
Novel technique of using laryngoscope in HIV, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C infected patients

Sir,

The laryngoscope is an important instrument in an anesthetists' armamentarium. However, it may be a potential source of cross infection due to contact with mucous membrane, saliva, and at times blood if not sterilized properly.^[1] We used a novel technique to use laryngoscope in an HIV infected patient.

Laryngoscope and tegaderm were taken [Figure 1]. Tegaderm was wrapped around the laryngoscope, as shown in

Figures 2 and 3. We were worried about the illumination of laryngoscope due to tegaderm. However, when the handle was connected to the blade, there was good illumination [Figure 4]. We wish to highlight that laryngoscope covered by tegaderm is useful in infected patients without obscuring illumination.

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Figure 1: Laryngoscope blade and Tegaderm

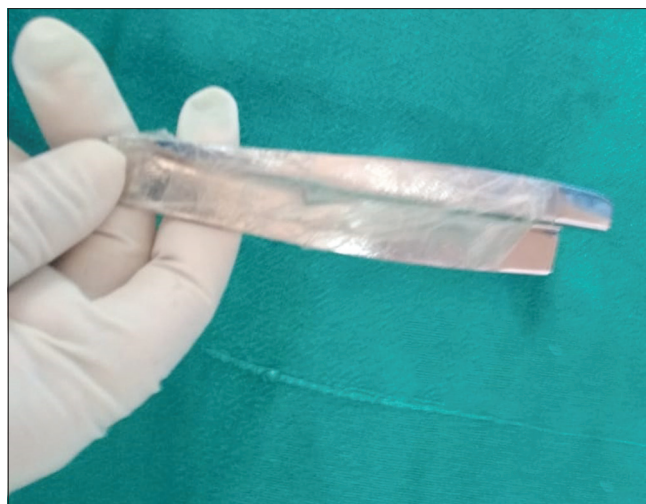


Figure 2: Blade covered from upper side



Figure 3: Blade covered from lower side

Conflicts of interest

There are no conflicts of interest.

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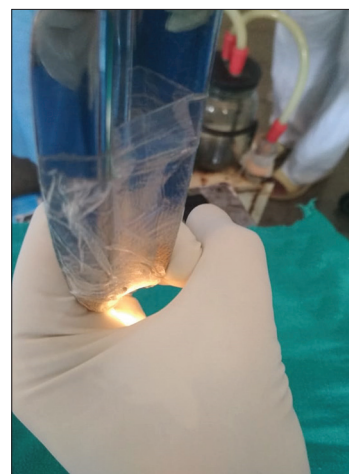



Figure 4: Illumination of laryngoscope

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