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PACU Nurse Role



Key Responsibilities



- + The PACU nurse is responsible for providing immediate post-operative care to the patient during the critical recovery period.
- + The patient's safety and comfort in the recovery room is the key focus of this role.
- + The PACU nurse will maintain a clear view of the patient at all times while the patient is in Recovery.

Key Tasks – Prior & During Surgery



- + Make recovery bed – cover over back rail for paediatrics
- + Prepare Recovery with all consumables required
- + Ensure equipment is in full working order – suction, monitor, remote phone



Mobile surgical unit

Key Tasks – Prior & During Surgery



- + Source wheelchair for transfers from surgical unit to stage 2
- + Source Bair Hugger to be used for patient warming if required



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Key Tasks – Post Surgery



- + Assist with transfer of patient from theatre bed to recovery bed
- + Take patient to recovery bay and connect to monitoring
- + Ensure correct patient is selected on GETZ (check patient NHI on screen and match with patient's bracelet)
- + Receive patient handover from anaesthetist
- + Alert medical staff of any patient difficulties/change in status
- + Maintain recovery documentation
- + Ring admission area for parent accompaniment with children
- + Consult with anaesthetist when ready for transfer to Stage 2