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My Son needs his Tonsils out Today!

Ask the Expert/Problem Based Learning Discussion (PBLD)
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Stem Case

- A 6 years old 60 kg boy is scheduled for adenotonsillectomy at your ambulatory surgery center. The patient has history of mild asthma for which he requires albuterol two times a month. He presents to your surgery center with cough and runny nose for few days. Mom says he has difficult time focusing in the classroom and is sleepy during the day. Mom reports a sleep study was difficult to schedule and she just wants to get the tonsils out so her boy can sleep better and focus in the school. On physical exam, he has high arching palate and mild wheezing. His vitals signs are age appropriate, but he does appear anxious.

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Preoperative Discussion Questions

- What preoperative questions do you have for the parents? Mom is worried about his cold.
- What comorbidities are you concerned about?
- Are there any further studies?
- Is this patient as candidate for surgery today?
- What preoperative medications do you order for the patient?

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Intraoperative Discussion Questions

- How do you induce this patient?
- What induction medications do you use?
- What are the options for the airway?

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Intraoperative Course

- After securing the airway, patient becomes difficult to oxygenate? PIP are high and breath sounds are absent!
- What is the differential diagnosis?
- How do you treat this?
- What is the pain management option for this patient?
- Do you emerge the patient deep or awake extubation?

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Postoperative Discussion Questions

- Patient is severely agitated, confused, and making non purposeful movements.
- What is your differential diagnosis and treatment?
- An hour after the surgery, the patient still requires oxygen. What can you do?
- What home medication should the surgeon prescribe for this patient?

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