Preoperative Anesthesia Clinic Rotation

1. Hours of Operation for the UCSD Preoperative Care Center (PCC)
   a. Monday through Friday 8am – 430pm
   b. Patients arrive at 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 1230p, 130p, 230p, & 330p.

2. Anesthesiology Resident Duties
   a. Complete preoperative anesthesia evaluations for scheduled patients
   b. Provide preoperative teaching
   c. Discuss all options in regards to types of anesthesia applicable to the surgical procedure. Be clear that the choice of anesthetic will be confirmed on the day of surgery.
   d. Discuss risks/benefits/alternatives of types of anesthesia
   e. Discuss the likely need for invasive monitors, awake endotracheal intubation, and postoperative mechanical ventilation.
   f. Discuss options for postoperative analgesia.
   g. Inform about preoperative NPO guidelines and medication instructions and document all instructions given to the patient.
   h. Collaborate with surgical Nurse Practitioners who are present for the preoperative H&amp;P and preoperative medical evaluation
   i. Must have each preoperative assessment supervised or ‘signed off’ by an Anesthesiology attending physician
   j. Review all Laboratory values and Auxiliary tests ordered by the surgical services or the PCC
   k. Communicate any test abnormalities, preoperative concerns, or the need to have additional tests/consultations prior to surgery to the primary surgeon.

3. Anesthesia attending duties:
   a. Ensure all preoperative assessments are thoroughly completed based on the most current evidence and guidelines.
   b. Ensure correct documentation of patient instructions and appropriate referrals made.
   c. Communicate with attending operative surgeon or chief resident in the event that additional testing or consultation is required. Ensure documentation of this communication.
   d. Provide education in the form of didactic or an article with a focus on preoperative anesthesia assessment.