

# ANESTHESIA AND THE CHANGING HEALTHCARE LANDSCAPE:

## CRNAs' Valuable Role

### THE CHANGING HEALTHCARE LANDSCAPE

As the U.S. patient population ages and becomes more diversified, **Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs)** play a vital role in ensuring access to safe, cost-effective anesthesia care for all Americans.



### WHO ARE CRNAs?



CRNAs are highly educated anesthesia experts who provide **EVERY TYPE OF ANESTHESIA, FOR PATIENTS OF ALL AGES, FOR ANY KIND OF PROCEDURE, AND IN EVERY HEALTHCARE SETTING** where anesthesia is required



General anesthesia



Regional anesthesia



Sedation

Pain management

### CRNAs ARE SAFE



Anesthesia is **50 TIMES** safer today than in the 1980's.  
Institute of Medicine

There is a **0%** difference in safety between CRNAs and anesthesiologists.  
Research Triangle Institute



### CRNAs ARE COST EFFECTIVE

Research shows that CRNAs are the most cost-effective anesthesia providers with an exceptional safety record.

**25% More Expensive**  
anesthesiologist directing 4 CRNAs



**BEST VALUE**  
CRNA as sole anesthesia provider



**110% More Expensive**  
anesthesiologist directing 1 CRNA



### CRNAs IMPROVE ACCESS TO CARE

**MILLIONS OF AMERICANS** rely on CRNAs for their anesthesia care, especially:



### CRNAs ARE TEAM PLAYERS

Like all anesthesia professionals, CRNAs collaborate with other members of a patient's healthcare team:

surgeons | obstetricians | endoscopists | podiatrists  
pain specialists | other qualified healthcare providers

