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This module is directed toward individuals who work with patients in Post Anesthesia Care Units (PACUs) or primary Surgical Recovery Units (SRUs). These are areas where anesthetized patients recover immediately following surgery.


Note – do not complete this section, if you:

- **Administer the anesthetic gases, or**
- **Work in areas while anesthetic gases are being administered. You are considered to be in the area if you are in the same room and within five (5) feet of where anesthetic gases are being administered.**

1. During your career (including all jobs at this and other facilities), how long have you been working with patients in Post Anesthesia Care Units (PACUs) or primary Surgical Recovery Units (SRUs)?
 - Less than 6 months
 - At least 6 months but less than a year
 - 1-5 years
 - 6-10 years
 - 11-20 years
 - More than 20 years

2. When have you received formal training at this facility on the hazards of exposure to waste anesthetic gases? **Please ✓ all that apply.**
 - During orientation for your current job or task
 - Once, but not at orientation
 - Periodically, but less than once per year
 - At least annually (i.e., one or more times every year)
 - Other (Please specify): _____
 - Never received training at this facility

3. Have you seen written policies or standard procedures at this facility for working around waste anesthetic gases?
 - Yes
 - No

4. At any time in the **past 7 calendar days**, did you work with patients in a Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) or primary Surgical Recovery Unit (SRU)?
 - Yes
 - No  **Skip to Question 13.**


5. During the past 7 calendar days, how many days did you work with patients in a PACU or primary SRU?

Number of days.....

(Please write a number from 1-7)

6. During the past 7 calendar days, how much time did you spend working with patients in a PACU or primary SRU?
- Less than 1 hour
 - 1-10 hours
 - 11-20 hours
 - 21-30 hours
 - 31-40 hours
 - More than 40 hours
7. During the past 7 calendar days, how much time did you spend working **within five feet** of patients in the PACU or primary SRU?
- Less than 1 hour
 - 1-10 hours
 - 11-20 hours
 - 21-30 hours
 - 31-40 hours
 - More than 40 hours
8. During the past 7 calendar days, how many total patients in the PACU/SRU were you assigned?
- None
 - 1-2 patients
 - 3-4 patients
 - 5-9 patients
 - 10-20 patients
 - 21-40 patients
 - More than 40 patients
9. How does the total amount of time you spent working within five feet of patients in the PACU or primary SRU during the past 7 calendar days compare with most weeks?
- Past 7 days were about normal
 - Past 7 days were less than normal
 - Past 7 days were greater than normal

The following questions pertain to the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) while working in the PACU or primary SRU.

10. During the past 7 calendar days, how often did you wear **respiratory protection, not including a surgical mask**, while working with patients in the PACU or SRU?
- Always
 - Sometimes
 - Never 
- Skip to Question 12.**
11. What type(s) of respirator(s), not including a surgical mask, did you use?
Please all that apply.
- Half mask or full-face piece respirator with replaceable cartridges
 - Powered air-purifying respirator (PAPR)
 - Supplied-air respirator
 - Don't know



During the past 7 calendar days, if you ALWAYS wore respiratory protection, not including a surgical mask, while working in the PACU or primary SRU, skip to Question 13.

12. What were the reason(s) you did not always wear **respiratory protection**, not including a surgical mask, while working in the PACU or primary SRU?
 Please ✓ all that apply.

- 1. Potential for exposure to anesthetic gases is insignificant
- 2. Exposure to anesthetic gases is possible but the health hazard is insignificant
- 3. An engineering control (e.g., exhaust ventilation or an enclosure) is already being used
- 4. Not required by employer
- 5. Not provided by employer
- 6. Not standard practice
- 7. Too uncomfortable or difficult to use
- 8. Not readily or always available in work area
- 9. Concerned about raising the patient's anxiety.
- 10. Other (Please specify): _____

12A. From the reason(s) checked above, please write the number (1, 2, 3, etc.) of the one **most important reason** you did not always wear **respiratory protection** while working in the PACU or SRU.

Most important reason

**You have now completed this module.
 Thank you.**