

Essay

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Patient who was expected to die but survived

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About 38 years old woman, who has had two previous cesarean sections, was brought to our hospital, who has been in labour about 4 days. On arrival patient vital signs read; BP o/o, pulse 62 but faint respiration 26 and temp 92.4F. On physical examination, body cold and clammy. Very restless. Hct. 16%.

Patient was rush to O.R. for emergency cesarean section and was diagnosed as ruptured uterus. General anesthesia was the choice. Patient was given atropine 0.5mg pre-medication and patient induce with ketamine 100mg and 75mg Sux with 100% Oxygen and patient intubated with #7 endotracheal tube. Operation last one hour and forty five minutes. During surgery, 1 liter Dextran and NaCl 1 litre plus one unit of fresh blood were given. BP 80/40 until surgery finished. Relatives of patient were asked to give another unit, but was not possible, because they don't have money and those that come with the patient were not good donors.

The doctor also gave out that the patient was not going to live. But to my surprise patient was sent to the ward and another haemaccel 500ml was given later patient BP started increasing From BP 80/40 – 90/40. This patient live. But spend 1.5 weeks in the hospital before going home.

Patient who was expected to live but die

2)

About 22 years old woman was brought to the hospital with abdominal pain for one week. This patient has ectopic pregnancy. This patient has ruptured uterus for 3 days. BP 60/40, pulse 64, respiration 26. Hct. 17%. I.V. fluid 1 liter NaCl and 1 liter haemaccel given. Surgery started with BP 90/50. Patient was also given one unit blood. Patient was induced with ketamine 100mg and 75g sux with smooth intubation. The blood that was given was not fresh about 5 days extracted.

Surgery last about forty five minutes. BP 100/60 patient was taken to the ward. After two hours, I was called that patient BP decreased to 80/60. I told the nurses that they should contact the relatives for a unit of fresh blood for the patient. But I was told that only one old lady brought the patient. After another two hours, I got another call that

the patient condition getting bad and I told them that, they should contact the surgeon. The surgeon told me later that after surgery 4 ½ hours patient passaway.

My most memorable anesthetic experience

Is that my pre assignment of my patient. All my patients I always ask how old are you. I look at the face, conjunctiva whether it pink or pale. Also ask her to open her mouth whether she has false tooth, tumor, large tongue or empty jaw. Listen to the chest sound, lungs as well. I also ask whether she has operation before, if so, whether and how long. Allergic reaction to any drugs, if so what the name of the drugs. I also try to explain any procedures I am going to do to her.