PEDIATRIC AIRWAYS PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE

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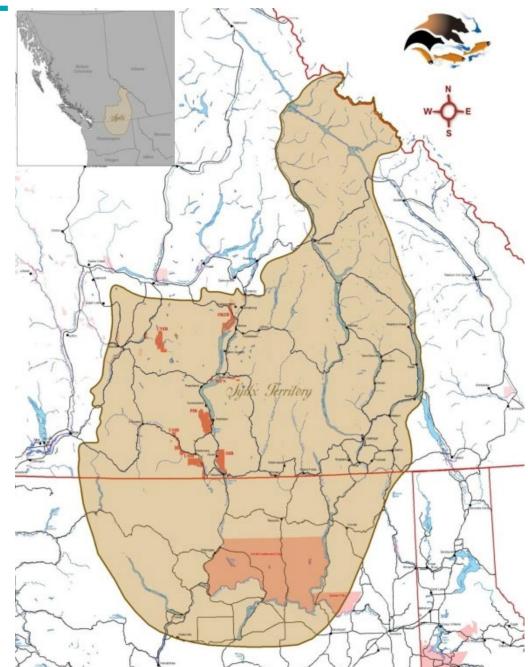






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Learning Objectives

Demonstrate essential principles of airway management

 Review the anatomy, physiology and clinical context specific to pediatric airway management

Discuss various airway tools and supports

• Identify important process elements

Recommend options for individual and team support and training





CASE DISCUSSION

8 year old child presents to the ER with a 6 hour history of increasing cough and shortness of breath.

Known to the ER as that 'scary asthmatic kid' as she previously has required intubation and transport to the regional facility.





AIRWAY

The first letter 'ABC'

Anxiety provoking – especially in kids

Important but only one piece of the management puzzle

End goal is tissue oxygenation:

- Airway
- Ventilation
- Circulation





ANATOMY

Why kids have more challenging airways:

Large tongue

Tonsils/adenoids

Smaller diameter airways

Larynx – cephalad/anterior

Large head/occiput

Immature lung development (FRC)





PHYSIOLOGY

High metabolic output

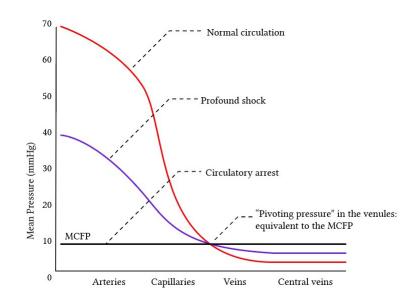
- oxygenation/hypoxia/acidosis

Cardiac rate dependent

- perfusion/oxygenation

Compensation curve

Temperature regulation



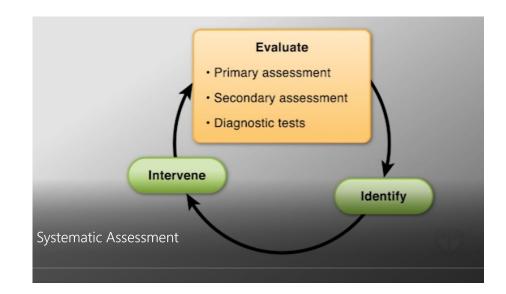


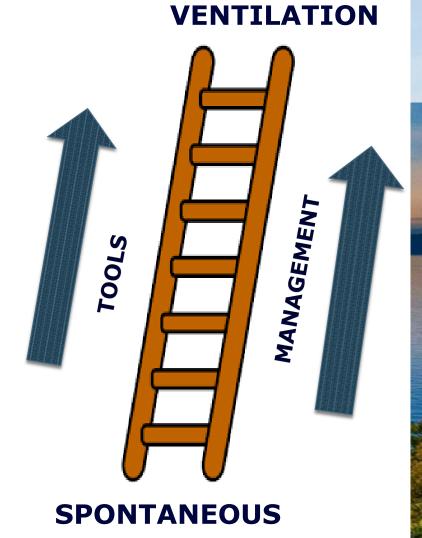


CLINICAL CONTEXT









INTUBATION



TOOLS

Oxygen delivery devices:

- NP
- O2 mask/non-rebreather
- CPAP/BIPAP
- BVM



- Nasal airway
- Oral airway



- King Airway
- iGel
- LMA
- ETT









TOOLS

Laryngoscopes

- Regular (Macintosh)
- Video (McGrath, Glidescope)

Intubation Assists

- Stylet
- Bougie
- Suction

Surgical Airway Kits (needle cric)

Drugs (*anxiolysis)

Cognitive Aids

Virtual Support













KIDS & DRUGS:

WHY DO WE USE THEM?

- sedation/anxiolysis
- analgesia
- amnesia
- anesthesia
- relaxation
- maintenance

WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW?

- indication
- dose
- limitations/SE





LET'S TALK DRUGS

KETAMINE FOR SEDATION



NMDA receptor antagonist (blocks glutamate in cortex and limbic system)

Dose related effects: sedation, analgesia, anesthesia

Wide range: .25(iv) mg/kg - 8 mg/kg (po)

Kinetics:

Onset: IV (1 min) IM (5 min) IN(10 min) PO (30 min)

Liver metabolism (no dose adjustments needed)

Duration: 30 to 60 minutes

Secondary benefits:

Cardiovascular stability

Maintenance of airway reflexes (bronchodilation)

Adverse reactions: emergence, excess salivation, hypertension/tachycardia









PROCESS

Important to evaluate:

Patient

Provider

Environment

Ask the question:

Now or Later?

Me or Someone Else?

Here or Somewhere Else?

Be prepared!

Think through procedures/situations

Establish systems/protocols/ cognitive aids -checklists

Ask for help as a routine part of process (power of team)





PROCESS EXAMPLE - PROCEDURAL SEDATION

Indications: patient, physician and facility factors; Now or later? Me or someone else? Here or

somewhere else?

Setup: think through the procedure (be prepared; YouTube; UpToDate)

Tools: what do I need; where should it be done; who do I need

Drugs: Learn 3 or 4 medications well. Need to understand basic effects and risks of each drug.

CHECKLIST: Once the decision to proceed with PSA has been made and consent given.

Location: choose the best location for you and the patient.	Move to a different location
if required.	

☐ Monitors: O2 sat, ECG, BP

☐ IV: choose NS or LR and have a running iv

☐ O2: supplement as needed

☐ Drugs: have drugs drawn up and labelled

☐ Airway equipment: have bag and mask, LMA, King tube and emergency airway equipment available

☐ Rescue medications and devices

Assistant: have someone to monitor the patient or assist with the procedure as required

☐ Recovery Plan: determine ahead of time who will recover the patient and for how long

☐ Patient Disposition: plan for admission or transfer or discharge of the patient and the

necessary logistics need to be considered prior to the PSA.





CRITICALLY ILL AIRWAY ALGORITHM

PLAN A

INITIAL TRACHEAL INTUBATION PLAN

- DIRECT LARYNGOSCOPY +/- BOUGIE
- OPTIMISE POSITION
- EXTERNAL LARYNGEAL MANIPULATION (ELM)
- CRICOID PRESSURE/MILS OFF
- CHANGE OF OPERATOR
- VIDEO LARYNGOSCOPY OR MCCOY

MAXIMUM THREE ATTEMPTS

IF FALLING SPO2, RE-OXYGENATE BETWEEN ATTEMPTS CALL CONSULTANT IF AVAILABLE +/- ANAESTHESIA

PLAN B

VENTILATION WITH LMA

IF SUCCESSFUL VENTILATION + OXYGENATION WITH LARYNGEAL MASK AIRWAY (LMA):

- * ATTEMPT FLEXIBLE FIBREOPTIC INTUBATION THROUGH LMA
- OR BLIND INTUBATION THROUGH INTUBATING LMA (ILMA)

FAILURE OF VENTILATION WITH LMA IF FALLING SPO2 GO TO PLAN C AND RE-OXYGENATE

PLAN C

MAINTENANCE OF **OXYGENATION**

MAXIMUM THREE ATTEMPTS IF SPO2 <75% GO TO PLAN D

PLAN D

CRICOTHYROIDOTOMY

- SURGICAL AIRWAY: SCAPEL-FINGER-BOUGIE-TUBE
- LARGE BORE CRICOTHYROIDOTOMY
 - o MELKER
 - QUICKTRACH II
- RAVUSSIN/VBM CANNULA AND MANUJET



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SUPPORT AND TRAINING



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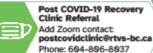
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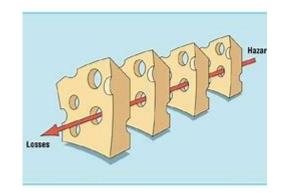
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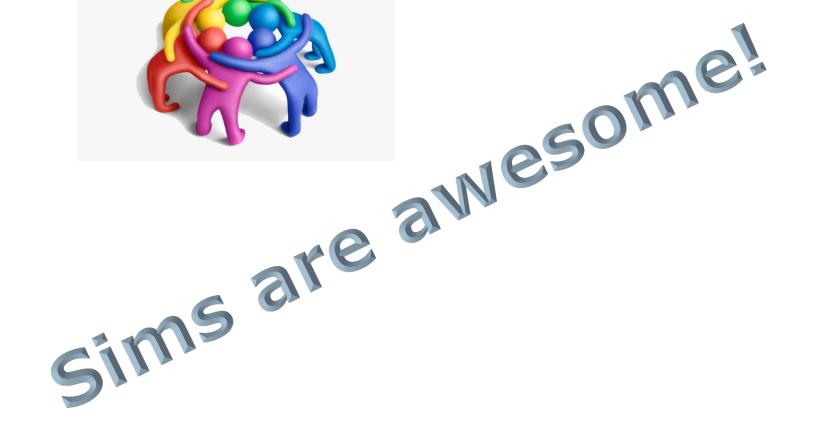
Why mistakes happen...



Provider

Team

System







TRAINING/CPD

Hands on

Simulation – onsite/virtual

Resources:

- CME funds (individual/community/REEF)
- RCPD
- REAP
- GPSC Divisions
- SSC FE/PQI

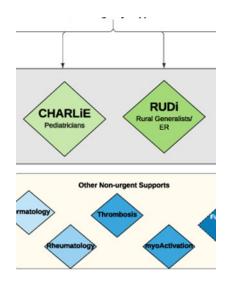
Need to collaborate with local team (nurse educator) and create a regular schedule of interdisciplinary activities

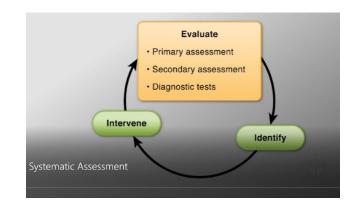




Case discussion



















SUMMARY

Airway principles

Clinical context determines approach

Tools

Process

Support/Training/CPD





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