

HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER

SUBJECT: III-113 CRNA SCOPE OF PRACTICE, MONITORED ANESTHESIA CARE	POLICY #: 1185
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PURPOSE: To define the scope of practice of the CRNA during administration of monitored anesthesia care.

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

PROCEDURE:

1. Obtain or review Preoperative Evaluation on the patient.
2. Setup and check anesthesia machine, needed monitors and suction; prepare needed medications, IV lines and any other needed equipment.
3. Check patient in perioperative holding area. Identify that patient is the planned patient, check for any missing labs, check the most recent vital signs and evaluate patient's airway. Check that patient's IV line(s) run well. Report any change in patient's condition or abnormality to the responsible anesthesiologist.
4. Prepare the patient for monitored anesthesia care: place monitors, apply oxygen (if the surgical site is not around the face area), take and record initial vital signs and administer IV sedation, if needed. Place the patient in appropriate position.
5. Monitor patient continuously and report any changes or deviations from normal to responsible anesthesiologist
6. Continue monitoring patient until arrival to Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU). Report to PACU staff condition of the patient, including procedure, medication and fluids given, blood loss and any other information needed about the patient's status. Document the name of the RN receiving report in the PACU area. Report to anesthesiologist any change in patient's condition in the PACU.
7. Maintain anesthesia record in an accurate, timely fashion.
8. Actively participate in the performance of the Universal Protocol/Time Out.

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9. Accurately document administration of narcotics/controlled substances in the medical record. Obtain witnessed verification of any unused amounts and discard appropriately. Report any lost or missing narcotics/controlled substances to supervisor and Pharmacy.

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