

Name of Policy: **Pre-Operative Admission of Surgery Patients**

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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 pre-op area, the nursing assessment and plan of care will be completed.

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(3) Patients undergoing emergency surgical procedures may be moved directly into the operating room without admission to the pre-op holding area.

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