

# CRNAs

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

Are the Most **VERSATILE**  
and **COST-EFFECTIVE**  
**ANESTHESIA PROVIDERS**



## Cost Effectiveness of Anesthesia Models

**Autonomous/CRNAs  
Collaborating with  
Surgeons**

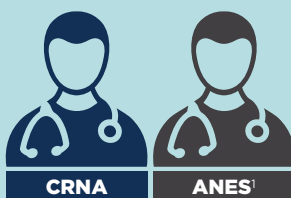


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Staffing Cost<sup>2</sup>

**2.00M**

**CRNAs  
Collaborating with  
Anesthesiologists**



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Staffing Cost<sup>2</sup>

**2.40M**

**Physician  
Anesthesiologist Only**



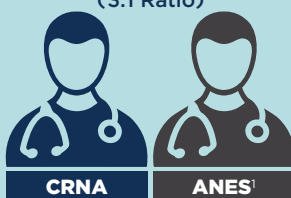
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Staffing Cost<sup>2</sup>

**5.04M**

**Anesthesia Care  
Team**

(3:1 Ratio)



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Staffing Cost<sup>2</sup>

**3.68M**

- CRNAs are qualified to work in any practice setting/model
- CRNAs are not required to practice under a physician anesthesiologist; by law, CRNAs can work independently of OR together with physician anesthesiologists
- CRNAs have a proven safety record
- CRNAs in Anesthesia Care Team Model ensure **NO LOSS IN REVENUE, NO RISK OF FRAUD**, no delays in delivery of care even when there is a supervision lapse (up to 70%<sup>3</sup> of the time) as long as QZ billing is utilized
- In such cases, the facility simply bills exclusive of the anesthesiologist for the procedure (QZ vs. medical direction). The QZ modifier is exclusive to CRNAs

<sup>1</sup> Physician anesthesiologist

<sup>2</sup> Staffing costs are based on salary only. The median CRNA salary (\$166,540) was taken from the 2018 AANA Compensation and Benefits Survey. Salary costs for physician anesthesiologists are based on the 75th pctl salary (\$420,284) according to HR Reported data as of March 29, 2018 from Salary.com

<sup>3</sup> Epstein R, Dexter F. (2012). Influence of supervision ratios by anesthesiologist on first case starts and critical portions of anesthetics. Anesthesiology, 116(3):683-691.

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