

ESCORT DISCHARGE CRITERIA

SCOPE:

Harmony Ambulatory Surgery Center, LLC
Fort Collins, Colo

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Harmony Ambulatory Surgery Center that all patients who have any procedure that requires mind-altering medication be discharged with a responsible adult.

PROCEDURE:

1. Upon check in at HASC, the receptionist will verify with the patient that a responsible adult will be taking the patient home.
2. If the patient seems unsure of the availability of a ride home, the receptionist will notify an RN immediately.
3. The patient will be told that if he/she does not have an escort home, the patient will not be having his/her procedure today. The patient will be allowed time to arrange for a ride home if this hasn't previously been done.
4. If the patient has arranged for a ride before the scheduled procedure and by some unforeseen act the escort is unable to pick the patient up, the medical director will be notified.
 - a. The medical director will determine when and if the patient may drive home depending on the procedure done, medications received, and other pertinent information.
 - b. If the medical director determines the patient is unable to drive home, the patient will be admitted to a ERCC room and will be discharged the following day.
 - c. Vouchers for taxi's can be used under the following circumstances:
 1. The RN has been in contact with the responsible adult that will be home with the patient.
 2. The responsible adult has agreed that the patient can go home in a taxi and knows approximately what time to expect the patient home.
 3. The patient agrees to go home in a taxi and feels comfortable with this.

REFERENCES:

American Society of Anesthesiologists
JACHO Standard PE 1 - 2.3

APPROVED:

Board of Managers, Harmony Ambulatory Surgery Center, LLC