



Not a systematic
review!

AIRWAY UPDATE 2016

Current themes, new research and directions for the future



(Papers and themes emerging from late 2015 to end 2016)

THEMES IN 2016



- Clinical assessment – we suck
- New assessment methods – we still suck
- New devices – lack of robust evidence for improvement (we suck)
- Obstetric airway management – sucks
- OOT airway mx – everyone (including us) sucks
- Dealing with crises – Humans suck
- Suction devices - suck

Only thing that works is... ?





People say we cannot live without

LOVE

I think

OXYGEN

is more important.

AIRWAY ASSESSMENT

Difficult intubation incidence
1.86%

Unanticipated in 75-93% of cases

Difficult mask ventilation
unanticipated in 94%

PHD THESIS

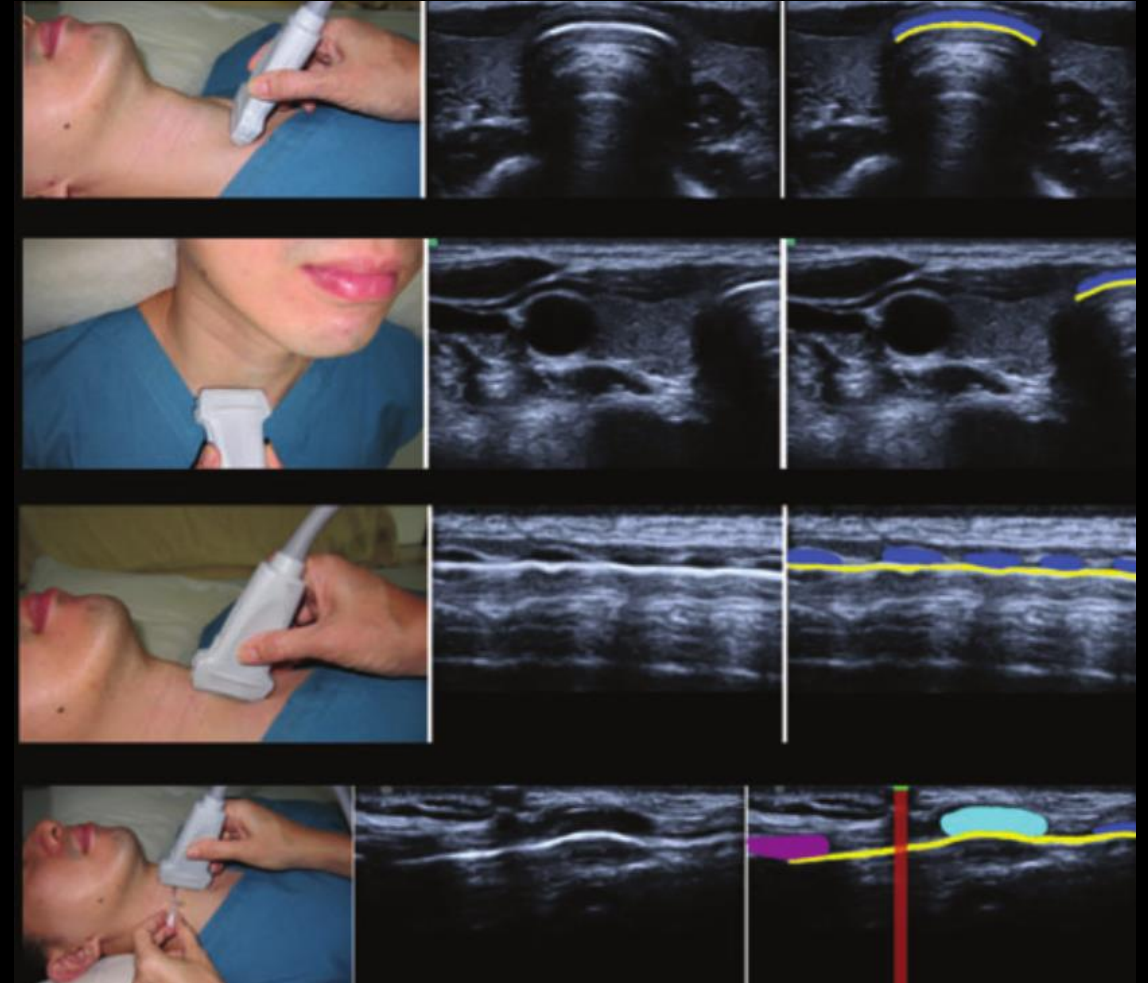
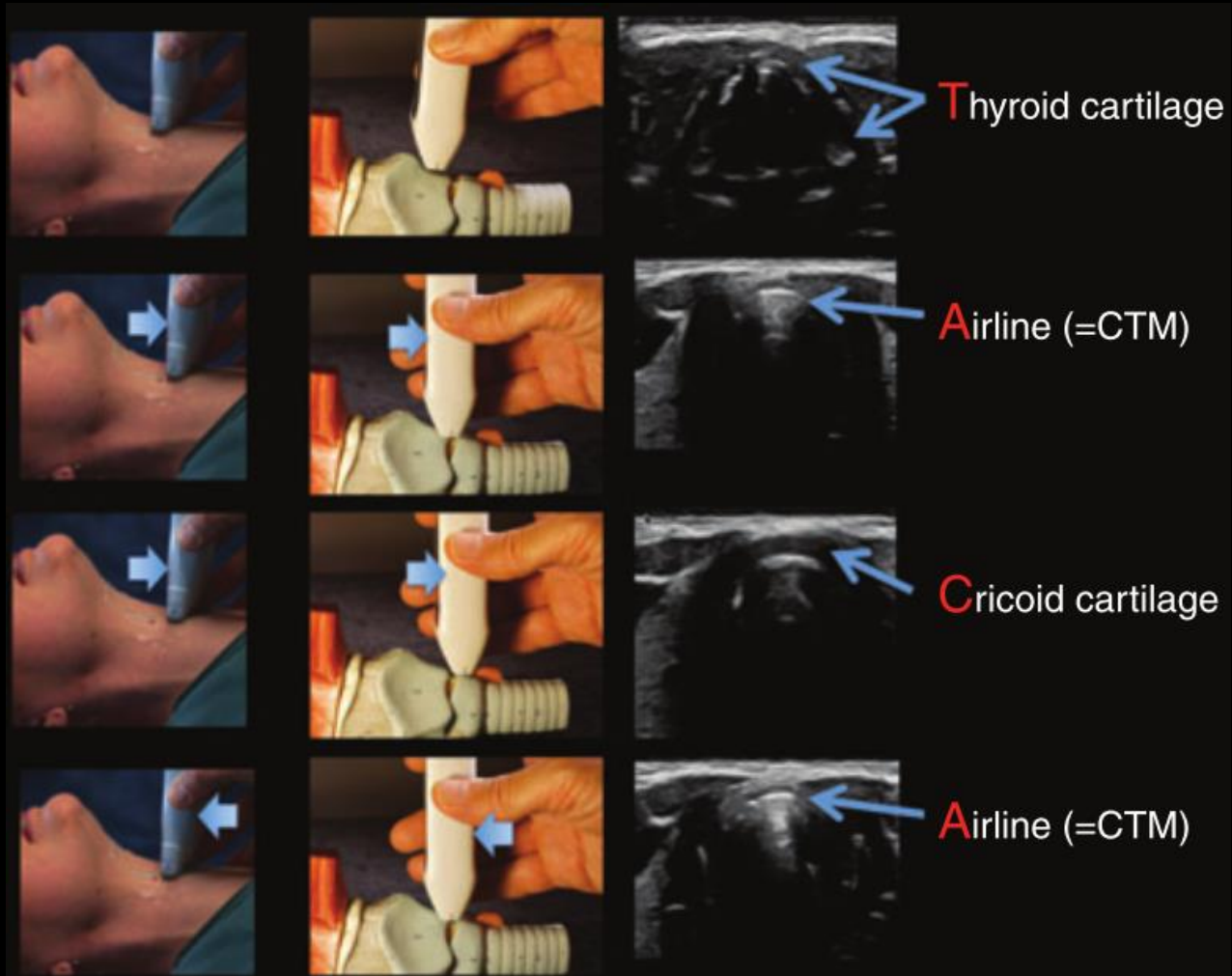
DANISH MEDICAL JOURNAL

Preoperative airway assessment

– Experience gained from a multicentre cluster randomised trial and the Danish Anaesthesia Database

Nørskov AK, Rosenstock CV, Wetterslev J, Astrup G, Afshari A, Lundstrøm LH. Diagnostic accuracy of anaesthesiologists' prediction of difficult airway management in daily clinical practice: a cohort study of 188 064 patients registered in the Danish Anaesthesia Database. *Anaesthesia* 2015, 70;272-281.

AIRWAY ULTRASOUND

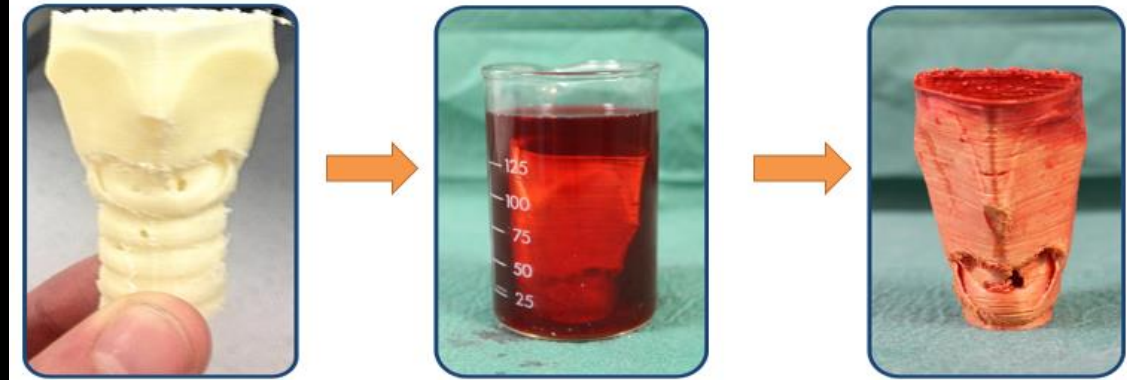
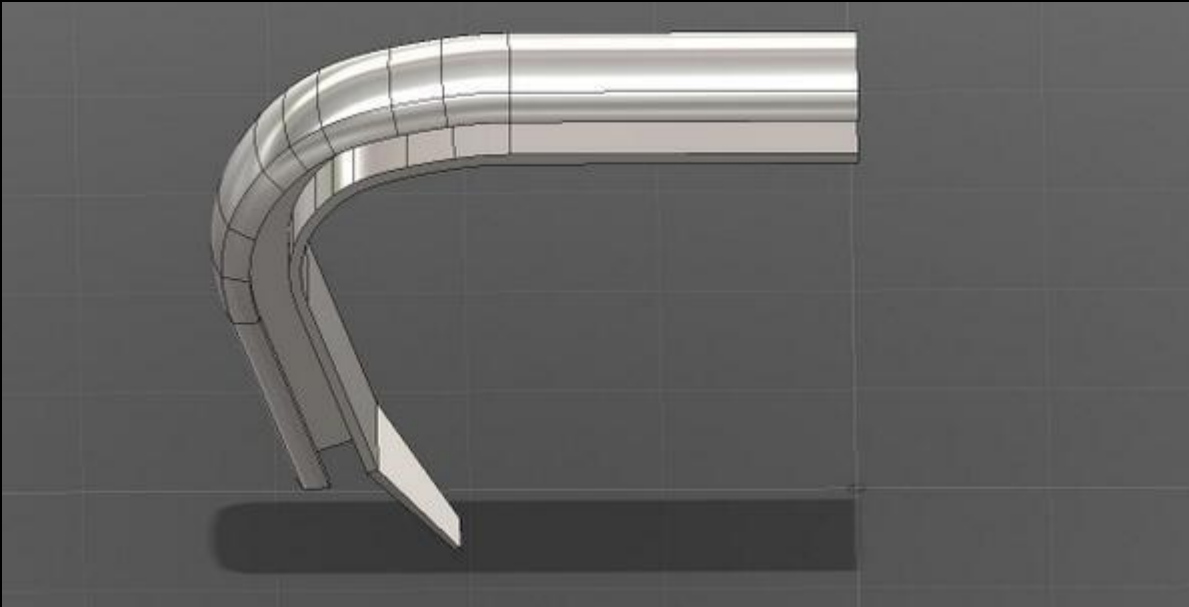




VIRTUAL ENDOSCOPY



3D PRINTING IN AIRWAY MX



Novel Layfoam 40 airway model pre-, during and post immersion in deionised water



Complete 3D printed cricothyroidotomy model



Incised cricothyroidotomy model



3D Printing of Human Anatomy: The Production of Realistic Airway Models for Cricothyroidotomy Simulation

Michelle L. Smith [1], Tiarnan Byrne [1], Conan McCaul [2,3], Peter J. McMahon [4],
Tomas Breslin [5], James F.X. Jones [1]

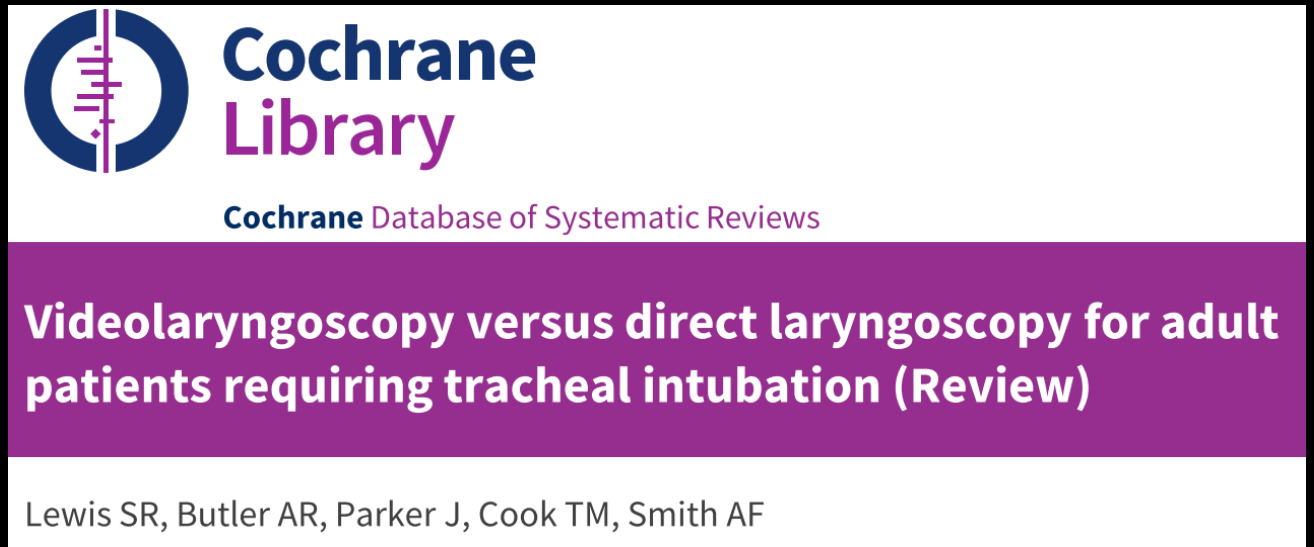
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VL/DL

Cochrane systematic review

- Primary:
 - No difference in hypoxaemia
 - VL = fewer failed intubations
- Secondary:
 - VL improved glottic view
 - No difference in FPS
 - VL may reduce airway trauma
 - Subgroups: only CMAC better than DL
 - No difference with inexperienced VL users



TRAINING

"Do, or do not.

There is no try."

-Dumbledore

- What is expertise?
- How do we become experts?
- How do we *remain* experts?

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**Is it time for airway management education
to be mandatory?**

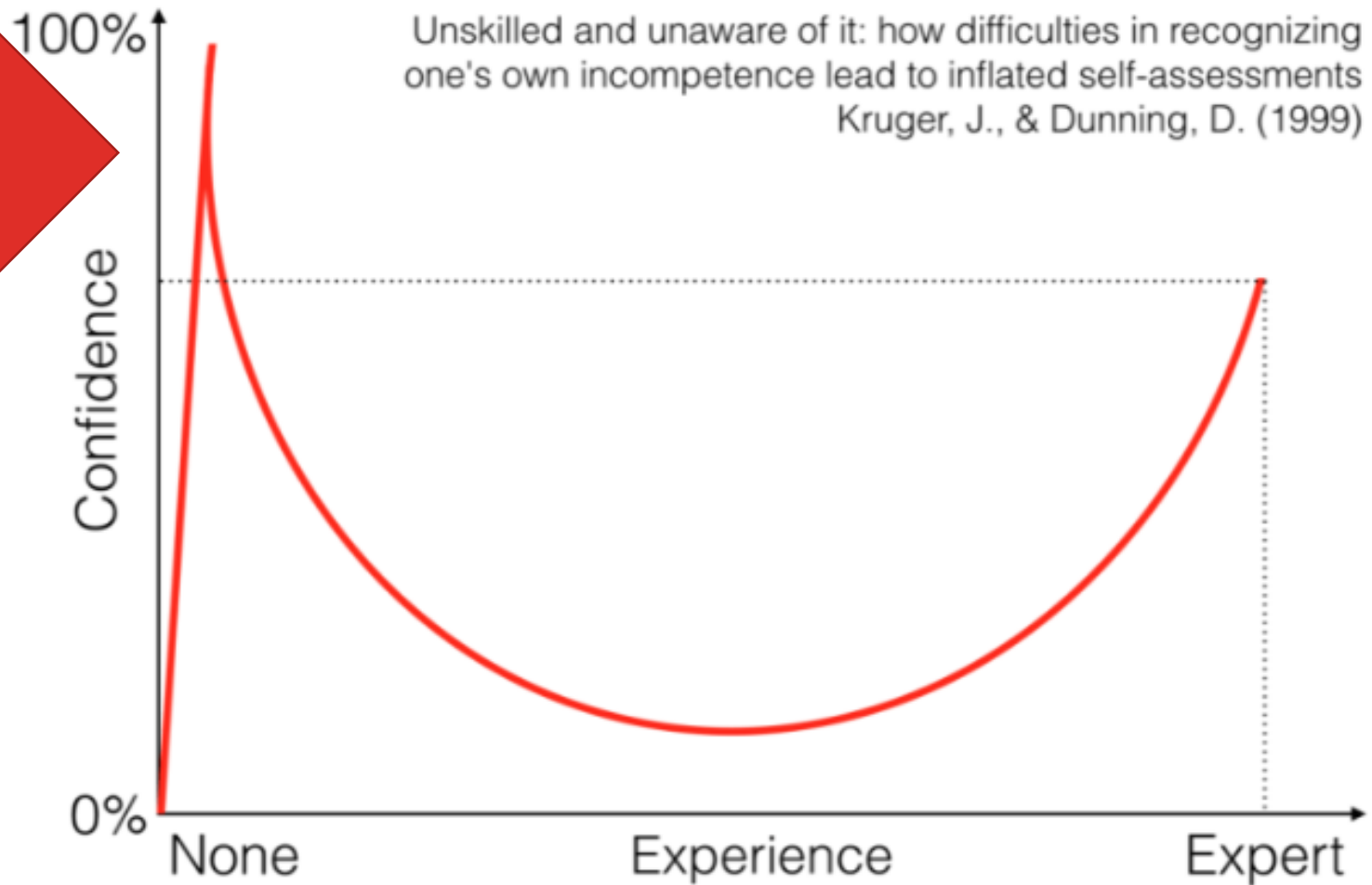
P. A. Baker^{1,2,*}, J. Feinleib^{3,4} and E. P. O'Sullivan⁵



Beware... Mount Stupid!

Dunning-Kruger Effect

Unskilled and unaware of it: how difficulties in recognizing one's own incompetence lead to inflated self-assessments
Kruger, J., & Dunning, D. (1999)



Mandatory?

Deliberate
Practice

With great power
comes great responsibility.

- Batman



Simulation?

Repeat
Performance

Problem
Solving



Clinical?

Immediate
Feedback

Baker PA, Feinleib J, O'Sullivan EP. Is it time for airway management education to be mandatory? BJA 2016;117(suppl 1):i13-i6.



“Go To The Sim
Like You Go To The Gym”

@StarSkaterDk

TRAINING TARGETS?

NAP4: 39% of adverse events during anaesthesia involve:

- Difficult/delayed intubation
- Failed intubation
- CICO

Of all anaesthesia deaths,

CICO = 25%



CICO (*ky-koh*)

GAMIFICATION

- DEXTER
- ORSIM
- DAARC



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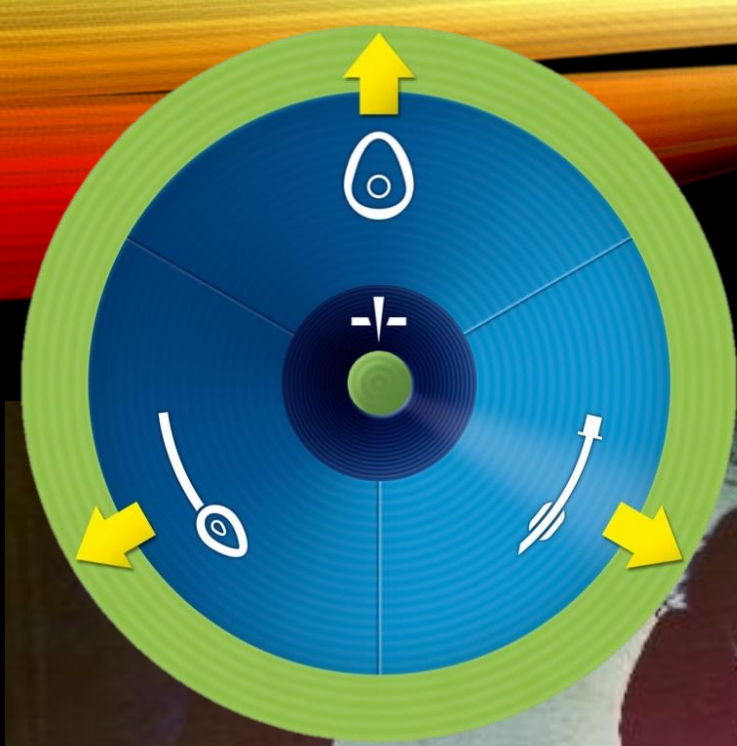
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Special Issue

Evaluating the ORSIM[®] simulator for assessment of anaesthetists' skills in flexible bronchoscopy: aspects of validity and reliability

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HUMAN FACTORS

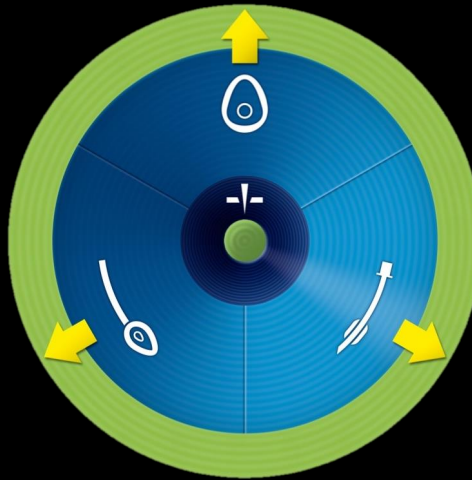


It is our choices

that show who we truly are
far more than our
abilities.

NEW GUIDELINES

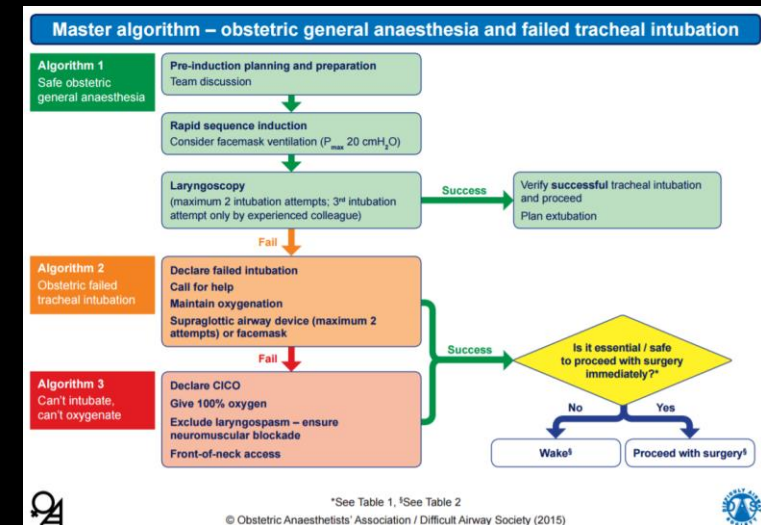
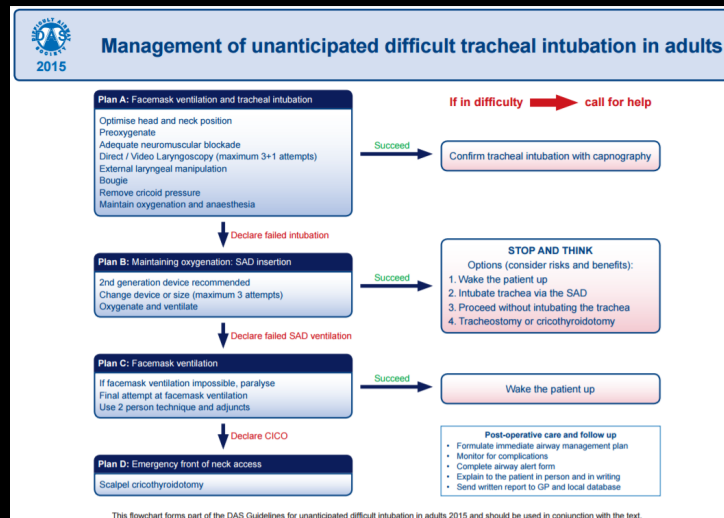
- (DAS-OAA)
- DAS 2015
- Vortex 2
- ANZCA Transition
- Indian



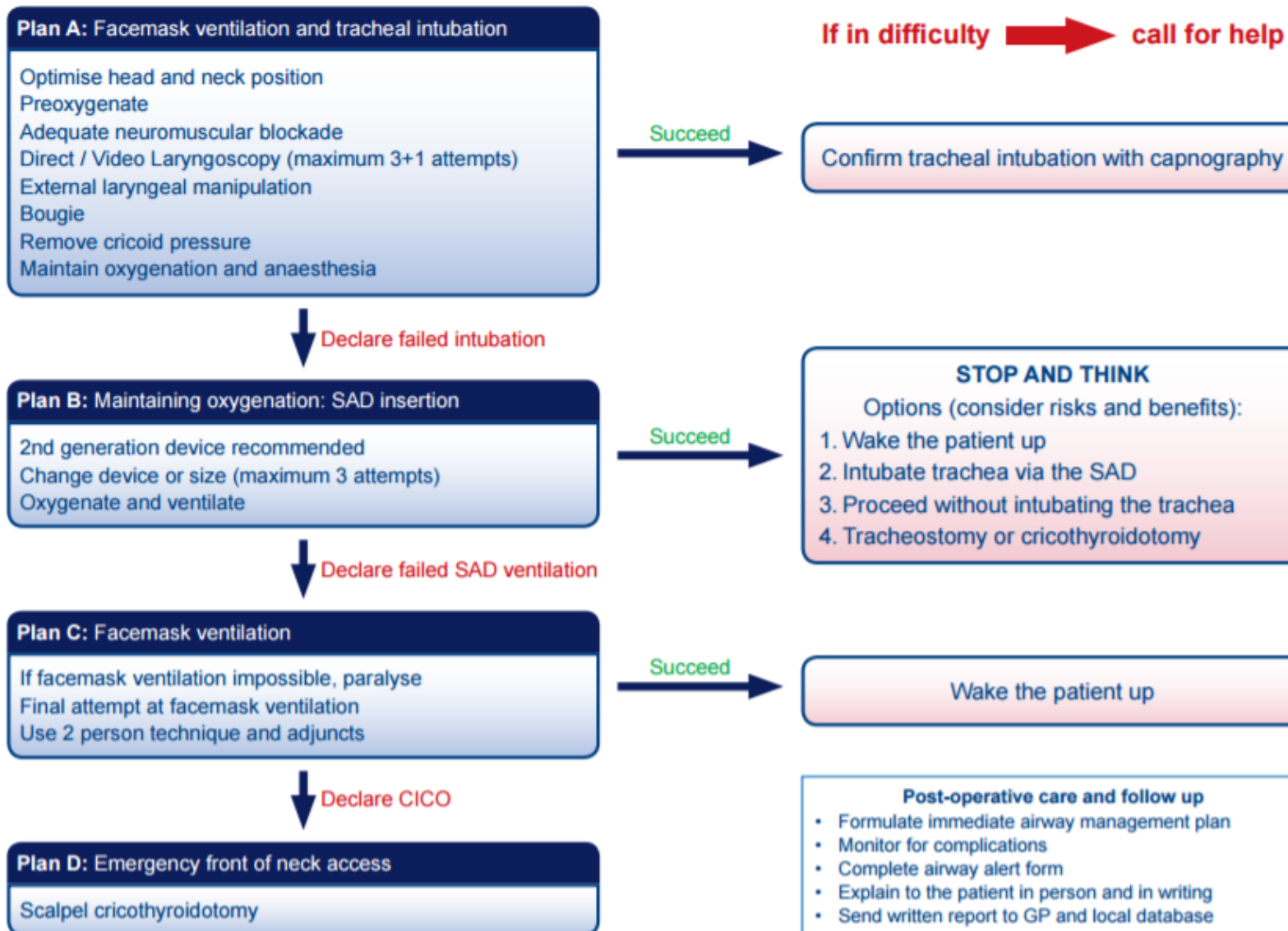
Transition from supraglottic to infraglottic rescue in the “can’t intubate can’t oxygenate” (CICO) scenario

Report from the ANZCA Airway Management Working Group

November 2014



Management of unanticipated difficult tracheal intubation in adults



Plan D: Emergency front of neck access

Continue to give oxygen via upper airway
Ensure neuromuscular blockade
Position patient to extend neck

Scalpel cricothyroidotomy

Equipment: 1. Scalpel (number 10 blade)
2. Bougie
3. Tube (cuffed 6.0mm ID)

Laryngeal handshake to identify cricothyroid membrane

Palpable cricothyroid membrane

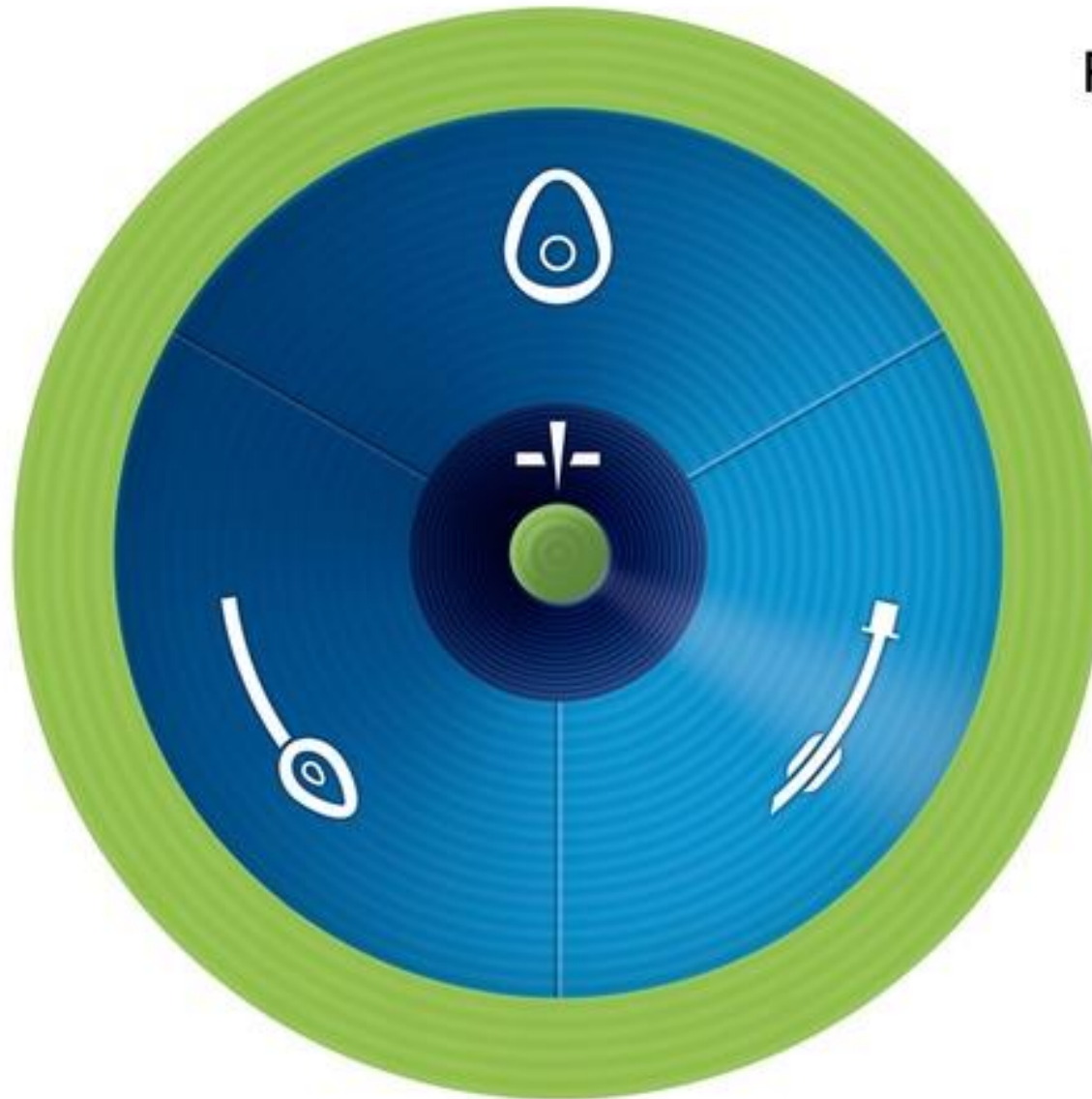
Transverse stab incision through cricothyroid membrane
Turn blade through 90° (sharp edge caudally)
Slide coude tip of bougie along blade into trachea
Railroad lubricated 6.0mm cuffed tracheal tube into trachea
Ventilate, inflate cuff and confirm position with capnography
Secure tube

Impalpable cricothyroid membrane

Make an 8-10cm vertical skin incision, caudad to cephalad
Use blunt dissection with fingers of both hands to separate tissues
Identify and stabilise the larynx
Proceed with technique for palpable cricothyroid membrane as above



T H E V O R T E X



FOR EACH LIFELINE CONSIDER:



MANIPULATIONS:

- HEAD & NECK
- LARYNX
- DEVICE



ADJUNCTS



SIZE / TYPE



SUCTION / O₂ FLOW



MUSCLE TONE

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MAXIMUM THREE ATTEMPTS AT EACH LIFELINE (UNLESS GAMECHANGER)
AT LEAST ONE ATTEMPT SHOULD BE BY MOST EXPERIENCED CLINICIAN
CICO STATUS ESCALATES WITH UNSUCCESSFUL BEST EFFORT AT ANY LIFELINE

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Special Issue

SPECIAL ISSUE

The Vortex: a universal 'high-acuity implementation tool' for emergency airway management

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CANNULA VS. SCALPEL CRIC



Cannula:

- Familiarity vs. psychological barriers
- Training opportunities
- Pre-emptive use

Scalpel:

- Definitive; protective
- Suitable for impalpable anatomy
- Less fine motor requirement
- Better/easier ventilation

C I C O S T A T U S

READY

CALL FOR HELP
ALLOCATE PROCEDURALIST
KIT OUT AT BEDSIDE & CONFIRM CONTENTS

PRIMED

SET

OPEN KIT & PREPARE EQUIPMENT
IDENTIFY ANATOMY
INFILTRATE ADRENALINE CONTAINING LA¹

POISED

GO

OPTIMISE PATIENT POSITION
INITIATE CICO RESCUE

PERFORM

CICO STATUS ESCALATES WITH A UNSUCCESSFUL BEST EFFORT AT ANY LIFELINE*

Consider additional escalation in CICO Status if:

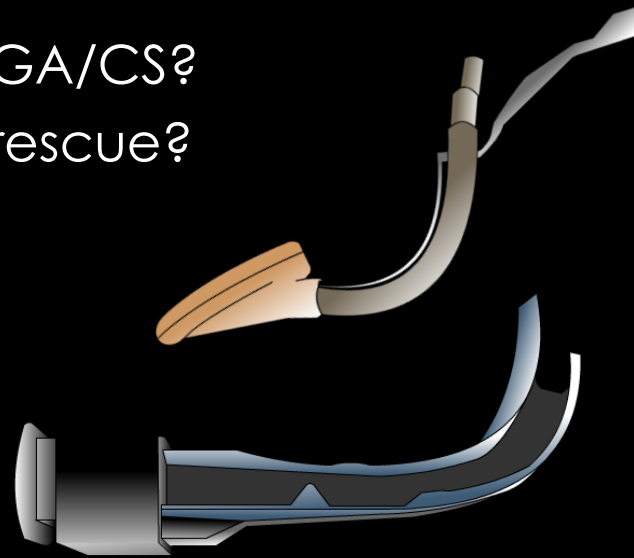
- Predicted difficult airway
- SaO₂ <90%
- Rapidly deteriorating SaO₂
- Consecutive unsuccessful attempts at any two lifelines

***ENSURE BEST EFFORTS AT ALL 3 LIFELINES BEFORE DECLARING GO STATUS**

¹ Time Permitting. Must not delay GO status

OBSTETRIC AIRWAY MANAGEMENT

- Paradox: Decreasing skill with increasing challenge
- Failed intubation reviewed: 1970 to present
 - We used to suck (Failure ~1:300)
 - We still suck (Failure ~1:440)
 - Failed intubation kills (~1:90)
- Should we use SGAs for GA/CS?
- Should we use SGAs for rescue?
- Should we use VL?



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SPECIAL ARTICLE

Failed tracheal intubation during obstetric general anaesthesia: a literature review

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REVIEW ARTICLE

Video laryngoscopes and the obstetric airway

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CRICOID PRESSURE

Debate rages on

Does Cricoid Pressure Reduce the Risk of Aspiration?

This study has been completed.

Sponsor:

Mayo Clinic

Collaborator:

Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children

Information provided by (Responsible Party):

John (J Kyle) K. Bohman, M.D., Mayo Clinic

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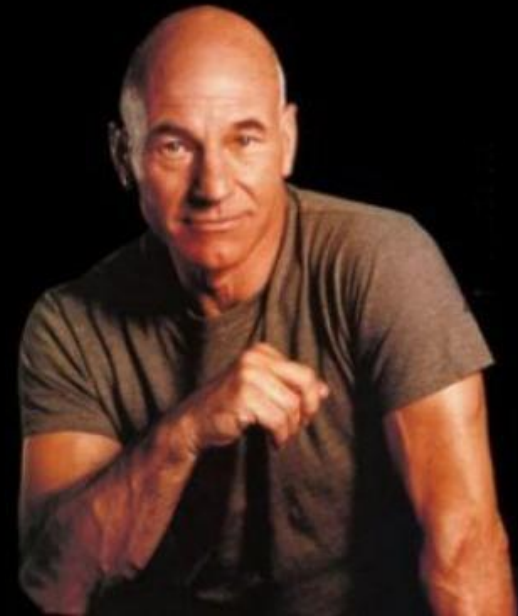
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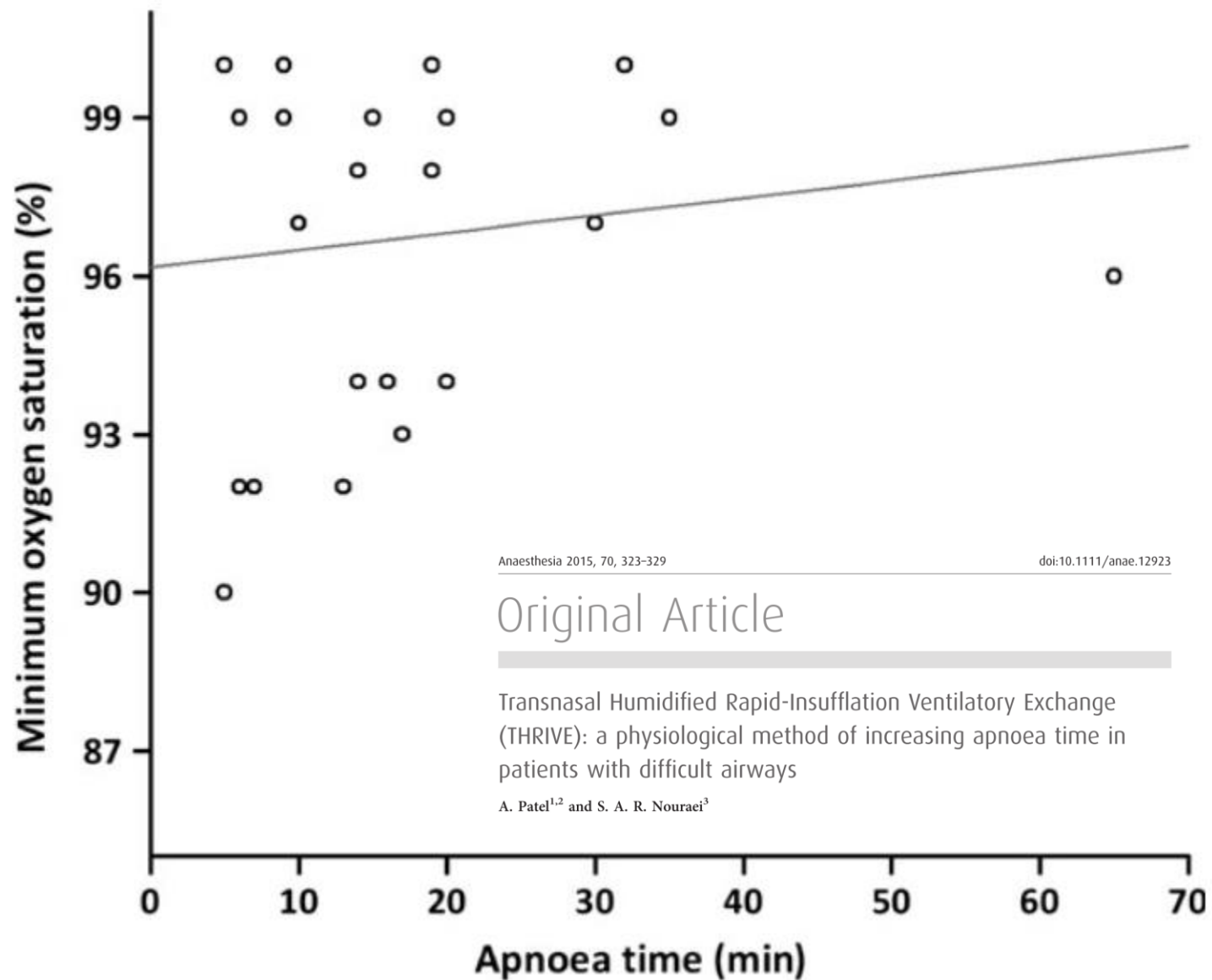
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“USE THE FORCE,
HARRY”

-GANDALF





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Original Article

Transnasal Humidified Rapid-Insufflation Ventilatory Exchange (THRIVE): a physiological method of increasing apnoea time in patients with difficult airways

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THRIVE



APNEIC OXYGENATION IN MAN

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THIS report deals with prolonged suppression of respiratory function in man while full oxygenation and other vital functions are maintained. This phenomenon has been studied extensively in dogs and other laboratory animals, and was termed "diffusion respiration" by Draper, Whitehead and their collaborators^{1,2} and "apneic diffusion oxygenation (ADO)" by Holmdahl³ who also reviewed the extensive literature in this subject.

The descriptive term "apneic oxygenation" first employed by Nahas⁴ is used here instead of the other titles to avoid the misconception that the process of molecular diffusion in the conducting air passages brings oxygen to the alveoli from the outside environment. This misconception regarding mechanism was strengthened by an incomplete description of the process in an early report by Draper *et al.*¹ even though in a later report² it was stated that the *en masse* movement of gas down the trachea is responsible for the sustained high alveolar and blood oxygen levels. However, the exact mechanism responsible for this bulk movement was not presented explicitly. Objections to the term "diffusion" have been raised by Joels and Samueloff⁵ and by Bartlett *et al.*⁶ They have emphasized the interpretation accepted in this study of the mechanism responsible for this mass movement and Bartlett *et al.*⁶ proposed the title of "aerated mass flow (AVME)" for this phenomenon.

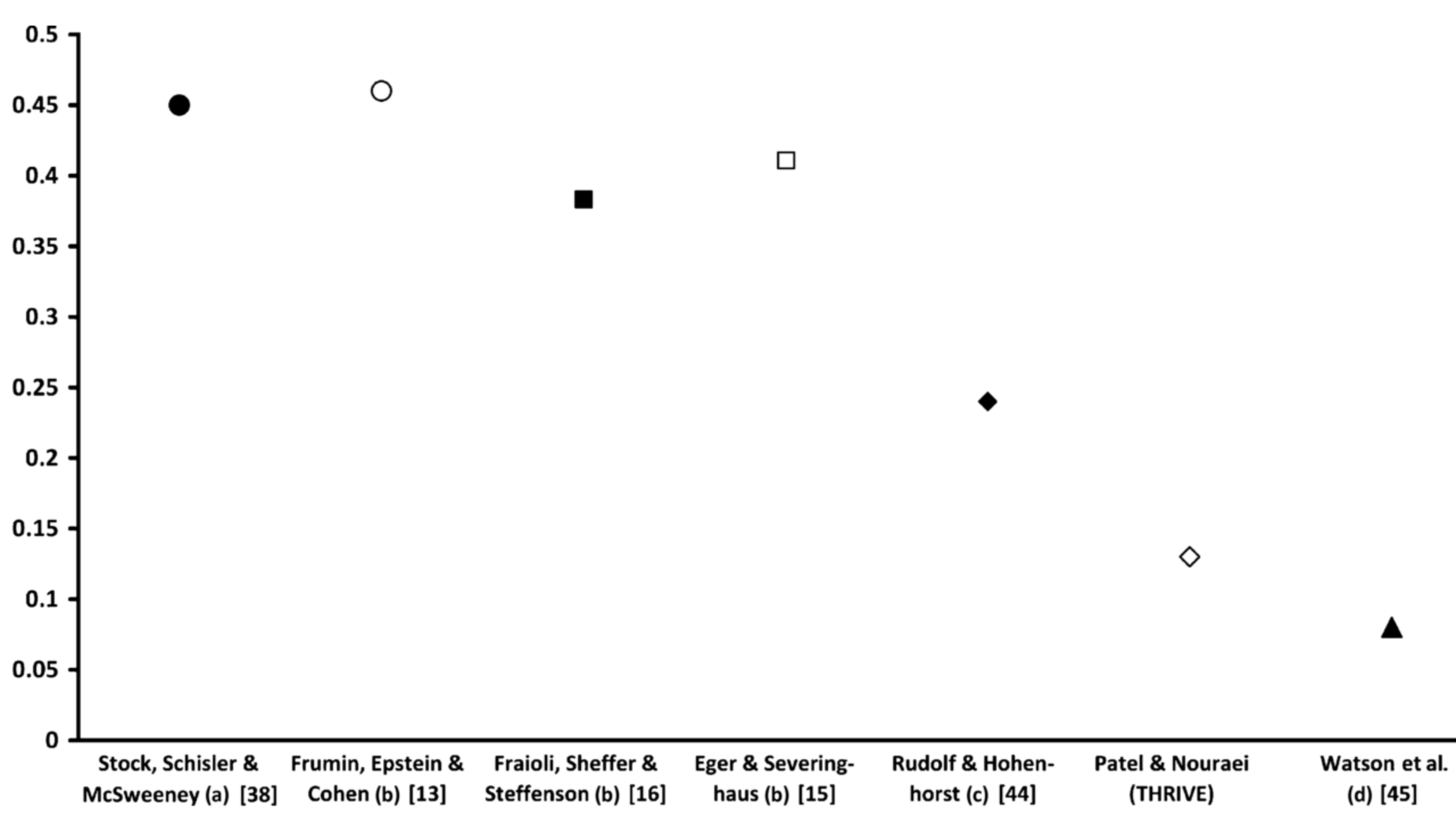
Accepted for publication June 25, 1959; presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc., Miami Beach, Florida, October 9, 1959. The authors are in the Departments of Anesthesiology and Biochemistry, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, and the Anesthesiology Service, The Presbyterian Hospital, New York, New York.

METHODS

Eight essentially healthy patients scheduled for a variety of minor operations served as subjects. In four instances, the apneic period was produced while the surgical procedure was being performed, while in the remainder the operation was completed first. The subjects received 50–100 mg. of meperidine and 0.4 mg. of scopolamine approximately one hour before the induction of anesthesia. In all cases but one, 100 per cent oxygen was administered with a circle anesthesia apparatus for five minutes, then an hypnotic dose of 2.5 per cent thiopental was given intravenously followed by approximately 100 mg. of succinylcholine chloride. When relaxation was complete, a cuffed endotracheal catheter was inserted and a tight seal obtained by inflation of the cuff. Denitrogenation was accomplished by administering 100 per cent oxygen for a minimum of 30 minutes with the circle apparatus at a flow rate of at least 8 liters per minute. To insure unconsciousness through-

THAT WHICH HAS BEEN IS WHAT
WILL BE, THAT WHICH IS DONE
IS WHAT WILL BE DONE, AND
there is nothing new
under the sun.

ECCLESIASTES 1:9



ApOx only helps if:

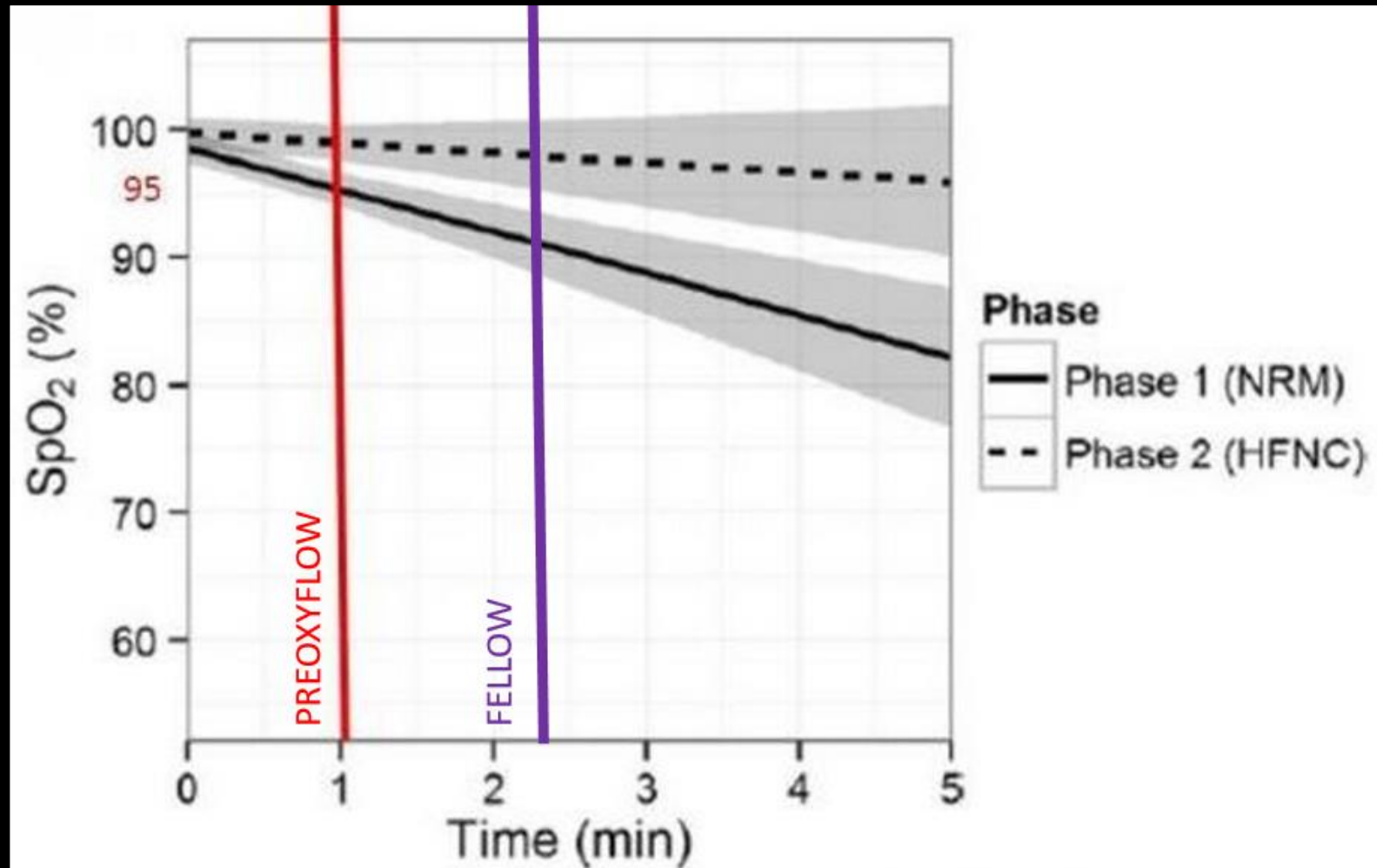
- Airway open
- Intubation delayed
- (Flow high)

Randomized Trial of Apneic Oxygenation during Endotracheal Intubation of the Critically Ill

Matthew W. Semler¹, David R. Janz², Robert J. Lentz¹, Daniel T. Matthews¹, Brett C. Norman¹, Tufik R. Assad¹, Raj D. Keriwala¹, Benjamin A. Ferrell¹, Michael J. Noto¹, Andrew C. McKown¹, Emily G. Kocurek¹, Melissa A. Warren¹, Luis E. Huerta¹, and Todd W. Rice¹; for the FELLOW Investigators and the Pragmatic Critical Care Research Group

Use of High-Flow Nasal Cannula Oxygen Therapy to Prevent Desaturation During Tracheal Intubation of Intensive Care Patients With Mild-to-Moderate Hypoxemia*

Romain Miguel-Montanes, MD¹; David Hajage, MD²; Jonathan Messika, MD^{1,3,4}; Fabrice Bertrand, MD¹; Stéphane Gaudry, MD^{1,3,4}; Cédric Rafat, MD¹; Vincent Labbé, MD¹; Nicolas Dufour, MD^{1,3,4}; Sylvain Jean-Baptiste, MD¹; Alexandre Bedet, MD¹; Didier Dreyfuss, MD^{1,3,4}; Jean-Damien Ricard, MD, PhD^{1,3,4}



Median duration of ETI in both groups in PREOXYFLOW trial and FELLOW trial (150s in HFNC, 132s in HFFM)

Figure from Miguel-Montanes *et al* PMID 25479117



"May the
force be
ever in your
favor,
Mr. Potter"

-Gandalf

(The Chronicles of Narnia)

