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## Relation between anesthesiologists and surgeons: Ethical principles and recommendations

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Surgeon and anesthesiologist work as a team. Physicians of different but complementary specialties, work jointly in the management of the patient during the pre, per and post-operative period, with the main objective of ensuring the best quality of care and the greatest safety to him. However, the unprecedented development of new technologies during the last decades deeply modified the conditions of exercise of these two specialties. Thus, the practice of anaesthesia is not only necessary for the realization of the surgical act, but also for diagnostic and therapeutic techniques using high technologies. Within this team, will prevail: Respect of rules of confraternity and partnership, the independence of the anesthesiologist and the surgeon with a collective decision but individual responsibility, place the patient welfare and security above all other considerations. In case of disagreement, it should be discussed in a positive way, and refer to the medical or ethical committee who are able to apply procedures for conciliation. In this presentation, the author will try to point out the responsibilities of each of the two partners in this joint practice. The practice of a shared activity, for the benefit of the patient, in the same place, requires a preliminary definition, in the mutual respect, of competencies and responsibilities of each one, based on the respect of the rules in the Code of Medical Ethics.

### Biography

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