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Top 5 topics

- SARS-CoV
- Airway
- Big Data
- Fasting
- Outcomes, Safety and Education

SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)

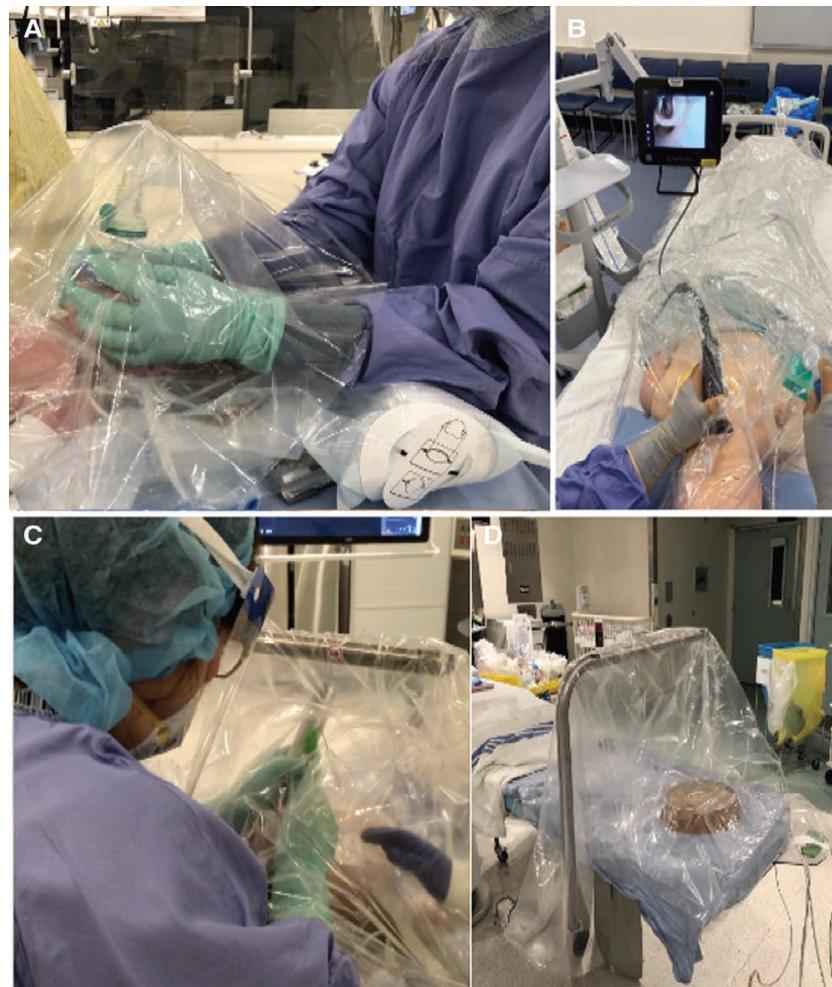
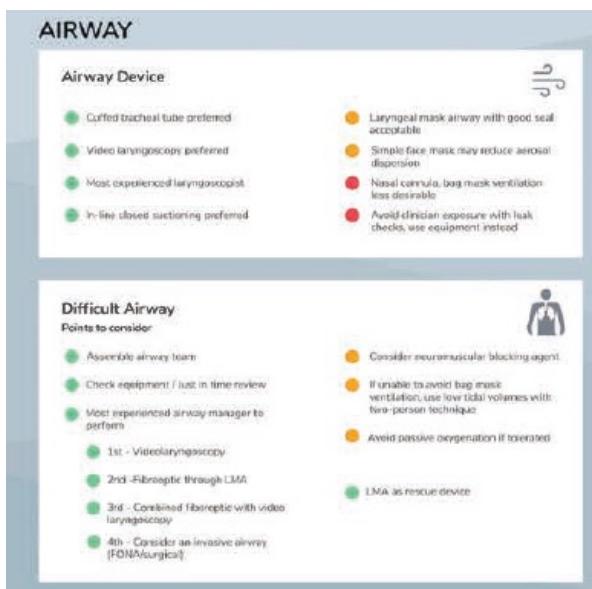
- Beginnings
- Understanding
- End-game

Pediatric Airway Management in Coronavirus Disease 2019 Patients: Consensus Guidelines From the Society for Pediatric Anesthesia's Pediatric Difficult Intubation Collaborative and the Canadian Pediatric Anesthesia Society

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Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedure

Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedure	Odds Ratio
Tracheal intubation	6.6
Tracheostomy	4.2
Suction before intubation	3.5
Noninvasive ventilation	3.1
Manual ventilation before intubation	2.8
Chest compression/defibrillation	2.5
Bronchoscopy	1.9

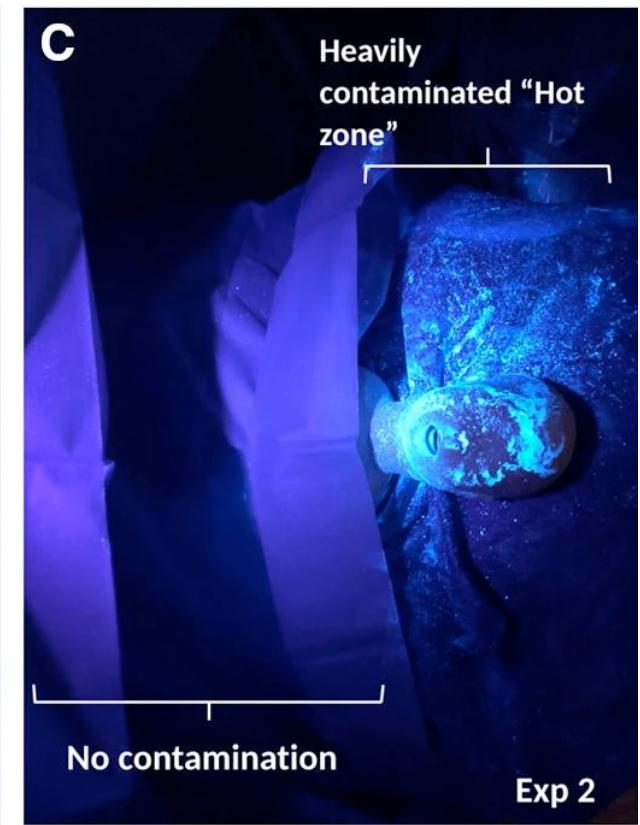
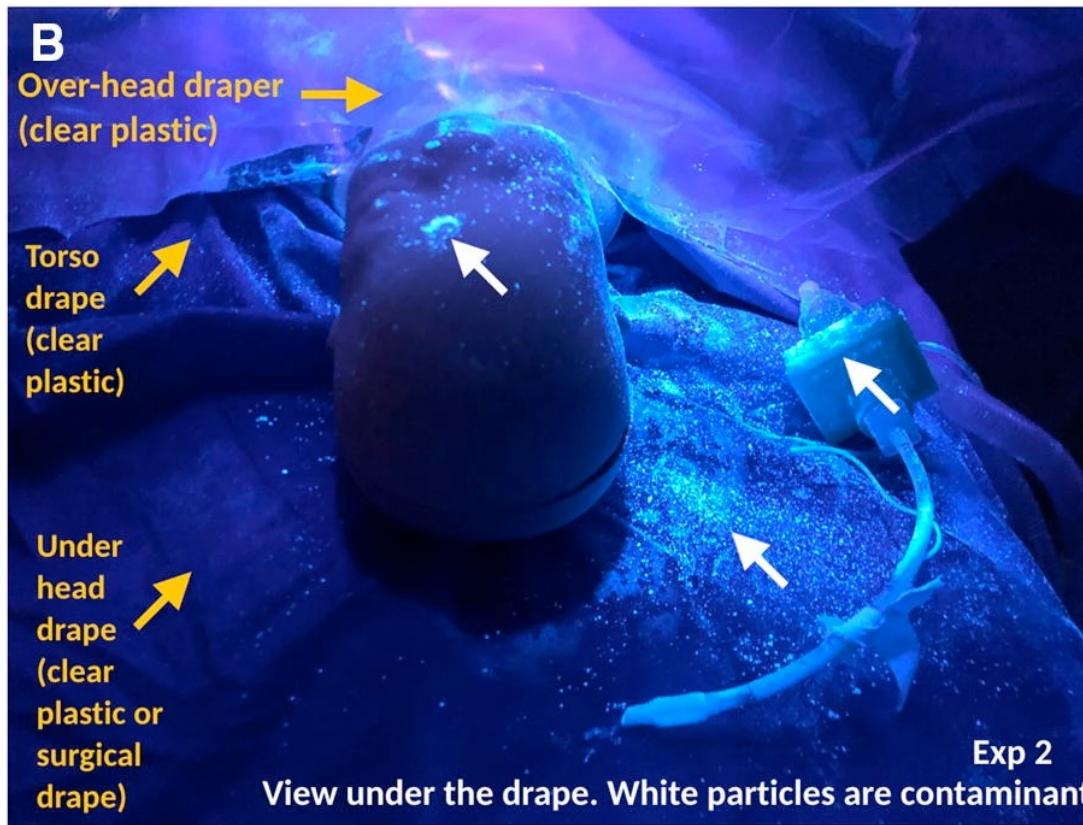


Clear plastic drapes may be effective at limiting aerosolization and droplet spray during extubation: implications for COVID-19

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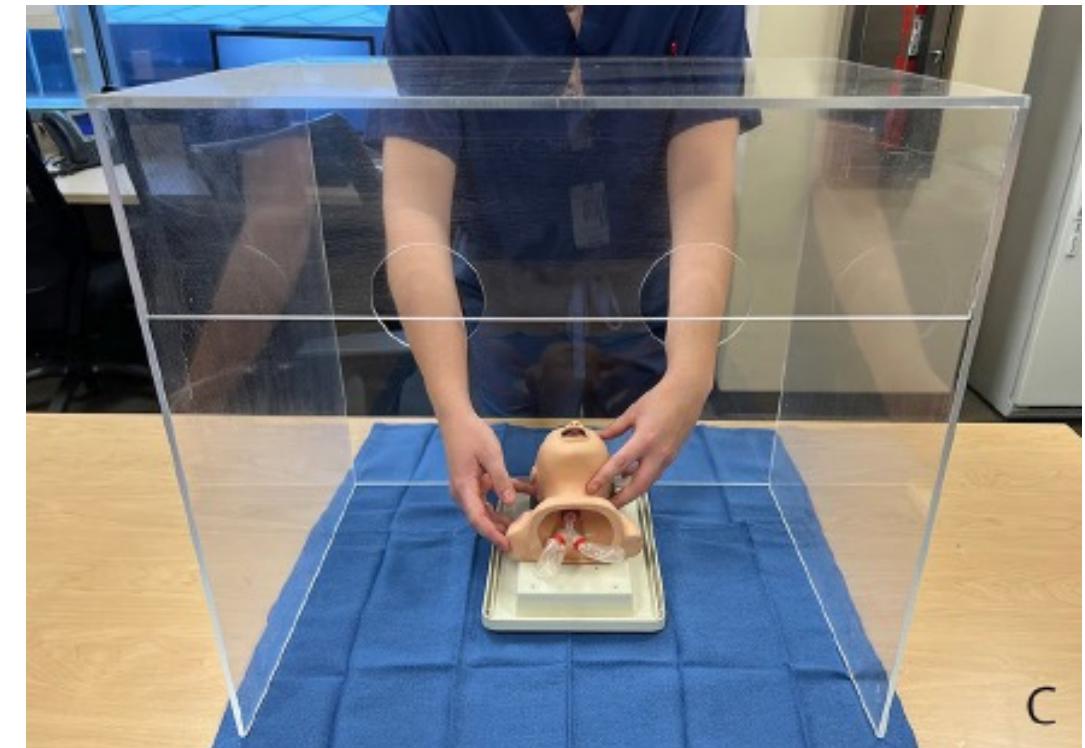
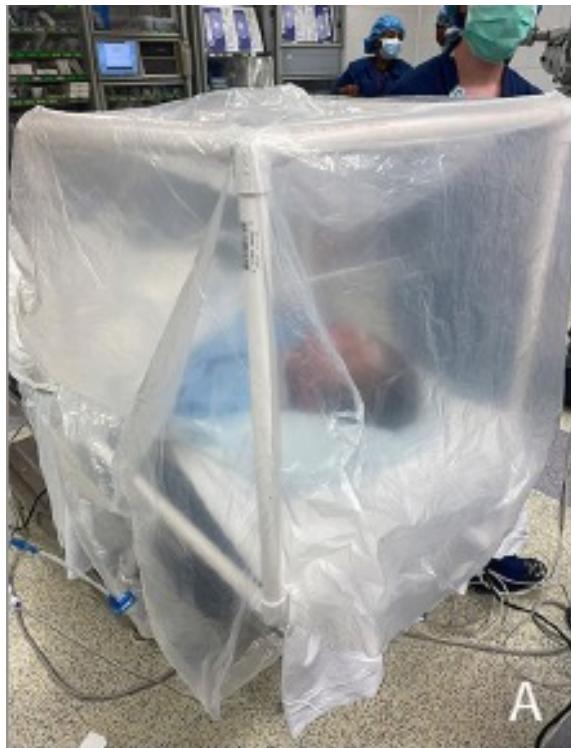


Management of the Normal and Difficult Pediatric Airway: Unique Challenges in the Time of COVID-19

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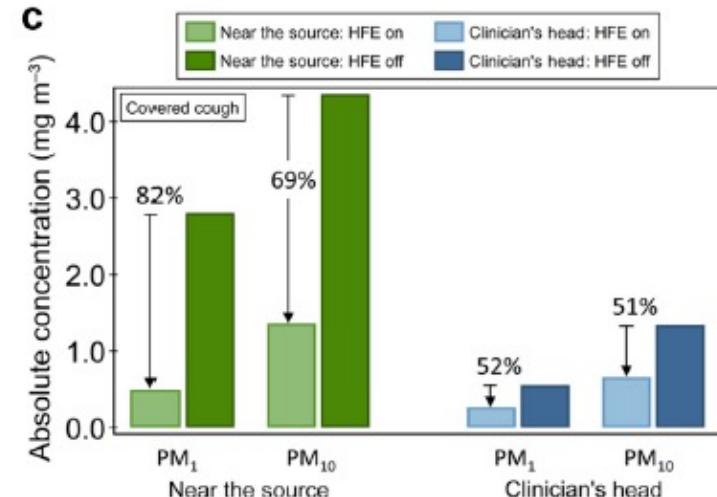
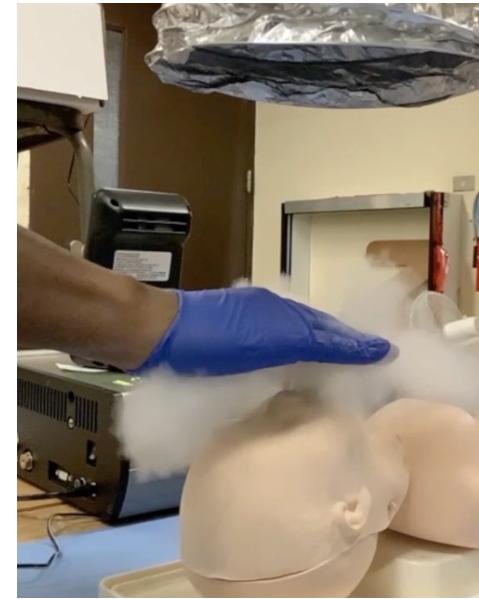
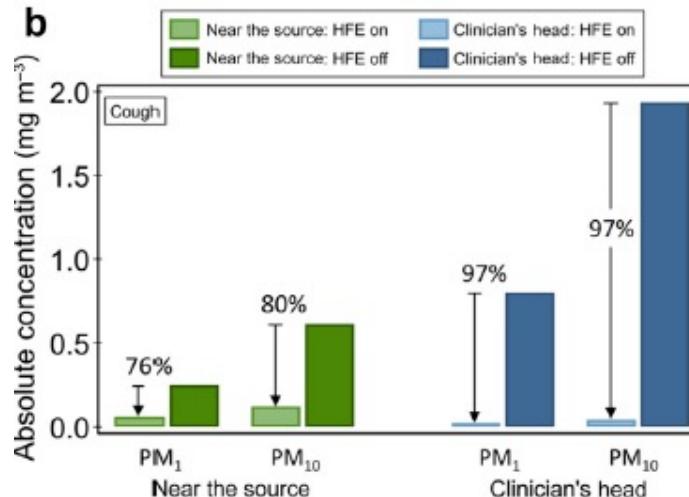
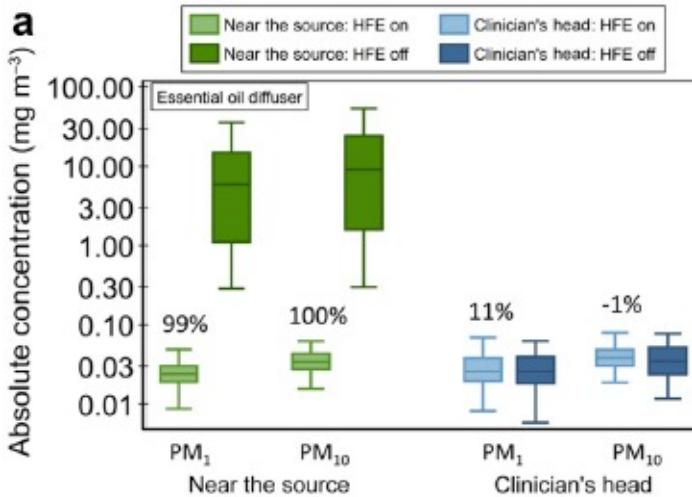
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Use of a high-flow extractor to reduce aerosol exposure in tracheal intubation

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Desperate times breed desperate measures: About valiance or foolhardiness

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Do not let our actions be guided solely by panic and emotions, but rather by common sense and good judgment. This is our responsibility.

COVID-19 implications for pediatric anesthesia: Lessons learnt and how to prepare for the next pandemic

We are obliged to assess the true value of our strategies, approaches, and treatment modalities during this pandemic in a solid scientific manner, and we should not compromise our standards and scientific rigor.

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Lessons from COVID-19: A reflection on the strengths and weakness of early consensus recommendations for pediatric difficult airway management during a respiratory viral pandemic using a modified Delphi method

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In a pediatric patient with suspected or confirmed COVID-19:

Call for additional help as soon as difficulty is identified. All clinicians involved in airway management should don appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) prior to engaging in patient care

First attempt at airway management by the most experienced clinician in chosen technique

Only senior trainees or fully trained clinicians should manage COVID-19-positive children with anticipated difficult airways

Aerosol barriers should not be used in children with anticipated difficult airways

Induction technique should be selected based on the clinical situation

Videolaryngoscopy is the preferred first attempt approach for intubation. Direct laryngoscopy is not recommended

Complications associated with paediatric airway management during the COVID-19 pandemic: an international, multicentre, observational study

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Anaesthesia 2022, 77, 649–658

	All patients				Airway managed with tracheal tube			Airway managed with SAD		
	No		COVID-19 n = 7567	COVID-19 n = 329	Odds ratio (95%CI)	No		COVID-19 n = 4241	COVID-19 n = 232	Odds ratio (95%CI)
	COVID-19 n = 7567	COVID-19 n = 329				COVID-19 n = 4241	COVID-19 n = 232			
Any hypoxaemia	214(3%)	24(7%)	2.70(1.7–4.1)	162(4%)	19(8%)	2.25(1.33–3.59)	40(2%)	1(2%)	0.92(0.05–4.34)	
Mild	121(2%)	13(4%)	2.53(1.35–4.37)	87(2%)	12(5%)	2.60(1.34–4.65)	28(1%)	1(2%)	1.32(0.07–6.34)	
Moderate	66(1%)	9(3%)	3.20(1.47–6.14)	54(1%)	5(2%)	1.71(0.59–3.92)	8(<1%)	-	-	
Severe	27(<1%)	2(1%)	1.71(0.27–5.73)	21(<1%)	2(1%)	1.75(0.28–6.00)	4(<1%)	-	-	

14,000 patients from 78 sites in 16 countries

SARS-CoV-2 airway reactivity in children: more of the same?

Anaesthesia 2022, 77, 956-958

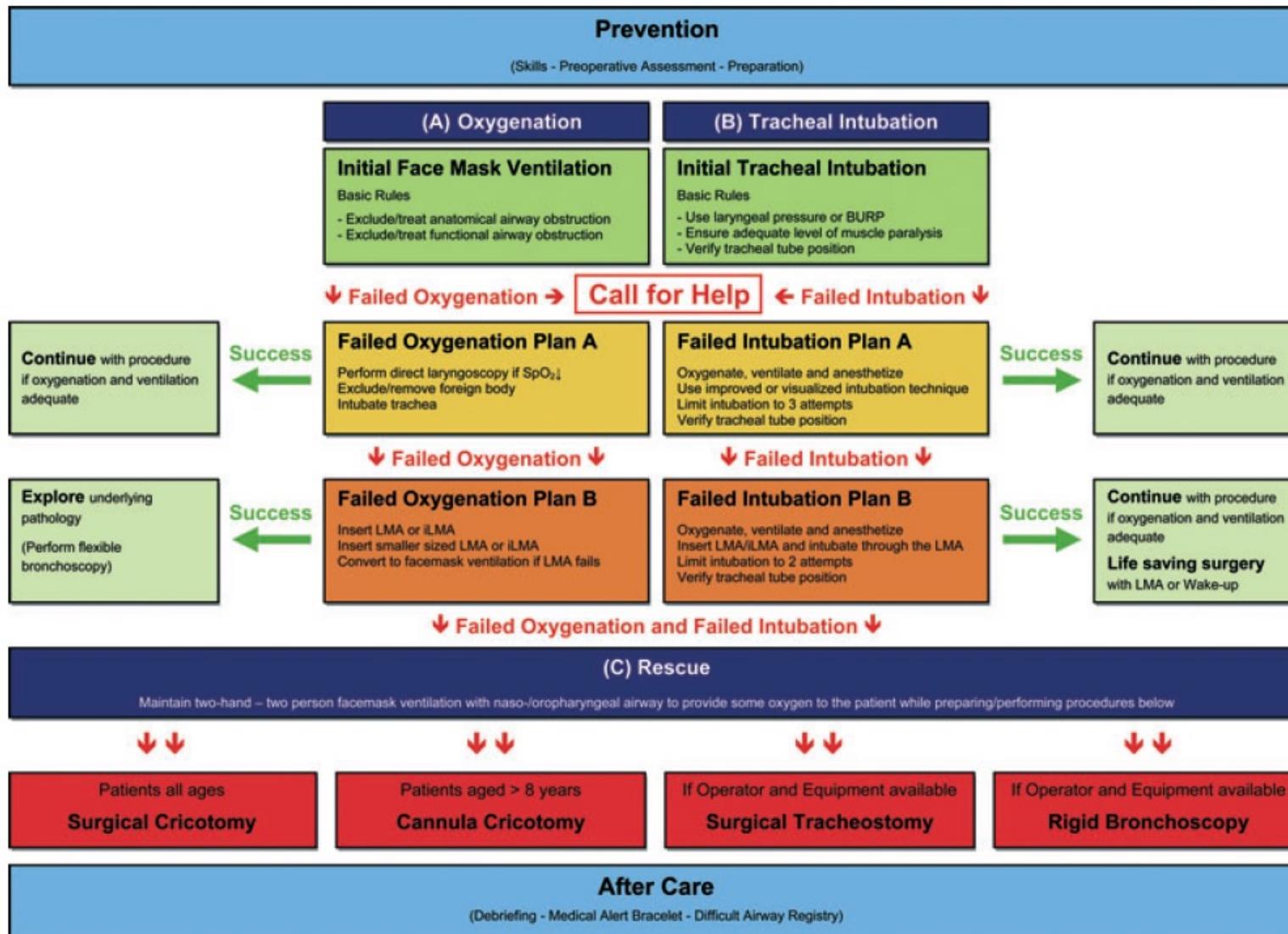
Meanwhile, the time has come to move beyond data collection for COVID-19 in children undergoing anaesthesia and airway management and provide the same previous care and judicious clinical principles as with other viral URTIs in children. We can also paraphrase the Big Lebowski: “I can’t be worried about that anymore. Life goes on, man!”

Airway

- Guidelines
- Trials
- New directions

Proposal for the management of the unexpected difficult pediatric airway

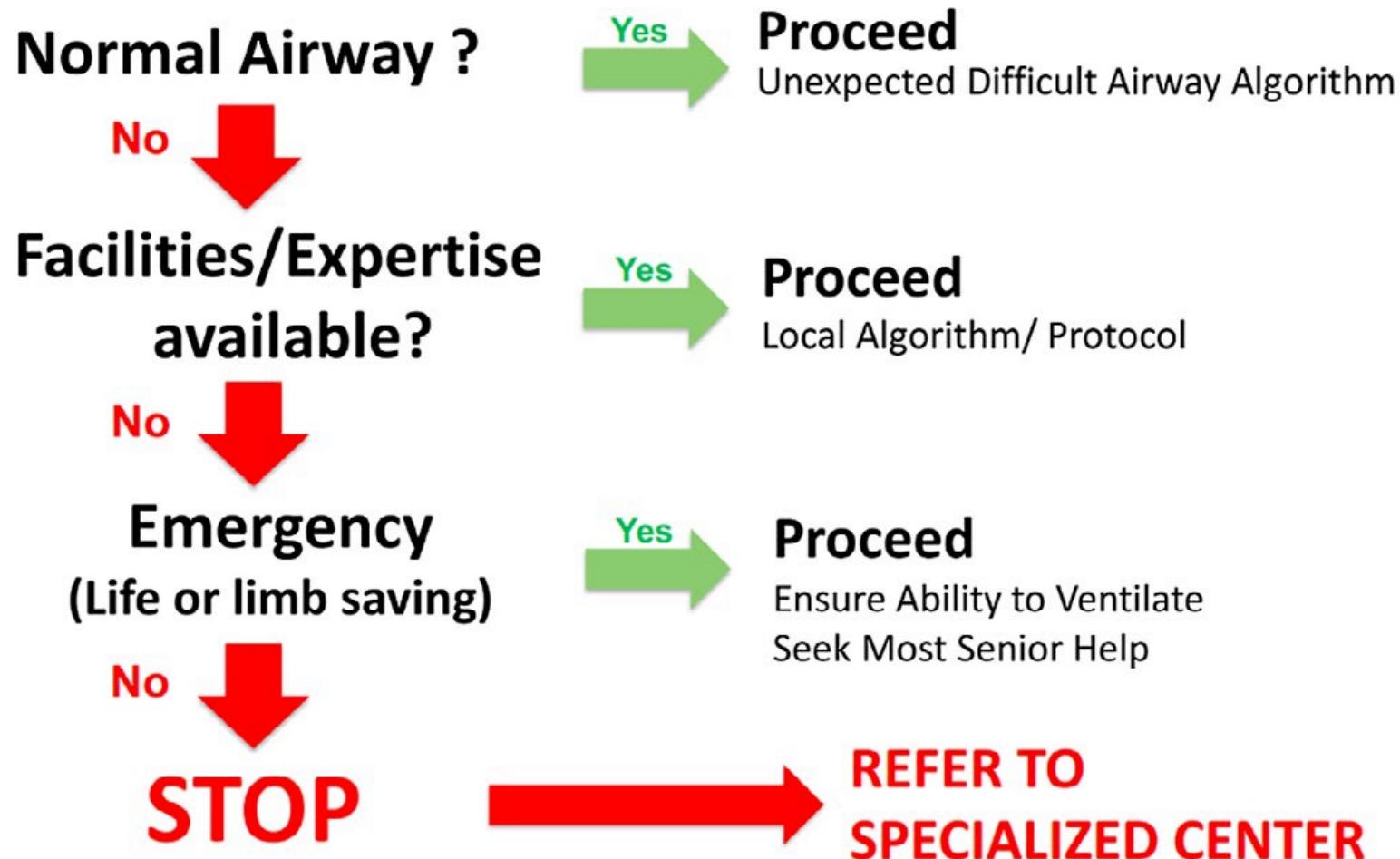
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Anatomical/mechanical airway obstructions

Inadequate head position	Repositioning, reopening
Large adenoids/ tonsils/ obesity	Oropharyngeal/ nasopharyngeal airway
Difficult facemask technique	Two hand/ two person technique
Blood, foreign body, secretions ^a	Suction, removal
Alveolar collapse (closing capacity)	Alveolar recruitment maneuvers
Gastric hyperinflation/ distension	Decompression by an orogastric tube

Functional airway obstructions

Inadequate depth of anesthesia	Deepen anesthesia
Laryngospasm ^b	Propofol, muscle relaxation
Opioid-induced muscle rigidity and/or vocal cord closure	Muscle relaxation
Bronchospasm ^c	Epinephrine, bronchodilators (sevoflurane)

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Pediatric Oxygenation and Ventilation

(Please adapt according to local expertise and facilities)

Prevention, Teaching, Training, Facilities

Careful assessment and planning



Recognize and treat

ANATOMICAL/ MECHANICAL Airway Obstructions

TREATMENT (specify)

Positioning, mouth-opening, oral or nasal airway, two-hand two person facemask ventilation



CALL FOR HELP

(insert contact details)



Recognize and treat

FUNCTIONAL Airway Obstructions

TREATMENT (specify)

Hypnotic, muscle relaxant, epinephrine



Plan A

Direct/ Video Laryngoscopy

(specify local choice)



Plan B

Supraglottic Airway Device (SAD)

Pediatric Tracheal Intubation Approach

(Please adapt according to local expertise and facilities)

Ensure Oxygenation and ventilation at all times

Consider using a SAD if Tracheal Intubation fails at any stage

Prevention, Teaching, Training, Facilities

Initial Local Tracheal Intubation Protocol

Direct/Video Laryngoscopy (VL)

(specify local choice)

Limit to 2 attempts



CALL FOR HELP

(insert contact details)



Plan A

Alternative Approach

VL/fiberoptic

(specify local choice)

Limit to 2 attempts



Plan B

Insert Supraglottic Airway Device (SAD)

(oxygenate/anesthetize)

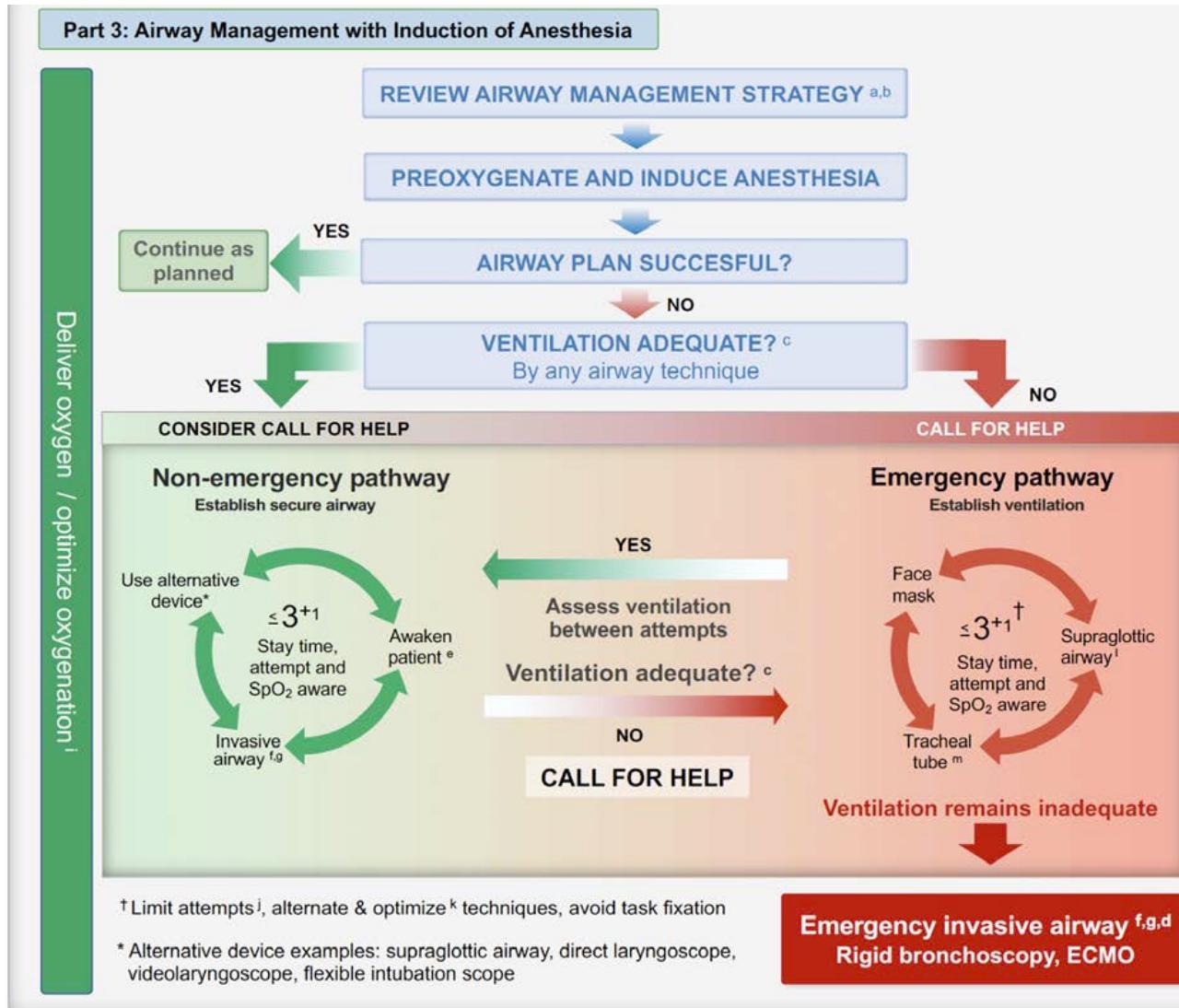
Fiberoptic intubation via SAD

(specify)

2022 American Society of Anesthesiologists Practice Guidelines for Management of the Difficult Airway*

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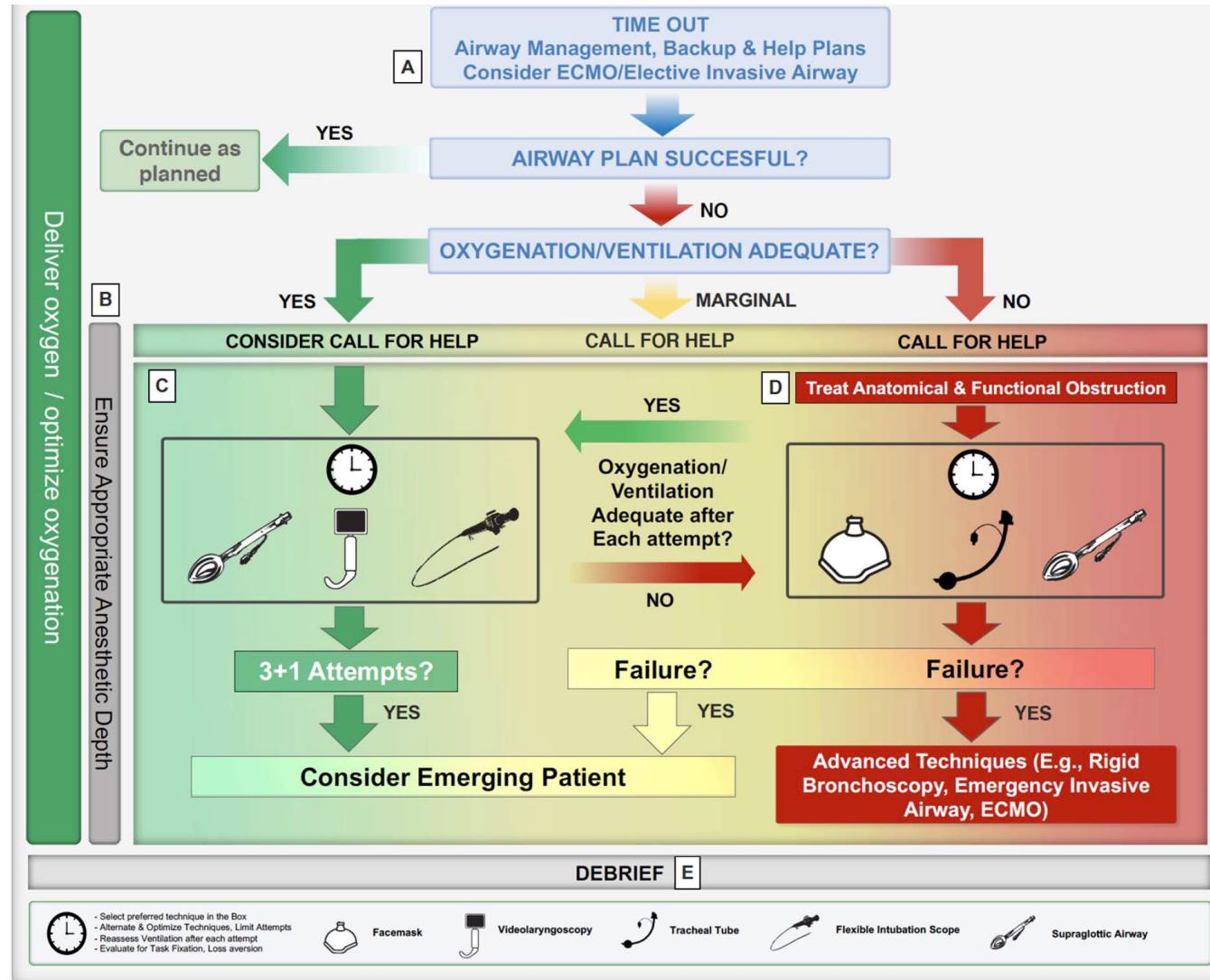
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PeDI R

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Pediatric Difficult Intubation (PeDI) Registry group is a multicenter organization dedicated to assessing, understanding and improving the outcomes of children with Difficult Direct Laryngoscopy (DDL) to facilitate benchmarking, quality improvement and research. The objectives of the group are (1) to provide site specific and aggregate data back to sites on DDL events and (2) to augment local quality improvement efforts and (3) to facilitate research studies related to DDL.

“We make airway management safer”



6694 cases

2012 to 2022 Q1



30+ Countries

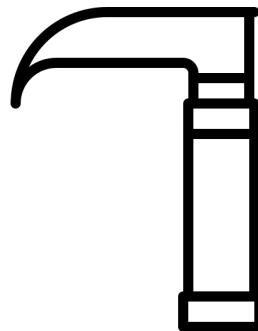
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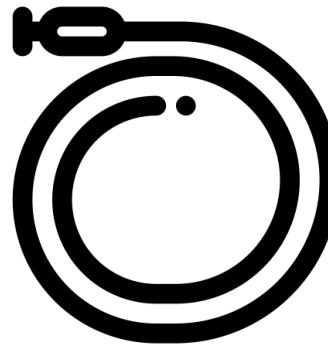
1018 cases

16 (3%)



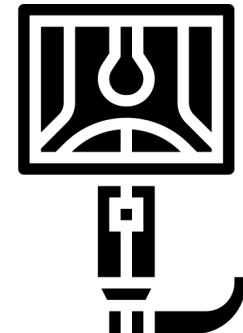
(n=461, 46%)

153 (54%)



(n=284, 28%)

101 (55%)



(n=183, 18%)

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Occurrence of complications was associated with:



More than two attempts



< 10kg

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Temporal Hypoxemia



15 (2%) of patients (1018 cases)

1.6% of patients (5000 cases)

Difficult tracheal intubation in neonates and infants. NEonate and Children audiT of Anaesthesia pRactice IN Europe (NECTARINE): a prospective European multicentre observational study

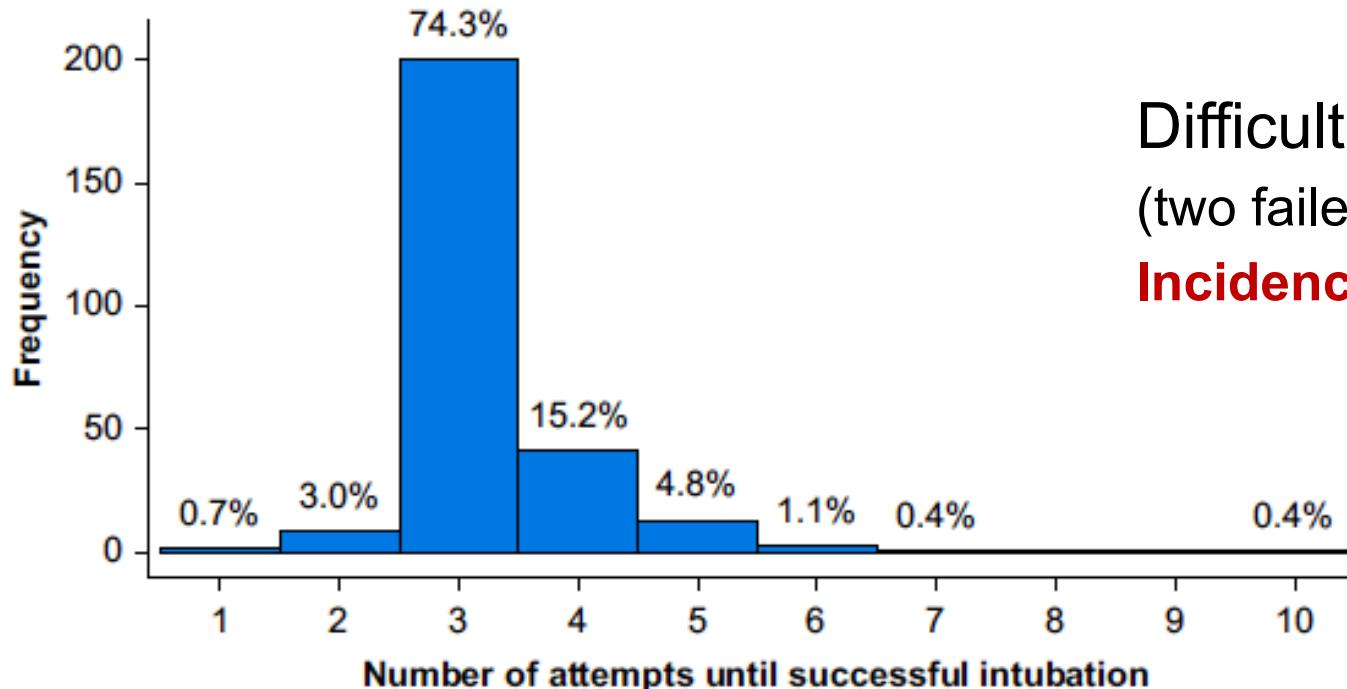


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British Journal of Anaesthesia, 126 (6): 1173–1181 (2021)



5609 cases, <60 weeks, 271 difficult intubations



Difficult tracheal intubation
(two failed attempts of laryngoscopy)
Incidence: 5.8% (95% CI, 5.1–6.5)

Hyperangulated blade

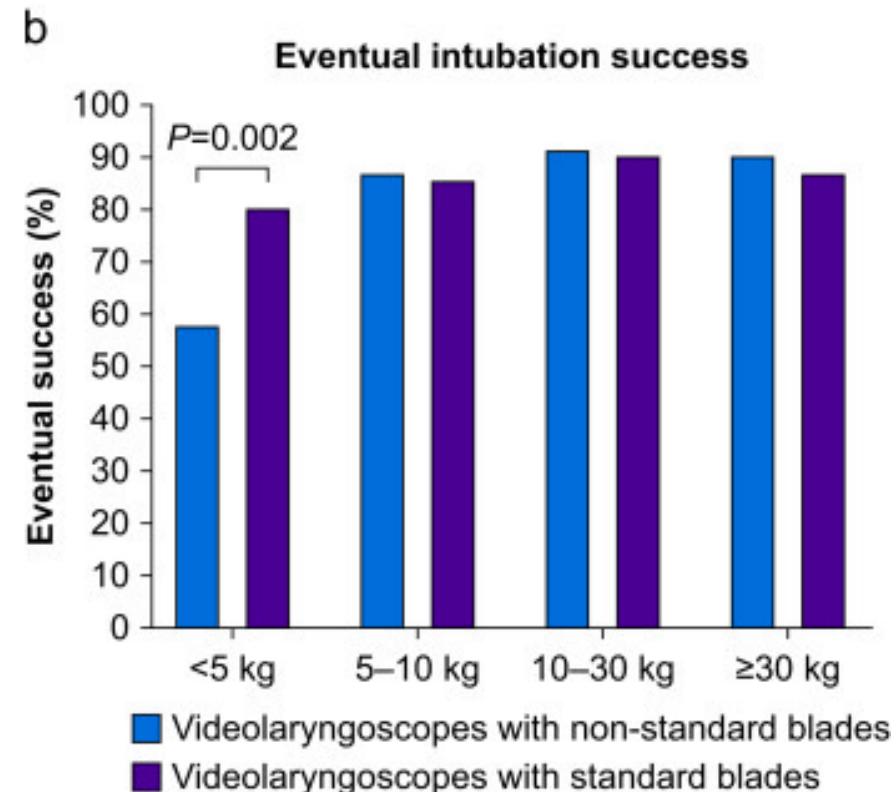
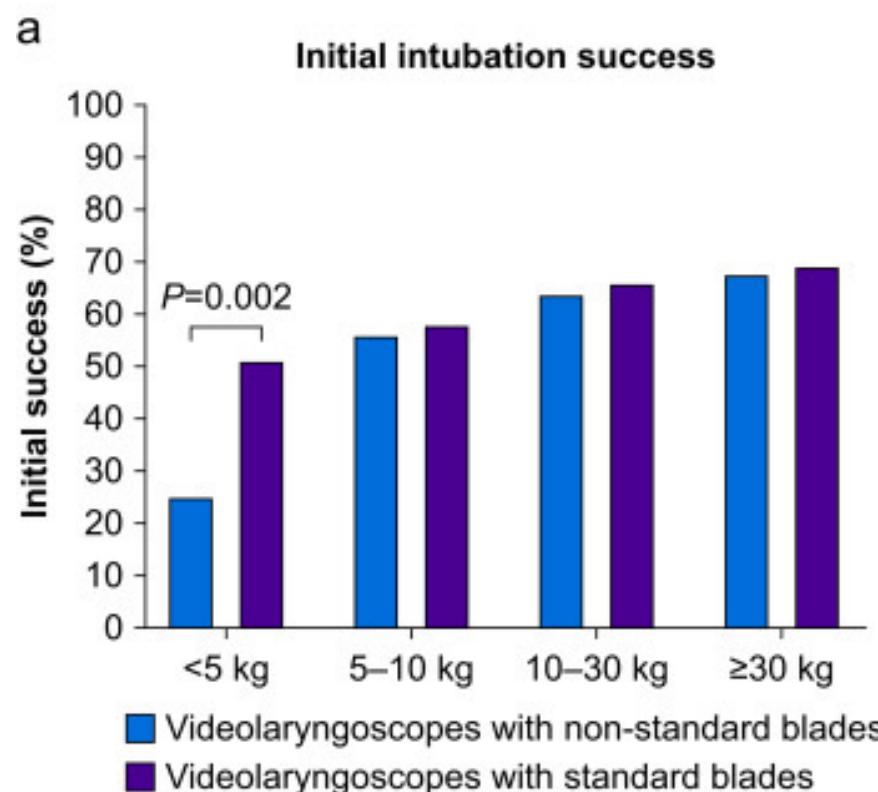


Standard blade



A comparison of videolaryngoscopy using standard blades or non-standard blades in children in the Paediatric Difficult Intubation Registry

British Journal of Anaesthesia, 126 (1): 331–339 (2021)

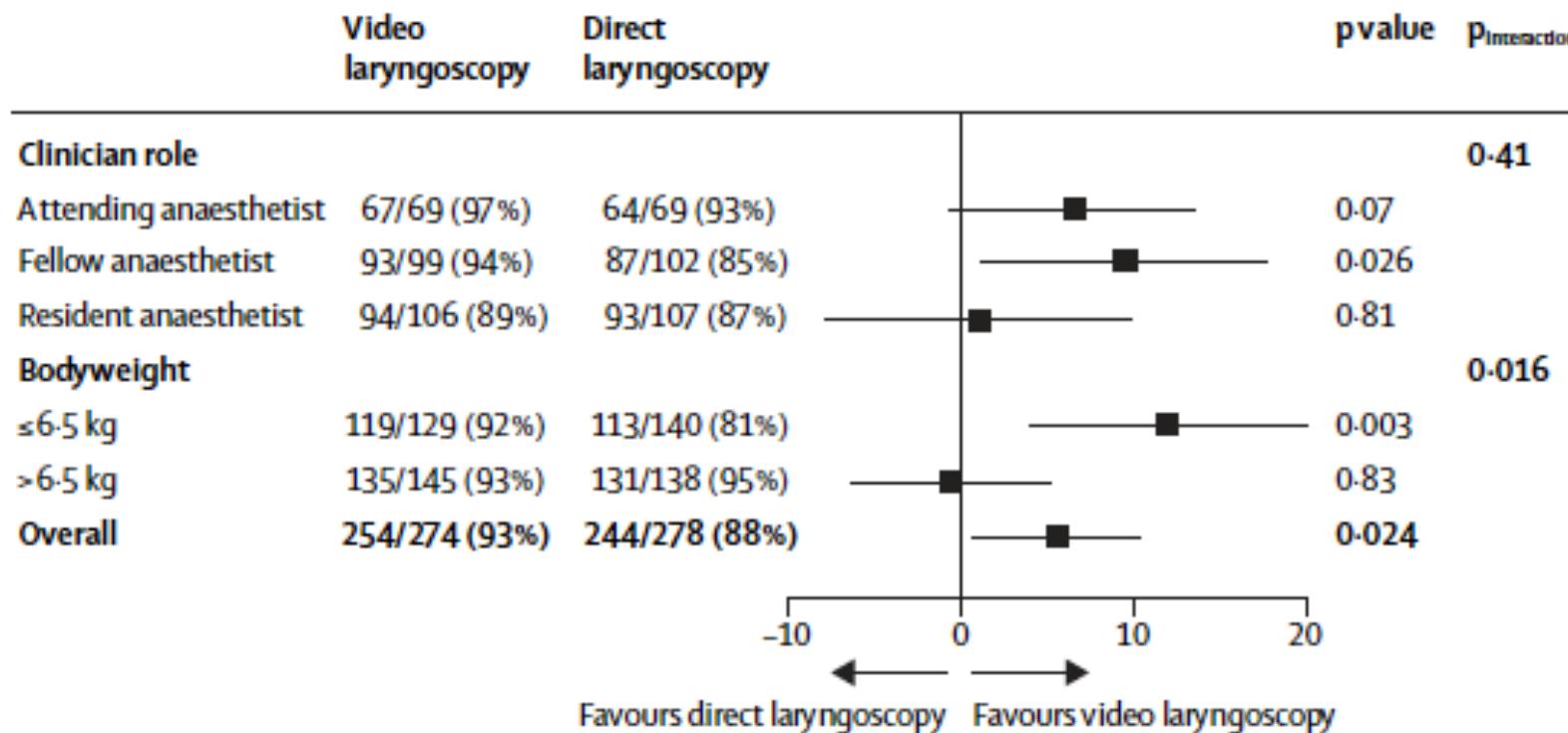


Standard blades had 3-fold greater odds of success at initial tracheal intubations compared with non-standard blades in children < 5kg (adjusted odds ratio 3.0, 95% confidence interval): 1.32–6.86, P=0.0009).

First-attempt success rate of video laryngoscopy in small infants (VISI): a multicentre, randomised controlled trial

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Lancet 2020; 396: 1905–13



564 cases, <12 months

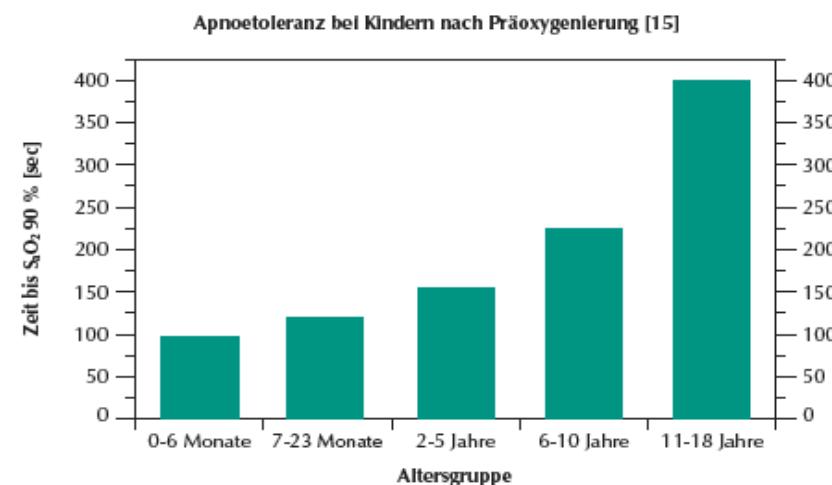
Interpretation Among anaesthetised infants, using video laryngoscopy with a standard blade improves the first-attempt success rate and reduces complications.

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Lancet 2020; 396: 1905-13

	All patients (n=552)	Video laryngoscopy (n=274)	Direct laryngoscopy (n=278)	Adjusted absolute risk difference (95% CI)*	p value
Successful first-attempt intubation					
Modified Intention-to-treat analysis	498 (90%)	254 (93%)	244 (88%)	5.5 (0.7 to 10.3)	0.024
Per-protocol analysis	496/550 (90%)	252/272 (93%)	244/278 (88%)	5.4 (0.6 to 10.2)	0.028
Secondary outcomes†					
Intubation duration >1 min	67 (12%)	40 (15%)	27 (10%)	5.6 (-0.1 to 11.3)	0.053



Direct versus video laryngoscopy with standard blades for neonatal and infant tracheal intubation with supplemental oxygen: a multicentre, non-inferiority, randomised controlled trial

Lancet Child Adolesc Health 2022

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Direct vs videolaryngoscopy for neonatal and infant intubation with supplemental oxygen

Randomized
Controlled Trial

Non-inferiority
Single-blinded

Multicentre
Seven tertiary level pediatric hospitals
in Europe, North America and Australia

POPULATION

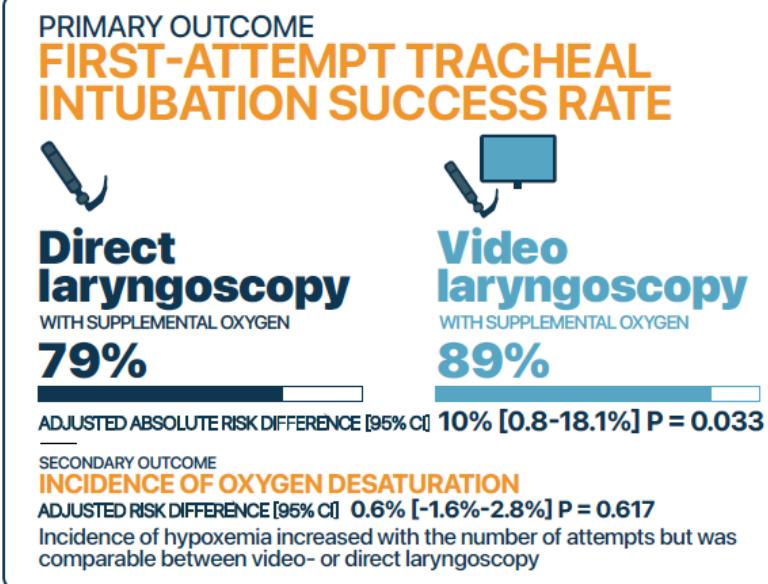
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neonates and infants requiring tracheal intubation for non-emergency procedures in the operating room

38 weeks
GESTATIONAL AGE

29%
FEMALE

79%
ORAL INTUBATION



1L/kg/min

CONCLUSIONS

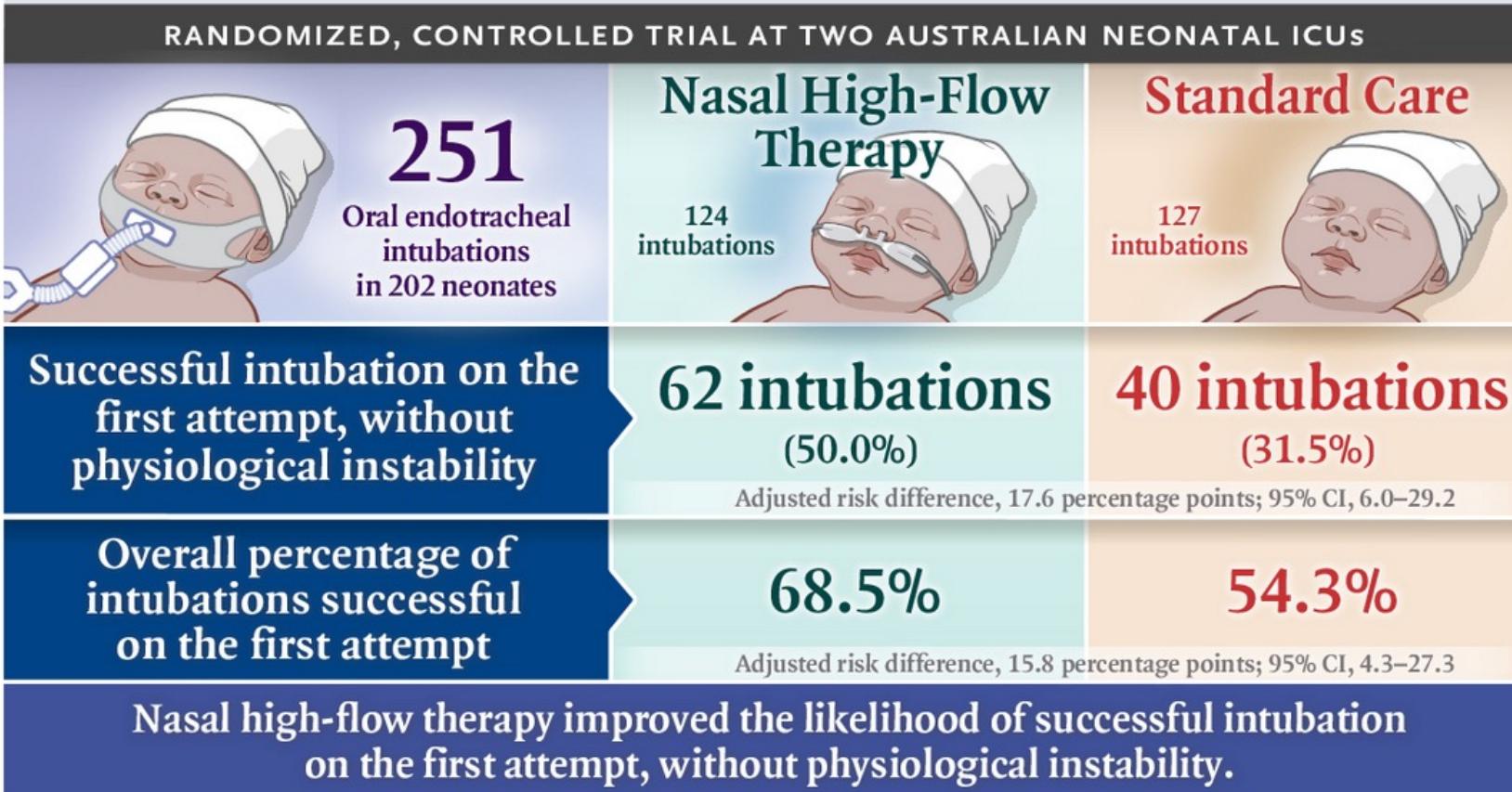
Videolaryngoscopy in neonates and infants increases the success rate of first-attempt tracheal intubation. Applying systematically supplemental oxygen during airway management minimize the incidence of hypoxemia.

Nasal High-Flow Therapy during Neonatal Endotracheal Intubation

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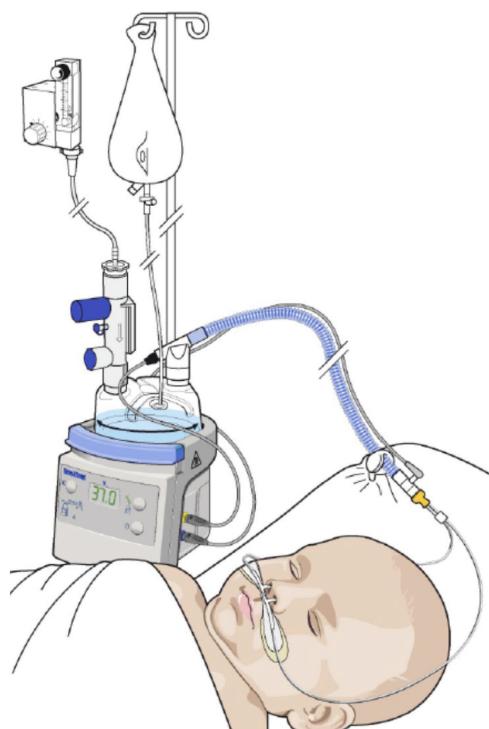
8L/kg/min

Nasal high-flow oxygen in pediatric anesthesia and airway management

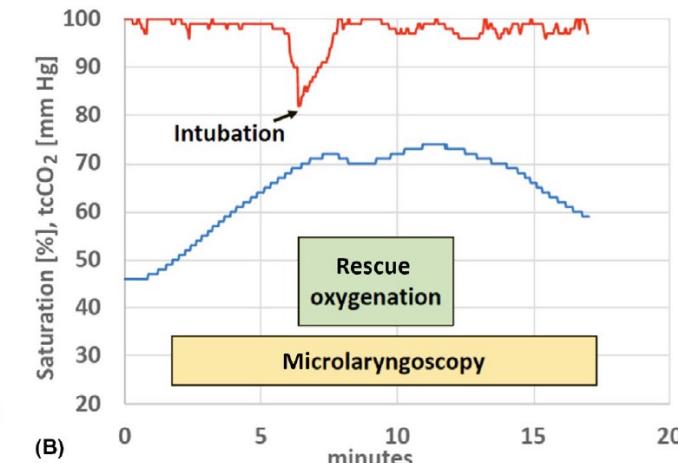
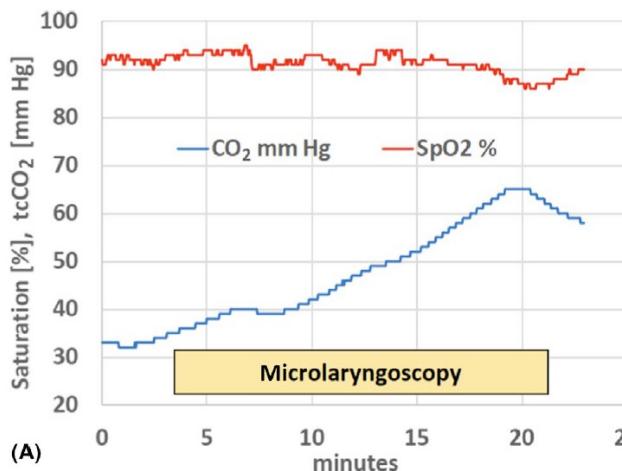
Pediatric Anesthesia. 2020;30:339–346.

High-flow oxygen for children's airway surgery: randomised controlled trial protocol (HAMSTER)

Humphreys S, et al. *BMJ Open* 2019;9:e031873. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2019-031873



Weight	HIGH-FLOW rates
0-12 kg	2 L/kg/min
13-15 kg	30 L/min
16-30 kg	35 L/min
31-50 kg	40 L/min
>50 kg	50 L/min



Big Data

- Registries
- Fruits and all
- To target or not?

Big Data - Registries

Rare Events

Niche Populations

Heterogeneous, uncommon or unpredictable

Levels of Evidence



Big Data - Registries

- Wake Up Safe
- Pediatric Regional Anesthesia Network
- Pediatric Difficult Intubation Registry
- Pediatric Craniofacial Surgery Perioperative Registry
- The Society For Pediatric Anesthesia Improvement Network
- National Emergency Airway Registry For Children
- Pediatric Anesthesia COVID Collaboration
- Congenital Cardiac Anesthesia Society Database
- Pediatric Sedation Research Consortium
- The Pediatric Perioperative Cardiac Arrest Registry
- Paediatric Airway Registry
- National Anesthesia Clinical Outcomes Registry
- Soap Registry – General Anesthesia For Cesarean Delivery
- Anesthesia Awareness Registry
- Obstructive Sleep Apnea Death And Near Miss Registry
- International Registry Of Regional Anesthesia
- Multicenter Perioperative Outcomes Group
- Society For Ambulatory Anesthesia Clinical Outcomes Registry
- North American Malignant Hyperthermia Registry
- Hyperthermia Association Of The United States
- American College Of Surgeons NSQIPs
- Day Care Anaesthesia Registry
- Registry In India On Suprane Emergence
- Danish Anaesthesia Database
- Improvement In Postoperative Pain Outcome
- Anaesthetic Benchmarking System
- Perioperative Quality Improvement Programme
- Anesthesia Incidents Reporting system ANZCA
- German Network of Regional Anesthesia
- Swedish Perioperative Registry
- National Audit Project (UK)
- National Emergency Airway Registry

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Perianesthetic neurological adverse events in children: A review of the Wake-Up Safe Database

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Complications Associated With the Anesthesia Transport of Pediatric Patients: An Analysis of the Wake Up Safe Database

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A Retrospective Analysis of Neuromuscular Blocking Drug Use and Ventilation Technique on Complications in the Pediatric Difficult Intubation Registry Using Propensity Score Matching

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Spontaneous ventilation is associated with:

- More non-severe complications, such as hypoxemia and laryngospasm, than controlled ventilation techniques during intubation of children with difficult airways.
- Inadequate anesthetic depth may contribute to increased complications.

NMB may be beneficial if mask ventilation is possible
Ensure adequate depth of anesthesia with or without NMB

Predictors of perioperative complications in paediatric cranial vault reconstruction surgery: a multicentre observational study from the Pediatric Craniofacial Collaborative Group

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Safety of antifibrinolytics in cranial vault reconstructive surgery: a report from the pediatric craniofacial collaborative group

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Perioperative Outcomes and Surgical Case Volume in Pediatric Complex Cranial Vault Reconstruction: A Multicenter Observational Study From the Pediatric Craniofacial Collaborative Group

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Big Data – Fruits and all..

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

Lancet Respir Med 2017

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"What is both surprising and concerning is that more than 5% of children undergoing anaesthesia in our study experienced at least one severe critical event. In 17% of them additional anaesthesia treatments, prolonged treatment in hospital, or both were needed" said Professor Walid Habre, APRICOT Lead Investigator. "Our findings reinforce the urgent need to elaborate and implement standardised training programmes and good clinical practice guidelines for paediatric anaesthesia management throughout Europe."

The APRICOT study showed startling differences in severe critical events among European countries with a 20- to 30-times variation in incidence. Many factors are involved, but there was statistical evidence that experienced paediatric anaesthesiologists and teams with a higher volume of paediatric cases had significantly fewer severe critical events. The results suggest that children less than 3 years of age should be managed by more experienced teams with specific paediatric training and support.

Natural continuation of APRICOT:
30,874 cases 10.6% < 1 year-old [361 neonates]

Morbidity and mortality after anaesthesia in early life: results of the European prospective multicentre observational study, neonate and children audit of anaesthesia practice in Europe (NECTARINE)



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Impact of composite adverse events

Hypotension, Hypoxaemia and Anaemia



5609 cases, <60 weeks

↑ Morbidity (**RR 3.56** [95%CI: 1.64-7.71])

↑ Mortality (**RR 19.80** [95% CI 5.87-66.73])

Incidence of paediatric unplanned day-case admissions in the UK and Ireland: a prospective multicentre observational study

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British Journal of Anaesthesia, 124 (4): 463–472 (2020)



Characteristic	Odds ratio (95% CI)	P-value
ASA physical status		<0.001*
ASA-PS 2 vs ASA-PS 1	1.59 (1.31, 1.94)	<0.001
ASA-PS 3/4 vs ASA-PS 1	2.80 (2.07, 3.77)	<0.001
Specialty vs ENT		<0.001*
Cardiology	1.89 (1.15, 3.06)	0.01
Orthopaedics and trauma	0.91 (0.69, 1.18)	0.46
Urology	0.64 (0.43, 0.96)	0.03
General surgery	0.59 (0.46, 0.77)	<0.001
Gastroenterology	0.54 (0.36, 0.81)	0.003
Plastic	0.49 (0.34, 0.69)	<0.001
Ophthalmology	0.34 (0.22, 0.54)	<0.001
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	0.21 (0.12, 0.36)	<0.001
Radiology	0.14 (0.09, 0.23)	<0.001
Oncology	0.10 (0.05, 0.22)	<0.001
Dental	0.08 (0.04, 0.14)	<0.001
Oral surgery	0.08 (0.02, 0.31)	<0.001
Other	0.39 (0.23, 0.65)	<0.001
Duration of surgery (per 15 min)	1.04 (1.03, 1.05)	<0.001



25,986 cases, 93 hospitals, 6 weeks

Unplanned admissions

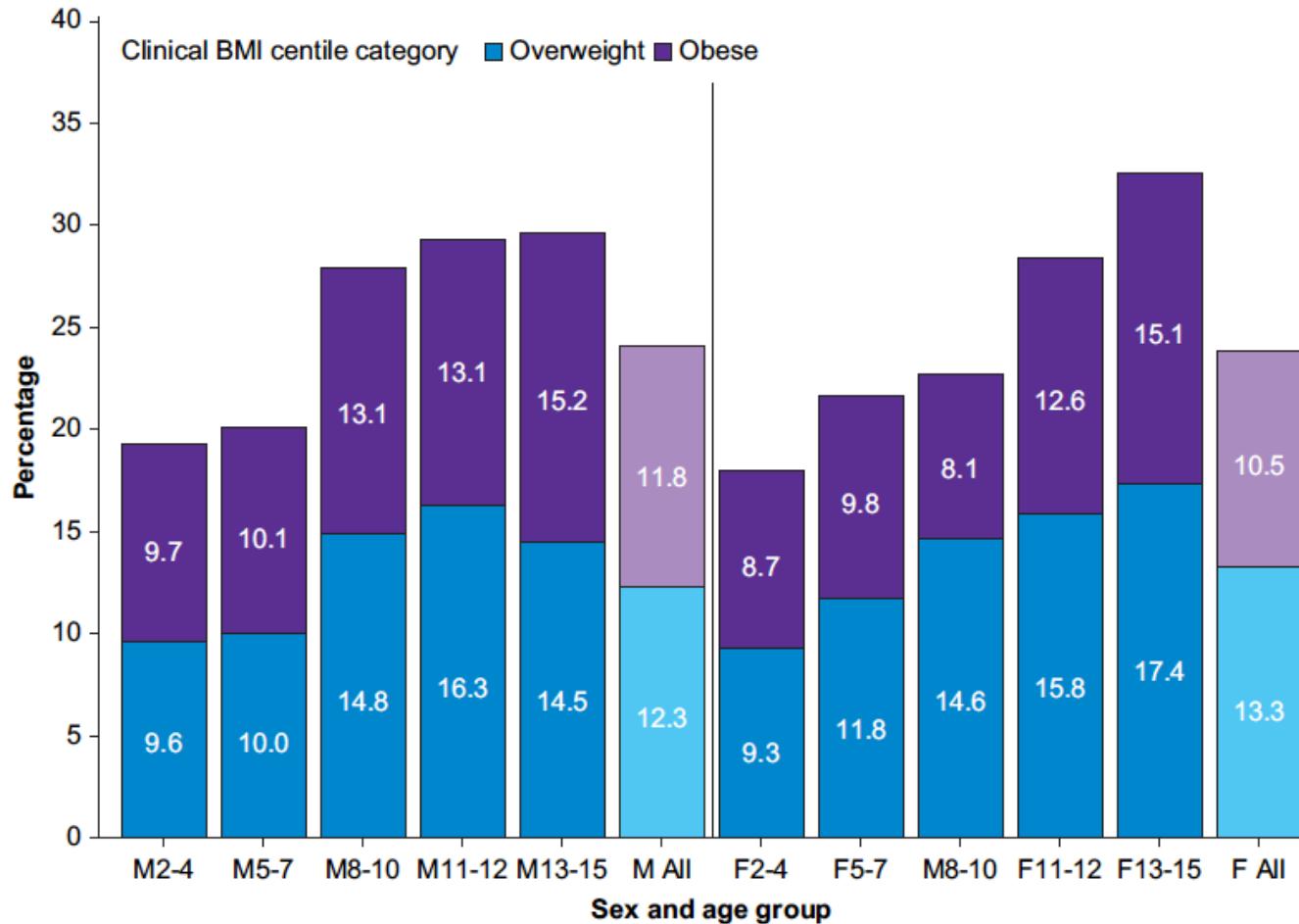
- AS-PS >2
- Cardiology, ENT, Orthopedics
- Complexity/ duration
- Pain, PONV

Prevalence of PErioperAtive CHildhood obesitY in children undergoing general anaesthesia in the UK: a prospective, multicentre, observational cohort study



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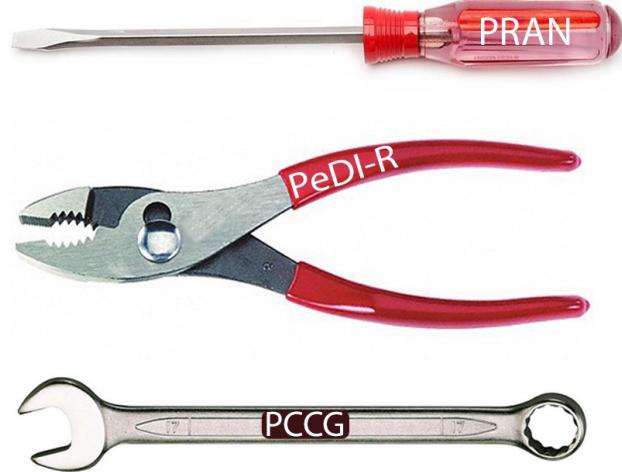
4232 cases, 102 hospitals, 1 week

- 1 in 4 overweight or obese
- ENT surgery
- Difficult mask ventilation

Big Data - Registries

- Wake Up Safe
- Pediatric Regional Anesthesia Network
- Pediatric Difficult Intubation Registry
- Pediatric Craniofacial Surgery Perioperative Registry
- The Society For Pediatric Anesthesia Improvement Network
- National Emergency Airway Registry For Children
- Pediatric Anesthesia COVID Collaboration
- Congenital Cardiac Anesthesia Society Database
- Pediatric Sedation Research Consortium
- The Pediatric Perioperative Cardiac Arrest Registry
- Paediatric Airway Registry
- National Anesthesia Clinical Outcomes Registry
- Soap Registry – General Anesthesia For Cesarean Delivery
- Anesthesia Awareness Registry
- Obstructive Sleep Apnea Death And Near Miss Registry
- International Registry Of Regional Anesthesia
- Multicenter Perioperative Outcomes Group
- Society For Ambulatory Anesthesia Clinical Outcomes Registry
- North American Malignant Hyperthermia Registry
- Hyperthermia Association Of The United States
- American College Of Surgeons NSQIPs
- Day Care Anaesthesia Registry
- Registry In India On Suprane Emergence
- Danish Anaesthesia Database
- Improvement In Postoperative Pain Outcome
- Anaesthetic Benchmarking System
- Perioperative Quality Improvement Programme
- Anesthesia Incidents Reporting system ANZCA
- German Network of Regional Anesthesia
- Swedish Perioperative Registry
- National Audit Project (UK)
- National Emergency Airway Registry

Perioperative Investigative Collaboration for Neonates, Infants and Children (PICNIC)



Examples

- Neonatal emergency abdominal surgery
- EA/TEF repair
- Children with autism having surgery
- CDH repair
- Sacrococcygeal teratoma resection
- Seizure surgery
- Bowel resection in IBD

Fasting

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GUIDELINES

Pre-operative fasting in children

A guideline from the European Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care

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Current paediatric anaesthetic fasting guidelines have recommended conservative fasting regimes for many years and have not altered much in the last decades. Recent publications have employed more liberal fasting regimes with no evidence of increased aspiration or regurgitation rates. In this first solely paediatric European Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care (ESAIC) pre-operative fasting guideline, we aim to present aggregated and evidence-based summary recommendations to assist clinicians, healthcare providers, patients and parents.

We identified six main topics for the literature search: studies

gastric content and gastric emptying studies; and early postoperative feeding. The literature search was performed by a professional librarian in collaboration with the ESAIC task force.

Recommendations for reducing clear fluid fasting to 1 h, reducing breast milk fasting to 3 h, and allowing early post-operative feeding were the main results, with GRADE 1C or 1B evidence. The available evidence suggests that gastric ultrasound may be useful for clinical decision-making, and that allowing a 'light breakfast' may be well tolerated if the intake is well controlled. More research is needed in these



Rationale



Evidence base



Future studies

GUIDELINES TO THE PRACTICE OF ANESTHESIA

Revised Edition 2022

As recommended by the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society

Elective Surgery

- Eight hours after a large meal of solids particularly containing protein (e.g., meat) or fatty foods
- Six hours after a light meal (e.g., non-fatty meal such as toast)
- Six hours after ingestion of infant formula, non-human milk, or expressed breast milk fortified with additions
- Four hours after ingestion of breast milk
- Two hours after ingestion of clear fluids for adults
- One hour after ingestion of clear fluids for infants and children.

- Huit heures après un repas copieux comportant des aliments solides, particulièrement s'il contenait des protéines (par ex. de la viande) ou des aliments gras;
- Six heures après un repas léger (par ex. repas faible en gras tel une tartine);
- Six heures après l'ingestion de lait maternisé, de lait non humain ou de lait maternel tiré et fortifié avec des adjutants;
- Quatre heures après l'ingestion de lait maternel;
- Deux heures après l'ingestion de liquides clairs pour un adulte;
- Une heure après l'ingestion de liquides clairs pour les nourrissons ou les enfants.

Morbidity and Mortality

General population - Adults

Table 1 Incidence (cases/anaesthetic), morbidity (cases/anaesthetic) and mortality (cases /anaesthetic) of pulmonary aspiration in the general surgical population (NR=not reported)

Country	Study size	Aspiration	Incidence	Morbidity	Mortality	Reference
Sweden	185 385	87	1/2131	1/3944	1/45 454	Ollson ⁸²
USA	215 488	67	1/3216	1/16 576	1/71 829	Warner ¹¹²
France	198 103	14	1/14 150	1/99 052	Nil	Tiret ¹⁰⁴
UK	84 835	6	1/14 139	1/42 418	1/84 839	Leigh ⁵⁹
South Africa	240 483	1	NR	NR	1/240 483	Harrison ³⁵
Finland	338 934	5	NR	NR	1/67 786	Hovi-Viander ³⁹
Canada	112 721	101	1/1116	NR	NR	Cohen ¹⁶

Br J Anaesth 1999; 83:453

- Overall risk small
 - Morbidity minimal
 - Mortality almost negligible (ASA >3)
- } Adults

Morbidity and Mortality

Paediatric population

- Incidence: 6.0 - 10.2 per 10,000 anaesthetics
- Mortality: (None)
- Morbidity: Limited
 - Unanticipated admission
 - Cancellation of surgery
 - Intubation
 - Discharge after 2 hours if asymptomatic
- Risk factors: Emergency surgery, ileus, insufficient depth of anaesthesia

Real fasting times and incidence of pulmonary aspiration in children: Results of a German prospective multicenter observational study

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Pediatric Anesthesia. 2019;29:1040-1045.

Event	Age (m)	Status	Specifics	Fasting (h)	Induction	Airway	Time of event	Symptoms, diagnostics	Postoperative course	Type of surgery
R	44	Elective	Agitation	LaM 14.0 CF 0.5	Inhalational	LMA	Induction	None	Recovery room	ENT
R	24	Elective	None	LiM 8.0 CF 0.6	Inhalational	LMA	Induction	None	Recovery room	Trauma
R	75	Elective	None	LaM 13.8 CF 1.0	iv	LMA	Emergence	Laryngospasm, sO ₂ < 80%	Recovery room	Urology
R	18	Elective	None	LaM 13.3 CF 13.3	iv	LMA	Maintenance	None	Recovery room	Others
R	66	Elective	Bucking during positioning	LaM 15.2 CF 1.0	Inhalational	LMA	Maintenance	Laryngospasm, sO ₂ < 80%	Recovery room	Others
R	27	Elective	None	LaM 11.5 CF 10.5	Inhalational	ETT	Maintenance	None	Recovery room	ENT
R	64	Elective	None	LaM 14.8 CF 3.2	Inhalational	ETT	Induction	sO ₂ < 90%	Recovery room	ENT
R	157	Elective	None	LiM 9.1 CF 9.1	iv	LMA	Emergence	None	Recovery room	Trauma
sPA	23	Elective	Unexpected pain stimulus	LaM 16.0 CF 1.0	Inhalational	LMA	Maintenance	Obstruction, sO ₂ < 90%	Recovery room, coughing	ENT
sPA	41	Elective	None	LaM 13.5 CF 13.1	Inhalational	LMA	Induction	Obstruction	Recovery room, coughing	ENT
sPA	67	Elective	None	LaM 15.7 CF 2.2	iv	ETT	Emergence	Laryngospasm, sO ₂ < 80%, X-ray	Recovery room, coughing	Trauma
cPA	158	Elective	Achalasia	LaM 12.0 CF 5.0	cRSI	ETT	Induction	None, bronchoscopy	Recovery room	Abdominal
R	31	Emergent	Agitation	LiM 4.6 CF 4.6	Inhalational	ETT	Induction	None	Recovery room	Others
R	131	Emergent	Bucking during Gastroscopy	LaM 11.5 CF 11.5	iv	Mask	Maintenance	None	Recovery room	Others
R	150	Emergent	None	LaM 18.0 CF 3.3	iv	ETT	Induction	None	Recovery room	Abdominal
sPA	22	Emergent	Agitation	LiM 7.7 CF 1.2	Inhalational	LMA	Induction	Obstruction	Recovery room, coughing	Others
cPA	84	Emergent	Opioids prior to anesthesia, severe trauma	LaM 4.2 CF 4.2	cRSI	ETT	Induction	None	Recovery room	Trauma

Confirmed cases: 2 per 3,324 (6 per 10,000)

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Perioperative aspiration events in children: A report from the Wake Up Safe Collaborative

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Pediatric Anesthesia. 2020;30:660–666.

Characteristic	Aspiration (N = 136)	No aspiration (N = 2 434 533)
Female	63 (46%)	1 062 952 (44%)
Age	6 (2, 11)	6 (2, 11)
ASA		
1	12 (9%)	599 273 (25%)
2	44 (32%)	1 071 632 (44%)
3	63 (46%)	663 019 (27%)
≥4	17 (13%)	100 679 (4%)
Emergency status	15 (11%)	136 037 (6%)

Confirmed cases: 135 per 2,440,810 (6 per 10,000)

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12 y/o with history of cerebral palsy, developmental delay, and seizure disorder with prior anesthetics complicated by hypotension admitted preoperatively for IV hydration. AE occurred after induction with sevoflurane, requiring CPR and epi infusion. Return of spontaneous circulation with concern for allergic reaction to Rocuronium. Died 2 wk postoperatively with concern for undiagnosed cardiomyopathy

17 y/o with rhabdomyosarcoma presented for cystoscopy. After induction and placement of supraglottic airway, the patient aspirated bilious colored fluid. Patient was intubated and became increasingly difficult to ventilate and taken to intensive care postoperatively with dx of ARDS. The patient was able to be extubated POD#4, but recovery was complicated by pulmonary embolus, heart failure, and death

Impact of clear fluid fasting on pulmonary aspiration in children undergoing general anesthesia: Results of the German prospective multicenter observational (NiKs) study

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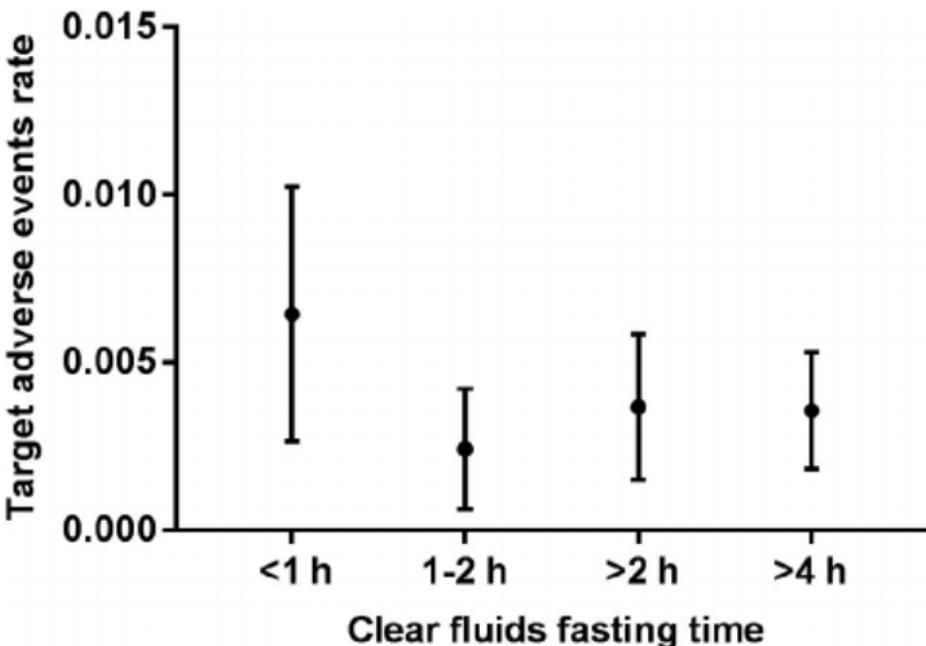


FIGURE 2 Targetadverse events rate expressed as mean and 95% CI related to cohorts with different clear fluid fasting times

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Pre-operative fasting for clear fluids in children: Is 1 hour the answer? Tom G Hansen ¹ ², Thomas Engelhardt ³

Outcomes, Safety and Education

- Beyond mortality
- Safetots
- Continuing education and training

Anaesthesia related mortality data at a Tertiary Pediatric Hospital in Western Australia

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Beyond mortality: definitions and benchmarks of outcome standards in paediatric anaesthesiology

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Elements	Description
Standardized processes	Standardization of metrics to establish targets and benchmarks for care delivery. Standardization of outcomes reporting. Standardization of reporting of outcome measures in the literature. Standardization of care pathways for common procedures derived from evidence-based practices. Consistent outcomes regardless of patient race, ethnicity, sex, socioeconomic status, location and so on Universal access to outcomes data.
Equipment expectations	Minimum standards for availability of equipment when caring for children, including emergency equipment (e.g. video laryngoscopy).
Provider qualifications	Paediatric anaesthesia certification when possible. Delineated, standardized credentialing process, including education, knowledge assessment, skills assessment and ongoing maintenance of credentialing.
Onsite verification	Occurring in a repeat, cyclical pattern (e.g. every 3 years).



- Incidence of severe critical events 5.2%
- Large variation of critical events across centres (20-30x)
- Large variability of practice and interventions

Need for more standardised perioperative management guidelines for neonates and infants

Target education and training and implement strategies for QI in paediatric anaesthesia

Suggestion that children < 3 years managed by more experienced teams with specific paediatric training and support

Harmonising paediatric anaesthesia training in Europe

Proposal of a roadmap

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Minimum recommended exposure	Clinical skills and grade of competence for the paediatric anaesthetist
Preoperative assessment	Neonates and children < 1 year
General anaesthesia in children > 1 year	Regional anaesthesia central blocks
Paediatric surgery	Regional anaesthesia peripheral blocks
ENT and airway surgery	Airway management
Ophthalmology	Advanced and invasive airway management
Orthopaedic surgery	Advanced resuscitation
Neurosurgery	Fluid management and nutrition
Neonatal surgery	Transfusion strategies
Dental surgery	Vascular access included ultrasound-guided
Nonoperating room anaesthesia	Advanced acute pain management
Acute pain management	Chronic pain management
	Stabilisation and transport
	Neonatal and paediatric intensive care
	Organ transplant
	Cardiac and thoracic anaesthesia

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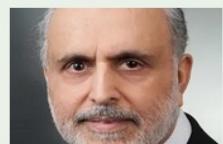
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