



Intraoperative Extubation.

Level of Evidence	Low
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Consensus Statement

Highly selective intraoperative or immediate postoperative extubation may be appropriate for patients undergoing low-risk cardiac surgery.

Main Points

- Extubation in the operating room or immediately after surgery may be feasible and safe in carefully selected low-risk patients.
- Potential benefits include shorter ICU and hospital stay and lower cost of care in experienced programs.
- Because cardiac surgery carries unique risks such as bleeding, acidosis, and delayed awakening, this approach should remain highly selective.

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