


science




*“One cannot practice
the art of medicine if
they do not know all the
science of medicine first.”*

Paul Matera, M.D., EMTP

So, just what is critical reasoning?

- Medical inquiry:
 - History, exam, & diagnostic testing
- Clinical decision making:
 - Evaluating data to form an impression
- Clinical reasoning:
 - Involves medical inquiry + clinical decision making

The image shows the famous bronze statue 'The Thinker' by Auguste Rodin. It depicts a man in a state of deep, intense thought, sitting on a rock with his chin resting on his hand. The statue is dark and textured, with strong highlights and shadows that emphasize its form. It is positioned on the right side of the slide, partially overlapping the dark background area.


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ASK DR. O

Please list any questions that you have about the new SOP's that have not been answered to your satisfaction in class, the handouts, or the protocols.

*However, your questions are
important – write them down,
turn in to educator
at end of class &
we'll get back to you.*

Answer:





Goals


After completing the entire class, reading the SOPs & class handout, and answering the post-test bank, each participant will do the following with a degree of accuracy that meets or exceeds the standards established for their scope of practice:

Identify the major changes in each section of the new SOPs and explain their rationales.


Safely adapt EMS practice to implement the changes no later than June 1, 2014

Accept and defend the need to modify the SOPs to national evidence-based standards

Introduction



General patient assessment



O₂ is a drug and must be given to specific pts based indications/contraindications and in correct doses by an appropriate route - being vigilant for adverse reactions

Which patients can be harmed by *hyper*oxia and need careful titration of oxygen?

Harmed by hyperoxia

- Uncomplicated Acute MI
- Post-cardiac arrest
- Acute exacerbations of COPD
- Stroke
- Neonatal resuscitation

Why?

Give O₂ to these pts only if evidence of hypoxia and titrate to dose that relieves hypoxemia without causing hyperoxia (SpO₂ 94%)

Iscor, S. et al. (2011) Supplementary oxygen for nonhypoxemic patients: O(2) much of a good thing? Crit Care, 15(3), 305

Target in COPD?



92%

Effect of high flow oxygen on mortality in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients in prehospital setting: randomised controlled trial

BMJ, (2010) 341, c5462

Take home points

Not titrating O₂ sats in COPD pts to 92% is dangerous

High flow O₂ without regard to O₂ sats should be used in these pts with real caution


Increased mortality, hypercarbia, & respiratory acidosis are not just theoretical with O₂ use in COPD

Corey M. Slovis, Eagles, 2011

To intubate or not?

IS A SEISMIC SHIFT in EMS airway management coming?

...see comments in handout p.3

 **EMS Airway Clinic**
Best Practices in Airway Management & Education

Rethinking ETI

Posted on 22 February 2012

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The paramedic opens the airway bag and prepares to intubate the patient. An 8.0 mm endotracheal (ET) tube is selected and removed from the packaging, and the cuff is checked and readied. The patient is moved to the floor and mechanical ventilation continued

Finally, when ready, the paramedic positions the patient and inserts the laryngoscope. The patient starts to gag and reaches for the paramedic's hand. The paramedic grabs the ET tube and inserts it into his airway. He then holds the tube in place, inflates the cuff, and the EMTs remove the mask from the BVM and begin ventilating through the ET tube.

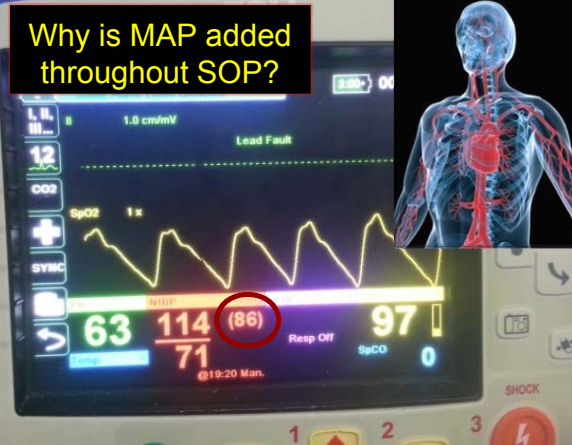
Immediately, vomitus fills the tube and begins to leak out. The paramedic quickly deflates the cuff and removes the ET tube. The mask is replaced on the BVM unit, and the patient is ventilated for approximately one minute. Then, the paramedic selects a second ET tube, prepares it and makes a second attempt to intubate the patient. As soon as the tube is placed, EMTs again remove the mask from the BVM and begin ventilating the patient through the ET tube

An EMT listens over the chest and abdomen with a stethoscope. He says he hears breath sounds over the chest but doesn't say anything about the presence or absence of breath sounds over the abdomen. An ECG monitor with capnography is attached to the patient. The EMT operating the monitor is unsure

How much?

Why is MAP added throughout SOP?



Dose clarification


1st dose
mcg/kg
/ SOP?

2nd dose
mcg/kg
/ SOP?

TOTAL
max dose
in mcg/kg
/ SOP?

TOTAL
max dose
in mcg/kg/
OLMC?


Max dose mcg Max dose mcg Max dose mcg Max dose mcg



[illegible]

Ketamine

- Adult & peds dose for DAI IVP?
- Adult dose for DAI IM?
- Peds dose for DAI IM?
- Dose for pain IVP?
- Dose for pain IN / IM?



NDC 42023-138-10

Ketamine HCl Ⓒ
Injection, USP

500 mg/10 mL
(50 mg/mL)

For Slow Intravenous or
Intramuscular Use

10 mL Multiple Dose Vial

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JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ESTABLISHED IN 1832 MARCH 4, 2010 VOL. 362 NO. 9

**Comparison of Dopamine and Norepinephrine
in the Treatment of Shock**

Daniel De Backer, M.D., Ph.D., Patrick Biston, M.D., Jacques Devriendt, M.D., Christian Madl, M.D.,
Didier Choehrad, M.D., Cesar Aldecoa, M.D., Alexandre Brasseur, M.D., Pierre Defrance, M.D.,
Philippe Gottignies, M.D., and Jean-Louis Vincent, M.D., Ph.D., for the SOAP II Investigators*

Vasopressors important in managing hypotension from
septic shock. Found no significant difference in mortality
rate at 28 days between dopamine & norepinephrine.
Data challenge historical beliefs that norepinephrine is
associated w/ increased mortality and dopamine is
superior to norepinephrine in maintaining cardiac output

RL-1470 (9/05)

NDC 0409-1423-04

4 mL

Levophed®

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Review profile in drug appendix p.90

Advance Directives (p.6)


New DNR/POLST form taught last May



"Learning from books was good, learning from patients was better."

Martha Keochareon, RN (1953-2012)

Elderly patients – p. 8



Extremely obese p. 9



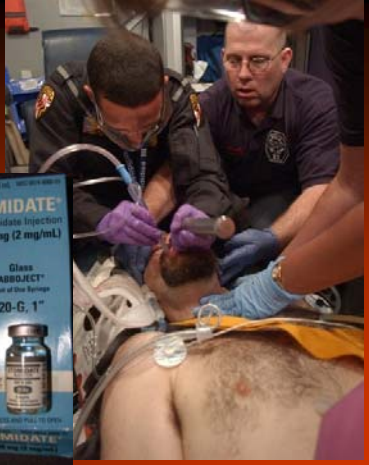
Why listen to back first?

Why is Hx of recent gastric surgery important?

DAI – p.11

What sedative should be given 1st if pt is in shock and hypotensive?


Why?



Anaphylactic shock

Which epi should you give 1st?

WHY?



Turn to Asthma/COPD p. 14 - What could happen to the BP w/ PEEP this high? If that occurs... what should be done prior to stopping CPAP?

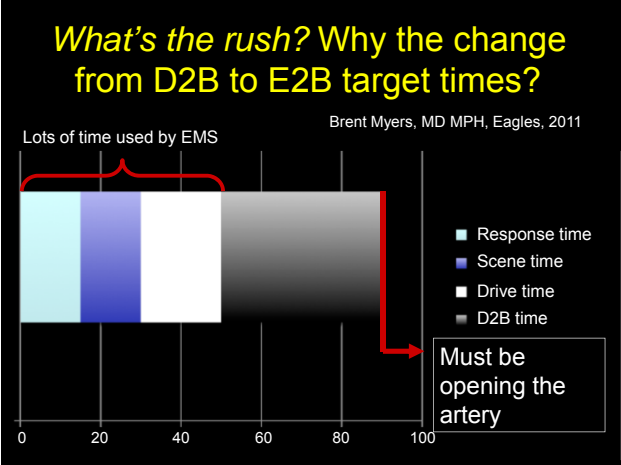
Moving on to the cardiac SOPs p. 15

Who should get ASA for their chest pain? Why or why not?

What's wrong with this 12 L? What could cause the poor quality?

If 12 L acquired in an idling ambulance, what can be done to decrease artifact?

If a prehospital 12-L indicates AMI, what is the priority action for EMS per SOP? Why is transmitting the tracing important?



Bradycardia w/ Pulse p.16

Pulse present; BP 80/60

Order of care?

1st → 2nd → 3rd

Wide complex tachycardia w/ Pulse

Finish dose or stop?

VT ATP1 (2)

Termination of VT

ZOLL LifeVest

Batteries on or off if pt in VF?

LVAD

Batteries on or off if VF?

Aorta

Left ventricle

Battery pack

Control system

Pump

How do we know if CPR quality is good?

See handout p. 4

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES/ORIGINAL RESEARCH

The Influence of Scenario-Based Training and Real-Time Audiovisual Feedback on Out-of-Hospital Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Quality and Survival From Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest

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Patient survival to discharge more than doubled

Methods: This was a before-after study of consecutive adult out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. Data were obtained from out-of-hospital forms and defibrillators. Phase 1 included 18 months with real-time audiovisual feedback disabled (October 2008 to March 2010). Phase 2 included 16 months (May 2010 to September 2011) after scenario-based training of 373 professional rescuers and real-time audiovisual feedback enabled. The effect of interventions on survival to hospital discharge was assessed with multivariable logistic regression. Multiple imputation of missing data was used to evaluate the effect of interventions on CPR quality.

Results: Analysis included 484 out-of-hospital cardiac arrest patients (phase 1 232; phase 2 252). Median age was 69 years (interquartile range 56-79); 66.5% were men. CPR quality measures improved significantly from phase 1 to phase 2: Mean chest compression rate decreased from 128 to 106 chest compressions per minute (difference -23 chest compressions; 95% confidence interval [CI] -26 to -19 chest compressions); mean chest compression depth increased from 1.78 to 2.15 inches (difference 0.38 inches; 95% CI 0.28 to 0.47 inches); median chest compression fraction increased from 66.2% to 83.7% (difference 17.6%; 95% CI 15.0% to 20.1%); median prehospital pause decreased from 26.9 to 15.5 seconds (difference -11.4 seconds; 95% CI -15.7 to -7.2 seconds), and mean ventilation rate decreased from 11.7 to 9.5/minute (difference -2.2/minute; 95% CI -3.9 to -0.5/minute). **Conclusion:** Survival increased from phase 1 to phase 2 (30/232, 13.3% versus 58/252, 23.0%; difference 9.7%; 95% CI 5.2% to 14.2%).

Review final recommendations

See class handout page 5

Circulation

American Heart Association

CPR Quality: Improving Cardiac Resuscitation Outcomes Both Inside and Outside the Hospital: A Consensus Statement From the American Heart Association

Peter A. Menney, Bentley J. Bobrow, Mary E. Mancini, Jim Christenson, Allan R. de Caen, Farhan Bhunjji, Benjamin S. Abella, Monica E. Kleinman, Dana P. Edelson, Robert A. Berg, Tom P. Aufderheide, Venu Menon and Marion Leary

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So, what 3 things reflect best practice in this photo?

See class handout p. 7

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Original Investigation | January 1, 2014

Effect of Prehospital Induction of Mild Hypothermia on Survival and Neurological Status Among Adults With Cardiac Arrest: A Randomized Clinical Trial

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Conclusion and Relevance: Although use of prehospital cooling reduced core temperature by hospital arrival and reduced time to reach a temp of 34°C, it did not improve survival or neurological status among pts resuscitated from prehospital VF or those without VF.

So what do we do with that finding?

Are we stopping too soon?

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Wake EMS and SAS

Public/Private Partnership to Improve Cardiac Arrest Care

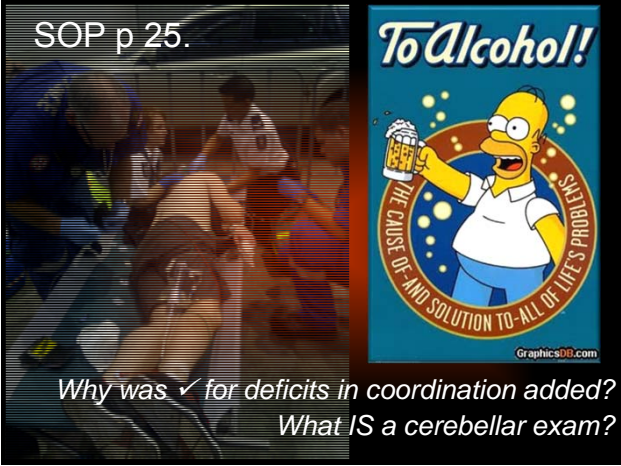
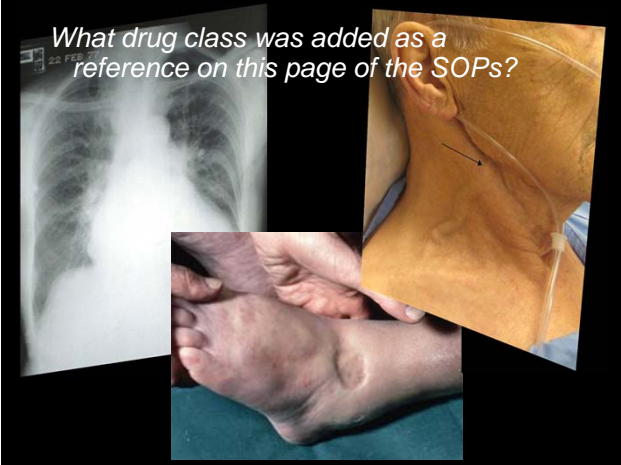
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Conclusions

- 90 percent of neurologically intact survivors had ROSC at 40 minutes of resuscitation
- 29 of 42 survivors with resuscitation beyond 40 minutes had NIS (69%, (CI 54-81%)).
- Presence of continuous compressions
- Controlled ventilations
- Presence of induced hypothermia
- SAS has the ability to control for these variables

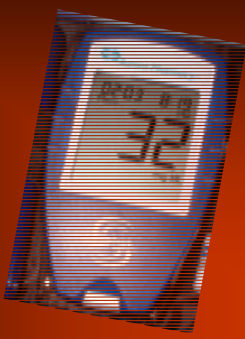
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Taught last May;
added to SOP p. 26



Drug Overdose/Poisoning



SOP p. 27
Reorganized,
added new
categories

ROCIC SPECIAL RESEARCH REPORT

Emerging Drug Trends

Zohydro - Gravel - Acetyl Fentanyl - Pump-It Powder

New Heroin - Lemon Drop - Dabs - THC Puppy Chow

Tramadol - Methadone - Suboxone - Krokodil - Bath Salts

Transdermal THC - Spice - Molly - Benzo Fury

Bromo Dragonfly - Party Pills - Kratom - Purple Drank

Anti-Energy Drinks - Salvia Divinorum - MXE

Will put
report
up on
website





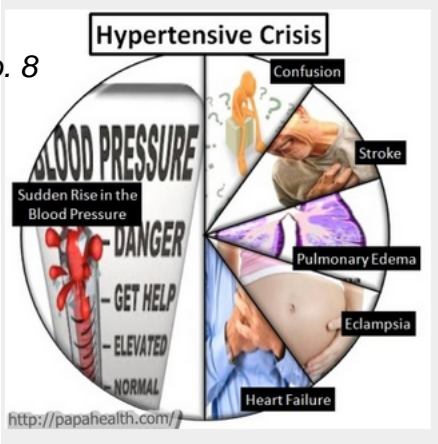
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Heat emergencies
New ways to cool!

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Stroke
screen
added
WHY?

Hypertensive Crisis



<http://papahealth.com/>

Get

CALLBACK

Number

Stroke p. 35



SHOCK: Implications of low EtCO₂
Metabolic acidosis (<31)
See appendix p.100

CAPNOGRAPHY		
ABSENT	DECREASED	INCREASED
M E T A B O L I S M		
Malfunction sensor/monitor ✓ sensor, exhale into	Hypothermia	Hyperthermia Shivering Pain
P E R F U S I O N		
Arrest w/o CPR Exsanguination	Shock Arrest w/ CPR Pulmonary embolism ↓ Cardiac output	↑ Cardiac output Reperfusion after ROSC
V E N T I L A T I O N		
Apnea ET extubation ET obstruction Esophageal tube	HYPER ventilation Bronchospasm Mucus plugging	HYPO ventilation Resp depression COPD

DIANAcapnotable


Septic shock

2 or more systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS) criteria + MAP < 65

- HR > 90
- RR > 20
- T > 38 (100.4° F) or < 36 (96.8° F)
- EMS suspicion of infection
- Persistent hypotension

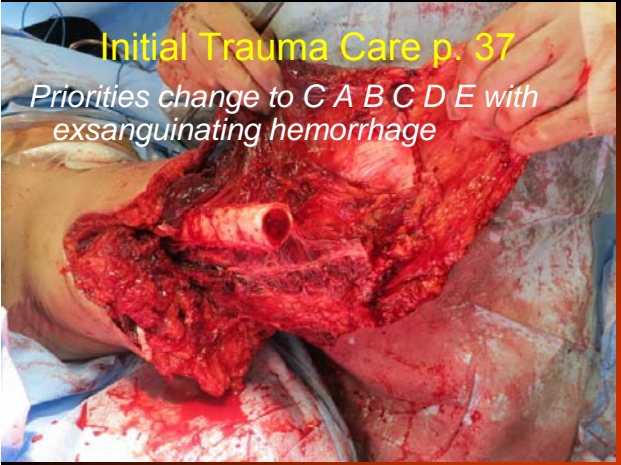
Severe SEPSIS

Emphasis on early fluids (30 mL/kg)
vasopressors



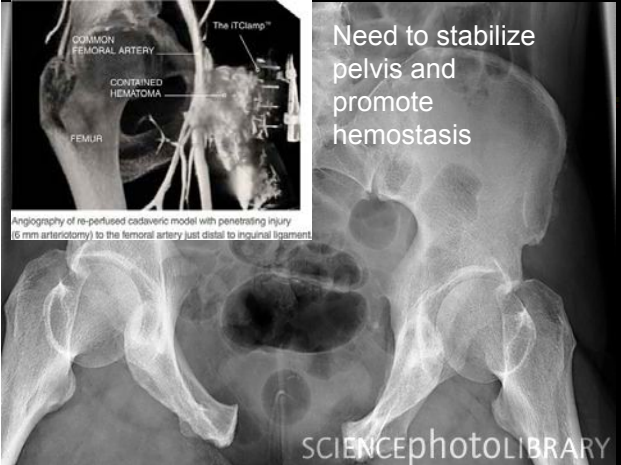
Initial Trauma Care p. 37

Priorities change to C A B C D E with
exsanguinating hemorrhage



Hemorrhage control clarified





Annals of Surgery • Volume 253, Number 2, February 2011

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

One more reminder...

Prehospital Intravenous Fluid Administration Is Associated With Higher Mortality in Trauma Patients: A National Trauma Data Bank Analysis

Elliot R. Haut, MD, Brian T. Kalish, BA*, Bryan A. Cotton, MD, MPH†, David T. Efron, MD*, Adil H. Haider, MD, MPH†‡, Kent A. Stevens, MD, MPH†, Alicia N. Kieninger, MD§, Edward E. Cornwell, III, MD¶, and David C. Chang, MBA, MPH, PhD||*

Results: A total of 776,734 patients were studied. Approximately half (49.3%) received prehospital IV. Overall mortality was 4.6%. Unadjusted mortality was significantly higher in patients receiving prehospital IV fluids (4.6% vs. 4.5%, $P < 0.001$). Multivariable analysis demonstrated that patients receiving IV fluids were significantly more likely to die (odds ratio [OR] 1.11, 95% confidence interval [CI] 1.05–1.17). The association was identified in nearly all subsets of trauma patients. It is especially marked in patients with penetrating mechanism (OR 1.25, 95% CI 1.08–1.45), hypotension (OR 1.44, 95% CI 1.29–1.59), severe head injury (OR 1.34, 95% CI 1.17–1.54), and patients undergoing immediate surgery (OR 1.35, 95% CI 1.22–1.50).

Conclusions: The harm associated with prehospital IV fluid administration is significant for victims of trauma. The routine use of prehospital IV fluid administration for all trauma patients should be discouraged.

Use of EMS IVF for trauma pts at or above BP targets is discouraged

Avoid the LETHAL triad

Hypothermia

Acidosis

Coagulopathy

Small revisions to trauma triage guidelines – see SOP p. 39

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Burn SOP – p. 41

IVF for EMS: Warm NS

0-4 yrs: 125 mL/hr

5-14 yrs: 250 mL/hr

≥15 yrs: 500 mL/hr

Burn formula at hospital:

2-4 mL X % TBSA X kg; ½ in first 8 hrs

Larger TBSA burned % to abdomen in obese pts

Burn wound care

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Cooling change: 1 minute to 10

See drug profile: SOP p. 84

Hydrofluoric acid burn: Apply Calcium Gluconate 2.5% gel

Debrided

Healed

Pt had intense Ca and Mg therapy. Cutaneous calcification developed on fingertips by 36-48 hrs, and on dorsal and palmar aspects of hand.

3 mos later, pt had regained almost full ROM, was symptom free, and had a good aesthetic result

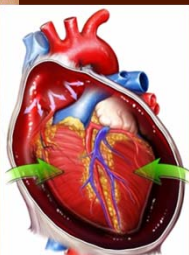

Dünser, M.W. & Josef Rieder, J. (2007).Hydrofluoric acid burn. N Engl J Med 2007; 356:e5February 8, 2007DOI: 10.1056/NEJMicm055763

Be informed...



Posted to website under May 2014 CE


Blunt Cardiac Injury added; p. 42



Kicked in chest by horse
Monitor for dysrhythmias and tamponade

Head trauma SOP p. 44

Selective spine immobilization
Maintain SBP at least 110
(may need to be higher)
Expanded ↑ ICP criteria
See handout p. 14



Spine trauma p. 45

Read top box:
Current science
Definition of selective spine motion restriction
New #5 in SOP
Where did this come from?



RESOURCE DOCUMENT

TOP Priority

EMS SPINAL PRECAUTIONS AND THE USE OF THE LONG BACKBOARD – RESOURCE DOCUMENT TO THE POSITION STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EMS PHYSICIANS AND THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS COMMITTEE ON TRAUMA

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ABSTRACT

Field spinal immobilization using a backboard and cervical collar has been standard practice for patients with suspected spine injury since the 1960s. The purpose of this document is to provide a comprehensive review of the literature on the efficacy of field spinal immobilization and to provide recommendations for the use of the long backboard.

INTRODUCTION

The National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) and the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACST) have published a new position statement on "Spinal Precautions and the Use of the Long Backboard." This paper is the resource document for the position paper and is designed to guide practitioners in understanding of the new position statement. Each item in the position is quoted and followed by a discussion and a review of the literature.

HISTORY OF THE BACKBOARD

Field spinal immobilization using a cervical collar and a backboard has been standard practice for patients

Problems w/ current spine splinting approaches



The Journal of
TRAUMA
Injury, Infection, and Critical Care

Wolters Kluwer
Lippincott
Williams & Wilkins

Spine Immobilization in Penetrating Trauma: More Harm Than Good?

Haut, Elliott R. MD; Kalish, Brian T. BA, EMT-B; Efron, David T. MD; Haider, Adil H. MD, MPH; Stevens, Kent A. MD, MPH; Kieninger, Alicia N. MD; Cornwell, Edward E. III MD; Chang, David C. MBA, MPH, PhD

Methods: We performed a retrospective analysis of penetrating trauma patients in the National Trauma Data Bank (version 6.2). Multiple logistic regression was used with mortality as the primary outcome measure. We compared patients with versus without prehospital spine immobilization, using patient demographics, mechanism (stab vs. gunshot), physiologic and anatomic injury severity, and other prehospital procedures as covariates. Subset analysis was performed based on Injury Severity Score category, mechanism, and blood pressure. We calculated a number needed to treat and number needed to harm for spine immobilization.

Results: In total, 45,294 penetrating trauma patients were studied; 4.3% of whom underwent spine immobilization. Overall mortality was 8.1%. Unadjusted mortality was twice as high in spine-immobilized patients (14.7% vs. 7.2%; $p < 0.001$). The odds ratio of death for spine-immobilized patients was 2.06 (95% CI: 1.35-3.13) compared with nonimmobilized patients. Subset analysis showed consistent trends in all populations. Only 30 (0.01%) patients had incomplete spinal cord injury and underwent operative spine fixation. The number needed to treat with spine immobilization to potentially benefit one patient was 1,032. The number needed to harm with spine immobilization to potentially contribute to one death was 66.

Conclusions: Prehospital spine immobilization is associated with higher mortality in penetrating trauma and should not be routinely used in every patient with penetrating trauma.

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Must protect skin

Pad board and bony prominences

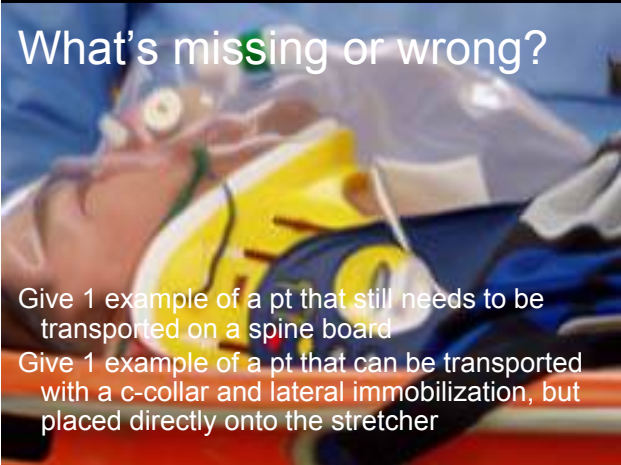
2 H window before skin breaks down



What's missing or wrong?

Give 1 example of a pt that still needs to be transported on a spine board

Give 1 example of a pt that can be transported with a c-collar and lateral immobilization, but placed directly onto the stretcher



More to come on these changes in future classes



New in **Musculoskeletal Trauma**

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H/O p.15

DANGEROUS
Suspension



Multiple patient management

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Taught 9 & 10/ 2013

Review independently



Childbirth – p. 55



Transport to hospital with OB services

Newborn resuscitation – p. 58



Start resuscitation with ROOM AIR

If hypoxic: Increase O₂ in 5 L increments every 30 sec to reach targeted SpO₂ levels



Newborn Resuscitation

Neonatal hypoglycemia: Glucose level < 30 mg/dL in first 24 hrs of life



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Peds IMC - p. 62



Call in all peds refusals
Even w/ parent consent

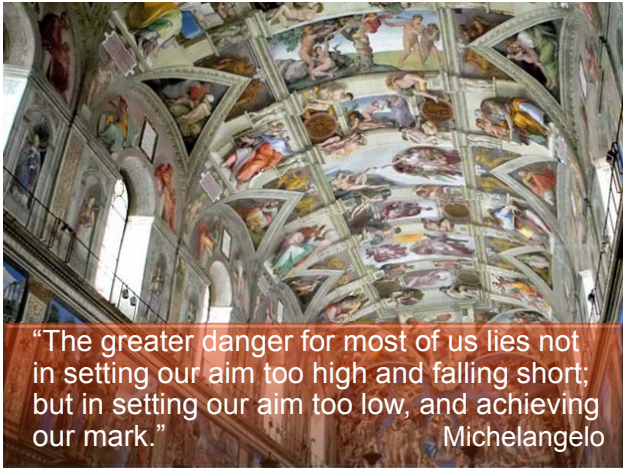
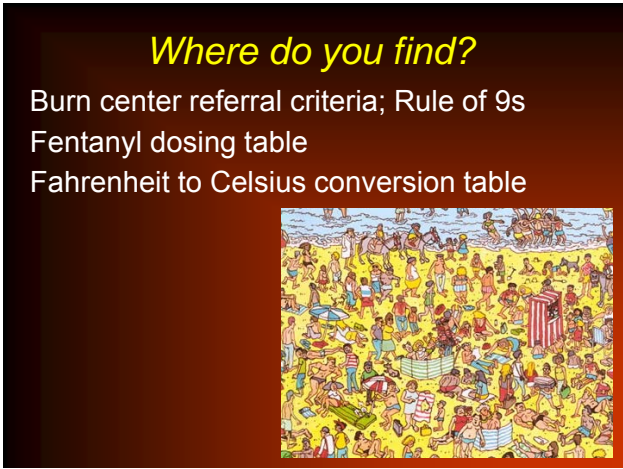
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Minimum BP redefined throughout Peds section

SBP > 70 + 2 X age or ≥ 90 if 10 -12 yrs





“The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark.”
Michelangelo

