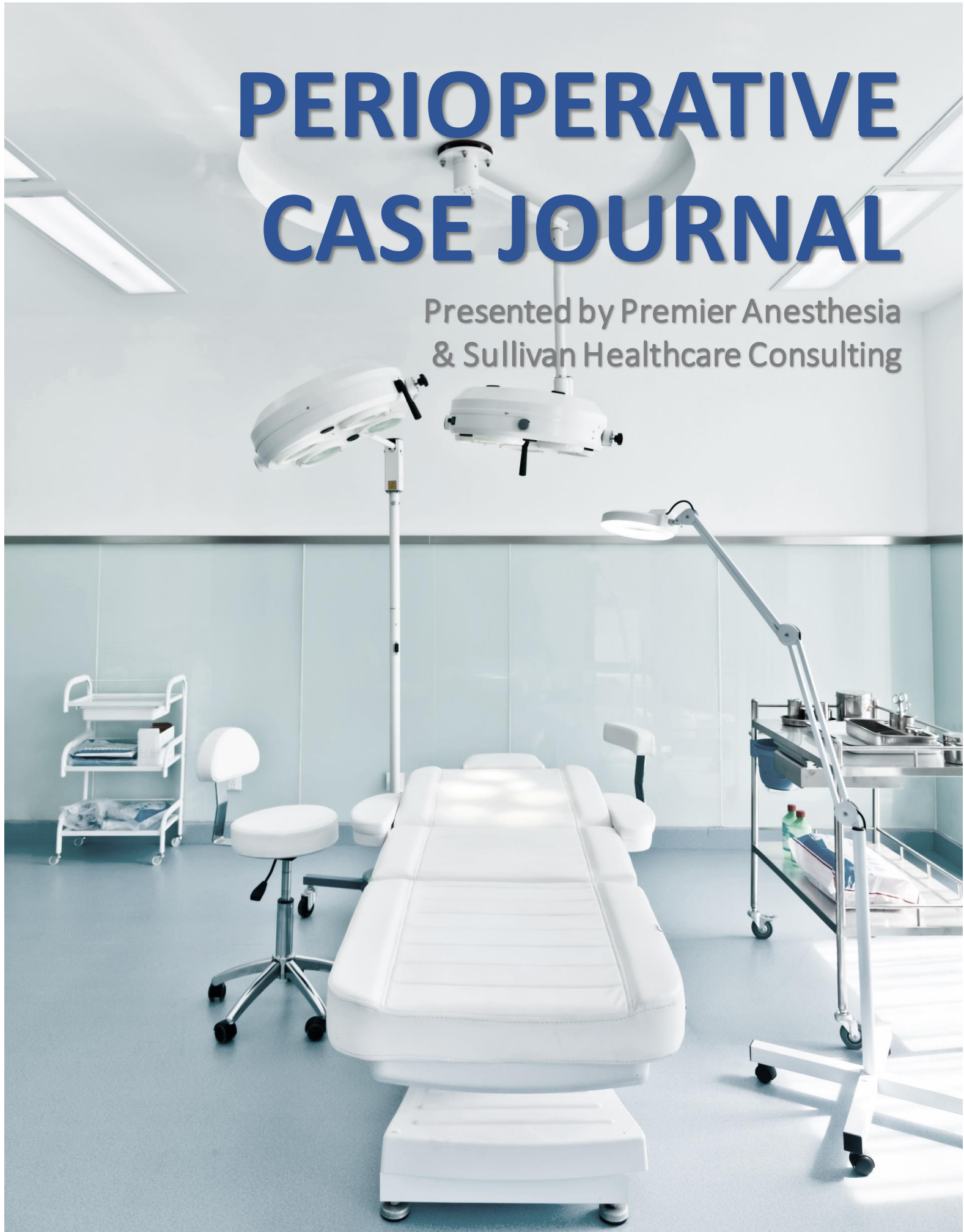


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Surgical Services Governance



Why does one well-designed, best practice program fail, while some poorly designed programs run effectively? The difference is OR Governance. A successful perioperative governance team wins the confidence of surgeons, anesthesia, OR nurses and OR Managers by balancing the needs of their competing agendas.

All active personnel in the perioperative department should be able to answer these questions easily:

- Who runs the program?
- What rules do they follow?
- How is conflict resolved?
- Who is accountable for performance?

When it is unclear who is in charge to resolve important OR issues, people will move to solve issues independently and you will no longer have an effective governance structure. In contrast, an OR governance structure that is well-designed, well-understood and well-enforced will result in greater OR effectiveness and marketability.

Needs Checklist for Governance Team

- Secure surgeon participation
- Ensure convenient scheduling
- Accommodate add-ons readily
- Meet new equipment requests
- Build and maintain the proper skill mix of OR staff
- Recruit and retain clinicians