

Patient's Knowledge of Anesthetic Practice and the Role of Anesthetists during COVID-19 Pandemic

Supplementary Information

1. Age
 - < 25
 - 25-49
 - 50-74
 - > 75
2. sex
 - Male
 - Female
3. Education
 - no education
 - primary education
 - middle-school grade
 - high-school diploma
 - graduated at university
4. Where the information about anesthesia was obtained?
 - Personal or familiar experiences
 - By doctors
 - Internet searches
 - Information booklets
 - From TV/Film series
 - Articles from newspapers and general magazines
5. Select which of these phrases best represents the figure of the anesthetist (only one answer):
 - The anesthetist is a surgeon.
 - The anesthetist is a doctor specialized in anesthesia.
 - The anesthetist is a specially trained nurse.
 - The anesthetist is a healthcare professional who is neither a doctor or a nurse.
 - The anesthetist is a technician.
 - I do not know.
6. Indicate the activities performed by the anesthesiologist
 - Put the patient to sleep and monitor vital functions
 - Give clearance for surgery
 - Manage the critically ill patients in ICU and in Emergency
 - Manage postoperative pain and chronic pain
 - Monitor for blood loss during surgery
 - Administer blood transfusion if needed
 - Take X-rays during surgery
7. Indicate where the anesthesiologist is required
 - Operating room
 - Intensive Care Unit
 - Delivery room (obstetrics)
 - Emergency room
 - Pain medicine clinic
 - Haemodynamic room
 - Blood bank
8. According to you, the operating surgeon:
 - He intervenes exclusively on the medical-surgical problem for which he addressed him
 - He needs the collaboration with the anesthetist colleague for the realization of the surgery
 - He technically intervenes on his problem and manages his vital functions himself during the surgery
 - All of the above
 - None of the above
9. How does general anesthesia take place?
 - I would like to know how long the surgery will take.
 - I would like to know how the pain will be controlled after the surgery.
 - I would like to know the anesthesia options for my surgery.
 - I would like to know the qualifications of my anesthetist before the surgery.
 - I would like to know the complications of my anesthesia. I would like to know which drugs could be used during anesthesia
10. How does general anesthesia take place?
 - By giving the drug into a vein
 - With a drug injection into the muscle
 - Breathing a gas through a mask
 - With an injection into the skin
11. Which types of anesthesia scares you the most?
 - General anesthesia
 - Spinal/epidural anesthesia
 - Nerve block in the area affected by the operation
 - General anesthesia
 - Sedation
12. Which complication of anesthesia scares you the most?
 - Don't wake-up from anesthesia
 - Feeling pain during surgery
 - Waking up during the surgery
 - Nausea and vomiting after surgery
 - Memory loss after surgery
13. Course of study to get specialization as anesthesiologist
 - Medical degree (6 years) + specialization course in anesthesia and resuscitation (5 years)
 - Degree of Science in Anesthesiology (5 years)
 - Degree of Science in Nursing (3 years) + specialization course in Anesthesia and Resuscitation (3 years)
 - Degree of Medicine (6 years) + Anesthesiology course (1 year)

Figure 1: Survey in English.