



MODULE 1

Resuscitation of Full-term and Preterm neonates

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To have comprehensive knowledge about the difference in neonatal resuscitation in preterm infants and infants born after 37 weeks of gestation.
- To understand the steps involved in the process of resuscitation.

LEARNING OUTCOME

- This program intends to educate Indian nurses on neonatal resuscitation and managing full-term and preterm neonates for improved outcomes.

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PREPARATION FOR THE DELIVERY ROOM

ANTICIPATION AND PREPAREDNESS: KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL NEONATAL RESUSCITATION



The delivery process usually occurs with enough warning that a team of providers has time to prepare for the resuscitation of neonates, if necessary.¹

Identification of known risk factors before birth may indicate the need for resuscitation.^{1,2}

Action 3

Prepare team and team briefing

Check equipment and supplies (Ambu bag (self-inflating bag), laryngoscope, endotracheal tubes, suction catheter, and pulse oximeter)

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PREPARATION OF RESUSCITATION TEAM AND EQUIPMENT



Neonatal resuscitation team

- Determine which tasks team members should be ready to perform
- Be informed about all potential risk factors
- Prepare resuscitation equipment



Neonatal resuscitation equipment

- Ensure that the correct sizes of each piece are available
- Check to ensure its function and that it is primed for use



STEPS AFTER DELIVERY

ASSESS FOR CRYING OR BREATHING

Baby is not breathing

Clamp cord immediately

Shift to the warmer

Dry and replace wet linen with a pre-warmed towel

Place the baby in sniffing position
(Figure 1)

Suction the mouth followed by the nose



Figure 1: Sniffing position

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ASSESSMENT OF HEART RATE AND OXYGEN SATURATION



HR can be assessed using ECG, pulse oximetry monitoring, umbilical cord palpation, and cardiac auscultation.



Pulse oximetry

- Simultaneously provides both HR and saturation of peripheral oxygen (SpO₂).
- Should be applied to the right wrist or hand of a newborn to obtain pre-ductal SpO₂ (oxygenation of cerebral blood flow).

ASSESSMENT OF HEART RATE AND OXYGEN SATURATION (CONT.)



ECG

- Allows the HR to be displayed continuously on a monitor during the resuscitation.
- Difficulties may arise if the leads do not adhere well to the newborn's chest because of amniotic fluid, meconium, or vernix.



Temperature management

- An essential part of neonatal resuscitation, especially in preterm neonates.
- Maintain normothermia by setting a temperature target on the radiant warmer and using a skin temperature probe.

RESUSCITATION STEPS TO IMPROVE BREATHING AND HEART RATE



Breathing and HR > 100 beats per minute but appears cyanosed

Provide free-flow oxygen if saturation is below target oxygen

Labored breathing

Consider nasal continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP)

Not breathing or breathing but HR < 100 beats per minute

Provide positive pressure ventilation (PPV)

Target oxygen saturation in the first 10 minutes

1 min	60-65%
2 min	65-70%
3 min	70-75%
4 min	75-80%
5 min	80-85%
10 min	> 85%

CPAP, continuous positive airway pressure; HR, heart rate; PPV, positive pressure ventilation

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PPV – AN ESSENTIAL STEP IN RESUSCITATION



Figure 2: PPV for neonatal resuscitation

PPV

Should be initiated if the newborn is apneic, gasping, or has HR < 100 beats per minute.¹

If provided within the first golden minute and in a correct manner, can revive **99%** of the apneic babies.²

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STEPS FOR AN EFFECTIVE PPV



Initiating PPV ^{1,2}

- With a self-inflating bag, flow-inflating bag, or a neonatal T-piece resuscitator.
- Place the mask covering the chin to the bridge of the nose to minimize leaks (avoid eyes).
- Duration: 30 seconds in room air for babies ≥ 35 weeks of gestational age and 21-30% for preterm babies < 35 weeks.

Role of an assistant ¹

- The assistant connects the pulse oximeter to the right hand.
- After 15 seconds, look for the effectiveness of PPV by primarily assessing the increasing HR by auscultation, and if it is not increasing, then look for chest movement with PPV.

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STEPS FOR AN EFFECTIVE PPV (CONT.)



Ineffective PPV*

- Mask readjustment.
- Reposition the head.
- Suction the mouth and nose and open the mouth.
- Increase the delivered pressure by squeezing the bag harder.
- Alternate airway-like intubation.

After PPV

- HR > 100 beats per minute but not breathing well: Continue PPV and add oxygen if saturation below target; if prolonged, consider intubation.
- HR < 100 beats per minute: Continue PPV, ensure effective ventilation by intubation, and add oxygen if saturation is below target.

Aftercare

- Effective PPV for 30 seconds: Monitor vitals, feeding, and activity every 15 minutes in the first hour and every 30 minutes in the 2nd hour.

*HR not increasing and chest not moving

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INDICATIONS FOR ENDOTRACHEAL INTUBATION



Prolonged PPV with bag and mask ventilation

HR < 100 beats per minute even if PPV moves the chest to ensure ventilation

Before chest compression (CC)

CC, chest compression; HR, heart rate; PPV, positive pressure ventilation

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STEPS FOR ET INTUBATION



ET tube insertion

- ET tube is inserted and checked for its endotracheal position by witnessing increasing HR or chest rise with PPV.
- The procedure should be done within 30 seconds; if not, then provide PPV with a bag and mask before the next attempt.

Duration

- PPV for 30 seconds

Assessment and action

- HR > 100 beats per minute and breathing well: post-resuscitation care
- HR between 60-100 beats per minute: Continue PPV
- HR < 60 beats per minute: Start CC

CC, chest compression; ET, endotracheal; HR, heart rate; PPV, positive pressure ventilation

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CIRCULATION – CHEST COMPRESSIONS

Indicated when a newborn has HR < 60 beats per minute despite effective PPV for 30 seconds.^{1,2}

Ideal method of providing CCs¹:

- **Two thumb technique:** Provides consistent compressions of the appropriate depth (Figure 3)

Once an advanced airway is established

- Count out loud to coordinate CCs and ventilation

HR

- Sensitive indicator of a newborn's clinical status
- Improves with effective resuscitation
- Assess HR after 60 seconds of CCs
- Stop CCs while assessing HR

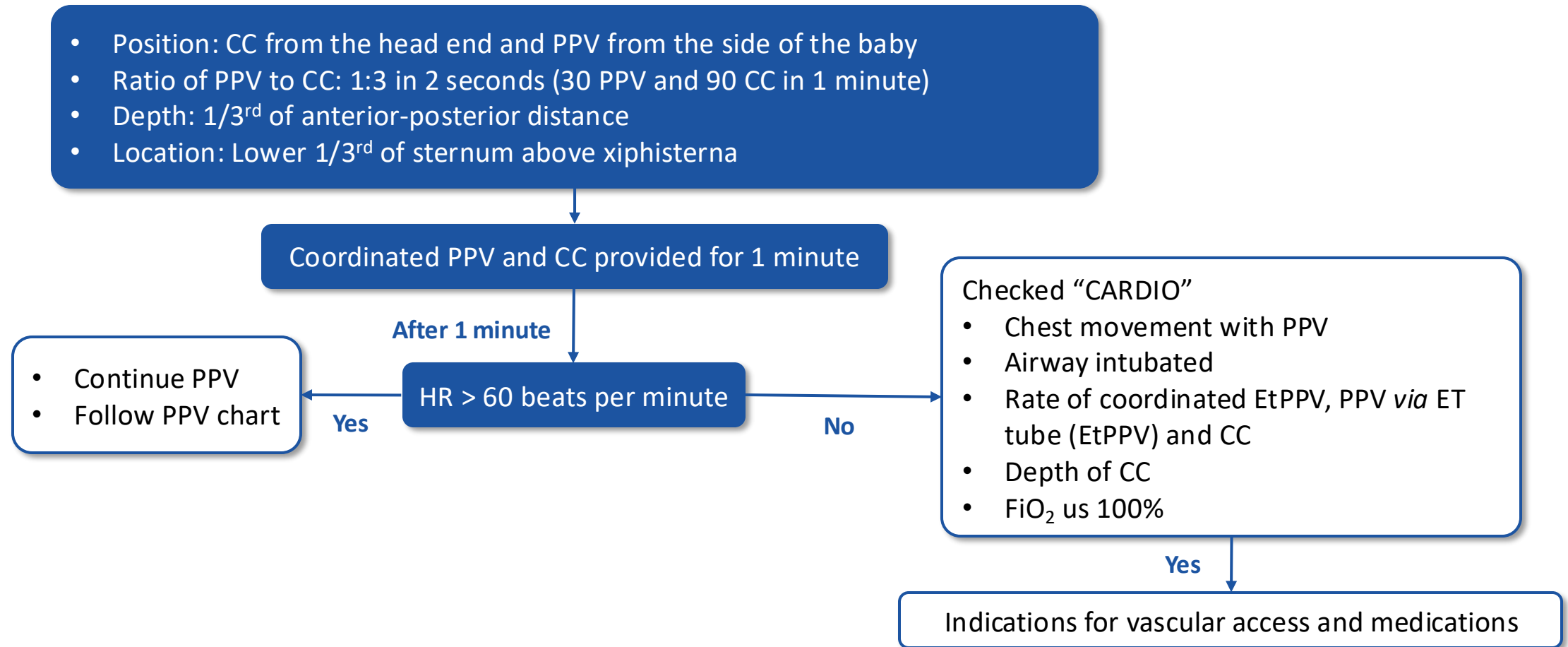


Figure 3: Two thumb technique

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STEPS TO PERFORM CC



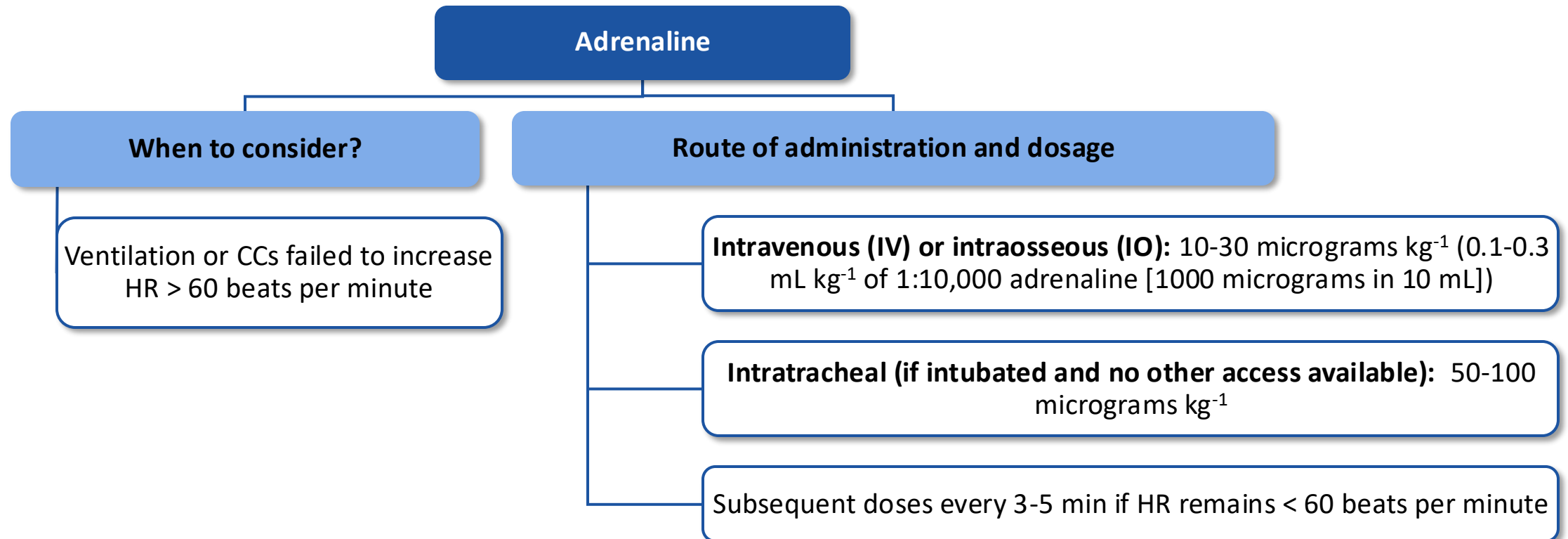
CC, chest compression; ET, endotracheal; EtPPV, positive pressure ventilation via endotracheal tube; FiO₂, fraction of inspired oxygen; HR, heart rate; PPV, positive pressure ventilation

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MEDICATIONS USED IN ACUTE RESUSCITATION



Medications are rarely required during newborn resuscitation; they may be considered when there is an inadequate response despite adequate control of the airway, effective ventilation, and CCs.



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FLUID THERAPY USED IN ACUTE RESUSCITATION



	Glucose	Volume replacement	Sodium bicarbonate
When to consider?	Prolonged resuscitation to reduce the likelihood of hypoglycemia	Suspected blood loss or shock unresponsive to other resuscitative measures	Prolonged unresponsive resuscitation with adequate ventilation to reverse intracardiac acidosis
Route of administration and dosage	IV or IO: 250 mg kg ⁻¹ bolus (2.5 mL kg ⁻¹ of 10% glucose solution)	IV or IO: 10 mL kg ⁻¹ of O-ve blood or isotonic crystalloid	IV or IO route: 1-2 mmol kg ⁻¹ (2-4 mL kg ⁻¹ of 4.2% solution) by slow IV injection

IO, intraosseous; IV, intravenous

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WITHHOLDING RESUSCITATION



HR undetectable for > 10 minutes, review

- Clinical factors (e.g., gestation age of the infant)
- Effectiveness of resuscitation

HR undetectable for > 20 minutes, despite all recommended steps of resuscitation and exclusion of reversible causes

- Consider stopping resuscitation

Partial or incomplete HR improvement despite apparently adequate resuscitative efforts

- Taking the infant to the ICU
- Consider withdrawing life-sustaining treatment if no improvement is observed

Provide appropriate palliative care to infants where life-sustaining treatment is withheld or withdrawn

DISCONTINUING RESUSCITATION



Resuscitation is always indicated in

> 50% survival rate

Acceptable morbidity, that includes most infants with

- Gestational age ≥ 24 weeks
- Congenital malformation

Support parental decisions in

< 50% rate of survival

High rate of morbidity

High anticipated burden of medical treatment for the child



HISTORY RELEVANT TO PRETERM DELIVERY

RISK FACTORS THAT MAY INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD OF NEONATAL RESUSCITATION



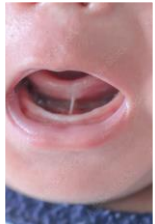
Preterm birth < 36 weeks ^{1,2}



Multiple pregnancies at < 35 weeks gestation ^{1,2}



Polyhydramnios or oligohydramnios ^{1,2}



Major fetal anomalies or malformations ^{1,2}



No prenatal care ¹



Lack of antenatal steroids ²



Emergency caesarean section or C-section before 39 weeks ^{1,2}



Placental abruption ¹



Intrauterine growth restriction ²

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RESPIRATORY MANAGEMENT OF PRETERM NEONATE



Preterm neonates are

Born at an early stage of lung development

More susceptible to lung injury due to mechanical ventilation

Respiratory failure in preterm neonates

Associated with increased neonatal morbidity and mortality.

Respiratory management

Must begin from the delivery room

Carry on throughout the entire stay in the NICU

RESUSCITATION TECHNIQUE IN PRETERM NEWBORNS



Cover with a plastic sheet without drying (except the face) to maintain appropriate temperature ^{1,2}

Thermal mattresses can help maintain normothermia ²

Initial oxygen concentration during PPV – between 21-30% ¹

PPV, positive pressure ventilation

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MEDICATIONS AND FLUID THERAPY IN ACUTE RESUSCITATION OF THE PRETERM INFANT



Resuscitation of preterm infants

- Volume is rarely needed
- Rapid infusion of large volumes of fluid is associated with intraventricular and pulmonary hemorrhages

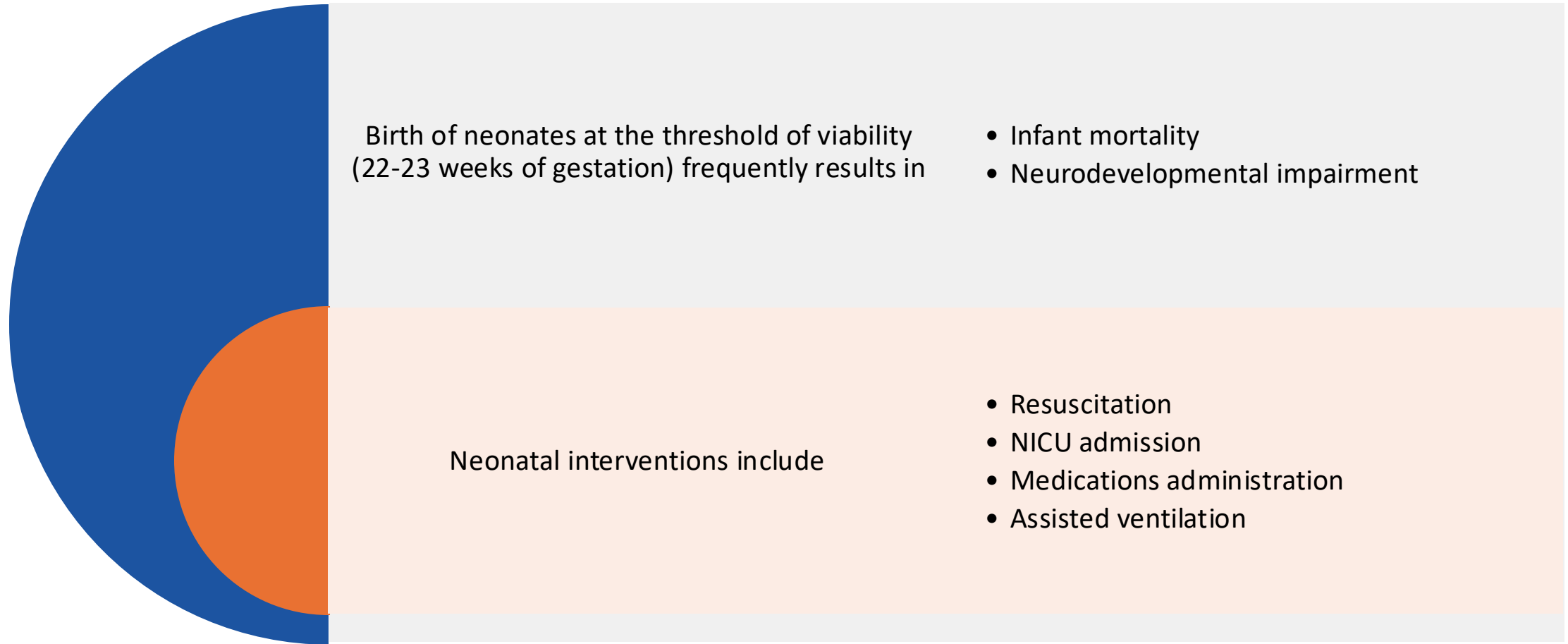
Prolonged resuscitation of extremely preterm infants

- Low survival rates
- High morbidity
- Decision should be individualized



INFANTS BORN AT THE THRESHOLD OF VIABILITY

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RESUSCITATION OF INFANTS BORN AT THE THRESHOLD OF VIABILITY



Neonatal resuscitation can include different interventions and intensities depending on specific medical conditions.

- Ventilation and oxygenation
- CCs
- Medications and fluid therapy

The decision to resuscitate extremely preterm infants (EPIs) can be difficult. Compared to term infants, EPIs are at an increased risk of

- Severe disability (e.g., neurosensory, motor, cognitive, and behavioral impairments)



COMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH RESUSCITATION

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Difficult airway situation

- More common in premature neonates
- Highly linked to adverse events and severe oxygen desaturations

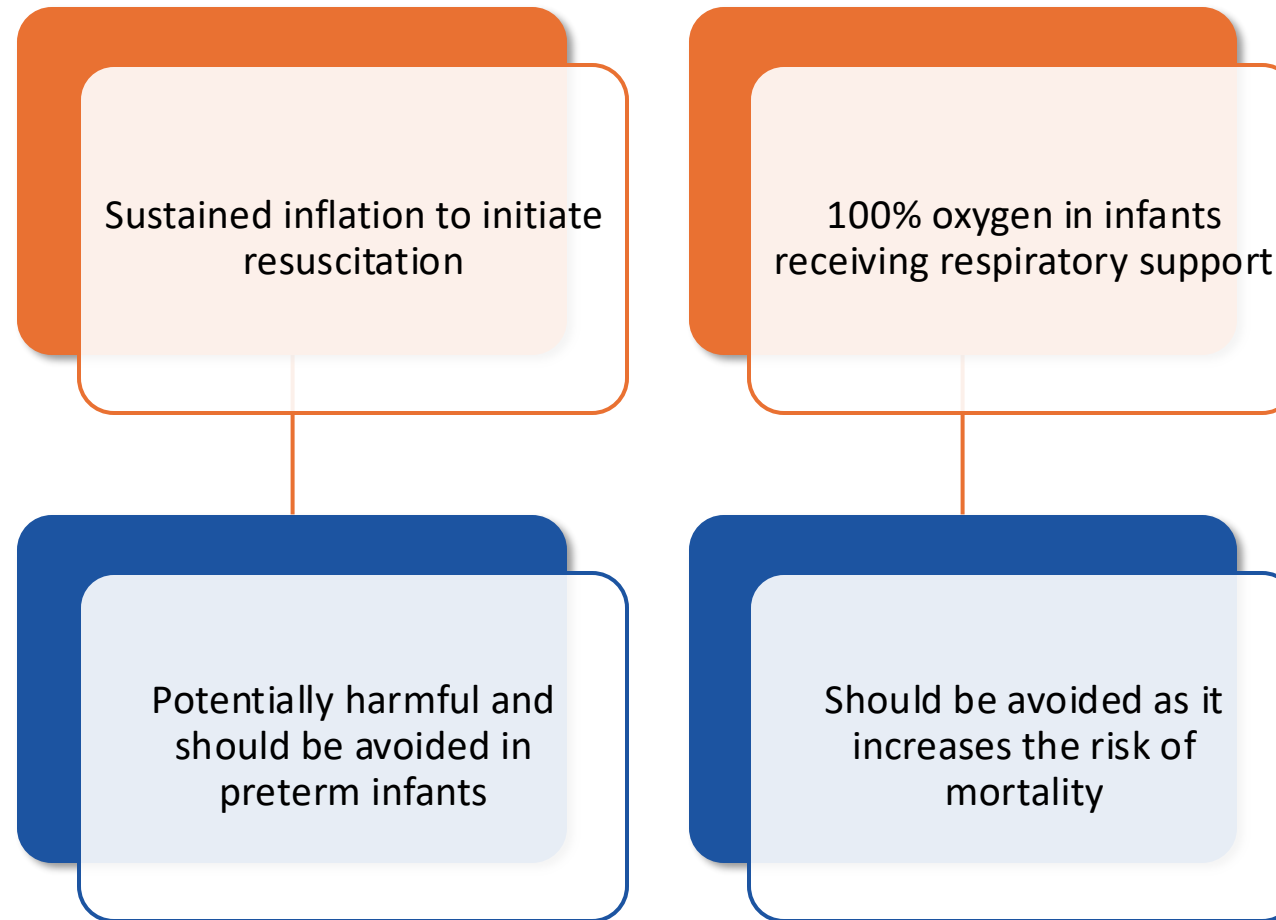
Repeated instrumentation of the airway can cause

- Bleeding
- Airway edema
- Tissue trauma
- A “can’t ventilate, can’t intubate” situation

An increased risk of air leak with the widespread use of T-piece resuscitators and mask CPAP can cause

- Brain injuries
- Lung injuries

PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO AVOID COMPLICATIONS OF NEONATAL RESUSCITATION





POST-RESUSCITATION CARE

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The condition of an infant who received resuscitation may deteriorate. Hence, it is essential that adequate ventilation and circulation are received, and the infant is cared for and transferred to an environment where close monitoring or anticipatory care can be provided.

Glucose



- Monitor carefully after resuscitation
- Avoid large shifts in glucose concentration

Thermal care



- Aim for a temperature between 36.5-37.5°C
- Rewarm if the temperature falls below the recommended value

POST-RESUSCITATION CARE (CONT.)



Maintain clinical records to accurately evaluate

Clinical state of the infant at birth

Any interventions and the response during the resuscitation

SUMMARY



- The neonatal resuscitation team needs to have a plan for managing varying resuscitation requirements levels, determine team members' roles and responsibilities, and prepare resuscitation equipment.
- During resuscitation, HR can be assessed using pulse oximetry, ECG, cardiac auscultation, and umbilical cord palpation, of which pulse oximetry simultaneously provides both HR and SpO₂, and ECG allows continuous HR monitoring during resuscitation.
- Since temperature management is essential, especially in preterm neonates, it is important to maintain normothermia by setting a target temperature on a radiant warmer and using a skin temperature probe.
- PPV should be initiated if the newborn is apneic, gasping, or has HR < 100 beats per minute. ET intubation is indicated in case of prolonged PPV with bag and mask ventilation, HR < 100 beats per minute before CC, and congenital malformations.
- CCs are indicated in case of severe bradycardia despite effective PPV for 30 seconds.
- Medications and fluid therapy may be considered for neonates with inadequate response despite adequate control of the airway, effective ventilation, and CC.
- The decision to withhold resuscitation can be made when the HR is undetectable for > 20 minutes or when there is partial or incomplete improvement in HR despite all recommended steps of resuscitation.
- Resuscitation of infants born at the threshold of viability can include different interventions and intensities based on specific medical conditions.
- Newborns must receive adequate ventilation and circulation post-resuscitation and must properly document all events.

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