

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.

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.



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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.