

## Department of Anesthesia

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Narcotic Control by Anesthesia

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**Attachment:****POLICY:**

Members of the Department of Anesthesia will exercise vigilance and control over all narcotics and other controlled substances at all times.

**PROCEDURE:**

All Attending physicians, residents, CRNAs, and SRNAs who are on staff at the MedStar Georgetown University Hospital or matriculated in the School of Nursing Nurse Anesthetist program will be issued PYXIS access codes by the Operating Room Pharmacist.

The list of those with access to the PYXIS will be reviewed monthly by the Chief of Service and the OR Pharmacist to ensure only current active staff or matriculated nursing students have access. Access will be terminated on the last day of clinical service for that individual.

Narcotics are to be signed out for ONE specific patient. At the end of the case, left over narcotics that have been opened, are to be wasted with a witness and also noted on the pharmacy drug sheet and ANESTHESIA RECORD.

In those cases where the patient has not been electronically entered into the PYXIS system, the drug is to be signed out to a specific operating room, i.e. GOR Room 11. It will then be the responsibility of that anesthesia care team member to reconcile the drug count with the OR Pharmacy as to whom the drug was given.

All discrepancies that are not resolved by the individual practitioner to the satisfaction of the Pharmacist will be brought to the attention of the Department of Anesthesia. The problem will then be addressed by either the Chief of Service or the Anesthesiologist-in-Charge for that day.

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