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Obstetric Anesthesia Sites on the Internet

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Recommended Sites

The following sites are recommended for the high quality of information they contain and their particular relevance for obstetric anesthesiologists.

HYPertextBOOK OF REGIONAL ANAESTHESIA FOR OBSTETRICS - AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

<http://www.manbit.com>

This textbook is sponsored by Becton Dickinson and edited by Stephen P. Gatt as a service to anesthesia. The list of authors is impressive and includes reputable researchers and clinicians from around the world. The headings, "subject", "author", and "drug", subdivide the main index of the textbook. The long list of topics covers anesthetic techniques, equipment, drugs, and the treatment of high-risk conditions and adverse events. Chapters are well referenced. Helpful figures and tables are included. Elements of this site that appear to be more patient focused can be found at: <http://www.manbit.com/oa/oahome.htm>

CANADIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS' SOCIETY (CAS) - OBSTETRIC SECTION

<http://www.obanaesthesia.org>

Refer to the Bulletin Board for upcoming meetings and events related to obstetric anesthesia, primarily those in Canada and the United States. The online newsletter, written by Dr. Joanne Douglas, provides a useful summary of recent OB anesthesia publications. There are plans for developing "a unique reference site" called ISSUE SCAN.

THE SOCIETY FOR OBSTETRIC ANESTHESIA & PERINATOLOGY (SOAP)

<http://www.soap.org>

This site includes a discussion forum for issues related to obstetric anesthesia. Information about educational resources for both medical colleagues and patients regarding pain relief options during childbirth is presented.

PAIN RELIEF FOR CHILDBIRTH - AN OVERVIEW OF OBSTETRICAL ANAESTHESIA

<http://www.anesthesia.org/public/guides/lpain01.html>

This "booklet", prepared by Dr. Edward Crosby in collaboration with his colleagues at the Ottawa General Hospital, is intended for public/patient education and is available in English and French. Both unmedicated and medicated analgesic options are presented clearly, in lay language. The public may submit questions relevant to OB Anesthesia and the authors will attempt to reply within two weeks.

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Educational sites that are useful for residents and occasional obstetric anesthesia practitioners

VIRTUAL ANAESTHETIC TEXTBOOK

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/anaes/VAT/VAT.html>

Hewlett Packard Medical and the Global Anesthesia Village sponsor this online textbook. Many of the chapters contain information that can be applied to the obstetrical patient, however two are particularly relevant: *Anaesthesia for Obstetrics and the Pregnant Patient* organized by Dr. Michael Schneider and *Local and Regional Anaesthetic Techniques* organized by Dr. John Oyston. These sites are diverse in content with links to a myriad of resources including electronic chapters, textbooks, and review articles. There are links to sites where obstetric anesthesia fellowships and jobs are posted. Information for patients is available through links to sites developed by physicians and non-physicians. The last update to the OB chapter was in 1996, and a few links are no longer valid.

ANESTHESIA FOR THE PREGNANT PATIENT

<http://dacc.bsd.uchicago.edu/library/manuals/obstetric/obanesthesia.html>

Dr. Eveline Faure prepared the information contained at this site which outlines physiological changes during pregnancy, pharmacology for obstetric anesthesia, and analgesic and anesthetic techniques. This detailed compilation includes illustrative diagrams and graphs and a lengthy reference list. Also, see *Common and Not so Common Complications of Epidural Anesthesia* by the same author at:

<http://dacc.bsd.uchicago.edu/library/articles/complications.html>

THE RESIDENT'S ELECTRONIC HANDBOOK - OBSTETRIC ANAESTHESIA

<http://www.medana.unibas.ch/eng/amnesix1/obst-main.htm>

This handbook is located on the SWISS Anaesthesia Server. The chapter on obstetric anesthesia contains brief descriptions of parturition management including lab tests recommended before anesthesia, peripartum and postpartum care.

PRIMARY ANESTHESIA TOPICS - OB ANESTHESIA

http://www.anesthesia.wisc.edu/Topics/OB_Anesthesia/ob.html

Brief articles written by faculty members at the University of Wisconsin are presented. They address specific, rather than general topic areas (e.g., Succinylcholine and Preeclampsia; Tocolytics: Side Effects).

OBGYN.NET - OBSTETRICAL ANESTHESIA

<http://www.obgyn.net/english/ob/anesthesia.htm>

Visit this site to access a variety of links to articles related to obstetrical anesthesia.

Educational Sites: Complications and Co-Existing Conditions in Pregnancy

OBSTETRICAL ANAESTHESIA: INTRAPARTUM COMPLICATIONS

http://www.magma.com/~relliott/core_obs/OBS_ToC.html

This site prepared by Dr. R.D. Elliott of the University of Ottawa includes five high-risk clinical scenarios in obstetric anesthesia accompanied by sound clips. Questions regarding each case are presented and users can link to the accompanying discussion page or review the errors in anesthetic management.

THE GLOBAL TEXTBOOK OF ANESTHESIOLOGY (GASNET) - ANESTHETIC MANAGEMENT OF PRE-ECLAMPSIA

<http://gasnet.med.yale.edu/gta/Pre-eclampsia.html>

This site contains a detailed discussion of the anesthetic considerations for a patient with pre-eclampsia, including definitions, clinical features, management, and a current reference list.

EPILEPSY IN PREGNANCY

<http://mbox.unipa.it/~lanza/obste/Epiling.htm>

This site outlines anesthetic considerations for pregnant patients with epilepsy and non-epileptic seizures.

PHARMACOLOGIC TREATMENT OF HYPERTENSIVE DISORDERS IN PREGNANCY

<http://www.cma.ca/cmaj/vol-157/issue-9/1245.htm>

This report regarding pharmacologic treatment of hypertensive disorders in pregnancy is a product of the Canadian Hypertension Society Consensus Conference. CMAJ 1997; 157:1245-54.

Home Pages for Organisations

The following organisations provide information about membership and upcoming society sponsored events and meetings. If the organisation supports fellowships or grants, criteria for applying are provided.

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF REGIONAL ANESTHESIA (ASRA)

<http://www.asra.com>

OBSTETRIC ANAESTHETISTS' ASSOCIATION (OAA)
<http://www.oaa-anaes.ac.uk>

ITALIAN CLUB OF OBSTETRIC
 ANESTHESIOLOGISTS
<http://www.ciao.cc/en/index.html>
 Italian and English versions of this site are available.
 There is a section with the dates and locations of
 meetings and courses in Europe and North America
 that are dedicated to obstetric anesthesia.

IRISH SOCIETY OF OBSTETRIC ANAESTHESIA
<http://www.coombe.ie/isoa.html>

SOCIETY OF OBSTETRICIANS AND
 GYNECOLOGISTS OF CANADA (SOGC)
<http://sogc.medical.org>

SOCIETIES OF INTEREST TO OBSTETRICS AND
 GYNECOLOGY
<http://demeter.museum.state.il.us/isas/obsoc.html>

POINTS OF PEDIATRIC INTEREST -
 ORGANIZATIONS
<http://www.med.jhu.edu/peds/neonatology/organ.html>

Journals

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF OBSTETRIC
 ANESTHESIA
<http://www.churchillmed.com/Journals/IJOA/jhome.html>

This is the Home Page for the International Journal of Obstetric Anesthesia, the official journal of the Obstetric Anaesthetists Association. It is described as "the first journal publishing original articles devoted exclusively to obstetric anesthesia and bringing together all three of its principal components: anesthesia for operative delivery, pain relief in labor and care of the critically ill obstetric patient".

OBSTETRIC ANESTHESIA DIGEST
<http://www.lww.com/cgi-bin/wwonline.storefront>
 Obstetric Anesthesia Digest publishes four issues per year, summarising the world literature in obstetric anesthesia. The journal does not have its own home page, but prices and subscription information can be accessed through the publisher, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, at the above address. Books on a variety of topics related to anesthesia including obstetric anesthesia can also be found here.

WORLD ANAESTHESIA ONLINE
<http://www.nda.ox.ac.uk/wfsa>
 World Anaesthesia & the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA) produce this online journal. It is aimed at providing practical advice for those working in isolated or difficult environments. Almost every issue since 1992 has included topics related to obstetric anesthesia.

Information about Pregnancy & Obstetric Anesthesia for the Public

Are you interested in knowing what information patients may be accessing? Some sites are prepared by anesthetists or nurses and contain valid and helpful information, others are very commercial and provide inaccurate or outdated information that is not evidence based, e.g., epidurals may result in long-term backache, sexual dysfunction, and hyperactivity in children up to the age of seven years.

BABYZONE
<http://babyzone.com/delivery.htm>

PAIN RELIEF IN LABOR BY CHILDBIRTH.ORG
<http://www.childbirth.org/articles/labor/painrelief.html>

CESAREAN SECTION RESOURCES BY
 MININGCO.COM
<http://pregnancy.tqn.com/msub3.htm>