

Rockyview General Hospital

Section of Anesthesia

The Rockyview General Hospital provides general surgery, plastic surgery, oto-rhino-laryngology, gynecology, labour and delivery and orthopedics. The hospital is also the Regional Centre for urology and ophthalmology.

Anesthesia for all of these services is supplied by the 37 members of the section, who staff eleven operating rooms each working day, and provide emergency services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. About 19,000 anesthetics are administered each year.

In addition, obstetrical anesthesia coverage is provided for the upwards of 4,500 women who deliver babies. The Section also provides anesthetic services at AHS contracted facilities, primarily for eye surgery and the schedule includes members who work at two private facilities doing Worker's Compensation and dentistry work.

An Acute Pain Service provides specialized forms of pain relief post-operatively, and one member also works in the Chronic Pain Clinic. All members regularly provide consultation services in the Pre-operative Assessment Clinic.

The Section takes an active part in the education of anesthesia residents, medical students, EMS students, and other allied health-care professionals. In all this, we receive invaluable assistance from our Anesthesia Technologists.

Several members volunteer their services to provide anesthesia and teaching in Third World countries with organizations such as Mercy Ships International, Operation Outreach and with Health4Humanity.