

DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY

VANDERBILT  UNIVERSITY
MEDICAL CENTER

VUH AIRWAY RESPONSE TEAM

1. The following tables show the designated airway team (attending and resident) coverage. Team members are expected to contact each other at shift change and discuss their strategy for responding and supervision.

Monday through Friday	
0730-1700	1700-0730
PACU Resident 887-7369	R1 resident 887-7369
Critical Care Attending 887-7469	AIC 887-7379

Weekend and Holiday	
0730-1700	1700-0730
R1 Resident 887-7369	R1 resident 887-7369
AIC 887-7379	AIC 887-7379

2. The designated personnel are considered to be the primary responders to overhead STAT calls. The AIC or Critical Care Attending may delegate this duty to another attending. If necessary, the AIC may call upon the OB Anesthesia attending to assist as a backup on evenings, weekends, and holidays.
3. It is the departmental expectation that residents be supervised performing ALL airway management requiring any anesthetic drug administration regardless of the location. This requires the presence of the supervising attending prior to drug administration.
4. Non-designated faculty (*i.e.*, any other faculty member who may arrive first on the scene of an Overhead STAT call) are expected to provide appropriate support and supervision to the residents until the designated faculty member arrives. If a non-designated faculty member arrives first on the scene, he or she should begin management of the patient. When the designated provider arrives, he or she should identify him/herself and volunteer to accept a hand-over.
5. To ensure continuity of the educational experience for the PACU resident, airway management decisions should be deferred to the designated airway attending as much as possible and appropriate.