



**Postoperative - PACU**

**PACU order sets/reminders**

- Obtain finger stick glucose
- Avoid long-acting narcotics

Continue monitoring in PACU

- Cardiorespiratory monitoring
- CPAP/BiPAP if clinically indicated
- *Vital signs & pain assess q15 min*
- Initiate bariatric diet 1- water only

Does patient meet PACU/anesthesia discharge criteria?

**PACU/anesthesia discharge criteria**

- No snoring
- Pain managed
- Pt can maintain airway on their own
- Vital signs stable

**Standard post-op orders from surgeon**

- **Cerner:** General surgery Post Op Bariatric (order set)
  - Ondansetron q6hr prn
  - Famotidine 20mg IV q12 hr
  - SCDs
  - Enoxaparin 40mg subq daily
  - Ambulate with assistance q4hr
  - Incentive spirometry 10x/hr while awake
  - If diabetic, consult to endocrinology

Consult with anesthesiologist for disposition

Transfer to Inpatient Unit

**Abbreviations:**

- PACU - post anesthesia care unit
- CPAP - continuous positive airway pressure
- BiPAP - bilevel positive airway pressure
- SCDs - sequential compression device

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