

# High Quality Anesthesia Services



## Specialists in Caring

Pinnacle providers are committed to the pursuit of excellence as evidenced by our demanding credentialing and screening process. We are well known for our rigorous quality assurance programs which include: built-in quality control, peer review, compliance and peer education. What sets Pinnacle providers apart from others is our rapport with our patients and commitment to our patient care.

Pinnacle serves over 300,000 patients each year. All of our doctors were physicians first, then went on to complete specialty training in anesthesiology. Pinnacle physicians receive additional training and education on an annual basis, including at least 24 hours of continuing medical education plus many hours of training provided by Pinnacle's corporate office.

In addition to quality healthcare, a key value to Pinnacle is to strengthen the communities in which our employees and patients live and work. We are privileged to participate in several local and national philanthropic activities.

Visit our website for more company information and more detailed patient education:

[www.PinnaclePartnersMed.com](http://www.PinnaclePartnersMed.com)

*Charges for your anesthesia services will come separately from your hospital bill.*

Pinnacle accepts most insurance plans and can work with you on all others.

*Pinnacle Partners In Medicine is one of the largest physician-owned and governed anesthesia and practice management companies in the country, providing a wide spectrum of services at major hospitals and other clinical sites. Strong partnerships, attention to customer service and dedication to the provision of quality patient care have established Pinnacle as the premier anesthesia group in the industry.*

*For over 15 years, we have provided top-notch care to patients in the communities we serve, building strong relationships both internally and externally.*

## Anesthesia Procedures

Your Pinnacle physician will work closely with your health care team to provide the highest quality and safest possible services.

**Anesthesia and Analgesia for Labor and Delivery**

**Cardiac Anesthesia • Peri-operative Care**

**Anesthesia for Adult and Pediatric Surgical Cases**

**Brief Sedation Diagnosis • Treatment of Complex Chronic Pain Syndromes**

Analgesia is the relief of pain without total loss of feeling or muscle movement. Anesthesia is blockage of all feeling, including pain. The most common forms provided are: monitored anesthesia care (MAC), regional anesthesia such as spinal blocks and general anesthesia.

**Monitored anesthesia care (or MAC)** uses sedatives and other agents, but the dosage is low enough that patients remain responsive and breathe without assistance. MAC is often used to supplement local and regional anesthesia, particularly during simple procedures and minor surgery.

**Regional anesthesia** means blocking the nerve supply to part of the body, such as an arm, so the patient cannot feel pain in that area. With this form of anesthesia, you will remain awake and alert during the entire procedure.

A **spinal block** is a specific form of regional anesthesia, which is an injection in the lower back. Once the drug is injected, pain relief occurs right away.

**General anesthetics** are medications that put you to sleep. You will lose consciousness with this type of medication and feel no pain. This treatment is often used when a regional block anesthetic is not possible or is not the best choice for medical reasons. It can be started quickly and causes rapid loss of consciousness.

Before your surgery, the Pinnacle anesthesiologist assigned to your case will give you a brief overview of the process and perform a pre-operative assessment. Basic medical questions can also be answered by your surgeon. In many cases, Pinnacle uses a Care Team Model which includes healthcare provided by an anesthesiologist and/or CRNA (Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist).



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