UC San Diego Health

Guideline Name	Interventional Radiology Provider Notification and Escalation
Department/Unit:	Interventional Radiology
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GUIDELINE STATEMENT:

A. When the Interventional Radiology (IR) Registered Nurse (RN) identifies a patient issue that requires the input and/or assistance of a Physician/Provider, it will be the responsibility of the RN to contact the appropriate Physician and/or Provider.

    I. Physician/Provider is defined as any Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Physician, Resident, Fellow, Attending Physician, or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)

B. In cases where any type of anesthesia has been administered, or care has been provided by an Anesthesia Physician/Provider, the Anesthesia Physician/Provider will be contacted first.

C. The clinical situation will define the timeliness of the response.

RESPONSIBLE PARTY:

Interventional Radiology Registered Nurse and/or Interventional Radiology Tech

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

A. When a patient issue is identified requiring the input and/or assistance of a Physician or Provider in the IR department, the following Chain of Command should be used:
- Procedural Resident or Advanced Practice Provider (APP)
- Attending Provider
- Anesthesia Resident or CRNA (if applicable)
- CRNA for minor non-life-threatening problems. If the problem is life threatening problem, go immediately to the Attending Anesthesiologist. Attending Anesthesiologist (If applicable)

B. In addition to notifying the correct Physician/Provider, the Charge Nurse should be informed of any patient issues that require immediate input and/or assistance.
- Charge Nurse to escalate concern to management

REFERENCES:

The American Society of Perianesthesia Nurses. (2023-2024) Perianesthesia Nursing Standards. ASPAN Publisher.

UC San Diego Health: MCP 520.1 "Chain of Command".

APPROVALS:

This policy and procedure was approved by:

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