

Gas Embolism: A Reportable Event

The most recent ECRI Institute PSO webinar, “Gas Embolism: A Reportable Event,” was presented this past September. ECRI Institute’s Mark Bruley and Dr. Bruce Hansel, along with Montefiore Medical Center’s Patient Safety Officer and Internist Dr. Jason Adelman, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the physics and physiology of gas embolisms as well as accident investigation techniques used when a gas embolism occurs. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session. The recommendations provided by the webinar suggest that organizations:

- ▶ Foster an attitude of gas embolism sensitivity
- ▶ Evaluate procedures and technologies for gas embolism risk
- ▶ Select technologies that minimize gas embolism risk
- ▶ Educate their clinicians about gas embolism

If a gas embolism occurs in your organization, investigating the process and preserving device evidence are of primary importance.

We frequently hear from many risk, quality, and patient safety professionals about the competing priorities that prevent them from attending national and regional conferences for ongoing educational opportunities that highlight current healthcare issues. Luckily, technological advances have helped to bring learning opportunities to your desktop without having the time and expense of travel. ECRI Institute PSO webinars are one example of e-learning presented on a regular basis. ECRI Institute PSO webinar topics are current and timely and are delivered by healthcare experts who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table. These webinars are typically one hour in length and followed by a question and answer session, so the participants can ask the experts any pertinent questions on the topic.

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