WAC 246-330-120 Leadership. This section describes leadership's role in assuring care is provided consistently throughout the facility according to patient needs.

The ambulatory surgical facility leaders must:

1. Identify patient care responsibilities for all nursing personnel;
2. Assure nursing services are provided in accordance with state nurse licensing law and recognized standards of practice;
3. Assure a registered nurse is available for emergency treatment at all times a patient is present in the facility;
4. Establish and implement a facility-wide procedure for double-checking drugs, biologicals, and agents as designated by the facility;
5. Ensure immediate staff access to and appropriate dosages for emergency drugs;
6. Require individuals conducting business in the ambulatory surgical facility comply with facility policies and procedures;
7. Post the complaint hotline notice according to RCW 70.230.160; and
8. Adopt and implement policies and procedures to report suspected abuse within forty-eight hours to local police or appropriate law enforcement agency according to RCW 26.44.030.

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