

SUBJECT: Nursing Process

Policy:

The nursing process shall be utilized, based on the pre-operative assessment, in providing care for those patients within the peri-operative setting.

Definition:

The nursing process is a four step system of planning and delivering patient care. It encompasses assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation. It is the organized plan of care each surgical/special procedures patient receives within the Surgical Services Department.

Procedures:

- A. Each patient admitted to the peri-operative areas, Operating Room, Post-Anesthesia Care Unit, Special Procedures, Ambulatory Surgery Unit, shall be assessed by a Registered Nurse. This data shall be documented on the appropriate peri-operative record.
- B. Using the assessment data, management of patient care throughout the peri-operative stage will conform to the standards of care, individualized as necessary.
- C. Appropriate interventions, shall be implemented.
- D. The nurse shall continually evaluate the outcomes of the nursing interventions and make adjustments as needed.

The nursing process is a dynamic process, ongoing throughout the patients stay in the peri-operative setting. All members of the operating team are involved in the development, coordination and implementation of the patient's care.

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