



Anaesthesia Clinical Services Accreditation (ACSA) Accredited Departments



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Dr Justin Turner, Clinical Lead for Pain Management at Salford Royal quote:

'To receive this accreditation is a fantastic achievement and testament to the dedicated and hard-working colleagues who helped ensure the Trust met the high standards set by the Royal College of Anaesthetists. Over an 18 month period, colleagues were asked to demonstrate we were meeting the national standards of quality and safety and the process has served as a valuable learning exercise for all colleagues. We are very proud to have received joint accreditation for neurosciences and general, meaning our patients can be assured of our commitment to delivering high standards of care.'

Dr Glyn Smurthwaite, Clinical Director for Anaesthesia at Salford Royal, quote:

'I am really proud of this achievement, which reflects on the working group who did the lion's share of the preparatory work led by Dr Turner but equally, this is a reflection on the whole department and the high clinical standards we are evidenced to deliver.'





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Areas of good practice

The care pathway

There are very good electronic patient records allowing for easy preoperative access for all staff and to assist in quick reference for emergency situations. The department also has TheatreMan/Sunrise (paperless patient record notes) which is recognised as a huge IT investment. TheatreMan looked very concise and user-friendly.

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Equipment, facilities and staffing

They have introduced green syringes for Metaraminol following previous safety incidents related to incorrect identification of the drug and a risk of inappropriate administration.

Standardised defibrillators in all areas including; theatres, the resuscitation area, recovery etc was an impressive initiative. The emergency trolley including airway is also standardised across the board in all theatres, surgical admissions lounge (SAL) and the resuscitation area.

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Clinical governance

Continuing scenario based anaesthetic resuscitation training (COSBART) started in Salford Royal in December 2006 as it was seen to be more directly related to the theatre setting rather than advanced life support (ALS) type training. They have created a high fidelity resuscitation practice simulation that was non threatening and peer to peer. There is no faculty and there are no candidates; all those attending are recognised as experts (www.cosbart.org).

Bi-monthly half day clinical governance meetings take place during which elective activity is cancelled and only 6 emergency/urgent lists take place. These meetings have approximately 70% attendance. Summaries of the meetings are circulated and made available on the electronic anaesthesia hub.

The trust has introduced a revised controlled drug record book, which has an additional waste management column, thereby allowing clearer and more direct management of wasted drugs.

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