

ANESTHESIA SERVICES

General & Billing Information

1) TYPE OF ANESTHESIA

For your eye surgery at Laser and Surgery Center, you will receive Monitored Anesthesia Care (MAC). MAC includes anesthesia care using:

- Topical anesthesia (surface of the eye)
- Local anesthesia (numbing the eye and/or surrounding area)
- Nerve block injections (numbing a larger part of the face)

2) SEDATION (sometimes called conscious sedation) may or may not be administered. It is used to help you feel more relaxed and comfortable, but not every patient requires it. Sedation may be given based on:

- The type and length of your procedure
- Your surgeon's request
- Your own preference
- Any changes in your condition during surgery

Whether sedation is given or not, your anesthesia fee does not change.

3) ROLE OF THE ANESTHESIA PROVIDER

A certified anesthesia professional will:

- Review your health and surgical history prior to your procedure
- Monitor your vital signs (blood pressure, circulation, oxygen levels, and heart rhythm) throughout surgery
- Be present in the operating room to keep you safe and comfortable, and to respond to any changes or surgeon requests

It is important to note that anesthesia care is dynamic, and adjustments may be made at any time before, during, or after your procedure.

4) ANESTHESIA BILLING AND FEES

Anesthesia services are provided by licensed professionals from Pacific Anesthesia or Rigelman Anesthesia Services.

These are independent groups and are not employed by Clarus Eye Centre or Laser and Surgery Center. As a result, you will receive a separate bill for anesthesia services.

Fees are based on the type of surgery performed and the total time the anesthesia provider spends monitoring and caring for you.

5) INSURANCE COVERAGE

- Medicare with a secondary/supplemental plan: You may have little or no out-of-pocket costs, aside from unpaid deductibles.
- Medicare only (no secondary plan): You are responsible for 20% of the anesthesia fee (Medicare pays 80%).
- High-deductible insurance plans: You may need to pay most or all of the anesthesia fee until your deductible is met.
- Commercial insurance plans: Coverage varies by plan; contact your insurer for details.
- No insurance: A cash fee schedule will be discussed at the time of scheduling.

Most health plans cover the majority of anesthesia costs once deductibles are met. If there is a remaining balance after insurance payment, you are responsible for it.

- **BILLING QUESTIONS:**

For Rigelman Anesthesia Services, call 425-228-5228

For Pacific Anesthesia, call 425-407-1500