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# plastic surgeon checklist

It is common for patients considering plastic surgery to interview several surgeons before making a decision. Such comparison is a valuable process. To enable you to compare "apples" with "apples" and not "lemons," we provide the following worksheet. Complete it for each surgeon and facility you consider. Verify safety and certification factors which insure your ultimate protection. Small differences in fee quotations between surgeons may actually represent major differences in your safety, both during surgery and in the recovery room. Should an emergency occur you'll want to know the medical team has the skills and equipment needed. The importance of having a highly-qualified medical team and a certified facility cannot be overestimated.

## SURGEON

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Certified in: \_\_\_\_\_

Call (800)776-2378 to verify through the American Board of Medical Specialties.

## ANESTHESIA

- MD Anesthesiologists? (check one)  YES  NO  
 Certified Nurse Anesthetist? (check one)  YES  NO  
 Will there be... (check one)  A Surgeon & a Nurse  Only a Surgeon

## SURGERY FACILITY

What accreditations does the facility have? (check all that apply)

- Medicare  State  
 AAAASF (American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Inc.)  
 AAAHC (Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care)

Ask to see the Operating Room and Recovery Room.

## OPERATING ROOM

What monitoring is available in the operating room? (check all that apply)

- EKG  Pulse Oximetry  Blood Pressure  
 Capnograph (CO2)

## RECOVERY ROOM

What monitoring is available in the recovery room? (check all that apply)

- EKG  Pulse Oximetry  Blood Pressure  
 A nurse (RN)

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

How does the surgery facility handle medical emergencies? (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Does the facility have a "crash cart" with the medical equipment to handle a life-threatening emergency? (check one)  YES  NO

Does the surgeon have plastic surgery privileges for your specific procedure which would allow transfer to a nearby hospital in the event of an emergency? (check one)  YES  NO