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EDITORIAL

Millions of children are anaesthetised each year. Some are fortunate enough to be looked after in dedicated paediatric centres, undergoing surgery and anaesthesia with fully trained specialists. At the other end of the spectrum there are places where children do not receive surgery because of a lack of trained anaesthetists or suitable equipment.

Almost all anaesthetists, particularly those working in developing countries, expect to care for children regularly. This edition of Update in Anaesthesia contains a review of paediatric anaesthesia which we hope will prove practical. It discusses the differences between anaesthetising children and adults and details some of the techniques and equipment required. There is also an article on caudal anaesthesia, a commonly used regional technique to reduce postoperative pain.

We know that our readers work in a variety of circumstances, and we are anxious to ensure that our topics are covered at a realistic level. We would be delighted to receive correspondence regarding our reviews, particularly where specific techniques can be described or recommended for those working with minimal resources.

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your computer and you can use any of the material for teaching or studying purposes. When doing this please acknowledge Update in Anaesthesia.

We have recently made a few alterations in the way Update is produced and hope to publish every six months in the future. There will be some changes in the way material is presented and we would appreciate feedback on which areas of anaesthesia should be covered. There are many experienced anaesthetists who read our publication and we would benefit from your comments.

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