A: The advantages of doing critical care through anesthesiology are:

1. The common skill sets required for the majority of the critical events in ICUs are part of the daily training in anesthesiology
   • Airway management, especially including complex procedures such as fiberoptic intubation and double lumen endotracheal intubation.
   • Management of mechanical ventilation
   • Blood pressure and inotropic heart management including pharmacology
   • Fluid, electrolyte, diabetes and acid base management on a regular daily basis
   • Procedures such as arterial lines, central venous access and regional anesthesia for post surgical pain are practiced daily in the OR by anesthesiologists

2. You have a rewarding two-career option and this increases your marketability as an anesthesiologist.