



## Anesthesiology News Updates

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### **ASA Survey Results for Commercial Fees Paid for Anesthesia Services - 2013**

Each summer we anonymously survey anesthesiology practices across the country asking them to report up to five of their largest managed care (commercial) contract conversion factors (CFs) and the percentage each contract represents of their commercial population, along with some demographic information. [Read More](#)

### **Vanderbilt Medical Center Accused of Massive Fraud**

Vanderbilt University Medical Center has been systematically defrauding the federal government for at least a decade, aided in large part by the development of its award-winning information-management software, which let it schedule attending physicians to be in multiple places at once, according to a lawsuit unsealed this week in federal court. [Read More](#)

### **Obama Allows Insurers to Continue Cancelled Policies**

President Barack Obama announced Thursday plans to temporarily lift requirements of his 2010 healthcare overall that required cancellation of millions of individual insurance plans by the end of 2013. [Read More](#)

### **Negotiation Strategies for Doctors --- and Hospitals**

A 54-year-old man presents to the Emergency Department (ED) with crushing chest pain and is found to have an ST-elevation myocardial infarction (heart attack). The patient needs a heart catheterization with likely stent placement, but he insists on leaving the ED. [Read More](#)