

Central Wisconsin Anesthesiology Policy and Procedures Statement

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Policy Statement

Anesthesiologists and CRNAs are to follow the recommendations and expectations that are listed below when reviewing cases for anesthesia services.

Applies To: Physicians and CRNAs

Definitions

Term	Definition
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
EF	Ejection fraction
CAD	Coronary artery disease
DES	Drug-eluting stent
BMS	Bare Metal stent
AS	Aortic stenosis
MR	Mitral Regurgitation
TR	Tricuspid Regurgitation
ICD	Implantable cardioverter-defibrillator
FEV1	Forced expiratory volume in one second
FVC	Forced vital capacity
BMI	Body Mass Index

Procedures/Guidelines:

1. Cardiac:

a. CHF.

- i. EF <20%
- ii. Severe diastolic dysfunction
- iii. SOB at baseline or inability to lay flat due to SOB

b. CAD

- i. Any DES less than 6 months old regardless of antiplatelet therapy
- ii. Any BMS less than 3 months old regardless of antiplatelet therapy
- iii. New onset angina or angina at rest
- iv. Documented MI <3 months ago
- v. Unable to achieve >4 mets of activity and does not have adequate cardiac work up as decided by anesthesia provider.

c. Aortic disease

- i. If a patient has an existing, stable Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), it is no more than 5.0 cm in diameter.

d. Valve disease

- i. Moderate or severe AS by gradient or valve area criteria
- ii. Severe MR or Moderate MR with active SOB
- iii. Severe TR
- e. Electrophysiology
 - i. No ICDs.

2. Pulmonary

- a. Severe pulmonary hypertension
- b. Severe COPD (FEV1/FVC<70%; FEV1 <30% predicted or FEV1< 50% predicted with chronic respiratory failure)
- c. Home O2 use

3. Pediatrics

- a. No patient under the age of 10 and all pediatric patients must be able to have IV placed prior to surgery

4. Miscellaneous

- a. Patient must weigh less than 400 pounds with a BMI no greater than 49
- b. Case must be non-emergent
- c. NPO criteria must be met. Surgical procedure must be able to be completed by 1530 if waiting for NPO criteria to be met.
 - i. >6-8 hours for solids and thick liquids
 - ii. >2 hours for clear liquids
- d. If IV access cannot be achieved at the facility the case must be canceled.
- e. Patients with a documented history of difficult airway
- f. Actively using recreational drugs (excluding cannabis)
- g. BS on DOS >300
- h. Chart review must occur a minimum of one week prior to case.
- i. CWA providers must explain to patient if and why case is cancelled (applies to patients both on the day of surgery and calling patients to cancel upcoming surgeries).