

What is an ASC?

Ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) are highly regulated healthcare facilities that provide outpatient surgery and preventive care. For many healthcare procedures, ASCs are the right choice for the right patients at the right price.



✓ Right Choice

ASCs **provide excellent value** through high-quality outcomes and lower-cost care.

ASCs meet extensive state and federal requirements and are reviewed regularly to **ensure safety and quality**.

A growing body of research demonstrates **excellent outcomes** in ASCs. In fact, ASC patients are less likely to be admitted to the hospital for postsurgery complications.⁴

More than **80%** of surgeries are now done in an outpatient setting.^{1,2,3}

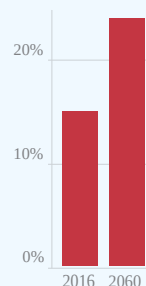
✓ Right Patients

ASCs have **led innovations** that have transformed outpatient surgery.

New technology and techniques have made outpatient surgery **safer and more comfortable**. ASCs only treat patients who qualify for outpatient treatment.

As America's baby boomers age, there is **increasing demand** for the services ASCs provide. More than 49 million people, or 15% of the US population, are now 65 or older.⁵

The share of Americans 65 and older will grow from 15% in 2016 to **24% of the overall population in 2060**.⁶



✓ Right Price

ASCs **reduce expenses** for patients, insurers and Medicare.

\$40.3 BILLION

One-year savings in healthcare spending created by patients choosing ASCs.^{8,9}

\$2.3 BILLION

Annual Medicare program savings created by patients choosing ASCs.

Medicare patients saved **\$1.5 billion** in 4 years.⁷



The Ambulatory Surgery Center Association is a national association that represents more than **6,500 ambulatory surgery centers** (ASCs) across the US.

For more information about ASCs, please visit
www.advancingsurgicalcare.com

Medicare Costs ASC vs. Hospital Outpatient Department

Average patient expense for cataract surgery

Patient pays (average)
\$341

Ambulatory surgery centers

Average Medicare pays	\$1,368
Average total cost	\$1,711

Patient pays (average)
\$549

Hospital outpatient departments

Average Medicare pays	\$2,198
Average total cost	\$2,748

www.medicare.gov/procedure-price-lookup

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