

The Royal College of Anaesthetists
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Wednesday 4 March 2009,

1. **Patient Information issues**

Directory of Good Practice- This is to contain good examples of patient information leaflets submitted from individual hospitals. They will be put on the website after critical review and if they fulfil stringent criteria. They will not be endorsed with the college logo. 2 such leaflets were reviewed.

Children's Information Leaflets- This work is still progressing well. It has been split into 3 age groups to allow development of appropriate information for each group.

RCoA Risk Resource Leaflets- There are 14 of these and are available on the college website. They are now undergoing review in view of their age.

Original RCoA Leaflet Series- These were recently updated. (2008)

2. **Patient Safety issues**

Update of these projects which are in collaboration with the NPSA:

- **Anaesthesia Critical Incident Reporting-** This is a joint project with the NPSA and will also allow the RCoA immediate knowledge of any critical incidents so that they may be followed up rapidly.
- **Double Checking of Drugs-** This trial is still ongoing (i) Barcoding using special prefilled syringes and machines is being trialled at Papworth and Wrexham and (ii) Person-to Person checking is undergoing a trial at more than 12 hospitals
- **Throat packs-** This project has just undergone consultation

3. Working Group reports

- Excellence working group- ongoing
- Role of the doctor working group – joint committee of good practise. This report is still in development.

4. Guidelines for the Provision of Anaesthetic Services

Progress report of the above RCoA guidelines- These are being finalised prior to printing and distribution. Will print in loose leaf to allow changes in individual reports.

5. **Trauma Care Guidelines:** These are being produced by the Intercollegiate Trauma Standards Working Group as national quality standards for trauma care, which can then be audited. The standards will be based on some developed by the London Severe Injury Working Group approx 6/7 years ago. The aim is to get these out to coincide with the development of regional trauma systems.

6. Local Anaesthesia for Intraocular Surgery

Revision is planned of these guidelines.

7. National Audit Projects

The Rcoa 3rd National Audit report has been published
The 4th National Audit is progressing well and will finish in the Autumn

8. Advisory Appointments Committee guidelines

There is planned revision of this document

9. Frequently asked questions

<http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/index.asp?PageID=55>)

As always these questions were reviewed to ensure they are up to date.

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