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Web Site Review

www.anesthesiologynews.com

Anesthesiology News is a monthly newspaper "offering extensive coverage of all major anesthesiology meetings plus Canadian Medical Education (CME), educational reviews, physician-authored articles and articles on all the issues of greatest concern to anesthesiologists." Unfortunately, Anesthesiology News in paper format is free only to Americans. Fortunately, Canadians can access the Web version (and save a few trees in the process) by registering at www.anesthesiologynews.com and obtaining the articles online. While many of the articles are in PDF format, most are in HTML (Web page) format.

The mainstay of the site are articles based on conference presentations at gatherings such as the annual meeting of the American Society of Anesthesiologists or the annual meeting of the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society. This helps provide information that is often more timely than that from peer-reviewed journals, but one must also bear in mind that the information provided may sometimes be preliminary in nature. In other cases, however, the articles are based on publications in Anesthesiology or other peer-reviewed journals. Regardless, I found that the information offered is usually interesting, and always well-written.

For individuals wanting resources for CME, the site has an excellent series of articles on preoperative assessment hosted by Dr. Elizabeth Frost from Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. Here are some recent offerings from that section:

- Pre-Anesthetic Assessment of the Patient with Placenta Previa;
- Pre-Anesthetic Assessment of the Patient with Congestive Heart Failure;
- Pre-Anesthetic Assessment of the Spinal Cord-Injured Patient for Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripsy;
- Pre-Anesthetic Assessment of the Patient who uses Anabolic Androgenic Steroids;
- Pre-Anesthetic Assessment of the Patient Undergoing Tumescant Liposuction;

- Pre-Anesthetic Assessment of the Patient with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder.

I have only one complaint about the site (other than the fact that registration is required) - the search feature is completely useless. Other than that, the site is absolutely great.

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