



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

- Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis in Healthcare Facilities, 2005. [Morbidity Mortality Weekly Report](#) (MMWR) Volume 54, December 30, 2005;

Infection control information and educational programs

- [WAC 296-823](#) occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens

- [RCW 70.24.310](#) health care facility employees – aids education

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](#)
- [Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities, 2008](#)
- [CDC safe injection practices](#)
- [2007 Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings.](#)
- [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

- [RCW 69.50](#) Uniform Controlled Substances Act

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](#), [NFPA](#), etc.)
- Staffing ratios
- CDC standards
- Maintenance standards
- Manufacturer's instructions for use

Physical and chemical restraints, consistent with [CFR 42.482](#)

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](#), [NFPA](#), [Construction Review Services](#))

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](#), [CDC](#) (multiple references)

Physical Environment

- State plumbing code [WAC 51-56-003](#)