
In the event you saw a recent news story about outpatient surgery centers...

A recent news story about ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) featured some tragic stories about patient experiences with outpatient surgery. Some of those experiences are, no doubt, true, but many are just allegations that are either under review or have never been proven.

Here's what we would like you to know: this center—and virtually every ambulatory surgery center in the country—is highly regulated by the state and federal government. We report on safety and quality measures to Medicare and use those results and other training and education each year to assure we are as safe as possible.

The surgeons, nurses and other health professionals in this center have equal or better education and training than their peers who operate only in hospitals.

In the last five years alone, more than 100 million Americans have had successful outpatient surgery in an ASC—because outpatient surgery and ASCs are safe. In fact, in many ways, outpatient surgeries performed in ASCs are actually safer than surgeries performed in hospitals because ASCs have a much more controlled environment and can better limit our patients' exposure to other illnesses.

If you have concerns about this center—or outpatient surgery in general—please ask to speak with our administrator. Talk with your doctor, too.

You can also visit www.advancingsurgicalcare.com for additional information about the safety and quality records of ambulatory surgery centers.

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