

481—51.19(135B) Anesthesia services.

51.19(1) There shall be written policies and procedures governing anesthesia services that are consistent with the needs and resources of the hospital. Written policies and procedures governing anesthesia services shall be developed and implemented in consultation with the hospital's medical staff and, at a minimum, provide for:

- a.* Anesthesia services under the direction of a qualified doctor of medicine or osteopathy.
- b.* The qualifications of individuals authorized to administer anesthesia as set out in the hospital's medical staff bylaws or medical staff rules and regulations.
- c.* Preanesthesia evaluation, appraisal of a patient's current condition, preparation of an intraoperative anesthesia record, and discharge criteria for patients.
- d.* Equipment functioning and safety, including ensuring that a qualified medical doctor, osteopathic physician and surgeon or anesthetist checks, prior to the administration of anesthesia, the readiness, availability, cleanliness, and working condition of all equipment to be used in the administration of anesthetic agents and minimizing electrical hazard in anesthesia areas.
- e.* Quality assurance, including infection control procedures; integration of anesthesia services into various areas of the hospital; and ongoing monitoring, review, and evaluation of anesthesia services, processes, and procedures.

51.19(2) Policies and procedures may be adjusted as appropriate to reflect provision of anesthesia services in inpatient or outpatient settings.

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