

Ambulatory Anesthesia Adult and Pediatric

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Anesthesiology



 Identify pediatric patients at risk for perioperative respiratory complications after elective surgery using the COLDS score
 Discuss strategies to improve PACU stays for post-tonsillectomy patients

 Review the latest literature around outpatient anesthesia care
 Discuss ways to survive and thrive while Joint Commission comes for a visit

5. Identify best practices for policy around block time, block utilization

6. Identify ways to maintain psychological safety within an ASC



Updates in pediatric outpatient anesthesia

| Identify | Consider | Understand |
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| Identify pediatric patients at higher risk for perioperative respiratory adverse events (PRAE) using the COLDS score | Consider preoperative oxycodone to improve PACU stays post- adenotonsillectomy | Understand why some societies are decreasing NPO times for pediatric patients presenting for elective surgery |

1. Perioperative respiratory events

| 2017 APRICOT study (Anesthesia PRactice in Children Observational Trial) |
|---|
| 5.2% incidence of severe critical events in pediatrics (higher than adults) 75% of critical perioperative events were respiratory 30% of perioperative pediatric cardiac arrest due to pulmonary causes |
| If active or recent (<4 weeks) URI, rate of PRAE is 25-30% (vs 12% without) |
| Children ≤4 years average 6-8 URIs per year and airway reactivity can persist for 6 weeks |

Perioperative respiratory events

- Other independent risk factors:
 - ▶ Age < 6 years</p>
 - Primary pulmonary morbidity (e.g., asthma, prematurity, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, cystic fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension)
 - Infectious disease with significant impairment of child's general condition (e.g., fever ≥38.5 C, malaise, bacterial superinfection)
 - History of snoring
 - Secondhand smoke exposure
 - Type of airway device used
 - Experience of anesthesiologist
 - ▶ Type of surgery, secondhand smoke exposure
- Blanket cancellation avoids complications, but imposes emotional/economic hardship on patient, family, medical team.

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Perioperative respiratory events

Using the COLDS score to assess risk for perioperative respiratory adverse events (PRAE) Originally proposed in 2014 as a heuristic, organizational tool to standardize assessment of risk for PRAE

| | ASI | | | | | There is no "zero-risk" anesthetic |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 5 | | | |
| Current signs and symptoms C | None | Mild (Parent confirms URI and/or congestion, rhinorrhea, sore throat, sneezing, low fever, dry cough) | Moderate/Severe (Purulence, wet cough, abnormal lung sounds, lethargy, toxic appearance, or high fever) | | | Any category scoring at 5 points could be a "red flag" |
| Onset of symptoms | >4 weeks ago | 2-4 weeks ago | <2 weeks ago | | | |
| 0 | | | | | COLDS Score | Minimum 5, maximum 25 |
| Presence of Lung disease | None | Mild | Moderate/severe | $X \neq$ | 0022000000 | |
| L | | if >1 yo, loud snoring, passive smoker) | CLD, OSA, pulmonary HTN) | | | Does not consider other risk reduction strategies (e.g., deen |
| Airway <u>D</u> evice | None/Facemask | LMA/supraglottic airway | Endotracheal tube | | | vs awake extubation, topical lidocaine, anesthesia by a |
| D | | | | | | pediatric specialist) |
| <u>S</u> urgery | Other (including | Minor airway | Major airway (Cloft palata, rigid branchasaany | | | |
| S | FE tubes) | bronchoscopy, dental extraction) | maxillofacial surgery) | | | Originally bourietic, but now boing validated |
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COLDS Score: initial validation

- Prospective observational study: <6 years of age, no cyanotic heart disease, no tracheostomy
- PRAE from induction to recovery (laryngospasm, bronchospasm, desaturation <90%, prolonged coughing more than a few min, need for beta agonist therapy)
- Assessed area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUC)
- Moderately useful tool for predicting PRAE (AUC 0.69, 95% CI: 0.63-0.75)
- Better in younger age group
 0 to < 2 years AUC 0.70, 95% CI 0.61-0.79
- 2 to <4 years AUC 0.71, 95% CI 0.61-0.81
- 4 to 6 years AUC 0.66, CI 0.56-0.77





Lee et al. Pediatric Anesthesia 28 (2018):1007-1014.

COLDS Score: more validation data

- ▶ Kim et al. (2022): Retrospective 5 year review
- PRAE: persistent cough, breath holding, hypoxemia <95% >30s, laryngospasm, bronchospasm, steroid/inhaler use.
- <18 years, elective surgery</p>
- ► Low <12.5 vs High score
- ► AUC 0.652 (p=0.007)
- PRAEs increased as COLDS score increased





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Perioperative respiratory events

Summary

- ► COLDS score can help stratify risk for PRAE in pediatric patients
- ► Identify "red flag" conditions
- Scores >12.5 are likely higher risk and warrant risk/benefit discussion for elective pediatric surgery





February 2022: Massimo Sedline approved for patients down to 1 year of age

Outpatient pediatric adenotonsillectomy

80-90% of pediatric surgeries are ambulatory

Most take place outside of academic centers



Pediatric obesity & tonsillectomy

- > 2021 PEACHY study (PErioperAtive CHildhood ObesitY)
 - Proportion with obesity was alarmingly higher than that reported by the National Child Measurement Programme
 - 24% overweight or obese (>98%ile)
 - Obese children were more likely to undergo adenotonsillectomy than children with healthy weight (OR 2.15, 95% CI 1.58-2.92)
- More difficult mask ventilation (3.7% vs 0.6%, p<0.001)</p>
- More snoring (other studies showing 13-61% have OSA vs 1-6% of normal weight)
- Almost 40% children with severe obesity were graded ASA-PS1
- Obese children are at greater risk of airway complications, suffer greater postoperative pain, require more anti-emetics, spend longer in PACU, and have increased length of stay after tonsillectomy.



2. Post-adenotonsillectomy

Adenotonsillectomy: 289,000 annually

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- Most common indications: obstructive sleep-disordered breathing (oSDB), recurrent tonsillitis
 - Postoperative care can be challenging due to pain Associated with prolonged PACU stays, unplanned admissions, and increased hospital costs
- Currently no consensus on optimal pain regimen for pediatric patients



Post-adenotonsillectomy

- Obstructive sleep disordered breathing (oSDB) and obstructive sleep apnea ► (OSA) have a higher incidence of PRAE
- Most children do not undergo formal polysomnogram (PSG) testing
- ► STBUR score ≥ 3 have an increased risk of opioid-related adverse events (specifically oxygen desaturation) similar to children with OSA quantified by PSG

Snoring, Trouble Breathing, Un-Refreshed?

- "While sleeping, does your child... 1) ... snore more than half the time?
- 2) ... snore loudly?

- a) ... having trouble breathing, or struggle to breathe?
 b) Have you ever seen your child stop breathing in the night?
 b) Does your child wake up feeling unrefreshed in the morning?"

Post-adenotonsillectomy

nadir <85% required almost exactly half the orphine than the group without significant O2 turations on preoperative PSG

ntermittent hypoxia increases activation of opioid receptors, thus decreasing opioid requirements



Newer studies are challenging convention about OSA and increased sensitivity to opioids

Opioids and pediatric OSA

• 2-8 years old 1 mcg/kg fentanyl: 10 minutes later found no difference in RR, MV, TV between control and OSA patients (Adler et al. *Pediatric Anesthesia* 2021;31:977-984)

• Adults with OSA, untreated OSA, and treated OSA • Stepped-dose remifentanil infusions: no difference in miosis, ventilatory rate, etCO₂, sedation, thermal analgesia (Montana et al. *Br J of Anesth* 2024; 132(1):145-153.

Post-adenotonsillectomy

- Expediting same day discharge without compromising patient safety
- ► Adequate control of postoperative pain
- Patient return to normal functions (i.e., oral drinking)
- ▶ No significant risk of major complications (e.g., hemorrhage, cardiovascular instability)
- Postop pain and PONV are the most frequently cited causes of prolonged recovery



| CHARACTERISTICS | STUDY |
|---|----------------|
| 994 | # Participants |
| 2-20 years old | Ages |
| Nov 2020 - Nov 2022 | Date Range |
| Adenotonsillectomy | Procedure |
| Single Institution, Multi-center: CHCO Main Campus, North Campus & South Campus | Location |
| Retrospective Observational | Study Type |

| STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT (p<0.05) | NOT STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT |
|---|--|
| Age (9.2 vs 8.2 vo) | Elevated BMI ≥30 |
| ↓ in Rescue Opioid in PACU (0.018 vs 0.029 MME) | Presence of OSA |
| ↑ Total Opioid Administration (0.179 vs 0.163 MME) | Time in PACU |
| ↓ Time in Phase II (69 vs 106 min) | Complication Rate or Unplanned Admissions |
| ↓ Total Time in PACU + Phase II (114 vs 154 min) | |
| ↓ in PACU Pain Score (3.1 vs 4.3) | |







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| STUDY RESULTS | SURGICAL BENEFIT |
|--|--|
| ↓ Rescue Opioid Used; ↓ Time in PACU + Phase II | ↓ Hospital costs (?); ↑ Surgical block time (?) |
| No △ Complications | Excellent safety profile |
| ↓ PACU Pain Score | Improved post-op experience/ analgesia |
| ↓ Precedex Use | ↓ Cost to the Patient & Facility |

Limitations:

- ▶ No ketorolac per local ENT preference
- Retrospective data



Post-adenotonsillectomy

Summary

Preoperative oxycodone can possibly decrease PACU stays and decrease rescue opioids in PACU without a significant change in complication rate (postoperative nausea and vomiting, emergence delirium, laryngospasm, or unplanned hospital admission)

3. Pediatric NPO times



In the real world, 2 h clear fasting times usually translates to mean fasting times of 6-13 h



Patients (and parents) complain about NPO Patients don't complain of thirst from NPO



Consequences of violating NPO

- Pulmonary aspiration is the commonest cause of death from anesthesia in adults
- Very few pediatric deaths or long-term sequalae from aspiration
- The few cases of mortality or significant morbidity from aspiration in pediatric patients have neurological, gastroenterological, or cardiorespiratory comorbidities.

Pediatric NPO times

| ſ | _ | Changing pediatric NPO for clears from 2h to 1h | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| | | 2017: Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists 2018: Swiss Society Pediatric Anesthesia, L'Association Des Anesthésistes-Réanimateurs Pédiatriques d'Expression Français 2021: Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society 2022 European Society of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care | | | | | |
| | _ | Local US institutions that have adopted 1h NPO for clears | ; | | | | |
| | | Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Texas Children's Hospital, | | | | | |

• St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

TABLE 1 Pediatric fasting guidelines of various Anesthesia Societies. Zhang et al. Pediatric Anesthesia 33 (2023):1012-101

| Institution | Clear fluids | Breast milk | Nonhuman milk including formula | Solids | Chewing gum | Year updated |
|---|-------------------------|----------------|--|---|---|-----------------|
| ANZCA15 | | | | | | |
| Children <6 month | 1h | 3h | 4h | 10 | Nil formal (discard | 2017 |
| Children >6 month | 1 h (max 3 mL/ kg/h) | 4h | 4h | 6h | for aspiration risk) | |
| APABGI (no age differentiation) ^{39,25} | 1h | 4h | 6h | óh | 2h | 2018 |
| ESAIC ¹⁴ | | | | | | |
| Infants | 1h | 3h | 4h | | + | 2022 |
| General | 1h | | 2 | 4h (light breakfast or nonclear fluid) 6h solids | Nil formal (discard prior to induction) | |
| ASA (no age differentiation) ^{20,21} | 2h | 4h | 6h | 6 h (light meal). Consider further fasting for fried/fatty foods or meat | Nil for pediatrics | 2023 |
| CAS (no age differentials) ¹⁸ | 1h | 4h | óh | 6h (light meal) 8h (large solids, especially protein or fatty foods) | NI | 2021 |

needed, ASA, Merrican Society of Anesthesiologists; CAS, Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society; ESAIC, European Society of Anaesthesiology and ntensive Care.

2023 Update to the ASA Practice Guidelines

- Clear liquids 2 hours
- ► Favors simple or complex carbohydrate-containing clear liquids
- ► No delays for chewing gum for adults
- Best Practice Statement
 - To avoid prolonged fasting in children, efforts should be made to allow clear liquids in children at low risk of aspiration as close to 2h before procedures as possible. In children with shorter clear liquid fasting duration, exercise clinical judgment.

Recommendation

There is insufficient evidence concerning benefits and harms to recommend pediatric patients drink clear liquids until 1h versus 2h before procedures with general anesthesia, regional anesthesia, or procedural sedation (no recommendation.)

Gastric emptying is variable in pediatrics

- Normal healthy individuals can have gastric content >0.8 ml/kg up to 1.5 ml/kg (2% of patients with more than 2h fasting can still have >1.5 ml/kg of residual gastric volume)
- Gastric US in healthy children (36-66 mo): mean gastric emptying time 236 min after a light breakfast
- MRI study in children 6-12 yo: t_{1/2} of clear fluids 23.6 min (17.9-47.8)
- MRI study in children 8-12 yo: gastric volume returns to baseline in 1h after 3 ml/kg but not 7 ml/kg
- April 2023 A&A: prospective RCT healthy children 3ml/kg AJ 1h vs 2h prior to gastric ultrasound (all fasted at least 6h for solid food) had higher gastric volumes (0.61 vs 0.32 ml/kg) but neither group had aspiration events.



Consequences of prolonged fasting poglycemia in infants toacidosis/metabolic acidosis: <36 mo who fasted >2h from 6-4juidelines had increased ketone bodies and lowered base excess modynamic instability: <36 mo increased incidence of MAP omHg on induction with prolonged fasting

ncern for insulin resistance (in adult cardiac literature, sociated with increased risk of death, cardiac failure, stroke, slysis, infection)

Pediatric NPO times

Summary

- Decreasing pediatric NPO times can improve patient and parent experience with little risk for long-term sequelae in healthy children
- Encouraging clear fluids up to 2h prior to surgery can minimize negative consequences of prolonged fasting
- Many international societies have adopted 1h NPO times for clear fluids



Arguments against a 1h fast

Variability in pediatric gastric emptying, especially when given carbohydrate drinks of unspecified caloric load

ecreased fast time does increase aspiration rate

"Prolonged" fasting could possible cause metabolic/inflammato

Pediatric NPO times

- Exceptions to consider:
 - ► Children with facial or limb injuries can have gastric volumes >0.4 ml/kg even after fasting for 8 hours
 - ► Gastric emptying of preterm infants may be delayed as compared to term infants

February 5, 2019/in News. https://g1surgery.com/2019/02/healthcare-model-for-surg





Things They Didn't Teach You in Medical School: Learning from the Burger Pros







Mission

To continuously improve health

care for the public, in

collaboration with other

stakeholders, by evaluating

inspiring them to excel in

health care organizations and

providing safe and effective care

of the highest quality and value..

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Infections and communicable diseases.
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The Ambulatory Surgical Center Qualit, Reporting (ASCQR) Program

- Facility 7-Day risk-standardized hospital visit rate after:
 Colonoscopy
 - > Orthopedic ASC procedures
 - > Urology ASC procedures
- > Appropriate Follow-up intervals for normal colonoscopy in ave. risk patients
- Cataracts: improvement in patient's vision function w/in 90 days *Voluntary*
- ≻ Normothermia
- Unplanned anterior Vitrectomy
- 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 the year

https://qualitynet.cms.gov/asc/ascqr/measures

Facts

- Founded in 1951
- Independent, not-for-profit
- Largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care
- To earn and maintain The Gold Seal of Approval from TJC, the organization must undergo an on-site survey at least every 3 years
- Around 1000 people in its surveyor force
- Approximately 80% of the nation's hospitals are accredited by the Joint Commission
- Approximately 85% of hospitals that are accredited do so through the Joint Commission
- Annual subscription billing model

https://www.jointcommission.org/resources/news-and-multimedia/fact-sheets/facts-about-hospitalaccreditation/#:-:text=The%20.joint%20Commission%20uses%20an,and%20covers%20survey%20related%20costs



Accreditation

Demonstrates a commitment to continuous improvement in patient care

The Joint Commission

(Name change in 2007)

- On-site survey to assess organization's compliance with TJC standards
- 10,000 Accreditation-related surveys each year
- 4,000+ certification reviews conducted each year
- Conditions of Participation
 - Developed by CMS
 - OSHA focuses on employee health and safety
- TJC focuses on patient safety and standards. Patient rights and education, infection control, medication management and preventing medical errors

Survey Experience

- Patient focused
- Data driven
- Evaluation of actual care process
- Intended to be a learning experience
- Best practice guidance
- Most have a positive outcome
- After completion of survery written report with areas of improvement





22000+

accredited and certified health care organizations

countries served by the Joint Commission enterprise 2000+ resources to support patient safety and care quality

- > Aims to avoid medical errors and non-compliance by evaluating factors such as
 - Multi-tasking
 - Interruptions
 - Worker fatigue
 - Communication issues
- Unannounced visits to sites between 18-36 months after previous survey
 - > Typically announce in the morning and arrive by the same afternoon
- Tracer methodology
 - Individual
 - System
 - Program Specific



Why pay The Joint Commission?

- Certification necessary for hospitals to obtain liability insurance if taking care
 of Medicaid or Medicare insured patients
- Standards based on reported adverse events by the facility (harm or near-miss occurrances)
- Quality measures based on "health-related population-focused commonalities
- Cost approximately \$46,000 per year ►



Block Time





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.

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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 |
|------|---------------------------|---|
| 1 | 80% | 24 hours |
| 11 | 70%-79% | 72 hours |
| 111 | Below 70% | 7 days |

Blocks must be released 30 days before planned vacations.

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



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