# Complex Spine Fusion – Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG)



Focus: Complex medical patients, such as neuromuscular, requiring spinal fusion that do not fall under the Idiopathic Guideline

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### **INCLUSION Criteria:**

- Any age needing a spine fusion and having one or more of the following:
- Complex medical problems often involving treatment by multiple specialists
- Congenital curve > 90 degrees or requiring 3 column osteotomy
- Idiopathic curve > 90 degrees
- GMFCS 4 & 5 Cerebral Palsy
- **Anticipated Halo Traction**

### **EXCLUSION Criteria:**

- Patients that fall under Idiopathic Spine Guideline definition
- **GMFCS 1-3 Cerebral Palsy**
- Patient undergoing isolated anterior spinal instrumentation procedure

### List of Medical Abbreviations used in the clinical practice guideline

AIS - Adolescent Idiopathic Spine

ASD - Atrial Septal Defect

BM - bowel movement

BMI – Basal Metabolic Index

CBC - Complete Blood Count

CBG - Capillary Blood Gas

CHD - Congenital Heart Disease

CM - Case Management

CMP - Complete Metabolic Panel

CP - Cerebral Palsy

CPT - chest physiotherapy

CSF – Cerebrospinal Fluid

CT - computed tomography (cat scan)

CTD - Connective Tissue Disorder

CVL - Central Venous Line

CXR - Chest X-Ray

d/c - discharge

DIC - Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation

EBL - Estimated Blood Loss

ECG - Echocardiogram

EF - Ejection Fraction

FVC - Force Vital Capacity

FFP - Fresh Frozen Plasma

GJ – Gastro Jejunal Tube

gm - gram

GMFCS – Gross Motor Function Classification Scale

GT - Gastrostomy Tube

hr - hour

HTN - Hypertension

Hb – Hemoglobin (lab)

Hct - Hematocrit (lab)

ICD – Intra-Cardiac Device

INR - International Normalization Ratio (lab)

IONM - Intra Operative Neuro Monitoring

IOP – Intra Ocular Pressure

IV - intravenous

IVF - intravenous fluid

LVEF - Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction

MAC - Monitored Anesthesia Care

MAP – Mean Arterial Pressure

MD - Medical Doctor

MEP – Maximal Expiratory potential (Pulmonary)

mg - milligram

MIP – Maximal Inspiratory Potential (Pulmonary)

MRI - Magnetic Resonance Imaging

MVV – Maximal Voluntary Ventilation (Pulmonary)

NIV - Non-Invasive Ventilation

NSGY - Neurosurgery

NV - Nausea/Vomiting

O&P - Orthotics and Prosthetics

OOB - out of bed

OSA - Obstructive Sleep Apnea

OT - Occupational Therapy

OR - Operating Room

PCA - Patient Controlled Analgesia

PO - by mouth

PT - Physical Therapy

PFT - Pulmonary Function Test

PLOF - Prior level of function

PRBC - Packed Red Blood Cells

PRN – as needed

PT – Thromboplastin Time

PTT – Partial Thromboplastin Time

Pulse Ox - pulse oximetry

RN - registered Nurse

SLP - Speech Language Pathology

SMA - Spinal Muscular Atrophy

SSEP - Somato Sensory Evoked Potential

SW – Social Work

Tabs - tablets

TEG - Thromboelastogram

TID - 3 times per day

TIVA - Total Intravascular Anesthesia

TLSO - Thoraco Lumbar Sacral Orthosis

TTF - Trans Thoracic Echo

TXA - Tranexamic Acid

**UOP – Urinary Output** 

VNS - Vagal Nerve Stimulator

VS - vital signs

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# Complex Spine Fusion – <u>PRE-OP</u> Clinical Practice Guideline



### Focus: Pre-Operative evaluation and considerations for surgery clearance

Service Lines	Gastroenterology	<u>Cardiology</u>	<u>Pulmo nary</u>	Neurology & Neurosurgery	Orthotics/Prosthetics/ Seating & Mobility	Orthopaedics PT/OT/Child Life
Referral Need?	Yes  * No GT + BMI<10% = see GI + 2-3 months to improve nu trition.  (Z scores provide a standard deviation)  * If GT -see to make adjustments pm  * GJ if surgeon concerned – GI decision  No  * If no GT and normal BMI  * If obese	* Concerning Symptoms – palpitations, chest pain, episod es of shortness of breath, cardiac concerns.  * Family history of aortic disease, cardiomyopathy  * Abnormal Physical exam  * Suspected underlying CTD  * Dural Ectasia / Protrusio Acetabulae  * If on an thracycline for chemo	If FVC < 60% predicted or unable to obtain PFT's     Decline in PFT's > 10%     Serum Bicarb > 30 or abnormal CBG     SaO2 < 95% at normal b & eline     Sleep d isordered breathing (snoring, daytime somnolence)     If positive pulmon ary screening: Page 8 of guideline.     Consider PFT needed if     COBB angle > 90 degrees	* Shunt not evaluated in > 1 year or not had imaging within last 12 months * symptoms like last malfunction, nausea, headache, seizures, or vomiting. * Myelo with progressive curve/large curve * Fatty filum and lowlying conus * Small Syrinx - consider NSGY at minimum * VNS - refer before / after to interrogate (Magnet not needed) * concern-need increased baclofen dose * Indwelling baclofen pump - consider letting NSGY know beforehand	Contact O&P pre-op for:  * Call for Halo Consults & Halo Fittings  * Notify if Post-Op TLSO is known to be needed  Seating and Mobility Clinic:  * parents to cal Vendor for appointment for wheelchair adjustment-2 - 3 weeks post-operatively.  * Vent dependent- custom molded back: parents call vendor for Pre-Op appointment or an in-hos pital Post-Op appointment on ce surgery date is set.	Consider Physiatry Referral if:  * Need help with discharge planning  * Anticipating CIRU need  Child Life:  * consult to ensure spines urgery handbook has been presented to family and to assess post op child life need.
Labs / Tests	CBC Ferritin CMP Vitamin D (25-hydroxyvitamin D) Prealbumin Vitamin C Zinc	CXR, TTE, ECG, CBC, COAGS     DIC panel for Duchenne's	PFT's If > 5 years + can comply (do not need pulmonary referral)  Simple spirometry Peak cough flow MIP / MEP MW			Orthopaedics  Patient is to have Type and Cross pre-operatively Arrange for blood products to be ready before surgery
Imaging needs		Obtain Echocardiogram if:  * history of cardiomyopathy  * Residual Complex CHD (not simple ASD)—(If history of repaired CHD, no echo need)  * Concern for possible Right side Heart Failure or presence of Pulmonary HTN  * Congenital Scoliosis—If just an echo then no clearance letter or consult needed.  * * if COBB angle > 70 degrees      DMD (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)  * EF > 50% (echo within last 6 months)  * EF < 50% (echo within last 3 months)  MRI - pacemakers OK		Indication for MRI:  * CP – not indicated  * Myelo – indicated pre-op.  * Syndromic – case by case  * VNS – do not image  * For the Order – designate "Pre-Op" and the date of surgery  * Expedited need – include reason on order  * Consider Anesthesia need for MRI's		
Admission Unit & pre-op needs	* consider miralax or other laxative pre-operatively before day of surgery (parent education)	Cardiac floor indications:  * If repaired disease, not necessary  * Residual disease – cardiac stepdown  * If Fontan, heart transplant, significant pulmonary HTN, severe ventricular dysfunction – use cardiac floor with cardiology as primary and involve Pulmonary service  * Cardiac valve – admit- heparin transition	Pre -Operative Admission if:  * NIV or anticipated NIV (i.e. CPAP, BiPAP) observation preop and pulmonary referral  * History of poor airway clearance or recent respiratory symptoms  * Need for surgery is urgent  * SMA and mitochondrial disease – admit night before surgery  * Notify PICU if post op admit expected.		* Arrange admission with unit comfortable with halo EG – 4E, PICU SR – 4S, PICU	* Anticipated decrease in function from baseline due to anticipated lengthy hos pital stay / difficulty with pain tolerance in relation to mobility.  * to qualify for Inpatient Rehab, requires eval from 2 of 3 (PT / OT/ SLP) and a decrease in function
Other Consideration and Contra- indications To surgery		* Significant ventricular dysfunction * Valvular disease * Fontan, single ventricle physiology * Pulmonary hypertension  * Contraindication for surgery * All patients with LVEF < 35% - If lower, consider ICD	Patient families to be given the "Pulmonary Preop Pamphlet"	Combined Neurosurgery Cases  Spinal Stenosis Intra Dural Poss ib ly Vertebrectomy Myelo with tether/need cord divided With Myelomeningocele: consider resection of cord if placing MAGEC rods. consider Plastic Surgery for closure and close monitoring.	Parental Information  * bring wheelchair + orthotics to hospital  * Make post-op appointment with wheelchair vendor prior to the surgery  * no ben ding/twisting after surgery – so plan for daily routine & challenges  * caregiver present for transfer training	

Pre-plan for Gen Peds need \* If 3 or more organ systems with current issues AND patient does not already have an identified medical home (like pulmonary for their home vent) and would like Gen Peds involved post op; call general pediatrics office once patient is scheduled for surgery

\* If patient is truly complex, would prefer admission to General Pediatrics with Orthopaedic consult once patient exits PACU. (Ortho to see patient daily)

# Complex Spine Fusion - <u>INTRA-OP</u> Clinical Practice Guideline

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Focus: Intra-Operative Patient Management for Anesthesia, OR Staff, Neuromonitoring Staff & Surgeons

#### **Lines and Positioning**

#### **Positioning**

- Accommodative- Position upper extremities with less than 90 degrees abduction
- Verify Baclofen pump positioning before start of case

#### Traction

Pelvic Obliquity > 30-40 degrees

#### **Halo-Femoral Traction**

- 10-15 lbs on head
- 15-20 lbs on high pelvis

#### **Facial**

- Prone view works for AIS vs pillow for Neuromuscular CP
- Consider reverse trendelenberg to decrease IOP

#### Patient Prep

- 2 Large Bore IV's
- A-Line
- CVL if pressors expected (Double/Triple Lumen Cath.)
- Room Temp 72 degrees
- Bair Hugger Blanket or warming pads

#### TIMEOUT Discussion

- Anesthetic being used
- EBL Anticipated
- Implant being used

correction.

- Antibiotics being used
- MAPS- targets to be 65-75 mmHg during exposure and instrumentation.
   Then >80 mmHg during
- Consider short acting paralytic during exposure (Rocuronium)

#### **Medications and Labs**

#### Surgeons Order prior to Surgery start

- TXA (Tranexamic Acid) for all Complex Spine Cases – 20 mg/kg loading dose (max 2 grams) with 10mg/kg/hr maintenance dose (max 500mg/hr)
- Gaba pentin 15 mg/kg administer pre-operative (Max dose 900 mg)
- Gaba pentin 5mg/kg TID x 2 days post - op. (max dose 300 mg).

#### Antibiotics (Reference Link)

- Cefazolin & Gentamicin if:
  - \* Neuromuscular patient
  - \* incontinent
  - \* has a surgically created orifice
  - \* has Antibiotic resistance
  - \* history of gramnegative infection
- Suggest Neuromuscular cases get antibiotic powder
- Cefazolin allergy give Clindamycin & Gentamicin

#### Anesthetic

- Use TIVA in Neuromuscular cases (discuss TIVA + paralytic as needed)
- Volatile at <0.5 MAC and adjust by signals

#### LABS

#### Fibrinogen Labs

- If anticipate EBL > 15 ml/kg
- Consider PT. PTT
- Consider TEG lab (EG only)

#### **All Complex Spine Patients**

arterial blood gas

# Neuromonitoring / Vital Signs

#### When not to use Neuromonitor

- Incontinent of urine and stool
- No protective reflex
- High level GMFCS 5

#### Considerations

- TIVA if unable to obtain reliable signals using gas
- If cannot get baselines can consider to send out monitoring personnel and consider to cancel.

#### VNS information

- Position electrodes a way from pulse generator-on legs
- Magnet not needed if not running SSEP's – can make an artifact if SSEP's
- Do not need to turn off unless
- Should interrogate them afterwards – consult with Neurology or Neurosurgery

# Neuromonitor until patient on bed

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#### **After Incision**

- Consider decreasing the room temperature
- Increase Bair Hugger temperature output
- Antibiotic Redosing timing Recommend vanc/fortaz
- Antibiotic Powder Vancomycin and Tobramycin

#### Order labs when:

EBL 10% - get CBC, Fibrinogen, PT, PTT, and TEG. (TEG – available at EG only)

#### Consider to Transfuse when:

- PRBC's if Hb/Hct < 8/24 and/or hemodynamically unstable in the setting of acute blood loss
- FFP if PT/PTT/INR is 1.5 times the normal range for patient
- Platelets if < 50K</li>
- Cryoprecipitate if Fibrinogen <150

#### **Dural Tears**

- 4.0 Nurulon
- Consider a lumbar drain if cannot get a good repair
- Consider having Duraseal or Tisseal in room

#### **During / After Closure**

- Warm room up to 72 degrees
- Neuromonitor until patient is on the bed
- Verify Baclofen pump positioning
- Baclofen Pump If more than a few mL of CSF leaks off, then may need Physiatry/ Neurology to prime line.

# Recommend Occlusive dressing

### **Radiology Needs:**

\* PA and LAT spine to be done in OR (prone)

#### For PICU Admissions:

- Maintain art-line fluids if going to PICU – do not cap the line
- Spine Surgeon to complete the IONM event note before patient goes to PICU.

### Complex Spine Fusion – <u>POST-OP</u> Clinical Practice Guideline



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Timeline	Surgical Day Admit In patient: EG-4E, SR-4S,	POST OP Day 1	POST OP Day 2	POST OP Day 3	
Unit	PICU/TICU if: Pulm HTN, Complex Cardiac, OSA, q1h NV monitor need, Home O2, Trach, BiPAP/CPAP.	Admit In patient: EG-4E, SR-4S, PICU/TICU	Admit Inpatient: EG-4E, SR-4S, PICU/TICU	Admit In patient: EG-4E, SR-4S, PICU/TICU	
Assessment and Monitoring	* VS q 4hr including Braden Q q 12hr  * Keep MAP S 65-85  * VS q 2hr in PICU/TICU  * Neurovascular (NV) checks q 2hr  * Cont. Pulse Ox & O2-keep sats>93% or back to baseline if cardiac/pulm patient  * Strict intake & output q 4hr-includ e drains	* VS q 4hr including Braden Q q 12hr  * Keep MAPS 65-85  * Record pain scores with vital signs  * Neurovascular (NV) checks q 4 hr  * Cont. Pulse Ox & O2-keep sats>93% or back to baseline if cardiac/pulm p atient  * Strict intake & output q 4hr- include d rains	VS q 4hr including Braden Q q 12hr Keep MAP 5 65-85 Record pain scores with vital signs Neurovascular (NV) checks q 4 hr Cont. Pulse Ox & O2-keep sats>93% or back to baseline if Cardiac/pulm p atient Strict intake & output q 4hr-include d rains Final pain score within 2 hours of discharge	* VS q 4hr including Braden Q q 12hr  * Keep MAP S 65-85  * Record pain scores with vital signs  * Neurovascular (NV) checks q 4 hr  * Cont. Pulse Ox & O2-keep sats>93% or back to baseline if Cardiac/pulm p atient  * Strict intake & output q 4hr-include d rains  * Final pain score within 2 hours of discharge	
PICU admit	VS and NV checks per PICU protocol MAP parameters per order set age range	VS and NV checks per PICU protocol MAP parameters per order set age range	VS and NV checks per PICU protocol MAP parameters per order set age range	VS and NV checks per PICU protocol MAP parameters per order set age range * Notify MD if change in: VS / NV status / MAPs	
Surgeon Notification	* Notify MD if change in: VS / NV status / MAPs * UOP < 0.5ml/kg/hr times 2hr * Hemo vac ou tp ut is >200ml/8hrs	Notify MDif change in: V5 / NV status / MAPs UOP < 0.5ml/kg/hr times 2hr Hemovac output is >200ml/8hrs Notify if bilious emesis after feeding initiated	Notify MD if change in: V5 / NV status / MAPs UOP < 0.5ml/kg/hr times 2hr Hemovac output is >200ml/8hrs Notify if bilious emesis after feeding initiated	* UOP < 0.5ml/kg/hr times 2hr  * Hemovac output is >200ml/8hrs  * Notify if bilious emesis after feeding initiated	
Laboratory	Consider Pre-Albumin, Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Zinc if nutritional concerns PT, PTT, INR, Fibrinogen (for high risk bleeding)	* H&H and CMP in am  * PT, PTT, INR, Fibrin ogen (for high risk bleeding) (see Bleeding Screen Panel)			
Radiology	* Portable Chest X-ray if chest tube * PA and LAT spine in OR	PA & LAT spine Upright in Radio logy if not done in OR / PACU If patient in PICU, supine PA & LAT (if not done) portable CXR if pt has chest tube	* portable CXR if pt. has chest tube * stat CXR if Chest tube discontinued	* portable CXR if pt. has chest tube * stat CXR if Chest tube discontinued	
Medication and IV Therapy	* IV Fluids * Zofran IV 0.1 mg/kg per dos e (max dose of 4mg) IV q8h PRN N/V * Cefazolin 30mg/kg (max 2gm), IV q8hrs times 3 doses * Gentamicin 2.5 mg/kg (max 180 mg), IV q8hrs times 3 doses * discontinue all antibiotics 24hrs post-op See Ortho Prophylaxis Guideline for additional Antibiotic therapies (link)	* IV Fluids – INT IV and discontinue IV Fluid when tolerating PO liquids without N/V * Discontinue Antibiotics after 24 hrs * order Miralax (0.5 mg/kg/day up to 17g daily), if tolerating some nutrition. Start POD 1 night, prn if no BM in last 24 hours * discontinue all antibiotics 24hrs post-op	INT IV if tolerating PO liquids     continue Miralax     consider addition of Docusate and / or Bisacodyl tabs x 1 dos e (if no BM in last 24 hours)	tics on tinue IV  discontinue IV  continue Miralax – consider d/c home on miralax daily for goal of daily stool  consider soap suds enema if bowel sounds present, abdomen compressible without flatus and no bowel movement	
Pain Control	Pain control:  * Valium 0.1 mg/kg IV q4h (schedule as such, no prn for day 0, no PO for day 0) (max dose 5mg)  * PCA pump with bolus doses +/- basal rate  Optional:  * Neuron tin 5mg/kg TID, PO (max 300mg TID)  * Toradol 0.5mg/kg IV q 6hr (max 30 mg) max 8 doses  * Famotidine 0.25 mg/kg/dose (max 20 mg) IV q12h if using Toradol (Toradol and Pepcid linked together in order set)  * consider Methocarbamol 15 mg/kg IV q8h (Max dose 1000 mg) - to replace Valiu m. (do not use with Valium)	Pain control:  * Valium 0.1 mg/kg IV q4h PRN muscle spasticity (max dose 5 mg) - Consider to Change Valium to PO q 4hr PRN for muscle spasticity.  * Discontinue PCA pump  * Start Percocet or Norco PO q 4hr (5mg, 7.5mg, 10mg available) (max dose 3250 mg acetaminophen/day)  * Morphine 0.05 mg/kg/dose (max 4 mg) IVq4h prn mod-severe pain not relieved by Percocet/ Norco Optional:  * Neurontin 5mg/kg TID  * start Toradol 0.5mg/kg IV q 6hr, max 8 doses over 48 hours. Change to Motrin (max 10mg/kg/dose q8h)—if tolerating other meds PO.  * Famotidine 0.25 mg/kg/dose (max 20 mg) IV q12h if using Toradol  * Consider change to Methocarbamol 15 mg/kg PO q8h (Max dose 1500 mg) PRN muscle spaticity	Pain Control:  * Discontinue To radol after 48 hours  * Consider Motrin (max 10mg/kg/dos e q8h)  * Percocet or Norco PO q 4hr PRN pain (5mg, 7.5mg, 10mg available) (max dose 3250 mg acetaminop hen/day)  * Morphine 0.05 mg/kg/dos e (max 4 mg) IVq4h prn mod-severe pain not relieved by Percocet / Norco  * Change Valium to PO q 4hr PRN muscle spasticity  * Record full set of vital signs with a pain score at discharge	Pain Control:  * Discontinue Toradol after 48 hours  * Continue pain management program until discharged  * Record full set of vital signs with a pain score at discharge  * establish a plan for what kind of pain/spasticity meds patient is sent home on (consult pain team for recommendations if needed)	
Pulmonary &	Incentive Spirometry q 2hr – awake (if unab le, consider bubble/pinwheel therapy If Intub ated, extub ate as soon as possib le	to mellace Valium (do not use with Valium).  * Incentive Spirometry q 2hr – awake (if unable, consider bubble/pinwheel therapy)  * Assess for Chest Physio Therapy (CPT) need and	* Incentive Spirometry q 2hr – awake (if unable, consider bubble/pinwheel therapy) * Assess for Chest Physio Therapy (CPT) need	* Incentive Spirometry q 2hr – awake (if unable, consider bubble/pinwheel therapy) * Assess for Chest Physio Therapy (CPT) need	
Respiratory Treatments	* order Pulmonary Hygiene care if needed  * Check surgical dressing q 4hr and	<ul> <li>whether the patient can tolerate the therapy.</li> <li>discontinue foley if UOP &gt; 1ml/kg/hr</li> </ul>	, , , ,	* MD to discontinue drains	
Procedures	reinforce as needed  * Foley to straight drain  * Ice chips & sips of clears as tolerated	AND the PCA is discontinued	* orkings on to impulse dist t-ltl		
Nutrition, GI	* Assess bowel sounds     * Start Tube feeds within 24-48 hours of being hemodynamically stable (start slowly and hold if high vaso pressor use)	Clear diet first day (to help with abd distention) (carbon ation free diet).  Notify primaryteam if emesis.  Start Tube feeds within 24-48 hours of being hemodynamically stable (start slowly).  Assess bowel sounds	advance to regular diet as tolerated.     Notify primary team if emesis.     Start Tube feeds with in 24-48 hours of being hemodynamically stable (start slowly)     encourage gum chewing if possible     Nutrition consult to assess home feed regimen	regular diet as tolerated.     Notify primary team if emesis.     encourage gum chewing if possible	
Activity	* log roll q 2hr with patient assisting as able	<ul> <li>log roll q 2hr with patient assisting as able</li> <li>goal is OOB to chair with PT initially. Then with Caregiver/RN 1-2 more times as tolerated</li> <li>Goal to ambulate 1-2 times, if applicable, based on prior level of function.</li> </ul>	* continue to log roll  * ambulate or OOB to chair 2-3 times/day	* continue to log roll * ambulate or OOB to chair 2-3 times / day * attempt stairs if capable	
Consults	Critical Care Medicine Consult if admit to PICU Pain Service consult as needed Nutrition – plan calorie counts/feeding regimen Case Management to assess for Durable Medical Equipment need and for new BiPAP patients Pulmonary consult if patient on positive pressure Plan for sub specialist consultation based on medical history if no prior medical home	Ambulatory patient 1x/day and Ambulatory patient 1x/day and Ambulatory patient 2x/day.  * PI to see Non-Ambulatory patient 1x/day and Ambulatory patient 2x/day.  * PT and OT to identify equipment needs and notify Physician if seating/mobility or rehab order need.  * Nutrition – plan calorie counts/feed in gregimen  * Nutrition – plan calorie counts/feed in gregimen  * Child Life consultation  * Child Life consultation as needed  * Consult SW to begin discharge planning  * Child Life consultation as needed		* PT to continue to see patient until discharge goals are met  * Subspecialist / Child Life consultation as needed  * ensure subspecialists are OK with discharge  * Pain service consult if needed with establishing pain control plan for home.	
Partnering with Parents and Education Discharge	* Assess home health needs - CM	Reinforce Teaching Sheets * Spinal Fusion Movement – Ambulation / Mobility  Partner with parents for OOB / ambulation schedule	Reinforce Teaching Sheets  * Spinal Fusion Movement – Precautions and Body Mechanics  Partner with parents for OOB / ambulation schedule  * Ensure home health needs are met	Home Care Teaching Sheets  * Patient/Caregiver in dependence with ADL participation/mo dification  * print out goals for family/patient  Partner with parents for OOB / ambulation schedule  * Ensure home health needs are met	
Planning	* Assess trans portation needs - SW * provide family with written needs - CM * Tolerating regular diet (home diet or	* Assess home health needs - CM	* ensure transportation needs are available for discharge day - SW	day of discharge  * plan for follow up arranged with Physician	

(ambulating per PT protocol based on prior level of function)

# **Complex Spine Fusion Intra-Operative Neuro Monitoring**



# **IONM - Response to changes in Pediatric Spine Patients**

<u>Surgeon</u>	<u>Circulating Nurse</u>	<u>Neuromonitoring</u>	<u>Anesthesia</u>	Ongoing Considerations
<ul> <li>Gain control of room –         Intraoperative surgical pause;         Stop case and announce to         room.</li> <li>eliminate extraneous stimuli         (i.e. music, conversations, etc.)</li> <li>Anticipate need for         intraoperative / perioperative         imaging if not readily available         to evaluate implant placement</li> <li>Discuss events and actions         immediately prior to signal loss         and reverse actions</li> <li>Remove traction if necessary</li> <li>Undo distraction or corrective         forces</li> <li>Remove rods</li> <li>Remove screws, probe for         breach and check x-ray</li> <li>Check for spinal cord         compression, evaluate         osteotomy or laminotomy sites         (bone graft, gel foam, wax)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mark Time</li> <li>Shut off music</li> <li>Get X-Ray Tech to Room</li> <li>Immediately contact Charge Nurse for assistance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Check electrodes – Monitor working? Connections intact?</li> <li>Discuss status of anesthetic agents</li> <li>Check extent of Neuromuscular blockage or paralysis</li> <li>Repeat SSEPs and MEPs</li> <li>Determine/communicate pattern and timing of signal changes-unilateral?</li> <li>Check neck and limb positioning – especially if unilateral loss</li> <li>Continue data collection for a minimum of 30 minutes after the last maneuver</li> <li>Immediately contact Neurologist or Neurophysiologist</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Optimize MAP: &gt;80 mmHg         <ul> <li>Decrease propofol and narcotic</li> <li>Decrease inhalational agents</li> <li>IVF</li> <li>Dopamine or Phenylephrine -discuss with surgeon</li> </ul> </li> <li>Optimize Hematocrit - 30-35         <ul> <li>Hemoglobin &gt; 10</li> </ul> </li> <li>Warm patient to &gt; 36.5 C</li> <li>Optimize blood pH, pCO2 and Glucose</li> <li>Prepare for potential wake-up test with ATTENDING Anesthesiologist.</li> <li>Consider lidocaine 2mg/kg - vasodilation</li> <li>Summon ATTENDING Anesthesiologist</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>REVISIT anesthetic/systemic considerations and confirm that they are optimized.</li> <li>Wake-up test</li> <li>Consult with Colleague</li> <li>Continue with surgical procedure vs staging procedure – abort if &lt; 70% baseline returns</li> <li>Consider post-op TLSO</li> <li>Post – Op imaging: CT myelogram, MRI diffusion sequence</li> <li>Recommend PICU admission for q1hr NV monitoring – Surgeon to complete IONM event note prior to patient going to PICU.</li> </ul>

# **Complex Spine Fusion - Clinical Practice Guideline**



### Rehabilitation

### Post Op Day 1 Goals - PT consult for initial evaluation

### Non-Ambulatory at baseline:

- Patient is evaluated and goals are set based on patient's prior level of function (PLOF)
- Patient and caregiver are educated on the role of PT, post-op activity goals, and spinal
  precautions including; avoiding bending or twisting of the patient's back with all
  mobility.
- Caregiver assists patient with log rolling and appropriate transfer from bed to/from wheelchair, with minimal assistance from physical therapist
- If a mechanical lift is the only option for transfers, a TLSO is first obtained from orthotics and prosthetics, by physician order
- Patient to sit out of bed in a wheelchair a minimum of 2 times, for 1-2 hours each time\*
- Equipment needs identified and addressed

### If patient is Ambulatory at baseline:

- In addition to the goals listed above, patient ambulates 2-3 times daily; goal for distance and level of assistance to be set by PT based on PLOF
- PT to see patient twice a day post-op days 1 and 2, then daily until all PT goals are met

\*Physical therapy will evaluate and assist caregiver the first time out of bed.

Nursing staff to assist the second time, with physical therapy available as needed

### Post Op Days 2-7 Goals - Patient to be discharged from PT once met:

### Non-Ambulatory at baseline:

- Patient tolerates sitting out of bed in a wheelchair a minimum of 2-3 times, for 1-2 hours each time
- Caregiver demonstrates independence with assisting patient with transfers for supine to/from sitting, and bed to/from wheelchair, with patient assisting as able
- Patient/caregiver verbalizes understanding of activity goals for home to progress towards baseline level of function including: position changes every 2 hours, log rolling for transitions, and importance of upright sitting a minimum of 3 times/day

## If a temporary wheelchair is ordered, a plan is set for adjusting the patient's permanent chair:

- <u>Minor adjustments:</u> the caregiver calls their specific vendor for an appointment at least 2-3 weeks post operatively
- Major adjustments OR a new chair: a prescription is signed by the doctor for seating and mobility clinic, and a referral is made to the rehab case managers, for an appointment at least 2-3 weeks post operatively

### If patient is Ambulatory at baseline:

- In addition to the goals listed above, patient ambulates 2-3 times daily; goal for distance and level of assistance to be set by PT based on PLOF
- If applicable to home environment, patient ascends/descends 3 stairs with appropriate caregiver assistance
- PT to see patient twice a day post-op days 1 and 2, then daily until all PT goals are met

### Occupational Therapy consulted post-op day 2 for initial evaluation

- Caregiver is educated on the role of occupational therapy and post-op activity goals
- Caregiver demonstrates independence with assisting patient with dressing, bathing, diapering/toileting
- Equipment needs identified for bathing and personal hygiene as appropriate

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# Rehab Goals - Checklist - Prior to Discharge

For Non - Ambulatory Patients		
Sical Therapy:	Occupational Therapy:	
Caregiver is independent with assisting patient in & out of a wheelchair	<ul> <li>1. Caregiver is independent with assisting patient with</li> <li>Activities of Daily Living</li> <li>Dressing</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>2. Patient has a safe wheelchair for discharge home, either:</li> <li>His/her current custom wheelchair</li> <li>A temporary reclining wheelchair, with either:</li> </ul>	o Dressing o Bathing o Diapering	
<ul> <li>An appointment (at least 2-3 weeks after surgery) with their current vendor for MINOR modifications/adjustments to the patient's permanent custom chair</li> <li>An appointment for seating and mobility (at least 2-3 weeks after surgery) for MAJOR modifications/adjustments, OR</li> </ul>	2. Caregiver has identified use of 3-in-1, bath chair, or bedside commode for showering/toileting use and is independent with safe use	
needs a new permanent custom chair	□ 3. Individualized goal as set by your occupational therapist:	
3. Patient is able to tolerate sitting in a wheelchair 1-2 hours at a time, 2-3 times each day		
4. Additional equipment has been ordered as needed		
5. Caregiver understands process for resuming prior therapies if indicated		
6. Individualized goal as set by your physical therapist:		

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# **Pulmonary Pre-Op Screening Questionnaire:**

The following questions are to find out if the patient has any problems with his/her lungs and breathing; which are common in children with scoliosis. Please answer YES, NO or DON'T KNOW to the following questions.

Doe	es the patient have: (questions to ask family/guardian)	Yes	No	Don't Know
1.	Have persistent cough, chest congestion, or coughing up mucous with viral illnesses or colds			
2.	Snore, have had an abnormal sleep study, gasp in sleep or have restless sleep such that he/she is always tired during the day			
3.	Hold his/her breath, turn blue around the lips or have difficulty breathing in, or catching his/her breath			
4.	Have difficulty with prior surgery and needed oxygen or help breathing afterward			
5.	Have trouble handling saliva (spit) and secretions in his/her mouth or throat			
6.	Cough or choke when eating, drinking or swallowing saliva			
7.	Have a history of 2 or more pneumonias			