



Algehele anesthesie of narcose - Engels

— General anaesthesia

General anaesthesia

The most well-known form of anaesthesia is general anaesthesia, where the whole body is numbed and you are temporarily unconscious. During general anaesthesia, medicine is administered that causes you to fall into a deep sleep. The body does not respond to the surgeon's actions.

Before you are given the anaesthetic, monitoring equipment is connected. You will be given a mask over the nose and mouth for oxygen. The anaesthetist will inject the medicines through the IV line that you have received. You will fall into a deep sleep very quickly. To be able to control and support breathing during anaesthesia, a plastic tube is usually inserted into your mouth/throat. This is done before the operation. You will not notice it, because you will be asleep by then. While under anaesthesia, you will be monitored by the nurse anaesthetist and anaesthetist with the help of monitors so they can see exactly how your body reacts to the surgery.

After the operation, the medication keeping you asleep will be stopped, and you will wake up on your own.

Side effects and complications of general anaesthesia

Drowsiness

You may still feel sleepy shortly after the operation and occasionally fall asleep. This is a normal reaction to pain medication.

Pain

Once the anaesthetic wears off, you may experience pain in the area where you had surgery.

Nausea and vomiting

Anaesthetic and surgery can make you feel nauseous or cause vomiting.

Irritation in the throat

You may have a heavy or itchy feeling in the back of your throat. This comes from the tube that was in your throat during surgery to regulate your breathing. The irritation will disappear on its own within a few days.

Allergic reaction

Despite all due care, complications can always arise, such as an allergic reaction to medicines.

Your teeth

There is a small risk of damage to your teeth when inserting the breathing tube. If you have one or more loose dentures, the risk is higher.

Tingling and weakness

The wrong position during surgery can pinch a nerve in the arm or leg. This can cause tingling and weakness, which can persist for a while.

Where to find us

Haarlem Zuid

Boerhaavelaan 22
2035 RC Haarlem

(023) 224 0000

Haarlem Noord

Vondelweg 999
2026 BW Haarlem

www.spaarnegasthuis.nl

Hoofddorp

Spaarnepoort 1
2134 TM Hoofddorp

info@spaarnegasthuis.nl