

AN.9 Post-anesthesia patients are safely transported to the recovery room.

- AN.9.1 Patients transported to the recovery room shall be accompanied by a qualified member of the anesthesia care team.
- AN.9.2 The patient shall be continually evaluated and treated during the transport with monitoring and support appropriate to the patient's condition.
- AN.9.3 Upon arrival to the recovery room, the patient is properly handed over and re-evaluated.
- AN.9.4 The patient's status and time of arrival to the recovery room are documented.

AN.10 Qualified staff members provide post-anesthesia care in the recovery room.

- AN.10.1 Qualified anesthesiologist is in charge of the recovery room at all times.
- AN.10.2 Qualified staff members provide post-anesthesia care in the recovery room.

AN.11 Post-anesthesia patients are continuously monitored and managed in the recovery room.

- AN.11.1 A policy defines the monitoring requirements for patients during post-anesthesia phase.
- AN.11.2 There is a recovery from anesthesia record for documentation of monitoring findings and services provided in the recovery room.

AN.12 Patients are safely discharged from the recovery room.

- AN.12.1 There are written criteria for the discharge of patients from the recovery room.
- AN.12.2 Staff in the recovery room are familiar with the discharge criteria.
- AN.12.3 Patients are discharged from the recovery room when the discharge criteria are met.
- AN.12.4 Patients are discharged from the recovery room by a qualified anesthesiologist or another qualified individual.
- AN.12.5 Time of discharge from the recovery room and the handover process to unit staff are documented.

AN.13 Moderate and deep sedation/analgesia are performed only in areas identified in a hospital policy.

- AN.13.1 The hospital identifies in a policy where moderate and deep sedation/analgesia are performed.
- AN.13.2 The areas where moderate and deep sedation/analgesia are performed have adequate equipment and supplies that include at a minimum:
 - AN.13.2.1 Wall suction or suction machine.
 - AN.13.2.2 Oxygen source.
 - AN.13.2.3 Pulse oximetry.
 - AN.13.2.4 Automated blood pressure monitor or means of taking blood pressure.
 - AN.13.2.5 ECG Monitor.
 - AN.13.2.6 Crash cart with defibrillator, medications, IV access, and intubation equipment that is appropriate to the age of the patient.

AN.14 There are policies and procedures for moderate and deep sedation/analgesia in the hospital.

- AN.14.1 Policies are collaboratively developed and approved by the head of anesthesia in collaboration with relevant disciplines.