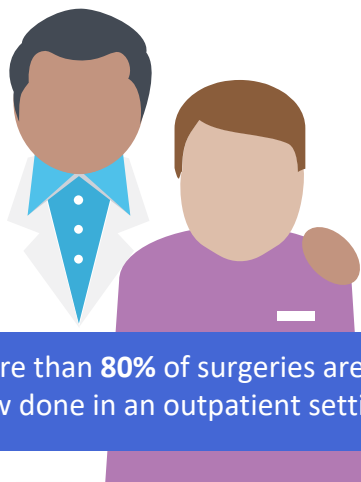


What is an ASC?

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.



More than **80%** of surgeries are now done in an outpatient setting.²

✓ Right Choice

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

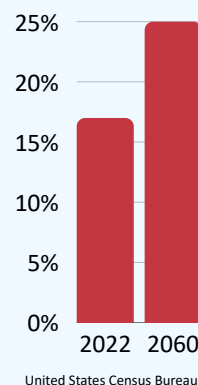
ASCs meet extensive state and federal requirements and are reviewed regularly to ensure safety and quality.

A growing body of research demonstrates **successful outcomes** in ASCs. In fact, ASC patients are less likely to be admitted to the hospital for postoperative complications.¹

✓ Right Patients

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

New technology and techniques have made outpatient surgery **safer and more comfortable**. As America's baby boomers age, there is increasing demand for the services ASCs provide. More than 17% of the U.S. population is now 65 or older. By 2060, **nearly one in four Americans (24.5%) will be 65 or older**, an increase of roughly 42% since 2022.³



✓ Right Price

ASCs reduce expenses for patients, insurers and Medicare. A recent study by KNG Health Consulting found that Medicare **patients saved almost \$7 billion** from 2019 to 2024.⁴



\$84.8 BILLION

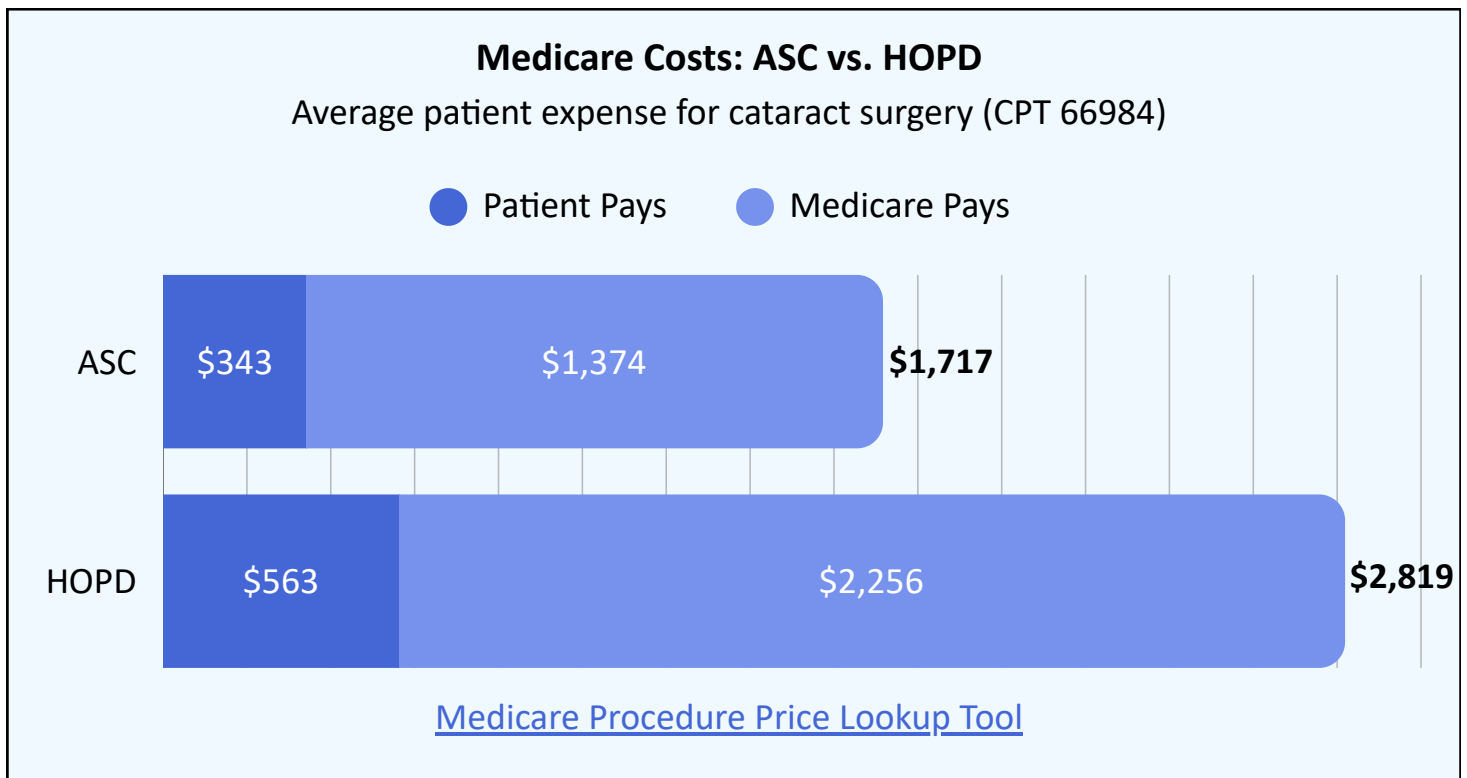
Projected Medicare savings over the next decade (2025-2034) from patients choosing ASCs.

\$5.1 BILLION

Medicare program savings from patients choosing ASCs in 2024 alone.



The Ambulatory Surgery Center Association is a national association that represents more than **6,500 ambulatory surgery centers** across the U.S. For more information about ASCs, please visit ascassociation.org.



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