

4 WAYS

Ambulatory Surgery Centers Control Costs

1970

1990

2010

TODAY

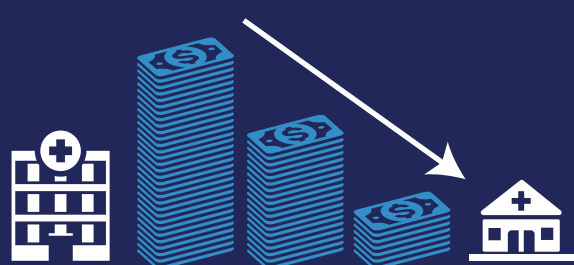


The first ASC was opened in **1970** by two physicians who wanted to provide a high-quality, cost-effective alternative to inpatient hospital care for surgical services.



Today more than **23 million procedures** are performed in over **6,000 ASCs** in the U.S.

ASCs are helping to keep healthcare costs down.



ASCs reduce the cost of outpatient surgery by over **\$38 BILLION** per year in the U.S. by providing a lower cost site of care compared to hospital outpatient departments

4 Ways ASCs Control Costs Through Operational Efficiency

01

By specializing only on certain procedures, ASCs require a small physical space to function



02

ASCs flex staff schedules depending on caseload, and often have a shortened workweek



03

ASCs schedule many cases in a row to minimize idle downtime between procedures



04

ASCs closely monitor inventory to avoid unused supplies sitting on shelves or delays due to missing supplies



Celebrate National ASC Week: August 8-12, 2016

Read more about how ASCs deliver high-quality, cost-effective care on the [SourceMed Blog](#).

SourceMed's integrated solutions capture, exchange and analyze data that enable outpatient facilities to optimize revenue, enhance operational efficiency and increase compliance.



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