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PURPOSE:

1. To outline the steps in caring for patients postoperative.
2. To provide a safe and comprehensive post operative care for our clients.

SCOPE:

Applies to all Nursing Service Division staff of Dr. Pablo O. Torre Memorial Hospital, Clinical Instructors and Nursing Students of Riverside College, Inc.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:


Registered Nurses and Nursing Attendants

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

1. All post operative needs of all surgical patients should be attended by providing safe and comprehensive postoperative care.
2. The policy on 2 patient identifiers should be followed.
3. All post operative patients should be immediately assessed by assigned staff nurse after wheeled into the unit.

PROCEDURE:


1. Nurse on duty receives call from Recovery Room on patient's return to the unit with the following data:
 - 1.1. Surgical procedure performed
 - 1.2. Type of anesthesia given
 - 1.3. General condition of the patient
 - a) Vital signs
 - b) Level of consciousness
 - c) Pulmonary and circulatory functions
 - d) Pain scale

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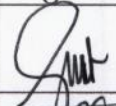
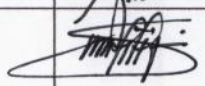
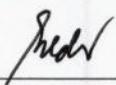


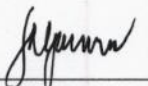
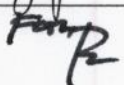
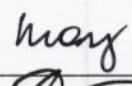

- e) Blood loss
 - 1.4. Presence of tubes and catheters
 - 1.5. Fluids and blood administered
 - 1.6. Medications given
 - 1.7. Equipment needed
2. Nurse on duty prepares the room and equipment needed.
3. Nurse on duty receives and accompanies patient to the room.
4. Nurse on duty checks completeness of chart including presence of OR Record, OR Technique, Anesthesia Record, OR Sponge Count Sheet and PACU (Post Anesthesia Care Unit) Record.
5. Nurse on duty assesses patient's condition.
 - 5.1. Checks vital signs
 - 5.2. Checks level of consciousness
 - 5.3. Inspects operative site/surgical dressing for bleeding
 - 5.4. Checks Patency of tubes and catheters and character of drainage
 - 5.5. Checks patient's ability to move extremities
 - 5.6. Regulates intravenous fluids
6. Nurse on duty carries out post-operative orders.
7. Nurse on duty/Nursing Attendant monitors vital signs and general condition of patient every hour until patient is stable. (If patient is under morphine anesthesia, vital signs monitoring is every hour for 24 hours.)
8. Nursing Attendant collects drainage of tubes and catheter
9. Nurse on duty ensures that all procedures done are completely and properly documented.


REFERENCE:

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KEY TASKS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1. Receives a call from Recovery Room on patient's return to the unit with the following data on surgical procedure performed, type of anesthesia, different contraptions, fluids and blood administered, medications given, and general condition of the patient	Nurse-on-duty
2. Prepares the room and equipment needed.	
3. Receives and accompanies patient to the room.	
4. Checks completeness of chart including presence of OR Record, OR Technique, Anesthesia Record, OR Sponge Count Sheet and PACU (Post Anesthesia Care Unit) Record.	
5. Assesses patient's condition.	
6. Carries out post-operative orders.	
7. Monitors vital signs and general condition of patient every hour until patient is stable.	
8. Collects drainage of tubes and catheter.	Nursing Attendant
9. Ensures that all procedures done are completely and properly documented.	Nurse-on-duty



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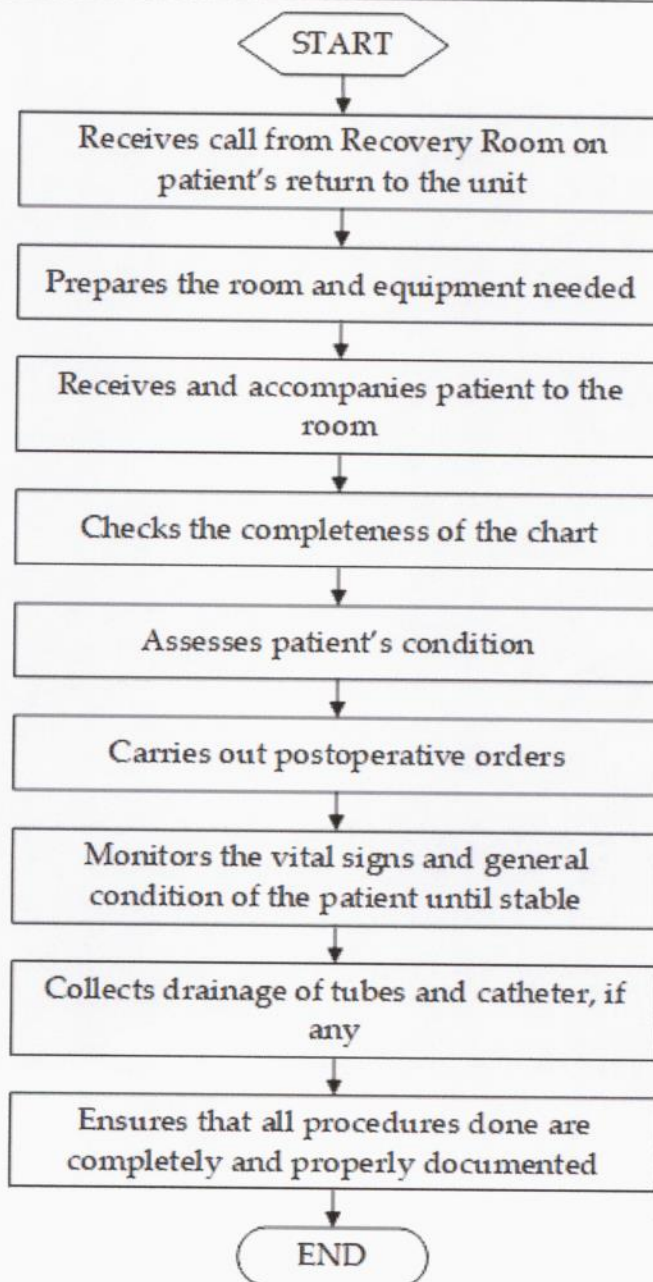



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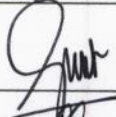




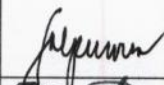
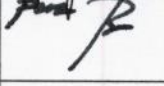
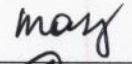

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