

ASA: study describes non-operating room anesthesia care

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(HealthDay)—Patient and case characteristics differ for non-operating

room anesthesia (NORA) and operating room (OR) anesthesia, according to a study presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, held from Oct. 22 to 26 in Chicago.

Alexander Nagrebetsky, M.D., from John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County in Chicago, and colleagues conducted a retrospective analysis of data from the National Anesthesia Clinical Outcomes Registry to summarize NORA patient and case characteristics. The cohort included data reported from 2,439 [health care facilities](#).

The researchers identified 5,929,953 NORA cases and 12,387,574 OR cases. Compared with OR patients, the mean age of NORA patients was 3.5 years higher (P

"The growth reflects a shift toward safer, less-invasive procedures and tests that still require anesthesia," a coauthor said in a statement. "It's important that anesthesia for patients with severe health conditions is provided by physician anesthesiologists who have the extensive training and skill to deliver safe care."

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