What is an ASC?

Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) are highly regulated health care facilities that provide outpatient surgery and preventive care. For many health care 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 exceptional outcomes in ASCs. In fact, ASC patients are less likely to be admitted to the hospital for post-surgery complications.

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

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 percent of the U.S. population, are now 65 or older.

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

Right Price

ASCs reduce expenses for patients, insurers and Medicare.

Medicare patients saved $1.5 billion in 4 years

$40.3 BILLION
One-year savings in health care spending created by patients choosing ASCs.

$2.3 BILLION
Annual Medicare program savings created by patients choosing ASCs.
The Ambulatory Surgery Center Association is a national association that represents more than 5,700 ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) across the U.S.

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