



Anesthesia Cart Guideline



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For over 90 years, Metro has been the world's leading manufacturer of storage and transport solutions. Metro's mission is to make the world more organized and efficient. Our engineers and designers use that vision when creating new products, including Metro's comprehensive line of anesthesia carts. An anesthesia cart is a mobile cart designed to hold everything needed to support an anesthesiologist's preparation and administration of anesthesia. Anesthesia carts are designed for optimized movement and organized storage.

Why an anesthesia cart?

Anesthesia carts are an essential tool for anesthesiologists to perform their jobs efficiently in a hospital setting. The anesthesia cart's purpose is to work as a mobile unit in conjunction with the anesthesia machine. Anesthesia carts are unique due to their specific application.

- An anesthesia cart gives the anesthesiologist a worksurface next to the anesthesia machine's side and immediate access to the supplies they need when preparing to administer the anesthesia.
- Anesthesia carts are a great tool to help speed up administering anesthesia due to their high organization level. Most anesthesia carts come with dividers and other tools to help keep materials organized and separate.
- Another reason that providers turn to the use of Anesthesia carts is the security features. The anesthesia cart contains many expensive and potentially harmful drugs. Anesthesia carts provide different forms of locks, meeting double lock requirements, to keep narcotics protected. For added convenience, some carts have locking electronic features for immediate access with the use of an ID card.
- Monitoring features provide an added layer of security for anesthesia carts. Advanced touchpads include an electronic log option, that can be downloaded and accessed to track user and identify unauthorized access.
- Automatic locks are also often paired with electronic locking anesthesia carts due to the contents often stored inside of the cart. Guidelines call for an autolocking feature to secure medications, IV solutions, and needles/syringes. An automatic lock can help to ensure that the double-locked narcotics contained within the cart remain uncompromised. Automatic locks can be customized to lock after a certain amount of time to keep the cart double-locked without manually going in and relocking.

Who needs an Anesthesia Cart?

Any facility that performs surgery on patients that would require the use of anesthesia would benefit from an anesthesia cart. This would include hospitals, outpatient surgery centers, urgent care centers, and all centers where sedation is performed.





Items typically found in an anesthesia cart:

Top of Cart:

- ☐ Procedure Gloves (Small, Medium & Large)
- ☐ Label Holder with Labels
- ☐ Spinal Prep Sticks (Chlorhexidine Lolli-pops)
- ☐ Various Tape Rolls Alcohol & Chlorhexidine Swabs
- ☐ Kidney Basin with Midazolam, Rocuronium, Succinylcholine, Cisatracurium

First Drawer: Drugs & Needles

- ☐ Various Needles (Red Blunts, Filter Blunts, 25g, 22g, 20g & 18g)
- ☐ Syringe Caps
- ☐ Anesthesia Drugs: Xylocaine Polyamps Marcaine (0.75%) Bupivacaine 0.5% (Sensorcaine)
- ☐ Dexamethasone Glycopyrrolate Neostigmine Reglan (Metoclopramide/Maxeran)
- ☐ Narcan (Nalaxone)
- ☐ Flumazenil Ketorolac (Toridol)
- ☐ Cefazolin (Ancef)
- ☐ Ondansetron Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)
- ☐ Propofol Labetolol Metoprolol (Betaloc)
- ☐ Esmolol Ephedrine Apresoline (Hydralazine)
- ☐ Epinephrine Vasopressin Phenylephrine Atropine
- ☐ Sodium Chloride Vials
- ☐ Sterile Water Vials

Second Drawer: Syringes

- ☐ Various Syringes (60cc, 20cc, 10cc, 5cc, 3cc & 1cc)

Third Drawer: Monitoring

- ☐ Large, Xlong & Small BP Cuff EKG Buttons Ear Sat Probe
- ☐ Temperature Cable Nerve Stimulator & Extra Batteries

Fourth Drawer: IV Supplies

- ☐ IV Needles (16g, 14g, 18g, 20g & 22g)
- ☐ 2x2 Gauze
- ☐ One-link Caps Tourniquets
- ☐ Small Tegaderm Micro-bore Pump Tubing Extensions
- ☐ Stopcocks IV Sets
- ☐ Secondary Med Sets

Fifth Drawer: IV Solutions

- ☐ Ringers Lactate
- ☐ 0.9% NaCl Bags
- ☐ Anesthesia Circuits Extra Filters
- ☐ Sample Line Tubings

Sixth Drawer: Miscellaneous

- ☐ Nasogastric Tubes
- ☐ Tapes Extra Connectors (Suction & O2)
- ☐ Muco
- ☐ 2% Lidocaine Jelly Blood Set Tubing Esophageal
- ☐ Temperature Probes Spinal Trays
- ☐ Extra Spinal Needles (Long & Regular)
- ☐ Plastic Garbage Bags



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You're not alone, we're here to help.

Picking the right anesthesia cart and organizing it properly can be challenging. Don't try and tackle this challenge alone. Contact the experts at Metro to find out which cart is best for your facility. The team at Metro also offers consultations in efficiency and supply management to ensure that your cart will be operating at maximum efficiency. A Metro representative will be happy to help.

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