ELIGIBILITY
A. In order to practice as a member of the Anesthesiology Department, a physician must satisfy the requirements of the Medical Staff Bylaws and Policies for appointment and re-appointment to the medical staff.
B. In addition, the physician must be Board Eligible or Board Certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology, or in lieu of board certification, is either preparing to pass the board certification exam or otherwise have demonstrated competence.

EMERGENCY COVERAGE and WEEKEND CALL SERVICES
A. Weekend call and emergency coverage is a Department responsibility. Emergency coverage will be provided per the mutual agreement of the department and the hospital.
B. Anesthesiologist will respond to call from the Emergency Department and other sources of emergency care needs in order to be available within a reasonable time from the time called and when the trauma case arrives whenever reasonably possible. This will assist resuscitation in the emergency department or the operating room as is clinically appropriate.

STAFFING
A. Staffing for an agreed-on number of rooms is a departmental responsibility. Privileges are contingent upon fulfilling individual commitments to this coverage.
B. Scheduled starting time is defined as the time the patient is brought into the operating room.
C. Hospital employees manage surgical service scheduling. Anesthesia service scheduling shall be coordinated with the elected anesthesia representatives.
D. Cases will be scheduled with an anesthesiologist within the rules, regulations, and contractual obligations of the medical center.

CHART REVIEW
The Department Chair or his/her designee will review medical records for appropriateness of care, documentation to American Society of Anesthesiology standards, and complications in collaboration with the hospital risk management and quality improvement staff.

ANESTHESIA REVIEW COMMITTEE
A. The Chair of the Department shall have at his/her call a standing committee consisting of the Chair and the two immediate past Chairpersons of the department for the review and decision making pertinent to discipline and credentialing problems.
B. This committee may also be called by any member of the department to review and intercede in any serious anesthesia matter with which the member wishes assistance. Such call should be made in writing through the Chair of the Department to all of the parties on the review committee stating the matter of concern, its basis in fact, and the action desired by the department.

DISCIPLINE
The Medical Staff Bylaws, Policies and Procedures; the Providence Alaska Medical Center Bylaws and Policies; and the Department of Anesthesia Rules and Regulations govern all members of the Department of Anesthesia. Deliberate disregard for the above may be met with sanctions and disciplinary actions appropriate to the situation in accordance with Providence Alaska Medical Center’s Medical Staff due process.

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