

The Eye Surgery Center's Current Regulations

- The Eye Surgery Center (TESC) demonstrates compliance with standards for health, safety and sanitation as required by State law by being certified through The Joint Commission/CMS Certification Process.
- TESC operates as a Medicare- certified Ambulatory Surgery Center.
- TESC actively participates in Vermont's Health reform initiatives by - reducing health care cost & cost growth, by assuring that all Vermonters have access to high quality health care, and by improving the health of Vermont's population.
- All the Eye Surgeons at TESC follow TESC principles of timely access to care, appropriate communication with patients and staff at TESC, maintaining active policies & procedures for immediate transfers to the hospital for patients needing emergency medical care.
- TESC has a transport agreement with South Burlington's Fire & EMT Department.
- TESC has a voted in Medical Director who is a physician.
- TESC Surgeons are all available post procedures for their patients, MD phone numbers are given at time of discharge with discharge instructions.
- TESC uses a uniformed Credentialing Application & Process for all MDs & CRNAs.
- TESC Clinic Administrator is a Registered Nurse.
- All patients at TESC are examined by an Anesthesiologist prior to surgery.
- TESC has an active Charity Policy & Procedure.
- TESC has an organized medical staff of 8 surgeons and 2 anesthesiologist
- TESC maintains accounting records of all operating procedures on a daily/ month/yearly bases.
- All patients at TESC have a professional medical record which are signed by the surgeon at the end of each case and are stored for 10 years at an offsite HIPPA approved storage facility after 1 year of onsite storage.
- TESC has been inspected in February 2018 by The Vermont Department of Health and now they are our Infection Prevention Consultants.
- Buildings are inspected by The Joint Commission Life Safety Personnel

- TESC participate in an active Patient Satisfaction Survey - reviewing all survey monthly with TESC Staff and quarterly with Governing Body Members.
- TESC provides patient upon request written price estimates for their procedures and surgery.
- TESC participates in the ASCQR (Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting) Program reporting CMS dictated quality measure per case and annually.
- TESC has internal quality reporting committees which review quality measures such as infections, Physician peer review, Medical Record audits, Surgical Infections and Policy & Procedures. These reports are presented quarterly at the Governing Body Meetings.
- Daily benchmark data is collected on each patient and compared with National ASC benchmark measures.
- Monthly audits completed on our Pharmaceuticals by a Certified Pharmacologist from UVMCC.
- We are also subject to unannounced auditing by the Joint Commission, Medicare, the State of Vermont, Private insurers, and the IRS.