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## **Dedication**

This project is dedicated to all providers directly and indirectly impacted by substance use disorder (SUD) within the anesthesia profession. Traditionally this has been a controversial and taboo topic with underpinnings of mental health components that many providers prefer not to acknowledge. It is my hope that this research and accompanying information bring awareness and thoughtful change to anesthesia students' perception of SUD.

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#### **Abstract**

**Background and Review of Literature:** Substance use disorder (SUD) is increasing nationwide, including within the anesthesia provider community. Anesthesia providers are shown to be at an increased risk of developing SUD compared to other healthcare professionals. Detrimental effects on those under the care of an anesthesia provider with SUD can, and do, occur. Current Council of Accreditation (COA) guidelines necessitate the inclusion of limited SUD teaching to student registered nurse anesthetists (SRNAs), but professional organizations, such as the American Association of Nurse Anesthesiologists (AANA), recommend the provision of additional information.

**Purpose:** This DNP project's purpose was to provide education regarding SUD in anesthesia personnel via a virtual module to second-year SRNAs to increase prior knowledge and awareness on the topic.

**Methods:** This project utilized a quasi-experimental design and was evaluated by an expert-certified pretest/post-test questionnaire. A convenience sample was obtained using currently enrolled second-year SRNAs at Marian University in Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Results:** Thirty-two SRNAs participated in the project and 22 participants completed all questions in the pretest and post-test for a 69% completion rate. Pretest responses were matched with post-test responses. Using a paired t-test, the results show the provided education module significantly increased prior knowledge of SUD in the anesthesia profession (p= <0.001). Participants gained an average of 1.87 points (95% CI) on post-test scores after completing the module.

**Implications/Conclusion:** The introduction of an in-depth SUD education module increased SRNA's knowledge of SUD in the anesthesia profession. Enhancing SUD knowledge related to incidence, risk factors, warning signs, and prevention in anesthesia providers in training is recommended by experts to prevent providers' illicit use of substances, which can harm both providers and patients (Bell et al., 1999 & Booth et al., 2002). Further, increased awareness about SUD among anesthesia providers and the provision of available resources is beneficial to assist those affected by SUD.

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# Educating SRNAs on Substance Use Disorder Prevalence, Risk, and Prevention

This project is submitted to Marian University Leighton School of Nursing faculty as partial fulfillment of degree requirements for the Doctor of Nursing Practice, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist track. Substance use disorder is increasing in prevalence nationwide. One of every 12 Indiana residents is at risk of developing SUD (Indiana University Health, 2021). Evidence shows an increased incidence of SUD and diversion in the anesthesia profession relative to other medical professions and the general population. Substance use disorder is a long-standing problem affecting anesthesia professionals that has direct negative impacts on providers and patients, along with many other undesirable sequelae. Studies have shown the first years after provider immersion in the workforce are the most vulnerable to SUD (Alexander et al., 2000, Warner et al., 2013, & Wilson et al., 2008). Experts recommend better prevention support, including the use of high-quality, mandatory education. The purpose of this project was to provide education via a virtual module to second-year SRNAs.

#### **Background**

There are few studies involved in discovering the incidence of SUD and controlled substance misuse among anesthesia providers, including physicians, nurses, and students. Due to the limited literature, incidence ranges are broad. Bell et al. (1999) conducted the landmark comparative study of SUD in anesthesia providers and found a prevalence rate of 9.8% for controlled substance misuse in certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs). Booth et al. (2002) found the prevalence to be 1.6% among medical residents and 1.0% among medical doctor (MD) anesthesia faculty throughout the study period of 12 years. A cross-sectional retrospective study by Bozimowski et al. (2014) found the 5-year prevalence of substance abuse

among SRNAs to be 0.65%. Warner et al. (2013) and Bell et al. (1999) found a higher prevalence of diversion and substance abuse among males in MD and CRNA groups, with 2.16 incidents per 1000 resident hours and 1 of every 10 male providers misusing controlled substances, respectively.

Alexander et al. (2000), Warner et al. (2013), and Wilson et al. (2008) found that newly licensed anesthesia providers were more likely to develop a SUD within the first 4 to 5 years following graduation. A review of this evidence supports the notion this is a vulnerable period for providers. One recommendation to decrease the incidence of SUD is to provide high-quality formal education on SUD that may better prepare clinicians entering the anesthesia profession. Studies by Bell et al. (1999) and Booth et al. (2002) show that mandatory formal education for SRNAs in this area is lacking and should be considered an important concept in preparation for entering the profession. Booth et al. (2002) found that only 47% of programs utilized a formal educational session related to SUD, and 31% of these programs did not mandate learners to complete the training. To provide education in this area, students should be offered education highlighting incidence, risk factors, recognition, and prevention.

#### **Problem Statement**

Second-year SRNAs at Marian University receive education in the form of discussions and article reviews related to substances of abuse in anesthesia professionals, along with issues surrounding reentry into practice after treatment. Although these exercises help bring general awareness to SUD, the adequate portrayal of the increased risks and grave consequences of SUD in the anesthesia profession may be lacking. Upon consent to participate, second-year SRNAs were required to complete a pretest followed by an online course module highlighting areas of SUD prevalence, risk factors, recognition, prevention techniques, and resources. Participants

were then administered a post-test after completion of the modules to determine the efficacy of instruction.

## **Gap Analysis**

Although the current instruction was mandatory at the project site, it did not include a comprehensive overview, in-depth analysis of SUD, or align with recommended content, according to the American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (AANA) (American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology, 2021). Clark (1994), in partnership with the AANA, completed an extensive study of best practices regarding the implementation of SUD into the content curriculum of anesthesia schools. The AANA accepted and promoted these recommendations centering on an array of detailed information about SUD risk, diagnosis, incidence, prevention, and treatment specific to anesthesia providers. Standards set by the Council of Accreditation (COA) for CRNAs including wellness strategies, detection of SUD, and reentry into the workplace after SUD treatment are present in the current curriculum (Council on Accreditation, 2015). The project's online educational module addressed the AANA recommendation deficits and provided information in accordance with the most recent literature.

## **Review of Literature**

A review of the literature was completed to investigate incidence rates of SUD in anesthesia providers. Addiction is a widely prevalent problem in the United States today with about 21 million Americans suffering from at least one addictive substance (Yerby, 2019). Those working in the medical community are not spared from the risk of developing SUD. It is estimated that 15.4% of healthcare providers have SUD (Bryson, 2020). Anesthesia providers, including physician anesthesiologists, CRNAs, and trainees, are a subset of medical providers

that, due to a variety of factors, have a propensity for an increased rate of controlled substance diversion and subsequent abuse. Factors, although not all-inclusive, that may account for the increase in diversion rates and SUD in anesthesia providers are readily available potential drugs of abuse and the ease of access to highly potent medications, specialized knowledge of widely abused drugs that most other specialties in the medical community do not come in direct contact with, and repeatedly visualizing the effects on patients (Mayall, 2016).

Drug diversion, specifically in the anesthesia community, is a trending concern that impacts many critical areas such as patient safety, provider safety and wellness, community health related to viral outbreaks, medication and healthcare costs, trust in the profession, and other aspects. It is essential to have knowledge related to the prevalence of these issues to appreciate the full scope of the adverse effects related to SUD and drug diversion in the anesthesia community. Studies that outline factors leading to the tendency to divert and use controlled substances, the resulting problems associated with drug diversion and professional performance while under the influence, and the return to the anesthesia profession have been performed. There is a gap in the literature as to the prevalence of drug diversion and subsequent abuse in the anesthesia population. This led to the following PICO question to be developed: "In CRNA students, does the implementation of an education module increase the knowledge of substance use disorder in the anesthesia community?"

#### **Literature Review Methods**

This review had a primary focus to include articles with incidence rates of drug diversion in anesthesia professionals including physician anesthesiologists, CRNAs, and students in respective professions published between 1992 and 2020. Inclusion criteria consisted of primary

research, written in the English language, peer-reviewed, and human subjects. The search was conducted in PubMed with Search Mode: "BOOLEAN/Phrase". Primary search terms used include *CRNA OR anesthe\**, *drug diversion* OR *opioid diversion*. Using the BOOLEAN phrase "CRNA OR anesthe\* AND *drug diversion* OR *opioid diversion*", 112 results were identified. In addition to these results, 5 articles were identified from other sources. Studies that were excluded were populations outside the anesthesia provider role, studies focused on risk factors associated with drug diversion, and studies focused on the prevention of drug diversion within the anesthesia provider role or other populations. After exclusion criteria were applied, 10 articles met the criteria for inclusion in this review. The literature review PRISMA diagram and matrix can be seen in Appendix A and B, respectively. This search was completed in October 2020.

#### **Literature Review Results**

# **Research Samples**

Seven of the reviewed studies focused solely on CRNA or physician anesthesiologist populations, while 3 combined population groups. Booth et al. (2002) found the prevalence to be 1.0% among MD faculty and 1.6% among residents throughout the study period. Warner et al. (2013) and Bell et al. (1999) found a higher prevalence of diversion and substance abuse among males in MD and CRNA groups, with 2.16 incidents per 1000 resident hours and 1 of every 10 providers misusing controlled substances, respectively. Alexander et al. (2000) conducted research focused on accidental poisonings and suicide rates of anesthesiologists compared to internists. It was found that male anesthesiologists were 1.4 times more likely to die of drug-related causes than their internist peers (Alexander et al., 2000).

# **Timing of Diversion and Abuse**

Alexander et al. (2000), Warner et al. (2013), and Wilson et al. (2008) collected data that concluded the highest prevalence of controlled substance diversion and abuse occurred within the first 4-5 years of training in an anesthesia program in both MD and CRNA groups. Bell et al. (1999) concluded the greatest prevalence in the CRNA group took place 6-10 years after the completion of training. Based on these data collections, it is recommended to focus on these time frames for additional vigilance, education, provision of resources, and risk mitigation strategies.

## **Drug of Choice**

An alarming trend was noted in several studies regarding the preferred drug of choice throughout the years. The first documented propofol diversion and, more profound, dependence data, was reported by Follette & Farley (1992). Bell et al. (1999) found an increase in the use of benzodiazepines, inhalational, and propofol in the CRNA group starting during the mid-1990s, and Wischmeyer et al. (2007) discovered a propofol use incidence of 0.1% over 10 years between 1995 to 2005 in both MD and CRNA groups. In 2008, Wilson et al. published the first inhalational diversion and abuse study, using trainees of anesthesia programs, consultants, anesthesia technicians, and other operating room personnel. Results concluded consultants, trainees, and CRNAs were most at risk for abusing inhalational agents. It is noted by Bell et al. (1999), Wilson et al. (2008), and Wischmeyer et al. (2007) that, due to the highly detrimental method of action of propofol, benzodiazepines, and inhalational anesthetics, providers were often only found to have SUD once they were deceased.

## Discussion and Implications for Practice, Education, and Research

Current research recognizes a lack of data related to the prevalence of controlled substance and anesthetic agent diversion with subsequent abuse rates in the United States and

worldwide by anesthesia providers. It is clear from the evidence provided these issues are a growing concern in the anesthesia community. Booth et al. (2002), Kintz et al. (2005), and Warner et al. (2013) cite a lack of data on anesthesiologists and CRNAs, along with their respective counterparts, as a limitation regarding comparable data on diversion and substance use. Due to the lack of longitudinal data, the rate and drug of choice trends are difficult to appreciate in both MD and CRNA groups. Another limitation is the inclusion of other substances of abuse, including alcohol, which may be a factor influencing data conclusions. Alcohol is not an agent prone to diversion in the anesthesia community, but it is included in some data as one of abuse.

Alexander et al. (2000) state the measures to prevent controlled and anesthetic substance diversion and abuse are inadequate. A change in current practice in anesthesia training programs and clinical areas should be instituted to slow and reverse the upward trend of diversion and SUD in the anesthesia community. Education plays a vital role in alerting trainees, providers, and peers of the prevalence of drug diversion and abuse in the profession. Booth et al. (2002) found that only 47% of programs utilized a formal educational session related to SUD, and 31% of these programs did not mandate learners to complete the training. Bell et al. (1999) and Booth et al. (2002) concluded education is lacking in these topics and speculate increasing educational requirements could benefit both trainees and clinicians. More research needs to be conducted to determine the relationship between the amount of education provided and completed related to positive diversion and abuse.

It is theorized a variety of risk factors may put anesthesia providers at increased risk for diversion and developing SUD. One prevention method that should be implemented into practice is prescreening using rigorous risk assessment strategies upon entry into training programs and

clinical areas. Bozimowski et al. (2014) and Collins et al. (2005) note that pre-enrollment screenings are inadequate in the current state. Collins et al. (2005) suggest the use of a pre-enrollment risk assessment tool as part of a standardized evaluation before entering anesthesia training. Policies should promote periodic drug screens throughout training and while in practice. Depending on the drug of choice, urine, blood, and hair toxicology can be examined to determine levels in the body (Follette & Farley, 1992; Kintz et al., 2005; Wischmeyer et al., 2007).

It is recommended that future research focus on prevalence studies within the anesthesia profession, including training programs and clinical positions (Kintz et al., 2005; Warner et al., 2013). Longitudinal data in areas of diversion and SUD, along with cofactors and outcomes, would be of help to determine the overall prevalence, long-term effects of SUD, and further areas that may be improved upon (Bell et al., 1999; Booth et al., 2002). Although Collins et al. (2005) recommend the use of a pre-enrollment risk assessment tool in practice, there is limited research concerning risk factors, and no available tool has been developed thus far.

#### **Literature Review Conclusion**

The available research acknowledges an upward trend in substance diversion and abuse with a worrisome trend toward propofol and inhalational drugs. Due to the devastating outcomes associated with improper use of the medications, it is recommended to increase the preenrollment risk factor and toxicology screening before admittance into an anesthesia training program, continue screening through the completion of training programs, and into professional provider clinical areas following employment. It is further recommended to ensure education regarding SUD is available, encouraged, and mandatory for anesthesia residents of all types during training.

# **Conceptual Framework**

This project's conceptual framework was derived from Kotter's Model of Change. In 1996 John Kotter, author of "Leading Change", introduced the 8-step Model of Change after researching and interviewing staff at 100 organizations in the process of undergoing a change. Since the original work was published, Kotter further expounded on the topic and subsequently created an online learning platform. According to Kotter's 2021 revised online work, the 8 steps include creating urgency, building a strong guiding team, developing a vision, communicating for buy-in, empowering action, creating short-term wins, consolidating gains, and sustaining change. Each step has a particular focus and should be followed to encourage the effective use of the model.

The first step in Kotter's Model of Change, creating urgency, ensures the target population senses the need for change. Without realizing the need, people will not own the challenge of creating a change. Step 2 is to create a strong, influential team to guide the change process. A transformational leadership style to empower the change group and promote a positive environment in which to encourage the change process is beneficial (Marshal & Broome, 2017). Creating a strategic plan to guide a clear vision is step 3. A clear, concise vision is key as the project group is more likely to feel ownership and buy into the project (Appelbaum et al., 2012). A strategic plan involves determining goals and objectives, developing a timeline of events, and creating an evaluation plan (Kotter, 2021). Step 4 of Kotter's Model of Change is appealing for buy-in to the group by communicating the importance and impacts of the project. Communication is critical throughout the project, especially during the appeal for change agents, and can positively or negatively affect outcomes. If effectively performed, this step reduces uncertainty and ambiguity while steering the project toward positive outcomes (Appelbaum et

al., 2012). Empowering individuals to jump into action is step 5. This step acts to reduce obstacles that may hinder change agents during the process. Communication continues to be critical in this step as open discussions about obstacles, solutions, and follow-through are generally all that is required to promote forward momentum. Step number 6 involves creating short-term wins to validate that the efforts of participants are paying off. Visualizing these wins helps ensure sustainability in participants, along with a renewed effort to continue endeavors of change (Appelbaum et al., 2012). Consolidating gains in step 7 refers to the process of taking each short-term win into account to prove the efficacy of the desired change and then using this force to promote the forward energy of the project. This step helps sustain continuous improvement during the project by encouraging supporters and converting cynics into advocates (Kotter, 2021 & Appelbaum et al., 2012). The final step, step 8, endeavors to anchor the change in the culture of the organization. This step relates project successes to positively correlated results, maintains visibility in the environment, and ensures continued support by organizational leaders.

Following Kotter's 8-step Model of Change provides a solid foundation and direction for the change outcome sought by this project. An urgency to present information and encourage perception shift was acknowledged by instructors and recognized by participants once the module is accessed. This project's team provided a strong leadership group that facilitated the target site's structure change as well as individual participants' approach to SUD. The project's vision was evident in the problem statement and specific objectives. Project leadership ensured open communication was offered to support participant buy-in. Action was empowered in multiple ways: providing transformational leadership style, open communication, and empowering participants to create change within as an individual and throughout the anesthesia

community. The educational module had built-in reflection points to promote short-term wins for participants. Upon completion of the module, short-term wins were recognized so individuals felt confident in the knowledge and benefits of change. Finally, change sustainment occurs at an individual level due to increased SUD risk assessment knowledge and confidence in abilities to identify SUD in peers. Change at the program site is intended to be sustained as the use of this project and educational module will continue to be available to course instructors after project completion.

# Goals, Objectives, and SWOT Analysis

This DNP project aimed to determine if providing second-year SRNAs with education regarding SUD in anesthesia personnel increased prior knowledge on the topic. The project's specific objectives were to:

- enhance second-year SRNAs' knowledge of SUD incidence in the anesthesia profession by 25%
- 2. enhance knowledge of risk factors by 25%
- 3. provide signs to watch for in peers suspected of misusing
- 4. discuss prevention measures
- 5. provide resources for individuals affected by SUD

A SWOT analysis was performed for this DNP project. Strengths included in-depth information dedicated to SUD in an easily accessible and flexible Canvas module and a strong project team targeting participants at Marian University. Weaknesses included a potentially increased time commitment for the project module versus merely completing work in the previously designed class structure. An opportunity for this project is the retention of information that the target audience is likely to achieve due to being in a learning mindset during the

completion of graduate coursework. Other opportunities include the expounding on the potential limited exposure to SUD by second-year SRNAs and the creation of a Wellness Committee, unrelated to the project, at the target site, which may reinforce the importance of the project. Threats to this project include participant stress and information overload related to other coursework, the requirement of online learning adaptability, and technology issues with the internet or Canvas infrastructure.

# **Project Design**

# **Project Site and Sample**

The site for this project was Marian University. The project's educational intervention was inserted into an existing course, Nursing 615 Anesthesia Seminar 1, which was taught by this project's faculty mentor Greg Yant MSN, CRNA. Historically, this course introduced provider well-being and chemical dependency in anesthesia providers.

This project gathered a convenience sample of 32 second-year CRNA students enrolled in courses on track for completing a 3-year Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. Students were in the fourth of 9 total semesters, enrolled in Nursing 615 Anesthesia Seminar 1, and had completed all prerequisites. Students not meeting these criteria were excluded from data collection.

#### **Methods**

Before developing this quasi-experimental project, an exemption was obtained from Marian University's Institutional Review Board (IRB), after which the educational curriculum module was developed. This qualitative project utilized a pretest/post-test design for an educational intervention in which the entire cohort was invited to participate over a 4-week

period. The curriculum was offered at the beginning of the semester to reduce bias brought on by other coursework related to SUD. The course curriculum was developed utilizing the most up-to-date evidence-based research on all 5 module topics: prevalence, risk factors, signs of SUD, prevention, and resources for SUD victims. The pretest was required to be completed before advancement through the modules. Pretest scores were matched with post-test scores upon completion of data collection.

#### **Measurement Instrument**

A knowledge assessment pretest/post-test measurement instrument was administered to participants in this project. A set of demographic questions was administered during the pretest survey to discover more information on the population. The demographic questions included age range, sex, and years of experience working as a registered nurse. Semester or year within the nurse anesthesia program was not included as all invited participants were from the same cohort. The pretest and post-test consisted of the same content knowledge questions and included 4 single answer questions and 3 multiple answer questions for a total of 7 questions. This project's chair and expert in the anesthesia field, Dr. Ranalli, established the validity of the content in the pretest/post-test and material in the educational module. See Appendix F for the pretest/post-test and Appendix G for an outline of the course material.

#### **Data Collection**

The education module included an external link to Qualtrics surveys for the pretest, including demographic information, as well as for the post-test once the module was completed. This DNP student collected all data upon completion of the 4-week period in which the module was available for project participation. All responses remained confidential and anonymous.

#### **Data Evaluation**

The results gathered through Qualtrics from the pretests were compared to the results of post-tests using a paired t-Test statistical analysis conducted through SPSS software. The project's results were disseminated to participants and available to the public upon project completion.

#### **Ethical Considerations**

Approval for exempt status from the IRB was obtained before initiating this DNP project. Participation in this project was voluntary, as noted in the consent section of the demographic and pretest survey, and did not affect the final grade for this course. Confidentiality and anonymity were maintained during and after the project. The anonymous results were only available to this DNP student via a password-protected computer. Data was deleted upon completion of project dissemination. There were no foreseen risks to participation in this project.

# **Analysis**

Data were analyzed using descriptive statistics. Variability, frequency, and central tendency measures were included in the analysis. Frequency tables were utilized for all categorical and numerical data points. IBM SPSS Statistics (Version 27) was used to perform all statistical analyses.

#### Results

A total of 32 second-year students were eligible and enrolled in this project. All participants enrolled completed at least partial work in the project. Upon completion, 22 functional data points were obtained (n= 22). Of the total respondents, 7 participants neglected to

complete all information for the pretest, and 5 neglected to complete all information in the post-test for a 69% completion rate. Most respondents (59.1%) were female, were between 22-29 years of age (45.5%), and have practiced as registered nurses for less than 5 years (50%). Please see Table 1 below to view survey respondent demographics.

**Table 1**Demographics and Characteristics of All Survey Respondents

Characteristics	n	%
Gender		
Male	9	40.9
Female	13	59.1
Age		
22-29	10	45.5
30-39	9	40.9
40-49	3	13.6
Experience as a Registered Nurse (years)		
<5	11	50
6-10	8	36.4
11-15	2	9.1
16-20	1	4.5
*Note, n= 22		

# **Knowledge Assessment Pretest and Post-Test Results**

Upon completion of demographic characteristic questions in the pretest, students were asked 7 questions about SUD content to ascertain baseline SUD knowledge. Please see Table 2 below for questions, correct answers, and correctly answered percentages for the pretest and post-test. The mean pretest knowledge total score was 3.18, while the mean post-test total score was 5.05. Post-test final scores reveal a significant increase averaging 1.87 points (95% CI, t= 5.23 p <0.001) in SUD knowledge after completing the course content. Table 3, seen below and in Appendix I, illustrates statistical analysis performed using SPSS software. The effect size is

1.58, which means the post-test scores are more than one standard deviation better than the pretest total scores. This correlates to a high effect size.

**Table 2**Results of the Survey

Question	Correct Answer	Pretest No. (%) Correct	Post-test No. (%) Correct
What is the prevalence of SUD in healthcare professionals?	15%	59.1	86.4
What is the prevalence of SUD in anesthesia professionals?	Up to 20%	18.2	77.3
What are the most commonly abused anesthetic agents among anesthesia professionals? (pick 2)	Opioids, Propofol	36.4	90.9
What are risk factors associated with increased incidence of SUD in anesthesia personnel? (pick 3)	efficacy of anesthetics, History of trauma, Family history of substance abuse	13.6	36.4
What are signs of SUD in anesthesia providers? (pick 3)	Behavior changes, Personal appearance decline, Difficulty with concentration and memory	59.1	86.4
Which of the following is NOT an evidence-based intervention to prevent SUD in anesthesia personnel?	For-cause drug testing	27.3	45.5
What resources are available to assist victims of SUD?	All of the above	100	95.5

Table 3 Statistical Analysis: Paired Samples Test
Paired Samples Test

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	Paired Differences									cance
					95% Confidence					
				Std.	Interva	I of the			One-	Two-
			Std.	Error	Differ	ence			Sided	Sided
		Mean	Deviation	Mean	Lower	Upper	t	df	р	р
Pair 1	Pretest	-	1.670	.356	-2.604	-1.123	-	21	<.001	<.001
	Score -	1.864					5.233			
	Post-test									
	Score									

## **Summary**

A total of 32 SRNAs participated in the pretest, course, and post-test, giving a completion rate of 100%. After eliminating participant data with incomplete information, a total of 22 participants (69%) provided usable data for this project. Overall, respondents had a statistically significant increase in the percentage answered correctly on most questions in the post-test with an increase of 1.87 points (95% CI, p< 0.001) on total scores.

## **Discussion**

All anesthesia providers are directly or indirectly impacted by SUD in the provider community. The need for mandatory, quality information regarding SUD is recommended in anesthesia training, yet the majority of programs do not mandate this education (Booth et al., 2002). Data supports most anesthesia providers with SUD are newly licensed providers within

the first 10 years of training completion, and the majority are discovered within the first 5 years (Alexander et al., 2000, Bell et al., 1999, Warner et al., 2013, and Wilson et al., 2008). Trainee awareness and education related to SUD in anesthesia providers have been recommended as one way to decrease detrimental impacts on providers and patients.

This project aimed to increase SRNA knowledge of various aspects of anesthesia provider SUD by comparing baseline pretest knowledge to total scores after a virtual education course was completed. The goal to increase overall SUD knowledge and risk factors related to SUD by 25% upon the completion of the module was met and exceeded. Additional objectives of information provision associated with symptom recognition, prevention measures, and available resources were also met. Post-test scores following completion of the SUD educational module show an increase in knowledge of baseline levels in second-year Marian University SRNAs.

#### **Conclusion**

The findings of this project will help bridge the SRNA knowledge gap of anesthesia provider SUD by utilizing an educational module comprising SUD incidence, risk factors, warning signs, prevention, and resources. One recommended path anesthesia educators can take to prevent further increases in first-time use and relapse rates of anesthesia provider SUD is by raising awareness related to the higher risk and incidence of SUD in those completing training. This project demonstrates positive results of using a virtual format to accomplish this recommendation. Further recommendations discovered during this project include completing additional research into risk assessment strategies in perspective anesthesia trainees and the development of wellness strategies aimed toward SUD risk mitigation.

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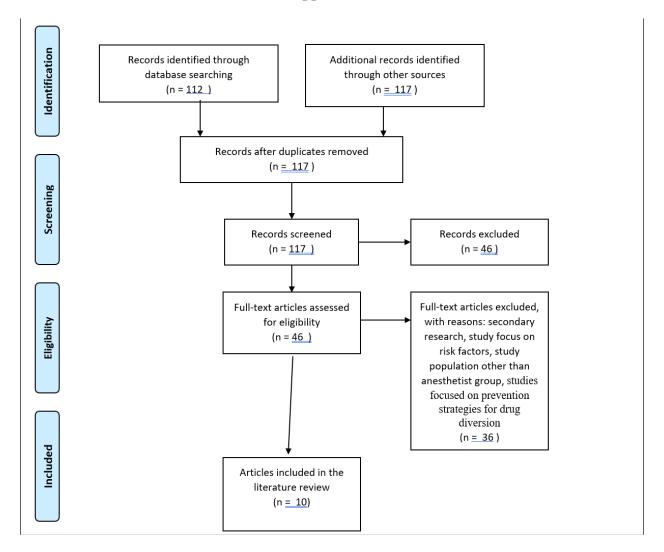
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# Appendix A



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# Appendix B

Reference	Researc h Design & Level of Evidenc e	Purpose / Aim	Population / Sample n=x	Variable s	Instruments / Data collection	Results	Implications for future research	Implications for future practice
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Bell, D.M.,	Correlati	"The	N= 167	Age,	Survey	167 CRNAs	A longitudinal	Strengthening
McDonough,	onal	primary	CRNAs with	years of		admitted history or current use of	study to clearly	education and
J.P., Ellison, J.S., &	study	purpose of this study		practice,		controlled	delineate the	prevention- use of this
Fitzhugh, E.C.		was to	history or current use	sex, type of		substances and	issue of CRNA	study as a
(1999).		determine	of	controlle		62.9% were	drug misuse	needs
Controlled		the	controlled				with variables	assessment for
				d		represented by males with 6-10	of illicit and	CRNAs,
drug misuse by Certified		prevalence of	substances	substanc			uncontrolled	educating
		controlled		е		years of clinical		SRNAs for
Registered						practice. A chi-	drug use and	
Nurse		drug				square test	misuse-	potential
Anesthetists.  AANA Journal,		misuase				revealed a significant	associated behavior	occupational hazards for
· ·		among actively				relationship	would be	addictive
67(2), 133-40.		•				between	ideal.	behavior,
		practicing Certified				likelihood of	ideai.	creation of
		Registered				misuse and		SRNA student
		Nurse				variables of sex		
		Anesthetist				and number of		support
		s (CRNAs).				years in		systems
		A second				anesthesia		
		purpose				practice. 9.8%		
		was to				admitted to		
		determined				misuse		
		variance in				(diversion from		
		controlled				patient).		
		drug				Controlled drugs		
		misuse by				of choice have		
		the				trended from		
		variables of				opioids to		
		age, sex,				inhalation		
		population				agents,		
		and				benzodiazepines,		
		geographic				and propofol.		
		area of				Dissociative		
		residence,				drugs, narcotic		
		type of				agonist-		
		anesthesia				antagonists, and		
		position				barbiturates		
		currently				declined		
		held, and				significantly.		
		number of				significantly.		
		years in						
		anesthesia						
		practice."						
Booth, J.,	Compar	"In this	N = 133	Drug	Survey	133 of 8111	Studies	A valuable
Grossman, D.,	ative	study, we	residents	used,		residents and 34	verifying	tool to help
Moore, J.,	Descript	sought to	with	type/amo		of 3555 faculty	regional and	identify
Lineberger, C.,	ive	examine	substance	unt of		members in 123	national data	anesthesiologis
Reynolds, J.,	design	whether	use	formal		anesthesiology	on controlled	t who are
Reves, J. G., &	- 6	there have	disorder	drug		programs	substance	using
Sheffield, D.		been	n= 34	abuse		nationwide were	abuse in	controlled
(2002).		changes in	faculty	educatio		identified to have	anesthesiologis	substances
Substance		the	with	n,		a substance	ts are needed	may be the
abuse among		incidence	substance	method		abuse disorder.	to verify this	addition of
physicians: A		of CS		of		18% died or	study results	random drug
	•			-			•	

survey of		abuse since	use	dispensin		required	and would be	screens. A
academic		1990 and	disorder	g/disposi		resuscitation	valuable as a	national
anesthesiology		whether		ng/accou		before abuse was	trending	registry to
programs.		education		nting for		suspected. The	measure	measure
Anesthesia &		and		controlle		population found		outcomes of
Analgesia, 95,		regulation		d		to be abusers		addiction
1024-1030.		policies		substanc		remained stable		reduction
https://doi.org/						from prior		
		designed to reduce CS		es				programs
10.1213/00000						studies. Formal		should be
<u>539-</u>		abuse have				drug abuse		implemented.
200210000-		been				education was		
00043		adopted on				present in 47%		
		a				of the programs		
		widespread				but only 69%		
		scale."				required		
						completion.		
						Education had		
						been shown to		
						increase during		
						the study period.		
						63% of programs		
						had made		
						changes to		
						dispensing,		
						disposing and		
						waste procedure		
						in the study		
						timeframe. 8%		
						of programs		
						utilized random		
						drug urine		
						testing in the		
						_		
D ==:1=:	Cara	"The	N= 16	Т	C	population.	Further	The second
Bozimowski,	Cross-		SRNAs	Type of	Survey	Of 2,439		The authors
G., Groh, C.,	sectional	purpose of		drug		SRNAs, 16	research	suggest faculty
Rouen, P., &	retrospe	this study	identified	misused,		incidents were	regarding	should be
Dosch, M.	ctive	was to	as having	pre-		identified, with	proactive risk	more active in
(2014). The	study	assess the	substance	enrollme		opioids as the	assessment	promoting
prevalence and		prevalence,	abuse	nt risk		most frequent	postgraduation	wellness
patterns of		demograph		factors,		drug of choice	and evaluation	programs if
substance		ic factors,		outcomes		(n=9). Outcomes	of wellness	further
abuse among		outcomes,				included 10	promotion	research
nurse		and				entered into	effort	identifies
anesthesia		preventativ				voluntary	effectiveness	effectiveness.
students.		e measures				treatment, 7 were	for risk	It was also
AANA Journal,		for				dismissed from	reduction	noted currently
82(4), 277-83.		substance				the program, 2		used screening
		abuse				lost nursing		processes may
		among				licenses and 1		not be
		nurse				death occurred.		adequate to
		anesthesia				Most reported		identify
		students				screening		students with
		over a 5-				included pre-		risks unless a
		year period				enrollment		background
		from 2008				background		check
		to 2012."				checks and drug		identifies prior
L	i	10 2012.	l	i		checks and drug		raciumes pinor

						screens.		substance
						Prevalence rates		abuse.
						were found to be		
						lower in SRNAs		
						vs. CRNAs.		
Collins, G.,	Longitu	"We	N= 199	Type of	Survey with	80% of	Research	Few programs
McAllister,	dinal	performed	anesthesiol	drug	follow up of	responding	regarding the	were found to
M., Jensen, M.,	observat	this study	ogy	misused,	treated residents	anesthesia	impact of pre-	prescreen for
& Gooden, T.	ional	to	residents	outcomes	years later	resident	employment	substance
(2005).	study	determine	treated for		j cuis iucci	programs had	toxicology on	abuse or
Chemical		if	substance			experience with	the incidence	perform pre-
dependency		improveme	abuse			at least 1	of abuse is	employment
treatment		nt has been	abuse			impaired trainee,	lacking	toxicology. A
outcomes of		made in the				which constitutes	lacking	more proactive
residents in		treatment				the largest		approach may
anesthesiology		outcomes				percentage to		be of benefit,
: Results of a		of residents				date. Of the		considering
		in				residents treated		the prevalence
survey.  Anesthesia &						for chemical		of substance
Anestnesia & Analgesia,		anesthesiol				dependency,		abuse in
		ogy				92% resumed		medicine and
101, 1457- 1462.		compared with earlier						
https://doi.org/		studies."				anesthesia		especially in
		studies.				training, with		the practice of
10.1213/01.A						only 59%		anesthesiology
NE.000018083						successful in		. The use of
7.78169.04						completing		risk
						training.		assessment
						Residents were		tools should be
						followed long		considered
						term and 56%		when
						were found to be		interviewing
						successful in the		potential
						practice of		residents for
						medicine, but it		anesthesiology
						could not be		programs.
						determined what		Redirection of
						percentage		treated
						stayed in		residents into a
						anesthesia. 16%		lower risk
						were found to		specialty
						leave medicine		should be
						entirely after		considered.
						treatment.		
Follette, J., &	Case	"This is a	N= 1	None	Case report of	An	None	Hospitals
Farley, W.	Study	case report	anesthesiol		one	anesthesiologist	identified.	should know
(1992).		on an	ogist with		anesthesiologist	was determined		about the
Anesthesiologi		anesthesiol	propofol			to be diverting		resources
st Addicted to		ogist who	abuse			and abusing		available for
Propofol. Anes		abused and				propofol after		drug
thesiology, 77(		became				being found		abusing/diverti
4), 817-818.		dependent				unconscious in a		ng providers.
https://doi.org/		on				bathroom at		The
10.1097/00000		propofol."				work. The case		importance of
542-		• •				study contains		monitoring
199210000-						drug abuse risk		programs for
00028						factors,		treatment
00020	l .	1	l	I	I	1401010,	1	

Kintz, P., Villain, M., Dumestre, V., & Cirimele, V. (2005). Evidence of addiction by anesthesiologis ts as documented by hair analysis. Foren sic science international, 153(1), 81–84. https://doi.org/ 10.1016/j.forsc iint.2005.04.03 3	Case Study	"This report presents four authentic cases of anesthesiol ogists addicted to fentanyl derivatives where evidence was given by hair testing."	N= 4; 3 living anesthesiol ogists and 1 deceased nurse anesthetist determined to use controlled substances	Sampling of hair via drug analysis, urine drug screens performe d/number of negatives , narrative backgrou nd on work performa nce	Collection of hair samples from 3 living participants in medico-legal cases and 1 sample collected post mortem	incidence of starting propofol abuse and developing dependence. This is the first studied event of propofol dependence.  All 4 samples contained traces of substances of abuse, including amounts that correlate to term of use whereas urine toxicology failed to register the presence of any substance of abuse.	The problem of drug use in the anesthesia profession is not widely recognized and more prevalence studies would be of benefit.	programs is discussed, as well as the information that propofol and its metabolites are identifiable in urine toxicology screens.  The practice of hair analysis over blood or urine toxicology tests point to a more accurate testing method, is easy, costeffective, and can be directly witnessed to deter tampering.
Warner, D. O., Berge, K., Sun, H., Harman, A., Hanson, A., & Schroeder, D. R. (2013). Substance use disorder among anesthesiology residents, 1975-2009. <i>JAMA</i> , 3 10(21), 2289–2296. https://doi.org/10.1001/jama. 2013.281954	Retrospe ctive cohort study	"To describe the incidence and outcomes of SUD among anesthesiol ogy residents."	N= 384 residents reported to have a substance use disorder while in training	Cases of substanc e use disorder including initial event and relapse, vital status, cause of death, and professional consequences	Review of American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA) records for "substance use disorder" (SUD) flag	Of 44,612 who had been enrolled in anesthesia training, the SUD flag was set for 1042 cases and confirmatory evidence was available for 842 cases. As this study focuses on residents, 384 cases were identified, including 26 deaths within 4 years of starting training. This represents 0.86% of those who began primary training in anesthesia. 8% were women,	In general, more data is needed in this subject matter to better guide policy and practice. Comparable data for other physician specialties is lacking, which would help determine if SUD is more prevalent in the anesthesia profession.	None noted

	T	T	T	T		T		1
						median age was		
						31, overall		
						incidence was		
						2.16 per 1000		
						resident years		
						with 177,848		
						resident-years		
						analyzed. SUD		
						history before		
						residency was		
						found in 56		
						individuals. The		
						most common		
						substance was IV		
						opioids. 91		
						individuals		
						relapsed at least		
						once, and 6% did		
						so in training.		
Wilson, J.E.,	Cross-	"This study	N= 31	Type of	Survey	This is the first	Further studies	Prevention
Kiselanova,	sectional	aims to	trainees	inhalatio		published study	may be needed	needs to be a
N., Stevens,	retrospe	assess the	identified	nal		of abuse of	to determine	more prevalent
Q., Lutz, R.,	ctive	prevalence	to be	anestheti		inhalational	predisposing	practice and
Mandler, T.,	study	and	abusing	c abused,		anesthetics.	addictive risk	focus should
Tran, Z.V., &		outcomes	inhalational	personne		Surveys were	factors.	be in the first 5
Wischmeyer,		of	anesthetics	1 type		sent to 126		years after
P.E. (2008). A		inhalational		(consulta		anesthesia		graduation.
survey of		anaesthetic		nt,		program		Risk factor
inhalational		abuse		trainee,		directors with a		assessment
anaesthetic		among		CRNA,		response of 106		should be
abuse in		anaesthesia		technicia		(84%). 22% of		implemented.
anaesthesia		training		n, other),		responding		
training		programme		populatio		programs had at		
programmes.		s."		n abusing		least 1 incidence		
Anaesthesia,				inhalatio		of abuse. 15/31		
<i>63</i> (6), 616-20.				n		identified		
https://doi.org/				anestheti		trainees were		
10.1111/j.1365				cs,		sent for rehab		
-				deaths,		and only 7 of		
2044.2008.054				those		those were able		
44.x				sent to		to successfully		
				rehab,		return to practice		
				successfu		anesthesia.		
				1		97/104		
				completi		departments did		
				on of		not have a		
				rehab,		pharmacy		
				return to		accounting		
				specialty		program for the		
				with		inhalational		
				relapse,		anesthetics.		
				change in		Overall mortality		
				specialty, those that		was 26%. Trainees and		
				left		CRNAs were		
						CKNAS were		
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		medicine		l		

						reported the most		
						frequently.		
Wischmeyer,	Cross-	"With this	N= 25	Propofol	Survey to	Of 126 programs	Further	Pharmacy
P., Johnson,	sectional	supporting	abuse	identified	identify propofol	surveyed, 25	research	accounting of
B., Wilson, J.,	retrospe	information	events,	as drug	abusers in a 10-	propofol abuse	should be	propofol in
Dingmann, C.,	ctive	for the	including	of	year period	events occurred	completed to	institutions
Bachman, H.,	study	abuse	attending	choice,		in 23 programs	outline the	should be
Roller, E.,		potential of	physicians,	type of		among attending	attraction of	instituted.
Tran, Z. V., &		propofol,	residents,	anesthesi		physicians,	propofol used	Urine
Henthorn, T.		we	CRNAs,	a		residents,	as a drug of	toxicology
(2007). A		attempted	and	provider,		CRNAs, and	choice. The	including
survey of		to	OR/anesthe	pharmac		OR/Anesthesia	potential for	propofol
propofol abuse		determine	sia	y		technician. 7	aerosolization	should be
in academic		the	technicians	accounti		deaths were	of propofol	utilized in at-
anesthesia		prevalence		ng of		reported,	should be	risk or
programs.		and		propofol,		propofol abuse	examined.	suspected
Anesthesia &		outcome of		year of		was not evident		individuals.
Analgesia,		propofol		abusers		until the time of		Early
<i>105</i> , 1066-		abuse in		birth,		death. The		identification
1071.		academic		year		incidence among		of individuals
https://doi.org/		anesthesiol		abuse		all anesthesia		abusing
10.1213/01.ane		ogy		was		personnel		propofol is key
.0000270215.8		department		identified		(attendings,		to limiting
6253.30		with		, how		residents,		morbidity and
		residency		abuse		CRNAs=		mortality.
		training		was		23,385) was		·
		programs		discovere		0.1% for 10		
		in the		d,		years. 18		
		United		outcome		departments		
		States."		of abuser		intervened with		
				(alive/de		propofol abusers:		
				ceased),		13 volunteered		
				36nterve		for rehab. 6		
				ntion		returned to		
				outcome,		anesthesia (3		
				years in		then relapsed), 5		
				anesthesi		changed		
				a,		specialty, 10 left		
				comorbid		medical practice.		
				psychiatr		Pharmacy		
				ic		regulation of		
				condition		propofol was		
				s, past		studied: 90 of		
				substanc		126 institutions		
				e		did not regulate		
				abuse/fa		propofol.		
				mily		Positive		
				history,		diversion/abuse		
				relapse		was significantly		
				status		associated with		
						no control		
						measures with		
						propofol.		

# Appendix C

Strengths:	Opportunities:				
<ul> <li>In-depth information dedicated to SUD</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Target audience is already in learning mode</li> </ul>				
<ul><li>Flexible course</li><li>Strong project team</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Second-year SRNAs have little exposure to SUD</li> </ul>				
<ul><li>Project site at Marian</li><li>Canvas site ease of use</li><li>Accessible 24/7</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Creation of the developing Wellness Committee could reinforce project importance</li> </ul>				
Weaknesses:	Threats:				
<ul> <li>Increased time commitment versus</li> </ul>	• Stress				
previous structure	<ul> <li>Information overload related to other coursework</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Online learning required</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Technology issues- internet or Canvas</li> </ul>				

# Appendix D



## Appendix E

You are invited to participate in an investigative project titled *Educating SRNAs on Substance Use Disorder Prevalence, Risk, and Prevention*. This project is being conducted by Kursten Smith (primary investigator) from Marian University in fulfillment of her DNP graduate project. You were selected to participate in this project because you are a second-year student, enrolled in the nurse anesthesia program at Marian University, and registered to take Nursing 615 Anesthesia Seminar 1. The purpose of this project is to provide SRNAs with a comprehensive overview of substance use disorder (SUD) in anesthesia professionals. If you agree to take part in this project, you will be asked to complete the survey on the next page. This survey will ask about your current knowledge of SUD. It will take you approximately 3 minutes to complete. Your answers in this project will remain confidential and results will be reported in the aggregate. Confidentiality will be maintained, and risks of breaches will be minimized by data storage in a password-protected computer securely kept with the primary investigator and the data will be deleted upon completion of the project.

Your participation in this project is voluntary. You may withdraw from the project at any time. You are free to skip any question you choose. Withdrawal from the project does not affect your course grade.

If you have questions about this project or if you have any issues with the project, you may contact the primary investigator, Kursten Smith at (765) 702-1155. If you have any questions concerning your rights as a project subject, you may contact the Marian University Institutional Review Board Chair, Dr. Amanda C. Egan at aegan@marian.edu or irb@marian.edu.

By completing the pre-survey, you are indicating that you are at least 18 years old, have read and understood this consent form, and agree to participate in this project.

I understand and agree to continue

# Appendix F

Please select your age bracket:

- 22-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- ≥50

Please select your gender

- Male
- Female
- Nonbinary
- Prefer not to say

How many years of professional experience do you have?

- ≤ 5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- 16-20 years
- ≥ 20 years

What is the prevalence of SUD in healthcare professionals?

- 1%
- 15%
- 25%
- 50%

What is the prevalence of SUD in the healthcare subset of anesthesia professionals?

- 10%
- 15%
- 25%
- 50%

What are the most commonly abused substances in anesthesia professionals (pick 2)?

- Benzodiazepines
- Opioids
- Alcohol
- Ketamine
- Propofol
- -What are risk factors associated with increased incidence of SUD in anesthesia personnel? (Pick 3)
  - Increased pharmacy oversight
  - Frequent visualized efficacy of anesthetics
  - Age <30</li>

- History of trauma
- Family history of substance abuse
- 15+ years in the anesthesia profession

-What are signs of SUD in anesthesia providers? (Pick 3)

- Behavior changes
- Personal appearance decline
- Highly reliable in job performance
- Quickly accomplishes tasks
- Simple excuses for errors
- Difficulty with concentration and memory

-What is NOT a way to prevent SUD in anesthesia personnel?

- For-cause drug testing
- Chart analysis/auditing
- Adequate provider self-care
- Return bins with availability to quantitatively test deposited drugs

-What resources are available to assist victims of SUD?

- AANA Peer Assistance Helpline **800-654-5167**
- Anesthetists in Recovery (AIR)
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP) through the workplace
- All of the above

## Appendix G

- 1.) Objectives By the end of this workshop, learners will:
  - -Understand the incidence of SUD in the anesthesia profession
  - -Understand the risk factors, signs of SUD, and prevention strategies
  - -Obtain information on available resources for victims of SUD in the anesthesia community
- 2.) Survey Analyze the learners' knowledge before and after the workshop
  - -Collect demographic information:
    - -Age
    - -Gender
    - -Years of experience as a professional
  - -Knowledge of SUD before the module:
    - -What is the prevalence of SUD in anesthesia professionals?
    - -What are risk factors associated with increased incidence of SUD in anesthesia personnel? (Pick 3)
    - -What are signs of SUD in anesthesia providers? (Pick 3)
    - -What is NOT a way to prevent SUD in anesthesia personnel?
    - -What resource is available to assist victims of SUD?
  - -Knowledge of SUD after module completion:
    - -Same questions as above
- 3.) Key Concepts

trends

- -SUD incidence, risk factors, signs of abuse, prevention strategies, and resources
- 4.) Topics and Subtopics of modules
  - -Incidence
    - Both general population and anesthesia providers, most abused substances,
  - -Risk factors
    - Profession: Availability, lacking checks/balances, desired effects visualized daily
    - Individual: Timing after initial licensure, gender, personality traits
  - -Signs of abuse
    - picking up extra shifts/call hours, behavior change, unreliability
  - -Prevention strategies
- Awareness and education, drug screens, risk factor screening, policy/procedure improvements
  - -Resources

# Appendix H

# **Kotter's 8-Step Model of Change**



Juneja, P. (n.d.). Kotter's 8 step Model of Change. Management Study Guide. Retrieved from https://www.managementstudyguide.com/contingency-model-of-change-management.htm

## Appendix I



# Institutional Review Board

DATE: 4-26-2022

TO: Kursten Smith & Dr. Lee Ranalli

FROM: Institutional Review Board

RE: S22.131

TITLE: Education of SRNAs on Substance Use Disorder Prevalence, Risk, and

Prevention

SUBMISSION TYPE: New Project

ACTION: Determination of EXEMPT Status

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DECISION DATE: 4-26-2022

The Institutional Review Board at Marian University has reviewed your protocol and has determined the procedures proposed are appropriate for exemption under the federal regulations. As such, there will be no further review of your protocol and you are cleared to proceed with your project. The protocol will remain on file with the Marian University IRB as a matter of record. Please be mindful of the importance of reporting only de-identified, HIPPA-compliant information about the patient in any exhibit or publication.

Although researchers for exempt studies are not required to complete online CITI training for research involving human subjects, the IRB **recommends** that they do so, particularly as a learning exercise in the case of student researchers. Information on CITI training can be found on the IRB's website: <a href="http://www.marian.edu/academics/institutional-review-board">http://www.marian.edu/academics/institutional-review-board</a>.

It is the responsibility of the PI (and, if applicable, the faculty supervisor) to inform the IRB if the procedures presented in this protocol are to be modified of if problems related to human research participants arise in connection with this project. Any procedural modifications must be evaluated by the IRB before being implemented, as some modifications may change the review status of this project. Please contact me if you are unsure whether your proposed modification requires review. Proposed modifications should be addressed in writing to the IRB. Please reference the above IRB protocol number in any communication to the IRB regarding this project.

Amanda C. Egan, Ph.D.

Appendix J

**Table 1**Demographics and Characteristics of All Survey Respondents

Characteristics	n	%
Gender		
Male	9	40.9
Female	13	59.1
Age		
22-29	10	45.5
30-39	9	40.9
40-49	3	13.6
Experience as a Registered Nurse (years)		
<5	11	50
6-10	8	36.4
11-15	2	9.1
16-20	1	4.5
*Note n= 22		

<sup>\*</sup>Note, n= 22

**Table 2**Results of the Survey

Question	Correct Answer	Pre-Test No. (%) Correct	Post-test No. (%) Correct	
What is the prevalence of SUD in healthcare professionals?	15%	59.1	86.4	
What is the prevalence of SUD in anesthesia professionals?	Up to 20%	18.2	77.3	
What are the most commonly abused anesthetic agents among anesthesia professionals? (pick 2)	Opioids, Propofol	36.4	90.9	
What are risk factors associated with increased incidence of SUD in anesthesia personnel? (pick 3)	Frequent visualized efficacy of anesthetics, History of trauma, Family history of substance abuse	13.6	36.4	
What are signs of SUD in anesthesia providers? (pick 3)	Behavior changes, Personal appearance decline, Difficulty with concentration and memory	59.1	86.4	
Which of the following is NOT an evidence-based intervention to prevent SUD in anesthesia personnel?	For-cause drug testing	27.3	45.5	
What resources are available to assist victims of SUD?	All of the above	100	95.5	

Table 3 Statistical Analysis: Paired Samples Test
Paired Samples Test

Paired Differences						Significance				
			Std.	Std. Error	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference				One- Sided	Two- Sided
		Mean	Deviation	Mean	Lower	Upper	t	df	р	р
Pair 1	Pretest Score - Post-test Score	- 1.864	1.670	.356	-2.604	-1.123	5.233	21	<.001	<.001