


AIRS Integration with Epic Workshop

The merger of quality and informatics

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Objectives

1. Discuss the basis of human error
2. Review the theory and benefits of reporting
3. Describe how to participate in event reporting
4. Review the latest results from the AIRS database
5. Discuss Epic / EMR Integration
6. Brainstorm and plan for the future!

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Triple Aim and Quality Improvement

Triple Aim

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Value Proposition

$$V = \frac{Q + S}{\$}$$

(VALUE) (QUALITY) (SERVICE) (COST)

Value in healthcare is measured in terms of patient outcomes achieved per dollar expended

Reward for

- Best overall care
- Lowest cost
- Minimize complications

What is Value in Healthcare?
Michael E. Porter PhD
NEJM 2010; 363: 2477-2481

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To Error is Human

What's wrong with this picture?

Humans make hundreds of mistakes every day

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To Error is Human


Death every 5.5 minutes

100K a year in US

10X Significant harm

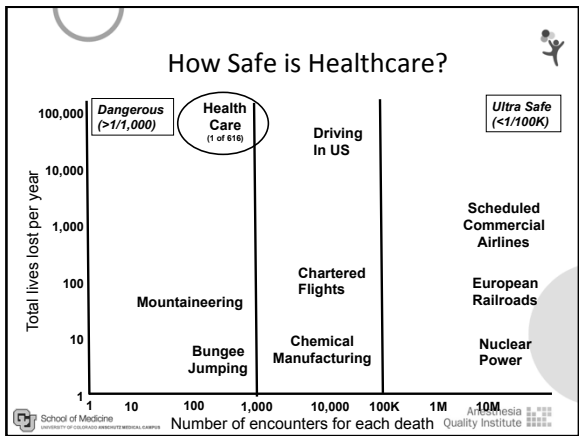
10X Minor harm

10X Near Miss



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Risk of Harm

Checking a bag



Handing over a child




THE RISK IS THE SAME

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Risk of Harm

Hospital

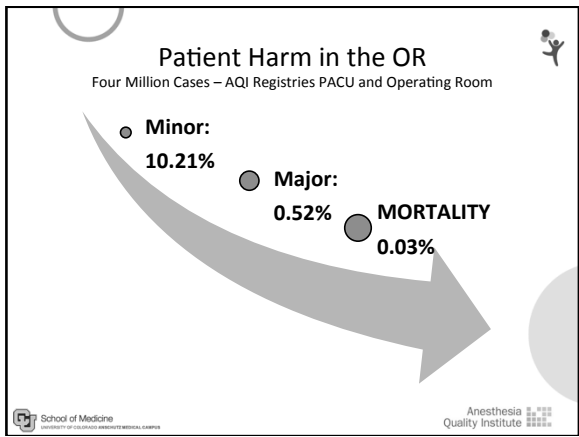


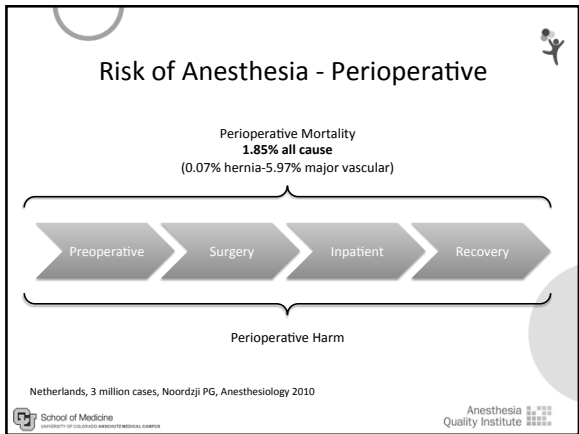
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What is an Error?

Circumstances in which planned actions fail to achieve the desired outcome
- Dr. James Reason

Adverse Event - Patient did not respond optimally to an appropriate treatment

- Side Effects, Patient Differences, Expected complications
- Undesirable & Unintentional

Error - an adverse event that could be prevented given the current state of medical knowledge.

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Basic Tenets of Human Error


Everyone commits errors

Human error is generally the result of circumstances beyond the control of those committing the errors

Humans make more errors during routine activities, less when focused and thinking critically




E. Smith


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Types of Errors



The resident patho
equipment, fatigue, no
deficiencies.



pressure, inadequate
sign and construction

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Near Misses

On average, there are 8 errors that occur to result in patient harm

A **Near-Miss** is an opportunity to improve safety, health, environmental and security aspects of an operation based on a condition or an incident with potential for more serious consequence
Wharton Risk Center - Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

A **Near-Miss** is an unplanned event that did not result in injury, illness, or damage - but had the potential to do so

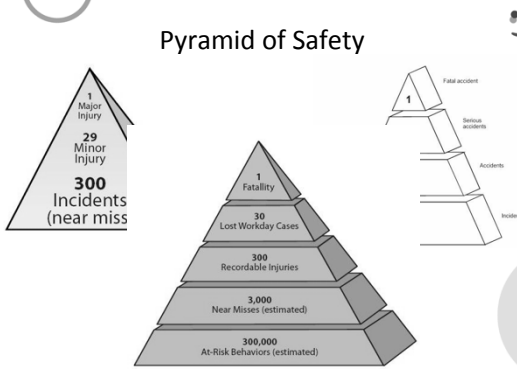
A **Near-Miss** is a window into the future


Analyzing near misses may represent opportunity

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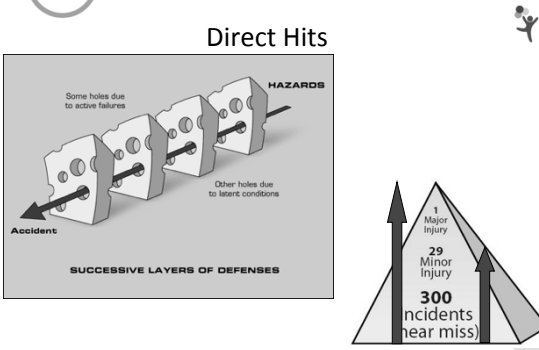
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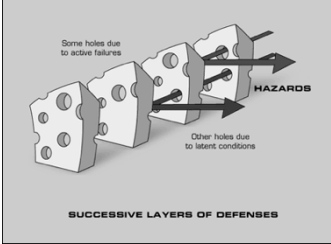
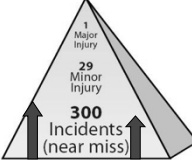
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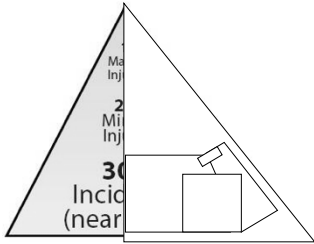
Preventing Errors - Near Miss

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Reducing Injury




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Culture of Medical Error

Past: Individual is always responsible
 Shame and blame culture
 Hiding mistakes
 Improvement difficult
 Low morale - fear

Future: Culture of Safety
 Recognize systems contribute
 Speak openly about mistakes / errors
 Concerns are valued and acted upon
 Participants take ownership



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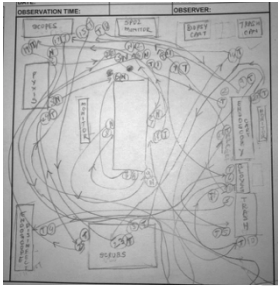
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The System

Humans make mistakes

The system stops human error from reaching the patient


Systems or processes that depend on perfect human performance are **inherently flawed**



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Fix the System




Incredibly complex

Dependencies on everything and everyone

Highly variable

Can't fix what we don't know about

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A history of Reporting in Aviation


1974 - TWA Flight 514

Pilots misunderstood Air Traffic Control instructions and the plane impacted Mt. Weather on final approach

Investigation yielded near misses from the exact same problem and one airline reported the issue to its pilots

The Aviation Safety Reporting System was formed to detect and collect near misses. This system is administrated by NASA



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A History of Reporting in Anesthesia


The Australian Incident Monitoring System
Created 20 years ago, retired in 2005. Was expanded to all events, internationally and lost anesthesia significance. Reporting stopped.

The Australian and New Zealand Tripartite Anaesthetic Data Committee
Formed in 2006, now has a new electronic reporting system, the AQI system uses much of the same terminology / format

The Critical Incident Reporting System (CIRS)
Successful system in Switzerland, may be expanded across Europe



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A History of Reporting in Anesthesia

University of California, San Francisco & University of Colorado
Focused on near misses
3500 reports from faculty, housestaff and CRNA/AAs
Researched why individuals choose not to report and optimized system to address needs of anesthesiologists
With interventions, reporting increased ~20 fold compared to using hospital systems.

United States - Patient Safety Organization
Creates a framework of aggregating information across institutions
Approved in 2009
Allows for a national anesthesia reporting system that is secure



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Disincentives for Reporting


Cognitive and behavioral reasons
Poor education about what constitutes an event
Concern over legal or credentialing consequences
Personal shame
Fear of implicating others

Systems reasons
Time consuming
Difficult to access
Lack of anonymity
Potentially discoverable
Slow infrastructure
Arduous, poorly designed interfaces
Lack of feedback and follow-up, no perceived value






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Tenets of a successful system

- Secure and non-discoverable
AIRS is part of AQI which is a registered PSO
- Quick entry time and ease of use
Balance of data resolution against time
- Accessibility
Ideally, from any computer, anywhere in the world
- Captures both near misses and incidents of patient harm
- Option of anonymity
- Searchable
- Summary reports to departments, hospitals
Many events are locally influenced



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Well Designed Systems Work

Respirat Anesth. 2011 Jun;21(7):810-4. doi: 10.1111/j.1460-8592.2011.02674.x. Epub 2011 May 2.


Design and implementation of a near-miss reporting system at a large, academic pediatric anesthesia department.

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Abstract.
BACKGROUND: Current incident reporting systems encourage retrospective reporting of morbidity and mortality and have low participation rates. A near miss is an event that did not cause patient harm, but had the potential to. By tracking and analyzing near misses, systems improvements can be targeted appropriately, and future errors may be prevented.
METHODS: An electronic, web based, secure, anonymous reporting system for anesthesiologists was designed and instituted at The Children's Hospital, Denver. This portal was compared to an existing hospital incident reporting system.
RESULTS: A total of 150 incidents were reported in the first 3 months of operation, compared to four entered in the same time period 1 year ago.
CONCLUSION: An anesthesia-specific anonymous near-miss reporting system, which eases and facilitates data entry and can prospectively identify processes and practices that place patients at risk, was implemented at a large, academic, freestanding children's hospital. This resulted in a dramatic increase in reported events and provided data to target and drive quality and process improvement.

UCSF 750 / year reports Historically, virtually none	CHCO 500 / year reports Historically, about 10 / year
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Benefits of Reporting

- Advance the safety of perioperative care
- Discover system issues you can fix
- Gather quantitative data to influence organizations
- Avoid repeating mistakes!**



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Getting what you need

Anecdotal evidence vs. quantifiable reports




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How to start

- Paper form – all cases or notable events
- Collaborate with hospital / facility
Adapt an existing electronic system
- Build your own system
Need IT infrastructure and support
- Use the AQI's system
Local vs. national reporting / reports



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AQI Registries

NACOR


AIRS

PPAI


Closed Claims




NATIONAL ANESTHESIA CLINICAL OUTCOMES REGISTRY




Report Adverse Events & Near Misses
www.aqiairs.org




PPAI Practice Performance Assessment and Improvement



CLOSED CLAIMS PROJECT and Its Registries
www.asaclosedclaims.org



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ANESTHESIA INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM (AIRS)

[REPORT ANONYMOUSLY](#)
[REPORT CONFIDENTIALLY](#)
[SUBMIT TEST REPORT](#)

[REVIEW PREVIOUS REPORT](#)

Download the AIRS mobile app for both Android and Apple devices (click one):

Note: Please do not use your browser's Back, Forward, or Refresh buttons while filling out a report. Use only the navigation buttons provided. Failure to do so may compromise the submital of the report.

The Anesthesia Incident Reporting System is maintained by the Anesthesia Quality Institute, a federally designated Patient Safety Organization (PSO) based in Park Ridge, Illinois. Collection and analysis of anesthesia incidents is for the purpose of improving the quality of anesthesia care nationwide. Quality management work of the AQI and the AIRS Steering Committee are protected from discovery by Federal and Illinois state law.

Case information is submitted to AIRS via secure, encrypted transmission to the AQI server. The AQI server is isolated by firewall against outside access. The AQI is prohibited under the terms of our PSO status from over-revealing specific identifying information of any institution, provider or patient. AIRS data will be analyzed and presented as blinded aggregates of incidents and events. Exemplary cases may be selected for educational presentation, but will include no identifying descriptions.

If you elect to submit your case description confidentially, the AIRS Steering Committee may contact you for further information, follow-up, or certification. You will also have access to the record in the future, to correct or add to the initial report. When you submit the report we will send a copy back to your email address, and to any other email addresses you provide. This may be a useful way to meet local requirements to report events to your practice, department, hospital or risk-management program.

If you elect to submit your case anonymously, no identifying information will be retained by the AQI and you will not be able to reconnect with this report.

Registration: By choosing 'Report Confidentially', you will be given a reference number for your report. You can use this report number to review this case at a later date using the 'Review Previous Report' button, and you can use it to automatically fill in your information on the 'Demographic Information' page.

For more information on AIRS and tips on how to use it, visit our [AIRS page](#) at [aqihq.org](#).

If you have further questions or would like to comment on AIRS, feel free to email us at [aia@aqihq.org](#).

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Reporter Information

Please begin by telling us some information about yourself.

To retrieve reporter information from a previous report, enter the reference code: (Required)

First Name: Petric
 Last Name: Guffey
 Year of Birth: 1977
 Gender: ☒ Male ☐ Female
 Role: Anesthesiologist
 Institution/Facility: University of Colorado, Children's Hospital
If your facility is not listed, please enter here:
 Default email recipient for this practice: ?
 City: Denver
 State: Colorado
 Country: United States
 Facility Type: University Hospital
 Email recipient(s):
These email addresses will receive a copy of this report. *Separate addresses with semicolon.

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Describe

Patient: Male
 Age: 1 to 17 years
 Height: Normal (5ft 10in - 7ft)
 ASA Physical Status: I (E)
 Time Incident Occurred: Evening (4PM-8PM)
 Anesthesia Staffing: Intensivist Provider Surgeon/Provider Other Provider
 Anesthesia Fellow: Anesthesiologist None
 Procedural Service Involved: Vascular Surgery

Was this event impacted by a drug shortage? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Is this a case of respiratory depression? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Incident Description
Please include as much detailed information as possible.

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Categories

Subcategory

Type

Cardiac

Arrhythmia

Conduction disorder (Remove)

Level of Harm to Patient (per AIHQ Scale)

1. Unlikely Condition - Any circumstance that increases the probability of a patient safety event.

2. Near Miss - Event occurred but did not reach patient.

3. No Harm - Reached patient, but no harm was evident.

4. Emotional Distress or Inconvenience - Mild and transient anxiety, pain, or physical discomfort.

5. Additional Treatment - Injury limited to additional intervention during admission but no other injury.

6. Temporary Harm - Bodily or psychological injury, but likely not permanent.

7. Permanent Harm - Lifelong bodily or psychological injury or increased susceptibility to disease.

8. Severe Permanent Harm - Severe lifelong bodily or psychological injury or disfigurement.

9. Death - Death at the time of the assessment.

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SUBMIT

Reflect

Do you think this incident was preventable?

Yes

No

Contributing Factors:

Lessons Learned:

Cognitive Factors:

Did I accept this patient as a "hand off", or was the diagnosis suggested verbally by the patient?

Yes

No

Did this patient seem to fit a classic pattern that turned out to be incorrect?

Yes

No

Did I consider a cause besides the first seemingly obvious one?

Yes

No

Is this a patient I do not like, or like too much, for any reason?

Yes

No

Was I interrupted, distracted, or otherwise cognitively overloaded while caring for this patient?

Yes

No

Any additional information related to cognitive elements present in this case.

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Classify

Clear All

Describe

Classify

Reflect

Event Classi...

Category

Select ...

Subcategory

--Sele...

Type

--Sele...

Severity Cla...

Unsafe Condition - Any circumstance that increases the probability of a patient safety event

Previous Section - Reflect

Next Section - Reflect

Patient

Male

Age

...

Habitus

...

ASA Status

...

Area

...

Time

...

Staffing

Immediate Provider

-- Non...

Next Section - Classify

Reflection

Do you think this incident was preventable?

No

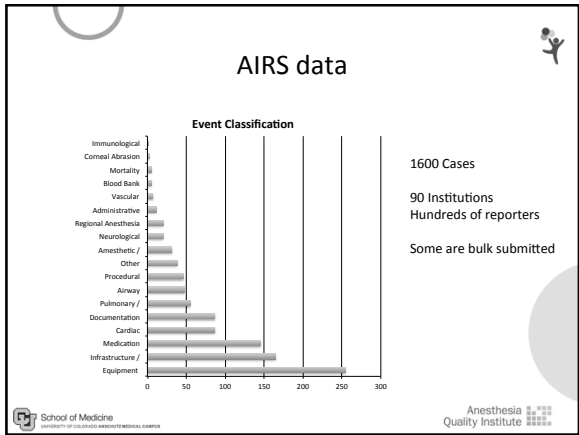
In responding to this event, did the team use any emergency manual? (e.k.a cognitive aid, checklist)

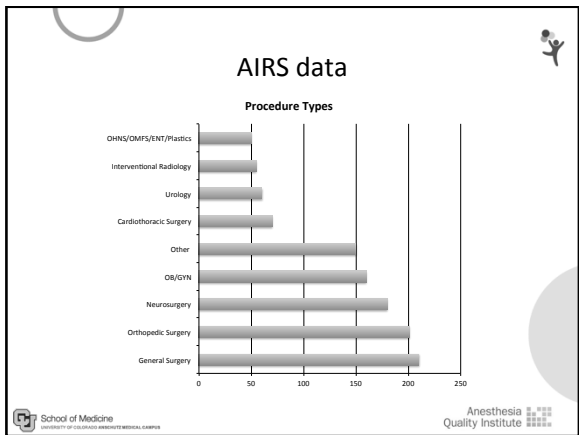
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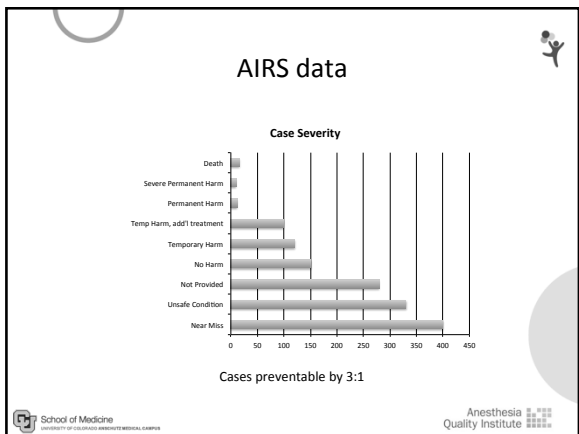
Contributing Factors (Optional)

Previous Section - Classify

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Case Discussion


80yo F for ERCP gallstone pancreatitis

GETA (propofol, lidocaine, inhaled agent) stable vitals

1 hour in – EtCO₂ 35 → 5, Pulse ox perfusion 9 → 0.2
No pulse or blood pressure

Supine, CPR, Epi, Calcium, Bicarb, Vasopressin

Complete recovery



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Conclusions – ERCP Air embolus


GI and Radiology

ERCP – Airway, medications, 3 arrests

Pressurized air used during the procedure

Instrumentation used

Numerous case reports (21)



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Case Discussion

26 yo F for cosmetic surgery

Routine induction until patient started retching


Reached for suction, no suction

Copious vomiting

Bronchoscopy noted vomit in airway

Aspiration pneumonitis, 2 weeks in the ICU

Preventable




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Trending

- Hazards of Electronic medical records and AIMS
- Air embolus during ERCP
- Drug errors due to shortages
- Importance of teamwork
- Place for cognitive aids



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Trending IT

- Charting on the wrong patient
- Sudden system failure
- Failure to record vital signs
- Failure of pharmacy dispensing systems
- Incorrect calculations
- Flawed / Incorrect decision support

Distraction from all these issues




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Trending - Equipment

- After induction, no blood pressure reading, weak pulses – checked O2 sat, didn't work
- No ECG cable in room noticed after case
- No BP for an hour
- No suction, needed suction
- Monitor broken
- No capnograph in room



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Event Reporting from *Epic*

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Anesthesia ID: 107509

What is the nature of this report?

Intraoperative Event

PACU Discharge

QCQR

[Use of this application does not satisfy PQRS reporting requirements]

[Not part of patient's chart]

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Macg

Meds

Lines

Arrows

Blood

Blocks

Staff

Attnet

Assess

Equip

JO

Q Note

Resp

Graph

Monitor

Billing

Pre

Post

Orders

Handoff

Sign-in

Sign-out

ARS

Record

Epilene (Click)

Home

Radio Search

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Anesthesia ID: 16484425

Use the list boxes below to select any adverse events that took place and use the "Add Event Type" button to record them. You may add as many as necessary.

Category	Subcategory	Type
Administrative		
Anway Management		
Anesthetic/Operative Complications		
Blood		
Cardiac		
Documentation		
Equipment		
Immunological		
Infrastructural/System		
Medication		
Mortality		
Neuro		
Pulmonary/Respiratory		
Regional Anesthesia		

Add Event Type

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Classical Knowledgebase (2/2/15)

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Home

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Thank you for submitting quality data about this event to the AQL. You may close this window at any time.

If this was an unusual case or an adverse event with the potential for serious harm, we encourage you to provide a more detailed description to the Anesthesia Incident Reporting System.

If you would like to report an unusual case or an adverse event with the potential for serious harm at a later time, we encourage you to enter your email for receiving link to AQLS.


Send Email

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Describe

Patient

Female

Age

18 to 34 years

Habitat

Normal (BMI 18.5 - 25)

ASA Physical Status

I E

Area

OR

Time Incident Occurred

Evening (4PM-10PM)

Anesthesia Staffing

Immediate Provider

Supervising Provider

Other Provider

Anesthesia Resident

Anesthesiologist

None

Procedural Service Involved

Trauma Surgery

Was this event impacted by a drug shortage?

Yes

Is this a case of respiratory depression?


Yes

Incident Description

Please include as much detailed information as possible.

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Event Reporting from *Epic*

Data sent to AQI

- Institution ID (ID number given by AQI to provider group)
- Anesthesia 52 CSN (NEF: This is the contact serial number for the anesthesia encounter)
- HSB ID (NEF: This is a unique ID for the anesthesia record; the combo of the 52 and 53 encounters)
- Service Date
- ASA Score
- Anesthesia Type
- Case ID (ORL ID)
- Service
- Facility City
- Facility State
- Patient Age

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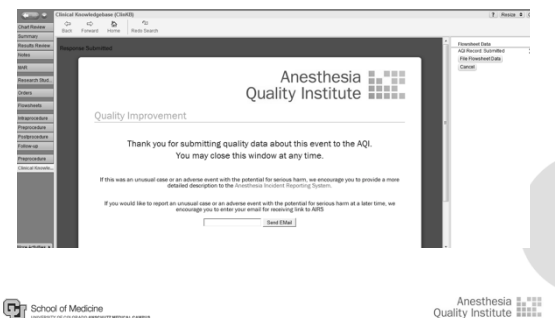
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- Reporter Last Name
- Reporter Gender
- Reporter Years Practicing
- Reporter Role
- Reporter Email

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Event Reporting from *Epic*



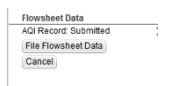
Event Reporting from *Epic*

Flowsheet row populated

Close Encounter checks

Hard stop vs. Soft stop

Forcing function to create a denominator



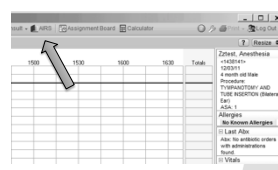
AIRS Options


Local AIRs system

Integration with QM software

Connection with NACOR


Reports back to participating groups






Discussion


The Intersection of **Quality** and **Informatics** is:
High Reliability

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Conclusions

- Medical errors are preventable
- System errors predominate
- Incident reporting detects system errors
- Strong system design leads to better reporting
- National databases allow aggregation and earlier detection
- Healthcare registries are everywhere - the goal is how do we maximize their potential

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