

Comment on the Article “Simple Maneuver to Tide Over the Crisis Due to Intraoperative Malfunctioning of a Pilot Balloon”

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We read the article by Dhanda et al¹ and would like to congratulate the authors for management of an unforeseen complication intraoperatively. However, we would like to submit that the authors' contention of this being a modified/novel technique is misplaced.

Inserting an intravenous cannula sheath into a severed inflation line of an endotracheal tube/tracheostomy tube and then attaching a three-way distal to it has been described previously on many occasions. Watson et al had described the same technique back in 1989.²

Gupta et al make a mention of this precise method in their article in 2010.³ Also, Rao et al in an article in 2014 have described precisely the same technique.⁴

We believe that authors demonstrated a novel application (in a prone patient) of an already described technique rather than demonstrating a novel technique. That being said, they must be commended for their presence of mind and for reminding the readers of a simple method to “tide over” a potentially dangerous intraoperative situation.

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