

INTRODUCTION

A total of twenty case reports is presented which comprise fifteen anaesthetic and five intensive care cases. With the exception of one case (General Anaesthesia For The Bronchoscopic Removal Of A Foreign Body In A Child), all cases were gathered during my one year elective period in Scotland. I had the opportunity to work at the Monklands District General Hospital in the town of Airdrie Scotland, situated just 12 miles out of Glasgow City. This Hospital services the two fairly large districts of Monklands and Cumbernauld and has a bed capacity of 588. The Hospital does not offer neurosurgery or surgery for paediatrics, eye or cardiothoracic procedures. Patients requiring these services are transferred to specialist units in Glasgow. The anaesthetic department of the Monklands Hospital also provides anesthetic services to the Bellshill Maternity Hospital. The district maternity unit is located about five miles from the Monklands Hospital and averages 4000 deliveries and 1400 epidural anaesthetics per year.

I also had the opportunity to rotate through some of the large teaching hospitals in Glasgow: The Glasgow Royal Infirmary, The Glasgow Western Infirmary, and

The Glasgow Dental School and Hospital. There I worked with specialist consultants in cardiac anaesthesia, hypotensive eye anaesthesia, and paediatric out-patient dental anaesthesia.