

Certified
Registered
Nurse
Anesthetist

CRNA FAST FACTS



1 There is no statistically significant difference in the risk of anesthesia complications based on the degree of restrictions placed on CRNAs by state SOP laws. *(Negrusa et al, Medical Care Journal, 2016)*

2 There is no difference in patient outcomes when anesthesia services are provided by CRNAs, physicians, or CRNAs supervised by physicians. *(Dulisse, 2010 – Health Affairs)*

3 Nurse anesthesia care is 25 percent more cost effective than the next least costly anesthesia delivery model. *(Hogan, 2016–Nursing Economic\$)*

4 Practicing in every setting, with and without anesthesiologists, CRNAs ensure patient access to healthcare and predominate in rural and other medically underserved areas.

5 Researchers studying anesthesia safety found no differences in care between CRNAs and anesthesiologists. *(Lewis, 2014-Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews)*

- Nurse anesthetists have been providing anesthesia to patients in the United States for more than 150 years.
- CRNAs are advanced practice registered nurses who administer more than **45 million anesthetics** to patients each year. Nearly 5,300 U.S. nurse anesthetists and student nurse anesthetists are members of the American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (AANA).
- In some states, CRNAs are the **sole anesthesia professionals in nearly 100% of rural hospitals**, ensuring patient access to obstetrical, surgical, trauma stabilization and pain management services.
- CRNAs have been **recognized Medicare Part B providers** since 1986.
- **CRNAs work in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered**, including hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers and physician offices.
- Nurse anesthesia **predominates in Veterans Hospitals and in the U.S. Armed Forces**.
- **CRNA services include** pre-anesthesia evaluation, administering the anesthetic, monitoring and interpreting the patient's vital signs and managing the patient throughout surgery.

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