
Guidelines to the Practice of Anesthesia*
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Appendix 4
Guidelines, Standards and Other Official Statements Available on the Internet

The Canadian Anesthesiologists’ Society (CAS) does not have the resources to publish guidelines or standards on all possible topics, and members are therefore responsible for their own professional assessment to ensure quality of anesthesia care and patient safety is appropriately considered in managing individual patients. Other organizations may have guidelines to assist the Canadian anesthesiologist in such a decision process. The following non-exhaustive list of websites is provided solely for the convenience of CAS members. The CAS is not responsible for the accuracy, currency, or reliability of the content. The CAS does not offer any guarantee in this regard and is not responsible for the information found through these links, nor does it necessarily endorse the sites or their content. This list is updated periodically as printed. It was verified for accuracy on June 22, 2018.

1. American Society of Anesthesiologists
   1.2. ALL STANDARDS, GUIDELINES & PRACTICE PARAMETERS
   1.3. Administration
      1.3.1. Guidelines for Minimally Acceptable Continuing Medical Education in Anesthesiology
      1.3.2. Statement on Physician Nonparticipation in Legally Authorized Executions
      1.3.3. Statement on Documentation of Anesthesia Care
      1.3.4. Anesthesia Consultation Program
      1.3.5. ASA Physical Status Classification System
      1.3.6. Statement on Professionalism
      1.3.7. Statement on Qualifications of Anesthesia Providers in the Office Based Setting
      1.3.8. Guidelines for Delineation of Clinical Privileges
      1.3.9. Guidelines for Expert Witness Qualifications and Testimony
      1.3.10. Policy Statement and Practice Parameters
      1.3.11. Protocol for Supporting a Member’s Right to Practice
      1.3.12. Statement on Economic Credentialing
      1.3.13. Statement on the Anesthesia Care Team
      1.3.14. The Medical Necessity of Anesthesiology Services
      1.3.15. The Organization of an Anesthesia Department
      1.3.16. Statement Comparing Anesthesiologist Assistant and Nurse Anesthetist Education and Practice (last amended 10.25.17)
      1.3.17. Statement on Sedation & Anesthesia Administration in Dental Office-Based Settings
      1.3.18. Statement on Developing Policy for Infection Prevention related to Surgical Attire


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1.4. Ambulatory Office-Based Nonoperating Room Locations
1.4.1. Guidelines for Office-Based Anesthesia
1.4.2. Guidelines for Ambulatory Anesthesia and Surgery
1.4.3. Statement on Nonoperating Room Anesthetizing Locations
1.5. Anesthesia Care
1.5.1. Guidelines for Patient Care in Anesthesiology
1.5.2. Standards for Basic Anesthetic Monitoring
1.5.3. Definition of Immediately Available When Medically Directing
1.5.4. Statement on Anesthesia Care for Endoscopic Procedures
1.5.5. Ethical Guidelines for the Anesthesia Care of Patient
1.5.6. Guidelines for the Ethical Practice of Anesthesiology
1.5.7. Position on Monitored Anesthesia Care
1.6. Catheterization
1.6.1. Practice Guidelines for Central Venous Access
1.6.2. Practice Guidelines for Pulmonary Artery Catheterization
1.6.3. Statement on Intravascular Catheterization Procedures
1.7. Critical Care
1.7.1. Statement on Controlled Organ Donation After Circulatory Death
1.7.2. The Principles of Critical Care Medicine
1.8. Non-Anesthesiologists
1.8.1. Statement on Granting Privileges for Administration of Moderate Sedation to Practitioners
1.8.2. Statement on Granting Privileges to Nonanesthesiologists Supervising Deep Sedation
1.8.3. Statement on the Role of Registered Nurses in the Management of Continuous Regional Analgesia
1.9. Obstetric Anesthesia
1.9.1. ACOG Statement on Nonobstetric Surgery During Pregnancy
1.9.2. Optimal Goals for Anesthesia Care in Obstetrics
1.9.3. Pregnancy Testing Prior to Anesthesia and Surgery
1.9.4. Practice Guidelines for Obstetric Anesthesia
1.9.5. Guidelines for Neuraxial Anesthesia in Obstetrics
2.0. Pain
2.0.1. Guidelines on Chronic Pain Management
2.0.2. Practice Guidelines for Acute Pain Management in the Perioperative Setting
2.0.3. Statement on Reporting Postoperative Pain Procedures in Conjunction with Anesthesia
2.0.4. Statement on Privileging for Chronic Pain Management
2.0.5. Statement on Quality of End-of-Life Care
2.0.6. Statement on Anesthetic Care During Interventional Pain Procedures for Adults
2.1. Pediatrics
2.1.1. Statement on Practice Recommendations for Pediatric Anesthesia
2.2. Perioperative Care
2.2.1. Statement on Transesophageal Echocardiography
2.2.2. Practice Guidelines for Perioperative Blood Management
2.2.3. Practice Guidelines for the Perioperative Management of Patients with Obstructive Sleep Apnea
2.2.4. Intraoperative Awareness and Brain Function Monitoring
2.3. Postanesthetic Care
2.3.1. Postanesthetic Care
2.3.2. Standards for Postanesthesia Care
2.4 **Preanesthesia Care**
   2.4.1 Practice Advisory for Preanesthesia Evaluation
   2.4.2 Practice Guidelines for Preoperative Fasting and the Use of Pharmacologic Agents to Reduce the Risk of Pulmonary Aspiration
   2.4.3 Basic Standards for Preanesthesia Care

2.5 **Quality and Safety**
   2.5.1 Prevention and Management of Operating Room Fires
   2.5.2 Advisory on Granting Privileges for Deep Sedation to Non Anesthesiologist Physicians
   2.5.3 Prevention, Diagnosis and Management of Infectious Complications Associated with Neuraxial Techniques

2.6 **Radiology**
   2.6.1 Practice Advisory on Anesthetic Care for Magnetic Resonance Imaging

2.7 **Regional Anesthesia**
   2.7.1 Statement on Regional Anesthesia

2.8 **Respiratory Care**
   2.8.1 Practice Guidelines for the Prevention, Detection and Management of Respiratory Depression Associated with Neuraxial Opioid Administration
   2.8.2 Practice Guideline on the Management of the Difficult Airway

2.9 **Sedation**
   2.9.1 Practice Guideline for Moderate Procedural Sedation and Analgesia

2.10 **Transplant**
   2.10.1 Guidelines for Director of Liver Transplant Anesthesia

2. **American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine**
      2.1.1. Advisories & Guidelines
      2.1.2. The Second American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine Evidence-Based Medicine Assessment of Ultrasound-Guided Regional Anesthesia 2016
      2.1.4. Interventional Spine and Pain Procedures in Patients on Antiplatelet and Anticoagulation Medication 2015
      2.1.5. Checklist for Treatment of Local Anesthetic Systemic Toxicity 2012

3. **The Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain & Ireland – AAGBI**
   3.1 www.aagbi.org
      3.1.1 Publications/guidelines
      3.1.2 Immediate Post-Anaesthesia Recovery (2013)
      3.1.2 Immediate Post-Anaesthesia Recovery (supplement) (2013)
      3.1.3 Pre-operative Assessment and Patient Preparation - The role of the Anaesthetist 2 (2010)
      3.1.4 Safe Vascular Access (2016)
      3.1.5 Standards of Monitoring During Anaesthesia and Recovery (2015)
      3.1.6 Ultrasound in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care - a Guide to Training (2011)

4. **Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland**
      4.1.1. Publications / APA Guidelines
4.1.7. Immunisation Guideline: The Timing of Vaccination with Respect to Anaesthesia and Surgery
4.1.8. Codeine and Paracetamol Use in Children – Advice (November 2013) (Please note: the APA is working with several professional organisations including RCoA and RCPCH to develop the most up to date advice on specific analgesia challenges in children. We will post updates to our advice here as and when they become available. Previous advice is included here for completeness).
4.1.9. Codeine and Paracetamol Use in Children – (October 2013)
4.1.10. APA Guidance on the Use of Safety Cannulae (March 2013)
4.1.11. Resuscitation Training for Non-Training Grade Anaesthetists (2016)
4.1.12. Resuscitation Training for Non-Training Grade Anaesthetists (the APA has developed recommendations for resuscitation training for non-training grade anaesthetists. This is recognised as a valid method of maintaining paediatric resuscitation knowledge and skills for the purposes of annual appraisal, revised October 2014).

5. The Royal College of Anaesthetists
5.1 http://www.rcoa.ac.uk
5.1.1. Clinical Quality, Standards and Safety / Clinical Quality Publications
5.1.2. Anaesthesia Services in Remote Sites (2014)
5.1.3. Best Practice in the Management of Epidural Analgesia in the Hospital Setting (2010)
5.1.5. Child Protection and the Anaesthetist: Safeguarding Children in the Operating Theatre (2014)
5.1.6. Classification of Urgency of Caesarean Section – A Continuum of Risk (2010)
5.1.7. Female Admissions (ages 16-50 years) to Adult, General Critical Care Units in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, reported as ‘currently pregnant’ or ‘recently pregnant’ (December 2013)
5.1.8. Guidance on the Provision of Anaesthesia Services for Acute Pain Management 2017
5.1.10. Guidance for Continuing Professional Development (updated January 2013)
5.1.11. Guidance for the Use of Propofol Sedation for Adult Patients Undergoing Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) and Other Complex Upper GI Endoscopic Procedures (2014)
5.1.15. Implementing and Ensuring Safe Sedation Practice for Healthcare Procedures in Adults (2013)
5.1.17. Primary and Final FRCA Examinations Regulations (2016)
5.1.18. Safeguarding Children and Young People: Roles and Competences for Health Care Staff (2014)
5.1.21. Syringe Labelling in Critical Care Areas (2014)
5.1.22. The Acutely or Critically Sick or Injured Child in the District General Hospital (2006)
5.1.23. Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy in Children with Sleep Related Breathing Disorders (2008; reviewed 2010)

6. Obstetric Anaesthetists’ Association
6.1. OAA/AAGBI Guidelines for Obstetric Anaesthesia Services (2013)
6.2. Leaflet in many languages about Pain Relief in Labour

7. Le Collège Français des Anesthésistes-Réanimateurs (CFAR)
7.1. https://www.cfar.org/

8. Société Française d’Anesthésie et de Réanimation (French Society of Anesthesia and Intensive Care)
7.1 http://www.sfar.org Standards and guidelines in the French language

9. The Scandinavian Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine
9.1. Scandinavian Clinical Practice Guideline on Fluid and Drug Therapy in Adults with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (2016)

10. European Union of Medical Specialists (Media and Library / Policy Documents)
10.1.2. Charter on Continuing Medical Education (1994)
10.1.3. Charter on Quality Assurance in Specialist Practice in the EU (1996)
10.1.6. Declaration on Promoting Good Medical Care (2004)
10.1.7. Ensuring the Quality of Medical Care - Budapest Declaration (2006)
10.1.9. UEMS Strategy (2008)

11. American College of Cardiology (Science & Quality/Guidelines & Quality Standards)
11.2. Many standards on cardiac assessment and care, including:
11.2.2. Guideline for the Management of Patients with Non-ST-Elevation Acute Coronary Syndromes (2014)
11.2.3. Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: Guideline for the Diagnosis and Treatment of (2011)
11.2.5. Percutaneous Coronary Intervention: Guideline for (2011)

12. American College of CHEST Physicians
   12.2. Guidelines and Resources
       12.2.1. Approximately 20 guidelines on mostly medical issues, notably:

13. American Thoracic Society
       13.1.1. Approximately 125 guidelines related to respiratory medicine and thoracic surgery, notably:

14. American College of Physicians
       14.1.1. A variety of medical guidelines, including:
       14.1.3. Diagnosis of Obstructive Sleep Apnea in Adults (2014)

15. National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
   15.1. www.nice.org.uk/
       15.1.1. Published clinical guidelines, mostly medical, including:
       15.1.2. Routine Preoperative Tests for Elective Surgery (April 2016)
       15.1.3. Prophylaxis Against Infective Endocarditis – Antimicrobial Prophylaxis Against Infective Endocarditis in Adults and Children Undergoing Intervventional Procedures (July 2016) updated
       15.1.4. Surgical Site Infection (last updated February 2017)
       15.1.5. Hypothermia: Prevention and Management in Adults Having Surgery (Updated December 2016)

16. Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network

17. The Canadian Medical Protective Association
   17.1. www.cmpa-acpm.ca

18. The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada

19. Intensive Care Society (UK)
   19.1. http://www.ics.ac.uk/
20. **Canadian Cardiovascular Society**
   20.1.1 Canadian Cardiovascular Society Guidelines on Perioperative Cardiac Risk Assessment and Management for Patients Who Undergo NonCardiac Surgery (2016)

21. **University of Florida, Center for Safety, Simulation and Advanced Learning Technologies**
   21.1.1 Anesthesia Machine Pre-Use Check Guidelines

22. **McMaster University - Canadian Guideline for Safe and Effective Use of Opioids for Chronic Non-Cancer Pain**
   22.1 [http://nationalpaincentre.mcmaster.ca/opioid/](http://nationalpaincentre.mcmaster.ca/opioid/)
   22.1.1 2017 Canadian Guideline for Opioids for Chronic Non-Cancer Pain

23. **NHS Improvement (UK)**
   23.1 [https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/](https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/)
   NHS Improving Quality (NHS IQ) is the driving force for improvement across the NHS in England. We are working to improve health outcomes for people by providing improvement and change expertise.

   24.1 [http://www.erassociety.org](http://www.erassociety.org)

**Other Resources**

25. **National Guideline Clearinghouse**
   25.1 [www.guideline.gov](http://www.guideline.gov)
   25.1.1 An online repository of guidelines from many organizations. Currently contains 1,396 guideline summaries (June 2018)

   26.1 A textbook survey of hundreds of global medical organizations and their position statements at your fingertips. This comprehensive reference not only analyzes and discusses the history and characteristics of the creation and development of the organizational position statement, but also lists medical organizations and their Web site addresses, and presents an alphabetical index of their position statements. Indexed according to subject as well as by organization.