

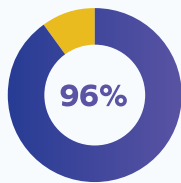
Understanding Patient Perspectives of CRNAs & Continued Certification: Survey Results



In 2025, NBCRNA conducted an online survey among patients, through a third-party vendor, to:

- 1 Measure awareness and understanding of CRNAs' initial and continued certification requirements
- 2 Assess the perceived importance of continued certification in ensuring safe, quality anesthesia care and the extent to which knowledge of these requirements impacts perceptions of CRNAs

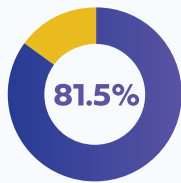
What we found



Nearly all (96%)

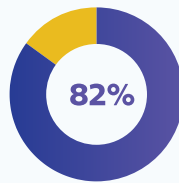
patients think it is important for CRNAs to complete continuous/regular education, professional development and knowledge assessments

Continued certification—and components of the MAC Program in particular—drive patient trust in CRNAs



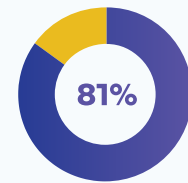
81.5% of patients

agreed that knowledge of continued certification increases their trust in CRNAs



82% of patients

trust CRNAs more because they must complete continuing education programs and professional development activities at least every 4 years



81% of patients

trust CRNAs more because they must complete quarterly knowledge checks assessing their skills in nurse anesthesia

"When [CRNAs] are in the operating room, they literally have people's lives in their hands...So knowing that they are continuing their education, development and their knowledge assessment makes me feel much better."

- SURVEY PARTICIPANT

"Now that I know how much training [CRNAs] go through and how often they update their knowledge, I would completely trust them."

- SURVEY PARTICIPANT

"Medicine changes; people get complacent. If doctors have to update their training, then why shouldn't someone with such a dangerous task as administering anesthesia?"

- SURVEY PARTICIPANT



To learn more about how NBCRNA upholds CRNA's excellence in safe, quality care that patients trust, visit [NBCRNA.com/MAC](https://www.nbcrna.com/MAC)

The survey sample included 1,002 US adults (aged 18+) who had a procedure or surgery that required anesthesia and/or pain management within the past two years (general, IV/monitored sedation, or regional anesthesia)