



Clinical Practice Frequently Asked Question

Q: Who can the second nurse be in the Phase 1 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 would be the nurse that is scheduled to be there. However, there are times that the other nurse is not there due to unforeseen circumstances (snowstorm, illness, accident, did not hear the phone ringing for both clinical nurses and leadership. Patient safety should never be compromised.¹

Reference

1. American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses. Classification/staffing recommendations. In: *2025-2026 Perianesthesia Nursing Standards, Practice Recommendations and Interpretive Statements*. ASPAN; 2024:61.