

CLINIPICS

Neonatal matters



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Newborns requiring surgery in prone position, should have pads under the chest and shoulders to allow free excursion of abdomen for assisted breathing, pulse oximetry probe, intravenous lines, ECG leads, EtCO₂ tube, ETT and head cover.



Every unit, especially a neonatal unit, must always be prepared for putting in an underwater seal drainage in developing pneumothorax. It takes a pack of 4 artery forceps, 1 knife, 1 pair of scissors, 1 needle holder, 1 ampule of local anaesthetic, few gaze pieces, some pyodine, small prepared under water seal bottle and a chest tube (Size 10F nasogastric tube will suffice) in the pack.. EVERY ONE (not only the surgeons) SHOULD LEARN TO PUT UNDEWATER SEAL DRAIN. ↻

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TEF with 13 pairs of ribs and anomalous 2nd lumbar vertebra

X-ray of one day old male child with tracheoesophageal fistula showing 13 pairs of ribs and anomalous L2 vertebra. Coiling of feeding tube is also noted. TEF with 13 pairs of ribs is generally associated with long gap atresia which was also noted in this case intraoperatively¹.

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