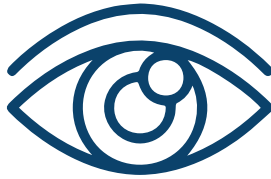


ASC'S VS. HOSPITALS: COST SAVINGS BY THE NUMBERS

Data has found that U.S. healthcare costs are reduced by more than \$38 billion per year due the availability of ASCs for outpatient procedures, and more than \$5 billion of that cost reduction is accrued to the patient in savings, because, in general, ASC prices are significantly lower than hospital outpatient department (HOPD) prices for the same procedure.²

MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT For Cataract Surgery



\$1,745 Hospitals

\$976 ASCs

Hospitals receive \$1,745 from Medicare for outpatient cataract surgery, whereas ASCs are paid \$976 for the same surgery.⁷

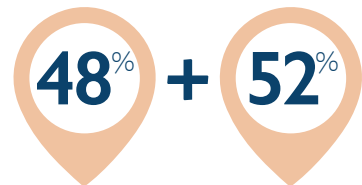
THE AVERAGE COST SAVINGS

Estimated Orthopedic Outpatient Procedures Performed at ASCs
 As Compared To Similar Procedures Performed At Hospitals



ASCA concluded that knee arthroscopy patients could have saved \$1,275 in out-of-pocket costs by choosing to have their procedure done at an ASC.⁴

APPROVED SURGICAL LOCATIONS



ASC

Other



Only 48 percent of all surgical procedures approved to be performed at an ASC are actually performed at one, but if the other 52 percent were performed at an ASC, \$41 billion could be saved annually.³

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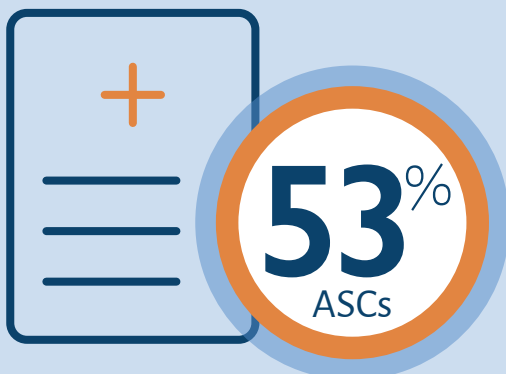
38.6
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 HOSPITAL STAYS
 IN U.S. IN 2011



HOSPITALIZATIONS INVOLVING OPERATING ROOM

constituted 29 percent of the total 38.6 million hospital stays in the United States in 2011, and they accounted for 48 percent of the total \$387 billion in hospital costs.¹

MEDICARE PAID



Procedures performed at ASCs cost Medicare 53 percent of what was paid to HOPDs.⁶

If outpatient surgery at Iowa City ASC isn't an option for you, ask your physician about having surgery at Mercy Iowa City.

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Cost Differences By Location

According to the Washington Post, two hospitals in New York City charged a difference of 321% for similar care.



Furthermore, according to CBS news, some procedures can vary in cost by more than \$200,000.



The same report by CBS says that a joint replacement in Ada, OK costs around \$5,300, while in Monterey Park, CA it cost \$223,000.⁵

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