



Society for Technology in Anesthesia

January 7-10, 2015
Royal Palms Resort & Spa
Phoenix, Arizona

16.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

2015 annual meeting

syllabus

Anesthesia: Beyond the Horizon

Welcome

Dear STA Members and Attendees,

Welcome to the 24th Society for Technology in Anesthesia (STA) Annual Meeting – an exceptional and unique gathering for physicians, engineers and industry representatives. It is truly stimulating to come to the STA each year to reconnect with our friends and colleagues, relax in a temperate setting and take advantage of the outstanding lectures and events.

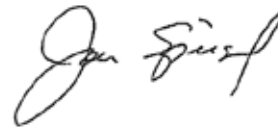
The future of informatics in healthcare, advances in safety and innovation, AIMS, surgical perioperative home and costs of doing business in the IT world, are a few of the interesting topics we'll have the opportunity to hear about this week. The STA-FAER joint session on safety and innovation is once again a part of our 2015 program.

We'd like to extend a big "thank you" to Dr. Allan Simpao for all his work in creating and organizing the wonderful Anesthesia: Beyond the Horizon program.

Another special thank you is owed to all of the STA members and industry that continue to keep the Society alive and well with their commitment of time, dedication and generous financial support.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Sincerely,



Joan Spiegel, MD
President
Society for Technology in Anesthesia

Mission Statement

The Society's mission is to improve the quality of patient care by improving technology and its application. The Society promotes education and research, collaborates with local, national, and international organizations, sponsors meetings and exhibitions, awards grants, and recognizes achievement.

Save the Date!



2016 Annual Meeting
January 6-9, 2016

Four Seasons Resort
Palm Beach, Florida

Meeting Accreditation Information

Activity Overview

The Society for Technology in Anesthesia (STA) 2015 Annual Meeting will provide information on the future of technology within the field of clinical anesthesia. The Annual Meeting will address the evolving role of computer technology and informatics in anesthesiology and overall health care, the enterprise-level implications of anesthesia technology, innovations in anesthesia safety, present and future respiratory monitoring technology, the surgical perioperative home, clinical decision support and anesthesia information management systems (AIMS).

Target Audience

This live activity is designed for a national and international audience of physicians, engineers or other practitioners in the field of anesthesia seeking an update on the current and possible future state of anesthesia technology.

Educational Objectives

As a result of participation in this CME activity, learners should be able to:

- Explore how anesthesia technology fits into the greater scope of the overall hospital and health care technology infrastructure.
- Identify and examine problems and potential solutions in the anesthesia workspace, with emphasis on pediatric inhalational anesthesia, robotic safety and closed-loop systems.
- Explore key advances in respiratory monitoring technology and their potential impact on patient safety.
- Examine and identify the barriers and potential solutions to the perioperative surgical home and how technology can help perioperative clinicians comply with best practices as well as broaden their scope beyond the operating system.
- Explore potential problems and solutions regarding real-time clinical decision support as well as team cognitive work analysis and mobile patient monitoring.
- Investigate the techniques and methods by which one can leverage anesthesia information management systems to improve outcomes and patient safety.

Barriers to change:

- Understanding the rapidly evolving convergence of the medical and information sciences
- Integrating valid scientific evidence and cutting-edge technology into daily clinical practice

Accreditation Statement

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the Institute for the Advancement of Human Behavior (IAHB) and the Society for Technology in Anesthesia (STA). The IAHB is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Credit Designation Statement

The IAHB designates this live activity for a maximum of **16.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Continuing Medical Education Statement

IMPORTANT!

The online certificate site will be available at the beginning of the day on January 10th until February 10th. After February 10, 2015, the site will be removed and certificates will no longer be available. If you need a CME certificate, you must complete the evaluation and certificate process prior to February 10, 2015; otherwise you will forfeit your credit for the course.

To get your certificate, go to STA.CmeCertificateOnline.com. Note: This link will NOT be live until Saturday, January 10, 2015. Click on the "STA 2015 Annual Meeting" event. On the site, you will be asked to evaluate various aspects of the program. You may then print your certificate.

Please address any questions about the process to: help.cmecertificateonline.com

Annual Meeting Faculty

Faculty (with Disclosures)

The following faculty indicated with an asterisk (*) stated they had no such relevant financial relationships to disclose. Their financial relationship is nothing to disclose (NTD) and resolution is not applicable (N/A).

Financial Relationships Key

RGPI – Research Grant Site Principal Investigator
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NTD – Nothing to disclose

Resolution Key

R1 – Restricted to Best Available Evidence & ACCME Content Validation Statements
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Schedule of Events

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

0700 – 0800	Challenges and Opportunities Registration & Continental Breakfast <i>Palmera & Palmera Lounge</i>
0800 – 1700	Exhibitor Registration & Set-Up <i>Palmera & Palmera Lounge</i>
0800 – 1200	Challenges and Opportunities in Developing Anesthesia Products (industry) <i>Estrella West</i> David Feinstein, MD, Jeffrey Feldman, MD, MSE, Norma Sandrock, MD
1200 – 1315	Challenges and Opportunities & STA Board of Directors Lunch - <i>Estrella Patio</i>
1800 – 1930	Registration & Welcome Reception <i>Palmera & Palmera Lounge</i>

Thursday, January 8, 2015

0700 – 0800	Registration & Continental Breakfast <i>Palmera & Palmera Lounge</i>
0800 – 0815	Welcome Address - <i>Estrella</i> Joan Spiegel, MD, STA President, Allan Simpao, MD, STA Annual Meeting Program Chair

Session 1: Keynote Address

0815 – 0930	Computing the Future: The Evolving Roles of Informatics and Information Technology in Health Care - <i>Estrella</i> Ted Shortliffe, MD, PhD
0930 – 1000	Break with Exhibitors & Posters <i>Palmera & Palmera Lounge</i>

Session 2: Cost of Doing Business

Moderator: Mohamed Rehman, MD	
1000 – 1030	Hospital Capital Budget Process for IT: Hospital President's Perspective <i>Estrella</i> David Reich, MD
1030 – 1100	Cost of Doing Business and IT Prioritization: CIO's View - <i>Estrella</i> Bryan Wolf, MD, PhD
1100 – 1130	Health IT: Hype vs. Reality - <i>Estrella</i> Bassam Kadry, MD
1130 – 1215	Panel Discussion - <i>Estrella</i>
1215 – 1330	Luncheon - <i>Vernadero Lawn</i>

Session 3: STA & FAER Joint Session / Safety & Innovation

Moderator: John Pawlowski, MD, PhD	
1330 – 1400	Innovation in Pediatric Inhalation <i>Estrella</i> Gabriel Gurman, MD

1400 – 1430	Innovation in Robotic Safety - <i>Estrella</i> John Pawlowski, MD, PhD
1430 – 1500	Innovation in Closed-Loop Systems <i>Estrella</i> Joseph Rinehart, MD
1500 – 1530	Innovations in Standards for Interoperability - <i>Estrella</i> Julian Goldman, MD
1530 – 1545	Panel Discussion - <i>Estrella</i>
1545 – 1600	Break with Exhibitors & Posters <i>Palmera & Palmera Lounge</i>

Session 4: Research Awards & Presentations

Moderator: Thomas Hemmerling, MD, MSc, DEAA	
1600 – 1715	Research Awards & Presentations <i>Estrella</i>

Friday, January 9, 2015

0715 – 0815	Registration & Continental Breakfast <i>Palmera & Palmera Lounge</i>
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Session 5: Respiratory Monitoring to Optimize Mechanical Ventilation

Moderator: Jeffrey Feldman, MD, MSE	
0815 – 0845	Current State of Bedside Monitors to Optimize Ventilation - <i>Estrella</i> Jeffrey Feldman, MD, MSE
0845 – 0915	Respiratory Monitoring and Integrated Displays - <i>Estrella</i> Robert Loeb, MD
0915 – 0945	Respiratory Monitoring - Looking Over the Horizon - <i>Estrella</i> Igor Brodtkin, MD
0945 – 1000	Panel Discussion - <i>Estrella</i>
1000 – 1030	Break with Exhibitors & Posters <i>Palmera & Palmera Lounge</i>

Session 6: Surgical Perioperative Home

Moderator: Maxime Cannesson, MD, PhD	
1030 – 1100	The Perioperative Surgical Home: What Problems Are We Trying to Solve? <i>Estrella</i> Zeev Kain, MD
1100 – 1130	Using Technologies to Help Clinicians Comply with Best Evidence / Best Practices <i>Estrella</i> Franklin Dexter, MD, PhD
1130 – 1200	How Can Technologies Help Clinicians Get Involved Outside the Operating Rooms and After Hospital Discharge? - <i>Estrella</i> Maxime Cannesson, MD, PhD

Schedule of Events *continued*

1200 – 1215 **Panel Discussion - *Estrella***
1215 – 1230 **STA Awards - *Estrella***
1230 – 1330 **STA Business Luncheon**
Vernadero Lawn

Session 7: Concurrent Workshops

1330 – 1530 **1) Young Researchers Workshop**
Cervantes
Thomas Hemmerling, MD, MSc, DEAA,
Jorge Galvez, MD, Christine Lee,
J. Mark Ansermino, MBBCh, Maxime
Cannesson, MD, PhD

The objective of this workshop is to create a community of young scientists. In this community, researchers will share their experiences in the scientific field, individual research, as well as foster potential collaborative relationships to further promote the advancement of anesthesia research.

1330 – 1530 **2) Visual Analytics Dashboard Design**
Estrella West
Luis Ahumada, MSCS

Attendees at this interactive workshop will review and practice the fundamental Tufte-Few principles of visualization of clinically relevant data. The ongoing adoption of anesthesia information management systems has created an opportunity for users to represent and analyze anesthesia data in many ways, including tabular reports, charts, graphs, dashboards and scorecards. How this data is displayed can be of similar importance to the validity of the data. In a clinical setting, we encounter unique challenges when transforming anesthesia data into visual analytics dashboards and scorecards. Attendees will review the Tufte-Few principles and then form groups that will create mock visual analytics dashboards which will then be critiqued, compared, and discussed.

Session 8: Concurrent Workshops

1530 – 1730 **1) Complex Care and Clinical Decision Support (CDS) - Make My AIMS Smarter!**
Cervantes
Brian Rothman, MD

This interactive workshop will explore common themes in CDS architecture, end-user design and why CDS is becoming ever more vital with increasing care pathway complexity. After establishing core care pathway and CDS tenets, learners will volunteer their wish-lists for AIMS CDS. One (perhaps two if time allows) of these will be selected by the group. Learners will then define the problem to solve, the business logic needed, the architecture and data elements required, what will be required to deliver the CDS to the end-user, the outcome or action expected and finally, if feedback on any actions taken is necessary and how and to whom it should be delivered.

1530 – 1730 **2) Performance Metrics and Clinical Outcomes - Automated AIMS Analytics In (Near) Real Time! - *Estrella West***
Jonathan Wanderer, MD

This interactive workshop will explore opportunities, issues and dilemmas encountered when utilizing AIMS and other EMR data sources to develop clinician-level metrics for automated reporting. After reviewing our current required metrics and the rationale for providing clinicians with feedback, learners will develop ideas for performance metrics that would be meaningful in their own clinical context. Several ideas will be chosen by the group, and implementation requirements and potential pitfalls explored. In the second half, learners will brainstorm possible clinical outcomes that could be delivered via automated reporting. Data sources for outcomes reporting will be considered, and the potential utility of and methods for connecting clinicians to their patients' outcomes will be discussed.

1530 – 1730 **STA Engineering Challenge**
Estrella East
1800 – 2130 **STA Dinner Event**
Palmera & Palmera Lounge & Patio

Saturday, January 10, 2015

0730 – 0830 **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
Estrella Patio

Session 9: Help! My Computer is Telling Me What to Do

Moderator: J. Mark Ansermino, MBBCh

0830 – 0900 **Team Cognitive Work Analysis: Understanding Different Perspectives on Shared Technologies - *Estrella***
Catherine Burns, PhD

0900 – 0930 **Mobile Patient Monitoring: Designing the Transition from Sensors and Displays to Decision Support Tools - *Estrella***
Matthias Gorges, PhD

0930 – 1000 **Development and Use of the Smart Anesthesia Manager (SAM) – An AIMS Based Real-Time Decision Support Module - *Estrella***
Bala Nair, PhD

1000 – 1015 **Panel Discussion - *Estrella***

1015 – 1030 **Break - *Estrella Patio***

Session 10: AIMS Panel: Breaking Up is Hard to Do

Moderator: Richard Epstein, MD

1030 – 1100 **Driving Reporting and Quality Improvement - *Estrella***
Patrick Guffey, MD

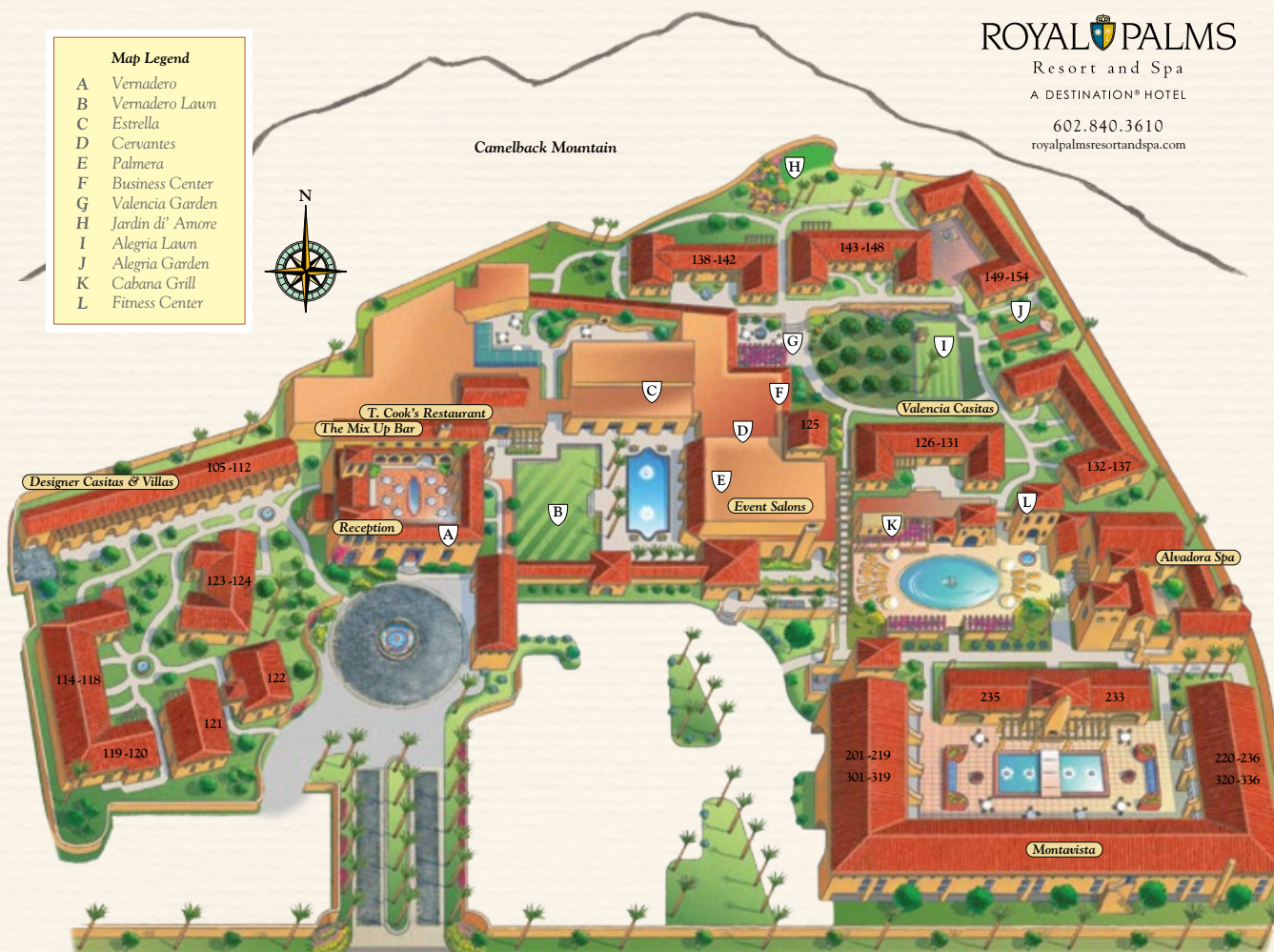
1100 – 1130 **Building a Perioperative Data Warehouse From Your AIMS Data**
Estrella
Matthew Levin, MD

1130 – 1200 **Long Term Planning for Your Anesthesia Software and Data - *Estrella***
Patrick McCormick, MD

1200 – 1230 **Panel Discussion - *Estrella***

1230 **Adjourn**

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Company Descriptions



AlertWatch

AlertWatch develops real-time patient monitoring dashboards to help anesthesia practices improve clinical quality, provider workflow, and billing accuracy.



Becton Dickinson

BD is a leading medical technology company that partners with customers and stakeholders to address many of the world's most pressing and evolving health needs. Our innovative solutions are focused on improving drug delivery, enhancing the diagnosis of infectious diseases and cancers, supporting the management of diabetes and advancing cellular research. We are nearly 30,000 associates in 50 countries who strive to fulfill our purpose of "Helping all people live healthy lives" by advancing the quality, accessibility, safety and affordability of healthcare around the world. For more information, please visit www.bd.com.



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Covidien has a long history in respiratory care and decades of experience in such areas as patient monitoring, ventilation and airway management. Covidien Respiratory and Monitoring Solutions is committed to taking a comprehensive approach to developing innovative products and improving outcomes by focusing on three key areas: patient safety, medical efficacy and healthcare efficiency. Covidien offers a suite of industry-leading monitoring technologies that provide clinicians with critical patient information enabling them to make patient-care decisions quickly and effectively.



CRITICARE
SYSTEMS, INC.

Criticare Systems

Criticare Systems develops, markets and distributes a wide range of patient monitoring devices and anesthetic gas monitoring systems, which incorporate technological innovation with cost-effective features. Criticare products address patient safety concerns and monitoring needs in anesthesia, critical care, respiratory care, transport and outpatient care environments. Criticare Systems is based in Waukesha, Wisconsin.



Dräger

Dräger is a leading international company in the fields of medical and safety technology. Dräger products protect, support and save lives. Founded in 1889 and located in Lübeck, Germany, the company generated revenues of around EUR 2.18 billion in 2010. Dräger is present in 190 countries with 11,000 employees worldwide.

Company Descriptions (continued)



Dynasthetics

Dynasthetics, LLC manufactures the Vapor-Clean filters that are used to prevent a patient susceptible to Malignant Hyperthermia from exposure to dangerous trace anesthetic vapors by the anesthesia machine. It eliminates the need for lengthy flushing and provides continuous protection for a case lasting up to 12 hours. The Vapor-Clean may also be used in an actual MH crisis to stop exposure to volatile gas thereby allowing the clinician to focus on administering dantrolene. The Vapor-Clean has been used by hospitals around the world to provide both excellent patient protection and care while saving the time, money and uncertainty that accompanies flushing.



GE Healthcare

GE is making a new commitment to health. Healthymagination will change the way we approach healthcare, with more than 100 innovations all focused on addressing three critical needs: lowering costs, touching more lives and improving quality.



Graphium Health

There is a problem in today's surgical experience. Because of the analog methods by which point-of-care information is recorded, data is disconnected from those who need it: Doctors can't track their personal performance, administrators are prevented from finding system-wide efficiencies, and patients and families are left in the dark. Founded by working physicians, Graphium Health developed a cloud hosted platform leveraging mobile form factors to connect all parties to the information they care most about. Our solution enables the collection and sharing of point-of-care information in an actionable manner so as to empower, unite, and enlighten the administration, the individual provider, and the patient unit.



Hummingbird Sensing Technology

Hummingbird Sensing Technology offers medical OEM manufacturers a comprehensive gas sensor range (O2, CO and CO2) that meets their precise requirements. Developed in constant consultation with the world's leading medical device manufacturers, Hummingbird sensors meets the requirements for specific applications such as anesthesia, critical care ventilation, patient monitoring and pulmonary function testing.



Masimo

Masimo is a global medical technology company that develops and manufactures innovative noninvasive monitoring technologies, including medical devices and a wide array of sensors that may enable earlier detection and treatment of potentially life-threatening conditions. A key medical technology innovator, Masimo is responsible for the invention of award-winning non-invasive technologies that are revolutionizing patient monitoring, including Masimo SET® pulse oximetry, Masimo rainbow® noninvasive and continuous hemoglobin (SpHb®), acoustic respiration rate (RRa™), Masimo Patient SafetyNet™, SedLine® (EEG-based) Brain Function Monitors, and PhaseIn™ respiratory monitors.



Micropore

Micropore manufactures solid, non-dusting CO2 absorbents for life support applications in the medical, submarine, military diving, mine safety and spacecraft markets. The company makes the only Lithium Hydroxide absorbent used in anesthesia workstations. Manufactured in the US, the anesthesia absorbents are fully recycled at the company's facility in Maryland.



MIRU Medical Systems

MIRU develops medical devices to ensure patient safety, especially to reduce medication errors. MIRU products are focused in the area of anesthesia throughout the peri-operative process, with special emphasis on intra-operative (OR). SW solutions guarantee information flow to ensure the right information is available at the right time, and HW solutions monitor medication administration. These components can be used together but also with other third-party solutions. Appropriately managing drug delivery and automatically recording the results of operations of anesthesia improve not only patient safety, but also increase the efficiency of health personnel and hospital benefits.

Company Descriptions (continued)



NIHON KOHDEN

Leader in patient monitoring, sleep diagnostics, neurology and cardiology instrumentation. The NK cap-ONE is the world's first mainstream CO2 sensor designed for both intubated and non-intubated patients. Neonatal, pediatric, and adult high oxygen delivery face masks do not distort the ETCO2 waveform.



ORICARE

Oricare is a US based medical company with over 100 years of combined experience in Anesthesia, Patient Monitoring and ICU ventilators. We offer a variety of medical and point of care devices across the full spectrum of acuity levels. Our product portfolio includes: Anesthesia machines, ICU ventilators, OR tables and Lights and Medical air compressors. Cost effective, full featured technology with low life cycle costs. "YOUR HEALTHCARE, WE CARE"... Welcome to the Oricare booth, where representatives will be on hand to demonstrate the A9800 anesthesia system.



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RESPIRATORY MOTION INC.

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Revolutionary Medical Devices

RMD creates products for airway management that are designed to improve patient outcomes, increase hospital reimbursement & revenue, reduce costs per procedure and promote hospital staff safety.



SPACELABS HEALTHCARE

With over 60 years' experience in providing anesthesia delivery solutions, Spacelabs provides perioperative solutions from low to high acuity. See ARKONTM, our "evolutionary" anesthesia delivery system that pushes the boundaries to provide advanced flexibility, ventilation and ergonomics for you, the people that use these machines. Our solutions are assembled in the U.S.A. and backed by an award winning service team.



Talis Clinical

Talis Clinical was formed to meet the higher purpose of supporting safe patient care, while positively impacting the clinicians and providers. Our story begins with an initiative started over 10 years ago at the Cleveland Clinic to build a perioperative documentation system to support anesthesia care. This extensive development moved from documenting complex anesthesia workflows to providing guidance that could expose opportunities to improve patient care in real-time at the point of care.

Today, Talis Clinical markets a product that supports the entire Perioperative Surgical Home (PSH). Our goal is to "Heighten Awareness of the Entire Anesthesia Management Opportunity." We are honored to be carrying forward the work started by the anesthesiologists and engineers who initiated this important work.



Xhale Assurance

The Assurance® Alar / Nasal SpO2 Sensor is the next generation of pulse oximetry. This FDA approved sensor is attached to the nasal ala, the fleshy part of the side of the nose, a unique monitoring site for pulse oximetry. This site is fed by both the external and internal carotid arteries; the latter also supplies blood to the brain. The rich vascular supply to the ala provides a strong, reliable signal, even when it is difficult to get a signal at the fingertips.

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Using Electronic Medical Records Features – Are Hard Stops the Way to Improve Documentation?

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Introduction: The development and meaningful use of Anesthesia Information Systems (AIS) has increased over the past decade, improving timing and accuracy of data recording, compared to handwritten records (1,2,3). It is the anesthesiologists' ultimate responsibility to confirm the record's completeness and accuracy. For this reason, some AIMS have developed features to assure completeness through automatic monitoring alerts (4), messaging (4), or use of Hard-Stops (1); which prevents the record from being finalized before all critical information is completed.

Methods: The anesthesiologists of the University provide coverage at multiple centers with different AIMS. We retrospectively analyzed the data for all surgeries and documentation completeness in 3 random months (April-June-September 2014), at 2 different hospitals: Center A uses PICIS and does not allow for hard-stops and Center B, which uses INNOVIAN, and allows for hard-stops.

We measured completeness of documentation at 48 hours, based on 7 variables required by our department for documentation and billing compliance. These variables were: start of anesthesia care, end of anesthesia care, patient re-evaluated immediately prior to induction, attending present for induction, attending present for emergence, attending present for critical events and attending present during positioning.

Because hard-stops utilized in Center B do not allow the record to be printed or closed, we assumed 100% compliance for these 7 events at the end of each case and when reviewed. Further, we found no reports of cases still opened at 24 to 48 hours in Center B.

Results: The number of cases with completed documentation in April 2014 was 1265/1327 (95.3%) in hospital A vs. 992 (100%) patients in hospital B. In June 2014, the number of cases with completed documentation were 1255/1317 (95.3%) in hospital A vs. 938 (100%) patients in hospital B. The number of cases with completed documentation in September 2014 were 1232/1279 (96.3%) in hospital A vs. 976 (100%) patients in hospital B.

Conclusion: As the tendency to implement AIMS increases, we must consider the different reporting capabilities and features such as hard-stops that each vendor offers, as this has implications for departments and billing compliance offices. Driscoll et al. stated, "An ideal AIMS should have the ability to detect the absence of essential information" (1).

We compared the use of hard-stops for billing and documentation completeness between 2 different centers with different AIMS, but used by the same group of providers. Although >95% compliance after 48 hours might be considered adequate, the implications for the billing department are important. Being able to customize an AIMS to a center's needs is important, and the value of knowing that anesthesia records are 100% compliant before "case

closure” is critical. Ultimately, eliminating errors and missing information, improving billing revenue and enhancing anesthesia performance are all desirable results.

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The Anesthesia Hub – A Mobile Tool Launched to Improve Access to Critical Information. The Experience of a Large Multicenter Anesthesia Academic Practice

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Introduction: During the last couple of decades, the healthcare system has seen a dramatic improvement of information technology (IT), electronic medical records and mobile-based medical applications for patient care. For some providers, this might seem like the perfect world, but for others, it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep up (1). Medical IT can help prevent errors and adverse events by improving communication between providers and allowing knowledge to be readily available (2), especially in crisis situations.

Methods: With the use of Hubspring.com, we designed a web platform for mobile devices that contained critical information to the Department of Anesthesia providers -the "Anesthesia Hub". All information was publicly available in different sites, but not easily accessible during critical events. The information included in the Anesthesia Hub is: contacts, departmental policies and protocols, including ever changing updated Ebola treatment protocols, facility and clinical resources, residency and administrative resources, and all provider schedules.

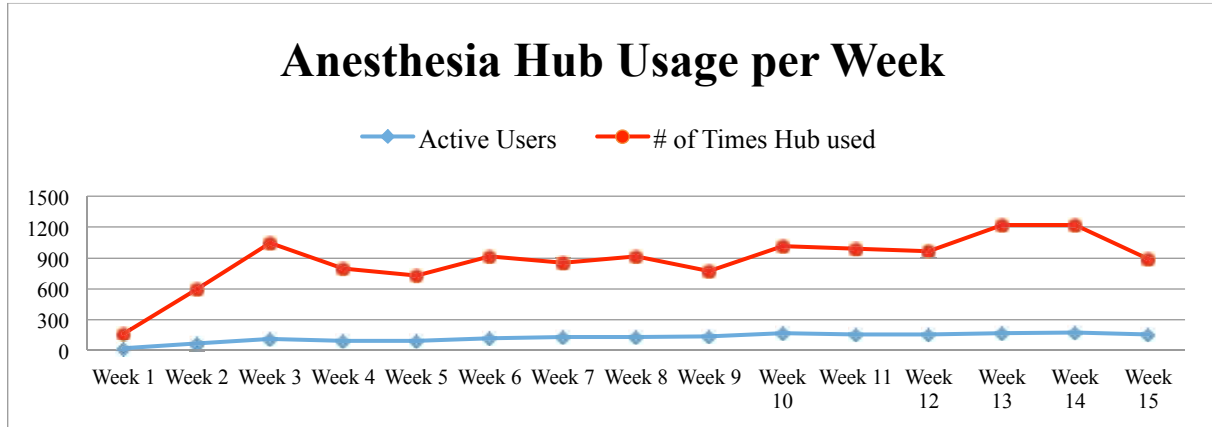
We progressively launched the application after an oral presentation to the residents (CA-1 to CA-3), then proceeded to include all faculty and per diems after 2 weeks. After 1 month of usage, CRNA's from 3 of our centers were included. We then continued to monitor the daily and weekly individual usage of the application and measured adoption of this new technology.

Results: A steady increase of daily and weekly usage of the information tool has been measured. During week 1, with 21 users, the "Hub" was accessed 141 times. During week 4, 90 active users accessed the application 709 times. At week 9, 136 users accessed the application 636 times. At week 13, 167 active users accessed the "Hub" more than 1000 times.

Discussion: As the healthcare industry adopts some of these mobile technologies, patient safety and the anesthesiologists vigilance is of concern. Recently, the Patient Safety Foundation published an article on the use of mobile devices and risk for distraction (3). In this article they discuss the different types of technologies and the concerns they pose, and also discuss solutions. We believe mobile technologies and the applications they carry can most effectively meet the need for updated critical information at every point of care during times of crisis, such as surgical emergencies, consults, evaluations, and epidemics. Our experience during the release of this application is very positive and demonstrates the providers' need of tools that carry all the latest information in an easily accessible manner.

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Photoplethysmogram Baseline Modulation as a Measure of Respiratory Effort: A Free Breathing Protocol with Progressive Flow Restrictions at the Mouth

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Introduction: The manifestation of respiratory components in the photoplethysmogram (pleth) has been well documented in the literature [1,2] with much of the activity in this area focusing on the derivation of respiratory rate (RR). RR may be determined from an analysis of the periodicity of respiratory modulations present in the signal [3,4]. However, the strength of these modulations may be indicative of thoracic pressure changes associated with the effort to breathe that are transmitted to the peripheries through the vasculature [5,6]. Here we report on a preliminary study to determine the effect of changing airway pressures at the mouth on modulations in the pleth baseline for two finger sensors and an ear sensor.

Method: With institutional review board approval and written informed consent, a convenience sample of 4 healthy adult volunteers was studied. These had been pre-screened and completed physical exams. During the trials, the subjects were positioned comfortably in a chair with the pulse oximeter sensors attached. A facemask was attached to each subject consisting of a spirometer containing a number of interchangeable flow resistors (5, 20 and 50 cmH₂O/l/s linear resistors (Hans Rudolf Inc., Kansas City, MO)). Airway pressure signals at the mouth and pleth waveforms were synchronized and recorded via a custom data acquisition system. All subjects undertook both a constriction-on-inhalation protocol and a corresponding constriction-on-exhalation protocol. The value of flow constrictor resistance was set in turn to 0, 5, 20, 50 and 0 cmH₂O/l/s for five consecutive periods of approximately 480 seconds. The subjects were allowed to breathe freely, i.e. respond freely to the changing airway resistance.

Results: We generated time series of the pleth baseline modulations associated with respiratory activity. An example is shown in figure 1(a). The modulations were extracted using a bandpass filter with a range of 0.05 to 0.50Hz. The running median absolute deviations of the modulations were computed and are also shown in the figure as separate signals above the modulations. Note that these are factored by 10 to display them above the modulation signals. In addition, we plotted these baseline modulation strengths against the measured total flow resistance back-calculated from the pressure and flow signals. This is shown in figure 1(b). One signal from one probe experienced a large gain change during the run which rendered the data unusable. This was excluded from the analysis. A total of 23 signals (= 4 patients, inhalation and exhalation, 3 probes each minus the excluded signal) were used in the analysis. We found a generally increasing trend between the pleth-based respiratory effort parameter and increasing flow resistance for all three probes. Considering only the difference between the baseline (no resistor) to the highest value of constriction (50 cmH₂O/l/s), it was found that all respiratory efforts increased. It was noted that the respiratory effort behavior was associated with an increase in baseline modulation at the frequency of

respiration of the arterial blood pressure trace and, in general, the subjects also reduced their respiratory rates with increasing resistance.

Conclusions:

The results suggest that the pleth may provide a measure of changing upper airway dynamics indicative of the effort to breathe. In practice this may be useful for identifying upper airway obstructive events and/or lung compliance changes. A larger cohort would be required before more definitive conclusions could be reached. The development of a simple pleth-based non-invasive continuous measurement of the effort to breathe could enable such a respiratory effort parameter to be available across multiple areas of care. Alone, or in conjunction with other parameters such as SpO₂ and Respiration Rate (also available from the pleth), it may provide early warning of impending respiratory compromise including obstructive apneic events.

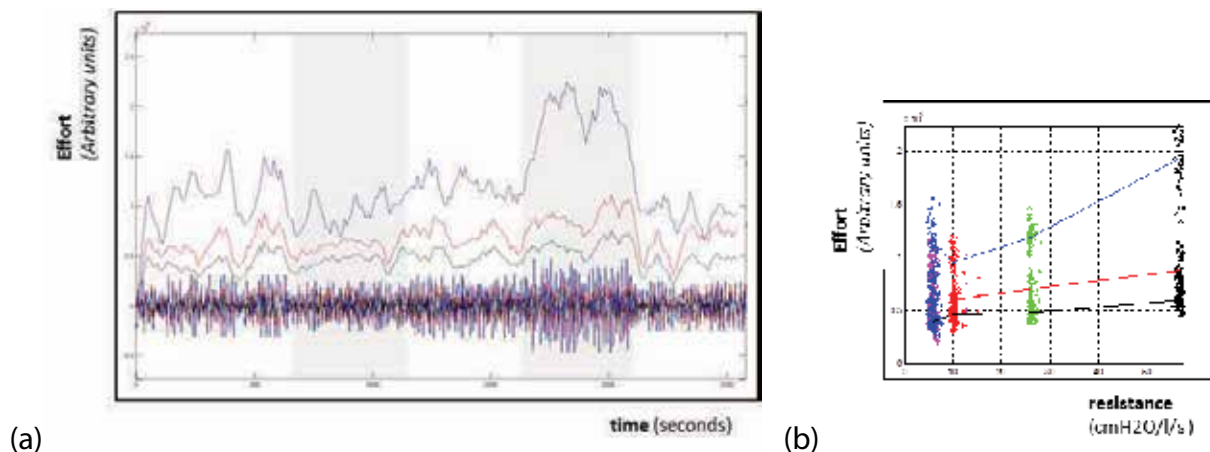


Figure 1: a) Pleth-Based Respiratory Effort over time. b) Aggregated Effort v Resistance Plot for Subject RE0 (Free Breathing/Exhalation Protocol)

Three probes were used. Left Ear Sensor - Nellcor D-YSE (blue trace). Left Index Finger - Nellcor Max- A (red trace). Left Ring Finger - Nellcor Max- N (black trace). In (a) the running median absolute deviations of the modulations are factored by 10 to aid their visualization above the raw modulation signals. In (b) the colors correspond to groupings from resistance calculated for each resistor used.

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Running Wavelet Archotyping for Enhanced Detection of Cardiac Pulse Signal Components

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Introduction: Pulse oximeters display two important parameters: SpO₂ and Pulse Rate (PR). During clinical use, deviations of these parameters outside of threshold settings drive alarms on the device. However, the performance of pulse oximeter-based PR often receives less attention than SpO₂. The posting of erroneous PR values could, however, have serious consequences, such as increasing the number of false alarms, providing false reassurance, prompting unnecessary interventions, or generally undermining the credibility of the oximeter altogether [1]. Thus accurate detection of the pulse component in the photoplethysmogram (pleth) is of critical importance in the design of a pulse oximeter. Here, a novel time-frequency archotyping method for detecting the cardiac pulse component within a pleth is described.

Method: In order to monitor a repeating pulse feature within a signal we may build up a characteristic, or archetype, signal segment which is representative of the waveform. We may average beats within the vicinity of each other or use an IIR scheme where we build up an archetype by adding a weighted value of the most recent waveform to the current 'running' archetype. Such methods require that fiducial points are detected on each waveform (e.g. beginning and end point) in order for it to be extracted, aligned and used to update the running archetype. Errors in fiducial detection due to signal noise may make it very difficult for such schemes to work well and perform consistently in practice.

The proposed method is based on the wavelet transform of the signal. This produces an unfolding of the signal information in the time-frequency plane, providing a superior view of the signal compared to the Fourier transform, which comprises a spectral-only interpretation [2]. In the proposed method a running wavelet archetype $T_{rwa}(a,b)$ is generated using a weighted averaging scheme as follows:

$$T_{rwa}(a,b) = w.T(a,b) + (1-w).T_{rwa}(a,b-P(a)) \quad [1]$$

where w is the weight, $T(a,b)$ is the currently computed wavelet transform at scale a and dilation b , and $T_{rwa}(a,b-P(a))$ is the previous archetype value separated from the current value by a scale dependent period $P(a)$. Each time a wavelet transform value is computed it is used with the previous archetype transform value to form a new value of the archetype transform. In the method, the delay time $P(a)$ is set to the natural period of the wavelet at each scale considered, thus there is no requirement for the determination of fiducial points as the wavelet information is naturally 'rolled up' at each scale using $P(a)$.

Results: Figures 1 and 2 illustrate the method. The top plot is a scalogram of a pleth computed using a Morlet wavelet [3]. The signal, acquired as part of an ad hoc bench study on the author, is relatively poor and the pulse band is barely seen across the scalogram. The archetype scalogram is shown in figure 2. The pulse band across the top part of the archetype scalogram

is much more distinct than that of the original scalogram and many of the breaks in the pulse band have now merged. This is particularly obvious in the segments outlined by the two boxes in figure 1. It can be observed that the pulse band in the running wavelet archetype of figure 2 is continuous across these periods. This facilitates the extraction of the frequency of the pulse (PR) in the time-frequency domain.

Conclusions: A method has been developed to optimize the detection of the pulse component within a photoplethysmographic signal by employing a novel running wavelet archotyping method. This method will aid in the determination of the pulse rate in difficult monitoring conditions. Additionally, the method is particularly novel in that there is no requirement for the determination of fiducial points as the wavelet information is ‘rolled up’ at the natural period of each scale. This is important as the identification of fiducial points is often the main cause of errors in traditional signal averaging techniques. Note that, as the signal component of interest moves to another scale (for example a pulse band moving due to a change in heart rate), more energy appears in the transform at that scale and thus, through the archotyping process, a new dominant component of the archetype will evolve at the new scale. It is suggested that the method may be used with other transformations which provide realizations of signals at multiple scales where an intrinsic period or periods may be determined.

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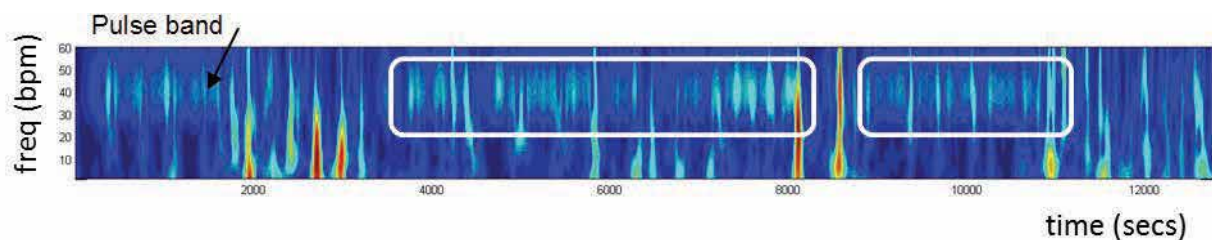


Figure 1: Wavelet Transform Scalogram of a Pulse Oximeter Photoplethysmogram

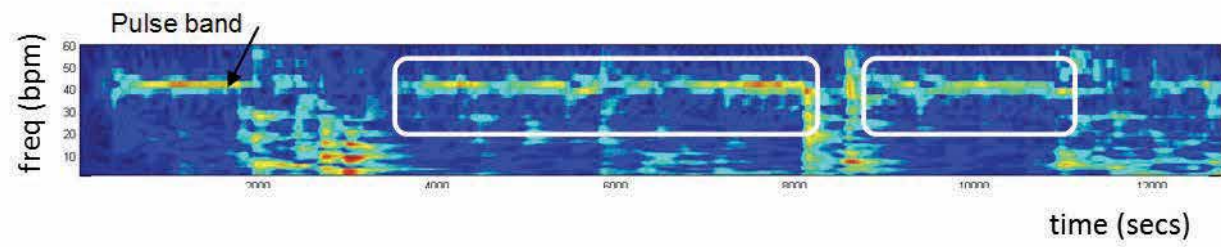


Figure 2: Running Wavelet Archetype Corresponding to the Scalogram of Figure 1

Cost and Efficiency Analysis of Low Flow Sevoflurane Anesthesia Using Dragorsorb Free Absorber

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Background/Introduction: Low flow anesthesia using Desflurane is known to produce cost savings compared to normal flow, but Desflurane is also more expensive than Sevoflurane. To our knowledge, no study has been done for low flow anesthesia using Sevoflurane. One of the limitations has been the commonly recommended 2 L/min fresh gas flow during Sevoflurane anesthesia to minimize Compound A. Because of the new technology in soda lime production from Drager, its Dragorsorb Free absorber does not generate Compound A, in contrast to the traditional absorber Dragorsorb 800+. Therefore, it is now feasible to study the cost effectiveness of low flow Sevoflurane anesthesia vs. normal flow conditions. We hypothesize that low flow Sevoflurane anesthesia is more cost effective and efficient, even taking into account of the higher cost of the special Dragorsorb Free absorber.

Methods: Consecutive general anesthesia cases utilizing Sevoflurane were included in the study using Drager Apollo machine. Low Flow group (n=28 cases) used Dragorsorb Free absorber; Normal Flow group (n=30 cases) used Dragorsorb 800+ absorber. After IV induction and intubation, oxygen flow was reduced to 4 L/min until patients achieve 0.5 MAC as calculated by age on the anesthesia machine. Then, the Low Flow group had combined O₂ and air flow reduced to 1 L/min, the Normal Flow group had combined O₂ and air flow reduced to 2 L/min, until all patients reach 1 MAC volatile anesthesia during prep and prior to incision. The 1 MAC volatile anesthesia was maintained while intraoperative care continued by IV balanced technique until emergence and extubation. Data points were collected from the Drager Apollo DataLog, including duration of general anesthesia, O₂ and air consumption, Sevoflurane consumption and uptake. The time from surgery end to extubation was also collected. All cases were conducted by a single anesthesiologist using consistent techniques without variation. Data were entered and analyzed in Excel spreadsheet. Statistical analysis was performed for the two data groups using unpaired Student's t-Test in Excel; statistical significance is defined as $p < 0.01$.

Results: The average life span of Dragorsorb Free absorber was 929 min for Low Flow, compared to 1530 min for Dragorsorb 800+ for Normal Flow, resulting in absorber cost of \$0.022/min (Low Flow) vs. \$0.011/min (Normal Flow). However, the cost of Sevoflurane volatile was \$0.08/min for Low Flow, and \$0.12/min for Normal Flow. Therefore, for every min of anesthesia, combined absorber and volatile cost was \$0.102/min for Low Flow, vs. \$0.131/min for Normal Flow, resulting in cost savings of \$0.03/min ($p < 0.005$). The average case length was 133 min for Low Flow, 102 min for Normal Flow ($p = 0.032$), and the average

time to extubation was not significantly different between the two groups (3.7 min for Low Flow vs. 5.5 min for Normal Flow, $p=0.095$). The efficiency of Low Flow resulted in Sevoflurane waste of 38%, compared to 57% for Normal Flow ($p<<0.005$).

Conclusion: Low flow anesthesia for Sevoflurane using the Dragorsorb Free absorber results in savings of \$0.03 per min of anesthesia time and less volatile anesthetic environmental waste compared to normal flow. Even greater cost savings were observed using low flow Sevoflurane compared to low flow Desflurane (unpublished data, Atchison). Assuming an average of 6 hours anesthesia time per day per operating room, utilizing the Low Flow Sevoflurane anesthesia technique will result in at a minimal \$2,808 savings per OR per year, simply by taking advantage of the new soda lime absorber technology. This change in practice could produce huge cost savings in terms of medical economics across the country.

Stable Phase Coupling Associated with Cerebral Autoregulation Identified Using a Synchrosqueezed Cross-Wavelet Transform

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Introduction: Cerebral autoregulation is the response mechanism which regulates cerebral blood flow (CBF) over a wide range of systemic blood pressures (BP). The level of cerebral tissue oxyhaemoglobin saturation (rSO_2) measured by near infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) has been suggested as a suitable surrogate for the measurement of CBF. NIRS is non-invasive, continuous and does not require the caregiver manipulation associated with the measurement of CBF [1]. A novel time-frequency decomposition method is proposed here, based on wavelet transforms [2], for the analysis of the relationship between BP and rSO_2 .

Method: The cross-wavelet transform of two signals, f and g , may be expressed in complex exponential form as

$$CrWT_{f,g}(a,b) = |T_f(a,b)| |T_g(a,b)| e^{i(\phi_g(a,b) - \phi_f(a,b))} \quad [1]$$

where it can be seen that its phase angle is simply the phase difference between the transforms of the individual signals. $CrWT$ phase therefore represents a phase difference map over a range of scales (or frequencies) and temporal locations. It is also known that the components in the wavelet transform domain may be *reassigned* through a process of synchrosqueezing [3] where an instantaneous frequency may be found for each point in the transform domain as follows:

$$f_i = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\partial \phi(a,b)}{\partial b} \quad [2]$$

This derivative of phase with respect to time is the frequency of phase cycling corresponding to the transform component at that point in the transform domain. In the method proposed here, $CrWT$ components are reassigned by moving them up or down the transform plane to a new location corresponding to f_i . Note also that a low oscillation Morlet wavelet was used with a central frequency of $\omega_0=3$ rad/sec. This differs from the standard Morlet in that it has higher temporal localization [4].

It is assumed that a constant, near zero phase difference between rSO_2 and arterial BP implies positive correlation (c.f. the COx measure [1]) and hence an impaired cerebral autoregulation mechanism. Conversely, a phase difference of $\pm\pi$ radians, randomly distributed or rapidly varying phase corresponds to intact cerebral autoregulation. In the proposed method, the $CrWT$ is synchrosqueezed (*Synchro-CrWT*) whereby stable phase differences between the two signals will manifest as significant energy at the zero-frequency level of *Synchro-CrWT*. Thus regions of stable phase coupling may be discerned.

Results: An example of the method is shown in figure 1. Figure 1(a) contains arterial BP and associated rSO_2 signals. The corresponding COx measurement is shown in figure 1(b). The phase difference map from $CrWT$ is shown in figure 1(c) in the range 0.0025 to 0.0050Hz. The level corresponding to a cycle length of 300 seconds (0.0033 Hz) – typically used for COx measurements [1] – is indicated by the line drawn across the plot. Figure 1(d)

contains the zero frequency component of the *Synchro-CrWT*. This essentially collects the transform energies at stationary phase values. The plot therefore provides an indication of periods where the phase difference between the two signals is relatively constant.

Conclusions: The use of wavelet-based techniques to aid the interpretation of complex time-variant signals by producing qualitative and quantitative evidence of cerebrovascular autoregulation that is “not possible using other methods” has been recognised by Smith [5] in his detailed review of the clinical applications of near infrared spectroscopy. He also suggested that such methods are likely to translate readily into clinical practice. Here, two powerful wavelet-based analysis methods have been combined: the cross-wavelet transform (to provide a phase difference map) and synchrosqueezing (to collect the stable phase terms). It is suggested that this tool may prove useful in the analysis of such complex signal relationships. In particular it may be useful as a quality index in the development of a robust COx algorithm.

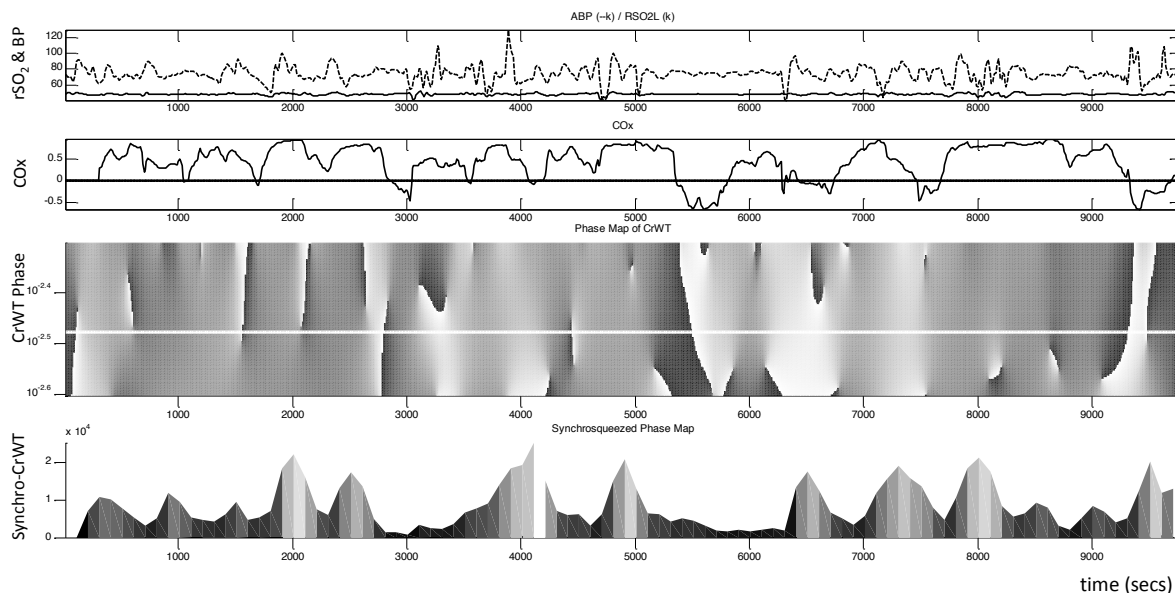


Figure 1: COx and Phase computed from ABP and rSO_2 Signals

(a) BP (top) and rSO_2 Signal (bottom). (b) COx Measure. (c) CrWT Phase Map. (d) Synchro-CrWT at Zero Phase Cycling.

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Effect of Pneumoperitoneum During Laparoscopic Surgery on Plethysmographic and Peripheral Venous Pressure Waveforms

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Introduction: Laparoscopic surgery consists of insufflation of the peritoneal cavity to create a pneumoperitoneum¹. This increases intra-abdominal pressure and conduces transmission of abdominal pressure to the thoracic cavity^{2,3}. In turn this leads to increases in cardiac filling and airway pressures⁴. A recent study has shown that the peripheral venous pressure (PVP) waveform significantly changes during hypovolemic challenge in healthy volunteers⁵. The PVP waveform may be a minimally invasive and highly sensitive means to detect early blood loss. Methods of extracting arterial and venous volume status from the photoplethysmogram (PPG) waveform have been developed⁶, however, the application of these methods during pneumoperitoneum have not been studied. The present study explores the analysis of the PPG and PVP waveforms during laparoscopic surgery to investigate changes in venous and arterial blood pools.

Methods: With IRB approval, 15 patients undergoing elective laparoscopic procedures were studied. All patients were induced with general anesthesia and mechanically ventilated using controlled volume (~8cc/kg). Finger pulse oximeter (finger PPG Nellcor & Masimo), peripheral venous pressure (PVP) transduced from an intravenous catheter, blood pressure, end tidal carbon dioxide, and airway pressure (AWP) were recorded at 100 Hz with a data acquisition system (Collect 5/S, GE) and analyzed using Spectral Fast Fourier Transform analysis (spectrum, 4K, Hamming, Total power, 94% overlap) with LabChart 8.05 (ADInstruments). Analysis included measuring the total power of the AC (amplitude modulation at the respiratory frequency) and DC modulation (baseline modulation induced by ventilation) of the PPG and PVP waveforms. Time domain analysis consisted of measuring the baseline, area, maximum slope, minimum slope, average slope, and width of the finger PPG, PVP, and AWP. Data are presented as percent changes. Student's t-test (Excel Microsoft) were used; $P < 0.05$ was statistically significant.

Results: There were significant changes in PPG (amplitude, DC, AC, DC%, and AC%), PVP (mean pressure, DC, AC, DC%), and AWP waveforms during insufflation and following desufflation. These results are summarized in Tables 1-4. Average insufflation pressures ranged from 11 to 20 mmHg (mean 15 mmHg). On average, patients received 2308 ml of crystalloid by end of surgery.

Conclusion: Laparoscopic surgeries are commonly performed for a variety of conditions due to smaller surgical incisions, reduced pain, and shorter length of

stay^{1,3,7}. However, current understanding of the impact of intra-abdominal pressure (IAP) on hemodynamics is relatively superficial. The results support the notion that pneumoperitoneum decreases stroke volume, decreases preload, and increases venous congestion. A previous study has shown that during hypovolemic challenge the respiratory modulation in the PPG waveform increases while the cardiac modulation decreases⁸. In the present study, both the respiratory power and cardiac power increased upon insufflation. This pattern is suggestive of blood volume congestion rather than hypovolemia during pneumoperitoneum. To our knowledge, the effects of insufflation on blood volume at the periphery have not been shown in the literature. This study contributes to the potential of using the PPG and PVP waveforms, opposed to an arterial and central line, as less invasive methods to monitor volume status in patients; specifically those undergoing laparoscopic procedures. Furthermore, this study provides the basis for developing a clinical monitor for changes in PPG and PVP waveforms during increased and released abdominal pressure (up to 20 mmHg) to guide proper management of abdominal hypertension during early phases of abdominal compartment syndrome. The next point of interest is to compare the PPG and PVP waveforms to bladder pressure catheter readings and understand their relationship.

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Table 1 PPG, PVP, and AWP before and after insufflation

	Direction	Before	After	Percent change	P value
PPG amplitude	↓	12.4055	11.0108	-11.24%	0.0009
PPG amplitude variation	↑	0.1782	0.7673	330.53%	0.0431
PPG cardiac power	↓	14.6252	12.2535	-16.22%	0.0072
PPG respiratory power	↑	0.3146	1.2478	296.64%	0.0079
PPG DC%	↑	14.3607	34.1191	137.59%	0.0071
PPG AC%	↑	10.7684	24.8798	131.04%	0.0075
Peripheral venous pressure (mmHg)	↑	15.7205	22.2991	41.85%	0.00001
PVP cardiac power	↑	0.1668	0.3404	104.12%	0.0072
PVP respiratory power	↑	0.6054	1.2258	102.47%	0.0468
PVP DC%	↓	230.1408	207.0807	-10.02%	0.0468
AWP (cm H ₂ O)	↑	10.2198	13.3453	30.58%	0.0001

Table 2 PPG, PVP, and AWP before and after desufflation

	Direction	Before	After	Percent change	P value
PPG amplitude	↑	11.4255	12.4396	8.88%	0.0016
PPG amplitude variation	↓	0.4671	0.1404	-69.94%	0.0075
PPG cardiac power	↑	12.1046	14.0520	16.09%	0.0136
PPG respiratory power	↓	0.8565	0.4075	-52.43%	0.0045
PPG DC%	↓	28.0649	18.3272	-34.70%	0.0011
PPG AC%	↓	19.0642	10.1888	-46.56%	0.0008
Peripheral venous pressure (mmHg)	↓	23.8035	16.6796	-29.93%	0.000005
PVP cardiac power	↓	0.8850	0.2731	-69.14%	0.0011
PVP respiratory power	↓	1.8651	0.6322	-66.10%	0.0017
PVP DC%	↑	179.4940	194.9288	8.60%	0.6557
AWP (cm H ₂ O)	↓	15.7578	3.1371	-80.09%	0.000000

Table 3 PPG, PVP, and AWP Peak Analysis before and after insufflation

	Direction	Before	After	Percent change	P value
PPG MaxSlope	↓	114.9019	102.3744	-10.90%	0.0037
PPG Slope	↓	78.8163	66.4800	-15.65%	0.0008
PVP Baseline	↑	15.1679	21.4654	41.52%	0.0000
PVP MinSlope	↑	-12.7103	-19.3504	52.24%	0.0268
AWP PeakArea	↑	17.6113	22.0194	25.03%	0.0001
AWP MinSlope	↑	-39.3231	-51.3456	30.57%	0.00015

Table 4 PPG, PVP, and AWP Peak Analysis before and after desufflation

	Direction	Before	After	Percent change	P value
PPG Baseline	↑	-4.1483	-4.9779	20.00%	0.0019
PPG PeakArea	↑	3.6214	4.2869	18.38%	0.0043
PPG MaxArea	↑	111.1243	120.3479	8.30%	0.0061
PPG MinSlope	↓	-45.4421	-43.0343	-5.30%	0.0090
PPG Width50	↑	307.6357	347.2357	12.87%	0.0007
PPG Slope	↑	74.5971	82.5343	10.64%	0.005247
PVP Baseline	↓	21.6687	15.7184	-27.46%	0.0000
PVP MinSlope	↓	-24.5475	-17.5671	-28.44%	0.0081
AWP PeakArea	↓	23.6479	17.8421	-24.55%	0.0001
AWP MaxSlope	↓	59.1671	51.7039	-12.61%	0.020455
AWP MinSlope	↓	-55.7829	-41.0850	-26.35%	0.000352
AWP Slope	↓	57.6229	49.4989	-14.10%	0.036320

Missing Physical Exam-Automatic Notifications Used to Improve Documentation

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Introduction: Anesthesia Information Systems (AIS) help by automatically documenting certain events while the anesthesiologist focuses on patient care. This continues to evolve and now improve documentation through automatic process monitoring, alerts and reminders. Despite the fact AIS help to decrease incomplete records, delayed reimbursement due to incomplete records continue to be a problem (1, 2). These errors and lack of information can be addressed by timely alerts connected to paging systems (2), but many of them can be ignored by clinicians due to the great amount of irrelevant warnings and saturation. One strategy applied is to modify the design of more serious warnings (3).

Methods: We retrospectively analyzed the records completeness in the period of March-December 2013. We measured the # of cases and pre-operative evaluations with and without physical exam. We focused on evaluations done over the phone with the physical exam to be completed the day of surgery.

We studied 2 automatic notification systems to address physical exam documentation. The first method employed was massive e-mails to all anesthesia providers, reminding of need to document the physical exam. These notifications were sent by the department chair. This method was used once during the month of July and once in October. The second method was the use of an automatic alphanumeric page to physicians in charge of a case with missing physical exam during the pre-operative evaluation. We compared the differences between the initial values and the changes after the implementation of both systems of notification.

Results: During the first 4 months of the study (March- June) the mean of pre-operative evaluations with missing physical exam was 30.3%. After the first e-mail sent, the percentage of missing physical exam dropped from 30.5% in June to 21.8% in July. This pattern was constant during the following months August (23.2%) and September (23%). In October, a second email was sent; the percentage of missing physical exam dropped to 17.3%. We then implemented the automatic notification system, and during the period of November-December the mean of missing physical exam dropped to 10.9%.

Conclusions: There are different methods used to improve documentation. Of these, the least effective are formal lectures to providers and the most effective is the use of computer generated reminders, incentive rewarding, and sending e-mail reports. Other options are text pagers or using prompts alerting of missing information. (1, 4, 5)

We confirmed that automatic reminders improve documentation of incomplete preoperative evaluations. We were able to significantly reduce the number of incomplete records, but we also recognize that reminder saturation or the overwhelming messaging leads to providers ignoring the message can still account for that 10.9% missing data. We plan to modify the messaging system and test a reminder in real-time.

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MONTH	Total # Cases	Electronic Preops		Missing PE	
March	1364	542	39.7%	166	30.6%
April	1466	609	41.5%	182	29.9%
May	1404	526	37.5%	158	30.0%
June	1428	584	40.9%	178	30.5%
July	1482	582	39.3%	127	21.8%
August	1522	582	38.2%	135	23.2%
September	1320	514	38.9%	118	23.0%
October	1561	677	43.4%	117	17.3%
Nov-Dec	1318	569	43.2%	62	10.9%
TOTAL	12865	5185	40.3%	1243	24.0%

The Meaning of Central Venous Pressure (CVP) relative to Fluid Management and Blood Flow

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In modern clinical medicine, our understanding of Central Venous Pressure (CVP) has evolved from Guyton, Magder, Rothe, Levy, Jayant, Gelman, Brengelmann, Reddi and Carpenter, and Marik to the effect that many physicians question the clinical utility of CVP in patient care? This confusion and controversy stems from a lack of understanding of the source and regulation of CVP in human physiology. Where it comes from, why it exists, and what it does in the overall control of blood flow? The CVP controversy is related to a similar controversy related to the definition of PreLoad, Norton? Recent advances in noninvasive hemodynamic monitoring (VasoMap™) by NIVasc, Inc. have brought new insights and answers to these questions about CVP and Preload through the VasoMap™'s ability to map the residual volume vs pressure structure of the entire Peripheral Vascular Loop(PVL) in a slice of the upper limb. The VasoMap™ and its PVL structure allows us to now examine the relationships between Pressure, Residual Volumes, Resistance, Compliance, and Flow (Figure 1) along the pathway of blood flow.

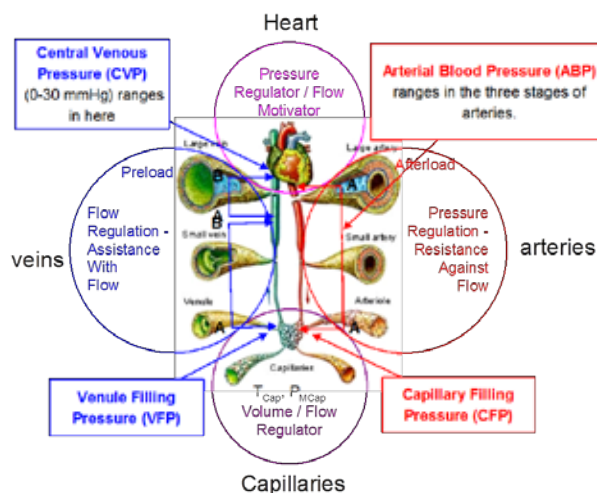


Figure 2

As seen in Figure 1 the PVL is a closed loop system comprised of serial vessels serving three different purposes and driven by a volume pump. It is important to understand the differences in purpose between the Arteries which "resist flow" and the Veins which "assist flow." Ohm's Law applied to the PVL demonstrates that CVP is nothing more than the pressure that remains (not dissipated by vascular resistance in the PVL segments) after the blood has taken its trip around the PVL along the pathway of flow. The Arteries make pressure while the Veins make

flow via venous return. The VasoMap™ measures the Compliance or Elastance of these vessels and therefore can determine the Stressed Volume vs Unstressed

Volume in each segment along the pathway of flow. It is the Stressed Venous Volume that determines

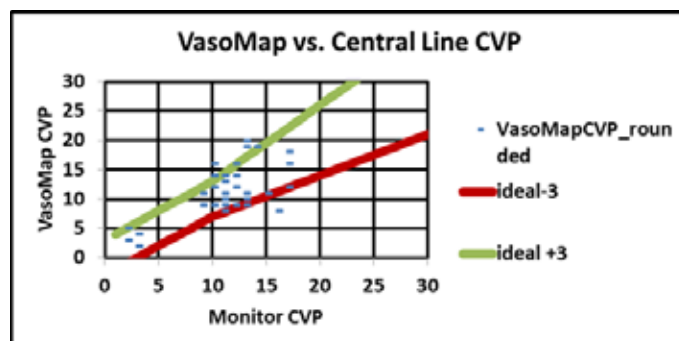


Figure 1

Preload onto the Heart and Stressed Volume is a function of Volume and Vessel Elastance. Much confusion arises in fluid management in the absence of this information about the vascular status of the patient. It is clear from this model, that pressure is not the prime driver of the Frank-Starling mechanism but excess venous volume in combination with venous elastance. The

definition of Mean Circulatory Filling Pressure (Pms) proves this since there is no flow with a Pms of 7 mmHg. Preload, in essence, is the 'Excess Volume' presented at the Tricuspid valve of the heart by the Venous Stressed Volume. Preload is not motivated unilaterally by the Blood Volume, but by the combination of Venous Elastance and Venous Blood Volume which is regulating

and optimizing Venous Return and Cardiac Output. Therefore, fluid management without the VasoMap™ and knowledge of the Venous Elastance and Stressed Venous Volume values in the patient's PVL, limits the clinician to only a fraction of the variables involved in managing blood flow. CVP remains an important clinical parameter as it indicates the overall vascular status of the patient but not necessarily in the way it is interpreted by many clinicians today. The VasoMap PVL model simplifies and clarifies these relationships for the clinician in order to improve the management of circulation in the patient.

Using Automated End-Tidal Control in Routine Clinical Practice Influences Fresh Gas Flow Rates and Demonstrates Inhalational Kinetics

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Background: We have a long standing interest in the kinetics of volatile anaesthetics and consequently in encouraging low fresh gas flow rates (1,2). This meant that when replacing our anaesthetic machines, systems with automated control of end-tidal agent concentration were appealing. In 2010-2011 we installed 27 GE-Aisys with end-tidal control (ETc). At that time this was the only machine with automated vapour control available in New Zealand. There is an increasing body of evidence that these devices reduce volatile consumption and workload (3,4).

Some anesthesiologists felt trainees would not learn volatile uptake and kinetics from these machines. It is our impression that watching how the automated system performs in various situations actually demonstrates theory well and that the uptake changes seen may provide useful information.

The aims of this poster are a) to update our fresh gas flow rate experience and b) provide illustrations of how observing an automated controller demonstrates volatile kinetics.

Method: Appropriate Ethics Committee approvals and written consents were obtained.

We have described our methodology for collecting fresh gas flows from anaesthetic machines (4). In summary we collect flow rate and vaporizer dial settings from individual machines over several weeks. We then extract the fresh gas flow rate at times when vapor is being delivered and then derive mean FGF and the distribution of times at different flow rates for each sample and the pooled data. Previously collected flow rate data much of which has been published previously was used for comparison.

Data was also collected from patients undergoing off-pump cardiac surgery. The end-tidal sevoflurane target was kept constant for up to 90 minutes. The changes in inspired and expired sevoflurane and ETCO₂ around the time of cardiac manipulation were extracted.

Results: Just prior to introduction of Aisys mean FGF was 1.26 l/min. In our latest sample (Aug 2014) mean FGF is 0.83 l/min. We saw an initial increase in overall FGF followed by a decrease over time as usage of ETc increased from 35% in 2010 to 85% in 2014.

The cardiac surgical cases show Fi-sevo decreasing 3-4%/hr while end-tidal remains constant, illustrating decreasing uptake with time. With cardiac manipulation we observe abrupt changes in Fi-sevo which parallel but are greater than changes in ET-CO₂.

Discussion: Introduction of machines with automated agent control has reduced our already low mean fresh gas flows by 1/3 representing a saving of \$50,000 pa or around \$2,000 per location per annum. In addition these machines clearly demonstrate inhalational kinetics and the effects of physiological changes on agent uptake. The changes in Fi-agent produced by the controller in response to changes in patient physiology may provide the basis for additional monitoring tools.

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How Good are Predictions of Awakening from a Drug Interaction Display?

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Background: We have a long interest in guiding anaesthesia delivery based on estimated effect-site concentrations¹. As with infusion anaesthesia there may be advantages to using effect-site rather than end-tidal volatile concentrations to guide therapy. Commercial drug-interaction displays such as Dräger's Smart PilotView and Navigator from GE use data from models of the interaction between effect-site levels of hypnotics and opioids to display the probability of certain responses. Johnson found subjects woke within ± 1 min of reaching the 50% probability of awakening².

The primary aim of this ongoing study is to assess the point at which patients undergoing a wide range of procedures and anaesthetic techniques first awaken and to relate this to response probabilities from GE-Navigator and to calculated effect-site sevoflurane concentration (Ce-sevo). We also wish to explore the effect of drugs not included in the modeling and to compare the distribution of Ce-sevo at awakening from our older studies.

Method: Ethics committee approval.

For the Navigator study we have data from 97 patients with either sevoflurane (85) or desflurane (22) anaesthesia. The data downloaded from Navigator includes drug doses and timings, and the calculated effect site concentrations and response probabilities over time. We recorded the time at which patients first responded to command (OASS=4/5) and extracted the data for that point in time. We also noted the time at which the probability of responding was 0.5.

Data from another study was used to compare estimation of Ce-sevo. This study looked at the effect of surgery on Ce-sevo at awakening after anaesthesia for a range of surgical procedures in 60 subjects using locally developed systems³.

Results: Navigator study: mean age 53yr (sd 20) range 16-89yr; weight mean 78(17)kg range 43-122kg. Duration of surgery 109(92)min range 27-828 min. 15 patients received clonidine [range 15-150mcg, mean 68(39)mcg] and 12 morphine [1.5-10mg mean 6(2.6)mg]. Subject woke a mean 4.1(5.0) min after the time they reached 0.5 probability of awakening and at a mean age adjusted MAC-fraction of 0.26(0.14) vol%. Use of adjuncts had a small non-significant effect on MAC-fraction (95%CI -0.096 to 0.037, $p=0.38$). There was no difference in the MAC-fraction at awakening between data generated by Navigator and our own system (95%CI difference -0.057 to 0.134, $p=0.43$). Comparing sevoflurane and desflurane there was no difference in the mean offset but desflurane had a narrower distribution.

The best-fit Gaussian distributions had mean (SD) of 2.7 (4.2) and 3.0 (2.8)min respectively.

Comments: Subjects woke over a wide range of volatile concentrations and hence sedation probabilities. 75% of our subjects woke after the time of the 0.5 probability, in part due to different definitions of response. The use of adjuncts had a demonstrable but not statistically significant effect.

Our local system for calculating Ce-sevo gave very similar results to Navigator.

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InHealth – A Rapid Medical Software Development Platform using “Internet of Things” (IoT) Communication Standards for Medical Device Interoperability

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Background: Clinical environments such as intensive care units, operating rooms, and increasingly general wards, are full of technically advanced monitoring (and therapy) devices. Unfortunately, and to the detriment of patient safety, many of these devices are unable to communicate with one another because of vendor incompatibilities and closed commercial standards. The lack of safety interlocks and limited information exchange between medical devices represent a very real and current safety risk to patients [1].

The Internet of Things (IoT), interconnecting uniquely identifiable (embedded) devices using existing Internet infrastructure, offers an exciting opportunity to connect legacy medical machines and create a safer, fully-interoperable hospital environment for the benefit of patients. Free and open-source IoT protocols such as the MQ Telemetry Transport (MQTT) protocol [2] or the Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP) [3] are rapidly gaining traction in the general IoT space, but have hardly been utilized in medical environments.

We recently described a push-based mechanism of information exchange between medical devices, whereby devices publish their data as topics to an MQTT data broker, from which other devices and applications get their data by subscribing to the same topics [4]. Here we present a rapid development mobile platform that, by using this new framework, can realize medical device interoperability with minimal effort.

Methods: InHealth, a rapid-development mobile platform prototype, was developed using the LambdaNative cross-platform software development framework [5]. It uses MQTT communication with a data broker to exchange patient data (vital sign trends, waveforms, patient information etc.), and integrates hardware device drivers (like gps, camera, or audio support), a forward-chaining decision support engine, bar code reader, and user-interface widgets into a single native application. Development of user interfaces do not require recompilation, and involve modifying structured Extensible Markup Language forms of S-expressions (SXML), which are packaged with sounds and images files and uploaded to the target device.

Results: The first application we have built using this new tool is a sleep monitoring application for use at home that includes survey-based data collection and overnight recording of pulse oximetry. The built-in MQTT-based IoT connectivity layer allows the device to obtain demographics information during setup and to share/upload summary data after each sleep. This information is then available for use by other applications within the perioperative information exchange.

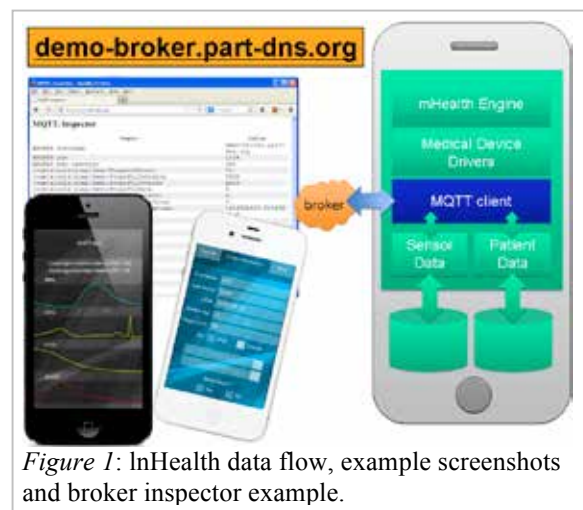


Figure 1 shows an overview of the system architecture, and example screenshots. A data broker with OR vital signs is available at demo-broker.part-dns.org to allow users to explore MQTT-based medical data exchange.

Conclusion: A simple approach using the MQTT device-to-device communication standard to build safe medical interoperability solutions, which can be broadly disseminated, was extended by adding a rapid-development mobile application framework. Precompiled versions of InHealth for multiple platforms (Desktop, iOS, Android) will be made available in the near future to facilitate the open, collaborative development of new data collection systems for research, data integration and analysis tools for quality improvement or medical safety systems.

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Comparing the Operating Range of Low-Cost Pulse Oximeters

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Introduction: The consumer market for pulse oximetry is rapidly growing. A number of low-cost products are available, ranging from finger clips with integrated read-out to in-line oximeter modules with separate sensors. The former are currently the least expensive and readily available online from overseas distributors. In this study we compare the operating range of devices in different categories with respect to peripheral perfusion and optical transmittance (influenced by skin pigmentation).

Method: An automated system consisted of a Fluke ProSim 8 simulator, a desktop PC and a camera directed at the oximeter under test. This configuration allows oxygen saturation (SpO₂) values to be extracted with Optical Character Recognition (OCR). We examined the maximum of bias and standard deviation in a wide window of 0.06-300ppm transmission and 0.06-20% perfusion at a fixed SpO₂ of 80%, visualized as a graded color scale from green (0% deviation) to red ($\geq 4\%$ deviation) [1].

Results: Eight commercially available oximeters were evaluated: Five finger clips with integrated processing and display (C1-5), two inline oximeter modules (M1-2) with separate sensors, and one directly interfaced sensor (D). None of the clip type devices were able to produce readings in the full test range, and showed high variability between models (Fig. 1). Two devices (C4 and C5) produced erroneous readings at their limits, while most simply failed to produce readings outside of their working range. Only the M1, M2 and D devices were able to operate in the full upper window of investigation.

Conclusion: Our findings demonstrate that the range of operation of low-cost pulse oximeters can vary greatly, and that some devices have performance constraints that could potentially impact their use in limiting cases of perfusion and transmission.

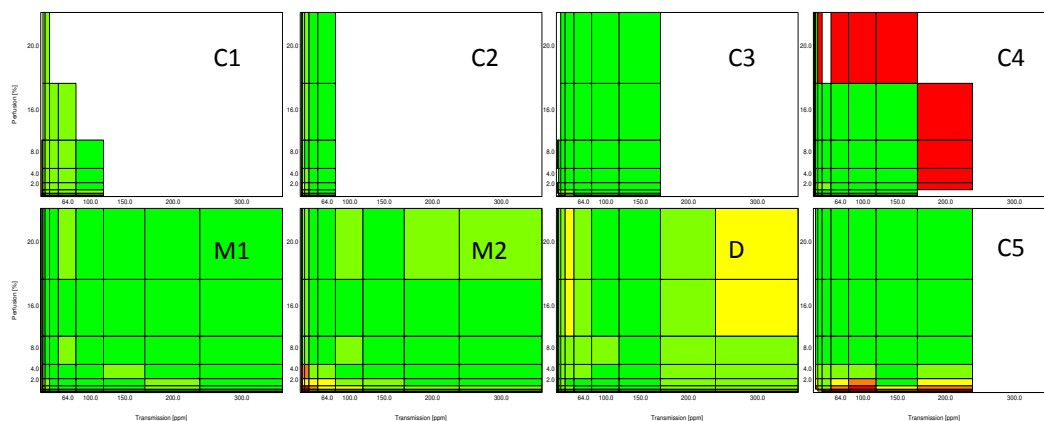


Fig. 1: Performance visualization for eight low cost pulse oximeters, on a non-linear grid of 0.06-300ppm transmission (abscissa) and 0.06-20% perfusion (ordinate). Blank space indicates no readings.

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Feasibility of an Incandescent Pulse Oximeter

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Introduction: A pulse oximeter works by transmitting light at different wavelengths through blood filled tissue. Conventional oximeter sensors use two light emitting diodes (LEDs) with carefully chosen accurate and narrow spectral bandwidths. The tight component requirements make the LED pair the most expensive part of the entire sensor. We consider the feasibility of replacing the LEDs with a single wide-bandwidth emitter in the form of a low-voltage incandescent micro-bulb, currently in common use as cheap indicators in instruments and toys.

Method: The micro-bulb emits a continuous black body spectrum defined by the tungsten filament temperature, which can be 1400K-2300K depending on the driving voltage [1]. We model the sensor signal by integrating the product of signal spectral intensity, photodiode sensitivity, and hemoglobin absorption over the entire spectrum. An oximeter can now be realized by driving the incandescent bulb at two different voltages corresponding to filament temperatures T_1 and T_2 (Fig. 1 (a)) and forming the conventional oximeter ratio from the two resulting signal intensities.

Results: The modeled incandescent oximeter ratio is found to have an approximate linear response to the oxygen saturation for a range of filament temperatures (Fig. 1 (b)). This means that an incandescent sensor can potentially be calibrated to provide direct oxygen saturation readings. The incandescent ratio changes about 5% over the clinical range of oxygen saturation (70-100%). This sensitivity is much lower than in a conventional oximeter where the equivalent change in ratio is approximately 200%.

Conclusion: We find that an incandescent pulse oximeter does exhibit a relationship between the raw oximeter ratio and oxygen saturation that is suitable for calibration. The sensitivity is however prohibitively small, due to the signal integration performed over the entire hemoglobin absorption spectrum. Use of a wide-bandwidth emitter will therefore require additional modification of the sensor, for example the introduction of passive filters, to be practical.

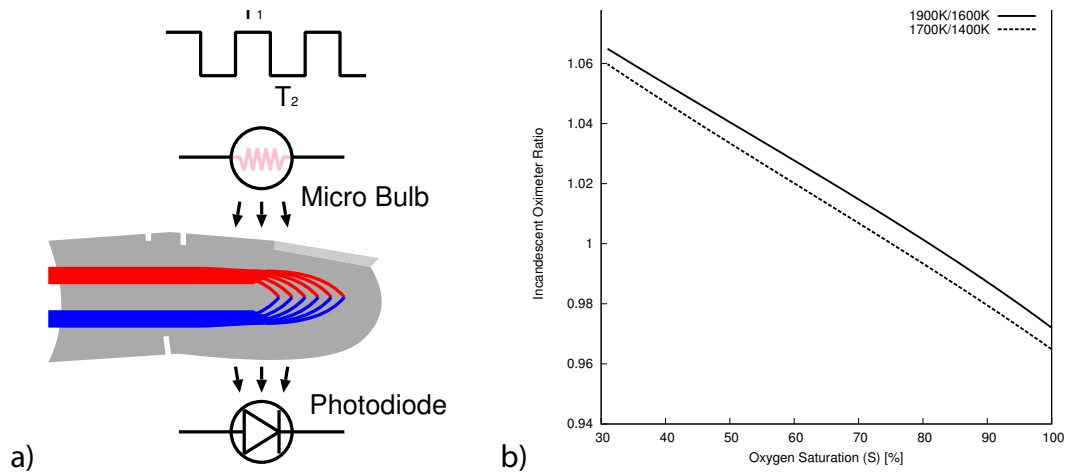


Figure 1: (a) Incandescent Pulse Oximeter and (b) Oximeter ratio as function of saturation

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Towards a Depth of Hypnosis EEG Simulator

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Introduction: Current practice in anesthesia relies on population-based estimates of drug dosage. Considerable inter-patient variability, in particular in children, makes drug delivery guided by a measured physiological end point a desirable goal. As anesthesia primarily affects the central nervous system, EEG [1] is favored as a basis for such Depth of Hypnosis (DoH) measurements. The effects of anesthesia on EEG are poorly understood, and commercial DoH EEG monitors use complex, often undisclosed, methods of analysis. Here we report progress towards an EEG simulator that can be used to further the understanding of a measured anesthesia end point.

Method: We have developed a simulator that uses the audio output of a mobile phone to mimic EEG during anesthesia. A simple two-parameter model, dependent on the known empirical inverse frequency/amplitude dependence of EEG on anesthesia, and the degree of burst suppression, is used to generate an 8Khz audio signal, which is finally fed to the DoH monitor through a passive network representing the electrical impedance of the scalp.

Results: A mobile application for iOS and Android was developed to accept manual entry of a target DoH level, and generate a matching simulated EEG signal on the headphone output, Fig. 1(a). The application has undergone preliminary calibration by manual adjustment and linear interpolation of the model parameters against corresponding readings from a NeuroSENSE (NeuroWave Systems, OH) monitor. An approximate 1:1 relation between the simulator setting and the DoH monitor was obtained, Fig 1(b).

Conclusion: We have developed a first prototype of a DoH EEG simulator using a simple two-parameter model, and shown that it is possible to calibrate the output against a commercial DoH Monitor. Further work is ongoing to improve the performance of the simulator, and integrate the ability to replay previously recorded clinical EEG data, with the ultimate goal of accurately assessing the performance of DoH monitors, and providing a flexible tool for such use.

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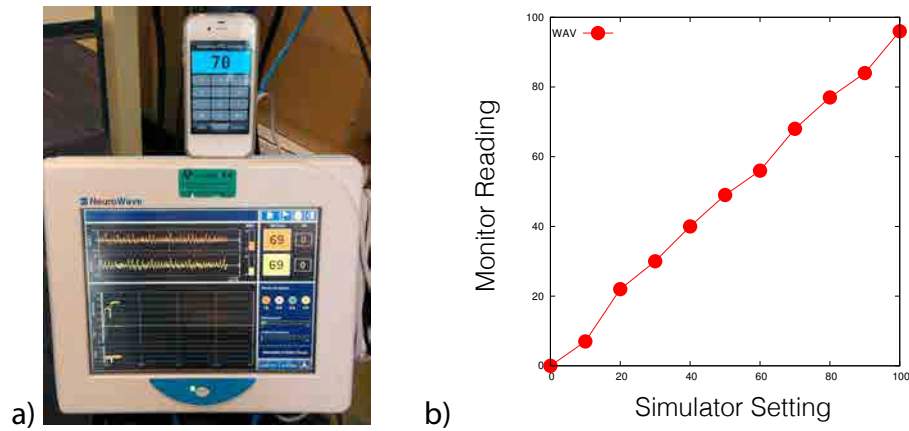


Figure 1: (a) EEG smartphone simulator w. DoH monitor, (b) Preliminary calibration.

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A Features Trends View of CO² Breaths Signals

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Background: One of the main drawbacks of current monitors' displays is the limited options of reviewing parameters trends. The trend is typically a single line presenting a specific parameter's values over time. Here we propose two distinct display options that are composed of complex not-easily discerned information from CO₂ waveforms. These trend views promote a comprehensible and simpler means of recognizing patterns and trends that are indicative of patient physiology and condition.

Methods: First the CO₂ signal was segmented into separate breaths, artifacts were filtered out, and then different features were calculated per breath. The features Include (but not limited to): maximal CO₂, breath width, area under the curve (AUC) and inhalation exhalation ratio (i2e ratio). The display options were developed for those features, where the AUC display reflects the AUC, max CO₂, and breath's width using color coding (Fig. 1L). The i2e ratio display presents for each time point the average and variability of the parameter over a specified time period (Fig 1R).

Results: A working algorithm and software package for display on PC, Tablet or a CO₂ monitor with input coming from a Covidien Capnograph has been completed. The software algorithm tool is used to evaluate patient condition by providing an overview of the parameters over a large time period. The display tool enables scrolling, browsing, zooming in/out and event marking is provided for retrospective evaluations.

Data from patients under procedural sedation and ICU patients during weaning was reviewed retrospectively using the displays, demonstrating easy detection of inefficient breathing periods that either was not revealed by respiration rate or EtCO₂ values, or was otherwise unnoticed due to view over large time periods.

Conclusion: Features Trends Display has been developed as a software tool. It provides innovative visualization tools to simplify assessment of patient condition from Capnography waves' features. The methodology could be applied on other periodic signals.

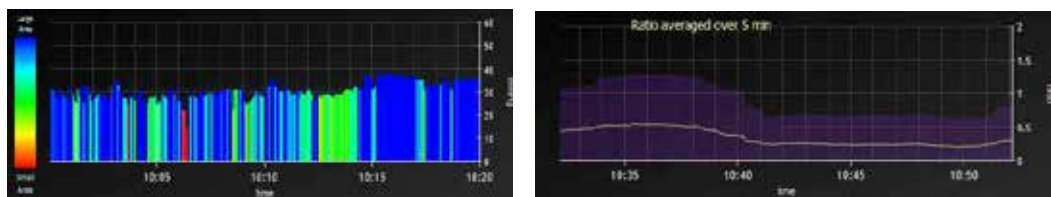


Fig. 1: (Left) Example of AUC display over 20 min (Red-inefficient breaths, Green-Normal healthy breaths, Blue- Large breaths); (Right) example of i2e ratio display (yellow line: average over 5 min, Purplul area \pm STD).

A Representative Waveform of CO₂ Breath Signals

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Background: Several measured physiological parameters provide recurring signals and waveforms, e.g., CO₂ in the breath. These waveform shapes, dimensions and recurring patterns may provide clinicians valuable information regarding the patient physiology.

Typically, the relevant waveforms are presented in monitoring displays as a moving wave in real time. This type of presentation does not lend itself to evaluation of either their characteristic and dominant waveform shapes or the patterns they create. A tool has been developed help provide bedside clinicians an enhanced ability to easily to recognize, analyze, compare and evaluate the information that may be hidden within waveforms.

Methods: The method used for producing the representative waveform (RW) is based on splitting each waveform into both its scalar (dimensional) values and shape characteristics, filtering out artifacts and then applying mathematical operators on each of them separately for a chosen group of waveforms, this in order to calculate for the group their dominant and representative shape characteristic and averaged scalar values.

Results: A working algorithm and software package for display on PC, Tablet or a CO₂ monitor with input coming from a Covidien Capnograph has been completed. The software algorithm tool is used to anchor a visual representation of the patient's dominant breath shape and dimensions. Further capabilities include:

- Displaying previous RW's, to enable comparison with baseline or reference points as defined by the user
- Displaying predefined CO₂ waveform patterns for comparison that are indicative of a healthy breathing pattern or of a disease state.
- A feature permitting scrolling, browsing and event marking is provided for retrospective evaluations.
- A waveform confidence index is also provided.

Conclusions: Representative Waveform has been developed as a software tool. It provides innovative visualization tools to simplify assessment of patient condition from Capnography waves' morphology and patterns. The methodology could be applied on other periodic signals.

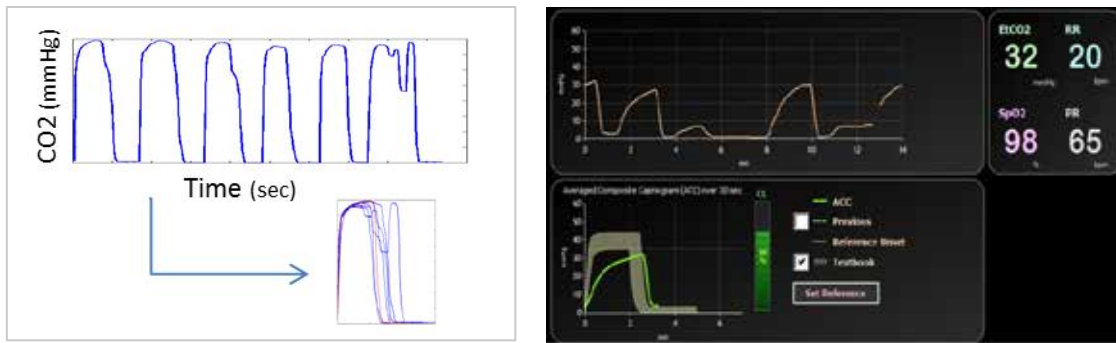


Figure 1: A) A representative waveform (red) of a group of CO2 waves. B) A display of the RW tool, with the representative waveform on the lower pan (green) and the 'text-book' waves range (gray).

Dashboard Design to Evaluate for Severity of Post-Tonsillectomy Hemorrhage after Implementation of Ibuprofen

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Introduction: Many studies have sought to determine the relationship between ibuprofen or NSAID use and post-tonsillectomy hemorrhage rates. Few studies have evaluated the relationship to increased severity of bleeding associated with ibuprofen use.

Methods: Retrospective case-control study to analyze outcome data through database query and data acquisition. Inclusion criteria: all patients undergoing either tonsillectomy or tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy at a single tertiary pediatric hospital. Exclusion criteria include patients who underwent the primary procedure at an outside hospital.

Results: Database acquisition was used to identify frequency of patients undergoing tonsillectomy-requiring re-exploration for control of post-operative hemorrhage and its association with ibuprofen. 8,901 patients were identified as having undergone tonsillectomy (or adenotonsillectomy) between January 20, 2011 and June 30, 2014. Overall, 257 (2.8%) patients presented with postoperative hemorrhage and required control of hemorrhage in the operating room. There does not appear to be an increased risk of hemorrhage requiring re-exploration associated with use of ibuprofen; 2.81% vs 2.87%; (OR= 1.063 (0.818-1.376), p=0.3403); however, there was a trend for increased severity of hemorrhage using transfusion rates as a surrogate (OR 3.35 (0.935-14.9), p=0.0331).

Conclusion: The risk of hemorrhage is not increased with use of post-operative ibuprofen. However, there was a trend toward increased prevalence of patients requiring blood transfusion after a tonsillectomy. The number of patients requiring blood transfusion was so small (13 out of 257 re-explorations) that this association is not very specific and difficult to interpret.



Figure 1:

Post-tonsillectomy hemorrhage dashboard. Each graphical panel displays a single variable on the x-axis and a patient count on the y-axis. The T&A vs. Hemorrhage rate panels represents the percentage of patients requiring surgical re-exploration following adenotonsillectomy per month. The green line represents the trend during the calendar year, while the orange line represents the trend over all four calendar years. While the rate appears to increase during certain months, such as September-December 2011 and August to December 2013, the overall trend is decreasing. The blood transfusions represents all patients who received blood transfusions during the 30 days following the original tonsillectomy. The procedure time is determined by the time difference between in-room and out-of-room time stamps.

Capnography Monitoring in Procedural Sedation: A Hospital-Wide Cost-Avoidance Model

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Introduction: The American Society of Anesthesiology (ASA) developed guidelines supporting the routine use of capnography to assess ventilatory status during all moderate or deep sedation procedures attended by an anesthesiologist. Other professional societies and many hospitals have yet to develop or implement similar guidelines citing cost concerns. Capnography has been shown to increase the detection of respiratory depression by a factor of 17.6 times, giving providers an early indication of potential problems with respiration or airway obstruction enabling an immediate intervention [Waugh, et al, 2011]. We developed a hospital cost-avoidance model to assess the net economic impact of capnography monitoring during sedation procedures for a typical hospital.

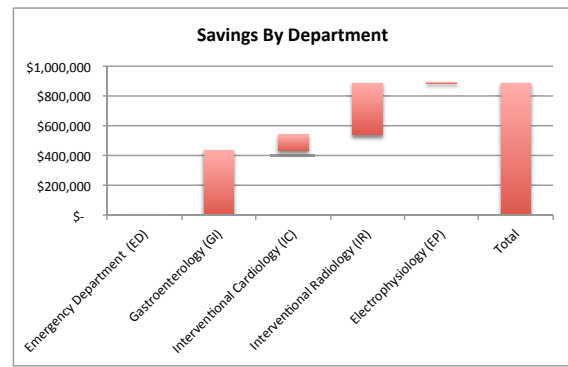
Methods: The model used data from a 500-bed example hospital to estimate the annual number of sedation procedures which is then used to calculate the capnography monitoring equipment and disposables required for each sedation area of care. Rates of adverse respiratory events and the cost associated with these events, shown in Figure 1, were derived from 11 investigations that had enrolled more than 1.1M procedural cases across a wide variety of sedation settings. The model utilized a Monte Carlo analysis to estimate potential hospital savings with routine capnography monitoring assuming that capnography could prevent 50% of adverse respiratory events because of early detection and intervention enabled by capnography monitoring. The cost of routine capnography monitoring assumed an average hospital cost of \$3,000 for the monitoring device and \$12 for per-procedure disposables. The Monte Carlo analysis used 10,000 simulations varying the number of events, cost of events and the capnography success rate using a triangle distribution (min = 30%, most likely = 50%, max = 60%).

Results: For the example hospital, the total median predicted annual cost of adverse respiratory events related to procedural sedation in the Interventional Radiology, Gastroenterology, Interventional Cardiology and the Emergency Department was estimated to be \$1,920,000. The same adverse event rate was assumed across departments. The annual cost of routine capnography monitoring of all sedation procedures across departments was modeled to be \$208,000. Based upon this estimate, capnography monitoring yielded a median annual cost-avoidance of \$785,000 per year for a calculated median annual hospital savings of \$883,000 (Figure 2). The model estimated that the majority of savings would be from the Gastroenterology (49%) and Interventional Radiology departments (39%).

Discussion: While the clinical basis for routine capnography monitoring in sedation procedures is well reflected in the ASA guidelines and others, the cost of deploying and utilizing capnography consistently throughout a hospital may be a barrier to adoption of this safety technology. The hospital-cost avoidance model presented here shows that capnography monitoring in procedural sedation may both improve patient care and simultaneously decrease overall hospital costs.

Figure 1 Rate of Events & Associated Costs

	Published Rate per 10,000	Est. Cost Per Occurrence	Est. Standard Deviation of Cost
Major adverse event (death, cardiac arrest & aspiration)	3.4	\$278,327	\$500,000
Unplanned admission to the hospital or ICU because of sedation related complications	5.6	\$21,183	\$27,500
Unplanned treatments (Incremental care including intubation, fluids, bag mask ventilation, oxygen supplementation)	275.4	\$50.44	\$5

Figure 2: Savings Breakdown by Department


Attempts at Breaching a Fingerprint-Secured Automated Medication Dispenser Using Spoofs from Simple Fingerprint Molds

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Background/Introduction: Fingerprint entry systems are marketed as providing improvements over passcodes and proximity cards as they theoretically prove each user's identity. These security systems are not perfect and have been breached with simple techniques, such as fingerprint molds. Biometrics in healthcare represents a challenge due to hand washing protocols, environmental conditions, and the consequences of a high false accept rate when securing controlled substances. We report our initial attempts at breaching a fingerprint-secured automated medication dispenser that utilizes multispectral imaging with "liveness detection" technology.

Methods: Two approaches to spoofing the system were attempted, targeting the biometrics of one of the authors (JL). The target was currently enrolled as a provider who could obtain controlled substances for clinical use. An image based approach was attempted first. These attempt utilized images of the natural finger as well as images displayed by the medication system, which printed using a personal inkjet printer. The second approach attempted to recreate the three-dimensional structure of the finger. Two molds of the finger utilized for the biometric identification system were created from platinum cure silicone. From these molds, four silicone spoof models were created; two solid fingers and two hollow fingers. One of each model type was left uncolored, while the other was tinted to emulate natural skin tone of the target. These finger models were tested on a Lumidigm® multispectral fingerprint scanner as part of a Pyxis MedStation™ 4000 system.

Results: Image-based attempts universally failed to register, leading the system to time-out. Two-dimensional images of the models, displayed by the system, showed a close match to the image of the live finger. Several attempts were made at accessing the system using the solid model without success. The hollow models were placed over the finger of the other author (JM) in an attempt to overcome the "internal fingerprint" and "liveness detection" technology. This also was unsuccessful. Using the solid model without tinting, the system displayed positioning hints before registering, then rejecting the attempt. The tinted solid model and the models over the finger were processed, but led to an error regarding the accuracy of the biometric data.

Conclusion: Fingerprint molding can create spoofs that have similar surface structures to real fingers. However, the multispectral imaging scanner was effective at rejecting our spoof fingers. This is evidently due to the deeper structures of the finger being identified. Until a model is developed that produces the surface features as well as unidentified deeper features, the Pyxis MedStation™ 4000 system utilizing the

Lumidigm® multispectral fingerprint scanner seems to be a secure system. Other systems, however, may be vulnerable to these or similar spoof attacks.

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Accuracy of CAPTESIA, an Android Pulse Pressure Variation Application

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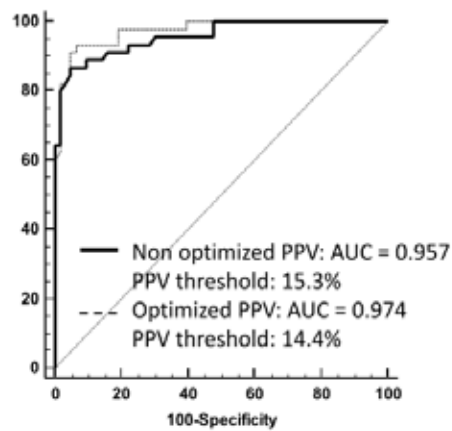
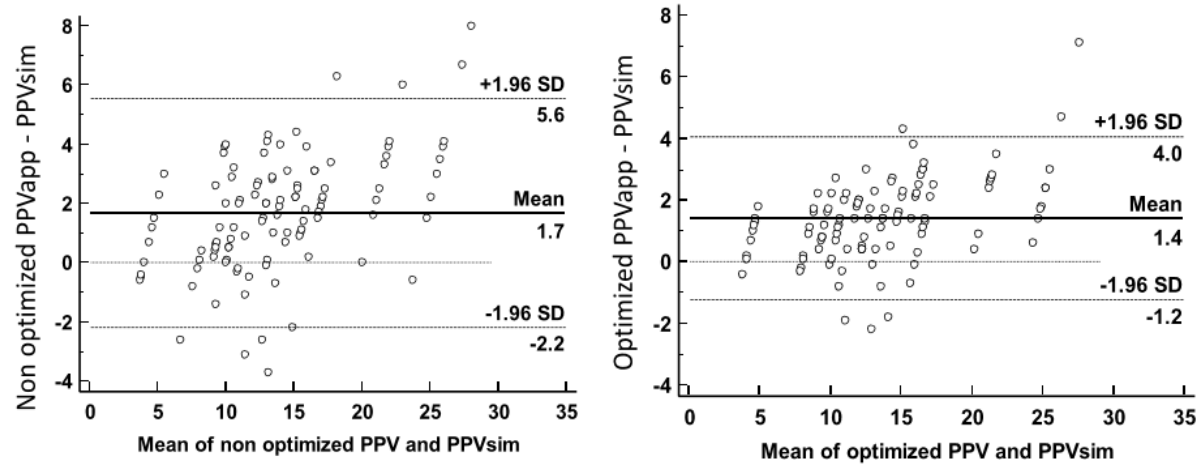
Introduction: Pulse pressure variation (PPV) remains a good predictor of fluid responsiveness in the OR. However, PPV can be time-consuming to calculate (manual determination), is not always displayed on monitoring screens nor reliable through visual assessment and needs additional devices to be displayed. A new Android application (Captesia) automatically calculates the PPV utilizing a digital photograph of the arterial waveform from the monitor. The application determines the PPVapp by selecting peaks and troughs of the arterial curve. The aim of this pilot study was to test its accuracy against a hemodynamic simulator.

Methods: Captesia™ was loaded on a Samsung Galaxy S4™ phone. The first phase was designed to evaluate the precision error of the PPVapp using the same screen to capture four sets of 50 photos by four observers. Secondly, PPVapp was compared to PPVsim by altering PPVsim (4-24%), pulse pressure (30-45-60 mmHg), heart rate (60-80/min) and respiratory rate (10-15-20/min). The second phase was repeated after optimizing the scale of the arterial waveform. We evaluated the reproducibility of PPV by calculating the precision error and the variability between observers by comparing the median values with a Kruskal Wallis test. Agreement between PPVsim and PPVapp was tested by a Bland-Altman analysis. A ROC curve analysis determined the ability of PPVapp to discriminate a PPVsim > 13%.

Results: The mean precision error of the PPV app was 8%, with significant inter-observers variability ($p=0.003$). 216 pairs of data were next obtained. Results are presented in figure 1 and 2. A PPVapp >15% could predict a PPVsim >13% with a sensitivity of 93% and a specificity of 94%. The amplitude of the pulse pressure and the heart/respiratory rate ratio had no impact on the accuracy of the PPVapp. Optimizing the arterial scale improved the agreement between PPVapp and PPVsim.

Conclusion: With a low Precision error and acceptable limits of agreement compared to a simulator, PPVapp could predict fluid responsiveness. Real conditions are warranted to test this application.

Agreement between PPVapp (%) and PPVsim (%) according the optimization of the arterial waveform scale



receiver operator characteristics (ROC) curves representing the discriminative power of PPVapp to predict a PPVsim > 13%

ETCO₂ Monitoring of Neonates During Conventional Ventilation

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Background: Monitoring of EtCO₂ sampled from the carina (using double lumen ETT and Carinal VitaLine) may allow continuous, non invasive real-time assessment of CO₂ as opposed to arterial PaCO₂ which is sampled intermittently per the decision of the treating physician. Thus, carinal EtCO₂ may improve the control of ventilation over time, and thus may protect infants from the complications of hypocarbia and hypercarbia throughout the period of mechanical intubation.

Previous study¹ demonstrated the correlation and agreement between carinal EtCO₂ and PaCO₂ and showed that it was more accurate than the standard mainstream EtCO₂. Following this we would like to demonstrate that it could have clinical benefits in the care of ventilated infants.

Aim: The aim of this study was to compare the time spent within a defined safe range of carbon-dioxide (30 mmHg<PaCO₂<60 mmHg), during conventional ventilation between infants monitored with carinal ETCO₂ and those who are not.

Methods: A randomized, controlled multicenter study was conducted at 3 tertiary care university- affiliated NICUs. Sidestream ETCO₂ was measured and recorded by a Microstream capnograph (Covidien) via the sampling port of a specialized endotracheal tube and Carinal Vitaline set. Enrolled infants were randomized to: 1. Open group: Data derived from the capnograph was displayed to the medical team and allowed to be used for patient care, 2. Masked group: The measurements were masked to the medical staff and hence were not available for patient care. ETCO₂ was compared with PaCO₂ drawn for patient care.

Results: Fifty-five infants (24 open, 31 blinded) participated in the study; groups were comparable. Analysis included 768 simultaneous measurements of ETCO₂ and PaCO₂, 13 [3-35] measurements per/patient, during 37.1 [5.3-132.0] hours per/patient. ETCO₂ was in good correlation ($r=0.73$, $p<0.001$) and agreement (Bland Altman plot: mean difference \pm SD of the differences: 3.1 ± 8.5 mmHg) with PaCO₂. Infants in the masked compared to the open group spent significantly ($p<0.01$) more time at unsafe range of high (>60 mmHg: 8.8 vs. 3.7%, respectively) or low (<30 mmHg: 8.7 vs. 3.9%, respectively) levels of ETCO₂. Arterial blood gas analysis results also show that the

monitored group had significantly larger rate of arterial blood gas sampling within the safe PaCO₂ range ($p < 0.05$) and the safe pH range ($7.25 < \text{pH} < 7.45$, $p < 0.05$). No adverse events occurred in the enrolled infants.

Conclusions: ETCO₂ monitoring was found to improve the control of CO₂ levels within a safe range during conventional ventilation. We speculate that this could decrease the sequel of hyperventilation and hypoventilation in these infants.

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Pulse Oximetry-Derived Left Ventricular Function Data Sets

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Introduction It is currently felt that PPG AC and PPG DC modulation (mod) reflect stroke volume and preload, respectively. Ventricular function sets express cardiac work as a function of pre-load. The classic left ventricular stroke work (LVSW) per beat formula consists of mean systemic arterial blood pressure minus mean left atrial pressure*body surface area indexed stroke volume*K. This work measurement (pressure gradient*volume*K) can be abbreviated to mean systemic blood pressure*stroke volume. Accordingly, mean systemic arterial blood pressure*PPG AC mod as a function of PPG DC mod should provide the data required to evaluate left ventricular function. This premise was tested by evaluating the impact of phenylephrine on mean systemic arterial blood pressure*PPG AC mod as a function of PPG DC mod.

Methods Eight adult patients (average age 47, range 15 to 64 years) undergoing shoulder surgery were studied. Phenylephrine was administered to support blood pressure during assumption of beach-chair position. Systemic arterial blood pressure and pulse oximetry data were measured pre-phenylephrine and post-phenylephrine (doses 100-200 mcg, 13 data points). The study fulfilled Institutional Review Board criteria.

Results Increases in AC mod represent decreases in stroke volume. To normalize this reciprocal relationship absolute values for AC mod were expressed as 1 minus AC mod (Y axis values). Increases in DC mod represent decreases in preload. DC mod values were normalized by inverting the numeric scale (X axis values). Phenylephrine administration was associated with increased or maintained ventricular function in seven patients. The remaining patient (aged 62 years) manifested decreased function. Relationships are presented in Figure 1 and table 1.

Conclusion A series of left ventricular function data sets were constructed from systemic arterial blood pressure and PPG AC mod and PPG DC mod measurements. The directional changes in the data with phenylephrine administration were consistent with established cardiac physiology principles. Findings infers that the combination of PPG AC, PPG DC modulation and systemic arterial blood pressure measurements may provide the raw data required to construct valid non-invasive ventricular function curves. The precise numeric impact of changed PPG modulation as a result of changes in the caliber of the microvasculature requires further study.

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Figure 1

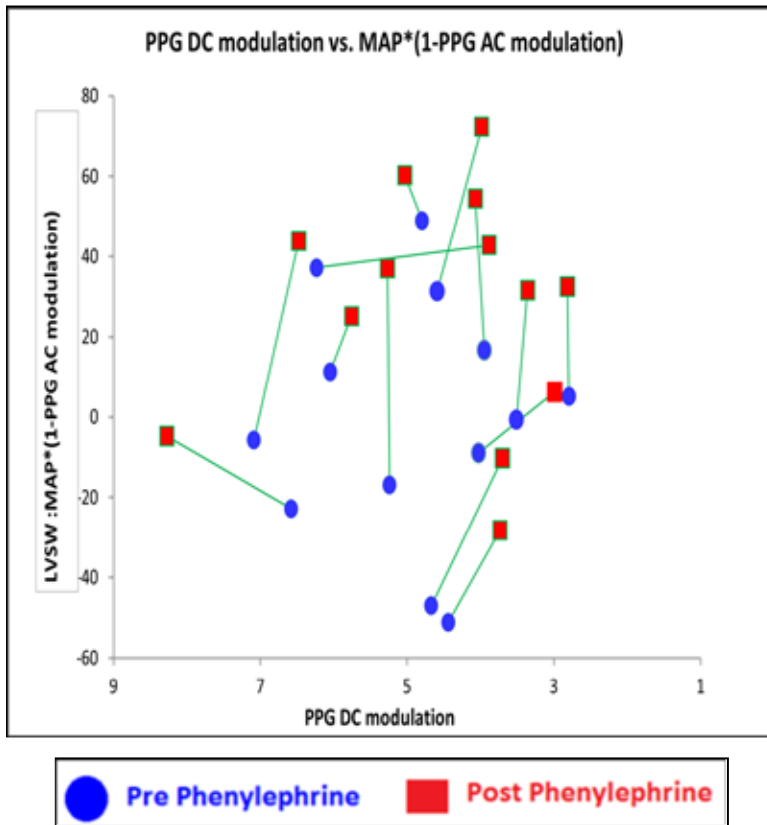


Table 1

		PPG DC modulation	MAP*(1-PPG AC modulation)
Point #1	before Phenylephrine	3.51	-0.63
	after Phenylephrine	3.36	31.63
Point #2	before Phenylephrine	4.59	31.38
	after Phenylephrine	3.98	72.36
Point #3	before Phenylephrine	4.03	-8.87
	after Phenylephrine	2.99	6.25
Point #4	before Phenylephrine	2.80	5.13
	after Phenylephrine	2.82	32.50
Point #5	before Phenylephrine	3.95	16.79
	after Phenylephrine	4.07	54.53
Point #6	before Phenylephrine	4.80	49.10
	after Phenylephrine	5.03	60.39
Point #7	before Phenylephrine	6.05	11.32
	after Phenylephrine	5.76	25.18
Point #8	before Phenylephrine	5.24	-16.85
	after Phenylephrine	5.27	37.07
Point #9	before Phenylephrine	6.58	-22.72
	after Phenylephrine	8.28	-4.75
Point #10	before Phenylephrine	7.09	-5.69
	after Phenylephrine	6.48	43.95
Point #11	before Phenylephrine	4.67	-47.00
	after Phenylephrine	3.70	-10.22
Point #12	before Phenylephrine	4.44	-51.12
	after Phenylephrine	3.73	-28.19
Point #13	before Phenylephrine	6.23	37.22
	after Phenylephrine	3.88	42.82

Normalizing PPG Signals to the AC Component – Applications for Monitoring Volume Loss

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Background/Introduction: We previously have shown that photoplethysmographic (PPG) monitoring at a site relatively devoid of vasoconstrictive activity (e.g., forehead and ear) reveals relative degrees of pulsatile and nonpulsatile blood volume similar to the relationship between stroke volume (SV) and venous volume systemically; and that, since it is not influenced by background, AC height can be related to SV. The AC@rest voltage corresponds to the portion of SV delivered to the given site under resting conditions. We herein determine whether consistency of AC measurements under baseline conditions is comparable to the consistency of echocardiographically measured SV under resting conditions and then express changes in DC in AC@rest Mults to determine if the PPG can delineate changes in venous volume.

Methods: All assessments were performed with IRB approval, utilizing infrared reflectance PPG sensors interfaced via bridge amplifier to Power Lab data acquisition system (ADInstruments) applied to the forehead and ear (because they are relatively immune to vasoconstrictive stimuli). In part 1, AC height was determined during a total 48 sessions performed 3 to 72 hours apart in three volunteers. Intersession variability was compared to that reported in the literature for SV variability obtained echocardiographically.^{1,2} In 12 healthy volunteers, we then sought to determine if declines in AC and DC in response to 75mmHg lower body negative pressure (LBNP) corresponded, respectively, to declines in SV and overall volume reported for comparable degrees of LBNP in the literature with invasive monitoring.³

Results: For repeated measures of AC height, coefficient of variation (CofV) for intersession variability in our subjects was 17.3%; this was greater than the 9.2% CofV for echocardiographic SV assessments on successive days.¹ Alternatively, 2x standard error (2xSE) in our subjects averaged 8% of mean vs. 11% in the literature.² Moreover, our intra-session 2xSE/Mean averaged only 3%.

During LBNP, the $73.3 \pm 12\%$ ↓ in AC was similar to the reported 65% ↓ in SV. The decline in DC was 5.4 ± 2.4 AC@rest Mults, corresponding to 675ml ($5.4 \times$ baseline SV of 125ml measured echocardiographically in our subjects): This was within the 500 to 1000ml range of simulated loss reported in the literature for comparable degrees of LBNP.

Conclusion: The findings suggest that, by normalizing to AC@rest, AC and DC measurements can be monitored and compared during myriad clinical and investigative settings. The relative individual changes and their relationships were consistent with changes in systemic arterial and venous volume reported in the literature.

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Panda: A Smartphone App to Support Management of Postoperative Pain in Children

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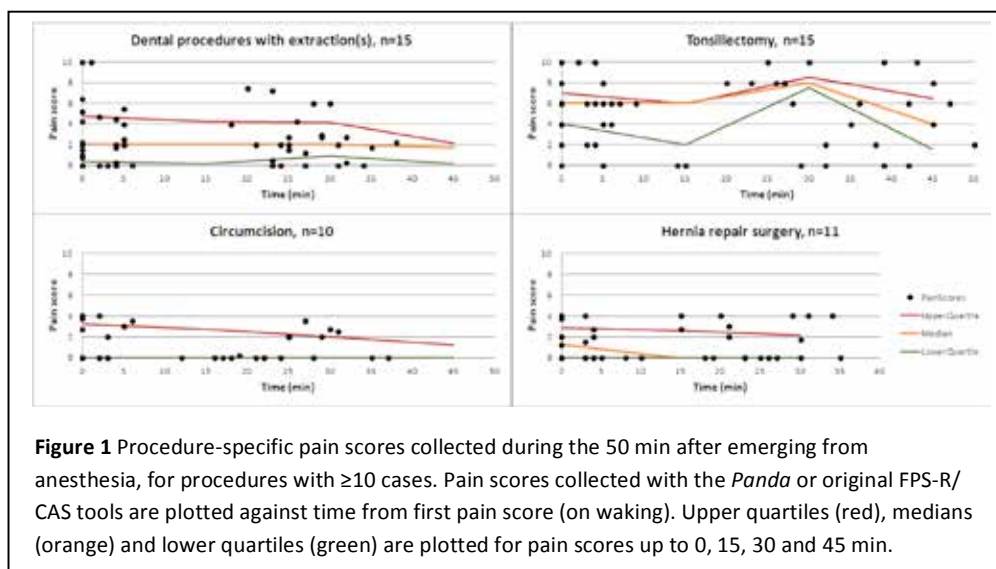
Introduction: Effective postoperative pain management reduces deleterious physiological and psychological disturbances in children and therefore promotes optimal recovery. Pain management requires appropriate assessment and it is widely, though not universally, accepted that the best method is based on *self-report*, using tools such as the Faces Pain Scale–Revised (FPS-R) and Colour Analogue Scale (CAS), for which extensive validation data have been published [1].

A 2010 audit of pain management following discharge from day surgery at a tertiary pediatric centre showed that, despite the predictability of post-discharge pain and comprehensive discharge instructions, carers at home often lack the resources to effectively assess pain and adhere to appropriate analgesic guidelines [2]. Preliminary data from a follow-up audit, currently ongoing, suggests that the majority of children recovering from adenoidectomy/tonsillectomy experience moderate or severe pain in the 48 hours following surgery, but that many do not receive regular acetaminophen/ibuprofen as instructed at discharge.

Panda is a smartphone app designed to support decision-making about postoperative pain management in children. It is being built using a robust, modular framework specifically designed for medical applications [3]. A series of studies is guiding this development. The Phase 1 study demonstrated agreement between *Panda*'s electronic versions of the FPS-R and CAS and the original paper- and plastic-based versions [4].

Methods: The aim of this study was to evaluate how data may be collected to build models of anticipated pain. Data from the Phase 1 study has been re-analysed. This dataset contains pain scores, obtained from children aged 4–18 years recovering from a variety of surgical procedures. Pain was assessed on waking and again approximately 30 minutes later and was collected with both the *Panda* and the original FPS-R/CAS tools, with 3–5 minutes between each pair of assessments. Hence, we have self-report pain scores from 4 different time-points over 30–50 minutes following emergence from anesthesia.

Results: The analysis of changes in these pain scores over time revealed procedure-specific characteristics (Figure 1). Pain after tonsillectomy showed wide inter-patient variability, with 5/15 (33%) patients still scoring their pain ≥ 8 between 15 and 45 mins after waking. Other procedures demonstrated better postoperative pain management.



Conclusion: Collecting regular pain scores using a device such as *Panda*, ideally over a longer time-frame, may provide a mechanism for generating procedure-specific pain models.

In Phase 2, we will incorporate these anticipated pain models along with pain assessment scores and medication tracking into decision rules, which will be clinically evaluated for support of decision-making about postoperative pain management. In Phase 3, we will evaluate usability, compliance and satisfaction characteristics with clinicians, parents and children during in-hospital and at-home use.

Panda has the potential to improve reliability of pain monitoring, to provide intelligent pain management guidance during in-hospital and at-home care, and to streamline communication with clinicians.

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Non-invasive Ventilation Monitoring During Remifentanil Challenge in CyP450-Deficient Patient

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Introduction: When managing complicated patients, clinicians often need to push boundaries and experiment with intended use and/or dosing of medications. In order to minimize risk and improve patient outcome, unconventional therapies often rely on cutting edge monitoring technology. In this particular case we wanted to assess a patient's tolerance for remifentanil, specifically, monitoring her respiratory status without intubation or other airway manipulation. To accomplish this, along with conventional anesthesia equipment, we used a non-invasive impedance-based respiratory volume monitor (RVM) that provides real-time minute volume (MV) tidal volume (TV) and respiratory rate (RR) measurements.

Methods: A 50 y/o, 50 kg female patient with known CyP450 deficiency was enrolled in a remifentanil challenge trial to determine her tolerance for potential use of the drug during and after surgical procedures. Remifentanil's metabolic pathway suggested this would be successful. The trial was approved by the Brigham and Women's Hospital Desensitization Committee. The patient had successfully undergone seven (7) surgical procedures with Sevoflurane VIMA (Volatile Induction and Maintenance Anesthesia). Patient's CyP450 deficiency had disturbed her metabolism of conventional analgesics, and had led to complications and extended ICU hospitalization following conventional receipt of multi-drug anesthesia and postop care. For this trial, the patient was monitored in the ICU with a RVM (ExSpiron, Respiratory Motion, Waltham, MA), anesthesia machine (GE Aisys, GE Healthcare, Madison, WI) and multi-parameter physiological monitor (GE B850 multi-parameter monitor with integrated bispectral index (BIS), GE Healthcare, Madison, WI). Non-invasive MV, TV, RR were collected from the RVM. HR, BP, SpO₂, FiO₂, EtCO₂, and ETCO₂-based RR from the anesthesia machine via Salter nasal prongs (Salter Labs, Arvin, CA) with zero flow of supplemental oxygen throughout the trial, and BIS from the BIS monitor. For the challenge, 4 remifentanil bolus doses (1 mcg/ml concentration) were administered in ascending order (2 mcg, 5 mcg, 10 mcg, and 15 mcg) followed by a continuous infusion (0.05 mcg/kg/min x 30 min). Each subsequent dose was administered when the patient returned to baseline mentation, assessed by interactive conversation and BIS > 98. A first-order difference equation simulation was used to estimate the total remifentanil dose in the bloodstream, based on a remifentanil half-life of 4 min. Predicted MV (MV_{PRED}) was calculated based on patient's ideal body weight. Data and simulation were time-synched post-hoc and plotted on a time axis, zeroed at the time of the first bolus dose. All analyses were done in MATLAB 2014b (MathWorks, Framingham, MA).

Results: For the purposes of this case report we focus on the available respiratory variables (MV, TV, RR from RVM, EtCO₂ and RR from anesthesia machine) and mental status (from BIS monitor). The patient's baseline MV was 5.4 ± 1.0 L/min and MV_{PRED} was 5.2 L/min. RVM readings were continuously available throughout the study. The first administered bolus (2 mcg) resulted in no noticeable change in any of these variables (Fig 1A), except that EtCO₂ readings were found to be missing more than 60% of the time. The second bolus (5 mcg) triggered mild respiratory depression with a decrease in MV to ~80% MV_{pred}, coinciding with a transient dip in BIS down in the 91-92 range for approximately 3 minutes (Fig 1B). The respiratory depression was mostly due to a decrease in TV. Just as with the first dose, EtCO₂ failed to yield measurements over 40% of the time. With the 3rd & 4th boluses (10 & 15 mcg, respectively) we managed to sustain sedation (Fig 1C&D) for up-to 10-15 minutes with BIS measurements consistently in the 80-85 range. The RVM showed sustained respiratory depression at ~80% MV_{pred} during the same period, once again driven by a sustained decrease in TV and effectively no change in RR. With the patient sedated

and immobile, EtCO₂ readings were available more often, but showed no change from baseline until around minute 70, when the EtCO₂ abruptly decreased, despite patient's diminished ventilation. After a prolonged break to ensure all residual remifentanyl was cleared, an infusion was initiated at 2.5 mcg/min, with a target steady-state dose of 15 mcg in the bloodstream. Sedation began within 11 minutes (BIS was below 80), as the amount of remifentanyl in the bloodstream plateaued at approximately 13 mcg and MV once again settled at approximately 80% MV_{PRED}. A transient episode of partial wakefulness was noted around minute 124 (18 minutes after the start of the infusion), which resulted in a rapid increase of BIS and RMV measurements, and fall in EtCO₂. Continuing the infusion restored the sedative state. The patient recovered back to baseline wakefulness approximately 25 minutes after the infusion was discontinued. The patient was assessed as able to respond normally to remifentanyl.

Conclusions: A continuous respiratory volume monitor can be used to measure minute volume, tidal volume and respiratory rate during drug trials without the need for patient intubation or other airway manipulation. Respiratory volume and rate parameters can be monitored successfully in the absence of supplemental oxygen delivery and gas monitoring. Tolerance to potentially respiratory depressive doses of remifentanyl can be defined and monitored effectively.

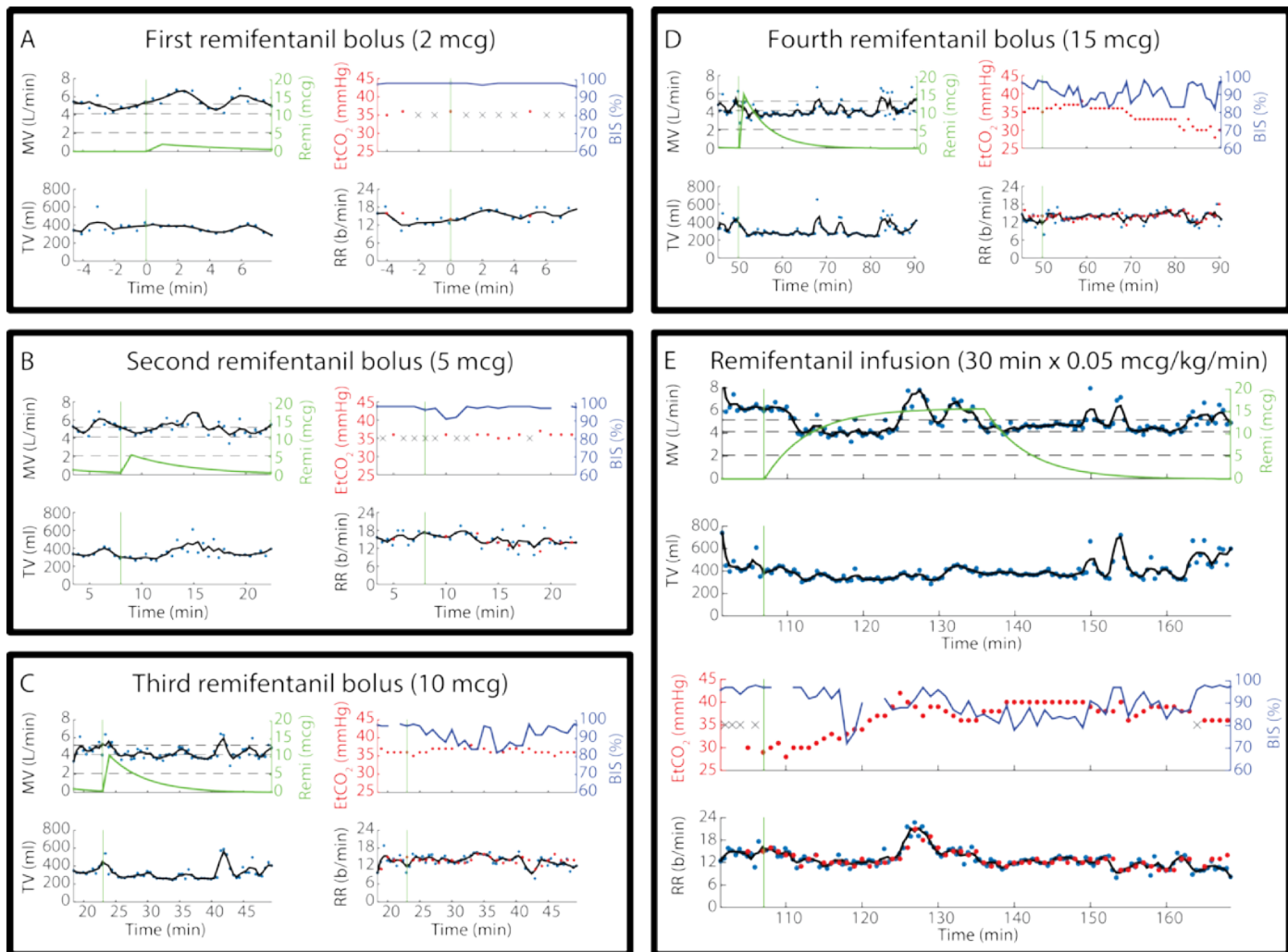


Figure 1: Time course of patient's vital signs during a remifentanyl challenge. Panels (A-D) depict the changes in monitored variables following individual bolus doses (2, 5, 10 and 15 mcg, respectively) and panel E depicts the effects of a 30-min infusion (0.05 mcg/kg/min or 2.5mcg/min). In each panel, the 4 sub-panels display the following monitored variables (from top-left in clockwise direction): (1) Minute Volume from RVM in black (left y-axis) and total remifentanyl in the bloodstream (green, right y-axis); (2) EtCO₂ (from nasal prongs measured by anesthesia machine) in black (left y-axis) and BIS index (from BIS monitor) in blue (right y-axis); (3) Respiratory Rate (from RVM) in blue with 2-minute average RR in black and RR from the anesthesia machine (from EtCO₂) in red; (4) Tidal Volume (from RVM) in blue and 2-minute average TV (black). In all EtCO₂ plots a gray X symbol at 35 mmHg indicates a missing EtCO₂ reading from the anesthesia machine. In the MV plots the horizontal black dashed lines represent 100%, 80% and 40% of the patient's MV_{PRED}. The patient's baseline MV during the 20 minutes before the trial was 5.4 ± 1.0 L/min, corresponding to 103 ± 19% predicted. All times are given as time since the first dose was administered.

How low can you go? Examining Pharmacokinetically Defined Minimum Safety Bounds for Propofol During Closed-Loop Control of Anesthesia

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Background: In closed-loop control of anesthesia, drug infusion rates are automatically adjusted using continuous feedback from a measure of clinical effect¹. This personalized approach allows appropriate drug delivery for each individual based on the level of stimulation during the procedure. The design of a closed-loop system needs to include a safety system to ensure the safety of the patient². Our current system includes safety constraints based on propofol's known therapeutic window³. By default the propofol predicted effect site concentration (Ce) is limited to a range of 1.5 mcg/mL to 8 mcg/mL, based on the Schnider pharmacokinetic (PK) model⁴. While these constraints reduce the risk of under- or overdosing for most patients, the bounds are expected to be reached for outliers, indicating that such a patient may not be well represented by the PK model. All population-based PK models have their shortcomings; and a recently published general purpose PK model for propofol⁵ suggests that the Schnider model underestimates drug concentrations. Thus, we examine the incidence of reaching the lower safety bound for propofol with our current system, and compare the predicted plasma concentrations (Cp) of the Schnider model to the general purpose PK model.

Methods: Following Health Canada and local Research Ethics Board approval, and written informed consent, subjects were recruited from a population of ASA I-III adults undergoing routine, elective surgery. Our closed-loop control system, iControl-RP, receives processed electroencephalography (pEEG) feedback from the NeuroSENSE DOH measure (WAV_{CNS}) [NeuroWave, Cleveland, USA⁶], and controls two infusion pumps for propofol and remifentanyl administered during both induction and maintenance of anesthesia.

Results: Data from 82 cases (all with propofol in closed-loop; 51 with remifentanyl by target controlled infusion, 31 with remifentanyl in closed-loop) were collected. The minimum safety lower bound for propofol was reached in 62 % cases. (Table 1).

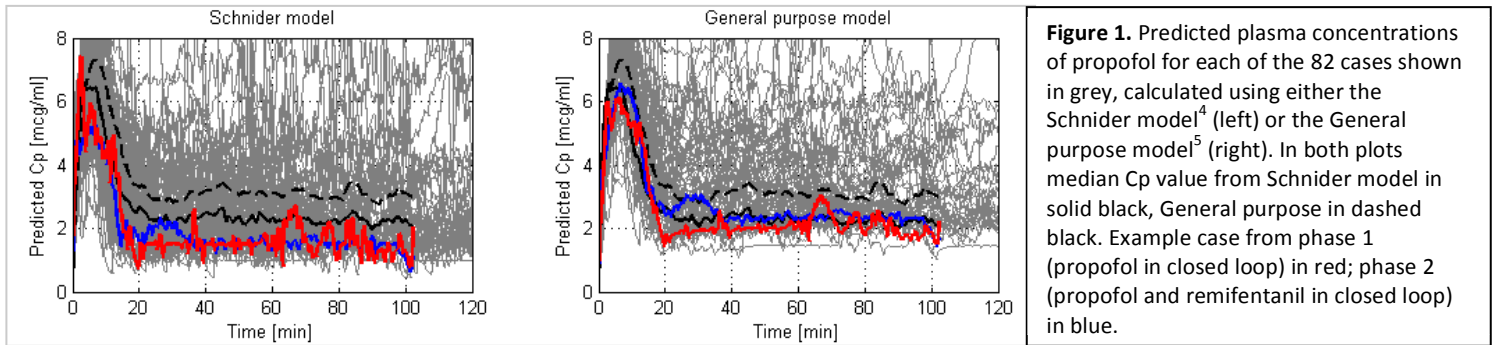
Compared to the Schnider model used in our system, the general purpose PK model for propofol⁵ estimates the median [range] Cp during maintenance 0.84 [0.26-2.3].mcg/mL higher (Figure 1). Thus, the minimum safety bound may not have been reached as frequently, and as a result propofol infusion may have gone lower in some cases, had we defined our safety bounds with this general purpose model⁵.

Table 1.

Summary of data when the WAV_{CNS} set point was ≤55:

Minimum safety bound for propofol reached at least once	51 cases (62%)
Median propofol dose (mcg/kg/min)	65 [56-85]
% of case at min bound	17 [5.8-33]
WAV _{CNS}	45 [43-48]
MAP (mmHg)	87 [74-94]
HR (bpm)	67 [55-73]

*minimum safety bound for propofol reached when predicted Ce<1.51mcg/mL; data are median [IQR].



Conclusion: The considerable interpatient variability in propofol requirements emphasizes the utility of a closed-loop system which can administer low doses of propofol when needed. However, the minimum safety bound for propofol was reached in the majority of our cases. The median propofol predicted effect site concentration was relatively low in these cases, however the WAV index was also consistently low, and the vital signs were within normal clinical range. The original safety bounds we defined were conservative based previously published data. The high degree of variability between and within patients highlights the challenges of using a population based prediction model for safety bounds. This brings to question which PK model should be used to define the safety bounds for propofol delivered in closed loop. To reduce the number of threshold violations we propose to make it easy for the user to manually adjust the safety threshold to reflect the accuracy of the model, and to consider using the stability in the WAV index to permit automated adjustments to the threshold.

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Evaluation of a Tablet-Based, Rapid Documentation System - EVENTDOC™, During Real In-Hospital Medical Emergencies

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Background: Ability of an electronic information management system to perform rapid, accurate and efficient documentation is critical for real-time capture of data during high acuity medical care scenarios such as medical emergencies and emergency room procedures. In such events, when a team of care providers is busy multi-tasking various treatment steps, ability to accurately document patient status and treatment steps becomes difficult. We developed a novel tablet based electronic tool, EventDoc™, to document and manage in-hospital medical emergencies (Figure 1). In a previous study, EventDoc™ was successfully evaluated by a team of volunteer anesthesia residents using scripted mock code simulation videos¹. In this study, we describe the evaluation of EventDoc™ during real in-hospital medical emergencies (code blue).

Methods: After IRB approval 6 volunteer hospitalists and nocturnists were recruited for the study. The study volunteers were provided with a tablet on which EventDoc™ was installed. Additionally, they were also provided code-blue pagers which were activated in the event of a medical emergency. The volunteers were given a short training on using EventDoc™. As part of the study, the volunteers carried the EventDoc™ tablets and the code-blue pagers during their time at our medical center. When a medical emergency occurred, the volunteers were notified via the code-blue pager at the same time as the actual code-blue team. An available volunteer would reach the location of the event as quickly as possible and document the medical emergency using EventDoc™. The existing paper form was used as the primary mode of documentation and the official medical record while EventDoc™ was used as a secondary, yet concurrent, mode of documentation. The paper and the corresponding electronic records were retrospectively compared to assess the effectiveness of EventDoc™ in documenting medical emergencies. Specifically, data elements in both records were compared to compute data omission (partial and complete) and data timing errors.

Results: The volunteers responded to 22 code blue pages. Of these, 11 were not real emergency events. Another 2 cases involved outpatients whose paper records could not be found for comparison. Among the remaining, 9 actual medical emergency events, EventDoc™ records were compared against the paper records. Overall, EventDoc™ records contained 260 more data elements which were not documented on paper, while the paper records contained 16 more data elements undocumented in EventDoc™ ($p < 0.001$). Of the additional

data elements documented in EventDoc™, 76 were orders (medications, labs and airway), 53 were personnel arrivals and 41 were compression stop events that the paper record was not designed to capture. Even after excluding these elements, EventDoc captured 82 additional elements completely missed by paper and 8 additional elements partially missed by paper (e.g. medications without dosage). A detailed breakdown of data elements captured by both EventDoc™ and paper are shown in Figure 2. Timing errors were also less when using the EventDoc™ system with data elements recorded before paper in 26 instances. Paper records recorded data earlier than EventDoc only in 6 instances.

Conclusion: Evaluation of EventDoc™ in real medical emergencies showed that the electronic system is able to capture more data elements with better timing accuracy when compared with existing paper records. Also, features in EventDoc™ allowed capture of information (medication orders, lab orders and compression) that otherwise could not be recorded using paper records. Principles used in the design of EventDoc™ to facilitate rapid and efficient data capture can be translated to other high acuity patient care areas such as emergency rooms, operating rooms and intensive care units.

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Figure 1: Main screen of EventDoc™ documenting a medical emergency

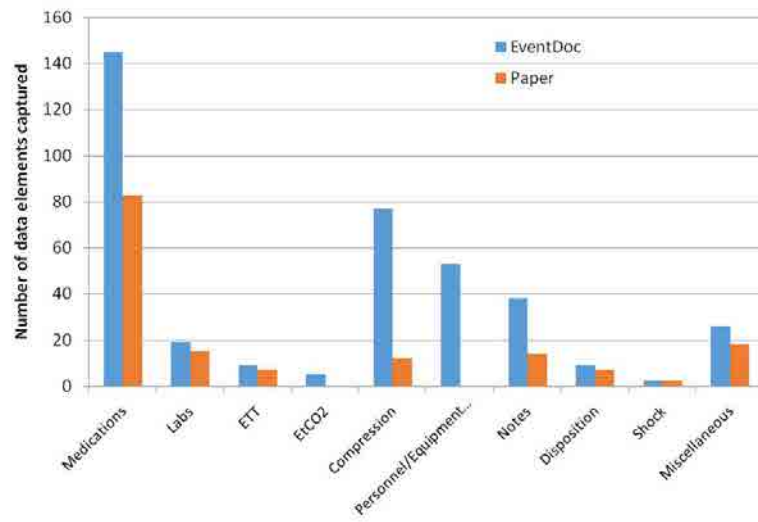


Figure 2: Categorized data elements captured by EventDoc™ and paper records

Data Mining Infrastructure for AIMS Based Registry

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Introduction: AQI'S National Anesthesia Clinical Outcomes Registry includes more than 22 million anesthesia cases. AQI collects clinical, quality, and administrative with detailed 'sensory' perioperative data, medications administration, and unique events recorded in real time in electronic record systems. Thus, one case may consist of thousands of time dependent measurements. With the above constraints, the computational time required to develop and test data mining algorithms becomes a major issue. The abstract outlines AQI's data mining infrastructure (Figure 1).

Methods: Currently, when a problem arises, we re-use common functionality, which involves: (1) an extract of the data and (2) data analysis and data mining formulas (Figure 2). The formulas repository module in Figure 2 serves as a repository of implementations of two types of data mining formulas: (1) custom made algorithms designed and developed for specific problems and (2) batch procedures with substantial utilization of modules in commonly used data analysis packages (SQL modules and R packages). To solve requirements of performing data analysis at a reasonable time computational time, AQI's solution is a home grown implementation of the 'map-reduce inspired' approach in dividing computations among several linked SQL servers (Figure 2).

Results: Typical data mining task involves examination (and their correlations involve) of thousands of observations across fifty or more variables for each anesthesia case) on a large subset of NACOR's AIMS data (500,000 to 1,000,000 cases with vital signs, medication events). Within single server setup (16 cores at 3.8 Ghz, and 16GB EEC memory) we were able to analyze the subset of NACOR data (500,000 cases) in about thirty minutes in one pass (300 cases/second). Exporting the subset of NACOR data to a distributed computing environment on 6 SQL nodes (4 to 8 cores, 8GB memory) reduced the wait time between passes by a factor of four.

Conclusion: The majority of clinical registries or local hospital data centers do not have the need for a full blown 'Big Data' implementation. From the response we have received from sharing AQI's XML schema, and AQI's effort to standardize definitions for clinical outcomes, we see increasing demand for guidance and leadership in providing data related infrastructure. There are several areas in which we are planning to share the experience we acquired in our design and implementation of AQI's systems, including: (1) publishing our knowledge library for common categorization and filtering of cases (The library can also be

used by other clinical registries or data analysis teams), (2) Publishing implementation and of our data analysis infrastructure.

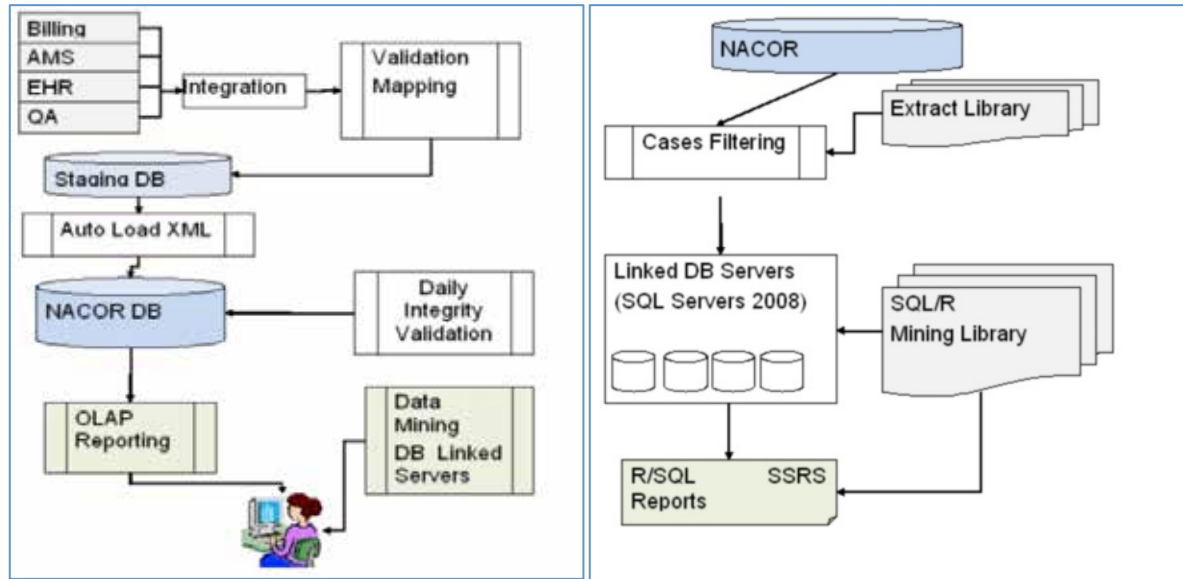


Figure1 Organization of data subsystems. Figure2. Data Mining Infrastructure

Discord in the Definition of Apnea: An Analysis of Apnea Duration in Sedated Volunteers

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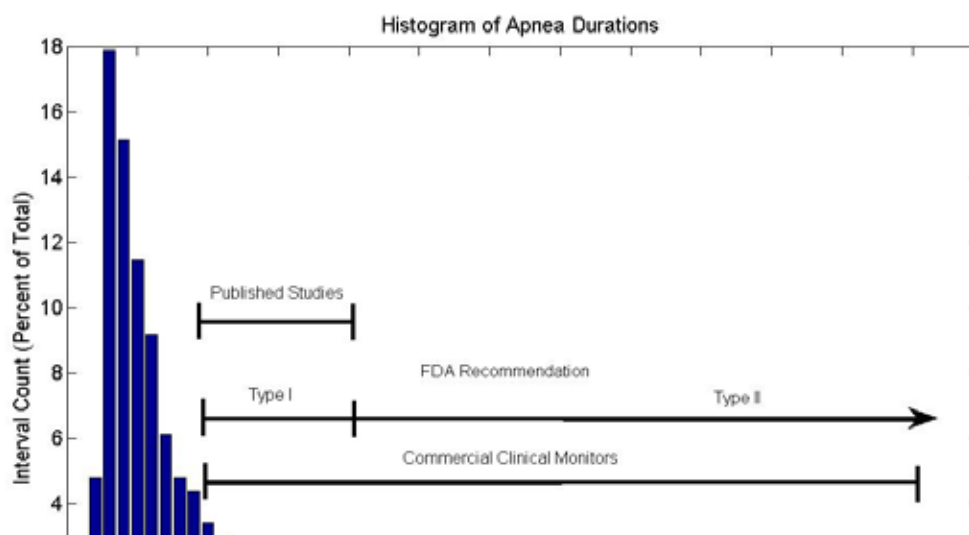
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Introduction: Studies from John Hopkins and the University of Utah have shown apnea alarms are either ignored or incorrect as much as 90% of the time in the clinical setting. Looking at apnea-related studies, there appears to be a lack of consensus about the definition of 'apnea'. The literature cites acceptable apnea definitions between ten and twenty seconds since the last breath. The FDA acknowledges 'type 1' apnea as lasting ten to twenty seconds while 'type 2' apnea lasts more than twenty seconds. Among commercial clinical monitors, most alarms allow the physician to set the alarm within the ten to sixty second range. Given the statistics on reported false-positives and ignored alarms, one must wonder which of these definitions, if any, is 'correct' or at least clinically significant. We studied the length of time between breaths in healthy volunteers receiving target controlled infusions of sedatives and hypnotics to learn whether a clear cutoff is evident between hypoventilation and apnea.

Methods: With IRB approval, fifteen healthy volunteers (Ages 19-41, BMI 20.9-28.4) were administered target-controlled infusions of Remifentanyl (0.75-5 ng/mL) and Propofol (1 ng/mL) to achieve increasing levels of sedation and induce apnea, hypopnea, and airway obstruction—both individually and in combination. At each level of sedation, the modified observer's assessment of alertness and sedation (OAA/S) and the respiratory rate were recorded. The OAA/S scores the level of sedation on a scale of 5 (awake) to 0 (unresponsive). In order to evaluate specific 'time since last breath' apnea definitions, each interbreath interval was placed in a histogram using a bin width of one second (figure 1).

Results: Twenty-five hours of data were obtained (9403 breaths). Sedated subjects reached every OAA/S score from zero to five. The histogram produced from these data approximates most closely to an inverse Gaussian distribution with $\mu=9.58$ and $\lambda=14.10$. 66% of interbreath intervals were ten seconds or less and 90 and 95% of intervals were 20 and 25 seconds or less, respectively.

Conclusion: Most post-operative patients receive opioids for pain relief, so this data set should correlate especially well with what we would expect to see in the postoperative period. As an indicator of respiratory distress (i.e. apnea), a ten second interbreath interval appears too short. In fact, there does not appear to be any clearly identifiable cutoff that defines apnea. Based on a percentile approach, an interbreath interval of at least a twenty seconds would seem most fitting for an apnea alarm. However, merely looking at time since the last breath and ignoring tidal volume or the number of breaths observed in the last minute will likely lead to a large number of false positive alarms and alarm fatigue. A comparison with other variables, such as etCO_2 , may be required in order to define clinically significant alarms.



Comparison of the Oxygen Delivery Efficiency of Five Different Nasal Cannula Designs

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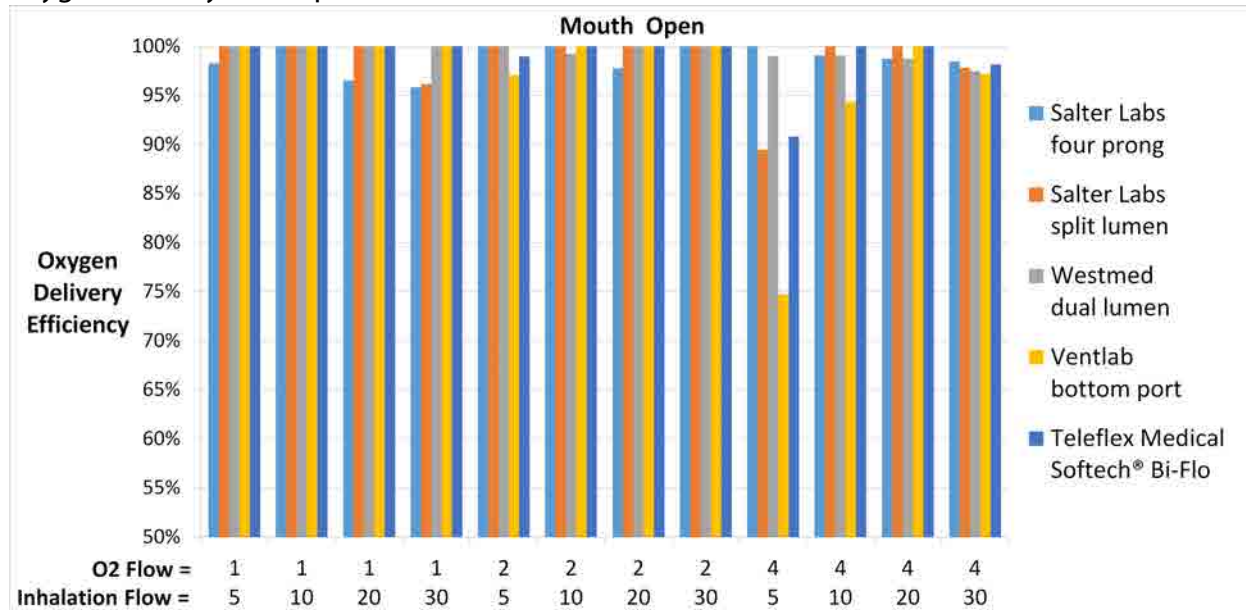
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Background/Introduction: Ideally, 100% of the oxygen delivered by a nasal cannula reaches the lungs when the patient inhales completely or partially through the nostrils. 100% efficient cannulas are ideal because they deliver all of the oxygen to the lungs and none to the surrounding air, minimizing operating room fire hazard and oxygen desaturation events. Several different nasal cannulas are available for delivering supplemental oxygen. We evaluated the oxygen delivery efficiency of these cannulas for various combinations of inhalation flow rate, oxygen flow rate and mouth opening. To do this, we designed a bench test to evaluate the fraction of oxygen that is inhaled and to compare the oxygen delivery efficiency of five different cannulas. We then compared the theoretical (ideal) oxygen delivery against the actual volume inhaled by simulating supplemental oxygen delivery and measuring resultant FiO_2 .

Methods: We placed each cannula onto a 3D printed model of the nares, oral and nasal passages and upper airway. Mouth open and closed inhalation were simulated by drawing air through the model airway using a vacuum gas flow controller. The vacuum flow controller drew constant flow rates of 5, 10, 20, and 30 LPM through the mouth and nostrils for mouth open inhalation and through only the nostrils for mouth closed inhalation. The controller flow rate was verified using a gas flow analyzer (VT Plus, Fluke Biomedical, Everett, WA). A mass flow controller (Alicat Scientific, Tucson, AZ) delivered oxygen flow rates of 1, 2, and 4 LPM through the test cannulas. Intra-nasal pressure was measured at every setting. We assumed that a negative pressure in the nares was indicative of inhalation through the nostrils. We evaluated the oxygen delivery efficiency of five different models of adult nasal cannulas (Salter Labs four prong #4002, and split lumen #4707, Westmed dual lumen #0503, Ventlab bottom port #4107, and Teleflex Medical Softech® Bi-Flo #1844). All of these cannulas have CO_2 monitoring capability. FiO_2 was measured in the simulated trachea using an anesthesia gas analyzer (Datex, Helsinki, Finland). Ideal FiO_2 were obtained for each combination of settings by measuring O_2 in a closed system where air and supplemental O_2 were mixed in a hose and 100% of the oxygen delivered was inhaled. The difference between the oxygen fraction observed using a nasal cannula and the ideal oxygen fraction observed using a closed system were recorded.

Results: Negative intra-nasal pressure was observed for each setting. The graph below shows the oxygen delivery efficiency of all cannulas when the mouth was open. For both mouth open and mouth closed inhalation, the lowest efficiency was observed at an oxygen flow of 4 LPM and an inhalation flow of 5 LPM, using cannulas designed to deliver oxygen outside of the nares. The efficiency profiles for mouth open and mouth closed inhalation were similar. For settings resulting in efficiency less than 100%, mouth open inhalation resulted in slightly lower efficiency compared to mouth closed inhalation.

Conclusion: Supplemental oxygen delivery is very near ideal as long as intra-nasal pressure is negative, oxygen flow is less than airflow through the nostrils and O₂ is delivered inside of and not outside of the nostrils. Compared to cannulas delivering O₂ outside the nostrils, cannulas delivering O₂ inside the nostrils are more efficient. Cannulas that deliver O₂ outside of the nostrils may be less prone to oxygen induced distortion of capnography but efficiency of oxygen delivery is compromised.



Evaluation of the Efficacy of a Computer-Based Reminder System for the Timely Start of Intra-Operative Epidural Infusion for Post-Operative Pain Control

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Background/Introduction: Preoperative epidural catheters placed for post-operative pain management are often only started after conclusion of the surgery. Consequences of delayed epidural initiation include increased post surgical pain and prolonged recovery room stay time by delaying patient discharge, and it is thus recommended that these infusions be started early on during surgery.¹⁻³ In our institution, a large academic medical center, a baseline audit of patients receiving pre-operative epidurals revealed that infusions were started pre or intra-operatively only 57% of the time despite them being placed pre-operatively. We describe the use of a near real-time decision support system to improve compliance to starting epidural infusion.

Methods: We used an Anesthesia Information Management System (AIMS) based decision support system called Smart Anesthesia Manager (SAM), to institute a computer reminder system to encourage the timely initiation of post-operative pain control epidurals. Through SAM, selected issues related to quality of care and documentation are brought to the attention of the anesthesia provider via “pop-up” message screens. As part of the patient time-out feature, we instituted an optional check box to note whether an epidural is placed for post-operative pain control. If the provider checked “Yes”, SAM system generated reminders every 24 minutes via “pop-up” screens to encourage providers to start and document the epidural. (Figure 1) The messages are stopped when either an epidural infusion has been started or if the provider documents an epidural contraindication. We reviewed the compliance for cases for 1 month before (Baseline: September 2014) and 1 month after the SAM intervention was instituted (Intervention: November 2014).

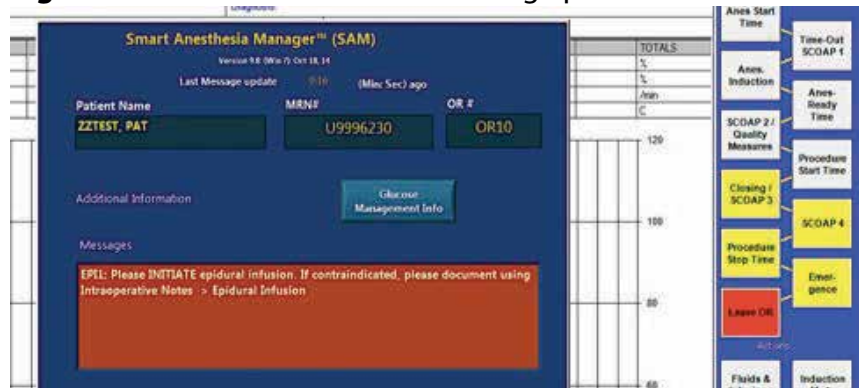
Results: Compliance to starting epidural infusion increased from 57% (49 out of 86 epidurals) during the baseline period to 74 % (68 out of 92 epidurals) during the intervention period ($p=0.02$). However, during the intervention period, providers used the checkbox for post-operative pain control epidural only 25% of the time (334 out of 1322 cases). Also, among the 92 pre-operative epidurals placed during the intervention period in only 32 instances was there a confirmatory answer in the AIMS epidural checkbox (34.8% compliance). Compliance to starting epidural in cases when providers documented a confirmatory answer in the AIMS epidural checkbox, thus triggering a SAM reminder, was 90.6%. This was higher than the 65% compliance for cases that did not use the AIMS checkbox and SAM reminders ($p=0.01$). The time elapsed until epidural initiation was shorter in patients for whom an answer was provided to the SAM prompt, compared to those in whom the prompt was ignored (35.4 vs 58.5 min), a statistically insignificant trend ($p=0.10$).

Conclusion: Near real-time notifications to initiate epidural infusions were modestly effective. An optional documentation feature in AIMS to note whether a patient has an epidural for postoperative pain management had poor compliance, which in turn meant SAM reminders were not triggered for a significant number of epidural patients. Triggering SAM reminders based on epidural orders in the hospital EMRs, rather than on voluntary documentation may be a more effective way to improve compliance to epidural initiation.

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Figure 1 SAM notification for initiating epidural infusion



Non-Invasive Respiratory Volume Monitoring Provides Quantitative Measurements that Provide a Better Assessment of Ventilatory Status than Capnography-Generated Respiratory Rates

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Introduction: Clinicians often face a dilemma, when identifying appropriate patient monitoring: more accurate and more reliable measurements can be associated with a higher cost. Sometimes the cost is material such as CT versus x-ray and at other times it results in increased patient discomfort or risk of infection (invasive BP vs NIBP). Respiratory monitoring of non-intubated patients is particularly challenging, because until recently, any direct measurements of true respiratory effort involved the use of a tight-fitting mask attached to either a spirometer or pneumotachometer, making this method clinically impractical. Instead, clinicians often rely on secondary indicators of respiratory sufficiency, such as pulse oximetry (SpO₂) and capnography (EtCO₂). Unfortunately, relevant changes in SpO₂ are easily masked by the use of supplemental oxygen and EtCO₂ measurements in non-intubated patients are frequently unreliable to the point where clinicians resort to using only the respiratory rate (RR) measurements from the capnograph. A recently developed non-invasive respiratory volume monitor (RVM), which continuously measures minute ventilation (MV), tidal volume (TV) and respiratory rate (RR), addresses majority of these concerns. RVM also provides a new way to accurately assess the ability of EtCO₂-generated RR to adequately quantify respiratory status in non-intubated patients.

Methods: Continuous RVM and capnography data were collected from 50 subjects (age: 46 ± 14 yrs; BMI: 27.6 ± 6.1 kg/m²) using an impedance based RVM (ExSpiron, Respiratory Motion, Inc., Waltham, MA), and a capnograph (Capnostream 20, Covidien, Mansfield, MA) using a sampling oral/nasal cannula (Smart Capnoline Plus). Each subject performed six 2.5-min breathing trials at various RRs. The correlations between EtCO₂ measurements (low: <35 mmHg, normal: 35-45 mmHg, high: >35 mmHg), capnography-based RR (low: <6 b/min, adequate: ≥ 6 b/min), and RVM-based MV (low: <2L/min, adequate: ≥ 2 L/min) were evaluated.

Results: A direct comparison of MV and EtCO₂ measurements revealed that in only 24.6% of the 9324 analyzed epochs adequate MV coincided with normal EtCO₂. 68.7% of the time adequate MV coincided with a low EtCO₂ and, 100% of low MV measurements corresponded to either normal or low EtCO₂ (Fig 1A). Similarly poor correlation was present between the capnograph's RR and EtCO₂ measurements: normal EtCO₂ coincided with adequate RR just 24.9% of the time and none of the low RR measurements were indicative of a high EtCO₂ (Fig 1B). When using RR as a proxy for MV it was also noted that low MV is observed at a wide range of RRs, with only 15.5% of all low MV events captured by a low EtCO₂-based RR (Fig 1C).

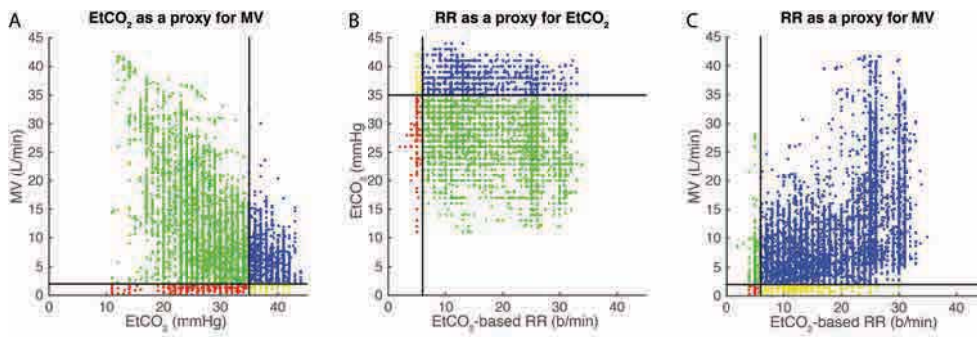


Figure 1: Analysis of the collected measurements (9324) reveals poor correlations between (A) EtCO₂ and MV (B) RR and EtCO₂ and (C) RR and MV, despite RR being derived from EtCO₂ and MV being a function of RR ($MV = TV \times RR$).

Conclusions: This study confirmed that (a) EtCO₂ is an inadequate proxy for MV in non-intubated patients, (b) EtCO₂-based RR is a poor proxy for EtCO₂, and even more concerning, (c) EtCO₂-based RR is an even worse proxy for MV. Ultimately, the data demonstrated that relying on capnography to capture the volatile nature of respiratory status in non-intubated patient's is highly inadequate and one must carefully weigh the cost-savings against the increase in patient risk and the likelihood of incurring extra cost due to preventable respiratory complications.

A Handoff Tool to Facilitate Transfer of Care from Anesthesia to Nursing in Intensive Care Units

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Background/Introduction: Patient care handoff from one team of providers to another is a critical moment highly prone to medical errors^{1,2}. Transfer of care at the end of surgery between anesthesia and nursing teams is a typical example when inaccurate and incomplete transfer of relevant clinical information could increase the risk of inadvertent medical mistakes. We describe the development of a tool that provides a customized report of intraoperative data to facilitate safe handoff. Additionally, the tool also notifies the recovery team of patient transport, with the handoff summary report produced prior to the patient actually arriving at the recovery bed. Advance notice and upfront availability of handoff information could better prepare the recovery team for a smoother transfer of care.

Methods: We developed an AIMS-based handoff tool that can be evoked at the touch of a key on the AIMS computer. The tool presents the most current AIMS data summarized into the following main categories (Figure 1)– medications, anesthetic techniques and line placements, fluid input/output and labs. At the end of surgery, prior to leaving the operating room, the anesthesia provider selects the disposition location and initiates a “print summary and page recovery” action. This automatically prints the transfer summary report in designated recovery room printers and sends a text page to recovery staff notifying that a patient is leaving the operating room. The recovery room staff collects and reviews the summary report in preparation for handoff. During handoff, the anesthesia and recovery teams use the transfer summary report as a reference document.

We piloted the handoff tool to facilitate transfer of care in the intensive care units (ICU). The Cardiac, Surgical and Medical ICU staff members were presented with the transfer tool and the associated workflow of receiving the patient transport notification page, collecting the handoff summary report and utilizing it to facilitate transfer of care. Similarly, the anesthesia team was also trained in the use of the handoff tool. Volunteer medical students were recruited and trained to observe the transfer of care and collect data pertinent to the handoff process.

Results: Handoff process was observed in 7 instances when the transfer summary sheet was not used (controls) and in 14 instances when the transfer summary sheet was used (intervention). In general, omission of critical data elements was less when using the transfer summary - Urine output: 3/14 (intervention) Vs. 3/7 (controls), Blood loss: 5/14 (intervention) Vs. 4/7 (controls) and Fluids & infusions: 2/14 (intervention) Vs. 3/7 (control). Duration of the handoff process was similar for control and intervention cases though the intervention group had primarily cardiac ICU cases while the control group comprised of mainly surgical ICU

cases. The use of the handoff tool to facilitate patient transfer could be easily integrated into the clinical workflow without disruptions.

Conclusion: Pilot observation and data indicate that an AIMS-based handoff tool could be easily integrated into the clinical workflow and could potentially facilitate safer patient transfer. Further studies are required to prove the effectiveness of such a tool.

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Anesthesia Transfer Summary Data access time: 11:12:06 AM

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Patient Name: [Redacted] Medical Record #: [Redacted] Age: 63 y CTICU MICU SICU

Surgeon: [Redacted] Anesthesiologist: [Redacted] Weight (lbs): 172 Height (in): 68.1 BMI: 26.1

Procedure: MITRAL VALVE REPLACEMENT WITH MAZE PROCEDURE (REDO)/MITRAL VALVE REPLACEMENT WITH MAZE PROCEDURE/LEFT ATRIAL APPENDICECTOMY Procedure duration: Incomplete Diagnosis: MITRAL VALVE DISORDER

Intraoperative medications:

BOLUS MEDS:

Antibiotics (total):

VANCOMYCIN IV = 1000.00 MG (last dose @ 7:47 AM)

CEFZOLIN IV = 4000.00 MG (last dose @ 10:37 AM)

Neuromuscular blockers (total):

VECURONIUM = 15.00 MG (last dose @ 10:38 AM)

Narcotics & Sedatives (total):

ETOMIDATE = 20.00 MG (last dose @ 7:42 AM)

FENTANYL = 1250.00 MCG (last dose @ 8:50 AM)

Other Meds (total):

LIDOCAINE = 100.00 MG (last dose @ 7:42 AM)

HEPARIN = 20000.00 UNITS (last dose @ 8:57 AM)

AMINOCAPROIC ACID = 10000.00 MG (last dose @ 9:04 AM)

VASOPRESSIN = 6.00 UNITS (last dose @ 10:50 AM)

PHENYLEPHRINE = 100.00 MCG (last dose @ 10:35 AM)

PHOTAMPHE = 200.00 MG (last dose @ 10:44 AM)

INFUSION MEDS:

PHENYLEPHRINE (25,000 MCG) IN SODIUM CHLORIDE 0.9% 250ML (250 ML) = 9.38 mcg/hr

AMINOCAPROIC ACID (1,000 MG) IN SODIUM CHLORIDE 0.9% 100ML (100 ML) = 100.00 mg/hr

EPINEPHRINE (5 MG) IN SODIUM CHLORIDE 0.9% 250ML (250 ML) = 7.02 mg/hr

INSULIN REGULAR (100 UNITS) IN SODIUM CHLORIDE 0.9% 100ML (100 ML) = 4.00

Fluid In:

Total input = 350cc

CELL SAYER BLOOD (250 ML) = 350cc

Fluid Out:

Total output = 400cc

URINE = 400cc

Last Hemodynamic values in the OR:

HR (bpm) = 60; SpO2 (%) = 100; Arterial BP (mmHg) = 101/58 [77]; RESP RATE (L/min) = 12; TEMP (deg C) = 36.8

Bloodgas (Arterial):

PH (7)	11:03 AM	7.37
PO2 (mm Hg)	11:03 AM	249.00
PCO2 (mm Hg)	11:03 AM	39.00
HCO3 (mEq/L)	11:03 AM	23.00
BE (mEq/L)	10:03 AM	0.30
CA (mmol/L)	11:03 AM	1.12
LACTATE (mmol/L)	11:03 AM	1.80

Bloodgas (Venous):

PH (7)	10:04 AM	7.30
PO2 (mm Hg)	10:04 AM	43.00
PCO2 (mm Hg)	10:04 AM	48.00
HCO3 (mEq/L)	10:04 AM	27.00
LACTATE (mmol/L)	10:04 AM	1.10

Electrolytes:

NA (mEq/L)	11:03 AM	132.00
K (mEq/L)	11:03 AM	4.30

Other Labs:

GLUCOSE (mg/dL)	11:03 AM	231.00
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CBC:

HCT (%)	11:03 AM	24.00
PLATELETS (THOUS)	10:05 AM	156.00

Coagulation:

PT (s)	10:09 AM	21.50
FIBRINOGEN (mg/dL)	10:05 AM	246.00
PT-INR (I)	10:05 AM	1.90

Select disposition & Print summary. Auto page sent

Figure 1: Handoff tool used to facilitate transfer of care in the ICU

Administering Patient Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS) Tools via Tablet Computer and E-mail to Assess Health Measures in Pediatric Adenotonsillectomy Patients at Ambulatory Surgery Centers

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Background: The Patient Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS) is an NIH- funded system of highly reliable, precise question-and-answer measures of patient-reported physical, social, and mental well being that can be administered via paper-based or electronic means. Adenotonsillectomy (T&A) procedures are one of the most common procedures performed at our institution, yet systematic measurement of patient-reported health status was not routinely performed. We initiated the pre- and post-surgery administration of PROMIS tools using tablet computers and e-mail to T&A patients at our ambulatory surgery centers.

Methods: A research assistant enrolled patients of ages 5-17 years old on the day of surgery who were scheduled for an T&A or adenoidectomy at an ambulatory surgery center. The PROMIS tools (measuring anxiety, depression, fatigue, physical function and peer relations) were administered to the patients in the preoperative waiting area prior to the procedure using a PROMIS-enabled tablet computer. Patients of ages 5-8 years were encouraged to complete the electronic questionnaires with a parent or guardian proxy. At one week post-procedure, a link to the PROMIS tools was sent via e-mail to the patient's caregiver; if necessary, a research assistant reminded the caregiver to complete the PROMIS assessment via a telephone call.

The PROMIS tools results generated both raw and scaled PROMIS scores. The raw PROMIS scores (z- scores) were converted to the scaled PROMIS scores. The scaled scores are based on standard curves in healthy patients, with each curve having a mean of 50 (no units) and standard deviation of 10. We analyzed the PROMIS results were analyzed and generated descriptive statistics following ten months of data collection.

Results: Fifty-six patients completed the pre-procedure and one-week follow-up PROMIS assessments during February 1, 2014 to November 7, 2014. Eighteen patients were in the 9-17 years old age group and completed the PROMIS tools themselves; 38 patients were in the 5-8 year old age group that consisted of caregiver proxy scores. Table 1 summarizes our scaled PROMIS score results.

Conclusions: The PROMIS tools allowed for convenient measurement of patient-reported outcomes in pediatric T&A patients. Upon initial review, no dramatic changes in the six measured outcomes were noted in the 9-17 years age group. There was a 10-point (1 SD) increase in fatigue scores (and a similar decrease in mobility scores) at the

1 week follow up point in patients of ages 5-8 years, and an increase in pain interference scores, suggesting that children in this age group continue to be affected by pain and fatigue one week after surgery. Future plans include continued patient recruitment and administration of the PROMIS tools, more rigorous statistical analysis, and investigation of the causes of the score changes to determine possible options for amelioration of pain and fatigue symptoms post-procedure.

Analysis of the Predictive Potential of Pulse Oximeter Data for Admission

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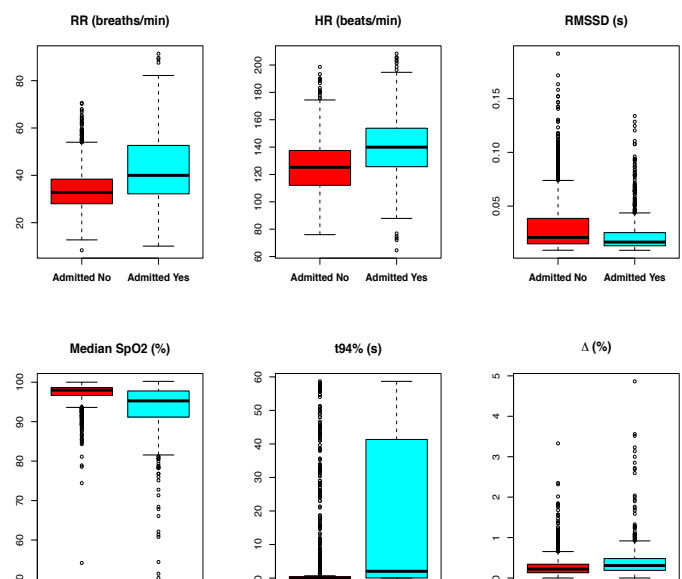
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Introduction: Annually, more than 13 million children die from sepsis caused by conditions such as pneumonia and diarrhea due to a lack of resources and clinical expertise [1]. An objective test for which children should be referred to a facility would help community healthcare workers to best utilize resources. Mobile phones are now widely used even in low resource settings and provide an ideal platform for both vital signs assessment and automatic diagnosis. The first step is to identify differences in objective measures between children who need to be admitted and those who can return home.

Methods: Using the Phone Oximeter, a mobile device integrating a pulse oximeter with a phone, we have designed a mobile data collection application, called PhoneOxR2, that includes measurement of oxygen saturation (SpO₂), heart rate (HR) [2] and a respiratory rate (RR) count by tapping the screen [3]. PhoneOxR2 also provides a waveform that reflects blood volume changes, the photoplethysmogram (PPG), which permits the estimation of HR variability (HRV) [4]. Using PhoneOxR2 on iPod touch devices (Apple Inc, Cupertino, USA), 1-min PPG, SpO₂ and HR were collected along with RR from a total of 3374 children presenting at a not for profit private tertiary level hospital in Bangladesh from October 2012 to April 2013. Children were excluded if they had a known chronic disease, previously documented low SpO₂, or other conditions such as cardiac disease. Additionally, the analysis was limited to children who presented at least 30 seconds of good quality pulse oximetry, which excluded 1323 children from the analysis. Therefore, the SpO₂, HRV, RR and HR were studied for 2051 children. The SpO₂ was characterized through its median, cumulative time spent below 94% (t94%) and variability measure computed in 12-s intervals (Δ index). HRV was estimated through the standard deviation of pulse peak (PP) intervals of the PPG (SDNN) and the root mean square of the successive differences between adjacent PP intervals (RMSSD). Median and interquartile ranges were used (median [IQR]) to summarize data and the Mann–Whitney U test was used to derive confidence intervals for median differences (CI) and associated p-values. Bonferroni correction was used to adjust for multiple (n=7) comparisons.

Results: Children admitted to the facility had significantly (p-value < 0.05/n) higher RR (40.0 [20.4] versus 32.8 [10.4], CI 5.9 to 9.1 breaths/min), higher HR (140.0 [28.1] versus 125.2 [25.5], CI 11.4 to 17.6 beats/min) and lower SDNN (0.016 [0.014] versus 0.022 [0.023], CI -0.006 to -0.003 s) and RMSSD (0.016 [0.012] versus 0.021 [0.024], CI -0.004 to -0.002 s), compared to children not admitted to the facility. Admitted children also showed lower SpO₂ (95.3 [6.6] versus 98.0 [2.0], CI -2.8 to -1.7 %), and higher SpO₂ variability t94% (2.0



[41.3] versus 0.0 [0.3], CI 0.33 to 2.33 s) and Δ (0.308 [0.291] versus 0.220 [0.210], CI 0.061 to 0.115 %).

Conclusion: The difference in these objective measures between children admitted and those not admitted indicates that an objective, automated stay-or-go test is feasible. Further analysis is being done to create a predictive model combining these objective measures. This predictive model will generate a risk score for the probability of the need for the child to be admitted to a facility. If this score is above a specific threshold, it will be recommended that the child be referred for admission. We will provide community healthcare workers with real-time tools for making objective measurements to provide a rapid prediction that a child would require admission to a facility. These tools will provide the smart application greatly needed in low resource settings where expertise is lacking to manage life-threatening infections.

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Use of an Automated Cost Calculator to Quantify Anesthetic Cost Interventions

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Introduction: Controlling healthcare expenditures has become increasingly important in today's healthcare environment, and anesthetic-related drug costs are now precisely measurable using data collected by anesthesia information management systems (AIMS). AIMS have led to case-specific and provider-specific cost feedback and allowed the implementation and evaluation of various cost containment strategies. Remifentanyl, dexmedetomidine, and desflurane, are costly agents that often have suitable alternatives to their use. We implemented interventions that limited desflurane, remifentanyl, and dexmedetomidine availability. We sought to identify changes in cost and process outcomes following these interventions.

Methods: We calculated volatile and intravenous drug costs for all operating room procedures performed five months before and after the accessibility interventions through AIMS. We analyzed age, gender, American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) classification, body mass index, procedure type, anesthesia technique, attending anesthesia provider, case duration, and out of room times. We retrospectively compared drug costs per case and frequency of agent use before and after the interventions. Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney and Chi Square analysis were used to quantify the cost and use differences between time periods.

Results: 27,233 surgical cases were identified, and 26,953 were analyzed. Mean anesthetic drug costs were significantly lower ($p < 0.0001$) after the interventions at \$21.44 compared to \$32.39 before, a cost savings of \$10.95 (95% CI \$9.86 to \$12.04). The percentage of cases using remifentanyl was significantly lower (3.5% vs 9.2%, $p < 0.0001$). Use of dexmedetomidine did not significantly differ (0.4% vs 0.5%, $p = 0.07$). The percentage of cases using desflurane was significantly lower (0.6% vs 20.2%, $p < 0.0001$). There was no significant relationship between the interventions and the frequency of cases with delayed out of room times (greater than 15 minutes after end of case).

Conclusions: An automated cost calculator permitted quantification of these cost interventions and allowed analysis and feedback of these data. Reducing the accessibility of cost-prohibitive agents resulted in significant cost savings and decreased usage without delaying transfer to the recovery room.

Automated Decision Support for Anesthesia Provider Relief: An Initial Survey and Implementation Report

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Introduction: Consistently providing equitable relief from clinical duties may be an important element in fostering and maintaining team morale. Achieving this in complex work environments such as academic medical centers can be challenging. Relief decisions could potentially be facilitated by the use of automated tools integrated with anesthesia information management systems (AIMS). We conducted a survey of trainee opinions on such a tool and describe its implementation.

Methods: We surveyed our PGY3-4 anesthesia residents to determine if they currently had adequate information when making relief decisions and understand their preferences in receiving automated decision support to assist with making assignments. In parallel, a system was created to generate daily emails with ranked relief prioritization utilizing information from our AIMS and our staff scheduling system. A multidisciplinary group created a set of guidelines for making relief decisions, which was incorporated into the email.

Results: Thirty-four of the 36 residents contacted completed the survey (94.4% response rate). Of residents providing relief, 60% of residents agreed or strongly agreed that they had adequate information to make equitable relief assignments; however, of residents receiving relief, only 36% agreed or strongly agreed that adequate information was available. Eighty-two percent agreed or strongly agreed that they would like to receive a prioritized relief list, and 85% preferred an automated email over a dashboard or smartphone app. As such, an automated decision support system for anesthesia provider relief was created and deployed (Figure 1).

Conclusions: There is an imbalance between the perceptions of information availability for equitable relief between those making relief decisions and those on the receiving end of those decisions. Residents were in agreement that an automated, prioritized relief list would be useful and preferably delivered by email. Preliminary results suggest that the automated decision support system has been useful, but this requires confirmation with a follow-up survey and analysis of relief data.

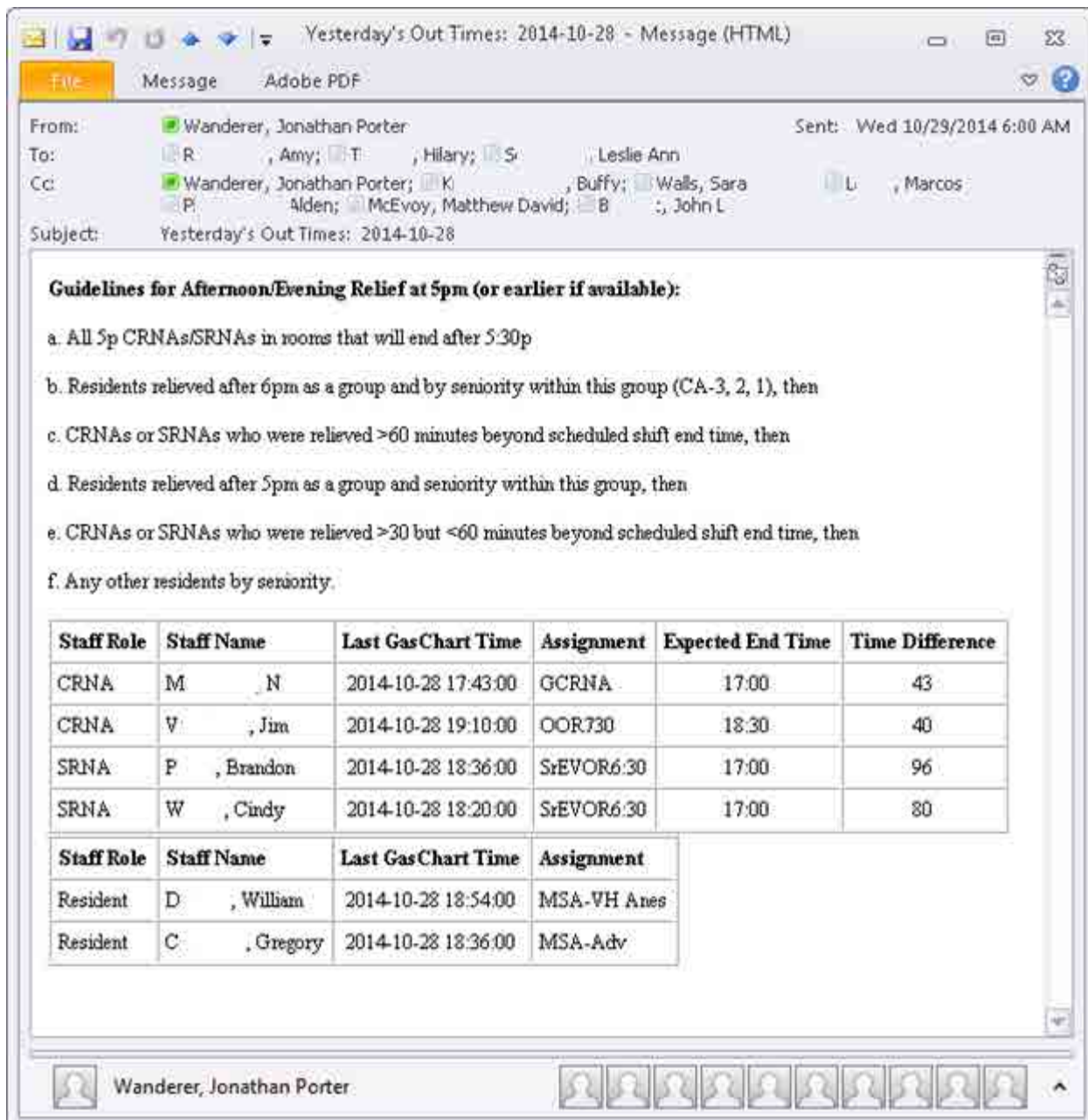


Figure 1: Example email from the automated decision support system for anesthesia provider relief.

Development of an International Standard for Lung Ventilator Vocabulary and Semantics

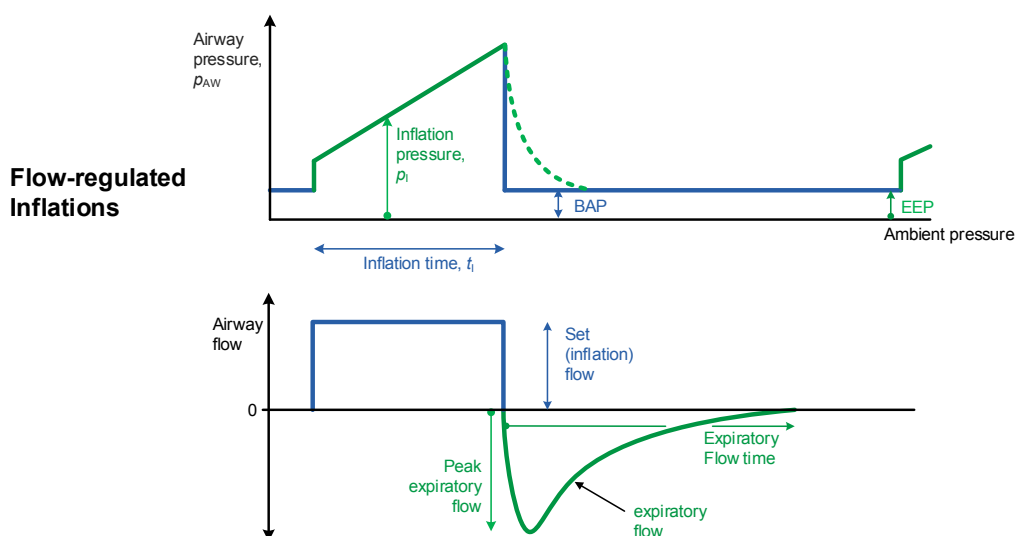
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Introduction: Numerous case reports, articles, standards committees (ISO TC 121), regulatory bodies and the recent AAMI Ventilator Summit have identified a need for a standardized vocabulary for patient ventilators to decrease use error.

Methods: Over the past 6 years, ISO Technical Committee 121 Subcommittee 4 have reviewed the medical literature, instructions for use of many current and historical ventilators and their sales material and critical incident reports. Interviews have been held with stakeholders in the field including manufacturers, respiratory therapists, anesthesiologists and critical care physicians. We worked with Medical Informatics specialists, from several other standards development organizations to comprehend their problems to ensure that the terminology addressed their requirements and those of ventilator users and operators.

Results: A new conceptual framework was developed based on how the patient interacts with the ventilator. The standard will define about 200 terms, with notes and illustrations providing guidance as to their usage and application. Care was taken to clearly differentiate terms describing settings from those describing observations. The framework defines the 3 basic ventilation patterns (specified temporal pattern of sequenced interactions between the ventilator and the patient, including the means of initiation of the selected inflation-types(s)) and inflation-types (specific inflation characterised by its control of flow or pressure over time). Inflation types include pressure control, volume control, pressure support, volume targeted pressure control, and proportional pressure support. "Spontaneous breath" has been defined as a breath initiated by the patient. A new concept, baseline airway pressure (BAP), is the reference airway pressure upon which inflations are superimposed and unassisted breaths may occur. Observed breath types include controlled, assisted, supported, or natural.

Conclusion: We intend to publish ISO 19223 Lung Ventilators and related equipment--Vocabulary and Semantics in late 2015 or early 2016.



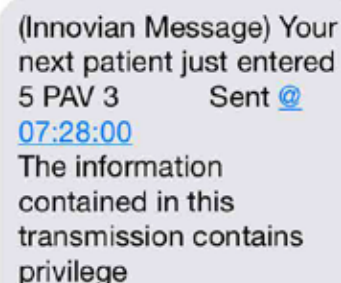
Development and Implementation of a Process to Notify Surgeons via Text Messaging when Specified Events in the Anesthesia Information Management System are Documented

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Introduction: At many hospitals, the primary surgeon delegates incision closure to an assistant (e.g., resident, fellow, surgical first assistant). After scrubbing out of the case, the surgeon often engages in clinical activities such as working in another operating room (OR), examining and the marking the surgical site of the next patient, contacting the current patient's family, dictating the operative report, etc. However, when the surgeon leaves the OR suite, this may lead to delays in starting the next case due to lack of situational awareness that the next patient has entered the OR. At some institutions, the room status is displayed on large video terminals in multiple perioperative locations. However, these displays may be out of view and the surgeon must continually scan the screens to determine when his or her next patient arrives in the OR. We desired a system that would automatically page the surgeon when his or her next patient entered the OR. We also wanted automated notification during pediatric intra-arterial chemotherapy (IAC) cases (for retinoblastoma) where the surgeon wanted to be present following transfer of the patient from the fluoroscopy table to the stretcher to remove the arterial catheter and hold pressure on the femoral artery.

Methods: We already had in place a decision support system that scans our anesthesia information management system (AIMS) database every 1 min for milestone events (e.g., next patient arrives in holding area, surgery has ended) and notifies the supervising anesthesiologist via alphanumeric text pager.¹ This system uses an in-house radiofrequency transmitter that has coverage throughout the entire hospital. Our surgeons do not carry alphanumeric pagers compatible with our system, but they all have smart phones. Furthermore, the hospital has local cellular networks for our two most commonly subscribed carriers (Verizon and AT&A) installed throughout the facility. We added a communication pathway to our decision support system that sends a text message to the cell phone of surgeons desiring such notices. When the "Patient has entered the OR" or "Patient transferred to stretcher" event (for IAC cases only) is detected, a message is transmitted from our SQL Server 2008 R2 (Microsoft, Redmond, WA) using the built in stored procedure msdb.dbo.sp_send_dbmail. To use this process, the database mail process was enabled² and a profile account established from which the messages originate. Surgeons desiring messages provide their cell phone number and carrier, and this is added to their profile in the AIMS staff table. Phone numbers are coded as nnn-xxx-xxxx-X, where X is a single digit code identifying the carrier (e.g., V=Verizon, A= AT&T). At transmission, this code is translated to the carrier's text message format (e.g., 555-123-4567-V => 5551234567@vtext.com). A single notification was sent for each event. Messages do not contain any protected health information (Figure).



(Innovian Message) Your next patient just entered 5 PAV 3 Sent @ 07:28:00 The information contained in this transmission contains privilege

Results: The system was successfully implemented as a pilot for 3 surgeons who had requested this service. Adding a surgeon's contact number results in immediate implementation of messaging. Each surgeon indicated that he or she found the system helpful and requested to continue receiving messages. Because the anesthesia AIMS workflow starts the trending of vital signs when the patient

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enters the OR and this event is tied via a macro to the "Patient enters the OR" event, the system has been highly reliable. Situations where messages are not transmitted include when the patient's care is transferred to another surgeon, but this is not updated in the scheduling system, and if the case is manually entered by an anesthesia provider and the primary surgeon is not entered or is incorrectly specified.

Discussion: The notification system was simple to implement and has been well received by the surgeons. The impression of the anesthesiologists supervising the chemotherapy cases is that it has resulted in fewer delays from trying to locate the surgeon at the end of cases. We use a polling strategy, but messaging could also be implemented by creating a trigger on the event table for the targeted events. We plan to expand the pilot by a general announcement to all surgeons advising them of the availability of the system.

Development of a Device for Magnetically Guided Intubation

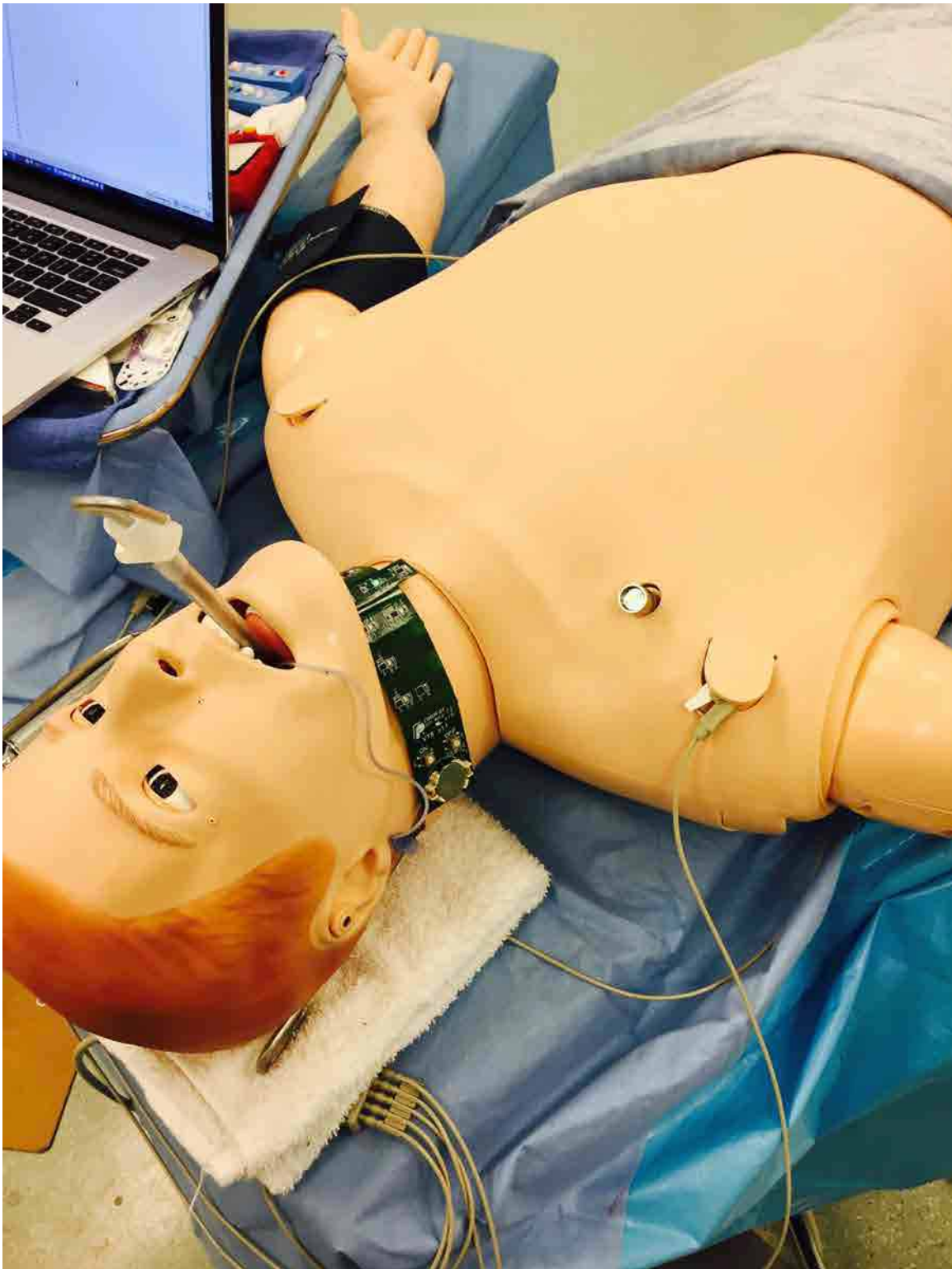
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Introduction: Although direct laryngoscopy is a reliable method for endotracheal intubation, there are situations when direct visualization of the vocal cords may be difficult or impossible. For example, if blood or gastric secretions have compromised the airway, it may be impossible to visualize the vocal cords using any optical means. Another method of endotracheal intubation involves using a lighted stylet. The light transilluminates through the tissues of the anterior neck to help guide the endotracheal tube into the trachea. This technique can also be useful in the setting of suspected or known neck injury, where neck manipulation should be avoided. Despite its benefits, the transillumination technique does have some limitations, which include 1) need for a dark or dimly lit environment, 2) impaired transillumination in obese patients with significant redundant neck tissue, and 3) impaired transillumination in patients with darkly pigmented skin. To overcome these limitations, a device was developed that detects and visually represents the location of a magnetic intubation stylet and helps guide the stylet into the trachea via magnetic field sensing.

Methods: A prototype device was designed, built, and tested. The device was developed on a flexible PCB, such that the apparatus could easily conform around the anterior neck. The device has an array of Hall sensors capable of detecting the magnetic field produced by an external magnet that is incorporated into the tip of the intubation stylet. An array of accelerometers is also incorporated into the device, such that the neck circumference (and thus expected tracheal depth) could be determined and the device could auto-calibrate in real-time. A microcontroller aggregated sensor data and controlled a series of LEDs that visually represented the location and depth of the magnetic intubation stylet. The device was tested on an intubation mannequin.

Results: A prototype device was successfully developed and tested in a simulation environment. The visual LED-targeting array accurately represented the 3-dimensional location of the intubation stylet. The intubation stylet could be guided into the trachea using the magnetic guidance system. Ambient room lighting, skin tone, or neck size did not affect guidance.

Conclusion: A novel method for endotracheal intubation using magnetic guidance was developed. This technique potentially offers several advantages over conventional intubation techniques, which include: 1) insensitive to blood or other fluids in the airway, 2) neck manipulation is not required, 3) not affected by ambient room lighting, 4) not affected by skin tone, and 5) not affected by neck size. Future studies will aim to optimize the firmware and incorporate additional sensing modalities to further increase the reliability of the guidance system.



A Design Analysis of SAMBA's PONV Guidelines for Perioperative Clinical Decision Support

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Introduction: Postoperative nausea and vomiting (PONV) is a significant perioperative issue facing patients and healthcare systems in ambulatory and inpatient settings. Risk factors may place surgical patients at a 20-80% likelihood of PONV. While the Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia (SAMBA) recently established a new set of expert guidelines, little literature exists that addresses practical implementation aspects of information availability within the context of perioperative medical decision-making in a modern perioperative information management system.

Methods: The SAMBA guidelines incorporate Apfel's simplified risk score to estimate risk for PONV, which include female gender, history of PONV or motion sickness, nonsmoker status, and postoperative opioids as risk factors. We reviewed Vanderbilt's Perioperative Information Management System (VPIMS) to identify all locations where data related to each risk factor were collected. Then, we considered provider workflow and the timing of data entry to identify when each risk factor would be known, and when it would be available within VPIMS. Next, we evaluated interventions and anesthetic techniques that may decrease risk, such as adequate hydration and avoidance of nitrous oxide, volatile anesthetics, and opioids. Finally, we identified opportunities and potential gaps for delivering clinical decision support within VPIMS.

Results: Each risk factor was identified within VPIMS. Gender is known before admission and is available from our ADT feed. We identified a gap for transgender patients, as our ADT does not currently address differences between patients' genetic makeup, gender identity and anatomy. A history of PONV could be identified from the patient's preoperative assessment or from documented nausea during a previous PACU visit. Motion sickness could only be found in the preoperative assessment. Tobacco use is documented both in the preoperative assessment and in the preoperative nursing documentation. Finally, postoperative opioid use in the PACU is found in the postoperative nursing documentation, and the surgical postoperative orders could identify potential post-PACU opioid use. While all these data are ultimately available, they may not be available contemporaneously. We expect that VPIMS will have the most complete data available for medical decision-making during the intraoperative period which enables decision support to suggest avoiding nitrous oxide and ensuring adequate hydration. Documentation latency would be an obstacle in providing decision support relevant to pre-operating room decisions, such as avoiding volatile anesthetic and employing regional anesthesia. Most significantly, risk

factor underestimation from latency could result in missed opportunities to initiate a preoperative multimodal pain regimen, potentially impacting outcomes.

Conclusion: Reducing PONV through clinical decision support in accordance to the SAMBA guidelines is possible. However, perioperative information management systems must support and encourage the collection of these data in a discrete and contemporaneous fashion. Documentation latency leads to underestimation of risk factors, which may create missed opportunities to employ risk reduction techniques. Ultimately, delivering clinical decision support with the right information to the right person, at the right place, at the right time may decrease the incidence of PONV and improve outcomes.

A Software System to Collect High-Resolution Respiratory Data for Analysis of Transient Airway Events During General Anesthesia

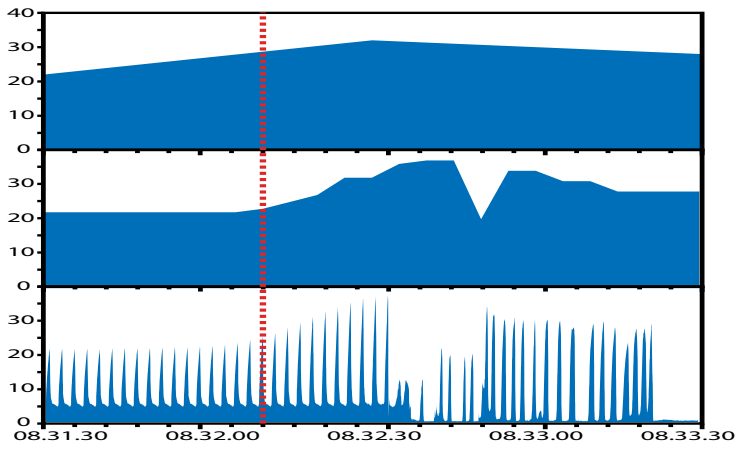
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Introduction: Anesthesia information management systems (AIMS) typically record intraoperative data q 1 minute, with some allowing up to q 15 sec resolution. These intervals are inadequate for capturing transient changes in airway parameters, necessary in our ongoing study of bronchospasm in pediatric retinoblastoma patients undergoing ophthalmic artery intra-arterial chemotherapy (IAC). We describe the technical details of configuring such a system to capture airway parameters at much higher resolutions.

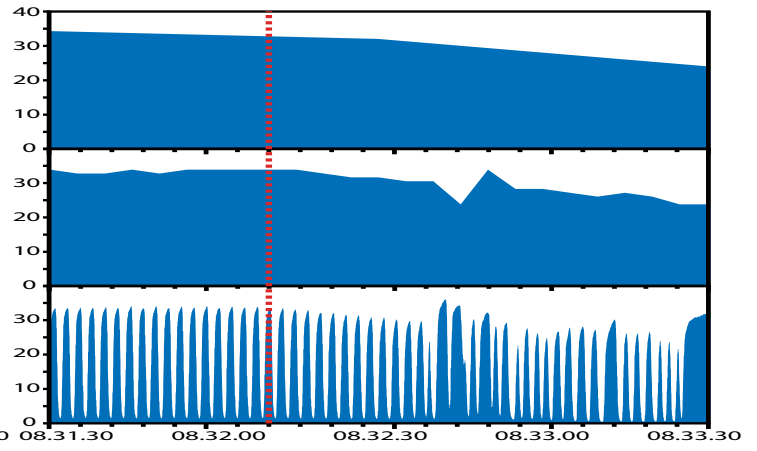
Methods: With IRB approval and written parental consent, intraoperative data of patients undergoing IAC were collected on a laptop PC. We used the Dräger Medibus® Data Acquisition Program (version 1.4.0.0, Dräger®, Telford, PA), available to their customers at no charge from Dräger® requiring Microsoft Windows XP®. A standard USB to DB-9 cable was used to connect to the COM 1 port on the Dräger Apollo® anesthesia machine.). The number assigned to the USB port used must match the port number in the collection software (1-4). Baud Rate = 9600, Parity = Even, Stop Bits = 1. The anesthesia machine COM port was similarly configured, as specified in the technical manual for the device. When settings are correct, the program header displays "Connected to: Apollo" and waveform data are displayed. The following data can be plotted q 16 msec: peak pressure (mbar), flow (l/min), and etCO₂ (mmHg) and can be saved to disk ("Curve Recording" mode) as a text file. Alternatively, the following data can be saved q 5 seconds ("Data Recording" mode): compliance [ml/mbar], peak breathing pressure [mbar], PEEP [mbar], plateau pressure [mbar], tidal volume [ml], and etCO₂ [mmHg]. Files from Curve Recording and Data Recording were imported into Microsoft Excel® for signal processing and analysis.

Results: In a retinoblastoma patient who developed bronchospasm, figure 2 shows peak pressure and figure 3 shows etCO₂ recorded with different resolutions over a two-minute window. The top graphs shows Dräger Innovian® AIMS recordings of every minute, middle graphs shows recordings of every 5 seconds, and the bottom graphs shows high-resolution recordings of every 16 msec. The red dotted line indicates the time (08:32:10) when the catheter entered the ophthalmic artery. Compared to our AIMS data, where changes in peak pressure are noted 1 minute after the catheter entered the ophthalmic artery, the high-resolution data is marked by increases in peak pressure occurring within 5 seconds (middle graph) and 0.2 seconds (bottom graph) of the triggering event.

Conclusion: Although commercially available AIMS, with its longer recording intervals may be sufficient for clinical practice, this is inadequate for research purposes, especially where transient phenomena need to be analyzed. For researchers using Dräger anesthesia machines, the data acquisition software describes provides a convenient method to collect high-resolution data sufficient for signal processing.



(Figure 2) Peak Pressure (mBar) vs Time



(Figure 3) etCO2 (mmHg) vs Time

Domain Information Model for the Patient Centric Integrated Clinical Environment (ICE DIM)

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Introduction: Part 1 of ASTM F2761-09 laid out the general requirements for the patient-centric integrated clinical environment (ICE) and ISO/IEEE 11073-10201 described an abstract object-oriented domain information model (11073 DIM) that specifies the structure of exchanged information, as well as the events and services that are supported by each object. However we feel that the 11073 DIM provides a device-centric paradigm, whereas modern highly networked data-rich environments, such as ICE, require standards and technology that can support a device-centric paradigm.

Methods: The data interactions of patients and medical devices were analyzed from first principles and a new DIM was created based on the concepts of sensor and actuator “components” interacting with the patient rather than complete (multi-component) devices. The DIM then created additional categories to describe clinical context such as physician actions and observations. This approach facilitates post-coordination of data elements thereby reducing the number of defined data required in a data dictionary. We have developed Medical Device Interface Data Sheets (MDIDS) for most sensors and actuators currently in use which will be published on an open website that manufacturers will be able to easily access. Each term is being rigorously defined, which adds important information to the often limited information that is included in standards, such as ISO 11073 Part 10101. Data centric communications is enabled by the OMG DDS standard in a publish/subscribe environment. (<http://portals.omg.org/dds/>)

Results: We chose the Data-Distribution Service for Real-Time Systems (OMG DDS), an open international middleware standard that implements publish-subscribe communications for real-time and embedded systems. It has the advantages of being a readily available, secured, fault-tolerant protocol. Several companies support the open standard to aid in its deployment. Several new data objects have been added to the DIM in order to support applications (Apps) These applications can be, for example, decision support systems, closed loop controllers, displays that integrate information and provide new information from other sensors, Virtual Medical Devices and Virtual Medical Systems on the communications bus. The complete DIM will be presented at the meeting and will be available at www.openice.info.

Conclusion: We feel that this model is easily applied to current and future devices. Communication topology methods considered included wired, wireless, patient centric integrated clinical environments, body area networks, sensor networks, virtual medical device networks, medical device systems and medical device systems of systems interacting with non-medical device networks.

References:

ASTM F2761-09 Medical Devices and Medical Systems — Essential safety requirements for equipment comprising the patient-centric integrated clinical environment (ICE) — Part 1: General requirements and conceptual model

ISO/IEEE 11073-10201 Health informatics — Point-of-care medical device communication — Part 10201: Domain information model

ISO/IEEE 11073 Health informatics — Point-of-care medical device communication — Parts 10101 (Nomenclature) and 10201 (Domain information model)

Domain Information Model for Alarm Systems for the Patient Centric Integrated Clinical Environment (ICE DIM)

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Introduction: Part 1 of the ASTM standard “Medical Devices and Medical Systems — Essential safety requirements for equipment comprising the patient-centric integrated clinical environment (ICE) (F2761-09) described the general requirements and conceptual model for the patient-centric integrated clinical environment (ICE). We present here a domain information model (DIM) for medical device alarm system nomenclature for reporting and logging that is compliant with IEC 60601-2-8 Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-8: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: General requirements, tests and guidance for alarm systems in medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems, edition 2.1.

Methods: IEC 80601-1-8 was reviewed from a clinical and forensic, and patient and device centric perspectives. Through an iterative process, a domain information model was developed that would satisfy the needs of the functions of an ICE. We used terminology and data messages from ISO/IEEE 11073 Health informatics — Point-of-care medical device communication — Part 10101 wherever possible.

Results: Several classes were defined to contain the necessary information that needed to be communicated. These include alarm system settings class; alarm system state class; Alarm condition Class; alarm signal class; Alarm Preset Class; auditory alarm signal sound set class. A complete DIM will be available on the poster and at www.openince.info.

Conclusion: We feel that this model is easily adapted to all current and future devices. Communication topology methods considered included wired, wireless, patient centric integrated clinical environments, body area networks, sensor networks, virtual medical device networks, medical device systems and medical device systems of systems interacting with non-medical device networks.

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Pilot Study: Feasibility of Predictive Analytics for the Early Detection of Hypotensive Events

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Background: Patients in high risk settings are often at risk of developing hemodynamic instability. Current methods of identifying such instability rely on the monitoring of invasive and noninvasive hemodynamic parameters that exhibit pronounced changes only when a critical event is already occurring. However, a number of published studies have recently demonstrated that hemodynamic instability can be detected earlier by analyzing the subtle complex changes in multiple hemodynamic variables and their relationships.

Methods: The main objective of this preliminary study was to evaluate the feasibility of the early detection of hypotensive events in patients admitted to the ICU. Data used in this study came from the MIMIC II Research Database. From this database, we looked at the arterial pressure waveforms of 14 patients with hypotensive events, and extracted 161 waveform features (Edwards). Hypotensive events were defined as any time periods where 1) SBP < 50 mmHg, and/or 2) MAP drop by 40% from median MAP for at least 10 minutes. This extreme definition was used for training the models with the expectation that all other less extreme hypotensive events would also be detected. After identifying these hypotensive events, each patient's data was then categorized as hypotensive and nonhypotensive. Hypotensive data was defined as 30 minutes before/after and including a defined hypotensive event. Nonhypotensive data was defined as all remaining data, but resampled to equal the length of hypotensive data. Presented in this abstract are two model building methods: 1) Sequential feature selection and model building using k-nearest neighbors (k=10), and 2) lasso regularization for a generalized linear model using binomial distribution to select significant ($p < 0.05$) features and model building using logistic regression. Leave-one-out cross validation was performed on all the data of each patient to validate the model. Misclassification rates were defined as the misclassification of defined hypotensive and nonhypotensive data per patient as described above.

Results and Conclusion: The overall misclassification rate was 0.38 for the k-nearest neighbors model (38 features) and 0.37 for the logistic regression model (76 features). In Figure 1, we can see that the two models are very sensitive to all drops in blood pressure. Further analysis will need to be performed using other statistical methods, and the definition

of hypotensive events for validation may need to be re-evaluated. In conclusion, these preliminary pilot results show that prediction and detection of hypotensive events is feasible.

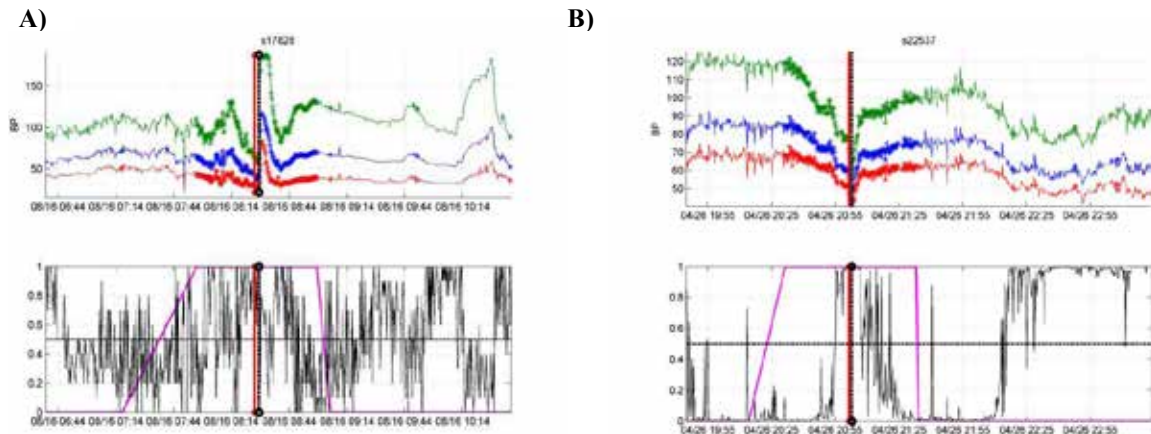


Figure 1. Examples of model results. A) k-nearest neighbor B) Logistic regression model. Thick Red/Black lines = start/end event, Red/Blue/Green lines = SBP/MAP/DBP, Thin Black line = posterior probability of hypotensive event (Fig1A) and predicted response (Fig1B). Pink line = True category (0 = nonhypotensive, 1 = hypotensive).