

Ketofol for Procedural Sedation and Analgesia

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STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Nowadays, there is an extensive variety of surgical procedures performed in operating rooms that do not require general anesthesia and are completed in less than sixty minutes. During some minor procedures, anesthesia providers may use neuraxial anesthesia or a combination of intravenous anesthetic agents with opioids. These common anesthetic approaches may bring negative side effects that may be deleterious for patients. Whether spinal anesthesia or opioid plus propofol are being used, providers must be aware of their potential for cardiorespiratory instability, nausea and vomiting. Propofol alone and narcotics may increase the risk for respiratory complications. It is also important to consider that patients undergoing short procedures under long acting drugs, such as intrathecal bupivacaine, will have longer recovery time. A combination of propofol and ketamine (ketofol) has been shown to minimize cardio-respiratory complications.

Phase 1 Phase 3 Phase 2 Preoperative **Postoperative** Intraoperative 1. Medical records were 1. A set of vital 1. Upon arrival to evaluated to identify signs were measured PACU, vital signs potential cases for EBP prior to ketofol were measured and project. time of arrival infusion.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

PICOT QUESTION

- P Adult patients (21 75) undergoing minor surgical procedures under procedural sedation and analgesia
- Ketofol for procedural sedation and analgesia
- **C** Standard anesthetic approaches
- Hemodynamic and respiratory stability

T Surgery and PACU stay

- 2. Patient recruitment took place in holding area 3. Consent was discussed and signature was obtained. 4. Preoperative vital signs were measured.
- 5. Infusion (mixture) for ketofol was prepared and placed into IV pump.
- 2. Ketofol was set to a 2:1 ratio (Ketamine: Propofol) and infused by IV pump. 3. Hemodynamic and respiratory data was collected every five minutes until end of

surgery.

documented. 2. Vital signs were measured again ten minutes after PACU arrival. 3. PACU discharge time was obtained from PACU supervisor after patient left unit.

RESULTS

Hemodynamic and Respiratory Intraoperative Responses



In adult patients undergoing minor surgical procedures, how does the use of ketofol for procedural sedation and analgesia, compared to standard anesthetic approaches, affect hemodynamic and respiratory stability during surgery and PACU stay?

SYNTHESIS AND ANALYSIS OF EVIDENCE

A thorough literature search was conducted by using the following databases:

• PubMed, Cochrane Library, OvidSP & EBSCO Host **Keywords**: ketamine, propofol, ketamine-propofol, ketofol, PSA, Sedation, Analgesia, Monitored Anesthesia Care. **Synthesis:** Most studies that evaluated the effectiveness of ketofol for PSA showed hemodynamic and respiratory stability when compared to the individual use of each pharmacological agents.

Level of Evidence	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Level I: Systematic review or meta-analysis	X	X						
Level II: Randomized			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х

IMPLICATION FOR PRACTICE

This project presents anesthesia providers with a safe, evidence-based approach that maintains hemodynamic stability, in patients undergoing minor surgical procedures using sedation and analgesia. Thus, contributing to better patient outcomes.

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Outcomes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Blood Pressure	↔NS	↔NS	↑SS	↔NS	↔NS	↑SS	↔NS	NR
Heart Rate	↑NS	NR	NR	↑NS	↔cs	↑NS	↔NS	NR
Respiratory Rate	↔cs	↔cs	↔NS	NR	↔cs	NE	NR	NR
SaO2	NR	↑CS	↑CS	个SS	↑NS	↑NS	NR	NR
EtCO2	NR	NR	↓CS	NR	NR	NE	NE	↓CS

SS= statistically significant findings, NS= non-statistically significant findings, CS= clinically significant findings, NE= not evaluated, NR= not reported \downarrow , worse; \uparrow , improve; -, no effect, \leftrightarrow , maintain

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