

ENHANCING ANESTHESIA QUALITY AND OPERATIONS AT A UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

An academic hospital with a new management company wanted to adjust protocols for improved patient care. They identified the need to enhance the quality of anesthesia services, streamline operating room throughput, and optimize the cost structure - all with the ultimate objective of elevating patient safety and satisfaction while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

Recognizing US Anesthesia Partners' (USAP) successful transformation of operating rooms at other regional facilities, hospital management engaged USAP to upgrade its OR operating model and improve patient care.

How is USAP helping this academic hospital?

1. **By Investing in State-of-the-Art Anesthesia Equipment:** To ensure the utmost patient safety and increase provider satisfaction by improving ease of operation and availability, USAP facilitated the procurement and installation of advanced anesthesia equipment, including new anesthesia machines, to replace outdated infrastructure.
2. **Improving Patient Care:** USAP enhanced the use of perioperative multimodal pain management, which has proven key in reducing the length of postoperative hospital stays and minimizing complications such as postoperative nausea and vomiting.
3. **Implementing Strong Department Leadership:** Understanding the critical role of leadership in effective change management, USAP brought in experienced anesthesia department leaders. These individuals were instrumental in driving changes, ensuring a smooth transition, and fostering a culture of continuous improvement.
4. **Transforming the Anesthesia Practice Model:** Traditionally, the anesthesia department at this hospital followed an academic model. To foster increased operational efficiency and a more sustainable cost structure, USAP guided the transition towards a private practice model to ensure the hospital would meet its evolving needs.