

# DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY

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**Standard Operating Procedure Title:** Procedure for Relief of Residents/CRNAs/SRNAs and Faculty

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## 1. Resident/CRNA/SRNA Break Relief:

- a. When offered a break during an anesthetic in progress the clinician offering the break must provide identification in the form of a current Vanderbilt University Medical Center ID.
- b. The clinician offering the break must sign in at the “breaks” section of Gaschart/anesthesia record, and the badge ID verified with the Gaschart/anesthesia record ID.
- c. Persons offering breaks are expected to carry controlled substances with them for use while relieving (See SOP#\_C 71: Procedure for Controlled Drug Management). Exceptions to this rule include infusions currently being administered to the patient.

## 2. Resident/CRNA/SRNA Permanent Relief:

- a. Any person being permanently relieved on a case that is yet to start or is already in progress must contact the attending anesthesiologist responsible for the case and notify him/her of the proposed relief.
- b. The anesthesiologist responsible for the case shall grant approval for the relief if, in his/her opinion, it is appropriate to do so. The attending anesthesiologist responsible for the case reserves the right to postpone relief until such time as he/she judges it to be appropriate.
- c. The person assuming care of the patient must obtain their own controlled substances including controlled drug infusions per SOP#\_C 71: Procedure for Controlled Drug Management.

## 3. Attending Relief:

- a. Any attending anesthesiologist being relieved on a case that is yet to start or is already in progress must contact the Resident/CRNA/SRNA working with them on the case and inform them of the change in attending coverage.