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Target Audience: Physicians and other medical professionals whose medical specialty is the practice of anesthesia.

Learning Objectives: After reading this article, participants should understand how to reduce the risk of and respond to operating room fires.

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CME Article Questions

Based on the article by the ASA Task Force entitled "Practice advisory for the prevention and management of operating room fires: A report by the American Society of Anesthesiologists Task Force on Operating Room Fires" in the May issue of ANESTHESIOLOGY, choose the one correct answer for each question:

1. Which of the following statements regarding American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) practice advisories is *most* likely true?
 - A. They are intended as requirements for the safe practice of anesthesiology.
 - B. They are not based on ASA members' opinion.
 - C. They summarize the state of the literature.
 - D. They rarely need revision.

2. A fire requires the presence of three components: an oxidizer, an ignition source, and a fuel. Which of the following is *least* likely to contribute to an operating room fire?
 - A. Gastrointestinal tract gases
 - B. Room air
 - C. Argon beam coagulators
 - D. Nitrous oxide

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3. Which of the following is *most* helpful in preventing an operating room fire?
 - A. Identifying surgical procedures as high risk for fire
 - B. Configuring drapes to keep oxidizers *under* the drapes
 - C. Using dry sponges or gauze during the procedure
 - D. Applying alcohol skin prep immediately before an electrocautery incision
4. Which of the following statements about a fire in the airway is *most* likely true?
 - A. An early warning sign includes an unusual odor.
 - B. The tracheal tube should remain in the airway.
 - C. Oxygen delivery should be increased to prevent hypoxia.
 - D. The patient's airway should be flooded with carbon dioxide.
5. All of the following constitute a high risk for an operating room fire *except*
 - A. Placing an uncuffed tracheal tube
 - B. Head and neck surgery
 - C. Using a laryngeal mask airway during deep sedation in an oxygen-dependent patient
 - D. Using electrocautery during a tracheostomy
6. In the event an operating room fire cannot be extinguished with saline, the *best* response is to
 - A. Use additional drapes to smother the fire
 - B. Let the fire consume the fuel
 - C. Turn off the medical gas supplies to the room prior to evacuation
 - D. Use a CO₂ fire extinguisher on the area

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