



**Lowe Plastic Surgery (LPS)**

*Authorization for Independently Contracted Home or Overnight Care*

**Cosmetic Patients:**

Plastic Surgery & Dermatology Associates (PSDA) wants to inform you about your options for home or overnight care following your cosmetic surgery. Associate Surgery Center (ASCO) is a privately licensed surgical center intended for same day surgery. On occasion, PSDA or ASCO patients have requested a nurse or medical assistant to provide extra care after cosmetic surgery performed by Dr. Lowe.

Plastic Surgery & Dermatology Associates (PSDA) can provide you with a list of private agencies or nurses that offer post-surgical care. Most of these services are based on an hourly rate agreed upon when scheduling with the individual or service. PSDA will not vouch for the expertise of these services or individuals, but we would not recommend any with a known bad service record.

Several PSDA employees have offered to assist patients for a limited time the night following surgery. We know Medical Assistances (MAs) and Registered Nurses (RNs) that have expertise in post-surgical care. Patients may contract directly with these individuals in advance of surgery, and their contact information will be provided when requested. Our off duty staff may or may not be available the day of your surgery. The only way to ensure home care is to schedule the date and location with the individual well in advance.

These arrangements are made directly with the off duty staff not PSDA or ASCO, but we believe them to be mutually beneficial. On occasion, home care may not be available due to an emergency or special issue. The arranged home staff should not be the sole individual responsible for care and a backup plan is always encouraged. These off duty staff PSDA members are prohibited from driving patients home after surgery.

It is important to ensure the off duty staff can find your home and that their travel is secure. Patients should not expect the home staff to provide any medications or equipment. PSDA encourages patients to consider hospital overnight stays when in doubt. Patients should always use family or friends as their primary support after surgery.

The rate for service for our off duty contracted staff is dependent on the complexity of your cosmetic surgery and the location of your home. This care is limited only to 6 PM to 6 AM the day of surgery. Our staff must return to their primary employment at our office the following day. All our off duty staff require payment in cash or money order 10-14 days prior to the surgery.

**Medical Assistance (MA) rate (6 PM-6 AM) - \$500.00**

**Registered Nurses (RN) rate (6 PM-6 AM) - \$750.00**

I agree that the off duty home staff member is not a substitute to additional care. The staff is there for a limited time to provide comfort and supportive care only. More complex care should be provided at a hospital or clinic setting. I also agree that the home staff will be treated with respect and provided appropriate accommodations. I agree that the home staff member is independently contracted and their fees are paid directly in advance to that individual. All disputes in care are between the patient and the independent contractor (i.e. off duty PSDA staff). I also agree to hold PSDA and ASCO, its associates, the physicians, and any other entities or individuals not directly associated with the home service or care harmless for any care, act, or services rendered from the home staff independently hired.

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Patient Signature

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