ANESTHESIA METRICS
PAY FOR PERFORMANCE
IMPROVING PATIENT SATISFACTION SCORES

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TERMS

Metrics --- Measurement
Dashboard – Rolling gauge of where we are in the metrics
Key Performance Indicators
Low Hanging Fruit
EFFICIENCY VERSE COURTESY?
Paradox: Customer First is More Efficient

- unit efficiency first
- internal focus
- unresponsive
- compete for resources

Results in overall organizational inefficiency

- courtesy first
- external focus
- responsive
- share resources

Results in overall organizational efficiency & teamwork
What can you do?
WHY BOTHER WITH THE FUTURE?

“The future belongs to the unreasonable ones, the ones who look forward not backward, who are certain only of uncertainty, and who have the ability and the confidence to think completely differently.”

Charles Handy quoting Bernard Shaw
WHAT DOES YOUR DASHBOARD LOOK LIKE?
The quality of the graphs in Qlikview is not what we could want it to be.....

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Definitions:
A. 'Exempt' status: surgeries with 'Surgeon: No antibiotic' anesthesia event documented - recommended action: quick glance to make sure exemption status is valid
B. 'On Time' status: surgeries with an antibiotic administration within 60 minutes prior to incision time (120 minutes for vancomycin or fluoroquinolones) - no follow-up needed
C. 'Missed' Status: surgeries with no exemption and no timely prophylactic antibiotics administration prior to incision time - recommended action: identify trends & review with clinical stakeholders for remedial action
D. 'No Incision Time' Status: surgeries with no exemption and no 'Incision (Abr Linked)' anesthesia event time documented - recommended action: workflow reminder and/or impact education

Q2 % Debrief (Res, CRNA, AA)

Q2 % SCIP Compliance (Res, CRNA, AA)
...SSIs... account for 20% of all health care-associated infections in U.S. hospitals. SSIs occur each year. 780,000 SSIs develop annually after orthopedic surgery. 35,000 estimated SSIs annually. 8,205 annual deaths caused by SSIs. up to 20,000 knee and hip replacement patients contract an SSI. Better teamwork: Pre- and post-op discussion improves performance.
UW Health Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Prevention Steering Team Case Review

This case has met the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) definition of a Surgical Site Infection. Please review and complete reverse side and return to

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Definition of Surgical Site Infection:
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- Purulent drainage from the superficial incision
- Organism isolated from aseptically-obtained culture
- Incision is deliberately opened by a surgeon/physician AND culture positive or not cultured AND patient has at least one of the following signs and symptoms:
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  - Pain or tenderness
  - Localized erythema
  - Heat

Diagnosed by physician
Deep Incisional SSI – Involves deep soft tissues of the incision (e.g. fascial and muscle layers) AND patient has at least one of the following:
- Purulent drainage from the deep incision
- Incision that spontaneously dehisces OR is deliberately opened or aspirated by a surgeon/physician AND is culture positive or not cultured AND patient has at least one of the following signs and symptoms:
  - Pain or tenderness
  - Fever
Abscess of evidence of infection involving the deep incision that is detected on gross anatomical or histopathologic exam, or imaging test
Organ/Space SSI – Infection involves any part of the body deeper than the fascial/muscle layers, that is opened or manipulated during the operative procedure AND patient has at least one of the following:
- Purulent drainage from the drain that is placed into the organ/space
- Organisms isolated from an aseptically-obtained culture of fluid or tissue in the organ/space
- Abscess of evidence of infection involving the deep incision that is detected on gross anatomical or histopathologic exam, or imaging test

Surgical Site Infection Prevention Strategies:
QUALITY INDICATORS IN ANESTHESIA

Haller identified -- 108
Myles developed -- 9
Quality of Recovery scale – 40
Van Der Veer
De Vos
Hysong
Veloski
Mugford
OUTCOMES

1% looked at structure of care
57% measured outcomes
42% measured the process of care
KEEP IN MIND, EVERYTHING IS CHANGING.....

- Must report at least 3 measures, or file for hardship
- + 0.5% incentive for cases in 2014
- - 1.5% ‘withhold’ in 2015
- - 2% penalty in 2016, 2017

- Are we thinking about the benefit of our time?
- Are we being productive?
- What is your time worth?
- Do you know what stuff costs?
- Need to Get the PREP Nurse Involved!
  Your time is worth $2-$4 per minute
- But; you need to be productive!
- What is the average utilization?
- Get a anesthesia tech...
- Increase your utilization
## 5 MOST UNDESIRABLE SURGICAL OUTCOMES

The Perspective of Patients vs Anesthesia Providers

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BENN (2012) ASKED WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON ANESTHESIA OUTCOMES?

Biggest impact and improvement:
On time starts
PONV (we have come to accept %25 PONV as normal)
Pain (11% experience severe and debilitating pain)
Communication
Bowel Function
Hospital stay
The National Quality Strategy was first published in March 2011 as the National Strategy for Quality Improvement in Health Care, and is led by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality on behalf of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Mandated by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the National Quality Strategy was developed through a transparent and collaborative process with input from a range of stakeholders.

The National Quality Strategy pursues three broad aims. These aims will be used to guide and assess local, State, and national efforts to improve health and the quality of health care.

Better Care: Improve the overall quality, by making health care more patient-centered, reliable, accessible, and safe.

Healthy People/Healthy Communities: Improve the health of the U.S. population by supporting proven interventions to address behavioral, social and, environmental determinants of health in addition to delivering higher-quality care.

Affordable Care: Reduce the cost of quality health care for individuals, families, employers, and government.
MISTAKES!

• How Many Die From Medical Mistakes in U.S. Hospitals?

• http://www.propublica.org/article/how-many-die-from-medical-mistakes-in-us-hospitals
DEATHS PER YEAR!

• 1999, the Institute of Medicine published the famous “To Err Is Human” report, which dropped a bombshell on the medical community by reporting that up to 98,000 people a year die because of mistakes in hospitals.

• (2014) A study in the current issue of the Journal of Patient Safety that says the numbers may be much higher — between 210,000 and 440,000 patients.
National Initiatives for Healthcare Improvement

- IOM - STEEEP
- IHI - IMPACT, 100K Lives Campaign, 5 Million Lives Campaign
- CMS - SCIP, State QIO’s, 8th Scope of Work
- AHRQ - CAHPS Survey
- JCAHO - National Patient Safety Goals
- Leapfrog/HealthGrades - Public Reporting and Transparency
What are the additional registry measures available in NACOR?

1. Antibiotic timing
2. Central line sterile placement
3. PACU normothermia
4. Beta blockade for CABG patients*
5. Medication reconciliation (#130)
6. Smoking cessation screening (#226)
7. Acute pain management (#342)
8. Perioperative risk assessment (#358)
9. Post-op transfer of care protocol OR > PACU
10. Post-op transfer of care protocol OR > ICU
11. Prevention of PONV, adults
12. Prevention of PONV, pediatrics
13. OR/PACU cardiac arrest rate
14. OR/PACU all-cause mortality
15. Successful completion of planned procedure (composite anesthesia safety)
16. PACU re-intubation rate
17. PACE acute pain management success
18. Composite procedural safety for central line placement
19. Composite anesthesia patient satisfaction

* This measure is only reported by a select number of eligible professionals
ANESTHESIA GIVEN
SURGERY PERFORMED
COMPUTER CHARTING.. IT IS HERE!
WHY NOT?
BIGGEST REASON WHY NOT?

http://www.epic.com/software
DOMAINS

- Patient safety
- Patient and caregiver experience
- Care coordination
- Clinical care
- Population health
- Efficiency and cost reduction
The National Quality Strategy unites efforts to improve health and health care for all Americans. The above graphic provides a high-level view of how the National Quality Strategy works to provide better, more affordable care for the person and the community.
The strategy is to concurrently pursue three aims:

**Better Care**

Improve overall quality by making health care more patient-centered, reliable, accessible, and safe.

**Healthy People / Healthy Communities**

Improve population health by supporting proven interventions to address behavioral, social, and environmental determinants of health in addition to delivering higher-quality care.

**Affordable Care**

Reduce the cost of quality health care for individuals, families, employers, and government.
PQRS— PHYSICIAN QUALITY REPORTING SYSTEM

The Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) is a quality reporting program that encourages individual eligible professionals (EPs) and group practices to report information on the quality of care to Medicare. PQRS gives participating EPs and group practices the opportunity to assess the quality of care they provide to their patients, helping to ensure that patients get the right care at the right time.

By reporting on PQRS quality measures, individual EPs and group practices can also quantify how often they are meeting a particular quality metric. Beginning in 2015, the program will apply a negative payment adjustment to individual EPs and PQRS group practices who did not satisfactorily report data on quality measures for Medicare Part B Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) covered professional services in 2013. Those who report satisfactorily for the 2015 program year will avoid the 2017 PQRS negative payment adjustment.
PQRS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The 2006 Tax Relief and Health Care Act (TRHCA) authorized a physician quality reporting system, including an incentive payment, for EPs who satisfactorily reported data on quality measures for Medicare Part B Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) covered professional services furnished to Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) beneficiaries during the second half of 2007. CMS named this program the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI), which was renamed Physician Quality Reporting System or PQRS in 2011.

PQRS was further modified as a result of The Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act (MMSEA) and the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA). MMSEA authorized CMS to establish two alternative reporting periods; the reporting of measures groups, and submission of data on PQRS quality measures through clinical data registries. The Affordable Care Act authorized payment adjustments beginning in 2015. For each program year, CMS implements PQRS through an annual rulemaking process published in the Federal Register. The program has expanded the number of measures and reporting options over time to facilitate quality reporting by a broad array of eligible professionals.
DASHBOARD OVERVIEW

The Affordable Care Act of 2010 called for “timely feedback to eligible professionals on the performance of the eligible professional with respect to satisfactorily submitting data on quality measures.” As timely feedback is already provided, CMS indicated in the 2012-2014 PFS final rule the introduction of the Dashboard as an additional tool for EPs to review their interim performance in PQRS. The Dashboard allows organizations and EPs to log-in and access their interim 2015 PQRS reported data on a quarterly basis in order to monitor the status of claims-based individual measures reporting. The Dashboard should not be used to determine final data analysis for full-year program reporting.
NEGATIVE PAYMENT

Payment (Negative) Adjustment 2.0%
adjustment applied in 2016 based on 2014 reporting
eyear data. Adjustment per $10,000 = $200

Individual eligible professionals (EPs) and group practices participating in the
Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) group practice reporting option
(GPRO) can avoid the 2017 PQRS negative payment adjustment by satisfactorily
reporting 2015 quality measures data to a participating registry. Each EP or
group participating in GPRO via registry must satisfactorily report on at least
50% of eligible instances for at least 9 measures covering 3 National Quality
Strategy (NQS) domains to avoid the negative payment adjustment. If fewer
than 9 measures or 3 NQS domains are reported via a qualified registry, CMS will
apply a measure-applicability validation (MAV) process.
2015 PQRS PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT OVERVIEW

Section 1848(a)(8) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 3002(b) of the Affordable Care Act, requires CMS to subject EPs who do not satisfactorily report data on quality measures for covered professional services to a payment adjustment beginning in 2015. The PQRS payment adjustment is applied two years after the 12-month reporting period; therefore, EPs who did not meet the payment adjustment criteria during the 2013 program year will receive a PQRS payment adjustment throughout the 2015 calendar year. The PQRS payment adjustment applies to all of the eligible professional’s Part B covered professional services under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS). Accordingly, EPs or group practices receiving a payment adjustment in 2015 will be paid 1.5% less than the MPFS amount for that service. For 2016 and subsequent years, the payment adjustment is 2.0%. A list of those considered eligible and able to participate in PQRS is available on the CMS program website at; http://cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-PatientAssessment-Instruments/PQRS.
PHYSICIAN QUALITY REPORTING SYSTEM (PQRS)

Defining PQRS

• “Paid under or based on the Physician Fee Schedule”
• Eligible Professionals (EPs)
• Payment Incentives (ending in 2014) v. Payment Adjustments
• Common Measures Reported by the CRNA

• #30 (NQF #0269): Timing of Prophylactic Antibiotic
• #44 (NQF #0236): Preoperative Beta-Blocker in Patients with Isolated CABG Surgery
• #76 (NQF #0464): Prevention of Catheter-Related Bloodstream Infections (CRBSI): Central Venous Catheter (CVC) Insertion Protocol
• #193 (NQF #0454): Perioperative Temperature Management
ADDITIONAL SCIP

• Surgery Patients with Recommended Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis Ordered

• Surgery Patients Who Received Appropriate Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis Within 24 Hours Prior to Surgery to 24 Hours After Surgery

• Hospitals will be scored based on their performance on each measure relative to other hospitals and on how their performance on each measure has improved over time. The higher of these scores on each measure will be used in determining incentive payments

Prophylactic Antibiotic Received Within One Hour Prior to Surgical Incision

Prophylactic Antibiotic Selection for Surgical Patients

Cardiac Surgery Patients with Controlled 6AM Postoperative Serum Glucose

Surgery Patients on a Beta Blocker Prior to Arrival That Received a Beta Blocker During the Perioperative Period
WHAT WILL STAY AND WHAT WILL GO?
HTTP://WWW.JOINTCOMMISSION.ORG/SURGICAL_CARE_IMPROVEMENT_PROJECT/

• Surgical Care Improvement Project
• October 16, 2014
• The Surgical Infection Prevention (SIP) measures were added as a core measure set in the fall of 2003. Hospitals began collecting core measure data for SIP with patient discharges beginning July 1, 2004. The SIP set subsequently transitioned to the Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP) measures effective July 1, 2006.
• The Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP) is a national quality partnership of organizations interested in improving surgical care by significantly reducing surgical complications. SCIP Partners include the Steering Committee of 10 national organizations who have pledged their commitment and full support for SCIP.
• In addition, the SCIP target areas are advised by a technical expert panel (TEP). This group meets on a quarterly basis and provides technical expertise and resources to ensure the SCIP measures are fully supported by evidence-based research.
• Finally, The Joint Commission continues to align with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) with respect to the performance measures for patients undergoing surgery.
• The SCIP measures can be found in the Specification Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures. Submit your questions about SCIP measure specifications to the Performance Measurement Network Q&A Forum.
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Facts about ORYX® for Hospitals (National Hospital Quality Measures)
September 18, 2015

The Joint Commission's ORYX® initiative integrates outcomes and other performance measurement data into the accreditation process. ORYX measurement requirements are intended to support Joint Commission-accredited organizations in their quality improvement efforts. Performance measures are essential to the credibility of any modern evaluation activity for health care organizations. ORYX data are publicly reported on The Joint Commission website at Quality Check®, www.qualitycheck.org. The public availability of performance measure data permits user comparisons of hospital performance at the state and national levels.

2016 ORYX performance measure reporting requirements
Joint Commission-accredited hospitals continue to have flexibility in meeting the ORYX performance measure requirements for reporting on a minimum of six measure sets. Only one measure set – perinatal care – is mandatory as one of the six measure sets for hospitals. For 2016, the threshold for mandatory reporting on the perinatal care measure set has been reduced to 300 or more live births per year (previously, it was 1,100 live births per year). Accredited hospitals have the flexibility of meeting ORYX reporting requirements through one of three options:

- Option 1: Vendor submission of quarterly data on six of nine sets of chart-abstracted measures.
OR DASHBOARD METRICS

- Operational Stats
- Patient Satisfaction
  - Turnover Time
  - On Time Starts
  - Cancellations
  - Overtime Minutes

![Patient Satisfaction Results Confirmed by Press Ganey](chart.png)

- Overall Anesthesia Care: CQI Program Results = 99.63, Press Ganey Results = 96.9
- Would Recommend: CQI Program Results = 99.68, Press Ganey Results = 93.8

*29,722 patient surveys received. Confidence Level/Interval – CQI Results 99%+ .52
**163 patient surveys received. Confidence Level/Interval – Press Ganey 95%+6.56
CASE VOLUME

• Reflects total number of cases over time
• Compares inpatient to outpatient volumes
• Allows you to follow growth as well as seasonal variation
  • The following sample hospital has a decrease in volume in August which reflects a time when many surgeons take vacation
• Average number of cases per OR per year in best practice ORs
  • Inpatient  900 cases per OR/year
  • Outpatient  1400 cases per OR/year
OR UTILIZATION BY DAY OF THE WEEK

- Reflects total OR utilization on each day of the week
- The goal is to even out the utilization so there is little variation between the days of the week
- Goal in best practice ORs is 75%-80% total OR utilization. This allows adequate “flex” in the system
- The following sample hospital revised its block schedule to allow better utilization of Thursdays and Fridays
OR START TIMES

• Defined as time patient enters the operating room
• Usually monitored at exact time and within 10 minutes
  • Example: 0720 exact time while also monitoring the 10 minutes later at 0730
• Goal is 90% within 10 minutes
• Sample hospital reflects a PI project that improved start time from 65% to 85%. Issues addressed were
  • Communication between team members
  • Monitoring of start times
  • Communication to surgeons the importance of on time starts by the OR committee
  • Change in Preoperative Patient preparation

Goal of increasing utilization by 23%
Cost per/minute $30
Save 110 minutes per day

Revenues increased by $3312

This doesn’t even account for Cost Savings.

Single OR savings: $1987
Savings for same OR for year: $516,672

Operating Room Team

AIM:
Reduce “Start Time” Delays in O.R.
AVERAGE TURNOVER TIME

• Turnover time is calculated as patient out of the room to next patient in the room
• We usually follow same surgeon turnovers since there is quite a bit of variability when turning over between 2 different surgeons or services
• Goals
  • Outpatient 10-20 minutes
  • Inpatient 30-40 minutes
• Sample hospital slide shows a PI project that begin in April.
  Issues addressed included
  • Staffing Levels
  • Communication between team members
  • Preoperative patient workup
COMFORT ZONE

• Most of us practice our art in the comfort zone

• New and different ideas tend to pull people from the comfort zone to the scare zone

• Try new things
• Enhance your patient outcomes
PATIENT SATISFACTION SCORES: AMERICAN HEALTH CARE AFFORDABILITY ACT.

A random sample of patients discharged from hospitals across the country are surveyed and asked questions about their feelings and perceptions about their hospital stay. This measure combines hospital performance on questions that asked patients their levels of satisfaction with some of the following elements of their stay:

- How well nurses communicated with patients
- How well doctors communicated with patients
- How well caregivers managed patients’ pain
- How well caregivers explained patients’ medications to them

The survey also asks patients to give an overall satisfaction rating to their hospital stay.
PATIENT satisfaction is an important measure of the quality of health care. Satisfaction with anesthesia is used as an outcome measure in clinical trials, and patient satisfaction is considered to be an integral part of service quality. Its measurement is also required to fulfill performance improvement and revalidation agendas for healthcare professionals. However, clinical experience tells us that appropriately developed or validated instruments are not widely used in any of these settings.
FOCUS OF HCAHPS ON PAIN AND PATIENT SATISFACTION

• Pain
  • Establishing and maintaining an institutional pain performance improvement plan is a Joint Commission requirement¹

• Patient satisfaction
  • Local, regional, or national patient satisfaction data are now being reported via Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS, also known as CAHPS® hospital survey)²
  • As part of the Affordable Care Act 2010, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) have established hospital reimbursement based on HCAHPS scores³
    ▪ Effective beginning October 1, 2012

ACUTE PERIOPERATIVE PAIN

- Perioperative pain
  - Approximately 46 million inpatient procedures and 35 million outpatient surgeries were performed in the US in 2006
  - Despite new treatment standards, guidelines, and educational efforts, acute postoperative pain continues to be undertreated, with up to 75% of patients in the US still failing to receive adequate postoperative pain relief
  - With the advent of Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) surveys, patients are now able to make decisions on hospitals based on quality of care, including quality of pain management
Pain is a unpleasant sensory and emotional experience associated with actual or potential tissue damage.

Pain in whatever the experiencing person says it is

May not be directly proportional to amount of tissue injury

Highly subjective, leading to under treatment
WE MUST START TO THINK DIFFERENTLY!

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX.....

DIFFERENT DRUGS, DIFFERENT AND NEW USES!

MULTI-MODAL SYNERGY PRE-EMPTIVE
WOW.....

“You shouldn’t have that much pain?”

“Pain doesn’t raise your blood pressure”

“You should feel this way”

“This won’t be that painful”
JUST RELAX
WE ARE ALMOST DONE
YOU ARE DOING FINE
ALLOW YOUR EYES TO GENTLY CLOSE
YOU ARE PROBABLY ALREADY FEELING BETTER
TAKE THIS AND IT WILL HELP YOU FEEL BETTER
I'M GIVING YOU SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER
HOW TO TALK TO PATIENTS

Suggestibility and Semantics

**NEGATIVE WORDS**
- HURT OR PAIN
- DOCTOR IS CUTTING
- PUTTING YOU TO SLEEP
- LABOR PAINS
- IT WON’T BE LONG
- ARE YOU HAVING PAIN?
- ARE YOU GOING TO THROW UP?
- LITTLE BEE STING

**POSITIVE WORDS**
- COMFORT
- GETTING STARTED
- DRIFTING OFF TO SLEEP
- PRESSURE WAVES
- IN A SHORT TIME
- ARE YOU COMFORTABLE?
- ARE YOU HUNGRY?
- HERE’S A STICK
Oxytocin is also thought to modulate inflammation by decreasing certain cytokines. Thus, the increased release in oxytocin following positive social interactions has the potential to improve wound healing.

TRUST

Oxytocin is sometimes known as the **trust hormone**

Where are you from?
Do you have kids, grandkids?
What do you do for a living?
What do you like to do?

Talk with the patient, not to the patient.
NEW FIELD OF STUDY

Terms to know:
Multi-Modal, Pre-emptive, and Synergy

Sound familiar?

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### Incidence of Pain, as Compared to Major Conditions

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The Burden of Pain on Every Day Life
THE HISTORICAL ACUTE PAIN PARADIGM

- Opioid analgesics rank among the drugs most frequently associated with adverse drug events

MULTIMODAL APPROACH TO ACUTE PAIN MANAGEMENT

Severe Pain

STEP 3
STEP 2
Higher doses of opioids

Moderate Pain

STEP 2
STEP 1
Low doses of opioids

Mild Pain

STEP 1
Acetaminophen, NSAIDs, or COXIBs
Local/regional anesthesia

Modified from Crews et al., 2002

References:
PAIN... WE ARE LATE WHEN TREATED IN THE OR......

► When we treat the pain the OR.... The receptors and the transmitters are already being fired..... Why not treat prior to that?

► The study of Pain is a new issue... we have only really cared for the last few years... why should YOU care?

► Cost.. Money and patient satisfaction...

► “Patients who are pretreated with pain meds, anxiolytic or NSAIDS prior to surgery” –”have a greater decrease in postoperative pain” --- “decrease in postoperative anxiety”

► Olurunto 2006; Managing the spectrum of Surgical Pain.
ACUTE

► Immediate

► Serves as a warning

► Typically easier to treat

► Typically has a end

► Less 3-6 months and subsides once the healing process is accomplished.

Acute pain serves the evolutionary function of warning for tissue damage, but chronic pain does little except to annoy and sometimes immobilize our ailing population.
CHRONIC PAIN

- Involves complex processes and pathology. Usually involves altered anatomy and neural pathways. It is constant and prolonged, lasting longer than 6 months and sometimes for life.
- Serves NO purpose
- Typically can not identify a cause
- Leads to pain behaviors: Negative emotions, anxiety, depression, sleep deprivation, May lead to the patient seeking active end of life.
- Very difficult to treat
THE POWER OF WORDS

New Drugs and new ways of approaching patients......

Do you have any pain?

verse how do you feel?

“You should only have (this) much pain?”

Most misused word in our culture: Standard?
WHO CONTROLS THE ROOM TEMP?

- You DO!!


- Temperature must be equal to or greater than 96.8° F within 30 minutes prior to anesthesia end time or immediately 15 minutes after anesthesia end time.

- It costs on average between $2500-$7000 per pt for complications related to hypothermia. Infection being the most common.

- YOU CONTROL THE TEMP.

- WE need to change the mind set of the operating room.
HYPOTHERMIA

50% to 90% of surgical patients

(approximately 14 million) experience inadvertent perioperative hypothermia each year

Between 30-40% of all surgical patients are hypothermic upon admission to PACU

Inadvertent hypothermia has been called as the most frequent, preventable complication of surgery and anesthesia

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PHYSIOLOGIC THERMOREGULATION

Interthreshold Range

0.2°

Vasoconstriction
NST
Shivering
Vasodilation
Sweating

33 35 37 39 41
THERMOREGULATION UNDER ANESTHESIA

Interthreshold Range
4.0°

Vasoconstriction
NST
Shivering

33 35 37 39 41

Vasodilation
Sweating

Hypothermia = less than 36.0°C
HEAT LOSS

Four modes of heat transfer:

1. Evaporation (-)
2. Radiation (+ or -)
3. Conduction (+ or -)
4. Convection (+ or -)

Internal heat production:

From metabolism
From muscle contraction

“Waste heat” Nonshivering thermogenesis Shivering thermogenesis “Waste heat”

Regulated processes
ECONOMIC IMPACT – FOR EACH INCIDENT OF NAUSEA/VOMITING THAT IS AVOIDED:

- **Avoid resource utilization costs:** Patients who vomit spend an average of 43 minutes longer in the PACU at a cost of $85 for nausea and $138 for vomiting.

- **Save the cost of rescue treatment:** $283 (minimum) to treat patients who experience PONV

- **For surgical centers:** PONV delays may result in an ambulance transfer to a hospital costing $300 - $900 and result in an admission costing $1,200 to more than $2,400 per day.

- In spite of receiving anti-nausea drugs during surgery, 26% of patients still require additional treatment in the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU), and 40% of patients require additional treatment for PONV following discharge.

- PONV is also associated with poor surgical outcomes, prolonged healing and wound disruption. Commonly used anti-nausea drugs have a sedating effect, which may prolong time to discharge and increase the risk of obstruction for OSA patients.
PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF PONV

- Cerebral cortex (sight, smell, taste)
- CTZ in the area postrema of the fourth ventricle (medication)
- Vestibular apparatus (motion)
  - (Vagal afferents in GI tract conduct impulses to stimulate CTZ)
- Pharyngeal afferents (gagging)
  - Enterochromaffin cells in GI tract release serotonin, which binds to visceral 5-HT₃ receptors  
  - (mechanical or medication)

CTZ = chemoreceptor trigger zone.
MULTI MODAL EXAMPLE

• Anticholinergic drugs (both scopolamine and robinal?? Atropine is better..) (anti muscarinic receptor antagonists) and H-1 antagonists such as Dramamine and meclizine are very useful in motion sickness but are ineffective against substances that act directly on the chemoreceptor trigger zone

• A lot of drugs we use, then trigger nausea and vomiting in the chemoreceptor trigger zone --- thus making the above listed drugs useless in this regard.

• Antiemetic drugs should be combined to increase antiemetic activity while decreasing toxicity effects; for example, dexamethasone when given with 5HT-3 increases activity of both. Diphenhydramine when given with metoclopramide increases the action of both while reducing the risk of EPS.

• Hence; we need a multi modal attack against nausea and vomiting

• Remember these of older drugs either forgotten or just not used anymore.
  You still have the mainstay drugs to use....
REASONS TO AVOID PONV
“PATIENT SATISFACTION SCORES”

A survey found that people* are willing to accept a variety of trade-offs to avoid PONV:

– Dysphoria
– Increased cost
– Decreased mental acuity
– Increased postoperative pain

*Anesthesiologists, nurses, support staff at two teaching hospitals, and computer personnel who attended a national meeting.

IMPACT... ON COST

• PONV can increase total health care costs
  • May lead to increased PACU time
  • Has the potential to expand nursing care requirements
  • Is a limiting factor in early discharge of ambulatory surgery patients
  • Is a leading cause of unanticipated hospital admission

** PONV is estimated to cost several hundred million dollars annually **

Hill et al Anesthesiology 2000;92:958-67
Watcha MF Anesthesiology 2000;92:931-3
DOGMA?

Dogma is a principle or set of principles laid down by an authority as incontrovertibly true. It serves as part of the primary basis of an ideology or belief system, and it cannot be changed or discarded.

Traumatic injury is a common problem, with over five million worldwide deaths from trauma per year. An estimated 10 to 20% of these deaths are potentially preventable with better control of bleeding. Damage control resuscitation involves early delivery of plasma and platelets as a primary resuscitation approach to minimize trauma-induced coagulopathy. Plasma, red blood cell and platelet ratios of 1:1:1 appear to be the best substitution for fresh whole blood; however, the current literature consists only of survivor bias-prone observational studies.
Music interventions have been suggested as a nonpharmacological intervention to alleviate pain and anxiety during surgical treatment. Most of the studies found in the literature involve passive music listening via headphones. The data suggest that researcher-selected music is most effective in reducing anxiety, primarily because it incorporates evidence-based parameters such as consistent tempo and dynamics, stable rhythms, and smooth melodic lines. Finally, the literature suggests that music therapists can serve as experts to help medical personnel identify effective implementation strategies.
ULTRASOUND....HERE AND MORE COMING.....
NEW ULTRASOUND?---

“ANOTHER TOOL TO DISTINGUISH US FROM THE CRNA”
ULTRASOUND AND ANESTHESIA

Ultrasound speeds up safety and how well and effective your block is…

Increase Public Relations and Productivity..
SPINAL AND EPIDURAL PLACEMENT
INNOVATIONS THAT WILL TRANSFORM ANESTHESIA

Checklists
Behavioral Economics
Patient Portals
Payment Innovations
Evidence-Based Decision Making
Accountable Care Organizations
Regenerative Medicine
Virtual Visits
Genetics Enters Practice
ASK THE QUESTION??

Core temperatures during major abdominal surgery in patients warmed with new circulating-water garment, forced-air warming, or carbon-fiber resistive-heating system

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Abstract

Background: The combination of circulating-water in pressurized water bag and carbon-fiber resistive heating is a promising method for warming patients during surgery.

Methods: The water bag was connected to a water circulation system, and the carbon-fiber resistive heating was divided into four sections. The water bag and carbon-fiber resistive heating were connected to a patient's body at the same time. The temperature of the water bag and carbon-fiber resistive heating was controlled using a microcomputer. The core temperature of the patients was measured using a rectal probe.

Results: The core temperature of the patients increased by 2.8°C within 10 minutes. The temperature increased further to 3.5°C within 20 minutes. The temperature remained stable for 30 minutes, and the core temperature of the patients was maintained at 37°C.

Conclusion: The combination of circulating-water in pressurized water bag and carbon-fiber resistive heating is an effective method for warming patients during surgery.
COLLOID VERSUS CRYSTALLOID

Long-standing controversy regarding merits of crystalloid versus colloid for fluid resuscitation

Numerous studies

- None have unequivocally demonstrated distinct advantages in terms of pulmonary complications or survival with either therapy

Colloids more expensive & don’t have same safety profile as crystalloids

- Hard to justify their use unless
- rapid volume expansion needed
- Less hemodilution
- w/colloids than crystalloids
JOACHIM BOLDT

Joachim Boldt: is a German anesthesia provider who used to be considered a leading researcher into colloids. He has been stripped of his professorship and is under criminal investigation for possible forgery of up to 98 research studies.

FDA Safety Communication: Boxed Warning on increased mortality and severe renal injury, and additional warning on risk of bleeding, for use of hydroxyethyl starch solutions in some settings--November 25, 2013.
FINAL THOUGHTS!

Avoid Cancellations

Increase utilization; examine your block times and overtime staffing models.

Decrease turn-over times
Update Block times

Set Goals:
Start Procedures on time—95%
Finish in scheduled Day (8hrs)—95%
Anesthesia and surgical blocks on time
Preop clinic either use it or open one!
THE SCIENCE OF PATIENT SATISFACTION IS NEW!

This is a evolving field, this is only the tip of the iceberg. Keep learning.
Can I be excused?
... my brain is full!
QUESTIONS

Thank you!

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