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Title: Pain Management

The management of pain is the central component of total anesthesia care. Recognizing the individual patient's right to the treatment of acute and chronic pain, nurse anesthetists acknowledge that it is their professional and ethical responsibility to participate in the management of pain.

By virtue of education and individual clinical experience, CRNAs possess the necessary knowledge and skills to employ therapeutic, physiological, pharmacological, interventional, and psychological modalities in the management of acute and chronic pain. CRNAs adhere to a total patient care philosophy directed at the promotion and maintenance of health and well being with special emphasis on providing rapid and effective alleviation of pain. Recognized as qualified providers of anesthesia and anesthesia related services, CRNAs demonstrate competencies that promote safe, effective access to pain management and anesthesia care.

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