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## A systematic review and meta analysis of predictors of airway intervention in adult epiglottitis.

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Epiglottitis is typically considered a pediatric disease however there is growing evidence that the incidence of adult epiglottitis has changed since the introduction of the Haemophilus Influenza vaccine. The literature is composed of multiple small series with differing findings and to date there has been no attempt to collaborate evidence on predictors of airway obstruction in this disease.

### Methods:

The population of interest was adults with a diagnosis of epiglottitis. The primary outcome in this review was incidence of airway intervention. A comprehensive literature search was conducted of the Medline and Embase databases and a separate random-effects model meta-analysis was undertaken for all outcome data. Moderator tests for comparison between pre vaccine and post vaccine estimates were made, and absolute risk difference and relative risk calculations were made for all predictors of airway intervention.

### Results:

Thirty (30) studies and a total of 10 148 patients were finally included for meta-analysis. A significant decrease in airway intervention was seen post vaccine introduction from 18.8% to 10.9% ( $p=0.01$ ). The presence of an abscess (RD 0.27,  $p=0.04$ ; RR 2.45,  $p<0.001$ ), stridor (RD 0.64,  $p<0.001$ ; RR 7.15,  $p<0.001$ ) or a history of diabetes mellitus (RD 0.11,  $p=0.02$ ; RR 2.15,  $p=0.01$ ) was associated with need for airway intervention.

### Conclusion:

In the post vaccine era clinicians should expect to have to secure airways in 10.9% of cases. The presence of an epiglottic abscess, stridor, or a history of diabetes mellitus are the most reliable clinical features associated with need for airway intervention.

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