

# Having an anaesthetic?

➤ Fact sheet – What is an anaesthetic?

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Anaesthetics are types of medicine that stop you from feeling pain during your operation or treatment.

## GENERAL ANAESTHESIA

This gives a state of controlled unconsciousness. It is essential for some operations. You will be unconscious and feel nothing.

## LOCAL ANAESTHESIA

These are injections that numb the part of your body involved in the operation so you will be free from pain.

## REGIONAL ANAESTHESIA

These are injections that numb a larger or deeper part of the body so you will be free from pain.