

**F4 HOW THE TEAM IN THE OPERATING THEATRE WAS CONSTITUTED AND CO-ORDINATED, AND ITS PERFORMANCE AS AN INTEGRATED TEAM.**

It will be evident from the foregoing sections under this heading that the Team in the operating theatre is made up of:

- (i) the anaesthetists, who normally include consultants, either senior registrars or registrars and the anaesthetic nurse;
- (ii) the surgeon, together with his senior registrar or registrar and senior house officer;
- (iii) the nurses who scrub to assist the surgeon and to be the 'runner' in the operating theatre (and the anaesthetic nurse.);
- (iv) the perfusionists who operate the cardio pulmonary bypass equipment.
- (v) In responding to these issues I do not plan to take account of the educational role which each of these groups may have had to play at any given time.

**THE MEMBERSHIP OR CONSTITUTION OF THE OPERATING THEATRE TEAM.**

I take this to mean, "how is the team constituted on the day?". The background is that all groups who together constitute the team, follow a regular and predictable pattern in their work and all are familiar with how the other groups work. This familiarity is based on knowledge and experience. It is important because it means that each day's work is not a wholly new experience, but is really a re-run of well established patterns of behaviour which are adjusted and modified according to the individual needs of the patient.

The manner in which the organisation works to bring together the team on a particular day is