

FLORIDA'S NURSE ANESTHETISTS

Delivering Solutions to Florida's Health Care Challenges



- CRNAs provide comprehensive anesthesia care to patients before, during and after surgical and obstetrical procedures and are the primary anesthesia professionals in rural and medically underserved areas.
- CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is administered including traditional hospital surgical and obstetrical suites, interventional pain management, critical access hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers. CRNAs also practice in the offices of dentists, ophthalmologists and plastic surgeons.
- Published, independent studies focusing on patient safety found that CRNAs, through extensive education and training, build a skill set that ensures patient safety and continues to deliver new levels of safe patient care.
- Published, independent studies have found that CRNAs provide anesthesia care in an affordable and cost effective manner that can positively impact the overall cost of health care.
- CRNAs function as the only licensed independent anesthesia practitioner at many military treatment facilities including U.S. Navy ships.
- CRNAs safely administer approximately 32 million anesthetics to patients each year in the United States.

By streamlining Florida's approach to anesthesia care and removing government imposed financial barriers and outdated, arcane regulations, Florida's CRNAs can fully practice within their profession and deliver accessible, safe and affordable health care. CRNAs are a part of the solution to Florida's health care challenges.

ACCESSIBLE: CRNAs are the primary anesthesia professionals in rural and medically underserved areas, enabling health care facilities to offer obstetrical, surgical and trauma stabilization services. Published, independent studies focusing on patient safety found that CRNAs, through extensive education and training, build a skill set that ensures patient safety and continues to deliver new levels of safe patient care.

AFFORDABLE: Published, independent studies have found that CRNAs provide anesthesia care in an affordable and cost effective manner that can positively impact the overall cost of health care.

STREAMLINED: If current law is changed to streamline Florida's approach to anesthesia care and government imposed financial barriers are eliminated, CRNAs can maximize health care services and cost savings for Floridians.