

Title: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)

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POLICY:

This is credentialing criteria for the practice of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) at our facility.

PROCEDURE:

- A. Basic education:
 - 1) Registered Nurse, and
 - 2) Master’s degree, and
 - 3) Successful completion of a nurse anesthesia educational program accredited by the AANA, CANAEP, or a predecessor or successor agency, and
 - 4) Certification by the CCNA or recertification by the Council on Recertification, or by a predecessor or successor agency to either.
- B. Required previous experience:
 - 1) The applicant must be able to demonstrate that he or she has provided anesthesia services for at least 250 patients in the last 12 months or
 - 2) A minimum of 425 hours of practice during the past 12 months, or
 - 3) Has completed an approved accredited program of anesthesia in the previous 12 months
- C. The exercise of these clinical privileges requires a designated supervising Anesthesiologist with clinical privileges at this hospital in the same area of specialty practice. All practice is performed under the supervision of this Anesthesiologist physician.
- D. In addition, the supervising Anesthesiologist physician must:
 - 1) Participate as requested in the evaluation of competency (i.e., at the time of reappointment and, as applicable and necessary, at intervals between reappointment)
 - 2) Be physically present on hospital premises or readily available by electronic communication or provide an alternate to provide consultation when requested, and intervene when necessary
 - 3) Assume total responsibility for the care of any patient when requested or required by the policies referenced above or in the interest of patient care

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- E. Core privileges for CRNAs include the administration of specific types of anesthesia for assigned cases (under supervision);
- 1) Preanesthesia evaluation and preparation; and administration of general and regional anesthesia for children, adolescents, and adults including care to patients in the intensive care setting. CRNAs may assess, stabilize, and determine the disposition of patients with emergent conditions consistent with medical staff policy regarding emergency and consultative call services. Urgent/Emergent case ideally requires prior discussion with supervising Anesthesiologist physician or notification as soon as possible.
 - 2) The core privileges in this specialty include the procedures below and such other procedures that are extensions of the same techniques and skills.
- F. Core privileges include but are not limited to:
- 1) Administering emergency/ancillary drugs and fluids to maintain physiological homeostasis and preventing or treating emergencies during the perianesthesia period
 - 2) Conducting appropriate physical screening assessment
 - 3) Obtaining appropriate health history
 - 4) Selecting and prescribing medications and treatment related to the care of the patient, using consultation when appropriate
 - 5) Directing care as specified by medical staff–approved protocols
 - 6) Initiating management of pain therapy using drugs, regional anesthetic techniques, or other accepted pain relief modalities
 - 7) Insertion and management of arterial lines and performance of arterial puncture
 - 8) Insertion and management of peripheral IV catheters
 - 9) Management of central IV catheters
 - 10) Mechanical ventilation/oxygen therapy
 - 11) Providing consultation and implementation of respiratory and ventilatory care
 - 12) Administering the anesthetics, adjuvant drugs, accessory drugs, fluids, and blood products necessary to manage the anesthetic
 - 13) Evaluating patient response during emergence from anesthesia and instituting pharmacological or supportive treatment to ensure patient stability during transfer
 - 14) Obtaining, preparing, and using all equipment, monitors, supplies, and drugs necessary for the administration of anesthesia
 - 15) Performing all aspects of airway management
 - 16) Performing and managing regional anesthetic techniques including subarachnoid, epidural catheter placement, IV regional anesthesia; transtracheal, topical, and local infiltration blocks.

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- 17) Performing perianesthetic invasive and noninvasive monitoring
- 18) Providing appropriate invasive and noninvasive monitoring modalities using current standards and techniques
- 19) Recognizing abnormal patient response during anesthesia, selecting and implementing corrective action, and requesting consultation when necessary
- 20) Recommending or requesting and evaluating pertinent diagnostic studies
- 21) Discharging patient from a postanesthesia care area
- 22) Initiating and administering pharmacological or fluid support of the cardiovascular system
- 23) Initiating and administering respiratory support to ensure adequate ventilation and oxygenation in the postanesthesia period

G. Focused Professional Practice Evaluation

- 1) Five (5) live proctored cases

H. Reappointment Criteria:

- 1) have provided anesthesia services for at least 250 patients in the last two years or
- 2) a minimum of 425 hours of practice over the last to years

REFERENCES/STANDARDS:

- Resources
 - a. Clinical White Papers, Briefings on Credentialing, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Practice area 170
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