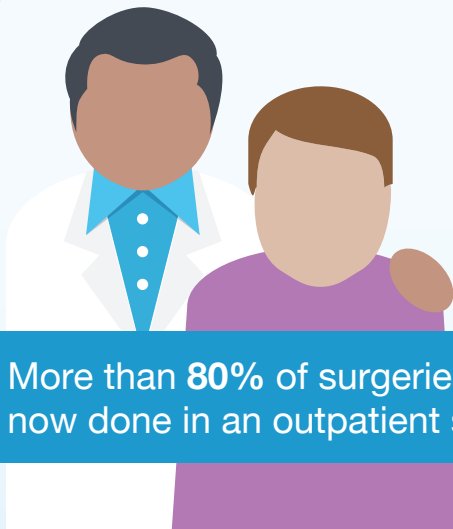


# What is an ASC?

**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.

## ✓ 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**.

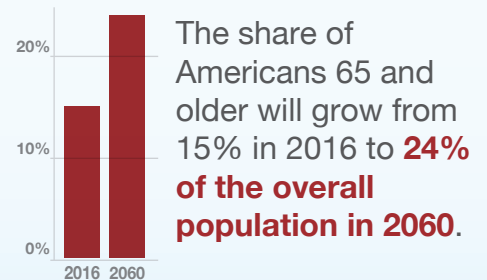
A growing body of research demonstrates **exceptional outcomes** in ASCs. In fact, ASC patients are less likely to be admitted to the hospital for postsurgery complications.

## ✓ 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 US population, are now 65 or older.



## ✓ Right Price

ASCs **reduce expenses** for patients, insurers and Medicare.

Medicare patients saved **\$1.5 billion** in 4 years.

**\$42.2 BILLION**

**One-year savings** in healthcare spending created by patients choosing ASCs.

**\$4.2 BILLION**

**Annual Medicare savings** created by patients choosing ASCs.



The Ambulatory Surgery Center Association is a national association that represents approximately **6,200 ambulatory surgery centers** (ASCs) across the US.

For more information about ASCs, please visit [www.advancingsurgicalcare.com](http://www.advancingsurgicalcare.com)