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ANESTHESIA AND POST-ANESTHESIA RECOVERY SERVICES (OPTIONAL)

Self-Assessment Questions	YES	NO	N/A	Date/Initials	Comments
Are your hospital's anesthesia services integrated into the hospital-wide QA/PI program?	❏	❏	❏		
Is the anesthesia medical director qualified in terms of education, experience and competency as determined by the hospital medical staff?	❏	❏	❏		
Is this physician responsible for implementing the rules of the medical staff governing the quality and scope of anesthesia care provided?	❏	❏	❏		
Is there a documented position description for the medical director of anesthesia services?	❏	❏	❏		
Is the anesthesia medical director responsible for the: a. planning, directing and supervising all anesthesia activities? b. establishment of staffing schedules, including written on-call schedule for anesthesia coverage when the department is normally closed? c. monitoring of the quality and appropriateness of the anesthesia patient care? d. delivery of anesthesia services in all inpatient and outpatient areas of the hospital where applicable: operating room suite(s), obstetrical suite(s), radiology department and outpatient surgery areas?	❏ ❏ ❏ ❏	❏ ❏ ❏ ❏	❏ ❏ ❏ ❏		
Is anesthesia only administered by: a. qualified anesthesiologists, physicians, oral surgeons, podiatrists or dentists qualified to administer anesthesia under state law b. certified nurse anesthetists under the supervision of the operating practitioner or an anesthesiologist who is immediately available if needed c. anesthesiologist assistant who is under the supervision of an anesthesiologist who is immediately available if needed d. supervised students in an approved educational program?	❏ ❏ ❏ ❏	❏ ❏ ❏ ❏	❏ ❏ ❏ ❏		
Is there documentation of current licensure or certifications for all persons administering anesthesia?	❏	❏	❏		
Does the hospital specify in writing the anesthesia privileges for each practitioner who administers	❏	❏	❏		

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anesthesia, or who supervises the administration of anesthesia by another practitioner?					
During the administration of anesthesia, are supervising anesthesiologists or operating practitioners: a. located within the operative suite or in the labor and delivery unit? b. prepared to immediately conduct hands-on intervention if needed? c. not engaged in activities that could prevent them from immediately intervening and conducting hands-on interventions if needed?	❑ ❑ ❑	❑ ❑ ❑	❑ ❑ ❑		
Are your anesthesia services organized and staffed in such a manner as to ensure the health and safety of patients?	❑	❑	❑		
Are there approved written policies and procedures related to the following: a. patient and employee safety including infection control measures? b. pre- and post-anesthesia evaluation? c. monitoring, inspection, testing and maintenance of anesthesia equipment by the hospital's biomedical equipment program? d. safety practices, including the storage, of all anesthesia agents? e. administration of anesthesia including the qualifications, responsibilities and supervision required of all personnel who administer anesthesia? f. documentation and reporting requirements? g. supportive life functions, i.e., cardiac and respiratory emergencies? h. intraoperative and post anesthesia evaluations? i. patient consent? j. transfer requirements to and from recovery? k. discharge procedures and instructions?	❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑	❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑	❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑		
Does the medical record contain: a. evidence that the patient has been advised regarding the surgical procedure(s) contemplated, the type of anesthesia to be administered and the risks involved with each? b. pre-anesthesia patient evaluations,	❑ ❑	❑ ❑	❑ ❑		

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completed by an individual qualified to administer anesthesia, documented within 48 hours before surgery?					
Does the pre-operative anesthesia evaluation contain: a. essential laboratory data and other diagnostic test results to establish potential anesthetic risks? b. history and physical? c. risk of anesthesia notation? d. anesthesia, drug and allergy history? e. any potential anesthesia problems identified? f. patient's condition prior to induction of anesthesia?	❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑	❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑	❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑		
Does the post-anesthesia follow-up report contain: a. cardiopulmonary status? b. level of consciousness? c. respirations? d. any follow-up care and/or observations? e. any complications occurring during post anesthesia recovery? f. level of activity?	❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑	❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑	❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑		
Does the intraoperative anesthesia record contain: a. name, dosage, route and time of administration of drugs and anesthesia agents? b. I.V. fluids, and blood or blood products? c. oxygen flow rate? d. continuous recordings of patient status noting blood pressure, heart and respiration rate? e. any complications or problems occurring during anesthesia, including time and description of symptoms, vital signs, treatments rendered and patient's response to treatment? f. patient name and identification number? g. name of practitioner who administered anesthesia, and if applicable, the name and profession of the supervising anesthesiologist or operating practitioner?	❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑	❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑	❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ ❑		
Is the inpatient post anesthesia follow-up report completed within 24 hours after surgery by the individual who administers the anesthesia?	❑	❑	❑		
Are post-anesthesia evaluation policies for	❑	❑	❑		

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outpatients approved by the medical staff?					
Is the post-op area or recovery room a separate area of the hospital?	❏	❏	❏		
Is a qualified R.N. responsible for directing and evaluating the nursing care provided by post anesthesia recovery services?	❏	❏	❏		
Are patients receiving post-anesthesia recovery care closely observed by qualified personnel until each patient is stabilized for safe transfer or outpatient discharge?	❏	❏	❏		
Before transferring a patient from the recovery room, is there a post-operative evaluation of level of consciousness and activity, vital signs and color?	❏	❏	❏		
If a patient is directly transferred to his/her room from surgery, are there direct observations by a R.N. in the patient's room until they have regained consciousness?	❏	❏	❏		
Are all patients who are discharged after surgery in the company of a responsible adult except those exempted by the surgeon or attending physician?	❏	❏	❏		
Is the use of flammable anesthetic agents limited to those areas of the hospital which comply with all applicable requirements of the *Standard for Inhalation Anesthetics 1980* published by the National Fire Protection Association?	❏	❏	❏		

Helpful Hints

Key Resources and Links
- 19 CSR 30-20.120
- 19 CSR 30-20.130
- COP §485.639