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Tighten Rules for Surgery

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To the Editor:

Re "The Irish Patient and Dr. Lawsuit" (April 24):

The article points out a shortcoming in New York State regarding office surgery. Unlike New Jersey, New York has no law or regulation that says who can do what in an office operating room. The American Society of Plastic Surgeons has passed rules that all members (board-certified plastic surgeons) who operate in office surgeries must also be credentialed to do the same procedures in a hospital.

Also, office operating rooms need to be certified and approved by an appropriate entity like the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities.

For physicians who are not affiliated with any hospital or credentialed by any national society we need stricter supervision as to who can do what and where.

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