

Anesthesiologists impact CABG surgery outcomes

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(HealthDay)—For patients undergoing coronary artery bypass graft surgery, the rate of death or major complications varies across anesthesiologists, according to a study published in the March issue of *Anesthesia & Analgesia*.

Laurent G. Glance, M.D., from the University of Rochester School of Medicine in New York, and colleagues used clinical data from the New York State Cardiac Surgery Reporting System for 7,920 patients undergoing isolated coronary artery bypass graft surgery. The authors examined the variation in death or major complications across anesthesiologists. Fixed-effects modeling was used to quantify [anesthesiologist](#) performance.

The researchers observed highly significant variability across anesthesiologists (P "These findings suggest that there may be opportunities to improve perioperative management to improve outcomes among high-risk surgical [patients](#)," the authors write.

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