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WHO Surgical Safety Checklist Implementation. European Medical Students Observations



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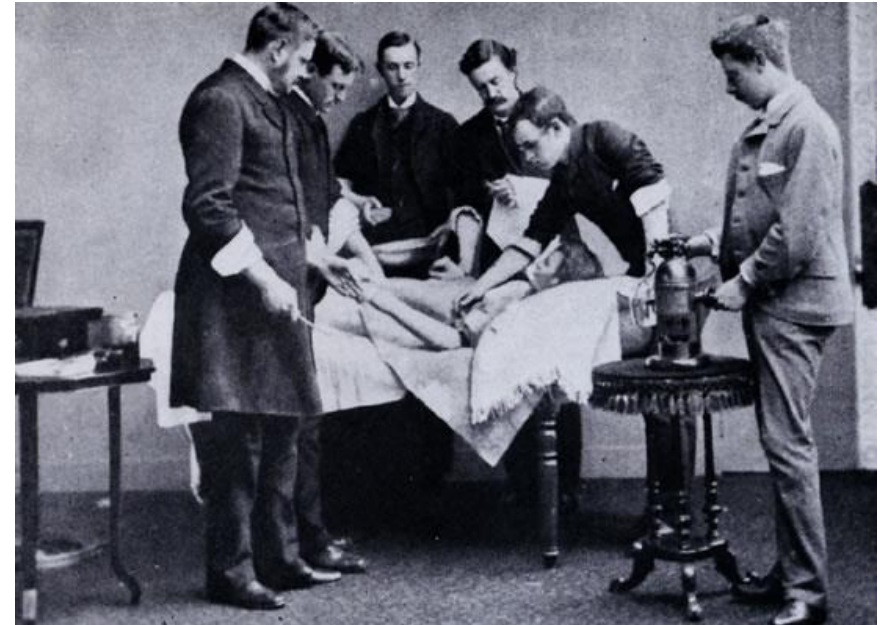
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The WHO Surgical Safety Checklist Initiative Implementation Obstacles

- Correlation between medical education and the Surgical Safety Checklist ;
- Why surgical safety checklist is hard to bring to life – what do students as fresh observers of the system see;
- Suggestions for the future.

Historical aspects

- Bleeding, pain and infection have been the three principal obstacles' that surgeons have been striving to overcome since the early days of the profession;
- Safety measures have been introduced in order to improve the outcomes.





Curriculum issues

- Part concerning safety measures is largely focused on the requirements how to ensure sterile and non-contaminated surgery fields and safe surgical tool use;
- Teamwork approach and interdisciplinary - multi specialist cooperation approach is absent.
- This presents serious threat to patient safety and healthcare quality.



Why is the surgical safety checklist hard to bring to life?

- Specification of surgical units differ significantly at hospital settings;
- Lack of verbal communication between staff members.

Suggestions for future consideration: improving the curriculum

- Surgical Safety Checklist should be involved in the undergraduate medical curriculum;
- This model would set the grounds for specialists improvement in the future.

Suggestions for future considerations: better involvement of the staff

- It is crucial for nurses and assisting staff to get involved as equal partners in the process of going through the checklist;
- Authorities or managers responsible for the continuous professional development, revalidation of professional skills may consider including the checklist as one of the criteria to be revised;



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