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Cost effectiveness of preoperative screening for healthy patients undergoing robotic hysterectomy
MK Rayborn, JL Turner and SG Park
The objective of this study was to determine whether routine preoperative type and screen blood testing is cost effective and medically warranted for benign diagnosis in healthy patients undergoing robotic hysterectomy. The study was designed as a cross sectional retrospective descriptive study. Four hundred and twenty two medical records of American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Classifications I and II patients undergoing robotically-assisted laparoscopic hysterectomy between 1 June 2011 and 31 May 2014 at a 211 bed regional medical center were analysed. The results from this study paralleled the findings of other published research. Preoperative type and screen testing was performed on 249 (59%) of the patients in the study. Ten patients (2.4% of the group) converted to open laparotomy. Mean estimated blood loss was 59.59ml. No perioperative transfusions were required. The results indicate that preoperative type and screen testing is not warranted for patients meeting the inclusion criteria.

135 INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL FEATURE
Validation of the TRUST tool in a Greek perioperative setting
V-E Chatzea, D Sifaki-Pistolla, N Dey and E Meldoniotis
The aim of this study was to translate, culturally adapt and validate the TRUST questionnaire in a Greek perioperative setting. The TRUST questionnaire assesses the relationship between trust and performance. The study assessed the levels of trust and performance in the surgery and anaesthiesiology department during a very stressful period for Greece (economic crisis) and offered a user friendly and robust assessment tool. The study concludes that the Greek version of the TRUST questionnaire is a reliable and valid instrument for measuring team performance among Greek perioperative teams.

141 INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL FEATURE
Access through altruism: A community-based free outpatient surgery program for the working poor in the United States
HR Nolan and B Christie III
Despite healthcare reform, a large population in the United States is without healthcare coverage. The Surgery for People in Need (SPIN) program offers free outpatient surgical procedures to working, uninsured adults. Taking nearly one year to construct, the program has been operational for three years and has performed 22 procedures. Free surgery programs can improve healthcare access by providing interventions to patients who otherwise have no outlet for surgical care. This study serves as an initial report of the SPIN program with an account of its creation, current status and future role. An additional discussion of potential economic benefit is provided.

144 NOTABLE OPERATIONS FROM THE PAST
John Hunter’s operation for popliteal aneurysm
Professor Harold Ellis
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