

To whom it may concern
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ESAIC, as the leading European Society in Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care, recognizes the role of board-certified Anaesthesia Nurse Practitioners (ANP) in providing quality of care.

However, we strongly underline that Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care are medical specialties. ESAIC's main goal is patient safety, and therefore we emphasize the importance of a supervising consultant anaesthesiologist during all anaesthetic procedures, who is responsible for the patient during the whole procedure. The same goes without further outlining for patients in the Intensive Care Unit.

Also in particular situations and stressed times (e.g. COVID-19), when we face shortage of workforce, we should keep our safety standards at the highest levels; therefore, ANPs should always work under certified medical anaesthesiologist supervision as ICU nurses do.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

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