



## **AAAASF & AAAASFI FACT SHEET**

The American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Inc. (AAAASF) has been accrediting surgery facilities since 1980. Its primary goal is to promote the highest quality patient safety in the ambulatory (office-based or outpatient) surgery setting. Accreditation represents a high level of attention to the details that make a surgery facility safer.

AAAASF programs include surgical, procedural, oral maxillofacial, international surgical and dental (American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities International or AAAASFI). AAAASF is also deemed by Medicare to accredit ambulatory surgery centers, rehabilitation and outpatient physical therapy agencies and rural health clinics.

AAAASF and AAAASFI have developed stringent, nationally recognized standards that are continuously reviewed and revised as new developments in outpatient surgery occur. Patient safety is never compromised when standards are amended.

AAAASF and AAAASFI requires 100% compliance with all accreditation standards and does not offer partial accreditation. If a facility fails to meet any standard, it must correct the deficiency or risk denial or loss of accreditation.

AAAASF and AAAASFI surveyors are certified medical specialists trained to perform a thorough and complete facility survey. AAAASF and AAAASFI facility surveyors follow a regimented procedure to survey an outpatient surgery facility in the following categories:

1. General Environment
2. Operating Room Environment, Policy and Procedures
3. Recovery Room Environment, Policy and Procedures
4. General Safety in the Facility
5. Blood and Medications
6. Medical Records
7. Quality Assessment and Quality Improvement
8. Personnel
9. Anesthesia