



SURGERY FINANCIAL POLICY

Your doctor has recommended surgery for the treatment of your orthopedic condition. If you elect to proceed with surgery, the staff will answer any questions you have about your surgery.

Pre-Pay Estimates As you know, most insurance plans require that you pay a deductible, co-pay or co-insurance. We require that you pay your deductible, co-pay, co-insurance, or any other out-of-pocket requirement for your surgery *in advance*. This pre-pay is an estimate, and the final bill might be more or less once the claim is processed by your insurance plan. For your convenience, payments can be made with cash, check, credit card, or money order. If necessary, we can set up a payment plan for you.

Assistant Surgeons To ensure that you receive the best possible care and treatment, someone might assist your surgeon during your procedure. The charges for an assistant surgeon appear very similar to the surgeon's charges; however they are separate from the surgeon's charges. You might incur additional out-of-pocket costs, depending on how your insurance plan processes these assistant surgeon charges. Please note that even though your surgeon feels that an assistant is necessary during your procedure, your insurance plan might deny the charges because they think an assistant surgeon is not "medically necessary."

Other Charges Please be aware that there might be charges from other providers involved in your care, such as the facility, anesthesiologist, laboratory, and implant manufacturer. We recommend that you contact your insurance plan prior to your surgery to verify that these providers and their services are covered by your insurance plan.

Covered Benefits Some procedures, such as computer-assisted navigation, may not be covered by your insurance plan. Please carefully review your insurance plan's policy pamphlet. When you receive an item or service that is not covered for any reason, you are responsible for the cost.

Global Period A "global period" of 0, 10, or 90 days may be assigned to your surgery by your insurance plan. The surgical global period includes the actual surgery and doctor visits for uncomplicated follow-up care. Please note that you might still incur costs during your global period because complications, services unrelated to the surgery, x-rays, casting, injections and some supplies are not included in the global period.

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Additional Questions

Should you have any questions or concerns about your surgery, please call and ask:

Surgery Scheduling 512.476.2830 ext. 284

Billing 512.476.2830 ext. 285

Signature required prior to surgery

1. I understand that the surgery pre-pay is an estimate, and the final bill might be more or less once the claim is processed by my insurance plan. I will be responsible for any remaining balance once the claim has been processed by my insurance plan.
2. I understand that it is my responsibility to inform Orthopaedic Specialists of Austin of any changes regarding my insurance coverage and that failure to do so may result in my being responsible for the full balance.
3. I have been given a copy of this agreement and agree to these terms.

Patient Name (printed)

Patient or Responsible Party Signature

Date

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