

Definitions of AAAASFI Surgical Facility Classes

Class A:

In a Class A Facility, surgical, endoscopic and/or pain management procedures may be performed under the following anesthesia:

1. topical anesthesia
2. local anesthesia

Class A facilities must meet all Class A standards.

Class B:

In a Class B facility, surgical, endoscopic and/or pain management procedures are performed in the facility under:

1. Intravenous sedation, and/or
2. Parenteral sedation, and/or
3. Regional anesthesia, and /or
4. Dissociative drugs (excluding Propofol)

This agents may be administered by a physician, a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA under physician supervision if required by state or federal law, or by policy adopted by the facility), an anesthesia assistant (as certified by the National Commission for the Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants), under direct supervision of an anesthesiologist, or by a registered nurse under the supervision of a qualified physician.

The use of propofol, endotracheal intubation anesthesia, laryngeal mask airway anesthesia, and/or inhalation general anesthesia (including nitrous oxide) is prohibited in a Class B facility.

Class B facilities must meet all Class A and Class B standards.

Class C-M:

In a Class C-M facility, surgical, endoscopic and/or pain management procedures may be performed under:

1. Intravenous Propofol, and/or
2. Spinal anesthesia, and/or
3. Epidural anesthesia

These agents may be administered by either a qualified physician, a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA under physician supervision if required by state or federal law, or by policy adopted by the facility), and Anesthesia Assistant (as certified by the National Commission for the Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants), under direct supervision of an anesthesiologist.

The use of endotracheal intubation anesthesia, laryngeal mask airway anesthesia, and/or inhalation general anesthesia (including nitrous oxide) is prohibited in a Class C-M facility.

Class C-M facilities must meet all Class A, Class B, and Class C-M standards.

Class C:

In a Class C facility surgical, endoscopic, and/or pain management procedures may be performed under:

1. Intravenous Propofol, and/or
2. Spinal anesthesia, and/or
3. Epidural anesthesia, and/or
4. Inhalation agents, (including Nitrous Oxide)
with or without endotracheal intubation or laryngeal mask airway anesthesia

These agents may be administered by either a qualified physician, a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA under physician supervision if required by state or federal law, or by policy adopted by the facility), and Anesthesia Assistant (as certified by the National Commission for the Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants), under direct supervision of an anesthesiologist.

Class C facilities must meet all Class A, Class B, Class C-M, and Class C standards.