



- OR.5.1.5 Equipment daily checks and periodic maintenance.
- OR.5.1.6 Environmental controls in operating room and recovery room.
- OR.5.1.7 Safe labeling, handling, storage and transportation of laboratory specimens in operating and recovery rooms.
- OR.5.1.8 Safe handling, storage and transportation of commonly used chemicals in operating and recovery rooms.
- OR.5.1.9 Safe handling, transportation and storage of blood in operating and recovery rooms.

OR.5.2 Policies are collaboratively developed with operating room nurses, anesthesia staff, surgeons, and laboratory staff as per level of involvement.

Standard Intent:

Availability of multidisciplinary policies and procedures to guide the care in operating room. Policies must outline all aspects of safe care to patients such as observing the implementation of the international patient safety goals, infection control measures, equipment daily checks, handling laboratory specimens, chemical and blood (as in substandard OR.5.1.1 through 5.1.9)

OR.6 There is a policy for patient acceptance into the operating room.

OR.6.1 There is a policy for accepting patients in the operating room that mandates the following:

- OR.6.1.1 Patient identification by name and medical record number as listed on the patient's ID band.
- OR.6.1.2 The consent form is checked for completion.
- OR.6.1.3 The operation/ procedure and the surgeon's name are checked.
- OR.6.1.4 The site of surgery and its preparation and whether it is marked or not are checked.
- OR.6.1.5 The laboratory and radiology results and pregnancy test as appropriate are checked.
- OR.6.1.6 The pre-anesthesia sheet is checked for completion.
- OR.6.1.7 The history and physical examination are checked for documentation.
- OR.6.1.8 The requisition for blood is verified to ensure blood is reserved in the blood bank, if needed.

OR.6.2 The policy is collaboratively developed by the head of surgery, head of anesthesia, and the nurse manager.

Standard Intent:

Accepting patient in OR is vital aspect of patient care because it ensures that the nurse is receiving right patient for right procedure and all patient information and operation requirement are completed prior sending patient to the operative room. Hospital should



establish specific criteria that known to all operative room staff (substandard OR.6.1.1 through 6.1.8)

OR.7 The hospital has a process to prevent inadvertent retention of instruments or sponges in surgical wounds.

- OR.7.1 The hospital develops and implements a policy and procedure to prevent inadvertent retention of instruments or sponges in surgical wounds.
 - OR.7.2 The count process includes instruments, sharps, sponges, and others as applicable.
 - OR.7.3 The policy addresses procedures that are exempted from the counting process (e.g., cataract, cystoscopy).
 - OR.7.4 The count process is standardized.
 - OR.7.5 The policy addresses the procedure to follow in case of a count discrepancy.
 - OR.7.6 The count process is documented in the count sheet.
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Standard Intent:

Instruments and sponge counting is very important procedure that should be conducting throughout the surgery to ensure that no items are missing or left inside incision. The policy should outline steps of counting and action to be taken in case any item gets missing during the procedure (Substandard OR.7.1 through OR.7.6).

OR.8 The hospital develops and implements a policy for day surgery cases.

- OR.8.1 The policy defines the types of surgical procedures that are performed as “day surgery”.
 - OR.8.2 The policy addresses the categories of patients who are not candidates for day surgery.
 - OR.8.3 The policy defines a process for patients who have to be admitted to the hospital from the day surgery unit.
 - OR.8.4 The most responsible physician writes a discharge order.
 - OR.8.5 Patients are discharged in the company of a responsible adult who assumes responsibility and is capable of taking care of the patient.
 - OR.8.6 Patient/family education and follow-up care instructions are provided prior to discharge.
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Standard Intent:

Day surgery is vital in any hospital as it play role in decreasing bed occupancy rate, however, the day care practice should have policies and procedure that control cases that admitted for day surgery procure, admission and discharge criteria to ensure maximum benefits to patients.

OR.9 An operative report is documented immediately after the surgery/procedure.

- OR.9.1 There is always an operative report that includes:
 - OR.9.1.1 Pre and post-operative diagnosis.