

# DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY

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**Standard Operating Procedure Title:** Personal Requests for Anesthesia Services

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1. The Department of Anesthesiology ascribes to the “anesthesia care team” philosophy and does not honor requests for “solo” attending coverage.
2. Similarly, patient or surgeon requests to specifically exclude CRNA’s, SRNA’s or residents from patient care or to exclude individuals based on race, sex, or national origin are not acceptable. The assignment of the appropriate provider for a particular case is made by the AIC and the assigned attending anesthesiologist.
3. Specific faculty, residents, and CRNAs may be requested by patients or surgeons to provide care for individual cases, but only if said staff are informed of the request at the time it is made, the staff accept that request, the request is consistent with the care standards of the Department of Anesthesiology, and the clinical schedule provides the flexibility to honor such a request. By no means does the existence of a request imply that it must be honored.