

# PERIOPERATIVE CRITICAL CARE: THE TOP TEN THINGS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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# CPR and Perioperative Critical Care 2008 - 2009

- Top Ten Targets
- Review of CPR
- Review of Critical Care:
  - Top 10 Things That Make a Difference

# CPR UPDATE

Right from the horses ...



listen while you wait!

# Is Critical Care and CPR a Reinvention of the Wheel?

What are we trying to accomplish?

Are we making any progress?

What is old?

What is new?

What works?

What does not work?

Where should we put our energy?

# Perioperative Critical Care

The Mission: Optimal Care and Outcome for all perioperative patients.

Objectives:

1. Minimize Perioperative Risk
2. Minimize Adverse Consequences of Intraoperative Events
3. Protect, Restore and Preserve Optimal (End Organ) Function through ABC & More
4. Prevent Intraoperative & Postoperative Injury
5. Other

# Prevention of Perioperative Disasters

- Goal: Optimal Perioperative Outcome
  - Patient Selection
    - Who should have surgery?
    - Does the Risk of Surgery Outweigh the Potential Benefit?
    - Does the Risk of Anesthesia Outweigh the Risk of Surgery?
    - When should Surgery be done?
    - Emergency vs. Elective?
    - Is the patient Optimized?

# Cardiorespiratory Arrest: Prevention

- Early Diagnosis and Definitive Treatment of Underlying Conditions
  - Respiratory Distress and Failure: (Including “Non Invasive Therapies”)
  - Coronary Artery Disease & Congestive Heart Failure
  - Valvular, Congenital & Other Acquired Heart Disease
  - Sepsis, Shock, Trauma
  - COPD and other chronic lung diseases
  - Stroke: Embolic, Hemorrhagic, SAH
  - Malnutrition and General Debility
  - Other (nonsurgical) Coexisting Conditions
  - Genetic and Familial Disorders

# End of Life Issues

- Weather or not to start, when to continue and when to stop CPR & Critical Care; those are the questions.
- When in doubt continue aggressive care till you are certain about the direction to take based upon the patient's clinical condition and your best estimate of the patient's wishes.
- What does the patient want?
- Are we ever absolutely certain?
- What is Futility?



# Patient Choices vs. Family Choices

**“Compassion without knowledge is dangerous.”**

- When in doubt, err on the side of life.
- When you are unaware of the facts, bow out of the process.
- “When you put only bad choices on the menu, patients and families always make the wrong decision.”
- Physicians are the agent of the critically ill patient. The patient is in your charge. When patients can't make choices for themselves, your obligation is to make the best possible choices for the patient in consultation with the family.
- Think in terms of what you would want done in the same situation for yourself/someone you love ... unless you have specific and **written** advanced directives **from the patient**.
- **Don't impose personal beliefs; use the facts/expected outcome.**
- **The challenge: Objective decisions based upon facts, evidence and response to early aggressive treatment.**

# Hippocratic Oath

**I SWEAR BY APOLLO**, the Physician, and Aesculapius and Health and All-Heal and All the Gods and Goddesses that, according to my ability and judgement, I will keep this Oath and Stipulation:

**TO RECKON** him who taught me this art equally dear to me as my parents. to share my substance with him and relieve his necessities if required: to regard his offspring as on the same footing with my own brothers, and to teach them this art if they should wish to learn it without fee or stipulation, and that by precept lecture and every other mode of instruction. I will impart a knowledge of the art to my own sons and to those of my teachers, and to disciples bound by a stipulation and oath, according to the law of medicine, but to none others.

**I WILL FOLLOW** that method of treatment which, according to my ability and judgement, I consider for the benefit of my patients, and abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous. I will give no deadly medicine to anyone if asked, nor suggest any such counsel; furthermore, I will not give to a woman an instrument to produce abortion.

**WITH PURITY AND WITH HOLINESS** I will pass my life and practice my art. I will not cut a person who is suffering with a stone, but will leave this to be done by practitioners of this work. Into whatever houses I enter I will go into them for the benefit of the sick and will abstain from every voluntary act of mischief and corruption, and further from the seduction of females or males, bond or free.

**WHATEVER**, in connection with my professional practice, or not in connection with it, I may see or hear in the lives of men which ought not to be spoken abroad I will not divulge, as reckoning that all such should be kept secret.

**WHILE I CONTINUE** to keep this oath unviolated may it be granted to me to enjoy life and the practice of the art, respected by all men at all times but should I trespass and violate this oath, may the reverse be my lot.

HIPPOCRATES  
460-377 B.C.

# Good Vs. Greed

- Problem: Greed is a fundamental animal function based upon survival instincts. Humans, being animals, are subject to the same instincts. While we have the capacity to override our instincts, when push comes to shove ... when the chips are down, humans as a rule, will be selfish and cater to their own survival before the safety and security, or good of others. Yes, there are exceptions in human and other animal populations. For example, the parent who risks his or her life for the good of their child, or the teacher, soldier, pilot, etc. who, at considerable personal risk, takes care of their charge. Where do we fit in this picture?
- The Pilot Analogy? Does it work?

# First a CPR Update

**“New York City ambulances to divert cardiac arrest patients to hospitals equipped to use therapeutic hypothermia.”**

On its front page, the [New York Times](#) (12/4, A1, Hartocollis) reports that, beginning "Jan. 1, New York City ambulances will take many cardiac arrest patients only to hospitals that use a delicate cooling therapy believed to reduce the chances of brain damage and increase the chances of survival."

# What's This About?

The move "indicates a shift away from the prevailing view among emergency workers and the public that how fast critically ill patients reach the hospital is more important than which hospital treats them." Some think, however, "that the policy could be unfair to" smaller hospitals that don't offer the treatment because of financial or staffing reasons. But, David J. Prezant, M.D., chief medical officer of the New York Fire Department, "argued that scientific data show the survival rate of cardiac arrest patients treated with therapeutic hypothermia...is so much better than with conventional treatment that it would be irresponsible not to provide it." Notably, "New York joins a handful of other American cities, including Seattle, Boston, and Miami, as well as Vienna and London, in requiring transport to hospitals with cooling systems."

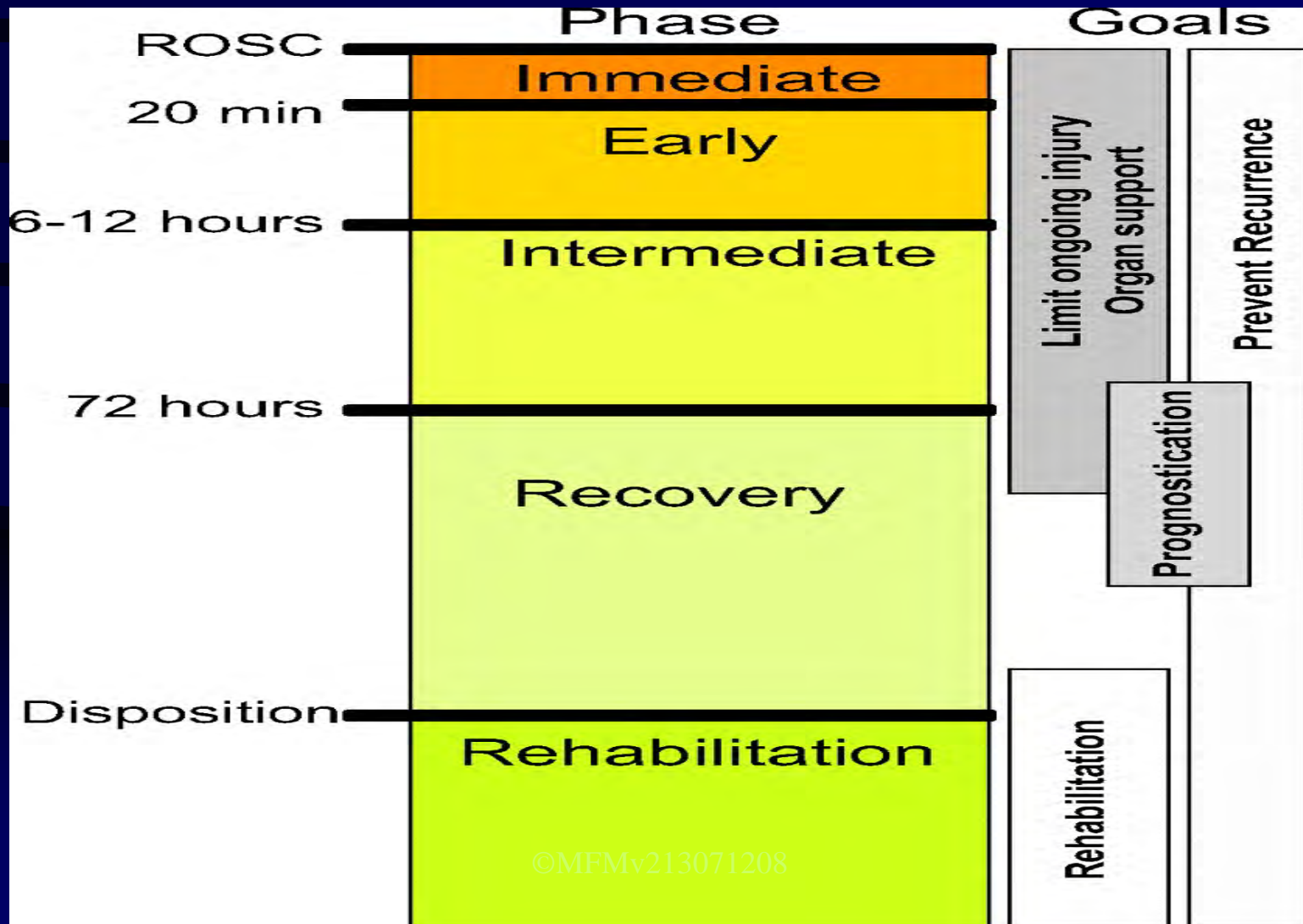
# CPR Outcome

- The first large multicenter report on patients treated for cardiac arrest was published in 1953.<sup>4</sup> The in-hospital mortality rate for the 672 adults and children whose "heart beat was restarted" was 50%. More than a half-century later, the location, cause, and treatment of cardiac arrest have changed dramatically, but the overall prognosis after ROSC has not improved. The largest modern report of cardiac arrest epidemiology was published by the National Registry of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (NRCPR) in 2006.<sup>5</sup> Among the 19 819 adults and 524 children who regained any spontaneous circulation, in-hospital mortality rates were 67% and 55%, respectively. In a recent study of 24 132 patients in the United Kingdom who were admitted to critical care units after cardiac arrest, the in-hospital mortality rate was 71%.<sup>6</sup>

# “Post Cardiac Arrest Syndrome”

- **Resumption of spontaneous circulation (ROSC)** after prolonged, complete, whole-body ischemia is an unnatural pathophysiological state created by successful cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). In the early 1970s, Dr Vladimir Negovsky recognized that the pathology caused by complete whole-body ischemia and reperfusion was unique in that it had a clearly definable cause, time course, and constellation of pathological processes.<sup>1-3</sup> **Negovsky named this state "postresuscitation disease."** Although appropriate at the time, the term "resuscitation" is now used more broadly to include treatment of various shock states in which circulation has not ceased. Moreover, the term "postresuscitation" implies that the act of resuscitation has ended. **Negovsky himself stated that a second, more complex phase of resuscitation begins when patients regain spontaneous circulation after cardiac arrest.<sup>1</sup> For these reasons, we propose a new term: "post-cardiac arrest syndrome."**

# Phases of Post Cardiac Arrest Syndrome





# Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation 2008 in a Nutshell

What's New?

Is Anything New?

Can We Predict Who Will Recover and Who  
Will Not?

To Code or Not to Code; That is Still the  
Question? (Who Should Get CPR?)

How Should it be Done?

# CPR Breaking News

- Don't Start CPR on Terminally Ill Patients
- When in Doubt Start Until You Are Certain
- Follow Patient's Wishes
- When in Doubt Turn Up the JUICE and DO NOT INTERRUPT CPR FOR SHOCKS & Other Stuff
- Hypothermia Helps
- Outcome Still Bad
- What About Hyperbaric Oxygenation

# Hyperbaric Oxygenation

- HANGING AND NEAR-HANGING: MORBIDITY, MORTALITY AND THE EFFECT OF HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY ON OUTCOME. A RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW OF THE MIEMSS EXPERIENCE. M.F. Mascia, R.A.M., Myers. Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), 22 S. Greene St., Baltimore, MD 21201

# Near Hanging and HBO Rx

- All patients with delay in treatment greater than 300 minutes died while 5 patients with admission GCS less than 6 who were treated within 300 minutes achieved discharge GCS of 15.
- Conclusion: Near hanging (non judicial) produces a constellation of pathology that depends upon methods and duration. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy appears to have a beneficial effect upon the outcome of survivors. A comprehensive database and multicenter trial will be necessary to establish optimal hyperbaric oxygen treatment for near hanging victims.

# CPR and Perioperative Critical Care

## Top Ten Targets

- Overall Goal: Preservation of Individual and Family Integrity
- Restoration and/or Preservation of End Organ Function
  1. Elegant Brain, BRAIN & CNS
  2. Heart
  3. Lung
  4. Kidney
  5. Liver
  6. Gut 7. Skin 8. Endocrine 9. Immune 10. Other

# What is Elegant Brain Function?

- Those Functions that distinguish Humans from other animals
- Such as the ability to?
  - create works of art, music, etc
  - ? anticipate
  - ? be productive,
  - ? build systems, etc

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## Preventing Perioperative Disasters Focus on Problems Discovered During Preoperative Evaluation

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# PERIOPERATIVE CRITICAL CARE:

## TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Definitions
- History of Critical Care
- Preoperative Overview: Emergency vs. Elective
- General Health Evaluation
- Preoperative tune-up: avoiding delays, cancellations and disasters (Optimizing Perioperative Outcome)
- Airway: Dental care, difficult intubation
- Breathing: Asthma, COPD
- Circulation: ASHD, CHF, Shock, Potential bleeding
- Drugs: Herbs, Street Drugs and Prescription Drugs
- Environment: Insecticide exposure, temperature
- Electrolytes and Fluids: preoperative maintenance
- Family: MH history
- General Health: Nutrition



# DEFINITIONS:

CRITICAL CARE

DIFFERENCE

VALUE

IMPACT

OUTCOME

COST

CHARGE

# DEFINITION: CRITICAL CARE

PRESERVATION AND  
RESTORATION OF LIFE AND  
VITAL FUNCTIONS IN  
PATIENTS AT RISK OF  
IMMEDIATE DEATH, ORGAN  
INJURY, OR LOSS OF LIMB

What does it mean?  
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN  
PERIOPERATIVE CRITICAL  
CARE

Think about VALUE

Think about IMPACT

Think about OUTCOME

Think about COST

DEFINITION:  
DIFFERENCE  
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
(Intuitively Obvious  
vs.  
Measured Difference)  
5 : a significant change in or  
effect on a situation

***ICU Intensivist Can Mean  
Difference Between Red and  
Black Ink  
Society of Critical Care  
Medicine Present Concept at  
the 31st Critical Care Congress  
(San Diego, January 29, 2002)***

# ***ICU Intensivist:***

***The value of an intensivist and the intensivist-directed model of care delivery in the intensive care unit (ICU) can exceed 10 times the cost of his or her salary and benefits, according to Arthur H. Combs, MD, FCCP, FCCM.***

## ***ICU Intensivist:***

***"Hiring an intensivist offers a net present value (NPV) to the hospital in the tens of millions of dollars," says Dr. Combs***

# *Net Present Value (NPV)?*

## *The Beancounters' View*

*NPV is a basic economic analysis that allows comparison of the value of something NOW (i.e., its present value) with the value of something in the FUTURE.*



# DEFINITION:

## VALUE (89 ENTRIES)

**3 a** : relative worth, utility, or importance : degree of excellence : status in a scale of preferences  
<we know the *value* of a thing by the way it is sought, shunned, protected -- H.N.Wieman>

# DEFINITION: IMPACT

**b** : a concentrated force producing  
change : an especially forceful effect  
checking or forcing change : an  
impelling or compelling effect <the  
*impact* of modern science and  
technology upon society as a whole

# DEFINITION: OUTCOME

**1 a** : something that comes out of  
or follows from an activity or  
process

# DEFINITION: COST

**5** : an item of outlay incurred in the operation of a business enterprise (as for the purchase of raw materials, labor, services, supplies) including depreciation and amortization of capital assets  
see ACTUAL COST

# DEFINITIONS: CHARGE (~~≠~~ COST)

**5b** : the price demanded for a thing or service <a 10-cent admission *charge*> -- often used in plural <reverse the *charges* for a telephone call>

# DEFINITION:

The Focus for this discussion is more traditional and based upon the literature that demonstrates the impact (mostly positive) of perioperative critical care practices.

# HISTORY

BIBLICAL TIMES: KINGS REFERENCE TO MOUTH-TO-MOUTH RESPIRATION

VESALIUS 1514-1564: ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION ON A SOW  
VIA TRACHEOSTOMY (BLOWING THROUGH REED OR CANE)  
RECOGNITION THAT VENTILATION PREVENTS CARDIAC ARREST

ROBERT HOOKE 1635-1703: PRESERVING ANIMALS ALIVE  
BY BLOWING THROUGH THEIR LUNGS WITH BELLOWS

PRIESTLY 1733-1804: DISCOVERY OF OXYGEN

PAUL BERT 1833-1886: NUMEROUS EXPERIMENTS  
ON THE EXTRACTION AND MEASUREMENT OF  
BLOOD GASSES

JOHN SNOW 1813-1858: ON THE INHALATION  
OF THE VAPOR OF ETHER

# WHAT CAN YOU DO TO IMPROVE OUTCOME IN HIGH RISK PATIENTS?

- Preoperative
- Intraoperative
- Postoperative

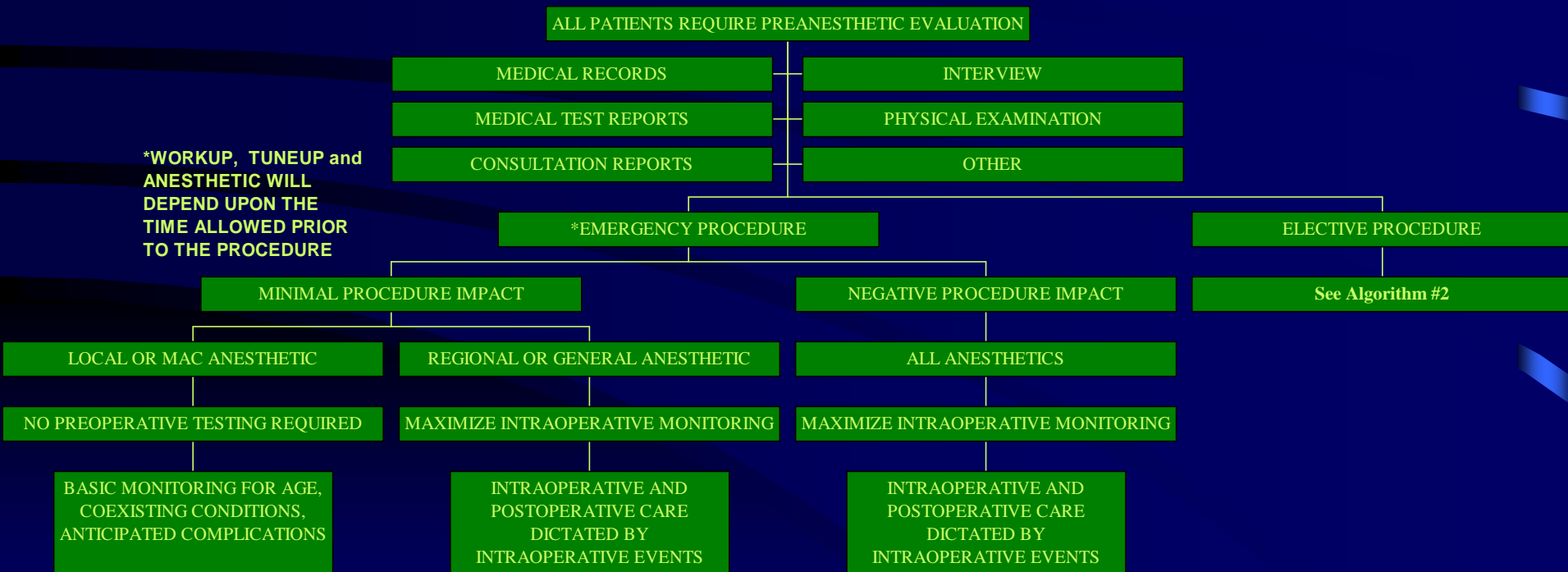


## PERIOPERATIVE CRITICAL CARE:

Preoperative	Evaluation, Prophylaxis	Tune-Up, Therapy
Intraoperative	Monitoring Choices, Prophylaxis	Anesthetic Choices, Therapies
Postoperative	Monitoring Choices, Prophylaxis	Therapy

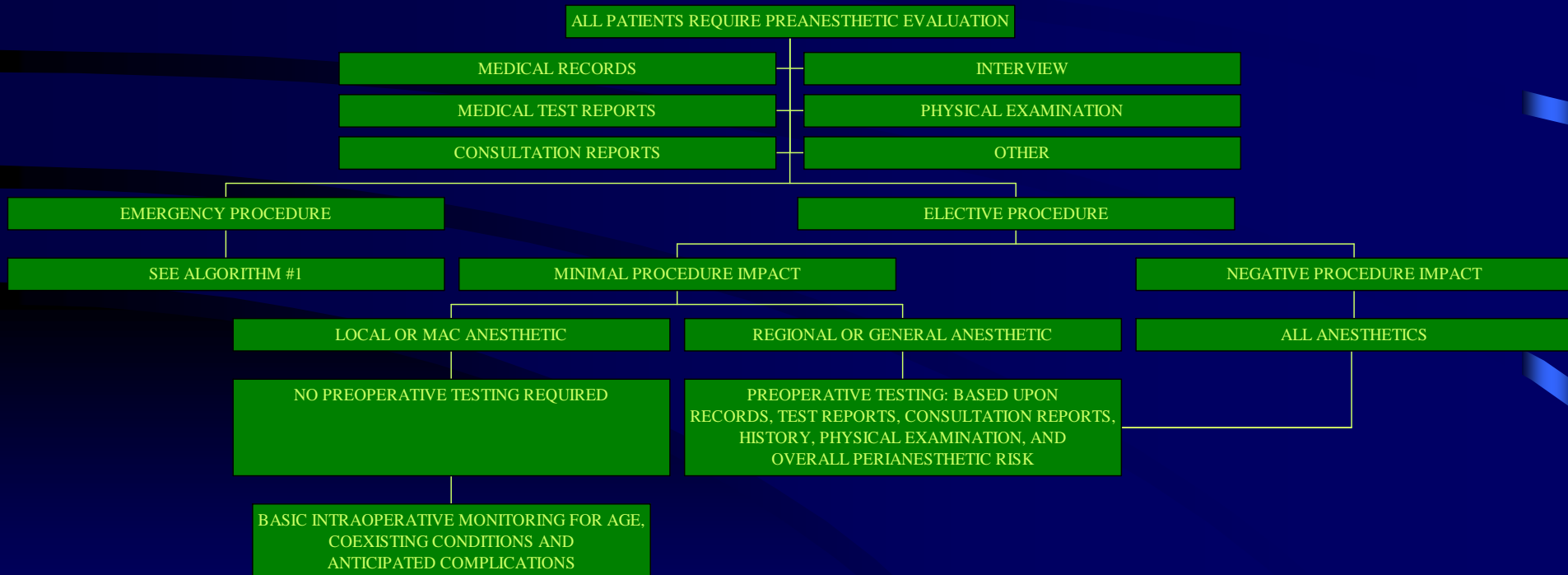
# Preanesthetic Algorithm #1

## Preanesthetic Evaluation and Treatment Requirements



# Preanesthetic Algorithm #2

## Preanesthetic Evaluation and Treatment Requirements



# CASE # 1

40 Y/O LADY

SUDDEN ONSET ABDOMINAL PAIN,  
WEAKNESS, DIAPHORESIS

G=? 7 WKS, P=0

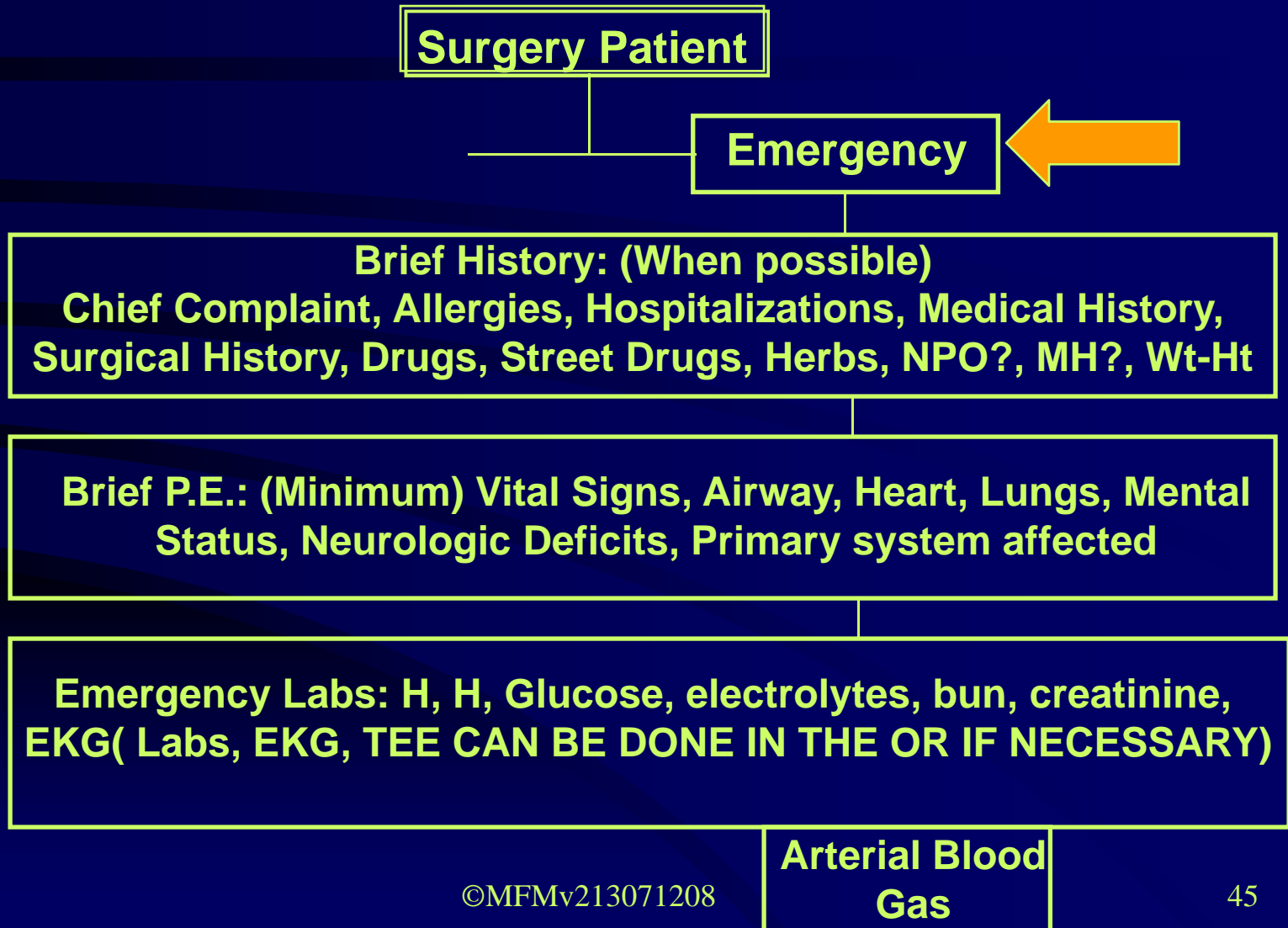
ARRIVES VIA ER WITHOUT IV

MENTAL STATUS =

+/- AROUSABLE

BP 70/40

# Essentials of Preoperative Evaluation:



# CASE # 1

- PRESUMPTIVE DIAGNOSIS:  
RUBTURED TUBAL  
PREGNANCY: Hemorrhagic  
Shock
- HISTORY AND PHYSICAL  
EVALUATION REQUIRED:  
MINIMAL
- TUNE UP REQUIRED: >IV<,  
RESUSCITATE, LABS, BLOOD

# CASE # 1

## EMERGENCY

### EXPLORATORY LAPAROTOMY

### 30 SECOND EVALUATION AND TUNE UP

- HISTORY: ALLERGIES, MEDS, PRIOR SURGERY, MH
- EXAMINATION: MOUTH, TEETH, HEART, LUNGS
- LABS: H+H, TYPE AND X MATCH
- RESUSCITATION: 14-16g IV X 2, VOLUME
- ANESTH: RSI, AFTER RESUS IF POSSIBLE

# Resuscitation FLUIDS

## Simultaneous with evaluation

- **Airway<> Breathing:** Prompt definitive support as indicated, Intubation for Low GCS
- **Circulation:** Large bore peripheral IV x 2 (14-16g) Central line if necessary to get vein.
- **Fluid:** Colloid and blood? except in capillary leak syndrome

(Velanovich, Surgery, 1989)



# INTRAOPERATIVE

CONTINUED RESUSCITATION AND EVALUATION, WITH SWIFT DEFINITIVE SURGICAL INTERVENTION.

- COLLOID, CRYSTALLOID, BLOOD
- ARTERIAL BLOOD GASES
- LABS
- MONITORING

# For the Obstetrician Gynecologists in the Audience

## Perioperative Top Ten

### Impact of OB ICU?

#### Maternal-Fetal Critical Care

- Maternal Deaths @ approximately  
22/100,000 Deliveries
- Causes: Hypertension, hemorrhage, infection
- Did not appear to be favorably influenced by development of OB ICU

Kirshon and co-workers, J Reprod. Med, 1990

# Perioperative Impact?

## Maternal-Fetal Critical Care

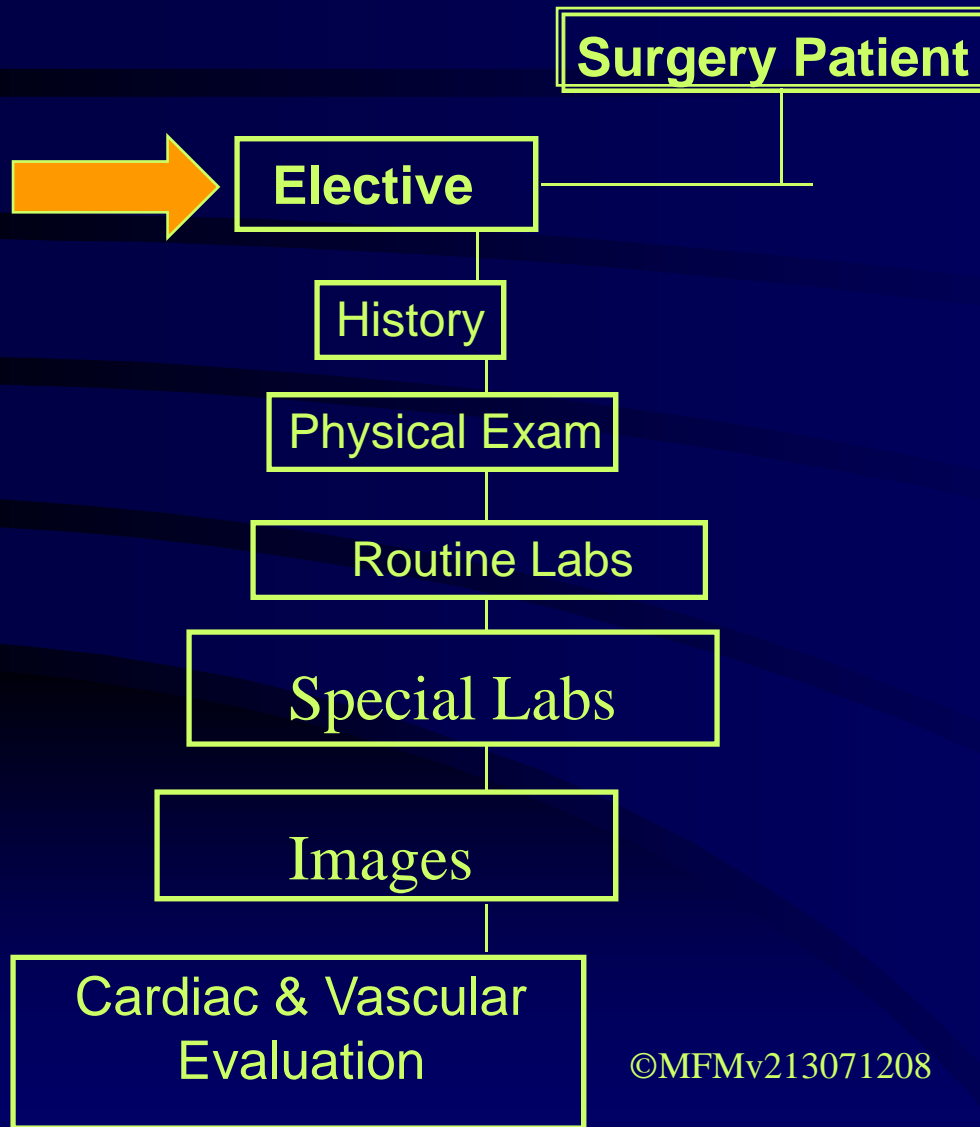
- 50% had preexisting medical conditions
- Maternal Mortality Rate 20%
- Fetal Mortality Rate 35%
- All maternal deaths were accompanied by Respiratory Failure and ARDS

Collop and Sahn, Chest, 1993

## PERIOPERATIVE CRITICAL CARE:

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Intraoperative	Monitoring Choices, Prophylaxis	Anesthetic Choices, Therapies
Postoperative	Monitoring Choices, Prophylaxis	Therapy

# Essentials of Preoperative Evaluation:



# WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR ON THE PREOPERATIVE EVALUATION?

- MALNUTRITION, ANEMIA
- DIABETES, THYROID DISEASE, PHEO
- HEART DISEASE: ANGINA, CHF, CONGENITAL
- HYPERTENSION:
- PULMONARY DISEASE:
- CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE (BRAIN PROTECTION)
- RENAL FAILURE AND RENAL PROTECTION
- MALIGNANT HYPERTHERMIA
- AIRWAY AND DENTAL ABNORMALITIES

# WHAT TO DO?

## MALNUTRITION

### PATIENTS WITH PREOPERATIVE MALNUTRITION

- BENEFIT FROM PERIOPERATIVE  
TOTAL PARENTERAL NUTRITION

VA STUDY GROUP, NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL,  
1991

DETSKY, et al, Ann Internal Med, 1987

# WHAT TO DO?

## ANEMIA

### PATIENTS WITH PERIOPERATIVE ANEMIA AND ASHD

- BENEFIT FROM TRANSFUSION TO MAINTAIN A HEMATOCRIT AROUND 30%



# WHAT TO DO?

## CHF

PATIENTS WITH

### PREOPERATIVE CHF

- BENEFIT FROM PREOPERATIVE TUNE UP, OPTIMIZATION AND INTENSIVE MONITORING THAT INCLUDES THE USE OF SWAN GANZ CATHETER INTRAOPERATIVELY AND POSTOPERATIVELY

# WHAT TO DO? ASHD

## PATIENTS WITH PREOPERATIVE ASHD

- High Risk or Clinical Evidence Suggestive of ASHD?
- Stress Echocardiogram and Cardiac Cath. May be followed by revascularization, or medical rx depending upon the findings.

# WHAT TO DO?

## ASHD

### PATIENTS WITH PREOPERATIVE ASHD

- BENEFIT FROM PREOPERATIVE TUNE UP, OPTIMIZATION AND BETA BLOCKERS.
- SEVERE ASHD PATIENTS MAY NEED REVASCULARIZATION **BEFORE** ELECTIVE SURGERY FOR THE PRIMARY PROBLEM.
- HIGH RISK PATIENTS WILL BENEFIT FROM PERIOPERATIVE BETA BLOCKERS, CLOSE MONITORING, AND TIGHT PAIN CONTROL

# WHAT TO DO? ASTHMA

PATIENTS WITH

**PREOPERATIVE ASTHMA will  
benefit from optimization**

# WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR ON THE PREOPERATIVE EVALUATION?

- WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU FIND IT

# Perioperative Impact: Top Ten PROBLEMS

- Preoperative

Nutrition

Glucose Control

CHF Optimization

ASHD Optimization and Beta Blockers

# *ICU Intensivist VS Obstetrician-Gynecologist:*

**THIS IS NOT AN INFOMERCIAL  
FOR THE SCCM AND Critical Care  
PHYSICIANS OF THE WORLD.  
THESE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS THAT  
MAY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE  
PERIOPERATIVE CARE OF YOUR  
CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS.**

# Perioperative Critical Care for the Surgeon/Obstetrician-Gynecologist

## FOCUS:

- **ADULT PATIENTS**
- **ELECTIVE SURGERY**
- **PREOPERATIVE EVALUATION AND**
- **TUNE-UP**
- **AVOIDANCE OF INTRAOPERATIVE DISASTERS**
- **OBSTETRIC DISASTERS**
  
- **OPTIMAL POSTOPERATIVE CARE  
OF THE HIGH RISK PATIENT**



# Perioperative Critical Care for the Surgeon/Obstetrician- Gynecologist

**FOCUS:**

**CRITICAL CARE IS ALL ABOUT  
ANTICIPATION  
PREVENTION  
SUPPORT  
AND  
RAPID DEFINITIVE INTERVENTION**

# John Snow

Who is John Snow?

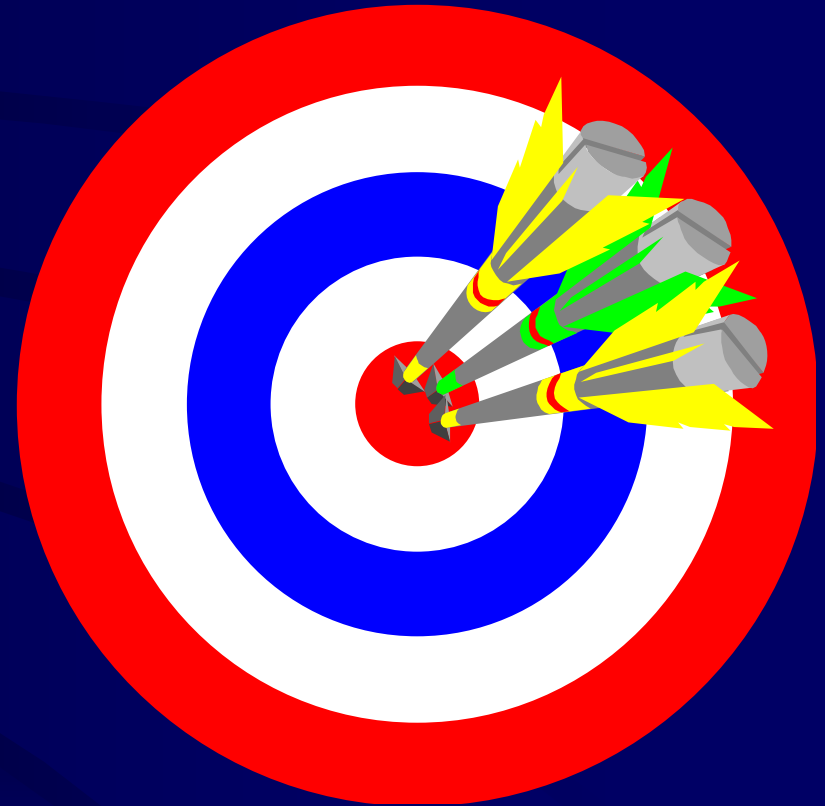
# John Snow

In 1847  
Published  
on the  
Inhalation  
of the  
Vapour of Ether  
in  
Surgical Operations



# John Snow

1847  
containing a  
Description  
of the  
Various  
Stages  
of  
Etherization



# John Snow

1847  
and a  
Statement of the  
Results  
of  
Nearly Eighty  
Operations



# John Snow

## 1847

- Recognized the VALUE of Ether

“From questions addressed to me by medical visitors and students, after the operations in the two hospitals in which I have had the honour of administering the ether, I judged that a fuller account than I had hitherto given of the process might be useful, and not unacceptable to many members of the profession”

# John Snow

## 1847

- Learned of the American Experience with ether in 1846
- Studied the Drug
- Developed a vaporizer
- Gave it to patients
- Studied the effects
- Reported the results

# John Snow

## 1847

- Low tech
- No Discussion of cost
- No financial support



John Snow 1858

On Chloroform  
and other  
Anaesthetics

Consider the  
VALUE  
of  
John Snow  
To the  
Patients he served, the  
Medical Profession, and the  
Patients served since his time

New York Times  
Tuesday, July 13, 1999  
Are Doctors Losing Touch With  
Hands-On Medicine?

# So What?

What difference does it make?

And ... with that question I leave you  
... in deep thought ... till next time.