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From the Doctor's Desk

Safety for patients in the operating room is a growing concern, especially in relation to the possibility of fires. Fire safety is an integral part of surgery training for all staff members involved in surgery; the surgeon, anesthesiologist and O.R. staff all undergo specific instruction so that they are prepared to both maintain patient safety and react should an adverse situation present itself.

Unfortunately, one of the more common reasons for fires in an operating room is unsafe surgical practices. Whether a physician or staff member chooses to utilize an unsafe sterilization liquid, such as alcohol, or carelessness of technique during the procedure, fires in an operating room are completely preventable. A patient understands before they enter surgery that there is an acceptable amount of risk involved with the particular surgery, and entrusts their body to the physician to maintain the highest standard of care while they are under anesthesia. It is a surgeon's responsibility to their patient to practice only safe, approved measures and techniques while in an operating room, and this is where many fires are prevented.

In 2008, for example, out of more than 50 million surgeries performed in the U.S., only 650 endured a fire in the operating room*. These fires can be traced to multiple causes, but unsafe liquids and surgical techniques are an inexcusable reason for an O.R. fire. It is important that patients educate themselves about the techniques and 'best practices' that their surgeons utilize while in the operating room, both for their ease of mind and to hold physicians responsible for high quality patient care. In my surgical practice, alcohol is never used as an option for a preparatory antimicrobial solution. In all of the cases to which I have been privy to information regarding a fire in an operating room, alcohol was used as the preparatory solution, which is why most operating safety literature supports the use of many other nonflammable products.

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*Statistics extrapolated from Health Care Purchasing News, www.hpnonline.com



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