Prior to surgery day

Patient scheduled for cleft palate surgical repair

Patient / family completes pre-op visit in Surgery Outpatient Clinic

PAT appointment or Clearinghouse pre-op call

48 hour SDS phone call prior to surgery date

Arrival to SDS for check in

Presurgical medications administered

Prior to incision:
- Decadron (typical dosage range: 0.2 - 0.5 mg/kg)
- Tylenol IV (dose 12.5mg/kg IV)
- Local anesthesia and antibiotics

Consider during surgical case:
- Dexmedetomidine HCl (typical dosage range: 0.25 - 1.0 mcg/kg)
- Long acting opioid titrated to effect (morphine or hydromorphone hydrochloride)

OR Pharmacist
24 hours prior to surgery
Check OR schedule for cleft lip/palate repair cases
Day of surgery
Check for current weight and mix IV Tylenol

Prior to leaving operating room:
- Extubate
- Apply elbow immobilizers

Transfer to PACU

Does patient meet anesthesia discharge criteria?

Yes
Consult with anesthesia for disposition
Transfer to Inpatient Unit

No
Continue monitoring in PACU

PACU handoff to Inpatient Nurse and Family:
- Nurses responsible for care (PACU/Inpatient)
- Length of time in PACU
- Medications administered in the OR and PACU (including analgesics)
- If PO was initiated and amount
- Patient’s overall progress during PACU stay

Inpatient stay
(one night minimum, longer if needed)

Discharge criteria:
- PO intake adequate
- Caregiver comfortable with pts status
- Pts pain controlled by PO medications

Administer:
Clonidine HCl 1 mcg / kg PO Q 8 hours, for a total of 3 doses, initiated either in PACU or upon arrival to inpatient area (hold if patient is bradycardic, hypotensive, somnolent)

Ensure comfort measures:
- Family at bedside
- Analgesics for effect

Nutrition during hospitalization:
- Advance from Clear liquid to True liquid diet using either spoutless cup, Brecht feeder, or pt’s own cup
- Encourage PO fluids
- Encourage family members to offer fluids frequently

Nursing precautions:
- No probing in mouth
- No objects (including mouth swabs) in mouth
- Suction only below tongue and mouth gators
- Keep elbow immobilizers on

Does pt meet discharge criteria?

Yes
Discharge home with post-operative follow up visit in two weeks

No
Continue monitoring in PACU

Monitor vital signs to include:
- Pediatric Anesthesia Emergence Delirium Scale
- Pain scores

Administer comfort measures:
- Opioids for effect
- Distraction therapy
- Starts PO if tolerates AND administers first dose of clonidine
- Reunite with family