

Pan-European Survey Project

Aim

The aim of this project is to circulate a Pan – European Survey looking into various aspects of the application of Regional Anaesthesia (RA) in European countries

Context

Regional Anaesthesia (RA) is an essential part of perioperative care and has been well established in everyday clinical practice for decades. However, information on a nation–wide extent of use is sparse in literature, at National, European or International level. Local and regional differences may exist due to lack of a unified curriculum and different training systems throughout European countries. Such a survey may as well serve as a benchmark for the impact ESRA may have on education in the future.

Primary Endpoint

To collect, register and analyse data, with respect to current practice and frequency of RA application in Hospitals of European Countries, for the year 2014, based on feedback (following Questionnaires completion), from Anaesthesiology Departments in Secondary or Tertiary Hospitals across nations. Aspects under investigation will be the frequency of use of RA, the categories of surgery RA is used for, tools used in RA application and training programmes existing in different locations.

Secondary Endpoints

To identify possible differences and factors, that may influence RA application between hospitals, countries and nations and identify reasons that may explain possible differences regarding RA extent of use in various categories of European Hospitals.

Plan & Procedure of Pan European Survey

This study will recruit as many participating institutions as possible across the European countries represented at the ESRA Board and Council, over a period of at least two consecutive months, including weekends and after-hours.

A national coordinator will be responsible for each country ensuring that all participating centres in her/his country are in accordance with the study protocol.

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