Capnography









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Marker of Cellular Function and Oxygen Delivery

Capnography is a VITAL sign



Normal Capnograph



Excellent insight into ventilation, perfusion and metabolism



4 Phase of Capnography



Hyperventilation



- Increased Respiratory Rate
- Decreased ETCO2
- Decreased waveform amplitude and width

Hypoventilation



- Decreased Respiratory Rate
- Increased ETCO2
- Increased waveform amplitude and width

Apnea



- Unplugged or misplaced?
- Cardiac Arrest?
- Overdose?

Bronchospasm



with Worse Outcome

- Shark Fin = Prolonged expiration
- High End Tidal Reading = Air trapping
 - Asthma
 - COPD
 - Anaphylaxis







Gold Standard For Intubation



Correct Placement?



Apnea



- Unplugged or misplaced?
- Cardiac Arrest?

Adequate Bagging?



COPD and Emphysema

















Treatments – Positive Pressure





Overdose?



Hypoventilation



- Decreased Respiratory Rate
- Increased ETCO2
- Increased waveform amplitude and width

Seizure



Hypoventilation



- Decreased Respiratory Rate
- Increased ETCO2
- Increased waveform amplitude and width

Chemical Restraint or Pain Meds



Capnography Detects Respiratory Depression 60 Seconds Faster Than Pulse Ox

Hypoventilation



- Decreased Respiratory Rate
- Increased ETCO2
- Increased waveform amplitude and width

Hypothermia



Hypoventilation



- Decreased Respiratory Rate
- Decreased metabolic rate
- Increased ETCO2
- Increased waveform amplitude and width

Cardiac Arrest



Sudden Increase in ETCO2 Could Suggest ROSC or Great CPR

DKA



Sugar Can't Get Into the Cell



Sepsis / Shock

Shock = Inadequate Tissue Perfusion



Less Metabolism Is
occurring because less
blood is being
delivered to tissues

– Low End Tidal

Bleeding and Trauma



Hemorrhagic Shock?

Head Trauma



Cushing's Triad = Increased ICP

- Increased BP and tachycardia
 - Attempt to restore blood flow to ischemic brain
- Decreased HR
 Vagal nerve stimulation
- Irregular breathing
 - Brainstem involvement



Vital Signs Are Vital!

Herniation



Stroke



Carbon Dioxide And Autoregulation

- Decreased CO2 = vasoconstriction
 - Hyperventilation reduces CO2
 - Decreased ICP but also decrease blood flow
 - Worsens ischemia
- Increased CO2 = vasodilation
 Can worsen ICP



Capnography??



End Tidal Goal is 35-40

Questions?

