WAC 246-330-210 Surgical services. The purpose of this section is to guide the development and management of surgical services. An ambulatory surgical facility must:

1. Adopt and implement policies and procedures that:
   a. Identify areas where surgery and invasive procedures may be performed;
   b. Define staff access to areas where surgery and invasive procedures are performed;
   c. Identify practitioner and advanced registered nurse practitioner's privileges for operating room staff; and
   d. Define staff qualifications and oversight.

2. Use facility policies and procedures which define standards of care;

3. Implement a system to identify and indicate the correct surgical site prior to beginning a surgical procedure;

4. Provide emergency equipment, supplies, and services to surgical and invasive areas;

5. Provide separate refrigerated storage equipment with temperature alarms, when blood is stored in the surgical department; and

6. Assure a registered nurse qualified by training and experience functions as the circulating nurse in every operating room whenever deep sedation or general anesthesia are used during surgical procedures.

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