### Endoscopic Balloon Dilation of Pediatric Subglottic and tracheal Stenosis

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### INTRODUCTION

- Subglottic & tracheal stenosis: narrowing of the airway
- congenital or acquired (after

endotracheal intubation)

Hoarseness, stridor, exercise

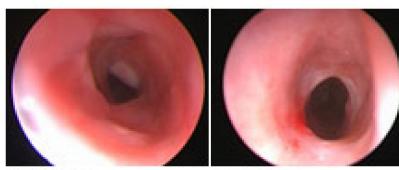
intolerance and respiratory distress

## **Cotton-Myers grade**

Classification	From	То				
Grade I	No Obstruction	50% Obstruction				
Grade II	51% Obstruction	70% Obstruction				
Grade III	71% Obstruction	o 99% Obstruction				
Grade IV	No Detectable Lumen					

Source: Lalwani AK: *Current Diagnosis & Treatment in Otolaryngology— Head & Neck Surgery*, 2nd Edition: http://www.accessmedicine.com





Grade 1 Stenosis 0-50%

Grade 2 Stenosis 51-70%





Grade 3 Stenosis 71-99%

Grade 4 Stenosis 100%



### Children hospital 2:

No	SEX	AGE	Diagnosis	GRADE	MANAGEMENT	FOLLOW UP
1	F	1/11/2011	Subglottic acquire	2	Rigit endoscopy 1	
2	Μ	19/6/2010	Subglottic acquire	glottic acquire 2 Rigit endoscopy 2		
3	Μ	7/11/2004	Subglottic acquire	2 Rigit endoscopy 2		
4	F	17/8/2009	Subglottic acquire	2	Cho Ray	
5	F	12/10/2011	Subglottic congenit	2	Observation	
6	Μ	26/12/2010	Subglottic congenit	2	Observation	
7	Μ	24/10/2011	Subglottic acquire	3		death

### **SURGICAL TECHNIQUE**

- $1 \rightarrow 4$  dilation procedures / 6 months
- Endoscopic high-pressure balloon catheter; general anesthesia, spontaneous ventilation
- Direct laryngoscopy or flexible endoscopy
- Balloon: Angioplaty catheter, esophageal, inspira air
- Inflated balloon pressure for 30 seconds → SPO2 ≤ 92% x
  2 3 times
- The size and diameter of the balloon (<u>Table 1</u>) The minimum balloon diameter: 6 mm

#### Table 1. Age and Increasing Theoretical Airway Diameter, Tube Size, Grade II Stenosis, and Balloon Diameter

Age	Normal Larynx Tube Size, ID (OD), mm	Normal Larynx Imaging/Anatomic Measurement, mm	Grade II Stenosis, Myer-Cotton Classification <sup>a</sup> (Size, mm)	Balloon Diameter, mm
Premature infant	2.0-2.5 (3.4)	<4.0 <sup>b</sup>	<2.0 (2.9)	6
0-3 mo	3.0-3.5 (4.8)	4.0 <sup>a</sup> - 4.6 <sup>c</sup>	<2.5 (3.4)	6
>3-9 mo	4.0 (5.5)	4.6 <sup>c</sup>	<3.0 (4.2)	8
>9-12 mo	4.5 (6.2)	4.6 <sup>c</sup>	<3.5 (4.8)	8-10
2 y	5.0 (6.8)	6.3 <sup>d</sup>	<3.5 (4.8)	10
4 y	5.5 (7.6)	7.7 <sup>d</sup>	<4.0 (5.5)	12
>6 y	6.0 (8.2)	8.2 <sup>d</sup>	<4.5 (6.2)	12

Abbreviations: ID, inner diameter; OD, outer diameter.

<sup>a</sup>See Myer et al.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>b</sup> From Fayoux et al.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>c</sup>From Eckel et al<sup>7</sup>; anatomical measurements of the cricoid.

<sup>d</sup> From Al-Mazrou et al<sup>8</sup>; magnetic resonance imaging measurements of the cricoid.



# **SURGICAL TECHNIQUE**

- Topical application of cotonoid pledgets soaked with mitomycine, 1 mg/mL x 1-2 minutes
- Monitoring in the ICU:  $24 \rightarrow 48$  hours
- SCS: 1-2 mg/kg/d x 3 to 10 days
- Proton pump inhibitors (esomeprazole, 2 mg/kg/d)
- Epinephrine nebulizers
- Follow-up endoscopy: every 3 weeks until complete healing, then every 6 months.

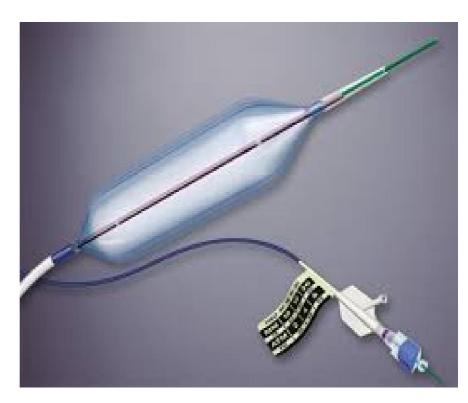
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#### ANGIOPLASTY BALLOON CATHETER



#### **ESOPHAGEAL BALLOON**

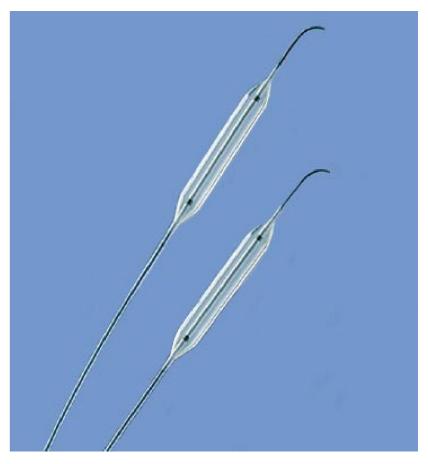


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#### Endoscopic Balloon Dilation of Pediatric Subglottic Stenosis: A Meta-Analysis

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### **METHODS AND MATERIALS**

- Cochrane databases: 1/2013
- Inclusion criteria:
- **1)** Sample size  $\geq 5$
- 2) Use of EBD for pediatric patients (0-18 years)
- 3) Use of EBD as the primary treatment of

pediatric subglottic stenosis

<u>Authors and Year</u>	N	<u>Mean</u> <u>Age</u> (mos)	<u>Treatment</u> <u>Success</u>	<u>Mean #</u> Dilations	Dilation Technique
Hebra A, et al. <sup>3</sup> 1991	37	60	20 of 37 (54%)	4.27	Pressure not reported, duration until desaturation Unknown number of patients had electrocautery of granulation tissue or stent placement x 72 hours
Durden and Sobol <sup>4</sup> 2007	10	4.8	7 of 10 (70%)	1.3	2 atmospheres, duration until desaturation, topical steroids, intubation x 24-48 hours
Bent JP, et al4 <sup>5</sup> 2010	10	24.5	7 of 10 (70%)		10-12 cm $\rm H_20$ for average of 40 sec, injected and topical steroids used after dilation
Primary EBD	4	17.8	4 of 4 (100%)	1.75	64 
Secondary EBD	6	34.5	3 0f 6 (50%)	2.17	. 44
Schweiger C., et al. <sup>6</sup> 2011	8	5.2	6 of 8 (75%)	1	2 atmospheres for 2 minutes or until desaturation, No topical steroids or Mitomycin C
Whigham et al. <sup>7</sup> 2012	28	42	16 of 28 (57%)		2 dilations per procedure, 8-16 atmospheres for 2 minutes or until desaturation, No topical steroids or Mitomycin C
Primary EBD	15	30	9 of 15 (60%)	1.5	54
Secondary EBD	13	60	7 of 13 (54%)	2.15	44 
Hautefort C., et al. <sup>8</sup> 2012	44	26	31 of 44 (70%)		Pressure not reported, duration for 30 sec or until desaturation, 1 to 3 dilations per procedure, Mitomycin C (1mg/cc) applied x 2 minutes
Primary EBD	31	26	20 of 31 (64%)	2	44
Secondary EBD	21	27	17 of 21 (81%)	1.8	44
Collins WO, et al. <sup>9</sup> 2012	5	2.2	4 of 5 (80%)	2.2	4 atmospheres, duration until desaturation, no topical steroids or Mitomycin C use reported

#### Table 1: Evidence Table

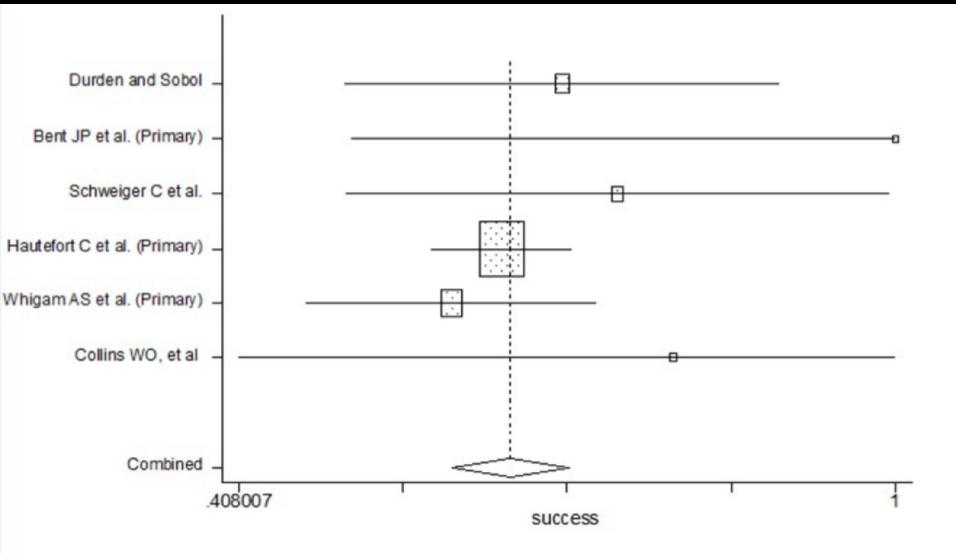
## **OUTCOME MEASURES**

- Treatment success (%) defined as the avoidance of more invasive procedures
- Recorded complications.
- Effect modification by age and the severity of subglottic stenosis as measured by the Cotton-Myers grade (I-IV) was also assessed.

### **RESULTS 1: Treatment success**

- 7 studies: 150 subjects
- Case series (level 4 evidence).
- The mean sample size: 20 subjects (5–44)
- The grand mean age: 2.2 years (2.2-60 mons)
- Follow-up averaged 4.6 months (0.25-12.5)
- Treatment success: 65.3% (k= 6 studies, 95%)

Cl=60.1-70.6%, p<0.001, Q test, heterogeneity=3.98, p=0.552, l squared=0%).



<u>Figure 2</u>: Forest plot of treatment success of using endoscopic balloon dilation. The summary estimate of success is 65.3% (95% CI=60.1-70.6%, p<0.001, Q test for heterogeneity=3.98, p=0.552, I squared=0%).

#### **RESULTS 2: reported complications**

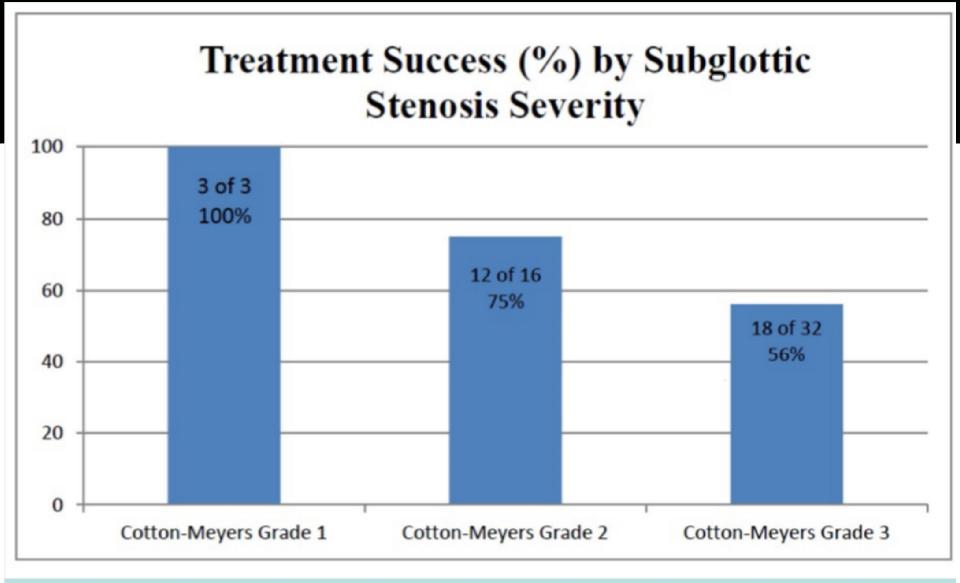
 One study: atelectasis (3 patients), tracheitis (2 patients), pneumomediastinum (asymptomatic, 1 patient), tracheal laceration (2 patients), death (1 patient, from tracheal laceration)

#### **RESULT 3: effect – age/ stenosis grade**

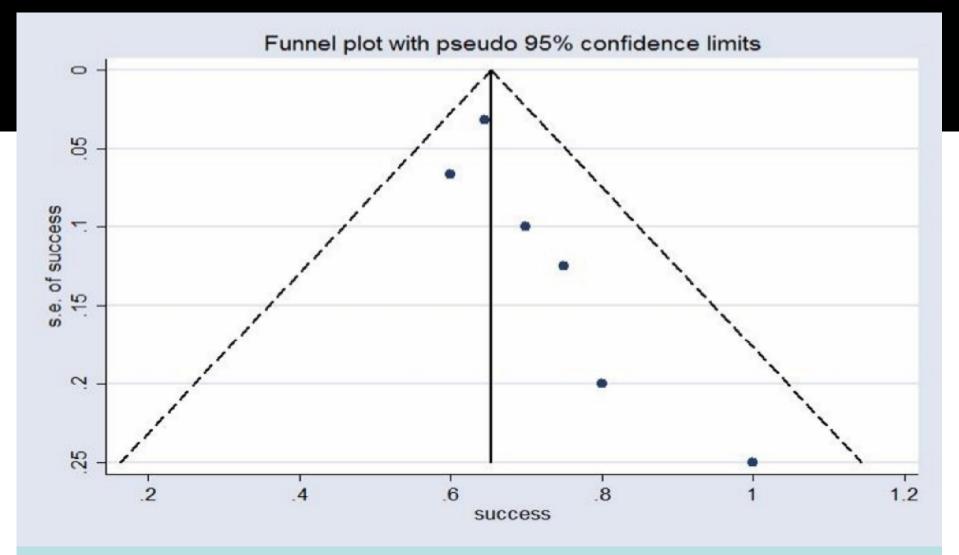
Pooled data multivariate regression indicated increasing Cotton-Meyers grade was associated with decreased odds of success(OR=0.198, 95%

Cl=0.0451-0.870, p=0.032)

- Funnel plot analysis suggested the possibility of publication bias
- Age does not appear to be predictive of treatment outcomes



<u>Figure 3</u>: Success rate of primary EBD based on the initial Cotton Myers Stage (Odds ratio of failure with increasing stage=3.387, 95% CI=0.997-11.51, p=0.051)



<u>Figure 4</u>: Funnel plot of EBD treatment success. The sparsely filled left lower side of the funnel suggests a possibility of publication bias.

### DISCUSSION

- Limitations: the heterogeneity of the data.
  the included studies were case series.
- Nonetheless, EBD is unquestionably simpler and less invasive than tracheostomy and LTR to which it might be compared. As a result, any measurable success of EBD can still be considered important and useful.

# CONCLUSION

- Successful EBD # 2/3 patients / over follow 4 months.
- Successful secondary treatment by EBD after tracheostomy and/or LTR: # 2/3 patients.
- Complications: rarely reported but severe (death by tracheal laceration)
- Increasing severity of subglottic stenosis may be associated with increasing odds of treatment failure.
- Age does not appear to be predictive of treatment outcomes

#### Balloon Laryngoplasty for Pediatric Laryngeal Stenosis Case Series and Systematic Review

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This Study	36.4 months	Congenital or acquired	N=60	1) Avoidance of open	٠	46/60 (77%) successful
	(4 days – 17 years)	laryngotracheal stenosis	144 dilations	reconstruction or	•	No association of dilation failure with age, gender, Cotton-Myer stend
			Retrospective	tracheostomy		primary versus adjunct
			F/U 0.8-69 mo average=21.7	2) Decannulation	•	No complications

#### Conclusions

BLP is a highly effective, low-risk alternative or adjunct to traditional reconstructive procedures in children with subglottic or laryngeal stenosis, and can serve to avoid the potential morbidities associated with open surgical procedures. Early identification and treatment of laryngotracheal stenoses is crucial to the success of the procedure. Additional prospective studies are required in order to identify confounding factors that may affect BLP success.

#### **NHS** National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

#### Endoscopic balloon dilatation for subglottic or tracheal stenosis

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#### 1 Guidance

- 1.1 Current evidence on the safety and efficacy of endoscopic balloon dilatation for subglottic or tracheal stenosis is inadequate in quantity and quality. Therefore this procedure should only be used with special arrangements for clinical governance, consent and audit or research.
- 1.2 Clinicians wishing to undertake endoscopic balloon dilatation for subglottic or tracheal stenosis should take the following actions.
  - Inform the clinical governance leads in their Trusts.
  - Ensure that patients and their carers or parents understand the uncertainty about the procedure's safety and efficacy, and provide them with clear written information. In addition, the use of NICE's information for patients ('Understanding NICE guidance') is recommended.
  - Clinicians should submit details of all patients undergoing this procedure to the International Registry for Airway Stenosis (IRAS).

1.3 Further information from research and collaborative data collection would be useful. This should include clearly defined patient selection criteria and long-term outcomes. NICE may review this procedure on publication of further evidence.