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Safe Procedural Sedation

Meeting Joint Commission Provision of Care Requirements

During the Joint Commission Mock Survey in January, the surveyors noted three areas of improvement needed in order to meet the Joint Commission Provision of Care Requirements. These include the following:

- **Immediate re-evaluation prior to the start of the procedure**
 - VS must be taken within 5 minutes prior to the first dose of medication
 - For stable MRI patients, this may be a SaO₂, HR, and RR only
- **Post procedure monitoring of vital signs q 15 minutes until return to baseline**
 - This includes documentation of VS 15 minutes post procedure and every 15 minutes until baseline. **Return to baseline** must be documented in the **IView: Procedural Sedation band** for every patient.

End Tidal CO ₂ Method	
End Tidal CO ₂ Result	mm Hg
▲ Sedation Level / Score	
Modified Ramsey Scale	
Returned to Baseline	yes
Comments-Sedation - Level / Score	
▲ Sedation Assessment	

Return to baseline is required for **all** procedural sedated patients, **every** time

- **Time out procedure includes visible review of the consent.**
 - The consent must be present in the room and reviewed during the timeout process.

We recognize this will require some workflow adjustments to timely record these assessments. To aid in these processes:

- Where ever Spacelabs monitoring is available, remember to associate your monitor
- In Radiology areas, utilize pulse oximetry to minimally spot check SaO₂/HR/RR prior to induction.

To facilitate these processes, a short sedation self audit tool/check list will be made available to sedation nurses to use as a double check of charting around these requirements. In addition, your manager will begin to receive daily sedation documentation reports to assess unit progress on meeting these standards.

For questions or concerns please contact your Clinical Educator, PCM/PCS, or Janet Logid, CPDP.