2) Children, especially those under the age of six, have a natural anatomical condition which causes:

A) Neck extension when placed on a flat surface
B) Neck flexion when placed on a flat surface
C) Back extension when placed on a flat surface
D) Back flexion when placed on a flat surface

B – Small children have what might be referred to as "big head, little body syndrome," which results in neck flexion when they are placed on a flat surface. In real estate, the motto is location, location, location… and with little kids, the motto is positioning, positioning, and positioning. Think about a 2-year-old with a big head (aka Charlie Brown), flat on a spine board or sedated for a CT scan. What does their big head do to their airway? It shoves their chin on their chest and they don't breathe very well. Simply putting a diaper or towel behind their shoulders goes a long way to offset "big head, little body syndrome."



Chin on chest positioning
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