

**WEST JEFFERSON MEDICAL CENTER
MARRERO, LOUISIANA
PRIVILEGES REQUEST FORM FOR CERTIFIED NURSE ANESTHETIST**

Minimum Threshold Criteria

To be eligible to use this form to request clinical privileges, the following minimum threshold criteria must be met:

Category One- Criteria for requesting Category One privileges include:

1. Basic Education: MD, DO, or RN
2. Minimal formal training: Successful completion of a postgraduate residency program of at least three years' duration or completion of a program approved by the AANA Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Education programs.
3. Required previous experience: The successful applicant must be able to demonstrate that he or she has performed IV (anesthesia) sedation for at least 50 patients during the past 18 months.

Note: If training did not include at least four weeks of exposure to anesthesia (including intravenous sedation, indications, contraindications, pre-anesthesia assessment, intraoperative care, procedure monitoring, and post-anesthesia care), the applicant must demonstrate completion of an approved training sequence involving both didactic and practical components. All individuals granted IV sedation privileges must adhere to a policy/procedure for the administration of IV sedation that has been developed by the chief (or medical director) of anesthesia. Such a policy will specify indications, contraindications, required pre-anesthesia assessment, dosages, intra-anesthesia monitoring (i.e., pulse oximetry), and the need for an individual to assist during the procedure (i.e., trained RN, CRNA, or on-call anesthesiologist). The chief (or medical director) of anesthesia will maintain a review of the quality of IV sedation and will monitor adherence to the previously referenced policy.

Core Privileges

Privileges include the administration of local, topical, or IV sedation.

Category Two- Criteria for requesting Category Two privileges include:

1. Basic Education: MD, DO, or RN
2. Minimal formal training: Six months' training in anesthesiology or the successful completion of a program approved by the AANA Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Education programs.
3. Required experience: The handling of 500 hospital cases during the past 18 months.
4. References: References must come from both board-certified anesthesiologist and a board-certified surgeon. And if the applicant is a CNRA, at least one reference must come from a CNRA.

Core Privileges

Privileges include the administration of anesthesia for assigned cases under supervision and include the ability to provide medical management of patients who are rendered unconscious or insensible to pain and emotional stress during surgical, obstetrical, and certain other medical procedures; the protection of the life functions and vital organs; the management of problems in pain relief; and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Category Three- Category Three privileges are reserved for MDs or DOs.

Note: Clinical Privilege White Paper Anesthesiology- Practice area 125 discusses the granting of anesthesia privileges to these physicians.

Additional considerations

In addition, CRNAs should have

1. a current state license as a registered nurse
2. certification by the AANA Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists
3. current professional liability insurance

Note: All health care organizations are advised to review applicable state licensing laws/regulations governing the administration of anesthesia. At present (June 1998), the COP requires that anesthesia care provided by CNRAs be subject to supervision by a physician.

I understand that by making this request I am bound by the applicable bylaws or policies of the hospital and hereby stipulate that I meet the minimum threshold criteria for this request.

Physician's signature

Typed or printed name

Date

"In general, core privileges consist of those areas listed above. The Medical Staff may modify or limit the privileges granted".