

DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY

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Standard Operating Procedure Title: Duties of the Call Team Leader

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1. The Call Team Leader is a resident chosen for a specific on-call period.
2. The Call Team Leader assumes duties at 2 p.m. on weekdays and 7:00 a.m. on weekend days and holidays, and will be relieved of clinical responsibility when relieved at 7:00 a.m. the following morning.
3. The Call Team Leader is directly responsible to the attending anesthesiologist on-call, and reports to the attending anesthesiologist on-call all abnormal occurrences, questions in medical care, or conflicts with other departments or personnel.
4. The Call Team Leader is in charge of assigning other residents, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA's), and Student Nurse Anesthetists (SRNA's) on-call to tasks in consultation with the attending anesthesiologist on-call.
5. The Call Team Leader coordinates the starting time of on-call surgical cases with the operating room nursing staff and requesting surgeon. The Call Team Leader will discuss management of all on-call cases with the attending anesthesiologist on-call, who in turn will be present for induction, emergence, and all other pertinent aspects of the anesthetic.
6. The Call Team Leader assigns resident, CRNA, and SRNA staff to perform pre-operative evaluations and serves as a resource to answer questions regarding those evaluations.
7. Third, fourth and fifth-call staff will be assigned cases at the discretion of Call Team Leader in consultation with the attending anesthesiologist on-call.
8. The Call Team Leader reports a summary report to the Anesthesiologist in Charge the following morning.