



Anesthesia and Monitoring:

Safety from Doorknob to Doorknob

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See page 2 for specific steps in each phase.



PHASE 1: Declare

Individualize the anesthetic and analgesic plan for the pet's health status, history, signalment, and procedure.

Share fasting and medication instructions with caregivers.



PHASE 2: **Prepare**

Ensure caregivers have followed instructions.

Assess and prepare administration, monitoring, and supportive care equipment.

Calculate and prepare emergency medications, multimodal analgesics, and local anesthetics.

Administer premedications and induction agents.



PHASE 2: **Be Aware**

Provide physiological support throughout the procedure.

Monitor and **troubleshoot** complications during induction, anesthesia, and recovery.



PHASE 2: Share

Educate caregivers on the procedure and anesthetic event, post-op medications, and home care instructions.



PHASE 3: Care

Support caregivers as they follow home care instructions, monitor for anticipated complications, and coordinate recheck schedules.

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