

A Day in the life of the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit

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The Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) at CURE Uganda is a small space next to the main entrance to the operating room. It contains three beds and a stretcher. The spaces in between are filled with oxygen tanks, masks, warming blankets, and a defibrillator. The purpose of this small, cramped space is to monitor patients waking up from anesthesia before they are transferred to the Intensive Care Unit.



Anesthesiologist Adam and Nurse Okineh work on getting a monitor hooked up to their patient just moments after they left the OR.



Nurse Janet covers her face as she checks the temperature of Sandra who is under a warming blanket to prevent hypothermia.



Nurse Janet watches an IV drip to make sure it is flowing properly.



Anesthesiologist Adam works on getting his patient attached to a monitor.



Nurse Okineh helps his patient breathe as Anesthesiologist Adam listens to the patient's lungs.



Nurse Janet covers Fatinah with a blanket as she watches her monitor.



Nurse Janet checks the breathing of her patient Nesia, who just got out of surgery for a shunt placement.