Case Study # 1 - Salvatore

An 83yo male undergoes a Total Hip Replacement with a signed admissions order preop. In the recovery room the surgeon changes the patient to Observation w/o a CODE 44. The following are true (can be more than one answer):

- a) The Inpatient only surgery (IPO) will be denied due to OBS order
- b) The IPO surgery will not be denied because the patient was an INPT at the time of surgery
- c) The OBS order is valid
- d) The OBS order is invalid

ANSWER - b and d