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Rescue ventilation using Expiratory Ventilation Assistance

Innovating while clutching at straws

- 1 The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing.
John Powell
- 2 All anaesthetists should be capable of performing an emergency cricothyroidotomy.
- 3 In a ‘can’t intubate, can’t ventilate’ situation the recommended combination of a three-way stopcock, oxygen tubing and an intravenous catheter is useless and might even be dangerous.
- 4 Small differences in physical characteristics of an emergency jet device can result in huge differences in clinical outcome.
- 5 Employment of Bernoulli’s principle can facilitate expiration through a small-bore airway catheter.
- 6 With Expiratory Ventilation Assistance (EVA) one can control the expiration through a small-bore airway catheter. The potential applications for this new ventilation mode go beyond emergency situations.
- 7 Nothing is impossible. Some things are just less likely than others.
Jonathan Winters
- 8 If you look at history, innovation doesn’t come just from giving people incentives; it comes from creating environments where their ideas can connect.
Steven Johnson
- 9 We need to attempt to move from ‘what’s the matter’ with our patients to ‘what matters’ to our patients.
Modified after Michael Barry
- 10 When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain place on the floor. It’s to enjoy each step along the way.
Wayne Dyer