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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.

### **Lumps, Bumps, Skin Cancers, Simple Injuries**

#### **Excision of Epidermal Inclusion Cysts / Sebaceous Cyst**

\$750.00 - \$1500.00

#### **Excision of Lipomas**

\$750.00 - \$2500.00

#### **Excision of Skin Cancers\***

\$1250.00 - \$3500.00

#### **Lacerations**

\$500.00 - \$3500.00

#### **Shave excision of Benign Moles / Nevi\***

\$500.00 for the first, \$250.00 for the second, \$100.00 for the third, and subsequent moles.

#### **Excision or Re-Excision of Benign Moles / Nevi or Melanomas\***

\$750.00 - \$2250.00

(These procedures are typically performed under a local anesthetic without sedation)

\*(The case rate for pathology is between \$60.00 and \$100.00 per lesion)

Many of these 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 and we can look into insurance coverage. Given that many individuals have high deductibles, we are offering the above quotes / cash prices for procedures that otherwise would be covered but fall into a gap that doesn't offer benefits.

Please feel free to email or call us about pricing.

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.

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. 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 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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