


Speakers' Forum

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Elevating the Role of the Anaesthetist in NMB Management

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Anaesthetist

- Like an engineer in a great steamship,... Fundamental knowledge of physiologic phenomena... No routinist, no tyro, no cocksure,...
 - Saxton Pope. The relation of the surgeon to the anesthesiologist. Cal State J Med. 1922; 20: 385
- OR-manager improving overall quality and efficiency of economic resources
 - Gebhard E. OR-manager: surgeon or anesthesiologist? An interdisciplinary study Anaesthesist. 2003; 52:1062
- Managing high-performing and high-reliability teams to achieve high-quality surgical care
 - Leach LS. Assessing the performance of surgical teams. Health Care Manage Rev. 2009; 34:29.

Anaesthetists in the Operating Room Face Problems in the Way Others See Us

- **Recognition by the patients:** Anaesthetists often remain in anonymity.
 - Wetchler BV. Patients don't know who we are. ASA Newsletter 1994; 58:2–4.
 - Kindler CH The patients' perception of the anaesthetist. Anaesthesist 2002; 51:890
- **Recognition by the surgeon:** Anaesthetists are often seen as coffee drinkers, barring surgical work for 'safety'
 - Gfrörer R. Role expectations of various professional groups in the operating theatre. Anaesthesist. 2007; 56:1163.
 - Coe R J Disagreement and aggression in the operating theatre. Adv Nurs. 2008; 61:609. "Aggressive behaviour from surgeons"

From Safety to Improving Surgery

- Safety in anaesthesia has increased a lot!
 - While surgical safety is still 10 times less!
 - PONV, post-operative pain, and discomfort are important to the patient but are these recognised by the surgeon?
- Danger of losing attention, scientific interest.
- Solution:
 - Make anaesthesia more meaningful for surgeons.
 - Try, as an anaesthetist, to be involved in improving surgical patient outcome.

The Evolving Role of the Anaesthetist

- Being a team is not enough
 - Everyone plays only his role
- Being a transdisciplinary team is the future
 - Improve the surgical work using your skills, knowledge and approach as an anaesthetist.
 - In bariatric surgery anaesthesia reduced post operative bleeding, post operative leaks
- NMB have been used to improve anaesthesia induction, intubation, and to facilitate ventilation...
- Today, NMB should be used to improve surgery
 - Better working conditions
 - Potential for faster work/improved efficiency
 - Opportunity to reduce complications/improve outcomes

J F Kennedy



- Inventor of the “transdisciplinarity”
 - Ask not only “what the country can do for you” ask also “what you can do for your country.”
- Same question to the surgeons
 - ‘Ask not only what the anaesthetist can do for you, ask also what you can do for the anaesthetist.’

Practical Team Work

- Video with NMB abdominal compliance measuring

Break



Please proceed to your next workshop assignment for Session 2 promptly at 18:00.



Please proceed to the Barcelona Ballroom for the remainder of today's sessions.

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