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Standards & Regulations:
References:

Surgeon Late to the Operating Room, 4.6665

PURPOSE:

To establish criteria and guidelines for surgeon compliance to ensure cases start at the scheduled times.

POLICY:

Start Time Definition – The time the patient enters the room will be considered the start time.

1. A surgeon will be considered late if he/she has not completed the pre-operative assessment by 0710 for a scheduled 0730 start time and 10 minutes prior to all other scheduled times.
2. Surgeons late to the OR 2 times in a 30 day period will be notified of policy rules by letter from the OR Committee chairperson or designee. Start times will be monitored for two months after counseling.
3. If the surgeon continues to be late after notification more than 2 times in a 30 day period, he/she will have their block time cancelled for 30 calendar days.
4. Anesthesia will not proceed until the surgeon notifies the OR charge nurse that he/she is in the OR suite.
5. If the surgeon's arrival to the OR is to be delayed, the appropriate designees will be notified as soon as possible by calling 670-2603.
6. Review will occur at the scheduled meetings of the OR Committee.

Attachments

No Attachments

Approval Signatures

Approver	Date
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