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Lights, Camera, Anaesthesia! Navigating complications

Nurses in the emergency and critical care department will sometimes be asked to anaesthetise emergency and/or critical patients. This can be for a range of different procedures and conditions and can be tricky to navigate! This session will look at the common complications seen in our patients within the peri-anaesthesia period. First, we need to understand what complications are likely to occur and why? Then we can take a step-by-step approach to troubleshoot the cause, before deciding what we can do to minimise the impact, or which treatment option is best. Maybe we even could do something from the start to avoid the complication entirely?!

Soothing the storm: sedation strategies for ICU patients

Sometimes our patients in the ICU will need sedating, whether that's for initial stabilisation, for a procedure, or to facilitate hospitalisation. Some patients are aggressive, some are sick, and others are stressed! What options do I have, particularly when traditional 'sedation' agents, such as medetomidine ideally should be avoided? In this session, we'll look closer at a selection of agents that could be utilised as sedatives for inpatients and patient procedures, before applying them to some cases commonly admitted into our intensive care units.