

# Audit on use of Standard Monitoring during Anesthesia according to Association of Anesthetists Guidelines of 2021

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## BACKGROUND

Monitoring during anesthesia minimizes perioperative complications by detecting physiological disturbances early. The **Association of Anesthetists (AoA) Guidelines 2021** recommend the following minimum monitoring standards:

- 1.Pulse oximeter with plethysmograph
- 2.Electrocardiogram (ECG)
- 3.Non-invasive blood pressure (NIBP)
- 4.Temperature
- 5.Inspired and expired oxygen concentration
- 6.Waveform capnography
- 7.Quantitative neuromuscular

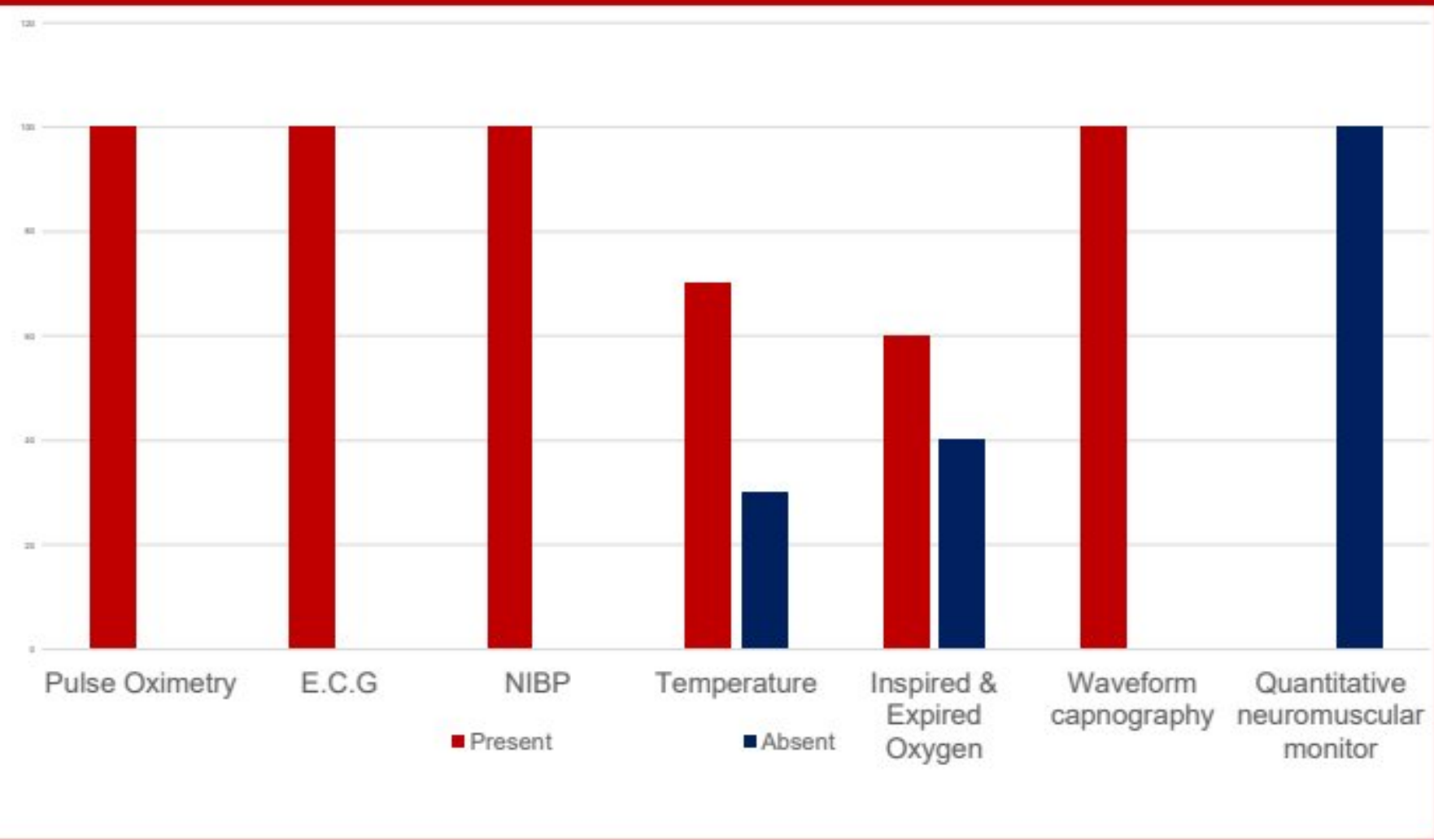
## OBJECTIVES

To assess compliance with AoA 2021 standards of monitoring among anaesthetized patients in our operating rooms.

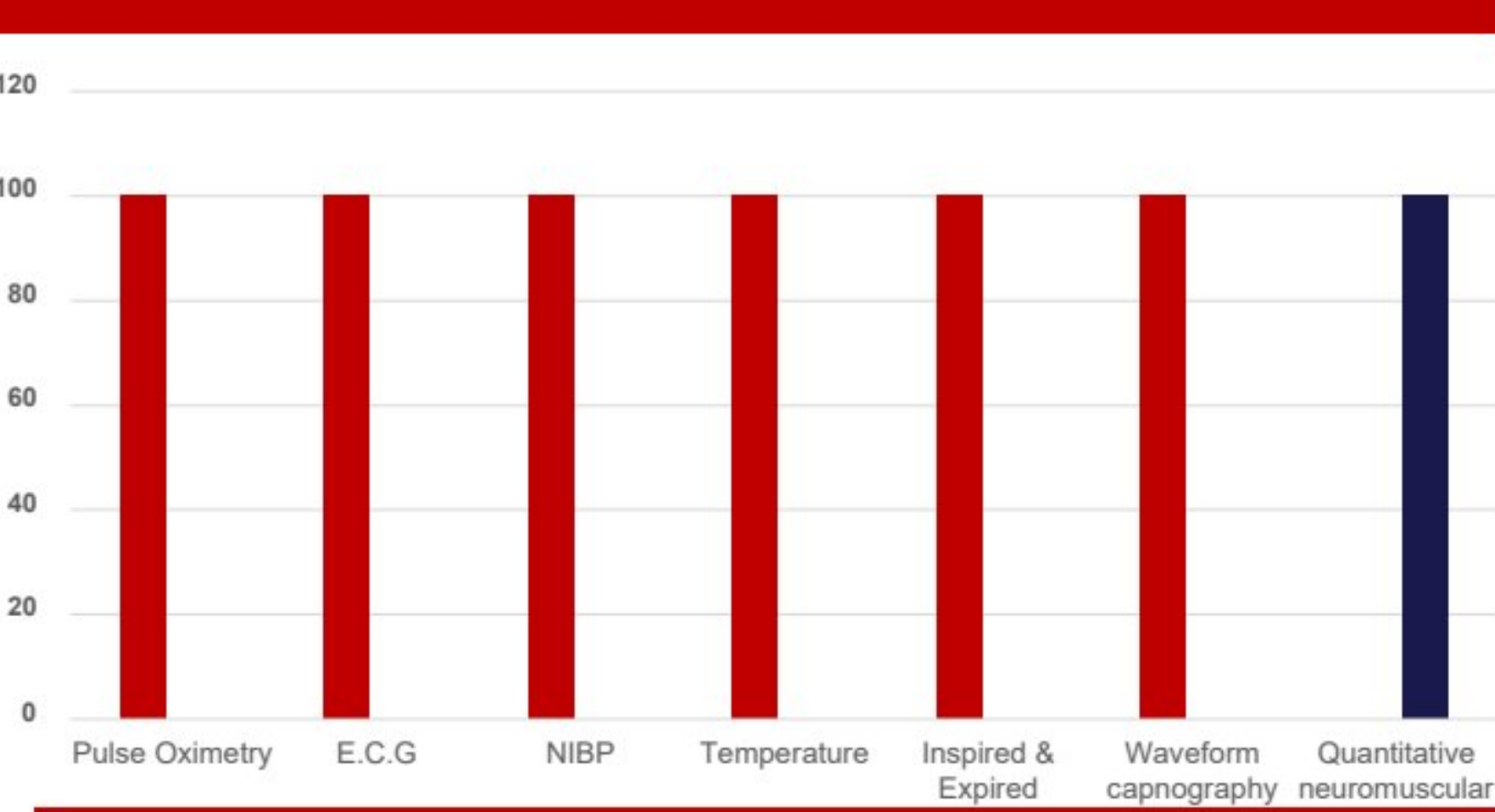
## METHODOLOGY

**Type:** Prospective audit  
**Period 1 (Initial Audit):** 1–28 February 2025  
**Re-audit:** 1–31 August 2025  
**Inclusion criteria:** Surgical procedures lasting ≥ 30 minutes  
**Process:**  
After induction, monitoring parameters were documented on a predesigned performa. Data were compiled in Microsoft Excel and analyzed for compliance with AoA 2021 guidelines. Re-audit conducted after educational interventions.

## INITIAL AUDIT RESULT



## RE-AUDIT RESULTS



## CONCLUSION

The initial audit revealed incomplete compliance with AoA 2021 monitoring standards. After structured education and reinforcement of guidelines, compliance improved significantly in the re-audit. Continuous education and regular re-audits are essential to maintain standards of safe anaesthetic practice.

## Recommendations

- 1.Regular training sessions for anesthesia residents, and technicians.
- 2.Periodic re-audits to ensure sustained compliance.
- 3.Encourage availability and adoption of **quantitative neuromuscular block monitoring** for all general anesthesia cases.