

Procedure Name: General Anesthesia

General Anesthesia: You will be given anesthesia by an anesthesia provider. You will be able to speak to your anesthesia provider before your procedure regarding any anesthesia concerns that you may have. The nurse or anesthesia provider will attach monitoring devices to check your breathing, oxygen level, heart rate, and blood pressure. General anesthesia is given through a vein (intravenous, IV) or is inhaled. An airway is inserted after you are asleep. It is common during general anesthesia for you to be given other medicines through an IV to help prevent or decrease pain or nausea after the procedure. Some effects may persist for many hours after the anesthesia has ended. Even if you feel alert and normal, your judgment and reflexes may still be affected for some time after your procedure, especially if you continue to take medicines, such as those to control pain or nausea. You may experience a scratchy sore throat 12-24 hours post-op from the airway used during surgery.

What patients that smoke can expect after having surgery:

After surgery your anesthesia specialist will check your breathing and lung sounds to determine if a breathing treatment is needed. Smoking increases airway irritation, which leads to wheezing and coughing. Further breathing treatments and medications are sometimes needed.



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