

2026 Q1-Q2 MOCA Minute High-Priority Topics Report by Content Outline Category

Fundamental Topics in Anesthesiology

	Key Point	ABA Blueprint Code	Level 2 Blueprint Category	CME Activity Count
1	Hair is a potential fuel source in the operating room and should be tucked into a flame-retardant cap for procedures involving electrocautery near the head and neck.	I.D.2 Fire and Explosion Hazards	Electrical and Fire Safety	0
2	For patients with insulin pumps undergoing procedures lasting more than 2 hours, it is recommended to switch to an alternative insulin regimen that includes basal insulin administration.	III.B.7 Endocrine and Metabolic Systems	Perioperative Management of Patients with Chronic Disease States	2

Clinical Subspecialties

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3	A pneumothorax may occur during radical neck dissection.	V.D.1 Surgical Procedures	Otorhinolaryngology (ENT) Anesthesia	0

4	According to the Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia, patients with coronary artery stents can have cataract surgery 30 days after stent placement as long as dual antiplatelet therapy is continued.	V.G.4 Special Considerations in Ophthalmologic Anesthesia	Ophthalmologic Anesthesia	1
5	Spinal anesthesia and general anesthesia are associated with a similar incidence of postoperative delirium in older patients undergoing hip surgery for a fracture.	V.H.4 Anesthetic Techniques	Orthopedic Anesthesia	1
6	Perioperative use of dexmedetomidine may reduce the risk of postoperative delirium in patients aged 65 years or older undergoing inpatient surgery.	V.K.9 Postoperative Care and Transitions of Care	Geriatric Anesthesia/Aging	3
7	Patients with permanent pacemakers who are not pacemaker-dependent do not require routine device reprogramming for surgery. Using an asynchronous mode in these patients may be harmful.	V.O.4 Special Considerations in Cardiac Anesthesia	Cardiac Anesthesia	44
8	Exposure to protamine-containing insulin formulations, such as neutral protamine Hagedorn (NPH) insulin, can increase the risk of anaphylaxis to protamine.	V.P.2 Pharmacology	Vascular Anesthesia	0
9	Liposomal bupivacaine should not be administered within 20 minutes of lidocaine administration due to the risk of the immediate release of bupivacaine from the liposomes.	V.Q.2 Pharmacology	Regional Anesthesia	0

10	Patients with a history of substance use disorder who are taking extended-release naltrexone should be abstinent from opioids for 7-10 days before resuming the medication to avoid acute withdrawal.	V.R.3 Acute Pain Evaluation and Treatment	Acute Pain Management	16
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Special Problems or Issues in Anesthesiology

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11	Appropriately fitted leaded eyewear with side shields prevents radiation-induced cataracts.	VI.C.3 Interventional Radiology	Non-Operating Room Anesthesia (NORA)	0
12	Some early warning signs for substance use disorder in the workplace are withdrawal from family and friends and emotional lability.	VI.D.1 Substance Use Disorder	Physician Impairment or Disability	2