



INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS UNDERGOING POSTOPERATIVE DEBRIDEMENT AFTER ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY

The rules followed by Medicare, and most insurance companies, usually include payment for care after the operation in the fee paid for the surgery itself. For a variety of reasons, all of which are beyond our control, the “rules” are different for endoscopic sinus surgery.

A very important part of your sinus surgery is debridement of the sinus cavities. This allows for proper healing and is essential for a good outcome following your surgery. We have been instructed by Medicare and insurance companies to bill for this portion of your care separate from the surgical care itself. This policy has several important implications:



First, there will be a copayment for what is viewed as an office procedure when you come in to have your sinuses debrided.



There will be an additional charge for this service, separate from the charges for your sinus surgery.



The number of debridements necessary will vary from patient to patient.

We apologize for any confusion this policy causes. At times, we also find it difficult to understand. Please check with your insurance carrier if you have any questions related to the “global period” associated with surgical endoscopy of the sinuses.

If you have any questions, our Business Office Manager will be glad to assist you.