



COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
MEDICAL CENTER

PLEASE READ:

Assistant Surgeons: To ensure that you receive the best possible care and treatment, a medical professional might need to assist your surgeon during your procedure, if a resident is not available. The charges for an assistant surgeon are usually an additional 50 percent of the primary surgeon's fee, however, they are separate from the surgeon's charges. If there is an Assistant Surgeon who does not participate with your insurance, we will submit the bill to your insurance company for reimbursement and will balance bill you for a portion, which is not covered by your insurance carrier.

Please note that even though your surgeon feels that an assistant is necessary during your procedure, your insurance plan might deny the charges because they think an assistant surgeon is not "medically necessary." We will ask you to help us with the appeal process in hopes to secure additional funds and lower your out of pocket expense. (The financial associate in your physician's practice can further explain this.)

My signature below confirms that I have read the information above.

Signature: _____

Date: _____