

Appendix I - Anesthetic Data Collection Form

HFMG vs conventional O₂ RCT

DAY OF PROCEDURE ANAE DATA SHEET page 1 Participant No.

___ STICKER HERE ___

Inclusion criteria: Any low-risk patient with an upper endo proc expected to last ≤20 min (excluded Mallampati >3, ASA >3, BMI >35, O₂ dependent)

Pre-procedure data

| | | |
|----|---|--|
| A. | Procedure date (d/m/y): | / / |
| B. | Comorbidities: | 1 HTN <input type="checkbox"/> 2 DM <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Dyslipidaemia <input type="checkbox"/> 4 COPD/asthma <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Current smoker <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Previous smoker <input type="checkbox"/> Stopped _____ ago 7 CCF <input type="checkbox"/> 8 IHD <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Arrhythmia <input type="checkbox"/> 10 CKD <input type="checkbox"/> 11 Previous TIA/stroke <input type="checkbox"/> 12 Cirrhosis (etiology): <input type="checkbox"/> _____ 13 Post liver transplant <input type="checkbox"/> 14 Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. | Anaesthetist consultant: | Dr _____ |
| D. | Anaesthetist fellow/registrar (if present): | _____ |
| E. | Mallampati score | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| F. | ASA grade | I <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> |
| G. | Baseline O ₂ sat (room air) | _____ % |
| H. | Height | _____ centimetres |
| I. | Weight | _____ kg |
| J. | RCT arm | 1 Std cannula at 2L/min <input type="checkbox"/> 2 HFMG at 20L/min <input type="checkbox"/> |
| K. | Sedation started | H _____ M _____ |
| L. | Sedation stopped | H _____ M _____ |
| M. | Minimum O ₂ sat during sedation | _____ % |

Post-procedure data

| | | |
|----|--|--|
| P. | PROPOFOL total dose | _____ mg |
| Q. | OPIOID total dose | Alfentanil _____ mcg Fentanyl _____ mcg |
| R. | Midazolam total dose | _____ mg |
| S. | Other medication used (name and dose please) | _____ |
| M. | Any episodes of desaturation, sedation-related adverse events, complications or unusual post-op order/procedure? | 0 No (end the form here) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Yes (continue up to p.2) <input type="checkbox"/> 1a Desaturation episodes but no change in management <input type="checkbox"/> 1b Desaturation episodes with change in management <input type="checkbox"/> 1c Complication/unusual procedure necessary <input type="checkbox"/> |
| N. | Types of maneuvers necessary for desaturation | 1 Chin lift/jaw thrust <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Increase O ₂ flow <input type="checkbox"/> Specify max flow used _____ 3 Change to HFNC arm <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Intubation <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Procedure interrupted <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Drug reversal agents <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> : |
| O. | Sedation-related adverse events | 1 Nausea/vomit <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Myoclonus <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Paradoxical response <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Recovery agitation <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Recovery delay <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Airway obstruction <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Bradycardia <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Tachycardia <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Hypotension <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Seizure <input type="checkbox"/> 11 Cardiovascular collapse <input type="checkbox"/> 12 Cardiac arrest <input type="checkbox"/> 13 Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> : |
| U. | Overnight admission required post-procedure? | 0 No <input type="checkbox"/> 1 PRAE <input type="checkbox"/> 2 SRAE (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ 3 Due to comorbidities <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Other reason (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Desaturation Chart

| Desaturation level | # Episodes that lasted <1 minute | # Episodes that lasted ≥ 1 minute but <5 minutes | # Episodes that lasted ≥ 5 minutes |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Very mild ($\leq 94\%$) | | | |
| Mild ($\leq 92\%$) | | | |
| Moderate ($\leq 90\%$) | | | |
| Severe ($\leq 75\%$) | | | |

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Appendix II - Procedure Data Collection Form

HFMG vs conventional O₂ RCT

DAY OF PROCEDURE ENDO DATA SHEET

Participant No.

___ STICKER HERE ___

Inclusion criteria: Any low-risk patient with an upper endo proc expected to last ≤20 min (excluded Mallampati >3, ASA >3, BMI >35, O₂ dependent)

Pre-procedure data

| | | |
|----|--|--|
| A. | Procedure date (d/m/y): | / / |
| B. | Procedure type : | 1 Gastroscopy <input type="checkbox"/> 2 EUS <input type="checkbox"/> 3 ERCP <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Enteroscopy <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. | Endoscopy consultant : | 1 Rhys <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Marios <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Sujie <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D. | Endoscopy fellow/registrar : | 1 Leo <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Anton <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Kim <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E. | Main indication for performing the scope (choose one option only) | 1 Diagnostic (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> 1a IDA/bleeding <input type="checkbox"/> 1b BO surveillance <input type="checkbox"/> 1c Abnormal imaging <input type="checkbox"/> 1d BDS/GBS dx <input type="checkbox"/> 1e Panc CA screen <input type="checkbox"/> 1f Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ 2 Therapeutic (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> 2a Luminal/BD dilation <input type="checkbox"/> 2b Endo resection <input type="checkbox"/> 2c RFA <input type="checkbox"/> 2d APC <input type="checkbox"/> 2e GTT <input type="checkbox"/> 2f EUS drainage <input type="checkbox"/> 2g Spyglass+EHL <input type="checkbox"/> 2h BDS treatment <input type="checkbox"/> 2i BD/PD stent exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 2j Luminal stent placement <input type="checkbox"/> 2k Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| F. | Time of scope | |
| | IN | H M |
| | OUT | H M |

Post-procedure data

| | | |
|----|---|--|
| G. | Any complications or unusual post-op order/procedure? | 0 No (end the form here) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Yes (continue the form) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| H. | If SRAE , did it affect the procedure? | 0 No <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pause for a few minutes (scope not withdrawn) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Scope withdrawn early (procedure finished) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Scope withdrawn and re-inserted (procedure finished) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Scope withdrawn early (procedure not finished) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Other <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I. | Significant bleeding during procedure requiring treatment: | 0 None <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Clip(s) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Adrenaline injection <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Gold probe/Coagrasper <input type="checkbox"/> 4 STSC <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Other <input type="checkbox"/> |
| J. | Bleeding control: | 0 Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Controlled and placed prophylactic clip <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Controlled and no further treatment required <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Bleeding uncontrolled <input type="checkbox"/> If so, outcome: |
| K. | Perforation noted during procedure | 0 No <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Uncertain/Prophylactic clip <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| L. | Treatment of perforation | 0 Not applicable or None <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Clips <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Laparoscopic Surgery <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Open Surgery <input type="checkbox"/> |
| M. | Significant pain after procedure requiring admission | 0 No <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| N. | Overnight admission required post-procedure? | 0 No <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Social reasons <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Co-morbidities <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Pain <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Bleeding <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Fever <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Perforation <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Large lesion (preventive) <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Post-resection syndrome <input type="checkbox"/> 9 SRAE <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Other reason (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Appendix III - Patient Reported Symptoms Form

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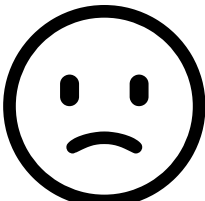



Symptoms visual questionnaire – HFMG vs COT RCT

Please tick the box more closely related to how you are feeling right now:






Overall comfort after the endoscopic procedure

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Very uncomfortable | Uncomfortable | Not comfortable nor uncomfortable | Comfortable | Very comfortable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Abdominal pain

| | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|--|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Unbearable | Severe | Moderate | Mild | Not at all |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Stomach bloating

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Unbearable | Severe | Moderate | Mild | Not at all |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |






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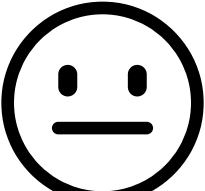


Nose, mouth or throat DRYNESS

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Unbearable | Severe | Moderate | Mild | Not at all |
| | | | | |

Nose, mouth or throat PAIN

| | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|--|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Unbearable | Severe | Moderate | Mild | Not at all |
| | | | | |

Headache

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Unbearable | Severe | Moderate | Mild | Not at all |
| | | | | |

PROTOCOL

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STUDY SYNOPSIS

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|----------------------|---|
| Title: | High-flow mouthguard versus conventional oxygen therapy for short, low-sedation-risk endoscopic procedures: a randomised single-blinded trial |
| Short Title: | HFMG vs COT for short endoscopic procedures |
| Design: | Randomised clinical trial |
| Study Centres: | Austin Health |
| Hospital: | Austin Hospital and Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital |
| Study Question: | Is high-flow mouthguard a better oxygen delivery method than conventional nasal cannula during short and low-sedation-risk endoscopic procedures? |
| Study Objectives: | To evaluate the impact of different oxygen delivery methods in clinical outcomes for patients submitted to short and low-sedation-risk endoscopic procedures |
| Primary Objectives: | Comparison of moderate oxygen desaturation rates (<90%) between the two groups. |
| Secondary Objectives | Comparison of variable oxygen desaturation rates (e.g. 94%, 92%) between the two groups. Demographics (e.g. gender, age). Comparison of symptoms post-procedure, procedure- and sedation-related adverse events. |
| Inclusion Criteria: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients referred for upper gastrointestinal endoscopic procedures predicted to last less or equal to 20 minutes (e.g. diagnostic gastroscopies) • Age > 18 years • Ability to give informed consent |
| Exclusion Criteria: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnancy • Supplementary O2 dependency • Emergency procedures • Deemed by performing endoscopist as long (>20 minutes) procedure before randomisation |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients with high risk for sedation-related adverse event • Capsule endoscopy procedure |
| Number of Planned Subjects: | 300 (150 each arm) |
| Investigational product: | Oxyguard and standard nasal cannula (both already standard of care, chosen by the anaesthetist based on subjective criteria) |
| Safety considerations: | NA (devices already in use at Austin Health) |
| Statistical Methods: | Randomised clinical trial. Mean \pm standard deviation or median (25th and 75th percentile) for continuous data, and as frequency and percentages for categorical data. Statistical analyses will be performed with SPSS statistical software (IBM Corp. 2020. IBM SPSS Statistics, Version 26.0. Armonk, NY). |
| Subgroups: | High-flow mouthguard and conventional oxygen therapy |

1. GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS

| Abbreviation | Description (using lay language) |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| ASA | American Society of Anesthesiologists |
| SNC | Standard nasal cannula |
| COT | Conventional oxygen therapy |
| HFNC | High-flow nasal cannula |
| HFMG | High-flow mouthguard |
| PRAE | Procedure-related adverse events |
| SRAE | Sedation-related adverse events |

2. STUDY SITES

a. STUDY LOCATION/S

| Site | Address | Contact Person | Phone | Email |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
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3. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND INFORMATION

a. LAY SUMMARY

Although we know that the use of supplemental oxygen during endoscopic procedures such as gastroscopies is beneficial, various devices and flows can be used. It is still unclear which are the best devices for endoscopic procedures with low sedation risks. This research project is testing which of two oxygen devices with different oxygen flows work better during short endoscopic procedures: a standard nasal cannula at 2L/min or a high-flow mouthguard at 20L/min.

For this study, all patients with low risk for sedation-related complications that will be submitted to long endoscopic procedures (expected to last less or equal to 20 minutes) are being invited to participate. Patients with low risk for sedation are defined through objective technical aspects such as obstructive sleep apnoea and body mass index.

In addition to coming for the scheduled endoscopic procedure and filling out a short 'symptoms visual questionnaire' after the procedure is done, no other actions will be asked from the participant. Information from the procedure and the medical records will be collected, but other than the oxygen delivery method, nothing out of the ordinary will be measured or done during the endoscopic procedure.

b. INTRODUCTION

Endoscopic procedures are becoming more and more common either as diagnostic or as therapeutic procedures. Although advances in medicine are allowing ever growing safety during these procedures, adverse events still happen. These are less common during simple procedures such as gastroscopies but desaturation has been reported to occur in up to 8.4% of ASA I/II patients undergoing gastroscopies (Lin et al. 2019, p. 597). The conventional oxygen therapy (COT) usually consists of using a standard nasal cannula (SNC) at 2L/min for low-risk cases, whereas a sensible choice for high-risk patients is general anaesthesia with endotracheal intubation or high-flow nasal device, especially for lengthy/complex endoscopic procedures (Smith et al. 2019, pp. 856-861; Dimou et al. 2019, p. 3831).

c. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In the study by Lin et al. (2019, pp. 592-597), this was addressed with the high-flow nasal cannula (HFNC) which eliminated the occurrence of desaturation in their cohort. The HFNC

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device though adds an expense to the procedure that might not be necessary. The current mouthguard used in our endoscopies has an integrated oxygen delivery system which potentially allows the delivery of up to 20L/min oxygen flow, what supposedly might be enough to avoid episodes of desaturation. In addition to the potential savings with the device itself, the potential savings with a lower flow (20L/min compared to 60L/min) is not negligible. Hypothetical calculations were performed utilising as prerogatives the cost of HFNC per patient (~AUD 35/procedure) and the cost of medical oxygen (~AUD 0.01/L). Applying these prerogative on the estimated annual number of simple/short endoscopic procedures (~5000) would translate into potential savings close to 200,000 Australian dollars per year.

The study aims to compare the COT with the novel HFMG for the occurrence of desaturation episodes during long endoscopy procedures for low risk patients. The findings of this study can contribute to changes in the standard of care for these procedures, leading to safer/more cost-effective management of these patients.

4. STUDY OBJECTIVES

a. HYPOTHESIS

The use of high-flow mouthguard (HFMG) reduces episodes of desaturation in patients with low sedation risk undergoing short endoscopic procedures.

b. STUDY AIMS

The aim of this study is to compare the use of HFMG (Oxyguard D® at 20L/min) versus COT (SNC at 2L/min) for low-risk patients undergoing elective short (≤ 20 minutes) endoscopic procedures in an Australian tertiary hospital.

c. OUTCOME MEASURES

Primary outcome: Comparison of moderate oxygen desaturation rates ($<90\%$) between the two groups.

Secondary outcomes: Comparison of variable oxygen desaturation rates (e.g. 94%, 92%) between the two groups. Demographics (e.g. gender, age). Comparison of symptoms post-procedure, procedure- and sedation-related adverse events.

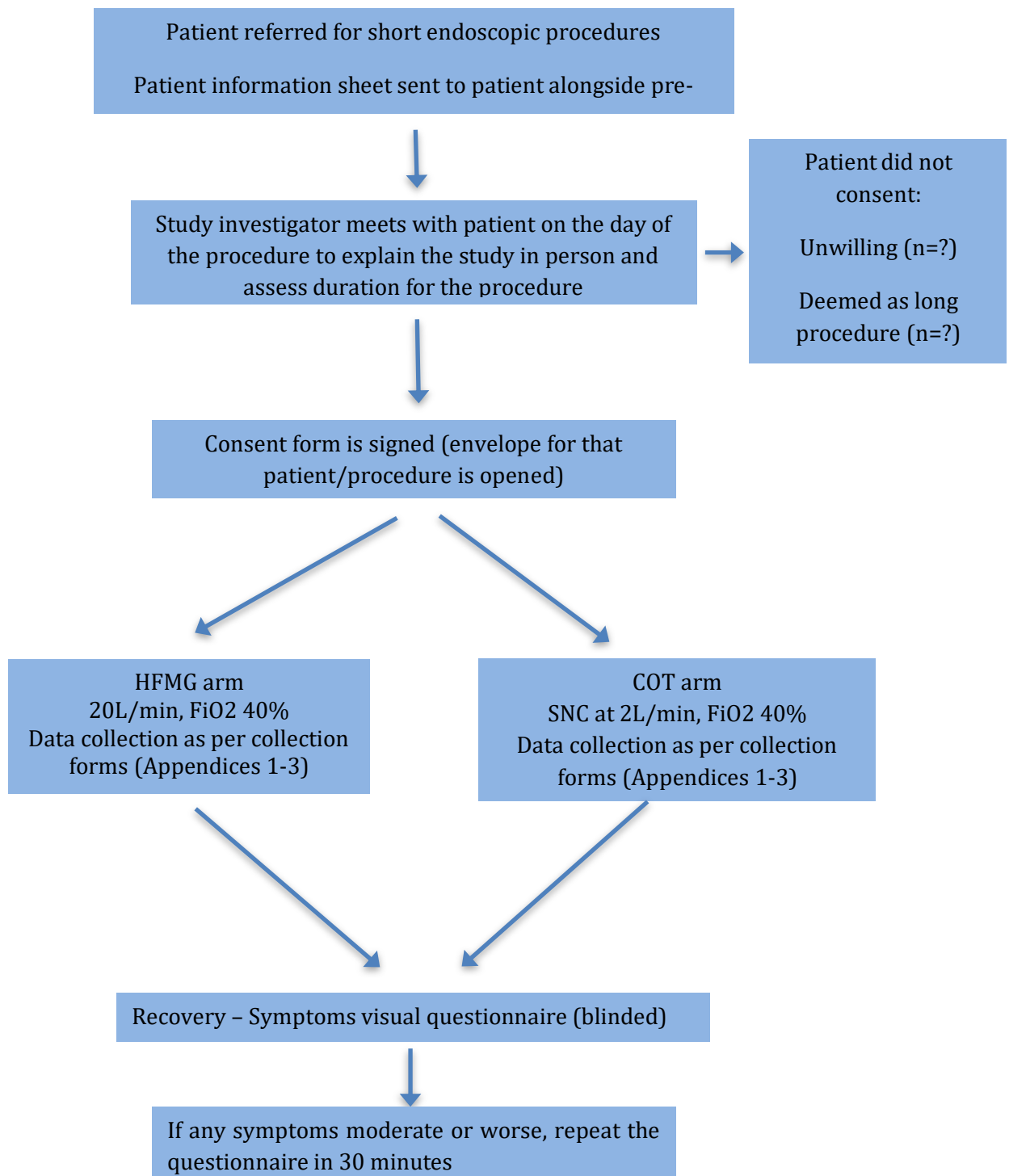
5. STUDY DESIGN

a. STUDY TYPE & DESIGN & SCHEDULE

Randomised controlled trial. This study will be registered at clinicaltrials.gov prior to the enrolment of the first patient.

Sequence of Procedures

Study Flowchart



Description of sequence of procedures

1. Patient is referred to the endoscopy unit for any endoscopy procedure in a list of one of the investigators/co-investigators (as outpatient or inpatient, from Austin or external referral).
2. Assessed by an Endoscopy Unit specialist (either endoscopy registrar, endoscopy fellow, endoscopy consultant or advanced endoscopy nurse coordinator assess the procedure as long or short).
3. If deemed as potentially short, the patient information sheet is sent alongside the instructions for the procedure by mail or email at least 2 days prior to the procedure.
4. The patient reads the supplied information and is invited to contact the endoscopy fellow or the advanced endoscopy nurse coordinator prior to the day of the procedure if with any doubts.
5. Once admitted into the pre-endoscopy chairs/bed on the day of the procedure, the patient is approached by one of the investigators/co-investigators to discuss the procedure and the optional participation in the study. An interpreter will be used if required.
6. If the patient verbally agrees to participate and the procedure is confirmed as likely to take under or equal to 20 minutes, the informed consent form will then be signed.
7. If the patient decides not to participate, the procedure will be carried out as per the standard of care (anaesthetist to decide how supplementary oxygen will be delivered).
8. All randomised patients will be using both a standard nasal cannula and the mouthguard. Which one will be used for delivering oxygen will only be known to the Anaesthetist.
9. Data will be collected by one of the investigators/co-investigators or their delegates from the moment the patient enters the endoscopy room.
10. Once the procedure is finalised, the patient is transported to recovery for observation, as standard of care. Once awake and ready to be discharged, patients will receive a targeted symptoms questionnaire (Appendix 4). If any of the items are scored as moderate or worse, one of the investigators will be contacted and effort will be made to minimize the discomfort. Another assessment will take place 30 minutes after the first assessment in this instance.
11. PRAEs and SRAEs will be monitored during this period as standard of practice.
12. All patients will be discharged with an orientation letter advising on possible adverse events from the procedure/sedation as standard of care.
13. The study results are intended to be translated into abstract(s)/manuscript(s) and submitted to internationally recognized peer reviewed medical conferences and journals.
14. All records of patients who participate in the trial will be marked so they are not destroyed by medical records for at least 15 years.

b. STANDARD CARE AND ADDITIONAL TO STANDARD CARE PROCEDURES

| Standard Care Procedures | | | Additional To Standard Care | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Procedure | Time/Visit | Dosage/Volume | Procedure | Time/Visit | Dosage/Volume |
| Supplemental oxygen through SNC | Any | Up to 2l/min | None | None | None |
| Supplemental oxygen through HFMG | Any | Up to 20l/min | None | None | None |
| Supplemental oxygen through HFNC | Any | Up to 60l/min | None | None | None |

All the three oxygen delivery modalities described above are already available to any endoscopic procedure. The decision on which one to use, as per standard of care, relies solely on the anaesthetist expertise/subjective evaluation. In our study, the decision on which device will be initially used will be done through a previously randomised order.

c. RANDOMISATION

Prior to enrolment of the first patient, allocation will be pre-defined through an online research randomiser (<https://www.randomizer.org>). The order produced by this tool will be translated into 300 sealed opaque envelopes containing a folded slip with either the intervention (i.e. HFMG) or the control (i.e. COT) group will be organised by an independent person from the Gastroenterology Department who is not a member of the research team. The envelopes will have written on them the number in which they should be consecutively opened as per the randomisation tool (labelled from 1 to 300). The first 150 envelopes will be kept at Austin hospital and the last 150 envelopes will be kept at Repatriation hospital. If any of the centres reach 5 envelopes while the other centre has still over 10 envelopes left, half of the envelopes will be randomly selected and sent to the other centre. All envelopes will be kept in the nurse unit manager's office and will be given to the anaesthetist performing the sedation for the procedure after the patient has consented for the study. Only the clinical care team (e.g. anaesthetist, endoscopist, nurses), not the patient, will be notified of the randomisation results.

D. STUDY METHODOLOGY

Data on demographics and medical conditions will be collected from the medical records as per Appendix 1. Information on the procedure from the anaesthetist and endoscopist perspectives will be collected during and shortly after the procedure as per Appendices 2 and 3, respectively. Data on participant's symptoms post-procedure will be collected as per

Appendix 4. This study will be registered at clinicaltrials.gov prior to the enrolment of the first participant.

6. STUDY POPULATION

a. RECRUITMENT PROCEDURE

All patients scheduled for an elective endoscopic procedure deemed by one of the investigators as expected to take 20 minutes or less and with low risk of sedation related adverse events (SRAE) will be sent the patient information sheet alongside to their notice for the endoscopic procedure by mail. On the day of the procedure, one of the investigators will consent the patient for the study.

Patients with low risk for SRAE will be determined according the presence of any of the following criteria: BMI ≥ 35 , ASA IV or Mallampati 4.

b. INCLUSION CRITERIA

- Patients referred for upper gastrointestinal endoscopic procedures predicted to last less or equal to 20 minutes (e.g. diagnostic gastroscopies)
- Age > 18 years
- Ability to give informed consent

c. EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Pregnancy
- Supplementary O2 dependency
- Emergency procedures
- Deemed by performing endoscopist as long (>20 minutes) procedure before randomisation
- Patients with high risk for SRAE
- Capsule endoscopy procedure

d. CONSENT

Individual consent will be sought on the day of the procedure, after the participant had time to read through the participant information sheet (sent by mail to all eligible participants with the notice of their endoscopic procedure).

7. PARTICIPANT SAFETY AND WITHDRAWAL

a. RISK MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY

All patients will be managed according to established best practice according to international research and consensus on endoscopic procedures. Treatment does not differ according to whether or not the patient chooses to participate in the study.

Most eligible participants will not be the regular patients of the investigators or the endoscopists involved in the study. This is because the majority of the patients are referred from other medical specialists or GPs to our Endoscopy Unit. Vigilance in explaining the

voluntary nature of participation will be exercised for all patients. It will be emphasized that a decision not to enroll in the study will have no ramifications whatsoever for the patients care and ongoing relationship with the treating medical team.

b. HANDLING OF WITHDRAWALS

In accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki and the International Conference on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Pharmaceuticals for Human Use Good Practice Guidelines, a participant is free to withdraw from the study at any time for any reason without prejudice to their future medical care by the physician or the institution. The Investigator may also withdraw the participant at any time in the interests of patient safety. Should a participant decide to withdraw, all efforts will be made to complete and report the observations as thoroughly as possible. Participants may be removed from the study if one or more of the following events occur:

- Withdrawal of consent
- Decision made by the investigators that removal from the study is in the patient's best medical interest.
- Study stopped by ethics/regulatory authorities

The primary reason and additional reasons for withdrawal will be recorded in the participants' medical record.

c. REPLACEMENTS

Withdrawal of patients or losses after randomisation have been accounted for when calculating the sample size. No replacement will be sought for losses after randomisation.

8. STATISTICAL METHODS

a. SAMPLE SIZE ESTIMATION & JUSTIFICATION

The study aims to enroll 300 patients (150 in each arm), anticipating a half the difference found by Lin et al. when comparing the high-flow nasal cannula at 40-60L/min with a flow of 2L/min (Lin et al. 2019. P. 597). The sample size was calculated for an 8.4% difference in desaturation for two independent groups (1.0% versus 9.4%) and dichotomous variable, enrolment ratio of 1:1.

b. POWER CALCULATIONS

Two-tailed 0.05 alpha error and power of 80% were used for the sample size calculation. In addition, a 10% loss after randomisation was accounted for.

c. STATISTICAL METHODS TO BE UNDERTAKEN

Collected data will be summarised as mean \pm standard deviation (SD) or median (25th and 75th percentile) for continuous data, and as frequency and percentages for categorical data. For continuous data, the characteristics and outcomes for the two intervention groups were compared using Student's t -test or Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test based on the normality assumption. Categorical data will be compared with Chi-square or Fisher's exact test as

appropriate. A p value of < 0.05 will be considered significant. Statistical analyses will be performed with SPSS statistical software (IBM Corp. 2020. IBM SPSS Statistics, Version 26.0. Armonk, NY).

9. STORAGE OF BLOOD AND TISSUE SAMPLES

a. DETAILS OF WHERE SAMPLES WILL BE STORED, AND THE TYPE OF CONSENT FOR FUTURE USE OF SAMPLES

Not applicable. No samples collected for this study.

10. DATA SECURITY & HANDLING

a. DETAILS OF WHERE RECORDS WILL BE KEPT & HOW LONG WILL THEY BE STORED

All original identifiable hardcopy datasheets will be stored in a locked research office at the Endoscopy unit at the Harold Stokes Building (Austin Health), and will be assessed only by medical practitioners or nurses. The data will be retained for a period of 15 years according to the Australia Code of Conduct.

b. CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY

Identifiable electronic copies will be maintained in password-protected desktops, laptops or USBs/external hard drives. Patient data will then be de-identified for statistical analyses.

c. ANCILLARY DATA

Not applicable. No ancillary data will be collected for this study.

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