

Dermatologic surgeons

are EXPERTS

in skin and cosmetic surgery

ASDSA
American Society for
Dermatologic Surgery ASSOCIATION

DERMATOLOGIC SURGEONS

ARE:

- **Board-certified by the American Board of Dermatology**
- **Unsurpassed** in levels of training and education
- Recognized as the **most qualified** and **preferred specialist** by primary care physicians and patients to perform skin, laser and cosmetic procedures

PERFORM:

- **Skin cancer treatments**, removal of symptomatic lesions and cosmetic surgeries on patients of all ages
- Medically necessary office-based surgery and office-based liposuction which research shows has a **lower complication rate** than hospital-based procedures
- Skin cancer excisions using local anesthesia, which is **safer** than conscious sedation or general anesthesia

Cost-Effective:

\$1,745

Median cost
for outpatient
melanoma surgeries.

\$11,323

Median cost for
operating room
melanoma surgeries.

Treating skin cancer surgically in the outpatient setting is less costly compared to the operating room.

Non-melanoma skin cancers treated with in-office surgical procedures are **as effective as hospital settings** and significantly **less expensive**.

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