

# HYPOTENSION DURING AND AFTER FIELD INTUBATION FOR TRAUMA

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$$\text{CBF} = \text{MAP} - \text{ICP}$$

HEMODYNAMIC COLLAPSE IN SHOCKED PATIENTS

“To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.

**Winston Churchill**

# The frequency and significance of postintubation hypotension during emergency airway management<sup>☆</sup>

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N=336

**25% INCIDENCE OF HYPOTENSION IN RSI**

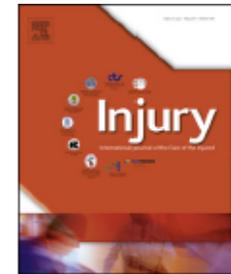
**NORMOTENSIVE TO START**

ETI ASSOC W/ HIGHER MORT = CI 1.9 (1.1-3.5)

# The association between admission systolic blood pressure and mortality in significant traumatic brain injury: A multi-centre cohort study

2014

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## KNOWN HARM:

- HYPOTENSION IS ASSOCIATED WITH MORTALITY IN TRAUMA AND ESPECIALLY TBI
- FULLER (INJURY, 2014) DEMONSTRATED RELATIONSHIP WITH MORTALITY TO MORTALITY:

BTF says keep SBP > 90

1.5X IF SBP > 120  
2.0X IF SBP < 100  
3.0X IF SBP < 90

This Matters!

# DIFFICULTY WITH TERMS

- **“FENTANYL DROPPED HIS PRESSURE”**
- **WHAT IS HYPOTENSION**
  - DEPENDS ON CLINICAL SITUATION, PHYSIOLOGY, INJURIES, ETC
  - LIMITS NOT REALLY ESTABLISHED (BTF WANTS SBP > 90)
- **CLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT HYPOTENSION**

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## Redefining hypotension in traumatic brain injury

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*Injury, 2012*

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TBI PTS > 15 YRS, ISOLATED BRAIN INJURY

HEAD AIS > 3

ADMITTED TO LEVEL I OR II

N=15,733

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**15-49 YRS: SBP < 110      OR: 1.98 (1.65-2.3)**

**50-69 YRS: SBP < 100      OR: 2.20 (1.46-3.31)**

**> 70 YEARS: SBP < 110      OR: 1.92 (1.35-2.74)**

# Prehospital risk factors of mortality and impaired consciousness after severe traumatic brain injury: an epidemiological study

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trauma, resuscitation  
& emergency medicine

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- 589 PTS - ENDPOINTS: DEATH OR GCS <13 AT 2 WKS
- INCLUSION:
  - ❖ MEDIAN GCS = 4 (BUT SOME GCS 14).
  - ❖ OR, HEAD AIS > 3
- INCREASED RISK ASSOCIATED WITH:  
  
HYPOXIA, HYPOTENSION, HYPOTHERMIA, TOTAL  
PREHOSPITAL TIME AND DIRECT TRIAGE

Hypoxia 12.6<sup>0</sup>%

Hypotension 4.1%

Hypothermia 24.8%

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n=589

## Statistical Analysis (multivariate analysis)

HYPOTENSION AND HYPOXIA ASSOCIATED WITH DEATH  
HYPOXIA ASSOCIATED WITH POOR OUTCOME

OK SO FAR – RIGHT

“INDIRECT ADMISSION WAS PROTECTIVE”

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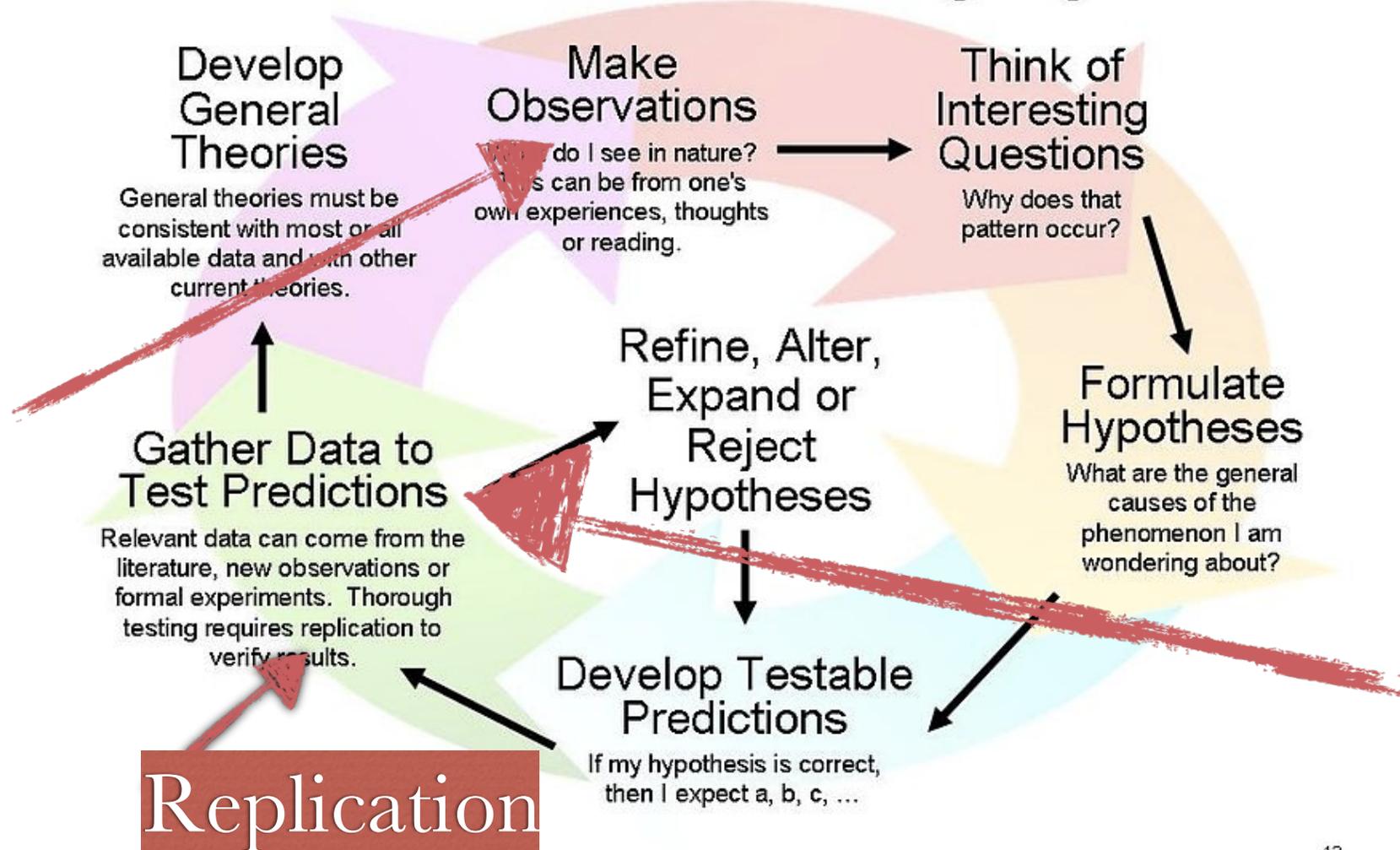


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wors neuro outcome



# The Scientific Method as an Ongoing Process



# SCIENCE

- **ASSOCIATION DOES NOT IMPLY CAUSATION**
  - ASSOCIATIONS ARE OBSERVATIONS
  - VERY EASY TO DRINK THE COOL-AID
- **HUMAN NATURE**



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# SCIENCE

- **SAME STUDY**

- HELICOPTER TRANSPORT TO LEVEL I SAME AS LEVEL II.

CI: (1.74 - 2.03) AND (1.64-2.00)



**Answer: WE DO NOT KNOW!!!**

# PREHOSPITAL AIRWAYS

- LARGER STUDIES
- **VERY** LITTLE SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT



# PRE-HOSPITAL ETI/RSI

- Vast majority of studies are associations
- Lots of Emotion



# Prehospital non-drug assisted intubation for adult trauma patients with a Glasgow Coma Score less than 9

Christopher Charles Douglas Evans,<sup>1</sup> Robert J Brison,<sup>1</sup> Daniel Howes,<sup>1</sup> Ian G Stiell,<sup>2</sup>  
William Pickett<sup>1</sup>

2012

INCREASED MORTALITY = 2.8 (1.1-7.6)

GROUND PROVIDERS

# Is Prehospital Endotracheal Intubation Associated with Improved Outcomes in Isolated Severe Head Injury? A Matched Cohort Analysis

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CASE MATCHED COHORT

N=55 (165 MATCHED CONTROLS)

PH-ETI=69% MORTALITY

BASIC AIRWAY =55% MORTALITY

P=.011

# **WHY, OH WHY???**

- **LOTS OF STUDIES SHOWING GOOD SUCCESS RATES**
- **RSI IMPROVES FIRST PASS**
- **DON'T BELIEVE IT?**
- **MAKES NO SENSE**

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11% DESAT DURING RSI

9.5% SBP < 90

71% HYPERVENTILATION

**PREHOSPITAL ANESTHESIOLOGISTS!**

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2012

N=300

STABLE FOR 30 MIN PRIOR TO RSI

IF HYPOTENSIVE (SBP<90)

THEN MORT INCREASED CI 2.1 (1.2-3.9)

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**Table 2** Results of logistic regression analysis for the end point of PIH

Variable	OR	95% CI
Preintubation SI	55.1	13-232
End-stage renal disease	3.7	1.1-13.1
Chronic renal insufficiency	3.4	1.2-9.6
Intubation for respiratory failure	2.1	1.0-4.5
Age	1.03	1.01-1.04
ACE inhibitor use	0.3	0.1-0.7
Intubation paralysis	0.04	0.003-0.4

Model fit: *C* statistic, 0.81; Hosmer-Lemeshow test, *P* = .35.

# SHOCK INDEX

- $SI = HR/SBP$
- 0.3-0.7 ARE “NORMAL”

HEART RATE	SBP	SHOCK INDEX
110	140	0.8
120	120	1.0
120	100	1.2

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Pre-RSI SI group	Total	PIH positive	PIH negative	OR	95% CI
<b>Shock Index</b>	n = 300	n = 66	n = 234		
<0.5	62	4 (6.5%)	58 (93.6%)	1.0	
0.5-0.69	101	13 (12.9%)	88 (87.1%)	2.1	0.7-6.9
0.7-0.89	84	21 (25.0%)	63 (75.0%)	4.8	1.6-14.9
0.9-1.09	30	16 (53.3%)	14 (46.7%)	16.6	4.8-57.3
>1.1	23	12 (52.2%)	11 (47.8%)	15.8	4.3-58.2

Cochrane-Armitage test for trend,  $P < .001$ .

LOWEST RATE IS 6.5%



# WHY DOES HYPOTENSION MATTER?

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Prehospital Rapid Sequence Intubation **Improves Functional Outcome** for Patients With Severe Traumatic Brain Injury: A Randomized Controlled Trial      Barnard 2010

DOUBLE BLIND RCT

N = 299

IMPROVED "GOOD" FUNCTIONAL OUTCOME

NO MORTALITY DIFFERENCE

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360 CRITICAL CARE GROUND PARAMEDICS

SERVING 4 MILLION PEOPLE

97% SUCCESS RATE

ALL PTS BETWEEN 10 AND 30 MIN FROM TRAUMA CENTER

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TABLE 3. Outcomes at 6 Months After Injury			
	Rapid Sequence Intubation Group (n = 157)	Hospital Intubation Group (n = 142)	<i>P</i> *
Primary outcome measure			
GOSe 1 (dead)	53	55	
GOSe 2 (vegetative state)	1	3	
GOSe 3 (severe disability-lower end)	19	20	
GOSe 4 (severe disability-upper end)	4	8	
GOSe 5 (moderate disability-lower end)	32	18	
GOSe 6 (moderate disability-upper end)	21	14	
GOSe 7 (good)	20	12	
GOSe 8 (normal)	7	12	
Median GOSe (IQR)	5 (1–6)	3 (1–6)	0.28
Secondary outcome measures			
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Initial GCS 5–9 and GOSe 5–8	45/81 (57%)	34/73 (47%)	0.27
Survival at hospital discharge number	107 (67%)	97 (64%)	0.57
* <i>P</i> values are calculated by either a $\chi^2$ test or a Mann-Whitney <i>U</i> test. GOSe indicates Glasgow Outcome Scale-extended; IQR interquartile range; GCS, Glasgow Coma Scale.			

**NO DIFFERENCE IN THE PRIMARY OUTCOMES “MESSAGE THE DATA”**

← Good neuro outcome  
PH RSI 51%  
Hospital 39%  
p=0.046

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There were 10 arrests after RSI in the prehospital group and none in the hospital Group



There was no difference in outcome between the groups based on initial GCS 3 to 4 compared with initial GCS 5

# PREHOSPITAL DEATHS

- THERE WERE 10 DEATHS AFTER P
- 2 HAD SBP = 70 PRIOR TO RSI
- 5 HAD CONFIRMED TUBERCULOSIS AND DIED EN ROUTE
  - ❖ 2 INITIAL SBP = 100
  - ❖ 3 INITIAL NORMAL BLOOD PRESSURE
- 3 HAD FAILURE TO RESUSCITATE AND HYPOXIA AND DEATH

What if the these 10 lived?

# WHAT IF THE 10 LIVED?

Assume that PH and ER rates are the same, and the 10 that died at PH-RSI were saved

Then PH had a 30% death rate and  
ED had a 38% death rate.

$$p=.0327$$

Row #	Category	Observed	Expected #	Expected
1	PH Dead	47	60	38.217%
2	PH Alive	110	97	61.783%

**IF WE CAN PREVENT HYPOTENSION  
AND HYPOXIA  
DURING RSI....**

# POINTS TO CONSIDER

- **PATIENTS AT RISK FOR HYPOTENSION**

- SHOCK INDEX
- TRAUMA (SHOCK OR NOT)
- TBI POPULATION IS VULNERABLE
- ANY PERSON UNDERGOING RSI

**HYPOTENSION**

# WHAT CAUSES HYPOTENSION

- **DRUGS?**
- **REDUCTION IN ADRENERGIC TONE?**
- **CHANGES IN CARDIAC OUTPUT?**
  - DRUGS? DOSES?
  - PRELOAD?
  - CONTRACTILITY

# **DRUGS**

- **BENZODIAZEPINES**
- **OPIATES**
- **ETOMIDATE**
- **KETAMINE**
- **DEXMETETOMIDINE**

# **DRUGS**

- **CHOOSE THE RIGHT AGENT**
- **CHOOSE THE RIGHT DOSE**

# ADRENERGIC TONE

- LOWER DRUG DOSES
- TITRATED DRUG DOSES ?
- PREVENTATIVE PRESSORS ?

**Vagal slowing of the heart during haemorrhage: observations from  
20 consecutive hypotensive patients**

K SANDER-JENSEN, N H SECHER, P BIE, J WARBERG, T W SCHWARTZ

ALL 20 HAD HIGH VAGAL TONE  
BIOCHEMICAL MARKER

# CARDIAC OUTPUT

- PRETREAT WITH VOLUME ?
- PRESSORS TO INCREASE PRELOAD ?
- PRELOAD PHYSICAL MANEUVERS?
- ADDRESS VAGAL TONE ?

$$CO = HR \times SV$$

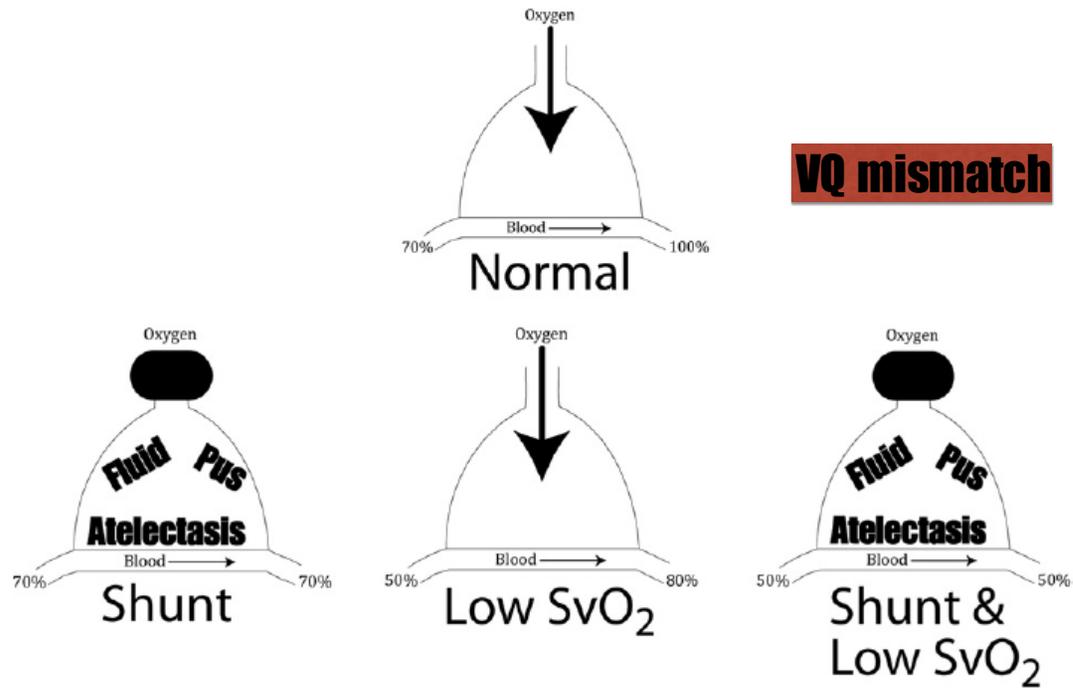
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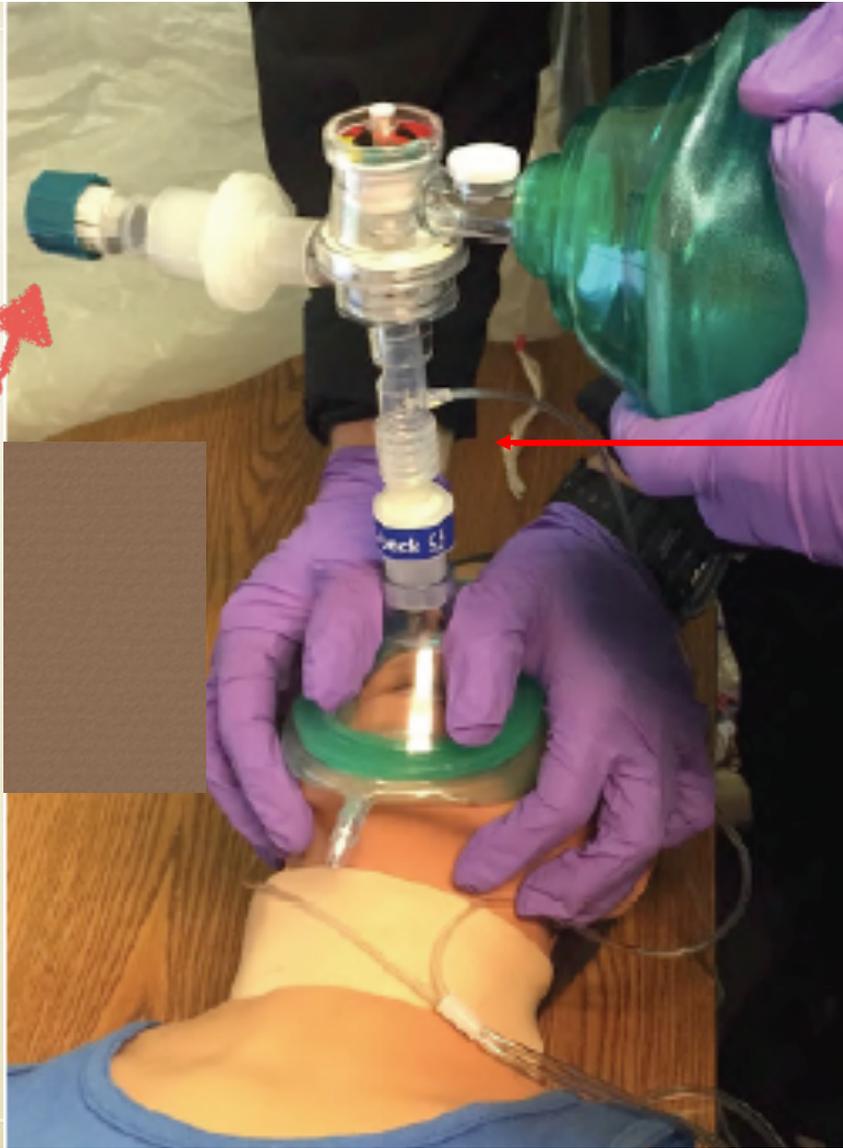
# CAUSES OF HYPOXEMIA

- LOW  $FIO_2$  AND TOXINS
- EXTRA-PULMONARY SHUNT
- INTRAPULMONARY SHUNT
- PHYSIOLOGIC SHUNT AT ALVEOLI (APEX)
- LOW  $SvO_2$
- DEAD SPACE
- APNEA

*Oxygen Carrying Capacity?*  
*Acidosis*  
*Anemia*

# HYPOXIA - RSI





# TREATMENT BUNDLES

- DELAYED SEQUENCE INTUBATION
- NO INTUBATION
- PREOXYGENATION
- ADDRESSING PRELOAD
- PRESSORS
- MODIFY VENTILATION TECHNIQUES

.....OTHER STUFF

# **ASPIRATION AND VAD**

- **ELEVATE THE HEAD OF THE BED**
- **ET TUBEST WITH SUPRAGLOTTIC SUCTION**