



Who We Are

The Connecticut State Society of Anesthesiologists is a not-for-profit physicians organization dedicated to promoting the highest standards of the profession of anesthesiology through continuing medical education, clinical care, research and advocacy for patient safety.

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Having surgery or a
medical procedure?

Who is the other
doctor in the room?

Your Anesthesiologist



Medicine Today

Each year more than 25 million patients undergo successful medical procedures involving surgery. Patients and surgeons rely on anesthesiologists to relieve pain and manage vital life functions during and after surgery. Your anesthesiologist is part of a medical “care team” of surgeons, doctors, and nurses who perform and manage your surgery and medical procedures.

Who Is Your Anesthesiologist?

Your anesthesiologist is a fully licensed physician with at least eight years of medical education and clinical training in the medical specialty of anesthesiology. In addition, many have training in other disciplines such as internal medicine, surgery, advanced pain management and critical care medicine. Your anesthesiologist is a specialist devoted to administering medications and applying procedures to safely and comfortably make you unconscious or sedated during surgery or other diagnostic and therapeutic medical procedures, while monitoring and sustaining all your vital functions such as breathing and heart performance.



Patient Safety

Your well-being and freedom from pain is the number one goal of your anesthesiologist. Working with your surgeon or physician specialist, your anesthesiologist monitors and manages your vital body functions during operations and medical procedures. More than 40 million anesthetics are administered each year. From your initial medical evaluation through your post surgical recovery, your anesthesiologist is involved with your medical team in supporting critical aspects of your care. Utilizing today’s sophisticated monitoring equipment and through the maintenance of rigorous standards and ongoing medical education, anesthesiologists have dramatically improved patient outcomes and safety over the last 25 years.



Colonoscopy

Has your doctor recommended that you have a colonoscopy? The incidence of colon cancer can be significantly reduced by a screening colonoscopy. Today, your anesthesiologist can make this procedure painless and ensure your comfort and safety. Fears of possible discomfort during the procedure may lead some patients to postpone or avoid this procedure which may be life saving in leading to early diagnosis and treatment of cancer. The administration of a potent sedative by an anesthesiologist can routinely allow patients to be free of pain and virtually unaware of the procedure. Anesthesiologists frequently support your doctor during colonoscopy procedures by providing this special sedation service, which may also facilitate the effectiveness of the procedure and shorten its duration as well as promoting rapid recovery afterwards.