

### **Complications and mortality after emergency intubation**

Patients that require emergency intubation pose a great challenge to the emergency and critical care (ECC) vet. These patients commonly present life-threatening conditions such as cardiovascular and respiratory instability. The administration of anaesthetic drugs to allow intubation may tip these patients over the edge and cause a cardiac arrest. During this lecture we will review the human and veterinary medical evidence about morbidity and mortality in the intubation period. We will discuss different anaesthetic protocols to minimize cardiovascular and respiratory adverse effects and we will talk about the management of hypotension in the patient requiring emergency intubation.