



## **CRNAs: PART OF THE SOLUTION TO FLORIDA'S HEALTH CARE CHALLENGES**

Founded in 1936, the Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists (FANA) represents more than 3,500 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) licensed in Florida. FANA advocates for our patients and members in legislative and governmental affairs and serves as a resource for CRNAs and the nursing and medical professions, hospitals, health care facilities and other professionals interested in anesthesia care.

### **What is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)?**

- ✓ 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 and 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.

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