

STANDARDS

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.

AN.2 Anesthesia staff members have the appropriate qualifications.

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- 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.

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).

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.

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.