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Setting up an EC-IC bypass service: Potentials and Pitfalls

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Resumen

Setting up a new service in a UK hospital is a challenging and daunting task, especially when the procedure involved is something exotic like an EC-IC bypass. The aim of my talk will be to list the steps in setting up such a service and building up the workload. Several hurdles appear during the way and these need to be overcome. I intend to share my experience of how I went about setting up the service and then expanding it gradually. I will go through the process of training and educating the nursing staff as well as anaesthetists to successfully establish the procedures. Training routines followed by our team will also be discussed. Instrumentation, technical nuances and improvisation depending upon the situation are very important contributors to success in such scenarios and I intend to share my experiences in these domains. Last but not the least I will discuss my approach to continuous audit and self improvement as well as service improvement.