

HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER

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POLICY: This Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) provides care to patients requiring outpatient surgical and/or invasive procedures and diagnostic procedures.

SCOPE AND COMPLEXITY OF PATIENT CARE:

1. Outpatient ambulatory surgical services are for patients not requiring an overnight stay.
2. The specialties that are currently utilized by the ASC include otolaryngology, gastroenterology, general surgery, gynecology, orthopedics, podiatry, urology, and ophthalmology.
3. The outpatient procedures will be performed under the highest standards of patient safety and competent medical care in a clean and comfortable environment with respect and dignity.
4. The procedures performed will be outpatient procedures, typically performed in the specialties listed above. The services will expand as the Governing Body approves the procedures and when equipment, staffing and the facilities can meet the requirements of those procedures. Procedures are performed at the ASC with local anesthesia, monitored anesthesia care, intravenous sedation (Moderate Sedation), regional blocks and general anesthesia.
5. Following the surgical procedure, the patient will be recovered in a safe, comfortable environment and will be carefully monitored by trained, licensed and approved personnel. In the immediate post-operative phase, the patients are under the direct supervision of the anesthesiologist, who maintains responsibility for the needs of the patient.
6. Once recovered, the patient will be evaluated carefully, may be offered some nutrition and then will be safely discharged by a physician, following an evaluation or per discharge criteria, to the care of a responsible adult.
7. The age range of patients receiving outpatient surgical services at this facility will consist of pediatric (from age 2 and above), adolescent, adult and geriatric patients.

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8. The ASC shall admit only ASA physical status class I (P1), II (P2) and III (P3) patients for outpatient procedures. ASA class IV or Physical Status 4 (P4) are not candidates for outpatient surgery.

9. Required preoperative (laboratory, radiology) testing will be provided by the High Desert Regional Health Center, utilizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Medicare-Approved services.

10. The hours of operation are: Monday through Friday, 0600 - 1800. The ASC is closed on weekends and holidays.

11. Facility staff will review, at the Medical Advisory Committee meetings on a quarterly basis, its quality management activities to evaluate and monitor patient satisfaction, patient safety, level of patient care, new patient care techniques and staff competence.

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