

# Extubation

Removal of a [tube](#) from an organ, structure, or orifice; specifically, removal of the [endotracheal tube](#) after [intubation](#).

## Facilitation

[Dexmedetomidine](#) (Precedex®). Alpha 2 [adrenergic receptor](#) agonist, used for control of [hypertension](#) postoperatively, as well as for its sedating qualities during [awake craniotomy](#) either alone or in conjunction with [propofol](#). Also used to help patients tolerate [endotracheal tubes](#) without [sedatives/narcotics](#) to facilitate [extubation](#).

## Extubation time

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## Early extubation

see [Early extubation](#).

## Delayed Extubation

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## Terminal extubation

[Terminal extubation](#).

## Timing of extubation

Level III: In [Head injury](#) early extubation for patients meeting extubation criteria does not increase the risk of [pneumonia](#).

In Surgical [clipping](#) of VA-PICA junction, saccular aneurysms when [neurapraxia](#) of the lower cranial nerves is likely (in cases of difficult dissection or traction applied during clipping) the patient is kept intubated overnight. Patients who do not tolerate [extubation](#) at this point are immediately reintubated and elective [tracheostomy](#) is scheduled. [Tracheostomy](#) is maintained until the [neurapraxia](#) resolves.

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