I think the potential for growth is tremendous if the focus remains on providing excellent patient care and keeping costs reasonable. We need to continue to make the patient the absolute top priority, continue VIP treatment for surgeons and continue to make certain that there are financial benefits to the patient, the facility and the surgeon.

- Wallace Reed, MD
cofounder of the first ASC

The pioneers of the ASC model would be amazed by the many advances we have made in improving outcomes, promoting patient safety and enhancing the experience of ambulatory surgery since 1970. Each year, millions of patients receive the care they need thanks to the outstanding men and women who work in ASCs, and billions of dollars are saved thanks to our efforts to lower costs.

- Larry Taylor
president, ASCA

More than 5,800 ASCs perform an estimated 30 million procedures annually, now including total joint replacements and spine and cardiology procedures.