



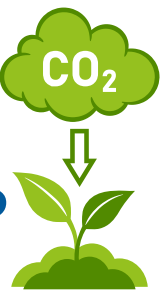
Waste Anesthetic Gases (WAGs)

Engage and Ask Questions to Reduce WAGs Risk Exposures

WAGs are Greenhouse Gases

Anesthetic gases are exhaled 95% unmetabolized by immediate post-surgical patients. These waste anesthetic gases (WAGs) are greenhouse gases. Hazardous to the global environmental and nurses' health! WAGs are exhausted into the recovery area or through the hospital ventilation system into the atmosphere.

Nitrous oxide alone contributes to climate change for 114 years?



Are you aware OSHA does not regulate WAGs exposure in the PACU? WAGs are strictly regulated in the operating room with scavenging systems to mitigate this hazardous occupation exposure that can result in development of cancers, kidney/liver disease even miscarriage.



Staff and patients exposure...

Every nurse recovering a procedural patient from inhalation anesthesia is exposed to WAGs during each shift. Including pediatrics and adults recovering patient in the same room.

Who are Advocating for WAG Safety?

Patients and staff have a right to a safe environment through implementation of technology and devices to mitigate the risk! Encourage collaboration with the anesthesia department, operating rooms, NORA sites and leadership. Take action to protect the workplace and reduce healthcare's carbon footprint!



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