

# HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENTS VS. ASCs



## WHY IS SAME DAY SURGERY IMPORTANT?

Same day surgery, often referred to as outpatient or ambulatory surgery, now accounts for the majority of surgeries in the U.S. These procedures can range from cataracts surgery to total joint replacements.

## WHAT IS AN AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER (ASC)?

- An ASC is a distinct entity that exclusively provides same-day surgical services to patients not requiring hospitalization. Important characteristics of ASCs include the following:
  - If certified by Medicare, the facility is certified as an ASC (not all ASCs are certified by Medicare) and has been assigned a 10-digit CMS Certification Number (nn-Cnnnnnn)
  - Provides surgical services that do not exceed 24 hours
  - May or may not be affiliated with a hospital
  - Often are specialty-specific

## WHAT IS A HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT (HOPD)?

- An HOPD is a location that provides outpatient hospital services and operates under the licensure/approval of a hospital. Important characteristics of HOPDs include the following:
  - If certified by Medicare, the facility is certified as a hospital (not all hospitals are certified by Medicare) and has been assigned a 6-digit CMS Certification Number (nn-nnnn)
  - Provides outpatient hospital services, meaning preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, or palliative services that are furnished to outpatients
  - May be co-located with a hospital (e.g., a unit within the building or building connected to the main hospital) or separately located (e.g., a separate on/off campus surgical center)

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## FINDING THE RIGHT CARE OPTION

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# COMPARE FACILITIES

Facility Name	Facility 1:	Facility 2:	Facility 3:
Procedure	Number of Procedures Performed Annually		

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