

Position Statement

Patient Safety in Office-Based Facial Plastic Surgery

The American Academy of Facial Plastic Surgery believes that patient safety, quality of care and fair and accurate representations to the public are paramount to the responsibilities of the physician and their representative societies.

As an academy, we recognize that technological advances in anesthesia medications and monitoring equipment make it possible to perform facial plastic surgical procedures safely in the office-based setting.

As an Academy, we support the use of outcomes studies in order to define specific risk incidences relating to surgery performed in the office-based environment.

Current data supports the use of general anesthesia in the office-based surgery setting.

There is no evidence that case duration and/or combined facial plastic surgery procedures, accomplished in accredited facilities with appropriate anesthesia providers, increase the incidence of morbidity and mortality in facial plastic surgical procedures.