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A comparison of the Extended Mallampati Score with the ratio of patient's height to thyromental distance, the modified Mallampati and the upper lip bite test in predicting difficulty in endotracheal intubation in patients undergoing general enesthesia

Protocol summary

Summary

Background and objective: Preoperative using of anatomical landmarks detects potentially difficult laryngoscopies. The main object of the present study was to evaluate the predictive power of Extended Mallampati Score in comparison with modified Mallampati test , the ratio of height to thyromental distance and the Upper-Lip-Bite test in isolation and combination. Material and Methods: Four hundred seventy six adult patients who candidate for elective surgery under general anesthesia requiring endotracheal intubation were included in this study and evaluated based of all four factors before surgery. After that, laryngoscopy was performed by an anesthesiologist who didn't involve in preoperative airway assessment and garaded based on Cormack and Lehane's classification. We calculated sensitivity, specificity, and area under receiver-operating characteristic (ROC) (AUC) for each score. Results: The AUC of the ROC was significantly more for the ULBT (AUC = 0.820, P = 0.049) and RHTMD score (AUC = 0.845, P = 0.033) than the EMS (AUC = 0.703). This variable was significantly higher for the EMS compared with MMT (0.703 vs. 0.569, P = 0.046 respectively). There was no significant difference between the AUC of the ROC for the ULBT and the RHTMD score (P = 0.685). The optimal cut-off point for the RHTMD for predicting difficult laryngoscopy was 29.3. Conclusion: EMS predicted difficult laryngoscopy better than MMT while both ULBT and RHTMD had more power than EMS and MMT in this regard. ULBT and RHTMD had similar predictive value for prediction of difficult laryngoscopy in general population. Keywords: Extended Mallampati Score, ratio of patient's height to thyromental distance, modified Mallampati, upper lip bite test, difficult laryngoscopy

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment complete

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A comparison of the Extended Mallampati Score with the ratio of patient's height to thyromental distance, the modified Mallampati and the upper lip bite test in predicting difficulty in endotracheal intubation in patients undergoing general enesthesia

Public title
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Purpose
Prevention

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
inclusion crateris : patients who had no previous history of burn or trauma to the airway; had no tumors or mass in the laryngeal; facial and cervical region; had no restricted mobility of the neck and mandible (e.g., rheumatoid arthritis or cervical disk disorders); had ability to sit and open their mouth.

Age
No age limit

Gender
Both

Phase
N/A

Groups that have been masked
No information

Sample size
Target sample size: **476**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)
N/A

Randomization description

Blinding (investigator's opinion)
Double blinded

Blinding description

Placebo
Not used

Assignment
Single

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

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Name of ethics committee
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Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied
intubation
ICD-10 code
T88.4
ICD-10 code description
Intubation, difficult or failed

Primary outcomes

1

Description
ELV
Timepoint
before intubation
Method of measurement
physical exam

2

Description
DLV
Timepoint
before intubation
Method of measurement
physical exam

Secondary outcomes

1

Description
reduce mortality
Timepoint
after intubation
Method of measurement
physical exam

Intervention groups

1

Description
different methods for measuring ELV and DLV
Category
Prevention

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1

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Yes

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Proportion provided by this source

100

Public or private sector

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