

problems making up the complex care of these patients.

The environment of the intensive care unit is one in which interpersonal skills and communication skills are crucial allies. Aside from the administrative problems that we all have in dealing with limited resources and increasing demands, most intensivists will tell you that their next biggest challenge is in the appropriate care and management of families and their attendant social problems. People react to stress in varied and

amazing ways, and in the intensive care unit you learn to expect the unexpected. The skillful management of a family or loved one at a time of overwhelming upheaval can be as rewarding and important as that of the patient. Surgeons must also develop these skills to effectively participate in a meaningful way as critical care intensivists.

In this section, I hope to bring together important issues and knowledgeable people to write about trauma and critical care. Not only will

clinical issues pertaining to trauma and critical care be covered, but I also hope to include subjects such as ethical dilemmas, the teaching and training of physicians, the evolution of trauma and critical care in Canada, coordination of a multidisciplinary care and administrative team, and clinical and basic science research in the intensive care unit. Our goal will have been accomplished if this section serves to inform, educate, stimulate and occasionally perhaps even agitate the reader.

Books and Other Media Received

Livres et autres documents reçus

This list is an acknowledgement of books and other media received. It does not preclude review at a later date.

Cette liste énumère les livres et autres documents reçus. Elle n'en exclut pas la critique à une date ultérieure.

Clinical Application of the Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump. 3rd revised edition. Hooshang Bolooki. 470 pp. Illust. Futura Publishing Company Inc., Armonk, NY. 1998. US\$98. ISBN 0-87993-401-8

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Operating in the Dark. The Accountability Crisis in Canada's Health Care System. Lisa Priest. 318 pp. Doubleday Canada Ltd., Toronto. 1998. Can\$34.95. US\$24.95. ISBN 0-385-25719-8

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