



Visiting the Birthplace of Anesthesia

Mass General Hospital's Ether Dome was site of the first successful public demonstration of anesthesia in 1846. The Dome is accessible to the public but is often used for meetings.

During AANA Annual Congress, the Dome's best availability is on Sunday.

To check the Dome's schedule on other days, call the hospital's [Russell Museum](#) at 617-724-8009 during open hours (Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.).

HOW TO GET HERE

We recommend taking the T's Red Line to Charles/MGH. Parking is reserved for patients and their visitors. If traveling by rideshare, use the address 55 Fruit Street and look for the main entrance.

Enter the main lobby and proceed straight. When you reach a coffee stand on your right, turn right and either:

- Take the elevator you will see on your right to the fourth floor and follow the signs or
- Proceed further down the hallway and walk up four flights of original granite stairs.

If you are visiting MGH during the Russell Museum's open hours, feel free to stop by. Admission is free. The museum is at the corner of Cambridge Street and North Grove Street, down the block from the main entrance.

GUIDELINES

If you are visiting with colleagues, please limit your size to fewer than 20, as your route takes you through the hospital's main corridor and a busy administrative building. Before entering the Dome, please look through the window to ensure a meeting is not taking place.

ABOUT THE DOME

To prepare for your visit, check out this [Atlas Obscura podcast episode](#) about the Dome.