

Letter from the Editors

Dear colleagues,

In this second issue of the *Greek e-journal of Perioperative Medicine* for 2018 a wide area of interests is covered.

The review article of *Gortsou D, et al* summarizes the nursing interventions for patients with Myasthenia Gravis (MG) undergoing surgical removal of the thymus gland. They concluded that prompt identification of the symptoms and signs of common MG complications combined with aggressive nurse interventions are the keys to ensure the best possible outcomes.

Dubey A assessed the line of action that forty anesthetic specialists would follow in case of an iatrogenic tooth avulsion during intubation and laryngoscopy. The author observed that few anesthetists knew the correct protocol in handling the avulsed tooth and also proposes measures like immediate reimplantation and stabilization of a permanent avulsed tooth.

The following retrospective study of *Ioannidis R, et al* compares the level of sensory block in parturients with different body height, after spinal anesthesia with local anesthetic of fixed volume and consistence. Authors concluded that body height of parturients and level of sensory block after spinal anesthesia with a fixed intrathecal solution, for elective caesarean section, seems to be two independent variables.

Next, *Lolakos K, et al* described the intraoperative use of apneic oxygenation in two patients with previous pneumonectomy, who were scheduled for surgical resection of a tumor in the remaining lung. Using apneic oxygenation, oxygenation was preserved in both patients for a significant period of time, while the predictable results of apneic oxygenation (hypercapnia and respiratory acidosis) were corrected by mechanical ventilation. Both patients had no severe postoperative complications.

Our final article of *Ampatzidou F, et al* presents a case of lung metastasis in a 45 year old female who underwent left knee amputation because of tibial adamantinoma.

We want to thank you again for your support and we would like to remind you the invitation from the organizing and scientific committee of the ANAESTHESIA 2018 for ANAESTHESIA 2018 – 15th Congress of Anesthesiology and Intensive Medicine which is to be held in Thessaloniki, on the 20th to the 23rd of September, 2018. We hope to see you there.

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