

# Did you know?

In the **1980s**, anesthesiology was the first medical specialty to champion **patient safety**.



**6 out of 10** Americans are unaware that physician anesthesiologists are physicians.

- Even fewer are aware how they save lives when emergencies arise.



Physician anesthesiologists have **12 to 14 years** of education and **12,000 to 16,000 hours** of clinical training.



There are **3** main types of anesthesia: General, Regional, Local.



Anesthesia awareness only occurs in **1-2** out of every **10,000** medical procedures involving anesthesia.

Physician anesthesiologists specialize in **pain medicine**.

- Chronic pain affects more than **100 million** American adults.



Physician anesthesiologists are experts in controlling **labor** pain.

- **6 out of 10** women use epidurals to block pain during labor.

Physician anesthesiologists are critical care physicians and first on the scene in the event of **trauma**.

- Among voters, **88%** prefer physicians in the event of an emergency.
- The presence of a physician anesthesiologist prevented **6.9** excess deaths per **1,000** cases in which an anesthesia or surgical complication occurred.



Physician anesthesiologists are the leaders of the **Perioperative Surgical Home** – taking care of patients before, during and after surgery.

- Benefits of PSH:
  - Decrease in pharmacy costs
  - Decrease in overall costs
  - Reduction in length of stay
  - Increase in percentage of patients going home rather than to a skilled nursing facility
  - Decrease in readmission rates

