



**Policy Statement: Use of the Title Anesthesiologist by Non-Physicians**

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A non-physician should not use the term “anesthesiologist” in his or her title. The Board is aware that some Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (“CRNA”) are using the title of nurse anesthesiologist. Use of the term “anesthesiologist” is misleading to patients who may not understand that a CRNA using the title of nurse anesthesiologist is not a physician. Patients today encounter health care professionals with varying levels of education and training, and it is important for healthcare professionals to use titles that clearly identify their profession and that are easily recognizable to patients.

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