OCTOBER 2013
Hello Class of 2015! We have some wonderful ideas to make this semester the best it can possibly be!!

Your class representatives are working on an “End of Didactics Party” Date and location are to be determined! After we get our options together the class members will receive a survey so we can decide as a group!!

Less than 3 months to GO till we are in the OR!!

UNE Logowear
We want your input!! Sarah Varney is kindly working on creating a number of different logos! Kirstyn has been contacting printing companies. We will let you know design & attire options available!

Valley Anesthesia has been kind enough to offer our class certifying exam review questions

Upcoming Meetings

• NEANA- 2013 Fall Workshop, Oct 25th-27th
  Woodstock Inn & Resort- Woodstock, VT

Hope to see you there!!!

CRNA Cert Exam Review Question

Isovolumetric contraction of the left ventricle begins with closure of which cardiac valve?
UNE MNA President’s Message:
Class of 2015
Submitted by: Mark Alderson, MSN, RN, CNL, SRNA

“You take people and bring them close to death, keep them safe, and then bring them back.” That was a statement someone recently made to me. This person, years ago, self-admittedly, did not have a good concept of the MNA program and role of the SRNA/CRNA. They attended a guest speaker MNA event to learn more about our role, and that statement by the speaker resonated with them ever since.

As we immerse ourselves in the fall semester, with detailed study of specific subjects, systems and pharmacology, let us never lose sight of the big picture. It is a tremendous honor and privilege to be able to participate in this fascinating field. With tremendous privilege comes tremendous responsibility and public trust. Be vigilant, practice excellence, and always remember to keep your patient safe!

Your class officers are working hard to facilitate learning and team building opportunities from logo wear to mentoring to fundraising. If you have suggestions, questions or want to volunteer, please let us know!

*No more free forks: people were upset they were suddenly being charged for forks at the Blewett lounge. GAPSA actually had to give them money to stay open. They ask that we think of it as a separate business, that isn’t making much money as it is & it’s more for student convenience.

What’s New at UNE:
Senator Melissa Lewis has been working diligently to get all our questions answered…

LIBRARY
*Is open 24 hours 5 days a week & limited on weekends. They are working on extending these hours by next summer. If you have a specific request please see Melissa & she will bring it up at the next meeting

*There is some extra $$$ available and they are thinking about putting a fridge and break room area in the Library by the vending machines. What are your thoughts!?  

*Heating/AC controls in Blewett has been a long standing issue.
No Further Comment…

*LIGHT BACKGROUNDS ON PPTS.
They are working on creating a policy with the Dean of Students preventing dark backgrounds

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ANESTHESIA NEWS
Airways, Risk Management & Outcomes
Submitted by Mark Alderson, MSN, RN, CNL, SRNA

Before you reach for an anesthesia adjunct, such as an LMA or other device, make certain you have thoroughly weighed the risks versus the benefits. Ask yourself if you know why that is the best choice for this individual patient, given the totality of the circumstances. Always have a plan B and C in the event plan A does not go as planned. Highlighting these ideals is the case of Rosa v. Anesthesia Associates of New London, P.C. (AANL) that was decided by appeals court on August 27, 2013. Plaintiffs were awarded a combined total of more than $10.5 MM.

The details of this case highlight the need to be vigilant, and to be current on evidence-based practice and manufacturer guidelines. If you choose to deviate as a clinician, you should be prepared to explain why that deviation was the best choice and in the best interest of the patient. What started as a moderate sedation case (plan A) quickly became an airway problem. A plan “B” does not appear to have been ready, and the emergent decision by the anesthesia care team resulted in a negative outcome for the patient.

Click here to read about the details of the case, what went wrong, and how the instruction manual (inadvertently supplied by the defendant) may have shifted the tide in the case.

Please see Wendell if you have a specific date or time in mind for our next MNA dodge ball Game!