Applicable to: HR/PACU  
Team Members Performing: Perioperative Staff

I. Purpose:

A. An anesthesiologist (or nurse anesthetist) and/or a surgeon are to accompany the patient from the OR to the PACU and stay with the patient until nursing personnel have admitted the patient and obtained baseline vital signs. If no anesthesiologist has been assisting in the patient’s care, a physician from the surgical staff must accompany the patient to the PACU.

B. An anesthesiologist (or nurse anesthetist) and a physician are to accompany the patient from the diagnostic area (i.e., Radiology) to the PACU and stay with the patient through the admission process. All patients will be accompanied by nursing and/or medical staff during transport to the PACU. Clinical Technician II’s may transport patients in certain selected cases.

II. Procedure - Transporting Patient’s by Clinical Technicians II:

A. Patients may be transported by a Clinical Technician II, without an RN from PACU, to an inpatient unit under the following criteria. This applies to all PACU patients.

1. The patient must be ASA I or II or is hemodynamically stable and meets criteria for discharge to floor, and no history of serious respiratory problems.

2. Patient does not have any Arterial Line or Swan Ganz Line.

3. PACU/RN will decide if the Clinical Technician II may transport the patient. RN must first give a phone report to receiving nurse and inform her/him that CT II will be transporting.

4. PACU/RN will instruct the Clinical Technician II regarding the patient specific needs during transport.

5. Patient must be received on floor by RN.

6. Each Clinical Technician II has a completed check off for “transporting without an RN”.

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7. The Clinical Technician II will be CPR certified.