

Dr. Francis VEYCKEMANS – LILLE (France)



Francis Veyckemans was born in Belgium in 1952. He graduated in medicine at the Catholic University of Louvain in 1977 and became specialist in anesthesia and intensive care at the same university in 1984.

He was responsible for non-cardiac pediatric anesthesia at the Cliniques universitaires St Luc in Brussels from 1984 to 2016. During this period of time he gained a lot of experience in pediatric major surgery (liver transplantation , cancer surgery) and created a specific team for pediatric sedation or anesthesia outside the operating theatre for MRI, endoscopies, nuclear medicine, radiotherapy. He also introduced techniques and protocols for pediatric postoperative analgesia: epidural blockade, morphine infusion, PCA etc...

Since 2016 he is working as staff anesthesiologist at the Hôpital Jeanne de

Flandre, the Mother-Child hospital of the CHU of Lille in France.

He is the author, with his friend Bernard Dalens, of one textbook on pediatric anesthesia and another on pediatric regional anesthesia. Both books were published in French.

His main topics of interest are anesthesia and rare pediatric diseases (see <http://tinyurl.com/PED-RARE>), and pediatric pain management.

Francis Veyckemans also participates regularly as anesthesiologist to humanitarian missions in Africa, Asia, South America.

He was the chair of the Subcommittee on pediatric anesthesia and intensive care of the European Society of Anesthesiology (ESA) from 2011 to 2014 and is currently the President of the European Society for Pediatric Anesthesiology (ESPA).

He is a section editor of the European Journal of Anaesthesiology and of Pediatric Anesthesia.