



Duke Anesthesiology NEWS

Duke Paints the SCA Blue

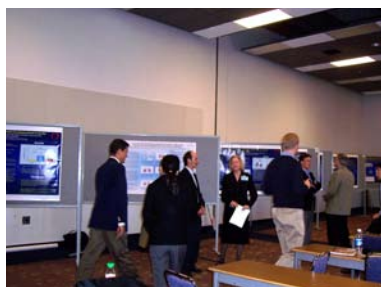


The 29th Annual Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists (SCA) Meeting and Workshops took place April 21st – 25th at the Palais des congrès de Montréal in Montréal, Québec, Canada. Carrie Trutt, a member of the Public Relations Team, attended the conference to enhance our Department’s presence by advertising upcoming Anesthesiology CME events and to assist our faculty by supplying public relations materials and visual flare.

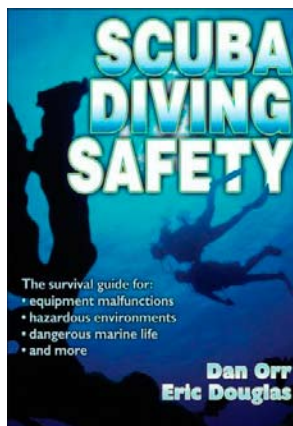
More than 800 delegates and 50 exhibitors took part in the meeting. The audience was comprised of cardiothoracic anesthesiologists, critical care physicians, general anesthesiologists, nurses, perfusionists, and all those involved in the care of the cardiovascular surgery patient.



The SCA is an international organization of over 6,000 cardiac, thoracic, and vascular anesthesiologists that promotes excellence in clinical care, education, and research in the subspecialty. The Society is committed to the advancement of perioperative care of patients with cardiovascular and thoracic diseases through education and research. The Society is a non-profit educational foundation organized exclusively for educational, scientific and charitable purposes. SCA is accredited by the ACCME and is a recognized subspecialty organization of the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA). Three meetings are held annually: (1) Annual Comprehensive Review and Update of Perioperative Echo, (2) Annual Update on Cardiopulmonary Bypass and (3) Annual Meeting and Workshops.



DAN Publishes New Book



Eric Douglas and Dan Orr of Divers Alert Network have a new book coming out in May entitled “Scuba Diving Safety”. It will be available May 21st. The beautiful locales, exotic plant and sea life, and relaxing environs of dive locations are even more peaceful when you are armed with the expertise & skill to stay safe in any situation. With self-rescues, buddy rescues, open-water resuscitation, & towing techniques, “Scuba Diving Safety” will become your most valuable diving companion. Visit www.scubadivingsafety.com and www.booksbyeric.com.

New Phone Screening Process Starting Soon in POSU



In an attempt to improve satisfaction for patients in POSU, a new phone screening process will soon be started for ASA1 and ASA2 patients. The documentation of this will be started in ORview by POSU nurses, but in order to complete the H&P, the physical exam must be done and documented at the bedside by a member of the anesthesia team and signed by the attending anesthesiologist. The current H&P format of in ORview will be leveraged to do this to maintain

cohesion, but the physical exam will need to be manually documented on the last page of the ORview H&P until a simple bedside electronic solution is ubiquitously available in preop holding for all anesthesia staff.

To distinguish the new phone screen from a full H&P, it will be printed on green paper with a grey chevron edge. Note the new space for the Anesthesia physical exam, attending anesthesiologist and surgeon countersignatures. Note particularly that the antibiotic statement for the surgeon has changed to the converse “This patient does NOT require preoperative antibiotics”.

The new process will start after extensive communication with anesthesia, surgical and nursing staff over the next two weeks.