

**SPECIAL PROCEDURES OBJECTIVES**

1. Briefly discuss the advantages & disadvantages of one-day surgery.
2. Describe the admission criteria of patients admitted for short stay services as outpatients.
3. Briefly discuss the provision of care to minors in the special procedures unit.
4. How are medications handled in the unit? Do they have a medication system?
5. What kind of supplies are used frequently in the unit and how are patients charged for the supplies they use.
6. How are patient valuables handled in this unit? Is there a safe place available to store personal effects? How are patients reassured that their belongings are safe?
7. Describe the general routine for an average patient in one day surgery. Go over the sequence of events from admission to discharge.
8. Discuss the discharge criteria for patients following general anesthesia/sedation. Do they go to PACU from the O.R. like a regular in-house surgery patient?
9. List the patient safety standards established for those being cared for in this unit. How does the staff address medical emergencies?
10. How is the determination made that a patient is ready for discharge. How are the discharge instructions handled?
11. What are the various types of surgical procedures experienced by patients in this unit? Ask the staff what the most commonly performed procedure is. List the type of procedures that were scheduled during the week you were assigned there.
12. Outline the care, including the medical diagnosis, surgical intervention, and nursing management of one patient during your stay.
  - a. How long had your patient had their current problem?
  - b. What signs and symptoms led the patient to seek medical care?
  - c. Do you feel the patient understood the procedure that was to be performed?
  - d. Do you feel the patient understood the expected outcomes?
  - e. Did any of your patients seem frightened or anxious about surgery?
  - f. How did the staff address the patient's allergies (if any)? What steps were taken?
  - g. What kind of special preps/procedures did your patient need prior to surgery?
  - h. How long was the recovery process for your patient? Were there complications?