



## Anesthesiologists in the News

### **MEDSCAPE: “Which Specialties Are at Highest Risk for Contracting COVID-19?”**

*The survey data show that of all resident physicians who worked within the greater New York City area between March and April, anesthesiology, emergency medicine, and ophthalmology residents were at greatest risk of contracting COVID-19.* May 14, 2020, <https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/930553>

### **Healthline: “Anesthesiologists Are Vital in the COVID-19 Fight: The Toll It Takes”**

*“Intubation is a key part of what anesthesiologists do and why they are crucial in this fight. When a person can no longer survive breathing on their own, the anesthesiologist is called on to intubate them... It is, in the case of treating a patient with COVID-19, the moment a care provider is at the highest risk of exposure.”* April 19, 2020, <https://www.healthline.com/health-news/the-vital-and-dangerous-job-of-anesthesiologists-in-covid-19-fight>

### **ABC News: “Anesthesiologists hailed as special heroes in fight against coronavirus: But the most valuable procedure they perform also puts them in the most danger.”**

“Skilled practitioners place themselves in harm’s way to save lives -- but some medical professions face more dangers than others...

But the particular procedure they perform that makes them so valuable also puts them in the most danger: intubation...

Throughout the intubation procedure, which generates the highest risk for droplet exposure, an anesthesiologist face is mere inches away from the patient’s mouth.” April 6, 2020, <https://abcnews.go.com/Health/anesthesiologists-hailed-special-heroes-fight-coronavirus/story?id=70000864>

### **Washington Post: “You’re basically right next to the nuclear reactor: Cory Deburghgraeve, on performing one of the pandemic’s most dangerous jobs”**

“It’s a common procedure. Intubations are routine for us, at least most of the time...

...get into my protective gear outside the room: mask, face shield, hood, secondary hood, personal air filter, gown, two sets of sanitized gloves. I tape everything together, because a few times the gown has risen up and exposed my wrists. There are so many opportunities to contaminate yourself. I monitor my heart rate, and it goes from like 58 to 130 by the time I get into the ICU. I’m stressed and rushed and hot inside the protective gear.” April 5, 2020, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/04/05/youre-basically-right-next-nuclear-reactor/?arc404=true>