



Clinical Practice Frequently Asked Question

Q: What are the critical elements when accepting a patient from the anesthesia?

A:

- Report has been received from the anesthesia care provider.
- Questions answered and the transfer of care has been taken care of.
- Patient has a stable/secure airway.
- Patient is hemodynamically stable.
- Patient is free from agitation, restlessness, combative behavior.
- Initial assessment is complete.
- Report has been received from anesthesia.
- The nurse has accepted care of the patient.¹

Reference

1. American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses. Patient classification/staffing recommendations. In: *2025-2026 Perianesthesia Nursing Standards, Practice Recommendations and Interpretive Statements*. ASPAN; 2024:62.