Statement of Deficiencies	**(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number**	**(X3) Date Survey Completed**
	55C0001059	02/01/2019
Name of Provider or Supplier	**Street Address, City, State**	
Fort Sutter Surgery Center, A Ca Limited Partnership	2801 K Street, Suite 525, Sacramento, CA	

For information on the provider's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the provider or the state survey agency.

(X4) ID Prefix Tag	**Summary Statement of Deficiencies** (Each deficiency should be preceded by full regulatory or LSC identifying information)
Q0181	ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS CFR(s): 416.48(a) Drugs must be prepared and administered according to established policies and acceptable standards of practice. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview and document review, the Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) failed to maintain an inventory of effective and properly-stored medications when 1) outdated drugs were found in Operating Room medication carts, and 2) medications were found in a storage room accessible to non-clinical staff. These failures had the potential to allow for the administration of ineffective medications and the misuse of drugs. Findings: 1.In a 4:17 p.m., 1/29/19 inspection, an unopened vial of furosemide (a medication used to treat fluid retention or swelling) with an expiration date of 11/18 and an unopened vial of metoprolol (a drug for high blood pressure, heart failure and/or heart rhythm disturbances), also with an expiration date of 11/18, were observed in Operating Room 2's medication cart. In a concurrent interview, the Director of

Nursing (DON) acknowledged the medications were outdated.

During the inspection, two unopened vials of neostigmine (drug which helps reverse the effects of some muscle relaxing medications) with expiration dates of 10/18 were found in Operating Room 1's medication cart. In a concurrent interview, the Nurse Manager of the Operating Rooms (NM 2) acknowledged the outdated drugs.

During a 10:18 a.m., 1/29/19 tour of the ASC, the DON stated that medications are checked for expiration "on the first business day of the month."

Review of the ASC's 4/26/17 "Disposition of Outdated/Expired Drugs" policy indicated, "All drugs must be tracked for expiration in order to insure proper efficacy and patient safety...Operating Rooms...On a monthly basis, each operating room and anesthesia cart will be inspected for outdated...drugs...Unopened expired drugs will be removed from the area...."

The 4/26/17 "Medication Administration" policy also stated, "Expired drugs...must be removed from stock each month. All expired...medications are segregated and secured until they are removed from the facility."

2. During an observation in Room 1000 on 2/1/19 at 3:30 p.m., 6 vials containing mixed Procaine (a medication used to numb a part of the body during a medical procedure) and Epinephrine (a medication used to prolong the numbing effect of Procaine and to help reduce bleeding) were in an unlocked drawer of a dental cart.

In a 3:35 p.m., 2/1/19 interview, Nurse Manager 2 (NM 2) stated that purchasing staff (non-clinical staff) have access to Room 1000 and that the dental cart, "should be locked."

Review of the ASC's 4/26/17 "Medication Administration" policy indicated, "Medications shall be secured with access limited to licensed professionals authorized to handle medications."