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Clinical Practice: Frequently Asked Question

Q: Who can the second nurse be in the phase 1 PACU when recovering a patient? Can I utilize the CRNA if my call partner is not there?

A: The second nurse must be able to directly hear a call for assistance and immediately be able to assist. There are occasions that the second person in the room is the CRNA, the anesthesiologist, the house supervisor, or the nurse from the OR. In the ideal world, it is the nurse that you are scheduled to be with. However, there are times that the other nurse is not there due to unforeseen circumstances (snowstorm, illness, accident, did not hear the phone ring).