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Maintaining and improving skills in fibreoptic intubation

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Study information

Scientific Title

Maintaining and improving skills in fibreoptic intubation

Study objectives
How frequently do anaesthetists need to perform fibreoptic intubation in order to maintain or improve their endoscopy skills?

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
Not provided at time of registration

Study design
Randomised controlled trial

Primary study design
Interventional

Secondary study design
Randomised controlled trial

Study setting(s)
Hospital

Study type(s)
Treatment

Participant information sheet
Not available in web format, please use the contact details below to request a patient information sheet

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied
Surgery: Anaethesia

Interventions
Specifically for research purposes.
45 consultant anaesthetists, based at University Hospital Birmingham, who have performed few or no fibreoptic intubations over the last 3 years, will be studied. Each one will perform 15 fibreoptic orotracheal intubations with a videoendoscope, in elective surgical patients, ASA groups 1 or 11, who need orotracheal intubation as part of their anaesthetic management, under the supervision of an anaesthetist experienced in the technique. Each patient will receive a standard anaesthetic induction and will be treated with isoflurane in 100% oxygen for 2-3 minutes before intubation. The instructor will give
demonstrations, advice, feedback guidance and direct assistance as necessary. The time taken for the fibrescope tip to pass from the mouth to the carina will be noted and recorded. If the oxygen saturation falls below 97% at any time, or the ECG or BP readings fall outside normal limits or if there is any cause for concern about the patient's safety or if the consultant under refresher training is unable to complete the endoscopy within 60 seconds, the instructor will take over and complete the intubation. When the first 15 endoscopies have been performed, learning curves will be constructed for each anaesthetist.

Each anaesthetist will then be randomly allocated to one of three groups. The first group of anaesthetists will perform one intubation every three months, the second group will perform one intubation per month and the third group will perform one intubation per week, again under the supervision of an experienced endoscopist, under the conditions described previously. After one year, each member of each group will then perform a further 15 intubations under the same conditions as before.

The group learning curves will be compiled and compared. The statistical analysis will be performed by Craig Ramsay, Senior Statistician, Health Services Research Unit, University of Aberdeen and will determine which group's skills (if any) have improved, remained stable or deteriorated.

Intervention Type
Procedure/Surgery

Phase
Not Specified

Primary outcome measure
Not provided at time of registration

Secondary outcome measures
Not provided at time of registration

Overall study start date
22/02/2002

Completion date
22/02/2008

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
The anaesthetists involved will all be consultants based at University Hospital Birmingham. They will be those who have performed few or no fibreoptic intubations over the last 3 years, but who have a strong desire to develop and maintain proficiency in this field.

The patients involved will be elective general, orthopaedic, plastic, gynaecological, ENT or maxillofacial surgical patients, ASA group 1 or 11, aged 16 to 65, who require orotracheal intubation as part of their anaesthetic management and who give informed consent.

Participant type(s)
Patient

Age group
Not Specified

Sex
Not Specified

Target number of participants
45 consultant anaesthetists

Key exclusion criteria
Patients with morbid obesity, oesophageal reflux or expected to present difficult intubation will not be included.

Date of first enrolment
22/02/2002

Date of final enrolment
22/02/2008

Locations

Countries of recruitment
England

United Kingdom

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Funder(s)

Funder type
Hospital/treatment centre

Funder Name
University Hospital Birmingham NHS Trust (UK)

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NHS R&D Support Funding

Results and Publications

Publication and dissemination plan
Not provided at time of registration

Intention to publish date

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary
Not provided at time of registration