



Information for Our Acne Patients Regarding Acne Surgery

One of the basic problems causing acne is the plugging of pores with dead skin cells. This leads to an inflammatory response that we see as red, inflamed pimples and pustules. To best prevent the pimples from occurring, a procedure called *acne surgery* is performed to extract the dead cells manually. This enormously enhances the effect of the medicines you are prescribed and reduces the chance of scarring.

Some insurance companies consider *acne surgery* to be part of **your health insurance deductible**. This procedure is almost always covered, so the most common reason for you to have to be responsible for payment is the deductible. Once you have met the **deductible**, your insurance company will cover their portion. We strongly suggest that before your next visit you contact your insurance company to see what their policy is for this procedure.

When you call them, please state that the diagnosis is *acne vulgaris* and that the diagnosis code is **706.1**. The procedure code for **acne surgery** is **10040**. Your insurance company should be able to tell you what your financial responsibilities are with these codes.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

The Physicians and Staff