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Hypoxemia a Critical Point to be Consider during Anaesthesia and Surgical Care

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Humans can only survive for a few minutes without oxygen, which is why it is such an important element for life. In order to sustain homeostasis in the body, there must be a balance between oxygen demand and delivery. The respiratory and cardiovascular systems are the two main organ systems responsible for oxygen supply in the body and maintaining homeostasis. Hypoxemia and its negative repercussions would result if any of these two functions abnormally. Hypoxemia can be caused by a variety of factors, but the most common underlying cause is a ventilation/perfusion mismatch. The current review will concentrate on the definition, aetiology, mechanisms, and treatment of hypoxemia in humans. Hypoxemia is characterised by a drop in the partial pressure of oxygen in the blood, whereas hypoxia is characterised by a reduction in tissue oxygenation. It could be caused by either a lack of oxygen delivery or a lack of oxygen use by the tissues. Hypoxia and hypoxemia do not necessarily go hand in hand. If there is a compensatory rise in haemoglobin level and cardiac output, patients can develop hypoxemia without hypoxia (CO). Hypoxia without hypoxemia can also possible. Despite normal blood and tissue oxygen levels, cells in cyanide poisoning are unable to use oxygen. Flexible bronchoscopy is known to cause oxygen desaturation, which is more prevalent when bronchoalveolar lavage is conducted. Flexible bronchoscopy is a safe treatment with few serious side effects when performed under controlled settings. Despite the use of supplementary oxygen, significant hypoxemia can occur during flexible bronchoscopy. Hypoxemia can induce symptoms such as respiratory discomfort in an emergency situation. Breathlessness, a faster pace of breathing, the utilisation of the chest and abdominal muscles to breathe, and lip pursing are all examples. Chronic hypoxemia can be compensated or uncompensated, depending on the circumstances. The compensation may disguise symptoms at first, but more sickness or stress, such as an increase in oxygen demand, may eventually reveal the existing hypoxemia. Blood arteries feeding less-ventilated parts of the lung may selectively contract in a compensated state to redirect blood to areas of the lungs that are better ventilated. However, if the lungs are not sufficiently ventilated in general, this process can cause pulmonary hypertension, overloading the right ventricle of the heart and producing cor pulmonale and right sided heart failure. Polycythemia is another possibility. Hypoxia can cause stunted growth, neurological and motor development, as well as poor sleep quality and frequent sleep arousals. Other hypoxemia symptoms include cyanosis, digital clubbing, and symptoms related to the hypoxemia's source, such as cough and hemoptysis. The beginning of the steep region of the oxygen–hemoglobin dissociation curve, where a little fall in the partial pressure of oxygen leads in a big decrease in the oxygen content of the blood, is when the partial pressure of oxygen in blood is less than 60 mmHg. Respiratory failure can result from severe hypoxia. Hypoxemia is defined as a lack of oxygen in the blood. Hypoxemia can be caused by any factor that affects the rate or amount of air entering the lungs (ventilation) or the transfer of air from the lungs to the blood. Hypoxemia can be caused by a variety of factors, including respiratory problems and cardiovascular issues such shunts. Hypoventilation, ventilation/perfusion mismatch, right-to-left shunt, diffusion impairment, and low partial pressure of oxygen are the five types of etiologies that induce hypoxemia. A normal alveolar–arterial gradient is related with low partial pressure of oxygen and hypoventilation, whereas an elevated A-a gradient is associated with the other categories. There will not be enough oxygen transported to the alveoli for the body's usage if alveolar ventilation is poor. Even if the lungs are normal, hypoxemia can occur because of a problem with the brainstem's ventilation regulation or the body's inability to breathe adequately. The rate of breathing and the depth of each breath are influenced by centres in the medulla, which control respiration. The amount of carbon dioxide in the blood is affected by central and peripheral chemoreceptors in the central nervous system, as well as the carotid and aortic bodies, respectively. When the breathing centre doesn't work properly or the signal isn't appropriate, hypoxia occurs. Strokes, seizures, and cervical neck fractures can all harm the medullary respiratory centres, which create rhythmic impulses and convey them to the diaphragm, the breathing muscle, via the phrenic nerve. Metabolic alkalosis, or a lack of carbon dioxide in the blood, can also cause a decrease in respiratory drive. Central sleep apnea is a type of obstructive sleep apnea The brain's respiratory centres can cease their activity during sleep, resulting in protracted episodes of apnea with potentially fatal effects. Hyperventilation followed by a period of retaining your breath. Some swimmers attempt hyperventilation to lower the amount of carbon dioxide in their lungs. This lessens the desire to take a breath. It does, however, mean that lowering blood oxygen levels are not detected, which can lead to hypoxemia. Hypoxemia is caused by a variety of ways such as V/Q mismatch, right- to-left shunt, diffusion impairment, hypoventilation, and low inspired PO2 are some of these conditions. 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