

Unit 3

Airway Management

WORKSHEET

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Question:

Which of our patients may require closer monitoring of Blood Pressure?

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Stop and think:

If Mr Bamber was given a general anaesthetic and Isoflurane was used, are there any contraindications between Isoflurane and his current medication?

- Is this likely to cause an irregular heart rhythm.

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Stop and think:

What rhythm does this trace depict?



- Interpreting Jane's ECG trace - which volatile agent would be most likely to be used to maintain her anaesthetic if she visited your department?
- Is there more than one available?
- What is the preferred maintenance agent and why?

Question:

Consider situations that may allow for inaccurate pulse oximeter readings....As a practitioner, what modifications, if any, would you make to your patient's care?

Stop and think:

We all know that tissues need a supply of oxygen to survive...

- How does the oxygen administered to a patient get to their tissues?
- What is the relevance of this in anaesthetics?

Stop and think:

What measures can we take to ensure that a calm, peaceful and relatively stress-free environment is maintained in the anaesthetic room?

Question:

Which of our 3 patients would cause most concern in respect of intubation?

- Why?

Question:

For which of our 3 patients would we consider Rapid Sequence Induction?

- Why?
- What is cricoid pressure?

Stop and think:

So, in an evidence-based practice arena, why do we persist teaching cricoid pressure when there is such a division of opinion regarding its efficacy?