

Savings for Patients

“Southgate Surgery Center Offers Savings to Patients & Businesses”

Southgate, MI. When it comes to choosing a location for surgery, often patients do not think they have a choice, but they do. They can also save themselves, their company and their insurance company hundreds of dollars. Why? Because insurance companies pay same day surgery centers much less than hospital affiliated surgery centers. For example, the Southgate Surgery Center performs about forty eight hundred surgeries a year in areas of Ophthalmology and Gastroenterology. Of those forty eight hundred surgeries the savings to the consumer is anywhere from one hundred to six hundred dollars per procedure. In this Center alone it saves insurance companies and ultimately the consumer, an average of three hundred fifty dollars per procedure and at forty eight hundred various surgeries, that is an insurance savings of 1.68 million a year. Just think about how much the State of Michigan could save. In 2004, according to Blackwell Publications forty four thousand two hundred GI surgeries were executed. If they were all performed at a same day surgery center they would have saved Michigan insurance carriers over 15.5 million.

A current survey conducted by JAMA/Archives Journals found that only 42 percent of patients said they decided equally with their doctor where the surgery would take place, 31 percent said their doctor was the main decision maker, 22 percent said they made the decision, and 5 percent said a family member was the main decision maker. Patients need to get informed of their options. Businesses need to be aware of options to help

employees make thoughtful health choices and physicians should check out independently owned surgery centers so they are aware of other choices for their patients.

Small businesses can benefit from employees going to **independently owned** surgery centers since the benefit paid to these Centers is much lower than payments made to hospitals and hospital affiliated out patient centers. Patients can benefit from lower insurance costs and a friendly, professional, comfortable setting without as many demands as busy hospital settings. Physicians also benefit from the personal attention their patients receive in this technology rich environment.

Surgery can be a frightening experience. Most people do considerable amounts of research on the procedure and the physician. Why would you not also research the facility handling your care? When it comes to choosing a facility, the Southgate Surgery Center is an independent physician owned facility specializing in same day eye, pain management and GI procedures. They have friendly, experienced staff and a warm inviting environment. This facility has saved patients and businesses hundreds of dollars on each procedure. For more information about Southgate Surgery Center please call (734) 281-0100 or e-mail lindap@cscmi.net.