Name of Policy:	Elective Outpatient Surgery Cancellations Due to Lack Of Transportation Home	THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO		
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Approving Officer:	Director of Surgical Services			
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(A) Policy Statement

To ensure the safety of outpatients, elective outpatient surgery cases requiring general anesthesia or sedation will be cancelled if the patient does not have a ride home with a responsible person.

(B) Purpose of Policy

The University of Toledo Medical Center (UTMC) is dedicated to patient safety, recognizing that after-hospital care is an essential part of the patient's surgery. Because of this, coordinating transportation home for a patient by a responsible adult requires a certain amount of planning on the patient's part, and they must be available to stay and care for the patient during the first 24-hours postoperatively.

(C) Procedure

- 1. The elective outpatient surgery patient will be informed by the surgeon's clinic, hospital brochures, the Preoperative Assessment and Testing Center reminder call, and the preoperative nursing staff that a responsible adult must be available to drive the patient home and stay with the patient for the first 24 hours postoperatively.
- 2. It is requested that the responsible adult driving the patient home remain on the UTMC campus during the surgery to be available to speak with the physician after the procedure. However, when this is not possible, there must be a documented phone number for the responsible adult transporting the patient home prior to the start of the surgery. The preoperative registered nurse will make one attempt to reach the driver and if this results in failure to reach the individual, the procedure will be cancelled. Exceptions to this process may be made by the OR Operations Supervisor or his/her designee.

Approved by:	Review/Revision Date: 11/11		
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