Yearning to share to raise standards

I read last month that the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) are drawing up a list of triggers that will prompt closer scrutiny of healthcare organisations that may have below acceptable levels of patient care. There is no doubt that the healthcare sector is under the microscope once again; many would say it has never been out from under the microscope.

Shirley Collier draws our attention to the benefits of pre-assessment clinics and how the pre-assessment nurse can carry out vital investigations that may highlight high-risk patients. The main focus of her article centres on cardio-pulmonary exercise testing (CPX) and how the results can be beneficial for patient intervention and postoperative outcomes.

Our responsibilities, our actions and our capacity to care are very important to many practitioners and to their patients; this too is argued in Julie Quick’s article regarding the Surgical Care Practitioner role. Julie profoundly states that SCP’s ‘should not underestimate the legal, ethical and professional complexities’ they face. One reader passionately readdresses some of Kim Sayer’s comments in a recent issue of the JPP and reinforces how important they view the role of the SCP.

Recently, I was fortunate to be invited to talk about AIP to a new bunch of student perioperative practitioners. They were a hungry lot for knowledge! During my presentation, a moment of reflection occurred where I regressed back to my student days. I remember how I hung on every word of my lecturers and that I was eager to apply the knowledge to clinical practice. At the time, I yearned for the week to end, not because I disliked higher education but because I could not wait until Monday morning to be with the patients again.

Now, I yearn for similar things; the beginning of the week to write, share and disseminate knowledge to others striving to raise standards and improve patient care despite the ‘media infection’.

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