

“BE MY VOICE” PLACED ON AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION DEVICE

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ABSTRACT

Several studies revealed that patients who are undergoing invasive mechanical ventilation (IMV) reported psycho-emotional distress, as they are not able to speak or to communicate their needs. Invasive mechanically ventilated patients want to be heard, to have control over their treatment. Using technology at the bedside can play a significant role in making this realism. Thus, the authors of this study designed an electronic augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) application that includes Arabic messages supported with picture format. The electronic AAC is supposed to be used in communication with Arabic only language oriented patients when they speechless.

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