## Goals of sedation:

1. Patient safety
2. Patient comfort

## Conscious Sedation

- Minimal Sedation (anxiolysis)
- Moderate Sedation
- Deep Sedation
- Anesthesia
### Minimal Sedation (Anxiolysis)

- Patients respond normally to commands
- Cognitive function and coordination may be impaired
- Ventilatory and cardiovascular functions are unaffected

### Moderate Sedation

- Depressed consciousness
- Patients respond purposefully to verbal commands
- No interventions are required to maintain airway
- Spontaneous ventilation is adequate
- Cardiovascular function is usually maintained
### Deep Sedation

- Depressed consciousness
- Patients cannot be easily aroused but will respond after repeated or painful stimuli
- Ventilatory function may be impaired
- May required airway assistance
- Spontaneous ventilation may be inadequate
- Cardiovascular function is usually maintained

### General anesthesia

- Patients are not arousable even with painful stimuli
- Ventilatory function is often impaired
- Often require airway assistance
- May require mechanical ventilation
- Cardiovascular function may be impaired
The sedation plan must be clearly articulated among all members of the procedure team.
Pre-sedation history

- Cardiac conditions
- Pulmonary conditions
- Renal disease
- Hepatic disease
- Endocrine disorders
- Head trauma

- Prior surgical or airway issues
- Prior intubation
- Stridor
- Snoring
- Sleep apnea
- Previous reactions to sedative medications

STOP-BANG

S – Snore: have you been told you snore
T – Tired: are you tired during the day
O – Obstruction: do you stop breathing at night
P – Pressure: do you have high blood pressure
B – BMI: is your BMI greater than 28
A – Age: 50 or over
N – Neck: circumference greater than 17 inches
G – Gender: male

Yes to 3 or more = high risk for sleep apnea
Other key elements of the history:

| • Current medications       |
| • Allergies                 |
| • Pregnancy status          |
| • Last oral intake          |
| • Need for isolation for infections |
| • Alcohol, tobacco, and drug use |

Physical examination

| • Cardiac exam        |
| • Pulmonary exam      |
| • Ability to lay in the proper procedure position |
| • Airway assessment  |
ASA Physical Status

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When to consider anesthesia consult?

- Significant co-morbid disease
- Significant sleep apnea
- History of airway problems during sedation
- History of adverse reaction to sedation
- High risk airway
- Chronic opioid or sedative use
Airway Assessment

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Four Types of Difficulty

• Difficult to bag/mask ventilate/oxygenate
• Difficult laryngoscopy
• Difficult intubation
• Difficult to perform cricothyroidotomy
How Does the ASA Define the Difficult Airway?

- Difficult mask ventilation
  - Impossible for an unassisted anesthesiologist to prevent of reverse signs of inadequate ventilation during positive pressure mask ventilation

How Does the ASA Define the Difficult Airway?

- Difficult rigid laryngoscopy
  - It is not possible to visualize any portion of the vocal cords with conventional laryngoscopy
- Difficult intubation
  - Proper insertion of an endotracheal tube requires more than 3 attempts or greater than 10 minutes
# Causes of Difficulty

**Anatomical**
- Obesity
- Short neck
- Protruding teeth, long high arched palate
- Receding mandible
- Decreased distance between occiput and spinous process
- Increased alveolar-mental distance

**Acquired**
- Acute neck swelling: trauma, infection, post-operative bleeding
- Restricted jaw opening: Trismus, fibrosis, rheumatoid arthritis, mandibular fracture
- Restricted neck movement: osteoarthritis, scarring, C-spine tumor, ankylosing spondylitis
### Predicting Difficult Bag & Mask Ventilation

- **B** - bearded
- **O** - obese /obstetric
- **N** - no teeth
- **E** - elderly
- **S** - snores/sleep apnea

### Predicting Difficult Intubation Mallampati Classification

- Class 1: view of the entire posterior oropharynx to the bases of the tonsillar pillars
- Class 4 : no view of the posterior oropharynx or uvula
Predicting Difficult Intubation
3 - 3- 2 Rule

• 3 finger mouth opening

• 3 fingers mentum to hyoid distance

• 2 fingers hyoid to thyroid
Predicting Difficult Intubation

- Review medical record, history
- Assess
  - teeth especially protruding incisors
  - patent nares
  - open mouth & extend tongue (mallampati)
  - protrude mandible
  - thyromental distance, submental space
  - neck - short, thick ?, overall mobility & sniffing position
  - body habitus

Video of Airway Examination
Airway Management

Supplemental Oxygen

- Nasal cannula
- Simple mask
- Non-rebreather mask
Airway Support

- Jaw thrust
- Nasal airways
- Oral airways

Bag / Mask Ventilation

- Technique dependent
- Mask seal essential
- 2 are better than 1
- Incorporate jaw thrust
- Nasal / Oral airways
- Assist spontaneous ventilation
Video Of Airway Maneuvers

Before the procedure

• There must be signed written consent for:
  ✓ The procedure
  ✓ The sedation
• If 2 procedures are planned, get consent for both before giving sedation
• A “time-out” must be performed
**Q 5 minutes during the procedure:**

- Level of consciousness
- Blood pressure
- Oxygen saturation
- Respiratory rate
- Cardiac rhythm (only required in patients with known heart disease)

**Monitoring every 15 minutes until:**

- Patient is awake, alert, and oriented
- Recovered protective reflexes
- Vital signs returned to normal
- Oxygen saturation > 95% or at baseline
### Post-procedure transport:

- Accompanying personnel trained in sedation monitoring
- Pulse oximeter
- Supplemental oxygen
- Ventilation equipment
- Nasal and/or oral airways
- Emergency drug supplies
- Cardiac monitor (in patients with heart disease)

### Post-procedure discharge:

- Instruction sheet
  - No driving
  - No alcohol or sedatives
  - No operating machinery
  - Phone number for questions
- A responsible adult to accompany (taxis do not count!)
Pharmacology of Sedatives and Reversal Agents

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Agents for Procedural Sedation

- Opioids
- Benzodiazepines
- Etomidate
- Ketamine
- Methohexital
- Propofol
- Dexmedetomidine
Opioids

- Class II Controlled Substances
- Mu receptor agonists
  - Fentanyl
  - Hydromorphone
  - Morphine
  - Meperidine
- Hepatic metabolism with varying $t\frac{1}{2}$

Opioids
Adverse Effects

- Respiratory depression
- Hypotension
- Miosis
- Decreased GI motility
- Urinary retention
# Opioids

## Estimated Potency

- Fentanyl 75 - 100 micrograms
- Hydromorphone 1.5 mg
- Meperidine 75 mg
- Morphine 10 mg

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# Fentanyl

- Phenylpiperidine opioid agonist
- Preferred opioid for procedural sedation
- Precautions
  - Skeletal muscle and chest wall rigidity
    - Dose and administration rate related
    - Reversible with naloxone
  - Bradycardia
- Black box warning with CYP3A4 inhibitors
### Benzodiazepines

- Class IV Controlled Substances
- GABA and Benzodiazepine agonists
  - Midazolam
  - Lorazepam
  - Diazepam
- Hepatic metabolism with varying $t_{1/2}$

### Benzodiazepines

#### Adverse Effects

- Respiratory depression
- Hypotension
- Paradoxical reactions
- Nausea/vomiting
- Hiccoughs
### Benzodiazepines

**Estimated Potency**

- Diazepam 5 mg
- Lorazepam 1 mg
- Midazolam 2 mg

### Midazolam

- Preferred BZD for procedural sedation
- CYP3A4 substrate
- Elimination t ½ prolonged
  - CHF
  - Renal function impairment
  - Hepatic function impairment
  - Obesity
  - Elderly
**Etomidate**

- Not currently controlled substance
- Nonbarbiturate benzylimidazole hypnotic
- 0.1 – 0.3 mg / kg IVP over 30-60 seconds

**Etomidate**

- Inhibits 11-β hydroxylase
- Blocks cortisol production
- Myoclonus (up to 33%)
- Injection site pain (30-80%)
  - Propylene glycol
- Minimal effect on hemodynamics
- Decreases ICP
### Ketamine

- Class III Controlled Substance
- NMDA receptor antagonist and PCP derivative
- Analgesic properties appealing
- IM or IV administration
- 0.5 – 2 mg/kg IVP over at least 60 seconds

### Ketamine

- Respiratory drive maintained
- Three concentrations available
  - 10 mg/mL
  - 50 mg/mL
  - 100 mg/mL (dilute if administered IV)
Ketamine

- Emergence reaction (12 - 50%)
  - Severity varies
  - Least common in < 15 yrs and > 65 yrs
  - Less frequent with IM administration
  - Minimize verbal, tactile, visual stimulation during recover
  - Pretreat with BZD or butyrophenone

- Hypersalivation
- Nystagmus
- Increases ICP/IOP
- Minimal affect on BP/HR or increase
- Increased skeletal muscle tone
Methohexital

- Class IV controlled substance
- Ultrashort acting IV barbiturate anesthetic
- pH of 1% solution is 10-11
- Contraindicated in porphyria
- Hypotension
- Respiratory depression
- Dose 0.25 – 1 mg/kg at <10mg/5 seconds
- 500 mg vials!

Propofol

- Currently not controlled substance
- Patient can transition in unpredictable fashion to deeper level of sedation
- At OSUMC physician must be credentialed for deep sedation
- Cardiovascular depressant – hypotension!
### Propofol

- Contraindicated if:
  - egg allergy
  - soy intolerance
  - peanut allergy (Fresenius brand)
- 0.5 - 1 mg/kg IV over 2-3 min once then
  0.5 mg/kg every 3-5 min if needed

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### Dexmedetomidine

- “relatively selective” alpha$_2$ adrenergic agonist
- FDA approval in 2008
  - Sedation of nonintubated patients prior to
    and/or during surgical and other procedures
- Limited published experience for procedural sedation
### Dexmedetomidine

- 0.5 - 1 mcg/kg over 10 minutes then 0.2 – 1 mcg/kg/hr
- $t\frac{1}{2} = 2 – 2.5$ hours
- Dose reductions
  - impaired hepatic function
  - > 65 yrs old
  - combined with other sedatives

### Dexmedetomidine

- Two unpublished trials
  - $n = 318$
  - Elective MAC surgeries/procedures
- Mean duration of infusion 1.5 hours
Dexmedetomidine

- Hypotension 54% vs 30% (Placebo)
  ✓ SBP<80 or DBP <50 or ↓ >30% from baseline
  ✓ 72% in ≥ 65yo patients (n=131)
- Bradycardia/sinus arrest 14% vs 4% (Placebo)
  ✓ <40BPM or ↓ >30% from baseline

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**Recommended Agents at OSUMC**

- Midazolam ± fentanyl agents of choice
- Propofol limited to physicians credentialed in deep sedation
- Meperidine no longer recommended for routine use
- Alternative agents used by physician experienced in their use
### Dose

- No universally safe & effective dose
- Variable dose requirements
  - Age
  - Weight
  - Medical condition
  - Medication history
  - Previous requirements during procedures
  - Goal depth of sedation

### Dose

- Combination agents have added risks/benefits
- TITRATE
  - Small incremental doses
  - *Sufficient time must elapse* between doses to evaluate effect of previous dose
  - Time between doses longer for nonintravenous routes
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JCAHO & Medication Administration During Procedures

• Sterile technique!
• Proper product labeling
  ✓ Label: drug name, strength, and amount
  ✓ Single individual process and immediate administration = no label
  ✓ Two individual process = product verification with vial and label

JCAHO & Medication Administration During Procedures

• Document waste of Controlled Substances
• Complete charting
  ✓ Medication
  ✓ Dose
  ✓ Route
  ✓ Time of administration
  ✓ Who administers
# Reversal Agents

- Used to treat overdose or to reverse sedatives
- Half lives can be shorter than sedative
- Can precipitate withdrawal symptoms
- May not completely reverse all complications of sedatives

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# Flumazenil

- Onset of action 1-2 minutes
- Half life 41-79 minutes
- Flumazenil use requires 90 min monitored recovery time
- Hepatic clearance
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<td>✓ 0.2 IVP then 0.3mg in 30 sec if needed</td>
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<td>✓ Repeat 0.5mg in 1 min intervals to MAX of 3mg if needed</td>
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<td>✓ With partial response can administer additional doses to total of 5 mg</td>
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# Naloxone

- Opiate receptor antagonist
- Onset of action 2-3 minutes
- Half life 30-81 minutes
- Naloxone use requires 90 min monitored recovery time
- Duration of effect varies (45min – 4 hrs)
- Hepatic clearance

## Dosing

- 0.1 – 0.2 mg IVP every 1-2 minutes
- Doses up to 2 mg may be required
- May need to redose if naloxone wears off before opiate

## Adverse Effects

- Opiate withdrawal
- Pulmonary edema
- Acute hypertension and dysrhythmias
- Seizures
Deep sedation

- Emergency medicine
- Pulmonary medicine
- Critical care
- Oral maxillary facial surgery
- Or demonstrated advanced airway expertise and intubation skill

Case #1: 52 year-old man with a lung mass and cough referred for bronchoscopy
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| Case #3: 50 year-old man with HIV on anti-retroviral medications needs a colonoscopy |
Case #4: 23 year-old undergoing dental procedure requires oxygen then develops bradycardia

Case #5: 21 year-old man with pneumothorax needs a chest tube
Case #6: patient with atrial fibrillation needs external cardioversion

Case #7: after TEE, patient develops cyanosis, headache, and SaO2 = 85%. Blood looks brown
## Key Points

- Sedation is a continuum defined by the degree of impairment, not by a specific drug
- A history and physical with attention to airway assessment must be completed prior to sedation
- Sedation consent is required
- Bradycardia during sedation = respiratory acidosis until proven otherwise

## Key Points

- Midazolam and fentanyl are the appropriate drugs for most procedures
- Meperidine should no longer be used
- IV and topical anesthetics require a physician order
- Beware of methemoglobinemia