

**Postoperative - PACU**

**PACU order sets/reminders**

- Obtain fingerstick 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

Consult with anesthesiologist for disposition

Transfer to Inpatient Unit

**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 sq daily
  - Ambulate with assistance q4hr
  - Incentive spirometry 10X per hr while awake
  - If diabetic, consult to endocrinology

**Abbreviations/Acronyms used in the document (laboratory and radiology studies excluded)**

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

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