

Auckland City Symposium

A Risky Business



Keynote Speakers



Don Poldermans

Professor of Medicine & Head of Perioperative Cardiac Care, Erasmus Medical Centre, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Dr Poldermans received his medical degree at the Erasmus Medical Centre in 1981. His postgraduate training includes internships and residencies in internal medicine, infectious diseases, intensive care medicine, and vascular medicine at the Erasmus Medical Centre, Rotterdam, the Netherlands. He is board certified in Internal Medicine, Intensive Care Medicine, and Vascular Medicine. He is a fellow of the European Society of Cardiology and an honorary member of the Dutch Society of Anesthesiology. He is active within the Departments of Anesthesiology, Internal Medicine, and Surgery of the Erasmus Medical Centre, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

Dr Poldermans is actively involved in patient care, education, research, and administration. He has supervised 19 PhD students, all working on cardiovascular research. He has published more than 300 manuscripts in several peer-reviewed journals, including the New England Journal of Medicine, Lancet, JAMA, Circulation, and the Journal of the American College of Cardiology. His area of expertise includes identification and treatment of patients at cardiovascular risk prior, during, and after surgery. He is associate editor of the European Journal of Echocardiography and editorial board member of the American Journal of Cardiology, Heart, Journal of Coronary Artery Disease and Journal of the American College of Cardiology.



John Carlisle

Consultant Anaesthetist, Torbay Hospital, Torquay, England

John Carlisle is a consultant anaesthetist and intensivist at Torbay hospital, Devon, UK. He is interested in preoperative assessment and evidence-based medicine. He started cardiopulmonary exercise testing (CPX or CPET) eight years ago and currently conducts between 8 and 10 tests each week. The results of CPX are used to help determine risks and inform patients so that they can make more informed choices about their treatment. The findings are also used to reduce risk through preoperative, operative and postoperative changes in management. Most patients tested are being assessed for elective abdominal aortic aneurysm surgery, colorectal cancer resections and other major surgeries.

Dr Carlisle chaired the UK's Preoperative Association (www.pre-op.org). He helped develop guidance for preoperative testing (www.nice.org.uk). In 2001 he joined the Cochrane Anaesthesia Review Group as feedback editor and now chairs the feedback management advisory group (www.cochrane.org).

John Carlisle states that he is happy to help (and be helped by) anyone interested in developing preoperative risk assessment, including CPX testing — john.carlisle@nhs.net.



Ross Kerridge

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As an anaesthetist, Dr Kerridge has a particular clinical interest in Perioperative Medicine, and in the organisational and system issues of perioperative patient management. Dr Kerridge led the establishment of the “Perioperative System” model of care for elective surgery (at Liverpool Hospital, 1992), which is now the generally accepted model of elective surgical patient care in Australia, and has been adapted internationally. He has spoken at numerous conferences and meetings, visited and advised over sixty hospitals and health services in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, UK, Ireland, Sweden and the USA.

Dr Kerridge has had wide involvement in a variety of other projects involving reorganisation and reengineering of health service delivery, including establishment of the first ‘Medical Emergency Team’ (1990) Recent work has focused on developing a standardised system for preoperative patient preparation across the Hunter New England Area Health Service.

He has been actively involved in medical education through various positions in ANZCA; the EMST/ATLS and CCrISP programs of the RACS; in the NSW Institute of Medical Education and Training; and teaching medical undergraduates within the University of Newcastle.

Recent research interests – randomised trial of a program to optimise preoperative smoking cessation; video-observational ethnographic study of interprofessional communication and interaction of Clinical Handover in ICU and for surgical patients. Previous interests have included the development of a system for improved reporting of high anaesthetic risk patients, including a regional database; and developing a simple apparatus for administration of helium during anaesthesia.

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Colin Royse is an associate professor at the University of Melbourne. He is also a consultant anaesthetist at the Royal Melbourne Hospital with a special interest in cardiac anaesthesia and echocardiography. He is the director of the Postgraduate Diploma of Perioperative and Critical Care Echocardiography, and is extensively involved in teaching and research with echocardiography. He is the director of the Anaesthesia and Pain Management Research Unit in the Department of Pharmacology, University of Melbourne, and an executive of the Cardiovascular Therapeutics Unit, where he also does animal-based research on cardiovascular and anaesthesia drugs.