



About Nasal Endoscopy

Dear Patient,

Please be advised that nasal endoscopies performed at our office are used for both diagnostic and therapeutic purposes. We utilize the most advanced technological methods to diagnose and treat nasal, sinus, allergic and snoring disorders. The endoscopies we may employ as part of your nasal and sinus evaluation ensure an accurate and thorough exam.

A thin endoscope is inserted into the nasal passage to visualize the internal anatomy of the nose and openings of the sinuses. Depending on your nasal anatomy, sometimes an anesthetic is used. The doctor will inform you if he plans to apply a local anesthetic; however, anesthesia is not always required. As the doctor performs the endoscopy, you will be able to see the same view inside your nasal passages that he does. Our private exam rooms feature monitors that can display the results of your nasal endoscopy, as well as other diagnostic tests. The doctor will take the time to explain your condition as you view the images on the monitor.

Depending upon the nature of your condition, the endoscopy may be diagnostic and used strictly for visualization purposes only. Other times, the scope may be used for surgical purposes to clean an area or remove a polyp or nasal mass. In some instances, the doctor may capture an image in digital format for further reproduction and review.

Insurance companies will consider all of these procedures "surgical". We do not have control over how endoscopies are interpreted by insurance companies. Diagnostic endoscopies are always considered "surgical" despite the fact that surgical instruments are not used. We notify you of this issue in advance so you are not surprised when you receive an explanation of benefits from your insurance company that states a "surgical service" was provided. Surgical services may also be reimbursed at a different rate than an office visit.

Endoscopies vary in price depending on the nature of the service. If you have any other concerns or questions regarding fees or your insurance coverage, please call us at (614) 771-9871.

Sincerely,

Ohio Sinus Institute

I have read the above information regarding the nasal endoscopy and understand that the procedure is considered an outpatient surgery and may result in higher fees.

Signature of Patient or Responsible Party

Date

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