

# How to #BestUtilizeCRNAs

## Providing Anesthesia Care

- CRNAs are highly qualified to provide safe, comprehensive, & autonomous anesthesia services for ALL patients
- Additionally, CRNAs have expertise in
  - Rapid physical assessments
  - Advanced hemodynamic assessment
  - Vascular volume resuscitation
  - Airway & ventilatory management
  - Pain management
  - Team coordination
  - Resource management

## Working without Barriers

Patients are best served when healthcare professionals practice

- To their full scope of practice, education and licensure
- **Without barriers**
- As full partners in interdisciplinary & collaborative health care teams

## Educating

- CRNAs are prepared to analyze, synthesize & evaluate knowledge and research for various outcomes; CRNAs are well suited to educate
  - Patients & communities
  - Legislators & policymakers
  - Members of the health care team at all levels

## Collaborating in Interdisciplinary (Disaster) Management Teams

CRNAs are prepared to address Crisis Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, & Recovery by

- Developing evidence-based (EB) plans to reduce impact

- Developing EB policy & procedures to enable effective organizational response
- Providing leadership & direction; APRN & acute RN care

- Aiding in recovery by ensuring health & wellness; establishing normalcy in individuals & communities



Sources: American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Utilizing CRNAs unique skill set during COVID-19 Crisis (2020); Patient-Driven Interdisciplinary Practice (2018); Guidelines Regarding the Role of the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist in Mass Casualty Incident Preparedness and Response (2014)