

ANAESTHESIA SAFETY STANDARDS IN MALAYSIA.

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The beginning of a formalization of minimal monitoring standards required for safety in Anaesthesia was published in 1985 by Harvard. In 1993, the Malaysian Society of Anaesthesiologists (MSA) first published a document entitled "Recommendations for Standards of Monitoring during Anaesthesia and Recovery". In 1995, the College of Anaesthesiologists, Academy of Medicine, Malaysia was entrusted with the revisions and updates to this document.

As Malaysia progresses towards being a fully developed country, it is vital for medical practitioners to adopt a high standard of practice, including those related to monitoring, to maintain optimal patient safety." There have been substantial changes in the way Anaesthesia is practiced in our country since the first document. The safety standards published by the Malaysian Society of Anaesthesiologists and the College of Anaesthesiologists Academy of Medicine Malaysia, have been widely adopted by the anaesthesiologists both in the private and public sectors..

The Malaysian Society for Quality in Health, which surveys the healthcare facilities in our country for accreditation, has adopted these standards for providers of anaesthetic services.