

HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER

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| SUBJECT: II-134 TRAFFIC PATTERNS IN THE OPERATING ROOM | POLICY #: 1060 |
| | VERSION: 1 |
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PURPOSE: To describe traffic control practices and ensure they are enforced in the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) to protect personnel, patients, supplies and equipment from potential sources of cross contamination, safeguard the privacy of patients and provide security.

POLICY: All ASC personnel and others will follow the set traffic pattern described below.

PROCEDURE:

1. The surgical suite shall be divided into three designated areas:
 - A. **Restricted areas:** Include the operating rooms, scrub sinks areas and where open sterile supplies and/or scrubbed persons may be located. Surgical attire, head coverings, which cover all scalp skin, head and facial hair, and masks are required.
 - B. **Semi-restricted:** Include peripheral support areas of the surgical suite, storage area for clean and sterile supplies, areas of processing of supplies and corridors leading to the restricted areas of the surgical suite. Traffic in this area is limited to authorized personnel and patients. Surgical attire and hair coverings, which cover all scalp skin, head and facial hair, are required.
 - C. **Unrestricted:** Include the lounge and locker rooms. Street clothes are permitted in this area and traffic is not limited.
2. Movement of personnel from unrestricted areas to restricted or semi-restricted areas should be through the vestibule.
3. Patients entering the surgical suite will be dressed in a gown, surgical bonnet and covered with clean warm linens.
4. Patients will flow from Peri-Operative Holding Area to Operating Room to Post Anesthesia Care Unit.

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5. Persons entering the semi restricted or restricted areas of the surgical suite for a brief purpose will cover all head and facial hair and don either freshly laundered surgical attire or a single use coverall suit designed to totally cover outside apparel.

REFERENCES:

AORN Perioperative Standards and Recommended Practices

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