

# Intraabdominal Pressure

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## Results from the International Conference of Experts on Intra-Abdominal Hypertension (IAH) and Abdominal Compartment Syndrome (ACS)

DEFINITIONS  
RECOMMENDATIONS

The World Society of the Abdominal Compartment Syndrome [www.WSACS.org](http://www.WSACS.org)



Intensive Care Medicine 2007; 33(6): 951-962

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## INTRODUCTION

- Intra-abdominal hypertension (IAH) and abdominal compartment syndrome (ACS) are causes of s... critically ill
- Intra-abdo... essential to



Year	Survival after decompression
2002	51%
2003	57%
2004	54%
2005	65%
2006	71%

Cheatham M, Acta Chir Belgica 2007

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## RISK FACTORS & SURVEILLANCE FOR IAH/ACS

Patients should be screened for IAH / ACS risk factors upon ICU admission and in the presence of new or progressive organ failure (Grade 1B)

Abdominal pressure:	Total Prevalence	MICU prevalence	SICU prevalence
IAP > 12	58.8%	54.4%	65%
IAP > 15	28.9%	29.8%	27.5%
IAP > 20 plus organ failure	8.2%	10.5%	5.0%

Malbrain, Intensive Care Medicine (2004)

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## Definitions

### WCACS, Antwerp Belgium 2007

- **Intra-abdominal Pressure (IAP):** Intrinsic pressure within the abdominal cavity
- **Intra-abdominal Hypertension (IAH):** A sustained IAP > 12 mm Hg (often causing occult ischemia) without obvious organ failure
- **Abdominal Compartment Syndrome (ACS):** IAH > 20 mm Hg with at least one organ dysfunction or failure

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## WHAT IS NORMAL IAP?

- "Normal IAP is approximately 5-7 mmHg in critically ill adults."
- IAP varies by disease severity:

Normal adult	0-5 mmHg
Typical ICU patient	5-7 mmHg
Post-laparotomy patient	10-15 mmHg
Patient with septic shock	15-25 mmHg
Patient with acute abdomen	25-40 mmHg

- An IAP in excess of 15 mmHg can cause significant end-organ dysfunction, failure, and patient death.

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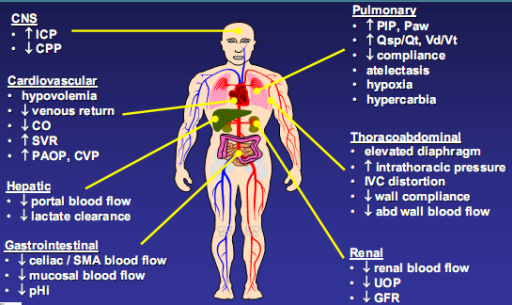
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## Organ dysfunction




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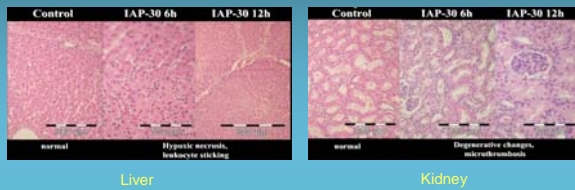
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## LIVER and KIDNEY



Schachtrupp, Shock 2005

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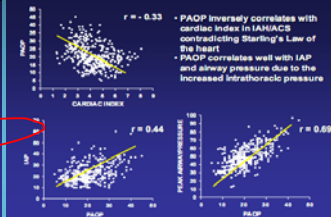
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## Hemodynamic

### HEMODYNAMIC MONITORING IN ACS

- Accurate assessment of intravascular volume is essential in patients at risk for IAH & ACS
  - Significant third-space fluid losses
  - Decreased venous return
  - Inadequate organ perfusion
- PAOP & CVP are not accurate due to elevated ITP & IAP
  - May lead to inappropriate therapy
- Transmural PAOP and CVP measurements are more reliable estimates of intravascular volume
  - Transmural PAOP = PAOP - 0.5\*IAP
  - Transmural CVP = CVP - 0.5\*IAP



- PAOP inversely correlates with cardiac index in IAH/ACS contradicting Starling's Law of the heart
- PAOP correlates well with IAP and always pressure due to the increased intrathoracic pressure

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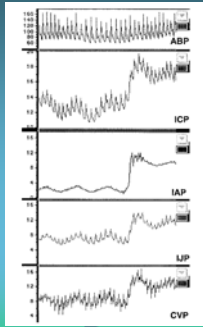
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## Physiologic Sequelae



Direct impact of IAP on pressure measurements:

- IAP elevation causes immediate increases in ICP, IJP and CVP (also in PAOP)

15 liter bag placed on abdomen

Citejo, 2001

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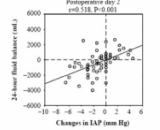
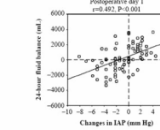
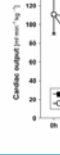
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## Fluid Resuscitation ?

• IAH and ca

• IAH and fluids

Fluid balance and IAH in postoperative patients



Selys M et al., Medicina (Kaunas) 2008, 44: 421-7

Schachtrupp, Shock 2005

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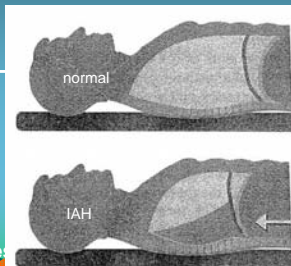
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## IAH and Respiration



• increased intraabdominal pressure

- Elevation of Diaphragm
- FRC ↓
- Reduced compliance of diaphragm
- Atelectasis at lower lobes




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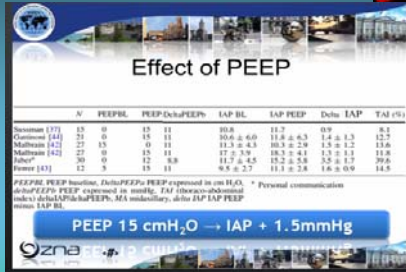
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## Respiration / PEEP




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## Methods

- IAP measurements
  - direct - intraabdominal catheter
  - indirect
    - intravesicular
    - intragastric
    - intracolonic
    - intrauterine
    - vena cava inferior
    - CT




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## HOW SHOULD IAP BE MEASURED?

- *"IAP should be expressed in mmHg and measured at end-expiration in the complete supine position after ensuring that abdominal muscle contractions are absent and with the transducer zeroed at the level of the midaxillary line."*
- Physical exam is inaccurate in predicting IAP
  - Sensitivity 40-61%
  - Positive predictive value 45-76%
- IAP measurements are essential to the diagnosis of elevated IAP and the management of IAH
- A variety of techniques may be used to measure IAP




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# WHAT IS THE REFERENCE STANDARD FOR IAP?

- "The reference standard for intermittent IAP measurement is via the bladder with a maximal instillation volume of 25ml sterile saline."
- Intra-vesicular or "bladder" pressure measurement represents a safe, rapid, and cost-effective method for monitoring IAP.
- Bladder pressure measurements can be performed in any ICU using commonly available equipment.
- The recommended instillation volume has been decreased.
  - Larger volumes of saline can lead to falsely elevated IAP measurements

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## Effect of body position

	N (observations)	Supine	HOB 15	HOB 30	HOB 45	Lateral	Reverse Trendelenberg
Mullerian [13] <sup>†</sup>	37 (79)	8.8 ± 3.9	NA	NA	17.1 ± 6.1	6.6 ± 2.9	13.3 ± 4.8
Chivash [29] <sup>†</sup>	58 (174)	7 (0.7-13.2)	NA	8.5 (2.2-14)	10.3 (2.9-16.2)	NA	NA
McBeth [45] <sup>†</sup>	37 (300)	13.4 ± 4.2	NA	18.4 ± 4.8	21.5 ± 5.0	NA	NA
Vasquez [47] <sup>†</sup>	45 (675)	10.2 (8.7-11.8)	12.4 (10.7-14.1)	14.0 (12.3-15.8)	16.7 (14.8-18.5)	NA	19.3 (16.8-21.8)
Cheatham [46] <sup>†</sup>	132 (396)	11.8 (11.4-12.2)	13.3 (12.8-13.8)	15.4 (14.9-15.9)	NA	NA	NA
De Keulemaer [38] <sup>†</sup>	10 (60)	6.6 ± 2.9	NA	NA	NA	11.2 ± 3.3	NA
Cobb [49] <sup>†</sup>	20 (180)	1.8 ± 2.0	NA	NA	16.7	NA	NA
Chionello [55] <sup>†</sup>	11 (60)	8.8 ± 2.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hering [53] <sup>†</sup>	12 (24)	10 ± 3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

HOB 45° → IAP + 5-15 mmHg




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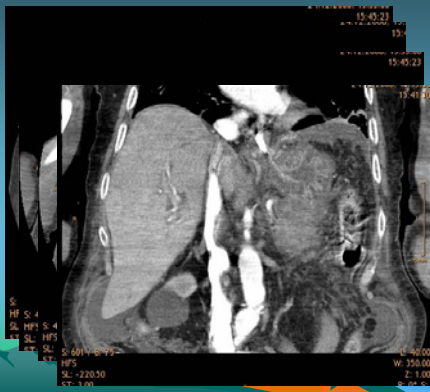
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# Physiology

## PERFUSION PRESSURE

- The pressure difference across an organ or anatomic compartment
  - Dependent upon three factors:
    - Arterial inflow pressure
    - Venous outflow pressure
    - Compliance of the compartment
- Perfusion pressure =  $Pressure_{inflow} - Pressure_{outflow}$
- Cerebral PP = MAP - ICP  
Coronary PP = DBP - PAOP

## FILTRATION GRADIENT

- The filtration gradient (FG) is the mechanical force across the renal glomerulus
- Calculated as glomerular filtration pressure (GFP) - proximal tubular pressure (PTP)
  - GFP = APP = MAP - IAP
  - PTP = IAP in the presence of IAH
  - FG = MAP - IAP - IAP or MAP - 2\*IAP
- Changes in IAP have a greater impact upon renal function and urine production than changes in MAP
- Oliguria is one of the first signs of elevated IAP

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# Surgical Management of Compartment Syndromes

Compartment	Pathophysiology	Surgical Management
Cranium	ICP elevation	Craniotomy, etc..
Chest	Tension pneumothorax	Chest tube
Pericardium	Cardiac tamponade	Pericardiocentesis
Limb	Extremity compartment syndrome	Fasciotomy

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- Hatten Sie jemals einen Patienten der nach massiver Flüssigkeitsgabe zunehmend *ödematös* und *aufgetrieben* war?
- Hat je einer Ihrer ICU Patienten ein *akutes Nierenversagen* mit Hämofiltrationspflichtigkeit entwickelt?
- Haben Sie jemals einen Patienten ein *Multiples Organ Versagen* entwickeln und daran sterben gesehen?

**What was their intra-abdominal pressure?**

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