Anesthesiology

Title: Postanesthetic Evaluation
Number: CHM MOD (ANES 605) (002)

OBJECTIVE
The postanesthesia period is an extension of the anesthesia process. It is the anesthesia care provider's responsibility to the patient to provide a documented postoperative evaluation by a qualified provider. This standard was developed to assist in ensuring the continuity of patient care and postoperative safety.

SCOPE
All Anesthesia providers, Recovery Room RNs

MANAGEMENT OPERATING DIRECTIVE
A documented post-operative evaluation is performed within 24 hours that is reflective of the patients clinical course. Ongoing quality assessment and improvement is an integral part of this postoperative evaluation.

PROVISIONS
1. Patient is monitored according to PACU policy.
2. A licensed anesthesia healthcare provider, anesthesiologist, anesthesia resident, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, or doctor of medicine or osteopathy other than an anesthesiologist is authorized to discharge the patient and may do so following a review of the patient's postoperative status.
3. Specific attention will be paid to the patients mental status, respiratory and circulatory status, presence/absence of nausea/vomiting, temperature, pain control and postoperative hydration.
4. A postoperative anesthesia assessment will be documented and dated in the medical record. This assessment is reflective of the patient's clinical course in the recovery room.

REFERENCES

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY
The Chief of Anesthesiology has overall responsibility and authority for administration of directives related to postanesthetic evaluation.

APPROVAL SIGNATURE(S)

Chief of Anesthesiology, Children's Hospital of Michigan

Date

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October 2013

SUPERSEDES
New

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