

DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I: Purpose

Anesthesia care shall be available in the hospital. The Department of Anesthesiology is responsible for sedation analgesia and anesthesia care rendered to patients throughout the Hospital, while conforming to established community standards.

ARTICLE II: Organization

The Anesthesiology Department is organized to provide direction and integration of services with other related departments of the Hospital. The Department consists of an appointed Chief, the Medical Director, and other physician members appointed to the Medical Staff.

1. **Leadership: The Department Chairman and Medical Director may be, but are not necessarily, the same individual. The Chairman and the Medical Director of the Anesthesiology Department shall be physician members of the medical staff, specializing in anesthesiology.**
 - A. The **Chairman** of the Department of Anesthesiology shall be appointed by the Chief of the Medical Staff in conformity with the Medical Staff Bylaws. The Chairman of the Department shall discharge the responsibilities of Department Chairmen, as detailed in the Medical Staff Bylaws. The Chairman is responsible for making recommendations relative to appointment and privileges for all individuals within the Department and those credentialed individuals practicing under their supervision, both initially and at the time of renewal.
 - B. The Medical Director of the Anesthesiology Department (selected by Administration) shall have overall administrative responsibility for the Anesthesiology Department in the Hospital.

Department of Anesthesiology Leadership responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- Monitoring the quality of anesthesia care rendered by anesthesia personnel and practitioners throughout in the Hospital.
- Recommending to Administration and the Medical Staff, the type and quantity of equipment necessary for administering anesthesia, for performing pre- and post-anesthesia care, and for rendering resuscitative care, ensuring through periodic review that such equipment is available.

- Recommending and developing regulations concerning anesthesia safety.
- Organizing, monitoring and evaluating the quality of anesthesia care by all categories of personnel administering anesthesia in the Hospital.
- Establishing a program of continuing education and inservice training for all individuals having anesthesia privileges, basing at least a portion of such training on the results of the monitoring activities.
- Directing participation of representatives of the Department of Anesthesiology as instructors in the Hospital's program for continuing education, in areas related to the scope of anesthesia services.
- Participating in the development of policies relating to the functioning of the anesthesiologists and the administration of anesthesia in the Hospital.
- Participating in the development of policies relating to the functioning of anesthesia personnel in the cardiopulmonary resuscitation program of the Hospital.
- Providing services of consultation and patient management associated with the respiratory therapy department in cases of acute and chronic respiratory failure.
- Providing consultative services in a variety of other diagnostic and therapeutic measures related to patient care.

2. Anesthesia Practitioners

Physician anesthesiologists, certified registered nurse anesthetists and/or graduate nurse anesthetists shall provide anesthesia care.

A. Physician Anesthesiologists:

Shall be members of the Medical Staff with privileges in anesthesiology.

Must be able to perform the independent services usually required in the practice of anesthesiology, at a quality care level that is the generally, professionally recognized level of care and in a cost effective and efficient manner.

B. Certified registered nurse anesthetists and/or graduate nurse anesthetists shall:

Be approved as Limited Health Practitioners-Advanced by the Hospital Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Medical Executive Committee in conformity with the Medical Staff Bylaws and LHP-A Policy.

Be under the overall direction of the Chairman and/or Medical Director of the Anesthesiology Department, or qualified designee. If the Chairman of the Department is absent or otherwise unavailable, their performance shall be under the overall direction of the surgeon or obstetrician responsible for the patient's care. When the physician primarily responsible for a patient's care is other than a surgical specialist or obstetrician, clearance with the Chairman of the Department shall be obtained before any elective general anesthesia is administered to the patient.

Be able to satisfactorily perform and provide general anesthesia care commensurate with generally professionally recognized standards of care.

3. Ancillary Anesthesia Personnel

Certain anesthesia related duties shall be performed by technically trained personnel, employed by the Hospital under the supervision and guidance of the Medical Director of Anesthesiology.

- A. Pre-anesthesia evaluation staff employed by the Hospital carry out pre-anesthesia evaluation duties and responsibilities.
- B. **Pre-anesthesia room personnel**, employed by the Hospital and supervised by the Perianesthesia Nurse Manager, and directed by the Chairman of the Department, shall attend patients in the pre-anesthesia room. Pre-op personnel will monitor and record vital signs, start intravenous infusions, administer medications ordered by CRNAs and anesthesiologists, and assist with anesthesia procedures performed in the pre-anesthesia holding room.
- C. Anesthesia technicians employed by the Hospital, supervised by the Perioperative Director, and directed by the Chairman of Anesthesiology shall perform duties including the routine stocking of anesthesia drugs; the maintenance of anesthesia machines, supplies and equipment; and assist the anesthesiologists in their use of anesthesia equipment.

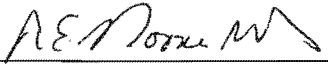
4. Department of Anesthesiology

- A. The Department of Anesthesiology shall function in accordance with the Bylaws of the Medical Staff and with the policies and procedures of anesthesia services.
- B. Meetings of the Department of Anesthesiology shall take place in accordance with the Medical Staff Bylaws.
- C. Meetings of the Department of Anesthesiology shall be attended regularly by its members. Minutes and records of the proceedings of the Anesthesiology Department shall be recorded and permanently filed by Medical Staff Services.

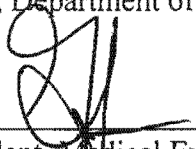
ARTICLE III: Approval

These rules and regulations may be adopted or amended by a vote of the majority of the members present of the Department of Anesthesiology with subsequent approval of the Medical Executive Committee and the Hospital Board of Directors.

APPROVALS:



Chair, Department of Anesthesiology 08/15/14
Date



President, Medical Executive Committee 9/9/14
Date



Chairman, Hospital Board of Directors 9/18/14
Date