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<b>Department:</b>	Anesthesia Care		
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<b>Title:</b>	Anesthesia Transfer of Responsibility During Anesthesia		
<b>Applies To:</b>	All Anesthesiologist, Anesthesia Technicians and Surgeons		
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## 1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To maintain patient's wellbeing and safety during surgical procedures.
- 1.2 To attend to every pertinent details, to observe keenly and to anticipate the needs of the patient and of colleagues.

## 2. DEFINITIONS:

- 2.1 **Anesthesiologist** – helps ensure the safety of patients undergoing surgery. The anesthesiologist provides care for the patient to prevent the pain and distress they would otherwise experience.

## 3. POLICY:

- 3.1 It is recognized that it is sometimes necessary to hand over of responsibility from one anesthetist to another during an anesthesia. This may be on a temporary relieving basis or on permanent basis.
- 3.2 A person asked to take over an anesthetic should decline if they believe the case is beyond their expertise. The primary anesthetist must be satisfied of the competence of the relieving anesthetist to provide care.
- 3.3 Prior to the transfer of care both anesthetists should ensure that the following information is conveyed and observation checked.
  - 3.3.1 Patient History:
    - 3.3.1.1 Pre – existing disease, Present medication.
  - 3.3.2 Nature of the operation.
  - 3.3.3 Anesthetic Management:
    - 3.3.3.1 GA/Regional/Local Block, Sedation.
    - 3.3.3.2 Drugs amount/time (all syringes labelled).
    - 3.3.3.3 Fluid status and therapy. Blood availability, if necessary.
    - 3.3.3.4 Problems, current and anticipated.
    - 3.3.3.5 Throat pack.
    - 3.3.3.6 Anesthetic record complete to date.
  - 3.3.4 Patient Observation:
    - 3.3.4.1 Airway and ventilation including correct placement of Endotracheal Tube.
    - 3.3.4.2 Heart rate and blood pressure.
    - 3.3.4.3 Color and SaO<sub>2</sub>.
    - 3.3.4.4 Eye protection and patient positioning satisfactory.
    - 3.3.4.5 Condition stable.
  - 3.3.5 Anesthetic Machine Check.
    - 3.3.5.1 Reserve Oxygen Gas.
    - 3.3.5.2 Flows Volatile Agent.
    - 3.3.5.3 Circuit.
  - 3.3.6 Monitors and ancillary equipment check.
    - 3.3.6.1 Functioning correctly and alarms set.
  - 3.3.7 Surgeons informed.



- 3.4 Both anesthetists must be satisfied with condition of patient and agree that transfer appropriate.  
3.5 Notation that transfer has occurred with the time should be recorded on the anesthetic record.

**4. PROCEDURE:**

N/A

**5. MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT:**

N/A

**6. RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- 6.1 Anesthesia Technician  
6.2 Anesthesiologist  
6.3 Surgeon





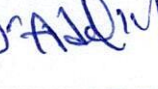

**7. APPENDICES:**

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**8. REFERENCES:**

- 8.1 American Society of Anesthesiology.

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