MEDICAL STAFF STANDARD

SUBJECT: **Ambulatory / Same Day Surgery**

RESPONSIBLE PERSONS: **St. Ann's Medical Staff**

POLICY:

DEFINITIONS: an ambulatory surgery patient is a patient who undergoes a surgical procedure without being admitted as an inpatient to the hospital. A same-day surgery patient is a patient who undergoes a surgical procedure on the day of admission as an inpatient to the hospital.

SCHEDULING: ambulatory/same day surgery procedures are scheduled through the Surgery Department scheduler. Patients may be scheduled for PAT on admission.

PREADMISSION TESTING TIME LIMITS: for ambulatory/same day surgery patients, preadmission testing, when applicable, must be done within thirty (30) days for stable patients prior to the date of surgery by a laboratory accredited by JCAHO or the College of American Pathologists, or licensed by the Center for Disease Control or Department of HEW, or approved by the State of Ohio for Serology and CC Testing.

PERMITTED TO BE PERFORMED ON OUTPATIENT/SAME-DAY SURGERY BASIS: the anesthesia care team must interview all ambulatory patients with the exception of receiving local anesthesia patients. In all cases, the decision to proceed will rest with the anesthesiologist.

REQUIREMENTS OF PATIENTS UNDERGOING ANESTHESIA: any ambulatory surgery patient who will have the general, regional, or monitored anesthesia must have the following procedures completed prior to the scheduled surgery:

- History and Physical: Refer to *"Medical Staff Standard – Medical Records".*
- A nurse may perform a history and physical examination if requested to by the surgeon of record.
- Medical record documentation by the attending physician indicating informed consent has been obtained; and
- Appropriate laboratory and diagnostic procedures as indicated on the PAT guidelines.
- A copy of an EKG with interpretation and the report of an x-ray of acceptable quality made within twelve (12) months prior to the date of surgery may be utilized.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED; the attending practitioner or designee is required to complete, at minimum, the following on all ambulatory/same-day surgery patients:

A) demographic/procedure document

B) complete or co-sign the History and Physical

C) Operative Note;

D) Discharge Note; and

E) Discharge Instructions.

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