

ELMHURST OUTPATIENT SURGERY CENTER

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OBJECTIVE

To establish guidelines for the eligibility and selection of patients admitted to EOSC.

PLAN COMPONENTS

Ineligible Patients

The following patients are not eligible candidates for surgery at EOSC. If these conditions are identified by the surgeon or by the pre-operative testing staff during the assessment process, the surgeon should be contacted and informed that the patient cannot be treated at EOSC:

- Susceptible for malignant hyperthermia
- Known history of active TB
- Airway procedures involving Laser

General Eligibility Guidelines

The primary determining factors for eligibility include the following:

- Incidence of Post Anesthetic and Post-Operative Complications. This should be relatively low. There should be minimal risk of postoperative bleeding or airway obstruction.
- General Good Health of the Patient. The patient should be in good general health or have good medical control of any systemic disease process.
- Psychological Acceptance by the Patient. Patients must be motivated to have the procedure performed on an outpatient basis.

Anesthesia providers will review cases in which the pre-operative nursing assessment results in the following:

- BMI > 40
- Patients under age 1 or age 100+
- Multiple or uncontrolled systemic diseases or infections
- Abnormal pre-operative testing results
- Previous history of anesthesia problems or complications
- Conditions that require anesthesia review under EOSC's Pre-Operative Testing Guidelines policy

The pre-operative testing nurse will provide the anesthesia provider with the patient's past medical record and any current assessment/testing results. The anesthesia provider will review the information and determine if the patient is eligible or ineligible for treatment at EOSC or if additional testing or evaluation is needed prior to

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making a determination. The anesthesia provider's decision and/or further recommendations will be documented on the Nursing/Anesthesia Assessment Form.

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

The Director of Clinical Services, in consultation with the Medical Director, is responsible for enforcing this policy.

EVALUATION AND IMPROVEMENT

The evaluation and effectiveness of this policy is conducted by the Director of Clinical Services and reported to the PCC, CRC and Board of Managers as appropriate. Included in the evaluation are recommendations for changes based on trends, incidents, exposures, best practices, regulatory standards or the results of new scientific research. The CRC or Board of Managers may also provide direction on additional measures they wish the Director of Clinical Services to implement in order to ensure the objectives of the policy are met.

REFERENCES

American Society of Anesthesiologists