



OBA practice director overview and current challenges /solutions

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Learning Objectives

- Analyze role of Office-based anesthesiology (OBA) practice director in structure in practice organization that allows for safe, efficient delivery of care in office
- Determine necessary logistical elements for a fully ambulatory anesthesia practice
- Review current challenges and potential solutions in the office-based practice including obtaining necessary medications, controlled substances, and payment for services
- Identify sources for the development of office-based anesthesia policies and review differences from ASC/Hospital policies
- Identify major components of practice management skills that are valuable to an office-based anesthesia practice, including contract negotiation, staffing, and communication.
- Participants will review documentation responsibilities of anesthesia providers including anesthesia record, machine and monitor maintenance, and controlled substances
- Participants will gain insights into role of thorough anesthesia documentation in enhancing patient safety and supporting legal defensibility
- Refresh attendees of importance of data collection including accuracy, quality assessment, outcomes, and performance improvement
- The presentation will encourage participants to promote a culture of continuous improvement in anesthesia practice

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Logistics



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- Equipment
- Supplies
- Medications

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DEA Diversion rules

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- Current State
 - Scheduled narcotics including fentanyl, morphine, hydromorphone (II), ketamine (III) and midazolam (IV) must be delivered by a licensed distributor directly to the site of administration
 - A DEA registration must be held for each physical address
 - Opiates (schedule 2) must be ordered using a 222 form unique to that address
 - “Black bag exception”

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DEA Diversion Rules



- Ideal state for office-based anesthesiologists
 - DEA license held for address where narcotics are delivered by a distributor
 - Medications securely maintained
 - Licensed physicians or employees acting on their order can transport the narcotics securely to site of patient care
 - Any unused, unopened vials can be returned

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Revenue Cycle



- Patient Eligibility
- Billing
- Payment and Denial Posting
- Insurance Follow-up
- Patient Billing

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