

عنوان البحث :

Role of fiberoptic bronchoscopy in management of smoke inhalation lung injury.

## Abstract:

Introduction: Smoke-inhalation injury (SII) is an unfavorable prognostic sign and amajor cause of mortality in burn patients. Subsequently, it is important to diagnose early, determineaccurately the injuries severity and to intervene early in these patients.

<u>Objective</u>: The objective of the present study is to evaluate the role of fiberoptic bronchoscopy (FOB) in management of SII as early diagnostic and prognostic tool.

<u>Patients and methods:</u> 57 patients suspected clinically to have SII were evaluated by submittingthem to FOB. The following data werecollected: total number of ventilator days, duration of intensivecare unit (ICU) stay, pneumonia development, and patient outcome.

<u>Results:</u> 39 patients of 57 studied patients (68.4%) were provedbronchoscopically to have SII.Significant correlations were noted between bronchoscopic scoring and development of pneumonia (R2 =0.344; P <0.001), total number of ventilator days (R2= 0.479; P < 0.0001) and ICU-stay (R2 =0.211; P = 0.01). Receiver operating characteristic curve analysis showed that an admissiongrade <u>></u> 3 of bronchoscopic grading of SII predicted pneumonia development with a sensitivity of77, %specificity of 92%, positive predictive value (PPV) of 85%, and negative predictive value (NPV) of 88%.

<u>Conclusion</u>: FOB may have a great value in evaluation, predictingprognosis and management ofsmoke inhalation lung injury. FOB obtained within few hours of admission was predictive of the total number of ventilator days and ICU-stay days and thedevelopment of pneumonia in patientswith SII.