A. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY:

To establish scope of assessment for the Department of Surgery.

B. SCOPE:

This policy will cover the Department of Surgery.

C. ADMINISTRATION:

This policy will be revised by the administrator and approved by the chairman.

D. TEXT:

The nursing staff should assess the patient’s weight, vital signs, pain and chief complaint, including the review of the patient’s drug allergies, current medications, and review of the summary list when appropriate. A licensed practitioner will perform a review of systems, part medical/surgical history, physical exam, plan, and medical decision making as evident in the documentation of the visit. This information will be entered and updated in the system’s Electronic Health Record (EHR).

Components of the patient assessment are defined by the progress notes customized for each specialty division within the department in Cerner EHR.

E. DISTRIBUTION

This policy and procedure should be distributed to all Department of Surgery Employees.

F. REVISION

It shall be the responsibility of the administrator and/or designee to indicate any revisions to this policy and it shall be the responsibility of the chairman to approve any revisions to this policy.