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**PARENTAL PRESENCE
DURING INDUCTION
of
GENERAL ANESTHESIA
in
OFFICE BASED PROCEDURES**

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OBJECTIVES

- Review patient safety aspects of parents present during induction of their child's anesthetic
- Review objections of anesthesiologists to parental presence during induction
- Review benefits of parents being present during induction of anesthesia

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PATIENT SAFETY ASPECTS

- Risks to child
 - Parental interference with delivery of anesthetic
- Risks to parent
 - Emotional trauma
 - Vasovagal episode
- Risk to anesthesiologist
 - Litigation
 - Physical attack by parent

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ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S OBJECTIONS

- "I don't feel comfortable having parent's present during induction"
 - Then DON'T DO IT!
 - Anesthesiologists should not be compelled to have parents present
 - Anesthesiologists must be fully committed and prepared
- Other objections are mostly specious
 - Children will die/suffer irreparable harm/suffer psychic trauma
 - Parents will interfere with care/attack the anesthesia team
 - Lawyers will sue us all
 - Medical board will pull our licenses
 - Are you crazy?
- Please participate with your opinions/objections during the discussion

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BENEFITS OF PARENTAL PRESENCE

- Patient benefits
 - No separation/Parental reassurance
 - Lap induction/parent or child holding mask
- Parental benefits
 - Full disclosure/observation of process
 - Explanation of monitoring to prevent harm to child
- Anesthesia Team benefits
 - Improved patient compliance/parental restraint of patient

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BENEFITS OF PARENTAL PRESENCE



- OBA Practice benefits
 - Marketing; provide unique service most hospitals/ASCs do not
 - Shorter turnover time compared to sedation
- OBA Proceduralist benefits
 - Marketing; OBA vs Hospital
 - Improved patient/parent satisfaction
- Benefits to the Profession of Anesthesiology
 - Demystifies/democratizes anesthesia care
 - Educate public/parent on importance of physician led ACT/hands on
 - Patient safety advocacy

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KEY PRINCIPLES; How to make this work



- PREPARE THE PARENTS
 - Participation is OPTIONAL
 - Emergencies can happen and they must leave immediately
 - Discuss Loss of Airway; LARYNGOSPASM
 - Describe how children behave during inhalation induction
 - Reassure them they will not see IV start or intubation
- Prepare the child
 - Play POP the Balloon/make it a game/use distraction aids
- Proceduralist must support the concept
 - Coordinated effort will reassure parents

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