

"A Study of Effects of Varying Durations of Pre-Oxygenation on Peripheral Oxygen Saturation in Patients Undergoing Elective Surgeries under General Anaesthesia"

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Abstract:

Background: In clinical practice, anesthesiologists face unexpected challenges with tracheal intubation. Preoxygenation is essential for all patients before general anesthesia induction to help with such unanticipated problems. (A.S.A.) on difficult airways, the algorithm did not mention pre-oxygenation. Despite this, the A.S.A Task Force on Difficult Airway Management (2003) recommends facemask pre-oxygenation before induction as a prerequisite.

Materials and Methods: Study Design: A tertiary care hospital-based Prospective, Randomized double-blind Controlled study. Study Subject: 75 ASA I and 2 physical status patients posted for elective surgeries, of age GROUP of 20- 50 years. Study Setting: Department of Anesthesiology and critical care medicine at SVRRGGH. Study Period: 1 year duration from the time of IEC Approval. Source of Data: Patient admitted at SVRRGG Hospital for various elective surgeries Sample size: 75 cases were divided into 3 Groupings, as follows. GROUP A: patients Receiving pre-oxygenation for one min. GROUP B: patients receiving pre-oxygenation for three minutes GROUP C: patients Receiving pre-oxygenation for five mins.

Results The demographic data were analyzed using the ANOVA test. The observed data have been analyzed using the Unpaired student t-test. All data are presented as mean + standard deviation. Based on the p-value, the result is stated as significant or not significant.

Key Word: Tracheal intubation, pré-oxygénation, General Anesthésia.

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I. Introduction

The process of Preoxygenation before anesthetic induction and intubation is widely accepted. It raises the lungs oxygen reserve and delays the beginning of oxygen desaturation during apnea,¹ because the nitrogen in functional residual capacity (F.R.C.) is replaced by oxygen, this method has dubbed de-nitrogenation. Therefore the duration of apnoea without de-saturation (D.A.W.D.) is increased. For the anesthesiologist it is precious time while securing the airway. The process of Preoxygenation is complete when the alveolar, arterial, tissue, and venous compartments are saturated with oxygen.

II. Material And Methods

Study design: A Tertiary care hospital based Prospective, Randomized double blind Controlled study.

Study Subject: 75 ASA I and 2 physical status patients posted for elective surgeries, of age GROUP of 20- 50 years

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Sample size: 75 cases were divided into 3 Groupings , as follows.

GROUP A: patients receiving pre-oxygenation for one minutes.

GROUP B: patients receiving pre-oxygenation for three minutes

GROUP C: patients receiving pre-oxygenation for five minutes.

Inclusion criteria:

- Age between 20 and 50 years with A.S.A. Grading 1 & 2 elective surgical procedures under general anesthesia.

Exclusion criteria:

- Compromised respiratory, cardiac and renal functions.
- Mallampatti grades 3 and 4
- Obese patients in whom difficult intubation is anticipated.
- Hemoglobin less than 10g/dl
- History of smoking and
- Respiratory tract infection < 3 months of surgery. Pregnant and lactating women.

Procedure methodology

In an operating theater on the day of surgery, after securing an intravenous line A.S.A. standard monitors such as Pulse oximeter, electrocardiograph (E.C.G.), non-invasive blood pressure monitor (N.I.B.P.) were attached, and baseline pulse rate, SpO₂, and systolic & diastolic blood pressure values were recorded on participants breathing room air.

Pre oxygenation was performed utilizing face mask and a Magill breathing circuit during the period allotted based on the participant's GROUP. At the end of pre-oxygenation, the pulse rate, SpO₂, and systolic and diastolic blood pressure data were recorded. All the GROUP's patients received pre-medication of Inj. Glycopyrrolate 0.005 mg/kg¹, Inj. Midazolam 0.04 mg/kg¹ and Inj. Fentanyl 1 to 2 mg/kg¹. Induction was done with the Thiopentone sodium 3-5 mg/kg¹ followed by intubation with depolarizing muscle relaxant Suxamethonium 1.5 mg/kg-

The participants were examined while kept apnoeic for 1 minute, with oxygen saturation, HR changes, and systolic and diastolic blood pressure. A saturation fall less than 90% was considered significant. When the saturation falls below 75%, rescue breaths with 100% oxygen given. A laryngoscopy was done. At the end of one minute, participants were intubated with an adequate-sized cuffed endo-tracheal tube, and the lungs were ventilated with 100% O₂ until peripheral oxygen saturation reached 100%.

Statistical analysis

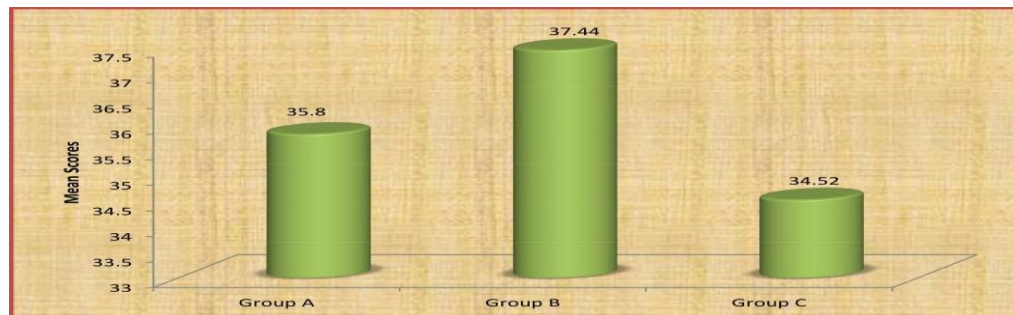
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III. Result

Table No.1: Mean Age, Gender, and A.S.A.

Demographic Data	Group A	Group B	Group C	P-value
No. of Patients	25	25	25	
Age (Yrs)	35.80±9.98	37.44±10.17	34.52 ±8.04	F=0.600 P=0.551
Gender (M:F)	14:11	12:13	12:13	$\chi^2=0.427$ p=0.808
ASA (I :II)	14 : 11	16:9	17:8	$\chi^2=0.798$ p=0.671

Graph No.1: Age wise distribution



Graph No.2:Sex Wise distribution

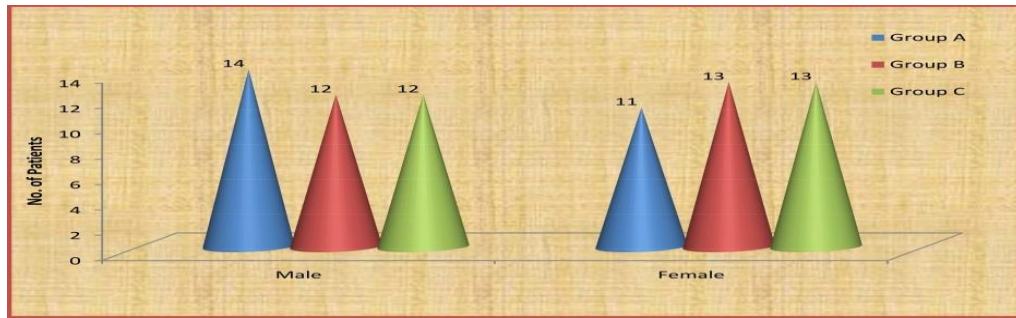


Table No.2: Mean Height and Weight

	Height(in Cms)	Weight(in kgs)
	Mean + S.D.	Mean + S.D.
Group A	163.36±19.59	59.72±18.55
Group B	159.12±7.94	58.60±7.38
Group C	163.64±4.86	56.24±5.43
F-value (p-value)	2.695@ (0.074)	1.508 (0.228)

Graph No.3: Height

Graph No.4: Weight

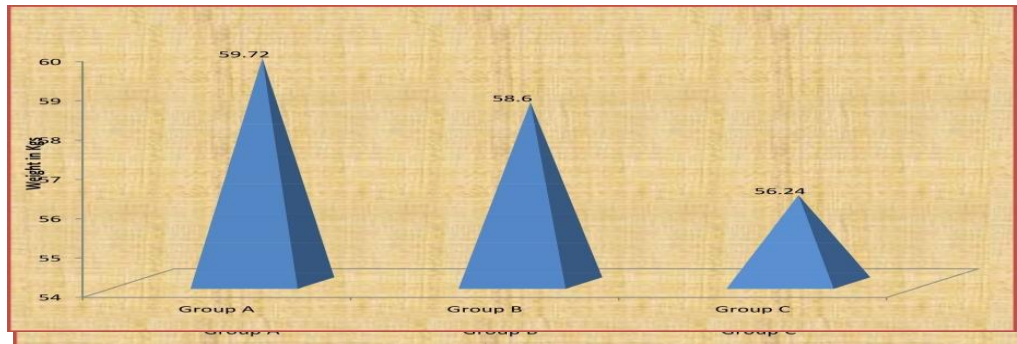
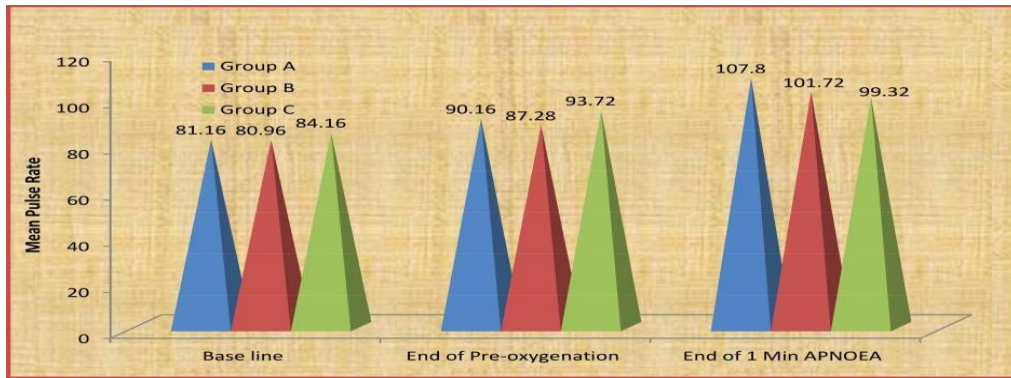


Table No.3: Mean pulse rate (Beats/min¹)

Pulse Rate	Group			F-value (p-value)
	Group A	Group B	Group C	
	Mean + SD	Mean + SD	Mean + S D	
Baseline	81.16 + 8.07	80.96 ± 8.92	84.16 ± 10.21	0.968 (0.385)
End of Pre- oxygenation	90.16 + 6.28	87.28 ± 8.19	93.72 ± 9.77	3.863* (0.025)
End of 1 Min APNOEA	107.80 + 11.71	101.72 ± 8.60	99.32 ± 9.41	4.783* (0.011)

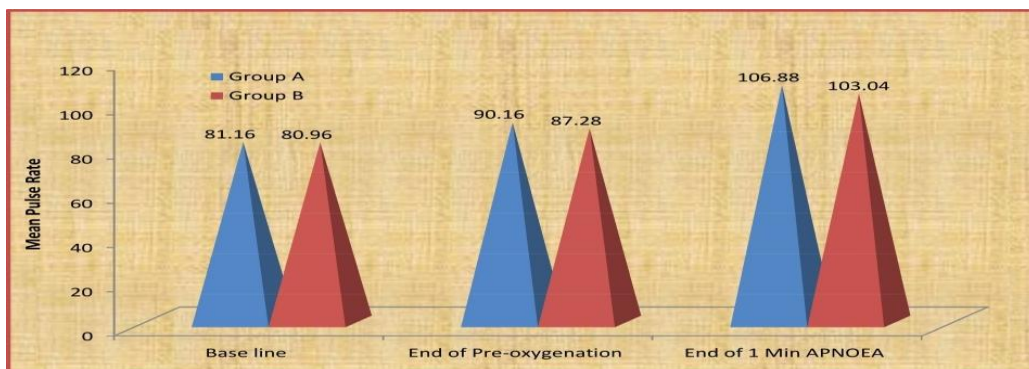
Graph No.5: Comparison of mean pulse rate in groups A, B, and C



Comparison of mean pulse rate in group A and B

Pulse Rate	Group		Mean Difference	t-value (p-value)
	Group A	Group B		
	Mean + SD	Mean + S D		
Baseline	81.16+8.07	80.96+8.92	0.20	0.083 (0.934)
End of Pre-oxygenation	90.16+6.28	87.28+8.19	2.88	1.395 (0.169)
End of 1 Min APNOEA	107.80+ 11.71	101.72+ 8.60	6.08	2.092* (0.042)

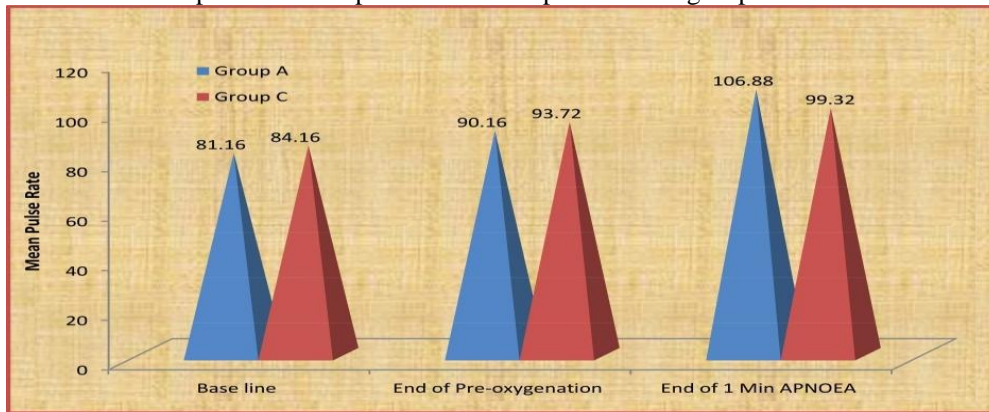
GraphNo.6: Comparison of mean pulse rate in group A and B



Comparison of mean pulse rate in group A and C

Pulse Rate	Group		Mean Difference	t-value (p-value)
	Group A	Group C		
	Mean + S D	Mean + S D		
Baseline	81.16+8.07	84.16+10.21	3.00	1.153 (0.255)
End of Pre- oxygenation	90.16+6.28	93.72+9.78	3.56	1.532 (0.132)
End of 1 Min APNOEA	107.80+ 11.71	99.32+9.41	7.56	2.823** (0.006)

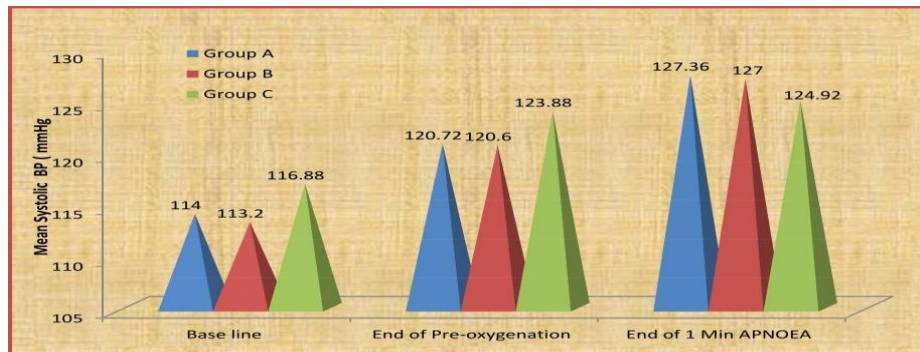
Graph No.7: Comparison of mean pulse rate in group A and C



Comparison of mean S.B.P. in groups A, B, and C

S.B.P.	Group			F-value (p-value)
	Group A Mean + SD	Group B Mean + S D	Group C Mean + S D	
Baseline	114.00 +6.06	113.20+6.25	116.88 +6.71	2.326 (0.105)
End of Pre- oxygenation	120.72+5.53	120.60+6.00	123.88 +6.58	2.361 (0.102)
End of 1 Min APNOEA	127.36+5.35	127.00+9.15	124.92 +6.05	0.874 (0.422)

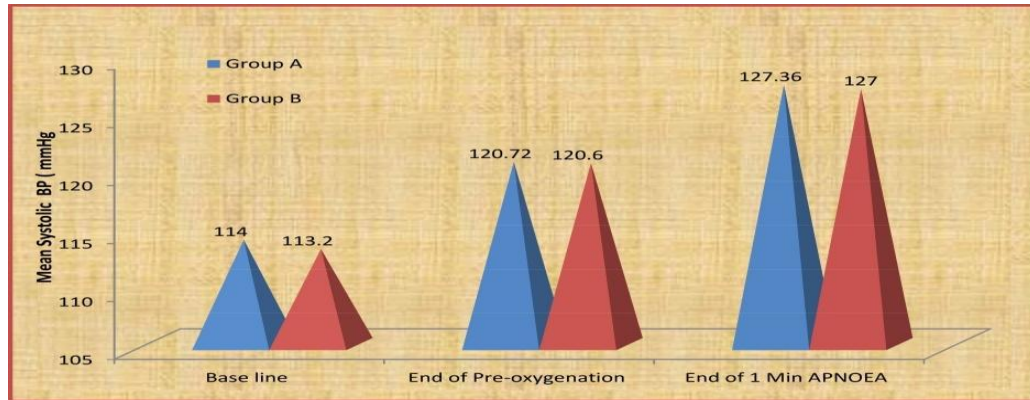
Graph No.9: Comparison of mean S.B.P.in groups A, B, and C



Comparison of mean S.B.P. in group A and B

S.B.P.	Group		Mean Difference	t-value (p-value)
	Group A	Group B		
	Mean + SD	Mean + S D		
Baseline	114.00+ 6.06	113.20+ 6.25	0.80	0.460 (0.648)
End of Pre- oxygenation	120.72+ 5.53	120.60+ 6.00	0.12	0.074 (0.942)
End of 1 Min APNOEA	127.36+ 5.35	127.00+ 9.15	0.36	0.170 (0.866)

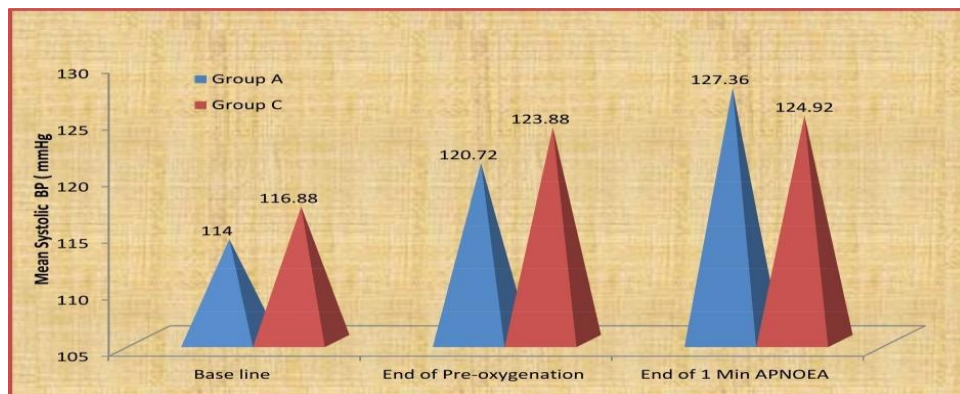
Graph No.10: Comparison of mean S.B.P .in group A and B



Comparison of mean S.B.P.in group A and C

S.B.P.	Group		Mean Difference	t-value (p-value)
	Group A Mean + SD	Group C Mean + SD		
Baseline	114.001 6.06	116.88+6.71	-2.88	1.593 (0.118)
End of Pre- oxygenation	120.721 5.53	123.88+6.58	-3.16	1.838 (0.072)
End of 1 Min APNOEA	127.36+ 5.35	124.92 +6.05	2.44	1.511 (0.137)

Graph No.11: Comparison of mean S.B.P. in group A and C



Comparison of mean S.B.P.in groups B and C

S.B.P.	Group		Mean Difference	t-value (p-value)
	Group B Mean + SD	Group C Mean + SD		
Baseline	113.2016.25	116.8816.71	-3.68	2.006 (0.060)
End of Pre- oxygenation	120.60+ 6.00	123.88+6.58	-3.28	1.842 (0.072)
End of 1 Min APNOEA	127.00+9.15	124.92 +6.05	2.08	0.948 (0.348)

Graph No.12: Comparison of mean S.B.P. in groups B and C

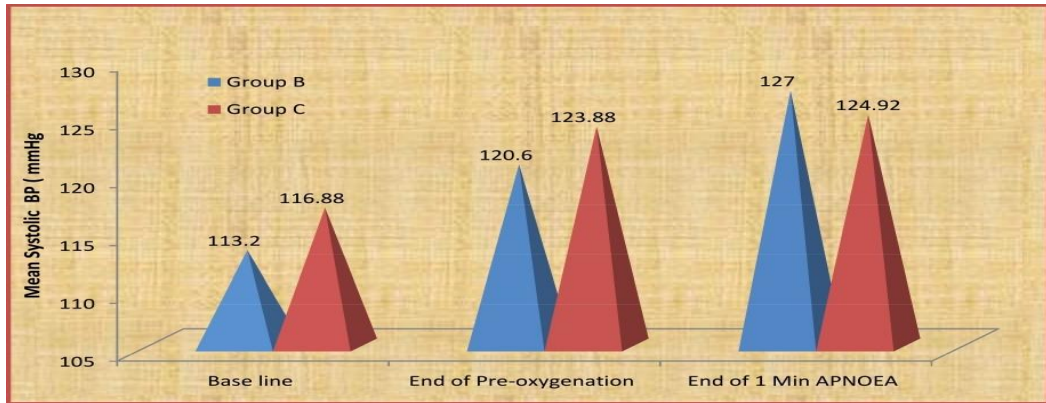
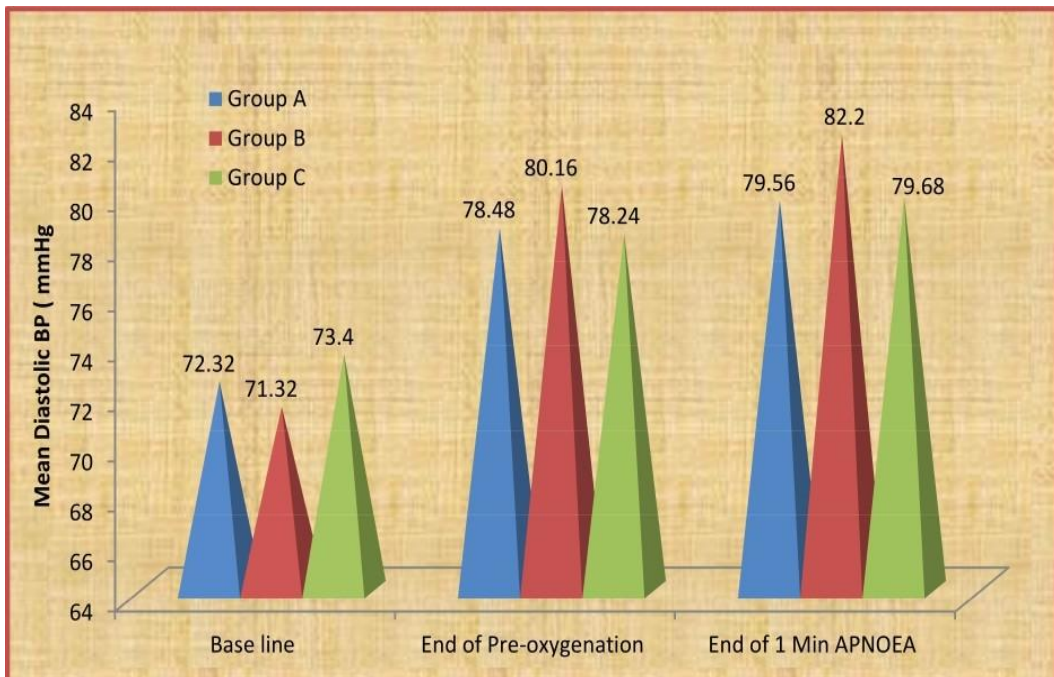


Table5: Mean for the Diastolic blood pressure (mm of Hg)

DBP	Group			F-value (p-value)
	Group A	Group B	Group C	
	Mean + SD	Mean + SD	Mean + SD	
Baseline	72.32+6.07	71.32+4.23	73.40+3.61	1.197 (0.308)
End of Pre-oxygenation	78.48+5.72	80.16+8.18	78.24+5.11	0.653 (0.523)
End of 1 Min APNOEA	79.56+16.43	82.20+6.43	79.68+3.50	0.502 (0.607)

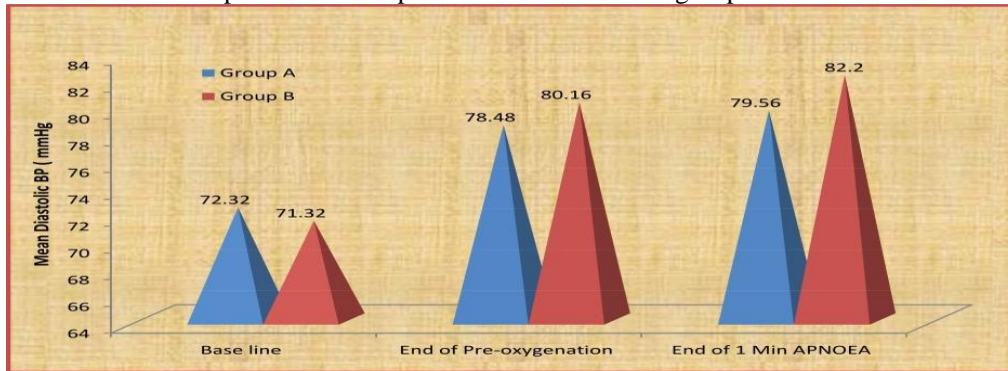
Graph No.13: Comparison of mean DBP in groups A, B, and C



Comparison of mean DBP in group A and B

DBP	Group		Mean Difference	t-value (p-value)
	Group A	Group B		
	Mean + SD	Mean + S D		
Baseline	72.32+6.07	71.32+4.23	1.00	0.676 (0.503)
End of Pre- oxygenation	78.48+5.72	80.16+8.18	-1.68	0.842 (0.404)
End of 1 Min APNOEA	79.56+16.43	82.20+6.43	-2.64	0.738 (0.464)

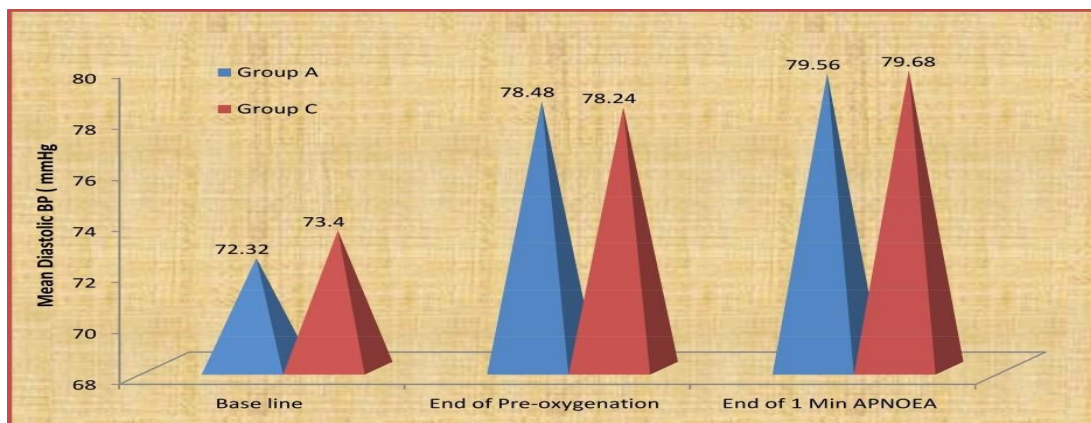
Graph No.14: Comparison of mean DBP in group A and B



Comparison of mean DBP in group A and C

DBP	Group		Mean Difference	t-value (p-value)
	Group A	Group C		
	Mean + SD	Mean + S D		
Baseline	72.32±6.07	73.40±3.61	1.08	0.764 (0.448)
End of Pre-oxygenation	78.48±5.72	78.24±5.11	0.24	0.157 (0.876)
End of 1 Min APNOEA	79.56± 16.43	79.68±3.50	-0.12	0.036 (0.972)

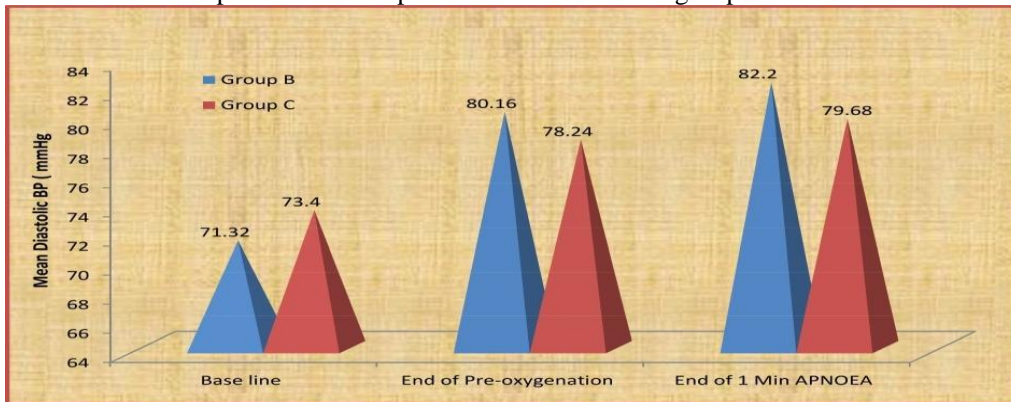
Graph No.15: Comparison of mean DBP in group A and C



Comparison of mean DBP in groups B and C

DBP	Group		Mean Difference	t-value (p-value)
	Group B Mean + S D	Group C Mean + S D		
Baseline	71.3214.23	73.4013.61	2.08	1.871 (0.067)
End of Pre- oxygenation	80.16+8.18	78.24+5.11	1.92	0.995 (0.324)
End of 1Min APNOEA	82.20+6.43	79.68+3.50	2.52	1.601 (0.116)

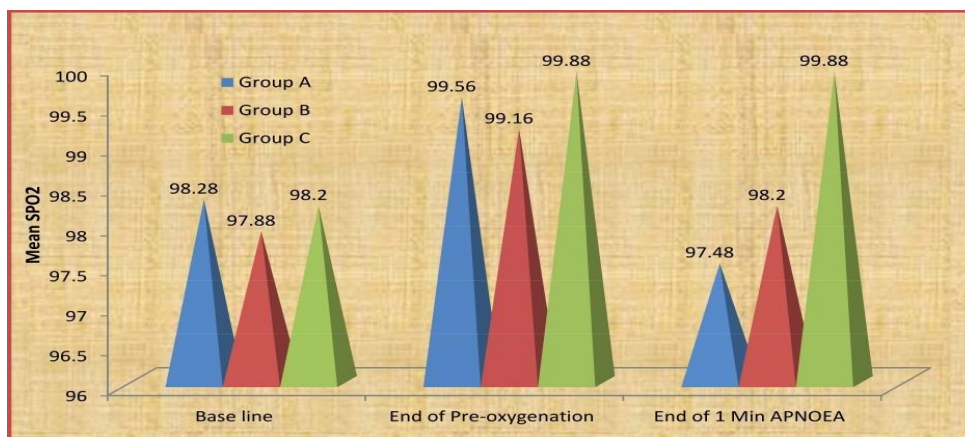
Graph No. 16: Comparison of mean DBP in groups B and C



Comparison of saturation between groups A, B, and C

SPO2	Group			F-value (p-value)
	Group A Mean + SD	Group B Mean + SD	Group C Mean + SD	
Baseline	98.2811.49	97.8811.81	98.2011.55	0.425 (0.655)
End of Pre- oxygenation	99.56+0.65	99.16+0.75	99.88+0.33	8.954** (0.000)
End of 1 Min APNOEA	97.48+2.96	98.20+2.60	99.88+0.33	7.283** (0.001)

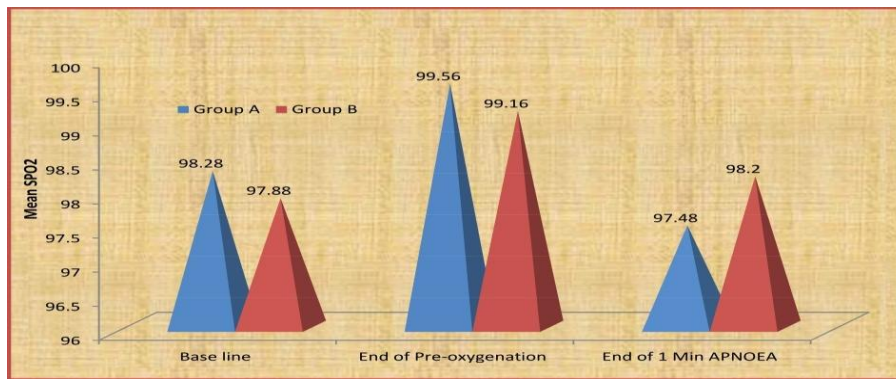
Graph No.17: Comparison of saturation between groups A, B, and C



Comparison of saturation between group A and B

SPO2	Group		Mean Difference	t-value (p-value)
	Group A	Group B		
	Mean + SD	Mean + SD		
Baseline	98.2811.49	97.8811.81	0.40	0.854 (0.397)
End of Pre- oxygenation	99.5610.65	99.161 0.75	0.40	2.020* (0.050)
End of 1 Min APNOEA	97.48+2.96	98.20+2.60	0.72	0.914 (0.365)

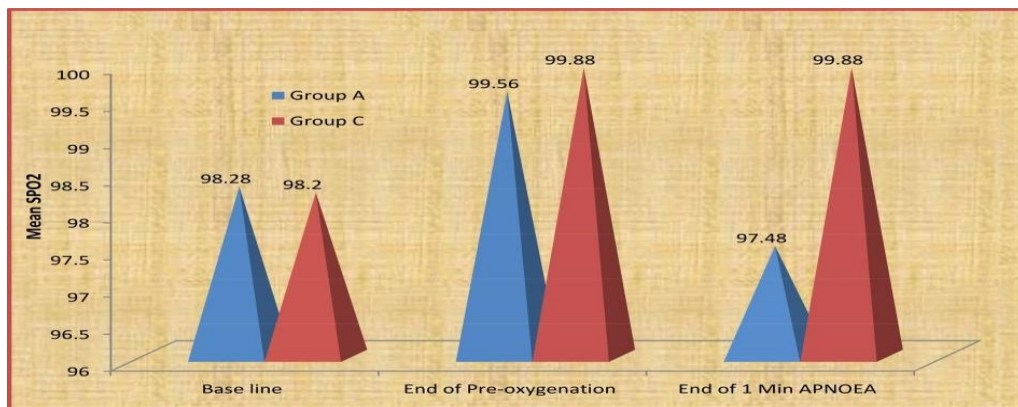
Graph No.18: Comparison of saturation between group A and B



Comparison of saturation between group A and C

SPO2	Group		Mean Difference	t-value (p-value)
	Group A	Group C		
	Mean+ SD	Mean+ SD		
Baseline	98.28+1.49	98.20+1.56	0.08	0.186 (0.853)
End of Pre- oxygenation	99.56+0.65	99.88+0.33	0.33	2.191* (0.033)
End of 1 Min APNOEA	97.48+2.96	99.88+0.33	-2.40	4.029** (0.000)

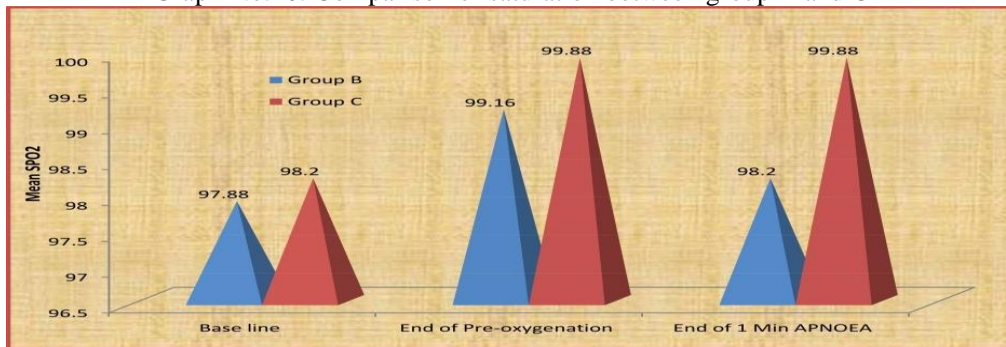
Graph No.19: Comparison of saturation between group A and C



Comparison of saturation between group B and C

SPO2	Group		Mean Difference	t-value (p-value)
	Group B	Group C		
	Mean + SD	Mean + SD		
Baseline	97.88+1.81	98.20+1.55	-0.32	0.671 (0.506)
End of Pre- oxygenation	99.16+0.75	99.88+0.33	-0.72	4.409** (0.000)
End of 1 Min APNOEA	98.20+2.60	99.88+0.33	-1.68	3.207** (0.002)

Graph No.20: Comparison of saturation between group B and C



It was observed that the baseline saturation values were comparable among the three groups. Furthermore, the values at the end of pre-oxygenation were similar between Group A and Group B. Still, they showed a statistically significant difference between Group B and Group C and between Group A and Group C. Fall in saturation during one minute apnoea period was statistically significant in Group A and B in comparison to Group C. In group A, five participants showed a fall in saturation below 90%, which was incidental and statistically insignificant.

IV. Discussion

Random events can lead to the study of primary concerns that are both vital to patient safety and extremely complex topics like pre-oxygenation, as well as more contentious issues like the best pre-oxygenation duration. The call for pre- oxygenation to be regarded crucial in avoiding adverse occurrences in settings with difficulties in ventilation, as well as the profession's issue in deciding and prescribing a standard period of pre-oxygenation, were the driving forces behind this research.

Induction of general anesthesia is associated with variable periods of apnoea. In this scenario, pre-oxygenation is a principle step of providing general anesthesia safely.

Many factors must be considered in the assessment of replenishment of oxygen stores and amount of de-nitrogenation needed. These include the patient's oxygen consumption, the F.R.C., the FGF rate, inspired oxygen concentration, and the type of breathing system used²⁰. Oxygen intake of adults differs greatly depending on their age and body size, although it is unlikely to exceed 250 ml min-1. Posture, sex, body size, and pregnancy all affect F.R.C. In reclined adults, values of around 2 liters are typical.²⁰

Breathing circuits, the Magills system and Bain's modification of Mapleson-D used for spontaneous breathing. The Magill system is having minimal re-breathing under spontaneous ventilation than Mapleson-D system as the adjustable pressure limiting valve isolated distally at the patient end, and the FGF is delivered proximally near the reservoir bag of the Magill system, resulting in less re-breathing of CO₂.⁸

Pre-oxygenation monitoring techniques have centered on metrics that reflect its efficacy. The efficacy of pre oxygenation can be measured using end-tidal CO₂ concentration. alone or more important gases (oxygen, nitrogen, or both), pulse oximeter observations, blood gas analysis to monitor PaO₂, mass spectrometry, or simply observing movement of reservoir bagon the breathing system.⁴⁷

However, the primary measure of pre-oxygenation efficiency is the decrease in oxygen saturation in hemoglobin during apnoea.³⁶

Goals of Pre oxygenation is to elevate the O₂ content in the body.

By the following equation the arterial blood O₂ content is depicted:

$$CaO_2 = SaO_2 \cdot Hb \% \cdot 1.31 + 0.003 \quad PaO_2$$

0.003=Solubility co-efficient of Oxygen

1.31= Oxygen binding capacity of Hemoglobin PaO₂ is partial pressure of O₂ in mm hg

CaO₂ is blood oxygen content

SaO₂ is hemoglobin saturation.

It is clear that the contribution of saturation is important than the contribution of PaO₂ in determining the O₂ content of the blood.

The degree of decrease in saturation is a more suitable measure of the efficacy of pre oxygenation.

Various factors can cause rapid de-saturation in arterial hemoglobin at the time of apnoea it's crucial to pre-oxygenate as much as possible before induction.

When the alveolar, arterial, and venous systems, as well as the tissues, are totally saturated, maximum pre-oxygenation is achieved. Failure to reach an FiO₂ of 1 and FAO₂ of 0.87, as well as insufficient pre oxygenation time, are two significant yet controllable factors that limit maximal pre-oxygenation.²

A leak behind the mask, permitting inspiratory entrainment of room air, is the primary cause of failure to attain a FAO₂ of 0.87 and FiO₂ of 1. Caroline Gagnon et al.³⁷ discovered even a minor leak behind the face mask leads reduced pre oxygenation. Once FiO₂ is obtained using a sealed breathing system, the time length becomes an important factor in determining maximal pre oxygenation.

In order to determine the ideal pre-oxygenation period, the effects of 1 minute, 3 minutes, and 5 minutes of pre oxygenation on SPO₂.

In this study the end of pre-oxygenation, in GROUP-A a mean SPO₂ of 99.56±0.65 and GROUP B 99.16±0.75 and GROUP C 99.88±0.33 was

observed and a statistically significant difference among 3 GROUPs. At the end of one minute of apnoea, patients with 1 min had a mean value of 97.48 ±2.96, and 3 minutes pre oxygenation had a SPO₂ value of 98.20±2.60 and were comparable.

Patient pre oxygenated with 5 minutes had a mean SPO₂ value of 99.88 ±0.33, superior to the other two GROUPs and significant statistically.

The statistical analysis revealed, decrease in SPO₂ in GROUPs A and B when compared to the decrease in SPO₂ in GROUP C, is statistically significant. It demonstrates that the five-minute TVB pre-oxygenation technique used in GROUP C is superior to the three-minute and one-minute procedures.

The pace at which alveolar compartment Nitrogen displacement by oxygen, as well as the rate at which tissue oxygen stores are supplied, determines the time required for appropriate pre-oxygenation.

Early gains in stored oxygen during pre-oxygenation are mostly due to N₂ displacement from the lungs, which is followed by oxygen replacement. Following an exponential curve, this process is 80 percent competitive after one minute and takes around seven minutes to accomplish total de-nitrogenation; the larger the F.R.C., the more oxygen is stored.³⁶

The Magill system's functional properties include the retention of early expiration gas. The 'alveolar component' of late expiration, on the other side, is expelled from the breathing circuit.

In terms of CO₂ removal, it is efficient but there is re-inhalation of dead space gas (N₂) at the time of pre oxygenation phase. Due to the mixing of fresh and dead space gas, this remains during multiple breaths. In spite of using higher O₂ flow rates than recommended to avoid re breathing and to ensure that reservoir bag was pre filled with O₂ before starting of pre oxygenation, this phenomena happens.⁴⁸

A zero N₂ tension in the inhaled gas is necessary for optimal de-nitrogenation which represents the inefficiency of pre oxygenation by 1 minute. Even- though lengthy pre-oxygenation over 1 minute or few VC breaths appears to have little effect on arterial saturation or lung de-nitrogenation.

The amount of time it bought in terms of keeping spo₂ stable in the presence of protracted apnea seems significantly longer ranging from 3 minutes over 5 minutes in a study, of elderly patients (spo₂ 93%), 7 minutes, in other study (spo₂ 90%). it finally stated that tissue storage was almost certainly required.⁴⁷

At the time of apnea period, to maintain metabolic vo₂, O₂ is extracted from F.R.C. in to the circulation at the flow rate of 250ml/min. as solubility of CO₂ is higher in the blood it adds a rate of 10ml/min to the alveolar space. Therefore resulting in net gas flow rate 240ml/min in the blood. A below normal atmospheric pressure is created in the alveoli and the room air which contains 79% N₂ and 21% O₂ is pulled into the lungs.

In addition to nitrogen, the F.R.C. will rapidly acquire nitrogen diffusing from body tissues, which cause O₂ in the F.R.C. to be diluted The relative relevance of tissue storage is described in this way.⁵⁰

At the start of oxygenation process, Hb gets fully saturated and spo₂ climbs to 100 % in 15 seconds. Monitoring SpO₂ is an insufficient end goal for complete pre oxygenation because it only delivers 36 ml to arterial blood. The advances in o₂ storage in the final pre-oxygenation minutes are due to more amount of dissolved o₂ content in the plasma and physiological tissues.⁴⁷

It is difficult to determine tissue o₂ storage even though Henry's rule holds true and the partition co efficient of gases approaches the gas water co efficient, inhaling oxygen for 3 minutes will increase tissue oxygen reserves from 25 ml to 377 ml.

As O₂ dwells in different organs for varying amounts of time, ranging from 4 seconds (thyroid) to 165 seconds (skeletal muscle), and assuming a 6.5 liters CO₂ & a 5.4 liters of blood volume, when breathing 100% O₂ for 3 minutes, only 77% of the blood that is exposed to high Fio₂ levels in the lungs. Believing that metabolic VO₂ of different organs remains constant, saturation of venous blood eventually raises O₂ storage by 216 ml after only 3 minutes. This explains why 5 minutes of pre oxygenation is highly efficient than 3 minutes or 1 minute.⁴⁷ Our findings were comparable to those of Sanjay et al.³⁴. They discovered that 1 min of apnoea at the time of the induction phase reduced SPO₂ to 77 percent 3.26 in those who did not receive pre oxygenation, compared to 87 percent 1.1 in those who received in terms of four V.C.Bs. Similarly, individual's saturation levels dropped after 3 minutes of pre-oxygenation.

96 percent 0.75 among those who had 5 min of pre-oxygenation, compared to 99 percent 0.67 in those who did not.

However, compared to TVB for three minutes, pre-oxygenation by 8 D.B.T. in 1 min prolongs the beginning of apnoea induced arterial/venous Hb oxygen de-saturation according to Baraka et al.³⁰.

Even though no end tidal CO₂ concentrations or arterial measurements were taken in their research, it is reasonable to assume that HYPERVENTILATION caused by 8 D.B.T, cause fall in CO₂ levels below normal range resulted and nitrogen washout, resulting in RESPIRATORY ALKALOSIS.

Thus, in the previous investigation, the prolonged onset of de-saturation could have been due to shift to LEFT in the ODC curve rather than any natural protection for the patients.³²

When arterial oxygenation falls, several compensation mechanisms occur. These include changes in CO to deliver oxygenated blood to important organs and a right-ward shift in the ODC to keep venous PvO₂ constant. In humans, the lowest acceptable PaO₂ is around 30.4 mmHg, assuming maximum cerebral vaso-dilation. As a result, we choose a research endpoint of 90% SpO₂, that results in a minor change in Pao₂, despite the fact that PaO₂ is just a small part of overall content of oxygen.²⁸

LIMITATIONS

1. Sample size was a limiting factor as the duration of the study was limited to 12 months.
2. A single center based study
3. Based on single observer study

V. Conclusion

The present study concludes that pre-oxygenation for 5 minutes of tidal volume breathing technique using Magill circuit is the most effective method of pre- oxygenation. Furthermore, pre-oxygenation considerably delays the onset of apnoea- induced drops in peripheral oxygen saturation for three and one minutes of tidal volume breathing.

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