

## **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**

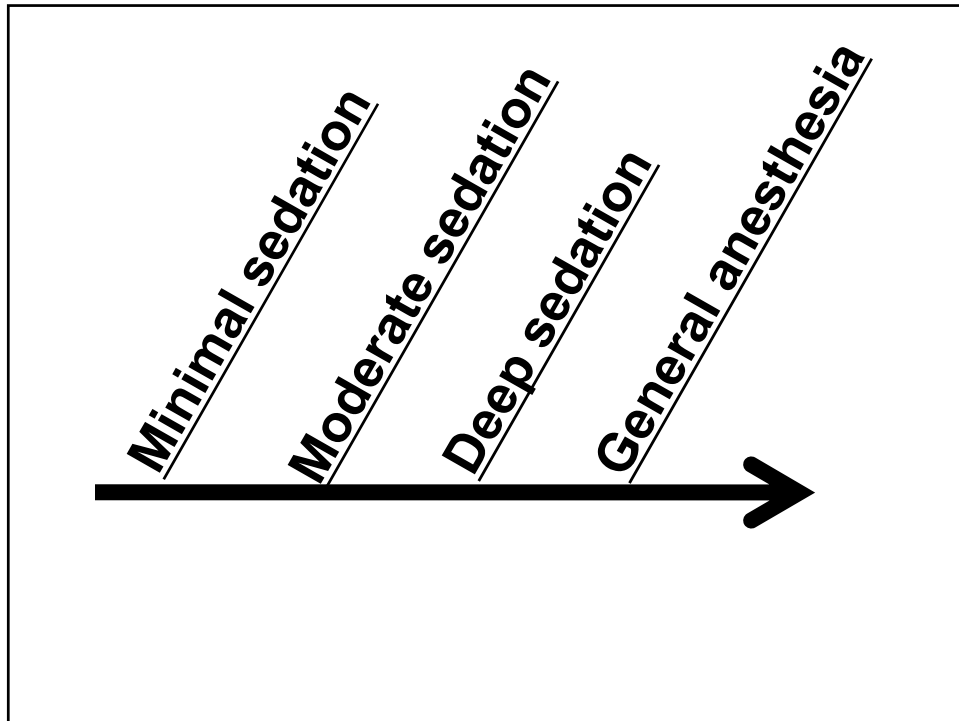
- **Depressed consciousness**
- **Patients respond purposefully to verbal commands**
- **No interventions are required to maintain airway**
- **Spontaneous ventilation is adequate**
- **Cardiovascular function is usually maintained**

# **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

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

Yes to 3 or more = increased 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**

**P1 - normal healthy patient**

**P2 – mild systemic disease**

**P3 – severe systemic disease**

**P4 – severe systemic disease that is a  
constant threat to life**

**P5 – moribund and likely to die**

**P6 – brain dead organ donor**

## **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**

# Coding and billing for sedation

- For the physician doing both the procedure and the sedation:
  - ✓ 99152: Initial 15 minutes of sedation services
  - ✓ 99153: Each subsequent 15 minutes of sedation services
- For the physician doing only the sedation:
  - ✓ 99156: Initial 15 minutes of sedation services
  - ✓ 99157: Each subsequent 15 minutes of sedation services

## 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 or 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

# **Causes of Difficulty**

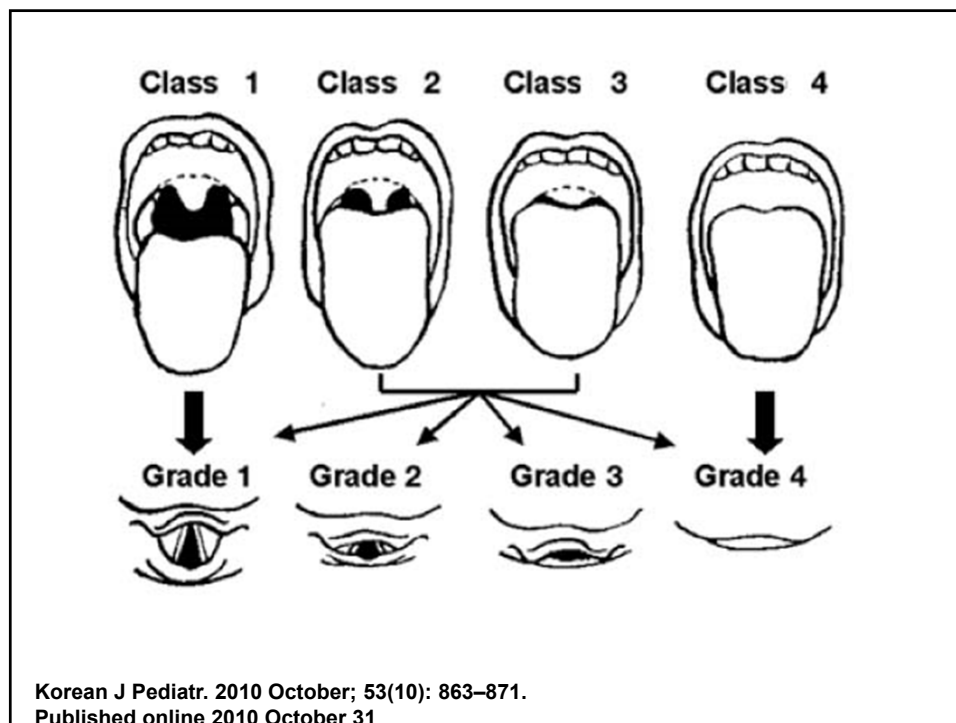
- **Acquired**
  - **Acute neck swelling:** trauma, infection, post-operative bleeding
  - **Restricted jaw opening:** Trismus, fibrosis, rheumatoid arthritis, mandibular fracture
  - **Restricted neck movement:** osteoarthritis, scarring, C-spine tumor, ankylosing spondylitis

## **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**

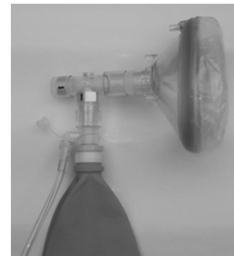
## **Video of Airway Examination**



## **Airway Management**

# Supplemental Oxygen

- Nasal cannula
- Simple mask
- Non-rebreather mask



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# 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



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## 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 (taxi 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  $t_{1/2}$**

## **Opioids**

### **Adverse Effects**

- **Respiratory depression**
- **Hypotension**
- **Miosis**
- **Decreased GI motility**
- **Urinary retention**

## **Opioids**

### **Estimated IV Potency**

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

# 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  $t_{1/2}$  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- $\beta$  hydroxylase**
- **Blocks cortisol production**
- **Myoclonus (up to 33%)**
- **Injection site pain (30-80%)**
  - ✓ **Propylene glycol**
- **Minimal effect on hemodynamics**
- **Decreases ICP and seizure threshold**

# **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
- ✓ Less common in < 15 yrs and > 65 yrs
- ✓ Less frequent with IM administration
- ✓ Minimize verbal, tactile, visual stimulation during recover
- ✓ ?pretreat with BZD or butyrophenone

## Ketamine

- Emergence reaction (12- 50%)
- Hypersalivation ? pretreat?
- 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 OSUWMC physician must be credentialed for deep sedation**
- **Cardiovascular depressant – hypotension!**

# Propofol

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

# 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 (ablation, hysteroscopy, etc)

# 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

# Approaches Being Explored

- **Alternative routes of administration**
  - ✓ **Intranasal**
  - ✓ **Nebulized**
- **Alternative combinations of medications**
  - ✓ **Ketamine + Propofol**
  - ✓ **Ketamine + Dexmedetomidine**

	Onset (Min)	Peak (Min)	Duration (Min)	Elimination
Fentanyl	Immed	Immed	30-60	Hepatic
Midazolam	1-2	2-2.5	30	Hepatic + (Renal)
Etomidate	<1	1	3-5	Hepatic
Ketamine	1	1	15-20	Hepatic Active Metabolite
Methohexital	Immed	Immed	10-20	Hepatic
Propofol	½	1	3-10	Hepatic
Dexmedetomidine			4 hours	Hepatic

	Amnestic	Analgesic	Anxiolytic
Benzodiazepines	+	-	+
Opioids	-	+	-/+
Etomidate	+	-	+
Ketamine	+	+	Dissociative properties
Methohexital	-	-	+
Propofol	+/-	-	+
Dexmedetomidine	+	+	+

## Recommended Agents at OSUWMC

- Midazolam ± fentanyl agents of choice
- Propofol limited to physicians credentialed in deep sedation
- Meperidine not for routine use
- Alternative agents used by physician experienced in their use

# Dose

- **No universally safe & effective dose**
- **Variable dose requirements**
  - ✓ **Age (especially >65 yrs)**
  - ✓ **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**



## **Fentanyl: Typical Initial Regimen\***

- 25-100 micrograms SLOW IVP
- IVP over *at 1 - 2 minutes*
- Dilute to permit slower administration
- *Additional doses in 2 minutes if needed*
- Administer prior to midazolam if using combination regimen

\*Dose is highly variable

## **Midazolam: Typical Initial Regimen\***

- 0.2 – 2.5 mg IVP
- IVP over *at least 2 minutes*
- Dilute to permit slower administration
- *Additional dose(s) in 3 minutes if needed*
- Administer after opioid if using combination regimen

\*Dose is highly variable

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

## **Flumazenil**

- **Onset of action 1-2 minutes**
- **Half life 41-79 minutes**
- **Flumazenil use requires 90 min monitored recovery time**
- **Hepatic clearance**

# **Flumazenil**

- **Adverse Effects**
  - ✓ **Seizures**
  - ✓ **Panic attacks and emotional lability**
  - ✓ **Withdrawal symptoms**
  - ✓ **Dizziness**
- **Reversal of Procedural Sedation**
  - ✓ **0.2mg IVP q 1 min prn to MAX of 1mg**
  - ✓ **Repeat every 20 min as needed**

# **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**

# Naloxone

- **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

## Moderate and Deep Sedation

# **Deep sedation**

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

**Case #1: 50 year-old  
man undergoing  
screening  
colonoscopy**

**Case #2: 60 year-old  
woman with COPD  
exacerbation and  
respiratory failure  
requiring intubation**

**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 SaO<sub>2</sub> = 85%.  
Blood looks brown**