References


Intubated Croup Patients on PCCU

**Early management:**
- NPA for virology
- Prednisolone 1mg/kg 12 hourly whilst intubated [max 5 days]
- Routine use of splints early
- Sedation in the first 12-24 hours of admission.
- Consultant should specify the desired level (comfort scale 15-20)
- Wean sedation as soon as possible with the use of arm splints
- Self-ventilation on Swedish nose if tolerated
- Early enteral feeds
- Ranitidine whilst on steroids
- Avoid the use of NSAID whilst on steroids

**Extubation policy:**
Assess air leak

- Extubation preferably in the morning

**Not successful:**
- Assess causes
- Notify ENT
- Consider laryngoscopy
- Further trial

- Reassess in 48hr
- Extubate in the morning
- If Prednisolone course finished consider Dexamethasone prior to extubation
- If failed then ENT