

State Operations Manual

Appendix A - Survey Protocol, Regulations and Interpretive Guidelines for Hospitals

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§482.52(b)(3) With respect to inpatients, a post-anesthesia follow-up report by the individual who administers the anesthesia that is written within 48 hours after surgery.

Interpretive Guidelines §482.52(b)(3)

The post-anesthesia follow-up report must be written within 48 hours after the inpatient surgery. The follow-up report must be written by the individual who administered the anesthesia or in accordance with §482.12(c)(1)(i), an MD/DO may delegate the post-anesthesia assessment and writing the post-anesthesia follow-up report to practitioners qualified to administer anesthesia in accordance with State law and hospital policy. When delegation of the post-anesthesia follow-up report is permitted, the medical staff must address its delegation requirements and methods in its bylaws. At a minimum, the post-anesthesia follow-up report documents the following:

- Cardiopulmonary status;
- Level of consciousness;
- Any follow-up care and/or observations;
- Any complications occurring during post-anesthesia recovery

Survey Procedures §482.52(b)(3)

Review records to determine that a post-anesthesia follow-up report is written for each patient by the individual who administered the anesthesia, or by a delegated practitioner who is qualified to administer anesthesia, within 48 hours after surgery. Documentation should include those items specified in interpretive guidelines.