



Care Team Approach:

At The Plastic Center, anesthesia is delivered utilizing the Anesthesia Care Team Approach in which an Anesthesiologist and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) collaborate to ensure safe and appropriate anesthesia care for our patients.

Why the Care Team Approach?

- Patient safety is the utmost priority during elective procedures, thus The Plastic Center has partnered with **Anesthesiologists** who have not only completed college and four years of medical school, but have also learn the specialty of anesthesia during an additional four years of training following their completion of medical school.
- Our Anesthesiologists are also **Board Certified**. To become Board Certified, the Anesthesiologist must pass a rigorous written and oral exam after successfully completing extensive education requirements (college, medical school, anesthesia residency training program).
- Anesthesiologists are **Doctors of Medicine** who specialize in giving anesthesia to patients during surgery. They are uniquely qualified to treat not only sudden medical problems related to the surgery itself, but also any chronic conditions needing special attention during the procedure.
- The extensive medical education and in-depth training has prepared these specialized physicians to handle critical responsibilities in the operating room.
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are registered nurses who have received additional special training and a degree in anesthesia as well as intensive care nursing.
- Under the personal supervision of the Anesthesiologists, the CRNAs administer anesthetic drugs, monitor your vital signs and regulate the anesthesia equipment used during your surgery.