
Anesthesia Care Standard Intents

AN.1 Qualified anesthesiologist is responsible for managing anesthesia services in the hospital.

AN.1.1 The head of the department of anesthesia is a qualified anesthesiologist by education, training, and experience.

AN.1.2 The head of the department of anesthesia supervises the development and implementation of policies and procedures related to anesthesia practices throughout the hospital.

AN.1.3 The head of the department of anesthesia enforces the implementation of infection control guidelines inside the operating and recovery rooms.

Standard Intent:

Anesthesia services are under the direction of an individual who is qualified by documented training, expertise, and experience, consistent with applicable laws and regulations. This individual assumes professional responsibility for the anesthesia services provided that includes:

- Developing, implementing, and maintaining policies and procedures;
 - Administrative oversight;
 - Maintaining any necessary quality control program;
 - Recommending outside sources of anesthesia services (including moderate and deep sedation)
 - Monitoring and reviewing all anesthesia services (including moderate and deep sedation).
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AN.2 Anesthesia staff members have the appropriate qualifications.

AN.2.1 Qualified anesthesiologists provide anesthesia services.

AN.2.2 Qualified anesthesiologist is present inside the operating room throughout the operation.

AN.2.3 Anesthesia consultant administers and supervises anesthesia for major/specialized operations or high risk patients, including:

- AN.2.3.1 Pediatric operations.
- AN.2.3.2 Cardio-pulmonary operations.
- AN.2.3.3 Neurosurgery operations.
- AN.2.3.4 Transplant operations.

AN.2.4 Anesthesia staff are certified in advanced life support as appropriate to the patient's age.

Standard Intent:

Anesthesia staff is qualified by documented training, expertise, and experience, consistent with applicable laws and regulations. Anesthesia consultant administers and supervises anesthesia for major/specialized operations or high-risk patients, including:



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- Pediatric operations
 - Cardio-pulmonary operations.
 - Neurosurgery operations.
 - Transplant operations.
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AN.3 Policies and procedures guide the provision of anesthesia care.

AN.3.1 Policies and procedures include, but are not limited to, the following:

- AN.3.1.1 Staff responsibilities in the provision of anesthesia care.
- AN.3.1.2 Pre-anesthesia and pre-induction assessments.
- AN.3.1.3 Intra-operative monitoring of anesthetized patients.
- AN.3.1.4 Safe handling and storage of anesthetic medications/ agents.

AN.3.2 Policies are collaboratively developed with other relevant disciplines (e.g., surgery, nursing, and laboratory).

Standard Intent:

Provision of anesthesia care guided by policies and procedures developed collaboratively with other relevant disciplines (e.g., surgery, nursing, and laboratory) to include the staff responsibilities, patient assessments, monitoring during anesthesia and handling of anesthesia agents.

AN.4 The provision of anesthesia care is guided by the required equipment and anesthesia products.

AN.4.1 There is a multifunctional anesthesia machine and all other equipment required to meet the needs of patients, including equipment and tools required for difficult intubation.

AN.4.2 Anesthesia machines are regularly checked and maintained as evidenced by a readily accessible record of preventive maintenance.

Standard Intent:

Provision of anesthesia care guided by the required equipment and anesthesia products to meet the needs of patients and are regularly checked and maintained as evidenced by a readily accessible record.

AN.5 Sufficient information is communicated to the patient prior to administration of anesthesia to help making an informed decision.

AN.5.1 Informed consent for anesthesia is obtained from the patient/family after explaining the anesthesia plan, risks, benefits, and alternatives.

AN.5.2 The consent process is documented and witnessed.

Standard Intent: