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The New York State Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. ("NYSSA") is a society consisting of approximately 4,307 physicians specializing in the field of anesthesiology. NYSSA is an organization dedicated to advancing the specialty of anesthesiology and to providing the safest, highest quality patient care to the citizens of New York State.

The Truth About A7268A (Gottfried) and S5435B (Cooney) Bills

New York State's commonsense requirement for physician supervision of nurse anesthetists is critically important for patients. Those pushing the A7268 and S5435B bills say having a physician supervise anesthesia care is not important for patients. They call it "antiquated", "expensive", "little more than a signature on a form." They are wrong. Physician supervision of anesthesia care is about putting patients first.

<p>Today in NYS, physician supervision in delivery of anesthesia means a trained physician is responsible for:</p>	<p>In NYS under bills A7268A (Gottfried) and S5435B (Cooney), in delivering anesthesia to a patient, a physician's supervision would be required for:</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Patient Care and Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A patient's medical evaluation before anesthesia ✓ Reviewing and understanding each patient's test results before surgery ✓ Preparing each patient for surgery, to ensure the patient's medical condition permits the safe administration of anesthesia ✓ Diagnosis and treatment of unexpected complications before, during, and after anesthesia ✓ Being present, available, and ready to step in, in the case of an emergency ✓ Monitoring the effects of anesthesia and surgery on each patient ✓ Pain control and narcotic prescriptions after surgery ✓ Diagnosis and treatment of any complications that arise after anesthesia ✓ Ensuring nurse anesthetists and others administering anesthesia are qualified and effective providers 	<p style="text-align: center;">Patient Care and Safety</p>

Physician supervision of anesthesia is not just about "a signature on a form." It is an issue of life or death. Patients depend on access to physicians.

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