




Comparison of Outpatient Surgery Locations

 Hospital Outpatient Department	 Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC)	 Doctor's Office Procedure Room	
CATEGORY			
Availability of Emergency Resources	High (technicians, specialists, resuscitation equipment available)	Moderate (equipment available; must transfer for major emergencies)	Low (limited equipment and staff)
Convenience	Lower (less convenient) (e.g., longer wait times, parking, walking to care setting)	Higher (more convenient) (e.g., faster scheduling, easier check-in)	Highest (most convenient) (e.g., same-day scheduling, personalized care)
Cost	Highest	Moderate (less than hospital)	Lowest
Anesthesia Staffing	Regular group of anesthesia professionals common	Regular anesthesia team often used	May rely on sedation by non-anesthesia professionals
Emergency Response	Immediate response with on-site critical care trained staff and specialty consultants.	Advanced life support available; ambulance transfer needed for critical care	Basic resuscitation equipment; emergency services via 911
Accreditation	Required; typically accredited (e.g., TJC, AAAHC)	Usually accredited (e.g., AAAHC, AAAASF, TJC)	Accreditation varies; less common
Ideal Use Cases	Complex procedures, high-risk patients	Moderate complexity procedures, generally healthy patients	Simple procedures with minimal or no anesthesia. Patients without serious medical conditions