

Age criteria for post-anesthesia observation for apnea in infants

Preemies: (Born at <37 weeks)
<50 weeks: Stay overnight on Cardio-Respiratory Monitor
50-60 weeks: Stay 4 hours in PACU
>60 weeks: Regular discharge criteria
Full-Term:
<44 weeks: Stay 6 hours in PACU or stay overnight
44-50 weeks: Stay 4 hours in PACU
>50 weeks: Regular discharge criteria

These guidelines will apply only if:

- No co-morbidities
- No As & Bs
- No BPD
- Not on O2 at home
- Not on a Cardio-Respiratory Monitor at home

Reference: Longnecker, D., (2007). Anesthesia for Children. Anesthesiology, (p.1548). Australia and New Zealand: McGraw-Hill Education.