

What is Office Based Surgery (OBS)?

Office-Based Surgery is any surgical or invasive procedure, accompanied by general anesthesia, deep or moderate sedation, or liposuction with removal of greater than 500 ml; where the procedure is performed by a physician, physician assistant or specialist assistant, in a location other than a hospital or ambulatory surgery center. This definition excludes minor procedures and procedures performed with minimal sedation.

Minor procedures are those that can be performed safely with minimal discomfort where the likelihood of complications requiring hospitalization is minimal; procedures performed with local or topical anesthesia or liposuction with removal of less than 500 ml under unsupplemented anesthesia.



Contact us at:

Office of Quality and Patient Safety (OQPS)

Contact Information:

Mail: Office-Based Surgery
Office of Quality and Patient Safety
New York State Department of Health
Corning Tower- ESP, Room 1938
Albany, NY 12237

Phone: 518-408-1219

Email: obs@health.ny.gov



Department
of Health

New York State Office-Based Surgery Adverse Event Reporting



WHO needs to report

New York State Public Health Law Section 230-d states:

All physicians, podiatrists privileged to perform ankle surgery, physician assistants (PA), and specialist assistants (SA) must report specific adverse events that occur in relation to the performance of office-based surgery (OBS).

Any physician, PA and/or SA who suspects or becomes aware of any patient issue occurring after the OBS procedure. This may include emergency medicine physicians in a hospital or primary care physicians.



Events that must be reported

1. A patient death within 30 days of undergoing OBS
2. An unplanned transfer to a hospital or Emergency Department (ED) visit within 72 hours of OBS for reasons related to the OBS procedure
3. An unscheduled hospital admission or assignment to observation services for longer than 24 hours, which occurs within 72 hours of OBS
4. Any other serious or life-threatening event as identified by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), and defined as a Serious Reportable Event by the National Quality Forum, such as:
 - Incorrect surgery or invasive procedure performed on a patient
 - Surgery or invasive procedure performed on the incorrect site or incorrect person
 - Unplanned return to the Operating Room (OR) after a discharge from an OBS office that is for a procedure that is related to the original procedure
5. Any suspected health care transmission of a Bloodborne Pathogen (BBP) from a health care practitioner to a patient (or between patients) that originates in an OBS practice as a result of improper infection control practices. BBPs include viruses such as Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV.

WHEN to report

Adverse events must be reported within 3 business days of the event. Suspected transmissions of a BBP must be reported within 3 days of becoming aware of the suspected transmission.

HOW to report

Complete and submit an Adverse Event Report at: <https://obsaer.health.ny.gov>

For questions, please contact the OBS Program at **518-408-1219**, or via email: obs@health.ny.gov

In the event the electronic Adverse Event Report is unavailable, a paper Adverse Event Report form can be found on the OBS website at:

www.health.ny.gov/professionals/office-based_surgery/

Failure to Report

This falls within the definition of professional misconduct identified in Section 6530(48) of Education Law and may result in a referral to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct.

