

Oklahoma Children's Hospital OU Health

# PeriAnesthesia Nursing Unit



## Become a Champion of Hope

Operating Rooms

11

Surgical Procedures

40 per day

Safe Patient Ratio



### What Sets Our Unit Apart

PeriAnesthesia nursing at Oklahoma Children's Hospital OU Health is a unique area, as we work within PeriOperative Services. PeriAnesthesia is a specialty of nursing that is comprised of Pre-Op, PACU Phase 1, PACU Phase 2 and MRI PACU nursing. The goal of perianesthesia nursing is to provide competent, efficient care to patients and their families undergoing procedures with anesthesia.

We work with specialists across pediatric general surgery, pediatric ENT, pediatric gastroenterology, pediatric neurosurgery, pediatric ophthalmology, pediatric orthopedics, pediatric plastic surgery, pediatric urology and oral surgery. Caring for patients of all acuity levels, our patient population includes healthy patients in need of minor procedures to very complex and sick patients.

### Pre-Op Nursing

Nurses are responsible for preparing children for surgery, beginning by calling families to provide pre operative teaching to getting patients ready for the OR. We work closely with surgeons, OR nursing staff, Child Life and anesthesia.

### PACU Nursing

PACU is where the patient initially recovers from surgery. We have "wake ups" that are normal and sleepy to those patients that have delirium and takes the nurse to help calm and keep them safe. We allow parents at the bedside to provide a better experience for the child.

### Phase 2 Nursing

Phase 2 nurses continue to recover the patient and prepares the family to go home. They teach the patient and the family wound care, medication administration and basic mobility techniques.





### **MRI Nursing**

MRI nursing is unique, as nurses participate in variety of care. This can include assisting the anesthesia provider and the MRI tech in preparing the patient for the MRI scanner.

Each unit is fast-paced and hard working. Working with surgeons, anesthesia, CRNAs, the PeriAnesthesia nurse serves an important role in the care of preparing children for surgery and then the excitement of being part of the team that “fixes” the problem and watching them go home happy and healthy again. As the state’s only level I pediatric trauma center and referral center for complex care, you will be able to see and work with some amazing patients and healthcare staff.

Our unit is fast-paced, and our perioperative nurses are highly skilled in responding to high stress situations, such as codes during surgery, mass transfusion protocols, and malignant hyperthermia crises. The pace in the operating rooms depends on the surgical procedure being performed. Our cases can range from quick 15-minute adenotonsillectomies to 10-hour spinal fusions.

Watch our YouTube Channel, [here](#).

### **Unique Care You Will Provide**

- Technology is always changing and advancing in surgery, and some of our newer technology includes surgical robots, used primarily in pediatric urology cases, and surgical lasers.
- Our pediatric neurosurgery program continues to grow, and our new procedures include mapping epileptic seizures and use of a robot and microscope to treat these patients.

### **About Oklahoma Children’s Hospital OU Health**

Oklahoma Children’s Hospital OU Health is the state’s only comprehensive pediatric hospital. U.S. News & World Report named us one of the Top 50 Children’s Hospital for Pediatric Cardiology & Heart Surgery and Pediatric Gastroenterology & GI Surgery. We provide the state’s most comprehensive level IV NICU, region’s only pediatric heart center, region’s only pediatric BMT & CAR-T Therapy program, state’s only level IV pediatric epilepsy center and high-risk pregnancy, labor and delivery care in our hospital.