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.”

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.”

References:


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