

Small Airways – Big Problems??

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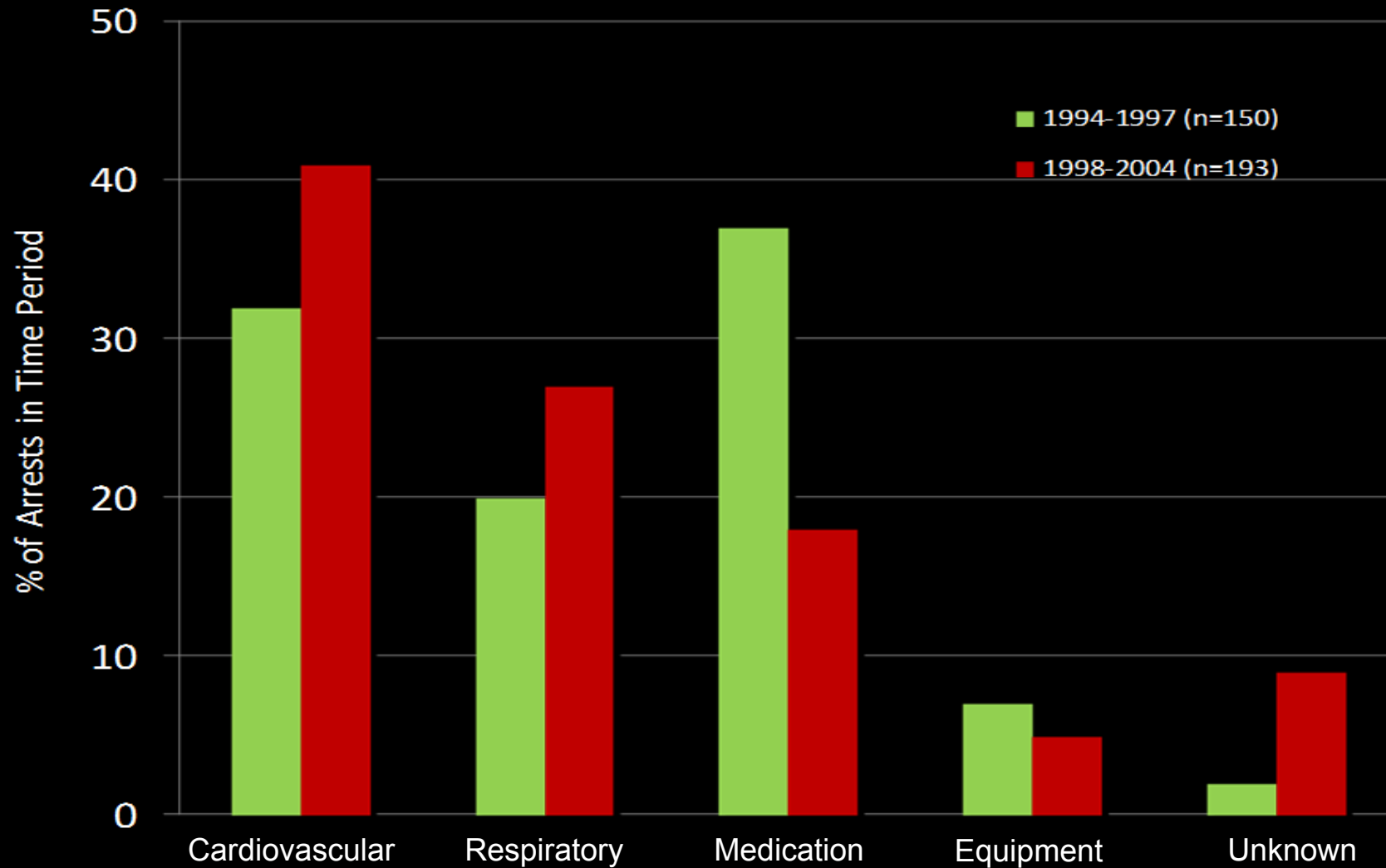
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Significant cause for peri-operative cardiac arrests



Airway management complications in children with difficult tracheal intubation from the Pediatric Difficult Intubation (PeDI) registry: a prospective cohort analysis

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	Anticipated difficult airway (n=821)	Unanticipated difficult airway (n=197)	Total (n=1018)
Success*	810 (99%)	188 (95%)	998 (98%)
Surgical or failed airway*	10 (1%)	9 (5%)	19 (2%)
Any complications	157 (19%)	47 (24%)	204 (20%)
Severe complications†	19 (2%)	11 (6%)	30 (3%)
Cardiac arrest	10 (1%)	5 (3%)	15 (1%)
Severe airway trauma	8 (1%)	6 (3%)	14 (1%)
Death	3 (<1%)	2 (1%)	5 (<1%)
Aspiration	1 (<1%)	0	1 (<1%)
Pneumothorax	1 (<1%)	0	1 (<1%)
Non-severe complications†	148 (18%)	44 (22%)	192 (19%)
Hypoxaemia	65 (8%)	29 (15%)	94 (9%)
Minor airway trauma	36 (4%)	8 (4%)	44 (4%)
Oesophageal intubation with immediate recognition	21 (3%)	11 (6%)	32 (3%)
Laryngospasm	24 (3%)	8 (4%)	32 (3%)
Epistaxis	12 (1%)	2 (1%)	14 (1%)
Bronchospasm	7 (1%)	5 (3%)	12 (1%)
Pharyngeal bleeding	10 (1%)	2 (1%)	12 (1%)
Arrhythmia	3 (<1%)	1 (1%)	4 (<1%)
Emesis	4 (<1%)	0	4 (<1%)





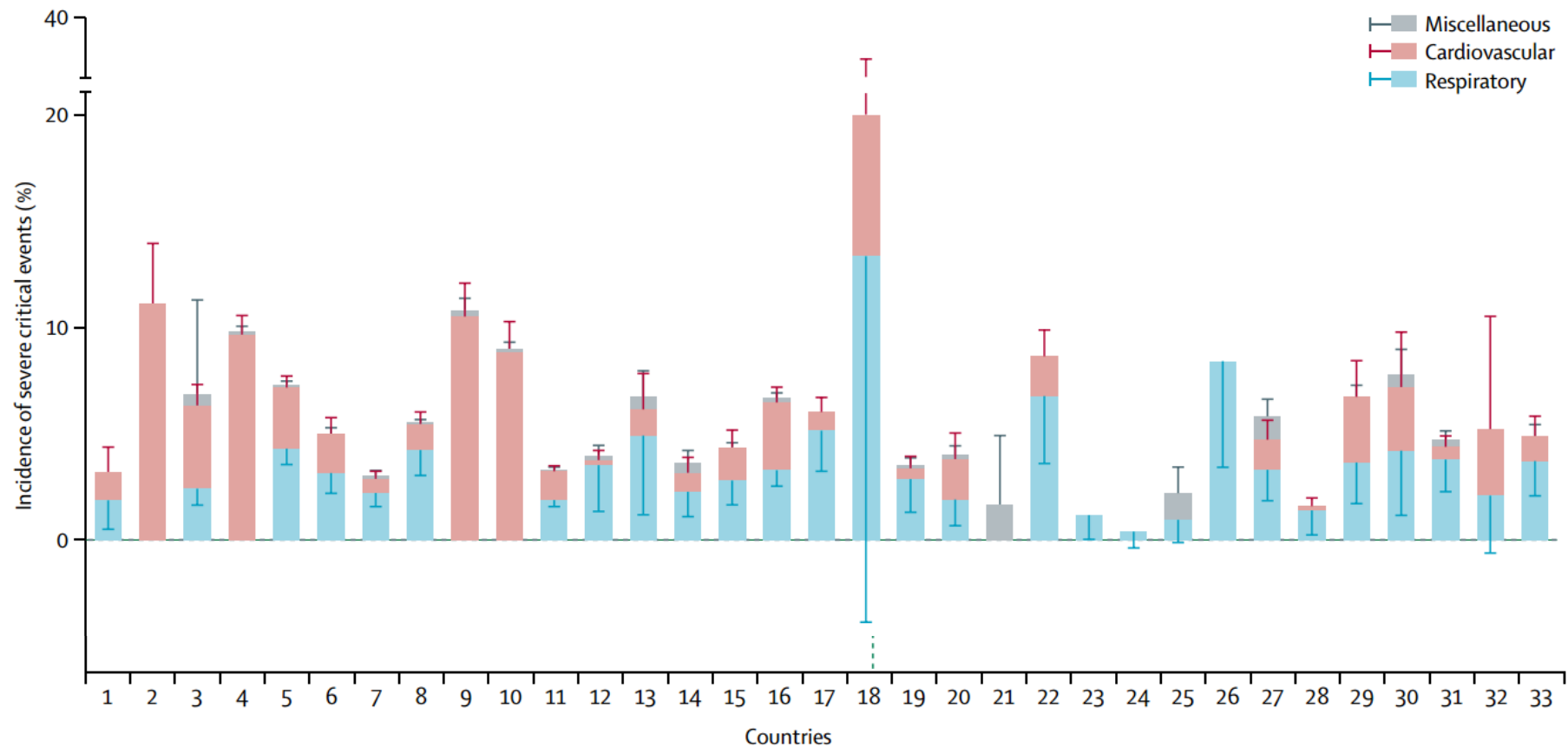
Anaesthesia Practice In Children Observational Trial

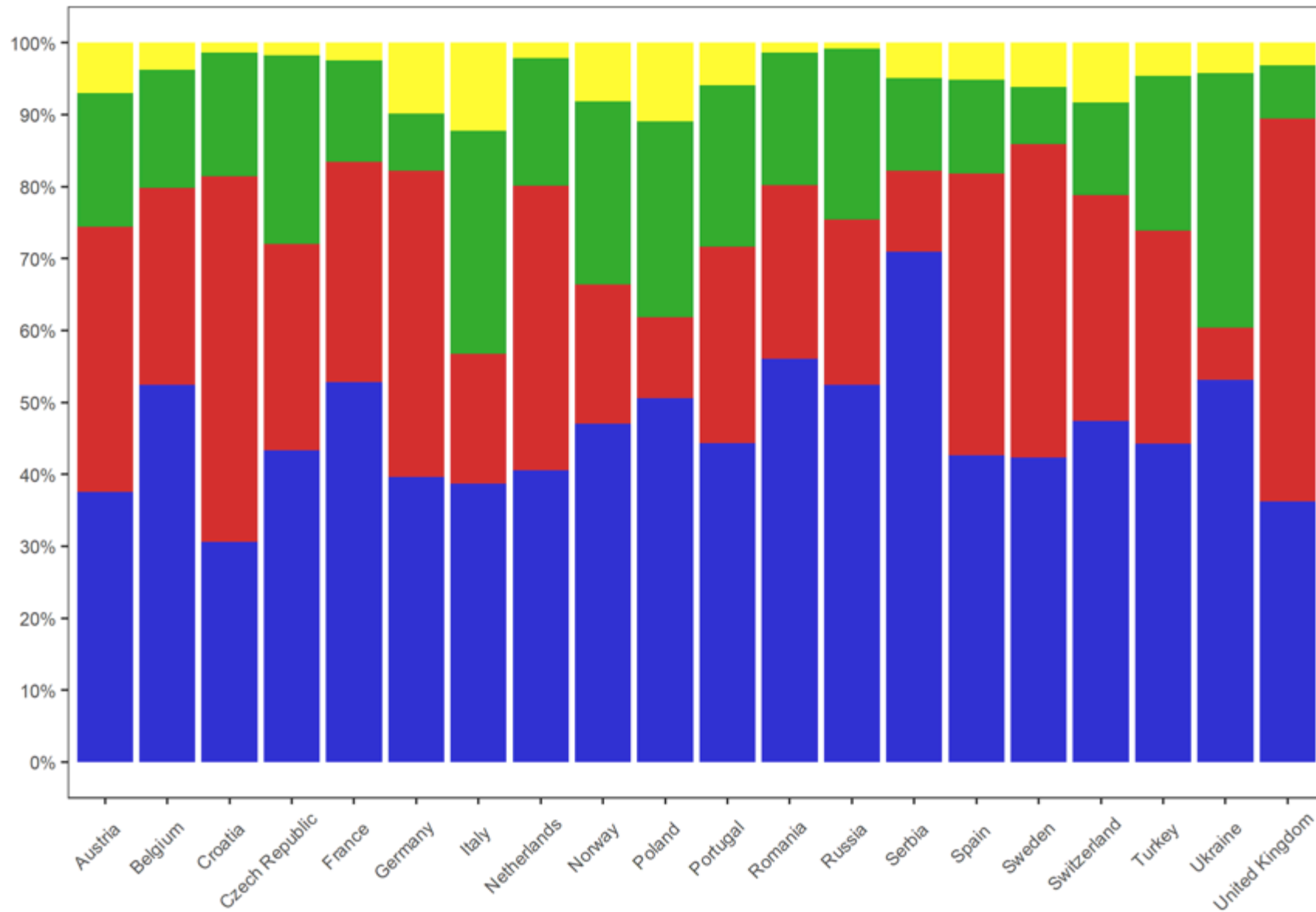
Incidence of severe critical events in paediatric anaesthesia (APRICOT): a prospective multicentre observational study in 261 hospitals in Europe

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Variation of critical incidences across Europe





Endotracheal intubation in the pediatric emergency department

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Table 3 Success rate by intubator specialty and seniority for each intubation attempt *n* (%)^a

	Success rate for intubation attempt no. 1	Success rate for intubation attempt no. 2	Success rate for intubation attempt no. 3
ED Consultant	12/17 (71)	5/6 (83)	2/2 (100)
ED Fellow	4/6 (67)	1/1 (100)	0
ED Registrar	18/22 (82)	1/2 (50)	0
ICU Registrar	17/22 (77)	1/4 (25)	2/2 (100)
Anesthetic Consultant	1/1 (100)	1/1 (100)	0
Anesthetic Registrar	2/3 (67)	1/2 (50)	1/1 (100)

Table 5 Adverse events during tracheal intubation

Adverse event	<i>n</i> (%)
Hypotension	15 (21)
Desaturation	10 (14)
Bradycardia	5 (7)
Second dose paralytic	3 (4)
Esophageal intubation	1 (1)
Endobronchial intubation	1 (1)
Equipment failure	1 (1)
Medication error	1 (1)
Vomit with aspiration	1 (1)

**Adverse
events in 39%
of all patients**

Cardiac Arrests Associated With Tracheal Intubations in PICUs: A Multicenter Cohort Study*

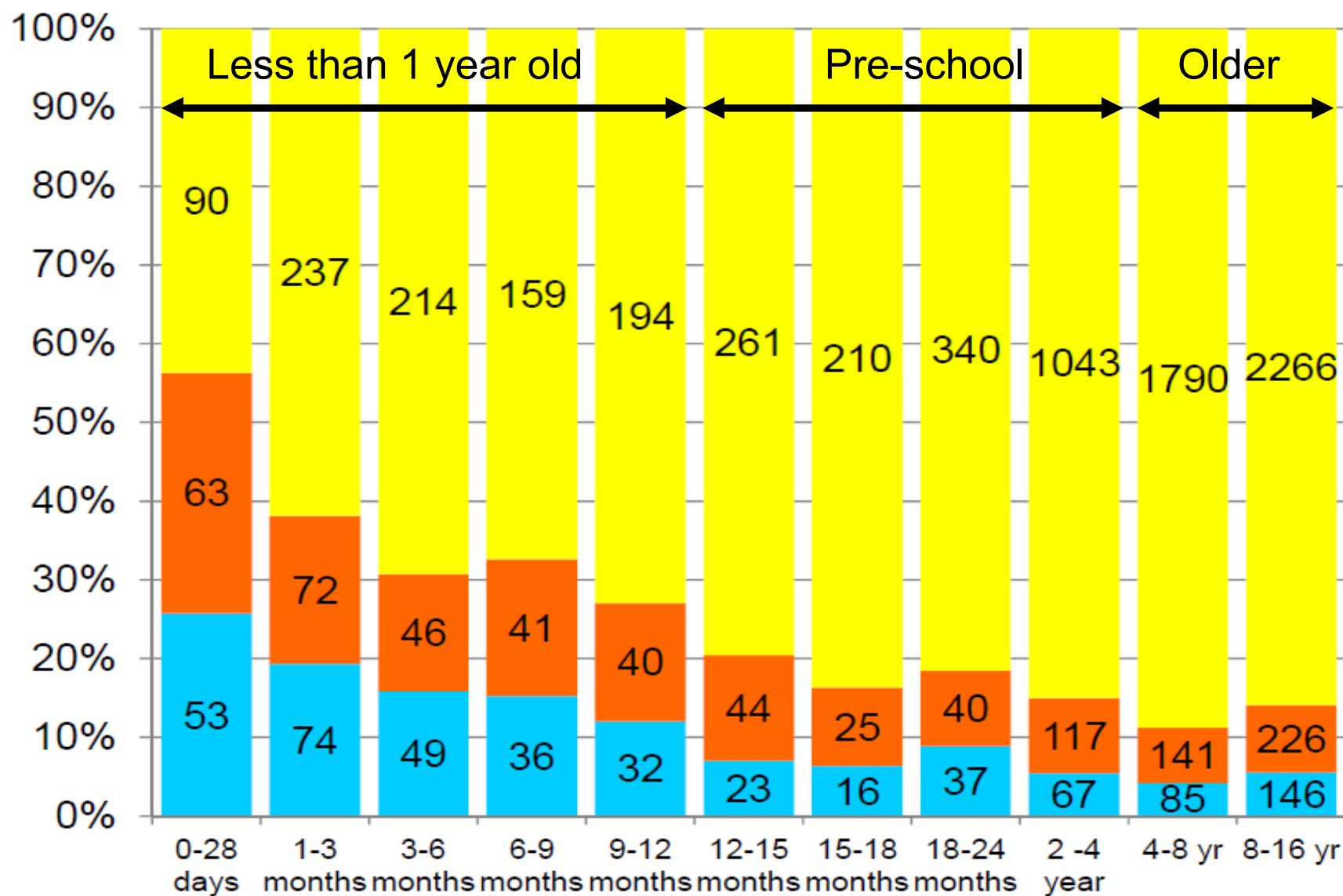
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and Sepsis Investigators

Crit Care Med 2016; 44:1675–1682

Factors	Tracheal Intubation Without Cardiac Arrest, <i>n</i> (%) (<i>n</i> = 5,145)	Tracheal Intubation With Cardiac Arrest, <i>n</i> (%) (<i>n</i> = 87)	<i>p</i>
Shock	550 (10.7)	36 (41.4)	< 0.001
Oxygen failure	1,938 (37.7)	62 (71.3)	< 0.001
Provider factor			
Resident	1,422 (27.6)	12 (13.8)	0.013
Use of neuromuscular blockade	4,532 (88.1)	68 (78.2)	0.003

BIG

**Younger children
are high risk**



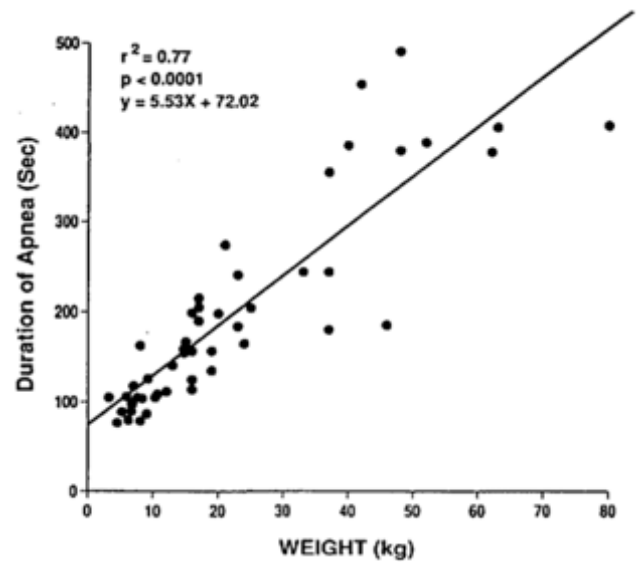
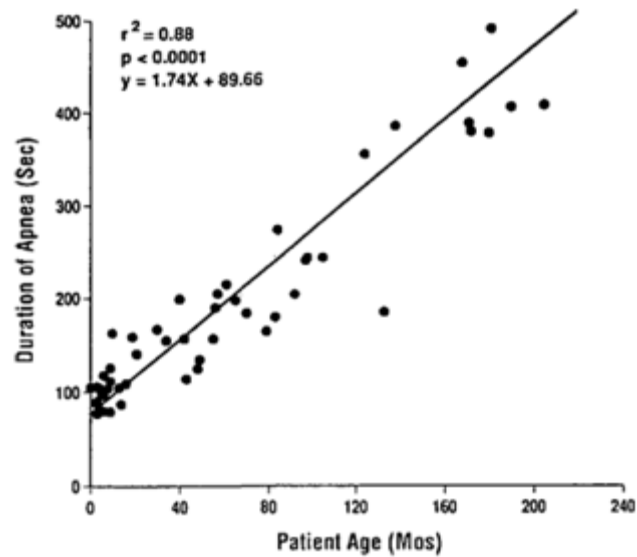
Frequent Problems

Perioperative anaesthetic morbidity in children: a database of 24 165 anaesthetics over a 30-month period

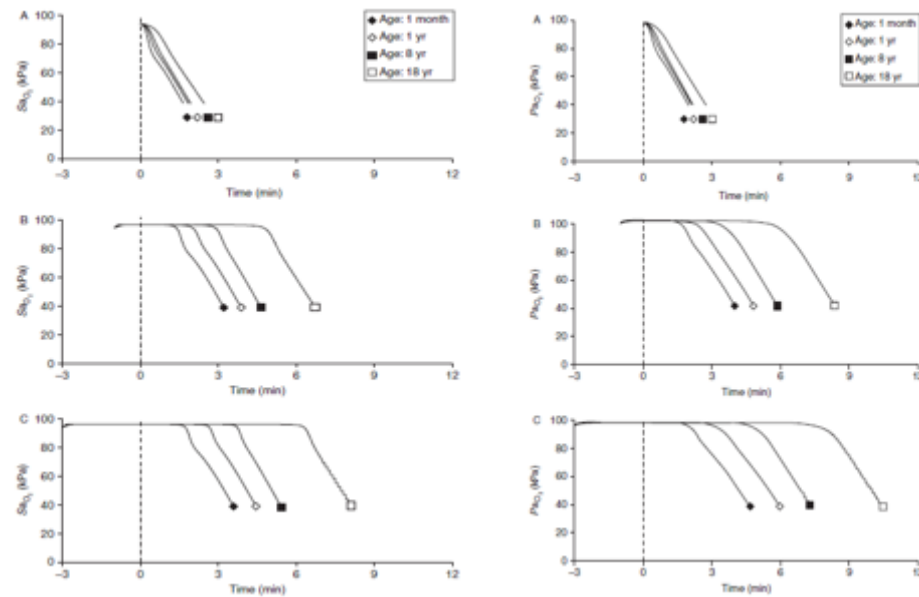
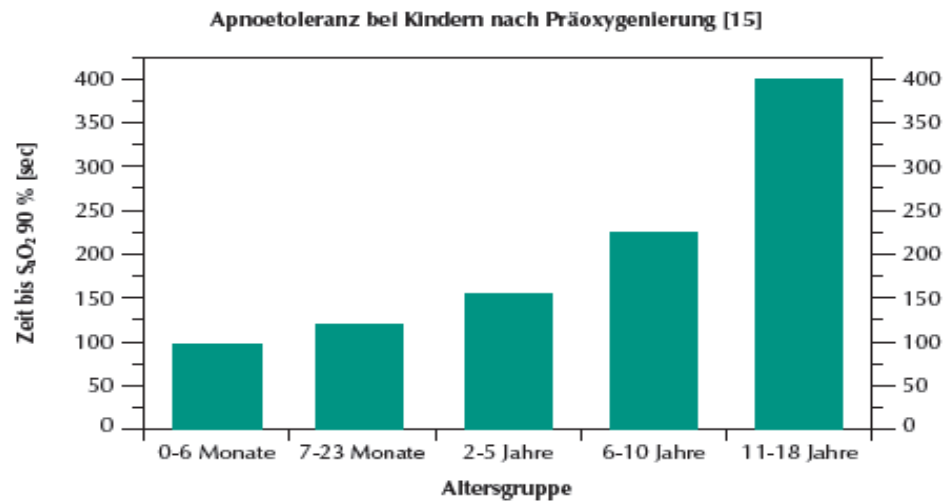
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<i>Respiratory event</i>	<i>Intraoperative</i>			<i>PACU</i>		
	<i>0–1 year</i>	<i>1–7 years</i>	<i>8–16 years</i>	<i>0–1 years</i>	<i>1–7 years</i>	<i>8–16 years</i>
No. of anaesthetics	3681	12 495	6867	3681	12 495	6867
Bronchospasm	19	25	4	4	11	5
Hypercarbia	8	10	1	5	5	8
Hypoxaemia	56	90	24	21	34	15
Aspiration	2	4	4	1	5	3
Unanticipated difficult intubation	9	7	6	–	–	–
Oesophageal intubation	3	2	1	–	–	–
Endobronchial intubation	6	3	1	3	5	7
Laryngospasm	17	31	9	1	6	4
Total	133	191	59	54	113	75
Rate per 1000 anaesthetics	36.1	15.3	8.6	14.7	9.0	10.9

**Wake up
is not an option**



Can J Anaesth 1994; 41:771



Br J Anaesth 2006; 97:564

PRINCIPLES

Prevent problems

Prevention of difficulties

Pre-operative assessment and recognition of existing airway problems

Avoidance of occasional paediatric practice

Continuing medical education and training

Trained assistants

Suitable paediatric equipment

Optimal preparation of the child

**Oxygenation and
Ventilation saves lives**



AVOID HYPOXIA!

Clear separation of problems

Oxygenation & ventilation (face mask)

Tracheal intubation

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	No complications (n=664)	Complications (n=157)	p value	No complications (n=150)	Complications (n=47)	p value	No complications (n=814)	Complications (n=204)	p value
Mask ventilation			<0.0001			0.03			<0.0001
Easy mask ventilation	430 (65%)	66 (42%)	..	118 (79%)	30 (64%)	..	548 (67%)	96 (47%)	..
Airway adjunct needed	119 (18%)	39 (25%)	..	24 (16%)	11 (23%)	..	143 (18%)	50 (25%)	..
Difficult mask ventilation	39 (6%)	28 (18%)	..	4 (3%)	6 (13%)	..	43 (5%)	34 (17%)	..
Impossible for mask ventilation	0 (0%)	5 (3%)	..	1 (<1%)	0 (0%)	..	1 (<1%)	5 (2%)	..
Not attempted	76 (11%)	19 (12%)		3 (2%)	0 (0%)		79 (10%)	19 (9%)	

Big problem, small incidence, and large registry datasets

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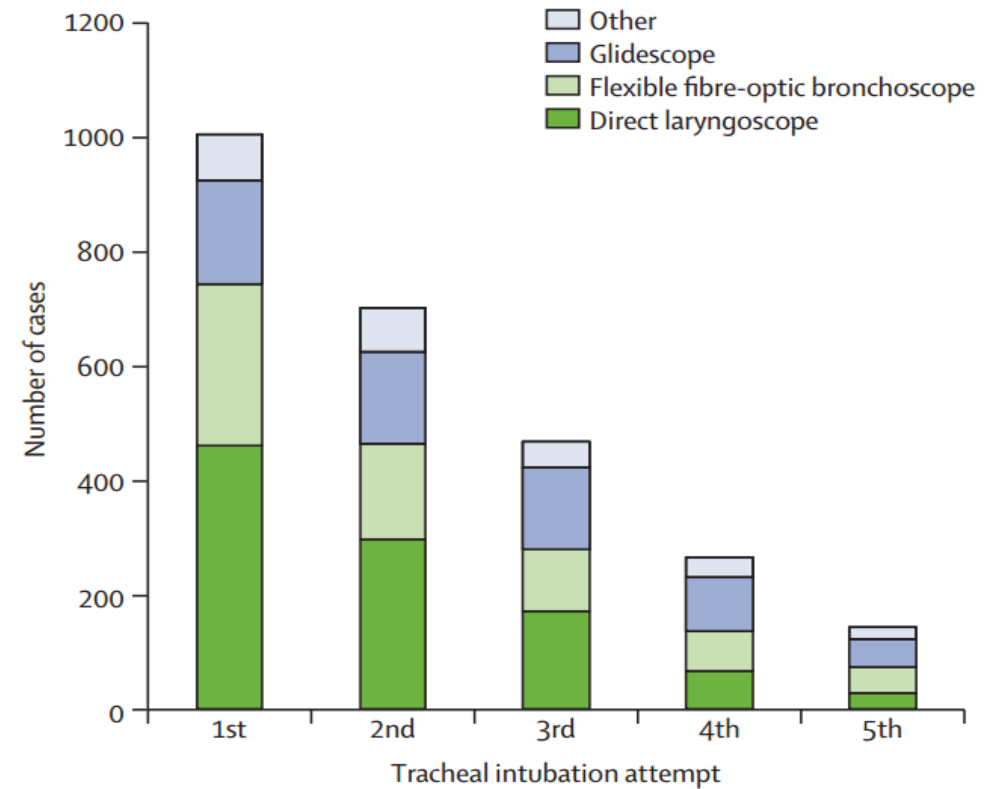
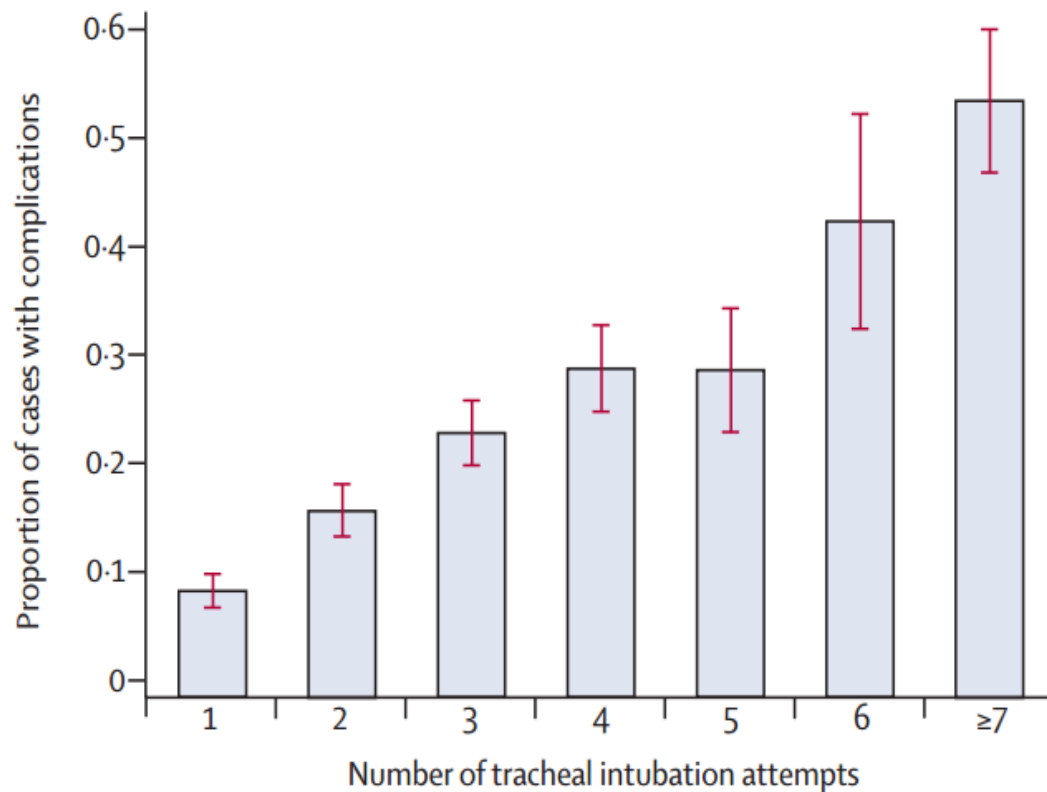
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Impossible face mask ventilation

- Extremely rare and predicted in 5/6 patients
- Improvement by muscle relaxation 4/6, SAD 2/6, Tracheal intubation successful in all

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CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

Airway management in paediatric anaesthesia in Europe—insights from APRICOT (Anaesthesia Practice In Children Observational Trial): a prospective multicentre observational study in 261 hospitals in Europe

SGA insertion

successful within 2 attempts in 99.5%
(n=10,915)

Editor's key points

- Critical respiratory events are common in children in the perianaesthetic period, but the incidence and potential consequences of difficult airway management are not clear.
- Analysis of >31 000 anaesthetic procedures provided the incidence of difficult airway management.
- Multiple airway device insertion attempts and pre-existing respiratory risk factors increase the likelihood of critical respiratory events in children.

**Recognize and treat
airway obstructions**

COMMON TO ALL AIRWAY PROBLEMS

Anatomical airway obstructions

Functional airway obstructions

Oxygenation & Ventilation Problems

Anatomical Airway Obstructions

Causes

- Inadequate head position
- Poor facemask technique
- Large adenoids/ tonsils/ obesity
- Secretions

Functional Airway Obstructions

Causes

- Inadequate anaesthesia
- Laryngospasm
- Muscle rigidity
- Bronchospasm

Anatomical Airway Obstructions

Causes

- Inadequate head position
- Poor facemask technique
- Large adenoids/ tonsils/ obesity
- Secretions

Treatment

- Repositioning/ re-opening/ Guedel
- Two-hand/ two person technique
- Suction

YOU

Functional Airway Obstructions

Causes

- Inadequate anaesthesia
- Laryngospasm
- Muscle rigidity
- Bronchospasm

Treatment

- Deepen anaesthesia
- Muscle relaxation
- Epinephrine

DRUGS

Functional Airway Obstructions

Causes

- Inadequate anaesthesia
- Laryngospasm
- Muscle rigidity
- Bronchospasm

Treatment

- Deepen anaesthesia
- **Muscle relaxation**
- Epinephrine



'Even if it was not part of the initial airway management strategy, if CICV occurs and waking the patient up is not an option, a muscle relaxant should be given before determining the need to proceed to a surgical airway.'

Functional Airway Obstructions

Causes

- Inadequate anaesthesia
- Laryngospasm
- Muscle rigidity
- Bronchospasm

Treatment

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‘CANNOT VENTILATE –

DEEPEN ANAESTHESIA

PARALYZE

(EPINEPHRINIZE)

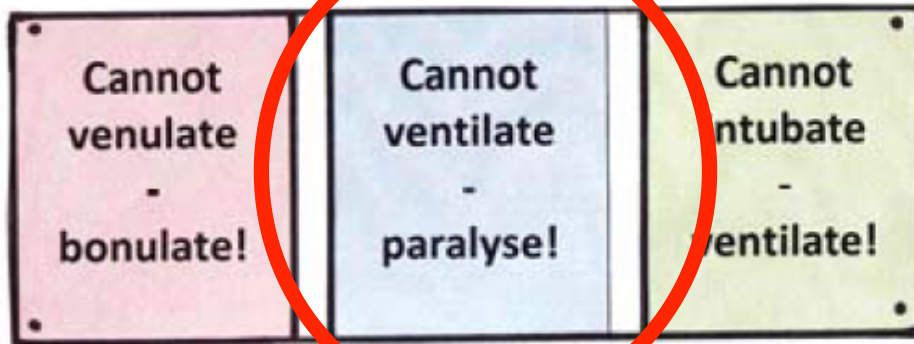
(in otherwise healthy children)

Anaesthesia, 2007, **62**, pages 757–759

Which port in a storm? Use of suxamethonium
without intravenous access for severe laryngospasm

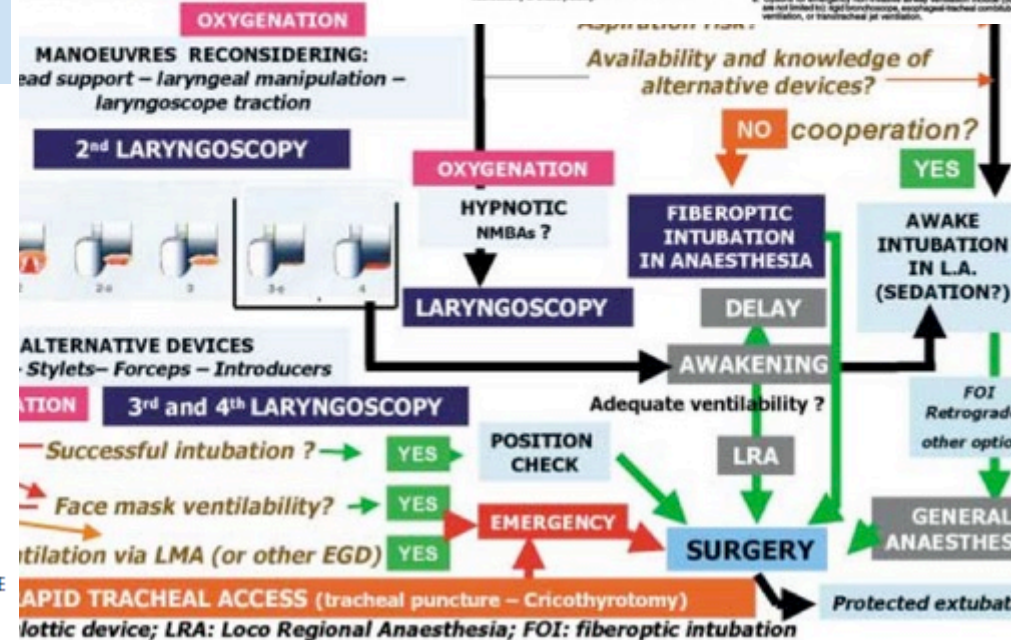
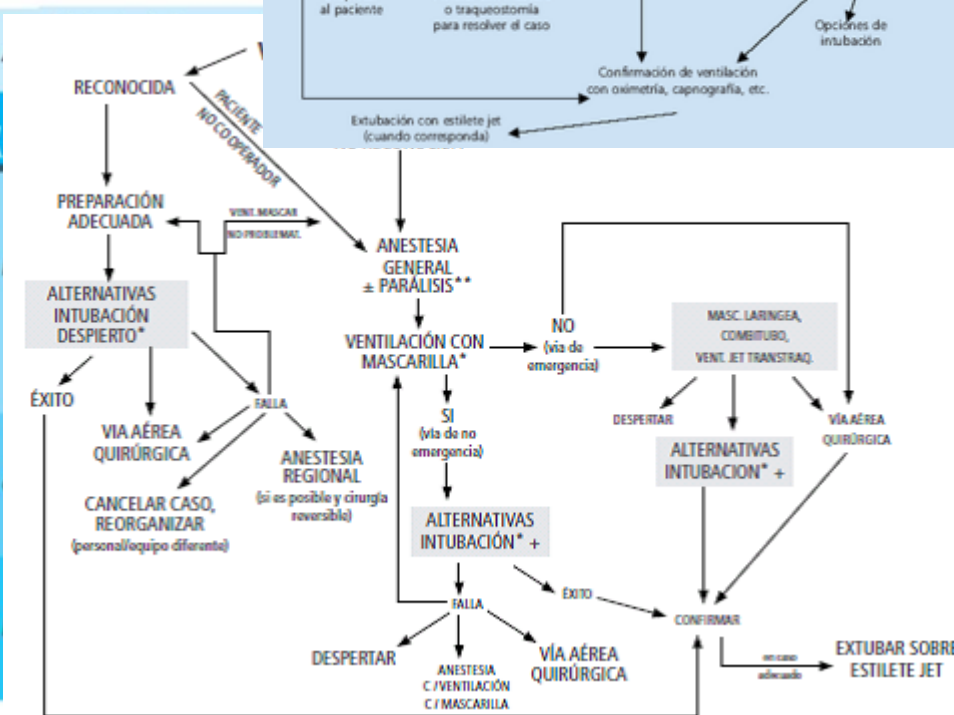
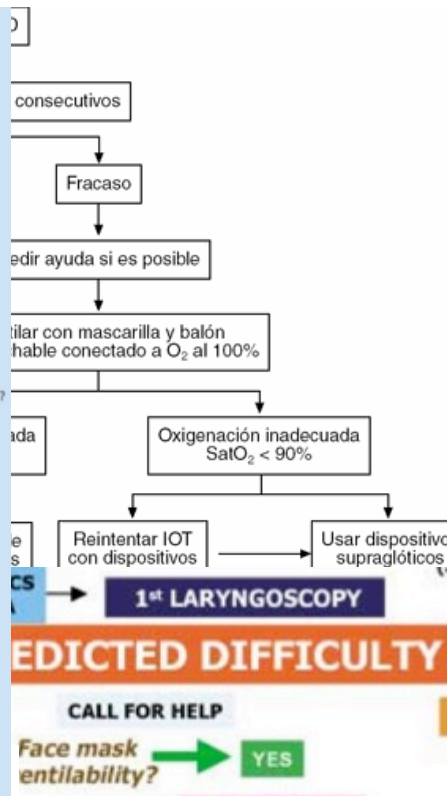
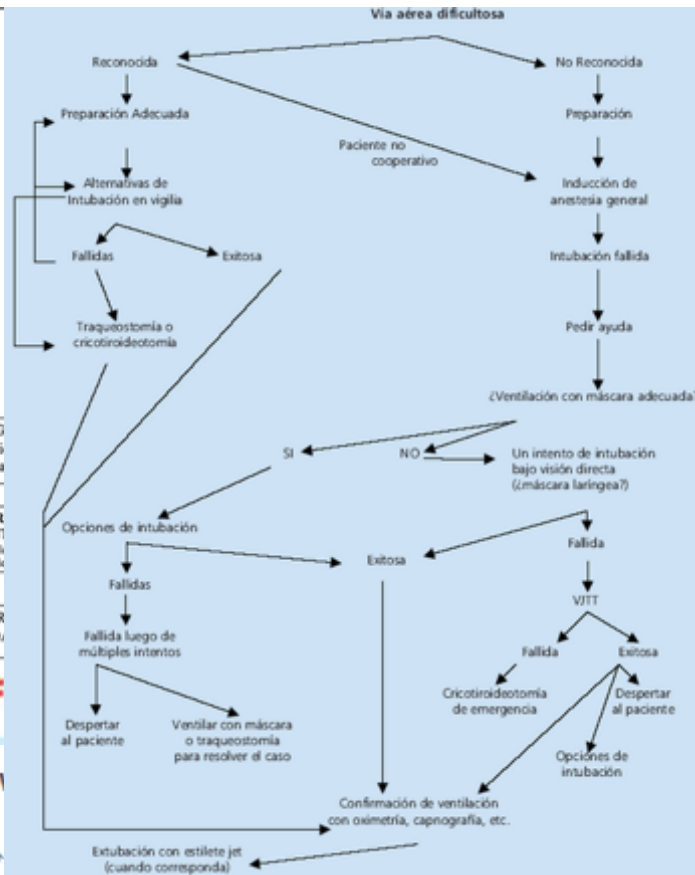
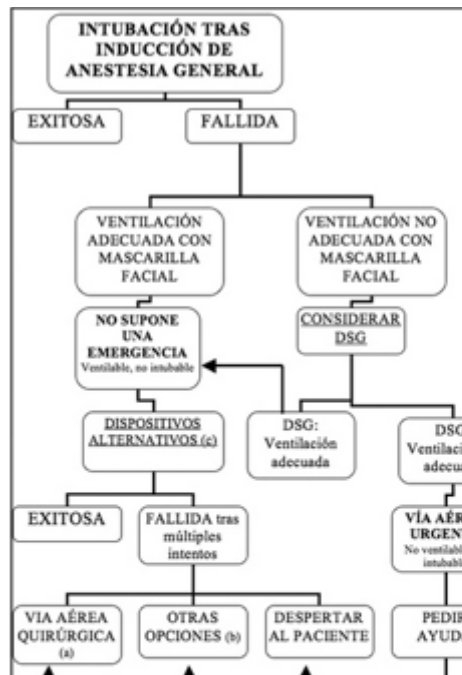
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Cannot ventilate – paralyze!

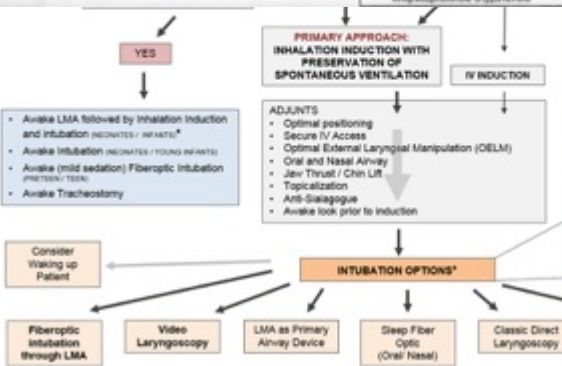
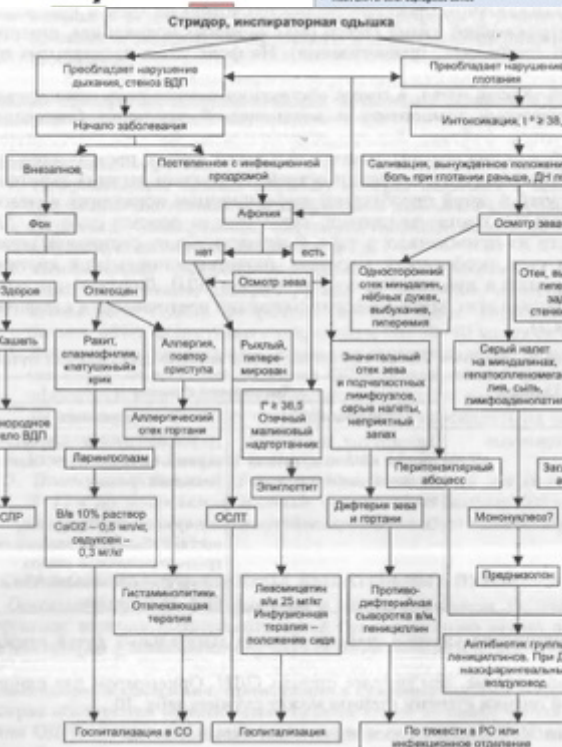


SOLUTIONS

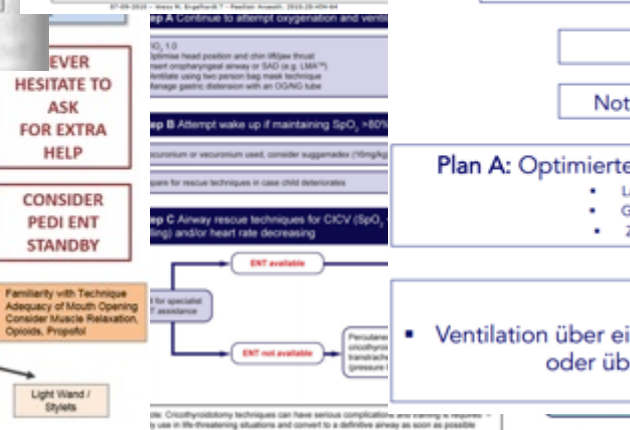
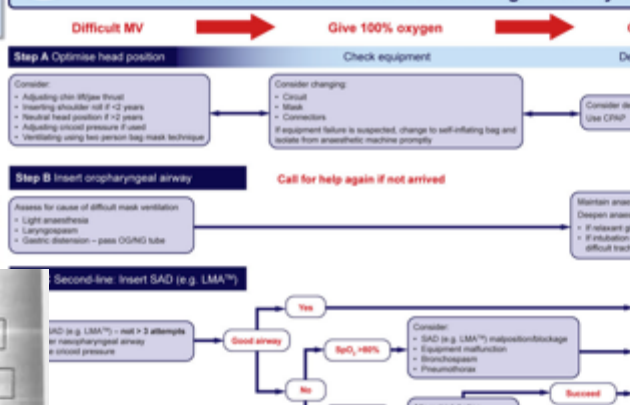
Simplicity saves lives



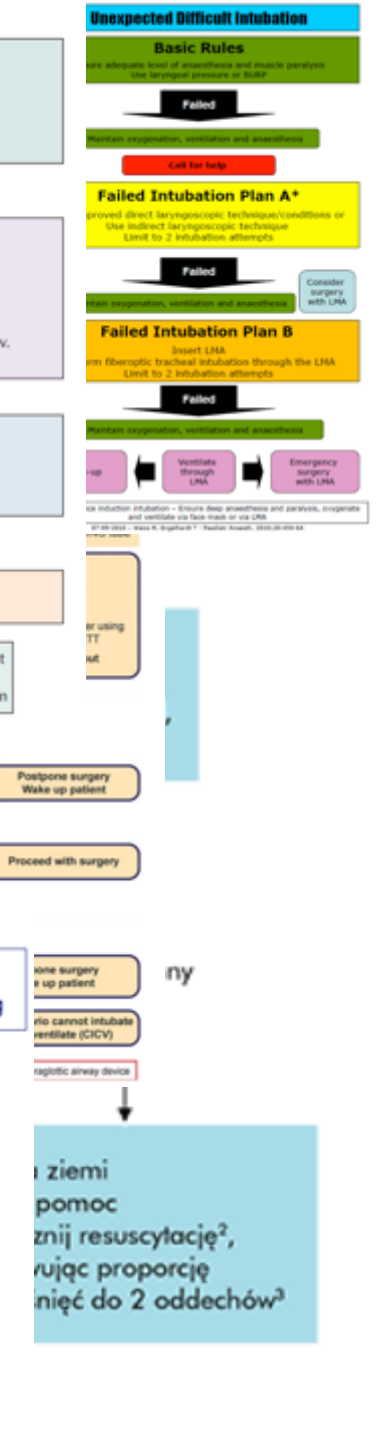
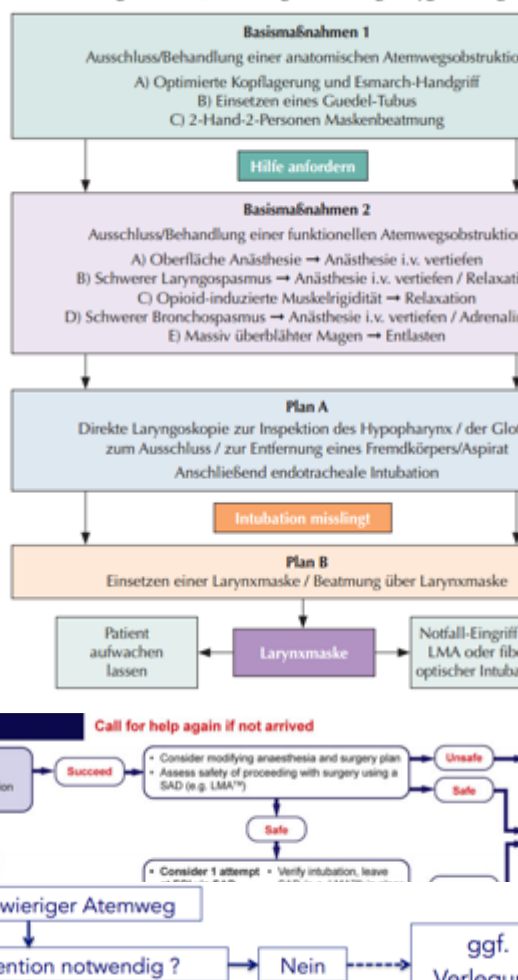
UNEXPECTED DIFFICULT PEDIATRIC AIRWAY MANAGEMENT ALGORITHM



Difficult mask ventilation (MV) – during routine induction of anaesthesia in a child aged 1 to 8 years



Algorithmus „Schwierige Beatmung/Oxygenierung“



Simple and intuitive

Forward only

Easy to memorize

Easy to practice

‘Open Box’

Acceptance across specialties & societies

Applicable to all situations

Structured algorithm

Anatomical Airway Obstructions

(head, mask, tonsils, secretion)

Functional Airway Obstructions

(depth, laryngo/ bronchospasm, rigidity)

Plan A

- *Direct laryngoscopy, exclude obstruction*

Plan B

- *Laryngeal mask airway / SAD*

**OPEN BOX
&
LOCAL EXPERTISE**

Unexpected Difficult Ventilation/Oxygenation

Basic Rules

Ensure adequate level of anaesthesia and muscle paralysis

Failed

Exclude/treat anatomical airway obstruction

Re-open airway / Oro-pharyngeal airway
2-hand/2-person bag-mask-ventilation

Failed

Call for help

Exclude/treat functional airway obstruction

Laryngospasm/Opioid rigidity/Bronchospasm/Inflated stomach
Deepen anaesthesia/Paralyse/i.v. epinephrine/Gastric drain

Failed

Failed Oxygenation Plan A

Direct laryngoscopy
Exclude/remove foreign body in/from hypopharynx/larynx
Intubate trachea

Failed

Failed Oxygenation Plan B

Insert LMA

Wake-up

Ventilate
through
LMA*

Emergency
surgery
with LMA

*In a child with previously no signs, no symptoms and no history of / for a difficult airway → invasive ventilation techniques are not needed

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Unexpected Difficult Intubation

Basic Rules

Ensure adequate level of anaesthesia and muscle paralysis
Use laryngeal pressure or BURP

Failed

Maintain oxygenation, ventilation and anaesthesia

Call for help

Failed Intubation Plan A*

Use improved direct laryngoscopic technique/conditions or
Use indirect laryngoscopic technique
Limit to 2 intubation attempts

Failed

Maintain oxygenation, ventilation and anaesthesia

Consider
surgery
with LMA

Failed Intubation Plan B

Insert LMA
Perform fiberoptic tracheal intubation through the LMA
Limit to 2 intubation attempts

Failed

Maintain oxygenation, ventilation and anaesthesia

Wake-up

Ventilate
through
LMA

Emergency
surgery
with LMA

*Rapid sequence induction intubation – Ensure deep anaesthesia and paralysis, oxygenate and ventilate via face mask or via LMA

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Take Home Messages

- Avoid hypoxia
- Prevent, recognize and treat **ANATOMICAL** and **FUNCTIONAL** airway obstructions
- Establish locally accepted algorithms based on simple and common principles
- Suitable equipment
- Acceptance across specialties and societies

Thank you

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