

Did you know...

AAAA raised \$ 3,232.32 in 2008 and \$2,114.00
in 2010 for the Anesthesia Patient Safety
Foundation (APSF)

Did you know...

The AAAA was formed in 1975

Did you know AAs have been recognized
by ASA for our ASAPAC participation?

ASAPAC Total contributions by AA educational
members in 2010: \$12,637.00

Total contributors: 67

Percent participation: 20.55%

For MDs: Average contribution: \$266.59

Percent participation: 18%

Did you know...

- AA education programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP)
- CAAHEP is the largest programmatic accreditor in the health sciences field
- CAAHEP reviews and accredits over 2000 educational programs in 22 health science occupations
- CAAHEP is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation

Did you know...

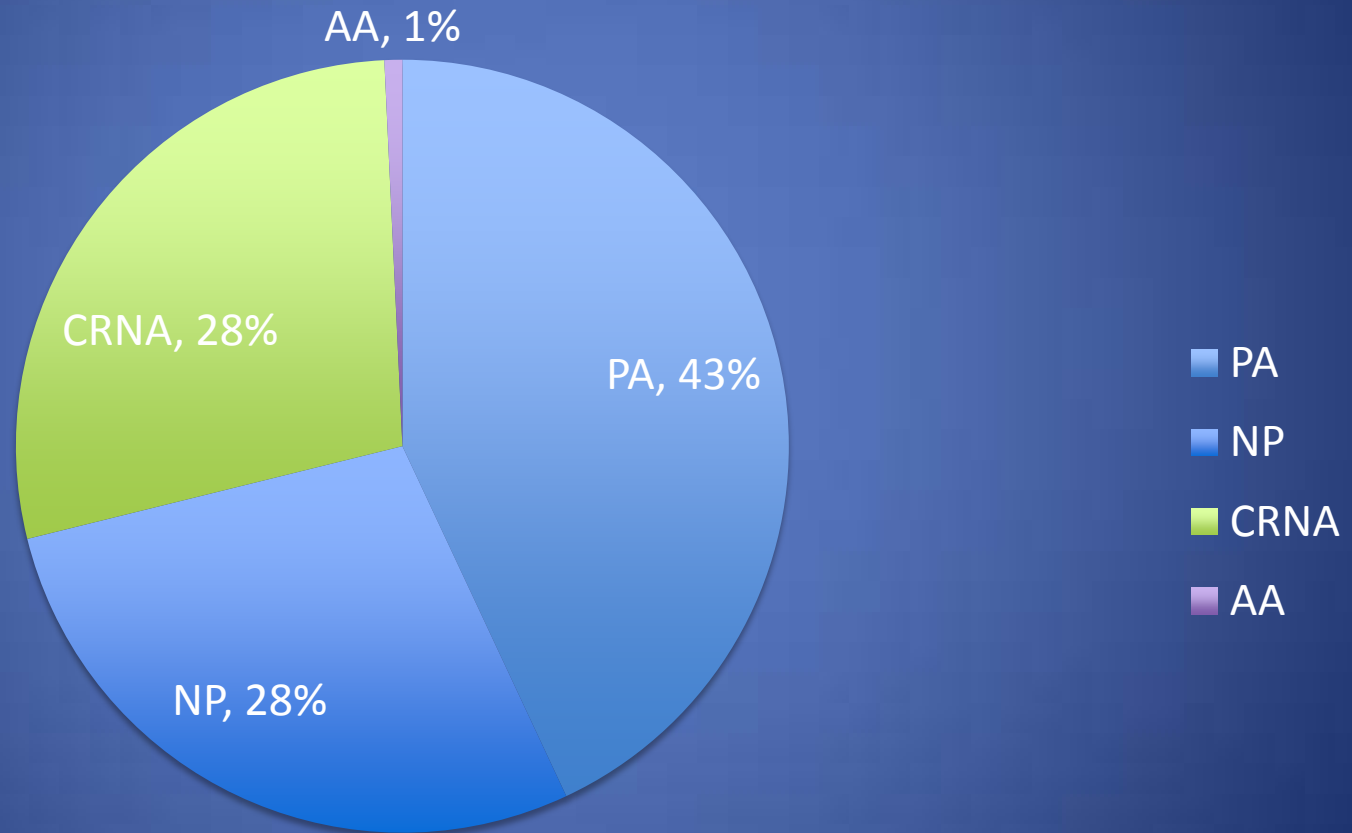
- The Accreditation Review Committee for AAs (ARC-AA) makes recommendations on accreditation of programs to CAAHEP
- The committee consists of 4 AAs and 4 Anesthesiologists
- The ARC-AA is sponsored by both the AAAA and the ASA

Did you know...

- The NCCAA is the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologists Assistants
- It is comprised of 4 AAs and 7 anesthesiologists
- The NCCAA now has a website and direct phone number for information regarding certification

Do you know...

how the AA profession measures in size to other mid level providers?



Did you know your salary is one of the highest in the health professions?



Did you know?

- 38% of the public believes a DNP (Doctorate in nursing practice) is a medical doctor and 25% weren't sure
- However, 91% of the public believes only a physician should use the title 'physician'
- The ASA and AAAA is currently lobbying for the Truth and Transparency Act which mandates only physicians may introduce themselves as a doctor in the health care setting

Did you know...

- The AANA diverts 25% of members dues to their political action committee
- The AANA raised 1.2 million dollars in 2008
- AAAA raised \$17,000 for it's legislative fund in 2008

Do you know what states AAs have licensure in?

- Alabama
- District of Columbia
- Georgia
- Florida
- Kentucky
- Missouri
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- New Mexico
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Vermont

Did you know...

- CAAHEP and the ARC-AA cooperate to establish the appropriate standards of quality for educational programs
- Both CAAHEP and the ARC-AA serve as a resource and advocate for students and faculty
- Both CAAHEP and ARC-AA encourage contact by AAs and student AAs with concerns or comments.

Did you know...

- The ARC-AA (Accreditation Review Committee for AAs) performs annual program reviews based on student, employer, and staff surveys
- The ARC-AA participates in on-site program evaluations at least once every 5 years
- You can apply to be a designated AA program site visitor without being appointed to the ARC-AA.

Do you know what states AAs may practice under delegatory authority?

- Colorado
- Michigan
- New Hampshire
- Texas
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin

Did you know?

- Anesthesiology gets reimbursed only 33% of usual and customary fees by medicare/medicaid while other specialties get 70-85%.

Do you know what IPAB is?

IPAB is the division created by the health care reform bill (PPACA) that examines how much you spend on providing your services and the quality of care you provide.

Do you know the name of the health care reform bill?

- The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Bill was signed into law on March 23, 2010. It is expected to expand health care coverage to 31 million currently uninsured Americans through a combination of cost controls, subsidies and mandates.

Did you know...

30% of practicing NAs do not have a bachelor degree

Greater than 50% of NAs do not have a masters degree

NAs are the only anesthesia provider that does not require recertification exams

Did you know...

- CAAHEP elects a recent graduate to their Board annually

Did you know...

- AAAA has a National Affairs Committee that meets with ASA state component societies throughout the year regarding legislation for AA practice
- Membership on the committee is made by appointment from the NAC Chairperson

Did you know...

- AAAA has less than 25% membership by practicing AAs
- The most common reason cited for non membership is cost of dues
- AAAA dues are **less than half** the cost of professional dues for either NAs or anesthesiologists

Did you know...

- A recent RAND study predicts a surplus of anesthesiologists by 2020

Did you know...

- Medical malpractice insurance carriers rate AAs and CRNAs at the same risk level
- A retrospective review of over 50,000 anesthetics in one Ohio hospital system found no difference in patient outcomes between NAs and AAs

Did you know...

The state of Georgia has the highest number of practicing AAs in the country, with over 700 as of 2008.

Did you know...

- The average anesthesiologist pays \$23k in malpractice insurance (range of \$4,286 to \$56,490).
- NA and AA malpractice insurance premiums average \$4,728 per year (range of \$1500-6000) for anesthesiologists affiliated with a physician anesthesiology group and are usually 20 percent to 50 percent of the premium for the anesthesiologists.

Did you know...

- AAAA can provide materials and assistance to hospitals and anesthesia groups that would like to introduce and credential AAs at their facility.

Do you know... what a PAC fund is?

A PAC fund is also known as a Political Action Campaign fund.

PAC funds may be used differently from legislative funds.

AAAA has a legislative fund and ASA has a PAC fund.

Do you know...

the difference between medical supervision and medical direction?

AAs and some NAs practice under “**medical direction**” which is when one anesthesiologist directs 1-4 anesthesiologists. The MD and anesthesiologist receive 50% each of the Medicare allowance

CRNAs may be “**medically supervised**” which allows an anesthesiologist to supervise >4 concurrent anesthesia procedures or supervision by a physician other than an anesthesiologist

Did you know...

- AAs have been in existence for over 40 years
- The first class entered Emory University in Atlanta, GA in 1969
- The first class entered Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH in 1970

Do you know what part of Medicare your services are reimbursed under?...

Both Medicare Part A and Part B are federally funded health insurance plans that cover different services.

- Part A covers hospitalizations.
- **Part B** covers services by physicians, surgeons, labs, etc. Part B pays 80 percent of the cost of an item, or service. The remaining 20 percent is a co-pay.
- Medicare Part D covers pharmacy items.

Do you know why most AAs don't work in the VA system?

- AAs are designated Title 5 vs. that of NAs who are designated Title 38 (entry level \$92k).
- AAs are classed as a series 601 position which is basically a 'scientist' classification.
- AAs are designated to a GS-9 pay scale (entry level \$52k)

Do you know how many AAAA leaders serve on committees in the ASA?

2010 American Society of Anesthesiologists Committee/Board

- 1. Committee on Anesthesia Care Team (CACT)
- 2. Governmental Affairs Committee
- 3. Quality Management & Departmental Administration Committee
- 4. Committee on Economics
- 5. Committee on Anesthesiologist Assistant Education & Practice
- 6. Committee on Occupational Health
- 7. Committee on Communications
- 8. Physician Resources Committee
- 9. ASAPAC Executive Board member
- 10. SEA (Society of Educators in Anesthesia) liason