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# Anaesthetic Technicians & ICU

## A little about me & my team

- ▶ NZ trained anaesthetic technician
- ▶ Senior Team Leader at WDHB
- ▶ Working relationship with ICU for 22 years
- ▶ Four ACLS instructors on staff
- ▶ Leader of PICC service
- ▶ Married to a nurse
- ▶ Recently bought a caravan called Mavis



# Some History

- ▶ 22 years of NSH ICU
- ▶ Heavily supported by anaesthesia
- ▶ Technicians heavily support anaesthetists
- ▶ We made ourselves useful so we were asked to stay



# What is an anaesthetic tech??

- ▶ We train for 3 years to hand over a bit of plastic & coil EGC cables.
- ▶ Seriously though...
- ▶ We are tailor-made to assist with the preparation for and the administration of anaesthesia - this includes the management of all the things that can go wrong.



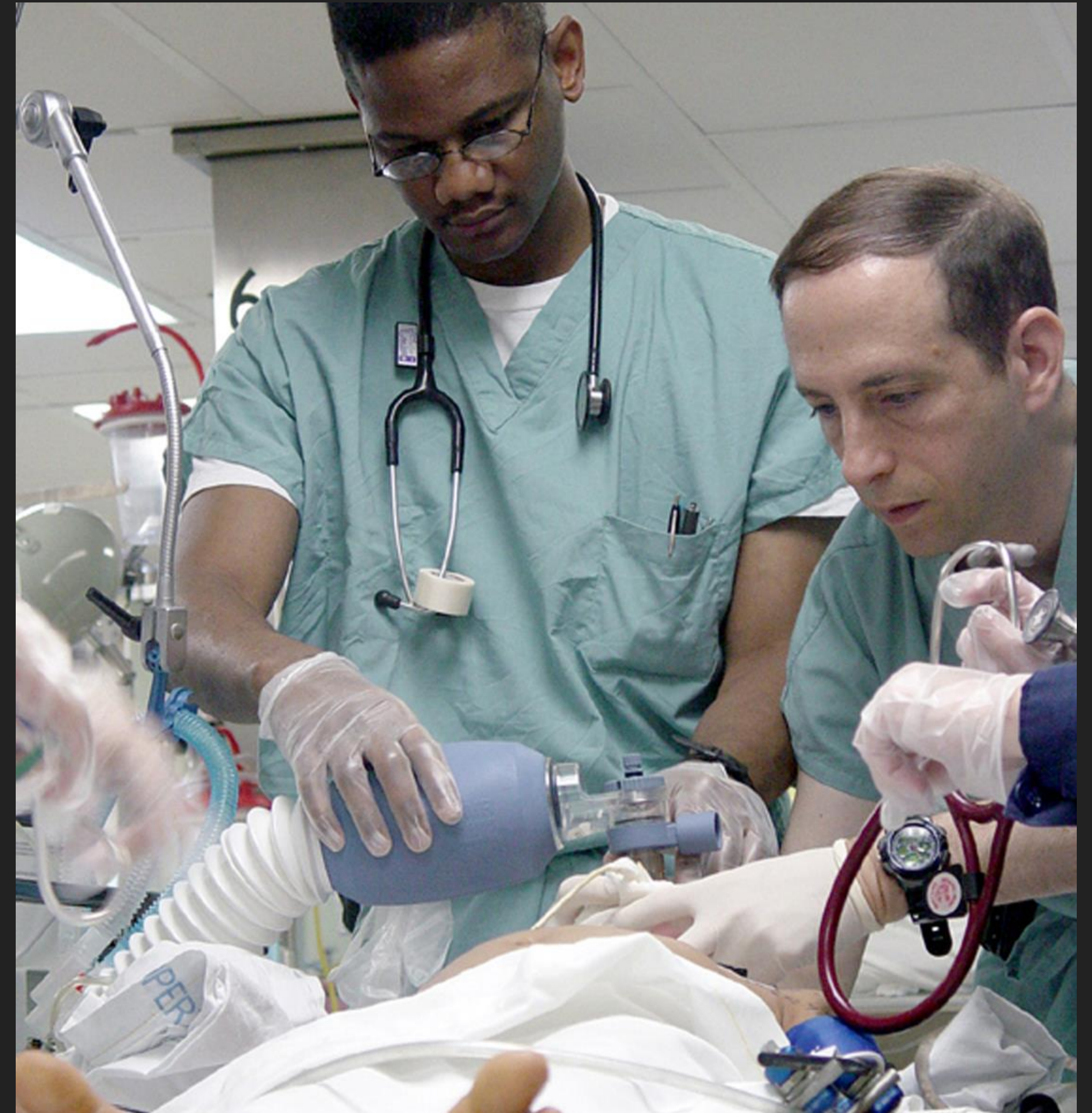
## Our party tricks

- ▶ We are the best there is when it comes to assisting you with a difficult airway.
- ▶ We catastrophize
- ▶ We are in fact mind readers
- ▶ We see the big picture
- ▶ We ask questions when we have to



## Work actually inside ICU

- ▶ Airway interventions
- ▶ Extra support for staff during high acuity admission when the skill mix is suboptimal
- ▶ PICC lines



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# The fruit

- ▶ Worth it?
- ▶ As for the future

