



## Enhanced Recovery Thoracic Surgery

### *Anesthesia Pathway*

#### **Preoperative**

- Patient Education & Expectations for Hospital
- Medical Risk Consultation: Cardiac Clearance and PFTs for All Patients
- Surgery Wellness Referral for >65 years old or concern for diminished functional status
- Smoking Cessation: Goal 4 weeks prior to Surgery
- Nutrition: Referral to Dietician for all esophagectomy patients

#### **Intraoperative**

- Fasting:
  - No solid food after midnight
  - Clear liquid diet until 2 hours prior to arrival to hospital
- Postoperative Nausea/Vomiting Prevention:
  - Zofran 4mg at end of the case for all patients
  - If young female or history of PONV, then use dexamethasone 4-8mg as well as scopolamine transdermal patch. If >75 years old, do not use scopolamine.
- Lines:
  - Arterial Line: Indicated for Esophagectomy and Lobectomy. To be removed at end of case if admitted to the ward.
  - Central Line: Placed at discretion of anesthesia provider. To be removed at end of case if admitted to the ward.
- Surgical Site Infection Prophylaxis:
  - Ancef 2g (or 3g if >120kg) every 4 hours
  - Discontinue following closure of wound
- Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis:
  - SQ Heparin 5000units given prior to incision and re-dosed every 8 hours
- Normothermia

- Lung Protective Ventilation:
  - 2 Lung Tidal Volume 7ml/kg ideal body weight
  - 1 Lung Tidal Volume 4-5ml/kg ideal body weight
  - Respiratory Rate set to maintain PaCO<sub>2</sub> 40-50
  - FiO<sub>2</sub> 100% until single lung ventilation, then decrease to goal <70% to maintain SpO<sub>2</sub> >92-94%
  
- Goal Directed Fluid Management:
  - Goal Euvolemia
  
- Pain Management:
  - PCEA
    - To be used for esophagectomy and for open lung resection
    - To be used for patients with chronic pain
    - Level: T6/7 or T7/8
    - Dose: 0.125% Ropivacaine with 2mcg/ml Fentanyl
    - To be run throughout the case
  - Tylenol:
    - PO 1g given in preop, then re-dosed every 6 hours
  - NSAIDS:
    - To be used in all patients <75 years old and normal renal function.
    - IV Toradol 15mg q6h to be started at the end of the case
    - Transition to PO Diclofenac 50mg BID when patient taking PO.
  - Gabapentin:
    - 600mg given in preop, then continued on the floor 300mg BID

**Postoperative – Esophagectomy**

POD0

- Admit to 8S or 10 CVT as Stepdown
- Ambulation Required Day of Surgery

POD1

- Ambulate QID

POD2

- Remove NGT
- Start Sips/Chips

POD3

- Advance to Clear Liquid Diet
- Remove Chest Tube
- Wean PCEA

POD4

- Advance to FLD

- Remove PCEA

POD5

- Discharge Home

**Postoperative – Open Lobectomy/Wedge Resection**

POD0

- Admit to 8S or 10 CVT
- Ambulation Required Day of Surgery
- Sips/Chips

POD1

- Advance diet as tolerated
- Ambulation QID
- Wean PCEA in PM

POD2

- Remove Chest Tube
- Remove PCEA

POD3

- Discharge Home

**Postoperative – Minimally Invasive Lobectomy/Wedge Resection**

POD0

- Admit to 8S or 10 CVT
- Ambulation Required Day of Surgery
- Sips/Chips

POD1

- Ambulation QID
- Advance diet as tolerated
- Remove Chest Tube/Discharge Home if Wedge Resection

POD2

- Remove Chest Tube/Discharge Home if Lobectomy

