### Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

# **Highly Educated Professionals Providing** Safe, Affordable, Accessible Care

#### **CRNAs in North Carolina:**

There are over 3,400 Certified **Registered Nurse Anesthetists** (CRNAs) in North Carolina.

**CRNAs safely administer** anesthesia 2 million times a year in North Carolina for all types of procedures.

**CRNAs** are the primary anesthesia providers in over 90 percent of North Carolina's rural hospitals.

## **CRNAs Around the World:**

CRNAs are anesthesia professionals who safely administer more than 45 million anesthetics to patients each year in the United States.

CRNAs are the primary anesthesia providers for American military personnel on the front lines. Navy ships, and aircraft evacuation teams across the globe.

CRNAs are leading the fight to reduce opioid addiction, utilizing a patient-centered, evidencebased pain management strategy called Enhanced Recovery After Surgery to reduce opioid use, improve patient outcomes, and reduce costs.

# **Anesthesia Care Under the Microscope:**

No difference in the quality of patient care for anesthesia administered by CRNAs without supervision -Harvard health economist Brian Dullise, M.D., 2010

No difference in anesthesia patient safety between nurse anesthetists and physician anesthesiologists - Cochrane Collaboration, 2014

**Advanced Practice Registered** Nurse (APRN) regulatory reform would save the North Carolina healthcare system between \$433 million and \$4.3 billion every year, improve care, increase access, and result in total increased economic output of \$477-\$883 million per year -**Duke University health economist** Chris Conover, 2015





