# Pediatric Sedation & Analgesia

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Goals of a pediatric sedation talk

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### How many of you are snow skiers?



What's a "Jerry"?



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## A "Jerry" is a skier who...

- ... is blissfully unaware/incompetent at skiing
- ...makes careless decisions
- ...skis terrain beyond their ability
- ...has NO LACK of confidence
- ...and is not only annoying but DANGEROUS.





### Don't be a sedation "Jerry!"



# Sedation and Analgesia in Pediatric Patients



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### Case: forehead lac

- 2 yo male fell & hit head (eyebrow region) on coffee table 2 hours ago
- 2" linear lac requires sutures
- Appears anxious
- Had stitches last year and had to be "held down"
- Mom worried about scar
- Mom gave him ice cream to calm him after the injury



### Objectives

Define sedation

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- Discuss depth of sedation
- Describe the set-up for safe sedation
  - --Personnel, equipment, operational procedures



### What is sedation?

### "Abatement of physiologic function, especially by administration of a drug"

### NOT analgesia (pain relief)

# <u>NOT</u> amnesia (loss of memory)

### Goals of procedural sedation & analgesia

- Attenuate pain, anxiety, motion,
- Facilitate performance of a necessary diagnostic or therapeutic procedure,
- Provide an appropriate level of amnesia or decreased awareness, AND
- Ensure patient safety!!!

• Bhatt: Quebec guidelines for sedation. Ann Emerg Med 2009

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# Seriously, Just Go to Sleep

by Adam Mansbach . illustrated by Ricardo Cortés



### Back to our skiing analogy...



# The trail difficulty continuum





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### Facts about a ski trail map

- Trail ratings vary
  - Trail designations only compare trails within a particular ski area with one another—no firm standards across resorts
- Steepness can be expressed as degrees or %age
  Not all measures are "apples to apples"
- There are other elements that determine difficulty
  - Length, width, grooming, weather conditions, bailout points
  - Stratton's Sunriser Supertrail (blue) only bailout points are through black diamond terrain









# Sedation is a continuum



- Sedation is individual patient-specific
- Targeted vs. Achieved depth of sedation

### Why is depth of sedation important?

- Deeper levels  $\rightarrow$  greater risk for adverse events
  - Similarly, steeper trails = greater risk of injury
- Hospitals may grant sedation privileges based on depth
  - Often drug administration specific
- Key: be able to RESCUE from next level of sedation

### Levels of sedation

- Minimal (anxiolysis)
- Moderate
- Deep
- General anesthesia





# Minimal (anxiolysis)

- Patients respond normally to verbal commands
- Ventilatory and cardiovascular functions unaffected
- Many hospitals don't require specific sedation credentials



### Moderate



- Patients respond purposefully to verbal commands or light tactile stimulation
- No interventions required to maintain patent airway
- Spontaneous ventilation adequate





- Patients can't be easily aroused, but respond purposefully following repeated or painful stimulation
- Independent maintenance of ventilation may be impaired
  - Patients may require assistance in maintaining patent airway
  - Spontaneous ventilation may be inadequate
  - Cardiovascular function usually maintained



### General anesthesia



- "A drug-induced loss of consciousness during which patients are not arousable, even by painful stimulation. The ability to independently maintain ventilatory support is often impaired..."
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. CMS Manual System. Pub 100-07 State Operations Provider Certification. Appendix A. 42 CFR. Section 482.52. Revised hospital anesthesia services interpretive guidelines. January 14, 2011.



### Back to the continuum...

- Difficult to identify subtle changes in level of sedation
- Individual patients will respond differently
  - Like ski trails/resorts, no two are exactly alike
- <u>ALL</u> sedation drugs & routes of administration may result in significant adverse events
- Sedation providers: must be prepared to RESCUE
- Cote CJ et al, Pediatrics 2000





### Safety—how to ensure it???

- Pre-sedation assessment of the patient
- Physiologic monitoring
- Pediatric equipment—prepped & ready
- Trained & credentialed personnel
- Standardized recovery & discharge criteria
- Same precautions EACH & EVERY time
  - Always fully prepared to perform RESCUE



### Assessment

- Is this sedation necessary and appropriate?
  - Elective vs. emergent
  - The right setting?
  - Patient factors
    - Age (and therefore, airway)
    - At-risk conditions: obesity, OSA, URI
    - ASA physical status classification
    - Duration of procedure
    - Fasting state (NPO)
  - Specific goals for this sedation
    - Sedation (targeted depth), analgesia, amnesia

How urgent is this intervention/procedure?





### What setting are we in?



### **Operating Room**





### **Emergency Department**


#### In the field



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#### What are the characteristics of our patient?









Class II

Class I





Class III



Class IV



#### NPO Recommendations

American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA)

- Re: <u>healthy</u> patients
- NPO before sedation <u>elective</u> procedures
- Clear liquids: 2 hours
- Breast milk: 4 hours
- Infant formula, light meal: 6 hours
- Practice guidelines for sedation & analgesia by nonanesthesiologists. Anesth 2002;96:1004-17.



#### NPO status in our world

- Irrelevant for emergent procedures
- Relative consideration for urgent procedures
- International Committee for Advancement of Procedural Sedation (ICAPS)
  - Fasting does NOT guarantee an empty stomach
  - Probability of "clinically important aspiration" negligible
  - Fasting duration often >>> recommended time thresholds



#### NPO and aspiration risk factors

- NPO status not independent risk factor
- Aspiration risk in procedural sedation less than in general anesthesia, is rare in children (0.8/10,000)
- Patient factors  $\rightarrow$  most significant impact on risk
  - Severe systemic disease
  - Age less than 1 year
  - Obesity and OSA
  - Airway abnormalities
- Other factors: procedure type, sedation technique
- Bhatt, et al JAMA Pediatrics 2017;171(10):957-964.



# **ASA Physical Status Classification**

- Class I: Normal healthy patient
- Class II: Mild systemic disease (controlled asthma)
- Class III: Severe systemic disease (active wheezing)
- Class IV: Disease is constant threat to life (status asthmaticus)
- Class V: Moribund patient not expected to live without procedure/operation



# What factors lead to poor outcomes?

- Sedation performed outside of a hospital setting
- Inadequate...
  - Evaluation
  - Monitoring
  - Observation
- Medication errors
- Ability to RESCUE patient mitigates poor outcomes
- Cote, 2000

- Is my unit adequately staffed to do this procedure safely?
- Can this procedure be completed in a reasonable period of time (30 minutes)?
- Is an acceptable result feasible within those constraints?





#### Set yourself up for success • Get in the correct position



Step 1: Simple Head Extension (no shoulder roll or headrest) The Glabella and Chin are Horizontally Ali Open neck 2 External Auditory Meatus and the Sternal Notch are Horizontally Aligned



# Set yourself up for success • SOAPME

- Suction
- Oxygen
- Airway
- Pharmacy
- Monitors
- Equipment (IV & RESCUE)



#### SOAPME

- S: size-appropriate catheters; functioning system
- O: oxygen supply; adequate delivery
- A: NP/oral airways; bag-mask; ET tubes, laryngoscopes
- P: oxygen, epi, paralytic; antagonists (naloxone, flumazenil)
- M: ECG/BP monitors; pulse oximeter; end-tidal CO2
- E: IV (functioning); RESCUE airway equipment





Proper type, size of equipment matters!



Proper training, supervision is critical to safety & success.

#### Monitoring Personnel

All sedations should ideally have a designated, trained provider observing the patient who is NOT performing the procedure





#### Discharge Criteria

- Vital signs & pulse oximeter normal/baseline
- Baseline mental status & verbal ability
- Able to sit unassisted (age-appropriate)
- Demonstrate ability to protect airway
- If reversal drugs given, minimum 2 hours observation post-administration



#### Sedation set-up summary

- Pre-sedation assessment
  - Right procedure, length, setting—be selective
  - Minimize pre-procedure agitation
- Proper monitoring
  - CR monitor/BP, pulse oximeter, capnography
- Assemble all equipment & personnel
  - Oxygen, suction, bag-mask, airway adjuncts
- Be prepared to perform RESCUE



## OK, ready to go...



#### What does success look like?

- Procedure performed successfully
  - Bare minimum—lowest bar!!
- Child has no unpleasant recall
  - (Sedation team has no unpleasant recall)
- Child did not actively resist or require physical restraint
- No sedation-related adverse events
  - Threatened or actual patient injury or discomfort
  - Abandoned procedure
  - Unplanned hospital admission or prolonged ED stay



#### Case: options

- No sedative meds
  - Controlled setting: dim lights, music, family assistance
  - Distraction, guided imagery
- Minimal sedation
  - Midazolam
    - IN 0.4.mg/kg (max 5 mg)
  - Dexmedetomidine
    - IN 2 3 mcg/kg
  - Nitrous oxide



Choice: Midazolam 0.3-0.5 mL per nostril (larger volumes become po)



# Non-pharmacologic methods

- Distraction
  - Music, books, videos, virtual reality
  - Hypnosis, guided imagery
  - Child Life Specialists
  - Position of comfort
  - Minimize pre-sedation agitation



#### Let's talk drugs--sedatives

- Benzodiazepines
  - Midazolam (Versed)
  - Diazepam (Valium)
  - Lorazepam (Ativan)
  - Reversal agent--Flumazenil
- Barbiturates
- Etomidate
- Propofol
- Sedation/anxiolysis yes, but NO ANALGESIA

#### Midazolam (Versed)

- Multiple routes for administration
  - IV, intranasal, IM, PO, sublingual, rectal
- Rapid, predictable onset of action
- Short duration
- Amnesia for the event
- Reversal with Flumazenil (Romazicon)



#### Midazolam (Versed)

- Disadvantages
  - Respiratory depression
  - Laryngospasm
  - Hallucinations
  - Spatial relations difficulty
  - Mild hypotension (minimal)
  - Paradoxical agitation possible



#### Midazolam (Versed)

- Intranasal
  - Use of atomizer
  - Excellent absorption
  - 0.2 0.4 mg/kg dose
  - Max dose 8 mg
- Intravenous
  - 0.05 0.1 mg/kg dose





## Fentanyl

- NOT a "sedation" drug per se
  - Opiate = analgesia
  - Sedation is minimal
- Dose:
  - Intranasal: 1 mcg/kg with atomizer
  - IV: 1-3 mcg/kg
- Adverse effects
  - Respiratory suppression, apnea
  - Hypotension
  - Chest wall rigidity with rapid infusion
- Reversal agent: naloxone

#### Ketamine

- PCP derivative
- Dissociative sedative (trancelike state)
- Sedation, analgesia, amnesia—triple threat
- IV: 1 2 mg/kg
- IN: 1 2 mg/kg
- IM: 2 4 mg/kg



#### Ketamine: effects

- Increased heart rate & blood pressure
- Increased intracranial & intraocular pressure
- Increased intragastric pressure (vomiting risk)
- Increased incidence apnea
  - Age < 3 months
  - Rapid infusion
- Muscle rigidity, myoclonic jerks possible
- Maintains airway protective reflexes



#### Ketamine: adverse events

- Apnea
- Sialogogue
- Laryngospasm
- Oxygen desaturation
- Vomiting\*
- Emergence reactions
- Risk factors for airway/respiratory events:
  - High IV dose
  - Children < 2 yo or > 12 yo
  - Co-administered benzos, anticholinergics

#### Ketamine emergence reactions

- Euphoria/dysphoria
- Agitation
- Hallucinations
- Active dreams/nightmares
- Any of these: 5-27%





# Pain management (analgesia)

- PICHFORK (Pain in Children Fentanyl or Ketamine)
  - Double-blind, randomized controlled trial
  - Age 3 13 yo, isolated extremity injury
  - Moderate to severe pain
  - 1.5 mcg/kg IN fentanyl vs. 1 mg/kg IN ketamine
    - Similar (effective) pain reduction in both groups
    - Ketamine—more minor adverse events, mainly due to dizziness/drowsiness (sedation)

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• Graudins A, et al, Ann Emerg Med 2015; 65(3):248-254.





#### Adjunct maneuvers

- Painless local anesthesia: LET
- Position of comfort
- Distraction
- Papoose? Dad?

#### Case: procedure

 Child did not actively resist or require physical restraint





#### Case: resolution

- No unpleasant recall
- Procedure completed successfully
- Parents happy
- Laceration healed well





# Thank you



#### Dexmedetomidine

- Alpha-2 adrenergic agonist
- Minimal depression of respirations
- Maintains patent airway
- Depresses cardiovascular system
  - Bradycardia, hypo- and hyper-tension all possible
- Has analgesic properties
- 2-hour elimination half-life—protracted recovery
  - Used for sedation for prolonged procedures, MRI

#### Nitrous oxide

- Odorless, tasteless gas
- Produces dissociative euphoria
- Used for years in pediatric dentistry
- Largely considered effective & safe
- When used at levels < 50%, maintains protective airway reflexes
  - No fasting, minimal post-procedure monitoring
- Amnesia, mild analgesia (but not sufficient alone for most procedures)
## Nitrous oxide

- 30% nitrous/70% oxygen mix typically titrated to 50%/50% until effective
- Peak effect within 5 minutes
- Offset within 5 minutes of removal
- No IV required
- Doesn't cause respiratory depression
- Adverse events in up to 10%: nausea +/- vomiting
- Post-sedation HA can occur
- Little to no effect on hemodynamics

## Nitrous oxide

- Ventilation intact, so pCO<sub>2</sub> does not increase
- Can have hypoxia if oxygen:NO ratio too low
  - Requires monitoring
  - Must have available equipment for gas (O<sub>2</sub>) administration & elimination





