

CQI Alerts

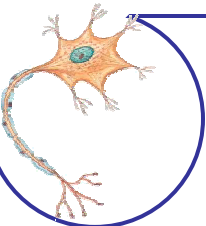
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OBSERVATIONS BY THE CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR UWMC ANESTHESIOLOGY



CHECK YOUR SPECIMEN LABELS

- Incorrect patient labels are being placed on specimens for ABGs and coags. It seems people are using labels that are leftovers from prior procedures.
- Check the patient names for your labels.
- Dispose of inaccurate labels appropriately.



ROCURONIUM FOR DEFASCICULATION

- Use rocuronium 4mg for defasciculation because it has an onset time of about 2 minutes.
- By comparison, vecuronium or pancuronium takes about 6 minutes before onset occurs. And are less effective in preventing fasciculations.
- Note that in rare instances, weakness may occur after defasciculation.



OPERATING ROOM FIRE

Prevention

- Avoid “tenting” of drapes around face and nose that may create O₂ pockets. Use low flow O₂ or air instead of O₂.
- Avoid flammable skin prep solutions (e.g. alcohol).
- Laser resistant ETT tips are still flammable. Fill ETT cuffs with water to shield the tip. Methylene blue dye in the water can aid in detecting cuff ruptures.

Fire!

- Remove ETT and pass to another person to be extinguished (save for later examination).
- Examine airway. Use bronchoscopy to remove soot or plastic from airway.
- Fire extinguishers are in all the OR halls (look for red signs on the ceiling).



PATIENT'S BLOOD ANTIGENS AT PUGET SOUND BLOOD CENTER

- Contact the Transfusion Support Services Coordinator at 598-6926 to obtain a username and password to check a patient's blood center screening results online.