

# DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY

VANDERBILT  UNIVERSITY  
MEDICAL CENTER

**Standard Operating Procedure Title:** Procedure for Calls from Recovery Room

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1. Routine Calls - Definition: Request for discharge, request for pain medication, request for transport to another area, etc.
  - a. Recovery Room staff should call the PACU/CPR resident (if applicable), state the nature of the call.
  - b. Contact the patient's anesthesiologist.
  - c. If not available, contact the anesthesiologist in charge.
  
2. Urgent or Emergency Medical Matters - Definition: Any health threatening condition which, in the judgment of the Recovery Room nurse, must be treated immediately.
  - a. Page the PACU/CPR resident (if applicable).
  - b. Contact the patient's anesthesiologist by walkie-talkie, Vocera or pager (enter \*911).
  - c. If in the MOR, TVC or MCE, call 3-6770, stating "This is an urgent medical problem, please ask Dr. (Name) to come to the Recovery Room right away."
  - d. Contact the anesthesiologist in charge.
  - e. If these don't work, overhead page "any anesthesiologist".