

THE ROLE OF CRNAs IN IDAHO'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM



Since 1956

Nurse anesthetists have been providing anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than 150 years. The CRNA (Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist) credential came into existence in 1956. The American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) represents nearly 53,000 CRNAs across the country.



300 Strong in Idaho

There are 300 CRNAs practicing in Idaho. CRNAs are often the sole anesthesia providers for many rural counties.

WHAT WE DO



CRNA Services

CRNA services include pre-anesthesia evaluation, administering the anesthetic, monitoring and interpreting the patient's vital signs, and managing the patient throughout surgery.



Providing Access to Care Across the State

CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered: traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; critical access hospitals; ambulatory surgical centers; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, plastic surgeons, and pain management specialists; and U.S. military, Public Health Services, and Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare facilities.

EDUCATED, INDEPENDENT CRNAS



100% Board Certified

100% of practicing CRNAs are licensed by state nursing boards and are board certified to provide anesthesia care by the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA).



Opt-Out State

In 2002, Idaho became the third state to remove the supervision requirement for CRNAs specific to Part A of Medicare reimbursement. Also, legislation passed by Congress in 1986 made nurse anesthetists the first nursing specialty to be accorded direct reimbursement rights under the Medicare program.

COST-EFFECTIVE CARE



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Nurse anesthesia care is 25 percent more cost effective than the next least costly anesthesia delivery model. (Hogan, 2010-Nursing Economics)

QUALITY OUTCOMES & A RECORD OF SAFETY



Anesthesia Safety

According to a 1999 report from the Institute of Medicine, anesthesia care is nearly 50 times safer than it was in the early 1980s. Numerous outcomes studies have demonstrated that there is no difference in the quality of care provided by CRNAs and their physician counterparts.

About Us

IDANA was established in 1956 to serve as the voice of nurse anesthesia in Idaho. We are a dynamic, assertive and effective organization of nurse anesthetists, preserving the full scope of independent nurse anesthesia practice, responsive to the clinical, economic, educational, and political needs of nurse anesthetists.

Visit <http://bit.ly/IDANA> for information about 5-Star, CRNA-only hospitals.

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