

Propositions belonging to the PhD thesis

MECHANICAL VENTILATION IN CHILDREN

FROM INTUITION TO EVIDENCE BASED

1. A nurse-led weaning protocol will only be effective in shortening duration of ventilation when all PICU nurses and physicians adhere to the protocol. (this thesis)
2. We may accept possible harm of a-synchrony in ventilated children until sufficient evidence of the efficacy of NAVA has been obtained. (this thesis)
3. Future multi-center studies on weaning in children should include multiple homogeneous groups of patients. (this thesis)
4. Muscular atrophy of the diaphragm due to mechanical ventilation is not a contraindication for extubation in children. (this thesis)
5. In ventilated children, ultrasound of the diaphragm does not predict successful extubation. (this thesis)
6. Nurses are the eyes of the physicians and the advocates of the patients when it comes to mechanical ventilation.
7. Spend today listening to others and let them impress you. (from the Maxwell Daily Reader)
8. Do away with all thoughts of imaginary things and stand firm in what you are. (Kabir Das, Indian Poet, 15th century)
9. The nurse practitioner's strength is combining care and cure in managing care pathways.
10. Firm resilience, like the farmer's forward ploughing, is needed to achieve one's goal.
11. A thought that you often cherish will influence your way of thinking, because the soul is colored by your thought patterns. (Marcus Aurelius, Meditations, 5.16)



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