

Patient transfer to CT:

Set-up:	
Lines/access:	RIJ CVC & left radial arterial line
Infusions:	1L crystalloid at 100ml/hr
Airway:	Own
Ventilator:	FM, FiO2 0.4, RR 25, SpO2 94%, crackles bibasally
Other:	Transfer monitor, transfer bag

Clinical Setting:

I: You are the ICU registrar transferring the patient for a CT scan of his abdomen

S: You have just arrived at CT

B: 70M was admitted to HDU post Hartman's procedure for acute large bowl obstruction (20 probable new colonic mass), 5 days ago. He continues to have abdominal pain and persistent inflammatory markers, so the ICU consultant on duty decided he will have a CT CAP to assess the source of ongoing infection. PMHx T2DM, HTN. NKDA Abx to Tazocin. SHx: Independent of ADLs, with ex-tolerance up to 1 mile twice weekly. TEP: Full escalation

A: You are there to as support for the transfer

R: Called for help

Potential Clinical Course:

- Initially A own, B SpO₂ 94% on FiO₂ 0.4 FM, crackles bibasally C HR 120 bpm SR, BP 110/60, CVP 16, D GCS 15/15
- Patient starts having a tonic-clonic seizure
- The seizure self-terminates; however, patient's GCS remains EIVIM4, with airway compromise.
- SpO2 drop 95%->75%->35% and progresses to respiratory arrest if emergency intubation is delayed.
- (The scenario can be run as a full transfer or as "just arrived in CT" based in a sim suite).



Info Sheet For Faculty

- Initial settings: SpO₂ 94% on FiO₂ 0.4 FM RR 25/min Bilateral air entry, crackles bi-basally HR 120bpm, SR BP 110/60, CVP 16, T 38.8
- Progress to:

SpO₂ 75% on FiO₂ 0.4 FM (post-seizure) Obstructing airway HR 130 bpm BP 111/57, CVP 18

• If not intubated:

SpO₂ 35% Absent breath sounds Increase HR to 80 bpm SR Progressing to cardiac arrest

• If intubated:

SpO2 97% on FiO2 1.0 HR 110bpm SR BP 90/60.

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Faculty Roles:

Bedside Nurse 1:

- You are a senior ITU nurse
- You are looking after a 70M post Hartman's procedure for acute large bowl obstruction 5 days ago. He continues to spike temperatures and has abdominal pain. You have come on the transfer to CT for him to have an CT abdo.
- When you are at CT patient has a tonic-clonic seizure and drops his GCS following it.
- You take direction well, and can perform tasks asked of you in a timely fashion.
- You wonder if CT is the most appropriate place to intubate someone.

Radiographer:

- You can put out calls if asked
- Beyond that you do not know how to help

Anaesthetic SpR if called:

- You are experienced, but let the ITU team lead on the situation
- If scenario is not progressing you wonder if intubation needs to happen quicker
- You wonder if CT is the safest place to intubate or perhaps moving to a place of safety is more appropriate

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