

## ***Sharing Data – Improving Care and Efficiency***

*Participate in NACOR to Experience the National Database*



# Anesthesia Quality Institute

## NATIONAL ANESTHESIA CLINICAL OUTCOMES REGISTRY

[www.aqihq.org](http://www.aqihq.org)

The Anesthesia Quality Institute (AQI) is a 501(c)(3) related organization of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. The AQI maintains the National Anesthesia Clinical Outcomes Registry (NACOR) to enable practice-based improvements in patient care.

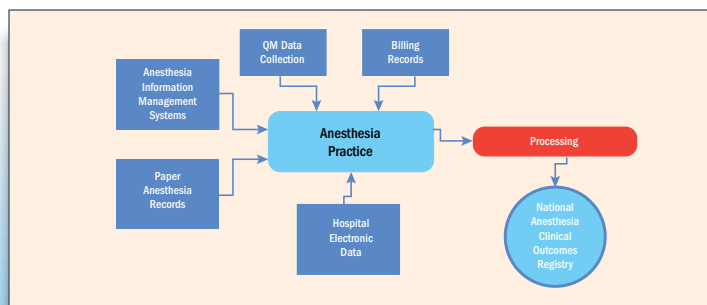
NACOR participants include more than 120 anesthesia practices and hospitals across the United States. Participation in the AQI is open to every anesthesiology practice in the United States. NACOR contains data on over 1.5 million anesthetics, from 5,000 providers working in more than 1,000 facilities.

### The Benefits of Participation in NACOR

- Regular reports summarizing key quality indicators in your practice
- Confidential benchmarking of your outcomes to peer group practices nationwide
- Facilitation of hospital, state and federal reporting requirements, including requirements for hospital credentialing and maintenance of certification
- Access to educational resources for advancing your group's quality management efforts
- Access to aggregate NACOR data for custom queries on business, quality or research topics

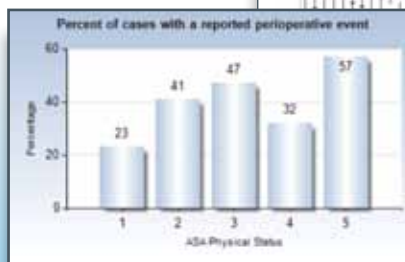
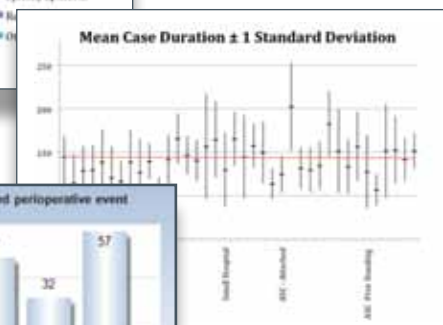
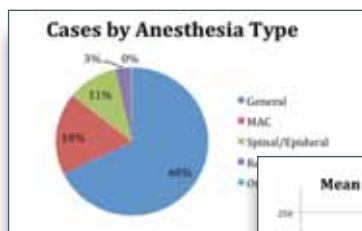
### How Data Is Collected

Key data is collected from participating Anesthesia Practices. The data is processed and reported in many forms for member use.



### Data Is Reported in Many Forms and Formats

- Participating practices access quarterly reports on the AQI website.
- Reports include participant data and aggregated national data.
- Customized reporting features allow filtering by facility type, patient variables and surgical case.
- Data tables and illustrative charts are displayed.
- Reports can be viewed at the practice, facility or provider level.



# Using Information and Data to Improve Quality of Care

AQI is a non-profit corporation, created to collect electronic anesthesia case data from practice groups, hospitals, and information technology vendors. Collected data will including practice demographics, case specific data, outcomes data and risk adjustment data. A few other key facts about the Registry:

- NACOR participation is free to ASA physician members.
- You do not need an EHR or AIMS system to participate in NACOR.
- NACOR participants range in size from small private practices to large academic centers.

## Data Security and Confidentiality

The AQI is a federally certified Patient Safety Organization. Data submitted to NACOR is protected from legal discovery, and the AQI will never publicly identify any patient, provider, group or facility without their express permission.



## Easy Steps to Become a NACOR Participant

- STEP 1** Sign AQI Participation and Business Associate Data Use Agreements
- STEP 2** Enter practice provider and facility information on the AQI Web site: [www.aqihq.org](http://www.aqihq.org)
- STEP 3** AQI Information Technology team will contact you to facilitate data translation to the Registry
- STEP 4** Upload case specific data to the Registry via the AQI Web site
- STEP 5** Begin receiving NACOR reports

**Join Today to Begin Using All of the Benefits of NACOR!**



*AQI Is Proud to Announce the*  
***Anesthesia Incident Reporting System (AIRS)***

*A web-based nationwide system for collecting unusual events in anesthesia care.*

**WHAT TO REPORT**

- *Equipment failure (hardware/software)*
- *Unusual reaction to anesthetic medication*
- *Unusual manifestation of patient disease/surgery*
- *Challenging diagnostic situation*
- *Novel or unexpected system failure*

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