

HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER

SUBJECT: VI-136 ANESTHESIOLOGIST SUPERVISION OF POST ANESTHESIA CARE UNIT (PACU)	POLICY #: 1170
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PURPOSE: To define the anesthesiologist's role in the post-anesthesia recovery room (PACU).

POLICY:

1. Patients admitted to the PACU are under the direct supervision of recovery room or PACU nurses, who work under the supervision of Anesthesiology personnel.
2. A member of the Anesthesiology staff is immediately available to the P ACU nursing staff for assistance with or consultation regarding care of above-mentioned PACU patients.
3. During the post-operative period, the above-mentioned PACU patients are managed by Anesthesiology personnel (in cooperation with surgeons).
4. At the termination of the post-operative period, PACU patients are evaluated and signed out by the Anesthesiologist, .
5. The Anesthesiologist may be called to assist or consult on care of PACU patients who had invasive procedure performed under local anesthesia or moderate sedation. In such cases, the patient's primary/attending physician should be called first to PACU.

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