The Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Michigan provides anesthesia services for some of the most complex patients and innovative procedures in the country. The department has been successful in facilitating this by using a collaborative and cohesive Anesthesia Care Team Model consisting of anesthesiologists, fellows, residents, CRNAs and anesthesia technicians. Our objective is to provide high quality, safe, and cost-effective patient centered care.

The expertise and versatility of the CRNAs have allowed the department to meet the growing demands for anesthesia services, specifically in Non-Operating Room Anesthesia (NORA) settings. There are more than 150 CRNAs practicing at Michigan Medicine providing anesthesia care across all facilities. CRNAs provide anesthesia care for all age groups in a variety of surgical and procedural settings.
WHO WE ARE

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice nurses specializing in anesthesia. CRNAs administer more than 40 million anesthetics to patients across the United States each year and are part of a nursing specialty that has been in existence for nearly 150 years.

WHAT WE DO

At the University of Michigan, anesthesia is administered by CRNAs in collaboration with anesthesiologists. Michigan Medicine CRNAs administer anesthesia for most types of surgical cases and many non-surgical interventions. Michigan Medicine CRNAs provide anesthesia care at the following locations:

- University Hospital
- C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital
- Frankel Cardiovascular Center
- East Ann Arbor Surgical Center
- Kellogg Eye Center
- Livonia Surgery Center

CRNA TRAINING

Today, CRNAs are master’s prepared advanced practice nurses who have met the following requirements:

- Currently licensed as a registered nurse
- Attained a Bachelor of Science in nursing or equivalent
- Possess a minimum one year of acute care nursing experience
- Attained Master’s Degree from accredited nursing anesthesia program
- Completed national certification exams
- Doctorate for entry into Nurse Anesthesia Practice will be required by 2025

CRNAs must also meet continuing education requirements. Many of our staff are extensively involved in the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) and Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists (MANA), which further catalyzes professional growth inside and outside the hospital setting.

We are proud to work alongside our colleagues in anesthesiology to provide the most comprehensive anesthetic care to our patients. It is our mission to enrich the Anesthesia Care Team model while providing educational resources to promote and enhance professional growth.