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## Anesthesia Care Standard Intents

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### **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.

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#### **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.

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