

Standard Intent:

Post-anesthesia patients are safely transported to the recovery room under the supervision of a qualified staff. Physiological monitoring must be carried out during transfer till the patient is handed over and re-evaluated. The overall monitoring process, and the results must be documented in the patient's record.

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.

Standard Intent:

Qualified anesthesiologist should be in charge of the recovery room. The post-anesthesia care in the recovery room must be provided by a qualified member of staff.

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.

Standard Intent:

There must be a policy that defines the continuous monitoring and management of patients in the recovery room and its documentation in the patient medical record.

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.

Standard Intent:

Discharge from the post-anesthesia recovery areas or discontinuation of recovery monitoring must be carried out by a fully qualified anesthesiologist according to an approved criterion. The time of discharge and the handover process to the unit must be documented in the patient medical record.

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