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The Anaesthetic Crisis Manual (The ACM) is designed for use as a cognitive aid. It is not a substitute for experience, clinical acumen, or simulator visits, but it can provide immediately accessible guidance when used during a perioperative emergency.

In potentially stressful, time dependent conditions, even senior clinicians can forget important steps in treatment pathways. Inspired by the cockpit Quick Reference Handbook (QRH) concept of commercial aviation, the placement of The ACM in all anaesthetising locations provides welcome support for the team leader, reinforces crew resource management principles (CRM) and may ultimately improve patient outcome.

Embedding cognitive aids into crisis management culture continues to be a challenge, but incorporating the location of emergency manuals into the surgical safety checklist, delegating a reader early in a crisis event and teaching from the protocols will all contribute.

The ACM has proven to be a valuable resource when confronting the unexpected, and as more supportive evidence emerges for better outcomes, we anticipate its use becoming routine in anaesthetic crisis management.

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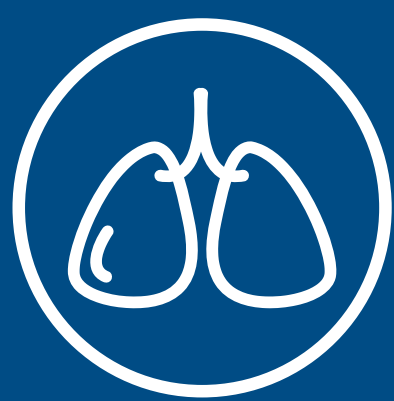
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