POLICY:

Certain procedures shall not be performed in the Emergency Department.

IMPLEMENTATION:

The following procedures generally may NOT be performed in the Emergency Department except in extreme circumstances and with the approval of the ED attending.

1. Any surgical procedure requiring other than local anesthesia or conscious sedation.

2. Biopsy of viscera (liver, kidney, lung, pleura, etc);

3. General anesthesia.

4. Elective termination of pregnancy.

5. Any procedure which, in the judgement of the ED attending, will be detrimental to patient care or disrupt general care of other patients in the ED.