



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4731-24-01 Definitions.

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As used in Chapter 4731-24 of the Administrative Code:

(A) "Administer" means to apply directly a drug, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means, and the infusion of blood, blood products and supportive fluids.

(B) "Assist" means to carry out procedures as requested by the supervising anesthesiologist, provided that the requested procedure is within the anesthesiologist assistant's training and scope of practice, is authorized by the practice protocol adopted by the supervising anesthesiologist, and is not prohibited by Chapter 4731. or 4760. of the Revised Code, or by any provision of agency 4731 of the Administrative Code.

(C) "Drug" has the same meaning as in division (E) of section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Direct supervision, and in the immediate presence of" means the following:

(1) The supervising anesthesiologist shall remain physically present and available for immediate diagnosis and treatment of emergencies;

(2) The supervising anesthesiologist shall be physically present in the anesthetizing area or operating suite, as defined by the hospital or ambulatory surgical facility, and accessible by page, telephone, or overhead page, such that he or she is immediately available to participate directly in the care of the patient with whom the anesthesiologist assistant and the supervising anesthesiologist are jointly involved;

(3) The supervising anesthesiologist shall personally participate in the most demanding procedures in the anesthesia plan, which shall include induction and emergence; and

(4) "Direct supervision and the in immediate presence of" shall not be interpreted to:



(a) Require the supervising anesthesiologist's presence in the same room as the anesthesiologist assistant for the duration of the anesthetic management; or

(b) Prohibit the supervising anesthesiologist from addressing an emergency of short duration, administering labor analgesia, or performing duties of short duration as required of a perioperative specialist in another location in the hospital or ambulatory surgical facility.