



The Perioperative Hand Off Protocol

Hand off Team Members

- Anesthesia provider
- Surgeon/Fellow/Resident/PA
- Intensivist/Resident
- ICU Nurse
- OR Nurse
- Respiratory Therapist



Pre-Handoff:

OR Nurse:

Call Receiving ICU Nurse OR 24-8147
with:

- ✓ Procedure
- ✓ Lines/Access
- ✓ Drips/Pressors
- ✓ Ventilator status

ICU Nurse:

- ✓ Notify ICU resident prior to patient arrival

Handoff:

Start: Patient enters room

1. Anesthesia provider

- ✓ Announces patient's name
- ✓ Says his/her name
- ✓ Identifies accepting ICU provider, RN and RT
- ✓ Prompts start of monitor-line setup
- ✓ Continues directing care until handoff is complete

2. Monitor-line setup

DO NOT start report until:

- ✓ Nurse completes monitor-line setup
- ✓ Full attention of team and all members are present

3. Surgeon/Fellow/Resident gives report

- ✓ Follow checklist
- ✓ End by sharing what worries you most about this patient

4. Anesthesia provider gives report

- ✓ Follow checklist
- ✓ End by sharing what worries you the most about this patient

5. ICU provider and nurse

- ✓ Ask any questions
- ✓ Clarify remaining issues
- ✓ Announce: "Hand off is now complete"

End: Providers may leave bedside