

# **Implementing ASPAN Standards: Impact on Practice**



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# Objectives



- Discuss how ASPAN Standards and Practice Recommendations can be used to implement changes to policies and procedures.
- List two ways the current ASPAN Standards and Practice Recommendations have impacted care in your unit.

# Using ASPAN Standards in your unit



**\*ASPAN Policy #04-070**

**“In the clinical setting, the Standards must be used in their entirety in the format they were published. Institutions utilizing these standards as a basis for practice will reflect this in a policy statement. *If there are areas with which the institution does not comply, this will be included in their policy statement.*”**



# Staffing

## Phases of Care

## On Call

**Standard III** *Staffing and Personnel Management*

**PR 1** *Patient Classification/ Staffing Recommendations*

**PR 1A** *Staffing Recommendation and Management of the Patient on Precautions*

**PS 3** *“On Call/ Work Schedule”*

**PS 4** *A Joint Position Statement on ICU Overflow Patients*

**PS 5** *A Position Statement for Medical-Surgical Overflow Patients in the Postanesthesia Care Unit*



## Competencies

ACLS/PALS

Competency  
based  
program for  
orientation/

Annual  
Training

**Standard I** *Patient Rights*

**Standard III** *Staffing and Personnel  
Management*

**PR 2** *Components of Assessment for the  
Perianesthesia Patient*

**PR 3** *Equipment for Preanesthesia/ Day of  
Surgery Phase, PACU Phase I, Phase II and  
Extended Care*

**PR 4** *Recommended Competencies for the  
Perianesthesia Nurse*

**PR 5** *Competencies of Perianesthesia  
Support Staff*

**PS 7** *A Position Statement on the Older  
Adult*

**PS 8** *A Position Statement on the Pediatric  
Patient*



# Patient Centered Care

## Visitation

## Safety

Patient transfer/  
handoff report

Patient transport

**Principles of Perianesthesia Practice:** *Ethical, Safe*

**Standard I:** *Patient Rights*

**Standard II:** *Environment of Care*

**Standard VI:** *Nursing Process*

**Clinical Practice Guidelines:**

*Normothermia, Pain & Comfort, PONV/PDNV*

**PR 6:** *Safe Transfer of Care: Handoff and Transportation*

**PR 8:** *Fast Tracking the Ambulatory Surgery Patient*

**PR 9:** *Visitation in the Perianesthesia Care Unit*

**PR 10:** *Obstructive Sleep Apnea in the Adult Patient*

**PS 1:** *A Position Statement on the Perianesthesia Patient with a Do-Not-Resuscitate Advance Directive*

**PS 6:** *A Position Statement on Safe Medication Administration*

**PS 9:** *A Position Statement on Workplace Violence in the Perianesthesia Settings*

**PS 11:** *A Position Statement on Social Media in Perianesthesia Practice*

# Impact on care



- **Assessment and monitoring**
  - OSA screening tool
  - SCIP measures
    - Normothermia measures
    - Right antibiotic within one hour of incision
    - VTE prophylaxis
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> monitoring
  - Sedation scales

# Impact on care



- Discharge criteria
  - Caregiver availability
  - Appropriate transportation
  - Medication reconciliation
    - Discharge medications; instructions for pain management
  - Culturally sensitive/ language and age appropriate instructions
    - Surgery specific
    - Follow up/emergency information



# Impact on care



- Protocols
  - Surgery specific orders
  - Anesthesia protocols
    - Preoperative screening
    - Peripheral nerve blocks
  - OSA postanesthesia monitoring
  - Rapid Response Team

# Impact on care



- Position statement on Social Media
  - Visitors in patient care areas
    - CMS regulation
    - HIPAA
    - Use of electronic devices to facilitate communication with family
  - Staff use of electronic devices/social media
    - Physician contact
    - Texting
    - eBooks

# References



- 2012 – 2014 ASPAN Perianesthesia Nursing Standards, Practice Recommendations and Interpretive Statements. Cherry Hill, NJ: ASPAN;2012.

*available from ASPAN at [www.aspan.org/About-Us/Governance/Policies-and-Procedures](http://www.aspan.org/About-Us/Governance/Policies-and-Procedures)*

- ASPAN policy # 4-070 ASPAN Standards

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