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## **Athens Endoscopy, LLC earns AAAASF accreditation for patient safety**

Athens Endoscopy, LLC has demonstrated its commitment to patient safety by gaining accreditation from the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (AAAASF). AAAASF is celebrating its 37<sup>th</sup> year of promoting the highest quality patient safety in the ambulatory surgery setting (office-based or outpatient), as well as rehabilitation and outpatient therapy agencies and rural health clinics.

AAAASF requires 100 percent compliance with all accreditation standards and does not offer partial accreditation. If a facility fails to meet any standard, it must correct the deficiency or risk denial or loss of accreditation.

To earn its accreditation, Athens Endoscopy, LLC passed inspection on hundreds of important criteria concerning patient safety. AAAASF facility surveyors are board certified medical specialists trained to perform a thorough and complete facility inspection. AAAASF facility surveyors follow a regimented procedure to survey an outpatient surgery facility in the following categories:

- General Environment
- Operating Room Environment, Policy and Procedures
- Recovery Room Environment, Policy and Procedures
- General Safety in the Facility
- Blood and Medications
- Medical Records
- Quality Assessment and Quality Improvement
- Personnel
- Anesthesia

### **About the AAAASF**

The [American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Inc. \(AAAASF\)](http://www.aaaasf.org) was established in 1980 to standardize and improve the quality of medical and surgical care in outpatient facilities and assure the public that patient safety is top priority in an accredited facility. More than 2,200 outpatient facilities are accredited by AAAASF, one of the largest not-for-profit accrediting organizations in the United States. Surgeons, legislators, state and national health agencies and patients acknowledge that AAAASF sets the "gold standard" for quality patient care.

AAAASF programs include surgical, procedural, oral maxillofacial, international surgical and dental. AAAASF is also deemed by Medicare to accredit ambulatory surgery centers, rehabilitation and outpatient therapy agencies and rural health clinics. For more information, visit <http://www.aaaasf.org> or [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).

# American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Inc.

presents this certificate to

## *Athens Endoscopy, LLC*

for having met the standards of a CLASS B ambulatory surgery facility in which minor or major surgical procedures are performed under intravenous or parenteral sedation (excluding Propofol), analgesia, or dissociative drugs.

**AAAASF President**

David C. Watts, MD



**Secretary/Treasurer**

Lawrence S. Reed, MD



**Certified: May 31, 2018 to May 31, 2019**

**Certification Number: 6838**