

**El Camino Ambulatory Surgery Center, LLC  
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**EL CAMINO AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER**

**ANESTHESIOLOGY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The following is a list of duties, responsibilities and understandings applicable to anesthesiologists practicing anesthesiology at El Camino Ambulatory Surgery Center (the “Center”).

***DEFINITIONS***

For the purposes of these Rules and Regulations, the following definitions shall apply:

1. **Medical Staff** – The Physicians who have been granted Medical Staff membership and Clinical Privileges to care for patients at the Center.
2. **Physician** – An individual with a M.D., D.D.S., D.M.D., D.P.M., or D.O. degree who is licensed to practice medicine, surgery or osteopathy in the state of California.
3. **Clinical Privileges** – The permission granted to Medical Staff members to provide patient care and includes the use of the Center’s resources that are necessary to effectively exercise those patient care Clinical Privileges.
4. **Admitting Physician** – A Physician who has been granted Medical Staff membership at the Center whose Clinical Privileges support initiating the admission of a patient to the Center.
5. **Center** – El Camino Ambulatory Surgery Center.
6. **Medical Director** – The Center’s Medical Director, Assistant Medical Director or Designee.
7. **Clinical Director** – The Center’s Clinical Director or Designee.

**I. AVAILABILITY TO PROVIDE ANESTHESIOLOGY SERVICES**

1. If you are unable, for whatever reason, to finish assigned cases, you must arrange coverage and notify the Medical Director (or his/her designee) as soon as possible. It is your responsibility to find an alternate who is acceptable to the Medical Director (or his/her designee) to fulfill this commitment.
2. After anesthesiology assignments have been made, the Center may e-mail preoperative information about your patients to you. You shall attempt to contact your patients before surgery.
3. The treating physician will assess the patient on the day of surgery and attest that he/she has reviewed the history and physician examination

dated within thirty (30) days prior to the date of surgery and note any changes, if any. Patients who receive anesthesia care from an anesthesiologist shall receive a preoperative medical evaluation and physical examination from an anesthesiologist. The anesthesiologist's assessment may be accepted by the treating physician as the assessment of the patient on the day of surgery. The anesthesiologist shall document this evaluation of the patient's condition in regard to his/her ability to tolerate the anesthetics and the planned procedure(s). In addition, either the treating physician or anesthesiologist reevaluates the patient immediately before administering moderate or deep sedation or anesthesia and documents this evaluation in the patients chart.

4. Prior to admission, the Center's staff will flag preoperative studies and EKGs on the chart with a signature tab. The Admitting Physician or anesthesiologist shall sign or initial all preoperative studies and EKGs that are on the chart at the time of surgery.
5. The Admitting Physician's procedural indications and planned procedure(s) must be on the chart before your patient is taken to the OR.
6. Your obligation is to remain at the Center until your patient(s) are medically discharged or, in the case of a 23-hour stay, until the patients have met all the criteria for discharge and have been transferred to the 23-hour stay unit. You may transfer this obligation to another anesthesiologist on the Medical Staff of the Center, if such anesthesiologist agrees to this, and you notify the PACU R.N. before you leave the Center. It is the surgeon's responsibility to remain at the Center until his or her patient who underwent "Local Anesthesia" or surgeon-supervised "Conscious Sedation" is ready for discharge.

## **II. SCHEDULING OF ANESTHESIOLOGY SERVICES**

1. The selection of anesthesiologists to provide anesthesiology services is the responsibility of the Governing Body of the Center. Anesthesia services shall be provided in accordance with agreements entered into with the Center.
2. The Operating Room schedules and corresponding anesthesiology services may be altered by the Center (through the Medical Director or the Clinical Director) due to clinical indications or for the purposes of maintaining an efficient schedule. The Center expects the full cooperation of anesthesiologists when assignments are changed.

## **III. FEES**

1. Fees are determined in accordance with applicable agreements.

2. You must perform anesthesia services when medically safe, for all patients, regardless of the patient's medical insurance coverage.

#### **IV. COMMITMENTS**

1. You must maintain a complete and accurate Anesthesia Record for all cases and abide by the American Society of Anesthesiologists Basic Standards for Pre-Anesthesia Care, Standards for Basic Anesthetic Monitoring, and Standards for Post-Anesthesia Care (current versions of these standards are available at <http://www.asahq.org/Standards/02.html>).
2. You shall bring your patients to the PACU with your patient in stable condition. If your patient's airway contains an endotracheal tube or LMA, you must remain in the PACU until you remove the endotracheal tube or LMA.
3. You must evaluate your patient's recovery from anesthesia and you must sign and time discharge orders and when appropriate, you must document in the Patient Transfer Form the medical reason(s) for your patient not being discharged home. You may transfer this obligation to another anesthesiologist on the Medical Staff of the Center if so agreed.
4. Transfers: Depending on your patient's status, a PACU R.N. may require your assistance to accompany the patient to the accepting facility.
5. Prior to administering anesthesia, it is your responsibility to check the anesthesia machine, anesthesia equipment, suction, monitors, gas supply, and medications.
6. The Center expects you to be thoroughly familiar with, and to be in compliance with, the Safe Injection Practices (Policy #8016, current version is attached).
7. From time to time the Center may conduct studies on cost effectiveness of treatment or drugs, side effects of anesthesia drugs or anesthesia techniques. You shall willingly participate in such studies and if significant findings indicate, accept Center's policy changes that may result from these studies.

#### **V. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

No relationship of employer and employee is created by your provision of anesthesiology services at the Center. You are at all times acting and performing as an independent contractor. The Center shall neither have nor exercise direct control or direction over the methods by which you perform your professional services. The sole interest and responsibility of the Center is to ensure that you render services in a competent, efficient, cost-effective and safe manner consistent with the effective operations of the Center. You shall not be entitled to any

employee benefits from the Center and the Center shall not be responsible for any withholding of taxes or other employer obligations with respect to you.

Approved on 3/28/2013

By: The Governing Body

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. F. Kanter', written over a horizontal line.

By: Steven F. Kanter, MD  
Member