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This newsletter, the Trauma Support Team Committee wanted to provide something that you can take to your clinic and use right away. Many of us have found that creating “kits” or “boxes” filled with various items that are ready and waiting have cut down on time in emergent situations where every few minutes count. It is much easier to tell someone to “Grab the thoracocentesis kit!” than to point out where everything is kept separately in an emergent situation. For these boxes, it helps to have a laminated list on the outside of what belongs in the kit so that it can be easily restocked after and emergency, much in the way crash carts should be checked and restocked. A reminder for all of these kits, they are easily adjusted to be able to include what your clinic uses and needs for these situations. The lists are just suggestions!

Emergency Tap Kit

Having an emergency tap kit can make things easier as they are portable and can be taken throughout a hospital to where the patient is going or placed on cages. This can also be modified to make an emergency chest tube placement kit by including a Mila Thoracic Drain in the kit.

- Small plastic box
- Catheter variations
 - 21 and 23 gauge butterflies
 - Angiocaths: fenestrated
 - 20 and 18 gauge long and short catheters
 - 16 gauge catheters
 - Long needles (cysto), 22 or 20 g
- 2 Extension sets
- Stopcocks
- Syringes (60cc, 20cc, 12cc)
- Purple top tubes and white/red top tubes



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Cut down kit

- Small plastic box
- Sterile Gauze
 - Can be a small stack, pre-sterilized
- Vein Pick
- 2 18 g IVC
- 2 20 g IVC
- T-port or male adapter
- 3-0 nylon suture on a curved cutting needle or tissue glue (something to ensure catheter stays once in)
- Sterile
 - #10 and #11 scalpel blade
 - Metzenbaum scissors
 - 2 curved hemostats

Hemostasis kit

- Small plastic box
- 1 container sterile 4 x 4 gauze
- 1 container sterile lap sponges (#5)
- 1 roll of vetwrap or coban
- Tourniquet: Regular tourniquet or SWAT-T tourniquet
- Hemostatic Gauze for packing and/or Gelfoam
 - Can be any hemostatic gauze/foam/etc.
- Sterile pack
 - 3 small hemostats, 1 straight 2 curved
 - Metzenbaum scissors
 - 2 small gelpi retractors
 - Scalpel handle and blade (#10 and #11)

Suction kit

Sterilized together, easy to keep in a crash cart or a drawer near a crash station.

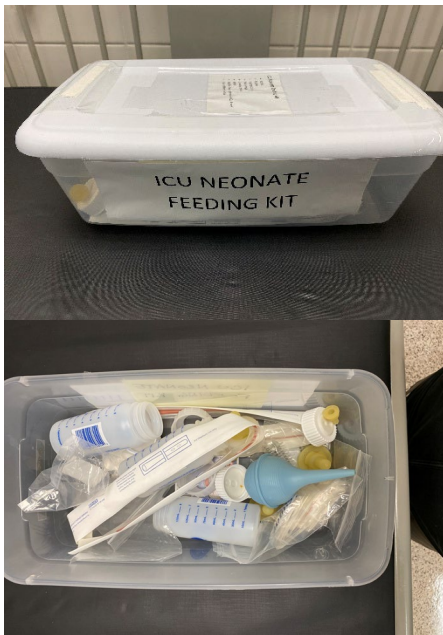
- Suction tubing to fit suction system
- Soft suction tip for ETT
- Yankauer tip for suctioning mouth and pharynx



Critical Patient Crash Kit

Everything you need for a critical patient in case it crashes!

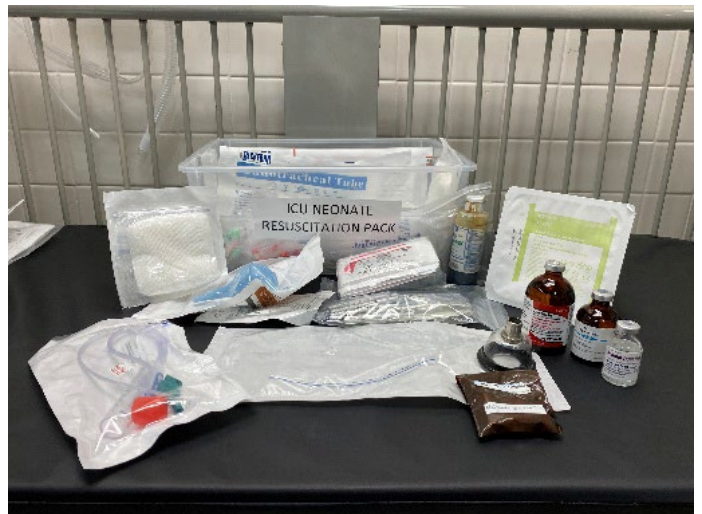
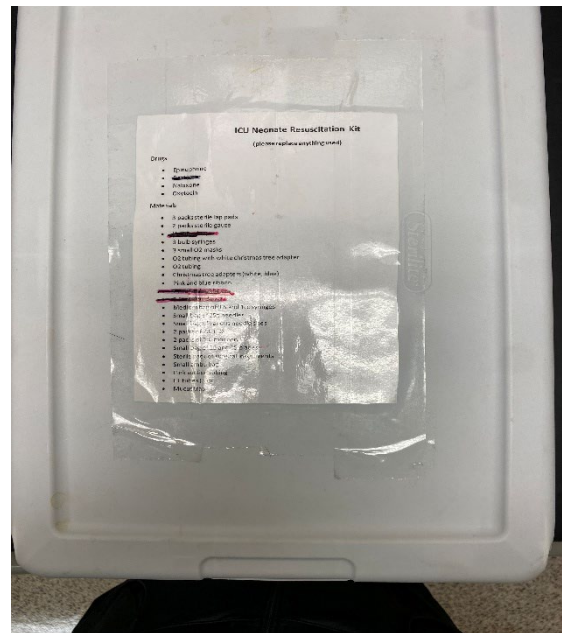
- Patient Size Specific:
 - ET Tubes and tie
 - Laryngoscope
 - Cuff inflation syringe
- 1st Epinephrine Dose
- 1st Atropine Dose
- Emergency Drug Sheet
- Ambu bag



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Neonate Resuscitation Kit

- Drugs
 - Epinephrine
 - Naloxone
 - Oxytocin
- 3 packs of sterile lap pads
- 2 packs of sterile gauze
- 3 bulb syringes
- 3 small O2 masks
- O2 Tubing w/ x-mas tree adaptors
- Sterile Instruments
 - Small curved and straight hemostats
 - Mayo Scissors
 - Scalpel blade handle
 - #10 and #11 scalpel blade
 - Metzenbaum scissors
- 3 packs 2-0 nylon suture
- Neonate ambu bag
- Small ET Tubes or Red Rubber Catheters
- Pink and blue ribbon
- 3ml and 1 ml syringes
- 25 g needles
- Assortment of all needle sizes



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