



Anesthesia Overview

Local

Your surgeon will give you medication by injection to numb the area immediately around the area of your surgery. You will be fully awake throughout this surgery; however, you will not feel any pain, and your view of the surgery will be blocked.

Regional

This type of local anesthesia produces a regional nerve block—a wide area of numbness around the surgical area. This is given to you by the surgeon or the anesthesiologist.

Local or Regional with Sedation

Your surgeon will give you medication to cause numbness around the area of your surgery. This will be supplemented by an IV (given by the anesthesiologist or anesthetist) which will make you drowsy and comfortable. While you may not sleep as though you were under a general anesthetic, you may fall into a brief light sleep.

General

You will be given medications by the anesthesiologist that will make you “sleep” deeply during your surgery. This state of unconsciousness is different than nighttime sleep. You will not feel or hear anything, and you will not dream. The time between administration of the anesthetic and waking will seem like a split second to you.

For *your* surgery the anesthesia possibilities are:

- Local Regional Local/Regional
with sedation General

***Note:** The final determination about your type of anesthesia will be determined by your surgeon and anesthesiologist.*