

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Intra-abdominal hypertension and abdominal compartment syndrome survey

1. What is your position?
 - Specialist
 - Fellow
 - Consultant
2. How long have you been working in a PICU?
 - 0–5 years
 - 6–10 years
 - 11–15 years
 - > 15 years
3. Classification of your facility:
 - Teaching academic hospital
 - Teaching non-academic hospital
 - Non-teaching governmental hospital
 - Private hospital
4. Type of PICU:
 - Medical
 - Surgical
 - Mixed
 - Pure cardiac
5. How many beds do you have in your PICU?
 - Less than 10 ICU beds
 - 10–20 ICU beds
 - 21–30 ICU beds
 - More than 30 ICU beds
6. Are you familiar with IAH or the effect of elevated IAP on organ function?
 - Yes
 - No
7. Are you familiar with abdominal compartment syndrome (ACS)?
 - Yes
 - No
8. Are you familiar with the concept of abdominal perfusion pressure?
 - Yes
 - No
9. Do you believe that IAH and ACS are important problems in SURGICAL/TRAUMA patients?
 - Yes
 - No
10. Do you believe that IAH and ACS are important problems in MEDICAL patients?
 - Yes
 - No
11. Approximately how many cases of ACS have you seen in the last year (2019)?
 - I don't monitor for ACS
 - 0
 - 1–5
 - 6–10
 - more than 10
 - Other (please specify)
12. What do you regard as a normal IAP in healthy children?
 - 0–10 mmHg
 - 11–12 mmHg
 - 13–15 mmHg
 - 16 mmHg
 - Other (please specify)
13. What IAP do you regard as intra-abdominal hypertension (IAH) in children?
 - > 5 mmHg
 - > 10 mmHg
 - > 12 mmHg
 - > 15 mmHg
 - > 20 mmHg
 - > 25 mmHg
14. In paediatric patients with IAH and organ dysfunction, at what IAP do you think ACS can occur?
 - > 5 mmHg
 - > 10 mmHg
 - > 12 mmHg
 - > 15 mmHg
 - > 20 mmHg
 - > 25 mmHg
15. Do you measure IAP in your patients? (If the answer is YES go to question 17)
 - Yes
 - No

16. If your answer to the previous question was NO: Please indicate reasons why you do not measure IAP (Select all that apply):
- I don't know how to measure IAP
 - I think it has no clinical relevance
 - Costs
 - I rely on clinical/physical examination and assessment
 - I don't think it is a frequent condition in the paediatric population
 - I don't know how to interpret IAP
 - There is insufficient evidence to suggest that treatment of IAH improves the patient
 - Other (please specify)
17. What is your PREFERRED method for diagnosing IAH/ACS?
- Abdominal perimeter/circumference
 - Clinical examination of the abdomen
 - Abdominal CT scan
 - Abdominal ultrasound
 - IAP measurement
 - Clinical examination + IAP measurement
 - Other (please specify)
18. What method(s) do you use to measure IAP? (Please select all that apply.)
- Transvesical (bladder) measurement
 - Direct (peritoneal) measurement
 - Transgastric measurement
19. For the transvesical (bladder) technique of measuring IAP, what volume do you instil into the bladder before IAP measurement?
- 1 mL kg⁻¹
 - 2 mL kg⁻¹
 - 3 mL kg⁻¹
 - 4 mL kg⁻¹
 - 25 mL regardless of the weight
20. In which medical patient population(s) do you measure IAP? (Please select all that apply.)
- Sepsis
 - Mechanical ventilation
 - Organ failure
 - Massive fluid resuscitation
 - Obesity
 - Acute pancreatitis
 - Ascites secondary to liver failure
 - Burns
 - At risk for IAH
 - Other (please specify)
21. In which SURGICAL patient population(s) do you measure IAP? (Please select all that apply)
- Intra-abdominal trauma/bleeding
 - Intra-abdominal bleeding secondary to coagulopathy
 - Gastrointestinal tract surgery
 - Bowel perforation
 - Liver transplant surgery
 - Massive fluid resuscitation
 - Other (please specify)
22. When initially setting out to monitor IAP, how often do you ROUTINELY measure it?
- Once every 24 hours
 - Once every 12 hours
 - Once every 6 hours
 - Once every 4 hours
 - When clinically indicated
 - Continuously
- Please indicate the frequency with which you use the following interventions in managing IAH and ACS.
23. Inotropes/vasopressors
- Always
 - Usually
 - Sometimes
 - Rarely
 - Never
24. Diuretics
- Always
 - Usually
 - Sometimes
 - Rarely
 - Never
25. Sedation/muscle relaxant
- Always
 - Usually
 - Sometimes
 - Rarely
 - Never
26. Body positioning
- Always
 - Usually
 - Sometimes
 - Rarely
 - Never

28. Abdominal paracentesis

- Always
- Usually
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

29. Decompressive laparotomy

- Always
- Usually
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

30. On what criteria do you commonly base your decision to request surgical decompression on a patient with ACS? (Select all that apply)

- The IAP
- The degree of organ dysfunction
- The cause of ACS
- The evolution of IAP
- The evolution of organ dysfunction
- I do not surgically decompress patients with ACS
- Other (please specify)

31. Which of the following factors would affect your decision to consult a surgeon to discuss the option of a decompressive laparotomy on a patient with a known or suspected elevation in IAP? (Select all that apply)

- Abdominal distension
- Decreasing cardiac output
- Increasing oxygen requirement
- Increasing vasopressor or inotrope doses
- Increasing ventilator pressures
- Worsening acidosis
- Worsening oliguria
- Other (please specify)