

## **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**

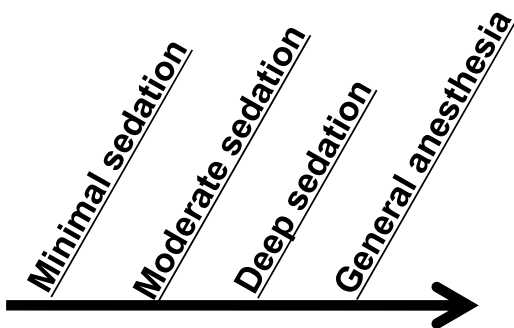
- **Depressed consciousness**
- **Patients respond purposefully to verbal commands**
- **No interventions are required to maintain airway**
- **Spontaneous ventilation is adequate**
- **Cardiovascular function is usually maintained**

## Deep Sedation

- Depressed consciousness
- Patients cannot be easily aroused but will respond after repeated or painful stimuli
- Ventilatory function may be impaired
- May require 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 = 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

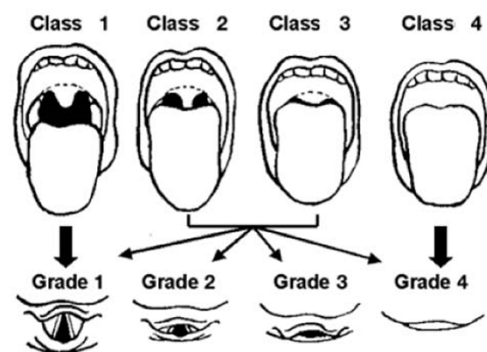
- **Acquired**
  - Acute neck swelling: trauma, infection, post-operative bleeding
  - Restricted jaw opening: Trismus, fibrosis, rheumatoid arthritis, mandibular fracture
  - Restricted neck movement: osteoarthritis, scarring, C-spine tumor, ankylosing spondylitis

## 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



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## 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  $\frac{1}{2}$**

## 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  $\frac{1}{2}$

## **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<sub>2</sub> 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**