### ENT Emergencies Pearls & Pitfalls

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### **Objectives**



At the end of this workshop you will be able to:

- Describe an evidence based step-wise approach to the management of epistaxis
- Identify a variety of tools and techniques that may be used to remove FBs from the ear & nose
- Describe approaches to the management of auricular hematomas
- Describe an approach to reducing jaw dislocations





Ice in mouth can reduce nasal mucosal blood flow by 23%

HTN? No evidence that HTN triggers epistaxis, more likely reactive

Check INR? Check INR in patients on coumadin if bleeding > minor, but if controlled (anterior) in ED do NOT hold dose



#### **StepWIZE Approach to Epistaxis**





#### Visualize & Anesthetize



- Get patient to blow out clots
- Oxymetazoline + lido 1:1 cotton soaked pledget X5min while clamping nostrils



**PEARL:** Use Oxymetazoline over Cocaine or Epi



#### Cauterize



- Must achieve hemostasis first
- One side only, 5 sec x2 max
- If works apply petroleum jelly/Abx ointment + detailed d/c instructions





**PEARL:** Consider intranasal tranexamic acid for patients with bleeding disorders

### Tamponize

#### Merocel



#### Rapid Rhino

## Soak >30 sec in H20, Avoid lubricants Inflate w <u>AIR</u>

#### Rhino Rocket

**PEARL:** Consider Surgicel/Gel Foam in coagulopathic patients



## Tamponize

- Ensure placed enough posteriorly
  Prophylactic Abx <u>not</u> necessary
- Remove in 48-72hrs
- Rehydrate prior to removal

#### Tamponize: The Posterior Pack



#### **Pitfall:** Filling balloons all the way

- IV Pain meds!
- Lubricate with Abx ointment & place along floor of nasal cavity as far back as possible
- Inflate 1/2way (5cc) then pull against middle turbinate
- Slowly fill rest of balloon (<5cc), STOP if pain</li>
- Inflate anterior balloon
   <30cc</li>

#### Tamponize: The Posterior Pack

- 12F foley inserted through naris into posterior pharynx
- Inflate balloon <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> way with 5cc NS
- Slowly pull it against middle turbinate and inflate another 5cc
- Place bilateral anterior packs



**Pitfall:** Causing Alar Necrosis





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#### What Are We Putting in Our Ears? A Consumer Product Analysis of Aural Foreign Bodies

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## Bayonet Large Ear Alligator Forceps Forceps Speculum Nasal Speculums

**Suction Tips** 

**Suction Cleaner** 



## Nasal FB Removal

- Lighting (head lamp or assistant)
- Proper placement of nasal speculum or hold tip of nose up
- Oxymetazoline/ Lidocaine 1:1

**Pitfall:** Using liquids in button batteries!





#### L-Hook







## Nasal FB Removal



- Alligator/Bayonet forceps
- L-Hook
- Suction tip catheter
- Positive Air Pressure
  - "Parent's Kiss" >60% success!
  - High Flow O2 with nasal prongs
  - Bag Valve Mask



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- Katz Extractor

Katz Extractor.

#### OTO-RHINO FOREIGN BODY REMOVER

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1 Insert Einführen / Insertar / Insérer / Inserire / Insteken / Inserir



Contraction of the

2 Inflate Aufpumpen / Inflar / Gonflet / Gonflare / Opblazen



3 Extract Herausnehmen / Extraer / Extraire / Estrarre / Verwijderen / Extrair



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## STEP ONE



## STEP TWO

**Pearl:** Use a 5F fogarty embolectomy catheter in place of a katz

EXTRACT



## Nasal FB Removal



- Alligator/Bayonet forceps
- L-Hook
- Suction tip catheter
- Positive Air Pressure
- Katz Extractor
- Tissue Adhesive



#### Nasal FB Removal

• Refer: Posterior FBs Chronic/ impacted Penetrating FB Failed 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt



#### **Pitfall:** Not checking the other naris/ears





### Ear FB Removal



- Small alligator/bayonet forceps (cotton)
- L-Hook (beads with hole)
- Glue (good for smooth round objects difficult to grasp)
- Suction tip catheter (esp round objects)
- Irrigation (if TM intact) and object not prone to swell (good for dirt)
- Mineral Oil or Lidocaine to kill insects



<u>Pearl:</u> Use a larger ear speculum or a <u>nasal</u> speculum to better visualize FBs in the ear



### Ear FB Removal



- Ciprodex if trauma to external canal
- Urgent Referral:
  - Button battery
  - Penetrating FBs (bobby pin, pencil etc.)
  - TM injury (otorrhea, vestibular symptoms)
- Elective Referral:
  - Sharp edged FB (glass)
  - FB against TM
  - Spherical or tightly wedged FB
  - Failed 2nd attempt





#### Auricular Hematomas



- Shearing forces
- Subperichondial hematoma separates perichondrium from cartilage
- Development of new cartilage deforms auricle (Cauliflower ear)



#### **Auricular Nerve Block**

- 10CC of 1% lidocaine w25-27G 1.5"needle
- "Diamond block": Inject just below the ear posteriorly up to 5cc then redirect anteriorly up to 5cc (form a V)
- Inject just above the ear in same way (an inverted V)



**PEARL:** Epi <u>can</u> be used



Auricular Hematomas



- Incise edge of hematoma along natural skin fold with 15Blade
   Separate skin from perichondrium and express hematoma with small hemostat
- Irrigate with NS using 18G angiocath

**Pitfalls:** Managing with needle aspiration



#### Reassess in 24hrs for reaccumlation





#### **Plaster Bolster**



- Michelle Lin's "Trick of the Trade"
- Plaster mold
- Dressing with "beanie hat"

#### **Plaster Bolster**



Tip by Dr Michelle Lin

### **Beanie Hat Dressing**



Tip by Dr Eric Silman







#### Bolsterless Technique





 Allows sooner return to sports • Easier care in children (no bulky dressing) Can shower in 48hrs

#### **Bolsterless Technique**

- 5-o plain/fast gut
- Stabilize the auricular skin overlying the hematoma with through and through horizontal mattress sutures
- Aim for complete apposition of perichondrium to cartilage to close dead space



The Laryngoscope



**Pearl:** Make sutures a little loose so they don't tear through swollen tissue



#### **TMJ Dislocation**

- Anterior dislocation most common
- Yawning, laughing, dental work





## **TMJ Dislocation**



- Traditional Method
  New External Method
- Hands Free Method



A. Downward and anterior traction followed by

B. Superior repositioning

- C. Pulling anteriorly while asking the patient to open
- D. Unilateral Maneuver

#### **Extraoral Approach**



http://emedicine.medscape.com/article/823775-treatment#d10

#### "New External Method"

- Annals of Plastic Sugery Aug 2009
- Disadvantages of Traditional Method
  - Risk of being bitten
  - Patient discomfort
  - Frequent need for sedation/analgesia

Thumb placed just above the anteriorly displaced coronoid process (black arrow), & the fingers are placed behind the mastoid process (gray arrow) Simultaneously on the R side, fingers hold & rotate anteriorly the mandible angle (black arrow) & thumb is placed over malar eminence as a fulcrum (gray arrow)

(Ann Plast Surg 2009;63: 000–000)

#### **External Technique**

- 1. Pull angle of mandible anteriorly with your fingers while your thumb acts as a fulcrum
- 2. Apply steady pressure on the coronoid process of the other side, with the fingers behind the mastoid process providing counteracting force
- 3. As you rotate the dislocated TMJ is usually reduced on the one side
- 4. The other side will usually go back spontaneously







- 29 people in each group
- Conventional Method 25/29
  - 1/4 New Method; 3/4 Muscle Relaxants
- New Method 16/29
  - 10/13 Conventional Method; 3/13 Muscle Relaxants

### Why try?

# Keeps your hands out of the patients mouth

#### **Hands Free Approach**

#### THE "SYRINGE" TECHNIQUE: A HANDS-FREE APPROACH FOR THE REDUCTION OF ACUTE NONTRAUMATIC TEMPOROMANDIBULAR DISLOCATIONS IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

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Safe, Rapid and Effective No need for sedation or analgesia





5-10cc syringe is placed btw posterior upper & lower molars on one side

Instruct patient to gently bite down on syringe while rolling it back/forth btw teeth

<1 min in 77% of patients

#### Hands Free Approach

- 31 Dislocations
- 30/31 Success Rate
- 77% reduced in < 1 min
- 16% reduced in 1-2min
- 1/31 needed analgesia & external manipulation







- Limit opening of mouth to one fingerbreadth for 1-2 months
- Support chin with hand when yawning





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