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**PURPOSE:**

To ensure continuous care of post-operative patient until patient has fully recovered from the sedation given or until criteria for discharge has been met.

**SCOPE:**


Applies to all Post-Anesthesia Care Unit staff, Department of Imaging Sciences staff of Dr. Pablo O. Torre Memorial Hospital

**PERSON RESPONSIBLE:**

Attending Physician, Anesthesiologist, Registered Nurse, and Technician

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Assess patient using to the adopted criteria.
2. Observe for post-operative complications such as hypotension, bradycardia, bradypnea, hypothermia/ hyperthermia, postoperative nausea and vomiting, or any other untoward signs and symptoms.
3. Evaluate for signs of recovery from anesthesia such as stable vital signs, patient is fully awake, oriented, able to breathe properly without of less oxygen support, and pain-free.
4. Ensure that the criteria for discharge are met and patient is cleared by AROD
5. For Inpatients:
  - 5.1. Endorse to ward/ ICU nurse in-charge
  - 5.2. Transfer to room per stretcher/ patient's bed
6. For Outpatients:
  - 6.1. Patient should be cleared from the Billing Section with confirmation
  - 6.2. Discharge medication prescriptions are given to the patient/companion.
  - 6.3. Patient discharge teaching and written instructions are provided to the patient and/or companion.


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- 6.4. Patient is discharged with a responsible adult.
- 6.5. Patient is discharged per wheelchair and escorted out of the hospital.


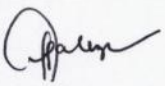
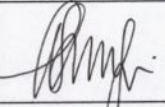

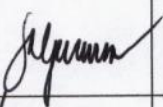
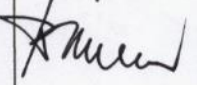
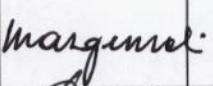
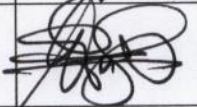
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