Physician anesthesiologists evaluate, monitor and supervise patient care before, during and after surgery, delivering anesthesia, leading the Anesthesia Care Team and ensuring optimal patient safety.

Physician anesthesiologists have 12,000 – 16,000 hours of clinical training in anesthesia, pain and critical care medicine, including a medical or surgical rotation.

The World Health Organization states “anesthesia should be provided, led, or overseen by an anesthesiologist.”

Physician anesthesiologists have 12 – 14 years of education, earning a doctoral degree in medicine or osteopathy and completing an accredited 4-year residency program.

Independent studies found that anesthesia is safer when physician anesthesiologists personally deliver anesthesia or lead anesthesia teams.

In 2017, after a thorough 4-year study and review, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs affirmed the physician-led, team-based model of anesthesia care for Veterans.

Physician anesthesiologists staff the nation’s top ranked hospitals.