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Anesthesia for head and neck surgery



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Spectrum



- Simple procedures
 - tonsillectomy
 - Precision laryngology
 - Neurotologic and image-guided skull-base surgery
- Complex procedures
 - Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) surgery
 - Sophisticated transoral robotic surgery (TORS)
 - Major H&N cancer surgery with extensive free-flap reconstruction

PREOPERATIVE EVALUATION



- A medical **history** and anesthesia-directed **physical examination** should be performed for all patients who undergo anesthesia
- Focus the preoperative evaluation on the **airway** and on those **medical conditions** that are associated with complications during these procedures

Assessment of comorbidities



- For patients with
 - uncontrolled hypertension
 - Cerebrovascular disease
 - Coronary artery disease
 - Chronic renal insufficiency
 - Advanced liver disease

Controlled hypotensive techniques should be avoided

Intraoperative hypotension should be treated aggressively

Assessment of comorbidities



- Patients with
Lung disease
Ventilation/perfusion (V/Q) mismatch

may not be suitable candidates for intraoperative ventilation

techniques such as **spontaneous ventilation, apneic intermittent ventilation, or jet ventilation**

Assessment of comorbidities



- Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA)
 - common among patients who undergo H&N procedures
 - may be undiagnosed
 - more sensitive to sedatives and opioids
- predisposed to airway obstruction during:
 - induction of anesthesia
 - emergence
 - postoperative period

Assessment of comorbidities



- Lower cranial nerve involvement in neurotologic patients
- cranial nerves X, XI, and XII
- Increased risk of
 - aspiration or airway obstruction
 - complicate difficult airway management

Particular concern

- Most cases of H&N cancer
are associated with tobacco and alcohol use
predispose patients to cardiopulmonary, liver disease
- Patients with H&N cancers are commonly anemic
- Radiation for H&N cancers can result in
Dry mouth, airway swelling, dysphagia, poor oral intake, dehydration
Predispose these patients to hypotension
Difficult tracheal intubation and mask ventilation
Tissue fibrosis, loss of tissue compliance, restricted mouth opening
Neck extension, glottic, epiglottic edema

Airway evaluation



- Difficulty with airway management is **more common** for patients who undergo H&N procedures
- Prior anesthesia records should be reviewed
- Comprehensive preoperative airway evaluation
 - Assessment of predictors of difficult/impossible mask ventilation
 - Difficult direct laryngoscopy (DL)
 - Difficult videolaryngoscopy (VL)

Airway evaluation



- A history of difficult tracheal intubation
 - one of the most important predictors of difficult airway
- Prior easy intubation does not guarantee subsequent uneventful airway management in H&N patients
 - progression of the underlying disease

Incidence of airway difficulty



- Definition

Three or more attempts at direct laryngoscopy

- May occur in up to 7 to 9 percent of H&N cases
- which is at least two to four times higher than in the mixed surgical population

Predictors of difficult videolaryngoscopy



- Otolaryngologic and cardiac surgery
- Sniffing head positioning
- Abnormal neck anatomy (scar, mass, neck radiation changes)
- Decreased cervical spine motion
- Decreased oral entry (obesity, decreased mouth opening, decreased jaw mobility)
- Restricted oropharyngeal space (edema, bleeding, retrognathia)

Airway examination



- Postradiation changes in the neck
- Decreased mandibular protrusion
- Advanced disease may make a surgical airway difficult or impossible
- Signs and symptoms of airway obstruction

Dyspnea at rest or on exertion

Dysphagia

Stridor

Cough

Voice changes

Airway examination



- Muffled voice may indicate
supraglottic disease
- Coarse, scratchy voice
glottic lesions
- Physical findings may include:
hoarseness
agitation
intercostal, suprasternal, supraclavicular retraction

Airway examination



- Pharyngeal restriction

Drooling, Dysphagia, Expiratory snoring

- Most worrisome sign

Inspiratory stridor at rest

Suggesting a reduction in airway diameter

At the supraglottic, periglottic, or glottic level

At least 50 percent

Airway examination



- Airway compromise in H&N patients may also involve the **lower airways**
- Tracheal or tracheobronchial narrowing
expiratory stridor
- Obstructive subglottic disease
biphasic inspiratory-expiratory stridor

Difficult mask ventilation



- Mallampati grade 3 to 4
- Decreased mandibular protrusion
- Presence of beard
- Obesity (BMI ≥ 30)
- Age >57 years
- Lack of teeth
- History of snoring

Impossible mask ventilation



- Mallampati grade 3 to 4
- Male sex
- Presence of beard
- OSA
- Neck radiation changes

Predictors of combined difficulty with mask ventilation and direct laryngoscopy



Predictors of difficult/impossible mask ventilation

Mallampati grade 3 to 4

Decreased mandibular protrusion

Presence of beard

Obesity (BMI ≥ 30)

Male sex

OSA

Modified and additional predictors

Age ≥ 46 years

Presence of teeth

Neck radiation changes or a neck mass

Thick or obese neck

Unstable neck or decreased neck extension

Decreased thyromental distance

Preoperative endoscopic airway evaluation (PEAE)



- routinely performed by the H&N surgeon
- can be performed by the anesthesiologist when necessary
- upper airway and laryngeal anatomy
- upper airway dynamics
- determine the feasibility of supraglottic airway (SGA) placement

Components of the preoperative airway physical examination



Airway examination component	Nonreassuring findings
Length of upper incisors	Relatively long
Relationship of maxillary and mandibular incisors during normal jaw closure	Prominent "overbite" (maxillary incisors anterior to mandibular incisors)
Relationship of maxillary and mandibular incisors during voluntary protrusion of mandible	Patient cannot bring mandibular incisors anterior to (in front of) maxillary incisors
Interincisor distance	Less than 3 cm
Visibility of uvula	Not visible when tongue is protruded with patient in sitting position (eg, Mallampati class >2)
Shape of palate	Highly arched or very narrow
Compliance of mandibular space	Stiff, indurated, occupied by mass, or non-resilient
Thyromental distance	Less than three ordinary finger-breadths
Length of neck	Short
Thickness of neck	Thick
Range of motion of head and neck	Patient cannot touch tip of chin to chest or cannot extend neck

Airway management strategy



- Strategy for airway management should be formulated with the surgeon
- Review of preoperative imaging studies and endoscopy
- Selection of airway management device
- Route for tracheal intubation
- Use of jet ventilation
- Backup strategies

Preparation for a surgical airway in selected cases

Shared airway



- During oral and intranasal surgery
- Airway must be protected from **blood, debris, and irrigation fluid**
- Placement of a **throat pack**
- Endotracheal tubes (ETTs) must be appropriately sized and adequately secured to avoid **extubation or displacement** causing a leak of anesthetic gases or oxygen (O₂) out of the airway

The size and type of ETT



- Should be discussed with the surgeon
- For intraoral surgery

6-mm internal diameter (ID)

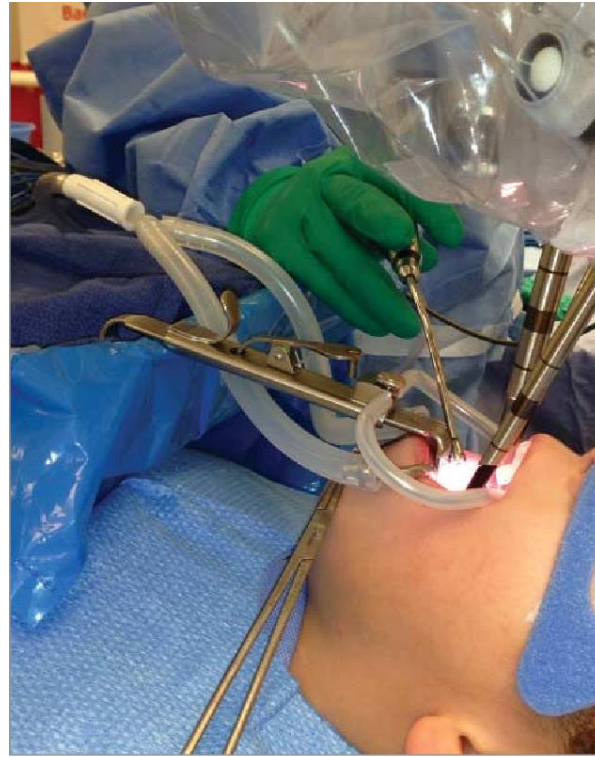
Wire-reinforced flexible ETT

Nasal intubation



- Base Of The Tongue (BOT) surgery
- Transoral Robotic Surgery (TORS)
- Orthognathic surgery
- Maxillomandibular Advancement (MMA) for obstructive sleep apnea (OSA)
- may be requested by the surgeon for parotidectomy and some dental procedures

Transoral Robotic Surgery (TORS)



Nasal ETT



- Adequate depth of tracheal placement to avoid circuit leak
- Properly secured to prevent pressure against the nasal ala
- A 6-mm ID microlaryngeal tube (MLT) is frequently required to facilitate surgical access for TORS

paediatric
tube



microlaryngeal
tube

Microlaryngeal surgery



- Small-sized ETT (eg, a 5-mm ID MLT) is routinely used
- ETT should be moved to the left corner of the patient's mouth to facilitate introduction of surgical instruments
- Securely taped to the lower jaw to avoid outward displacement when the mouth is opened and the neck is extended for laryngeal suspension

Microlaryngeal surgery with THRIVE



Supraglottic airways (SGAs)

- May be preferred instead of ETTs
- Facilitate smooth emergence from anesthesia



Anesthesia breathing circuit



- Should be configured to allow unrestricted surgical access
- As an example, the breathing circuit should connect to the ETT
from the head of the operating table
over the top of the patient's head
TORS, Orthognathic, MMA surgery
allow unrestricted surgical access

Still surgical field



- Surgeries:

Otologic and Neurotologic surgery

Laser otolaryngologic surgery

Functional endoscopic and cranial-base surgery

TORS

- Avoid:

Patient movement

Motion associated with monitoring devices (eg, blood pressure [BP] cuff inflation)

Accidental OR table movements must be avoided

Still surgical field



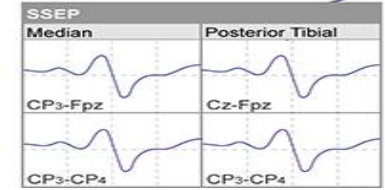
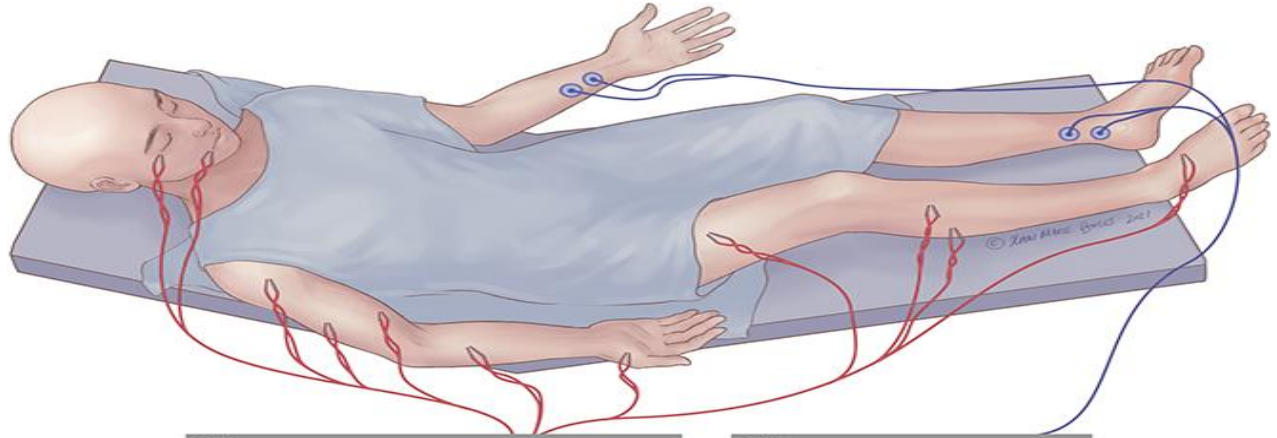
- The surgeon should be notified before any action
- For precision endoscopic procedures (eg, middle ear surgery)

Place the BP cuff on the patient's side opposite the surgeon

Avoid iatrogenic tremor-induced interference with microdissection

Neuromonitoring

- May be used during H&N procedures
- Preclude the administration of neuromuscular blocking agents (NMBAs)



Fire Risk



- Should be explicitly discussed with the surgeon and operating room nurses preoperatively
- Oxidizing agent (eg, oxygen [O₂] or nitrous oxide [N₂O])
- Fuel source (eg, prep solution, endotracheal tube)
- Ignition source (eg, laser, electrocautery)

Anesthesia Management

Choice of Anesthetic Technique



- For most H&N procedures, general anesthesia is the preferred technique

- General anesthesia

Protects the patient's airway

Assures adequate gas exchange

Abolishes patient movement

Reliably provides amnesia

Avoids distracting the surgeon

Choice of Anesthetic Technique



- MAC may be performed for selected H&N procedures
- Laryngeal framework surgery may require spontaneous ventilation and a responsive patient
- MAC without immediate access to the patient's airway
may be challenging
fluctuating level of surgical stimulation

Monitoring



- **Standard American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) monitors:**
 - blood pressure [BP], electrocardiography, O₂ saturation, capnography
 - usually sufficient during H&N surgery
 - even when controlled hypotension is used
- **Additional monitors** may be added:
 - Continuous arterial blood pressure monitoring
 - Central venous catheter
 - Processed electroencephalogram

Airway management strategy



Laryngoscopy technique



- If DL is chosen as a primary approach to tracheal intubation
multiple attempts should be avoided
to avert total airway obstruction
- Videolaryngoscopy (VL) should be strongly considered
as the primary intubation technique for H&N patients
predicted difficult DL
increase the chance of first-attempt success

Endotracheal intubation by the surgeon



- If DL or VL fails
 - Surgeon may be able to intubate using the operating laryngoscope or rigid bronchoscope
- The surgeon can also use a rigid bronchoscope
 - Ventilation after failed intubation
 - Acute airway obstruction resulting from
 - foreign bodies
 - hemoptysis
 - tumors

Flexible scope intubation



- Both awake and asleep
- High failure rates in patients with H&N pathology
- Reported failure rates between 9 and 60 percent
- The most common reasons for failure of flexible scope intubation:
 - inability to identify the glottis
 - difficulty passing the scope
 - bleeding
 - airway obstruction

Combined intubation techniques



- The combined use of **VL with a flexible scope** or optical stylet is increasingly common in complex airway management
- VL provides an **enlarged view** of the glottis and facilitates manipulation of the flexible scope or optical stylet in patients with distorted anatomy or airway tumors
- The combined technique allows **continuous visualization** of the intubation procedure and less chance of tumor disturbance

Optical stylets



- Optical intubation stylets

Bonfils, Shikani, SensaScope, Clarus Video System

- May offer an advantage over flexible scopes

May bypass mobile supraglottic and glottic masses

Situations when a flexible scope will not pass

Supraglottic airways



- May be difficult to insert or seat in patients with
 - H&N pathology
 - History of neck radiation
 - limited mouth opening
- Difficulty with SGA ventilation
 - Glottic pathology
 - Hypopharyngeal pathology
 - Subglottic pathology

Laryngeal Mask Airways (LMAs)



- A **second-generation** SGA is preferred over a first-generation
improve ventilation and reduce the risk of aspiration
- Second-generation devices may include additional features
 - bite blocks
 - cuffs designed to improve the seal
 - esophageal vents that allow orogastric tube placement
 - cuff pressure monitors
 - lumen that allows passage of an upper gastrointestinal endoscope

Laryngeal Mask Airways (LMAs)



- Bougie introducer-assisted insertion technique

For most second-generation SGAs

Specifically for the LMA ProSeal

Maximize the first-pass success rate




Assure optimal esophageal and laryngeal seals

Tubular SGAs



- Combitube
- laryngeal tubes (LTs)
- Especially useful in H&N patients
 - limited mouth opening
 - significant upper airway bleeding or regurgitation
 - when rapid control of the airway is necessary
- commonly used in
 - Prehospital emergency airway management
 - Emergency department (ED)

SGAs

Device			
	Laryngeal mask airways	King Laryngeal Tube (King LT)	CombiTube
Type	Supraglottic	Retroglottic	Retroglottic
Characteristics	<p>Most require air to inflate the cuff.</p> <p>Usually have a port for a gastric tube, allowing for less gastric distension, which facilitates more effective BVM ventilation.</p> <p>Some are designed for an ET tube to be passed into the trachea.</p>	<p>Single inflation port inflates both upper and lower balloons.</p> <p>Recent models have a port for a gastric tube, allowing for less gastric distension, which facilitates more effective BVM ventilation.</p>	<p>Two separate ports for inflation of the balloons and separate attachments for the BVM.</p> <p>Providers must assess if the distal end is in the stomach or trachea prior to using the BVM. (This is difficult and increases the chance of error.)</p>
Sizes	Usually come in pediatric and neonate sizes.	Comes in pediatric and neonate sizes.	Smaller-size 37F is available to use in patients ≥ 4 feet. (No sizes available for patients < 4 feet.)

Choice of size



Weight, kg	LMA size	Max cuff volume, mL
<5	1	4
5-10	1.5	7
10-20	2	10
20-30	2.5	14
30-50	3	20
50-70	4	30
70-100	5	40
>100	6	50

Use of the SGA as a primary ventilatory device



- Advantages:
 - decreased incidence of upper airway trauma
 - decreased adverse respiratory events
 - eliminating the need for the use of NMBAs
 - improved maintenance of a stable plane of anesthesia
 - controlled hypotension
 - smoother and faster emergence from anesthesia
- For the otologic surgery, we prefer to use a second generation SGA, most commonly LMA-Proseal or LMA-Supreme, to assure proper SGA positioning and function

Oxygenation strategies



- High flow nasal oxygen
(transnasal humidified rapid insufflation ventilatory exchange)
[THRIVE]
- Arndt cricothyroidotomy catheter
3-mm internal diameter (ID) lumen
allows ventilation using a low-pressure gas source
such as an anesthesia breathing circuit or Ambu bag

Surgical airway



- Awake Tracheostomy

should be performed under **local anesthesia**

without sedation

- An alternative is an Awake Dilator Cricothyroidotomy

Emergency Airway Management



- Surgical cricothyroidotomy
 - strongly preferred over
 - percutaneous access through the cricothyroid membrane

- Emergency transcutaneous cannula cricothyroidotomy
 - failed in 60 percent of H&N patients

Positioning



- Areas that should be padded to prevent skin pressure and nerve injury

Pressure points

Plastic connectors

IV tubing

Monitoring devices

Positioning



- The head of the operating table is usually away from the anesthesiologist
- Preventing immediate access to the airway
- The ETT should be effectively secured
 - accidental extubation
 - ETT pullback
- The breathing circuit should be firmly attached to the ETT and supported to prevent disconnection.

Positioning



- The patient's eyes
 - should be adequately protected
 - cover with occlusive dressing to keep the lids closed
 - prevent skin preparation solution from entering the eyes
- Protective goggles
 - should be placed for surgeries involving heavy instrumentation
 - around the patient's face (eg, during transoral robotic surgery)

Positioning



- The operating table
 - may be placed in a steep lateral position
 - during otologic and neurotologic surgery
 - Apply three straps
 - chest
 - pelvis
 - legs
- to prevent patient shifting on the operating table

Opioids during maintenance of anesthesia



- Continuous opioid infusion or Intermittent boluses ?
 - Decrease the total dose of opioid administered
 - Improve hemodynamic stability
- Remifentanil
 - ultrashort-acting opioid
 - can be administered at high doses
 - profound intraoperative analgesia
 - no postoperative residual effects
 - hemodynamic stability
 - faster recovery from anesthesia

Controlled Hypotension



- Systolic Blood Pressure [SBP] below 100 mmHg
- Mean Arterial Pressure [MAP] of 60 to 70 mmHg
- Controlled hypotension should be **avoided** in patients with:
 - uncontrolled hypertension
 - cerebrovascular disease
 - significant coronary artery disease
 - chronic renal insufficiency
 - advanced liver disease

Postoperative pain control



- Multimodal approach
 - minimize the use of postoperative opioids
- May include perioperative use of:
 - Acetaminophen
 - Gabapentin
 - Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)
- Local anesthetic infiltration
- Peripheral nerve blocks

Extubation plan



- Laryngospasm
- Postextubation airway edema
- Postoperative airway obstruction
- Need for reintubation

- One-third of adverse events occurred during emergence and recovery from anesthesia

DAS Extubation Guidelines: 'At risk' algorithm

Step 1

Plan extubation

Plan

Assess airway and general risk factors

'At risk' extubation

Ability to oxygenate uncertain
Reintubation potentially difficult
and/or general risk factors present

Step 2

Prepare for extubation

Prepare

Optimise patient and other factors

Optimise patient factors

Cardiovascular
Respiratory
Metabolic / temperature
Neuromuscular

Optimise other factors

Location
Skilled help / assistance
Monitoring
Equipment

Key question: is it safe to remove the tube?

Step 3

Perform extubation

Yes

No

**Awake
extubation**

Advanced Techniques*

- 1 Laryngeal mask exchange
- 2 Remifentanyl technique
- 3 Airway Exchange Catheter

Postpone
extubation

Tracheostomy

Step 4

Postextubation
care

Recovery / HDU / ICU

*Advanced techniques: require training and experience

Safe transfer
Handover / communication
O₂ and airway management
Observation and monitoring
General medical and surgical management

Analgesia
Staffing
Equipment
Documentation

Extubation plan



- The plan for extubation:
 - ✓ should be formulated with the surgeon
 - ✓ consider the difficulty of initial intubation
 - ✓ extent and duration of surgery
 - ✓ potential for postoperative swelling or bleeding
 - ✓ patient's current and preoperative medical status

Extubation plan

- Extubation may be delayed for patients who are:
 - predicted to be at high risk of failed extubation
- These patients should be transported to an intensive care unit (ICU)
- If a trial of extubation is considered for high-risk patients
 - all necessary **equipment** and **personnel** should be available for potential **reintubation** or establishment of a surgical airway
 - extubate over an **airway exchange catheter**

Smooth extubation strategy



- Extubation should occur
 - when airway protective reflexes have returned
 - preventing coughing
- SGA as a primary ventilatory device, in lieu of ETT
- Bailey maneuver
- Remifentanyl
- Antihypertensives

POSTOPERATIVE CARE



- Multimodal strategies for postoperative pain control
- Postoperative nausea and vomiting (PONV) prophylaxis
- Postdischarge nausea and vomiting (PDNV) prophylaxis
- Recovery room versus Intensive Care Unit [ICU]

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