

# Understanding Patient Views on CRNA Certification: Survey Findings



In 2023, NBCRNA conducted an online survey, through a third-party vendor, among patients to:

- 1 Gauge awareness, understanding, and perceptions of CRNAs and their roles in ensuring patient safety.
- 2 Better understand the degree to which patients trust CRNAs to administer safe, quality care and the factors that impact trust.

The survey sample included 1,003 US adults (aged 18+) who had a procedure or surgery that required anesthesia and/or pain managements within the past two years.

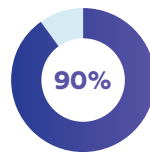
*“CRNAs are dealing with peoples’ lives. They most certainly need continued education to be sure they are up to date on all procedures and have the correct knowledge moving forward.”*

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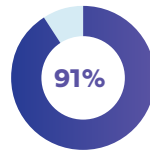
*“Continuous education is very important for CRNAs because anesthesia is literally a matter of life and death, so anyone involved in this field needs to be continuously educated.”*

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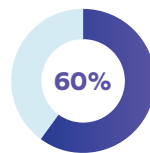
## What we found



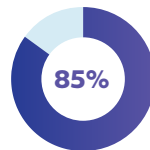
90% of patients agree that CRNAs play an important role and provide safe, quality care during a procedure/surgery.



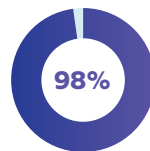
The majority of patients also greatly trust CRNAs – including in their role of educator (91%) and in their role as a member of the healthcare team (91%).



Most patients (60%) are aware of CRNAs’ involvement in anesthesia/pain management during surgeries/procedures. However, most patients are not aware of CRNAs continued certification requirements or advanced degrees/practice.



Additionally, 85% of patients said it is very important for CRNAs to complete continued certification components.



After learning more about certification, 98% of patients valued CRNAs continued certification requirements.

