



Monitoring During Anesthesia

Objectives:

At the end of the lecture you will be able to know the basics of anesthetic monitoring as follows:

- Definition
- What, When, How to monitor
- The policies that govern modern monitoring (Standards I and Standards II)
- The basic monitors and the advanced monitors
- Arterial Oxygen Saturation-SpO2
- Expired CO2- ETCO2
- Awareness under anesthesia
- Means to monitor the wakeful state of the brain
- Other somatosensory and motor monitoring
- Brief introduction about invasive hemodynamic monitoring and oxygenation of the brain
- The neuromuscular junction relaxation monitoring

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Definition:

Observe and check the progress or quality of (something) over a period of time. To keep under systematic review.

What do you Monitor in a patient?

- Vitals: blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate and temperature
 Q: What vital sign had nowadays been measured very frequently?
 A: temperature in public areas during the pandemic
- Color/skin ¹
- Wakefulness state²

How & By Which Means do you Monitor in a patient?

- Physical exam
- Equipments (advances in technology)

Where do you monitor a patient?

- Hospital vs Out-of-Hospital setting
- Safe vs Dangerous place (biologic, electric, chemical hazards, radioactive, etc...)

What determines the Standards of Care for monitoring a patient (What are you responsible for?)

Depends on:

Equipments/technology

Place: In-hospital Vs Out-of Hospital ³



Patient/illness

Rules/legislation: every institution or hospital may have its own policies that are based on evidence. Or adopted other national and international policies.

¹⁻ Especially if you are resuscitating where you don't have a pulse oximeter present

²⁻ By communicating with the pt & see if he's responding or not

³⁻ In hospital you're responsible for monitoring everything but if you're Out of hospital you won't be responsible for monitoring pulse oximeter or BP because you won't have the necessary equipment

Standards for Anesthetic Monitoring

Theses Standards:

Apply to all anesthesia care although, in emergency circumstances, appropriate life support measures take precedence ¹
So for example you may skip the temperature monitoring during the initial phases of ACLS or PALS

They are intended to encourage quality patient care, but observing them cannot guarantee any specific patient outcome

They apply to all general anesthetics, regional anesthetics and monitored anesthesia care

May be exceeded at any time based on the judgment of the responsible anesthesiologist

They are subject to revision from time to time, as warranted by the evolution of technology and practice

Brief interruptions of continual monitoring may be unavoidable

- So you may not be able to monitor and document "continuously at every second interval". Hence the term "Continual" instead of "Continuous" "continual" is defined as "repeated regularly and frequently in steady rapid succession ². "continuous" means "prolonged without any interruption at any time."

Standard I:3

Qualified anesthesia personnel shall be present in the room throughout the conduct of all general anesthetics, regional anesthetics and monitored anesthesia care.

Due to the rapidity of occurrence of physiologic derangement during surgical interference:

Neurodepression / respiratory depression Bleeding Brain ischemia Hypoperfusion to vital organs

Cardiodepression / alteration in BP, CO Hypothermia Anaphylaxis Vasodilation: low BP affects perfusion to vital organs, low oxygen affect metabolism of organs

Acid and blood gases, fluid and electrolyte imbalance Myocardial infarction, acute heart failure and arrhythmias

If there is a direct known hazard, e.g., radiation, to the anesthesia personnel which might require intermittent remote observation of the patient, some provision for monitoring the patient must be made, via tele monitoring (cameras to the patient and monitor or satellite monitor out of the radiation area)

In the event that an emergency requires the temporary absence of the person primarily responsible for the anesthetic, the best judgment of the anesthesiologist will be exercised in comparing the emergency with the anesthetized patient's condition and in the selection of the person left responsible for the anesthetic during the temporary absence ⁴.

- 2- Every 1 or 2 hrs
- 3- Why the frequency of anesthetic monitoring shouldn't exceed 5 mins
- 4- If the pt in the OR is stable you can go and make a resident monitor but if the pt is unstable let the resident go and you stay to monitor and resuscitate the pt

¹⁻ We'll give priority to chest compression & ventilation over temperature for example

Standards for Anesthetic Monitoring

Standard II:

During all anesthetics, the patient's oxygenation, ventilation, circulation and temperature shall be continually evaluated.

Q: Brief interruptions of monitoring may be unavoidable. So how frequent should it be? (as stated in Standard II)

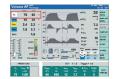
° On the general ward, documenting vitals routinely would be every 8 hours or every nursing team shift.

- · In closed observation units (intensive care unit) documenting patient's status would be at least every one hour or more frequently as per patient's condition.
- o during surgical anesthesia Frequency of mandatory monitoring varies between each category, but never exceeds five minutes. Otherwise, a reason should be documented on the patient's record (for medico-legal purposes).

The following are all specifically mandated: 1

First

Oxygen analyzer with a low inspired concentration limit alarm during general anesthesia. Most modern anesthesia machines monitor both inspired and expired concentrations of O2. This is essential during anesthesia because it is possible to deliver a hypoxic gas mixture when mixing O2, air, nitrous oxide, and/or volatile anesthetic agents.



Second

Quantitative assessment of blood oxygenation.

Pulse Oximetry: Provides quantitative analysis of the patient's saturation of hemoglobin with O2.

Third²

Ensuring adequate ventilation during all anesthetic care including verification of expired oxygen (when possible), quantitative measurement of tidal volume, and capnography in all general anesthetics.

Forth

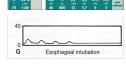
Quantitative evaluation of ventilation is required during all other care.

• Inspired and expired CO2 should be monitored.

• Expired CO2 is frequently displayed through capnography with a displayed value correlating to the peak expired CO2 of each breath

Fifth ³

Ensure correct placement of endotracheal tube or laryngeal mask airway via expired carbon dioxide (CO2). Observation of bilateral chest movement and air entry, as well as auscultation of the chest is also necessary. 4



Sixth

Alarms for breathing circuit disconnection or leak when a mechanical ventilator is used.

Seventh

Continuous display of ECG

Eighth

Determination of arterial BP and heart rate at least every 5 minutes.

Ninth ⁵

Adequacy of circulation is to be determined by quality of pulse either electronically, through palpation, or auscultation

Tenth ⁶

The means to determine temperature must be available and should be employed when changes in temperature are anticipated or intended.

6- In cardiac surgeries or in ACLS when the pt doesn't recover well you induce hypothermia up to 32 C to protect organs

¹⁻ Basic monitors

²⁻ End tidal volume is the most accurate and important value of CO2, it can determine many things including cardiac output

³⁻ If tube is in the airway, the CO2 will come out but if it's in the esophagus there will be no CO2 coming out, there will be residual CO2 coming in the primary basis first two cycles then it will stop so it's important to monitor the CO2 for a while after you intubate

⁴⁻ Because end tidal CO2 might not detect that we are in one lung or two lungs ventilation

⁵⁻ For example if the pt is having hypotension you check if there is problem with the machine or if it's true situation but be careful not to press to hard in the carotids





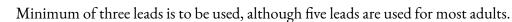
Multiple Expired Gas Analysis



- Allows determination of the percent inspired and expired of the volatile agents and nitrous oxide.
- This allows the ability to better determine the delivery of an adequate anesthetic without over or under dose ¹



ECG





Consideration must be taken for the surgical field and patient positioning.
 Lead placement is commonly altered for cases involving the chest, shoulders, back, and neck.

Five Lead ² ECG More useful

right arm (RA), left arm (LA), right leg (RL), left leg (LL), and V display I, II, III, aVR, aVL, aVF, and/or V

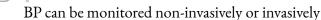
.....Three lead ECG

Includes the RA, LA, and LL leads and can be used to display leads I, II, and/or Ill, Can be modified to display V5 by moving the LA lead to the V5, position in the fifth intercostal space at the anterior axillary line

- The most commonly monitored leads are II and V5
- II is best used to monitor rhythm because it provides the best visibility of the P wave
- V5 monitors for anterior and lateral ischemic events
- If an arrhythmia or ischemic event appears to be present, the ability to view all leads simultaneously may be helpful for diagnostic purposes.



Arterial blood pressure



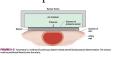


- Non-invasive methods include oscillometric cuff, and rarely palpation, auscultation, Doppler probe.
- Automatic oscillometric:



The cuff

is able to sense oscillations in cuff pressure which correlate with arterial pulsation.





Placement

- 1. Each cuff is labeled with an arrow pointing to where arterial pulsation is felt best.
- 2. The cuff is then placed on the arm over the brachial artery, forearm over the radial artery, or thigh/calf over the popliteal artery.



Patient positioning

When monitoring non-invasive pressure, consideration must be taken of patient position

Invasive pressure monitoring ³**.** Arterial: allows for continuous beat to beat monitoring of arterial blood pressure displayed as a waveform and provides access for arterial sampling





¹⁻ If it's decreased it will cause awareness during anesthesia / if increased the pt may not wake up as it supposed to be because there is still anesthetics in his system. So it can tell you when the pt will waking up

²⁻ You can detect any ischemic event by 100%, very important in any suspected MI patients

³⁻ Important in critical pts it can detect immediate changes before the pt become ischemic



Temperature ¹

- Temperature changes should be anticipated and expected under any general anesthetic and therefore any general anesthetic requires temperature measurement.
- Very brief procedures ² may be an exception, but the availability of temperature monitoring should be recorded.
- Temperature may be measured from many locations including: skin, nasopharynx, esophageal, bladder, rectal, or a pulmonary arterial catheter.
- Core temperatures obtained preferably from: a pulmonary catheter, esophageal probe, or rectal probe.



Pulse oximetry (SpO2)

- Is one of the most commonly employed monitoring modalities in anesthesia.
- It is a non-invasive way to monitor the oxygenation of a patient's hemoglobin.
- A sensor with both red and infrared wavelengths is placed on the patient.
- Absorption of these wavelengths by the blood is measured and oxygen saturation (Sp02) can be calculated.
- There are two main types of oximetry:



Fractional oximetry SaO



Oxyhemoglobin/(oxyhemoglobin + deoxyhemoglobin)

Functional oximetry SpO₂

Oxyhemoglobin/(oxyhemoglobin + deoxyhemoglobin + deoxyhemoglobin + methemoglobin + carboxyhemoglobin)

- Can be measured noninvasively by a standard **pulse oximeter**

-Can only be measured by an <u>a</u>rterial blood sampling

How pulse oximetry works

- A) A pulse oximeter emits two wavelengths of light: red (660 nm) and infrared (940 nm)
- B) Deoxyhemoglobin absorbs more light in the red and reflect less red, so it's color is darker red
- C) Oxyhemoglobin absorbs more light in the infrared and reflect more red, so it's color is red



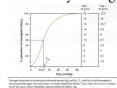
Accuracy of the pulse oximeter

The calibration to deliver SpO2 from (AC/DC)₉₄₀ ratio was made from studies of healthy volunteers

- A) If the SpO2 is between 70% and 100%, the pulse oximeter is accurate to within 5%
- B) It is not accurate below 70% because calibration of the pulse oximeter involved healthy volunteers whose SpO2 did not routinely reach levels <70%

For the relationship between SaO2 and PaO2

- The absorption spectrum of deoxygenated hemoglobin is very steep at 600 nm in the red range so small changes in the amount of deoxyhemoglobin can cause very wide variances in SpO2







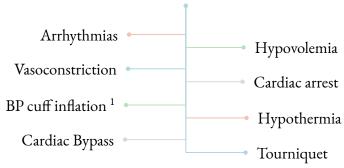




Pulse oximetry (SpO2)

Accuracy of the pulse oximeter

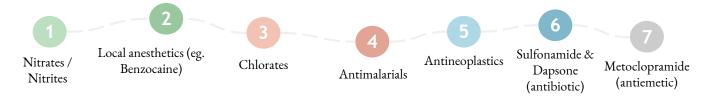
- Pulse oximetry is affected by: low amplitude state and dyshemoglobinemia
- Patients with sickle cell anemia presenting in a vaso occlusive crisis can have an inaccurate SpO2 reading
- Pulse oximetry is not as accurate in low amplitude states
- **Low perfusion** makes it difficult for the pulse oximeter to distinguish a true signal from background noise



Dyshemoglobinemia

- Pulse oximetry only accurately measures oxyhemoglobin and deoxyhemoglobin all other forms of hemoglobin are not accurately measured.
- Carboxyhemoglobin is measured as 90% oxyhemoglobin and 10% deoxyhemoglobin. Thus, when there are high amounts of carboxyhemoglobin it will overestimate the SpO2. This is an important consideration in patients exposed to **smoke or fires**
- Methemoglobin absorbs equal amounts of red and infrared light so the SpO2 will read 85%.
- Methemoglobin is formed when iron goes from it's +2 ferrous form to the +3 ferric state.
- The ferric state of iron displays a left shift on the oxygen dissociation curve and releases oxygen less easily.

Methemoglobinemia can be caused by many drugs:



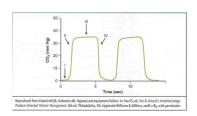


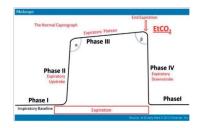
Capnography

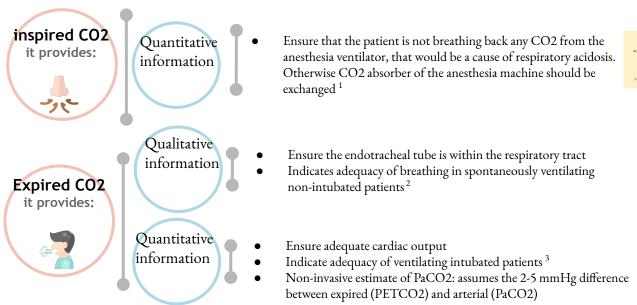
Normal Capnogram:

Phase I

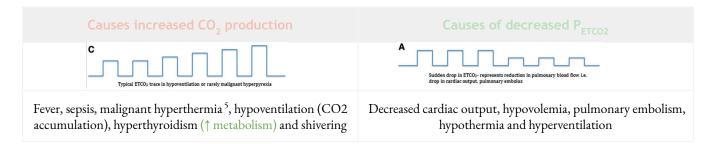
- Initiation of expiration, CO2 free gas from anatomic dead space
 - Expiration of mixture of dead space and alveolar gas
- Alveolar plateau, CO2-rich gas from alveoli
- Phase IV or 0
 Inspiration
- Clinical Uses of Capnography:







- The gradient between PETCO2 and PaCO2 may be increased with age, pulmonary disease, pulmonary embolism, low cardiac output, and hypovolemia.
- Detection of Patient Disease:



- **Detection of problems with the anesthetic breathing system:** Rebreathing of CO2, Incompetent valves, Circuit disconnect and Circuit leak.

- 1- As it might be malfunctioning or exhausted causing the pt to rebreath CO2
- 2- You want to make sure that your intubation is not too deep to the point that the patient stops breathing spontaneously
- 3- If the value of CO2 is too high it means we're hypoventilating the pt but if it's too low then we're washing too much CO2 and hyperventilating the pt
- 4- For example if the PETCO2 is 32 then PaCO2 will be between 34-37
- 5- CO2 will start to increase and never drop we have to manage the pt immediately by cooling the pt & giving muscle relaxants or he will suffocate & die



Capnography

Interpretation of abnormal capnograms:

A) Rebreathing of CO2

- Elevation in baseline CO2 and Phase I
- Can be eliminated by increasing fresh gas flow or changing CO2 absorber

B) Obstruction to expiratory gas flow

- Prolonged Phase II and steeper Phase III slope
- Occurs with bronchospasm, COPD, kinked endotracheal tube

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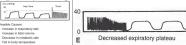
- Dip in Phase III
- Indicates return of spontaneous respiratory efforts

D) Cardiogenic oscillations

- Oscillations of small gas movements during phase III and IV (or 0)
- Produced by aortic and cardiac pulsations

E) **Increased CO2**

- Elevated plateau height
- Indicates increased CO2 production states
- Other sources of CO2 (as in laparoscopic surgery 1), or inadequate minute ventilation



F) Decreased measured CO2

- Decreased plateau height
- May indicates decreased CO2 production states or increased minute ventilation

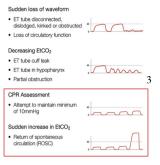
Incompetent inspiratory valve: Skipped by doctor

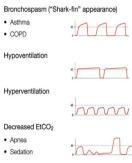
- Prolonged Phase III with elevation of baseline CO2 and plateau height
- Results in rebreathing
- May be difficult to detect without simultaneous analysis of flow waveforms

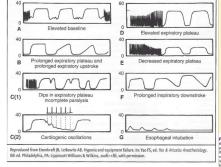
H) Esophageal intubation:

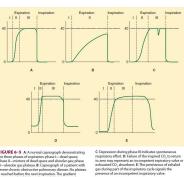
Initial presence of CO2 followed by no CO2²











¹⁻ CO2 inside the abdomen \rightarrow dissolve into blood \rightarrow go to the lung \rightarrow rise in CO2

²⁻ Because there's no source of CO2 in the stomach, you have to manage the patient and re-intubate the patient adequately

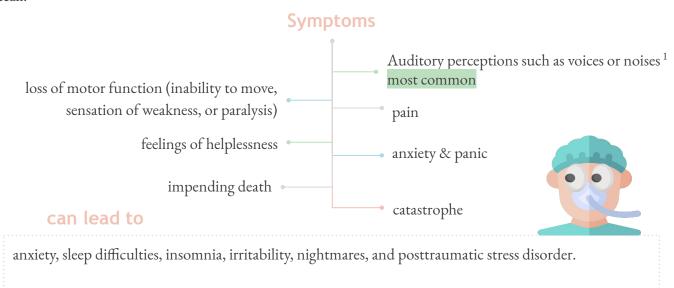
³⁻ When you're resuscitating someone with ACLS you get sudden increase which means the heart took over and returned to spontaneous circulation→ adequate cardiac output→ adequate CO2

Intraoperative awareness with recall

Intraoperative awareness with recall involves explicit recall of sensory perceptions during general anesthesia including aspects of their surgical environment, procedure, and even pain related to the intervention.

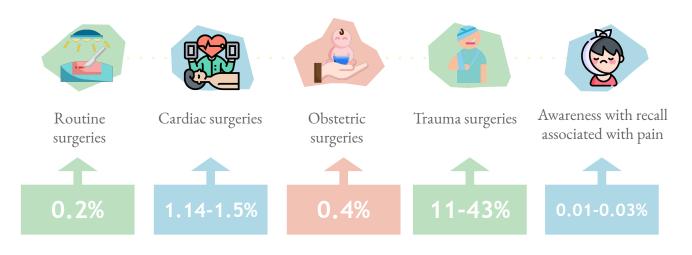
Intraoperative awareness with recall is defined as a patient having an unexpected and undesirable recall of wakefulness.

Processed EEG analysis has been developed as a method to monitor depth of anesthesia intraoperatively in titration of anesthetic drugs and may be useful in reducing the incidence of intraoperative awareness with recall.



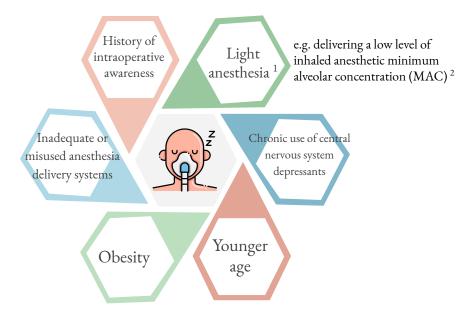
Incidence of awareness

The incidence of awareness with recall varies among studies, countries, anesthetic techniques, patient characteristics, and types of surgery.



Intraoperative Awareness with recall

Factors associated with increased risk of awareness with recall



Detecting episodes of intraoperative awareness: Often it is difficult to know for sure that intraoperative awareness with recall occurred. If the patient is not asked specifically about it they may not report it voluntarily. Or, the patient may recollect hearing sounds during surgery, when in fact they are remembering something that occurred in the recovery room. One accepted method to assess intraoperative awareness with recall is to conduct three structured interviews with open ended questions at intervals of 24 hours, between 24 and 72 hours, and at 30 days after surgery ³ (awareness may not arise until days to weeks postoperatively).

Prevention or vigilance for detecting intraoperative awareness

Monitor delivered volatile anesthetic levels

The unintended inadequate delivery of volatile anesthetic agents ("light anesthesia") during maintenance of anesthesia may be avoided by the addition of a low alarm limit to end-tidal gas monitoring settings, as well as use of a "near empty" alarm in anesthetic vaporizers.

Monitor processed EEG signals

Depth of anesthesia monitoring, via the processed EEG, has proved useful in reducing the amount of anesthetic drugs, optimizing extubation times, and in some studies reducing awareness with recall. Although most anesthesiologists in the UK, USA, and Australia accept that clinical signs are unreliable indicators of awareness, few believe that monitors of anesthetic depths should be used for all routine cases.

¹⁻ MAC targets 50% of the population, if you give only 1 MAC it will target 50% of the population and the other 50% might go to awareness

²⁻ For example if the pt has hypotension and we need to decrease the anesthetic

³⁻ We don't do it in every patient, just if we suspect anything happened or if the patient complains

Processed EEG and Awareness Monitoring

Several brain-function monitors based on the processed electroencephalogram (EEG) or evoked potentials have been developed to assess anesthetic depth.



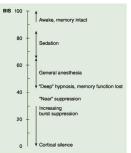
BIS bispectral index scale

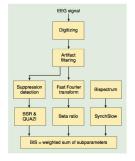
Aspect medical system

The most widely used monitor is the BIS monitor. This device integrates several parameters of an EEG into a calculated, dimensionless variable (0 to 100). BIS is a probability distribution where a measure 40 does not provide a 100% guarantee of no awareness.

- The term bispectral applies because it incorporates both power and phase spectrum of an EEG into the calculated 0 to 100 value.
- Values:
- 1. BIS values between 40 and 60 purportedly indicate adequate general anesthesia for surgery
- 2. Values below 40 indicate a deep hypnotic state
- Targeting a range of BIS values between 40 and 60 is marketed to help prevent anesthesia awareness while allowing for minimization the

anesthetic dose.

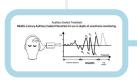




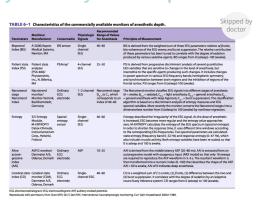


M-entropy module GE healthcare

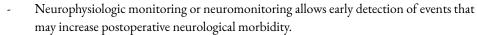




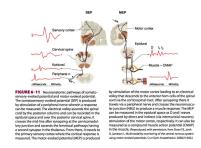
Mid-latency auditory evoked potentials MLAEPS



Neurophysiologic Monitoring ¹



- The aim of monitoring is to identify changes in brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nerve function prior to irreversible damage.
- Neuromonitoring is also useful in identifying anatomical structures.



Electromyography (EMG) Skipped by doctor

EMG is the recording of electrical activity of muscle and therefore an indirect indicator of function of the innervating peripheral nerve.

This technique is also used to identify and verify the integrity of a peripheral nerve, including cranial nerves as well as pedicle screw testing during spine surgery.

EMG is only sensitive to neuromuscular blocking agents.



SSEP are the recording, usually at the cerebral cortex, of responses from electrically stimulated peripheral afferent nerves.

The most commonly used peripheral nerves are median, ulnar, posterior tibial, and common peroneal nerves.

Brainstem auditory evoked potentials (BAEP) Skipped by doctor

BAEP are the recording of brainstem responses to auditory stimuli.

BAEP monitors the function of the entire auditory pathway along the acoustic nerve, through the brainstem to the cerebral cortex.

Motor evoked potentials

MEP is the recording obtained from electrical stimulation of the motor cortex, which elicits potentials in the spinal cord or (myogenic) potentials from the innervated muscle. Monitors motor pathway function.

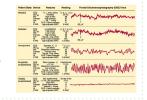
Electroencephalography (EEG)

- EEG monitoring can be a useful supplement to surgery when:

 - The general state of cerebral metabolism needs monitoring
 - Cerebral ischemia can occur

Seizure foci need to be identified

- EEG is a standard of care in many institutions for carotid endarterectomy
- EEG is the recording of brain electrical activity and is highly dependent on anesthetic depth.
 - Alpha waves are rhythmically regular waves of 8 to 12 Hz seen in a lightly anesthetized Patient
 - A faster, disorganized beta (>12 Hz) rhythm is seen upon awakening
 - Slower theta waves (4 to 8 Hz) are seen with deep inhalation or moderate dose narcotic anesthesia
 - Slow delta waves (<4 Hz) indicate deep anesthesia, or ischemia if the amplitude is low

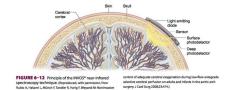


1- E.g. The surgeon is removing a tumor from the spinal cord, we need to know if he's going too far into normal tissue or not. If it's a sensory area we stimulate the peripheral nerve from the legs and we will catch the signal going to the brain (sensory cortex) If the surgeon affect the normal pathway it will be showed in our monitor. Same goes for motor, but we stimulate from the brain area and catch the response in the peripheral muscle area. So if there is a spinal cord surgery how to make sure that the surgeon is only taking the tumor without normal tissue? By neurophysiological monitoring





Cerebral oximetry Skipped by doctor



Cerebral oximetry uses near infrared spectroscopy (NIRS).

Using reflectance spectroscopy near infrared light is emitted by a probe on the scalp

Receptors are likewise positioned to detect the reflected light from both deep and superficial structures.

As with pulse oximetry, oxygenated and deoxygenated hemoglobin absorb light at different frequencies. Likewise, cytochrome absorbs infrared light in the mitochondria.

The NIRS saturation largely reflects the absorption of venous hemoglobin, as it does not have the ability to identify the pulsatile arterial component.

Regional saturations of less than 40% on NIRS measures, or changes of greater than 25% of baseline measures, may be a sign of neurological events secondary to decreased cerebral oxygenation



Invasive pressure monitoring



Central Venous Pressure

Central venous catheterization involves placement of a sterile catheter into one of the large central veins and allows for multiple modalities of intervention along with the option of monitoring central venous pressure (CVP).

Indications 1:

Useful tool for evaluating intravascular volume and preload in the absence of:

- left ventricular (LV) dysfunction (ejection fraction <40%)
- severe mitral valve disease
- pulmonary hypertension
- significant reduction in LV compliance (ischemia/diastolic dysfunction).

Pulmonary artery Pressure

The pulmonary artery (PA) catheter is a controversial but potentially powerful tool.

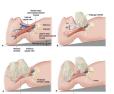
Offer information about: cardiac filling pressures mixed venous oxygen saturation (Sv02) cardiac output (CO)

derived parameters of cardiac performance ASA consensus opinion is that "PA catheter monitoring may reduce perioperative complications if critical hemodynamic data obtained are accurately interpreted and appropriate treatment is instituted."

Pulmonary artery catheter:

SV = CO/HRBlood pressure = CO × systemic vascular resistance (SVR)

 $CO = SV \times HR$







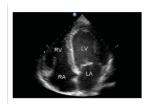






Transesophageal echocardiography (TEE 1)

Is a monitoring modality gaining popularity in the field of anesthesiology. due to its versatility, reliability, and safety. It was initially used as a diagnostic tool primarily by cardiologists but has become a mainstay in intraoperative cardiac anesthesia and its utility is extending into other areas as well.





Peripheral nerve stimulation



Indications

- all patients receiving intermediate- or long-acting neuromuscular blocking agents should be monitored
- assessing paralysis during rapid-sequence inductions or during continuous infusions of short-acting agents.
- can help locate nerves to be blocked by regional anesthesia.

Contraindications



- There are no contraindications to neuromuscular monitoring ².
- Atrophied muscles in areas of hemiplegia or nerve damage may appear refractory to neuromuscular blockade secondary to the proliferation of receptors.
- Determining the degree of neuromuscular blockade using such an extremity could lead to potential overdosing of competitive neuromuscular blocking agents.

Technique



- Peripheral nerve stimulator delivers current (60-80 mA) to a pair of either ECG silver chloride pads or subcutaneous needles placed over a peripheral motor nerve.
- ° The evoked mechanical or electrical response of the innervated muscle is observed.
- Although electromyography provides a fast, accurate, and quantitative measure of neuromuscular transmission, visual or tactile observation of muscle contraction is usually relied upon in clinical practice.
- Ulnar nerve stimulation of the adductor pollicis muscle and facial nerve stimulation of the orbicularis oculi are most commonly monitored.
- Direct stimulation of muscle should be avoided.

Complications

 Complications of nerve stimulation are limited to skin irritation and abrasion at the site of electrode attachment.





Peripheral nerve stimulation

Modes of transmission

Single twitch

Train of four

Double burst stimulation

Post tetanic count

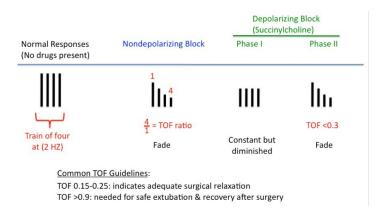
Train of four:

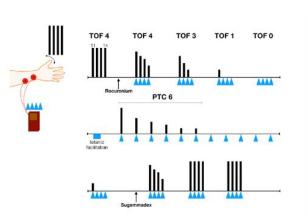
- ° denotes four successive 200-µs stimuli in 2 sec (2 Hz).
- The twitches in a train-of-four pattern progressively fade as nondepolarizing muscle relaxant block increases.
- The ratio of the responses to the first and fourth twitches is a sensitive indicator of nondepolarizing muscle paralysis.
- Ratio o fourth twitch over the first twitch should be greater than or equal to 90% to give the reversal (neostigmine and glycopyrrolate)
- Because it is difficult to estimate the train-of-four ratio, it is more convenient to visually observe the sequential disappearance of the twitches, as this also correlates with the extent of blockade.

Disappearance of

- the fourth twitch represents a 75% block
- the third twitch an 80% block,
- the second twitch a 90% block.
- ° Clinical relaxation usually requires 75% to 95% neuromuscular blockade

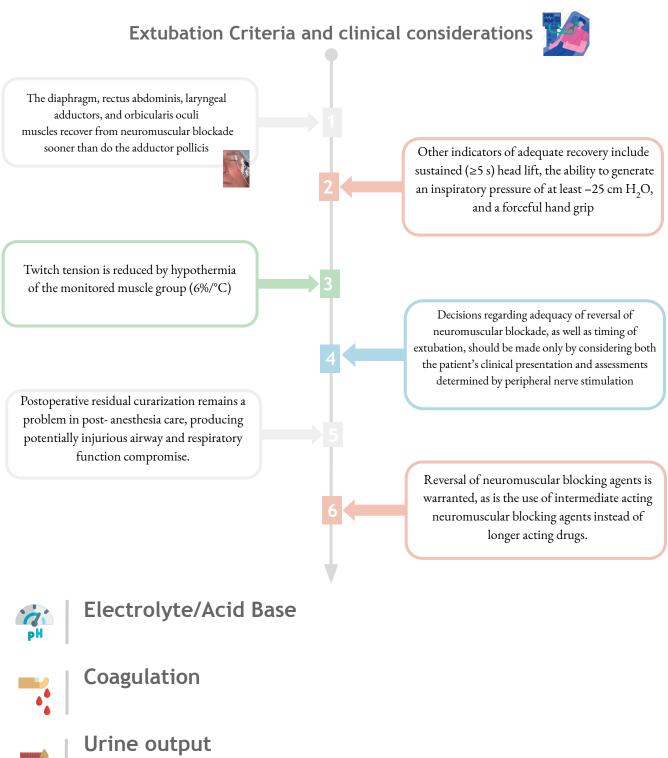








Peripheral nerve stimulation





Question 1: A 28-year-old female patient is scheduled for correction of kyphoscoliosis and insertion of Harrington rods. Which of the following intraoperative monitoring is most useful in detecting neurological injury during instrumentation of the spine?

- A. Wake-up test.
- B. Bispectral index.
- C. Somatosensory evoked potentials.
- D. Invasive blood pressure monitoring.
- E. Peripheral nerve stimulation.

Question 2: A 70-year-old male patient with type II diabetes, hypertension and ischaemic heart disease is undergoing a laparotomy for carcinoma of the sigmoid colon. Which of the following monitors would be the most sensitive detector of intraoperative myocardial ischaemia?

- A. Electrocardiography
- B. Transesophageal echocardiography.
- C. Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure measurement.
- D. ECG monitoring with CM5 configuration.
- E. Dipyridamole-thallium scanning.

Question 3: What is the most reliable way to ascertain correct placement of an endotracheal tube?

- A. Detection of a pressure waveform on inflation
- B. Direct visualization
- C. Detection of breath sounds on auscultation
- D. Measurement of end-tidal carbon dioxide concentration
- E. Movement of the chest wall on manual inflation

Question 4: how frequent the anesthesiologist should monitor the patient during appendicitis surgery at minimum?

- A. Every hour
- B. Every half hour
- C. Every 5 minutes
- D. During emergency the nurse have to page the anesthesiologist
- E. No need, the surgeon can monitor the patient himself
- F. Only in pediatric cases the anesthesiologist has to be monitoring the whole time





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