Ambulatory Surgical Facilities
External References

This document identifies standards with external references cited in chapter 246-330 WAC, ambulatory surgical facilities. This document is intended to assist facilities in identifying all standards the department will survey against. Hyperlinks are provided to RCWs, WACs, and other regulatory entities.
Definitions:
Revised Code of Washington (RCW): State law as passed by the legislature.
Washington Administrative Code (WAC): Rules written to implement the RCW.

Governance: WAC 246-330-115
Reporting Practitioners
- RCW 18.130 Uniform Disciplinary Act
Unanticipated Outcomes
- RCW 7.70.065 Actions for Injuries Resulting From Health Care
Adverse Events
- RCW 70.56.020 Notification of adverse health events - Notification and report required - Rules
Patient Care Orders
- RCWs and WACs for specific licensed specialties (e.g. RCW 18.71 Physicians)
Authenticating Orders
- RCWs and WACs for specific licensed specialties (e.g. RCW 18.79 nursing care/ WAC 246-840 practical and registered nursing)

Leadership: WAC 246-330-120
Nursing Services are provided in accordance with recognized standards of practice
- RCW 18.79 nursing care
- WAC 246-840 practical and registered nursing
- Nursing Commission Practice Standards and Advisory Opinions
- General nursing and practice-specific standards (AORN, ASPAN, etc.)
- RCWs and WACs for specific licensed specialties providing nursing care
Reporting suspected abuse
- RCW 26.44.030 abuse of children (formerly abuse of children and adult dependent persons)

Patient Rights and Organizational Ethics: WAC 246-330-125
Unanticipated Outcomes
- RCW 70.230.150 unanticipated outcomes - notification

Adverse Events: WAC 246-330-130
Reportable events as defined by the National Quality Forum
Reporting Process:
- RCW 70.56 adverse health events and incident reporting system
- WAC 246-302 adverse health events
- DOH Adverse Events webpage

Management of Human Resources: WAC 246-330-140
Tuberculosis screening
Infection control information and educational programs
- WAC 296-823 occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens
Medical Staff: WAC 246-330-145
Medical staff legally qualified (Not exhaustive)
- RCW 18.71 physicians
- WAC 246-919 Medical Quality Assurance Commission
- WAC 246-853 osteopathic physicians and surgeons
Reporting Practitioners
- RCW 18.130 Uniform Disciplinary Act

Management of Information: WAC 246-330-150
Access to and release of medical records
- RCW 70.02 medical records - health care information access and disclosure

Coordinated Quality Improvement Program: WAC 246-330-155
Adverse events reporting
- RCW 70.56 adverse health events and incident reporting system
- WAC 246-302 adverse health events

Infection Control Program: WAC 246-330-176
Consistent with CDC guidelines (http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pubs.html)
- Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities, 2003
- CDC safe injection practices
- Guideline for Preventing Healthcare Associated Pneumonia, 2003
- Guideline for Prevention of Surgical Site Infection, 1999
- Guidelines for Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings, 2002
- Guideline for infection control in health care personnel, 1998
- Guide to infection prevention in outpatient settings: Minimum Expectations for Safe Care
- Management of Multidrug-Resistant Organisms in Healthcare Settings, 2006
CDC guidelines further reference: (Not Exhaustive)
- Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
- American Institute of Architects
- Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation
- Association of periOperative Registered Nurses

Occupational health consistent with current practice
- Occupational Health and Safety Administration
- Washington Industrial Safety Act of 1973

Biohazardous waste management
- Federal state and local regulations

Pharmaceutical Services: WAC 246-330-200
Dispensing and Labeling of Drugs
- RCW 18.64.246 Prescriptions - Labels - Cover or cap to meet safety standards - Penalty
- RCW 69.41 legend drugs - prescription drugs
Pharmacist is responsible for establishing policies for storing, compounding, delivering, dispensing and recordkeeping in regard to medication within appropriate state and federal regulations.

**Patient Care Services: WAC 246-330-205**

Provide appropriate personnel, space, equipment, reference materials, training, and supplies for the appropriate care and treatment of patients

- Construction review standards ([American Institute of Architects](https://www.aia.org), [NFPA](https://www.nfpa.org), etc.)
- Staffing ratios
- CDC standards
- Maintenance standards
- Manufacturer’s instructions for use

Physical and chemical restraints, consistent with [CFR 42.482](https://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_02/21fr42.htm)

**Surgical Services: WAC 246-330-210**

Use policies and procedures to define standards of care

- Lots of options. Could refer to national standard. Must be justified

**Anesthesia Services: WAC 246-330-215**

Use policies and procedures to define standards of care

- Lots of options. Could refer to national standard. Must be justified

**Emergency Services: WAC 246-330-225**

Onsite equipment, medication and trained personnel to manage any emergency that may arise from the services provided or sought

- Standards of practice
- Identification and methods to address known risks (e.g. malignant hyperthermia)

**Management of Environment of Care: WAC 246-330-230**

Safe control of hazardous materials and waste

- Federal state and local regulations ([MSDS](https://www.osha.gov/dts/osta/osep/mip/jhaz/index.html), [NFPA](https://www.nfpa.org), [Construction Review Services](https://www.fda.gov))

Reporting of incidents (spills, etc.)

- Federal state and local regulations

Emergency preparedness

- Facility-specific risk assessment and coordination with local emergency management

Medical Equipment operation and maintenance

- In accordance manufacturer’s directions for use
  - [FDA](https://www.fda.gov), [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) (multiple references)

Physical Environment

- State plumbing code [WAC 51-56-003](https://apps.wsu.edu/wac/bcom/wac5156003.html)