

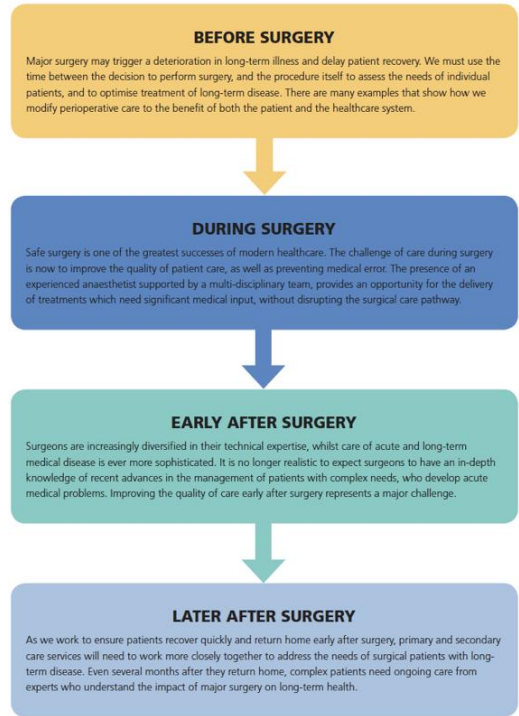
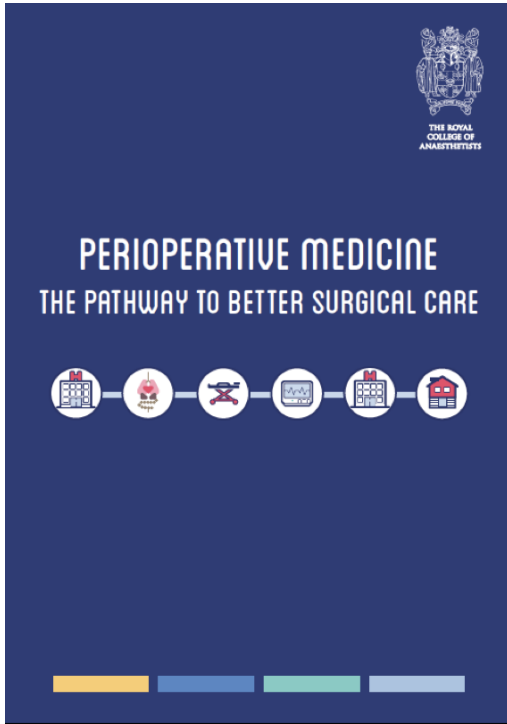
# Perioperative Medicine: 2015-2020

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## Declarations

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## Perioperative medicine

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**Perioperative medicine** is the medical care of patients from the time of contemplation of surgery through the operative period to full recovery, but excludes the operation or procedure itself. Perioperative care may be provided by an anesthesiologist, **intensivist**, an **internal medicine** generalist or **hospitalist** working with surgical colleagues.

### Background [ edit ]

Perioperative medicine encompasses the care of the patient preparing for, having and recuperating from surgery. In the practice of perioperative medicine the surgeon, anesthesiologist, intensivist and medical consultant work in concert. The medical knowledge distinct to this field includes that of operative risk and complications, of patient specific risks, of methods to reduce risk, and of the management of medical illness during this time period. Evidence supporting **best practices** in perioperative medicine is expanding, though historically this field has been directed by common practice and experience. It remains a field governed primarily by the art of medicine.

Notably, in the last decade, there has been a concerted effort by various anesthesia representative bodies to incorporate greater teaching into management of patients during the perioperative period. Specifically, an annual summit has been held in the US, and various courses exist to encourage this field of medicine.

### See also [ edit ]

- Pre-anesthesia checklist



### External links [ edit ]

- Royal College of Anaesthetists 2014 vision document to contextualise and introduce the future care of patients contemplating surgery with examples from



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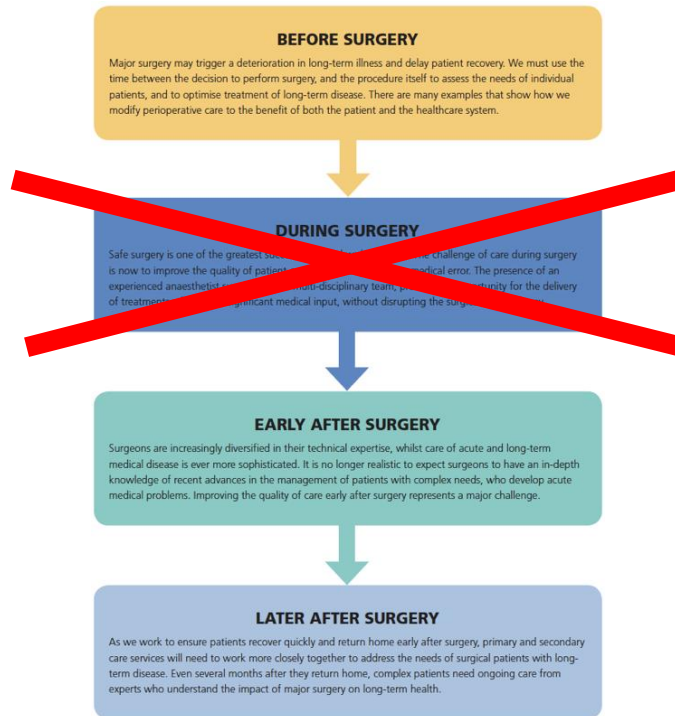
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I won't be sharing the film with my friends, the professional ones would be patronised by the juvenile nature (was it from the makers of Southpark? I stopped watching before Kenny died of renal failure or sepsis or whatever) and my lay ones are really not likely to want to see it.

“Unless we re-engage with the wards to provide care before and after surgery, we will lose relevance. A retreat to the operating theatre will be to the detriment of the specialty.”

**RCoA Curriculum Survey 2014**

Nonsense



## Achievements

- Awareness
  - Other colleges
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- New status for Specialty
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  - Anaemia
  - Diabetes
  - Frailty
  - Preop exercise

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## Guidelines

Clinical guideline and recommendations on pre-operative exercise training in patients awaiting major non-cardiac surgery

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### Summary

Despite calls for the routine implementation of pre-operative exercise programmes to optimise patient fitness before elective major surgery, there is no practical guidance for providing safe and effective exercise in this specific context. The following clinical guideline was developed following a review of the evidence on the effects of pre-operative exercise interventions. We developed a series of best-practice and, where possible, evidence-based statements to advise on patient care with respect to exercise training in the pre-operative period. These statements cover patient selection for exercise training in surgical patients; integration of exercise training into multidisciplinary prehabilitation programmes; and advice on exercise prescription factors and follow-up. Although we acknowledge that further research is needed to identify the optimal exercise prescription in different clinical scenarios, we urge pre-operative teams to make use of these recommendations.

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Keywords: guideline, physical exercise, postoperative complications, prehabilitation surgery

### Summary of key recommendations

- 1 Pre-operative exercise training should be offered to patients scheduled for major or complex elective surgery with a view to improving their physical fitness and health status and reducing the risk of peri-operative morbidity and mortality. If resources are limited, priority of referral to pre-operative exercise training should go to patients who are at increased risk of peri-operative complications, such as those with low cardiorespiratory fitness.
- 2 Pre-operative exercise training should be offered as part of a multi-modal prehabilitation programme that addresses a variety of post-operative risk factors including cigarette smoking, excessive alcohol consumption, and anaemia.
- 3 Healthcare professionals making referrals to a pre-operative exercise programme should have basic knowledge about what the programme entails and its potential effects. A pre-operative exercise programme should be presented to the patient by the referring clinician as a fundamental part of their

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## We Must Improve Periop Nutrition!



**American Society for Enhanced Recovery and Perioperative Quality Initiative Joint Consensus Statement on Postoperative Delirium Prevention**

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**Postoperative Delirium**  
 Pathway to Improved Patient Care

**Decreased Delirium**

POQI 8 Working Group

**Guidelines for the management of glucocorticoids during the peri-operative period for patients with adrenal insufficiency**

Royal College of Physicians  
 Society for Endocrinology  
 Association of Anaesthetists

Prescribed glucocorticoid therapy across all routes of administration can cause suppression of the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis, and is the most common cause of adrenal insufficiency that anaesthetists will encounter.

All glucocorticoid-dependent patients are at risk of adrenal crisis because of surgical stress or illness, and it is essential to be able to recognise and diagnose this medical emergency. If in doubt about the need for glucocorticoids, they should be given as there are no long-term adverse consequences of short-term glucocorticoid administration.

Anaesthetists should ensure closely about the patient's history of glucocorticoid self-management, any previous episodes of adrenal crisis and how practiced they are at medication adjustments for illness, injury or postoperative recovery. Best practice is to collaborate as far as possible with the patient's endocrinologist.

Hydrocortisone 100 mg by i.v. injection should be given at induction of anaesthesia in adult patients with adrenal insufficiency from any cause, followed by a continuous infusion at 200 mg/24 h<sup>1</sup>, until the patient can take double their usual oral glucocorticoid dose by mouth. This should then be tapered back to the appropriate maintenance dose, in most cases within 48 h.

Major complications and critical illness elicit a prolonged stress response. Any glucocorticoid supplementation should reflect this pattern.

Dexamethasone is not adequate as glucocorticoid treatment in patients with primary adrenal insufficiency as it has no mineralocorticoid activity.

Children with adrenal insufficiency are more vulnerable to problems with glycemic control than adults and require frequent blood glucose monitoring. Detailed recommendations based on age and body weight are presented. The period of fasting should be minimised and adrenal insufficient patients should be prioritised on routine surgical operating lists.

Pregnant women with adrenal insufficiency may require a higher maintenance dose during the later stages of pregnancy (20th week onwards), and stress dose supplementation using hydrocortisone 100 mg at the onset of labour, and then either by continuous i.v. infusion of hydrocortisone 200 mg/24 h<sup>1</sup> or 50 mg intramuscularly every 6 h until after delivery.

Woodcock, T, Barber, T, Connel S et al. *Guidelines for the management of glucocorticoids during the peri-operative period for patients with adrenal insufficiency. Anaesthesia* 2020; 75.

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/anae.14963>

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- Improving outcomes
  - Research
  - QI
- Various services springing up

## RESEARCH

## Open Access



A perioperative consult service results in reduction in cost and length of stay for colorectal surgical patients: evidence from a healthcare redesign project

## RESEARCH

## Open Access



Anesthesiologists as perioperative hospitalists and outcomes in patients undergoing major urologic surgery: a historical prospective, comparative effectiveness study

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## Abstract

**Background:** Perioperative care has been identified as an area of wide variability in quality, with conflicting models, and involving multiple specialties. In 2014, the Loma Linda University Departments of Anesthesiology and Urology implemented a perioperative hospitalist service (PHS), consisting of anesthesiology-trained physicians, to co-manage patients for the entirety of their perioperative period. We hypothesized that implementation of this PHS model would result in an improvement in patient recovery.

**Methods:** As a quality improvement (QI) initiative, the PHS service was formed of selected anesthesiologists who received training on the core competencies for hospitalist medicine. The service was implemented following a co-management agreement to medically manage patients undergoing major urologic procedures (prostatectomy, cystectomy, and nephrectomy). Impact was assessed by comparisons to data from the year prior to PHS service implementation. Data was compared with and without propensity matching. Primary outcome marker was a reduction in length of stay. Secondary outcome markers included complication rate, return of bowel function, number of consultations, reduction in total direct patient costs, and bed days saved.

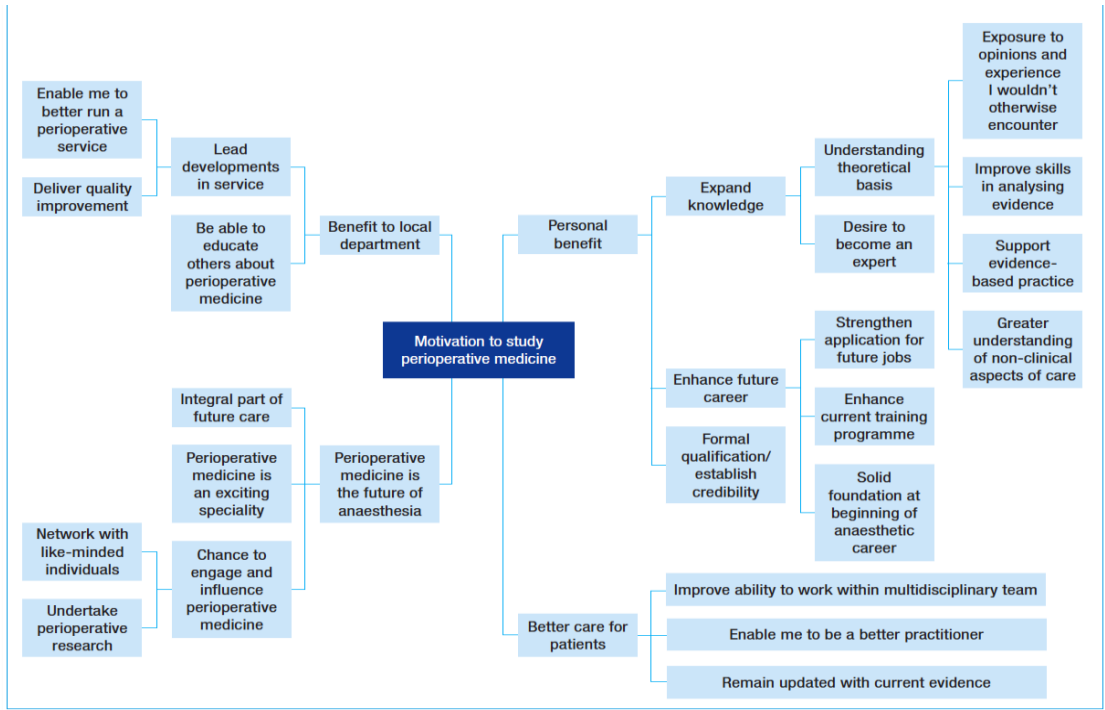
**Results:** Significant reductions in length of stay ( $p < 0.05$ ) were demonstrated for all surgical procedures with propensity matching and were demonstrated for cystectomy and nephrectomy cases without. Significant reductions in complication rates and ileus were also observed for all surgical procedures post-PHS implementation. Additionally, reductions in total direct patient costs and frequency of consultations were also observed.

**Conclusions:** Anesthesiologists can safely function as perioperative hospitalists, providing appropriate medical management, and significantly improving both patient recovery and throughput.

## Early adopters of perioperative medicine: who are they and what motivates them?

British Journal of Hospital Medicine, November 2017, Vol 78, No 11

- Young
  - Median age 33.
- 75% trainees, 23% Consultant/SAS
- 75% anaesthetists, rest- surgeons, geriatricians, physicians, nurses
- 4 themes identified



## Perioperative Medicine in Action



[www.futurelearn.com/courses/perioperative-medicine](http://www.futurelearn.com/courses/perioperative-medicine)



# Challenges

- Still some way to go before universal acceptance.

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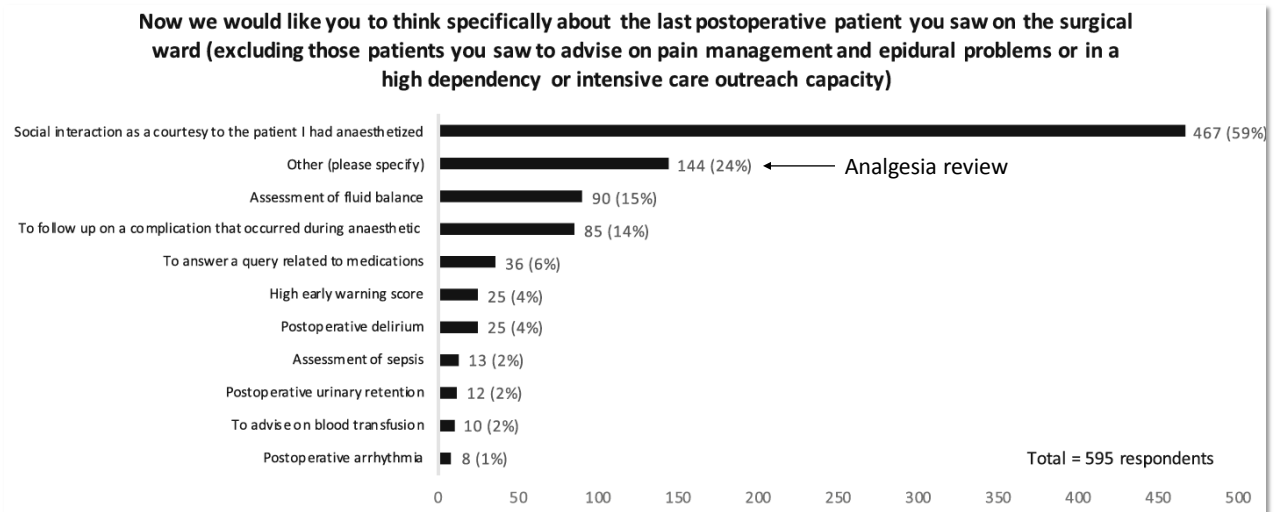
## The emerging specialty of perioperative medicine: a UK survey of the attitudes and behaviours of anaesthetists

Partridge *et al.* *Perioperative Medicine* (2020) 9:3  
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s13741-019-0132-0>



- 758 respondents (60:40 Cons/trainee split)
  - 4.5% of the registered 16744 anaesthetists
- 64% consider themselves a 'perioperative doctor'
- 78% believe anaesthetists 'uniquely placed' to lead development of POM





## Attitudes to POM- 758 respondents

- 26% agreed/strongly agreed they were confident to optimize medical comorbidity- crucially 47% disagreed/strongly disagreed
- 51% believe current training in POM is inadequate
- “Anaesthetists do not want to practice perioperative medicine”
  - 9% strongly agree, 31% agree

## Challenges/Work in progress

- Still some way to go before universal acceptance.
- Turf war?

## Perioperative Medicine

### MRCP

- Comorbidity management
- Complication management
- Drug knowledge
  - Confidence to tweak meds
- Discharge planning
- Better MDT experience
- Better knowledge of long term outcomes

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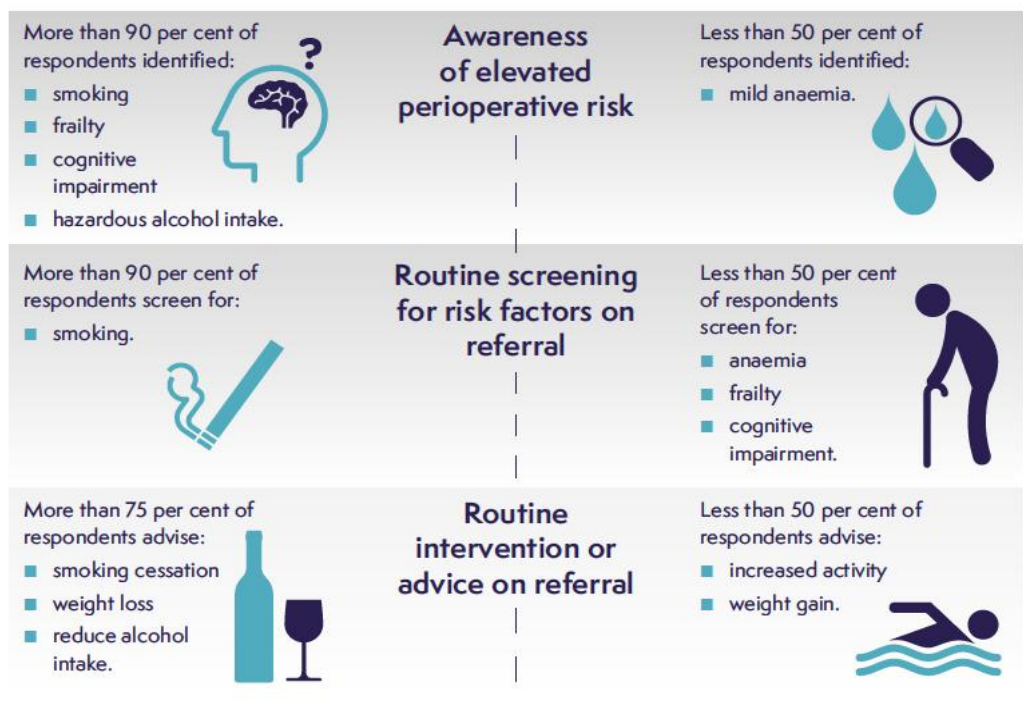
### FRCA

- Cardiorespiratory physiology
- Complication prevention
- Drug knowledge
- Surgical knowledge
- Better concept of periop risk?
- Advanced analgesic techniques
- Technology adoption

v. FRCS?


## Challenges/Work in progress

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Preoperative Risk Education Package

# PREP: PREOPERATIVE RISK EDUCATION PACKAGE




## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to PREP. An educational resource designed by a multidisciplinary team of GPs and anaesthetists. This resource focuses upon improving outcomes following major non-cardiac surgery through optimization of patient health in the preoperative period.

Multidisciplinary, cross-sector working is critical to achieving this with primary care staff playing a leading role. Facilitating and combining small changes in the time available prior to surgery can yield great benefits for patients.

We encourage you to view the short introductory animation. This provides an overview of the challenge facing surgical patients and introduces risk factors that can significantly influence their perioperative journey and quality of recovery.

## ANIMATION



## Preoperative risk evaluation in Primary Care- survey of knowledge and attitudes

- ***‘Fascinating... it will influence my behaviour.... never thought to advise preop exercise. It makes sense!’***
- ***‘I’m going to say to my patients, ‘you do realise that the stress of this is equivalent to running a marathon- we need to start getting you into shape to help it go smoothly. What do you think we need to do to help you be as well as you can be for this?’***
- ***‘Don’t start chucking more work at under-resourced primary care!’***

## Challenges/Work in progress

- Still some way to go before universal acceptance.
- Turf war?
- Proper integration with Primary Care
- Lack of time/resources in current job plans
  - Use existing business cases



- Centre for Perioperative Care
- Multi-Specialty



The Centre for Perioperative Care [CPOC] is delighted to announce the appointment of Consultant Physician, Dr Jugdeep Dhesi, and Consultant Surgeon, Mrs Scarlett McNally as its new Deputy Directors.



### What will CPOC do?

The new Centre for Perioperative Care aims to:

- ▶ improve quality of care
- ▶ empower patients
- ▶ support the workforce
- ▶ influence policy
- ▶ harness digital technology
- ▶ lead on research and innovation.

# Postoperative Critical Care?



## Fifth Patient Report of the National Emergency Laparotomy Audit

December 2017 to November 2018

### HIGHLIGHT REPORT



#### KEY MESSAGE 5

Patients assessed before their operation as having a 2.5% risk of death should be admitted directly to critical care postoperatively to increase their chance of survival. However, 23% of such patients in NELA were instead admitted to a general ward, and this has remained static over the last three years. Institutional, cultural and organisational change is required to ensure patients consistently receive this standard of care.



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## Colorectal ERAS Pathway

**Preoperative Clinic**

**Multi-STOP CLINIC**  
**Pre-assessment nurse**  
 Medications, Bloods & ECG, explains pre-operative incentive spirometry, carb loading, post-op exercises  
**Consultant Anaesthetist**  
 Risk stratification - CPET, Frailty, cognitive impairment, cardiac risk  
**Stoma Nurse**  
**Research Nurse**  
 Perioperative Website

**STANDARDISED INTRAOPERATIVE CARE**  
<https://www.yorkperioperativemedicine.nhs.uk/health-professionals/preoperative-care/intraoperative-care/>

Goal directed fluid therapy  
 Hartman's solution 250 ml fluid boluses  
 Metaraminol infusion to maintain MAP >65mmHg  
 Surgical APGAR score for post-operative planning

**Intraoperative**

**DAILY MDT WARD ROUNDS**  
 Consultant Anaesthetists and Surgeons  
 Nurses  
 Physios  
 AHPs

Goal setting  
 Patient data booklet

**Day 1**

- Maintain haemodynamic stability
- Pain Control
- Oral intake - fluids and light diet
- Sit out in chair/ walk a short distance
- Chest physiotherapy

**Day 2**

- Independence around bed area
- Walk longer distances

**Day 3**

- Stop Epidural
- Maintain pain control
- Oral intake
- Independence

**Day 4/5**

- Comfortable on oral analgesia
- Adequate oral intake to meet nutritional requirements
- Mobility comparable to pre-op
- Wound healing, no signs of infection
- Bowels functioning
- Physically, psychologically and socially fit for discharge

## Cost effectiveness of adult intensive care in the UK

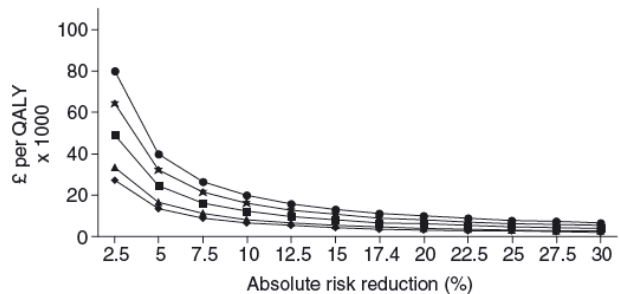
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Anaesthesia, 2007, 62, pages 547-554

- Incremental cost per QALY of ICU v no ICU
- Data taken from previous reviews of ICU rationing
- Cost per QALY = £7010



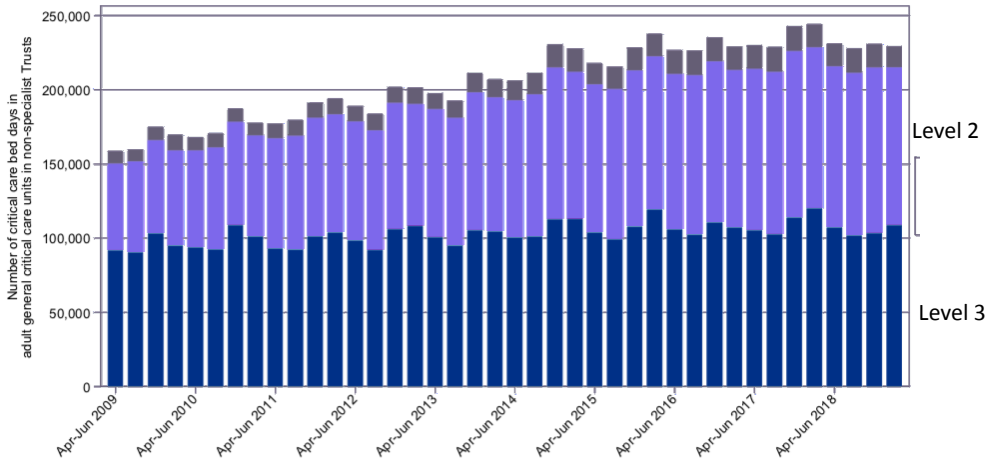
## The Impact of Postoperative Intensive Care Unit Admission on Postoperative Hospital Length of Stay and Costs: A Prespecified Propensity-Matched Cohort Study

*Anesthesia & Analgesia*: 2019 ;129(3), 753-761

- Cohort of 3500 major surgery patients propensity matched to 23 periop variables but with different discharge destinations- ward or ICU
- *“In patients with an unclear indication for postoperative critical care, intensive care unit admission may negatively impact postoperative hospital length of stay and costs.”*
- Conversely- ‘genuine’ need for ICU= reduced costs and length of stay.

# FICM Enhanced Care Review

## 1. Critical care bed days 2009-2019 split L2/L3 - quarterly



## Enhanced Care

GUIDANCE ON SERVICE DEVELOPMENT IN ACUTE CARE

VERSION FOR OPEN CONSULTATION: NOVEMBER 2019

Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine/Royal College of Physicians London  
Enhanced Care Working Parties 2019

### Executive Summary

*Enhanced Care is a relatively new concept. It can act as a bridge between critical care and normal ward care and takes different forms. It is an efficient way to utilise resources and may result in improved quality of care, reduced cancellation of elective surgery and provide cost savings. This document provides guidance for the development of Enhanced Care based on current knowledge and expertise. It is not a substitute for High Dependency Care but fills a gap allowing patients to be managed safely in an appropriate environment dependent on their needs. It facilitates access to Critical Care teams for enhanced advice and support, but not delivery of, Enhanced Care for the benefit of patients.*



## Summary

- Perioperative Medicine is not for everyone.
- It's not the same as anaesthesia.
- It is improving patient care and outcomes though.
- Postoperative Critical Care is not the right environment for elective patients

Perioperative Medicine in Action- 27th April

