

Pricing – General Information

Dr. Altman believes that offering pricing transparency to his patients will empower them with information to improve their healthcare decisions about the cost of plastic surgery and ancillary procedures. Our office is happy to engage every patient in a discussion about the pricing of his or her procedure. There is a great variation in patient interests, anatomy, and health factors that go into a decision on pricing. This list contains estimates only and is designed to serve as a broad guideline. Pricing is individualized and may be higher or lower based on a number of clinical factors. A quotation with a breakdown of the prices will be available after consultation with Dr. Altman. Understanding that attempting to create an online pricing menu also invites some confusion, we are trying this out for the short term, at the very least, to assist the individuals who are interested in being more proactive in understanding pricing prior to their office visit.

Multiple prior operations, increased health risk factors, and complicated procedures requiring more time and / or resources would tend to be priced higher.

More straightforward operations, in individuals with less risk factors, would tend to be priced lower.

Patients and their families who have a long history with our practice will typically see special considerations in pricing.

The prices include surgeon's fees, anesthesiologist, and operating room at our facility, or a local hospital, basic labs, implants, and garments. Pre-operative appointment, and uncomplicated post-operative appointments for one year are included.

Some procedures are covered in part by PPO insurance and / or health savings accounts, and this will be taken into account in determining the price of surgery. Our office will typically need a copy of the front and back of the insurance card as well as the patient's date of birth in order to look into insurance coverage.

We are out of network, and not contracted with any carriers, HOWEVER, we make every attempt to determine benefits on an individualized basis, and often times the insurance benefits are very helpful to cover the cost of surgery.

The list above was primarily constructed to generate a range of prices for cosmetic surgery. There are a number of procedures where a portion or most of the cost might be covered by PPO insurance, and this will need to be checked in advance. Examples might be:

- Nasal Surgery where there is breathing issues related to the internal structure
- Breast Implant surgery where there is painful capsular contracture with silicone gel breast implants, or ruptured silicone gel breast implants. Saline implant deflations typically have some benefits toward new implants from the implant company.
- Breast Reconstruction on the breast with cancer and the opposite side.

- Lumps, Bumps, Skin Cancers, Injuries – typically have PPO insurance benefits.

Breast Reductions, Abdominoplasty surgery; and breast reconstruction procedures are often performed in the hospital with one night of aftercare.

Medical clearance examinations are additional \$170.00. Mammograms are additional.

Please feel free to email or call us about pricing.

Dr. Altman is happy to look at patient photos sent by email. However, we appreciate the need to protect patient privacy, and at this time are not suggesting that patients email or text photos that may give up identity unless they are comfortable doing so. We will make every attempt to protect issues of patient privacy. Gmail which we use, may or may not be HIPAA compliant. We are researching the possibility of incorporating a HIPAA compliant telecommunication platform into our practice that will offer patient portals to send encrypted information and images. In the meantime, Dr. Altman may on an individual basis be able to call or set up a FaceTime consultation for individuals who are unable to come into the office, or for any number of reasons, the visit is impractical.

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