

HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER

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PURPOSE: To define the scope of practice of the CRNA administering general anesthesia.

POLICY: CRNAs providing anesthesia services to patients at the Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) work under the medical supervision of the anesthesiologist and perform the following technical aspects of anesthesia care.

PROCEDURE:

1. Obtain Preoperative Evaluation Form for patient and review, paying special attention to laboratory results and anesthesia plan.
2. Setup and check anesthesia machine, needed monitors and suction; prepare needed medications, IV lines and any other needed equipment.
3. Check patient in the perioperative holding area. Identify that patient is the planned patient, verify the proposed procedure/site with the patient, check for any missing labs, check the most recent vital signs and evaluate patient airway. Check that patient's IV line(s) run satisfactorily. Report any changes in patient's condition or any abnormality to the responsible anesthesiologist.
4. Prepare patient for administration of general anesthesia: place monitors, apply oxygen, take and record initial vital signs (including an ECG trace) and administer IV sedation, if needed.
5. Induce anesthesia only under the supervision and in the presence of the responsible anesthesiologist.
6. Monitor patient continuously and report any changes or deviations from normal to the responsible anesthesiologist. Carry out any needed actions requested by the anesthesiologist.
7. Awaken the patient at end of case. Continue monitoring patient until arrival in Post Anesthesia Care Unit (P ACU). Report to P ACU staff condition of the patient, including procedure, medication and fluids given, blood loss, and any

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other information needed about the patient's status. Document the name of the RN receiving the report in PACU. Report to anesthesiologist any changes in patient's condition in the PACU.

8. Maintain anesthesia record in an accurate, timely and legible fashion.

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