Perioperative Anaphylaxis

NAP6 starts on 5 November 2015 and will run for one year

During this time NAP6 wishes to receive notification of all new reports of Perioperative Anaphylaxis in adults and children. In addition there will be a baseline survey in November 2015 and an activity/allergy survey in April 2016.

What is the NAP6 definition of Perioperative Anaphylaxis?
Anaphylaxis which occurs during any procedure requiring general or regional anaesthesia or sedation or managed anaesthesia care (anaesthetist monitoring only) under the care of an anaesthetist between the period of first administration of a drug (including pre-med) and the post-procedure transfer to the ward, HDU or ICU.

Cases should be reported only if Anaphylaxis is suspected and the severity of the reaction is Grade 3, 4 or 5:

- **Grade 1 Anaphylaxis**  ❌  Excluded
  Not life-threatening. Features include rash, erythema and/or swelling.

- **Grade 2 Anaphylaxis**  ❌  Excluded
  Not life-threatening. Features includes unexpected hypotension – not severe (e.g. not requiring treatment) and/or bronchospasm – not severe (e.g. not requiring treatment), +/- Grade 1 features.

- **Grade 3 Anaphylaxis**  ✔  Included if Perioperative Anaphylaxis is suspected
  Life-threatening. Features include unexpected severe hypotension and/or severe bronchospasm, and/or swelling with actual or potential airway compromise, +/- Grade 1 features.

- **Grade 4 Anaphylaxis**  ✔  Included if Perioperative Anaphylaxis is suspected
  Life-threatening. Fulfils indications for CPR.

- **Grade 5 Anaphylaxis**  ✔  Included if Perioperative Anaphylaxis is suspected
  Fatal.

Please contact your Local Coordinator who will assist you in making a report.

All UK NHS hospitals will be participating in NAP6. **Thank you for your participation, it is key to making NAP6 a success.**

For more information please contact Cheryl Marasigan, RCoA NAP6 Administrator.

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