

# **Comparison of end tidal carbon dioxide (ETCO<sub>2</sub>) and arterial blood bicarbonate levels in patients with metabolic acidosis referred to Emergency Medicine**

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Abstract:

Objective:

The aim of this study was comparison of end tidal carbon dioxide (ETCO<sub>2</sub>) and arterial blood bicarbonate levels in patients with metabolic acidosis.

Methods:

In a cross-sectional and descriptive-analytical study that performed in Emergency Department of Tabriz University of Medical Sciences on patients with metabolic acidosis referred to Imam Reza hospital with metabolic acidosis, ETco<sub>2</sub> level with bicarbonate levels in blood in 262 patients with metabolic acidosis was evaluated.

Results:

Mean Co<sub>2</sub> level with Capnography in patients with metabolic acidosis was  $22.29 \pm 4.15$  and mean Co<sub>2</sub> level with ABG in patients with metabolic acidosis was  $29.33 \pm 6.5$ .

Mean Co<sub>2</sub> level with Capnography was significantly lower than mean Co<sub>2</sub> level with ABG in patients.

Capnography has shown Co<sub>2</sub> level  $7.03 \pm 5.35$  significantly lower than ABG.

Conclusion:

Significant direct liner correlation was found between Co<sub>2</sub> level with Capnography with PH, PCo<sub>2</sub>, HCo<sub>3</sub> and BE level in ABG.

In patients with renal failure, Cut-off-Point ET-Co<sub>2</sub> with Ph=7.3 was calculated 22.5 and with Hco<sub>3</sub><15 or BE<-7 was calculated 24.

In patients with sepsis, Cut-off-Point ET-Co<sub>2</sub> with Ph=7.3, HCo<sub>3</sub> = 15 or BE=-7 was calculated 23.5.

In other diseases, including DKA and other diseases determined Cut off point according to PH = 7.3, HCo<sub>3</sub> = 15 and BE = -7 was not possible.

Key Words:

Metabolic Acidosis, ET-Co<sub>2</sub>, ABG