

- AN.18.2 Patient monitoring is continued during the recovery period until the patient is stable and adequate function is restored.
- AN.18.3 Findings of monitoring are documented in the patient's medical record.
- AN.18.4 The patient is always attended by a physician and nurse during and immediately after procedures involving moderate and deep sedation/analgesia.

AN.19 Patients who have received moderate or deep sedation are safely discharged.

- AN.19.1 There are written criteria for the discharge of patients recovered from moderate or deep sedation.
- AN.19.2 Patients are discharged when the criteria are met.
- AN.19.3 When patients are transferred back to the unit:
 - AN.19.3.1 Patients are discharged to the unit by a qualified physician.
 - AN.19.3.2 The physician writes a follow up instructions for the nurses.
- AN.19.4 When patients are directly discharged home:
 - AN.19.4.1 The physician writes a discharge order.
 - AN.19.4.2 Patients are discharged in the company of a responsible adult who assumes responsibility and is capable of taking care of the patient.
 - AN.19.4.3 Patient/family education and follow-up care instructions are provided prior to discharge.