

COMPETENCY STANDARD

The registered/enrolled nurse performs the role of the recovery room nurse in the management of the post procedural patient.

Competency Standard	ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA / CUES	Competent	Not Yet Competent	COMMENTS / EVIDENCE
ACORN 2010 NR6 S7 PS4	Is able to describe or state adequately	the anatomy related to the procedure, has knowledge of the site and approach and can anticipate potential complications of the procedure			
		the procedural positioning and implications for post procedure nursing management			
	Assessing the patient: Airway, Breathing, Circulation,	Ensures that a verbal handover is received from the proceduralist involved in the intraoperative care of the patient			
		Monitors, interprets and responds to the clinical needs of the patient			
		Remains at the head of the bed until patient demonstrates protective reflexes			
		Demonstrate and explain correct methods when inserting or removing a Guedel and nasopharyngeal airway			
		Discuss airway obstructions that are common in recovery and their management			
		Additional observations and monitoring are undertaken and recorded as determined by the patients condition or procedural intervention			
		Assist with safe patient positioning			
	Managing the patient	Ensures that a method of pain management is prescribed, available and administered when required			

	<p>Delivers a comprehensive handover to the receiving unit staff that includes patient identification, procedure performed, type of sedation, relevant medical history, presence of wounds dressings, drains and catheters, summary of patient progress through the procedural environment, complications, medication administered, IV fluids received and patient output, postoperative orders and other relevant information</p>	
	<p>When discharging patient home ensures that carer is aware of procedure performed, possible complications and what to do including contact numbers, follow up information including medications and or further appointments and other relevant information</p>	
	<p>Re-establishes the recovery bay environment including spot cleaning as required, sending contaminated/dirty re-useable equipment to CSSD, & restock and set up for subsequent patients.</p>	

Overall Assessment (circle appropriate choice)

Competent Not Yet Competent

Assessor's Name: _____ Signature: _____ *LEVEL: E = Exemplary competent for level

Participant's Name: _____ Signature: _____ Level: **Novice** **Intermediate** **Expert**

Date: _____ C = Commendable asks for assistance when required