

Lecture one..... Facemasks

Facemasks

The Face mask was basically invented to administer air(with O₂) and anesthesia. They are made up of such **a shape that they will comfortably fit** over the patient's nose and mouth with **minimal leak and without undue force.**

Several mask designs are available. **Transparent masks** allow **observation** of exhaled humidified gas and immediate recognition of vomitus.

It consists of three parts: (1) the body, (2) the edge and (3) the mount.



TECHNIQUES FOR FACE MASKS APPLICATION

Effective mask ventilation requires **both a gastight mask fit and a patent airway.**

➤ One-Hand Technique

In one-hand technique, the thumb and index finger of the left hand are placed on the mask body to press mask downward. The remaining three fingers are placed on the mandible with little finger below the angle of the mandible (to lift the mandible for proper fitting) **avoiding the soft tissue.**



➤ **Two-Hands Technique**

Two-hands method **is used for difficult ventilation**. The thumbs and index fingers are placed on either side of the mask body. Remaining fingers of both the hands are placed on either side under the mandible



Difficult Face Mask Ventilation



BAG AND MASK VENTILATION

Bag and mask ventilation (BMV) is the first step in airway management in most situations.

If the airway is patent, squeezing the bag will result in the rise of the chest.

If ventilation is ineffective (**no sign of chest rising, no end-tidal CO₂ detected, no mist in the clear mask**), oral or nasal airways can be placed to relieve airway obstruction.



Advantages of Face Masks

- Minimal occurrence of sore throat
- Less anesthetic depth than using a supraglottic device or endotracheal tube
- Economical method to manage the airway for short duration.

Disadvantages of Face Masks

- Mask holding keeps one person occupied all the time
- Considering the leak around the mask in case of ill-fitting mask, higher fresh gas flows are often needed
- Mask ventilation cannot be used for long duration as it is tiresome to continuously hold the mask
- It is difficult to maintain airway with mask and requires lot of manipulations. In such cases laryngeal mask airway is a good option

COMPLICATIONS

- Skin Allergy
- Nerve Injury
- Gastric Inflation
- Eye Injury and Skin Necrosis
- Cervical Spine Movement

- Environmental Pollution
- User Fatigue
- Jaw Pain

Lecture Two Airway adjuncts

Oropharyngeal & nasopharyngeal airway

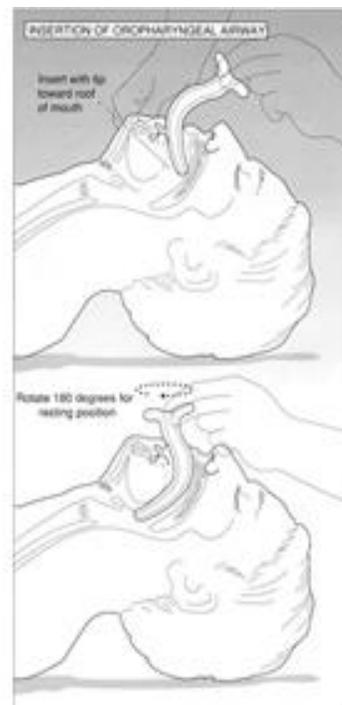
→ Oral airway

Uses:

- It prevents obstruction of **the upper air passage** by lifting the tongue and epiglottis away from the posterior pharyngeal wall
- **It prevents biting** and occlusion of the tracheal tube
- **It protects the tongue** during biting and seizure activity

NOTS.....

- The airway is simple and easy to use and is available in all clinical areas.
- The airway is available in a **range of sizes from neonate to adult**.
- It is possible to determine the size that is best for the patient **by positioning the flange at the incisor level and the tip at the mandibular angle**.
- **In adults**, the oral airway is usually inserted upside down and then rotated 180 degrees once it has reached the back of the oropharynx.
- **in young children** may result in trauma to their soft palate using the same manoeuvre, so **the airway is usually inserted without inverting it in this age group**.

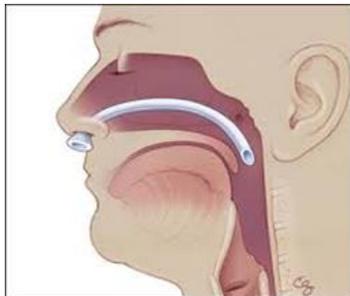
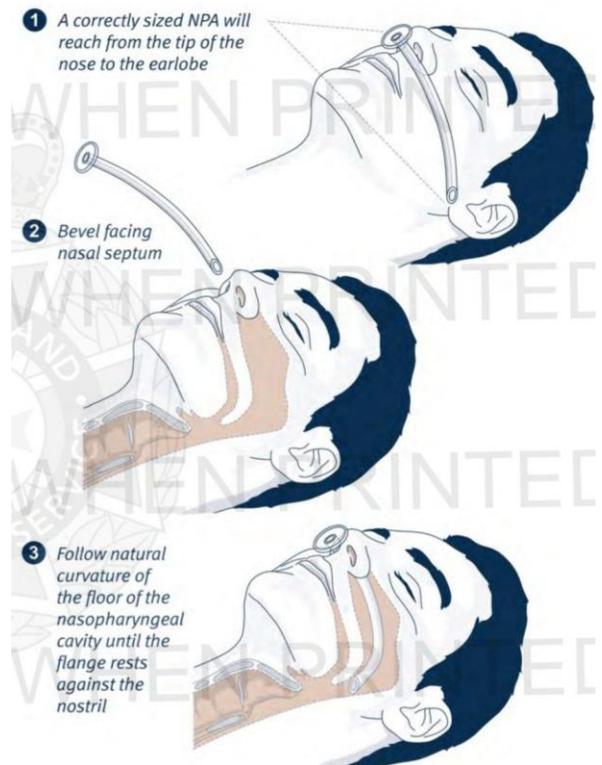


Disadvantages of oral airway

- oral airways are **poorly tolerated by semi-conscious** patients and they may induce vomiting.
- **Blind insertion of a oral airway may cause bleeding**, especially from upper airway tumours.
- Incorrect sizing may cause obstruction:
 - **too long**, it may push the epiglottis over the laryngeal inlet
 - **too short**, it will not pass the base of the tongue.

→ Nasopharyngeal airways

- The nasopharyngeal airway adjunct is **used as an alternative** to an oropharyngeal airway.
- It is most commonly used in emergency situations, patients who have poor mouth opening.
- nasal airways should be inserted with caution because of the risk of epistaxis.



Nasopharyngeal airway insertion

1. Place the patient's head in the **neutral position**.
2. Identify the correct size NPA by **measuring from the tip of the patient's nose to the earlobe**.
3. **Lubricate** the end of the NPA with aqueous gel.
4. Advance the device carefully along the floor of the nasopharynx, following its natural curvature until the flange rests against the nostril

Advantages

- Tolerated in **semi-conscious patients**.
- Suctioning can take place through the nasopharyngeal tube.

→ supraglottic airway device (SAD)



Laryngeal mask airway (LMA)

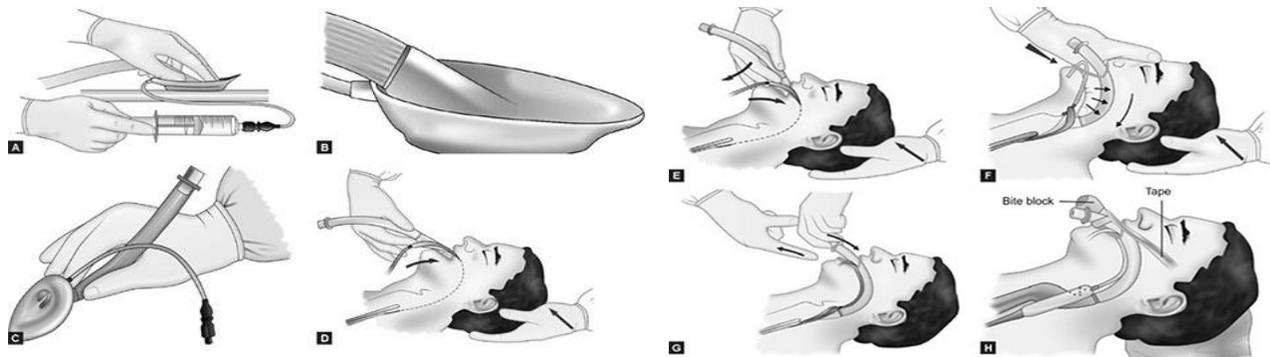
Uses:

- **most commonly used for airway management in fasted patients who do not suffer from significant gastro-oesophageal reflux.**
- as an emergency airway where a **practitioner skilled in intubation is not available** (e.g. some paramedic crews)
- as an emergency airway in **'can't intubate, can't ventilate' situations.**

Mask Size	Patient Size	Weight (kg)	Cuff Volume (mL)
1	Infant	<6.5	2–4
2	Child	6.5–20	Up to 10
2½	Child	20–30	Up to 15
3	Small adult	>30	Up to 20
4	Normal adult	<70	Up to 30
5	Larger adult	>70	Up to 30

Technique for inserting LMA

- Prepare the LMA by **fully deflating the cuff**, apply water-soluble gel to the back of the cuff.
- Hold the LMA like a pen, with the index finger placed anteriorly at the junction of the cuff and tube.
- Push the mask backwards along the hard palate. As the mask moves downwards, the index finger maintains pressure backwards against the posterior pharyngeal wall to avoid collision with the epiglottis .
- Insert the index finger fully into the mouth to complete insertion, stopping when resistance is felt.
- Inflate with the correct amount of air.
- Avoid pharyngeal suction, cuff deflation, or laryngeal mask removal until the patient is awake (**eg, opening mouth on command**).
- **The LMA partially protects the larynx from pharyngeal secretions (but not gastric regurgitation), and it should remain in place until the patient has regained airway reflexes.**



Advantages and disadvantages of LMA compared with face mask

Advantages:

- Hands-free operation
- Better seal in bearded patients
- Protects against airway secretions
- Less facial nerve and eye truma
- Less operating room pollution

Disadvantages:

- More invasive
- More risk of airway truma
- Deeper anesthesia required

Advantages and disadvantages of LMA compared with tracheal intubation

Advantages:

- Less invasive
- Very useful in difficult intubation
- Less laryngospasm and bronchospasm
- No risk of esophageal or endobronchial intubation

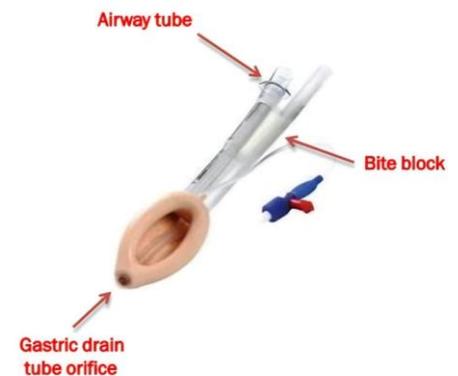
Disadvantages:

- Increased risk of gastrointestinal aspiration
- Greater risks of gas leak and pollution
- Can cause gastric distention
- Less secure airway

Variations in LMA design

○ The ProSeal LMA

It contains a second lumen that opens at the distal tip of the mask to act as an esophageal vent to keep gases and fluid separate from the airway and facilitate placement of an orogastric tube. This is designed to decrease the risk of regurgitation and aspiration of gastric contents.



○ The LMA Flexible

has a wire-reinforced, flexible airway tube that allows it to be positioned away from the surgical field. This can be useful for procedures involving the head and neck.



○ The I-Gel

is a single-use supraglottic airway device composed of a soft, gel-like, noninflatable cuff.

○ The Fastrach intubation LMA

which is designed to facilitate endotracheal intubation through the LMA device



Lecture ThreeEndotracheal Tubes

Introduction

- Inserting a tube into the trachea has become a routine part of delivering a general anesthetic.
- provides maximal protection against the **aspiration** of gastric contents.
- The modern, **standard ETT** is a disposable, single-use, cuffed, plastic tube that is designed to be inserted through the nose or mouth

Indication

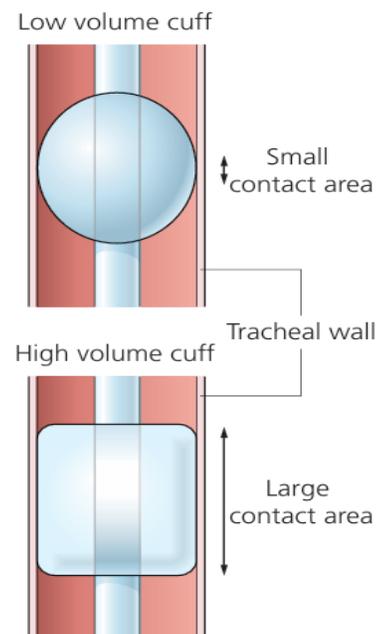
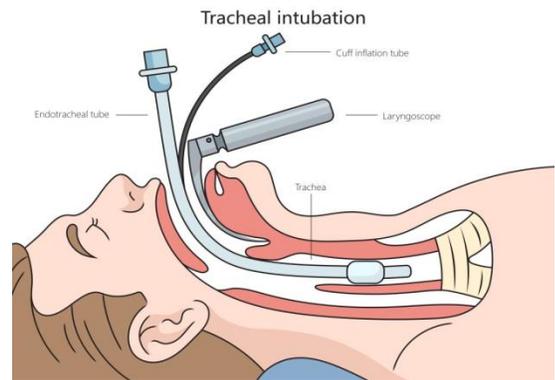
- To secure airway
- General anesthesia
- Cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- Ventilatory therapy in ICU

Endotracheal Tube

- **Cuffed ETT (used in adults)** consisting of a valve, pilot balloon, inflating tube, and cuff
 - ✓ **The valve** prevents air loss after cuff inflation.
 - ✓ **The pilot balloon** provides a gross indication of cuff inflation.
 - ✓ **The inflating tube** connects the valve to the cuff and is incorporated into the tube's wall.
- ETT cuffs permit positive-pressure ventilation and **reduce the likelihood of aspiration.**
- **Uncuffed ETT** are usually used in infants and young children.

There are two major types of cuffs:

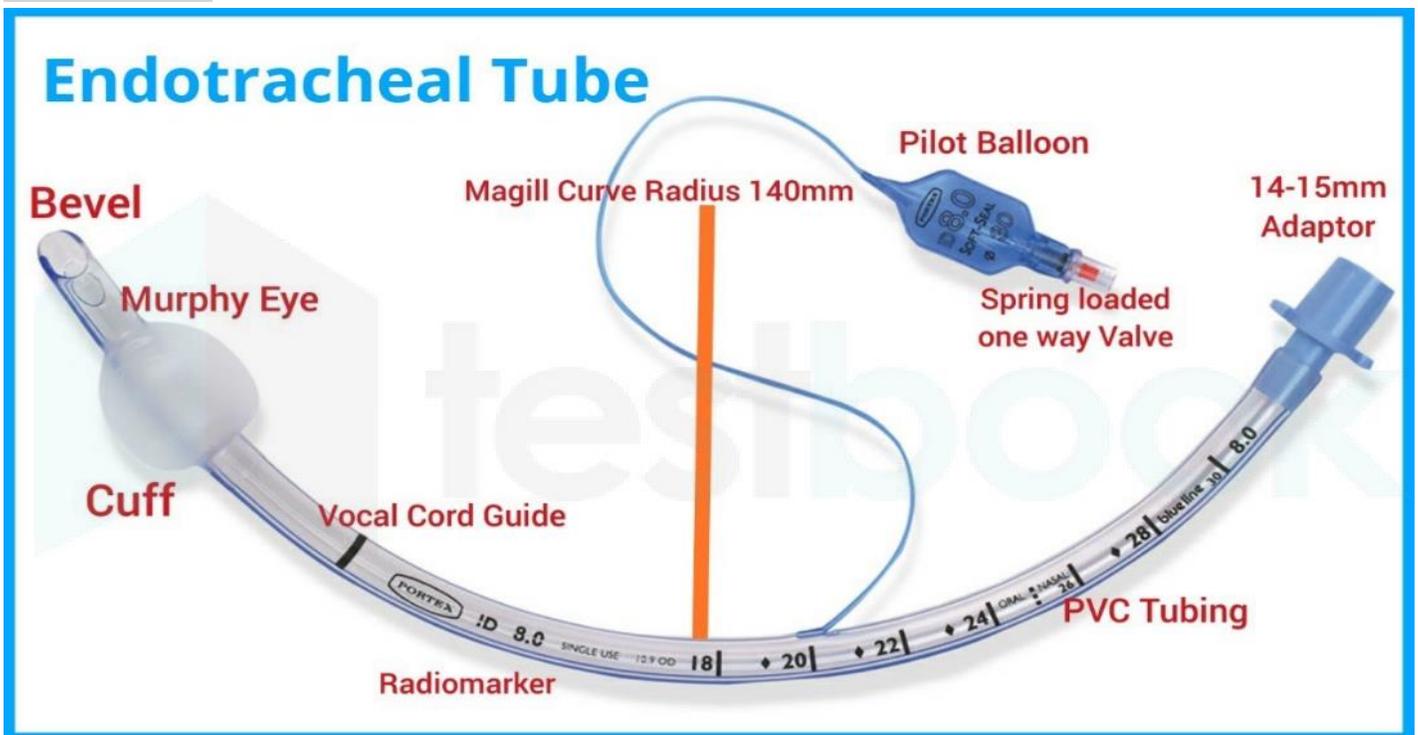
- **high pressure (low volume) cuff** are associated with more ischemic damage to the tracheal mucosa and are less suitable for intubations of long duration.
- **low pressure (high volume) cuff** may increase the likelihood of sore throat, aspiration, spontaneous extubation, and difficult insertion (because of the floppy cuff).



low pressure cuffs are used most because they are less likely cause injury.



Parts of ETT



Tube Size & Length

Age	Internal diameter	Length to teeth
Infant	3mm (uncuffed)	9 cm
Child	age/4 + 4	Age/2 + 12 cm
Adult Female Male	6.5 – 7.5 mm 7.0 – 8.5 mm	18-22 cm

Variation types of Endotracheal Tube

○ **Armored Tubes**

Flexible, spiral wound, wire-reinforced ETTs resist kinking and may prove valuable in some head and neck surgical procedures or in the prone patient.



○ **Double-lumen ETT**

to facilitate lung isolation and one-lung ventilation



Lecture Four Anesthetic Circuits

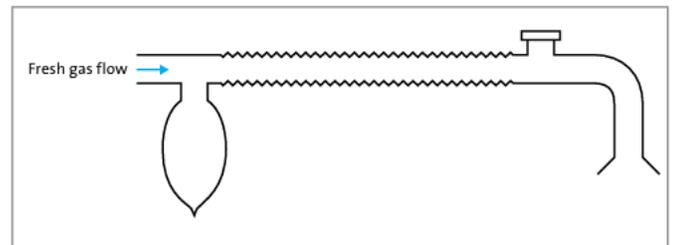
A breathing system is a device that conducts gases such as oxygen and anaesthetic agents to the patient and conducts waste gases such as CO₂ away.

Classically, breathing systems are classified as **open**, **semi-open(The Mapleson system)**, **semi-closed(THE CIRCLE SYSTEM)** and **closed**. Semi-closed systems are further divided into rebreathing systems with CO₂ absorption, rebreathing systems without CO₂ absorption and non-rebreathing systems.

The Mapleson system

→ Magill system (Mapleson A)

Fresh gas flow enters at the machine end, just proximal to the reservoir bag, which is connected by approximately 1.6 m of tubing to the APL valve at the patient end. The volume of this tubing must exceed one tidal volume to ensure efficient spontaneous ventilation.



Advantages

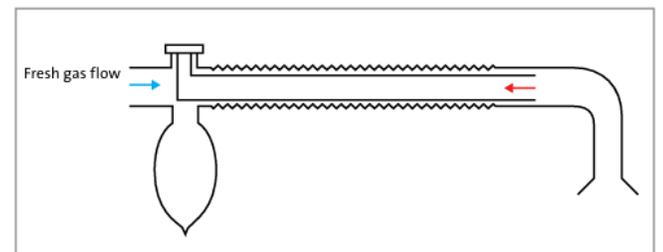
- Efficient for spontaneous ventilation.

Disadvantages

- Inefficient for controlled ventilation.
- The APL valve at the patient end adds bulk and drags on breathing circuit connections, particularly if connected to scavenging.
- Not suitable for paediatrics

→ Lack system (Coaxial Mapleson A)

The Lack system is a modification of the Magill system, designed to eliminate the problem of having the APL valve at the patient end. It consists of a 30 mm outer tube for inspiration, and a 14 mm inner tube for expiration. This wider bore tubing is required in order to reduce resistance to expiration.



The Lack system has similar characteristics to the Magill system, being efficient for spontaneous ventilation and inefficient for controlled ventilation.

Advantages

- Efficient for spontaneous ventilation.
- Bulky components are all at the machine end.

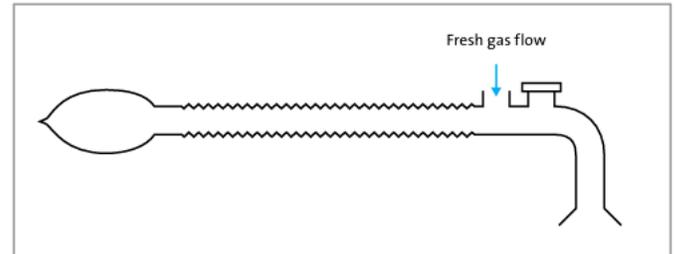
Disadvantages

- Inefficient for controlled ventilation.
- If the inner tube develops a leak, the entire system becomes dead space and CO₂ rapidly builds up

→ Mapleson B

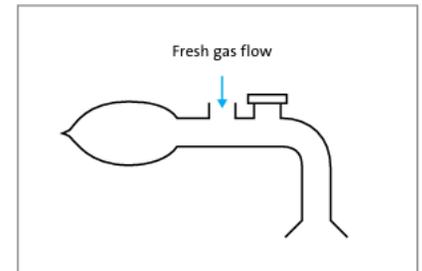
This circuit is not in common usage. The FGF and APL valve are at the patient end of the tubing, which causes complete mixing of fresh and expired gas. It is therefore inefficient for both spontaneous and controlled ventilation.

Fresh gas flows of 2–3 times MV are required (this is slightly more efficient than Mapleson A for controlled ventilation, but significantly worse during spontaneous ventilation).



→ Mapleson C

This system is similar to a Mapleson B system, but without the reservoir tubing. The bag, FGF and APL valve are all at the patient end. It is inefficient for both spontaneous and controlled ventilation and requires FGFs of 2–3 times minute volume. It is used in resuscitation situations as an alternative to a self-inflating bag. In these situations, volatile anaesthetics are not used and therefore efficiency is less important than portability.



Advantages

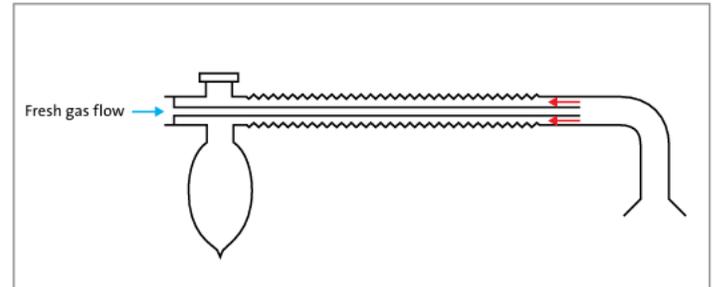
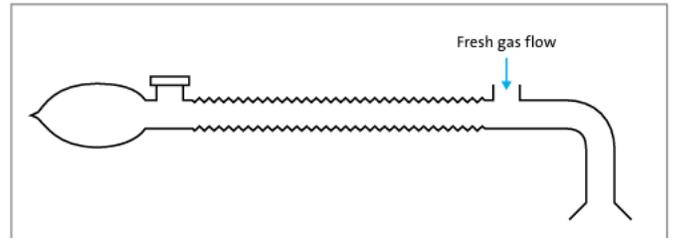
- Simple and lightweight.
- Useful for resuscitation, allowing PEEP to be applied and giving a visual and tactile indication of ventilation.

Disadvantages

- Inefficient, CO₂ accumulates over time.
- APL valve adds bulk at the patient end.

→ Bain system (Coaxial Mapleson D)

In a Mapleson D system, the FGF enters at the patient end, with the APL valve and bag being located at the machine end. Most Mapleson D systems in use are the coaxial Bain modification, in which fresh gas flows down a narrow (6 mm) inner tube and exhaled gas passes down the 22 mm outer tube. This is the reverse arrangement to the co-axial Mapleson



Advantages

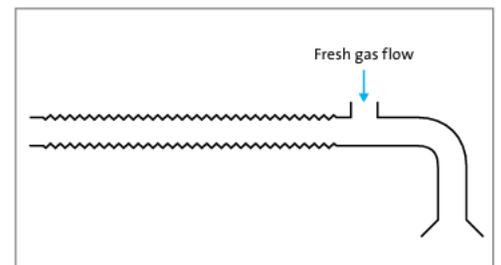
- Compact system with all the major components at the machine end, facilitating scavenging.
- Low dead space because the APL valve is at the machine end.

Disadvantages

- Inefficient for spontaneous ventilation.
- If the inner tube becomes disconnected or breaks, the entire system becomes dead space.

→ Ayre's T-piece (Mapleson E)

A Mapleson E system consists of a T-shaped rigid tube, with connections for the FGF, the patient, and a variable length of reservoir tubing. It is a valveless, bagless breathing system. Whilst intermittent positive pressure ventilation (IPPV) is possible by intermittently occluding the expiratory limb, this affords little control and there is the risk of high pressures occurring. Mapleson E systems have been superseded in clinical use by the Mapleson F system



Advantages

- There is minimal dead space.
- It is a valveless system. There is therefore minimal resistance to breathing, and the high pressures that would be encountered in the event of valve failure, are avoided.
- It is suitable for paediatric patients (up to 25 kg).

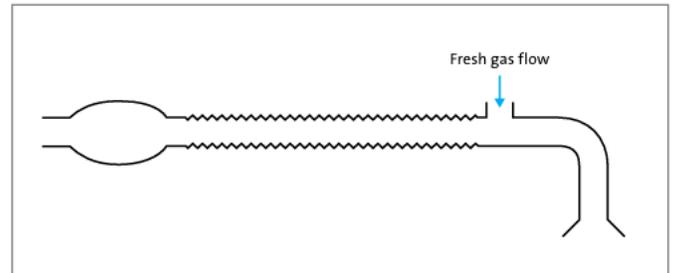
Disadvantages

- Application of PEEP is not possible. This is particularly important in anaesthetized paediatric patients who are dependent on positive airways pressure to maintain functional residual capacity (FRC).

- Positive pressure ventilation is difficult and potentially hazardous

→ **Jackson–Rees modification (Mapleson F)**

The Jackson–Rees modification of Ayre’s T-piece incorporates an open-ended bag attached to the end of the reservoir tubing. Partially occluding the ‘tail’ of the bag permits positive pressure ventilation or the application of PEEP. The bag also gives a visual indication of ventilation. Gas dynamics during spontaneous or controlled ventilation are similar to Mapleson E systems. FGF of 2–3 times MV is required.



Advantages

- As for Mapleson E.
- Positive pressure ventilation and PEEP are possible.
- More suitable for inhalational induction than a circle system.
- This is the standard breathing system for paediatric patients (up to 25 kg) although a small calibre circle system may also be used.

Disadvantages

- Scavenging is difficult.
- The system is inefficient, requiring high FGFs.
- Partially occluding the tail, whilst at the same time squeezing the bag is a moderately skilled technique

Mapleson Class	Other Names	Configuration ¹	Required Fresh Gas Flows		Comments
			Spontaneous	Controlled	
A	Magill attachment		Equal to minute ventilation ($\approx 80 \text{ mL/kg/min}$)	Very high and difficult to predict	Poor choice during controlled ventilation. Enclosed Magill system is a modification that improves efficiency. Coaxial Mapleson A (Lack breathing system) provides waste gas scavenging.
B			$2 \times$ minute ventilation	$2-2\frac{1}{2} \times$ minute ventilation	
C	Waters' to-and-fro		$2 \times$ minute ventilation	$2-2\frac{1}{2} \times$ minute ventilation	
D	Bain circuit		$2-3 \times$ minute ventilation	$1-2 \times$ minute ventilation	Bain coaxial modification: fresh gas tube inside breathing tube (see Figure 3-7).
E	Ayre's T-piece		$2-3 \times$ minute ventilation	$3 \times$ minute ventilation (I:E-1:2)	Exhalation tubing should provide a larger volume than tidal volume to prevent rebreathing. Scavenging is difficult.
F	Jackson-Rees' modification		$2-3 \times$ minute ventilation	$2 \times$ minute ventilation	A Mapleson E with a breathing bag connected to the end of the breathing tube to allow controlled ventilation and scavenging.

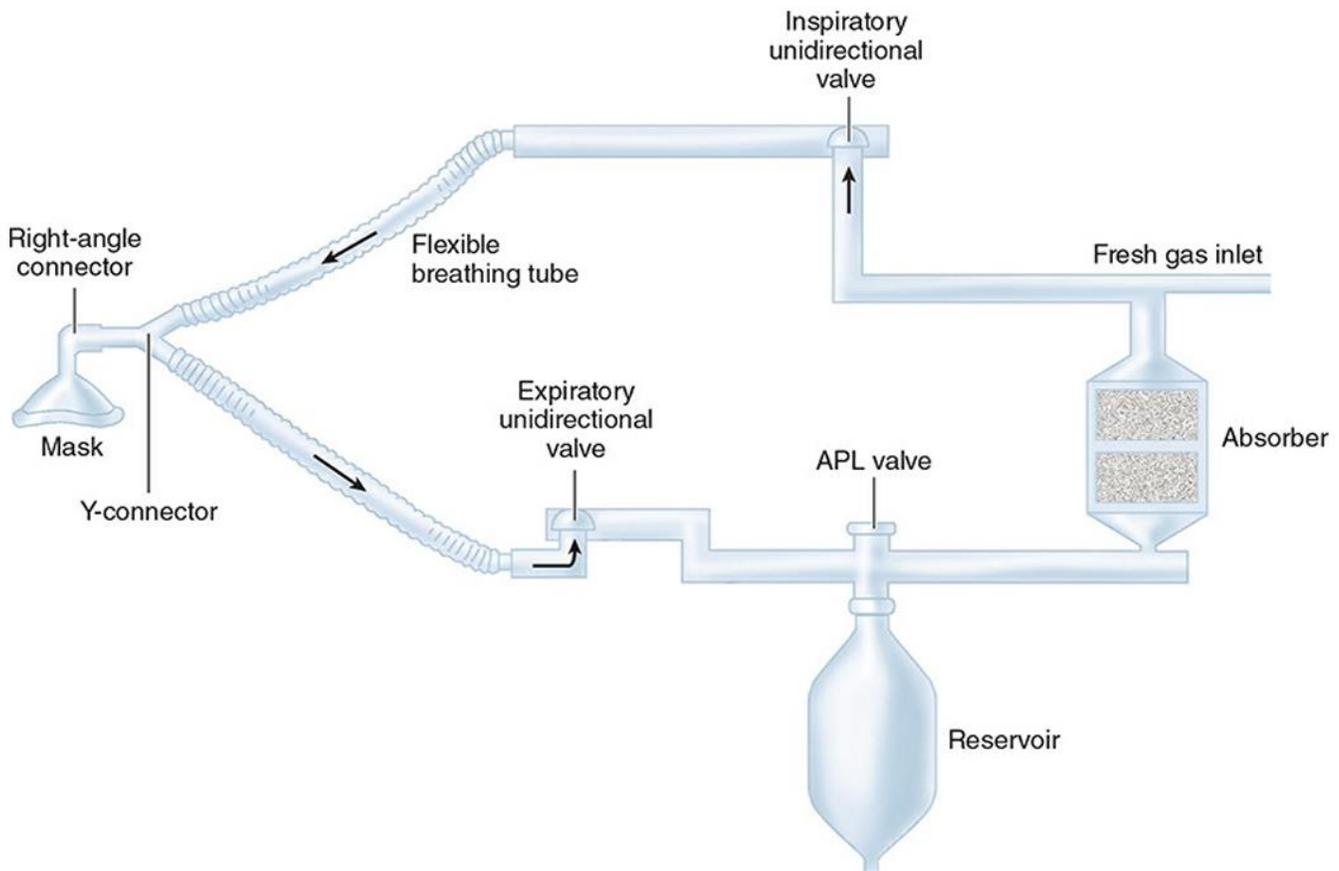
¹APL, adjustable pressure-limiting (valve); FGI, fresh gas inlet.

The circle system

The circle system is a highly efficient breathing system that conserves anaesthetic gases, heat and moisture, therefore, it is particularly useful for long. By actively removing carbon dioxide from exhaled gas, the circle system allows re-breathing of anaesthetic gases. In theory, the fresh gas flow (FGF) that is added to the circle system need only match the oxygen consumption of the patient and any anaesthetic losses through leaks, absorption or metabolism

A circle system comprises:

- a fresh gas inlet
- a reservoir bag
- two one-way valves (one in each of the inspiratory and expiratory limbs)
- a Y-piece connector from the one-way valves to the patient
- an APL valve
- a soda lime canister that absorbs carbon dioxide
- lengths of corrugated (kink-resistant) tubing to connect the components to one other and the patient.



Notes...

- **Volatile anaesthetic agents may be added to the gas mixture in two ways.** A vaporizer May be included in the circuit itself, so that gas flows through it on its way round the circle(VIC). More commonly, the vaporizer is located outside the circuit (VOC) and fresh gas flows through it before entering the circle.
- **Fresh gas flow and the reservoir bag** are usually found in **the inspiratory limb** of the circuit **to reduce the resistance to inspiration.**
- **The APL valve is ideally located in the expiratory limb** of the circuit so that only CO₂-containing gas is expelled through it.
- **The soda lime canister is situated after the APL valve** and removes carbon dioxide through an exothermic reaction.

Advantages

- The circle system conserves anaesthetic gases, heat and moisture.
- Low flow anaesthesia is possible provided concentrations are monitored.
- There is a low dead space. The Y-piece tubing creates mechanical dead space, but this is no greater than in non-rebreathing circuits.
- The soda lime canister is distant from the patient's airway, reducing the risk of soda lime dust inhalation.
- Reduced atmospheric pollution because anaesthetic gases can be recycled.

Disadvantages

- The circle system apparatus is bulkier than Mapleson breathing systems.
- Complexity of connections mean that leaks and disconnections are more difficult to identify quickly.
- The extra valves, tubing and soda lime canister increase the resistance.
- Soda lime may degrade sevoflurane into harmful substances such as compound A. compound A can produce hepatic and renal toxicity. As it is only produced in very low concentrations in circle systems, its clinical significance is debated.

Lecture Five Peripheral IV lines

Intravenous Cannulation

A technique in which a cannula is placed inside a vein to provide venous access

90% of patients in the hospital receive some type of intravenous therapy



INDICATIONS

- Administration fluid and medications
- Administration of chemotherapeutic agents
- Administration of blood or blood products
- Hemodynamic monitoring

TYPES

→ **Peripheral IV cannula**

The most commonly used IV cannula, it is usually used for emergency room and surgical patients, each of these IV lines are used for up to 72 hours and not beyond that

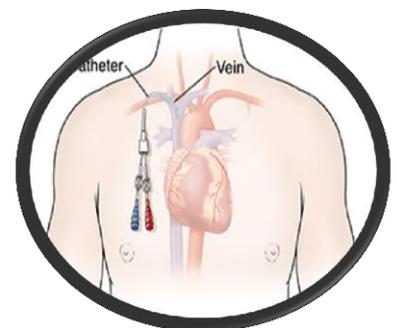
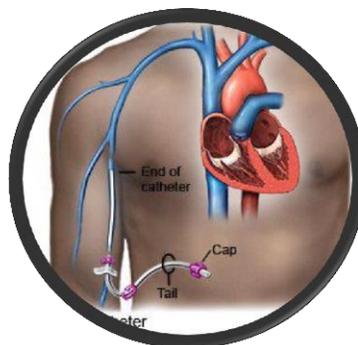


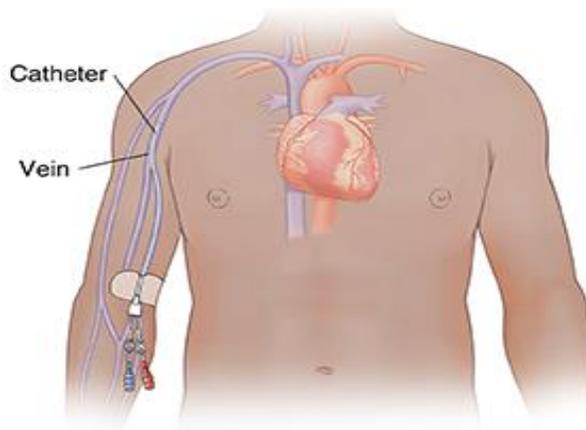
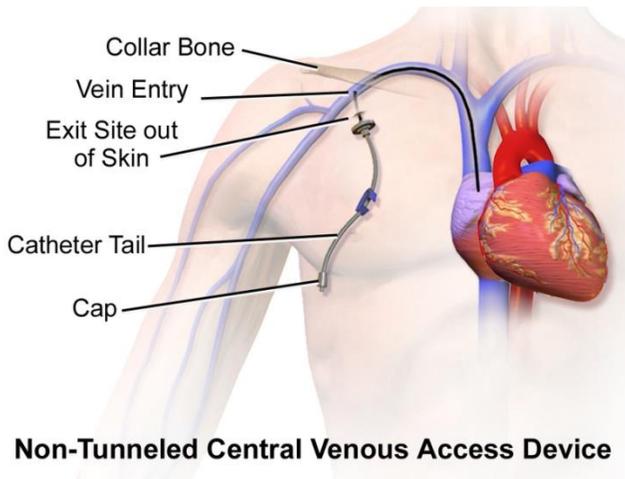
→ **Midline IV Catheter**

this is the perfect choice for those patients who are undergoing a treatment that lasts for more than five days but less than a month, the IV line is placed on a large vein in the upper part of the patient's arm.

→ **Central IV line (CV line)**

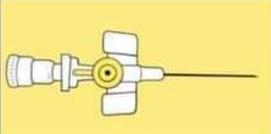
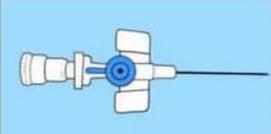
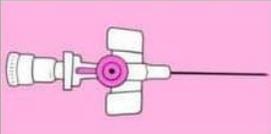
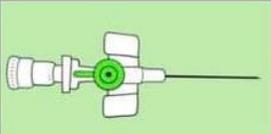
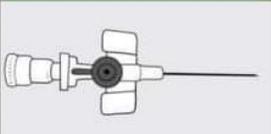
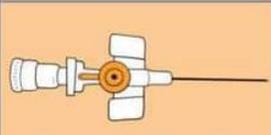
Used for patients who are undergoing prolonged treatments, this IV line is inserted into the jugular vein, subclavian vein.





Non-Tunneled Central Venous Access Device

Cannula sizes & uses

	24G	Medications, fragile veins, children
	22G	Medications / fluids, blood transfusions
	20G	Blood transfusions, large amounts of fluid
	18G	Blood, large volumes of fluid, parenteral nutrition
	16G	Rapid transfusions of blood / fluid
	14G	Rapid transfusions of blood / fluid



Lecture Six..... Giving Sets

Intravenous giving sets

These are designed to administer intravenous fluids, blood, and blood products.

Components

→ **Adult giving set includes the following:**

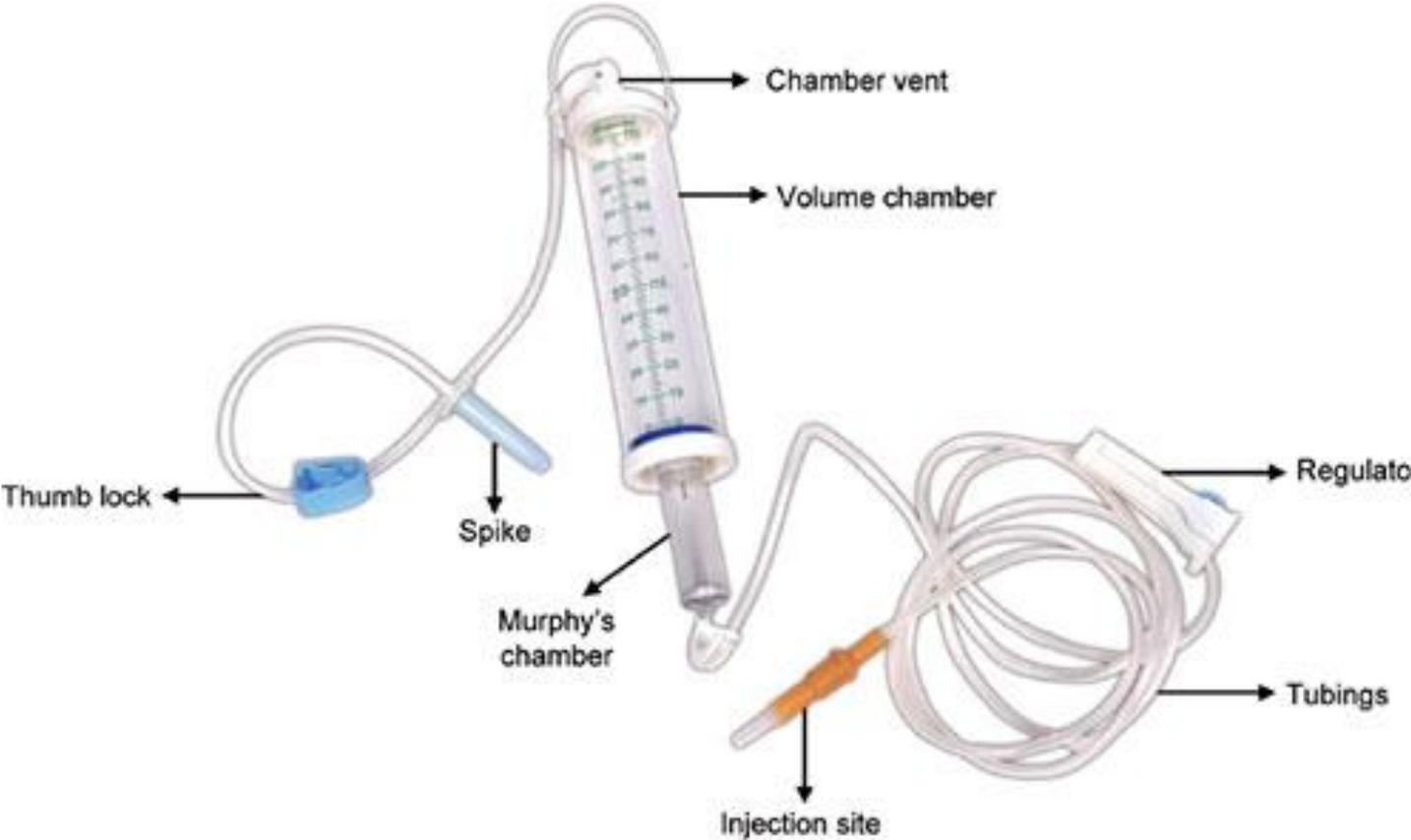
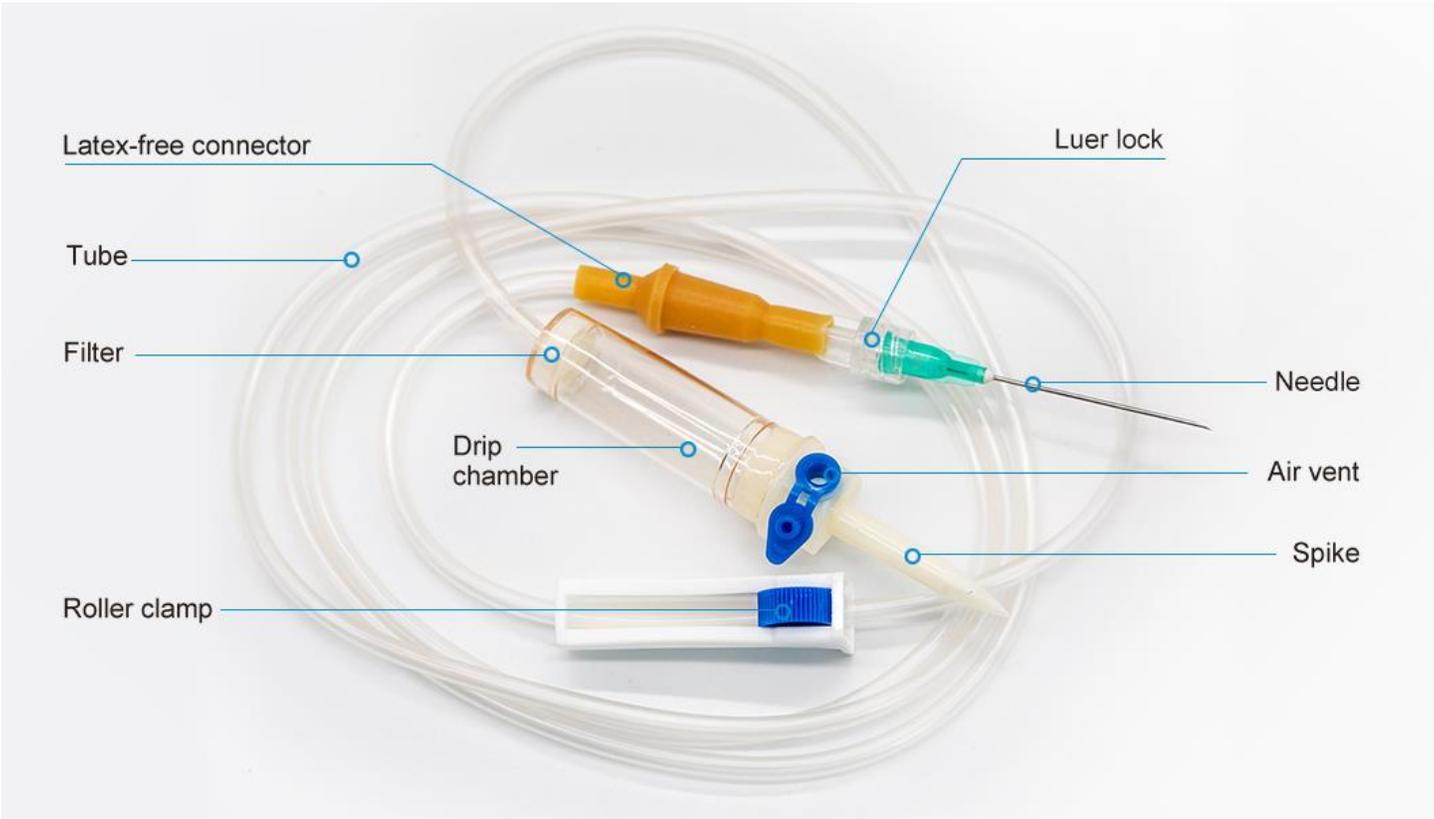
- **A clear plastic tube.** One end is designed for insertion into the fluid bag, whereas the other end is attached to an intravascular cannula with a Luerlock connection.
- **Blood giving sets have a filter with a mesh**
- Some designs have a one-way valve and a threeway tap attachment or a rubber injection site at the patient's end.
- **A flow controller** determines the drip rate (**20 drops of clear fluid is 1mL and 15 drops of blood is 1mL**)



→ **Pediatric set**

includes the following:

- In order to attain accuracy, **a burette** (150mL) in 1mL divisions is used to measure the volume of fluid to be infused. The burette has a filter, an air inlet, and an injection site on its top. At the bottom, a flap/ball valve prevents air entry when the burette is empty.
- **There are two flow controllers: one is between the fluid bag and the burette** and is used to fill the burette; **the second is between the burette and the patient** and controls the drip rate. An injection site should be close to the patient to reduce the dead space.
- **Drop size is 60 drops/mL of clear fluid.**
- filters can be added in line to filter out air and foreign bodies, e.g. glass or plastic particles.



Lecture Seven..... Anaesthetic Drugs

Anesthesia

Anesthesia: Lack of sensation

Analgesia: Loss of response to pain

Sedation: A state of relaxation or brief reduction in consciousness

Types of anesthesia

- General Anesthesia (GA)
- IV anesthesia
- Regional Anesthesia (spinal , epidural anesthesia)
- Nerve Blocks
- Local Anesthesia

IV Anesthetics

→ **Thiopental**

- Thiopentone is a barbiturate that was used widely as an IV anaesthetic agent.
- Very potent anticonvulsant , **reduction of intracranial pressure ICP**.
- Repeated doses or infusions have a cumulative effect.

- **Induction dose:** 3-6 mg/kg (25mg/ml)
- **onset of action:** 20-30 seconds

Adverse effect

- Hypotention
- Tissue necrosis from extravasation
- Apnoea & respiratory depression
- laryngospasm and bronchospasm (not used with asthmatic patient)

→ **propofol**

- Propofol is an IV anaesthetic induction agent that is widely used as a sedative drug
- Rapid recovery
- Decreases CBF & ICP
- Infusion used to maintain anesthesia

- **Induction dose(adult):** 1.5-2.5 mg/kg (10mg/ml)
- **Maintenance infusion:** 100–200 µg/kg/min
- **Sedation:** 25–75 µg/kg/min
- **onset of action:** 30-45 seconds

Adverse effect

- Hypotention (more than thiopental) , worse if hypovolaemic
- Apnoea
- Pain on injection
- Allergic reaction

→ ketamine

- Characterised by profound analgesia , immobility, amnesia, feeling of dissociated
- Bronchial muscle is dilated (used with asthmatic patient)
- Prolonged recovery
- **Induction dose:** 2 mg/kg (50mg/ml)
- **Analgesia dose:** 0.1–0.5 mg/kg IV
- **onset of action:** 30-60 seconds

Adverse effect

- Hypertention & tachycardia
- Increased intracranial pressure
- Delirium , hallucination & nightmares

Muscle relaxants

→ SUCCINYLCHOLINE

- The only depolarizing muscle relaxant
- it is rapidly metabolized by pseudocholinesterase
- Used for rapid sequence induction (endotracheal intubation in a patient with a full stomach)
- **Induction dose:** 1- 1.5 mg/kg (20mg/ml)
- **onset of action:** 30 – 60 seconds

Adverse effect

- cardiac dysrhythmia
- Increased intracranial pressure ICP
- Increased intraocular pressure IOP
- Malignant hyperthermia triggers

→ Atracurium

- Elimination by hofmann degradation
- **Induction dose:** 0.5 mg/kg (10mg/ml)
- **onset of action:** 2 min

Adverse effect

- Hypotension
- Bronchospasm (due to histamine release)
- Allergic Reactions

→ Cisatracurium

- Elimination by Hofmann degradation
- Does not release histamine
- Does not alter heart rate or blood pressure
- **Induction dose:** 0.1-0.2 mg/kg (2mg/ml)
- **onset of action:** 3-5 min

→ ROCURONIUM (esmeron)

- eliminated primarily by the liver and slightly by the kidneys.
- Less potent than most other muscle relaxants
- **Induction dose:** 0.6 mg/kg (10mg/ml)
- **onset of action:** 60-90 seconds

Adverse effect

- Little histamine release

Lecture Eight..... Suctioning

Medical vacuum and suction

Medical vacuum is used in suction devices throughout the hospital, usually from a central vacuum plant. Portable vacuum units are also available. Pressures are typically described in gauge pressure; negative pressures are therefore relative to atmospheric pressure.

A medical vacuum system should be capable of creating a **pressure of -53 kPa (-400 mmHg) with a flow of $40 \text{ l}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$** . It is therefore a high-pressure, low-flow system.

Suction vacuum systems incorporate bacterial filtration and drainage to dispose of aspirated body fluids.

Excess suction may result in inadequate patient ventilation, and insufficient suction levels may result in failure to evacuate waste anesthetic gases.

Uses

The immediate availability of a functioning suction apparatus is mandatory for safe anesthesia and is used to **clear secretions, vomitus, and blood from the airway**. Suction is also required for most surgical procedures and for a wide array of other uses, such as bronchoscopy and cell salvage.

Advantages

- Essential for safe anaesthesia.
- Centralized vacuum supplies are highly reliable.
- Collection systems are simple, cheap and disposable.

Disadvantages

- Disconnections and leaks in collection system are common, limiting suction pressure and flow.
- Battery life in portable units is limited

