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CAPNOGRAPHY CASES VIRGINIA EMS SYMPOSIUM 2013:

Objectives

1) Identify the components of the capnography waveforms and understand the physiology behind the waveform

2) Understand capnography as an adjunct to monitoring critical care patients, as presented through case studies. Capnography is a valuable tool for monitoring airway patency and the effectiveness of ventilation and perfusion.

3) Understand how Capnography promotes patient safety through quantitative data validating the patency of critical interventions, such as advanced airways and sedation.

Presentation

- Brief Review Capnography
- History
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Case Presentations
- Pathophysiology of Respiration and Ventilation
- Capnography integrated with the critical care patient
- "Advanced" application of capnography
- Alternative Applications

Capnography 2013

- Applies to any patient requiring ventilation!
 - Bag-mask
 - ETI and rescue airways
 - Transport vent
 - CPAP?
- Noninvasive applications
 Monitoring patient respirations

Capnography 2013

- 2010 AHA Guidelines
- Class I, LOE A
- 100% Sensitive, 100% Specific
- Quantitative, continuous, waveform capnography
- Monitor position of airway devices
- Quality of CPR
- "CAB"
- Circulation-Airway-Breathing

AHA Recommendations

- The recommendations for airway management have undergone 2 major changes:
 - (1) the use of quantitative waveform capnography for confirmation and monitoring of endotracheal tube placement is now a class I recommendation in adults; and
 - (2) the routine use of cricoid pressure during airway management is no longer recommended.

AHA Levels of Evidence

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First Priority Application

- Confirmation of Intubation
- Chest X-ray: Single point in time
- Qualitative Detector: Single point in time
- Capnography: Continuous verification of placement
- Augmentation of Clinical Assessment
 - Visualization
- Auscultation
- Observation

PATIENT SAFETY

ABOVE ALL, DO NO HARM

Priority is OXYGENATION

- Adequate Oxygenation New guidelines titrate to 95-97%
- Adequate Ventilation • Quality chest-rise and fall
- Avoid tunnel vision • Use your tools, know their limitations
- Quality over Quantity



Intubation RE-Confirmation

- Bag-Valve Movement
- Re-adjustment of ET placement "Pull back 3 cm"
- When you move the patient...
- How many movements?
- EMS to Hospital stretcher
- Transport to CT
- Admission to ICU
- Patient Self-Extubation
- Ventilator Alarms

Capnography

- Quantitative, graphical measurement of
 WERYOUS TO BATED PATIENT...
 American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA)
- standards:
- Every patient receiving anesthesia shall have adequacy of Control of the shall be performed unless invalidated by the nature of patient, procedure, or equipment
- Continual EtCO2 analysis, in use from the time of ET place nt until exturator/removel or transfer ...shall be capnography, caphometry, or n

History of Capnography

- Developed in 1961 (For practical purposes)
- Expensive and bulky product limited to OR anesthesia
- In mid 1980s, anesthesia related fatalities led to need for improvements in airway management
- Malpractice costs rise 1975 to 1985

History of Capnography

- 1988: Anesthesia standardized use of pulse oximeters and capnography
 - Malpractice claims from hypoxic related injury almost eliminated -Massachusetts
- Insurance claims from anesthesia drops from 11% to 3% over 15 years
- In 2002, anesthesia insurance premium was \$18,000, the same as it was in 1985

Integration of Capnography

- In Anesthesia, capnography is an industry standard
- In EMS, it is a standard, but not there are variables
- Waveform versus colormetric
- Comfort leads in increased application
- Emergency Departments and ICUs now monitor capnography; interpretation and application varies

A&P for Capnography:

- What is important:
 - Air movement
 - Surface area of lungs
 - Blood flow to lungs and body
- Respiratory Cycle
 - Alveolar level
- Cellular level

Review of Metabolism

- Aerobic:
- Oxygen and Glucose metabolize to produce Energy to do work
- Carbon Dioxide and Water are the byproducts
- Krebs Cycle
- Most efficient process
 Improves with exercise



Review of Metabolism

- Anerobic:
- Lack of oxygen causes build up of acidsLactic Acid and Pyruvic Acid
- Buffer System
 - Hydrogen lons of the Acid (pH) combine with Bicarbonate to form Carbonic Acid
 - This breaks down into water and carbon dioxide
 - Increased CO2 stimulate increased ventilation rate to remove it

Carbon Dioxide

- Sy-product of normal respiration
- Measured as a Partial Pressure
- 35-45 Mm/Hg
- Measured as a Percentage

• 5-6%

- Key for: respiratory drive, ph balance
- Considered "acidic"

Drive to Breathe

- CO2 triggers breathing
- NOT ENOUGH
- Hypoventilation leads to hypercarbia
- Hypercarbia leads to respiratory acidosis
- TOO MUCH
 - Hyperventilation leads to hypocarbia
 - Hypocarbia leads to respiratory alkalosis

What do the numbers mean?

- Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide
- Hypoventilation:
- O2 < 60mm/Hg
- CO2 > 45mm/Hg (Hypercapnea)
- Hyperventilation:
 O2 > 100mm/hg (SaO2 above 98%)
 - CO2 < 35mm/Hg

CO2 on the BRAIN

- Decreased CO2 from hyperventilation
 - Cerebral Vasoconstriction
 - Balancing
- Indication: (old school)
 - Traumatic head injury/CVA
 - Maintain perfusion without worsening bleeding
 - End-tidal CO2 target is 33 to 35mm/Hg

CO2 on the Brain

- Elevated CO2
- Permissive Hypercarbia
- Above 45mm/Hg
- With adequate **OXYGENATION!**
- Potential Benefits
- Cerebral and systemic vasodilation
- Increase cellular oxygen supply
- Decrease oxygen demand

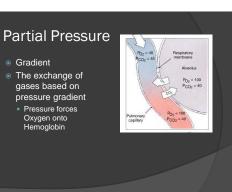
Atmospheric Gases

- Convert percentage to pressure
- Normal gas Percentage
- Oxygen at sea level: 21%
- CO2 and other gases: 1%
- Nitrogen: 78%

Dalton's Law: Partial Pressure of Gas

Total pressure of a gas is equal to the SUM of the partial pressures of the gas

- Atmospheric pressure is 760mm/Hg at sea level
- Under NORMAL conditions, all of the atmospheric gas pressures add up to 760
- Oxygen is 159.2 mm/Hg
- Nitrogen is 592.8 mm/Hg
- CO2 is 0.23 mm/Hg
- Other gases, like Argon = 8mm/Hg



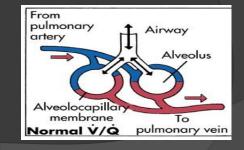


Pathology that Impacts CO2

Ventilation Problems

- Inability to move air in and out of the alveoli
- Hyperventilation, hypoventilation
- Perfusion Problems
 - Oxygen transport to cells
 - Lack of blood flow
 - Ability of blood to carry oxygen

Normal Ventilation/Perfusion

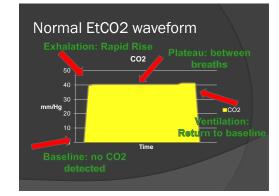


Clinical Conditions: Increased CO2

- Increased CO2 production
 - Bicarbonate administration, fever, seizures, sepsis, thyroid storm
- Decreased alveolar ventilation
 - Hypoventilation, muscular paralysis, respiratory depression, COPD (retaining CO2)
- Equipment Problem
 - Rebreathing, ventilator leak

Clinical Conditions: Decreased CO2

- Decreased CO2 production
 Cardiac arrest, hypotension, hypothermia, pulmonary emboli, pulmonary hypoperfusion
- Increased alveolar ventilation
 Hyperventilation
- Equipment Problems
- Airway obstruction, esophageal intubation, ETT leak, incomplete exhalation, poor sampling, ventilator disconnect





Sidestream

- Easier to use non-invasively
- Key is quality of the patient's respirations
 - Shallow is poor
 - Mouth breathing is challenging
 - Newer devices assist in increasing accuracy
- Sidestream is LESS specific because of its engineering

Side-stream Detector





Mainstream Detector

- Sensor at end of cable
 Disposable adapter to ET tube
- "Real time" values-best for critical care
 As the gas passes the IR sensor
- Concerns:
- Not easily adapted to non-intubated patient
- Can be heavy for pediatric of infant ET tubes
- Cable is expensive



Troubleshooting

- False Positive
 - May occur if patient ingested large amounts of carbonated beverage
- Limited IF continuous capnography in place: waveform may occur, then goes away
- Can decieve colormetric detector

False Negative/Low EtCO2

- May indicate poor quality CPR
- Pulmonary Embolism
- Poor blood flow and delivery of CO2 to lungs
 Poor Perfusion

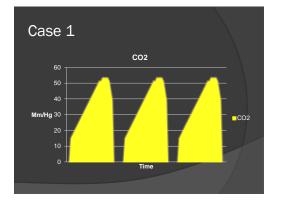
Troubleshooting

- Sudden loss of waveform
- IMMEDIATE CLINICAL RECONFIRMATION
- Lung sounds, SaO2, Anything else
- Place colormetric detector
- Clean/Clear sensor
- Blockage
- Vomit can clog
- Recalibrate/zero if able
- Replace adapter

Case Presentations

- What are you seeing?
- What does your physical assessment tell you?
- What are your transport considerations?
 Interventions
- Differential Diagnosis?
- Trouble shooting?
- Is the data valid?

- Respiratory Distress
- 54 y/o COPD
- Respiratory Rate: 24
- Pursed lips



A wrinkle...Ami...

- EMS uses NRB mask as neb mask
- "Partial Non-Rebreathing mask"
- Uses flaps to allow exhalation
- Only use oxygen
- How do you deliver your neb treatments?
- Medical Air?
- Oxygen?
- What are the effects of CO2 retention?

Obstructive Airway Disease

- Shunt problem
- Asthma, COPD, Emphysema
 - Swelling of airways/excess mucus
 - Airflow turbulent
- Forceful expiration
- Different EtCO2 presentations:
 - Mild=hyperventilation, low EtCO2
 - Moderate=normal EtCO2, waveform change
 - Severe=elevated EtCO2, sharkfin

Case 2

- 65 year old obese trauma patient
- Predicted Difficult Intubation
- Multiple Injuries
 - Chest Contusions
 - Abdominal Distention
 - Fractures of right upper leg, left lower leg, and right arm
- Intubation after progressive worsening of Respiratory Distress

- Initial Et CO2 6-7mm/Hg
- Intermittent sensor detection of numerical value
- Waveform present
- Low "shark fin" appearance
- What is going on?
- Is the ET good?



Shock

- "A rude unhinging of the Machinery of Life"
 - Samuel Gross, 1872
- "A momentary pause in the act of death"
 John Collins Warren, 1895
- "Pushing back the edge of death"
- Judy Mikhail, 1999

Shock

- As the body's compensatory mechanisms begin to work, we appreciate changes in vitals signs:
- Altered mental status
- Pale, clammy, diaphoretic
- Increased heart rate and respiration
- Decreased blood pressure

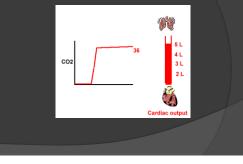
Shock and Capnography

- A Piece of the Puzzle
- Anaerobic compensation for decreased perfusion:
 - Blood CO2 elevated
- Ventilations increase
- End tidal CO2 DECREASES
- Output drops:
 - Vasodilation vs. hypovolemia:
- CO2 decreased as detected by EtCO2

Shock

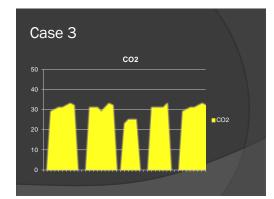
- Capnography:
 - Index of Resuscitation
 - Quality of perfusion
 - Quality of ventilation
- Like ALL monitors, it is a TOOL
 - Understand its limitations
- It can GUIDE decisions
- It should not MAKE the decision

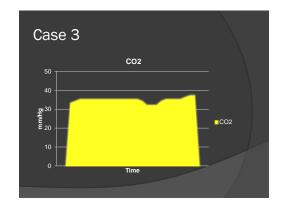
Cardiac Output and CO2



- Clinical Considerations:
 Type of Shock
- Interventions:
- Ventilation
- Fluids?
- Needle Decompression
- Vasopressors

- 26 year old MVC at community hospital
- Intubated in ED after becoming combative
- Vitals: BP 164/92, HR 130, Respirations 24, SaO2 97%; on ventilator
- Ventilator Settings: Assist/Control
- Rate 12, TV 500, FiO2 50%, PSV 10, PEEP



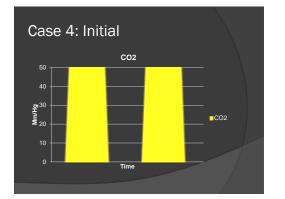


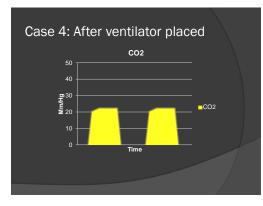


Case 3

- Clinical Considerations:
- What is going on?
- Distance to definitive care
- Mode of Transport
- Interventions:
- Settings changes
- Medications

- 50 year old cancer patient receiving radiation and chemo
- Presents with respiratory distress to EMS SaO2: 85%, dramatic work of breathing, becoming tired
 CPAP Trial; failed and became apneic
- Intubated without RSI
 Vitals: BP 140/88, HR 78, vented at 10 with SaO2 of 93% with 100% FiO2
- Initial EtCO2 is 85mmHg
- EMS: "something is not right with end tidal





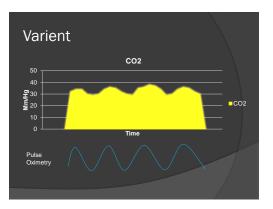
- Community ED requests transfer to tertiary care for Pulmonary Embolism
- Post Intubation ABG:
 - pH 7.31, PaO2: 140, PaCO2: 49mmHg, Bicarb 27
- CO2 gradient:
- PaCO2 PetCO2 (49 minus 20 equals 29mmHg)
- Normal gradient 3 to 5mmHg
- What is in the blood is not getting out

Pulmonary Embolism

- Dead Space Ventilation
 Decreased EtCO2
- Clot breaks loose in blood vessel
 - Floats to and obstructs pulmonary vasculature
- Causes:
 - Post surgical
 - Sitting for extended time
 - David Bloom, NBC News in 2003

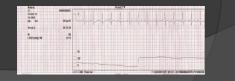
ABGs, pH, and Capnography

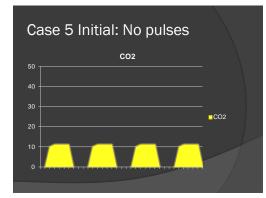
- Arterial Blood Gases assess for acid-base balance
- Acidosis and Alkalosis
- Mechanisms: Respiratory and Renal (Metabolic)
- pH is a measure of Hydrogen ion concentration (H+)
 - Normal is 7.35 to 7.45
- Reflects balance between carbon dioxide and bicarbonate
- Capnography only represents the RESPIRATORY

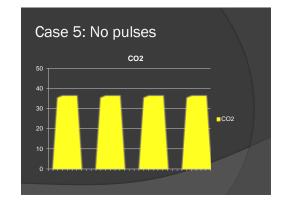


• 21 year old female

- Witnesses cardiac arrest on athletic track, defibrillated by AED
- BLS and ALS procedures per protocol
- No pulses or vitals

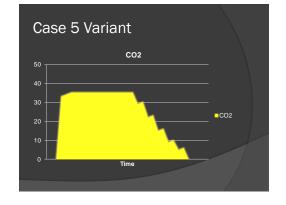




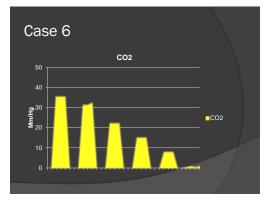


Cardiac Arrest and CO2

- In cardiopulmonary arrest
 - CO2 levels in blood stream increase
 - Exhaled CO2 levels decrease due to low flow states
 - No ventilation, no circulation of bloodNo perfusion
 - Cambridge journal Article
- Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC)
 - Spike in EtCO2 after trend of low levels



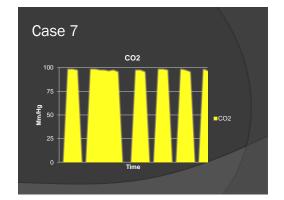
- 48 year old COPD
- Cyanotic, lethargic
- Vitals: HR: 131 A-fib, BP: 158/100, RR: 32, SaO2 on NRB: 90%
- After intubation, EtCO2 35mmHg
- Patient beginning to wake, and move head

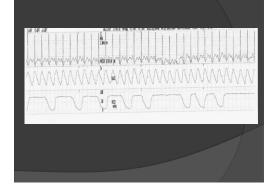


- 2 year old female with new onset seizures
- Inter-facility transport for tertiary care
- Intubated / Ventilated by BVM • 4.5 ET uncuffed
- Vitals: HR 160, BP 84/40, Ventilated at rate of 36, SaO2 100%, Temp: 103
- Ventilator: FiO2 100%, PEEP 5, initial I:E 1:2.7

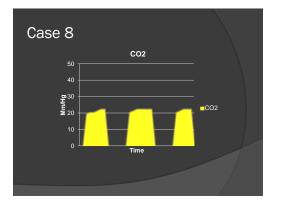
Case 7

- Capnography
 Initial level: 98mm/Hg
 - Shape: elevated box shape, irregular respiratory pattern at rate of 36
- What are your actions?Increase rate?
- Change I:E ratio?
- ET problem
- How might etiology change treatment?
- Asthma • Trauma





- Interfacility transport: • 56 year old male admitted with "fever" • Diagnosed with "sepsis:
- PMH: ESRD, IDDM, CAD, CHF
- Lethargic, GCS 12,
- Vitals: 84/60. HR 130, respirations 10 irregular
- Intubated electively for transport
- Initial EtCO2: 21mmg/Hg



• Capnography:

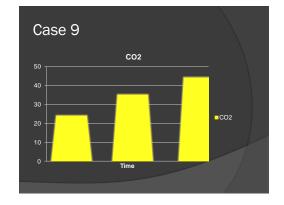
- Reason for Low EtCO2?
- What are your corrective actions?
- Decrease ventilation rate?
- Fluids?
- Pressors?
- Blood products?

Case 8

- Consider:
 BP of 140/90, HR 110, RR 28
- EtCO2 of 28mHg
- Respiratory alkalosis as an initial compensation for metabolic acidosis
 Capnography considered a potential triage tool.

Case 9

- Male patient with dislocation of shoulder, requires conscious sedation
- Awake, oriented, agitated and in severe pain, 10/10
 - BP 150/70, HR 118, R 20, SaO2 100%
- Movement of arm increases agitation and pain
- Initial meds to not achieve adequate sedation and pain control



- Conscious Sedation Monitoring parameter
 What is required?
 - what is required?
- What do we need to know while monitoring the patient?
- Apnea?
- De-saturation
- Agitation?

Case 9: Sedation Quality of ventilation Detection of Apnea Detection of Apnea Predictor of Compromise Predictor of Compromise Predicta COR Normal parameters: 30-45 mm/dig for hospital policy - baseline documented ag medications given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medications given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medications given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medications given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medications given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medications given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise noted?: Carlot Retyrum 14 ag medication given Vroate unless otherwise notherwise noted?: Carlot Rety

De-saturation curve

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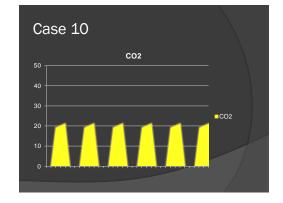
• ENA Emergency Nursing Resources

Level B: Moderate clinical certainty

Likely Beneficial

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- 21 year old male c/c chest pains
- Sudden onset
- Stabbing, non-radiating, 10/10
- Tingling in his fingers





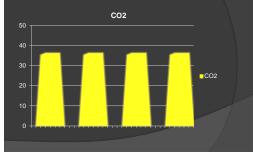


Case 11

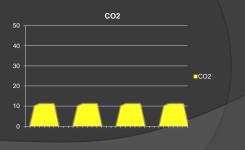
• Female trauma patient

- Unrestrained driver with steering wheel deformity; found under dash after airbag deployed
- Pattern of injury??
- Intubated successfully
 Confirmed by waveform sedated and paralyzed
- 25 minute flight to Trauma Center

Case 11: Cruising Along



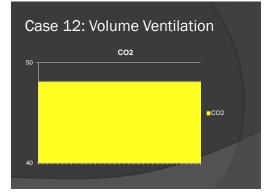
Case 11: Sudden Change!

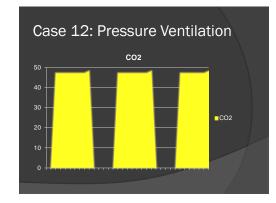


Case 12

- 57 year old obese male with spinal trauma
- Fell forward, hyper-flexion of neck
- Confirmed C5, C6 fractures
- CNS Intact-full movement
 GCS of 9T (14 if not intubated)
- Intubated: and we did not know how
 Sedation/fiberoptic ETI by anesthesia
- On T-piece, NOT VENTILATED breathing on his own

- Considerations:
 - Community hospital to Level 1 trauma Center
 - Patient obese: 280 pounds
- Aircraft: EC135
- No existing ventilator settings; crew discretion on "optimal"
- Difficult airway on multiple dimensions
 Confirmed by CXR prior to movement





- Pressure versus volume ventilation
 Pressure Control 24, FiO2 100%, Rate 12, Assist Control with PSV
 Switch to BVM after desaturation
- Sedation, paralysis, pain control
- How might a different airframe change management? Or ground unit?
 Bell 407 vs. 412
 - EC130 vs EC 135/145

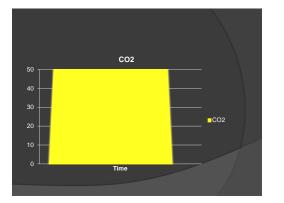
Case 12

- Physical restriction of breathing
 - Burns
 - COPD
 - Trauma
 - Surgical

Case 13

- 55 year old female
- History of cancer, undergoing chemotherapy and radiation
- Progressive worsening respiratory distress
- EMS summoned when level of consciousness deteriorated

- 24 y/o patient in head on MVC
- Altered LOC, combative, signs of head injury
- RSI clinical course
 Etomidate 0.3 mg/kg
 Succinylcholine 1.5 mg/kg
- After paralytic, patient developed trismus and rigidity
- Unable to intubate, but can ventilate with oral airway in place
 Unable to open mouth to place King LtD



Case 14 Malignant Hyperthermia

- Life Threatening
- Hypermetabolic state in patient's with
- hereditary skeletal muscle defect
- Genetic predisposition 1:10000 Clinical Incidence 1:30000
- Depolarizing muscle relaxants (Succinylcholine) and anesthetic gases
- cause raise in myoplastic calcium

Malignant Hyperthermia: Signs and Symptoms

- Hypercarbia: most sensitive indicator in
 - Hypoxia • Hyperkalemia • Skeletal muscle rigidity
 - intubated patient
- Tachycardia Tachypnea
- Myoglobinuria
- Temperature elevation
- Hypertension
- Oysrhythmias
- Acidosis

MH Management

- Get help!
- Hyperventilate patient with 100% oxygen
- Cool patient
- Antidote is Dantrolene
 - Truly the only effective treatment
 - Operating rooms have an MH cart stocked with multiple bottles
- Prehospital considerations
- Non-depolarizing paralytic
- Benzodiazepines

Summary:

- Capnography is a TOOL
- Does not substitute for good clinical skills
- Remember the BASICS ABCs
- DO NOT OVERTHINK Capnography
- Some cases will be difficult to figure out

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