



STATEMENT ON THE USE OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

The American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants (AAAA) is committed to ensuring the safety of all patients receiving medical treatment requiring the involvement of an anesthesia provider. In order to best serve patients, it is in the patient's best interest to have a clear understanding of how they will be cared for, who will be providing that care, and the roles of each healthcare professional involved.

For patients undergoing surgical/medical/diagnostic procedures, the sheer number of medical, administrative, nursing, and ancillary staff that they may encounter can easily lead to confusion in identifying who is providing specific types of care. As medical practices evolve, it is not uncommon for patients to receive care from advanced practice nurses, physician assistants, residents, students, and medical therapists, among many others, in addition to attending physicians. The formal titles used for these healthcare providers and the way in which patients are introduced to them can contribute to patient confusion regarding their medical care.

In the context of anesthesia, the term "Anesthesiologist" will be exclusively used to refer to osteopathic or allopathic physicians who have completed a residency program in anesthesiology accredited by the ACGME or COCA.

The AAAA acknowledges the following medical terminology for anesthesia providers as consistent with the principles outlined in this document:

Physician trained in Anesthesiology

- Anesthesiologist
- Doctor of Anesthesiology

Resident Physician in Anesthesiology

- Anesthesia Resident
- Resident Physician in Anesthesiology
- Physician Intern
- Resident Anesthesiologist

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Anesthesiologist Assistant

- Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant
- Anesthetist

Anesthesiologist Assistant Student

- Anesthesiologist Assistant Student
- AA Student
- Student Anesthetist

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

- Nurse Anesthetist
- CRNA
- Anesthetist

Registered Nurse Anesthesia Student

- Student Nurse Anesthetist
- Nurse Anesthetist Student
- NA Student
- Student Anesthetist
- SRNA