

## CLINICAL "SNIPPETS"

### **Capnometry in the prehospital setting: are we using its potential?**

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**Overview:** Capnometry is a non-invasive monitoring technique which allows fast and reliable insight into ventilation, circulation, and metabolism. In the prehospital setting it is mainly used to confirm correct tracheal tube placement.

**Conclusions:** Capnometry offers significant additional insights into the patients condition including efficiency of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, diagnosis of pulmonary thromboembolism and, in patients with haemorrhage, capnometry provides improved continuous haemodynamic monitoring, insight into adequacy of tissue perfusion, optimisation within current hypotensive fluid resuscitation strategy, and prevention of shock progression through controlled fluid administration.