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DETERMINATION OF CRITICAL CARDIAC OUTPUT AND OXYGEN TRANSPORT WITH AGE IN THE CONSCIOUS LAMB. John T. Fahey and George Lister, Dept. of Pediatrics, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT 06510

We have developed a method to lower cardiac output (Q) instantaneously, reversibly, and in a controlled, stepwise fashion in conscious lambs, using a balloon tipped (Foley) catheter inflated in the right atrium. The hemodynamic and metabolic effects of selective lowering of Q in the conscious, unsedated lamb has not previously been reported. Under conditions of low Q, we studied lambs at 2 weeks (n=5), 4 weeks (n=6) and 8 weeks (n=5) of age to determine the critical Q necessary to decrease oxygen consumption ($\dot{V}O_2$) or increase lactate (L) production at each age. At each level of balloon inflation we measured: $\dot{V}O_2$, $\dot{V}CO_2$ production ($\dot{V}CO_2$), venous hemoglobin concentration (Hb), heart rate, arterial L, and systemic and pulmonary arterial blood gases, % HbO₂ and pressures. The actual critical Q varied between lambs at a given age, although it was lower in the older lambs. However, when Q was normalized to resting cardiac output (Q₀), L production increased and $\dot{V}O_2$ decreased in all lambs whenever $Q \leq .6 Q_0$, thereby establishing a critical Q which was similar for all ages. Due to the wide differences with age in Hb and Q₀, the critical systemic oxygen transport (SOT) also decreased with age from 15 (2 weeks) to 11 (8 weeks) mlO₂/min kg. These data provide evidence of a critical Q in the young subject and provide a model for studying the metabolic effects of low Q in the conscious lamb. Furthermore, the relationship between $\dot{V}O_2$ and SOT determined here for low flow states is similar to that established previously for anemia and hypoxemia.

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LIMITATIONS OF SELF-INFLATING BAGS. Neil Finer, Fidel El Fadley, Keith Barrington, Kathrine Peters, University of Alberta, Royal Alexandra Hospital, Department of Neonatology, Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA

Self-inflating bags are frequently used in neonatal and pediatric resuscitation. Because of concerns that these devices tend to be unreliable and inconsistent we studied a representative number: 12 Ohio (Hope II), 5 Leardal, 5 PMR2 Puritan with and without reservoirs (R). These bags were connected to a small test lung ventilated at rates (RR) from 10 through to 60 >60 at 5, 10 & 15 lpm both below and above the blow-off (B/O) pressure while being connected continuously to a transducer and oxygen analyzer.

RANGE B/O PRESSURE		MEAN ACHIEVABLE FIO ₂	
		<B/O (+R)	WITH & WITHOUT R
Ohio	36 - 108 cm H ₂ O	.56 (.75)	Mean Values .39 (.55)
Leardal	47 - 72 cm H ₂ O	.72 (.97)	Flow = 10 lpm .49 (.97)
PMR2	51 - 97 cm H ₂ O	.34 (.91)	RR = 30 .29 (.75)

For those bags without a reservoir the maximum FIO₂ at 10 lpm achievable at RR =20 was .74. For the Ohio without reservoir FIO₂ fell as the ventilatory rate increased for all RR (p <.001). For all bags the FIO₂ was significantly less when the B/O valve was activated (p <.001) and fell with increasing RR on bags with reservoirs when compressed above the B/O pressure (p <.001). Only 1 model (Leardal) could deliver FIO₂ >.90 at RR <30 using 15 lpm when the B/O valve was activated. All self-inflating bags with reservoirs are not "100% baggers" and in view of the unpredictability and wide range of B/O pressures and achievable FIO₂'s anesthesia type bags are preferable for acute resuscitation when a compressed oxygen source is available.

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PREDICTION OF MORPHINE DEPENDENCY IN ENDOTRACHEALLY INTUBATED CHILDREN. Bruce I. Friedman, John J. Mickell, (Spon. by Harold M. Maurer), Medical

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Endotracheally intubated (EI) children usually require some combination of sedative (i.e., morphine) and paralyzing (i.e., pancuronium) medications. The potential for inducing physiological drug dependency in such children should increase in proportion to both the dosage and duration of sedation. A retrospective review of 13 admissions to a multidisciplinary pediatric ICU who are EI > 9 days revealed a progressive increase in morphine requirement on a stable pancuronium dosage.

Medication	Mean Mg/Kg (SE)		Student's Test Two Tailed T
	Day 1	Day 9	
Morphine	0.57 (0.16)	1.14 (0.47)	p = 0.053
Pancuronium	0.44 (0.22)	0.34 (0.18)	p = 0.349

Ten children received <8mg/kg total morphine dosage for the first nine days of EI. Of this group, only one patient developed morphine dependency and only after receiving >16mg/kg cumulative morphine dosage over several subsequent weeks of EI. The remaining three children received >16mg/kg cumulative morphine dosage and each showed signs of dependency. Our conclusion is that cumulative morphine dosage may help to identify EI children at risk of withdrawal.

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PIGTAIL CATHETER TECHNIQUE REDUCES TRAUMA OF CHEST TUBE PLACEMENT. B. P. Fuhrman, B. G. Landrum, T. B. Ferrara and T. P. Green. Pediatric Critical Care and Neonatology, Univ. of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

Chest tube placement for drainage of pleural fluid or evacuation of pneumothorax is often traumatic and may injure the underlying lung. In 11 infants and children (age range 4 days to 6 yrs, including 32 and 36 wk prematures), satisfactory drainage was achieved using 40 cm long, taper tipped, 8.3 Fr. pigtail catheters with six .050" holes positioned in the plane of the pigtail curve, catheters previously modified for percutaneous pericardiocentesis (Cook PCS830G-Lock). For placement, the thorax and pleura were punctured with an 18 gauge needle. A curved .038" guidewire was introduced and the needle withdrawn. The puncture site was enlarged by passing an 8 Fr. dilator along the wire, penetrating the chest wall to a depth of about 1". The catheter was then advanced over the guidewire, positioned in the pleura, and Luer-locked to a negative pressure, closed drainage system. In all, 16 catheters were placed, 6 for effusions (2 chylous and 2 purulent), 2 for collections of hyperalimentation fluid, and 8 for pneumothoraces. Catheters drained for an average of 5.4 days (range 1 to 20 days). In only 4 cases were supplementary drainage procedures required. In one instance, air entered the thorax on removal of the catheter. There were no other complications, either of placement, or of prolonged use. Insertion is facilitated by the tapered tip of the catheter. Safety is enhanced by wire guidance of the tube, and by the curves of the wire and of the pigtail. Pigtail drainage of pleural fluid or air is simple, safe, and effective, and is less traumatic than standard chest tube placement.

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PROXIMAL AIRWAY AND AVEOLAR PRESSURES DURING MECHANICAL VENTILATION. Bradley P. Fuhrman, Deborah L. Smith-Wright, Thomas P. Green, Robyn K. Schutjer and Donna F. Howland, Ped. Crit. Care, U. of Minnesota, Mpls, 55455

During continuous positive pressure breathing (CPPB), proximal airway pressure (AP) and its mean value (MAP) reflect lung distending pressure, although their relationships to alveolar pressure (ALP) and its mean value (MALP) await definition. 10 infant lambs, under chloralose anesthesia and pancuronium bromide, were subjected to volume regulated, time cycled CPPB under conditions of constant inspiratory airflow. To estimate ALP, static recoil pressure was determined by interruption of airflow once every 10th breath, at a time in the respiratory cycle that was varied from trial to trial. From determinations of occlusion time, AP and ALP, real time AP and ALP curves were generated representing one respiratory cycle; MAP and MALP were calculated by integration; and the contribution to MALP of airway resistance (MALPr) was estimated from inspiratory (I) time, positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP), peak ALP and MALP. Curves were generated at 25 and 50% I, and at levels of PEEP between 0 and 11 mmHg.

%I	Regression	r	f(AP-ALP) _I	f(AP-ALP) _E	MALPr
25	MALP=0.98MAP+0.19	.99	1.1±0.1	-1.2±0.1	1.6±0.1
50	MALP=1.00MAP-0.10	.99	1.1±0.1	-0.9±0.1	1.4±0.2

all pressures mmHg, $\bar{x} \pm \text{SEM}$
Due to airway resistance, AP exceeded ALP in inspiration and ALP exceeded AP over much of expiration (E). Yet airway resistance contributed little to MALP. Over the range of PEEP applied, and at both %I, proximal mean airway pressure was an accurate and precise estimator of mean alveolar pressure.

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AIRWAY AND ALVEOLAR PRESSURES IN VENTILATED, ABNORMAL LUNGS. Bradley P. Fuhrman, Deborah L. Smith-Wright, Thomas P. Green, Donna F. Howland, Robyn K. Schutjer. Ped. Crit. Care, U. of Minnesota Hospitals, Mpls., MN 55455

To describe the relations, during mechanical ventilation (CPPB), of airway pressure (AP) and its mean value (MAP) to alveolar pressure (ALP) and its mean value (MALP) in the diseased lung, 19 infant lambs were subjected to controlled, volume regulated CPPB at inspiratory (I) times of 25 and 50%, and at 0 to 11 mmHg positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP), under conditions of fixed inspiratory airflow. To estimate ALP, static recoil pressure was determined by airway occlusion once every 10th breath, at a time in the respiratory cycle that was varied from trial to trial. From measured occlusion times, AP and ALP, real time AP and ALP curves were generated representing one respiratory cycle; MAP and MALP were calculated by integration; and the contribution to MALP of airway resistance (MALPr) was estimated from %I, PEEP, peak ALP and MALP. After control determinations, 10 lambs received oleic acid (OA-.15 ml/kg) and 9 received propranolol and serotonin (S) infusion (80µg/kg/min.) Data at 25%I:

Rx	Ct(%)	Raw(%)	pO ₂	Regression	r	MALPr
Control	100	100	97±5	MALP=.99MAP+.25	.99	1.53±0.11
Oleic Acid	61±7*	284±47*	37±3*	MALP=.99MAP+.27	.99	2.30±0.13
Serotonin	58±6*	470±116†	50±4*	MALP=.99MAP+.31	.99	1.71±0.20

all pressures mmHg, $\bar{x} \pm \text{sem}$, *p<.05 vs control, †p<.01 vs control
Both OA and S increased airway resistance (Raw) and reduced both thoracic compliance (Ct) and arterial pO₂. Proximal mean airway pressure was an accurate and precise estimator of mean alveolar pressure both in normal and in abnormal lungs, in spite of elevated airway resistance.