

What is anesthesia?

Anesthesia is the use of drugs to prevent pain during surgery or other medical procedures.

What is sedation?

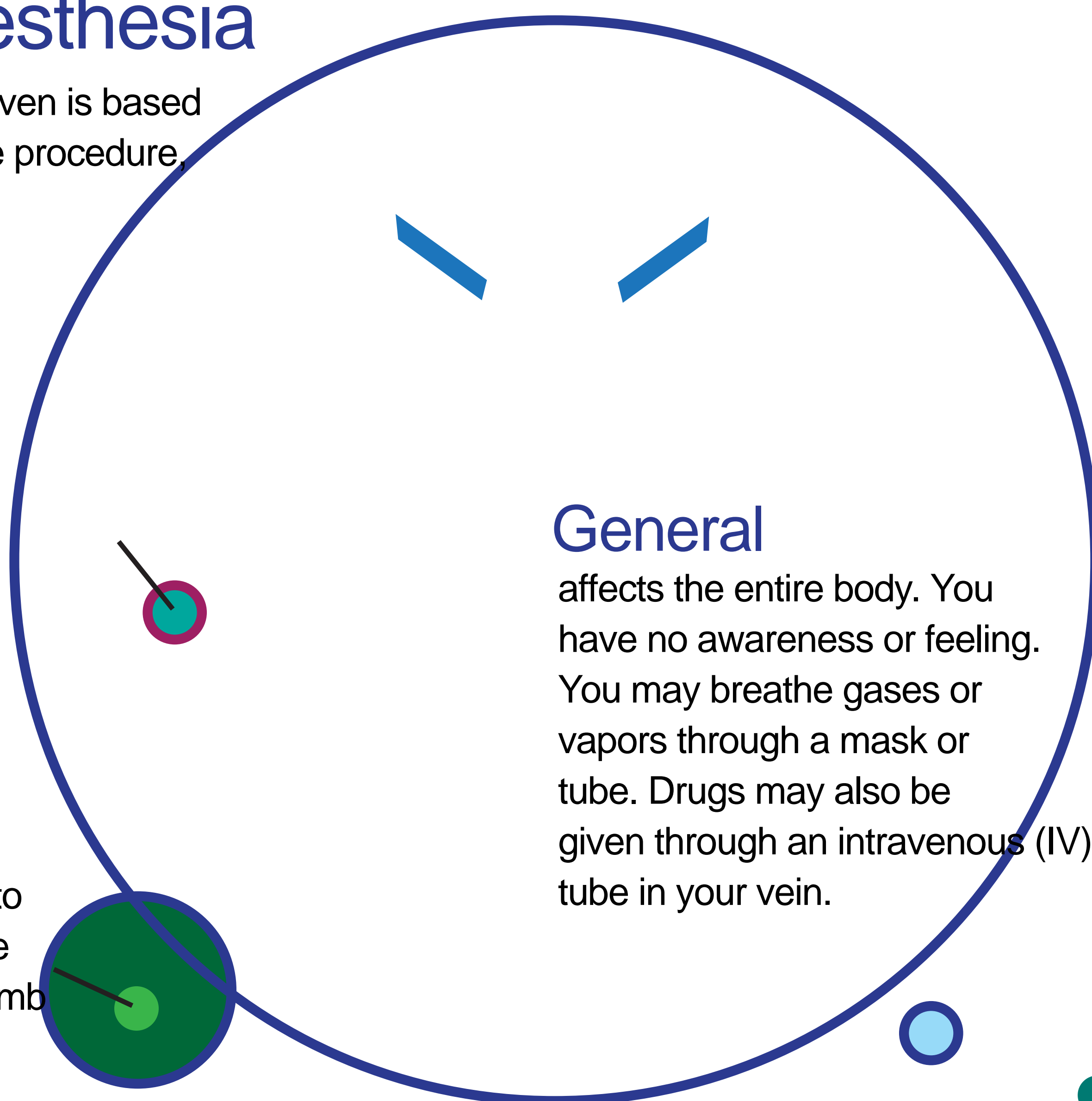
Types of anesthesia

The anesthesia you are given is based on your health, history, the procedure, and your choices.

Local

Local anesthesia causes a loss of feeling in a specific region of the body. A numbing agent is given to numb the area that will be used for surgery.

Regional anesthesia causes a loss of feeling to a specific area of the body. A numbing agent is given to numb



Relaxed and awake.

You can answer questions and follow directions.

Relaxed and drowsy.

You may sleep through much of the procedure. You may hear sounds and voices around you. You can be easily awakened when spoken to or touched.

Drowsy to lightly sleeping.

You may have little or no memory of the procedure. Your breathing slows and you may be given oxygen. You may sleep until the drugs wear off.