



# 4th ESPCOP meeting

**December 14th 2013**  
Crown Plaza, Burg 10  
**Bruges, Belgium.**

Does Anaesthetic technique affect outcome in the morbidly obese patient? This meeting addresses many aspects of peri-operative care for the obese patients, and amongst these will be particular focus on atelectasis, opioids, NMB and epidurals. Each lecture will discuss pathophysiology and the practical consequences for us in our daily clinical work.

# The preliminary program and speakers:

What is new in the ventilation of the morbidly obese patient?

**Paolo Pelosi**

Haemodynamic effects of lung recruitment in the morbidly obese patient.

**Tomasz Gaszynski**

New practical tools to prevent peri-operative atelectasis in the morbidly obese patient.

**Jan Paul Mulier**

Is there a place for respiratory stimulants in anaesthesia for the obese patient?

**Luc De Baerdemaeker**

The impact of obesity on outcome in general ICU. The ICNARC study

**Michael Margaron**

Variability and failings in the care for patients undergoing bariatric surgery, The NCEPOD Bariatric Surgery study.

**Euan Shearer**

Opioid sensitivity and respiratory depression. Practical approaches to aid peri-operative opioid dosing strategies.

**Michael Margaron**

The STOP-Bang questionnaire: What it is and how to use it.

**Frances Chung**

Does obstructive sleep apnea increase the rate of postoperative complications and can we avoid this?

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Advantages and challenges of opioid-free anaesthesia in the morbidly obese patient?

**Marc Dekock**

Using an opioid-free anaesthesia protocol for bariatric surgery: Practical application.

**Jan Paul Mulier**

How to improve the quality of Obstetric Anaesthesia for the morbidly obese parturient.

**Yigal Leykin**

Practical aspects of epidural analgesia in obese patients. Do we need ultrasound and are long needles safe in morbidly obese parturients?

**Marcel Vercauteren**

What I do as a bariatric surgeon when I do not have enough laparoscopic workspace.

**Bruno Dillemans**

Update on muscle relaxant dosing requirements in morbid obese patients to achieve deep NMB.

**Yigal Leykin**

Is Post-operative Residual Curarisation a significant problem in the morbid obese patient? How can we deal with it?

**Tomasz Gaszynski**

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Abstracts related to obesity and anaesthesia or intensive care presented for the first time within the last year may be submitted for our scientific session. All selected abstracts will be presented as posters, and the best four or five will be selected for oral presentation. There will be prizes of 250, 500 and 1000 euro for the three best presentations.

