

# Prehospital Management of Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury

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# Objectives

- **Examine the history and significance of pediatric traumatic brain injury**
- **Discuss the importance of hypoxia in resuscitation of pediatric traumatic brain injury**
- **Discuss the importance of hypotension in resuscitation of pediatric traumatic brain injury**



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# My two goals

Hypoxia

Hypotension



## A little background

- Pediatric head trauma is common

**630,000**



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**60,000**



## A little background

- Pediatric head trauma is common
- Pediatric head trauma is deadly

**6,000**



## A little background

- Pediatric head trauma is common
- Pediatric head trauma is deadly
- **Interventions can save lives**





# Define severity

- GCS



- AVPU

## LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

**A**

Alert



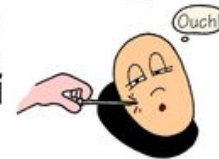
**V**

Verbal Stimuli



**P**

Painful Stimuli



**U**

Unresponsive







## Something better?

- Simplified Motor Score
  - Obeys commands
  - Localizes to pain
  - Withdrawals to pain or less response



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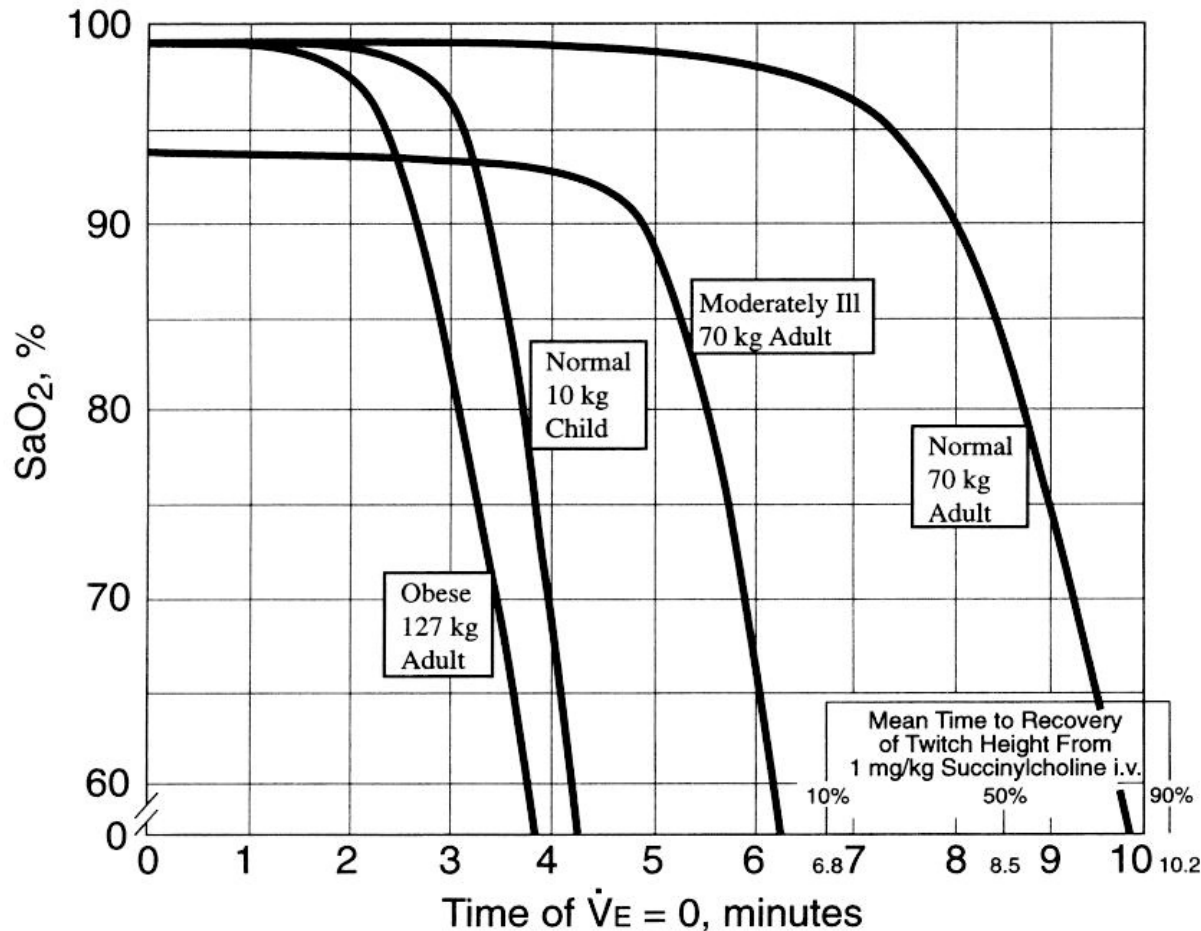
# Hypoxia





# Hypoxia in Pediatric

TIME TO HEMOGLOBIN DESATURATION WITH INITIAL  $F_{A_{O_2}} = 0.87$





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## **Acute Care Clinical Indicators Associated with Discharge Outcomes in Children with Severe Traumatic Brain Injury**

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# Airway interventions





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# Airway interventions





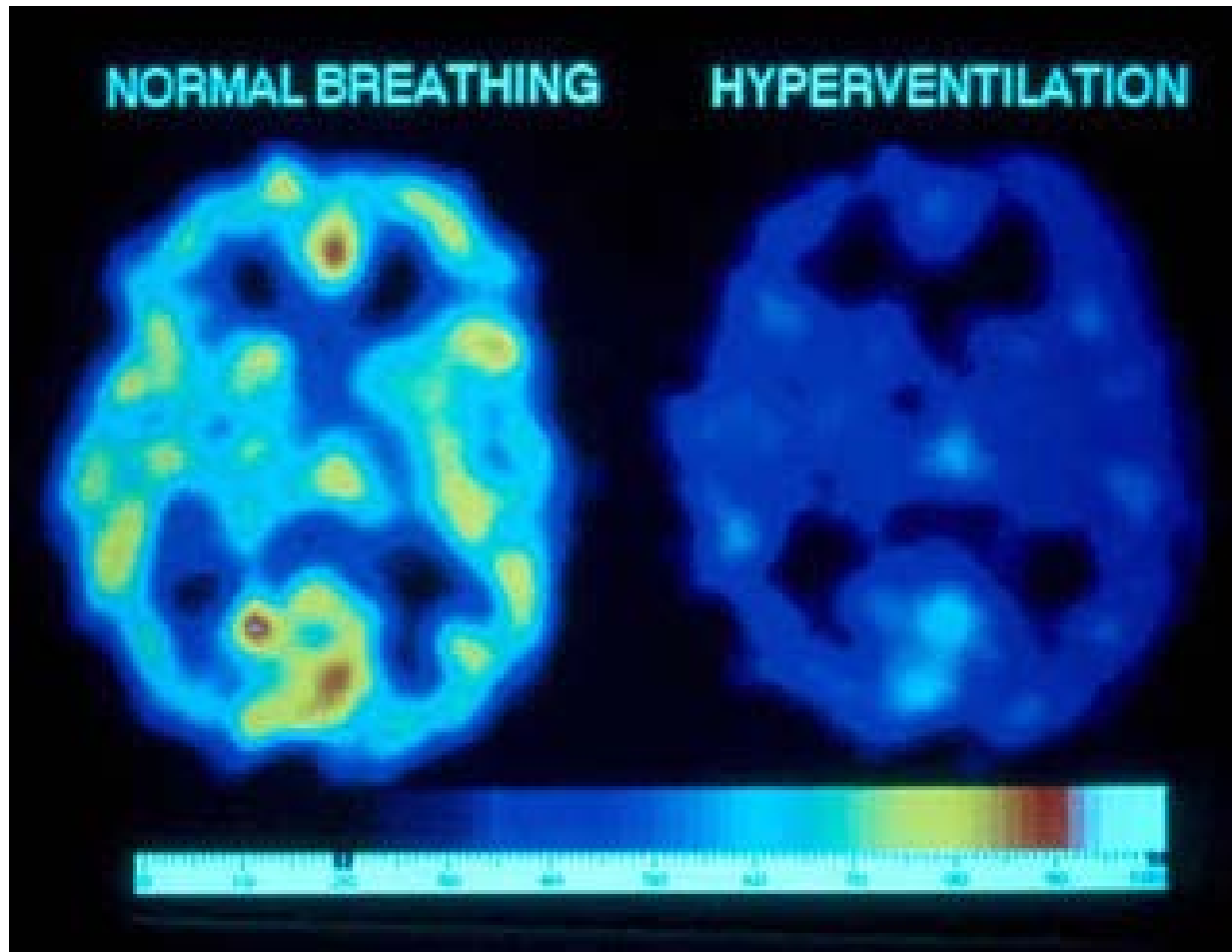
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# Airway interventions





# Ventilation issue







# Hypotension

Neonate  $<60$  mmHg

Infant  $<70$  mmHg

Child  $<70 + 2x(\text{age})$

Child  $>10\text{yrs}$   $<90$  mmHg



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**Hypotension  $\neq$  Hypoxia**



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# Hypotension

# 6 hours



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# Hypotension

# 6 hours





# Hypotension

# 6 hours

**Intervention**

**Mortality**



# Hypotension

# 6 hours

Intervention



**Mortality**

**Improved neurologic  
outcomes**



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# Hypotension interventions



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# Combined effects

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES/ORIGINAL RESEARCH

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## The Effect of Combined Out-of-Hospital Hypotension and Hypoxia on Mortality in Major Traumatic Brain Injury

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# Thank you

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