



## OBA Directors Panel

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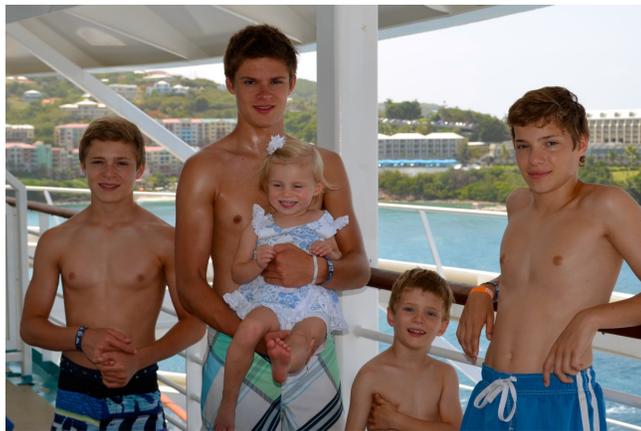
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Early in my OBA career

14 years ago



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Disclosures

- None



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Documentation and Quality Data



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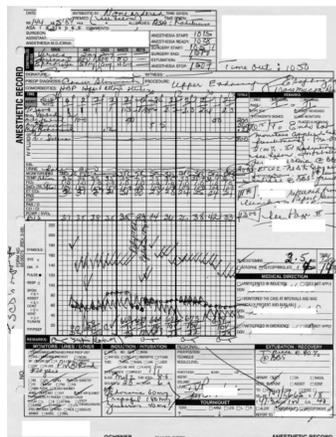
# Objectives

- Review documentation responsibilities of anesthesia providers including anesthesia record, machine and monitor maintenance, and controlled substances
- Gain insights into role of thorough anesthesia documentation in enhancing patient safety and supporting legal defensibility
- Refresher of importance of data collection including accuracy, quality assessment, outcomes, and performance improvement
- Encourage participants to promote a culture of safety and continuous improvement in anesthesia practice

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## Anesthesia Record



- Pre-anesthesia Assessment: phone calls, notes from primary care visits or specialists, lab work, testing, EKG
- Intra-operative record
- Post-operative: report, vitals, discharge info, and follow-up phone call
- Paper or electronic record
- What about unusual occurrences or incidents-THOROUGHNESS

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## Anesthesia Quality Institute(AQI)



Anesthesia Quality Institute(AQI) has Anesthesia Incident Reporting System (AIRS): collecting individual adverse events from anesthesia

The AIRS database is protected from use in legal proceedings through AQI's status as a federally listed Patient Safety Organization (PSO). As a PSO, federal law protects any patient safety work product from legal discovery and imposes strict confidentiality guidelines.

NEW website: [AQIHQ.ORG](http://AQIHQ.ORG)

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## Machines and Monitors



- Includes sequential compression devices(SCD), infusion pumps, and BIS monitors
- Annual inspection ( sticker )
- Maintenance reports

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## Controlled Substances



- Lockbox
- Daily Count logs



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# Licenses

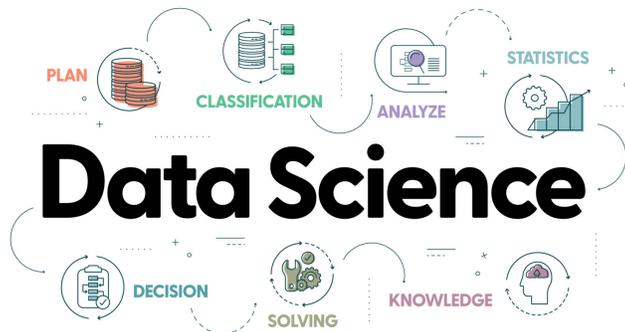


- State medical license
- Business license
- Malpractice policy
- DEA license
- Accreditation

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# Quality Data



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According to  
ASA's Monitor  
in August 2024

Dr. Joseph Staggenborg stated,

“ Cliches are cliches because they are true more often than not. Such is the case with ,  
**‘it starts with the data.’ ”**



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## Definitions

- Data Science: a multidisciplinary study of information and how to extract meaningful insights for decision making and strategic planning
- Benchmarking: the act of measuring the quality of something by comparing it with an accepted standard- how does your practice compare to other similar practices
- NACOR- National Anesthesia Clinical Outcomes Registry
- AQI- Anesthesia Quality Institute ([AQIHQ.ORG](http://AQIHQ.ORG) )
- NSQIP- National Surgical Quality Improvement Program



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## Data Collection/Reporting

- Internal: numbers, totals, search ability
- External: ASA's NACOR, ACS- NSQIP
- May be required by accrediting body



Data Collection

## Quality Assessment/ Performance Improvement

- Patient safety
- Quality Care
- QA/QI Committee: to review incident reports, adverse events and unusual occurrences
- Identify and implement best practices
- Recommend performance improvement and educational activities

## in ASA's Monitor September 2024

"Pay to Play: Do Quality  
 Metrics for Anesthesiology  
 Improve Value?"  
 By Drs. Ibekwe and Gupta

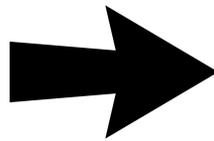
- Reimbursement through Medicare/Medicaid (CMS) uses value-based payment models
- Focus moving to value based models that link "pay for performance to quality indicators"
- Limited outcomes data RESEARCH in anesthesia
- We need **anesthesia specific data** to support our value if reimbursement is going to continue to be tied to outcome data

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Data Collection



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# Value



According to Anesthesia Quality Institute's Strategic Plan:

"The specialty of anesthesiology is at risk of being diminished if a high-quality anesthetic is defined only by the patient's survival of induction and emergence in the PACU alive. Anesthesiologists who focus on the immediate operating room outcome are "value enabling," not "value adding." We endeavor to change that."

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# Individual Value



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# Anesthesia Team/Practice Value



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TEAMWORK      INTEGRITY      CONTRIBUTION

CONNECTION      QUALITY      FOCUS

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# Patient Centered Care



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- Patient satisfaction
- Patient feedback
- Patient follow-up

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## ASA's Enhancing Patient Communications Program (EPCP)



- Strategies and tools to establish meaningful relationships with patients
- Helps increase patient satisfaction scores
- Improve outcomes
- Increase reimbursement
- Ensure better patient care

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## Saturday, Oct. 19, 1:30pm

ASA's CME Course and Toolkit



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# SAFETY CULTURE

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Personal touch

I challenge you to think  
outside the box!

You can practice the way you  
want.... Don't settle for less.



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# Resources



ASA's Anesthesia Quality Institute (AQI) Strategic Plan 2021  
ASA Podcast. Central Line Episode 17: Quality Improvement, August 2020.

[‘Helping’ Your Hospital Partner with Quality and Performance Metrics](#)

[Joseph L. Staggenborg, MD, MBA, FASA](#)

ASA Monitor August 2024, Vol. 88, 17–19. <https://doi.org/10.1097/01.ASM.0001027540.50857.25>

[Pay to Play: Do Quality Metrics for Anesthesiology Improve Value?](#)

[Stephanie Opusunju Ibekwe, MD, MBA, MPH, MS; Anita Gupta, DO, MPP, GMP, PharmD, FASA](#)

ASA Monitor September 2024, Vol. 88, 24–25. <https://doi.org/10.1097/01.ASM.0001050684.87003.9a>

ASA Enhancing Patient Communications Program: New Strategies for Improving Outcomes and Patient Satisfaction

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