

## YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

### SURGICAL FACILITY CERTIFICATION

*Currently, in most states operating room certification is still an independent, voluntary option. There are few federal, state and local laws requiring the certification of office-based operating rooms. As long as fire and safety codes are met **any** physician may perform any procedure. The following are certifying agencies of operating facilities:*

- **American Association for the Accreditation of Ambulatory Plastic Surgery Facilities**

This accreditation requires meeting a high level of standard for adequate surgical patient care.

- **Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care**

Most insurance companies recognize this national accrediting body.

- **Medicare**

A Federal Government agency with strict requirements governing the highest of standards for personnel, procedures and equipment.