# PERI-OPERATIVE CARE Pre-operative Assessment and Preparation

## Pre-operative Assessment (General):

I- <u>**Clinical assessment**</u> : by Primary Care Physician (PCP) or pediatrician!

A- **History** : the usual data collection starts by history that involve two parts :

= **general** history with interrogatory by system with considering the functional

evaluation of the following systems: respiratory, cardio-vascular, neuromuscular , hematological , hepatic and renal system .

= relevant history according to involved system and presenting complaints

**NB**: to memorize use :MNEMONICs( **COMP FRE**E) or checklist (see attached form)

B- Examination : also involve two parts :

= **general** Ex, which must contain the vital signs and anthropometric measurements with plotting on appropriate charts , with considering

the functional evaluation of the following system respiratory, cardio-vascular,

neuromuscular , hematological , hepatic and renal system .

### = complete examination of the **relevant** system

### II- Para-clinical assessments

A- CBC, Grouping and cross-matching, bleeding profile, viral markers ,  $\pm$  CXR

B- other tests requested on demand (see guide of specific system later on)

- III- <u>Consultation -</u> if needed : remember : any difficult .. you must consult
- IV- **ASA classification** and its implications then write the **recommendations**

### Pre-operative Preparation (General):

- I- by primary care physician (PCP) or pediatrician !
  - = Pt/family psychosocial preparation ,

= fulfill the "informed consent " and recommend for consultation if needed

= educate about pre-operative fasting (NPO),

II- by operation team (anesthesiologists and surgeons ) at the day before the operation

= **review** the PCP assessments & preparation , and recommendations

= **history** : check for new events that may affect GA or operation and

check pt/family understanding as well as answer their queries .

= P.Exam: rapid Ex. that must involve vital signs , O2 saturation and the system involved by the procedures

= **prescribe** any indicated pre-medications or extra-preparation and check NPO

- III- Timed, complete and formal **Documentation** of all pre-operative assessment and preparation (as with intra and post operative care )
- IV- Establish a good **communications** between all specialties involved in the managements of Pt. and adherence to **ethical** issues .

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