

FACTS AND FALLACIES ABOUT COMPLICATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES IN ANESTHESIA

Will I wake up after the anesthesia?

Every medical procedure including the anesthesia administration is associated with certain risks and complications. The administration of anesthesia is a complex medical procedure requiring the anesthesiologist's expertise, experience and permanent attention because it would, thus, minimize the possibility of the occurrence of any complication. Modern anesthetic agents and monitoring can give the additional support to both patients and anesthesiologists. Prior to the surgery, the patient is fully informed about the risks, and if he accepts, he will sign the informed consent.

Does anesthesia has adverse effects to human body?

The adverse effects of anesthetics that may occur (such as allergies, a low blood pressure, the onset of pains at the site of an event, nausea and vomiting) are not considered to be harmful because they cannot result in long-term consequences. Patients who have more than once undergone surgeries under the general anesthesia within the short period of time have no reason to worry since the anesthetic agents are excreted few hours after their administration, and have no prolonged effects.

Is it possible for someone to wake up during the surgery?

Adequate doses of anesthetics keep the patient unconscious during the surgery, and leaves him/her unable to recall the trauma when the/she awakens. The patient can awake up during the surgery due to the inadequate doses of anesthesia, the equipment malfunction, or in cases of some rare medical conditions. New anesthetic agents, state of the art equipment and the anesthesiologist's experience can help maximally decrease the risk of this complication.

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ABOUT ANESTHESIA

Anesthesia is a condition characterized by the inability to feel the pain. It is produced by the administration of anesthetic agents and is used for surgical or diagnostic procedures.

There are different types of anesthesia such as general (or total), regional and local anesthesia.

The general anesthesia is a state of unconsciousness with the absence of pain sensation over the entire body during the surgical procedure.

The regional anesthesia (including epidural, spinal and block), and local anesthesia are used to numb only the particular area of the body, while the patient remains conscious during the surgery.

You could be fully informed by your anesthesiologist about the types of anesthesia that are the most appropriate for your medical condition and the intervention that is planned to be performed.

The anesthesiologist is responsible for monitoring your condition throughout the entire procedure, and for ensuring as well your comfort and safety. He/she will do all that is necessary to manage any medical problem you may develop either due to the surgery and anesthesia or eventual deterioration of your chronic diseases (diabetes, asthma, heart diseases, etc.).

Once your surgical procedure is complete, you will be under our monitoring until the full recovery of your consciousness, the absence of pain, and normalization of your vital body functions.

During some painful and unpleasant diagnostic procedures, the anesthesiologist will ensure you painless examination under the analgo-sedation produced by an intravenous half sleep-inducing medication.

HOW TO ARRANGE FOR A PREANESTHESIA VISIT?

Every day, the MMA Anesthesiology Unit carries out examinations of the patients scheduled for elective surgical procedures. The purpose of such examinations is to enable the anesthesiologist to gain valuable insights into:

- Your current health condition
- Your chronic health problems
- the therapy you are receiving
- Your habits.

If needed, the anesthesiologist will require the additional medical examinations or the correction of your therapy in order to ensure your optimal preoperative preparation for your surgery and anesthesia.

An open and honest discussion can help you resolve all anesthesia and surgical procedure-related dilemmas, fears and concerns that you might have.

Examinations of the patients admitted to other MMA clinics are carried out within their working hours (from 08.30 a.m. to 02.30 p.m.) every workday. If there is no possibility to do the examination in the ambulatory setting, the anesthesiologist will examine you at the Department. The visits and examinations at the request of self-pay patients can be scheduled within the afternoon working hours (between 03,30 p.m. and 07,30 p.m.), Monday through Thursday.

At the Critical Care Department of the MMA Clinic for Anesthesiology and Critical Care, the anesthesiologists treat and care for patients after their large surgical interventions and the critically injured patients as well. They also manage surgical complications, severe burns, bleeding and other life-threatening medical conditions.

Information about the patients treated at the Critical Care Department may be obtained from the physicians but only by the closest family members between the following operating hours:

10,00 a.m.- 11,00 a.m.

02,00 p.m.- 03,00 p.m.

07,00 p.m.- 08,00 p.m.

