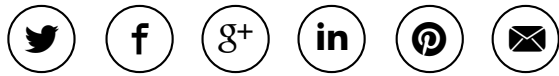


# Pocono Medical Care's MilfordMD Cosmetic Dermatology Surgery & Laser Center Earns Three-Year Quality of Care Accreditation from AAAHC

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The British Medical Journal (BMJ) published a study in its May 3 edition that suggests medical errors make up the third leading cause of death in the United States, after heart disease and cancer. "We avoid medical errors as doctors, nurses and other staff by taking the right safety precautions. One important precaution in cosmetic surgery, where many procedures are done in outpatient facilities or in physicians' offices, is to be accredited



With great pride, MilfordMD Cosmetic Dermatology Surgery & Laser Center announces that it has been granted the highest accreditation a cosmetic surgical center can receive by the AAAHC.

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by a quality third-party organization. AAAHC is the oldest credible accrediting agency in our field," Dr. Buckley says.

AAAHC is a private, non-profit organization that has been helping ambulatory healthcare organizations to improve quality of patient care since 1979. AAAHC holds these outpatient centers, including physician office operating rooms, to high quality standards, measures performance and reviews facilities for quality. "AAAHC accreditation means that the organization participates in on-going self-evaluation, peer review and education to continuously improve its care and services. The organization also commits to a thorough, on-site survey by AAAHC surveyors, who are themselves health care professionals, at least every three years," according to AAAHC.

Patients are often surprised by the scope of standards that AAAHC looks for, according to Dr. Buckley. It's not only whether a facility is safe and clean, but also how the doctor and staff treat their patients. Are patients treated with respect and dignity? Are they educated about their rights, treatment, options in emergency care, fees and more? AAAHC standards that accredited practices must uphold also include governance, which includes such things as the process for identifying, analyzing, reporting and preparing an action plan for adverse incidents. How does the practice confirm staff and other associated provider qualifications? And do the practice's providers provide care based on their training, experience and licensing?

"That's a big issue in cosmetic medicine," Dr. Buckley says. "Some spas, for example, might have people who aren't qualified in performing cosmetic procedures. Even if those procedures are noninvasive, it doesn't mean that bad things can't happen. Patients should seek out providers who are qualified to do specific cosmetic treatments, based on the provider's training, experience and licensing."

AAAHC also looks at whether a practice maintains appropriate and secure patient health information and conducts patient satisfaction surveys, as well as if the practice is continuously trying to improve its care with quality reviews and more. "Of course, there is a great deal of scrutiny on a practice's infection control practices and whether providers and their staffs adhere to strict safety guidelines," Dr. Buckley says. There's much more involved in earning this accreditation, Dr. Buckley says. That includes such things as physician supervision of anesthesia. MilfordMD takes patient safety to a new level by avoiding general anesthesia and using local tumescent anesthesia.

#### About [MilfordMD Cosmetic Dermatology Surgery & Laser Center](#):

The MilfordMD Cosmetic Dermatology Surgery & Laser Center offers state-of-the-art highly specialized procedures in laser and cosmetic surgery and aesthetic skin care. In addition to its extensive laser surgery capabilities, MilfordMD offers physician designed skin care products for home use. Milford, Pennsylvania's MilfordMD Cosmetic Dermatology Surgery & Laser Center is sought out by patients from around the world for expertise and innovation in cosmetic treatments performed by Richard E. Buckley, M.D. and Marina Buckley, M.D.

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