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* PROCEDURE *

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Maternal Services
(Scope)

TITLE: CARE OF THE PATIENT RECEIVING GENERAL ANESTHESIA

PURPOSE: To outline care for the patient receiving general anesthesia for procedures as needed.

SUPPORTIVE DATA: If a patient prefers to be asleep during a surgical delivery or any procedure where general anesthesia is preferred by the patient and or the provider, general anesthesia is available in the CFC. General anesthesia may also be used for an emergent c-section case.

EQUIPMENT: All necessary anesthesia equipment and supplies are kept in the OB Surgical Suite. All electrical machines must be plugged in, including the anesthesia machine, the oximeter, and the cardiac monitor.

CONTENT:

PROCEDURE STEPS

KEY POINTS

1. It is the responsibility of the provider to contact the anesthesiologist.
2. Check patient for removal of dentures, rings or other jewelry, or any metal items in hair or on body.
3. Keep patient NPO.
4. Start IV, as ordered, if not already running.
5. Check ID bands.
6. Ensure necessary consents are on the chart.
7. Have laboratory reports available.
8. Fathers are not allowed in room if patient has general anesthesia.
9. Never leave patient alone while on the OR table.
10. Assist the anesthesiologist as directed.

General anesthesia may be needed for an Emergency C-Section. The situation may require the staff nurse or the Administrative Coordinator to assist with contacting the anesthesiologist.

Anesthesiologist must complete consent for Anesthesia.

Recovery of patients receiving General Anesthesia must be done by PACU/ACLS certified nurse.

DOCUMENTATION: 1. Complete the pre-op checklist
2. PACU Recovery is charted under PACU 2 in Cerner. (Found under I&O).