

WAC 246-935-010 Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Anesthesia maintenance" means maintaining adequate depth of anesthesia through control of the amount and type of drug(s) delivered to the animal patient.

(2) "Anesthesia monitoring" means measuring, reporting, and recording vital signs.

(3) "Direct supervision" means the supervisor is on the premises, is quickly and easily available and the animal patient has been examined by a veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.

(4) "Emergency" means that the animal patient has a life-threatening condition where immediate treatment is necessary to sustain life or avoid significant injury and morbidity.

(5) "General anesthesia" means a state of unconsciousness produced by anesthetic agents, with absence of response to painful stimuli over the entire body, in which the animal patient is without protective reflexes, and in which cardiovascular function may be impaired.

(6) "Immediate supervision" means the supervisor is in audible and visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the patient. Immediate supervision of an unregistered assistant requires consultation and instruction from the supervisor.

(7) "Indirect supervision" means the supervisor is not on the premises, but has given either written or oral instructions for treatment of the animal patient and the animal patient has been examined by a veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task and the animal patient is not anesthetized.

(8) "Licensed veterinary technician" means any person who has met the requirements of RCW 18.92.015 and who is licensed as required by chapter 18.92 RCW.

(9) "Supervisor" means a veterinarian or a licensed veterinary technician.

(10) "Unregistered assistant" means any individual who is not a veterinary technician or veterinarian.

(11) "Veterinarian" means a person licensed under chapter 18.92 RCW to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Washington.

(12) "Veterinary medical facility" is any premises, unit, structure or vehicle where any animal patient is received or confined, in order to provide veterinary medicine, surgery, or dentistry as defined in RCW 18.92.010.

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