

POST-OPERATIVE NURSING CARE

Immediately following theatre, patients will go to PACU where their condition is monitored and stabilised prior to return to the ward. On return, it is highly important that regular observations are performed to detect any complications at an early stage.

Activity.

- Find out about post-op observation monitoring, how frequently and consider why.

- What post-op complications might you be monitoring for and how would they present?

- What happens to observations when shock presents?

- What is the Early Warning Score?(NEWS) How and when is it used?

- How would you escalate any concerns?