



Complaint Summary for Public Viewing Reports for:
POUDRE VALLEY HOSPITAL

Facility: POUDRE VALLEY HOSPITAL
Date of Occurrence: 4/18/2006
Report Timely: Yes
Type of Occurrence: Anesthesia Complication

DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE:

On 4/18/06, a female patient in her 40's suffered malignant hyperthermia following a surgical procedure.

FACILITY ACTION:

The patient had no known allergies and reported no prior problems with anesthesia. She had no family members with a known problem with anesthesia. Approximately 40 minutes into the recovery room stay, the patient developed a 105.0 degree temperature. She was treated with medication, ice bags, iced saline, re-intubation, and ventilator support. The patient was stabilized and transported to the intensive care unit. She was extubated on 4/19/06 and transferred to a general care unit. Notifications were made to the patient's physician, family, and the Malignant Hyperthermia hotline. The facility's internal investigation determined staff followed the facility's policies and procedures for malignant hyperthermia. The patient was instructed to inform future caregivers and family of her allergy to Succinylcholine.

DEPARTMENT FINDINGS:

The Department conducted an onsite review of the occurrence on 5/1-3/06. The Department determined the facility acted appropriately by reporting the occurrence timely, providing emergency medical care when the concern was identified, notifying the pertinent persons and agencies, completing a investigation, and providing patient education. No deficient practice was cited. The Department will review this occurrence prior to any survey or upon receipt of any complaint that may be filed against this facility.

Sent to Facility: 5/23/2006

FACILITY COMMENT: Following receipt of the above summary, no additional comments were submitted by the facility.

Released to Public: 6/6/2006