

Anesthesia in Cataract Surgery: Massachusetts Surgeon Survey

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IF: Question "**Do you perform cataract surgery?**" #1 is one of the following answers ("No") **THEN:** Disqualify and display:

Thank you for your response. The current survey is limited to cataract surgeons. We appreciate your time.

1. Do you perform cataract surgery? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

2. Where do you operate?

(Please mark all that apply) *

- ☐ Teaching hospital
- ☐ Non-teaching hospital
- ☐ Hospital-affiliated surgical center
- ☐ Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC)
- ☐ Other

3. Approximately how many cataract procedures do you perform in a year? *

- ☐ <50
- ☐ 50 - 200
- ☐ 200 - 500
- ☐ 500 - 1000
- ☐ >1000

4. **How often are the following types of anesthesia used in the cataract surgeries you perform?**
Write the approximate % in each applicable box below. (Responses should sum to 100%.)

Retrobulbar block

Peribulbar block

Sub-Tenon's block

Topical only

Topical + intracameral lidocaine

General anesthesia

Other

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0 out of 100% Total

5. **What most influences your choice of anesthesia?** Provide responses for all that apply.

Primary Reason

Retrobulbar block

Efficiency
Patient preference
Safety (lower-risk)
Best for long/complex case
Common practice at facility
Other

Peribulbar block

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Comments

6. Tell us about any changes to your anesthesia preferences for cataract surgery. Compared with 10 years ago, today do you choose:

Less often

About the same

More often

Retrobulbar
blocks

☐ N/A

Peribulbar
blocks

☐ N/A

Sub-Tenon's
blocks

☐ N/A

Topical only

☐ N/A

Topical + IC
lidocaine

☐ N/A

General
anesthesia

☐ N/A

Other

☐ N/A

Comments

7. For your cataract surgeries involving BLOCKS, who generally administers the anesthesia?

- ☐ Surgeon
- ☐ Ophthalmology resident/fellow
- ☐ Anesthesiologist
- ☐ Other
-
- ☐ Not applicable

8. For your cataract surgeries involving TOPICAL anesthesia, who generally does the initial administration of drops?

- ☐ Surgeon
- ☐ Ophthalmology resident/fellow
- ☐ Anesthesiologist
- ☐ Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)
- ☐ Registered Nurse (RN)
- ☐ Other
-
- ☐ Not applicable
-

9. How often do your cataract patients receive intravenous sedation (in addition to blocks or topical anesthesia)?

Never

☐

Rarely

☐

Sometimes

☐

Often

☐

Always

☐

10. How often are your patients offered a choice between types of anesthesia for their cataract procedure?

Never

☐

Rarely

☐

Sometimes

☐

Often

☐

Always

☐

Would you like to share any additional comments about anesthesia practices for cataract surgery?

Thank you!

Thank you for taking our survey. We look forward to sharing the panel's final report and recommendations in the late spring.



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