Organization of specialty

- 1893, the first organization of physician specialists in anesthesia, the London Society of Anaesthetists, was formed in England by J.F. Silk.

- The first organization of physician anesthetists in the United States was the Long Island Society of Anesthetists formed in 1905.

- renamed the New York Society of Anesthetists in 1911.

- The International Anesthesia Research Society (IARS) was founded in 1922.

- In 1936, the New York Society of Anesthetists became the American Society of Anesthetists, and later, in 1945, the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA).

- In England, the first examination for the Diploma in Anaesthetics took place in 1935

- 1947, when the Royal College of Surgeons established its Faculty of Anaesthetists.

- 1992 an independent Royal College of Anaesthetists was granted.