

Anesthetic management of the obese patient in the ambulant setting

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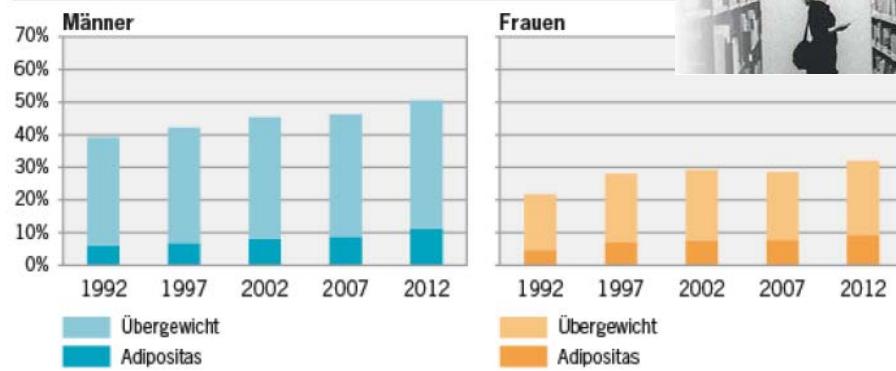
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„To be corpulent ist not a physiological quality – that's a Weltanschauung.“

– Kurt Tucholsky, in "Die Weltbühne", 10. Juni 1920,



Übergewicht und Adipositas, 1992–2012



Quelle: SGB

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| | Untergewicht (BMI<18.5) | Normalgewicht (18.5≤BMI<25) | Übergewicht (25≤BMI<30) | Adipositas (BMI≥30) |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Total | 3.7 | 55.2 | 30.9 | 10.3 |
| Nach Geschlecht | | | | |
| Männer | 1.2 | 48.3 | 39.3 | 11.2 |
| Frauen | 6.2 | 61.9 | 22.6 | 9.3 |
| Nach Altersklassen | | | | |
| 15-24-jährig | 8.0 | 73.1 | 15.4 | 3.5 |
| 25-34-jährig | 5.5 | 64.4 | 23.8 | 6.3 |
| 35-44-jährig | 2.5 | 58.4 | 30.7 | 8.3 |
| 45-54-jährig | 2.8 | 51.6 | 33.9 | 11.8 |
| 55-64-jährig | 1.7 | 45.7 | 37.1 | 15.5 |
| 65-74-jährig | 2.2 | 41.6 | 41.0 | 15.2 |
| 75+-jährig | 3.5 | 47.1 | 36.7 | 12.8 |

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WHO classification of obesity

| Classification | BMI; kg.m ⁻² | Risk of co-morbidities |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Normal | 18.5–24.9 | Average |
| Overweight | ≥25 | |
| Pre-obese | 25–29.9 | Increased |
| Obese class 1 | 30–34.9 | Moderate |
| Obese class 2 | 35–39.9 | Severe |
| Obese class 3 | ≥40 | Very severe |

Bauchumfang (cm) als Morbiditätsfaktor

- ♂ > 102
- ♀ > 88



Selection of Obese Patients Undergoing Ambulatory Surgery: A Systematic Review of the Literature

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RESULTS: A literature search revealed 23 studies (13 prospective and 10 retrospective), and 1 systematic review assessing laparoscopic bariatric surgery. A total of 106,119 patients were included in the analysis with 62,476 patients included in the prospective trials and 43,643 patients included in the retrospective trials (not including the systematic review of laparoscopic bariatric surgery). Of these, 39,548 patients underwent bariatric surgery. The super obese (body mass index [BMI] >50 kg/m²) appear to be at higher risk of complications. Patients undergoing nonbariatric surgery had a lower degree of obesity (BMI approximately 30 kg/m²). Patients undergoing bariatric surgery were morbidly obese (BMI >40 kg/m²), which is associated with a higher comorbidity burden. However, the lack of increase in unanticipated admission rate in this patient population may be related to thorough preoperative assessment and avoidance of patients with comorbid conditions.



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Table 1. Prospective Observational Trials (Demographic Data)

| Studies | No. of patients | | | Age (y) | BMI (kg/m ²) | Male gender, (% of total) |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------|--|--|---|
| | Obese | Nonobese | Total | | | |
| Fortier et al., ⁶ 1991 | Not recorded | Not recorded | 15,172 | Discharged home Unanticipated admission = 31 ± 20 | Discharged home Unanticipated admission = 24 ± 0.5 | Discharged = 32% Unanticipated admission = 43.3% |
| Chung et al., ⁷ 1999 | 2799 (15.9%) | 14,839 (84.10%) | 17,638 | 11–98 | >30 | 32.90% |
| Nielsen et al., ⁸ 2005 | 2,66 (31.30%) | 4754 (68.70%) | 6920 | 48 ± 17 | <25 = 34.8%, 25–29 = 44.0%, ≥30 = 31.3% | 46.20% |
| Norman and Aronow, ⁹ 2007 | 51 (6.10%) | 791 (93.90%) | 842 | Not available | Nonobese = 28.8 ± 5, Obese = 44.3 ± 3 | Not recorded |
| Waisath et al., ¹⁰ 2009 | 441 (36.50%) | 764 (63.40%) | 1205 | No complications = 31.2 ± 11.9, Complications = 37.2 ± 14.9 | No complications = 25.5 ± 7.8, Complications = 28.9 ± 7.8 | Not recorded |
| Wang et al., ¹¹ 2011 | 996 (28.6) | 730 (72%) | 1016 | 50 (40.6%) | <30 = 72%, 30–35 = 16%, >35 = 12%, 35–40 = 12% | 46.30% |
| De Leon et al., ¹² 2004 | 14 (1.0%) | 136 (99%) | 150 | 32–42 | 37.2–50.1 | 10% |
| Kormanova et al., ¹³ 2008 | 20 (100%) | 0 | 20 | 34 | 37.2–50.1 | 10% |
| Ramaswamy et al., ¹⁴ 2004 | 193 (100%) | 0 | 193 | 42 ± 10 | 50 ± 8 | 12% |
| Sasse et al., ¹⁵ 2009 | 148 (100%) | 0 | 248 | 45.57 ± 11.18 | 43.79 ± 6.41 | 18.10% |
| Flum et al., ¹⁶ 2009 | 1198 (100%) | 0 | 1198 | 46 ± 12.5 | 44.1 (40.5–49.0) | 23.10% |
| Dorman et al., ²⁷ 2012 | 26,002 (100%) | 0 | 26,002 | 45.9 ± 11.9 | 44.2 ± 6.7 | 20.20% |
| Karkala et al., ²⁸ 2011 | 9649 (100%) | 0 | 9649 | Morbidly obese = 45.76 | Morbidly obese >40 | Super obese group had significantly more men than morbidly obese group: 3:2 |
| | Morbidly obese = 7889 | | | Super obese = 44.66 | Super obese ≥50 | |
| | Super obese = 1760 | | | | | |



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Siegemund's rule of EBM

$BMI > 30$

> published studies about ambulatory anesthesia and obesity

> published prospective randomized studies on selection of ambulant obese patients

≤ 0

= Eminence-Based-Medicine

The problem

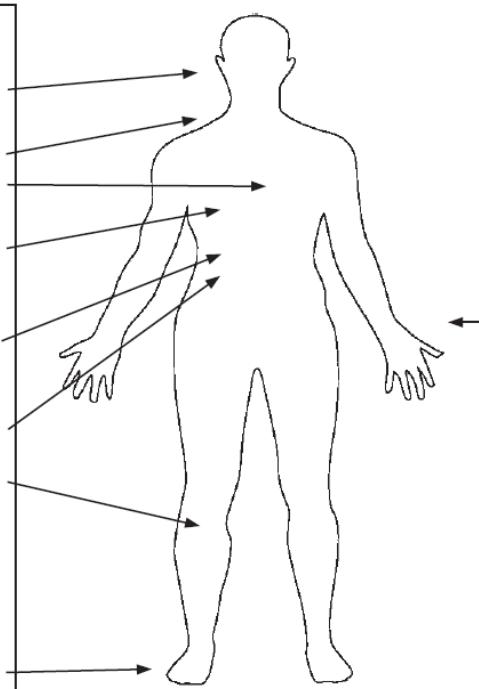


More problems



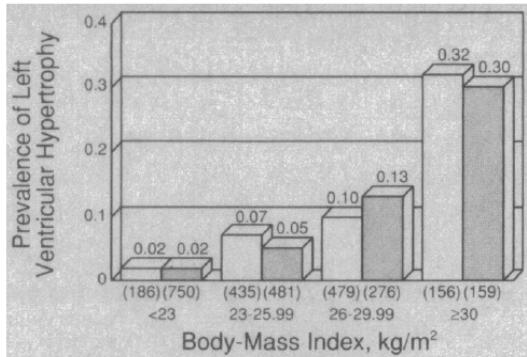
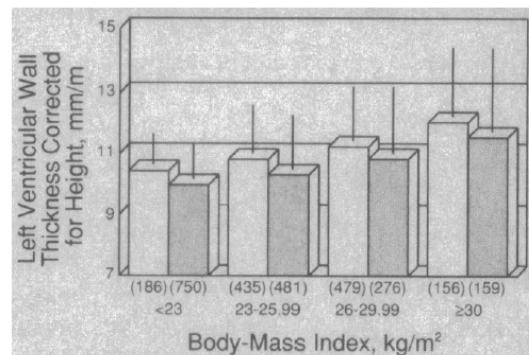
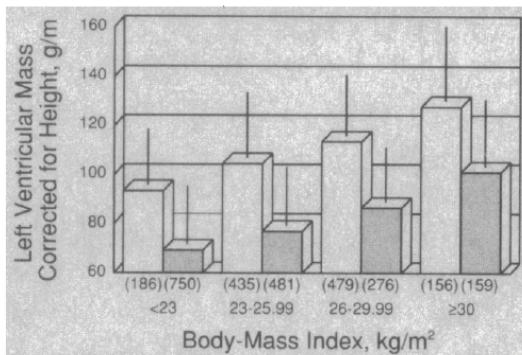
Problems?

| Chronic complications |
|---------------------------------|
| Raised intracranial pressure |
| Cerebrovascular disease |
| Obstructive sleep apnoea |
| Ischaemic heart disease |
| Chest wall restriction |
| <u>Obesity hypoventilation</u> |
| Atelectasis |
| Non-alcoholic steatosis |
| Cholelithiasis |
| Pancreatitis |
| Glomerulosclerosis |
| Infertility |
| <u>Venous stasis, phlebitis</u> |
| Hypertension |
| Type 2 diabetes |
| Hyperlipidemia |
| Various cancers |
| Anxiety, depression |
| Osteoarthritis |
| Gout |



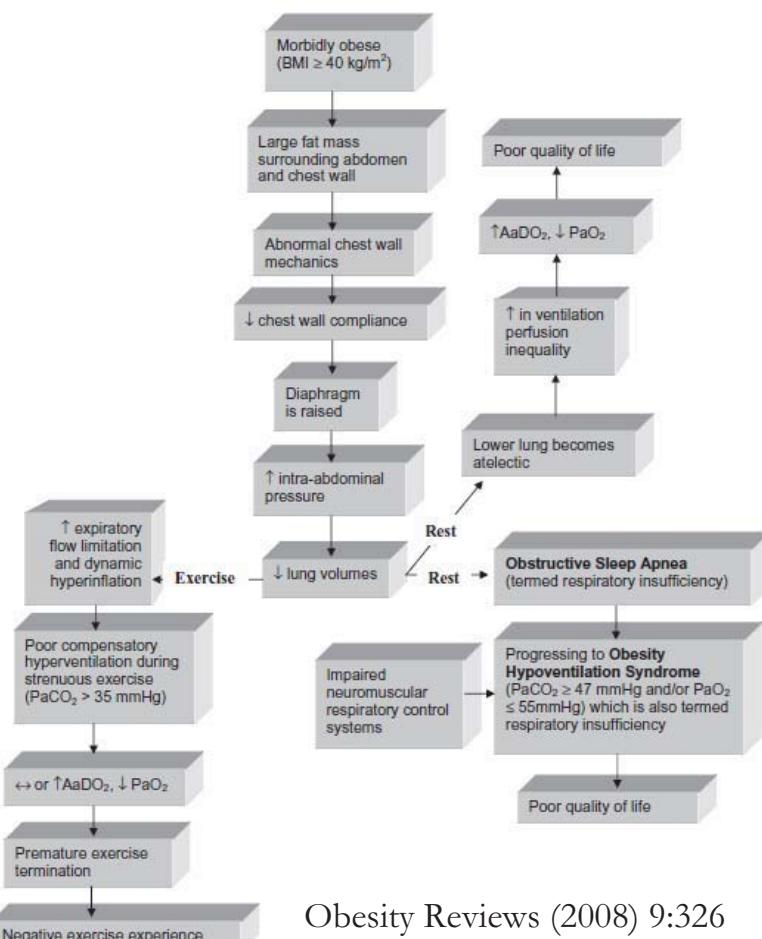
| Acute management issues |
|---------------------------------|
| Transport and positioning |
| Procedural difficulties: |
| Vascular access |
| Tracheal intubation |
| Neural blockade |
| Surgery |
| Monitoring problems |
| Difficult airway maintenance |
| <u>Impaired ventilation</u> |
| <u>Disordered gas exchange</u> |
| <u>Altered pharmacokinetics</u> |
| Haemodynamic instability |
| Aspiration risk |

Cardiovascular changes

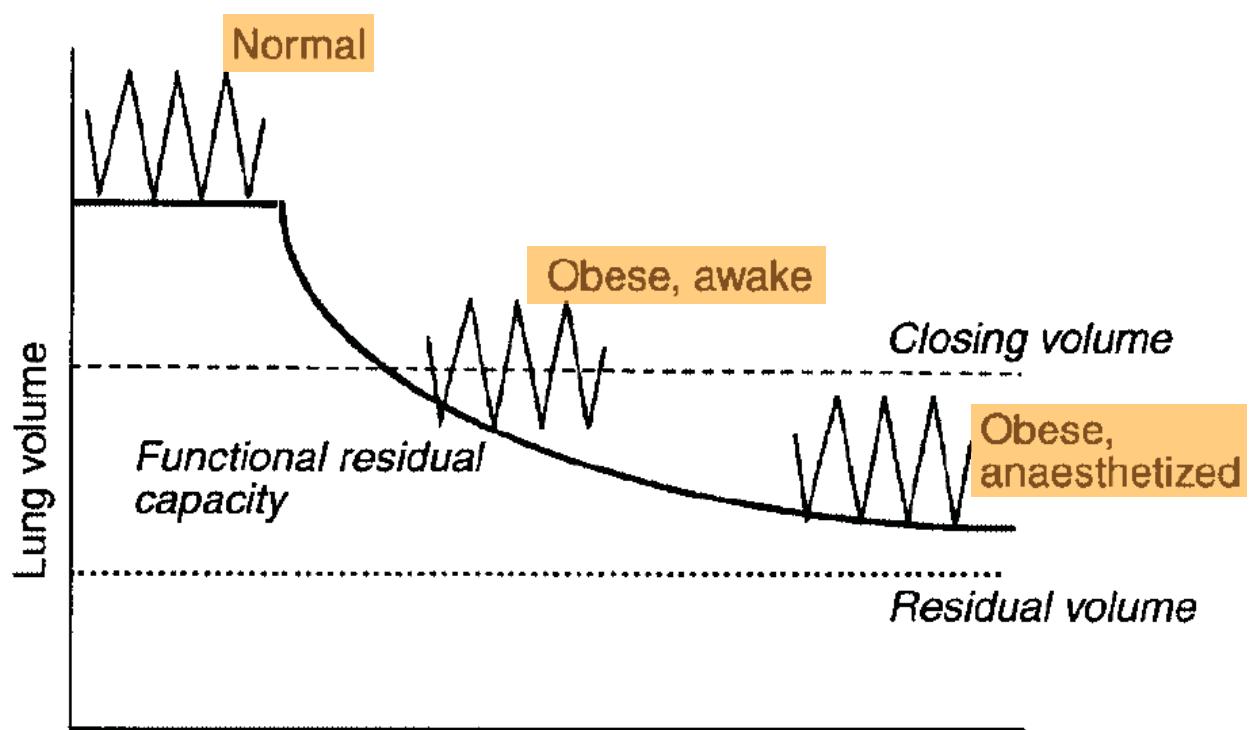


- More diastolic dysfunction
- Excentric hypertrophy
- Increased sympathetic tone
- An BMI increase 1 kg/m², CO increased 0.08 l/min or SV 1.35 ml
- No linear increase of blood volume
 $InBV = 70 / (BMI / 22)^{1/2}$ ml/kg

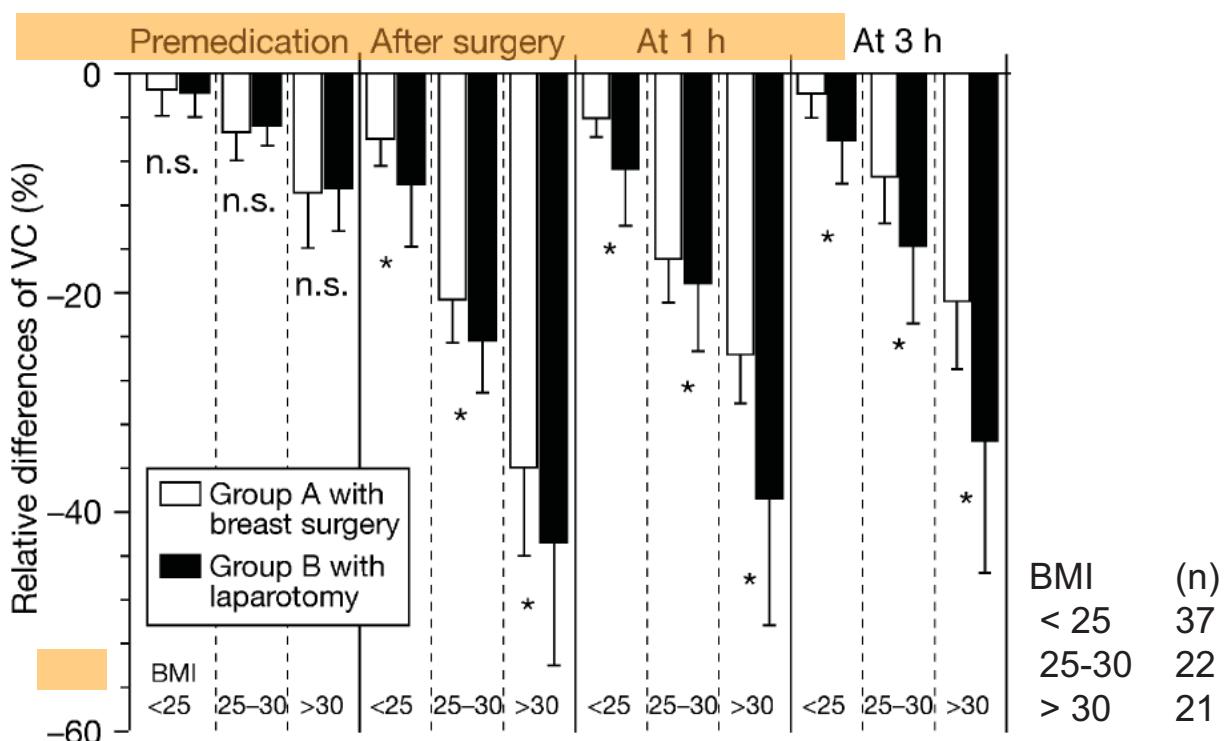
Pulmonary gas exchange in the morbidly obese

G. S. Zavorsky¹

Consequence of obesity on FRC



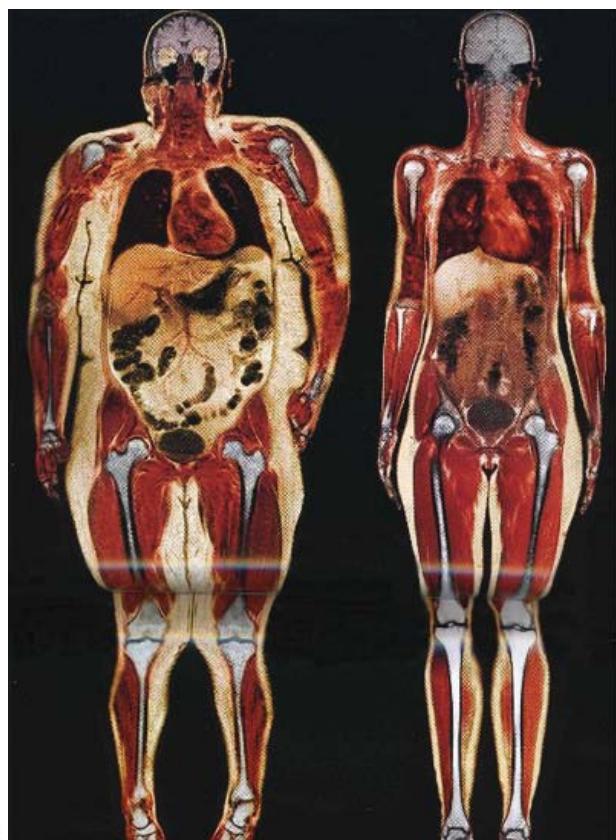
Influence of BMI on vital capacity



Respiratory changes

| Parameter | Schwangerschaft | Adipositas | Kombination |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| Progesteronkonzentration | ↑ | ↔ | ↑ |
| CO ₂ -Sensitivität | ↑ | ↓ | ↑ |
| Tidalvolumen | ↑ | ↓ | ↑ |
| Insp. Reservevolumen (IRV) | ↑ | ↓ | ↑ |
| Exp. Reservevolumen (ERV) | ↓ | ↓↓ | ↓ |
| Residualvolumen (RV) | ↓ | ↓ oder ↔ | ↑ |
| FRC | ↓↓ | ↓↓↓ | ↓↓ |
| Vitalkapazität (VC) | ↔ | ↓ | ↓ |
| FEV1 | ↔ | ↓ oder ↔ | ↓ |
| FEV1/ VC | ↔ | ↔ | ↔ |
| Compliance | ↔ | ↓↓ | ↓ |
| V / Q Fehlverteilung | ↑ | ↑ | ↑↑ |
| Resistance | ↓ | ↑ | ↓ |
| PaO ₂ | ↓ | ↓↓ | ↓ |
| PaCO ₂ | ↓ | ↑ | ↓ |
| DLCO | ↑ oder ↔ | ↔ | ↔ |

The liver, not the lung



...develops with its tasks

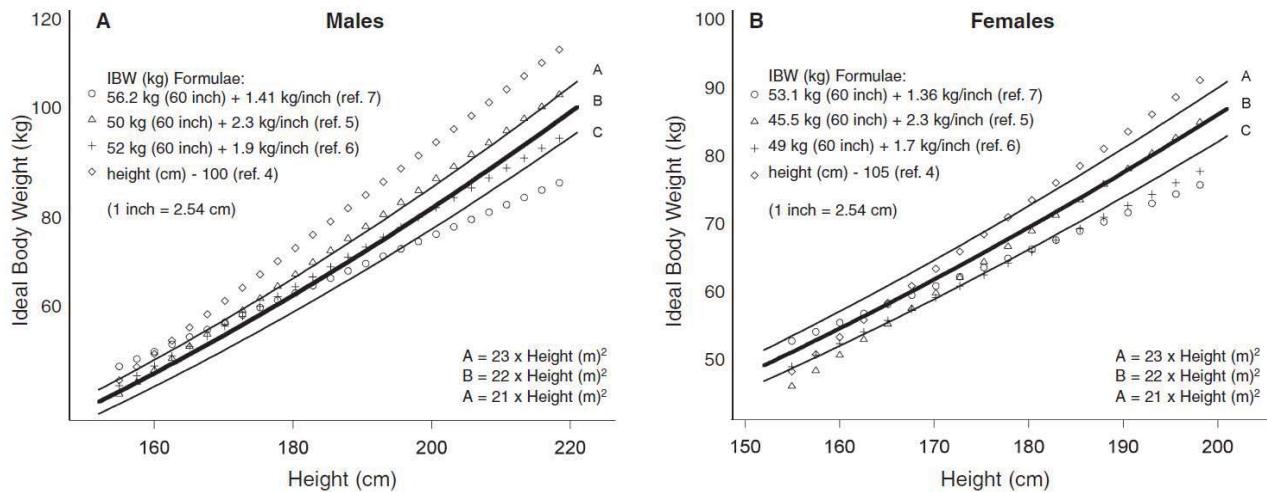
*Setup of the respirator
allways according to
the Ideal Body Weight
(IBW)*

$$\text{Males IBW (kg)} = 50 + 0.91(\text{height (cm)} - 152.4)$$

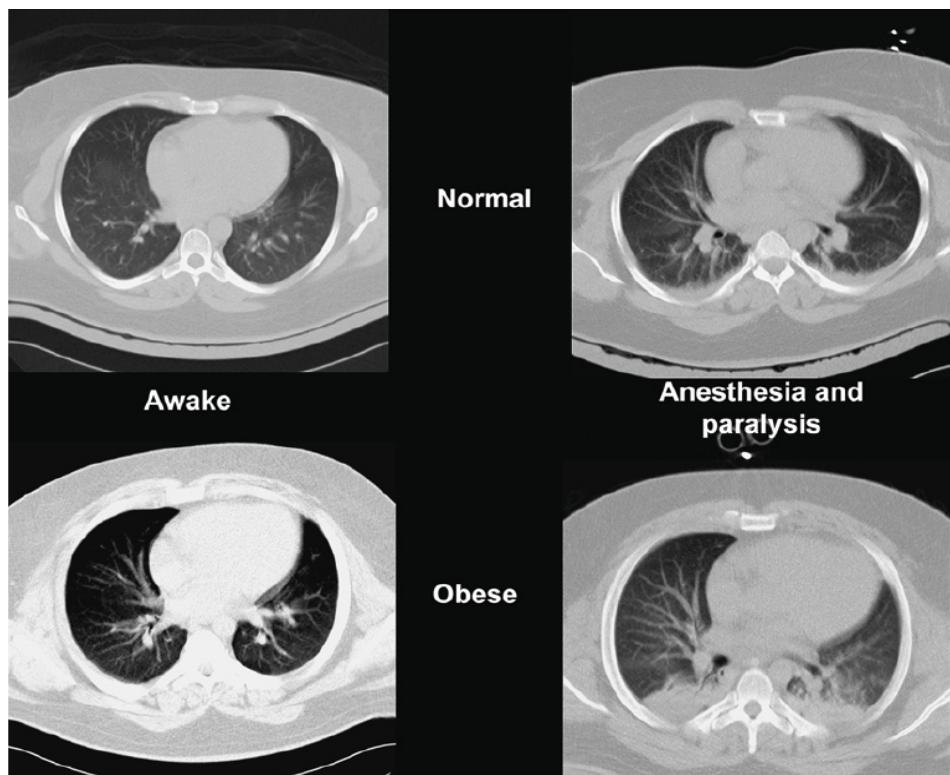
$$\text{Females IBW (kg)} = 45.5 + 0.91 (\text{height (cm)} - 152.4)$$

Estimating ideal body weight

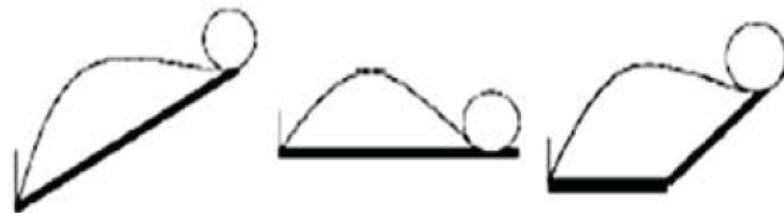
$$\text{BMI} = \text{BW} / \text{Height}^2 > 22 \times \text{Height}^2 = \text{IBW}$$



PEEP... she sighed

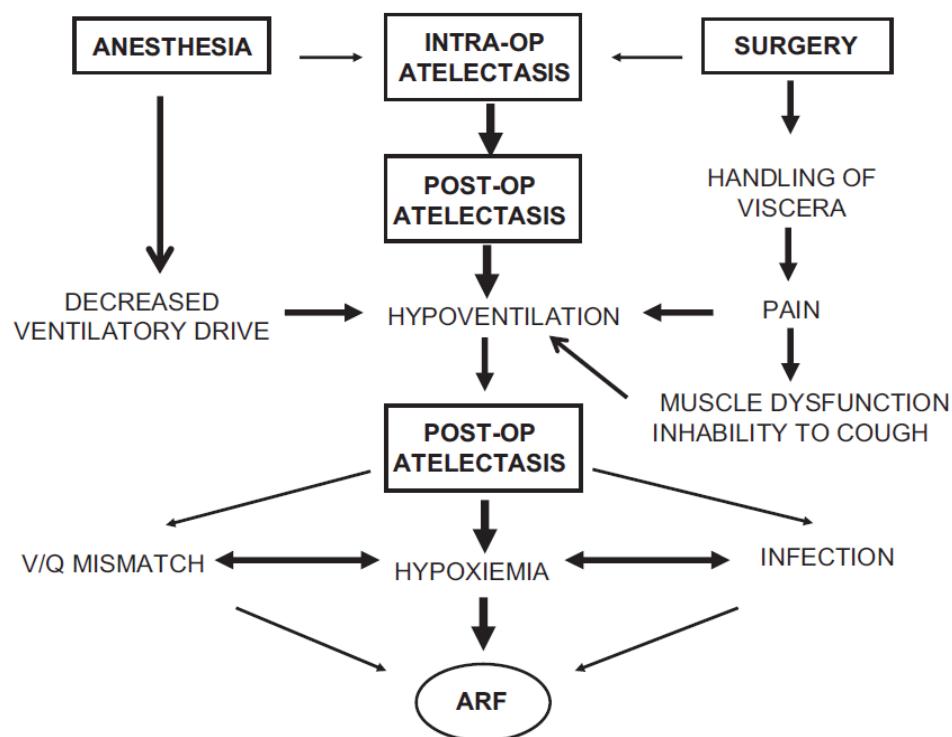


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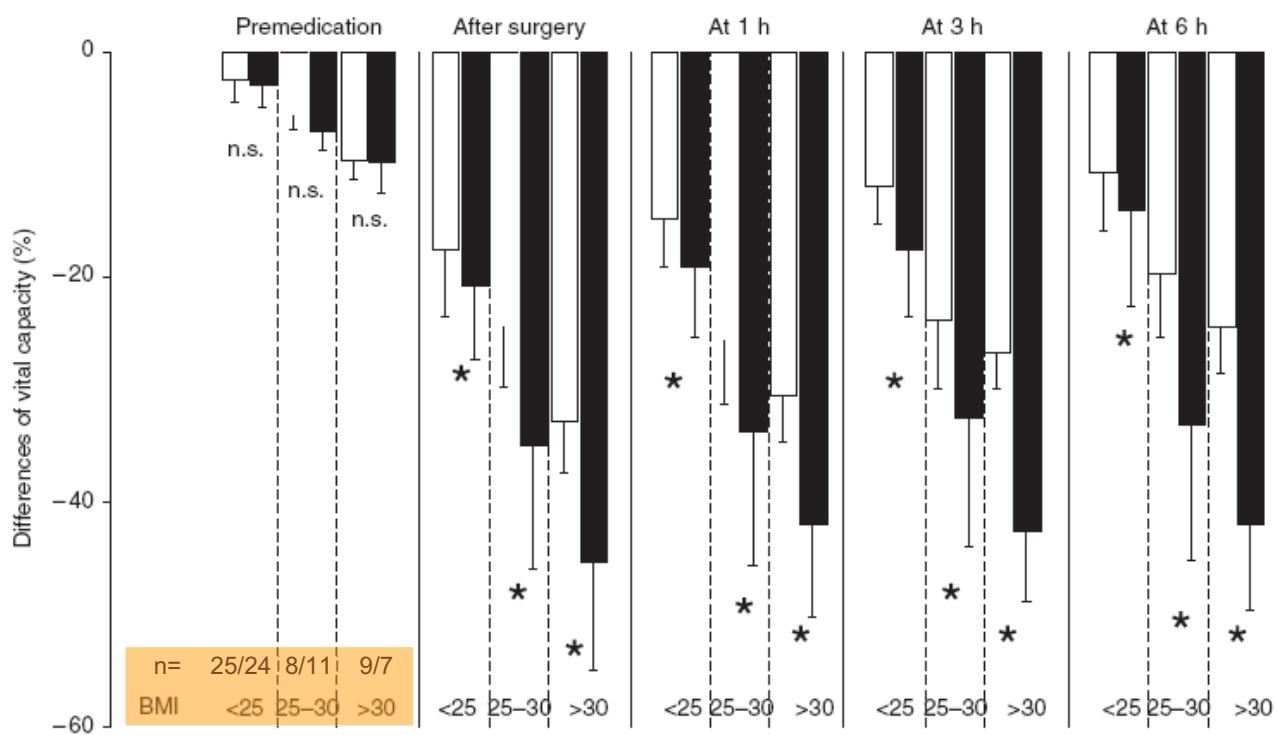


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|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|
| Safe Apnea | 178±55 | 123±24 | 153±63 |
| Period (seconds) | (1 vs 3:p<.05) | | |
| Recovery Time | 80±30 | 206±64 | 97±41 |
| (seconds) | (2 vs 1:P<.001) | | (2 vs 3:P<.001) |
| Lowest SaO ₂ (%) | 83±4 | 82±5 | 83±4 |

Pulmonary complications after surgery



Thoracic EA and Obesity



OSAS and ambulatory anesthesia

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|---|------|---|----------|---|--------|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|------|---|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| <p>A. Severity of sleep apnea based on sleep study (or clinical indicators if sleep study not available). Point score ____ (0-3)[†]</p> <p>Severity of OSA (table 1)</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>None</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>Mild</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Moderate</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>Severe</td><td>3</td></tr> </table> <p>B. Invasiveness of surgery and anesthesia. Point score ____ (0-3)</p> <p>Type of surgery and anesthesia</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Superficial surgery under local or peripheral nerve block anesthesia without sedation</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>Superficial surgery with moderate sedation or general anesthesia</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Peripheral surgery with spinal or epidural anesthesia (with no more than moderate sedation)</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Peripheral surgery with general anesthesia</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>Airway surgery with moderate sedation</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>Major surgery, general anesthesia</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>Airway surgery, general anesthesia</td><td>3</td></tr> </table> <p>C. Requirement for postoperative opioids. Point score ____ (0-3)</p> <p>Opioid requirement</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>None</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>Low-dose oral opioids</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>High-dose oral opioids, parenteral or neuraxial opioids</td><td>3</td></tr> </table> <p>D. Estimation of perioperative risk. Overall score = the score for A plus the greater of the score for either B or C. Point score ____ (0-6)[‡]</p> | None | 0 | Mild | 1 | Moderate | 2 | Severe | 3 | Superficial surgery under local or peripheral nerve block anesthesia without sedation | 0 | Superficial surgery with moderate sedation or general anesthesia | 1 | Peripheral surgery with spinal or epidural anesthesia (with no more than moderate sedation) | 1 | Peripheral surgery with general anesthesia | 2 | Airway surgery with moderate sedation | 2 | Major surgery, general anesthesia | 3 | Airway surgery, general anesthesia | 3 | None | 0 | Low-dose oral opioids | 1 | High-dose oral opioids, parenteral or neuraxial opioids | 3 |
| None | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mild | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Moderate | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Severe | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Superficial surgery under local or peripheral nerve block anesthesia without sedation | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Superficial surgery with moderate sedation or general anesthesia | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Peripheral surgery with spinal or epidural anesthesia (with no more than moderate sedation) | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Peripheral surgery with general anesthesia | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Airway surgery with moderate sedation | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Major surgery, general anesthesia | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Airway surgery, general anesthesia | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| None | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Low-dose oral opioids | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| High-dose oral opioids, parenteral or neuraxial opioids | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| | Type of Surgery/Anesthesia | Consultant Opinion |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Superficial surgery/local or regional anesthesia | | Agree |
| Superficial surgery/general anesthesia | | Equivocal |
| Airway surgery (adult, e.g., UPPP) | | Disagree |
| Tonsillectomy in children less than 3 years old | | Disagree |
| Tonsillectomy in children greater than 3 years old | | Equivocal |
| Minor orthopedic surgery/local or regional anesthesia | | Agree |
| Minor orthopedic surgery/general anesthesia | | Equivocal |
| Gynecologic laparoscopy | | Equivocal |
| Laparoscopic surgery, upper abdomen | | Disagree |
| Lithotripsy | | Agree |

OSAS and ambulatory anesthesia

Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia Consensus Statement on Preoperative Selection of Adult Patients with Obstructive Sleep Apnea Scheduled for Ambulatory Surgery

Table 6. STOP–Bang Questionnaire Used to Screen Patients to Determine the Risk of Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)⁸

S = Snoring. Do you snore loudly (louder than talking or loud enough to be heard through closed doors)?

T = Tiredness. Do you often feel tired, fatigued, or sleepy during daytime?

O = Observed apnea. Has anyone observed you stop breathing during your sleep?

P = Pressure. Do you have or are you being treated for high blood pressure?

B = BMI > 35 kg/m²

A = Age > 50 years

N = Neck circumference > 40 cm

G = Male gender

From Hathaway, 2006.¹⁵ Fewer than 3 questions positive = low risk of OSA; 3 or more questions positive: high risk of OSA; 5 to 8 questions positive: high probability of moderate-to-severe OSA.¹¹

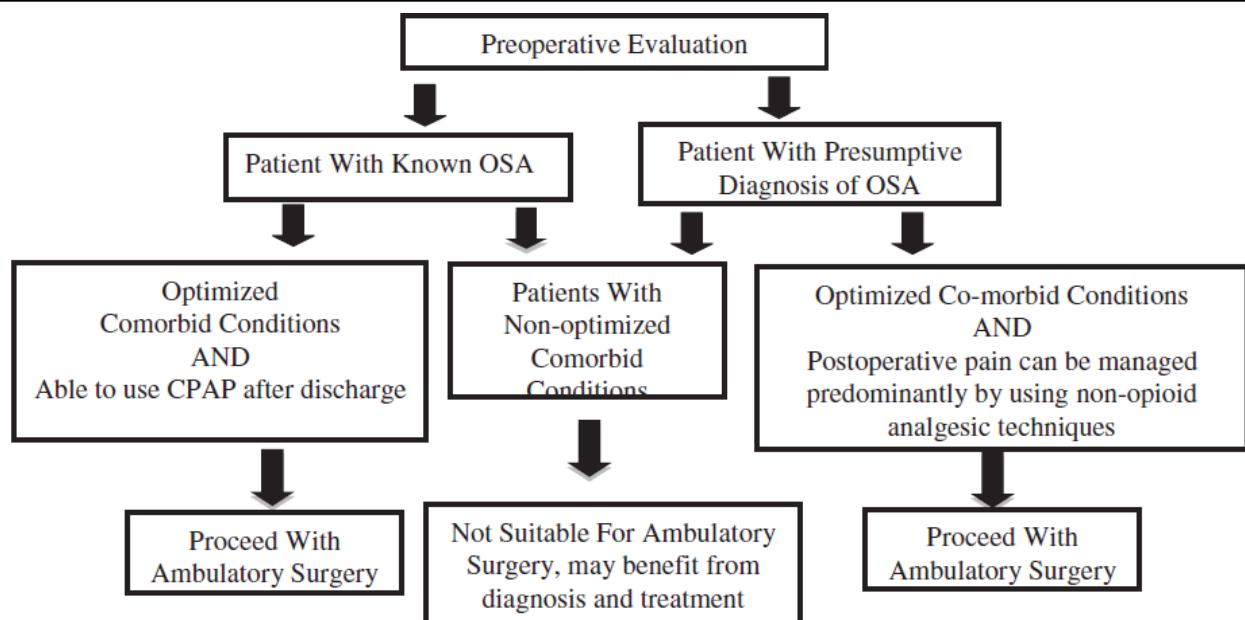


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Comorbid conditions: hypertension, arrhythmias, heart failure, cerebrovascular disease, and metabolic syndrome.

If OSA is suspected during evaluation, one could proceed with a presumptive diagnosis of OSA albeit with caution.



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Pharmakokinetik in Obesity

- Which body weight is the best?
- TBW; IBW or ABW?
 - $IBW = (Height\ cm - 100) - 5\%(m)\ or\ -10\% (w)\ in\ kg$
 - $ABW = (TBW-IBW)*0.4 + IBW$
- Is more really more, or is less more – more or less?
- Organ dysfunction?
- Dosing according to effect?
- (drug monitoring)
- IBW according to the ARDS-Net Study

Males IBW (kg) = $50 + 0.91(\text{height (cm)} - 152.4)$

Females IBW (kg) = $45.5 + 0.91 (\text{height (cm)} - 152.4)$



Anästhetische drugs

| Dosierungsempfehlungen für die gebräuchlichsten Anästhetika | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|--------|--------------------|-----------|--|
| Substanz | Verteilungsvolumen (L) | | Clearance (ml/min) | | Empfohlene Dosis |
| | schlank | adipös | schlank | adipös | |
| Thiopental | 1,4 | 4,7 | 197,2–210 | 290–416,3 | ID reduziert |
| Propofol | 13 | 17,9 | 28,3 | 24,3 | TBW (ID/AD) |
| Midazolam | 114 | 311 | 530 | 472 | TBW (ID); IBW (AD) |
| Fentanyl | n. d. | n. d. | 718 | 986 | PK = $52 \times 1 /$ Korrektur-Faktor ($\approx 2 > 140\text{kg}$) |
| Sufentanil | 346 | 547 | 1780 | 1990 | TBW (ID); AD unklar |
| Remifentanil | 6,8 | 7,5 | 2700 | 3100 | IBW |
| Rocuronium | 0,14 | 0,09 | 0,45 | 0,03 | IBW |
| Vecuronium | 0,99 | 0,47 | 325 | 260 | IBW |
| Cis-Atracurium | 8,5 | 8,6 | 440 | 444 | IBW |
| Succinylcholine | n. d. | n. d. | n. d. | n. d. | TBW |

Linear dose to
BW 100; above
140 kg plateau.
Calculate with
110 kg

Pharmakokinetik bei Adipositas

| | <i>Loading / Maintenance</i> | <i>Note</i> |
|---|--|---|
| <i>Antibiotics</i> -Beta-Laktames -Quinolones | <i>Max-dosis o. ABW</i> <i>Max-dosis o. ABW</i> | <i>Reduction of the dose intervals, no increase of dose amount</i> |
| -Amiodaron -Digoxin -beta-Blocker | <i>IBW / IBW</i> <i>IBW / IBW</i> <i>IBW / IBW</i> | <i>Dose according effect</i> <i>Drug monitoring</i> <i>Dose according to effect</i> |
| Steroids | <i>ABW or IBW</i> | <i>No studies</i> |
| Vasoaktives | <i>IBW</i> | <i>10 µg/kg (12-200 ng/ml), dose according to effect</i> |

Prediction of difficult intubation?

**Predictions are
very difficult,
especially about
the future.**

Niels Bohr (1885-1962)



Morbid Obesity and Tracheal Intubation

| Variable | Problematic intubation (n = 12) | | | Easy intubation (n = 88) | | | P value ^a |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------------------|
| | Median | 25th pct | 75th pct | Median | 25th pct | 75th pct | |
| Age (yr) | 44 | 39.5 | 49.5 | 44 | 36 | 51.5 | 0.9957 ^b |
| Height (cm) | 168 | 159.7 | 176.9 | 168 | 160.3 | 171.2 | 0.6471 ^b |
| Weight (kg) | 124.8 | 124 | 144.1 | 137 | 122.3 | 156.8 | 0.858 |
| BMI (kg/m^2) | 46.5 | 42.5 | 47.3 | 48.9 | 44.2 | 58.1 | 0.9393 |
| Neck circumference (cm) | 50.5 | 44.7 | 54 | 46 | 42 | 48 | 0.0326 |
| Sternomental distance (cm) | 13.5 | 12.7 | 16.2 | 12 | 14 | 17 | 0.4979 |
| Thyromental distance (cm) | 9.5 | 7.7 | 10 | 9.5 | 8 | 11 | 0.6556 |
| Mouth opening (cm) | 5 | 4.1 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 4 | 6.3 | 0.1284 |

| Variable | Category | Problematic intubation (n) | | P value |
|-------------|----------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | Problematic intubation (n) | Easy intubation (n) | |
| Sex | Male | 4 | 18 | 0.4559 ^a |
| | Female | 8 | 70 | |
| Sleep apnea | Yes | 6 | 50 | 0.8915 ^b |
| | No | 6 | 38 | |
| Mallampati | 1 | 0 | 30 | 0.0305 ^a |
| | 2 | 5 | 32 | |
| | 3 | 7 | 25 | |
| | 4 | 0 | 1 | |

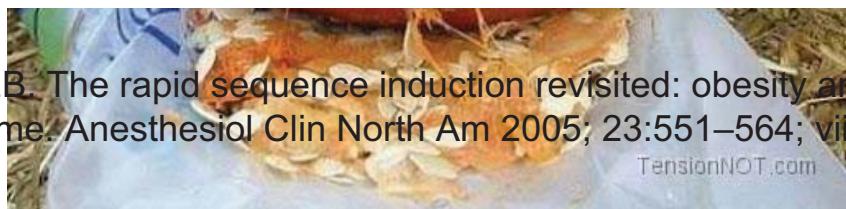
Sniff or ramped?



Risk of aspiration



RSI remains important in the morbidly obese patients with gastrooesophageal reflux, diabetes mellitus, pregnancy, gastrointestinal disorders and before emergency surgery, all of which predispose to pulmonary aspiration. However, the application of RSI is probably not necessary in fasted patients with no risk factors other than obesity.



Freid EB. The rapid sequence induction revisited: obesity and sleep apnea syndrome. Anesthesiol Clin North Am 2005; 23:551–564; viii

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Regional anaesthesia and obesity

Supraclavicular Block

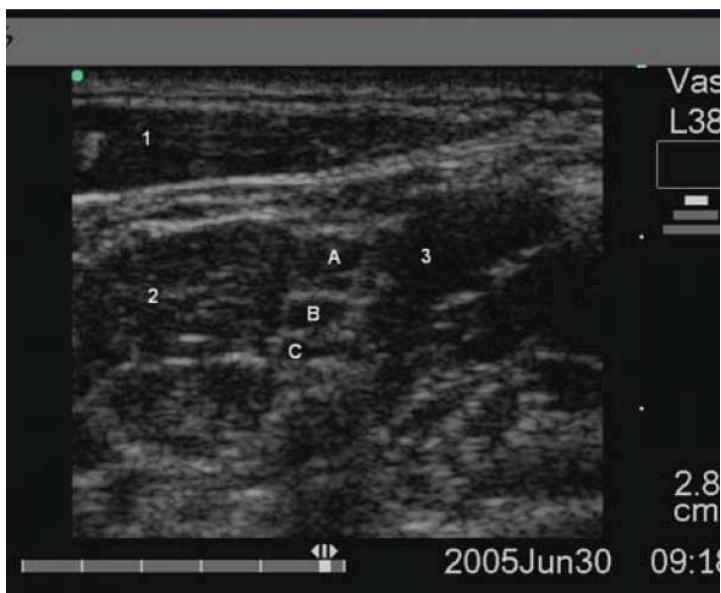
| | Non-obese group and subgroups | | | | Obese group and subgroups | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | Overall | Non-obese overall ^a | UW ^b | N ^b | OW ^b | Obese overall ^a | O ^b | MO ^b |
| Good, n (%) | 1951 (96.6) | 1522 (97.3) | 44 (100) | 738 (97.4) | 740 (97.0) | 429 (94.3)† | 381 (94.5)* | 48 (92.3) |
| Partial, n (%) | 33 (1.6) | 19 (1.2) | 0 | 12 (1.6) | 7 (0.9) | 14 (3.1)† | 12 (3.0)‡ | 2 (3.8) |
| Failure, n (%) | 36 (1.8) | 24 (1.5) | 0 | 8 (1.1) | 16 (2.1) | 12 (2.6) | 10 (2.5) | 2 (3.8) |
| Accidental paresthesia, n (%) | 49 (2.4) | 34 (2.2) | 2 (4.5) | 13 (1.7) | 19 (2.5) | 15 (3.3) | 10 (2.5) | 5 (9.6)* |
| Blocks started by residents, n (%) | 1586 (78.5) | 1235 (78.9) | 35 (79.5) | 603 (79.6) | 597 (78.2) | 351 (77.1) | 315 (78.2) | 36 (69.2) |
| Blocks completed by residents, n (%) | 1249 (78.8) | 993 (80.4) | 31 (88.6) | 498 (82.6) | 464 (77.7) | 256 (72.9)† | 231 (73.3)* | 25 (69.4) |

- 1565 blocks (77.5%) on non-obese patients and 455 blocks (22.5%) supraclavicular Blocks without US
- Success rate 97.3 % (BMI 18-30) vs. 94.3% (BMI >30) $p <0.01$

 Franco (2006) A & A; 102: 1252-1254

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Interscalen-block and Ultrasound



- 70 Patients, BMI 23 vs. 30; Interscalen block with US
- 4 ± 2 u. 5 ± 1 min >0.02
- Success rate 94 % (33) vs. 77% (27 Patients)

 Schwemmer (2006) Ultraschall Med; 27: 245-250

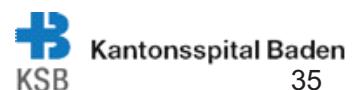
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Table 4. Unadjusted Outcomes

| Variable | Category | BMI <25 | BMI 25–29 | BMI ≥30 | All Patients | P Value* |
|---|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------|
| Block failure | Yes | 9.5% | 10.7% | 12.7% | 10.9% | 0.002 |
| | No | 90.5% | 89.3% | 87.3% | 89.1% | |
| Acute block complications | Yes | 0.2% | 0.1% | 0.7% | 0.3% | 0.001 |
| | No | 99.8% | 99.9% | 99.3% | 99.7% | |
| Pain requiring opioids in PACU | Yes | 11.4% | 10.2% | 11.9% | 11.2% | 0.21 |
| | No | 88.6% | 89.8% | 88.1% | 88.8% | |
| Pain score at rest on VAS ± SD | – | 0.3 ± 1.4 | 0.3 ± 1.3 | 0.3 ± 1.4 | 0.3 ± 1.4 | 0.18 |
| Pain score with movement on VAS ± SD | – | 0.4 ± 1.5 | 0.3 ± 1.3 | 0.4 ± 1.5 | 0.4 ± 1.4 | 0.02 |
| PONV requiring treatment in PACU | Yes | 1.2% | 0.7% | 1.2% | 1.0% | 0.28 |
| | No | 98.8% | 99.3% | 98.8% | 99.0% | |
| PACU length of stay ± SD (min) | | | | | | |
| Unplanned admission to the 23 h observation unit or hospital | | | | | | |
| Complete satisfaction with regional anesthesia procedure 24 h postoperatively | | | | | | |

Conclusions: The present investigation shows that obesity is associated with higher block failure and complication rates in surgical regional anesthesia in the ambulatory setting. Nonetheless, the rate of successful blocks and overall satisfaction remained high in patients with increased BMI. Therefore, overweight and obese patients should not be excluded from regional anesthesia procedures in the ambulatory setting.

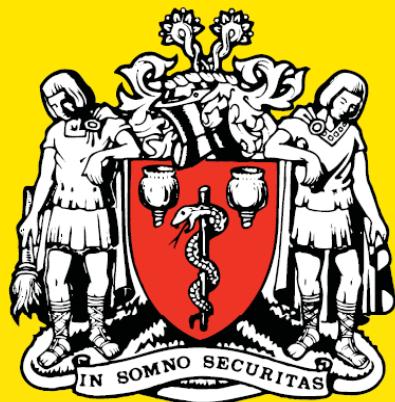


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Selection of Obese Patients Undergoing Ambulatory Surgery: A Systematic Review of the Literature

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DISCUSSION: The literature lacks adequate information to make strong recommendations regarding appropriate selection of the obese patients scheduled for ambulatory surgery. The literature does indicate that the super obese (BMI >50 kg/m²) do present an increased risk for perioperative complications, while patient with lower BMIs do not seem to present any increased risk as long as any comorbidities are minimal or optimized before surgery. This review also identifies knowledge gaps and recommends future research required to guide optimal selection of obese patients scheduled for ambulatory surgery. (Anesth Analg 2013;117:1082–91)



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*And now we see affected, all questions
open, so we've closed our play*
Bertolt Brecht „The good soul of Szechuan“

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- "Man hat rausgefunden, dass Wale viel zu dick und zu fett sind, um schwimmen zu können. Da aber der Wal von dieser Wahrheit gar nichts weiß, schwimmt er schon irrtümlicherweise.,,"
– Mathias Richling, Blick zurück nach vorn

