

# ANESTHESIA

Anesthesiology is the practice of medicine dedicated to the relief of pain and care of patients before, during and after surgery. Most joint replacements are performed under regional anesthesia.



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## REGIONAL ANESTHESIA

Your anesthesiologist makes an injection near a cluster of nerves to numb the area of your body that requires surgery. You will be given a sedative and you will not feel the surgery taking place. The two most common types are spinal anesthesia and epidural anesthesia.

## LOCAL ANESTHESIA

The anesthetic drug is usually injected into the tissue to numb just the location of your body requiring minor surgery or a procedure.



**Q:** What kind of information should I give to the anesthesiologist prior to surgery?

**A:** You can increase the accuracy of your anesthesia plan by providing a complete medical history, including all current medical problems, medications, allergies, and any other prior experiences that are of concern.