Privacy Policy

How we collect and use your health information

Anaesthesia Specialists provides administrative support to the independent specialist anaesthetists who care for you. Your health information is collected by the anaesthetist responsible for your care and held securely on their behalf by Anaesthesia Specialists (Ltd), 212 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0627.

We may collect health information about you directly from you, including through our Pre-Op Questionnaire and where relevant to your care, from other health providers. This may include information from your surgeon, general practitioner, Health New Zealand records, hospitals, laboratories, radiology providers, other specialists and previous anaesthetic records.

How we use your information

We use this information to support your anaesthetic assessment, perioperative planning and care, maintain accurate clinical records, arrange payment of your account (including with your insurer or ACC) and meet our professional and legal obligations.

How we share your information

We only share your information with those involved in your care or its funding. This may include your surgeon, the hospital where your procedure takes place, your general practitioner, other health providers involved in your care and your insurer or ACC where they are funding your treatment. Our IT and practice management providers store information securely on our behalf. We do not otherwise share your information unless you agree, or the law permits or requires it.

If you choose not to provide information

Providing your information is voluntary. However, if we do not have complete and accurate information, your anaesthetist may not be able to assess you safely and your procedure may be delayed.

How to access or correct your information

You have the right to access and request correction of the health information we hold about you. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Privacy Officer, Helen Thomson, at office@anaesthesiaspecialists.co.nz or phone on 09 441 3913. If you are not satisfied with our response, you can contact the Office of the Privacy Commissioner at privacy.org.nz.