

<b>Title: Non obstetric surgery in pregnancy</b>	
<b>Aim:</b> To assess FCAI candidates knowledge on the issues pregnancy creates and how to safely anaesthetise a pregnant woman for non obstetric surgery	
<b>Curriculum reference:</b> CAI_OB_IK_000, CAI_PB_IK_0041	
A 34-year-old woman is listed for an emergency appendicectomy for acute appendicitis. She is 30 weeks pregnant.	
<p>a) What are the risks to the foetus during anaesthesia for the mother? <b>[5 marks]</b></p> <p>b) Describe haematological <b>[4 marks]</b> and gastrointestinal <b>[2 marks]</b> changes in maternal physiology which occur in pregnancy.</p> <p>c) Summarise important information you would give to this patient during your pre-anaesthesia visit pertinent to this case <b>[4 marks]</b></p> <p>d) Outline <u>modifications</u> to general anaesthesia in this setting <b>[7 marks]</b> and list the drugs known to be safe and those to be avoided <b>[3 marks]</b></p>	
<b>FCAI Model answer</b>	<b>Marks to total of 25</b>
<p>a)</p> <p><b>Award 1 mark for each correct point to a maximum of 5 marks</b></p>	<b>5</b>
<p>b)</p> <p><b>1 mark for each correct point to a maximum of 4 for haematology 1 mark for each correct point to a maximum of 2 for GI</b></p>	<b>6</b>

<p>c)</p> <p><b>Award 1 mark for each correct point to a maximum of 4 marks</b></p>	<b>4</b>
<p>d)</p> <p>Modifications to GA technique</p> <p><b>1 mark for each correct point, to a maximum of 7 marks</b></p>	<b>7</b>
<p>Safe drugs</p> <p><b>½ mark each to maximum 1.5 marks</b></p> <p>Unsafe drugs</p> <p><b>½ mark each to maximum 1.5 marks</b></p>	<b>3</b>


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