

Cost saving

The potential [cost](#) savings from [outpatient operations](#) are only meaningful if their [safety](#) profile is at least equivalent to that of [inpatient care](#). An increased [risk](#) of [perioperative morbidity](#) or downstream [complications](#) or [readmissions](#) could erase any immediate financial gains. Studies have previously shown faster postoperative recovery and improved satisfaction with [ambulatory surgery centers](#) (ASC), in general ¹⁾.

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