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**Do you do your cosmetic surgery in your office? If so, what assurances do patients have that it is as safe an environment as a hospital operating room?**

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Excellent question! I wish that more patients seeking procedures would ask that of their surgeons. Yes, we do all our cosmetic procedures in our own office operating room. There are three widely recognized organizations that inspect operating rooms to ensure that they meet accepted safety standards: the JCAH, the AAAHC and the AAAASF. Not only is our office certified by AAAASF, we go beyond their already rigorous requirements. Our operating room nurses are all RNs and were operating room nurses before they came to work for us. All general anesthesia is performed by the same anesthesiologists who work at the hospital. Even our cleaning staff is hospital trained. Data gathered from the members of AAAASF has shown that facilities meeting their standards provide an environment as safe if not safer than a hospital for elective surgery.

In additions to asking about accreditation of the facility, if there were only one question that you could ask your operating surgeon about a procedure that is planned for an office operating room it should be: "Do you have privileges to do at the hospital what you are about to do to me here in your office?" This will help to assure you that the surgeon is indeed trained to do the procedure since a group of his peers has reviewed and approved his credentials and training. At this time, the state of Virginia has no regulations regarding what a physician can or cannot do in his office. Please call our office to view our operating room at an open house scheduled for March 25th by advanced reservation only.

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