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The Austrian working group of Pediatric Anesthesia is a section of the Austrian Society of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine (Österreichische Gesellschaft für Anaesthesiologie, Reanimation und Intensivmedizin – ÖGARI)

Since the statutes of the ÖGARI and the working groups were changed last year, the working group consists at the moment of 12 active members and 28 associate members. The active members meet at least twice each year to discuss actual problems, to formulate standards and recommendations. All members are invited to attend the general meeting which is held each year at the annual national congress (AIC 12. – 14. 11. 2015 in Vienna, Austria)

Activities of the working group:

Guidelines:

At the moment the working group is reassessing the guidelines for perioperative management in pediatric anesthesia, mainly focusing on day-case surgery. The results will be presented and further discussed at the annual meeting in Vienna.

Annual congress: (AIC 12. – 14. 11. 2015 in Vienna)

The pediatric topics at this year's AIC-Congress are covering regional anesthesia for day-case surgery and the main session is focusing on safety aspects of pediatric anesthesia.

Annual Symposium for Pediatric Anesthesia:

This year we organized the 2st Workshop for Emergencies in Pediatric Anesthesia which was followed by the 12th Symposium on Pediatric Anesthesia.

This symposium covers the basic topics of Pediatric Anesthesia including the preoperative management, induction and maintenance of anesthesia in general but also for specific cases and the management of emergency situations. Furthermore topics such as pain management, regional anesthesia, management of patients with congenital heart disease, management of the newborn baby with malformations are outlined. The aim of this symposium is to give the participants practical advice how to manage certain situations in pediatric anesthesia.

Next year's symposium will be held in April (21 – 23. 4. 2016)

Homepage:

Last year the ÖGARI was launching a new homepage where the working group is represented with an own section. There exists also a direct link to the ESPA homepage.