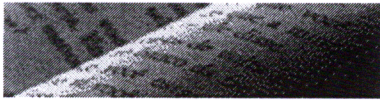


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§ 70231. Anesthesia Service Definition.

Anesthesia service means the provision of anesthesia of the type and in the manner required by the patient's condition with appropriate staff, space, equipment and supplies. A postanesthesia recovery unit is a specific area in a hospital, staffed and equipped to provide specialized care and supervision of patients during the immediate postanesthesia period.

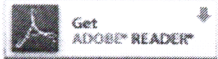
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§ 70233. Anesthesia Service General Requirements.

(a) Written policies and procedures shall be developed and maintained by the person responsible for the service in consultation with other appropriate health professionals and administration. Policies shall be approved by the governing body. Procedures shall be approved by the administration and medical staff where such is appropriate. The policies and procedures shall include provision for at least:

(1) Preanesthesia evaluation of the patient by an individual qualified to administer anesthesia as a licensed practitioner in accordance with his or her scope of licensure. Persons providing preanesthesia evaluations shall appropriately document pertinent information relative to the choice of anesthesia and the surgical or obstetrical procedure anticipated.

(2) Review of the patient's condition immediately prior to induction of anesthesia.

(3) Safety of the patient during the anesthetic period.

(4) Recording of all events taking place during the induction of, maintenance of and emergence from anesthesia, including the amount and duration of all anesthetic agents, other drugs, intravenous fluids and blood or blood fractions.

(5) Recording of postanesthetic visits that include at least one note describing the presence or absence of complications related to anesthesia.

(b) The responsibility and the accountability of the anesthesia service to the medical staff and administration shall be defined.

(c) Rules for the safe use of nonflammable and flammable anesthetic agents which conform with the rules of the State Fire Marshal and Section 70849 shall be adopted.

(d) Periodically, an appropriate committee of the medical staff shall evaluate the service provided and make appropriate recommendations to the executive committee of the medical staff and administration.

(e) The requirements in this section do not apply to special hospitals unless the special hospital provides this service.

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Note: Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1276, Health and Safety Code; and Section 2725, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY

1. New subsection (e) filed 7-28-78; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 78, No. 30).

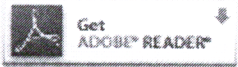
2. Amendment of subsection (a)(1) and adoption of Note filed 4-15-93; operative 5-17-93 (Register 93, No. 16).

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§ 70235. Anesthesia Service Staff.

(a) A physician shall have overall responsibility for the anesthesia service. His responsibility shall include at least the:

(1) Availability of equipment, drugs and parenteral fluids necessary for administering anesthesia and for related resuscitative efforts.

(2) Development of regulations concerning anesthetic safety.

(3) Operation of the postanesthesia service.

(b) Anesthesia care shall be provided by physicians or dentists with anesthesia privileges, nurse anesthetists, or appropriately supervised trainees in an approved educational program.

(c) Anesthesia staff shall be available or on call at all times.

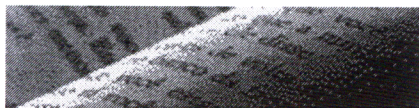
(d) A registered nurse with training and experience in postanesthesia nursing care shall be responsible for the nursing care and nursing management in the postanesthesia recovery unit.

(e) There shall be sufficient licensed nurses assigned to meet the needs of the patients.

(f) Nurses assistants, where provided, shall not be assigned patient care duties unless under the direct supervision of a licensed nurse.

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§ 70237. Anesthesia Service Equipment and Supplies.

(a) There shall be adequate and appropriate equipment for the delivery of anesthesia and postanesthesia recovery care.

(1) The anesthetist shall check the readiness, availability, and cleanliness of all equipment used prior to the administration of the anesthetic agents.

(2) At least the following equipment shall be provided in the postanesthesia recovery room:

(A) Cardiac monitor, with pulse rate meter, in the ratio of 1 monitor for each two (2) patients.

(B) D. C. defibrillator.

(C) Mechanical positive pressure breathing apparatus.

(D) Stripchart electrocardiographic recorder.

(E) Sphygmomanometer.

(F) Crash cart, or equivalent, with appropriate supplies and drugs for emergency use.

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§ 70239. Anesthesia Service Space.

(a) Postanesthesia recovery unit shall maintain the following spaces as required in Section T 17-314, Title 24, California Administrative Code:

(1) Floor area of at least 7.5 square meters (80 square feet) per bed exclusive of the spaces listed below in (2) through (6).

(2) Space for a nurses' control desk, charting space, locked medicine cabinet, refrigerator and handwashing lavatory not requiring direct contact of the hands for operation.

(3) A utility space including a rim-flush clinic sink and countertop work space at least one meter (3 feet) long. Clean and dirty areas shall be separated.

(4) Storage space for clean linen.

(5) Storage space for soiled linen.

(6) Storage space for supplies and equipment.

(7) Air Conditioning.

(b) The postanesthesia recovery unit is classified as an electrically sensitive area and shall meet grounding requirements in Section 70853.