

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Effect of intermittent subglottic secretions drainage combined with closed endotracheal suctioning in comparison with open endotracheal suctioning on incidence of ventilator associated pneumonia in intubated patients in Al-Zahra hospital intensive care units, Isfahan University of Medical Sciences.

Protocol summary

Summary

Objective: effect of intermittent subglottic secretions drainage combined with closed endotracheal suctioning on incidence of ventilator associated pneumonia in critical care units at Alzahra hospital, Isfahan, Iran in 2012. Study Design: randomized clinical trial. Study population: patients admitted to intensive care units of Alzahra hospital at Isfahan. Inclusion criteria: willingness to participate in the study; patients 18 to 60 years, intubation within 24 past hours, absence of pneumonia before intubation. Exclusion criteria: death before end of study, surgery in period of study. Intervention: in the intervention group subglottic secretions drainage, with use of inspiratory pause key that embedded in mechanical ventilator and endotracheal suctioning with closed endotracheal suctioning system was performed. Time of intervention: interventions were performed for 5 days after intubation. Ventilator-associated pneumonia-related variables, including body temperature, white blood cell count, assessment for purulent secretions, the ratio of arterial oxygen pressure to inspiratory oxygen fraction and infiltration on chest radiography of the patients, within 5 days in both groups were performed.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

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Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date

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Scientific title

Effect of intermittent subglottic secretions drainage combined with closed endotracheal suctioning in comparison with open endotracheal suctioning on incidence of ventilator associated pneumonia in

intubated patients in Al-Zahra hospital intensive care units, Isfahan University of Medical Sciences.

Public title

prevention of ventilator associated pneumonia

Purpose

Prevention

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

inclusion criteria: Patients 18 to 60 years, mechanical ventilation more than 48 hr, free of pneumonia before intubation, exclusion criteria: death before 48 hr, extubation before end of study, surgery during the study period.

Age

From **18 years** old to **60 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **64**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description**Blinding (investigator's opinion)**

Single blinded

Blinding description**Placebo**

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Drainage of secretions around the endotracheal tube cuff was performed with inspiratory pause maneuver. The patient was blinded to intervention due to the anesthesia. Infectious disease specialist who was responsible for determining ventilator-associated pneumonia was blind to the grouping. The researcher were aware of the grouping.

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees**1****Ethics committee****Name of ethics committee**

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Health conditions studied**1****Description of health condition studied**

Ventilator Associated Pneumonia

ICD-10 code

J95.9

ICD-10 code description

Postprocedural respiratory disorder, unspecified

Primary outcomes**1****Description**

Incidence of Ventilator Associated Pneumonia

Timepoint

Before intubation, day 1, day 2, day 3, day 4, day 5,

Method of measurement

Clinical Pulmonary Infection Score, CPIS.

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups**1****Description**

Interventions in the Intervention group consist of closed suction system, 72-hour for endotracheal suctioning and subglottic secretions drainage. Every 3 hour, after oral full suction, the cuff of the endotracheal tube was connected to a cuff pressure gauge manometer. Inspiratory hold with use of inspiratory pause key that embedded in ventilator was performed. This key can hold breathing for 7 seconds and hyperinflated the lungs, in 3 seconds of holding the key, endotracheal tube cuff was depleted and pressure of air that trapping in the lungs, causing secretions to be pushed into the oral cavity. Tracheal tube cuff inflated in 6th second and the pressure was adjusted between 25 and 30 cm H2O. Oral cavity was cleaned with frequent suctioning. This maneuver was applied every three hours and immediately before the closed suction. For a closed suction, a suction catheter package that is used for 72hr was used. After identifying that the patient needs to be suctioned, Suction was attached to the suction connector and negative pressure was set to 200 cm H2O. Catheter sent into the patient's airway and after suction, catheter was removed.

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Description

In the control group, open suctioning was performed in sterile method, and subglottic secretions drainage was not performed.

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Recruitment centers

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Recruitment center

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Yes

Title of funding source

Vice chancellor for research, Isfahan University of Medical Sciences

Proportion provided by this source

100

Public or private sector

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Domestic or foreign origin

empty

Category of foreign source of funding

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Country of origin

Type of organization providing the funding

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Informed Consent Form

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Clinical Study Report

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