

Overview of General Aspects of Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) In an Emergency Department

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Abstract: Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) is the requirement for definitive airway management in the emergency situation department (ED) as an air passage management in critically ill patient. This review was aiming to describe the experience of physicians the emergency department of a with rapid sequence intubation (RSI) and to identify the factors associated with successful intubation, and to evaluate the importance of this in Emergency room. We searched the electronic medical databases PubMed, Embase, to identified relevant articles, trials, and studies that were published until December, 2016 in English language and only concerning human subject. RSI has actually shown to be a safe technique, with a low incidence of severe complications. The success of tracheal intubation using RSI seems to be directly related to the preparation of the health and the treatment specialist's experience. Failure to intubate following RSI in the emergency situation department is a feared issue. Professionals need to have a fixed strategy to cope with this event. The guidelines provided here are tailored for usage by the emergency physician. Therefore, we conclude that additional training of resident physicians and health experts working in the emergency situation department is needed.

Keywords: Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI), emergency situation department (ED).

1. INTRODUCTION

Securing the respiratory tract by tracheal intubation is a vital element of resuscitation in the emergency department ⁽¹⁾. Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) is the requirement for definitive airway management in the emergency situation department (ED) as an air passage management in critically ill patient. Offered the physiologic derangements, intubation is associated with high incidence of adverse occasions such as hypoxemia, goal, hypotension, arrhythmia and cardiac arrest-- contributing to the increased risk of hypoxic brain injury ^(2,3,4,5). Hypoxia has actually also been reported to be associated with increased mortality in specific seriously ill populations such as those with distressing brain injury ^(6,7). The incidence and duration of oxygen desaturation throughout RSI in the ED has to do with 36%, with an average period of 80 seconds ⁽⁸⁾. The use of apnoeic oxygenation for RSI has actually just recently been examined in the emergency situation setting ⁽⁹⁾, consisting of at the pre-hospital level ⁽¹⁰⁾ and involving also specific populations such as those with intracranial haemorrhage ⁽⁹⁾, paediatric patients ⁽¹¹⁾ and obese patients ⁽¹²⁾. Despite the heterogeneity of these studies, apnoeic oxygenation has been shown to significantly delay the onset of oxygen desaturation, for that reason effectively lengthening the period of safe apnoea which is the duration of time following cessation of breathing up until arterial desaturation occurs (SaO₂ 88% to 90%) ^(11,12).

There has actually been a move over the last 30 years for RSI to be performed by emergency doctors. Inning accordance with the National Emergency Airway Registry, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, anaesthetists are reported to carry out just 3% of all RSIs ⁽¹³⁾ and 5.5% of RSIs in patients with trauma ⁽¹⁴⁾. RSI is a crucial skill, which exists within the domain of emergency medication practice. All clinicians included in the usage of RSI must be adequately prepared to deal with the possibility of a stopped working intubation ⁽³⁾.

This review was aiming to describe the experience of physicians the emergency department of a with rapid sequence intubation (RSI) and to identify the factors associated with successful intubation, and to evaluate the importance of this in Emergency room.

2. METHODOLOGY

We searched the electronic medical databases PubMed, Embase, to identified relevant articles, trials, and studies that were published until December,2016 in English language and only concerning human subject. We searched relevant studies discussing the Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) in Emergency department. furthermore, references list of identified studies to reveal more concerned studies to our studied topic.

3. RESULTS

The use of RSI prevails in anaesthetic practice where there may be doubts as to the presence or lack of stomach contents (for instance, a patient with a severe abdomen, or one who has actually recently eaten). This occurs in lots of elective conditions (for example, gastric outflow obstruction, pregnancy, weight problems or oesophageal reflux), and is assumed in nearly all emergency situation patients. It is not then unexpected that "drills" have been developed for management in the event of stopped working intubation in anaesthetic practice. A failed intubation drill is provided in practically all anaesthetic texts. The protocols vary widely with some texts containing several various drills to cope with different scenarios⁽¹⁵⁾. Drills advocate waking the patient up,^(16,17) place patients in the left lateral position or do not result in a protected respiratory tract⁽¹⁸⁾. Many are inappropriate for use in the emergency department. ATLS teaching⁽¹⁹⁾ promotes using pharmacological accessories for intubation however the respiratory tract algorithm cannot lay out alternative methods of attaining an effective intubation, and does not indicate clearly when a surgical respiratory tract is required. Some emergency texts on respiratory tract management stop working to explain a failed intubation procedure⁽²⁰⁾.

○ *Roles during performance of RSI:*

The power and risk associated with both task fixation and loss of situational awareness have been well documented in the patient security literature^(21,22). RSI is an intricate process, and particular function tasks can help reduce these risks. At a minimum, particular functions must include a resuscitation group leader responsible for insurance coverage of correct preparation of all required devices, orchestration of the RSI process as a whole, and tracking of essential time periods, and a laryngoscopist to envision the glottic opening and place the endotracheal tube. Pharmacists or nurses specifically appointed to medication preparation and administration roles ought to likewise be thought about. Due to the risk associated with job fixation and loss of situational awareness, we advise that the supplier carrying out laryngoscopy must not simultaneously function in the function of resuscitation team leader. If the emergency situation doctor should carry out laryngoscopy and insertion of the endotracheal tube, resuscitation team leader responsibilities can temporarily be reassigned, with proper guidance, to a nurse group leader or other properly qualified member of the group^(21,22).

○ *Safety of RSI:*

RSI is the favored technique for the vast bulk of pediatric patients, prolonged and/or stopped working endotracheal intubation efforts and adverse effects are common, especially in neonates and young children^(23,24,25,26,27). One prospective explanation for these findings may be that RSI is performed infrequently by specific companies for pediatric patients, including in the ED setting. In a study of RSI in a pediatric ED with more than 90,000 yearly visits, endotracheal intubation was carried out 147 times in a single year, with 123 of these circumstances representing RSI⁽²⁴⁾. Nearly 2 thirds of pediatric emergency medicine faculty and fellow physicians in this pediatric ED did not perform a single endotracheal intubation throughout the 12-month research study duration⁽²⁴⁾.

○ *Rapid sequence induction and intubation (RSII):*

The concept of RSII slowly progressed after the introduction of succinylcholine in 1951 and the description of cricoid pressure (CP) in 1961⁽²⁸⁾. The very first publication that collected all the parts into a structured RSII technique appeared in 1970⁽²⁹⁾. The traditional components of the method as explained in the initial publication and in modern books include oxygen administration, rapid injection of a predetermined dose of thiopental right away followed by succinylcholine, application of CP, and avoidance of positive pressure ventilation (PPV) before tracheal intubation with a cuffed endotracheal tube^(30,31). It appears from these components that the terms "quick sequence induction," as utilized in anesthesia literature, and "quick sequence intubation," as used in emergency medicine literature, are both lacking and

inadequate. Due to the fact that the technique entails both anesthesia induction and tracheal intubation, the term "RSII" is more detailed and precise of the strategy. It was, after all, the term selected by Stept et al, ⁽²⁹⁾ when they first presented the method. Immediately after its introduction, RSII got broad approval and was suggested for anesthesia induction in all patients at high risk of goal ⁽³¹⁾. Currently, it has achieved a status near to being a requirement of take care of anesthesia induction in patients with complete stomachs. Regardless of the technique's widespread usage, there is still no agreement on how it must best be carried out. Thwaites et al, ⁽³²⁾ surveyed how RSII of anesthesia for cesarean delivery was performed in the United Kingdom. They discovered significant variations among the participants on what is typically perceived as a basic technique. Morris et al, ⁽³³⁾ reported similar findings when they surveyed the use of RSII in general anesthesia practice.

Induction drugs and timing of administration:

The dose and timing of administration of induction drugs are other areas of controversy. The traditional recommendation is to rapidly inject a precalculated dose of the induction drug immediately followed by the neuromuscular blocking drug (NMBD). In fact, the term "rapid sequence" means that medications should be given quickly and in rapid succession. Stept et al, ⁽²⁹⁾ recommended the rapid injection of a predetermined dose of the induction drug (thiopental 150 mg). However, a fixed predetermined dose carries the risk of either underdosing (and the potential for awareness) or overdosing (and the potential for severe hemodynamic changes) ⁽³⁴⁾. Underdosing as a result of a predetermined dose administration might be the reason that a higher incidence of awareness is reported in obstetric or trauma patients who are more likely than others to undergo RSII ⁽³⁵⁾. However, overdosing can cause sudden and significant decreases in arterial blood pressure, which can be life threatening. This is especially true in the hypovolemic trauma patient whose compensatory mechanisms had already been exhausted ⁽³⁶⁾. The use of minimal doses of induction drug is advisable in these situations, but titration to effect (LOC) should be performed to avoid awareness. Advocates of the traditional "predetermined dose" technique argue that it results in a shorter time to tracheal intubation because it eliminates the time needed to establish LOC. However, the "sleep dose" technique entails titration of the dose until LOC is established. The NMBD is then given, which may prolong the total induction time. Advocates of the latter induction technique argue that although the total induction time is prolonged, the interval between LOC until tracheal intubation (the at-risk interval) is the same regardless of the technique used for induction. Barr and Thornley et al ⁽³⁷⁾ compared the total time to intubation when thiopental and succinylcholine were given either in rapid succession or by titration to LOC.

o Improving the Safety of Rapid Sequence Intubation in the ED:

Physical et al ⁽³⁸⁾ examined digitally taped oxygen saturations ⁽³⁸⁾ in 166 patients going through rapid series intubation in a scholastic ED and found that more than one 3rd experienced desaturation to less than 90%. Likewise, Kerrey et al ⁽²⁴⁾ evaluated videos of 114 fast series intubations carried out in a pediatric ED and found that 33% of patients experienced desaturation during the treatment. The amazingly high incidence of oxygen desaturation observed may in part be due to the insufficiency of our current preoxygenation strategies. Imitated running room studies, a common approach to preoxygenation in the ED is the administration of high- circulation oxygen for 3 to 5 minutes through a nonrebreather face mask, which under suitable circumstances can increase safe apnea time as much as 8 minutes ⁽³⁹⁾.

Standard nonrebreather masks commonly used in the ED enable considerable entrainment of space air, thereby significantly minimizing the portion of inspired oxygen (FiO₂) that is delivered to the patient. This has just recently been demonstrated by Groombridge et al, ⁽⁴⁰⁾ who discovered that the nonrebreather mask was significantly less effective for preoxygenation than either an anesthetic circuit or a bag-valve-mask in healthy adult volunteers. In this issue of Annals, Driver et al ⁽⁴¹⁾ present research on a simple yet potentially practice-changing technique to enhance our ability to preoxygenate patients in the ED. The effectiveness of preoxygenation may be examined by determining the portion of ended oxygen (FeO₂) ⁽⁴²⁾. An FeO₂ greater than 90% indicates that the nitrogen shops in the lungs have been maximally washed out and replaced with oxygen.

Another recently promoted strategy to prevent desaturation throughout rapid series intubation is apneic oxygenation, using high-flow oxygen through a standard nasal cannula constantly throughout laryngoscopy and intubation ⁽⁴³⁾. A before-and-after research study in an Australian helicopter emergency medical service discovered a 6% decrease in the incidence of desaturation after the adoption of apneic oxygenation into their rapid series intubation procedure (9). An observational research study of ED patients with intracranial hemorrhages who were going through quick series intubation discovered a nearly 7-fold reduction in the incidence of desaturation with making use of apneic oxygenation ⁽⁴⁴⁾. In a randomized controlled trial of 150 intensive care unit patients, Semler et al ⁽⁴⁵⁾ found no difference in the mean nadir

oxygen saturation in between the apneic oxygenation group and the typical care group. In a research study of 60 healthy volunteers, Hayes-Bradley et al⁽⁴⁶⁾ found that additional high-flow oxygen through a nasal cannula considerably enhanced nonrebreather mask preoxygenation in the existence of a face mask leakage, which can be a common occurrence in ED patients.

4. CONCLUSION

RSI is the method of option for tracheal intubations performed in the emergency situation department (80%). In spite of the low success rate in the several studies, RSI has actually shown to be a safe technique, with a low incidence of severe complications. The success of tracheal intubation using RSI seems to be directly related to the preparation of the health and the treatment specialist's experience. Failure to intubate following RSI in the emergency situation department is a feared issue. Professionals need to have a fixed strategy to cope with this event. The guidelines provided here are tailored for usage by the emergency physician. Therefore, we conclude that additional training of resident physicians and health experts working in the emergency situation department is needed.

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