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Weaning Sedation in the Critically Ill Patient

Case Example: Ventilated Critically Ill Patients

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We have heard there is a way to periodically wean the critically ill patient off sedation. It may be called "sedation holiday" or "weaning sedation". Is there research to show that this is a viable procedure to implement in our patient care practice?

An appropriate database to start this search: MEDLINE

Choose subject headings

AVAILABLE

No

Yes

Sedation holiday or sedation protocol(s) or daily interruption

Hypnotics and Sedatives

Critical Illness or Critical Care

BOTH headings and textwords

Boolean logic: "and", "or"
Limits (as needed): year, population, age, etc

EXECUTE SEARCH

REVIEW RESULTS

Appropriate articles found

Yes

No

Kress JP, Pohlman AS, O'Connor MF et al; Daily Interruption of Sedative Infusions in Critically Ill Patients Undergoing Mechanical Ventilation. *New England Journal of Medicine* 2000; 342(20):1471-1477, May 18.

Rephrase question or reconsider topic

Broaden strategy

Continue your search

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