



Checklist: Things to Consider before You Choose a Surgeon

SURGEON: CREDENTIALS

What is the surgeon's board certification? _____

Does the surgeon have hospital privileges? _____

Has the surgeon completed a fellowship in plastic surgery? _____

SURGEON: EXPERTISE

Does this procedure make sense for me? _____

Has the surgeon performed procedures of this type for patients with similar concerns? _____

Does the surgeon have before/after pictures of their work for this procedure? _____

Are the surgeon's results consistent from patient to patient? _____

SURGEON: YOUR COMFORT LEVEL

Do I trust this surgeon will recommend what's safe and best for me? _____

Does the surgeon take time to fully explain the procedure and answer all my questions?

Do I feel comfortable disclosing my full medical history and habits to this surgeon? _____

FACILITY: SAFETY & QUALITY

What are the risks or complications associated with this procedure? _____

Is the surgical facility accredited by the AAAASF, AAAHC, JCAHO or IMQ? _____

Will general anesthesia, if needed, be administered by a board-certified anesthesiologist or certified registered nurse anesthetist? _____

Will there be a nurse or doctor on call and available 24/7 after my surgery? _____

STAFF: TEAM & SERVICE

Is the staff helpful and friendly? _____

Are wait times reasonable?

When I contact the practice, do they reply promptly? _____

Will they provide materials to help me prepare for what to expect from surgery through recovery?

Will I receive written post-op instructions? _____

Is follow-up care included in the cost of the procedure? _____

PAYMENT: COST & FINANCING

Are payment options available? _____

Do they have promotional financing options, like CareCredit or Cherry? _____

Are the practice's fees all-inclusive and outlined clearly? _____