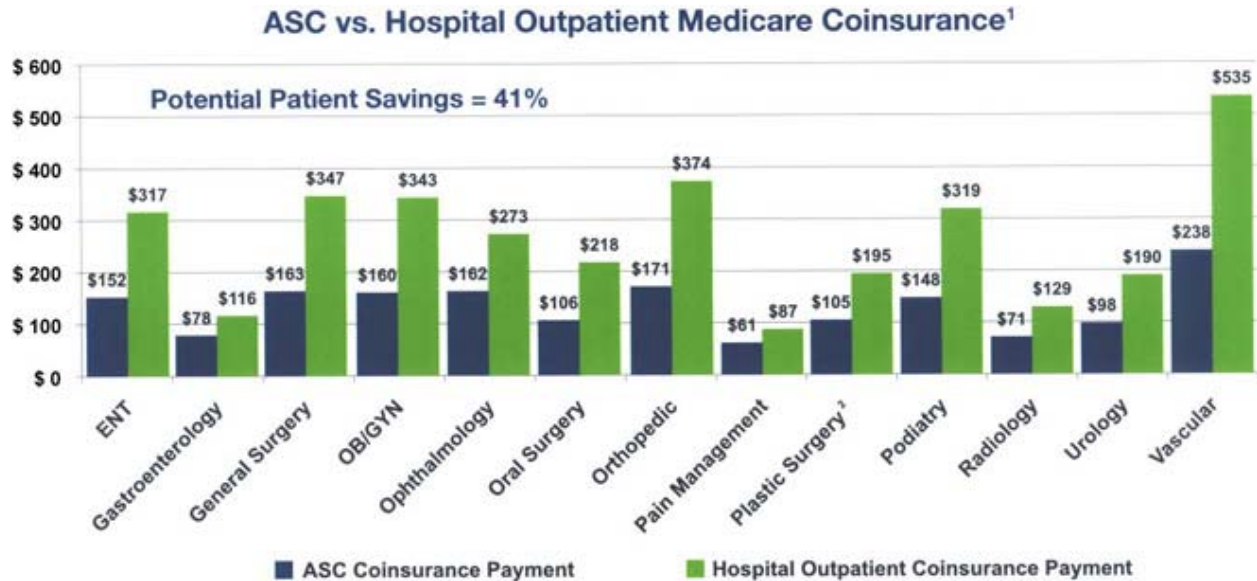


COST SAVINGS

During these challenging economic times, it is especially important to consider possible cost savings. By having surgery at an accredited ambulatory surgical center instead of at a hospital, it is possible to significantly reduce the cost of surgery.



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ASC vs. Hospital Outpatient Medicare Rates¹

Specialty	ASC (\$)	Hospital Outpatient (\$)	Difference (%)	Patient Savings ² (\$)
ENT	761	1,584	52	165
Gastroenterology	391	582	33	38
General Surgery	816	1,737	53	184
OB/GYN	801	1,717	53	183
Ophthalmology	812	1,364	40	110
Oral Surgery	529	1,088	51	112
Orthopedic	853	1,869	54	203
Pain Management	307	437	30	26
Plastic Surgery ³	525	974	46	90
Podiatry	738	1,597	54	172
Radiology	356	647	45	58
Urology	488	951	49	93
Vascular	1,188	2,677	56	298
Average	\$566	\$961	41%	\$79

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