

Transnasal Humidified Rapid Insufflation  
Ventilatory Exchange

(THRIVE):

An Optimal Method of Preoxygenation for  
General Anaesthesia in Obstetrics

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# Aims

- Brief introduction on use of nasal O<sub>2</sub> therapy
- Benefits of THRIVE during RSI
- Our experience with THRIVE in obstetrics

# Introduction

- Low Flow Nasal Cannula (LFNC) O<sub>2</sub> therapy
- High Flow Nasal Cannula (HFNC) O<sub>2</sub> therapy
- THRIVE

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## Original Article

Transnasal Humidified Rapid-Insufflation Ventilatory Exchange (THRIVE): a physiological method of increasing apnoea time in patients with difficult airways

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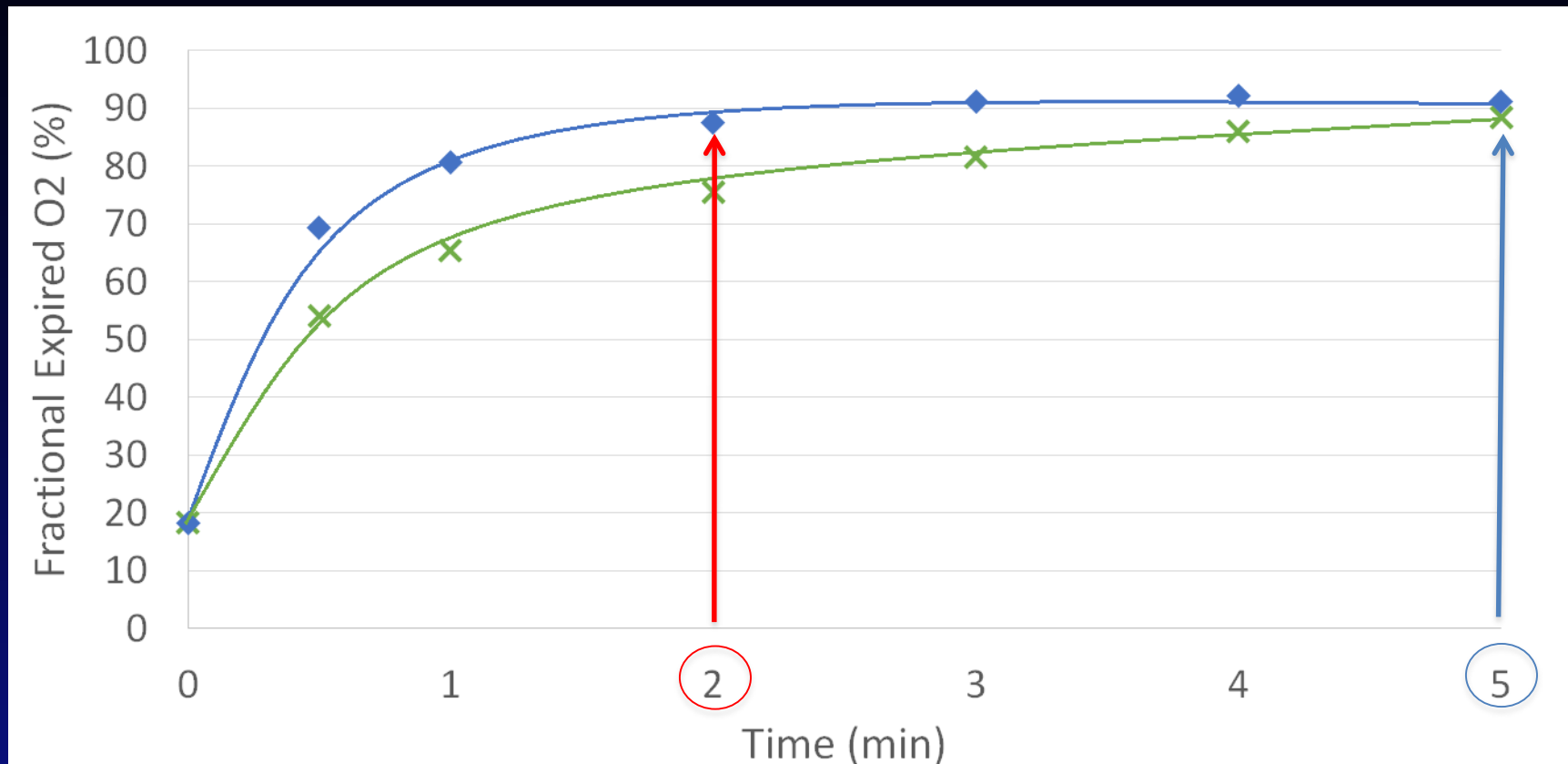
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# What is THRIVE?

- Apnoeic oxygenation - *if* a patent airway
- CPAP of 3 - 7cmH<sub>2</sub>O
- Dead space flushing

# Why Use THRIVE to Preoxygenate?

- Patel used THRIVE for oxygenation and ventilatory exchange—planned prolonged procedures
- We use THRIVE during RSI
  - Start PO whilst preparing drugs and equipment
  - Reach target of EtO<sub>2</sub> 0.9 quicker



THRIVE ◆

Face Mask x

# Why Use THRIVE to Preoxygenate?

- PO continues *during* airway manipulation
- No loss of O<sub>2</sub> when suctioning pharynx
- Allows apnoeic oxygenation with *patent* airway
- More comfortable than CPO
- Can be used for extubation and recovery

# Why use THRIVE in Obstetrics?

- GAs in obstetrics are high risk
- Increased incidence of difficult airway  
Kinsella SM, et al. Failed tracheal intubation during obstetric general anaesthesia: a literature review. *IJOA* 2015; 24: 356-74
- PO is known to be performed poorly  
Porter R, et al. Preoxygenation for general anaesthesia in pregnancy: Is it adequate? *IJOA* 2011; 20:363-5
- CPAP generated from the high flow may also improve the already compromised FRC



# Why use THRIVE in Obstetrics?

- Reduced exposure to obstetric GA during training

Searle RD, et al. *Vanishing experience in training for obstetric general anaesthesia: an observational study*. IJOA 2008; 17: 233-7

- Any means of improving PO and extending the safe apnoea time is beneficial

# Why use THRIVE in Obstetrics?

- New OAA/DAS guidelines suggest nasal oxygenation

## Algorithm 1– safe obstetric general anaesthesia

### Pre-theatre preparation

Airway assessment  
Fasting status  
Antacid prophylaxis  
Intrauterine fetal resuscitation if appropriate

### Plan with team

WHO safety checklist / general anaesthetic checklist  
Identify senior help, alert if appropriate  
Plan equipment for difficult / failed intubation  
Plan for / discuss: wake up or proceed with surgery (Table 1)

### Rapid sequence induction

Check airway equipment, suction, intravenous access  
Optimise position – head up / ramping + left uterine displacement  
Pre-oxygenate to  $F_{ET}O_2 \geq 0.9$  / consider nasal oxygenation  
Cricoid pressure (10 N increasing to 30 N maximum)  
Deliver appropriate induction / neuromuscular blocker doses  
Consider facemask ventilation ( $P_{max} 20 \text{ cmH}_2\text{O}$ )

# Our Experience with THRIVE

- R&D approval – service evaluation
- Primary objective
  - Assess if using THRIVE for PO is feasible in obstetrics
  - Assess the rate of oxygen desaturation
  - Share our experience with others
- Secondary objective
  - Neonatal outcomes

# Method

- ALL obstetric GAs were included
- Anaesthetists choice of THRIVE vs standard
- If THRIVE used – started on arriving in theatre
- All other aspects of obstetric GA remained unchanged

# Equipment

- Fisher & Paykel Optiflow system



# Results

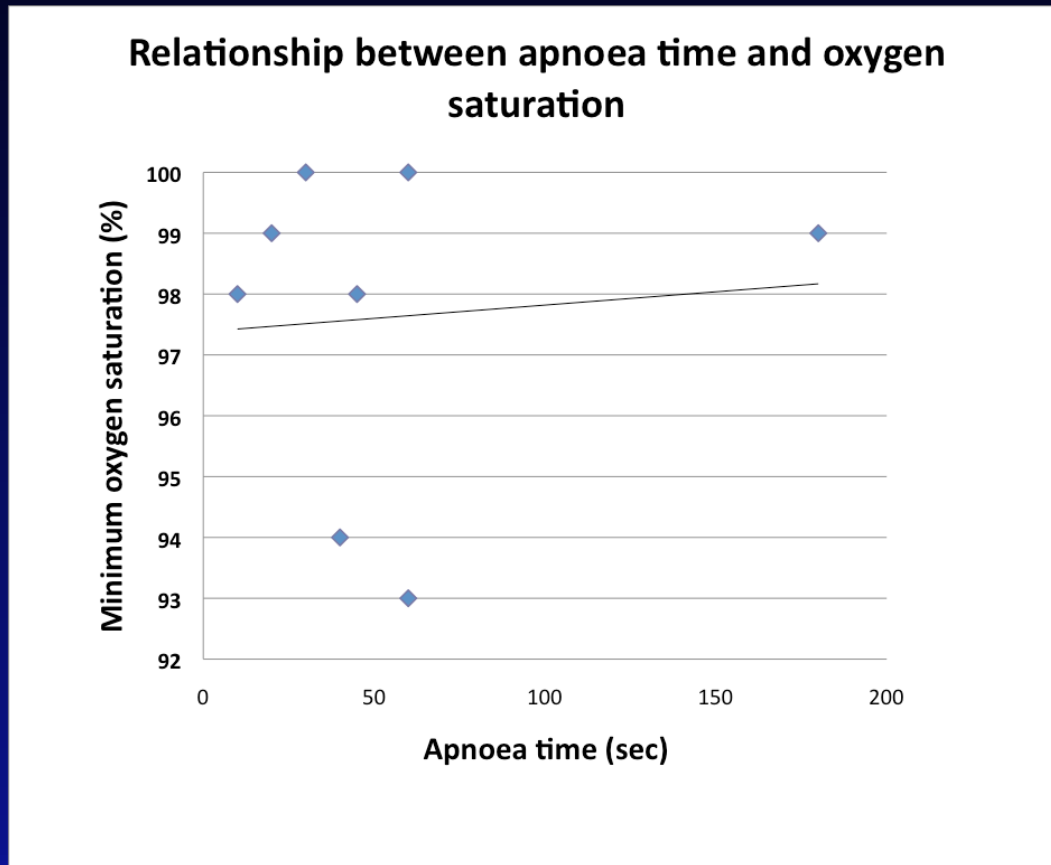
- 8/9 patients included
- Average BMI 31.5 (19 - 51)

Indication for Surgery	N = 9
Cat 1 LSCS	5
Cat 4 LSCS	1
Failed RA *	1
PPH	2

# Results

- Average apnoea period 55s (10 – 180s)
- Laryngoscopy grade
  - Grade 1 (7)
  - Grade 2 (2)
- All patients intubated first time

# Observations





# Is Too Much Oxygen Harmful?

- Use of O<sub>2</sub> in El. LSCS
  - Lipid peroxidation without a significant increase in fetal PO<sub>2</sub>
  - No benefit and *?potential harm*
- No benefit in El. LSCS with prolonged U-D time

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# Is Too Much Oxygen Harmful?

- $\text{FiO}_2$  0.6 during Em. LSCS under RA
  - improved fetal oxygenation
  - with *no* increase in lipid peroxidation
  - *Potential benefit*
  
- All done under RA not GA

# Is Too Much Oxygen Harmful?

- Increase in free radical activity during GA LSCS  
– *independent* of  $\text{FiO}_2$  used

- THRIVE just used for PO
  - Usual gas mix once intubated successfully
- Our neonatal outcomes
  - Apgars all  $\geq 7$  at 1 min, all 9 at 5 min
  - All cord gases pH  $\geq 7.2$
- Benefit of improved PO and extended safe apnoea period out-weighed potential risks

# Conclusion

- Well tolerated by awake patients
- Allows PO to start sooner and reach target quicker
- Allows peri-intubation oxygenation
- Extends the safe apnoea window
- Can be used during extubation and recovery

# Thank You



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# Setting it up



High flow  
meter  
60+ L min<sup>-1</sup>



Green O<sub>2</sub>  
Tubing

Diffusing  
“filter”



Humidification  
Chamber

Humidifier  
on



Breathing  
Circuit



Patient  
Bacterial  
Filter



Nasal  
Interface

It's easy and quick, warms up in 3-5 minutes  
Keep ready for use  
Leave ON