HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM
AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER

SUBJECT: III-111 CRNA SCOPE OF PRACTICE	POLICY #: 1175
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PURPOSE: To define the extent of CRNA scope of practice and supervision at the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC).

POLICY:

1. CRNAs work under the medical supervision of anesthesiologists, who have ultimate responsibility for the anesthesia care.

2. CRNAs work under policies and protocols of the ASC.

3. CRNAs adhere to infection control policies and procedures as established by the ASC.

4. CRNAs' responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

Pre-anesthetic Care:

a. Reviewing thoroughly each patient's pre-anesthetic evaluation, if performed by another anesthesia provider or myself prior to day of surgery.

b. Performing preoperative evaluation, including obtaining an appropriate health history, and physical screening assessment. This can be done prior to and/or on the day of scheduled procedure.

c. Recommending and/or ordering labs and other diagnostic tests.

d. Evaluating the results of pertinent diagnostic studies and reporting all new findings and orders to the anesthesiologist.

e. Writing preoperative orders for intravenous fluids and medications.

f. Selecting, ordering and/or administering pre-anesthetic medications.

g. CRNAs may obtain pre-anesthetic evaluation but informed consent needs to be done Anesthesiologist only.

h. Ensuring the daily anesthesia machine checkout procedures have been performed.

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<u>Intra-operative Care</u>:

a. Obtaining, preparing and using all equipment, monitors, supplies and drugs used for the administration of anesthesia and sedation techniques.

b. Discussing and implementing the anesthetic care plan with the anesthesiologist, including general, regional and monitored anesthesia care, monitoring the patient's physiological response and adjusting anesthesia according to patient's needs.

c. Recognizing abnormal patient's response during anesthesia; selecting and implementing corrective action. Notifying the anesthesiologist of any untoward events.

d. Evaluating patient's response during emergence from anesthesia and instituting pharmacological or supportive treatment to insure patient stability during transfer.

e. Transferring the responsibility of care of the patient to other qualified providers in a manner that assures continuity of care and patient safety.(hands off communication policy)

f. Documenting all patient interventions and patient responses.

<u>Post-anesthesia Care</u>:

a. Providing post anesthesia follow-up and evaluation of patient's response to the anesthesia and surgical experience; reporting abnormal findings to the anesthesiologist, to ensure appropriate corrective actions are taken.

b. Initiating, ordering and administering respiratory support to ensure adequate ventilation and oxygenation in the post anesthesia period.

c. Initiating, ordering and administering pharmacological treatment for pain control and nausea or fluid support during post-anesthesia period. Notifying the anesthesiologist of any untoward events.

d. Ordering appropriate labs and/or diagnostic tests.

e. Documenting all patient interventions and patient responses.

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5. CRNAs practice is monitored by the ASC QA & PI programs, evaluated continuously and overall performance is assessed annually, utilizing direct observation and various reports.

6. CRNAs participate in the ASC's QA and PI programs.

ATTACHMENT:

CRNA Job Description

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