| Pre-Proning Checklist | | |
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| General | Assess for absolute and relative contraindications | |
| | Inform Next of Kin | |
| | If feasible, consider subsequent prone positioning in the evening to reduce | |
| | the need for significant position changes overnight. | |
| | Condition of patient's skin should be documented | |
| Airway | Ensure orange airway box at bedside | |
| | Is a chest x-ray indicated before prone positioning? | |
| | ETT secure with ties (note length at teeth) | |
| | Foam pads to sides of mouth under ET ties and between ET tube and lip | |
| | Suction oropharynx and trachea | |
| | Apply yellow paraffin to lips | |
| | Increase Fio2 to 100% pre-turn | |
| Eye Care | Apply Lubricant to eyes and tape eyes closed | |
| Lines/Tubing | Does the patient require a vascath? If so aim to place pre-prone positioning. | |
| | Disconnect all non-essential IV lines, place syringe drivers onto a mobile drip stand. | |
| | Ensure all IV lines are long in length to facilitate manoeuvre. | |
| | All wound drains and catheters in between legs/bag at foot of bed. | |
| | Chest drains, have a dedicated person whose role is to maintain the drain | |
| | below the level of the patients' chest. If this cannot be achieved, then | |
| | clamp the drain for the manoeuvre. Unclamp as soon as possible. | |
| | New ECG stickers ready for use, place on patients' back. | |
| | Remove flowtrons for manoeuvre | |
| NGT | Document length of the NG tube. | |
| | Disconnect feed and aspirate NGT (restart once proned) | |
| Pressure Areas | Foam pads to nipples, knees and toes | |
| Miscellaneous | Ensure bottom of the bed is pulled out for toes | |
| | Place patient in the 'swimming' position once proned | |
| | Ideally patient should be on a nimbus mattress. This may not be feasible if patient is unstable | |
| Drugs | Ensure adequate sedation, consider muscle relaxant. | |
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| Checklist to use after the patient is placed in prone position. | | |
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| Airway | Note length of ETT | |
| • | Check suction catheter passes freely | |
| | Return Fi02 to pre turn level | |
| Eyes | Ensure pressure to eyes is removed. | |
| | Re Attach all lines | |
| | Check for any kinks in line | |
| Lines/Tubing | Ensure pressure relief devices are in place to lines the pt is lying on | |
| | Ensure chest drain is unclamped and working. | |
| | Reapply ECG stickers and cables (In reverse order to pts front) | |
| | Re apply flowtrons | |
| NGT | Check length of NGT | |
| | Return aspirate | |
| | Reconnect and commence feed | |
| | Ensure Pts foot is not in an extended position | |
| Miscellaneous | Return Intubation box | |
| | Document time the patient was turned on the observation chart | |
| | Agree on target time for swim | |
| | Post Prone ABG | |
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