minimize infections and communicable diseases.
- ▶ The ASC must ensure each patient has the appropriate pre-surgical and post-surgical assessments completed and that all elements of the discharge requirements are complete.
- ▶ The ASC must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local emergency preparedness requirements. The ASC must establish and maintain an emergency preparedness program that meets the requirements of this section.

Measures for the CY 2021 Reporting Period/CY 2023 Payment Determination

- ASC-9 Endoscopy/Polyp Surveillance: Appropriate Follow-Up Interval for Normal Colonoscopy in Average Risk Patients
- ASC-11 Cataracts: Improvement in Patient's Visual Function within 90 Days Following Cataract Surgery*
- ASC-12 Facility 7-Day Risk-Standardized Hospital Visit Rate after Outpatient Colonoscopy**
- **ASC-13 Normothermia**
- ASC-14 Unplanned Anterior Vitrectomy
- ASC-17 Hospital Visits After Orthopedic Ambulatory Surgical Center Procedures**
- ASC-18 Hospital Visits After Urology Ambulatory Surgical Center Procedures**
- ▶ * ASCs may voluntarily submit data for CY 2021 but will not be subject to a payment reduction with respect to this measure during the voluntary reporting period.

The Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program

- ▶ Goal of program is to promote “higher quality, more efficient health care in the ASC setting for Medicare beneficiaries through quality of care measurement, quality improvement, and information transparency through public reporting.”
- Mandatory reporting of Measures [ASC-9, -13, and -14- \(endoscopy/polyp surveillance, normothermia and unplanned anterior vitrectomy\)](#) with data submitted annually via the Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) system; and
- Measure [ASC-20](#) Coverage for Healthcare Personnel (HCP) with data submitted quarterly via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- ASCs that do not meet reporting requirements, including allowing the data to be publicly available, may incur a 2.0 percentage point reduction to any payment update provided under the revised ASC payment system for that year

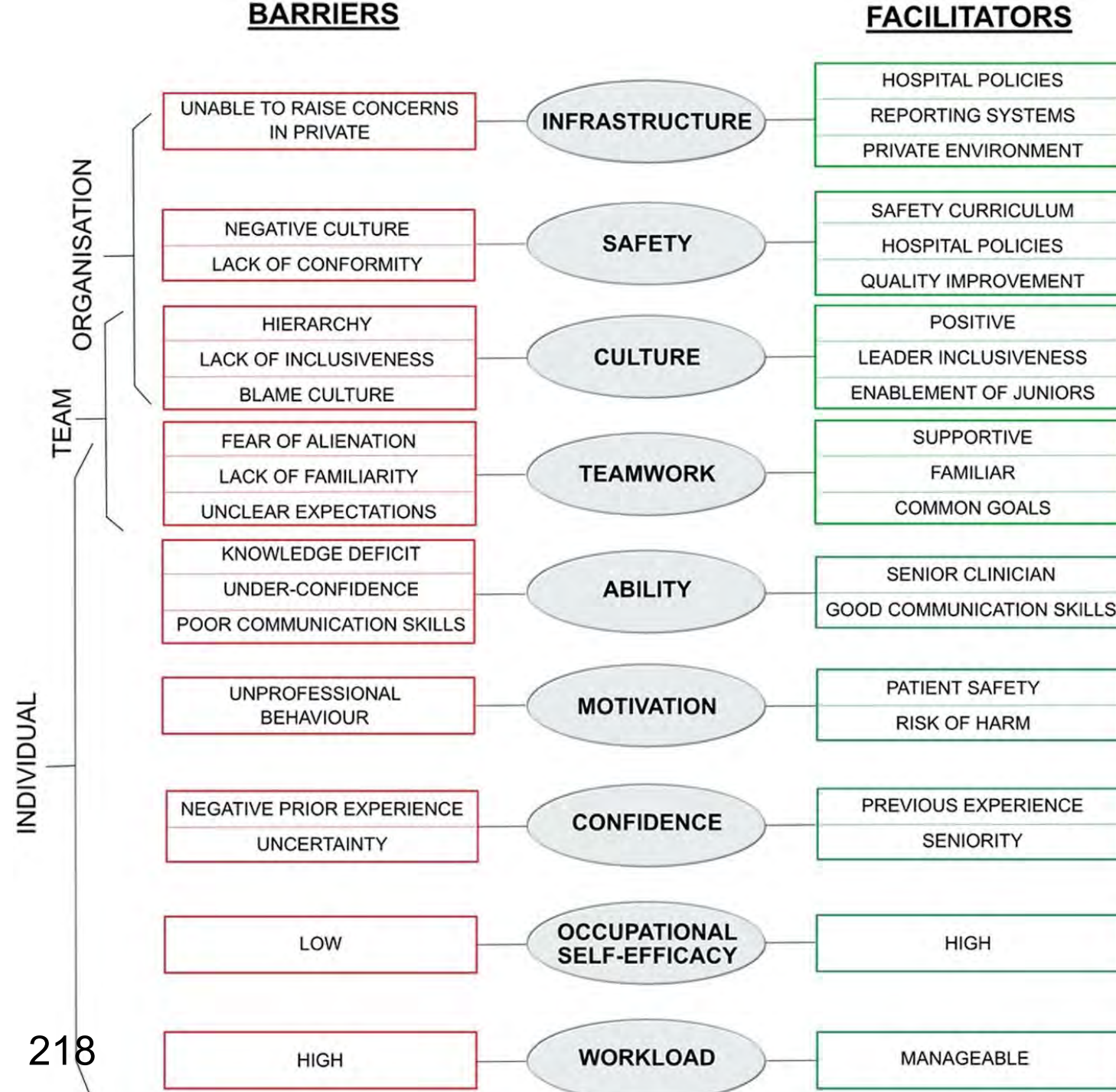
Describe best practices around risk management, safety huddles and peer reviews



Psychological Safety -

An individual's “sense of being able to show and employ oneself without fear of negative consequences to self-image, status or career”

- ▶ Originally defined in 1990
- ▶ 2015 report on malpractice claims in the US [2] implicated communication failure in 30% of all malpractice claims and 37% of high severity injury cases).
- ▶ improves the health of the workforce by promoting job satisfaction & well-being



CONTEXT

ORGANISATION

Setting conducive to speaking up
Public vs Private forum

Presence of alternative routes to speak up
Use of intermediary, other members of multidisciplinary team

GROUP

Common Goals for patient care
Unclear Expectations Across Team
Role, Leadership, Responsibility

Familiarity
With team members, visiting team members

INDIVIDUAL

Age
Higher age conferred greater psychological safety

Occupational Self Efficacy

Promotion of
individual with high
psychological safety

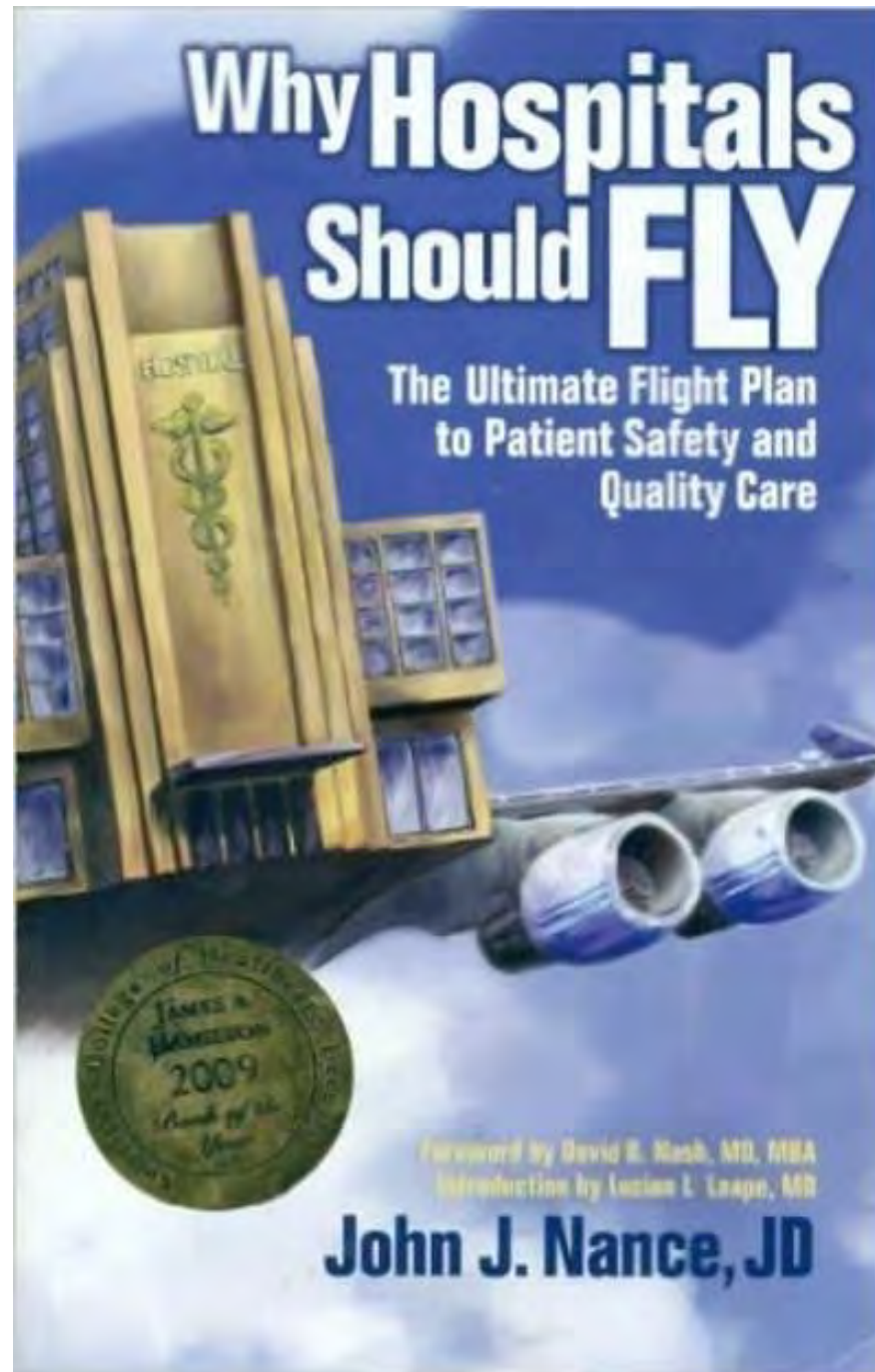
Promotion of
individual with low
psychological safety

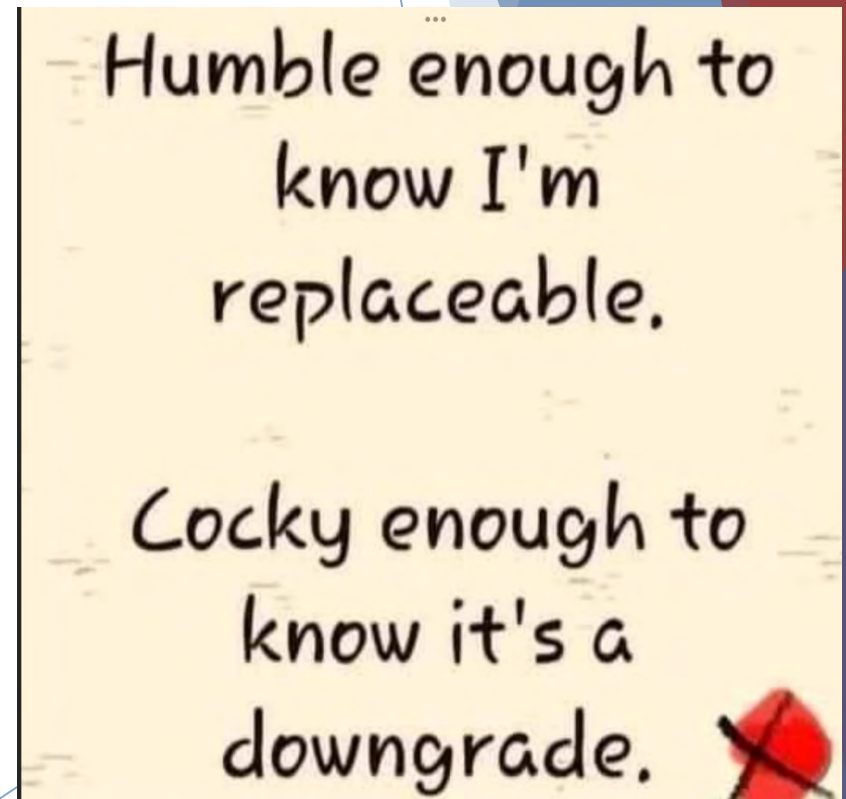
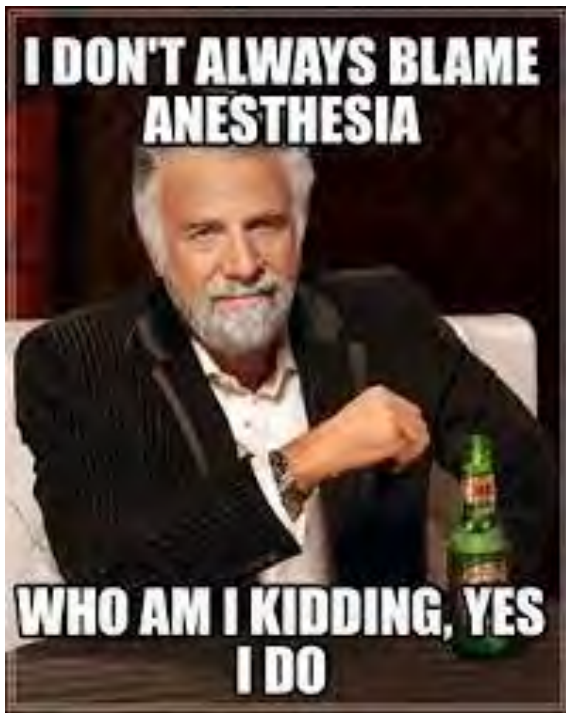
Positive influence on:

Team Creativity
Higher Self Esteem

Negative influence on:

Patient Safety
Employee Moral Distress
Intention to leave







Anesthesia for patients with ischemic heart disease for non-cardiac surgery


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No Disclosures



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Outline

- ▶ Introduction
- ▶ Case 1
- ▶ Intermission
- ▶ Case 2
- ▶ Case 3
- ▶ Wrap-up Questions



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SCOPE OF THE ISSUE

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- ▶ Every year 100 million adults inpatient, noncardiac surgery globally
- ▶ 2% develop major cardiac complications
- ▶ 13% develop prognostically important myocardial injury,
- ▶ Both negatively impact patients' short- and long-term outcomes



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Ischemic Heart Disease and Perioperative outcomes

▶ Controversies

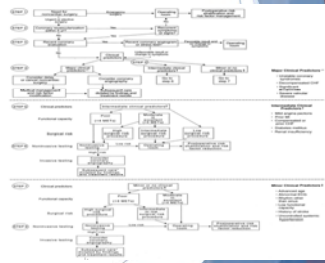
- ▶ Beta blockers?
 - ▶ Timing/Dose
 - ▶ CVA vs MACE
- ▶ Antiplatelet Therapy
- ▶ Pre-operative testing
 - ▶ Test everyone/
 - ▶ Medical management vs attempted revascularization prior to surgery
- ▶ Delay surgery?
 - ▶ Cancer vs Quality of life
 - ▶ SPINE SURGERY vs Lung cancer resection



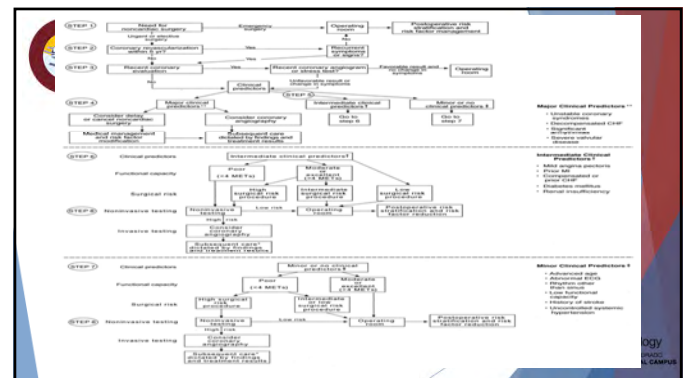
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In the old days...

- ▶ Easy peasey lemon squeezy!



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Fancy Algorithms

- ▶ Didn't pan out
- ▶ Traded in decisions from "must do" to "consider if justified"
- ▶ Individualized Medicine...
- ▶ Modern Problems...



Modern problems require modern solutions

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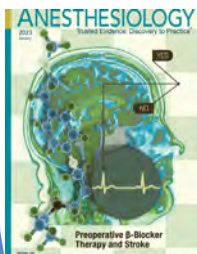
One part of the story

SAGA OF BETA BLOCKERS



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New Data/Old Data/Same Data...




- ▶ Perioperative Beta Blockers
 - ▶ Don't cause increased risk of stroke...
 - ▶ Massive retrospective paper
- ▶ Long Convoluted history
- ▶ Slightly difficult to interpret
 - ▶ Polderman/Mangano
 - ▶ DECREASE IV
 - ▶ POISE trials
 - ▶ 1,2,3

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NEJM 1999	Polderman et al	5 mg Bisoprolol	1 week before Vascular Surgery	Prevented MI's and cardiac death 3.4% vs 34%
NEJM 2005	Lindenaer et al	B-blockers	2 days before major noncardiac surgery	782,969 pts Decreased death in high risk patients, not low risk
J Am College Cardiology 2007	Fleisher et al	B-blocker	Consensus Rec's perioperative B-blocker	Don't stop beta blockers! High Risk patients should be on them!
Lancet 2008 POISE	Devereaux et al	B-blocker	100mg Metop 2-4 hours before surgery	Decreased MACE, increased CVA and death
Circulation 2014	Fleisher et al	Periop recs	Consider in high risk	Consider, maybe, possibly, not so sure...
Euro Hear Jour 2022	Halvorsen et al	B-blocker	Consider in high risk	Consider in high risk, don't stop

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CASE Number 1


"I would rather die then go on with the pain..."



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CASE #1


- ▶ 37 y/o female
 - ▶ Referred for lumbar fusion surgery
 - ▶ Heart Transplant evaluation on hold secondary to functional status
 - ▶ Limited by pain with ambulation
 - ▶ Pain has been refractory to medications/injections/physical therapy
 - ▶ Multidisciplinary spine team recommending surgical intervention
 - ▶ 4 level fusion with hardware
 - ▶ Potential EBL 3



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Past Medical History/Cardiac Work-up


- ▶ Chronic debilitating back pain
- ▶ Cardiomyopathy diagnosed 12/20
 - ▶ Suspicion post viral myocarditis
 - ▶ PET scan w/u negative for myocarditis
 - ▶ Chest CT scan notable for diffuse calcium in LAD, RCA distribution
 - ▶ EF has improved with GDT
 - ▶ 15% (12/20)-31% (12/22)
 - ▶ Global biventricular dysfunction
 - ▶ No regional wall motion abnormalities



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Physical exam

- ▶ Vital signs
 - ▶ HR 45 sinus
 - ▶ BP 100/55
 - ▶ Airway Exam unremarkable
 - ▶ Mallampati 1, good neck extension
 - ▶ BMI 35
 - ▶ Pulmonary/Cardiac Exam unremarkable
 - ▶ No edema, murmurs



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Dr. Andropoulos

- ▶ Does this patient need additional work-up?
 - ▶ Medication titration (beta blockers, statin)
 - ▶ Optimization (laboratory assessment)
- ▶ How do you risk assess this patient?
 - ▶ "what are my anesthetic risks?"
- ▶ What Invasive monitors do you use for this patient if any?



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Preoperative Workup and Other Considerations

- ▶ Ensure that this patient must have this extensive high-risk procedure now
 - ▶ Neurologic function compromise?
 - ▶ Pain?
- ▶ Is a more limited procedure possible?
- ▶ Assuming the answer is that the procedure should proceed as planned, in order to make this patient a cardiac transplant candidate
- ▶ Major risk factors:
 - ▶ Cardiac function
 - ▶ High BMI (equivalent of 5' 6", 217 lbs)



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Additional Preoperative Workup/Optimization

- ▶ Cardiac catheterization
 - ▶ Document the true extent of CAD, Intervene when indicated; i.e. stents
 - ▶ Pulmonary hypertension with heart failure
- ▶ Exercise testing
- ▶ Biomarkers: NT-pro-BNP
- ▶ Weight loss/diet optimization
 - ▶ Greatly reduce cardiac risk
 - ▶ Insufficient time and functional status
- ▶ Assuming surgery will proceed
- ▶ Operative setting:
 - ▶ Cardiac center with full expertise available
 - ▶ TEE, Impella® or balloon pump, VAD, full cardiac ICU capability
 - ▶ Extensive multidisciplinary cardiac planning for monitoring, low CO events, postoperative care
- ▶ Patient and family discussion:
 - ▶ Extremely high-risk procedure
 - ▶ Significant risk of death, stroke, end-organ damage: cardiac, renal



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Assessment of functional capacity before major non-cardiac surgery: an international, prospective cohort study

Duminda N Wijesundera, Rupert M Pearce, Mark A Shulman, Tom E F Abbott, Elizabeth Tones, Althea Ambasta, Bernard L Croal, John T Granton, Kevin E Thorpe, Michael P W Grocott, Catherine Farrington, Paul S Myles, Brian H Cuthbertson, on behalf of the METS study investigators

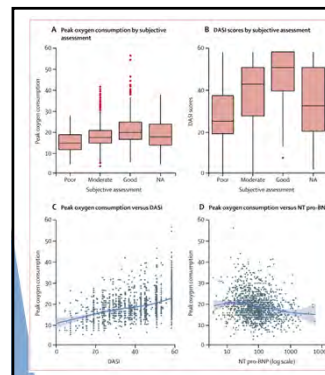
Lancet 2018; 391: 2631-40

Implications of all the available evidence

Subjective assessment of functional capacity should not be used for preoperative risk assessment. This commonly used practice does not accurately identify patients with poor fitness or those at increased risk for postoperative morbidity and mortality. As alternatives, clinicians could consider more objective measures, such as DASI questionnaires and NT-pro-BNP testing to assess perioperative cardiac risk, and perhaps CPET to predict complications after major elective non-cardiac surgery.

Duke Activity Status Index

Exercise testing



"DASI scores showed significant adjusted associations with the primary outcome of death or myocardial infarction by 30 days after surgery and with death or myocardial injury by 30 days after surgery. Additionally, DASI scores showed significant risk reclassification with death or myocardial injury by 30 days."

Lancet 2018; 391: 2631-40

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Duke Activity Status Index

Name: _____ Date: _____

Can you: (please circle Yes or No)

1. Take care of yourself—that is, eat, dress, bathe, or use the toilet?	Yes	No	2.75
2. Walk indoors, such as around your house?	Yes	No	1.75
3. Walk a block or two on level ground?	Yes	No	2.75
4. Climb a flight of stairs or walk up a hill?	Yes	No	5.50
5. Run a short distance?	Yes	No	8.00
6. Do light work around the house like dusting or washing dishes?	Yes	No	2.70
7. Do moderate work around the house like vacuuming, sweeping floors, or carrying groceries?	Yes	No	3.50
8. Do heavy work around the house like scrubbing floors or lifting or moving heavy furniture?	Yes	No	8.00
9. Do yard work like raking leaves, weeding, or pushing a power mower?	Yes	No	4.50
10. Have sexual relations?	Yes	No	5.25
11. Participate in moderate recreational activities like golf, bowling, doubles tennis, or throwing a baseball or football?	Yes	No	6.00
12. Participate in strenuous sports like swimming, singles tennis, football, basketball, or skiing?	Yes	No	7.50

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Integration of the Duke Activity Status Index into preoperative risk evaluation: a multicentre prospective cohort study
British Journal of Anaesthesia, 124 (3): 261–270 (2020)

Duminda N. Wijesundera^{1,2,3,4,5,*}, W. Scott Beattie^{1,5}, Graham S. Hillis^{1,7}, Tom E. F. Abbott^{6,8}, Mark A. Shulman^{10,11}, Gareth L. Ackland¹², C. David Mazer^{1,13}, Paul S. Myles^{10,11}, Rupert M. Pearce², Brian H. Cuthbertson^{14,15} on behalf of the Measurement of Exercise Tolerance before Surgery Study Investigators

Editor's key points

- The Duke Activity Status Index (DASI) questionnaire is a valid measure of preoperative cardiopulmonary fitness, but it is unclear what threshold scores define an elevated preoperative risk.
- A nested cohort analysis of the Measurement of Exercise Tolerance before Surgery study sample was conducted to characterise the association of preoperative DASI scores with postoperative cardiac complications and moderate-to-severe complications.
- **A DASI score of 34 was identified as a threshold** for identifying patients at risk for myocardial injury, myocardial infarction, moderate-to-severe complications, and new disability in surgical patients.
- The use of the DASI should help the preoperative identification of patients at an elevated risk of post-operative morbidity.

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Intraoperative Monitoring

- ▶ Arterial line
- ▶ Central venous pressure: right internal jugular catheter
 - ▶ Oximetric catheter
 - ▶ PICCO® system: continuous CO
- ▶ Percutaneous PA catheter
 - ▶ Cardiac output, PA wedge pressure
 - ▶ Pulmonary artery pressure
 - ▶ Mixed venous O₂ saturation
- ▶ Transesophageal echo
 - ▶ Cardiac function
 - ▶ Left ventricular volume/filling
- ▶ ALL OF THESE MODALITIES ARE COMPLICATED BY PRONE POSITIONING

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Perioperative Cardiac Support Modalities

- ▶ Inotropic and vasodilator support: dobutamine, epinephrine, milrinone, vasopressin, bolus drugs (phenylephrine, epinephrine, calcium chloride), inhaled nitric oxide if pulmonary hypertension
- ▶ Impella®: percutaneous placement in cath lab; needs anticoagulation
 - ▶ Suitable for postoperative support
- ▶ Frequent ABGs, electrolytes
- ▶ Coagulation monitoring: ROTEM®, TEG®
- ▶ Cell saver and goal directed therapy for reinfusion: blood transfusion, platelets, coagulation factors
 - ▶ SvO₂, Hgb, platelets, prothrombin concentrate, fibrinogen, red cells, cell saver blood
- ▶ Planning for cardiac arrest
 - ▶ Cover wound, turn supine, ACLS, mechanical support

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Postoperative Care

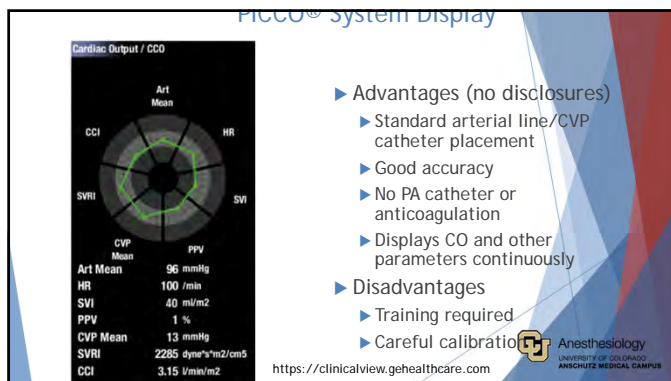
- ▶ Admission to CICU ventilated; extubate only when certain that cardiac function is adequate
- ▶ Continue the intraoperative monitoring
- ▶ Consider Impella® for LCOS

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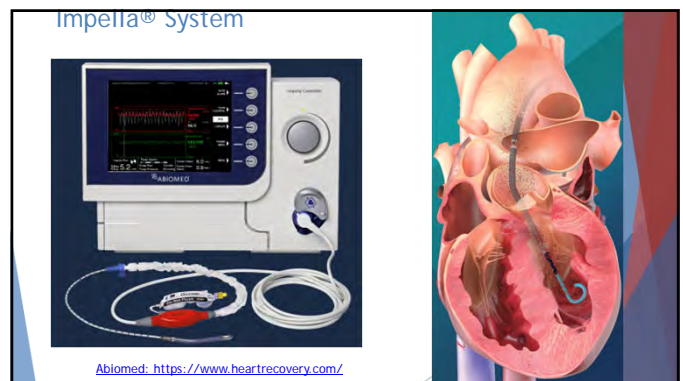
PICCO® System

Anesthesia for Congenital Heart Disease, 4th Edition, p. 298; Gettings AB

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Impella® Advantages/Disadvantages

Advantages (no disclosures):

- Can be placed in cath lab
- Mostly percutaneous insertion, especially for temporary support
- Relatively easily removed

Disadvantages:

- Anticoagulation required
- May require axillary artery cutdown

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Case #2

"But doc, its not my heart I worried about, it's the cancer!"

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Case #2

- 65 y/o male prostate cancer
- Robotic prostatectomy possible open PMH
 - CAD: STEMI 1 year ago
 - sudden cardiac death, 3 DES to the LAD, IABP
 - Recent EF 35% akinetic septum
 - Automatic internal defibrillator
 - ASA, Clopidogrel for his stents
- PVD
 - Femoral artery stent, complication of IABP
- Diabetes on insulin
 - HbA1c 7
- CVA
 - Weakness in left arm and slight speech deficit
 - Clopidogrel

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Dr. Brown

- How do you risk assess this patient?
- What do you recommend for this patient's anticoagulation?
- Do you recommend any changes to their defibrillator/biventricular pacing prior to the surgery?

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The good news: other than that, he's healthy!

- ▶ The major assessment is, on the one hand, quite easy to make:
 - ▶ He has a sick heart
 - ▶ He has other markers of poor health
- ▶ But, the question is perhaps not "is his risk is high?" but rather "how high is his risk?"

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RCRI

- ▶ Several tools can guide risk assessment.
- ▶ NISQUIP / VASQUIP are very granular and require a lot of data.
- ▶ The most blunt, but perhaps the most ubiquitous: RCRI
 - ▶ RCRI consists of 6 binary variables:
 - ▶ elevated risk surgery
 - ▶ h/o ischemic heart disease
 - ▶ h/o CHF
 - ▶ h/o cerebrovascular disease (including TIA)
 - ▶ pre-op insulin therapy
 - ▶ preop creatinine >2 (mg/dL)

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RCRI, cont

- ▶ RCRI yields a risk from 3.9% to 15% based on "yes" answers.
- ▶ Answering yes to 3 questions gets you to 15%.
- ▶ Our patient scores well, or poorly, depending on your outlook with 5/6 and that's assuming no CKD.
- ▶ Here's a shot of the calculator:

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Elevated-risk surgery Intraperitoneal; intrathoracic; suprainguinal vascular (see 2014 ACC/AHA Guideline)	No 0	Yes +1
History of ischemic heart disease History of myocardial infarction (MI); history of positive exercise test; current chest pain considered due to myocardial ischemia; use of nitrate therapy or ECG with pathological Q waves	No 0	Yes +1
History of congestive heart failure Pulmonary edema, bilateral rales or S3 gallop; paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea, chest x-ray (CXR) showing pulmonary vascular redistribution	No 0	Yes +1
History of cerebrovascular disease Prior transient ischemic attack (TIA) or stroke	No 0	Yes +1
Pre-operative treatment with insulin	No 0	Yes +1
Pre-operative creatinine >2 mg/dL / 176.8 μmol/L	No 0	Yes +1
5 points Class IV Risk	15.0 % 30-day risk of death, MI, or cardiac arrest	

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Anticoagulation

- ▶ Drug eluting stents (DES) require dual anti-platelet therapy (DAPT).
- ▶ ACC/AHA give a Class 1 recommendation of 6-12 months of DAPT after modern DES deployment.
 - ▶ Clopidogrel can probably stop.
 - ▶ ASA can stay.

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AICD management

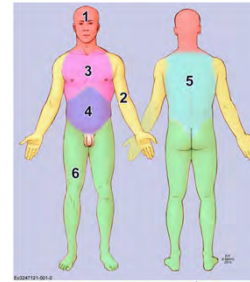
- ▶ The patient has an Bi-V AICD.
- ▶ Even modern AICDs often need to be made “dumber” for surgery. Why?
 - ▶ Electrocautery can confuse them.
 - ▶ Magnet and an AICD?
 - ▶ usually turns off all anti-tachycardia therapies and
 - ▶ puts pacing in an asynchronous mode (DOO or VOO)
 - ▶ (guide in references)



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AICD and EM interference risk

- ▶ The farther away the electrocautery circuit, the better.
- ▶ This surgery is infra-umbilical.
- ▶ The electrocautery return pad should be on a lower extremity, and certainly not on the left shoulder or over the precordium!



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AICD Management, cont.

- ▶ Is pt paced? If so, how much?
 - ▶ The pacemaker keeps track of this and
 - ▶ Use of anti-tachycardia therapies.
 - ▶ The patient will generally be able to tell you if a shock was delivered...



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It hurts!



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What if something goes wrong?

- ▶ Place external defibrillator pads on patient prior to going to surgery.
- ▶ Have magnet available.
 - ▶ If magnet placed, and pt needs defib, remove it, or use external pads.
- ▶ Communicate this to surgery, unless you don't especially like them, in which case ensure that they're standing in a puddle of saline.



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Case #3

“my heart is fine, I had the CABG, now I need the aorta fixed!”



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Case #3

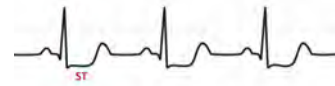


- ▶ If converting to open, anesthetic and surgical risk both increase with conversion to GA.
- ▶ I would favor tracheal intubation (over LMA, e.g.) to preserve the ability to use TEE should complications arise in this critically sick person.



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Bad News



- ▶ There is active ischemia.
- ▶ Management goals are directed toward cardiac perfusion
- ▶ Are there guidelines? Yes, but they vary quite a bit.

▶ *Ann Surg.* 2021 Jul 1;274(1):86-96. doi: 10.1097/SLA.0000000000004710.

Intraoperative Red Blood Cell Transfusion Decision-making: A Systematic Review of Guidelines

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Case #3 management, cont.

- ▶ If available, place TEE for intraop monitoring.
- ▶ Discuss urgency with surgery.
- ▶ If evolution to ST elevations, plaque rupture may have occurred, and patient may need trip to cath lab for revascularization.
 - ▶ Alert cardiology, discuss with them. Again, discuss with surgery.



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Summary

- ▶ MACE is a common problem
- ▶ Risks should be guided by the surgery, patient risk factors, timing
- ▶ Case 1
 - ▶ Functional status important
 - ▶ BNP, Duke Activity score can act as surrogates
 - ▶ Advanced monitoring may help
 - ▶ Cardiac Support devices/Post operative expert care
- ▶ Case 3



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Summary

- ▶ Case 2
- ▶ NISQUIP / VASQUIP data bases give strong evidence based outcomes data
- ▶ Helpful for discussion when alternative treatments are available
 - ▶ Chemo/Radiation



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Summary

- ▶ Case 3



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Questions for our Panelists

- ▶ Special thanks:
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- ▶ Chrissie Butz




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Point of Care Ultrasound


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- ▶ Nicholas Houska, MD
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Objectives


- ▶ Obtain the following cardiac views: parasternal long axis, parasternal short axis, apical four chamber and subxiphoid.
- ▶ Identify basic cardiac structures in these four views
- ▶ Understand basic lung ultrasound and identify lung sliding and pleural effusions



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Overall Flow


- ▶ 6 Rotations: ~ 18 minutes at each station
 - ▶ Parasternal long and short axis (Dr. Wallis)
 - ▶ Subxiphoid view (Dr. Gilliland)
 - ▶ Apical view (Dr. Houska)
 - ▶ Cardiac function (Dr. Tenabe)
 - ▶ Lung Ultrasound (Dr. Brainard)
 - ▶ Volume responsiveness/Pathology (Dr. Tregear)
- ▶ Hands-on time for each learner to obtain the view



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Where to go from here?


- ▶ American Society of Anesthesiologists now has a certification process
- ▶ POCUS ACGME requirements now in place
- ▶ PRACTICE PRACTICE PRACTICE!
- ▶ DON'T MAKE SIGNIFICANT CLINICAL DECISIONS YET!



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Question and Answer Session

- ▶ Please see me or any of my colleagues after the session for further questions
- ▶ Feel free to contact me if you think of additional questions
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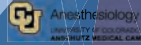


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Perioperative Implications of Cannabis Use

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Objectives

- ▶ Understand the cardiovascular effects of cannabis administration
- ▶ Discuss pulmonary effects of cannabis use
- ▶ List common drug interactions with cannabis
- ▶ Describe the effects of cannabis on post-operative pain



Disclosures

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What is cannabis?

- ▶ Marijuana = *Cannabis sativa* (also *indica*, *ruderalis*, *afghanica*)
 - ▶ Cultivation can be traced back to 10,000 BC
 - ▶ First evidence of medicinal use (analgesic) in 4,000 BC
 - ▶ High degree of inbreeding or hybridization → CANNOT predict the biochemical content based upon strain name or physical appearance
 - ▶ "Chemovar"



What is cannabis? Numerous active components

- Psychoactive:
 - Δ^9 -tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)
 - Cannabinoid (CBD)
 - Non-intoxicating BUT may be anxiolytic, anti-psychotic, anti-depressant
 - Δ^8 -tetrahydrocannabinol
 - (less psychoactive, found in trace amounts if at all)
 - Cannabinol
 - Nonsynthetic oxidative breakdown product of THC found in old Cannabis
 - Tetrahydrocannabinol (THCV)
 - Neutral antagonist of CB₁ at low doses but agonist at high doses
 - Not found in high levels in most Cannabis strains
 - Terpenoids (eg myrcene, limonene)
- Anti-inflammatory and other:
 - CBD
 - Numerous other minor cannabinoids
 - Cannabichromene, cannabigerol, cannabidiol
 - Flavonoids
 - Apigenin, quercetin
 - Numerous terpenoids
 - anti-inflammatory & modulate THC effects

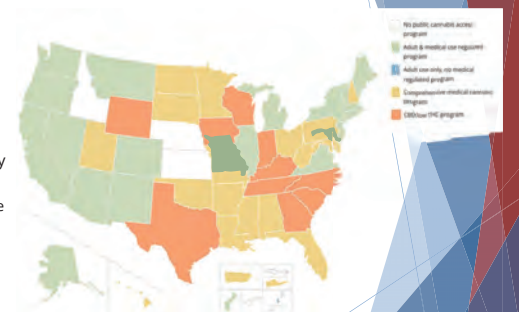


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State policies and demographics

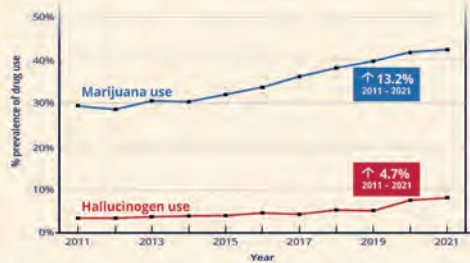
• Cannabis is the most commonly used federally illegal drug in the US

• Nearly a fifth of people aged 12 or older reported use in 2021



As of May 2022
<https://www.ncsl.org/health/state-medical-cannabis-laws>
<https://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/2022-12/2021NSDUHFRHighlights092222.pdf>

Historic Highs in Past-Year Marijuana and Hallucinogen Use Among Young Adults (Ages 19-30) in 2021



Source: 2021 Monitoring the Future Panel Survey



National Institute on Drug Abuse

nida.nih.gov

https://nida.nih.gov/sites/default/files/images/NIDA_2021FemMTF_Graph_08242022.png

Cannabis Risks

- About 30% of people who use cannabis have cannabis use disorder.
 - Risk increased for people who begin using marijuana before age 18
- Long-term or frequent cannabis use linked to increased risk of psychosis
- Cannabis use increases the risk of suicidal ideation and attempts in adults and adolescents
- Increased risk of pregnancy complications: decreased birth weight, preterm delivery
 - May affect fetal brain development leading to attentional deficits, behavioral problems, psychopathology and lowered cognition
- Pulmonary effects
- Cardiovascular effects



<https://www.cdc.gov/marijuana/data-statistics.htm>
 JAMA Neurol. Open. 2021;4(6):e2113025. JAMA Neurol. Open. 2022;5(1):e2200553
 Current Opinion in Anaesthesiology 2020; 33(3):p 318-326

Percentage of THC and CBD in Cannabis Samples Seized by the DEA, 1995-2021



SOURCE: U Miss. Botanical Monitoring Project

<https://nida.nih.gov/sites/default/files/images/percentage-cannabidiol-2022.png>

Not your parents' grass: THC Content



- NIDA Cannabis "High THC" concentration is 5-10%
- Average retail flower in Colorado is over 19%
- Concentrates (inhaled, edible, etc.) allow for even higher THC consumption
 - Average concentrate products sold by the gram were 68% THC in 2020
 - Vaporizer cartridge potency increased from 69% THC in 2019 to 80% in 2020
 - MMJ Edible average THC content increased from 540 to 737 milligrams from 2019 to 2020
- Package labeling may be wildly inaccurate

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1ID4pQd3Bz_ZNtVjau-4ir5Oal_7Nq3
<https://sbj.colorado.gov/sites/sbj/files/2020-Regulated-Marijuana-Market-Update-Final.pdf>



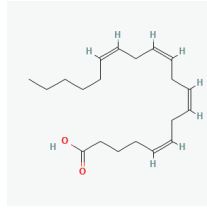
Marketed cannabinoids

Drug Name	Cannabinoid	FDA indication	Dosing
dronabinol	synthetic THC	n/v 2/2 chemotherapy; also anorexia in HIV/AIDS	start 2.5mg PO BID, max dose 10mg PO BID
nabilone	synthetic THC analog	n/v 2/2 chemotherapy	1-2mg PO BID
Epidiolex (cannabidiol)	CBD extract	seizures in Lennox-Gastaut or Dravet syndrome	start 2.5mg/kg BID up to 10mg/kg BID
nabiximols	THC and CBD extract 2.7mg THC: 2.5mg CBD/spray	none: not approved in US. Use in Canada, Europe for MS spasticity	oromucosal spray: titration from 1/day up to 12/day divided BID

Cannabis Pharmacology

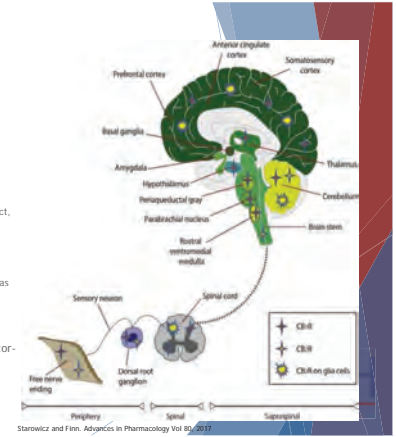
Cannabis pharmacology Endocannabinoid System

- ▶ Endogenous cannabinoids
 - ▶ Chemically similar to arachidonic acid
 - ▶ Arachidonylethanolamide (AEA) aka anandamide
 - ▶ 2-arachidonoylglycerol (2-AG)
- ▶ Enzymes and proteins for EC synthesis, degradation and re-uptake
 - ▶ Different enzymes for AEA and -AG synthesis
 - ▶ Degradation: oxygenation or hydrolysis
 - ▶ AEA: Fatty acid amide hydrolase (FAAH)
 - ▶ 2-AG: Monoacylglycerol lipase
 - ▶ Both: oxygenation by COX-2, lipoxygenases or CYP450 enzymes
- ▶ G-protein-coupled receptors



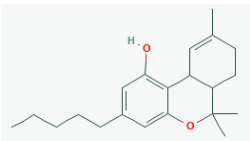
Cannabis pharmacology Endocannabinoid System

- ▶ G-protein-coupled receptors
 - ▶ CB1: Expressed in CNS (and PNS)
 - ▶ Nerve axons and presynaptic terminals
 - ▶ Also in thyroid, adrenals, liver, adipose tissue, GI tract, reproductive organs and immune cells
 - ▶ CB2: "Peripheral" cannabinoid receptor
 - ▶ Expressed on immune cells
 - ▶ Also chondrocytes, osteocytes, fibroblasts, and DRG as well as microglia
- ▶ Non-cannabinoid receptors:
 - ▶ TrpV1 (ligand-gated cation channel), "CB3" aka G protein-coupled receptor 55, Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor- α , etc.

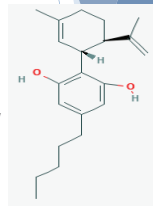


THC vs CBD

- THC
 - ▶ "Psychoactive" = psychomimetic
 - ▶ Agonist at CB₁ and CB₂ receptors



- CBD
 - ▶ Anti-inflammatory analgesic
 - ▶ Relatively low affinity for CBR
 - ▶ Partial agonist at CB1
 - ▶ Weak inverse agonist at CB2
 - ▶ May activate both indirectly by increasing AEA and 2-AG
 - ▶ Modulates and activates glycine receptors (so do THC and AEA)



Hemp products (by definition <0.3% THC) widely available, NOT regulated
→ unreliable THC component: may contain 12x legal limit

Katz-Talmon D (2018) Nat Rev Rheumatol 14(8): 488-498.
JAMA 2017 318(17):1708-1709 Cannabis Cannabinoid Res 2:274-81

Cannabis pharmacology

- ▶ Inhaled exposure → peak 15-30 minutes, effects can last > 8 hrs
- ▶ Oral exposure → onset 30 minutes to 3 hrs, lasts up to 12 hrs
 - ▶ Extensive first-pass metabolism, oral bioavailability is 10-20%
- ▶ Frequent dosing leads to accumulation (long terminal half life)
- ▶ ASRA guidelines (2022) recommend screening for cannabis use, inquiring further about dose & frequency, route of administration, and time of last use



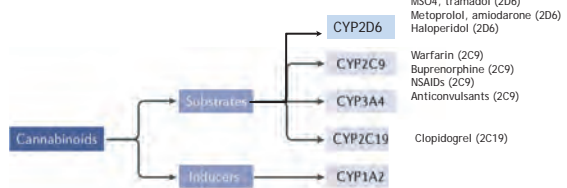
Cannabis pharmacology Drug-drug interactions

Postulated drug interactions

Drug	Postulated result of interaction with cannabinoids
Opioids	↑ Pain reduction M-opioid receptor can form a heterodimer with CB1
Cocaine	Might cause tachycardia and euphoria
Disulfiram	Hypomania
Ethanol	↑ THC in serum
Warfarin	↑ INR (case report)
Sildenafil	Myocardial infarction (case report)
Tricyclics	Transient cognitive changes, delirium and tachycardia (case series)
SSRIs	Mania (case report)
Lithium	↑ Lithium
Barbiturates	CNS depression
Anti-cholinergic agents	Sedation
Olanzapine	Delirium

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Cannabis pharmacology Drug-drug interactions



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Shah S (2023) Reg Anesth Pain Med 2023:0-1-21

Cannabis and anesthetics

- Propofol affects endocannabinoid system in mouse models
 - Propofol activates CB₁ indirectly via increase in brain AEA (also inhibits FAAH)
 - Propofol effect requires CB₁ activation
- Patients using cannabis require more propofol for induction and LMA insertion
 - Significantly more additional Propofol required for LMA insertion for cannabis users (314±109.3mg) than non-users (263.2±69.5mg)
 - BIS <60 achieved in 57% of cannabis users, 73% of non-users (p=0.18) with fixed mg/kg propofol doses

Patel S (2003) British Journal of Pharmacology (2003) 139, 1005-1013
Flisberg, P. (2009). Eur J Anaesthesiol 26(3): 192-195.



Cannabis and anesthetics

- Patients using cannabis may require greater doses for procedural sedation

Amount of Required Sedation in Regular Cannabis Users Compared With Nonusers

Sedative	Amount of Sedation Required			P Value	
	Cannabis Nonusers (n=225)	Cannabis Users (n=25)	Greater Requirement, %	F Test	Mann-Whitney U Test
Fentanyl, µg	109.81	125.88	14	.029	.003
Midazolam, mg	7.81	9.15	18.6	<.001	<.001
Propofol, mg	13.83	44.81	220.5	.029	.001

- In a retrospective analysis of 118 patients undergoing tibial fracture repair, cannabis use was associated with greater ml administration of sevoflurane
 - No difference in desflurane, no difference in propofol, no controlling for FGF, etc.

Twardowski M (2019) J Am Osteopath Assoc.
J Clin Anesth. 2020 Dec;67:109980.



Cannabis and Pain

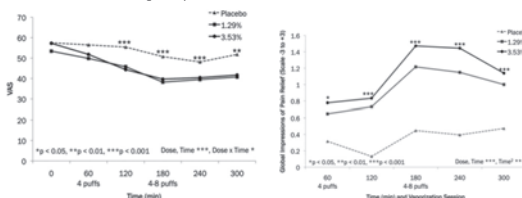
Cannabis for chronic non-cancer pain

- Pain** is the number one indication for medical cannabis use **#1**
- Majority of studies evaluated neuropathic pain and MS-related spasticity
- Commonly used nabiximols (THC-CBD oromucosal spray, not approved in US)
 - Also cannabis flower, dronabinol (synthetic THC), nabilone (synthetic THC analog), very few CBD



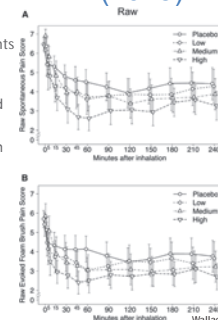
Cannabis and Neuropathic Pain: Acute Effects - Wilsey et al (2013)

- 39 patients with heterogeneous neuropathic pain disorders
- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled crossover design
- Compared vaporized medium (3.53%) vs low- (1.29%) THC vs placebo cannabis
 - Flexible dosing: 4-8 puffs at 2nd admin



Cannabis and Neuropathic Pain: Acute Effects – Wallace et al (2015)

- Crossover RCT in 16 patients with painful diabetic neuropathy
- Single exposure, vaporized
- Placebo vs low (1% THC), medium (4% THC) and high (7% THC) doses
- Spontaneous pain and Evoked pain



No significant result for proportion of participants who experienced 30% reduction in spontaneous pain

Dose	Avg Pain Intensity Score Difference from Placebo	p-value
Low	-0.44	(p<0.05)
Med	-0.42	(p<0.05)
High	-1.2	(p<0.001)

Wallace (2015). The Journal of Pain 16, 616-627



Cannabis for chronic non-cancer pain

Decreasing effect size with increasing study duration: greatest effect seen with intervention <4 weeks

- Single administration provides significant relief of chronic *neuropathic* pain
- Smaller and more inconsistent outcomes with ongoing cannabis use

Observational studies report significant effects, while RCTs find very small effect sizes (<5mm on 100mm VAS vs placebo)



Cannabinoid Analgesic Effects: Opioid Sparing in Pre-Clinical Models

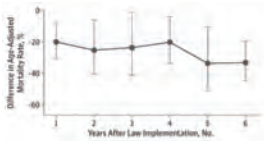
- Numerous studies show opioid sparing effects when cannabinoids are co-administered with opioids in animal models of acute and chronic pain.
- Meta-analysis of pre-clinical animal models:
 - Median effective dose (ED50) of morphine is 3.6 times lower when administered in combination with THC than alone.
 - The ED50 for codeine administered with THC is 9.5 times lower than the ED50 for codeine alone.



Nielsen et al. Neuropsychopharmacology 2011; Vol 42

Cannabis and Opioids - Population Data

- Opioid analgesic overdose death rates from 1999-2010 were lower in states with medical cannabis (MC) laws
- Reduction increased over time following MC legislation
- States with MC laws saw decrease in opioid prescriptions filled in Medicare database from 2010-2015
 - Most significant for hydrocodone and morphine (17.4% and 20.7% reductions)
- MC laws were associated with a 5.88% lower rate of opioid prescribing in Medicaid database
- In a sample of patients with commercial insurance (n=4,840,562) 2006-2014, MC legalization was associated with lower odds of:
 - Any opioid use (OR 0.95; 0.94-0.96)
 - Chronic opioid use (OR 0.93; 0.91-0.95)
 - High risk opioid use (OR 0.96; 0.94-0.98)



Bradford et al. 2018 JAMA Intern Med 178: 667-672; Wen et al 2016 JAMA Intern Med 176: 1479-1485; Shah 2019 J Gen Intern Med 34: 1479-1485

Cannabis and Opioids: Clinical Data

BMJ Open Opioid-sparing effects of medical cannabis or cannabinoids for chronic pain: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised and observational studies

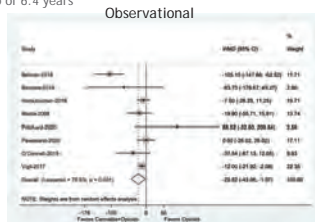
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- 2021 meta-analysis found only 18 publications (RCTs or observational studies) reporting the impact of medical cannabis initiation on opioid use for chronic pain
- 5 RCTs, 13 observational
 - All 5 RCTs and 3 observational enrolled only cancer pain
 - All RCTs administered isolated or synthetic cannabinoids
 - All RCTs instructed patients to maintain prescribed pain med doses



Cannabis and Opioid Use for Pain (Noori): Opioid Use

- Minimal change in opioid use in RCTs (WMD -3.4MME, 95% CI -12.7 - 5.9)
- Data from 8 observational studies suggests adding cannabis may reduce opioid use in CNCP (WMD -22.5 MME, 95% CI -43.06 - -1.97)
 - 1 study found >1/2 of patients with low back pain stopped all opioid use at median follow-up of 6.4 years



Cannabis opioid-sparing effects: chronic opioid use

- Cannabis use results in self-reported reductions in opioid use for pain in observational studies
- Low quality evidence of reduced opioid requirement after initiation of short-term smoked/vaporized cannabis
- Higher quality studies have not found an opioid sparing effect



THC and opioids: safety concerns

- ▶ Few studies report on vital signs when opioids and cannabinoids combined
 - ▶ No evidence of respiratory depression or CV complications when CBD given prior to IV fentanyl bolus (0.5 or 1mcg/kg)
 - ▶ Dronabinol 20mg + morphine 30mg PO resulted in statistically significant change in SBP and DBP, as well as SpO₂ (magnitude not reported)
 - ▶ Dronabinol alone increased HR
 - ▶ IV THC after oxycodone:
 - ▶ Increased sedation
 - ▶ Further decreased ventilation
 - ▶ At highest THC dose (134mcg/kg), HR and Cardiac Index increased while TPR decreased



Cannabis for post-op pain

- ▶ Adding dronabinol reduces opioid use and improves pain control in retrospective analysis (regardless of pre-admission cannabis use history)
- ▶ Clinical trials have investigated the post-operative analgesic (or antiemetic) effect of several cannabinoids
 - ▶ Dronabinol
 - ▶ Nabilone
 - ▶ Levonantradol
 - ▶ Other novel cannabinoid agonists
 - ▶ CBD (buccal)
- ▶ 2020 meta-analysis of 6 trials found a significant reduction in pain vs placebo only for IM cannabinoids (1 trial), not for oral administration

Table 4. Pain Scores

Route	No. of Studies	No. of Patients	Mean difference [95% CI]
All	6	678	-0.90 [-1.69, -0.10]
Oral	5	622	-0.21 [-0.64, 0.22]
Intramuscular	1	56	-2.98 [-4.09, -1.87]

Cannabis Cannabinoid Res 2020;5:200-7



Post-op pain in patients who use cannabis

- ▶ Mixed findings regarding differences in post-op or opioid use between cannabis users and non-users
 - ▶ Many studies under-powered
 - ▶ Cannabis use by diagnosis code (database analyses) vs patient history
 - ▶ Poor quantitation of post-op opioid use following discharge
 - ▶ Confounder of co-morbid pre-operative opioid use
 - ▶ Several studies have found that patients using cannabis preoperatively were significantly more likely to also use opioids and BZDs preoperatively



Salottolo (2018) Patient Safety in Surgery 72:16

Post-op pain and opioid use in patients who use cannabis

- ▶ McAfee 2021 - cannabis users reported more pain day of surgery, greater functional impairment, more symptoms of anxiety and depression versus non-users
 - ▶ 6% patients reported cannabis use (state where only medical cannabis was legal), over half for medical use only
 - ▶ No difference in surgical site pain at 3 or 6 months post-op
 - ▶ Users more likely to continue opioid use at 3 and 6 months but no significant difference in OME at either time



Post-op pain and opioid use in patients who use cannabis

- ▶ Retrospective multi-institutional pilot study from 3 trauma centers in CO and 1 in TX
 - ▶ 21% (54/261) of patients reported marijuana use and 30% of those reported chronic use (daily or almost daily use or >1oz over past month)
 - ▶ Opioid use was greater in marijuana users, both chronic and episodic, vs non-users (7.1 and 7.8, respectively vs 5.7, p<0.05)
 - ▶ association was not true for marijuana users who also used other drugs
 - ▶ Pain scores were significantly greater throughout the duration of hospitalization for marijuana users
 - ▶ Higher for episodic users than chronic users or non-users
 - ▶ Retrospective review of gynecologic oncology patients
 - ▶ those who used cannabis (almost 10%) had significantly higher pain and opioid use at both 12 and 36 hours post-op (did not control for intra-op medications like ketamine)



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Post-op pain and opioid use in patients who use cannabis: orthopedic surgery

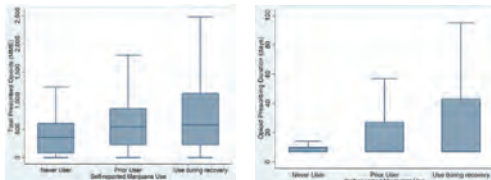
- ▶ Liu (2018): internal database retrospective matched cohort analysis of major orthopedic surgery patients: cannabis users experienced significantly more pain at rest (5.0 vs 3.0), with movement (8.0 vs 7.0) and more sleep interruption due to pain (72% vs 58%)
- ▶ Ong (2022): single institution matched cohort of patients undergoing THA, no difference in inpatient opioid use, opioid refills between cannabis users and non-users
- ▶ Bowers 2022 surveyed all patients undergoing elective hand or UE surgery regarding cannabis use. No difference in post-op opioid use after surgery between users and non-users of cannabis, but those who reported cannabis use had lower scores on quality of life instrument and this was associated with increased opioid use after surgery
- ▶ Moon 2022 retrospective review all patients undergoing 1 or 2 level posterior spinal fusion at a single institution, separately analyzed only those not taking opioids pre-op. Cannabis use associated with greater incidence of depression, increased post-op opioid use throughout hospitalization (no control for LOS) and MME prescribed after discharge
- ▶ Wood 2022 retrospective claims analysis of patients who underwent hip arthroscopy with dx cannabis use, dependence or abuse w/in 5 years prior - matched cohort, no difference in prescription opioid use within 60 days after surgery
 - ▶ Queried 50,458 patients, found 360 with cannabis history (0.71%)



Liu (2018) Anesth Analg

Marijuana use and Post-operative Pain

- ▶ Retrospective survey of 500 patients with musculoskeletal injury
 - ▶ Never user, prior user (but not during recovery) and user during recovery
 - ▶ Latter group: more total opioids and longer duration of use (but not persistent use)
 - ▶ 89% reported that marijuana helped their pain, and 81.1% said they used less opioids
 - ▶ BUT still significantly greater total MME rx and duration
 - ▶ Less effective coping strategies (more catastrophizing, greater anxiety at baseline)



Bhaskyam, A. R., et al (2018). *J Bone Joint Surg Am* 100, 2095-2102

Cannabis-opioid interactions: cardiovascular and pulmonary effects

- ▶ THC administration alone does not affect ventilation or O2 saturation, however co-administration with opioids may further decrease ventilation and CO2 response
 - ▶ does not change respiratory rate
- ▶ No evidence that CBD + opioid affects respiratory or cardiovascular parameters

Pulmonary effects of cannabis use

Cannabis smoking and lung disease

- ▶ Effects of cannabis use on lung function difficult to discern
 - ▶ Cannabis smoke contains similar chemicals and particulates found in tobacco smoke, some in even greater quantities
- ▶ Co-morbid tobacco use
 - ▶ Use of cannabis + tobacco worse than tobacco or cannabis alone
- ▶ Results in obstructive pulmonary disease
 - ▶ Increased sputum, cough, wheezing among young cannabis users
 - ▶ Cannabis smoking reduces FEV₁/FVC ratio*
 - *Lung volumes may be altered by breathing practices associated with cannabis smoking
 - ▶ Increased total lung capacity
 - ▶ Increased FVC

Pulmonary effects of acute cannabis use

- ▶ THC induces **bronchodilation** (oral or inhaled)
 - ▶ But inhalation of combustion products may irritate airways and cause bronchoconstriction in patients with RAD
- ▶ Case reports
 - ▶ Several reports of hemoptysis shortly after cannabis use
 - ▶ Case report of alveolar hemorrhage after GA
- ▶ EVALI
 - ▶ Dyspnea, fatigue, hypoxemia
 - ▶ acute eosinophilic pneumonia, diffuse alveolar hemorrhage, lipid pneumonia, and respiratory-bronchiolitis interstitial lung disease

Cardiovascular implications of cannabis use

Acute cardiovascular effects of cannabis use

- ▶ Tachycardia
 - ▶ Peaks 10-30 minutes after inhalation of cannabis smoke
 - ▶ Bradycardia possible with repeated use
- ▶ Hypertension vs Hypotension - dose and chronicity
 - ▶ THC: tachycardia + hypertension from beta-adrenergic activation and parasympathetic inhibition in naive users
 - ▶ With high doses or chronic usage → hypotension (diastolic)
 - ▶ Reduced cardiac output following THC administration in animals (reduced venous return)
- ▶ Possibly dysrhythmias



Acute cardiovascular effects of cannabis use

- ▶ Cannabis smoke increases carboxyhemoglobin, thus decreasing O₂ carrying capacity
- ▶ Unclear effects on coagulability
 - ▶ In a very small study of trauma patients, +THC associated with hypercoagulability on TEG
 - ▶ Most studies find platelet function impaired with chronic THC administration
 - ▶ One in vitro study found enhanced irreversible platelet aggregation with high but not low THC



Acute cannabis use and Myocardial Infarction

- ▶ Nearly 5-fold increased risk of MI in the first hour after smoking cannabis
 - ▶ MI onset within 5 hours of use in the majority of cases
- ▶ Frequency of cannabis use associated with risk of mortality after MI
 - ▶ 2.5-fold if use <1x weekly
 - ▶ 4-fold risk if more frequent use
- ▶ Adjusted odds of postoperative myocardial infarction after major elective surgery was 1.88 times higher for patients with vs without active cannabis use disorder in a large retrospective analysis
- ▶ CUD also associated with greater risk of post-operative cerebrovascular event



Recommendations

- ▶ Screen for cannabis use, including dose & frequency, route of administration, and time of last use
- ▶ Counsel patients on the risks of cannabis use
- ▶ Delay elective surgery at least 2 hours after cannabis use
- ▶ If possible, consider avoidance of cannabis use for 72 hours before surgery
 - ▶ Cannabis withdrawal: measure on cannabis withdrawal scale
 - ▶ Consider use of nabilone or dronabinol, also data for gabapentin
- ▶ Be aware of possible obstructive lung disease pathology and manage ventilation accordingly
- ▶ Adjust anesthetic and analgesic doses as clinically indicated



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Shared Decision Making in the Perioperative Setting:
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Outline: shared decision making

- Definition
- Historical perspectives
- Why we should do it
- How to do it
- Challenges to SDM

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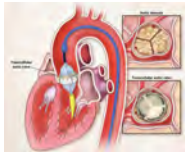
Case Study

- 56 year old female with severe aortic stenosis
- NYHA II-III symptoms
- AVA = 0.8 cm²
- normal LVEF
- “otherwise healthy”
- referred to cardiac surgeon for AVR

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AVR: which option?

transcatheter



TAVR

surgical



SAVR

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The Evidence

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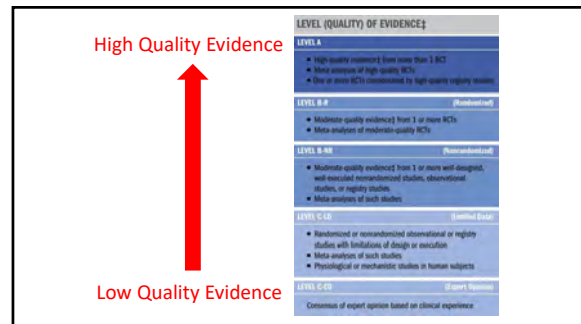
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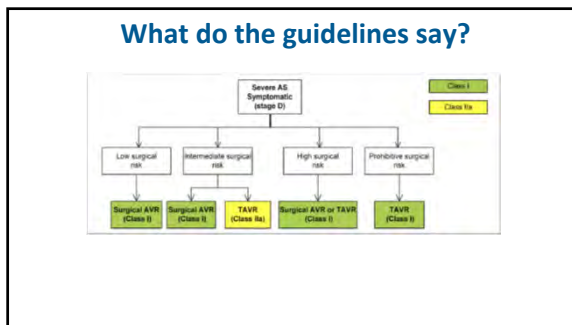
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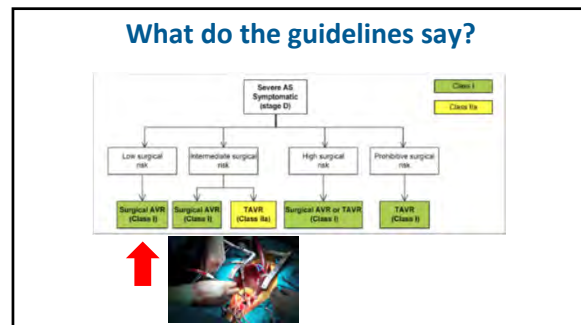
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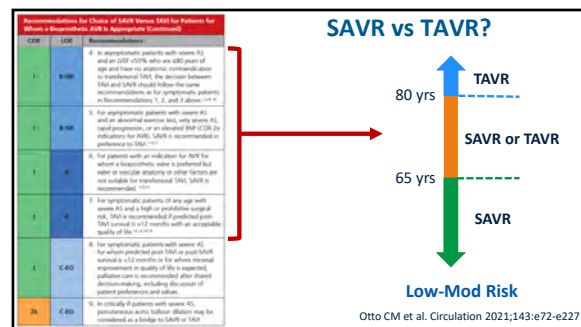
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SAVR vs TAVR?



Class	Level	Recommendation
I	B-NR	For asymptomatic patients with severe AS and an LVEF <50% who are ≥80 years of age and have no patient comorbidities to transfemoral TAVI, the decision between TAVI and SAVR should follow the same recommendations as for symptomatic patients in Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 above. ¹⁻³
I	B-NR	For asymptomatic patients with severe AS and an abnormal aortic root, very severe AS, rapid progression, or an elevated BNP/VCN (2a indication for AVR), SAVR is recommended as preference for TAVI. ¹⁻³
I	A	For patients with an indication for AVR for whom a transcatheter valve is preferred but size or anatomic anatomy or other factors are not suitable for transfemoral TAVI, SAVR is recommended. ¹⁻³
I	A	For symptomatic patients of any age with severe AS and a high or prohibitive surgical risk, TAVI is recommended if predicted post-TAVI survival is >12 months with an acceptable quality of life. ¹⁻³
I	C-EO	For symptomatic patients with severe AS for whom predicted post-TAVI or post-SAVR survival is <12 months or for whom maximal improvement in quality of life is expected, palliative care is recommended after shared decision-making, including the extent of patient performance and status.
IIa	C-EO	In critically ill patients with severe AS, transcatheter aortic valve replacement may be considered as a bridge to SAVR or TAVI. ¹⁻³

Life Expectancy ↑ TAVR
12 mos
Palliate
High-Risk

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Which valve strategy should she pursue?





A) TAVR B) SAVR


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If SAVR, which valve option do you recommend?

A) Mechanical



B) Bioprosthetic



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What do the guidelines say?

IIa **B-NR**

See Online Data Supplement 20 (Updated From 2014 VHD Guideline)

An aortic or mitral **mechanical** prosthesis is reasonable for patients **less than 50 years of age** who do not have a contraindication to anticoagulation (141,149,151,155-157).

IIa **B**

A **bioprosthesis** is reasonable for patients **more than 70 years of age** (163-166).

Nishimura et al. JACC 2017;70:252-89

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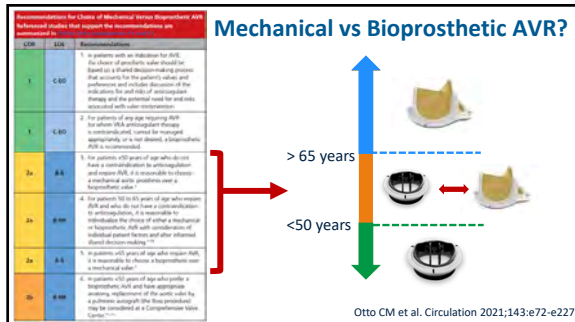
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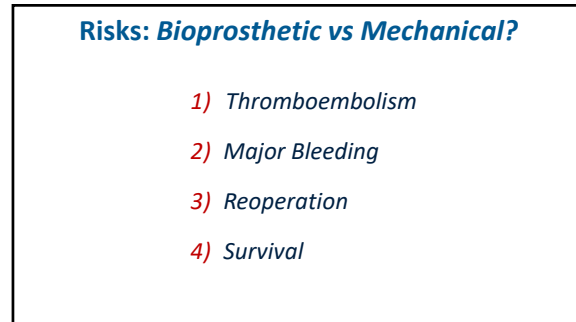
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Otto CM et al. Circulation 2021;143:e72-e227

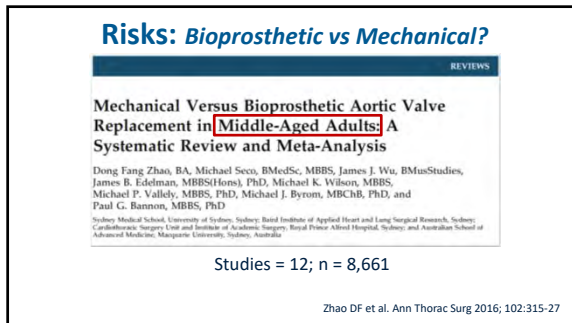
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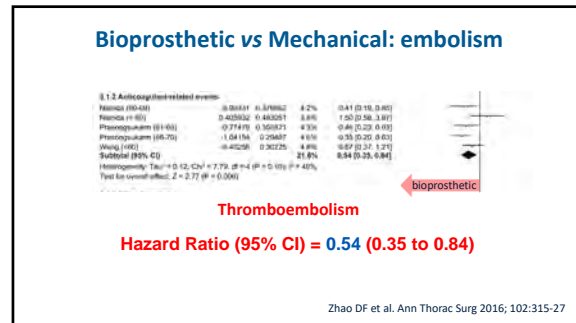
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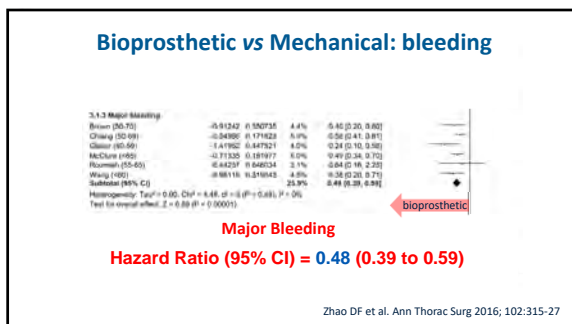
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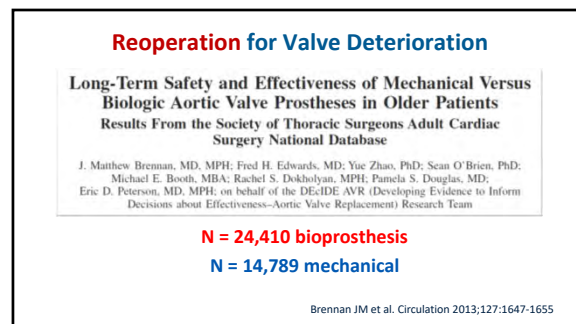
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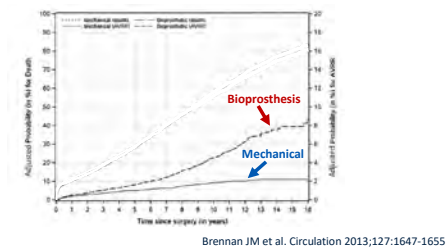


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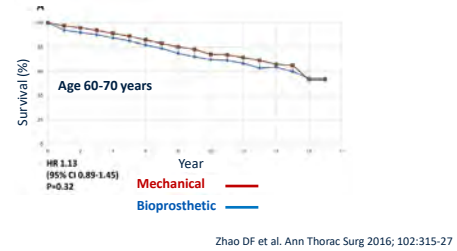
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Reoperation for Valve Deterioration



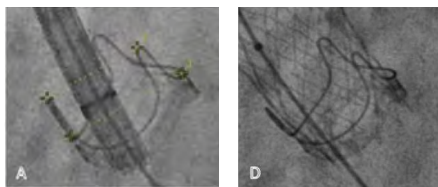
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Bioprosthetic vs Mechanical: survival



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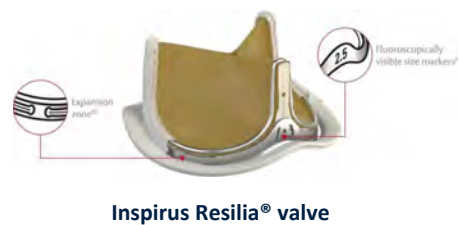
Re-do AVR: valve-in-valve TAVR?



Jayendrakumar JS et al. Catheter Cardiovasc Interv 2017;00:1-5

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Re-do AVR: expanding options for TAVR?



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Which valve do you recommend?

A) Mechanical



B) Bioprosthetic



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Do we have enough information to make a recommendation?

What does she want?

What are her concerns?

What are her values?

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Shared Decision Making (SDM)



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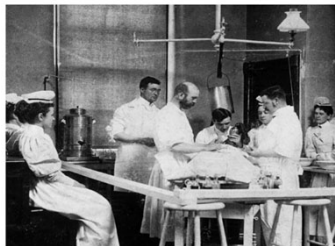
Shared Decision Making: definition

The process of using the best available evidence to support patients in making healthcare decisions **based on the patient's own values, preferences, and beliefs.**



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Historical Considerations



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Paternalistic Model

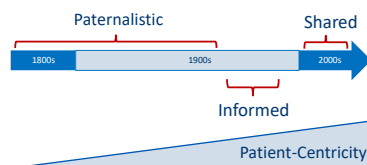
"the obedience of a patient to the prescriptions of his physician should be prompt and implicit. The patient should never permit his own crude opinions as to their fitness to influence his attention to them"

1847 Code of Medical Ethics (American Medical Association)

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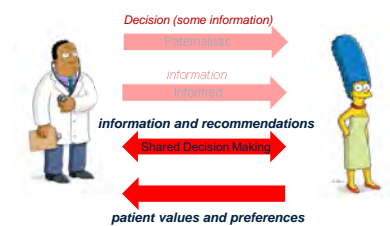
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Decision Making Types



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Decision Making Types



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SHARed Decision Making: Steps

- 1 Seek patient participation
- 2 Help explore treatment options
- 3 Assess patient values and preferences
- 4 Reach a decision with your patient together
- 5 Evaluate your patient's decision

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Why SDM?



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SDM as Ethical Imperative

*"The imperative for SDM must rest on the principles of **good clinical practice**, respecting patients' right to know: that their informed preferences should be the basis for professional actions"*

Elwyn et al. Eur J Pers Centered Health 2013;1:129

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Perioperative Risk



"Healthcare is an intrinsically hazardous business"

Irwin MJ. Anesthesia 2014;69:1299

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Anesthesia-related Mortality

Perioperative and anaesthetic-related mortality in developed and developing countries: a systematic review and meta-analysis

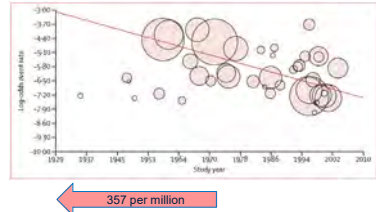
David Bainbridge, Janet Morley, Miguel Arango, Dong Cheng, for the Evidence-Based Perioperative Clinical Outcomes Research (EBCOR) Group

87 studies
21.4 million anesthetics

Bainbridge D et al. Lancet; 2012;380:1075-81

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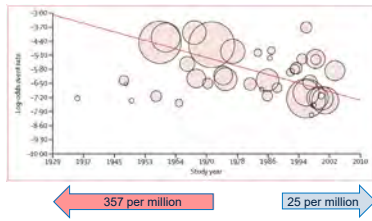
Anesthesia-related Mortality



Bainbridge D et al. Lancet; 2012;380:1075-81

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Anesthesia-related Mortality



Bainbridge D et al. Lancet; 2012;380:1075-81

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What Risks to Consider

- 1) Anesthetic risk (deaths within 24 hours)
- 2) Surgical complications
- 3) Procedural (perioperative) risk
- 4) Loss of independence

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Risk: problems/challenges

- No reciprocal consideration of the facts (surgeon or anesthesiologist)
- No one clinician has access to all the data
- Uncertainty:
 - Risk
 - Understanding
 - Communication

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SDM and Communication



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SDM: importance of communication

the single biggest problem with communication is the illusion that it has taken place

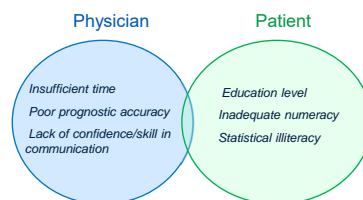
- George Bernard Shaw*



*misattributed

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Roadblocks to Communication



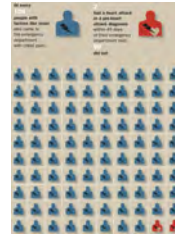
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Inadequate Numeracy

"inability to understand the meaning of numbers"

2% vs. 5%
which is higher risk?

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"You now have a 2% risk of having a heart attack."

Hess EP et al. Circ Cardiovasc Qual Outcomes 2012;5:251-259

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Communicating Risk of Low Probability Events

Doctor: *I've done this operation 100 times and have never seen a problem*

Patient: *Great, I've got nothing to worry about then*

"Is the risk really 0%?"

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If Nothing Goes Wrong, Is Everything All Right?

Interpreting Zero Numerators

If you haven't seen a complication in your prior X patients, does that mean the risk is "0"?

Hanley JA, Lippman-Hand A. JAMA 1983;249:1743-1745

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How large does a study need to be to understand risk?

Table 2.—Long-Run Risk Ruled Out by 0/n (With 95% Confidence, ie, 5% Limit of Credibility)

Rate of	Rules Out Any Long-Run Rate (%) Higher Than
0/10	26 (100)
0/20	14 (10)
0/30	10 (10)
0/50	6 (6)
0/100	3 (3)
0/1,000	0.3 (0.3)

*Derived "exactly" by solving $(1-\text{maximum error})^n = 0.05$
†Derived from rule of three.

the rule of "three"

3/n

Hanley JA, Lippman-Hand A. JAMA 1983;249:1743-1745

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How large does a study need to be to understand risk?

I've done this type of case on 100 patients and have never seen a stroke

True risk = $3/n = 3/100 = \text{up to } 3\%$

Hanley JA, Lippman-Hand A. JAMA 1983;249:1743-1745

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Statistical Illiteracy

Mann-Whitney U test vs. Wilcoxon rank-sum test

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Statistical Illiteracy

"Inability to understand and reason with statistics and data"

- probability
- Risk (absolute and relative)

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Solutions to Improve Statistical Understanding

Absolute Risk rather than **Relative Risk**

"risk of DVT is reduced from **10% to 8%**"

vs.

"risk of DVT is **20% less**"

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Solutions to Improve Statistical Understanding

"Risk of death is 100% greater with drug X compared to drug Y"

1:8000 vs. 2:8000

(Double the risk, but minimal change in the probability)

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Solutions to Improve Statistical Understanding

Breast cancer screening (mammography) reduces the risk of breast cancer mortality by 20%

"Doctor, 20% is a very large reduction, I think I should proceed"

Billier-Andorno et al. N Eng J Med 2014;370;1965-67

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Communicating Risk: pictograph

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Billier-Andorno et al. N Eng J Med 2014;370;1965-67

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Threats to SDM implementation

"we don't have the right tools"

Joseph-Williams N et al. BMJ 2017;357:j1744

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Common Events and Risks in Anesthesia



RCOA
Royal College of Anaesthetists

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Do Decisional Aids Work?

PERIOPERATIVE MEDICINE

Decision Aid for Cigarette Smokers Scheduled for Elective Surgery

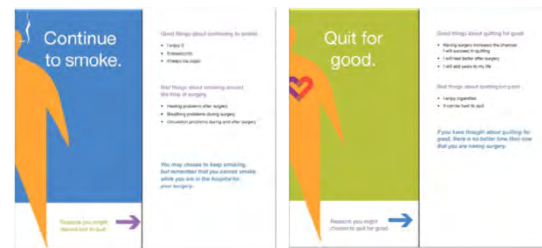
David O. Warner, M.D., Annie LeBlanc, Ph.D., Sandeep Kadampati, B.D.S.,
Kristin S. Vickers, Ph.D., Yu Shi, M.D., Victor M. Montori, M.D.

Use of decisional aids (cards)
Examined decisional quality scales

Warner DO et al. Anesthesiology 2015;123:18-28

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Do Decisional Aids Work?



Warner DO et al. Anesthesiology 2015;123:18-28

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Do Decisional Aids Work?

Table 2. Measures of Decisional Quality

	Usual Care (n = 85)	Decision Aid (n = 85)	P Value
Patients			
Decisional Comfort Scale			
Informed subscale (three items)	77 ± 17	87 ± 13	0.0013
Values subscale (three items)	77 ± 17	87 ± 13	0.0009
Support subscale (three items)	78 ± 17	87 ± 13	0.0066
Uncertainty subscale (three items)	78 ± 17	85 ± 14	0.0056
Effective choice subscale (four items)	73 ± 17	83 ± 12	0.0002
Total (16 items)	76 ± 16	86 ± 11	0.0003
COMPREHEND (eight items)	75 ± 16	85 ± 14	0.0013
OPTION (12 behaviors)	73 ± 17	80 ± 21	<0.0001
Smoking discussion comfort scale (four items)	75 ± 17	77 ± 16	0.36
Choices			
Decisional comfort scale (seven items)	74 ± 16	81 ± 12	0.004


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Do Decisional Aids Work?

- Improve decision quality
- Improves patient satisfaction
- Cost-effective (improves efficiency)
- Higher level conversation
- Increased confidence that patient understood

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SDM: future directions

- *Barriers to implementing it*
- *Tools to facilitate it*
- *Promoting SDM policy and accountability*
- *Can it change use/misuse of procedures*
- *Can it reduce variability in use of resources*
- *Cost effectiveness?*
- *Optimize patient outcomes?*

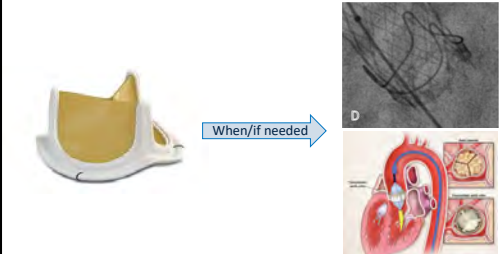
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Case Study: epilogue


- 55 year old female with severe aortic stenosis
- Active lifestyle (hiking, skiing)
- Her concerns:
 - will warfarin impact activities?
 - friend had SAH on warfarin
 - regular INR testing (lives remotely)
 - worried about repeat operation

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Case Study: epilogue




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Pediatric Anesthesia Emergencies


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- ▶ None




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Learning Objectives

Upon completion of the presentation, participants will be able to:


1. Explain the rationale for using honey or sucralfate following button battery ingestions in children.
2. Discuss the diagnosis and anesthetic management of a child with an airway foreign body.
3. Compare the risks and benefits of rapid sequence versus modified rapid sequence induction techniques in a pediatric patient with a full stomach presenting for emergency surgery.
4. Describe the pathophysiology and anesthetic considerations in blunt thoracic trauma in children and adolescents.



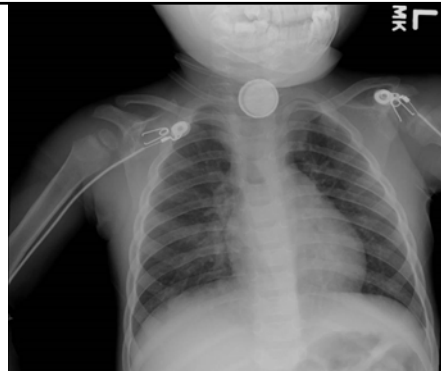

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Scenario 2: FB in Esophagus

- ▶ A 2-year-old boy presents to ED with irritability, drooling, and refusing to eat. He was playing with his brother's toy car remote earlier today.




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Two Changes

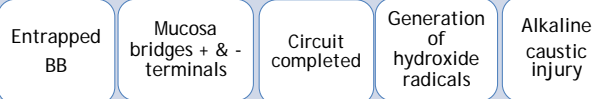
- Larger diameter** batteries (20-25 mm)
- Stronger lithium** batteries
 - 3 volt (vs 1.5 volt)
 - Longer shelf life
 - Better stability at cool temperature
 - Lighter weight



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Mechanism of Injury

It's not leakage!



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Mechanism of Injury

Higher the voltage, faster the process

Visible injury within 15 minutes

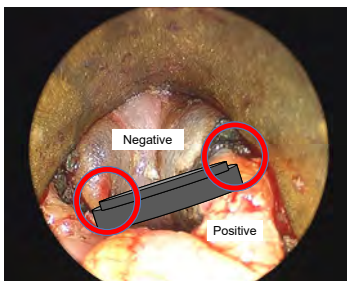
Serious injury as soon as 2 hours

New vs. spent - 3.2 times higher risk



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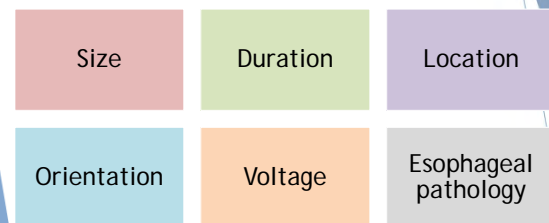
Orientation of Button Battery



Three Ns
Negative
Narrow
Necrotic

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Extent of Damage



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If a Child Swallows a Button Battery

Call the National Battery Ingestion Hotline 800-498-8666

Proceed immediately to hospital
Do not induce vomiting

1. Patient ≥ 12 months old
2. Suspected lithium battery
3. Ingested within 12 hours

10 mL of honey every
10 minutes
Max 6 doses



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National Capital Poison Control Treatment Algorithm

Button Battery in esophagus

Goal: endoscopic removal within 2 hours of ingestion

Consider Sucralfate 10 mL every 10 mins
(max 3 doses)




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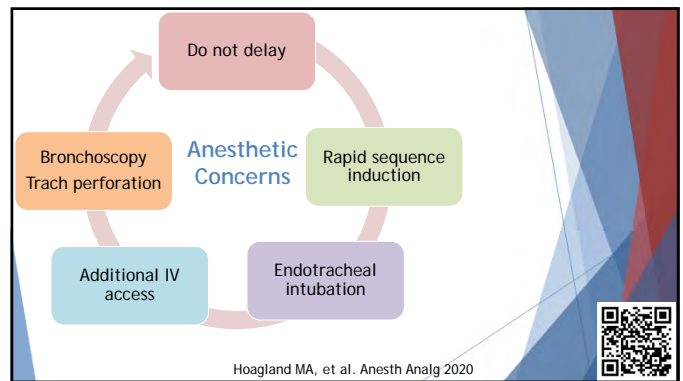
After BB Removal

Inspect esophageal mucosa for extent of damage
Note orientation of negative pole

If no evidence of perforation, irrigate esophagus with **0.25% acetic acid (50-150 mL)**



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Pediatric Anesthesiology
NARRATIVE REVIEW ARTICLE

Anesthetic Implications of the New Guidelines for Button Battery Ingestion in Children

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REVIEW

Current management of button battery injuries

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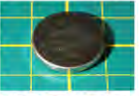
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Tweetorial

Dangers of Button Battery Ingestion in Young Children



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BUTTON BATTERIES CAN BE DEADLY

WHAT IS A BUTTON BATTERY?
They are small, round, metallic batteries found in many common electronic devices.

WHY ARE THEY DANGEROUS?
They are small and shiny which increases the risk of being accidentally swallowed by children. They can burn through a child's throat in just 8 hours and cause bleeding, serious complications, and even death.

HOW CAN I AVOID ACCIDENTS?
Keep new and spent batteries out of reach of small children. Do not store batteries with medications or food. Safely throw out used batteries. Secure and tighten all battery compartments.

IF YOUR CHILD SWALLOWS A BUTTON BATTERY:
Call the hotline: 1-800-498-8666. Seek immediate medical care at the closest hospital. Do not induce vomiting, or give any food or drinks except honey. If your child is over one year old, give 2 teaspoons of honey every 10 minutes, up to 12 times, to coat the battery. Do not delay medical care to get honey.

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BUTTON BATTERY INGESTIONS
FOR THE ANESTHESIA PROVIDER


The Problem
>3,500 ingestions annually. 12.6% of children <6 years old develop serious or fatal injuries.

The Mechanism
A button battery in the esophagus generates an electric current causing tissue injury and tissue necrosis. Damage depends on duration of impaction, location, size, and voltage. Death is most commonly due to hemorrhage from an aortoesophageal fistula.

High-Risk Patients
- Age < 5 years
- Battery >20 mm
- Poor dentition or narrow side facing posteriorly
- Impacted at the level of the aorta

Anesthetic Considerations
Extraction is urgent. Do not wait for symptoms. Death in removal within 2 hours.
Do not delay for NPO time. Patients may have received honey or sucralose to minimize tissue damage.
Consider appropriate staff, equipment, and location for battery removal.
Assess risk factors for bleeding. Prepare for intubity and blood loss.
Patient may require intubation, monitoring and repeat procedures.

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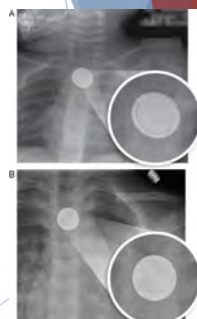
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Summary


- ▶ Halo sign on CXR
- ▶ Negative/Narrow/Necrotic
- ▶ Emergent endoscopic removal
- ▶ Active surveillance after removal
- ▶ Recognition of sentinel bleed
- ▶ Mitigation with honey/sucralfate



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Scenario 3: FB Aspiration


- ▶ A 1-year-old girl was sitting in her highchair eating chicken. As her father prepared to leave, she inspired deeply to cry and choked.



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FB Aspiration


- ▶ A leading cause of death in children younger than 3 years old
 - ▶ Peak age is 1-2 years
 - ▶ In this age group, the most commonly retrieved AFBs are food products
- ▶ Older children are more likely to aspirate nonorganic products
- ▶ Retrieval is essential



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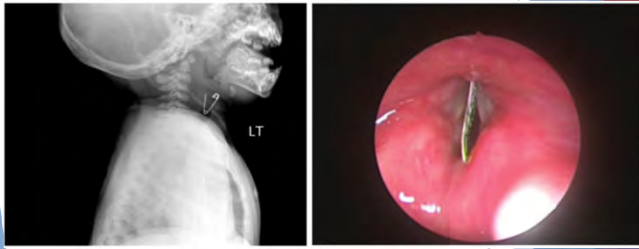
Presenting Symptoms

- ▶ Vary depending on type of object, size, location, chronicity
- ▶ Coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, fever, recurrent pneumonia
- ▶ Parents may or may not recall an event



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FB Aspiration



Zur KB, Litman RS. Pediatric airway foreign body retrieval: surgical and anesthetic perspectives. *Pediatric Anesthesia* 2009; 19:109-117.



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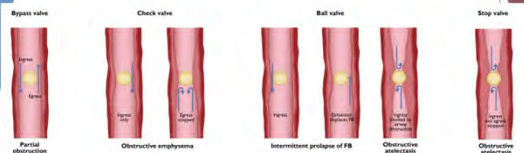
Clinical Findings

- ▶ High index of suspicion and careful history and physical exam
- ▶ Nonspecific
 - ▶ Decreased breath sounds, wheezing, dullness to percussion, crackles
 - ▶ Initially abnormal exam may become normal
 - ▶ Lung auscultation may be clear
 - ▶ 14-45% of patients with abnormal bronchoscopic exam had a normal physical exam preoperatively



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Types of bronchial obstruction with airway FBs



Chatterjee D. Airway Foreign Bodies in Children. *Open Anesthesia*.

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Diagnostic Modalities

- ▶ Chest radiograph may help
 - ▶ May see hyperinflation or collapse or normal image
 - ▶ More definitive diagnosis when object is radiopaque
- ▶ Neck x-rays are commonly used to look for upper aerodigestive FBs
- ▶ Chest computed tomography (CT) can also be performed
- ▶ Diagnosis relies on bronchoscopy



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Anesthetic Considerations

- ▶ History
 - ▶ Both related and unrelated to current illness
 - ▶ Previous anesthetic history
- ▶ Physical examination
 - ▶ Upper airway exam
 - ▶ Lung auscultation, work of breathing, distress
- ▶ Vital signs and radiographic images
- ▶ Consider preoperative nebulized bronchodilator



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Anesthetic Considerations

- ▶ Preoperative peripheral IV access is preferred
- ▶ Consider risks and benefits of preoperative anxiolysis
- ▶ Consider atropine or glycopyrrolate
- ▶ Induction can be inhaled or intravenous
 - ▶ Total intravenous anesthesia is preferred for maintenance
- ▶ Ventilation can be spontaneous or controlled



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Anesthetic Considerations

Spontaneous

- ▶ Allows for continuous ventilation
- ▶ Must maintain adequate depth of anesthesia to obliterate airway reflexes yet maintain sufficient ventilatory function

Controlled

- ▶ Ability to provide optimal oxygenation and ventilation during the breathing phase
- ▶ Assurance of patient immobility
- ▶ Limited time before desaturation occurs
- ▶ Lack of assurance that positive-pressure ventilation will be successful
- ▶ Movement of the object distally

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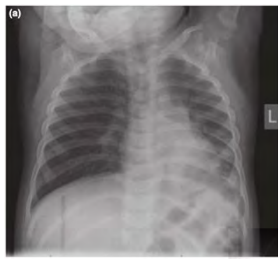
BRIEF COMMUNICATION

Anesthesia for Tracheal or Bronchial Foreign Body Removal in Children: An Analysis of Ninety-Four Cases

Ronald S. Litman, DO, FAAP, Jyothsna Ponnuri, MD, and Igor Trogan, BS
Department of Anesthesiology, University of Rochester School of Medicine, Rochester, New York

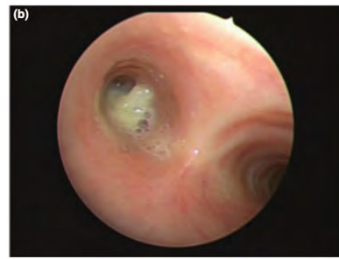
No increased incidence of adverse events related to either spontaneous or controlled ventilation

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Summary

- FB aspiration is a potentially life-threatening event in young children
- A detailed history and physical examination and a high index of clinical suspicion is critical to diagnose FB aspiration
- Both spontaneous and controlled ventilation techniques can be used during bronchoscopy for removal of airway FBs



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Scenario 4: Full Stomach

- ▶ A 3-year-old boy presents with testicular torsion for emergent orchiopexy. He had apple juice one hour ago and a full breakfast six hours ago.



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PRACTICE PARAMETERS

Practice Guidelines for Preoperative Fasting and the Use of Pharmacologic Agents to Reduce the Risk of Pulmonary Aspiration: Application to Healthy Patients Undergoing Elective Procedures

*An Updated Report by the American Society of Anesthesiologists Task Force on Preoperative Fasting and the Use of Pharmacologic Agents to Reduce the Risk of Pulmonary Aspiration**

Table 7. Fasting and Pharmacologic Recommendations

Ingested Material	Minimum Fasting Period†
• Clear liquids‡	2h
• Breast milk	4h
• Infant formula	6h
• Nonhuman milk§	6h
• Light meal**	8h
• Fried foods, fatty foods, or meat	Additional fasting time (e.g., 8 or more hours) may be needed

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EJA *Eur J Anaesthesiol* 2022; 39(4): 25

GUIDELINES

Pre-operative fasting in children
A guideline from the European Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care

Peter Friskholm, Nicola Davis, Hanna Andersson, Christine Beck, Lionel Bouvet, Elodie Canceau, Elizabeth Elliott, Jan Hölmann, Rabecca Isenhardt, Anna Kizic, Fabian Kuhn, Muriel de Quinny-Spina, David Ruten, Diana Rudolph, Alexander R. Schmitt, Achim Schmitt, Daniel Stocki, Robert Sponemann, Paul A. Stricker, Mark Thomas, Francis Veyckemans and Anah Albuli

- ▶ New European guidelines favor a **6-4-3-1** regimen
 - ▶ 6 h for solids
 - ▶ 4 h for formula and nonhuman milk
 - ▶ 3 h for breast milk
 - ▶ 1 h for clear fluids

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PRACTICE PARAMETER

2023 American Society of Anesthesiologists Practice Guidelines for Preoperative Fasting: Carbohydrate-containing Clear Liquids with or without Protein, Chewing Gum, and Pediatric Fasting Duration—A Modular Update of the 2017 American Society of Anesthesiologists Practice Guidelines for Preoperative Fasting*

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Recommendations

Recommendation	Strength of Recommendation	Strength of Evidence
4. There is insufficient evidence concerning benefits and harms to recommend pediatric patients drink clear liquids until 1 h versus 2 h before procedures with general anesthesia, regional anesthesia, or procedural sedation (no recommendation).	Not applicable	Very low
5. To avoid prolonged fasting in children, efforts should be made to allow clear liquids in children at low risk of aspiration as close to 2 h before procedures as possible. In children with shorter clear liquid fasting duration, exercise clinical judgment.	Best practice statement	Not applicable

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Classic RSI vs. Modified RSI

- ▶ Classic RSI
 - ▶ Positive pressure ventilation is strictly avoided
 - ▶ Concern for gastric insufflation and pulmonary aspiration
- ▶ Surveys have revealed that there are many clinical situations in which clinicians will opt for a modified RSI (mRSI) technique

Hypoxemia

Pulmonary Aspiration

Stein ML, Park RS, Kovatsis PG. Emerging trends, techniques, and equipment for airway management in pediatric patients. *Pediatric Anesthesia*. 2020; 30:269-279.

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Modified RSI

- ▶ Low pressure, positive pressure ventilation after induction and prior to intubation
- ▶ Current (albeit limited) evidence supports the safety of mRSI to reduce hypoxemia without increasing the risk of aspiration

Stein ML, Park RS, Kovatsis PG. Emerging trends, techniques, and equipment for airway management in pediatric patients. *Pediatric Anesthesia*. 2020;30:269-279.



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RSI vs. mRSI: Pyloromyotomy

- ▶ 296 neonates and infants
- ▶ 30% hypoxemia with RSI, 17% with mRSI
- ▶ AOR for hypoxemia for all patients 2.8
- ▶ In subgroup analysis of neonatal patients, AOR 6.5
- ▶ No indication that mRSI increased incidence of aspiration

Stein ML, Park RS, Kovatsis PG. Emerging trends, techniques, and equipment for airway management in pediatric patients. *Pediatric Anesthesia*. 2020;30:269-279.



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Cricoid Pressure

- ▶ Controversial in both adult and pediatric practice
- ▶ Reliability and feasibility of CP questioned by pediatric anesthesiologists
 - ▶ Force?
 - ▶ Potential airway obstruction
 - ▶ Associated technical problems
- ▶ Release or adjustment of the cricoid force is justified if pressure interferes with ventilation or intubation
- ▶ More than half have abandoned the maneuver

Salem MR, Khorasani A, Zeidan A. Cricoid pressure controversies: Narrative review. *Anesthesiology*. 2017;126:758-762.



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Scenario 4: Full Stomach

- ▶ A 3-year-old boy presents with testicular torsion for emergent orchiopexy. He had apple juice one hour ago and a full breakfast six hours ago.



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Summary

- ▶ Preoperative fasting should be minimized in pediatric patients
- ▶ Current evidence supports the safety of mRSI
- ▶ Use of cricoid pressure in pediatric patients is controversial

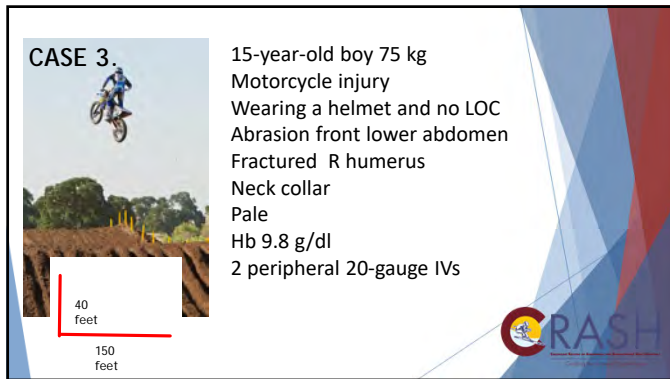


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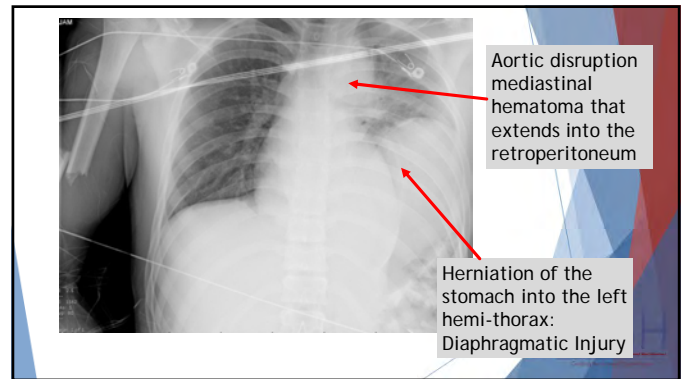
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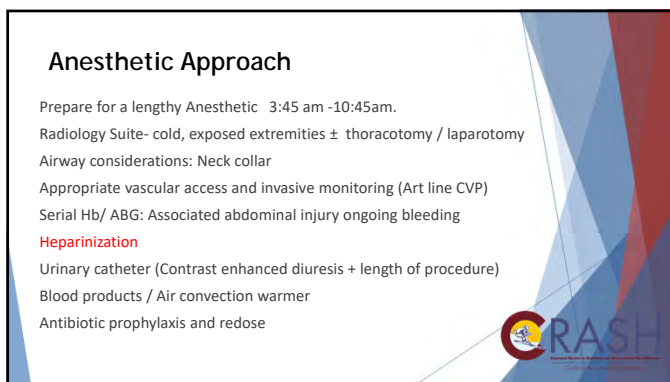
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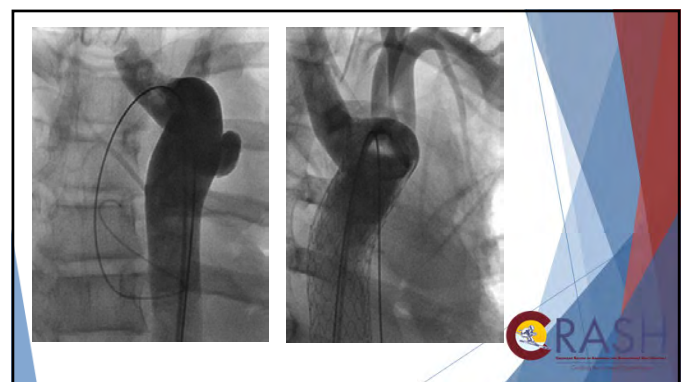
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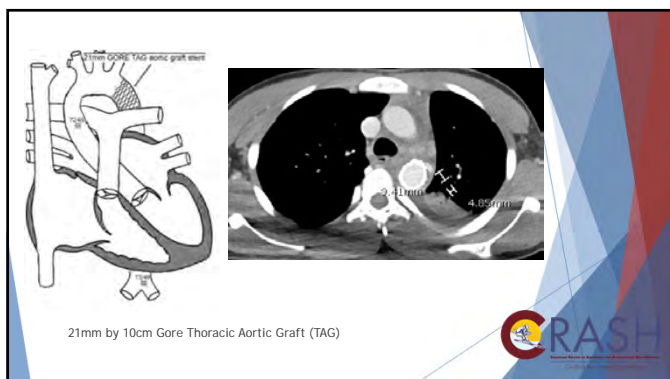
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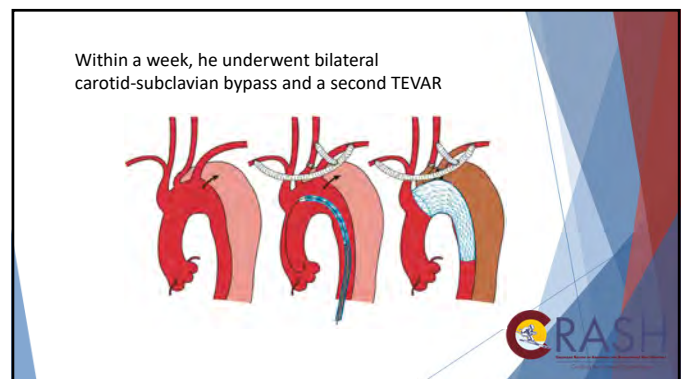
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Outline for Blunt Chest Trauma

- Discuss the mechanisms of injury
- Understand the pathophysiology
- Develop an approach to exclude cardiac injuries
- Anesthetic considerations



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Epidemiology of Blunt Chest Trauma

Blunt thoracic aortic injuries (BTAI)

USA and Canada: 7500- 8000 deaths annually

80% of patients die before hospital arrival

**15-23 % of those who reach hospital :
Succumb to associated injuries within 24 hrs**

Fabian TC et al. J Trauma 1997 42(3) 374-80



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Medial Aspect Aortic Isthmus
90% reaching hospital
80% autopsy fatal cases

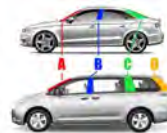


False aneurysm 58%
Dissection 25%
Intimal tear 20%

Demetriades D. Blunt thoracic aortic injuries: crossing the Rubicon.
J Am Coll Surg. 2012 Mar;214(3):247-59

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B Pillar of Car Frames



Force of the **B Pillar** of the car frame impact has on the human body in car accidents determines the extent of injuries

Siegel JH et al. Analysis of the mechanism of lateral impact aortic isthmus disruption in real-life motor vehicle crashes using a computer-based finite element numeric model: with simulation of prevention strategies.
J Trauma. 2010 Jun;68(6):1375-95.



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Lateral impact motor vehicle accidents impart **46,051 to 313,502 Joules Energy** to the chest.
Force > 1,000 mmHg
Intra-aortic pressure needed to rupture the aorta



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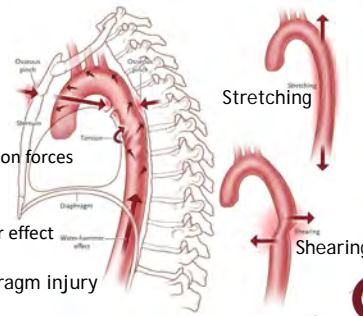
High Speed
Sudden
Deceleration
Compression

Torsion traction forces

Water-hammer effect

Diaphragm injury

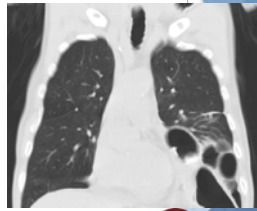
Neschis DG NEJM 2008; 359:1708-16



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Blunt diaphragmatic and thoracic aortic rupture: An emerging injury complex

In one study of 3,886 pts
69 (1.8%) had BDR
44(1.1%) TAR
7/69 (10%): both injuries



Rizoli S. The Annals of Thoracic Surgery 1994 58 (5) 1404-1408
Mahmoud A.F. Rupture diaphragm: Early diagnosis and Mx. EICM 2017 . 25, (2), 163-170



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Massive Blunt Chest Compression

Vascular Injuries to ascending / descending aorta, innominate artery

Heart End-diastole **{Distended Ventricle}** most
Susceptible time of high intraventricular cavity volume

Lungs Contusion, hemothorax, pneumothorax, laceration
Airway

Skeletal Fractures of sternum/ thoracic vertebrae/ ribs

Sandhu H.K. J Vasc Surg. 2018 Feb;67(2):389-398

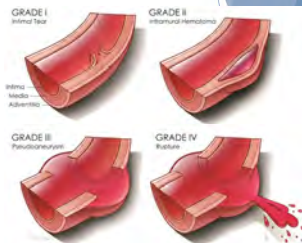


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Classification & Risk Stratification of Traumatic Aortic Injury

Watch expectantly
Conservative therapy
depending on injury site

Starnes: Stratify as minimal or
significant injury based on the
presence of an external aortic
contour abnormality



Sandhu H.K. J Vasc Surg. 2018 Feb;67(2):389-398
Starnes BW, et al. A new classification scheme for treating blunt aortic injury. J Vasc Surg. 2012 55(1):47-54.
Lee WA et al. Endovascular repair of traumatic thoracic aortic injury. J Vasc Surg. 2011 53(1):187-92



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Diagnostics: A clinical chameleon

Prepare for Rapidly Changing Clinical Condition

Individual Signs Symptoms Prompt Investigations

No Gold-Standard Diagnostic Test (ATLS Protocol)

Complex Cardiac
Arrhythmia
Heart Murmurs
Hypotension

Angina-like chest pain
Dyspnea
Distended jugular veins
Pneumothorax
Cardiac Tamponade



Teyssier J et al. Photonic crystals cause active colour change in chameleons. Nat Commun. 2015 Mar 16;6:6268.
Eghbalzadeh K. Blunt Chest Trauma : a Chameleon. Heart. 2017 Dec 4.



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Diagnostic Approach

Physical examination

Chest X-Ray (14% may be normal)

Serial 12 lead ECG

Cardiac enzymes CK-MB and troponin

Cardiac echo

Chest X-Ray: rib, sternum, spine
scapula, clavicle fracture
Widened mediastinum >8 cm
Tracheal deviation, NG tube R
Loss of aorto-pulmonary window

Contrast CT scan
Suspected Coronary Artery
Injury: Coronary Angiogram

Eghbalzadeh K. Blunt Chest Trauma : a Chameleon. Heart. 2017 Dec 4.



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Treatment Options

1997, Kato and colleagues first reported endovascular stent
grafting in 10 patients all alive at 15 months follow-up.

However not all ruptured aortas amenable to this therapy:
Ongoing bleeding, greater than 1 liter blood loss hemodynamically
unstable patient: Surgery

Kato N et al. Traumatic thoracic aortic aneurysm: treatment with
endovascular stent-grafts. Radiology. 1997 Dec;205(3):657-62.

Schellenberg M Inaba K. Critical Decisions in the Management of Thoracic
Trauma. Emerg Med Clin N Am 2018 135-147



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Endovascular Repair

0% used in 1997
65% used in 2007



Performed under sedation
Local anesthesia
Minimizes blood loss
Well tolerated in high-risk pts
Minimizes paraplegia
Reduces mortality

Demetriades D et al. Operative repair or endovascular stent graft in blunt traumatic thoracic aortic injuries: results of an American Association for the Surgery of Trauma Multicenter Study. J Trauma. 2008 Mar;64(3):561-70



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Disadvantages

Endoleak 14 %
Groin access vascular damage
Stent migration
Subclavian/ carotid occlusion

We still don't know the extent of medium and long-term durability of these stents

High volume centers better outcomes



Demetriades D et al. Operative repair or endovascular stent graft in blunt traumatic thoracic aortic injuries: results of an American Association for the Surgery of Trauma Multicenter Study. J Trauma. 2008 Mar;64(3):561-70



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Blunt Cardiac Injuries



<https://www.childrenscolorado.org/pediatric-innovation/research/surgery/screening-for-pediatric-cardiac-injuries-after-atv-accidents/>
<https://medictests.com/quick-dirty-guide-chest-trauma/>



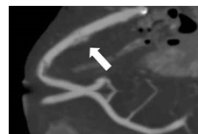
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Heart Injuries

Commotio Cordis Ventricular fibrillation with no structural damage

10 to 30 ms before the peak of the T wave

Contusio Cordis Myocardium, valves, conduction system
Isolated coronary injuries / Rupture / Dissection



Inokuchi G et al. Fatal right coronary artery rupture following blunt chest trauma: detection by postmortem selective coronary angiography. Int J Legal Med. 2016 May;130(3):759-63.
Link MS et al. An experimental model of sudden death due to low-energy chest-wall impact (commotio cordis) N Engl J Med. 1998 Jun 18;338(25):1805-11.



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Blunt Cardiac Injury : Spectrum

Minor ECG or Enzyme Abnormality
Complex Arrhythmia
Coronary Artery thrombosis
Free Wall Rupture
Septal Rupture
Cardiac Failure

Categories of Force Causing Myocardial Injury
Direct
Indirect
Compressive
Decelerate
Blast

Mattox KL et al. Blunt cardiac injury. J Trauma. 1992 Nov;33(5):649-50.



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Physical Examination

Thoracic trauma
Hypotension
Jugular venous distention
Tachypnoea
Wheezing/rhonchi
Chest abrasion/ tenderness/ palpable crepitus/ flail chest
Fractured clavicle/ sternum/ ribs
Distant heart sounds/ tachycardia/ rub/ murmurs/ pulsus paradoxus

Elie MC. Blunt cardiac injury. Mt Sinai J Med. 2006 Mar;73(2):542-52.



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Diagnostics: Cardiac Enzymes

CK-MB not recommended:

Skeletal muscle, Lung, Stomach, Pancreas, Liver, Small Intestine

Troponin I : Heart specific . If elevated > 2.0 ng/ml : Significant

Normal ECG and no rise in troponin at 8 hours:

No other injuries

Negative predictive value 100% : Discharge the patient

Velmahos GC et al. Normal electrocardiography and serum troponin I levels preclude the presence of clinically significant blunt cardiac injury. J Trauma. 2003 Jan;54(1):45-50



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Diagnostics: Point of Care Echo

Up to 30% of BCI patients have abnormal cardiac echo

Pericardial effusion and tamponade are common

Focused Assessment with Sonography for Trauma (FAST)

Rapid screening 1.30 +/- 0.08 mins vs. X- Ray ; 14.18 +/- 0.91 mins, $p < 0.0001$

Indications: Heart failure, hypotension, arrhythmia

Frazee RC et al. Objective evaluation of blunt cardiac trauma. J Trauma. 1986 Jun;26(6):510-20.

Sisley AC et al. Rapid detection of traumatic effusion using surgeon-performed ultrasonography. J Trauma. 1998 Feb;44(2):291-6



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2 Patients: June and July 2013, ATV accidents

Case 1

35 kg 11-yr-old

LOC at scene brief CPR lacerated knee: Debridement at outside hospital under GA.

Post op CT found large heart: Cardiac Echo

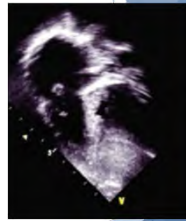
Troponin 38.9 (0-0.119 ng/mL)

CPB at CHCO

Tricuspid valve papillary muscle

Avulsion repaired.

Home POD 5



Ngo KD, Pian P, Hanfland R, Nichols CS, Merritt GR, Campbell D, Ing RJ. Pediatr Emerg Care. 2016 Jul;32(7):468-71. Cardiac Injury After All-Terrain Vehicle Accidents in 2 Children and a Review of the Literature.

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Case 2

68 kg 13 yr old : No LOC

Troponin 9.4 ng/mL.

ECG wide complex tachycardia.

Cardiac Echo: TR, MR, VSD.

CPB repair:

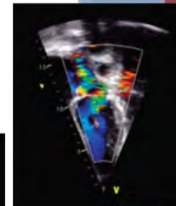
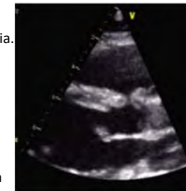
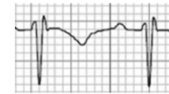
Received porcine TV, MV.

VSD Patch necrotic septum.

3rd degree Heart block :

Epicardial pacemaker

Home POD 6 warfarin aspirin



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Other Important Injuries

Tracheobronchial injuries

Usually 2 cm from carina (R)

Signs :

Dyspnea cough, stridor

Subcutaneous emphysema,

hemoptysis,

Pneumothorax.

May need rigid Bronch for ETT

Pulmonary injury

Hypoxia,

Intraparenchymal hemorrhage,

Atelectasis,

Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS).

Mechanical Ventilation

Vishnu Madapura MBBS, and Gabriel Pollock MD, Cedars – Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA. OpenAnesthesia

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Chest injuries

Hemothorax

Pneumothorax

Tension

Flail chest

Three or more adjacent ribs are each fractured in two places, creating a floating segment and unstable chest wall.

The flail segment moves paradoxically with respiration.

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Summary



Blunt thoracic trauma in children can be very severe and the clinical picture can change rapidly.

These injuries require considerable force applied to the thorax

Additional injuries to lungs , trachea, and airways, spine and head injuries must always be considered.


Anesthetic planning requires attention to detail and potential for massive transfusion.



Ultrasound-Guided Regional Anesthesia Workshops

Kyle Marshall, MD
CRASH 2023



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Upper Extremity/Thoracic Workshop

- Superior Trunk/Interscalene
- Supra & Infraclavicular
- Selective Root/Forearm
 - Radial, Ulnar, Median
- Paravertebral
- PECs I&II/Serratus Anterior
- Erector Spinae

► LESS Lecture, MORE demonstration.

► 6 stations with models




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Thank you to our Vendors!!


- Mindray: Rob Kimbrough
- Sonosite: Kristi Howe

► Thank you to our Models!!




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BEER & WINE - END @ 1630!



I'm really just in it for the apres ski beers and outdoor hot tub.

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Thursday,
March 2nd

CRASH
Critical Review of Anesthesia for Emergent Airway
Guiding the future of patient care

What's the best blood pressure under anesthesia?

The implications of perioperative hypotension

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Outline

- Case presentation
- Blood pressure definition
- Hypotension: Incidence and Consequences
- Where do we go from here?
- What can we do to personalize blood pressure?

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Hypotension: how common is it?

Incidence of Intraoperative Hypotension as a Function of the Chosen Definition

Literature Definitions Applied to a Retrospective Cohort Using Automated Data Collection


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- 1) Systematic review to define hypotension
- 2) N= 15,509, consecutive patients undergoing non-cardiac surgery

Bijker JB et al. Anesthesiology 2007;107:213-20

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Hypotension: how common is it?



48 definitions in the literature

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Hypotension: how common is it?

Table 1. Incidence of Intraoperative Hypotension in 15,509 Adult Noncardiac Surgery Patients

	MAP < 1 mm	MAP < 2 mm	MAP < 3 mm
Incidence			
Systolic	51.5 (3.1)	37.5 (3.8)	36.4 (3.1)
> 90	74.5 (2.7)	57.4 (3.1)	45.1 (3.0)
> 80	74.5 (2.7)	57.4 (3.1)	45.1 (3.0)
> 70	49.2 (3.1)	38.1 (3.5)	34.0 (3.3)
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→ Systolic > 90-100 mmHg 64-82%

→ MAP > 90-100 mmHg 51-78%

→ MAP > 20-30% mmHg 80-84%

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Journal of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Defining intra-operative hypotension – a pilot comparison of blood pressure during sleep and general anaesthesia*

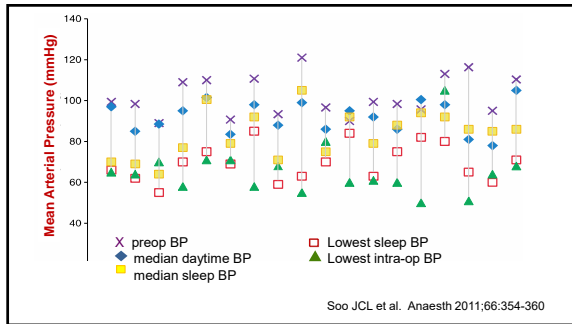
J. C. L. Soo,¹ S. Lacey,² R. Kluger³ and B. S. Silbert³

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N = 18, day surgery cases
24 hour blood pressure monitoring

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Difference in mean BP	
Median daytime – median sleep; mmHg	6 (1–17 [–7 to 27])
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ANESTHESIOLOGY

Automated Ambulatory Blood Pressure Measurements and Intraoperative Hypotension in Patients Having Noncardiac Surgery with General Anesthesia

A Prospective Observational Study

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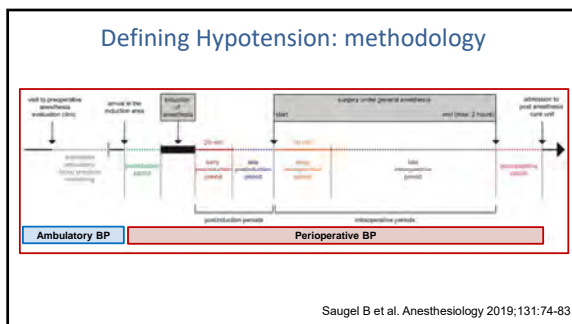
Defining Hypotension Using Ambulatory Monitoring

N = 370
ASA I-II, age 40-65 yrs
"healthy"

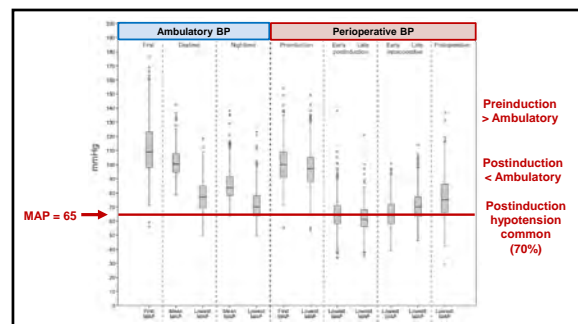
Ambulatory BP for 24 hours prior to surgery at 30 min intervals

Saugel B et al. Anesthesiology 2019;131:74-83

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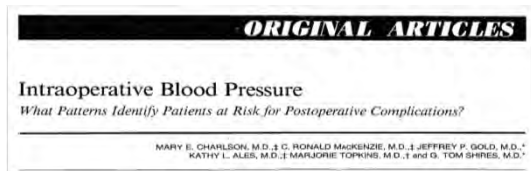
"Keep the MAP within 20-30% of baseline"

What is baseline?

- Preop holding area
- Pre-induction
- In surgeon's office/Preop clinic
- At home (awake vs. asleep)

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Where does the "20%" come from?



Charlson M et al. Ann Surg 1990;212:567-580

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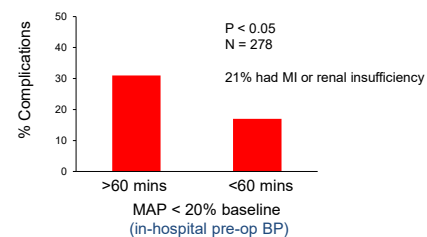
Intraoperative Blood Pressure
What Patterns Identify Patients at Risk for Postoperative Complications?

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Prospective observational trial
N = 278, vascular and GI surgery
"high risk" = DM, HTN

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*What are the
Consequences of "hypotension"?*

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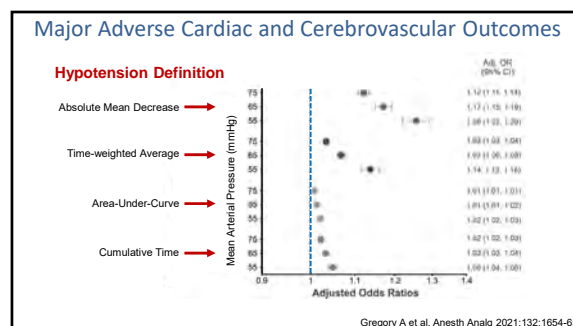
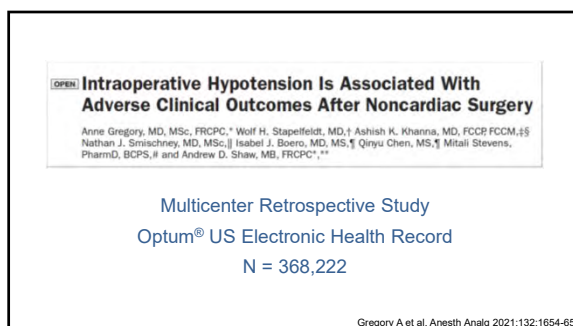
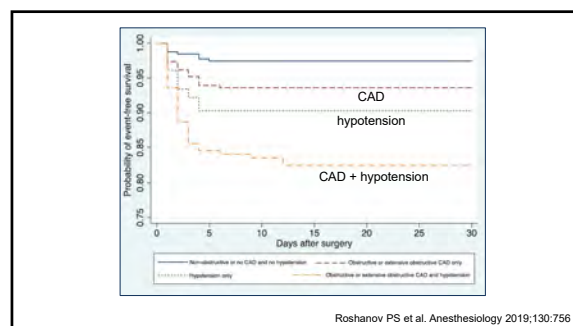
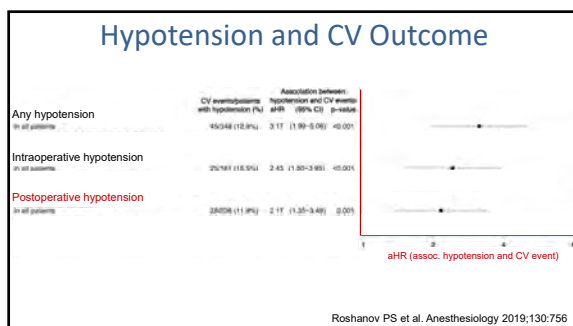
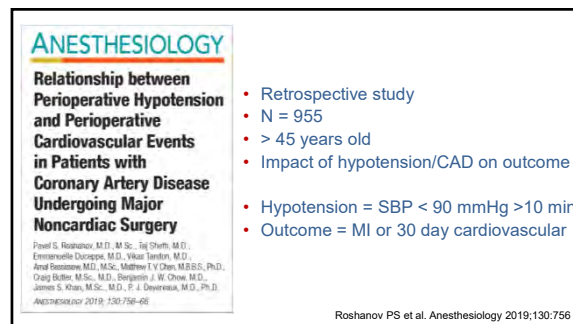
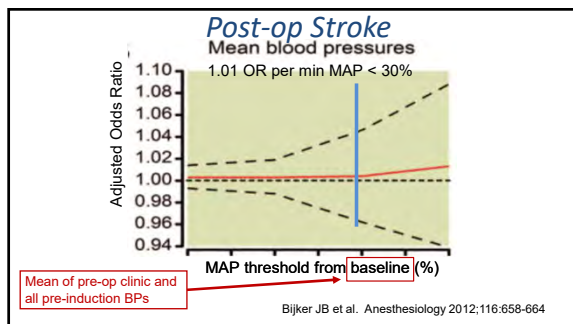
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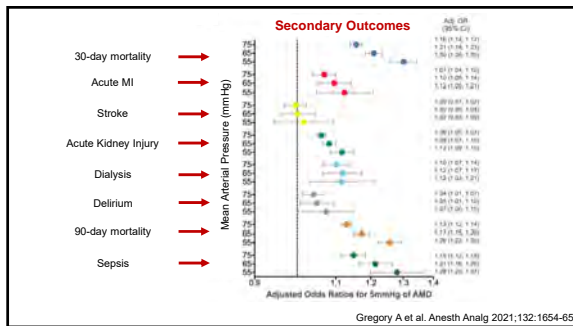
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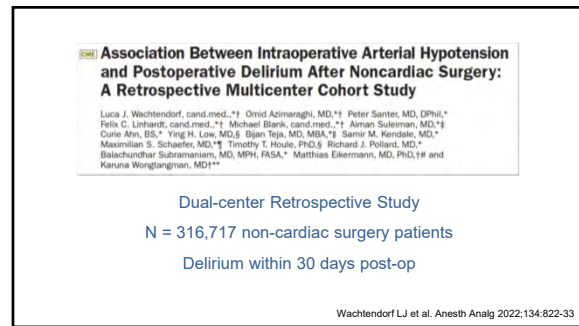
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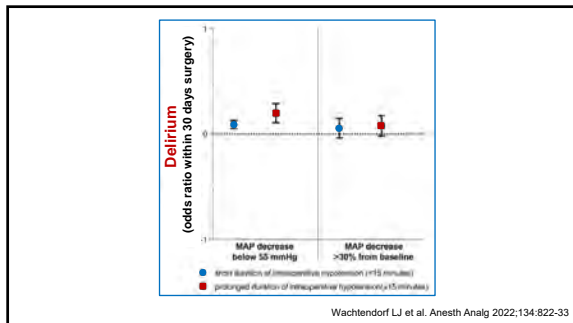




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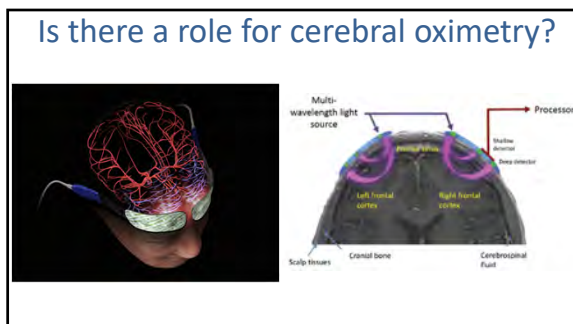
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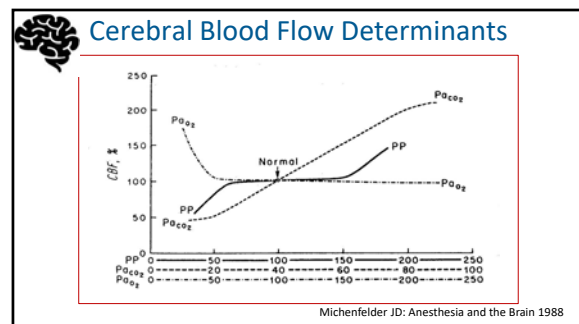
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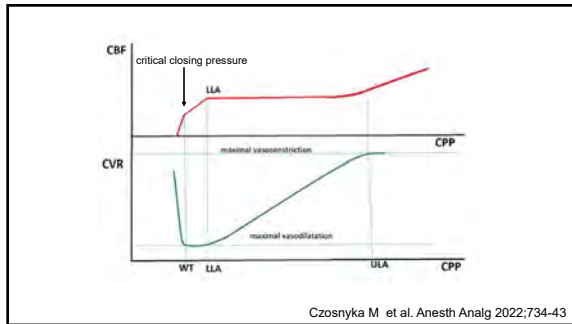
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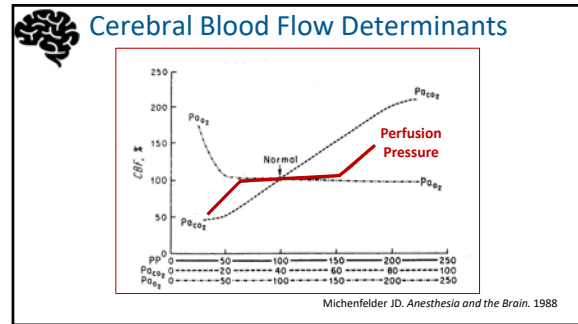
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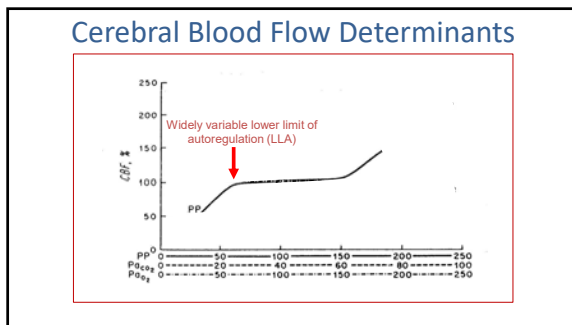
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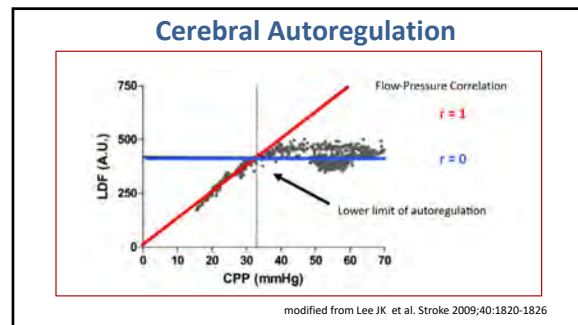
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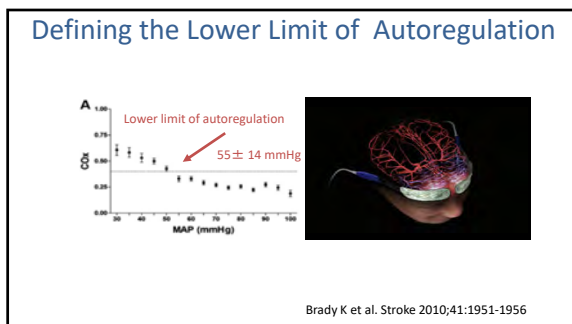
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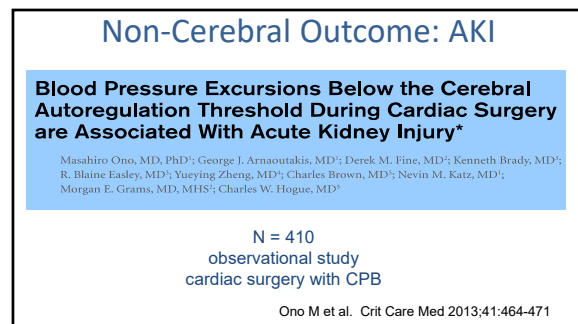
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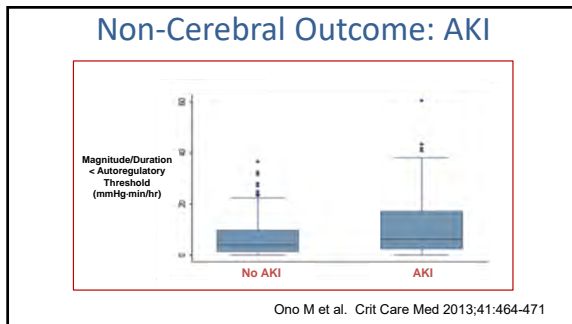
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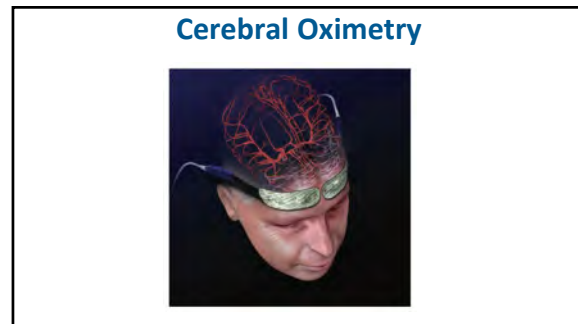
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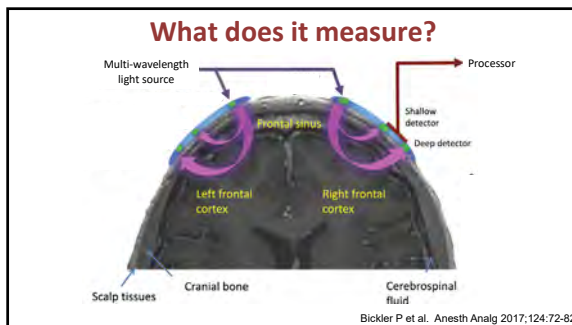
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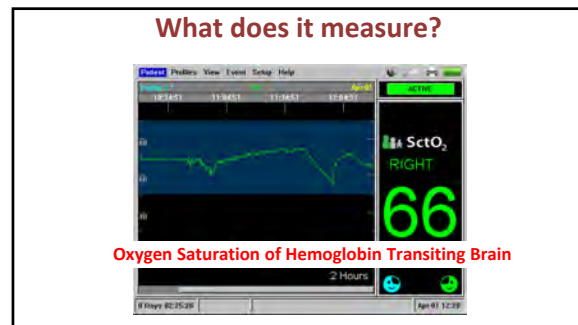
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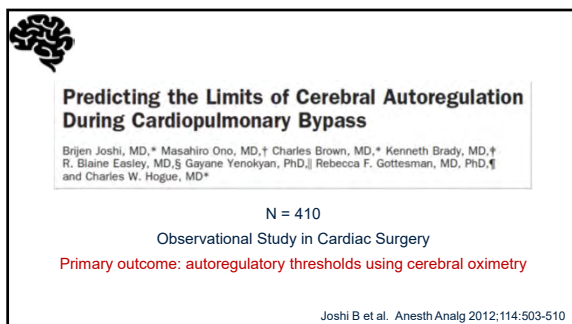
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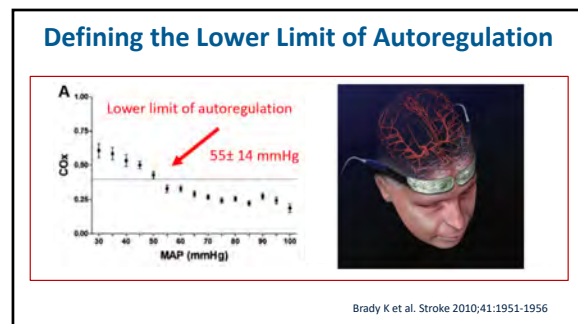
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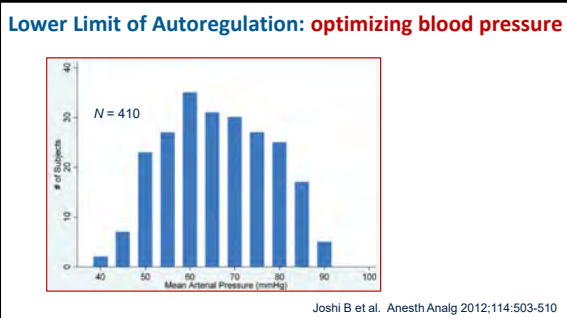
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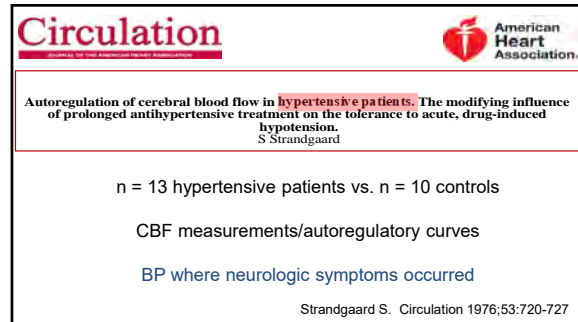
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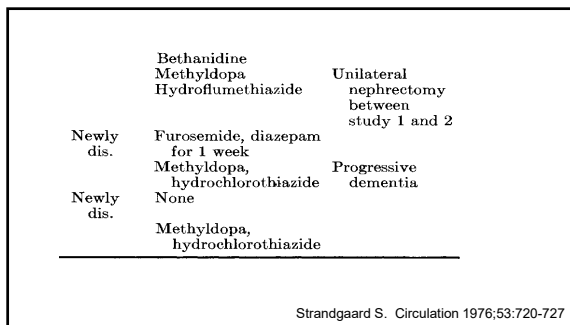
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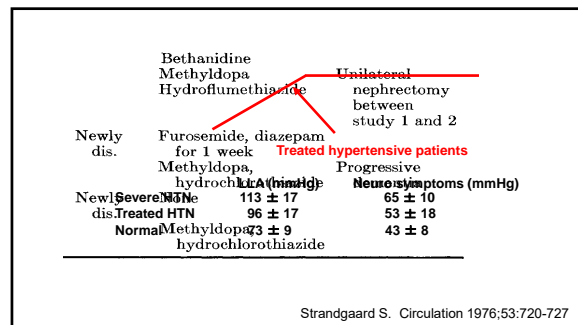
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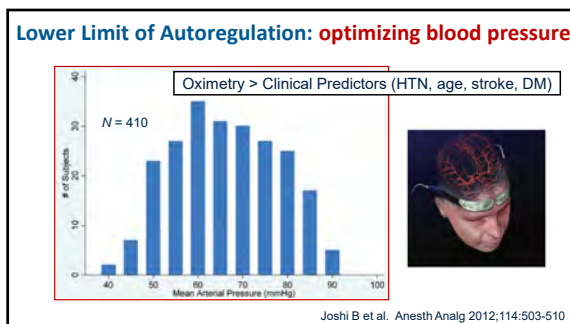
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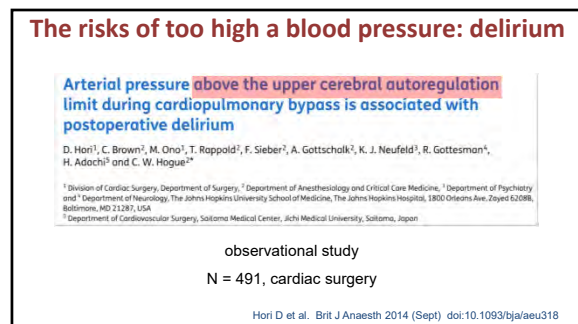
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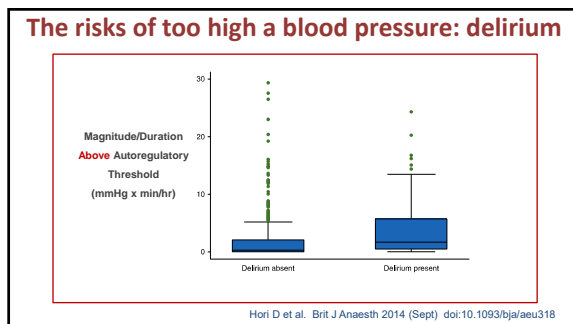
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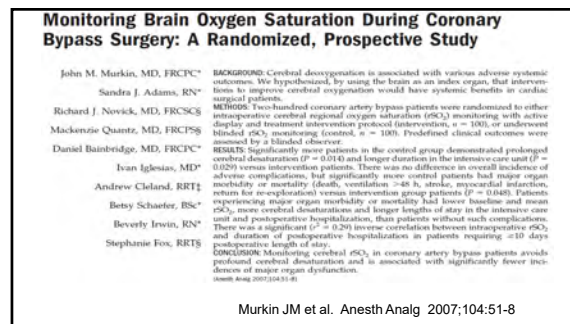
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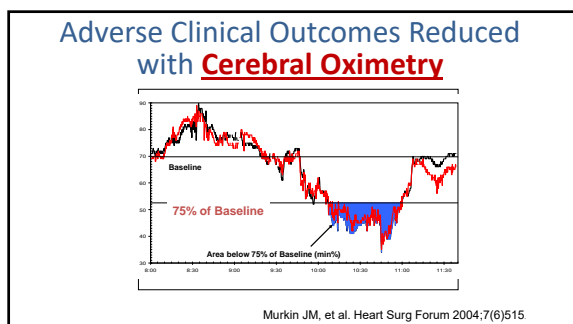
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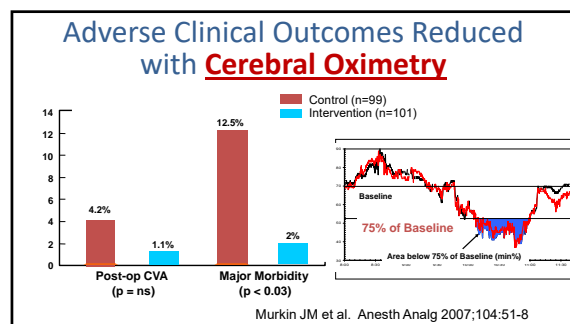
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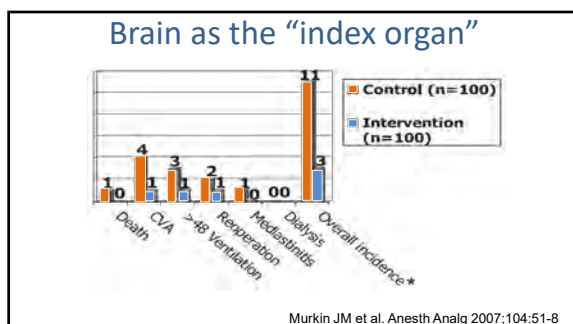
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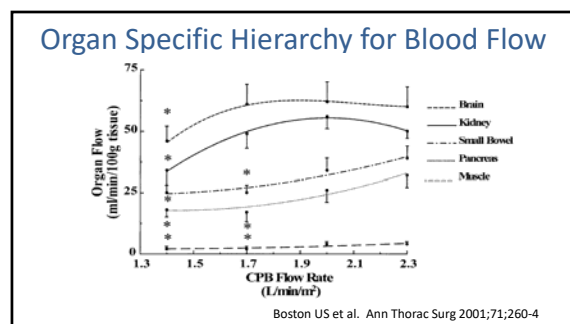
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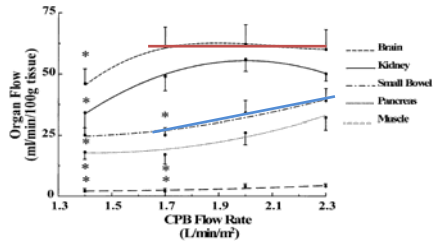


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Organ Specific Hierarchy for Blood Flow



Boston US et al. Ann Thorac Surg 2001;71:260-4

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The brain as the “canary in a coal mine”?



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What not just run everyone's blood pressure higher?

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The risks of too high a blood pressure

Arterial pressure above the upper cerebral autoregulation limit during cardiopulmonary bypass is associated with postoperative delirium

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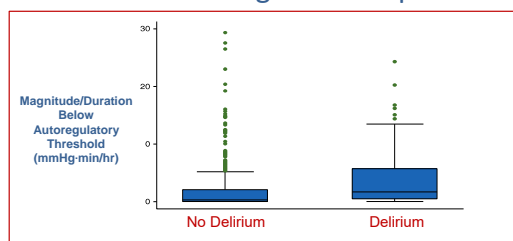
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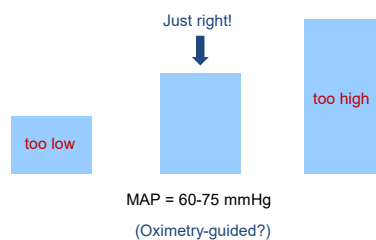
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The Goldilocks Principle



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Summary


- Defining baseline blood pressure
- Blood pressure and outcome relationships
- Using cerebral monitoring to guide blood pressure management
- No single unifying optimal blood pressure
- Importance of individualizing care

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Thank You



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Pushing Boundaries and Ancef: Anesthesia for Total Joints


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Learning Objectives


- 1) Identify appropriate patients for same day total joints
- 2) Describe the role of neuraxial vs general anesthesia for THA and TKAs
- 3) Recognize the benefit and limitations of peripheral nerve blocks and/or periarticular injections for analgesia in total joints



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Disclosures


- ▶ No disclosures



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Prevalence of Total Joints


- ▶ In the US annually
 - ▶ ~790,000 Total Knee Arthroplasties (TKA)
 - ▶ ~450,000 Total Hip Arthroplasties (THA)
 - ▶ ~130,000 Total Shoulder Arthroplasties (TSA)
- ▶ Projections for 2030:
 - ▶ ~1.28 million primary TKA
 - ▶ ~635,000 primary THA



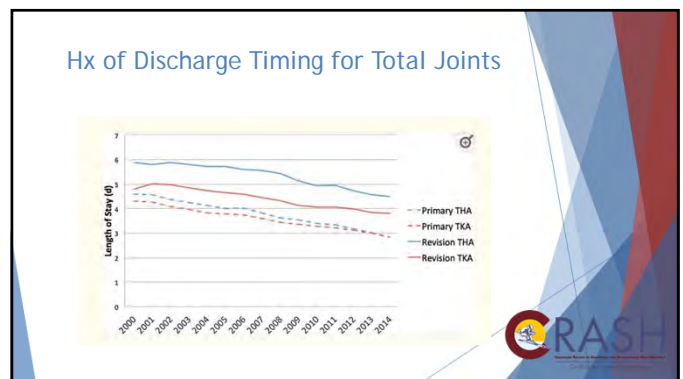
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Same Day Discharge? That's Unpossible!

- ▶ Dr. Benchmore wants to start same-day joints at their surgery center
- ▶ Wants to know which patients qualify for same-day discharge (SDD)



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Benefits of Same Day Discharge

- ▶ Money
 - ▶ THA: ~\$4000-7000/case in hospital-based setting
 - ▶ If even only 30% were eligible for SDD- that's ~\$945 million per year for THA alone!
- ▶ Similar outcomes compared to inpatient
 - ▶ 2017- NSQIP data matched cohort studies between SDD and inpatient TJA: showed no difference in overall adverse events or readmission rates



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Complications from SDD/Readmissions

SYSTEMATIC REVIEW Open Access

Outpatient total knee arthroplasty leads to a higher number of complications: a meta-analysis

Yoonsoo Yoon¹, Alberto Inagaki², Stefano Sforzini³, Luciana Pereira⁴, Giuseppe Iorio⁵ and Christine Eungdamkit⁶

- ▶ 8 studies evaluated, 7 retrospective and 1 prospective
- ▶ 212,632 patients undergoing TKA
 - ▶ 6,607 were outpatient
 - ▶ 206,025 were inpatient
- ▶ Higher rate of complications in outpatient TKA (16.1% vs 10.5%, p=0.003)
 - ▶ Complications: ranged from cutaneous rashes to heart attacks...
- ▶ Similar readmission rates between outpatient and inpatient (4.9% vs 5.9%)



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Barriers to Discharge

- ▶ Most common barriers:
 - ▶ Patient concerns
 - ▶ Function
 - ▶ Pain
 - ▶ Orthostatic hypotension
 - ▶ Bleeding
 - ▶ Nausea/Vomiting
 - ▶ Urinary retention



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Barriers to Discharge

- ▶ Surveyed patients who underwent primary TKA from March- September 2017
 - ▶ Prior knowledge of SDD
 - ▶ Perceived ability to undergo procedure as outpatient
 - ▶ Perceived risks and benefits to outpatient TKA
- ▶ 72.1% believed they definitely or probably could not go home the same day
 - ▶ Pain control (54.8%)
 - ▶ Bathroom (39.6%)
 - ▶ Fear of falling (39.6%)
- ▶ Perceived benefits of SDD
 - ▶ Avoidance of infection (57.3%)
 - ▶ Getting better sleep (46.9%)
 - ▶ Quieter recovery at home (42.7%)



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Patient Selection for SDD Total Joints

- ▶ Common Inclusion Criteria
 - ▶ Patient willingness
 - ▶ Social support system, home care for 24 hrs/day for several days
 - ▶ Preoperative independent ambulation
 - ▶ Primary, unilateral joint replacement



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Patient Selection for SDD Total Joints

- Common Exclusion Criteria
 - Age >70-80 yrs
 - Significant cardiopulmonary disease
 - Cirrhosis
 - Bleeding disorders
 - CKD Stage 3-5
 - Hgb <10
 - Poorly controlled DM
 - BMI >40
 - Chronic pain/preoperative opioid use



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Patient Selection for SDD Total Joints (RAPT)

- Risk Assessment and Prediction Tool (RAPT)
 - Developed in 2003
 - Attempts to predict patient's postoperative rehabilitation needs via 6 items
 - Accurately predicts discharge destination after TKA 62-89%
- Moore et al in 2020 assessed utility of RAPT score and found that it can be used but may be suboptimal for SDD when compared with the institutional variables they selected, including BMI and number of allergies



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Patient Selection for SDD Total Joints (RAPT)

The Risk Assessment and Prediction Tool (RAPT)

Item	Value	Score
1. What is your age group?	50-69 years	2
	60-79 years	1
	>79 years	0
2. Gender?	Male	2
	Female	1
3. How far, on average, can you walk? (in block in 200 m)	2 blocks or more (green)	2
	1-2 blocks (yellow/orange)	1
	Household (red or the time)	0
4. Which gut ail do you eat? (more often than not)	None	2
	Single protein stick	1
	Crackles/none	0
5. Do you use community supports? (shoes help, meals on wheels, district nurse)	None or one per week	1
	Two or more per week	0
6. Will you live with someone who can care for you after your operation?	Yes	3
	No	0



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Patient Selection for SDD Total Joints (OARA)

- Outpatient Arthroplasty Risk Assessment (OARA)
 - Developed to predict which patients could safely undergo SDD
 - Stratifies patients by 9 separate comorbidity areas
 - Assigns scores based on presence, severity, and medical optimization
 - Score < 80 = More precisely predicted SDD than ASA score or Charlson Comorbidity Index for TKA and THA
 - Score <110 = Effectively screened for SDD TSA with low rates of 90 day ED visits and readmissions



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Table 1 - OARA Score

Comorbidity Areas	Possible Points
General medical	180
Hematological	225
Cardiac	385
Endocrine	165
Gastrointestinal	185
Neurologic/psychological	185
Renal/urology	220
Pulmonary	250
Infectious disease	65

OARA, Outpatient Arthroplasty Risk Assessment.
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QUESTION

- Dr. Curfs has patient who wants to undergo SDD TKA
 - 65 y/o F
 - COPD on scheduled inhalers, no O2
 - BMI 36
 - Hx of DVT not on AC
 - Lives alone, no family support
- Is this patient eligible for SDD?



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Developing Clinical Pathway for SDD

- ▶ Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) Protocols
- ▶ Multidisciplinary Approach:
 - ▶ Patients and care givers
 - ▶ Surgeons
 - ▶ Anesthesia
 - ▶ PACU RNs
 - ▶ Physical Therapy



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Perioperative Management for SDD

- ▶ Needs to Address Barriers to Discharge:
 - ▶ Pain control
 - ▶ Bleeding
 - ▶ Function
 - ▶ PONV
 - ▶ Urinary retention



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Preoperative Management

- ▶ Counseling, patient education and expectation setting
- ▶ Optimize comorbidities, decrease risk factors
- ▶ Multimodal analgesia
- ▶ Peripheral Nerve Blocks- more later



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Preoperative Management

- ▶ Counseling/Pre-Surgical Education
 - ▶ Require extensive preoperative education regarding postoperative expectations
 - ▶ Pain control
 - ▶ Physical therapy
 - ▶ Home care (support 24 hrs/day for several days)
- ▶ Medical Optimization
 - ▶ Need for further workup prior to surgery
 - ▶ Clearance from PCP or Cardiologist
 - ▶ Smoking cessation
 - ▶ Controlling DM
 - ▶ Correct anemia (iron, EPO)



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Preoperative Management

- ▶ Multimodal Analgesia
 - ▶ NSAIDS
 - ▶ APAP
 - ▶ +/- Gabapentinoids
 - ▶ Anesthesiology 2020- Systematic and meta-analysis
 - ▶ No additional analgesic benefit
 - ▶ No prevention of chronic pain
 - ▶ Decreased PONV
 - ▶ Greater risk of adverse events (sedation, dizziness, visual disturbances)
- ▶ Peripheral Nerve Blocks



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Intraoperative Management

- ▶ Medications - antifibrinolytics
- ▶ Neuraxial vs General



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Tranexamic Acid (TXA)

- Antifibrinolytic Agent
 - Binds to plasminogen and prevents fibrin degradation
 - Can be given PO, IV, or topically
 - Used to reduce overall blood loss
 - Typically given as a bolus prior to incision in TJA
- Complications from TXA:
 - Venous thromboembolism
 - Renal failure
 - TIA, Ischemic stroke, TIA
- Contraindications
 - Active PUD or unstable angina
 - Vascular or coronary stent < mo-1yr
 - Combined hormonal contraception



TXA

Anesthesiology 2021: (Poeran et al)

- Retrospective cohort study of TXA and THA from 2013-2016
- Evaluated TXA administration in patients with "high-risk" comorbidities
 - Group 1: Hx of VTE, MI, seizures, ischemic stroke/TIA
 - Group 2: Renal disease
 - Group 3: Atrial fibrillation
- TXA use was associated with decreased blood transfusion in all 3 groups with no increased risk of new onset composite complications (VTE, MI, seizures, ischemic stroke, TIA)



"If they can't receive TXA, they are probably too sick to undergo this surgery"



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Ambulatory Anesthesiology

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Impact of Neuraxial Versus General Anesthesia on Discharge Destination in Patients Undergoing Primary Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement

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General vs Neuraxial for TKA/THA

Neuraxial and general anesthesia for outpatient total joint arthroplasty result in similarly low rates of major perioperative complications: a multicentered cohort study

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Neuraxial Local Anesthetic Choice

ANESTHESIOLOGY

Mepivacaine versus Bupivacaine Spinal Anesthesia for Early Postoperative Ambulation

A Randomized Controlled Trial

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ANESTHESIOLOGY 2020; 123:801-11



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Neuraxial Local Anesthetic Choice

- ▶ Ambulation at 3-3.5 hrs post injection:
 - ▶ 70% of Mepi (35 of 50)
 - ▶ 37.7% of Hyper Bupi (20 of 53)
 - ▶ 17.6% of Iso Bupi (9 of 51)
- ▶ Pain and Opioid consumption higher in Mepi group but only in early postoperative period
- ▶ Same Day Discharge
 - ▶ 46% of Mepi
 - ▶ 24.5% of Hyper Bupi
 - ▶ 21.5% of Iso Bupi
- ▶ Transient Neurological Symptoms, Urinary Retention, Hypotension: no difference



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Postoperative Management

- ▶ Early Ambulation

PACU Discharge Criteria

Physical therapy criteria

Walk 80 feet on level ground
Walk up and down stairs
Demonstrate understanding of home exercises
Perform bathroom transfers
Stand from a supine position in bed
Be able to dress self and perform basic activities of daily living
Equipment available at home: walker, shower seat, etc.



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Postoperative Management

- ▶ Postoperative Urinary Retention (POUR)
 - ▶ Incidence ranges from 5.5–46.3%
 - ▶ POUR increases rates of UTIs, can increase risk of PJI
- ▶ Risk factors:
 - ▶ Age, sex, certain comorbidities (ex BPH, renal disease)
 - ▶ IT morphine
 - ▶ Bupi > Mepi
 - ▶ IV fluids (>1000 mL)
 - ▶ Urinary catheter placement



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Prosthetic Joint Infection (PJI)

- ▶ Incidence:
 - ▶ ~0.5% within first year after THA/TKA
 - ▶ ~1.4% within first ten years after THA/TKA
- ▶ PJI most common cause of TKA failure
 - ▶ Study of 11,134 TKA, the incidence of revision at 15 years was 6.1% with 2.0% of the 6.1% done for PJI
- ▶ PJI is the third most common indication for revision THA
- ▶ Risk of PJI following TSA is less than both TKA and THA



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Infections in TJA Risk Factors

- ▶ Patient Risk Factors:
 - ▶ Rheumatoid Arthritis
 - ▶ Immunosuppression
 - ▶ DM, CKD
 - ▶ Smoking
 - ▶ Obesity
 - ▶ Medications (MTX, Prednisone, TNF-alpha inhibitors etc)
- ▶ Surgical Risk Factors:
 - ▶ Duration of surgery
 - ▶ Location
 - ▶ Blood transfusion



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Infections in TJA Prevention

- ▶ Antibiotic prophylaxis
 - ▶ Pre-incision Cefazolin
- ▶ Treat hyperglycemia (glucose <200)
- ▶ Decreased OR traffic
- ▶ ? Surgical hoods



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Peripheral Nerve Blocks for TJA



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Peripheral Nerve Blocks for TSA



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Interscalene Nerve Block

- ▶ Considered 'Gold Standard' for TSA



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Superior Trunk Nerve Block



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Peripheral Nerve Blocks for THA



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PENG Block



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Erector Spinae Plane Block (ESP)



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Fascia Iliaca Nerve Block



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Peripheral Nerve Blocks for TKA



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Adductor Canal vs Femoral Nerve Block for TKA



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Infiltration between the Popliteal Artery and Capsule of the Knee (IPACK)



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IPACK Block



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Periarticular Injection

- ▶ Direct periarticular injection of the operative field
- ▶ Numerous small injections of the posterior capsule, periosteum, arthrotomy, and subcutaneous tissues for TKA, and pericapsular tissues for THA
- ▶ Often involves a 'cocktail'
 - ▶ Local Anesthetic
 - ▶ Ketorolac
 - ▶ Epinephrine
 - ▶ Clonidine
 - ▶ Opioid



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Does Periarticular Injection reduce pain after knee arthroplasty among patients receiving peripheral nerve blocks?

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Question

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 - B) Adductor Canal
 - C) Fascia Iliaca
 - D) Superior Trunk



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"I don't like Adductor Canal blocks because I don't want the patients to have foot drop" - someone who scored highly on Step 1



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Summary

- ▶ Identify appropriate patients for SDD
- ▶ Counsel patients thoroughly regarding postop expectations
- ▶ Multimodal analgesia
- ▶ TXA for almost everyone
- ▶ Neuraxial and general are both safe, Mepi > Bupi
- ▶ Early ambulation
- ▶ Cefazolin
- ▶ Nerve blocks and PAI are good adjuncts



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Thank You



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Cancer Outcomes and Anesthetic Management: An Introduction

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Objectives

- To review (very briefly!) the proposed mechanisms of cancer metastasis and recurrence and the immune system's role in limiting cancer spread
- To illustrate the effects of the perioperative period on these mechanisms and defenses
- To introduce the implications of anesthetic management choices in cancer outcomes



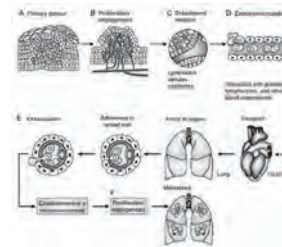
Anesthesiologists: The Physicians of the Perioperative Period



"...and this is Ralph, your anesthesiologist."



Metastasis, in a nutshell: The seed and soil hypothesis



Snyder & Greenberg, British Journal of Anesthesiology 2010



Why is surgery so problematic for cancer recurrence?

- ▶ Handling and disruption of the tumor may release cells into circulation
- ▶ Removal of primary tumor may lead to decrease of circulating anti-angiogenic factors
- ▶ Increase in local and systemic release of growth factors after surgery
- ▶ And probably most importantly...perioperative immunosuppression



The immune system and cancer

Powers for good	Forces of evil
CD4 Th1 cells	CD4 Th2 cells
IL-2	IL-4
IL-12	IL-6
IFN- γ	IL-10
CD8+ cytotoxic lymphocytes	CD4 Th17 cells
Natural killer cells	CD4 regulatory T (T-reg) cells
	Myeloid-derived suppressor cells (MDSCs)
	Tumor-associated Macrophages



How does surgery affect this balance?

- ▶ Most significant factor: The surgical stress response
 - ▶ Sympathetic nervous system activation resulting in catecholamine release
 - ▶ Interfere with NK activity & increase IL-6 levels
 - ▶ Shift the immune response to Th2 (immunosuppression) predominance
 - ▶ Catecholamines promote angiogenesis
 - ▶ These actions are primarily via B2 receptors.
 - ▶ Hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis activation
 - ▶ Increased ACTH production leads to increased glucocorticoid release
 - ▶ Glucocorticoids kill immature T cells and shift the immune response to favor Th2

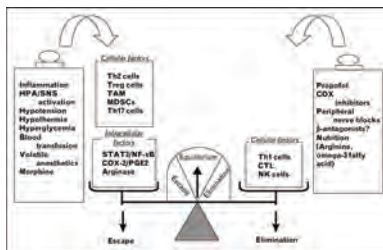


How does surgery affect this balance?

- ▶ Anesthetic consequences
 - ▶ Hypotension
 - ▶ Hypothermia
 - ▶ Transfusion
 - ▶ Medication effects
- ▶ Immunosuppression response is biochemically evident within hours of surgery and lasts for several days, with a peak around the third postoperative day.



Surgery is a bad thing...



How can we ameliorate these negative influences and give our patients the best chances for survival?

- ▶ Anesthesia technique?
- ▶ Analgesic technique?
- ▶ Blood transfusion management
- ▶ Are the cardiologists right? SHOULD we avoid hypotension and hypoxemia? The answer may SHOCK you.



Inhaled Agents vs. TIVA



Anesthetic drugs and host defense

Drug	Adverse effect
Volatile agents	Inhibit NK cell cytotoxicity Reduce NK cell number
Propofol	Reduces NK cell number
Thiopental	Reduces NK cell number Increases number of viable tumor cells in animal models
Ketamine	Reduces NK cell number and activity Increases number of viable tumor cells in animal models
Midazolam	Reduces IL-8 levels



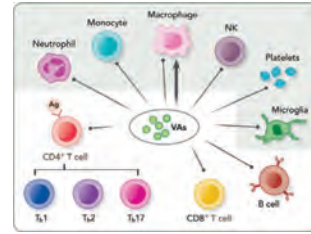
Inhaled agents

- Inhaled agents are associated with pro-cancer effects
- Mechanisms are unclear but clearly complex and multifactorial, and include immunomodulation and effect on tumor stem cells
- Halothane, isoflurane, and sevoflurane have all been long demonstrated to suppress NK cell activity and lymphocyte function, but recent research has revealed much more wide-ranging and complex effects on the immune system



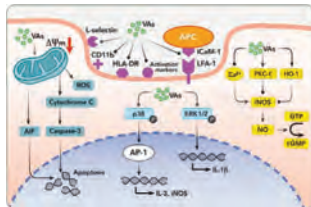
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Direct immunomodulating effects of volatile anesthetics



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Immunomodulating pathways



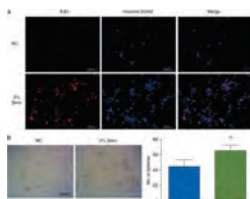
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In the lab: a sampling of observed effects

- Exposure to isoflurane has been shown to increase the resistance of colon cancer cells to the effects of anticancer drugs
- Isoflurane exposure increases melanoma metastasis in mice
- Isoflurane has been demonstrated to enhance the malignancy of head and neck squamous cell carcinoma cell lines
- Isoflurane enhances ovarian and renal cell tumor growth and malignant potential
- Nitrous oxide is associated with acceleration of lung and liver metastasis in animal models
- Sevoflurane has been demonstrated to promote the proliferation of glioma stem cells

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Sevoflurane and Glioma Stem Cells



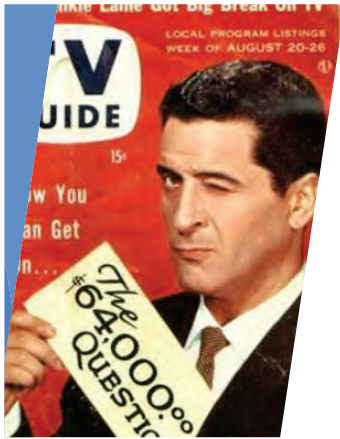
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Propofol: An anesthesiologist's friend?

- Does suppress NK activity in vitro, BUT...
- Probably does not do so significantly in vivo at clinically relevant concentrations (whereas ketamine and thiopental appear to be significant)
- Mouse studies suggest that propofol increases CTL activity against tumor cells
- Increases Th1/Th2 ratio, which is good
- Has some COX-2 inhibitory activity, which is also good
- In humans, propofol-remifentanyl anesthesia was associated with increased IL-10 activity in patients undergoing open cholecystectomy.
- In patients undergoing supratentorial tumor excision, patients has less immunosuppression under propofol anesthesia compared to isoflurane.



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Is TIVA superior
to inhaled
agents?



Very
possibly.

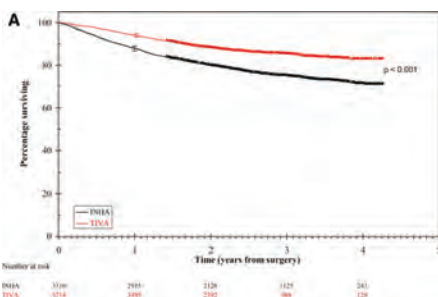
Wigmore et al.

- ▶ Retrospective cohort study of more than 7,000 patients who had general anesthesia for cancer surgery over 3 year period
- ▶ Patients who received both techniques, were under 16 yo, or who were having emergent surgery were excluded
- ▶ 3316 patients received inhalational agents; 3714 received propofol/remifentanyl TIVAs
- ▶ Statistical analysis used 2607 matched pairs

Overall Group and Matched Pairs

Variables	Overall Patients			Matched Pairs		
	ISMA (n = 3,316)	TIVA (n = 3,714)	P Value	ISMA (n = 2,607)	TIVA (n = 2,607)	P Value
Age (yr)	52 (14.3)	57 (14.4)	0.200	52 (19.1)	57 (14.3)	0.000
Sex	2,741 (82.6)	3,170 (85.3)	0.200	2,148 (82.4)	2,151 (82.5)	0.180
Male (%)	82.6	85.3		82.4	82.5	
Female (%)	17.4	14.7		17.6	17.5	
Race	1,455 (43.9)	1,781 (48.0)	<0.001	959 (36.8)	959 (36.8)	0.900
Prevalent comorbidities	1,801 (54.3)	2,030 (54.7)	0.800	1,414 (54.3)	1,414 (54.3)	0.900
Yes (%)	54.3	54.7		54.3	54.3	
No (%)	45.7	45.3		45.7	45.7	
ASA	2,002 (60.4)	2,200 (59.3)	<0.001	1,511 (57.9)	1,511 (57.9)	0.000
I (%)	59.3	59.3		57.9	57.9	
II (%)	40.7	40.7		42.1	42.1	
III (%)	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	
IV (%)	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	
V (%)	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	
Emergency surgery	371 (11.2)	264 (7.1)	<0.001	212 (8.1)	212 (8.1)	0.000
I (%)	11.2	7.1		8.1	8.1	
II (%)	88.8	92.9		91.9	91.9	
III (%)	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	
IV (%)	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	
V (%)	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	
Duration of surgery	2,474 (74.3)	2,988 (80.7)	<0.001	1,988 (76.3)	2,000 (77.1)	0.400
Yes (%)	74.3	80.7		76.3	77.1	
No (%)	25.7	19.3		23.7	22.9	
Underweight < 16.5	72 (2.1)	45 (1.2)	0.001	44 (1.7)	44 (1.7)	0.900
Normal 16.5-24.9	1,244 (37.4)	1,330 (35.8)		944 (36.2)	944 (36.2)	
Overweight 25.0-29.9	944 (28.5)	1,000 (26.9)		744 (28.5)	744 (28.5)	
Obesity 30.0-39.9	444 (13.4)	544 (14.7)		344 (13.2)	344 (13.2)	
Severely obese 40.0-49.9	144 (4.3)	144 (3.9)		144 (5.5)	144 (5.5)	

Abbreviations: ASA, American Society of Anesthesiologists; ISMA, Inhalational Sedation/Maintenance Anesthesia; TIVA, Total Intravenous Anesthesia.



Overall survival

TIVA/PVB vs Volatile & Opioids

Recurrence of breast cancer after regional or general anaesthesia: a randomised controlled trial

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Summary

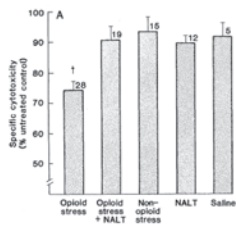
Background Three perioperative factors impair host defence against recurrence during cancer surgery: the surgical stress response, use of volatile anaesthetics, and opioids for analgesia. All factors are ameliorated by regional anaesthesia-anaesthesia. We tested the primary hypothesis that lowest cancer recurrence after potentially curative surgery is lower with regional anaesthesia-anaesthesia using paravertebral blocks and the anaesthetic propofol than with general anaesthesia with the volatile anaesthetic sevoflurane and opioid analgesia. A second hypothesis was that regional anaesthesia-anaesthesia reduces persistent incisional pain.

TIVA vs Volatile Agents Take Home

Infographic predates the TIVA/PVB study



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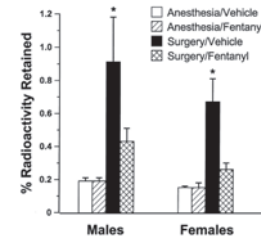
Role of pain in cancer recurrence

Acute pain activates the stress response via the SNS and the HPA axis - these responses can exacerbate or maintain pain

This stress response can decrease NK cells and their activity

Pain may have additional immunosuppressive effects, possibly mediated via endogenous opioids' effect on the μ_3 receptor

Pain management and tumor growth



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Pain management and tumor growth

- ▶ Morphine has been shown to influence immunomodulation & immune cell function
- ▶ Negative dose dependent action on NK cytotoxicity
- ▶ Inhibits IL-2 and CD4+ and CD8+ cells
- ▶ Synthetic opioids appears to have less immunomodulating effects than morphine

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Opioids

- ▶ Morphine may be problematic
 - ▶ Inhibits spontaneous and cytokine-enhanced NK cell cytotoxicity; appears to be mediated by the μ_3 opioid receptor
 - ▶ Animal data suggest that morphine is proangiogenic and promotes breast cancer and non-small cell lung tumor growth
 - ▶ However, a few studies have shown protective effects
- ▶ Fentanyl and possibly other synthetic opioids have similarly contradictory data
 - ▶ Doesn't bind to μ_3 ; actually appears to increase NK activity
 - ▶ Several studies show no significant immunosuppressive effects
 - ▶ On the other hand, rat studies again show tumor-promoting effects.



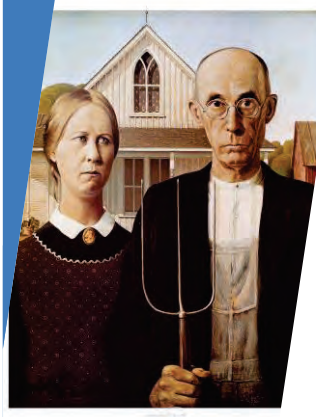
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- ▶ Not Necessarily ...
- ▶ "Tramadol use is associated with enhanced postoperative outcomes in breast cancer patients: a retrospective clinical study with *in vitro* confirmation"
- ▶ Enhanced NK activity after uterine cancer surgery



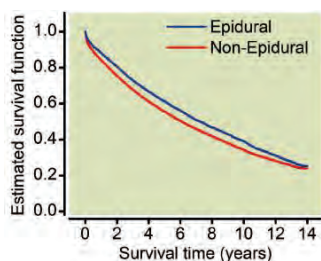
Neuraxial or regional anesthesia

Author	Year	Cancer type	Design type	Survival	Study quality ^a GA No.	EA No.	Hazard Ratio	95% CI
Christopherson et al.	2008	Non-melanoma skin cancer	Prospective	Overall survival	7	92	0.716	0.688-0.745
Christopherson et al.	2008	Melanoma, cutaneous	Prospective	Overall survival	7	82	0.85	0.699-1.028
Giles [146]	2011	Ovarian cancer	Retrospective	Overall survival	8	193	0.802	0.50-1.31
Giles [146]	2011	Cervical cancer	Retrospective	Overall survival	8	93	2.05	1.54-2.73
Li et al.	2011	Ovarian cancer	Retrospective	Overall survival	7	176	1.824	0.809-4.095
Wiles [106]	2011	Abdominal endometriosis	Prospective	Overall survival	7	216	2.30	0.77-6.98
Cunningham [107]	2012	Cervix cancer	Retrospective	Overall survival	8	3281	0.679	0.587-0.784
Stavroulakis [8]	2006	Breast cancer	Retrospective	Recurrence-free survival	6	79	0.5	0.23-1.06
Stavroulakis [8]	2006	Breast cancer	Retrospective	Overall survival	6	139	0.6	0.34-1.07
Gottschalk [8]	2009	Cervical cancer	Retrospective	Recurrence-free survival	6	251	0.84	0.48-1.33
Ismail [146]	2012	Cervical cancer	Retrospective	Recurrence-free survival	6	69	0.93	0.55-1.57
Liou [146]	2010	Cervical cancer	Retrospective	Recurrence-free survival	7	991	1.82	1.03-3.27
Liou [146]	2010	Cervical cancer	Retrospective	Overall survival	7	101	1.54	0.84-2.77
Wahlquist [26]	2012	Prostate cancer	Retrospective	Progression-free survival	7	154	1.01	0.57-1.75
Wiles [106]	2011	Abdominal endometriosis	Prospective	Recurrence-free survival	7	216	0.95	0.57-1.57
Liou [146]	2011	Ovarian Cancer	Retrospective	Recurrence-free survival	7	127	0.57	0.32-0.93
Chaves [121]	2012	Hepatocellular carcinoma	Retrospective	Recurrence-free survival	7	112	0.43	0.26-0.73
Chaves [121]	2012	Hepatocellular carcinoma	Retrospective	Overall survival	7	112	0.65	0.45-0.95



- ▶ 2012 retrospective study by Cummings of over 42,000 patients from the linked Michigan Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results database. Patients were all over 66 years old with non-metastatic colon cancer who underwent open colectomy
- ▶ 22.9% received epidurals
- ▶ Patients who received epidurals were more likely to be younger, male, white, married, and Midwestern
- ▶ No significant difference in perioperative complications
- ▶ Found no significant difference in cancer recurrence (odds ratio 1.05, CI [0.95, 1.15], $p=0.28$)

- ▶ Five-year survival was 61% in the epidural group and 56% in the traditional pain management group
- ▶ Median survival was 7.24 years in the epidural group versus 6.09 years



Models*	Hazard ratio	95% CI	P Value
Model 1A	0.86	(0.83, 0.89)	<0.001
Model 1B	0.91	(0.87, 0.94)	<0.001
Model 2A	0.92	(0.88, 0.96)	<0.001
Model 2B	0.92	(0.88, 0.96)	<0.001
Model 2C	0.92	(0.88, 0.96)	<0.001

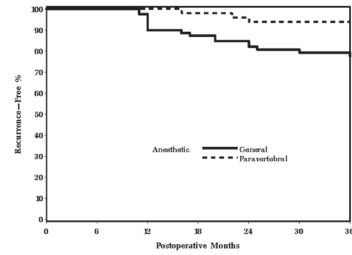
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Peripheral nerve blocks

- ▶ Exadaktylos and colleagues retrospectively studied 129 consecutive patients who underwent mastectomy and axillary clearance in an Irish hospital
- ▶ 50 patient received paravertebral blocks in addition to general anesthesia, while the remaining 79 received general anesthesia and postoperative morphine analgesia.
- ▶ No significant difference between the groups in terms of patient factors, surgical details, tumor presentation, or prognostic factors.
- ▶ The median pain scores were less in the paravertebral group

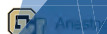


Paravertebral block for breast cancer surgery



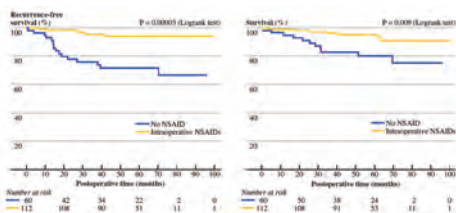
Other modalities

- ▶ Local anesthetics: Possible tumor inhibiting effect via direct effects on EGF receptors or via inhibition of the voltage-gated sodium channels on cancer cells
- ▶ COX-2 inhibitors: Promising in animal models
 - ▶ COX is over-expressed in many cancers
 - ▶ Prostaglandins inhibit NK cytotoxicity
 - ▶ Long-term use is associated with reduced incidence of cancer



How about toradol?

- ▶ If COX-2 blockers are promising, what about our intraoperative NSAIDs?
- ▶ Somewhat new area of interest
- ▶ Theory: May reduce tumor adhesion to endothelial cells and invasive potential. But mainly...

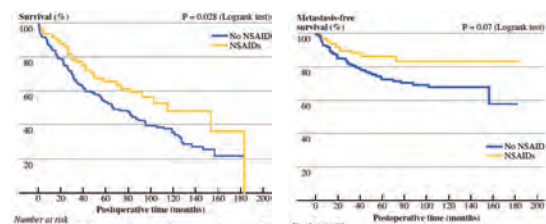


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Toradol and diclofenac



Toradol and diclofenac



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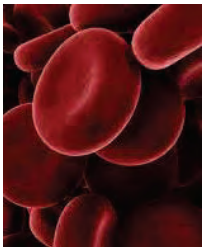
Intraoperative ketorolac in high-risk breast cancer patients. A prospective, randomized, placebo-controlled clinical trial

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Does Ketorolac Increase Disease Free Survival in High Risk Breast Cancer?



Blood transfusions



- ▶ More than 200 studies have described an association between perioperative blood transfusion and increased risk of cancer recurrence
- ▶ The implications of transfusion has been investigated for many cancer types, including colorectal, bladder, breast, head and neck, endometrial, esophageal, hepatocellular, prostate, and kidney.
- ▶ Why? Same story -- Immunosuppression

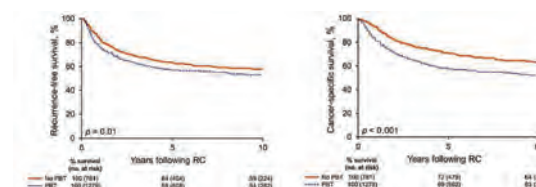
Blood transfusions and immunosuppression

- ▶ Historical fun fact: Perioperative transfusions were observed to enhance the survival of transplanted kidneys, thus tipping us off that transfusion might suppress the immune system
- ▶ Transfusion-related immunomodulation (TRIM)
- ▶ Mechanism is not totally clear
 - ▶ Leukocyte mediated? Probably not, since removal of white cells doesn't fix it
 - ▶ Seems to involve induction of Treg cells, which suppress CD4 and CD8 cells
 - ▶ May also be related to arginine depletion, which suppresses T-cell function

Bladder cancer

- ▶ Linder et al recently published a retrospective study of 2060 patients undergoing radical cystectomy for bladder cancer at the Mayo Clinic
- ▶ 62% (1279 patients) received transfusion with a median of 2 transfused units
- ▶ Results were complicated, but showed an increased risk of both recurrence and mortality for transfused patients.

Outcomes



	PAR+ n = 4,678	PAR- PAR+ = 13	p-value
State of origin, n (%)			
Japan	1,112 (24.1)	10 (75.2)	<0.0001
Other	3,566 (75.9)	3 (24.8)	
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Other	3,566 (75.9)	3 (24.8)	
Age, n (%)			
18-24	1,021 (21.8)	7 (53.8)	<0.0001
25-34	1,047 (22.5)	7 (53.8)	
35-44	1,047 (22.5)	7 (53.8)	
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Age at surgery	1.06	0.99-1.03	0.67	1.01	0.90-1.13	0.78	1.01	1.02-1.04	0.00
Gender (ref: female)	1.19	0.68-1.65	0.48	1.22	1.01-1.47	0.04	1.33	1.16-1.53	0.00
Body mass index	0.96	0.88-1.05	0.34	0.97	0.88-1.06	0.44	1.02	0.95-1.08	0.25
Preoperative hemoglobin	0.93	0.93-0.92	0.20	0.92	0.91-0.93	0.00	0.92	0.91-0.93	0.00
Preoperative hemoglobin level	0.96	0.92-1.01	0.12	0.90	0.86-0.94	<0.0001	0.89	0.87-0.93	<0.0001
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Positive radial margin	0.97	0.88-1.08	0.50	1.00	0.98-1.02	0.85	1.00	0.98-1.02	0.80
Positive peripheral margin	0.92	0.81-1.04	0.18	1.02	1.00-1.04	0.02	1.02	1.00-1.04	0.00
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Yes	1.06	0.99-1.01	0.77	1.00	0.99-1.02	0.85	1.00	0.99-1.01	0.88
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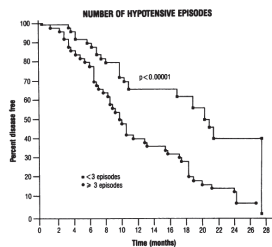
HR = hazard ratio; CI = confidence interval; ref = reference; EGCC = Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; PT-2 = peritumoral blood transfusion.

- ▶ 2006 meta analysis of 36 studies with a total of over 12,000 patients undergoing curative resection of colorectal cancer
- ▶ Twenty-three of the studies showed a detrimental effect of perioperative transfusion on cancer recurrence
- ▶ Pooled data estimated that transfusion yielded an overall odds ratio of 1.42 (95% CI 1.2-1.67)
- ▶ Effect appeared to be dose-related: patients receiving 3 or more units had double the risk of recurrence compared to patients receiving 1 or 2 units
- ▶ Timing of the transfusion (pre-, intra-, or post-operative) did not seem to make a significant difference

The diagram illustrates the process of cell differentiation and tissue formation. At the top left, a single cell is shown with a nucleus containing DNA. An arrow labeled 'Gene' points to a specific gene being expressed, which leads to the production of a protein (orange dot). This protein then interacts with the DNA to regulate the expression of other genes, leading to the differentiation of the cell into various specialized cell types (top right). These cell types are shown with different internal structures and functions, such as 'Secretory cell', 'Contractile cell', and 'Support cell'. The differentiated cells then aggregate to form a tissue (bottom left) and a specialized structure (bottom right), which are shown with different colors and textures. The tissue is labeled 'Epithelial tissue' and the specialized structure is labeled 'Glandular tissue'.

- ▶ 1991 retrospective study of 116 patients who had undergone complete hepatic resection for colorectal metastasis
- ▶ "Baseline" MAP was defined as the MAP at surgery start.
- ▶ Hypotension was defined as any value less than 80% of baseline MAP
- ▶ Of all the variables analyzed, the single most predictive factor for future recurrence was the number of hypotensive episodes during surgery. ($p = <0.00001$)

Hypotensive episodes and recurrence-free survival



Younes et al. *Annals of Surgery*, 1991.

Esophageal cancer and hypotension

- ▶ 2012 retrospective study of 53 patients who had undergone complete resection of esophageal cancer
- ▶ Defined hypotension as SBP<70 for all patients
- ▶ Found significant difference in 1-year cancer-specific survival for patients who had one or more hypotensive episodes ($p=0.0002$)

Beta blockers and Cancer

- ▶ 2018 Retrospective Meta-analysis of over 300K patients
- ▶ The administration of BB was not associated with increased overall survival, all cause mortality, disease free survival, progression free survival, recurrence free survival
- ▶ Associated with improved survival in patients with ovarian CA, pancreatic CA, and melanoma



Conclusions

- ▶ Cancer is complicated. Anesthesiology is complicated. The interplay between the two is significant, but in general incompletely understood. Ongoing research is critical
- ▶ The perioperative period is a critical time for cancer patients due to the attendant immunosuppression.
- ▶ Many of our anesthetic drugs, particularly volatile agents and opioids, likely significantly contribute to this immunosuppression.
- ▶ Pain is bad. Treat it aggressively, but consider avoiding opioids (particularly morphine) if possible. Consider NSAIDs and lidocaine.
- ▶ Blood transfusions should be avoided when possible.
- ▶ Hypoxia and hypotension continue to be bad ideas.
- ▶ Beta blockers MAY be helpful in certain subgroups



Anesthetic Considerations for Head & Neck Cancer

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- ▶ I am a co-author on the "Expert consensus statement on the perioperative management of adult patients undergoing head and neck surgery and free tissue reconstruction from the Society for Head and Neck Anesthesia," which was published in *Anesthesia & Analgesia*.



You may have been taught differently or seen and done things another way before.

These patients and problems often require adaptable, individualized plans, but a baseline plan for regular and/or emergency management can be established.



Acknowledgements

The further you get along, the more important it is to look back, see and thank who pushed you to get there.



Objectives

Following this lecture, a participant should be able to:

- Describe the preoperative assessment and preparation for patients undergoing head & neck surgery.
- Outline anesthetic management goals in patients undergoing head and neck flap reconstructive surgery.
- Define the steps necessary to evaluate a tracheostomy and emergently manage it.
- Outline the preparation and performance of an awake fiberoptic intubation.

Head and Neck Cancer



Head & Neck Cancer Statistics

- In the United States, the incidence of oral and pharyngeal cancers is over 54,000 cases per year, resulting in over 11,000 yearly deaths.
- Although smoking and alcohol consumption are traditional risk factors for head and neck cancer, they are declining in many countries.
- There is a steady increase in diagnoses of human papillomavirus (HPV)-related cancers, frequently affecting the oropharynx.

Head & Neck Cancer Survival

- The prognosis and survival of squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck depends on, among many other variables, the stage at presentation, the site of involvement, and the human papillomavirus status.
- The 5-year overall survival in patients with stage I-II disease is typically 70-90%.
- Patients with stage III-IV disease typically have a poorer prognosis; for example, patients with locoregionally advanced laryngeal carcinoma have an approximate survival of 40% at 5 years.

Preoperative Evaluation

- ▶ It is imperative that you discuss the specific pathology and surgical plan with the surgeon before starting these procedures.
- ▶ You will be sharing the airway at times which requires constant communication.
- ▶ Ensure CT scan and preop nasal endoscopy have been reviewed to anticipate degree and extent of tumor burden or airway involvement.

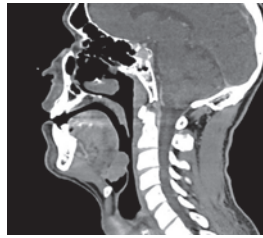


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Preoperative Endoscopic Airway Evaluation (PEAE)

- ▶ PEAE extends the airway exam beyond the naked eye and available lines of sight.
- ▶ Can change the clinical approach to airway management in high-risk patients.
- ▶ In particular, large lesions occupying the hypopharynx may herald difficult or impossible SGA placement.



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Preoperative Airway Ultrasound

- ▶ Gaining interest in recent years.
- ▶ Useful for:
 - ▶ Airway size and prediction of endotracheal tube.
 - ▶ Prediction of difficult laryngoscopy
 - ▶ Airway device placement and depth.
 - ▶ Prediction of post-extubation stridor.
 - ▶ Emergent surgical airway placement.
 - ▶ Evaluation of airway anatomy.



Osman, A., Sum, K.M. Role of upper airway ultrasound in airway management. j intensive care 4, 52 (2016). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40560-016-0174-z>

Anesthetic Management Goals in Free Flap Surgery



Gorthe P et al. Indications and Clinical Outcomes of Transoral Robotic Surgery and Free Flap Reconstruction. Cancers. 2021; 13(11):2831

Vasopressors

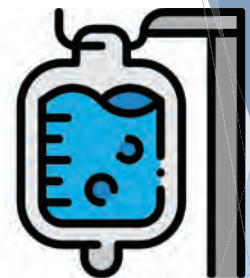
- ▶ Though opinion is often against vasopressors, there is little to no evidence that their use worsens flap outcomes and growing evidence demonstrates that they may indeed improve outcomes.
- ▶ From the SHANA expert consensus statement in 2021: "Vasopressors can be used to optimize the hemodynamic management of this patient population after identifying and correcting other hypotension contributing factors, such as hypovolemia, deep anesthesia, anemia, and electrolyte abnormalities."



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Fluid Management

- ▶ Judicious use of intravenous fluids (crystalloids or colloids) and avoidance of hypovolemia and hypotension are important to maintain homeostasis and to avoid flap ischemia.
- ▶ Fluid overload may increase the risk of free flap failure in this patient population.
- ▶ There is a paucity of data regarding whether the specific type of fluid is beneficial/harmful in free flap surgery.



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Blood Transfusion Thresholds

- ▶ Goal is to maintain adequate perfusion to end organs as well as perfusion of grafts.
- ▶ A reasonable target is a hematocrit of 25-30 secondary to both commonly associated comorbidities and graft considerations.
- ▶ Avoidance of hyperviscosity to prevent graft thrombosis also renders transfusions for a hematocrit >30 unnecessary.



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Anesthetic Type

- ▶ A balanced anesthetic method is preferred, though there is little evidence regarding whether total intravenous or inhalational maintenance is superior.
- ▶ Multimodal pain management strategies may enhance pain control during the perioperative period.
- ▶ Currently little role for regional anesthetics.

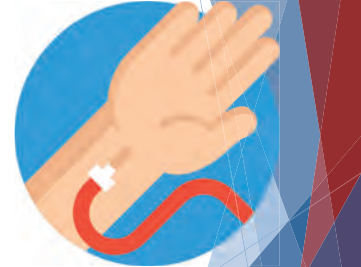


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Lines/Monitors

- ▶ Optimal monitoring of this patient population includes the use of standard ASA monitors; core temperature monitor, insertion of a Foley catheter to monitor urine output; the placement of an arterial line to monitor hemodynamic parameters, and the monitoring of fluid status metrics such as systolic pressure variation.
- ▶ Central Access is rarely necessary in the presence of multiple well functioning peripheral IVs. If one is necessary, the internal jugular should be avoided.



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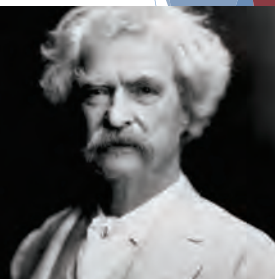


Tracheostomy Management



It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so.

Mark Twain



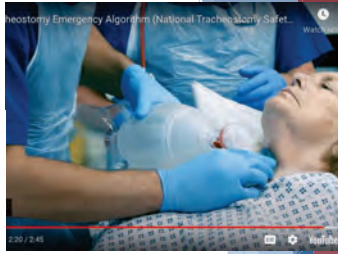
"What do I do with this thing when it fails at 3 in the morning?"



Where to go for Help



www.tracheostomy.org.uk



Tracheostomy

- ▶ Surgically created hole into trachea
- ▶ Temporary or permanent
- ▶ Can make airway safer during future treatment
- ▶ For medically complex patients, may be permanent



Laryngectomy

- ▶ Laryngectomy is the removal of the larynx and separation of the airway from the mouth, nose and esophagus.
- ▶ In a total laryngectomy, the entire larynx is removed (including the vocal folds, hyoid bone, epiglottis, thyroid and cricoid cartilage and a few tracheal cartilage rings).



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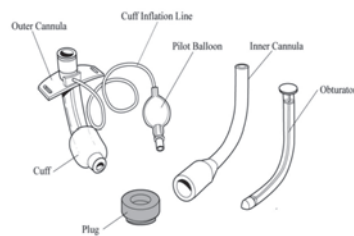


Tracheostomy Basics

- ▶ Different types of tubes available can be confusing.
- ▶ In general defined by:
 - presence / absence of cuff
 - presence / absence of inner cannula
 - presence / absence of a hole (fenestration)
- ▶ Most modern tubes made from synthetic material
- ▶ Cuffed tubes used to seal airway to provide positive pressure ventilation or prevent aspiration.
- ▶ Uncuffed tubes tend to be used in chronic tracheostomy patients with effective cough reflexes.

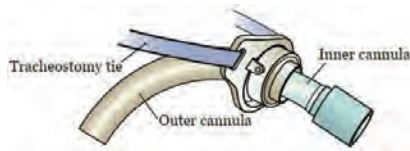


Tracheostomy Tube Components

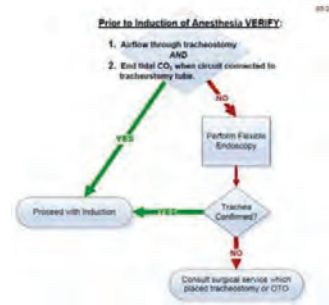


Courtesy of "Managing the Tracheostomy Patient," Emergency Physician Monthly; <http://epmonthly.com/article/managing-tracheostomy-patient/>





Elective Tracheostomy Management



Elective Tracheostomy Management

- Why was the tracheostomy placed?
- When was it placed?
- What is the trach type and size? (availability of emergency equipment)

This patient has a
TRACHEOSTOMY
There is a potentially patent upper airway (intubation may be difficult)

Surgical / Percutaneous

Performed on (date):

Tracheostomy tube size (if present):

Hospital / NRS number:

Emergency Call: _____ 429 087 Medical Emergency Room

www.crashsurgery.org.uk

Percutaneous Bork flap SRT type

Indications for Tracheostomy

- Acute or chronic upper airway obstruction (Ludwig's angina, obstructive sleep apnea)
- Risk of chronic aspiration (stroke patients)
- Chronic respiratory failure (ICU patients)
- Retention of bronchial secretions (weak cough, CF)
- Elective during surgical procedures of head and neck
- Relative Contraindications:
 - -Uncorrected coagulopathy (plt <50,000, INR >1.5)
 - -Presence of laryngeal cancer
 - -Hemodynamic instability

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Aren't Tracheostomies Safe?

- Klemm found 352 tracheostomy related deaths in a review of 25,056 tracheostomies performed in 21 countries, a rate of fatal events in 1.4%.
- Cramer et al. found 623 tracheostomy related deaths over a ten-year period in the United States.

Klemm E, Nowak AK. Tracheotomy-Related Deaths: A Systematic Review. Deutsches
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Aren't Tracheostomies Safe?

- Cramer et al. also found that these deaths were significantly more common in children (10x more common!) African-American children or adults, and Hispanic adults.
- Additionally, more likely to occur on the weekend.
- Patient advanced education (bachelor's, master's, etc.) found to be protective.

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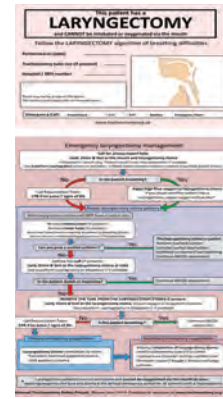
High-Risk Patients

- ▶ Children, especially newborns and infants
- ▶ Smokers
- ▶ Alcohol abusers
- ▶ Diabetics
- ▶ Immunocompromised patients
- ▶ Persons with chronic diseases or respiratory infections
- ▶ Persons taking steroids or cortisone

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Available from the National Tracheostomy Safety Project
<https://www.tracheostomy.org.uk/>



Emergency Tracheostomy Management



For Podcast Listeners

Anesthesia and Critical Care Reviews and
Commentary (ACCRac)

Episode 111: Tracheostomies, Cricothyrotomies and
ENT surgery with Dr. Zandy Hillel



*"In the event of an
emergency, your closest
exit may be behind you."*



Laura Duggan MD, Associate Professor of
Anesthesiology, the University of Ottawa



Awake Intubation



Awake Intubation

An awake intubation should be performed when there is possibility by history or exam that the airway may be difficult to intubate and/or ventilate.

Associated conditions include:

- Head and neck cancers
- Laryngeal and tracheal pathologies
- Head & neck radiation therapy
- Trauma
- Congenital syndromes
- Limited mouth opening.

Review of clinical nasal endoscopies, head/neck CT scans, and discussion with surgeons are invaluable.

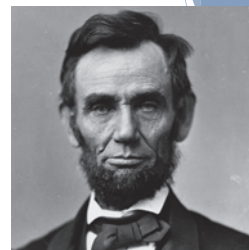


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Awake Intubation

Patient Pre-Procedure Preparation

1. Decision for Awake Flexible Endoscopic Intubation
2. IV Glycopyrrolate 0.4 to 0.6 mg early. At least 30 minutes before topicalization
3. Prepare Intubation Cart
4. Lidocaine 4% nebulizer
5. Sedation choice upon entering room (I usually prefer small doses of Midazolam)



"Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening my axe."
- Abraham Lincoln

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Awake Intubation

Intraoperative Procedure

1. Remifentanyl 0.05 mcg/kg/min titrated to mild sedation
2. Madrigal 4% lidocaine until no gag (atomizer)
3. Use small Parker (6.0-7.0) ETT
4. Advance scope via supraglottic structures
5. Pass epidural cath through cords and spray 4% lidocaine
6. With view of carina pass ETT into trachea
7. Confirm end tidal CO₂
8. Induce with propofol (0.5 mg/kg)



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Difficult Airway Society Guidelines



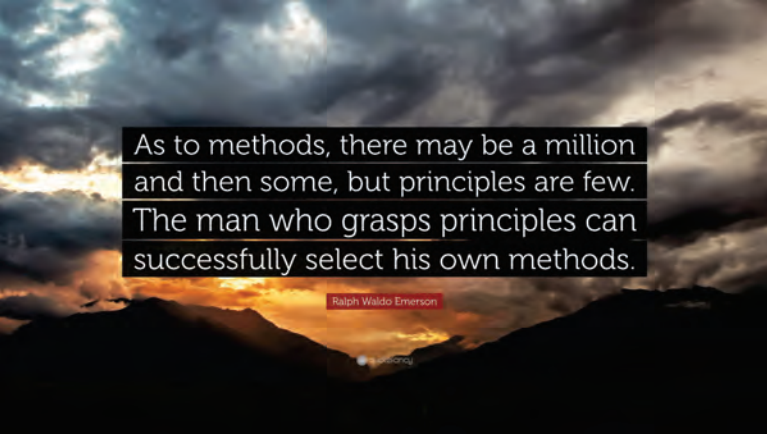
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Great Sources of Information



Discussion/Questions?





As to methods, there may be a million
and then some, but principles are few.
The man who grasps principles can
successfully select his own methods.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Neuroanesthesia Panel: Adverse Events in Spine and Intracranial Surgery

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Intraoperative Emergencies: Spine Surgery


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Learning Objectives


- ▶ Become familiar with common spine surgery procedures and basic terminology
- ▶ Become familiar with basic anesthetic management of spine surgery ranging from simple procedures to more complex
- ▶ Become familiar with basic preoperative assessment metrics for the spine surgical patient
- ▶ Review basic spine anatomy
- ▶ Review potential complications ranging from common to rare and catastrophic
- ▶ Discuss basic management and the evidence behind those strategies



4

Outline


- ▶ So this is your first spine...?
- ▶ Types of Spine Surgery
- ▶ Common approaches
- ▶ Preop Risk assessment: Can your Patient Handle It?
- ▶ Anesthetic agent choice: Tips and Tricks
- ▶ Injury to Spinal Cord
- ▶ Injury to Peripheral nerves
- ▶ Vascular Injury
- ▶ Pulmonary Complications: The lungs are closer than you think
- ▶ Emboli: Clots, Fat, Cement and Air
- ▶ Post Operative Vision Loss
- ▶ Incidental Durotomy
- ▶ Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve Injury
- ▶ Summary
- ▶ Questions



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So this is your first Spine Surgery...?

- ▶ Become familiar with the lingo
- ▶ Can your Patient Handle it? (see Next Slides)
- ▶ What position will you be in? Will you be in multiple positions?
- ▶ How many levels?
- ▶ What are the planned corrections?
- ▶ What is the expected blood loss?
- ▶ Is this a primary spine, a redo, a redo-redo?
- ▶ Is there infected Hardware?
- ▶ Is there a tumor involved?
- ▶ Will there be neuromonitoring and what type?
- ▶ Discuss exit strategies and possibility of staging



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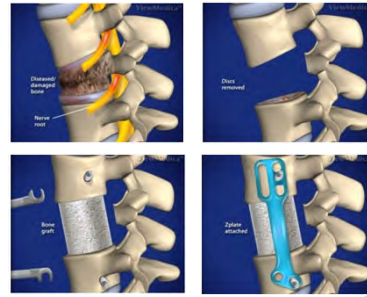
Types of Spine Surgery and Common Procedures

- ▶ Spinal decompression and fusion
- ▶ Microdiscectomy
- ▶ Artificial Disc Replacement
- ▶ Laminectomy
- ▶ Vertebroplasty
- ▶ Foraminotomy
- ▶ Smith-Peterson Osteotomies
- ▶ Pedicle Subtraction Osteotomies
- ▶ PLIF/ALIF/XLIF/TLIF/OLIF (Really?!)
- ▶ Corpectomy



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Corpectomy



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Common Approaches

- ▶ Posterior
 - ▶ Anterior
 - ▶ Lumbar often requires a transabdominal approach
 - ▶ Thoracic often requires cooperation with a thoracic surgeon and intubation with a DLT for lung isolation
- ▶ Lateral
- ▶ Combination of all or any of the above
- ▶ Arms out or tucked
- ▶ Head in pins or prone view
- ▶ Wilson Frame vs Axis



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Preoperative Risk Assessment: Can your Patient Handle it?

- ▶ Physical exam, review of medical history, risk assessment, indicated laboratory testing and imaging
- ▶ High risk surgeries will need preoperative testing
 - ▶ Hemoglobin, platelet count, electrolyte panel including glucose, coagulation studies and a type and screen
 - ▶ Screening for osteoporosis and nutritional testing
 - ▶ Other testing as indicated per patient history
- ▶ Fitness assessment
- ▶ Expected Blood loss and volume shifts
- ▶ Positioning concerns
- ▶ Airway Management
- ▶ Vascular Access



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Anesthetic Choices: Tips and Tricks

- ▶ Before choosing an anesthetic plan identify the types of IONM if any that will be used
 - ▶ Institutional policies and protocols if any
- ▶ Start with a propofol infusion and add agents from there:
 - ▶ Narcotics: neutral effect on signals
 - ▶ Ketamine: enhance signals
 - ▶ Lidocaine: likely detrimental effect on signals
 - ▶ Dexmedetomidine: likely detrimental effect on signals
 - ▶ Volatile Anesthetics: negative effects but MEPs > SSEPs
 - ▶ Paralytics: negative effects on MEPs and EMG



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What Could Possibly go Wrong?



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Intraoperative Spinal Cord Injury

- ▶ Most often mechanical (direct injury, stretching or crushing)
 - ▶ Can also be ischemic due to vascular injury or due to hemodynamic changes
- ▶ Utilization of IONM to monitor in real time and detect potential injury
 - ▶ Combination of SSEPs, MEPs, EMG and TENG give highest sensitivity and specificity to identify injury during large or complex manipulations of the spinal column
 - ▶ If changes in signals are detected care must be taken to identify source
 - ▶ Isolate global vs local changes



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Intraoperative Spinal Nerve and Peripheral Nerve Injury

- ▶ Spinal roots are also at risk even during lumbar/sacral procedures
- ▶ IONM can be used to detect injury to spinal nerves and peripheral nerves due to positioning (most commonly brachial plexus)
 - ▶ SSEPs and EMG
- ▶ Patients sensitive to hemodynamic shifts can also experience ischemic injury to spinal and peripheral nerves
- ▶ Signal changes can be cortical or sub-cortical



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What can you do?

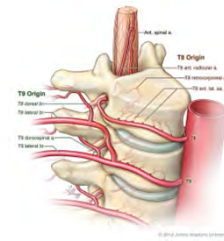
- ▶ Alert the surgeon immediately
 - ▶ Multidisciplinary discussion between surgeon, anesthesia and IONM teams
 - ▶ Reverse last surgical intervention if possible
- ▶ Increase blood flow
 - ▶ MAP 85-90 little evidence to push past 95
- ▶ Decrease inflammation and edema
 - ▶ High dose steroids—mixed evidence
 - ▶ Mannitol—mixed evidence
- ▶ Reposition the patient
 - ▶ Release tape
 - ▶ Reposition arms



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Vascular Complications

- ▶ Aortic injury
- ▶ Other Major vessel injury
 - ▶ Can result in massive blood loss
- ▶ Adequate vascular access should be planned and obtained ahead of time due to limitations in positioning
- ▶ Appropriate blood products should be available
- ▶ Appropriate consult services should be available for high risk procedures



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Case

- ▶ 42yoF w/ h/o metastatic RCC with lung and spine mets p/w progressive LLE weakness in setting of known spinal canal stenosis p/f L3-S1 PSF and L3-L5 RFA w/ L4 lateral corpectomy



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Significant Events

- ▶ PSF, Corpectomy and RFA performed, patient repositioned from prone to right lateral decubitus.
 - ▶ No significant bleeding noted per surgeon report following each of the above interventions
- ▶ Acute hypotension
 - ▶ While preparing to close, venous bleeding was noted and thought to be from perforator to common iliac vein
 - ▶ Bleeding became profuse and non-compressible
 - ▶ MTP started and vascular consult called
- ▶ Vascular surgeon joined and placed aortic balloon accessed groins bilaterally and found a left common iliac artery bleed



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Outcome

- ▶ Intraaortic balloon was placed and inflated while repair to the common iliac artery was performed
- ▶ Patient became acutely hypotensive and became asystolic
- ▶ Massive PE suspected as pulmonary vasculature was not able to be imaged without any further vascular injury identified
- ▶ CPR continued while CT surgery was consulted for VA ECMO
- ▶ Ultimately efforts were deemed futile due to the extent of injury and the patient suffered intraoperative death
- ▶ EBL >8 L based on transfusion needs
 - ▶ PRBCs 23
 - ▶ FFP 36
 - ▶ PLT 7



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Solutions to Vascular Complications

- ▶ Fix the injury!
 - ▶ High risk cases should consider vascular/cardiothoracic surgery consults preoperatively to aid in exposure or to expedite consultation should intraop injury occur
- ▶ Employ blood conservation strategies whenever possible
 - ▶ Cell saver
 - ▶ Hemodilution
- ▶ Transfusion and supportive care
- ▶ Consider high dose TXA if no contraindications exist
 - ▶ Compared to LD TXA or placebo, there is moderate evidence that HD is not associated with an increased risk of medical complications.
 - ▶ Evidence that HD TXA reduces transfusion requirements



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Pulmonary Complications: The Lungs are closer than you think

- ▶ Pneumothorax
 - ▶ Most common during anterior thoracic approaches
 - ▶ Can also happen during posterior approaches in the thoracic spine
 - ▶ Suspect tension physiology if deterioration occurs
- ▶ High peak pressure ventilation
 - ▶ Due to body habitus, positioning or pre-existing disease
- ▶ Pulmonary edema from volume overload
- ▶ Loss of airway
 - ▶ Prone FOB vs LMA placement vs repositioning and reintubation
- ▶ High risk of reintubation due to mental status and poor physiologic reserve post op



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Emboli: Pulmonary, Fat, Cement and Air

- ▶ Pulmonary Embolus
- ▶ Fat Embolus
- ▶ Cement Embolus
- ▶ Air Embolus
- ▶ Obstructive complications and delayed inflammatory reactions
- ▶ If these occur intraoperatively the patient should be monitored for subsequent complications in a critical care setting



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Post Operative Vision Loss

- ▶ Incidence of POVL after spine surgery 0.03% to 0.2%
 - ▶ Relatively rare but devastating
- ▶ Venous congestion vs arterial ischemia vs mechanical
 - ▶ Anemia, emboli, hypotension, globe compression, prone positioning, volume and/or type of fluid administered, prolonged operative times and preexisting conditions
- ▶ Modifiable Risk factors
 - ▶ Avoid hypotension
 - ▶ Avoid pressure on the eyes
 - ▶ Consider colloid volume resuscitation along with crystalloid
 - ▶ Monitor Hgb and avoid anemia
- ▶ Management
 - ▶ Ophthalmologic consultation
 - ▶ Imaging to isolate
 - ▶ Antiplatelet agents, steroids, or IOP lowering agents have not been shown to be effective



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Incidental Durotomy

- ▶ Reported incidences ranging from 1% to 17%
- ▶ Complications range from mild to severe
 - ▶ Postural headaches, vertigo, posterior neck pain, neck and/or stiffness, nausea, diplopia, photophobia, tinnitus, and blurred vision
 - ▶ Persistent leak, pseudomeningocele
- ▶ Risk factors
 - ▶ Complex spinal surgery and revision procedures
 - ▶ Old age
 - ▶ Spinal Stenosis
 - ▶ Use of high speed drills
- ▶ Management
 - ▶ Primary repair
 - ▶ Sub facial drain (controversial)
 - ▶ 24hr bedrest—little evidence but little harm



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Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve Injury

- ▶ Preoperative risk assessment
 - ▶ Pre-existing swallowing issues, hoarse voice, previous neck surgery, previous cervical spine surgery, thyroid disease, other H&N cancer
- ▶ Incidence ranging from 0.2-16.7%
- ▶ Risk factors
 - ▶ Female gender, right sided approach, more levels=more risk (controversial)
 - ▶ Length of surgery, traumatic intubation, endotracheal cuff pressure
- ▶ Management
 - ▶ Uni vs bilateral



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Conclusion



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Intraoperative Neurophysiologic Monitoring (IONM) Alerts and Interventions

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Learning Objectives

- ▶ Review purpose and general aspects of IONM
- ▶ Learn common intraoperative neuromonitoring alerts
- ▶ Understand the importance of the anesthesia team and anesthetic choice in the preservation of responses
- ▶ Review complications related with the IONM techniques
- ▶ Discuss appropriate interventions to manage alerts



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Purpose of IONM

- ▶ Reduce the risk of postoperative neurological deficits
- ▶ Real-time detection of
 - Ischemia
 - Mechanical insult
 - Malposition of patient
 - Malposition of hardware
- ▶ Identification of
 - Nerves
 - Nerve roots
 - Eloquent cortex
 - Spinal cord structures



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Types of Recordings

Spontaneous

- ▶ Electroencephalography (EEG)
- ▶ Electromyography (EMG)

Evoked

- ▶ Somatosensory (SSEP)
- ▶ Motor (MEP)
- ▶ Auditory (ABR)
- ▶ EMG



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Common Surgical Applications

Spine Surgery

- ▶ Most fusions
- ▶ Spinal cord tumors

Intracranial Surgery

- ▶ Posterior fossa tumors
- ▶ Microvascular decompression
- ▶ Cerebral mass in or near eloquent cortex

Vascular Surgery

- ▶ Carotid endarterectomy
- ▶ Aortic aneurysm repair

Cardiac Surgery

- ▶ Aortic arch repair or replacement

Head and Neck Surgery

- ▶ Parotidectomy
- ▶ Thyroidectomy
- ▶ Parathyroidectomy
- ▶ Neck dissection



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Reasons For Alerts

▶ Patient factors

Age, preexisting neurologic status

▶ Surgical factors

Compression, retraction, trauma, vibration

▶ Anesthesia/physiologic factors

Anesthetic agents used, depth of anesthesia, hypotension, temperature, anemia, hypoxia

▶ Patient positioning

▶ Miscellaneous



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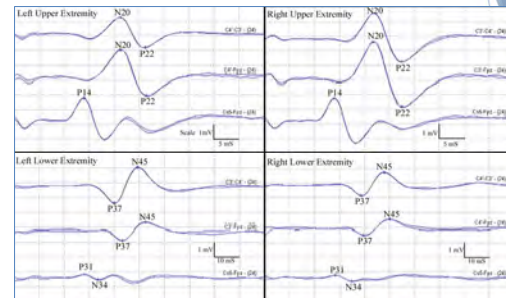


IONM Modalities



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SSEPs



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SSEP Alert Criteria



>50% decrease in signal amplitude



>10% increase in signal latency



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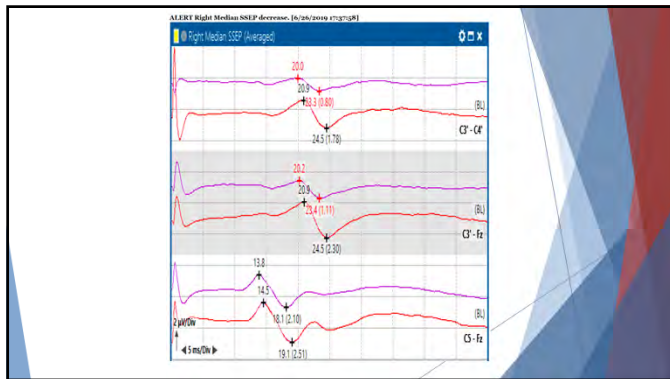


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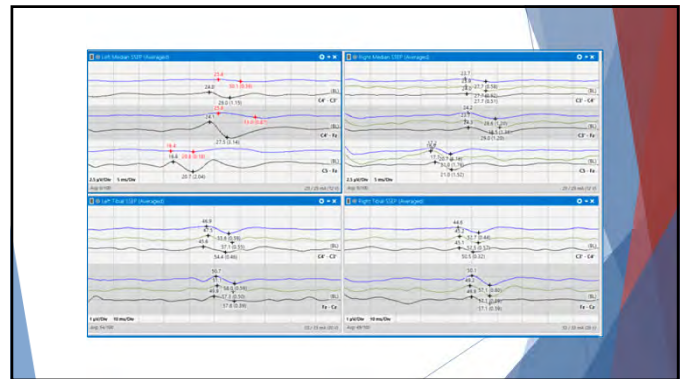


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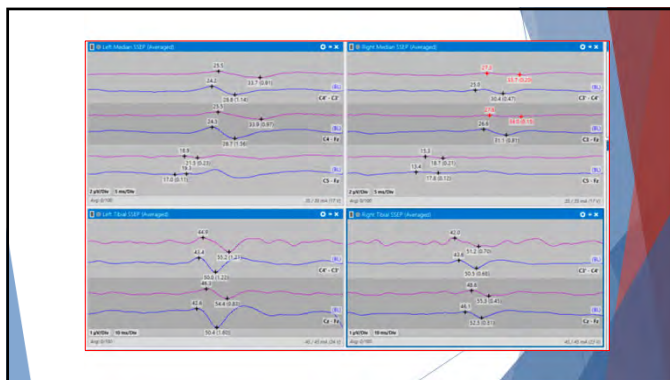
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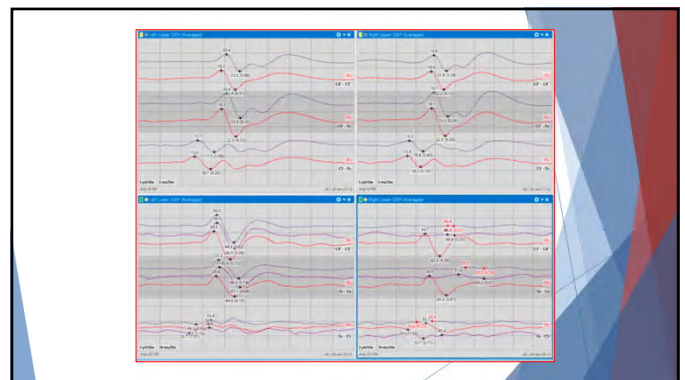
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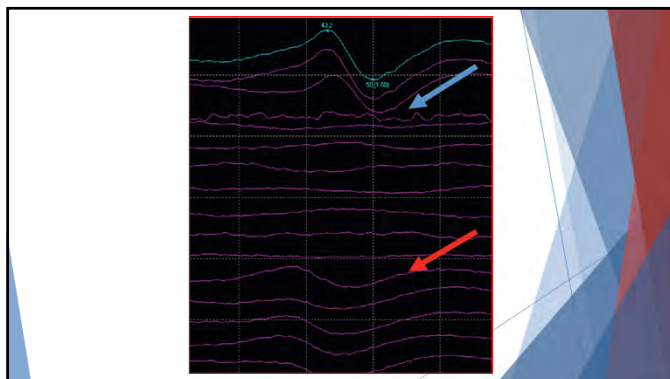
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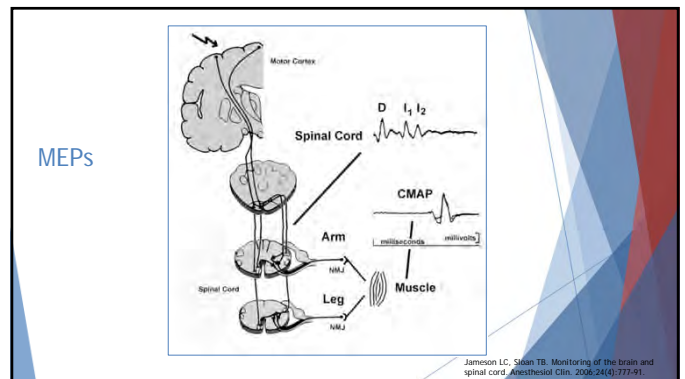
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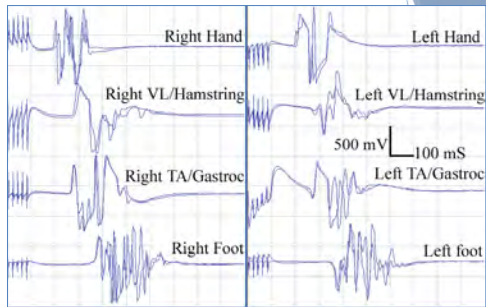


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MEPs



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MEP Alert Criteria

Controversial

- ▶ All-or-nothing
- ▶ Amplitude reduction (%)
- ▶ Threshold increase (100 V)
- ▶ Morphology change, latency



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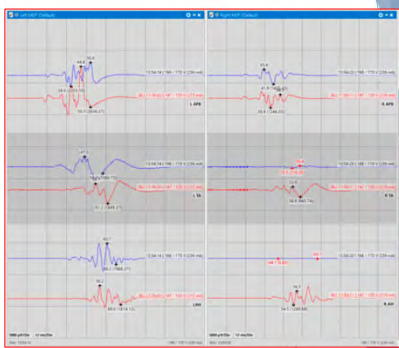
Examples of MEP Alerts



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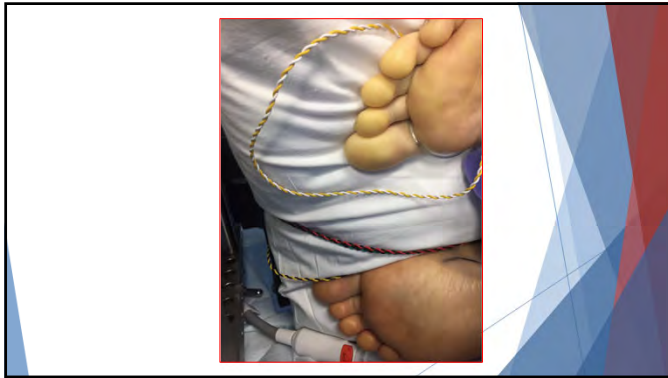
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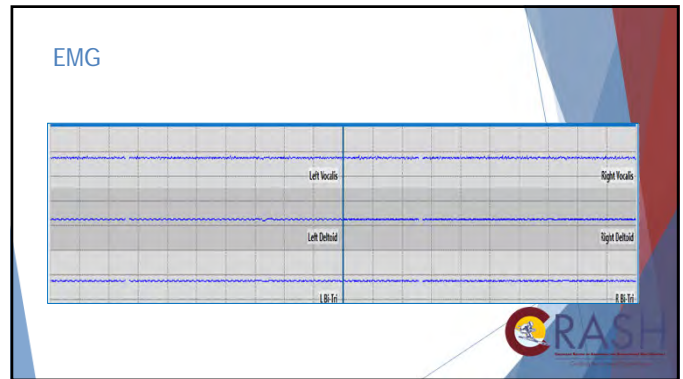
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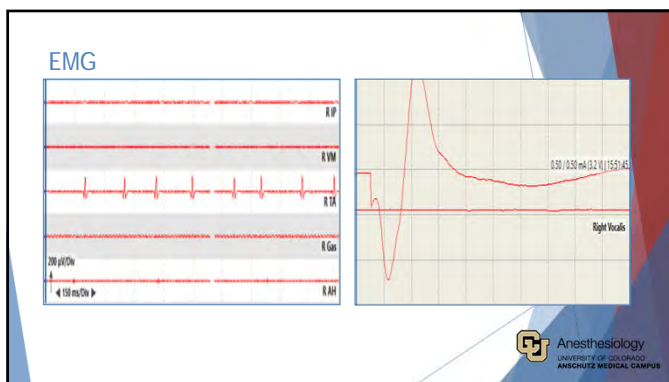
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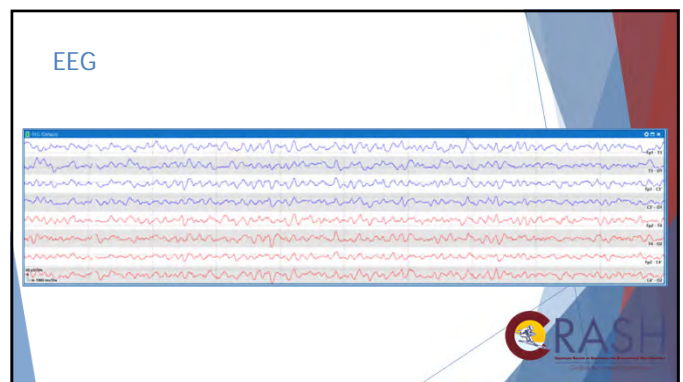
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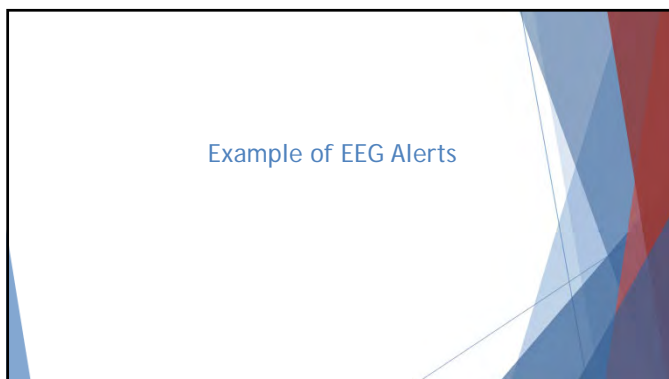
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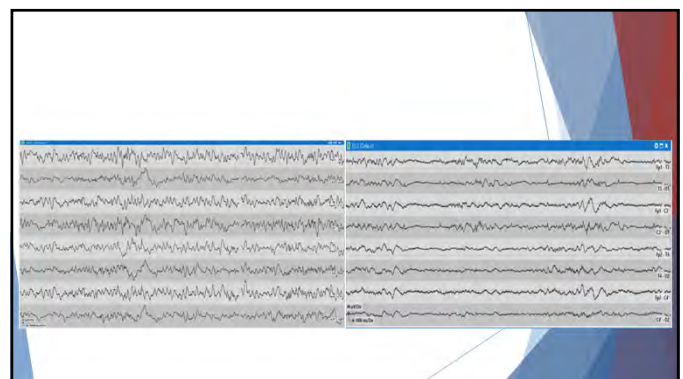
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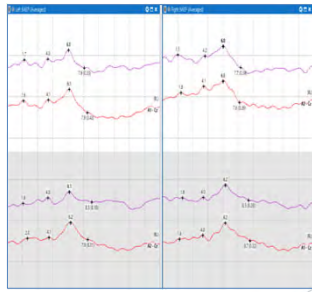


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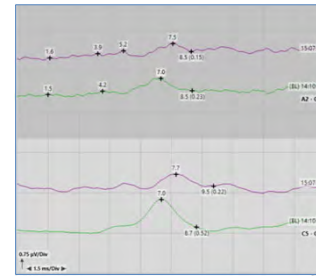
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ABR



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Example of ABR Alerts

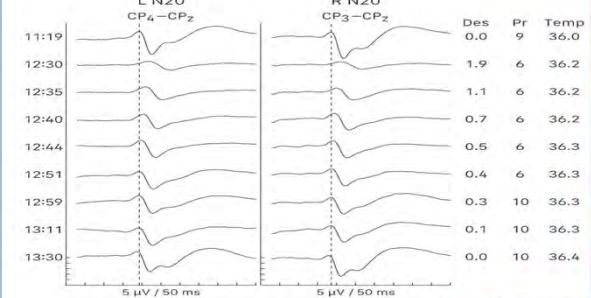


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Effect of Anesthetics on IONM Responses

AGENT	EFFECT
Inhalational agent/N2O	Affects SSEP, MEP
Propofol	Helps preserve responses
Sufentanil/remifentanyl	No effect
Neuromuscular blockers	Affect MEP, EMG
Ketamine	Enhances responses
Dexmedetomidine	Conflicting
Lidocaine	Inconclusive

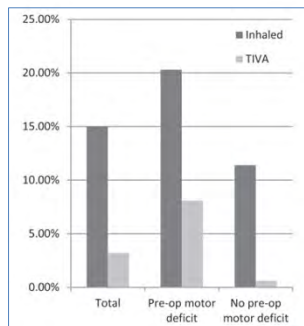
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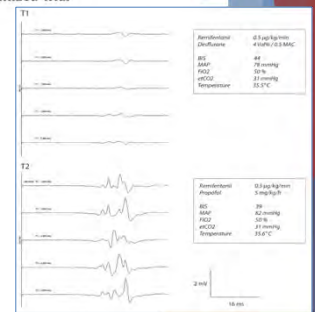


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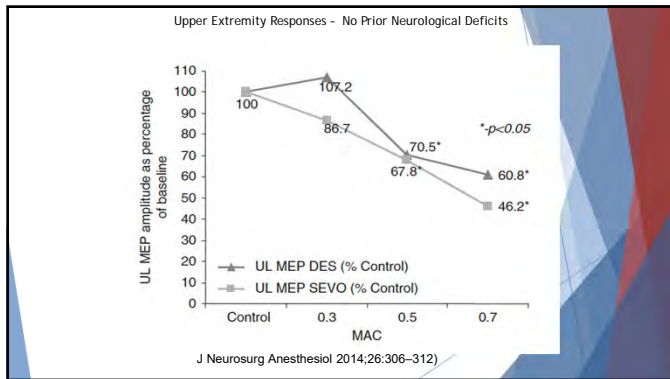
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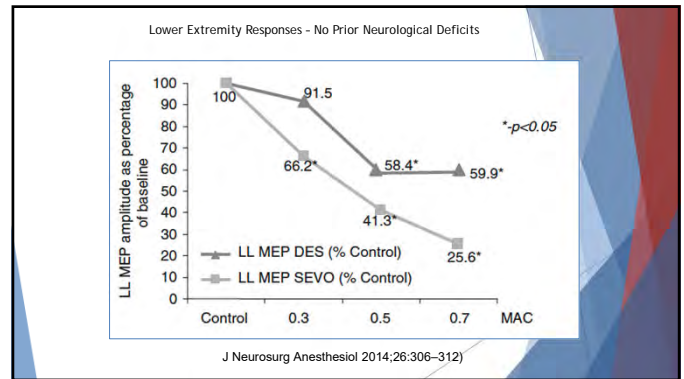


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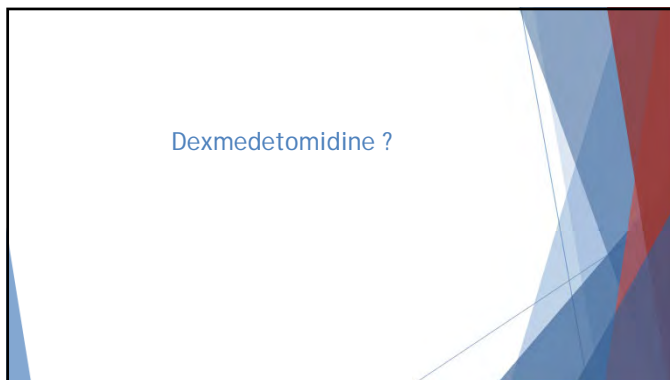
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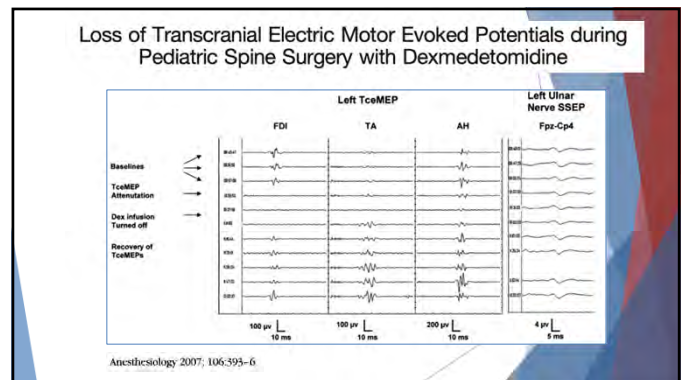
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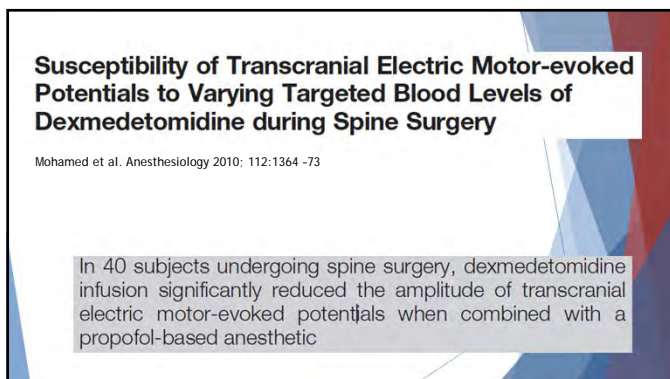
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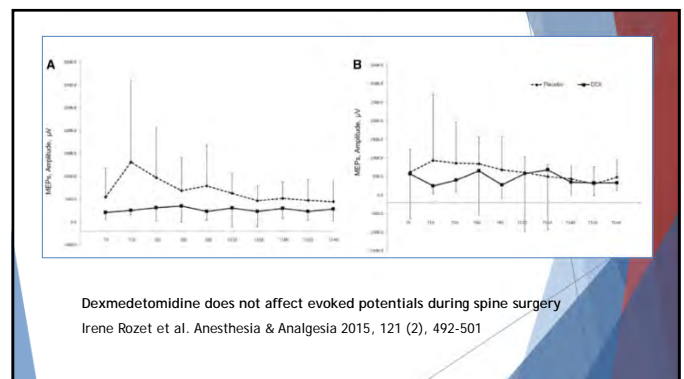
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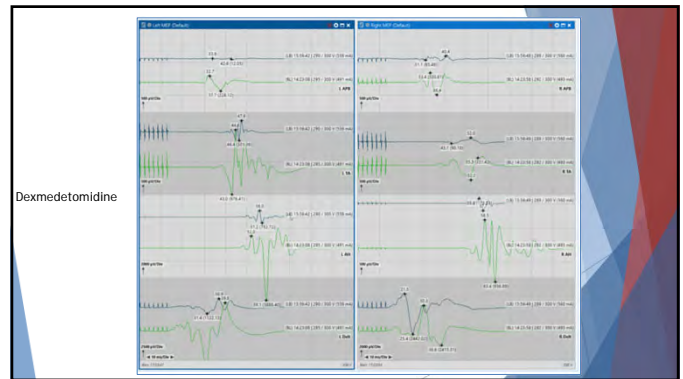
Effect of Dexmedetomidine Combined Anesthesia on Motor evoked Potentials During Brain Tumor Surgery

World Neurosurg. 2019 Mar;123:e280-e287.

- Higher false-positive rate in the DEX group than in the control group
- Bilateral alterations were observed only in the DEX group
- The DEX group required significantly higher intensity and repetition rate to evoke adequate tcMEPs.
- The SSEP results were comparable between both groups.

CONCLUSIONS: This study showed that DEX had significant effects on tcMEPs during IOM in brain tumor surgery. Because the high false-positive rate could decrease the accuracy of IOM, outcomes after using DEX should be cautiously interpreted.

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Ketamine ?



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Neuroanesthesia Guidelines for Optimizing Transcranial Motor Evoked Potential Neuromonitoring During Deformity and Complex Spinal Surgery A Delphi Consensus Study

SPINE; July 1, 2020 - Volume 45 - Issue 13 - p 911-920

STATEMENT: Ketamine can be used as an adjunctive medication with TIVA regimens to reduce the required dose of other MEP-suppressing medications and improve postoperative pain control, particularly in patients with chronic pain.

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Lidocaine ?



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Complications Related to IONM

IONM IS SAFE

- ▶ Bruising
- ▶ Myalgias
- ▶ Mouth and tongue laceration (most common)
- ▶ Mandibular fractures
- ▶ Dental luxation
- ▶ Endotracheal tube damage
- ▶ seizures (clinical and subclinical)
- ▶ Arrhythmias, bradycardia, asystole

European Spine Journal (2022) 31:2723–2732



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Strategies to Manage Alerts

Communication between surgical, anesthesia, and neuromonitoring teams is crucial

- ▶ All team members need to search their respective areas for possible contributing factors
- ▶ Rule out technical problems
- ▶ Recent surgical event? (reversible or not reversible)
- ▶ Pharmacology (change in regimen, bolus or NMB)
- ▶ Increase perfusion MAP >10-20%
- ▶ Physiology (temperature, oxygenation, anemia)
- ▶ Position, compression, vascular obstruction, external devices



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Intracranial Surgery Adverse Events

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I care for patients undergoing intracranial surgery:

A - Yes

B - No

C - Rarely

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Learning Objectives

- ▶ Review intraoperative and postoperative adverse events relevant to intracranial surgery
- ▶ Discuss details of perioperative seizures
- ▶ Evaluate interplay of intracranial surgery and stroke
- ▶ Review the role of venous air embolism during intracranial surgery



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Intraoperative Adverse Events

- ▶ Seizures
- ▶ Stroke - occlusive and hemorrhagic
- ▶ Venous air embolism
- ▶ Hyper/hypotension
- ▶ Tachy/bradycardia
- ▶ Brain swelling



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Postoperative Adverse Events

- ▶ Seizures
- ▶ Stroke - occlusive and hemorrhagic
- ▶ PONV
- ▶ Altered mental status
- ▶ Neurologic deficit
- ▶ Pain
- ▶ Cerebral spinal fluid leak
- ▶ Venous thromboembolism
- ▶ Cerebral hyperperfusion syndrome



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Perioperative Seizures

- ▶ Associated with:
 - ▶ Increased mortality and morbidity
 - ▶ Reduced quality of life
 - ▶ Longer hospitalization
- ▶ Literature largely focuses on postoperative seizures
- ▶ With increasing frequency of awake craniotomy, intraoperative seizures happen and must be planned for



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Intraoperative Seizures

- ▶ Typically from direct cortical stimulation
 - ▶ Can be seen in awake and anesthetized patient
- ▶ Stimulation of cortex can induce seizure activity
 - ▶ Frontal, supplementary motor area, and pre-motor cortex are higher risk
- ▶ Prophylactic anti-epileptic drugs do not impact these seizures
- ▶ More risk with higher current and longer stimulation time



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Postoperative Seizures

- ▶ Biggest risk factor is seizure activity preoperatively
- ▶ 5-10% postoperative incidence of new seizures in the seizure-naïve brain
- ▶ Must be considered during delayed emergence



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A 51-year-old woman undergoing an awake craniotomy for resection of an intracranial mass experiences a grand mal seizure not responsive to iced saline irrigation. IV administration of which of the following medications is the BEST initial treatment?

A - Lorazepam
 B - Levetiracetam
 C - Remifentanyl
 D - Propofol

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Stroke

- ▶ Majority of perioperative stroke is hemorrhagic
- ▶ Varying definitions
 - ▶ Postoperative intracranial hemorrhage is a hematoma that requires surgical evacuation
 - ▶ Approximately 1% incidence



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Factors Associated with Stroke

- ▶ Preoperative
 - ▶ Hypertension
 - ▶ Bleeding disorder
 - ▶ Emergency case
- ▶ Intraoperative
 - ▶ ASA score IV and V
 - ▶ Hypertension
 - ▶ Type of surgery - Tumor resection is highest risk



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Hypertension and Stroke

- ▶ Abrupt intraoperative hypertension may perturb cerebral autoregulation
- ▶ If the blood-brain barrier is surgically disrupted, there is increased risk of bleeding
- ▶ Intraoperative and postoperative blood pressures matter
 - ▶ Systolic blood pressure >160 mm Hg increases risk
 - ▶ Mean arterial pressure >110 mm Hg increases risk



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Subarachnoid hemorrhage is associated with ECG changes.

Which of the following new ECG findings would MOST warrant monitoring of serial cardiac enzymes?

- A - QT prolongation
- B - Q waves
- C - ST depression
- D - T wave inversion

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Venous Air Embolism

- ▶ One of the oldest known complications to surgery, documented in early 1800's
- ▶ Precordial Doppler for air-bubble detection first published in 1969
- ▶ Neurosurgery in the sitting position increasingly common into 1970's



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Venous Air Embolism

- ▶ VAE can occur in prone, supine and lateral positions
- ▶ Severity related to volume of air entrainment and rate of accumulation
- ▶ Human lethal volume estimated to be 3-5 cc/kg



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Venous Air Embolism Signs/Symptoms

- ▶ In patient under general anesthesia:
 - ▶ Most common: Decreased EtCO₂ and/or SpO₂, wheezing
 - ▶ More severe: Hypotension, ECG changes
- ▶ In awake patient:
 - ▶ Most common: Coughing, altered mental status
 - ▶ More severe: Acute dyspnea, chest pain, lightheadedness



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Venous Air Embolism Detection Methods

- ▶ TEE - Most sensitive
 - ▶ Detects air at 0.02 cc/kg
- ▶ Precordial Doppler Ultrasound - Most common
 - ▶ Detects air at 0.05 cc/kg
- ▶ EtCO₂ - Most practical
 - ▶ Change of 2 mmHg may indicate VAE



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Venous Air Embolism Treatment

- ▶ Request surgeon to:
 - ▶ Flood surgical field with saline
 - ▶ Pack surgical site with soaked dressings
- ▶ Reposition patient if possible
- ▶ Supportive therapy
 - ▶ 100% FIO₂
 - ▶ Inotropes PRN
 - ▶ Vasopressors PRN



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During a craniotomy in the sitting position, which of the following is associated with an INCREASED risk of a paradoxical venous air embolism?

- A - PEEP
- B - Nitrous oxide administration
- C - Liberal IV fluids
- D - Right heart catheter placement

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Summary

- ▶ Adverse events related to intracranial surgery significantly impact morbidity and mortality
- ▶ Knowledge and recognition of adverse events improves patient care





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Questions?




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Ultrasound-Guided Regional Anesthesia Workshops

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Lower Extremity/Abdominal Workshop

- Quadratus Lumborum
- TAP & Rectus Sheath
- SIFI & Fascia Iliaca
- Infragluteal Sciatic
- Popliteal Sciatic & IPACK
- Femoral: Inguinal & Adductor

- LESS lecture, MORE demonstration
- 6 stations with models




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