

HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER

SUBJECT: IX-100 BLOOD AND BLOOD PRODUCT	POLICY #: 1044
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POLICY:

It is the policy of this Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) **not** to administer blood or blood products to patients. Any surgery/procedure in which there is the possibility of significant blood loss will not be performed at this ASC.

PROCEDURE:

1. If there is an unexpected significant blood loss during the surgery:
 - a. The surgeon must take all measures to control the bleeding and conclude the procedure as soon as possible.
 - b. The anesthesia provider attempts to stabilize the patient by using electrolyte solution (Ringer Lactate) and volume expanders such as Hespan.
 - c. At the conclusion of surgery, when patient is stabilized, an assessment will be made whether patient needs to be transferred to the hospital with which the ASC has a transfer agreement.

2. If there is an unexpected significant blood loss after surgery, while patient is in the Post Anesthesia Recovery Room (PACU):
 - a. PACU nursing staff will summon both the Anesthesia staff (MD, CRNA) and the operating surgeon.
 - b. The ASC provider staff will stabilize the patient, using electrolyte solution (Ringer Lactate) and volume expanders such as Hespan, while arrangement for emergency transfer to the hospital is made.
 - c. Patient will be transferred to the hospital with which the ASC has a transfer agreement for observation and/or definitive treatment.

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