

HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER

SUBJECT: XII-122 OXYGEN AND NITROUS OXIDE CYLINDERS/TANKS	POLICY #: 1308
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PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for the operating room staff regarding, storage and replacement of Nitrous Oxide and Oxygen cylinders/tanks.

POLICY: Nitrous Oxide and Oxygen cylinder/tanks shall be handled, stored and replaced according to the following procedure.

PROCEDURE:

- I. Oxygen Nitrous Oxide cylinders with less than 1000 pressure gauge reading are called into Facilities Department for replacement.
- II. Oxygen and Nitrous Oxide cylinders must be securely closed when usage is finished.
- III. All cylinders must be secured by standing in proper holders.
- IV. Cylinders are securely placed in well-ventilated, dry locations, where they not be damaged by passing or falling objects or subject to tampering by unauthorized persons.
- V. Locations of:

Oxygen cylinders

- Each anesthesia machine
- Each crash cart
- Post Anesthesia Recovery Room Crash Cart alcove

Nitrous Oxide cylinders

- Each anesthesia machine

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