

ROYAL COLLEGE OF ANAESTHETISTS CPD MATRIX

Matrix of topics for Continuing Professional Development for Anaesthetists (August 2010)

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LEVEL 1: CORE CPD

CPD Core topics headings: These are usually knowledge not skill based. Please identify when each has been reviewed and the evidence provided.

L1	A. General	B. Acutely ill	C. Cardio-thoracic	D. ICM	E. Neuro	F. Obstetrics	G. Pain Medicine	H. Paediatrics	I. Elderly	J. Training	K. IT Skills	L. Management	M. Bariatric *	N. Ophthalmic *
1.	Airway assessment	Assessment of burns	Arrhythmias	Assessment of critically ill patient	Effect of traumatic brain injury and initial treatment	Anaesthesia for non-obstetric procedures	Assessment of acute peri-operative pain	IV access including intraosseous	Acute trauma management	Safe clinical supervision	Basic database skills	Critical incident reporting	Assessment of post operative risk factors and where to manage patient postoperatively	Management of IOP
2.	Anaphylaxis	Blood products including transfusion protocols	Cardiac disease	Current vasoactive agents	Effect of traumatic spinal cord injury	Resuscitation of pregnant patients	Drug treatment of acute pain	Management of compromised airway	Appropriate communication skills	Understands workplace based assessment	Basic PowerPoint skills	Participation in audit	Difficulties of monitoring	Recognition of ocular trauma
3.	Coagulopathies	Dental conditions	Cardiac medication	Diagnosis and certification of death	Management of cerebral/spinal perfusion		Neural blockade for acute pain	Recognition of ill child	Risk/benefit assessment		Basic search methodology	Understanding of trust management system	Positioning of obese patient and risks	Referral of ocular trauma
4.	Consent	Peri-arrest care	Chest drain care	Diagnosis and early management of sepsis	Transfer of neurologically ill patients		Basic understanding of chronic pain		Simple assessment of mental state		Basic word processing			
5.	DVT prophylaxis	Scoring systems	Chest trauma	Recognition of possible tissue/organ donor status										
6.	Fluid management	Team resource management	Implantable devices	Management of respiratory failure										
7.	Infection control													
8.	Life support													
9.	Monitoring													
10.	Positioning													
11.	Sedation techniques													
12.	Temperature control													
13.	Transfer skills													
14.	Ultrasound													

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LEVEL 2: HIGHER CPD

Unit Specific Specialist CPD: Not all these will be necessary as they depend on what is in the 'on-call' needs of your unit. These are more skill based and will require more 'external' CPD activity.

L2	A. General	B. Acutely ill	C. Cardiothoracic	D. ICM	E. Neuro	F. Obstetrics	G. Pain Medicine	H. Paediatrics	I. Elderly	J. Training	M. Bariatric *	N. Ophthalmic *
1.	Anaesthesia for patients with organ failure/compromise	Assessment of facial fractures	Cardiac trauma	Management of major trauma including spine	Airway management strategies	Analgesia for labour	Management of acute pain in children and the elderly	Analgesia in children	Cognitive dysfunction issues	Current knowledge of RCoA Curriculum	Cardiac assessment	Anaesthesia for penetrating eye injury
2.	Failed intubation skills	Dental abscess problems	Chest trauma and analgesia	Management of organ donation	Management of emergency imaging	Assessment of critically ill parturient	Management of acute non-surgical pain	Awareness of child abuse and duty of care	Mental Capacity Act issues	Educational supervisor training	OSA/OHS recognition	General anaesthesia for routine ophthalmic surgery
3.	Temperature control	Primary management of burns	Ischaemic heart disease per-operative	Management of severe brain injury	Monitoring of intracranial pressure	Current intra-partum management	Basic assessment and management of chronic pain	Compromised airway management	Optimisation of patients			Practiced in two local anaesthetic techniques
4.			Pacemaker and AICDs	Management of severe sepsis	Stabilisation prior to surgery	General anaesthesia/complications	Basic assessment and management of cancer pain	Drug dose/age considerations	Pain assessment in the elderly			
5.			Transfer of ill cardiac patients	Renal failure		Management of obstetric emergencies		Fluid management				
6.			Valvular heart disease per-operative	Complex fluid therapy		Physiology of normal pregnancy		Peri-operative care for emergency children				
7.				Acute ventilatory support		Regional anaesthesia/complications		Team working with retrieval PICU staff				

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