



Speciality Specific Policy Documents – Surgical Services

This is not a complete list of policies for this area but contains key policy documents. Information on searching entire libraries is available below.

WACHS-wide Policy Documents

Anaesthesia

- [Malignant Hyperthermia – Endorsed for Use in Clinical Practice Policy](#)

Clinical Practice Standards/Policies

- [Adult Airway Management – Clinical Practice Standard](#)
- [Airway Suctioning – Clinical Practice Standard](#)
- [Blood Management Policy](#)
- [Central Venous Access Devices \(CVAD\) and Long Peripheral Venous Catheter \(PVC\) Management – Clinical Practice Standard](#)
- [Colonoscopy Clinical Practice Standard](#)
- [Decontamination of Diagnostic Ultrasound Transducers Clinical Practice Standard](#)
- [Pre and Post Procedural Management Clinical Practice Standard](#)
- [Venous Thromboembolism Prevention Policy](#)

Infection Prevention and Control

- [Aseptic Technique Policy](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning Policy](#)
- [Hand Hygiene Policy](#)
- [Infection Prevention and Control during Construction and Renovation Activities Policy](#)
- [Infection Prevention and Control Policy](#)

Perioperative

- [Perioperative - Attire Procedure](#)
- [Perioperative - Surgical Count Procedure](#)
- [Perioperative - Visitors to Perioperative Department Procedure](#)
- [Surgical Safety Checklist Policy](#)
- [Management of Elective Surgical Patients with a High Body Mass Index Procedure](#)
- [Maternity High Body Mass Index and Bariatric Surgery Risk Management Policy](#)

Surgical Care

- [Epidural / Spinal Analgesia Management Policy](#)
- [Recognising and Responding to Acute Deterioration \(RRAD\) Policy](#)
- [Recognising and Responding to Acute Deterioration Procedure](#)
- [Regional Analgesia management \(Adult\) Procedure](#)
- [Tonsillectomy-Adenotonsillectomy \(Paediatric\) Policy](#)

Regional Policy Documents

Midwest

- [FemoStop Compression Procedure – Post Anaesthetic Care Unit - Geraldton Hospital](#)
- [Preoperative Staphylococcus Aureus Screening for High Risk Surgery Procedure – Midwest](#)

Great Southern

- [Anaesthetic Services, Pre-Operative Assessment and Investigations Guideline – Albany Hospital](#)
- [Medical Governance for Post-Operative Patients Procedure – Great Southern](#)
- [Post Operative Nausea and Vomiting Guideline – Albany and Katanning Hospitals](#)

Forms and Charts

This is not a complete list of forms. Medical Record Forms are only available on HealthPoint, they cannot be accessed via SharePoint Online.

- [Direct Access Referral Form Templates](#)
- [MR 20 Request for Admission/Waitlist Inclusion Form](#)
- [MR 30F Authorisation to proceed with surgery on a patient without a valid consent form](#)
- [MR 90.1 Caesarean Section Operation Report](#)
- [MR170.2 WACHS Epidural/Spinal Prescription and Additional Observation Chart](#)
- [MR170.3 WACHS Epidural/Spinal Morphine Record](#)
- [MR170.7 WACHS Ophthalmic Medication Chart](#)

WA Health Mandatory Policies

Waitlist Management

- MP 0175/22 – [Consent to Treatment Policy](#)
- MP 0169/21 – [Elective Services Access and Management Policy](#)

Infection Prevention and Control

- [Health Care Worker Immunisation Policy](#)
- MP 0172/22 – [Personal Protective Equipment in Healthcare Facilities Policy](#)

Legislation

- [Health Services Act 2016](#) (WA)
- [Work Health and Safety Act 2020](#) (WA)

Support Tools and Other Resources

Waitlist Management

- [National Elective Surgery categorisation Guidelines \(April 2015\)](#)
- [WACHS Elective Surgery Waitlist Business Rules](#)
- WA Health [Consent to Treatment Procedure](#)
- WA Health [Elective Services Access Handbook](#)

- WA Health [Excluded Procedures Manual](#)

Infection Prevention and Control

- [Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare \(2019\)](#)
- [Classifying hazardous chemicals: National guide \(Safe Work Australia\)](#)
- [Infection Control in endoscopy Guidelines \(GESA Guidelines\)](#)
- [Management of Occupational Exposure to Blood or body Fluids in Healthcare Settings](#)
- [Respiratory Protection Guidelines for Western Australian Healthcare Facilities](#)
- [WACHS Policy and Resource Map – NSQHS Standard 3 \(Preventing and Controlling Infections\)](#)

Anaesthesia

- [Malignant Hyperthermia Group of Australia and New Zealand \(MHANZ\) resource kit, task cards and poster](#) (See [WACHS EUCP](#))

Surgical Care

- [PCH Diabetes Mellitus Type 1 and 2 Surgical Protocol \(for children\)](#) (only available via HealthPoint)

Perioperative

- [PCH Preoperative Preparation Procedure \(for children\)](#) (only available via HealthPoint)

Searching for Policy Documents

[HealthPoint](#) provides the complete suite of policy and related documents with fully functional hyperlinks – **it should be used as the primary source** of policy documents. Depending on your connectivity there are two ways to search for policies.

Via HealthPoint		Via SharePoint Online	
HealthPoint policy library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All policies, procedures and guidelines • All related documents and hyperlinks available • Search functions by keyword or by WACHS region 	Policies viewed on the Internet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available from mobile devices • HealthPoint hyperlinks and related documents are inaccessible • Sensitive policy documents are unavailable
Policy library A-Z	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies arranged alphabetically 	Internet Search	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search using google (or other search engine) Use: WACHS policy <search term>

Feedback and Suggestions

To provide specialty specific feedback, please contact: Grace Loh, Clinical Nurse Consultant – Surgical; WACHS.SurgicalServices@health.wa.gov.au

The WACHS Policy Unit welcomes your feedback and encourages subject matter experts, stakeholders, and staff to identify changes in regulations, best practice, and to identify areas of missing or insufficient policy scope.

[Feedback forms](#) are available on the [Policy Consultation](#) page. Alternatively, feedback can be provided via email directly to the WACHS Policy Unit. Policy improvement requests and suggestions can be provided at any time.