

Understanding *Your* Anesthesia

Anesthesia Healthcare Team

Your anesthesia provider will provide anesthesia to meet your specific needs. They are responsible for administering and monitoring the anesthetic medications that will keep you comfortable during your procedure. Anesthesia team members are members of your healthcare team and are highly trained to ensure maximum safety and comfort and will stay with you for the entire procedure.

Propofol Sedation

Propofol is a very fast acting drug and effects generally wear off in just a few hours. In fact, most patients experience very few side effects as opposed to more traditional drugs which can leave a patient groggy for hours after the procedure.

Propofol is administered by persons trained in administration of general anesthesia. Therefore, the anesthesia provider will provide monitoring and medication administration during the procedure. Prior to receiving Propofol, it is important to inform your healthcare provider if you have a soy or egg allergy so they can select the best medication for you.

What to Expect Prior to Your Procedure

Prior to your procedure, a member from the anesthesia care team will contact you to review medical, medication, and anesthetic history which will help your anesthesia care team choose the anesthetic medication that is safest for you. This is a good time to ask questions or express concerns with your treatment. Any instructions you receive are important and need to be followed.

Once you enter the procedure room on the day of your scheduled procedure you will have an intravenous (IV) line administered. This will help to replace fluids in your body throughout the procedure as well as supply anesthetic.

Pre-Procedure Reminders

It is important to follow all pre-procedure instructions given by your doctor or the anesthesia team. If you have questions please contact your physician's office.

What to Expect During Your Procedure

When receiving any anesthesia your safety is most important. Your highly trained anesthesia provider will use monitoring devices to monitor your heart rate, breathing, blood pressure, and oxygen level. Your anesthesia provider will monitor your consciousness to ensure your comfort during the procedure.

What to Expect After Your Procedure

It is important to have a responsible adult prepared to drive you home after your procedure since you will not be able to drive yourself. Any aftereffects from the medications will be minimal or gone before you are released to go home.

Billing

Your medical insurance and your insurance plan coverage will determine if you receive a bill for your anesthesia care. Prior to your procedure, it is important to check with your insurance plan to see if there is any cost to you. For billing questions, please call 1-888-337-3509.

After Hours Care

In the event of any emergency that requires immediate medical attention, call 911. For medical assistance or to answer any questions or concerns after your procedure, please do not hesitate to call your physician's office.