


Name of Policy: <u>Pre-Operative Admission of Surgery Patients</u> Policy Number: 3364-125-08 Department: Nursing Services Approving Officer: Chief Nursing Officer Responsible Agent: Nursing Director, Endoscopy and Surgical Support Services Scope: PAT/POH/PACU	 Effective Date: 6/1/2023 Initial Effective Date: 2/1989
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(A) Policy Statement

All patients undergoing surgery will be admitted to the Pre-Op Holding area prior to surgery.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To establish a consistent protocol and safe environment for the evaluation of patients undergoing surgery.

(C) Procedure

1. All patients undergoing a surgical procedure without pre-operative hospitalization will be evaluated by PAT staff. A nursing pre-operative history will be obtained. The nursing plan of care along with pre-operative teaching will be done at this time. If the above is not completed prior to the day of surgery, a holding area nurse will complete the necessary documentation the day of surgery and the pre-anesthesia evaluation will be done day of surgery by the assigned physician.
2. All patients undergoing a surgical procedure without pre-operative hospitalization will be admitted pre-operatively to the POH area until moved to the Operating Room. While in the preop area, the nursing assessment and plan of care will be completed.
3. Patients undergoing emergency surgical procedures may be moved directly into the Operating Room without admission to the Pre-Op Holding area.

Approved by: _____ /s/ Kurt Kless, MSN, MBA, RN, NE-BC Chief Nursing Officer Review: Policy & Standard Committee, 6/14, 5/17, 7/2020, 6/2023 Revision by: Michelle Mallett, MSN, RN, CNOR, Director of Surgical Services	Review/Revision Date: 9/90 3/93 8/93 7/96 8/05 5/20/2008 3/20/2009 8/27/2012 6/17/2014 5/1/2017 7/1/2020 6/1/2023 Next Review Date: 6/2026
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