APRN meeting
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Northwest Anesthesia Seminars provides high quality continuing education to advance practice nurses (APN) at the national level. The faculty consists of certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) and medical doctors (MD) who are in clinical practice and provide up-to-date information for APNs in practice. These seminars are held in locations that are appealing to individuals and can be incorporated into a vacation destination!

Type of APNs who were present for this week long meeting included physicians, physician assistants (PA), CRNAs, nurse specialists, and nurses who desired gaining continuing education credits toward license renewal.

Topics discussed included: Preoperative continuation or discontinuation of chronic medications, cardiac disease risk evaluation and management, pacemakers, blood glucose management, arrhythmias, anesthetic options for endoscopy, identification and treatment of anaphylaxis, and perioperative pain control to name a few. One topic discussed impacting the incidence of adverse drug events (ADE) leading to serious and fatal episodes in American hospitals were tabulated at 6.7% and 0.32% respectively. Of those ADEs 29% were analgesics, with the most common drug of all being morphine. I also learned that prescription drugs cause more deaths each year than car accidents.

Meetings include providing a forum for professional exchange with other APNs around the world. Attendees are given opportunities to introduce themselves and explain their background. Frequent breaks were given allowing for interaction between attendees, which proved to be valuable as almost everyone seemed to interact and some even exchanged information with intentions on meeting again to discuss work opportunities.

Attending the meeting was very interesting and allowed me to see how APNs use opportunities to learn and network among one another.
References


Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Northwest Anesthesia Seminar,

Jackson Hole, WY.