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French Intensive Care Associations

Société Française d'Anesthésie-Réanimation

The aims of this state-approved Society have been to study, promote and teach anaesthesia and intensive care since 1991, and additionally since 1998 to promote safety in all procedures carried out by intensivists and anaesthetists. Activities of the Society include:

- the organization of scientific meetings, national congresses, consensus and expert meetings, etc;
- publication of the "French Annals of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care";
- publication of studies: SFAR recommendations;
- awarding of grants and prizes, study and research scholarships, research contracts, etc;
- setting up of appropriate committees as required.

Société de Réanimation de Langue Française

This scientific society founded in 1971, currently comprises 1200 members and organizes various activities revolving around two main themes:

- professional training and post-graduate education;
- promotion of clinical research and assessment of intensive care activities in hospitals.

Through these two activities, SRLF together with all actors in the intensive care sector, pursues the fundamental goal of situating intensive care appropriately within the health system.

In order to function and operate efficiently, SRLF relies on a 12-member Board of Directors and on 9 working groups: the scientific committee, ethics committee, INSERM/SRLF liaison committee, "Réanimation" magazine editorial board, assessment committee, emergency medicine committee, epidemiology and clinical research committee.

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