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Welcome

Dear Colleague

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Auckland City Symposium for 2019.

This year's theme is 'Reducing Perioperative Complications – A guide for getting patients back to health'. Worldwide interest and awareness in Perioperative Medicine has significantly increased in the last few years with early focus on pre-operative preparation. The spotlight is now moving to the post-operative period and patients at increased risk once they've left the recovery area. To help us consider these issues we have invited renowned speakers from the field of Perioperative Medicine, Professors PJ Devereaux, Monty Mythen and Paul Myles, supported by our local speakers, in a programme which covers current thinking on issues relating to the patient's perioperative experience.

I am grateful to our industry partners for their generous support of this meeting. I also wish to thank the organising committee and Karen Patching for their time and meticulous attention to detail.

Dr Jay van der Westhuizen
ACS Convenor

International Faculty



Professor Philip Devereaux

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Dr Devereaux obtained his MD from McMaster University. After medical school he completed a residency in internal medicine at the University of Calgary and a residency in cardiology at Dalhousie University. He then completed a PhD in Clinical Epidemiology at McMaster University. He is the Director of the Division of Cardiology at McMaster University. He is also the Scientific Leader of the Anesthesiology, Perioperative Medicine, and Surgical Research Group at the Population Health Research Institute. Dr Devereaux is a full Professor and University Scholar in the Departments of Health Research Methods, Evidence, and Impact (HEI) and Medicine at McMaster University.



Professor Monty Mythen

Smiths Medical Professor of Anaesthesia & Critical Care, University College Hospital, London, United Kingdom

Monty is the Smiths Medical Professor of Anaesthesia & Critical Care at University College London. Director of The UCL Discovery Lab at The London 2012 Olympic legacy Institute of Sport Exercise and Health. Before returning to the UK, Monty was an assistant Professor at Duke University Medical Centre and acting Chief of Critical Care in the Department of Anesthesiology. Monty is also an Elected Council Member of the Royal College of Anaesthetists and Leads their Perioperative Medicine Programme; Chair of The Board of the National Institute of Academic Anaesthesia; A Director of Xtreme-Everest; Editor-in-Chief Perioperative Medicine. Editorial board member: British Journal of Anaesthesia; Critical Care and Co-Chairman of Evidence Based Peri-operative Medicine (EBPOM).



Professor Paul Myles

Director, Department of Anaesthesia & Perioperative Medicine, The Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, Australia

Professor Paul Myles is the Chair of the Academic Board of Anaesthesia and Perioperative Medicine, as well as the current Director of Anaesthesia and Perioperative Medicine at the Alfred. In addition, Professor Myles is an Australian NHMRC Practitioner Fellow, and Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences.

New Zealand Faculty

Speakers

Heather Gunter	Mother of Matt Gunter
Doug Campbell	Specialist Anaesthetist, ADHB
Jonathan Wallace	Anaesthetic Medical Officer, WDHB
Kerry Benson-Cooper	Intensivist, ADHB
Vanessa Beavis	Specialist Anaesthetist, ADHB
Kathryn Hagen	Specialist Anaesthetist, ADHB

Case Summaries

Jay van der Westhuizen	Specialist Anaesthetist, ADHB
Matt Sumner	Anaesthetic Fellow, ADHB
Nicola Broadbent	Specialist Anaesthetist, ADHB
Thida Evennett	Anaesthetic Fellow, ADHB

Programme

Saturday, 30 March 2019

0800 Welcome and introduction Dr Jay van der Westhuizen

SESSION 1 - Chair: Dr Kerry Gunn

0805 Protecting patients from adverse outcomes Heather Gunter
0835 Myocardial injury after non-cardiac surgery: Prognosis and treatment Prof. PJ Devereaux
0910 Enhanced surgical recovery: Reducing variation Prof. Monty Mythen

0945 Morning Break – Exhibitor Area, Atrium, School of Medicine

SESSION 2 - Chair: Dr Catherine Sayer

1015 What should we measure for post-op outcome? Prof. Paul Myles
1050 The perils of post-op hypotension Prof. PJ Devereaux
1125 Risk-based decision-making Dr Doug Campbell

1155 Lunch Break – Exhibitor Area, Atrium, School of Medicine

SESSION 3 - Chair: Dr Elizabeth Maxwell

1255 Optimising intra-operative fluid therapy Prof. Monty Mythen
1330 Data, data, data Dr Jonathan Wallace
1400 The use and misuse of post-op HDU's Dr Kerry Benson-Cooper

1430 Afternoon Break – Exhibitor Area, Atrium, School of Medicine

SESSION 4 – Chair: Dr Nicola Broadbent

1500 Perioperative medicine in ANZ. Where are we going? Dr Vanessa Beavis
1530 CPET: Can we make it work? Dr Kathryn Hagen
1600 Case summaries Drs Nicola Broadbent & Jay van der Westhuizen
1650 Future meetings Dr Kerry Gunn
1700 Meeting concludes

1700 Drinks and Canapés – Exhibitor Area, Atrium, School of Medicine

Protecting patients from adverse outcomes

Heather Gunter

Mother of Matt Gunter

The HDC decision on the case discussed by Heather can be found here:

<https://www.hdc.org.nz/decisions/search-decisions/2015/13hdc00482/>.

The video shown by Heather can be viewed on the HQSC website at:

<https://www.hqsc.govt.nz/our-programmes/patient-deterioration/patient-stories/>

along with a description of their Patient Deterioration Programme.

There is some disagreement with some of the details in the video between different staff members involved in the case. This involves the timing of desaturation related to the operation, the instructions given to ward staff and monitoring being discontinued post-operatively. This further reinforces the need, as set out in the HQSC programme for critical thinking, team communication and a robust system to identify and treat the deteriorating patient.

Kerry Gunn

Myocardial injury after non-cardiac surgery: Prognosis and treatment

Prof. PJ Devereaux

McMaster University, Ontario, Canada

Worldwide >200 million adults undergo major non-cardiac surgery annually. Myocardial injury after non-cardiac surgery (MINS) is the most common major vascular complication after surgery. During this lecture participants will gain insights into the diagnostic criteria and prognosis of MINS. I will also review the MANAGE Trial design (1754 patient RCT of dabigatran versus placebo in patients with MINS) and the results. Attendees will gain an understanding of how to manage MINS based on this lecture.

Enhanced surgical recovery: Reducing variation

Prof. Monty Mythen

University College Hospital, London, United Kingdom

Enhanced Recovery (ER) after Surgery (or Fast Track) is a bundle of 'best evidence based practices' delivered by a multi-professional health care team, with the intention of helping patients recover faster after surgery [1,2].

The Enhanced Recovery Partnership Programme (ERPP) was run by the Department of Health in England from May 2009 to April 2011 to encourage the wide spread adoption of ER with the aim of improving recovery from major surgery [1,3]. The Programme initially concentrated on elective major surgery in four specialities (Colorectal, Musculoskeletal, Gynaecology and Urology). Audit of ER practice by the early adopters demonstrated greater than 80% compliance with the majority of elements recommended by the ERPP.

A pilot study using Commissioning for Quality and Innovation (CQUIN) to encourage practice change showed a dramatic improvement in outcomes in North Central London with very high levels of compliance with the ERPP recommended principles [4].

The final report published by the ERP included evidence of widespread adoption of ER in the NHS in England and achievement of stated goals i.e. reduced length of hospital stay after surgery resulting in more operations being performed despite fewer bed days, no increase in readmissions and high levels of patient satisfaction [5].

More recent reports (2018) from the UK Perioperative Quality Improvement Program (PQIP) suggests that currently only around 2/3rds of UK patients having major surgery are on an enhanced recovery program and compliance with key elements is from 31-97% [6]. General consensus backed up by published reports is that compliance is king and variation is still the enemy of quality.

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What would we measure for post-op outcome?

Prof. Paul Myles

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Measuring clinically relevant and patient-centered perioperative outcomes provides the knowledge that enables: clinicians to optimize their practice and guide shared decision-making, researchers to set a future agenda and policy makers to prioritize healthcare spending.

Efforts are underway to standardize and define which outcome measures should be used in perioperative medicine research and audit.¹ Patient-centered outcome measures describe what the patient actually experiences and the impact an intervention has on their functional capacity, physical comfort and emotional health. This includes *quality of recovery* and longer-term health after surgery.²

The QoR Score was the first validated quality of recovery scale.³ This was followed by the 40-item QoR-40⁴ and the 15-item QoR-15.⁵ The QoR-40 has five recovery domains including emotional state, physical comfort, psychological support, physical independence and pain control, and is scored on a scale from 40 (very poor recovery) to 200 (excellent recovery). Both the QoR-40 and QoR-15 have recently been evaluated to determine the *minimal clinically important difference*.⁶

Another health economic measure gaining increasing recognition in medical research is *days alive and at home within 30 days of surgery* (DAH₃₀).⁷ As such, DAH₃₀ combines mortality and morbidity into a single continuous outcome that is objective, easy to define and measure, and does not require adjudication. Most importantly DAH₃₀ reflects the primary patient goal of returning home and avoiding hospital readmission, which would make it an ideal perioperative outcome measure.

Disability-free survival is a novel perioperative outcome measure that is a combination of survival (1 – mortality) and freedom from clinically significant disability as indicated by the WHO Disability Assessment Schedule (WHODAS) score.⁸ In a cohort of 510 surgical patients we used the WHODAS to identify rates of DFS as 72% and 58% in ASA III and IV patients respectively. Disability-free survival is an ideal outcome metric for research and clinical audit, but also for shared decision-making.

Future clinical trials in Perioperative Medicine should utilize clearly defined, validated and standardised patient-centered outcome measures.

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The perils of post-op hypotension

Prof. PJ Devereaux

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Patients undergoing non-cardiac surgery are susceptible to hemodynamic compromise. Most perioperative clinical care is consistent with a hypertension avoidance strategy (i.e., most patients continue their anti-hypertensive drugs before surgery and are quickly re-started on these drugs after surgery). Moreover, in-hospital patients typically have vital signs checked every 4-8 hours, based on inefficient, antiquated, manual measurements. In this lecture attendees will gain an understanding of the frequency and location of hemodynamic compromise in the perioperative setting, acquire insights into potential thresholds, and learn about the POISE-3 Trial evaluating a hypotension avoidance strategy versus hypertension avoidance strategy.

Risk-based decision-making

Dr Doug Campbell

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Anaesthetists, surgeons and clinicians involved in the care of surgical patients make risk-based decisions frequently. Most often, these decisions are based on subjective assessment rather than objective risk assessment tools. This talk will outline the benefits of consistent risk-based decision making for high and low risk patients.

Necessary features of a good risk tool will be discussed. Calibration and discrimination of risk tools will be explained and how these features affect accuracy and risk stratification (triage). No risk tool fulfils all the requirements needed by a clinician. Clinicians require an improved understanding of risk including desirable mortality and morbidity outcome, competing risks and risk of non-operative management.

Improved risk-based decision making will reduce clinical variation, be patient-centred, aid efficient use of healthcare resources and be transparent and equitable.

Optimising intra-operative fluid therapy

Prof. Monty Mythen

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Optimal perioperative fluid management is an important component of Enhanced Recovery After Surgery pathways. Fluid management within ERAS should be viewed as a continuum through the preoperative, intraoperative and postoperative phases. Each phase is important to improving patient outcomes; and suboptimal care in one phase can undermine best practice within the rest of the ERAS pathway.

The goal of preoperative fluid management is for the patient to arrive in the operating room in a hydrated and euvolaemic state. To achieve this, prolonged fasting is not recommended, and mechanical bowel preparation should be avoided. Patients should be encouraged to ingest a clear carbohydrate drink two to three hours before surgery.

The goals of intraoperative fluid management are to maintain central euvolemia, and avoid salt and water excess. To achieve this, patients undergoing surgery within an enhanced recovery protocol should have an individualised fluid management plan. As part of this plan, both fluid restriction and crystalloid excess should be avoided in all patients. For low risk patients undergoing low risk surgery a moderately liberal (+1-2 liter fluid balance, but no more) approach might be sufficient. In addition for higher risk patients undergoing major surgery individualized goal directed fluid therapy (GDFT) is recommended. However ultimately the additional benefit of GDFT should be determined based on surgical and patient risk factors.

Postoperatively, once fluid intake is established, IV fluid administration can be discontinued and only restarted if clinically indicated. In the absence of other concerns detrimental postoperative fluid overload is not justified and 'permissive oliguria' could be tolerated.

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Key points

- Perioperative fluid management is important. Both hypovolaemia and excessive fluid administration are associated with harm.
- Prolonged fasting before major abdominal surgery is not justified and is not supported by evidence
- Maintenance fluid requirement during surgery should be delivered with the aim of maintaining preoperative body weight.
- Goal-directed fluid therapy aims to replace losses from the circulation and optimise stroke volume throughout the perioperative period. GDFT has been shown to reduce length of stay and complications after major surgery, and therefore may have added benefits in higher risk patients within an ERAS pathway.
- In the postoperative period, enteral nutrition and oral fluid intake should be commenced at the earliest opportunity and the IV then discontinued.
- In the absence of other concerns, perioperative oliguria should be tolerated.

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Data, data, data

Dr Jonathan Wallace

North Shore Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand

In recent years there has been a significant increase in the number of electronic systems and applications at all levels of health care. What do we do with all this data?

Increasing end-user access to clinically relevant and reliable data poses significant challenges. The traditional method of sending a request to an information analyst does not scale well with the rapidly growing demand to measure and improve the quality of clinical care. An alternative approach, that puts the power of exploring data in the hands of end users, involves using Business Intelligence (BI) software. This presentation will outline Waitemata DHB's implementation of QlikSense, which connects datasets we use every day to provide clinically useful information that engages clinicians and provides them with the detail and context required to drive change.

One of the key benefits of QlikSense is the ability to display detailed information about patient flows from referral, through to theatre and beyond. This information can then be linked to clinical process and outcome measures, both inside and beyond the operating theatre. This is of particular relevance to Anaesthesia where we practice as part of a wider team in patient care.

The use and misuse of post-op HDU's

Dr Kerry Benson-Cooper

Auckland City Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand

I will discuss the current DCCM HDU use in elective surgical patients and some of the outcomes using a 6 month audit of the second half of 2018 as an indicator. I will discuss some of the evidence regarding prediction of outcomes and necessity of HDU admissions in elective surgical patients and where our practice fits in with this.

Perioperative medicine in ANZ. Where are we going?

Dr Vanessa Beavis

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Perioperative Medicine (PoM) is a developing field aimed at helping our most vulnerable surgical patients. Intraoperative mortality is now extremely rare (1:100,000 cases).ⁱ However, post-operative complications cause morbidity and are a leading cause of death in the developed world. Contributors to these figures include: suboptimal risk assessment, lack of shared decision-making, inadequate optimisation before surgery, failure to rescue and finally, fragmented post-operative management.ⁱⁱ

ANZCA has committed to improving the care of patients throughout the surgical journey. Our working definition of PoM is the multidisciplinary, integrated care of patients from the moment surgery is contemplated through to recovery. This involves: preoperative evaluation, risk assessment and preparation, intraoperative care, postoperative care (including monitoring, rehabilitation and post-discharge), communication and handover to primary care or referrer, coordination of personnel and systems, and shared decision making.

The goal is to sharpen our focus on patient-centered outcomes, which may involve decisions that were not considered when the prospect of surgery was first raised. The system should promote proactive planning, rather than reactive damage control when complications arise.

A recommendation from the 2004 ANZCA taskforce report into Perioperative Medicine concluded that PoM is the future of our specialty and that the College should advance the development of this area of practice.

Ten years on from the report, in 2014 ANZCA convened a working group to review the current state of PoM in the developed world. It proposed a different way of caring for surgical patients in the future. It would focus sharply on risk assessment, be coordinated and multi-disciplinary and emphasize clear communication, most importantly involving the patient, throughout the perioperative journey.

The working group's report to the ANZCA Council (2016) resulted in a decision to advance the delivery of perioperative care in Australia and New Zealand by education (a formal qualification), clinical practice models, professional standards and, in time, CPD.

The College has now elevated this project to form a part of the 2018-22 strategic plan. ANZCA has invested considerable resources into PoMⁱⁱⁱ. A survey of all Fellows and trainees of ANZCA has confirmed broad support for the concept of a formal qualification in PoM. An extensive literature search (to be published) has gone some way towards identifying the coordinated perioperative care models that are effective in improving patient outcomes and cost efficiency. It also explored supplementary questions, such as the identification of the models of postgraduate education and training for health practitioners for coordinated perioperative care and the implications for postgraduate education and training of those practitioners.

With so many stakeholders in PoM, including (but not limited to) surgeons, physicians, geriatricians, intensivists, primary care and allied health, ANZCA has taken the lead and has obtained representation and input from the above Colleges and sub-specialty experts, recognising the multi-specialty and multi-disciplinary nature of PoM.

Building on the survey and the foundation provided by the literature search, the College has decided to proceed with the project.

In the initial phase, an overarching coordinating (steering) group, with broad representation, is overseeing five streams of work:

1. A qualification work stream, led by Sean McManus, Anaesthetist and Intensivist and ANZCA councillor from Queensland. This is an historic decision, as ANZCA is the first medical college to formalise the process under the umbrella of a specialist college. A fellowship in Perioperative Medicine is now under development.
2. The "Perioperative Care Models" stream is led by Jeremy Fernando, Anaesthetist and Intensivist and the Chair of the Perioperative SIG. The Perioperative SIG (with multidisciplinary membership) is a key group advocating for perioperative models of care "on the ground". Part of this work stream's brief is to identify other work in this area by other bodies. For example, the Health Quality and Safety Commission in NZ (HSQC) is working with the intensivists to create networks of care, so that there is minimal duplication of effort and more alignment of activity in the patient's interests between all groups.
3. The development of professional standards.
4. Continuing Professional Development.
5. The health economic case for a perioperative service.

These last three are yet to commence but are in the work plan for 2019/20.

To achieve the best outcomes, a collaborative multidisciplinary approach is essential. ANZCA is mindful that inclusivity of all those working in the PoM space is key. To that end, we are involving as many external stakeholders as we can, right from the start, to ensure success.

ANZCA's underlying philosophy for Perioperative Medicine is that the patient's needs are at the centre of this emerging specialty.

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CPET: Can we make it work?

Dr Kathryn Hagen

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Some do, some don't, we might; Kathryn Hagen and Kate Hudig will take you through the maze that is exercising patient's to aid pre-operative risk stratification. Did the METs study make it clear as day, or just muddy the waters? Hopefully by the end of our session, complete with case study and plenty of discussion, you will be in a position to decide.

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