

## **ANAESTHESIA CONSULTANT NOTIFICATION AFTER HOURS**

On weekends and after hours, support from the Consultant Anaesthetist oncall is available at all times and often this is from home.

Discussion of cases with the Consultant Anaesthetist oncall is encouraged whenever the Registrar or fellow requires advice concerning patient management, or matters pertaining to running of theatres. **However, there are several situations when the Consultant on-call must be notified by the registrar or fellow:**

- if the patient's condition makes death on the table or in the immediate peri-operative period a possibility
- if awake intubation is required for a threatened airway
- any cases involving massive bleeding and/or transfusion
- for all patients under age 2 AND for ANY paediatric airway emergency or any paediatric case where there is potential for airway compromise (eg: bleeding into the airway, post tonsillectomy bleed)
- any case requiring one lung ventilation
- cerebral aneurysm clippings
- any unexpected complication i.e. anaphylaxis, failed intubation, carotid artery cannulation with CVC line etc
- when the surgeon or nurse in charge requests it, or there is a need to open a 3rd theatre (or 2<sup>nd</sup> theatre after midnight)
- any situation where unresolved conflict exists that cannot be resolved by the fellow (where Consultant to Consultant discussion may be more appropriate)
- when the fellow or registrar is involved with treatment of a patient outside of the theatre setting (emergency department, ICU, wards or other) and the management or outcome is traumatic, confronting or upsetting to the registrar or fellow. In this instance please inform the general oncall consultant prior to your shift ending.