

# Tacoma Urology Center

## Scheduling and Payment Policies Vasectomy Reversal

The following are our scheduling and financial policies for vasectomy reversal surgery:

There is an initial consultation fee of \$175. This is payable at the time of the consult. If you elect to have the surgery, and schedule the procedure within **60 days** of your consultation, this amount will be credited toward your surgery fee.

Surgical fees are based on the difficulty and complexity of the surgery. In most cases, findings *at the time of surgery* determine the final cost. The following are the current fees:

<i>Bilateral vasovasostomy (uncomplicated)</i> .....	<b>\$1700</b>
<i>Complex vasovasostomy (one-sided vasoevididymostomy)</i> .....	<b>\$2200</b>
<i>Complex bilateral vasovasostomy (bilateral vasoevididymostomy)</i> .....	<b>\$2700</b>
<i>Repeat vasovasostomy (prior failed reversal)</i> .....	<b>\$1700-\$2700</b>

Payments made before and at the time of your surgery are based on the *least* complicated surgery. If your surgery proves to be more complex than anticipated, **there will be a balance due after the surgery**. Payment plans can be arranged for this balance if you wish; contact our office staff for details. We also accept **MasterCard** and **VISA** for your convenience.

St Joseph's Hospital charges a fee of **\$1736.00** for the use of the operating room, nursing support, supplies, and medications, regardless of the complexity of the surgery. This is payable at the time of the procedure. Failure to pay in full at the time of service will result in an itemized billing from the hospital, which will be substantially more than the above price.

A board-certified anesthesiologist will be present for the surgery to insure that you are completely comfortable and to insure your safety during the procedure. Pacific Anesthesia is currently charging a fee of **\$800**, regardless of procedure length or complexity. This is also payable at the time of the procedure. A certified check or money order should be made out to **Pacific Anesthesia**. Failure to pay in full at the time of service will result in an itemized billing from the anesthesiologist, which will be substantially more than the above price.

Payments for the operating room services of St. Joseph's Hospital, anesthesiology, and the surgical fee for the procedure itself are **separate**. Please do not combine these

payments into one. Please note that the conditions and prices quoted for hospital and anesthesia services are **informational purposes** only, and are subject to change at their discretion.

Last minute cancellations are costly both in time and resources, due to the large amount of operating room time (3-5 hours) reserved for the surgery. Because of this, we require a down payment of **\$500** at the time your surgery is scheduled. This is refundable at any time **up to 10 days** prior to your scheduled date of surgery, should you choose to cancel. If surgery is cancelled with less than 10 days notice, a deposit of **\$250** will be retained. This will not be refunded except in the case of bonified medical illness, for which a physician's statement is required, or a serious family emergency, at the physician's discretion.

Payments to the hospital, anesthesiology, and the surgical fee (or the remaining balance if you have a prepaid deposit and/or consult) must be paid in full at the time of the procedure. Unfortunately, no exceptions can be made.

Please do not send any payment until we are able to confirm a scheduled time for your surgery.

The fees quoted are subject to change in the future. We will honor any fees quoted in the accompanying letter for **60 days** from the date of the accompanying letter, however.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions about these policies, please let us know. You may reach us by phone at **(253) 272-8822**.