

APAGBI SURVEY AND AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE

Template Report for Surveys of the APA Membership

Survey Title: Aseptic precautions in paediatric caudal blocks

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Brief Description of Purpose: Resurvey after publication of 2008 AAGBI Infection Control Guideline – previous survey showed most did not meet AAGBI’s suggested level of asepsis

Category of Membership Surveyed: (e.g. all, home, overseas, linkmen, trainee): All

Dates of Survey: 15/8/2012 - 22/11/2012

Number of Responses: 454 (422 usable in data analysis)

Outline Findings of Survey:

Single-shot caudals	Caudal catheters
45% social handwash, 45% full scrub 93% used sterile gloves 7.6% wore sterile gown 49% used 2% chlorhexidine; 43% used 0.5% 5.5% used all precautions suggested by the AAGBI Guideline	94% used full surgical scrub All AAGBI recommendations met by 63%

Intended Publication/Presentation: Draft manuscript prepared for submission to *Pediatric Anesthesia*

Follow up Actions Required: Likely to prompt further debate about what is/isn't appropriate asepsis for neuraxial procedures

Other Comments:

Date Submitted to Survey Lead: 10th September 2013

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