

Hazardous Attitudes in Anesthesia Practice

1. My success as an anesthesiologist is entirely attributable to my hard work and ability.
2. When doing anesthesia for trauma, I often worry about getting into trouble.
3. If my anesthetic management depends on a specific piece of equipment functioning, I worry about having to complete the anesthetic safely if that equipment fails.
4. I can learn any clinical skill if I put my mind to it.
5. I like to do challenging procedures.
6. I really hate case delays.
7. I really like to do challenging cases
8. I really worry about having to abort a case in the middle
9. If the patient is medically unstable, I will not delay the case unless there is a major problem.
10. I always worry about technical errors (like picking the wrong drug) or making the wrong diagnosis) and complications when conducting an anesthetic.
11. I am basically an impatient anesthesiologist.
12. I like high-risk cases.
13. The OR administration is more interested in controlling physician behavior in the OR than providing quality service.
14. Sometimes I feel I have very little control over what happens to the patient.
15. In a tight situation, I trust fate.
16. I really worry about needlestick injuries.
17. Sometimes I feel like the patient's outcome is set before I even start.
18. If I decide to proceed with a case, I want to do it now.
19. The thoroughness of my preoperative plan mostly determines the likelihood of having a problem during the case.
20. The OR scheduling desk is more of a hindrance than a help.
21. When I am in a tough spot, I figure if I make it, I make it and if I do not, I do not.
22. I like to do difficult procedures.
23. If you want to protest a license suspension by the state medical licensing authority, the odds are stacked against you.
24. The hospital administration is more of a hindrance than a help.
25. In anesthesiology- what will be will be.
26. In general, I find the Operating Room scheduling desk to be very helpful.
27. If I have done something wrong, I will report it because someone will report me anyway.
28. A successful anesthetic is solely the result of good planning and good execution.
29. Most Operating Room administration rules do not promote safety.
30. I like to do unusual cases.

Notes:

All items are scored in the same scale Strongly Disagree=1, Disagree=2, Neither agree nor disagree=3, Agree=4, Strongly Agree=5 ; **except** for the reverse scoring of items #9 and #26

The following Items are scored together- 5, 7, 12, 22, 30- Macho; 1, 4, 19, 27, 28 are Self-confidence; 2, 3, 8, 10, 16-Worry/anxiety; 6, 9, 11, 18, 23-Impulsive; 13, 20, 24, 26, 29-Anti-authority; 14, 15, 17, 21, 25- Resignation/external locus of control

Scores are summed for each HA group and scores are considered to be "of concern" if any groups sum is >20.