



# ASPAN

American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses

## Clinical Practice: Frequently Asked Question

### Q: What are the recommendations for PACU nurses regarding ACLS and PALS?

**A:** This is addressed in “Standard III-Staffing and Personnel Management” in the *2019-2020 Perianesthesia Nursing Standards, Practice Recommendations and Interpretative Statements*. It states:

#### Phase I

“The perianesthesia registered nurse providing Phase I level of care will maintain a current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and/or Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) provider status, as appropriate to the patient population served,”<sup>1</sup>

#### Phase II

“It is strongly recommended that the perianesthesia nurse providing Phase II level of care will maintain a current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and/or Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) or Pediatric Emergency Assessment Recognition and Stabilization (PEARS) provider status, as appropriate to the patient population served.”<sup>1</sup>

#### References:

1. American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses, *2019-2020 Perianesthesia Nursing Standards, Practice Recommendations, and Interpretive Statements*, Cherry Hill, NJ: ASPAN; 2018.

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