

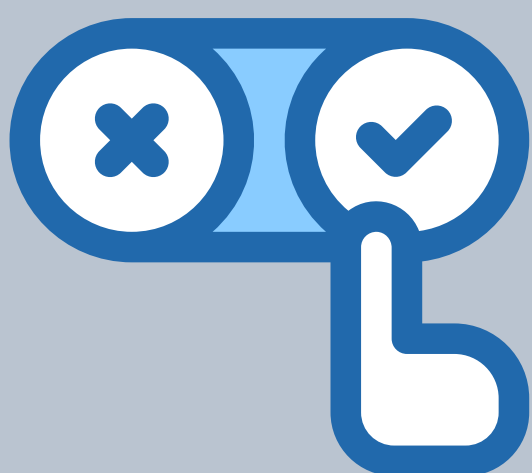
INTUBATING ASTHMATICS

Prevention and Management

STAVE OFF INTUBATION

Kitchen sink:

- Albuterol/ipratropium cont nebs
- Mag 2 gms over 20 min
- Epi 0.3-0.5 mg IM q20 min x3
- Steroid of choice



CROSS THE LINE

Keep your line in the sand for intubation. You can assess this by:

- The patient will tell you they're tired
- The gas will start to normalize

PREPARE AND TUBE

You can prep the patient & intubate by:

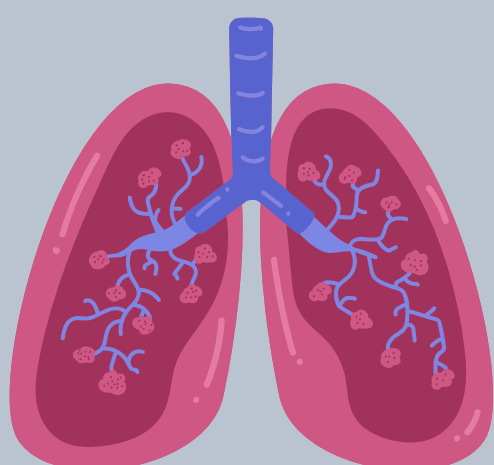
- Ketamine for induction and DSI
- NPPV to preoxygenate and assess paralysis
- Keep the patient paralyzed!



PROTECT THE LUNGS

Once the patient is on the vent is when the fun starts. To set up for success:

- Reassess the patient often
- Have low RR
- Target I:E of 1:4 to 1:6
- Get that I:E by a very short inspiratory time or very high max flow pressure
- Verify plat pressure <30
- Watch for breath stacking



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