

Perianesthesia (PACU) Nursing at Mayo Clinic in Florida

The perianesthesia areas (pre-op holding/PACU) provide immediate preoperative preparation of surgical patients and immediate postoperative care.

Details

- Perianesthesia areas are staffed from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday. After-hours coverage is provided by on-call personnel.
- Staff includes a team of **RNs, LPNs, patient care technicians** and **unit clerks**.
- Staff membership on hospital and department committees.
- Teaching and academic center for nursing and advanced nursing degrees.
- Specialty team practice model with **RN team leaders** for each clinical area (pre-op holding and PACU).
- An **RN clinical coordinator** for the first-floor Perianesthesia Services.
- Unit-based **RN clinical educator** for the perianesthesia areas.
- The fourth-floor PACU consists of 39 bays that include 18 pre-op and post-op, 10 discharge, four block rooms, five isolation bays (two with negative pressure) and two cast room bays.
- The first-floor PACU consists of 26 bays that include nine PACU, nine pre-op, six 23-hour-stay beds and one bronchoscopy bay.
- Surgery specialties include:
 - General surgery
 - Gynecologic surgery
 - Neurosurgery
 - Open heart surgery
 - Ophthalmologic surgery
 - Orthopedic surgery
 - Otorhinolaryngologic surgery
 - Solid organ transplants
 - Thoracic surgery
 - Urologic surgery
 - Vascular surgery
- In addition, some procedures done in the pre-op holding/PACU include but are not limited to:
 - Cardioversion
 - Chest tube placement
 - Head frame application
 - Inpatient cast application
 - Peripheral nerve blocks

Shift options

- 8- or 12-hour shifts
- Full time, part time, supplemental or PRN

Requirements

- Current Florida R.N. license required upon date of hire
- Recent PACU or ICU experience
- BLS and ACLS