Orientation

Welcome to Upstate University Hospital!

Orientation to Surgical Services

• Perioperative policies and procedures eg. counts, supervision and availability, documentation of
• Triage of Add on cases in the OR
• Patient identification and surgical site verification
• Communication expectations
Perioperative policies and procedures

• Surgeon must be credentialed to do scheduled procedure
• Attending responsibility to follow surgical site verification policy (on floor and in OR)
• Attending surgeon must be in OR for the critical parts of the procedure, must also be available and on the premises till the patient is out of the OR

• Surgeon must be aware of OR count policies and procedures (not can NOT close skin if count incorrect, becomes DOH reportable event)
• Add on cases are scheduled based on medical urgency of the patient
• “Cranberry scrubs” only in the OR – not to be worn out of the facility
Scheduling Add On cases

- Red Strip - Acute Life or Limb Threatening Conditions
- Orange Strip - Emergency conditions resulting in progressive patient deterioration if not done urgently.
- Yellow Strip - Surgical conditions which require definitive surgical treatment within 24 hours of the identified need and can not wait until the next day’s elective schedule.
- White Strip - Surgical patients with conditions which can be treated semi-electively.

Expectations on Surgical Service communication

- Attending surgeon should be notified of ALL critical patient events
- All discharges and transfers out of the hospital should be approved by an attending MD
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• Attending surgeon should be notified: new consultations, new admissions,
• Patients must be seen by an attending MD within 24 h of admission and on a daily basis by attending or coverage

The Upstate Pledge

• All new faculty are expected to review and sign the Upstate Pledge
• Agree to behave and communicate in a considerate, patient and courteous manner
Upstate Privacy policies and procedures

• Do not access medical records of patients, family members or employees if you are not caring for them as MD
• Use cell phones to take pictures of patients or OR findings is forbidden
• Use OR camera for this if necessary or get permission (see policy)