

ANAESTHESIA

1 ANAESTHESIA PART-1



- Anesthesia
 - An: No
 - Esthesia: sensation
 - Anaesthesia = No sensation

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History of Anaesthesia

- **WTG MORTON: Father** of Modern Anaesthesia
- Morton gave the public demonstration of Ether Anaesthesia
- 16th Oct 1846: World Anaesthesia Day
- August Bier father of spinal Anaesthesia
- IVRA is also called as **Biers block**
- Horace Wells gave the clinical demonstration of N2O anesthesia



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Techniques of Anaesthesia

- **Types of Anaesthesia**
 - Local
 - Spinal
 - Epidural
 - Nerve Block
 - General Anaesthesia
- **Local Anaesthesia**
 - A small area made numb
 - Ex: Root canal of a tooth
- **Spinal Anaesthesia:** Below umbilicus short-duration surgery
- **Epidural Anaesthesia**
 - Below umbilical long-duration surgery
 - Pain relieving techniques
 - Above umbilical surgeries
- **Nerve Block Anaesthesia**
 - **Plexus of nerve**
 - Can give local anaesthesia
 - Ex: Brachial, femoral plexus block
- **General Anaesthesia**
 - Different from all types of Anaesthesia
 - The patient will be unconscious

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Pre Anaesthetic Check Up

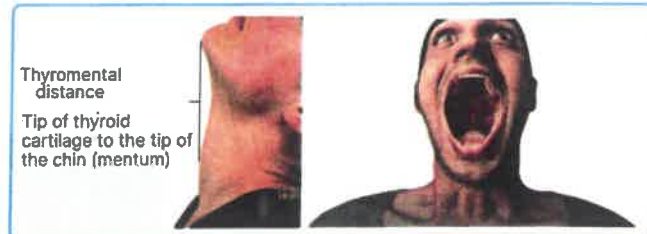
- Before giving Anaesthesia need to do PAC
- 4 important things to look at in PAC are:
- Airway Assessment, HB (Haemoglobin), Fasting status, history of comorbidities

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1. Airway Assessment

- **The most important** of all 4 steps in PAC
- Thorough airway Assessment - prevents many anaesthesia-related deaths
- Common cause of death during anaesthesia - Failure to intubate or failure to secure the airway

- **Things to do in Airway Assessment**
 - Tell the patient to open the mouth
 - As he open's the mouth (look for 2 parameters)
 - As he lift the chin (look for 2 parameters)
 - Mallampati classification and interincisor distance



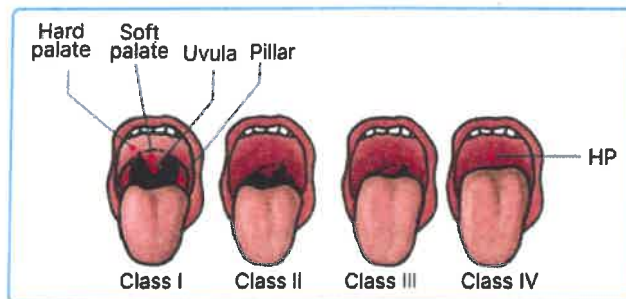
Mallampati Classification

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- Tell the patient to open the mouth
- If the doctor is able to see all the structures in the patient's mouth
- Then the patient has adequate space
- Put the **laryngoscope** and lift the tongue for intubation
- **Visual classification** of the structures - Mallampati classification

A. MP class 1

- Structures visible
 - Hard palate
 - Soft palate
 - Uvula
 - Tip of uvula
 - **Tonsillar pillars** visible



B. MP class 2

- Structures visible
 - Hard palate
 - Soft palate
 - Uvula
 - Tonsillar pillars
- Structure not visible: **Tip of the uvula**

C. MP class 3

- Structures visible
 - Hard palate
 - Soft palate
- Patients with MP class 3 has less space to put a laryngoscope - difficult to intubate

D. MP class 4

- Structures visible
 - Hard palate
- Patients with MP class 4 has less space to put laryngoscope -difficult to intubate

E. MP Class 0

- Structures visible
 - Hard palate
 - Soft palate

- Uvula
- Tip of uvula
- Tonsillar pillars
- Tip of Epiglottis

Inter Incisor Classification

- The distance between the upper and lower incisor is called Inter incisor distance
- Normal value : 4-5 cms <3cm: Difficult Intubation
- Low Inter-incisor Distance: The best way to secure the airway is Tracheostomy
- Lift the chin (Look for 2 parameters)
- Look for the distance between the mentum and the thyroid cartilage- Thyromental distance
- Look for the distance between the mentum and the sternal notch - **sternomental distance**
- Normal thyromental distance - >6.5 cm
- Normal sternomental distance - double the thyromental - >12.5 cm



2. Fasting status

- Important to be in a fasting state before anaesthesia
- To prevent the risk of aspiration
- Applied for all anaesthesia
- Adults:
 - Solid food: 8 hrs
 - Semi-solid food: 6 hrs
 - Liquid: 2 hrs
- Children on **liquid water**: 2 hrs
- Children on mother's milk: 4 hrs
- Children on **formula feed**: 6 hrs

3. History of comorbidities

- Asking about the diseases the patient is suffering
- **Medications given:**
 - Most of the A's medications can be given before surgery
 - Aspirin **75 mg** - can be continued
 - Only stop Aspirin - Neurosurgery and retinal surgery
 - Anti-anginal drugs can be continued
 - Anti-epileptic medications - continued
 - Anti-thyroid can be continued
 - Anti-lipidemic or dyslipidemic can be continued
- **Medication Stopped before surgery**
 - **Mnemonic:** Hot MLC women
 - H - Heparin: before 6 hrs to surgery
 - Herbal Medication: before 6 weeks to surgery
 - O - oral hypoglycemic drugs stopped on the day of Surgery
 - OC pills - 3 to 4 weeks to surgery
 - T - TCA: before 3 weeks to surgery
 - T- Ticlopidine: 14 days before surgery
 - M- monoamine oxidase inhibitor : 3 to 4 weeks before surgery
 - L- lithium: 24 to 48 hrs before surgery
 - C - clopidogrel: 8 days before surgery
 - W- warfarin: 3 to 5 days before surgery

Certificate

- After PAC, can provide a certificate (ASA) to patients
- **ASA** - American Society of Anesthesiology

ASA Classification

- **ASA class 1**
 - The patient is free from systemic illness
 - Diabetes, BP, hypertension, heart disease
 - **No comorbidities**
- **ASA class 2**
 - Having systemic illness- well under control
 - Ex: diabetic - FBL-90, pbs- 120
- **ASA class 3**
 - Having systemic illness- not under control
 - Ex: Diabetic: FBL-200, pbs 380
- **ASA class 4**
 - Having systemic illness - a constant threat to his life
 - EX: having a history of recent stroke or **coronary artery disease**
- **ASA class 5**
 - Moribund patient - multiple comorbidities
 - EX: ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm
- **ASA class 6**
 - Brain dead patient
- Add suffix 'E' depends on the emergency
- EX: A lady has a ruptured ectopic pregnancy management having no comorbidities - **class 'IE'**

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Local Anesthetics

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- Local anesthetics are the drugs that can be given in
 - Local anaesthesia
 - Spinal anaesthesia
 - Below umbilical region small duration surgeries
 - Epidural anaesthesia
 - Below umbilical region long-duration surgeries
 - Nerve blocks
 - Brachial plexus
- Except: General anaesthesia
- These agents cause **reversible** loss of pain sensation
- They block "**Na⁺ channels**"
 - The non-ionized form of Local Anaesthetics enter into Nerve Terminals.
 - Ionized forms block Na channels
- Classified as
 - Aminoesters
 - Aminoamides

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A. Aminoesters (one 'I')

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- Examples
 - Cocaine
 - First introduced local anaesthesia for eye surgery and spinal anaesthesia
 - **Never used as i.v**
 - Severe vasoconstriction
 - Procaine
 - Safest LA in malignant hyperthermia
 - Tetracaine
 - Benzocaine
 - Chlorprocaine
 - **Shortest acting LA**
- These aminoester's drugs cause allergic reaction in patients
- Normally metabolized in plasma by **Plasma pseudochoolinesterase**
- Some are metabolized to PABA (Para amino benzoic acid)
 - Procaine
 - Benzocaine } Causes allergic reaction

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B. Aminoamides (two 'I')

- Examples
 - Lignocaine
 - Bupivacaine
 - The most commonly used LA in spinal anaesthesia
 - Longer-acting than lignocaine
 - **Most cardiotoxic LA**
 - Cardiac arrest: Adrenaline
 - Ropivacaine

- **Enantiomer of Bupivacaine**
- Less potent
- Dibucaine
 - Longest acting LA
 - Used for Dibucaine number test
 - Not for anaesthesia
- Prilocaine
 - Commonly used for
 - Surface anaesthesia
 - **EMLA cream**, eutectic mixture
 - Pediatric cannula insertion
 - IVRA
 - In addition to lignocaine
 - Contraindicated in neonates
 - Risk of Methemoglobinemia

Regional Anaesthesia

- 2 parts
 - Central neuraxial block
 - Spinal anaesthesia
 - Epidural anaesthesia
 - Caudal anaesthesia
 - Pediatric cases
 - Caudal epidural space
 - Saddle anaesthesia
 - Form of spinal anaesthesia
 - The patient is made to sit for perianal surgeries
 - Peripheral nerve block
 - Brachial plexus block
 - Stellate ganglion block
 - Femoral/Ankle plexus block

A. Central Neuraxial Block

1. Spinal Anaesthesia

- Indication: used for below umbilical short-duration surgery
 - Appendectomy
 - LSCS
 - Hernia
 - Hydrocele
- **Duration: 2-3 hours**
- The patient is made to sit and choose a space for inserting the needle
 - Locate Tuffier's line
- Given below spinal cord
- Sitting or lateral position
- Clean the site, locate the site
- Site: **L3-L5 space**
 - L4, L5 easy to identify
- Landmark: Tuffier's line
 - Keep hands on the highest point of the iliac crest back of the patient
- Introduce the **Dura separating needle**
 - A thin bore

Important Information

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- AKA: Lidocaine/Xylocaine
- Most commonly used LA worldwide
 - IVRA
 - The most common LA to cause malignant hyperthermia
- Dose:
 - Plain: 4.5 mg/kg
 - With adrenaline: 7 mg/kg
- High dose 9 mg/kg
 - CNS neurotoxicity
 - Perioral numbness
 - First sign
 - Tremors
 - Seizures
 - Respiratory arrest
 - Cardiac arrest
- Management of Lignocaine systemic toxicity
 - Seizures: antiepileptics
 - Respiratory arrest: intubate, and ventilate the patient
 - Antidote: 20% Intralipid solution
 - Precisely used in Bupivacaine toxicity

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- **Layers pierced in Spinal Anaesthesia**
 - Skin → Subcutaneous tissue → Supraspinous ligament → Inter/Intra/Infra spinous ligament → Ligamentum flavum (toughest ligament) → feel snap/sudden loss of resistance → Dura → Arachnoid membrane (last layer) → Subarachnoid space (CSF)
- **Barbotage:** Aspirate CSF back into syringe
 - 0.5-1 ml CSF
- Inject local anaesthetic into CSF
- The most commonly used LA in spinal anaesthesia is Bupivacaine
 - 2nd common: Lignocaine
- Additives: Opioids
 - Fentanyl
 - Morphine
 - Sufentanil
 - Alfentanil
- **Avoid: Remifentanil**
 - Contains neurotoxic preservatives
- Side effects of Spinal opioids
 - Respiratory depression
 - Nausea
 - Vomiting
 - Pruritus (most common)
- Prepare for complications of spinal Anaesthesia after injection
- Emergency drug tray
 - Phenylephrine
 - Atropine
 - Pethidine
 - Laryngoscopy/ET tube/Adrenaline

Important Information

Additives used in local anaesthesia is Adrenaline

Complications Of Spinal Anaesthesia

- Divided into 2 types
 - Intra OP
 - Post OP
- **Intra OP complications**
 - **Hypotension**
 - Most common
 - Sympathetic blocking due to spinal Anaesthesia
 - **Block adrenal gland**
 - Bradycardia
 - Shivering
 - Vasodilation in the lower limb
 - High spinal Anaesthesia
 - The achieved level drug is higher than the desired level
 - Drug to act on T6, but ascends to T4
 - **Hypotension and Bradycardia is seen**
 - Total spinal Anaesthesia
 - Drugs ascended to the intracranial segment
 - Features of High spinal Anaesthesia, Respiratory depression, also cardiac arrest can occur
 - Respiratory depression → Cardiac arrest (least common)
- Post OP complications
 - Acute urinary retention
 - Most common post OP complications

- Due to Blockage of sacral segments
- Headache
 - Caused due to **Thick bore needle**
 - Loss of CSF
 - Traction develops in the brain
 - Compress **6th cranial nerve**
 - Rare now
- Cranial nerve damage
 - 6th nerve palsy

Management of Intra OP Complications of Spinal Anaesthesia

- Phenylephrine is **DOC** for Hypotension
 - Ephedrine is also given
 - Contraindicated in Pregnancy
 - Cause fetal acidosis
- Atropine is **DOC** for Bradycardia
- Pethidine is **DOC** in shivering
 - **Contraindicated in MOA inhibitors users**
 - Severe Sympathomimetic reaction
- High spinal anaesthesia
 - Hypotension: Phenylephrine
 - Bradycardia: Atropine
- Total spinal anaesthesia
 - Hypotension: Phenylephrine
 - Bradycardia: Atropine
 - Respiratory depression
 - Laryngoscopy/ET tube
 - Airway secured
 - if the airway not secured, cardiac arrest develops
 - Adrenaline is given

Management of Post OP Complications of Spinal anaesthesia

- The best management of headaches in spinal anaesthesia is
 - Conservative line of management
 - Coffee
 - NSAIDs
 - IV fluids
 - Definitive management
 - **Epidural blood patch**

Contraindications of Spinal anaesthesia

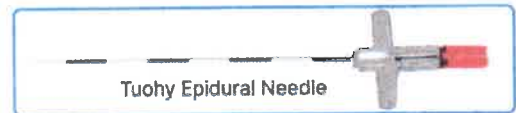
- Even if the patient is posted for below umbilicus short-duration surgery, it is contraindicated in
 - Shock
 - Hypotension (80/50 mmHg)
 - Reduces to 40/20 mmHg
 - **Absolute contraindications**
 - Raised Intracranial pressure (ICP)
 - CSF jet out
 - Herniation of meninges
 - Local site infection
 - Skin infection of L3-L5 space

- Refusal from patient
- Fixed cardiac output lesions
- Low platelet count
- Coagulopathies

2. Epidural anaesthesia

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- Indication: Most commonly used for **below umbilical long-duration surgeries**
 - Total hip replacement
 - Total knee replacement
- In spinal, single shot technique is used
- In epidural, the needle enters into epidural space, and a catheter is placed
- One end of the catheter is in epidural space, other end is lying outside
- Top-up doses of the drug are given through the catheter
- Length: 9-10 cm



Layers Involved: Skin → Subcutaneous tissue → Supraspinous ligament → Inter/Intra/Infra spinous ligament → Ligamentum flavum (toughest ligament) → feel snap/sudden loss of resistance (last layer) → Dura

- Drugs: Bupivacaine, Lignocaine
- Dose is decreased
- Epidural anaesthesia is also used for painless labor
 - Catheter is placed, and Bupivacaine is given
 - 0.0625%-0.125%
 - Cause sensory block
 - Motor activity is intact

3. Caudal anaesthesia

- Given in **pediatric cases**
- At the level of Sacral hiatus
 - Caudal epidural space

4. Saddle anaesthesia

- After spinal Anaesthesia, the patient is **made to sit for 8 mins**
- Perineal surgery needs an anesthetic effect in the pelvis region
 - Fistula
 - Anal fissures
 - Hemorrhoids

B. Peripheral Nerve Block

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1. Brachial Plexus Block

