

ANESTHESIA GUIDELINES FOR GI LAB PATIENTS

The following are guidelines for cases that are better managed in the Main OR vs GI lab.

1. Morbid Obesity - BMI greater than 35
2. Obstructive Sleep Apnea - If the patient has had a sleep study with an AHI greater than 10 and Nadir less than 90%, this case needs to be booked in the OR. Patients with severe OSA may require longer recovery time and sometimes overnight observation and are better served in Main Operating Room.
3. Patients with a coagulopathy. Acute GI bleed with potential for transfusion.
4. Patients with Portal hypertension and varices.
5. Patients with poorly compensated or incompletely evaluated systemic disease including severe diabetes mellitus, asthma, sleep apnea, etc.

Individual cases should be discussed between attending physicians.

If you have any questions about scheduling a case, please call one of the Anesthesia Nurse Practitioners at (901) 671-6303 or (901) 671-7323, Monday - Friday 0700 - 1630.