



Dear Patient,

Thank you for contacting our facility about your interest in having a Tubal Ligation Reversal. There are a couple of options available for women who have previously had a Tubal Ligation.

- Tubal Ligation Reversal Surgery
- In Vitro Fertilization (IVF)

Tubal Ligation Reversal surgery is not always right for everyone. In most cases, it is the safest, most successful and the most cost effective option, for women desiring to have more children following sterilization.

You have already completed the first step towards obtaining your goal of having tubal reversal surgery, and by calling our office and speaking with a Patient Coordinator, you will be able to get the answers to any questions that you may have about the tubal reversal process. If you e-mailed or texted our office and still have questions, please call us toll-free at 1-877-588-5594.

The next step, after reading the included information, is to complete the two forms in this packet. The first is a Health History form and the second is a Medical Release of Information. After completing these forms, please send them back to our office either by mail, fax, or e-mail. If you have a copy of your operative notes from your Tubal Ligation Surgery, you can send them back to our office at the time you send these two forms. Please do NOT send your original operative note copies. If you do not have your Tubal Ligation operative notes, we will request the notes from the hospital where you had your tubal ligation performed, without any charge to you.

A free consultation is provided to all patients who contact our facility so that Dr. Greene and Dr. Turner can determine whether tubal reversal surgery is an option for you. By reviewing your Tubal Ligation operative notes and the completed Health History form, our physicians are provided with the information that informs them of the type method of sterilization (tubal ligation) that was performed, the amount of tube remaining and detailed information about your medical history, so they can determine if you are a candidate for Tubal Reversal surgery.

If we are unable to obtain a copy of your Tubal Ligation operative notes, our Physicians will still review your Health History form, but your procedure will then be classified as a Look & Go reversal. This just means that we do not have any medical information on what type of sterilization was performed, and the amount of tube that may be remaining. Fortunately, in most cases, our Physicians are able to repair the tubes of 98% of reversal patients who come to our facility.

For our patients' safety in an outpatient surgery setting, our facility's policy requires patients to have a body mass index (BMI) of 34 or less when you come to our facility for surgery. BMI is based on the patients' height and weight, you can call our office and speak to a Patient Coordinator if you would like for us to calculate your BMI for you. It is imperative that you provide our office with accurate information regarding your health history when completing your health history form and when you are scheduling your surgery. Providing inaccurate information about height, weight, past surgeries or medical conditions may result in your surgery being canceled or rescheduled.

Essure Tubal Reversal

On November 5, 2007, our physicians here at Lakeshore Tubal Reversal Center, performed the first Essure Tubal Reversal. Not only was it a first for our facility, but to our knowledge, we were the first in the world to do such a procedure and have a baby born after Essure Reversal. We have developed special instruments for this type of reversal, because it is different than a standard tubal reversal. To do this, the Essure device is carefully removed, and the natural opening in the uterus is dilated. Once the uterus is prepared, the fallopian tube is implanted into the lining of the uterus. The tube is then sewn to the outside of the uterus to sew the tube open. The final step is the same for all reversals done at our facility, we dye test the tube to make sure that it has been sewn open.

To date we have done over **Three Hundred** Essure reversals. Our physicians recommend that it can take up to a year to see how successful patients have been in getting pregnant after their reversal. We announced the first Essure Reversal baby was delivered on January 27, 2010. If you would like updated information about our Essure Reversal success, please call our office and a Patient Coordinator can answer any questions you may have.

Essure Removal

Our facility has had an increased demand from patients wanting the removal of their Essure coils, due to medical problems they are experiencing. These patients do not want to become pregnant again, but just to have the coils removed with the hopes of relief from their symptoms.

We have been contacted by many Essure patients who are experiencing adverse reactions to the Essure device. Some of these issues include heavy bleeding, cramping, joint problems, metallic taste in the mouth, etc. There have not been conclusive studies showing that removal of the Essure coils will resolve these medical issues. The Essure removal procedure is the microsurgical removal of the Essure coils without re-implantation of the fallopian tubes into the uterus. This procedure will remove the Essure device without restoring the patient's fertility.

So many patients are told that their only option to remove the coils is a hysterectomy. **THIS IS NOT TRUE!** When looking to have your Essure coils removed, our physician's strongly recommend that you have your procedure performed at a facility that micro-surgically removes the "entire Essure coil". This cannot be done laparoscopically or robotically, as they can break off while still embedded in the fallopian tube and uterine cavity.

Scheduling Your Tubal Reversal

We are always available to answer your questions or to assist you in scheduling your tubal reversal. Our office is open Monday - Friday from 8:30am to 5pm EST.

You can reach us toll-free, at 1-877-588-5594, send an e-mail to our Patient Coordinators at info@pregnantagain.com or fax us at 770-531-0053.

When you are ready to schedule your tubal reversal surgery with Dr. Greene or Dr. Turner, contact the Patient Coordinator who you have been working with and we will be able to get the necessary information to schedule your surgery date. Patients travel from all over the United States and from all over the world to our Tubal Reversal Center in Georgia and your Patient Coordinator is prepared to help walk you through this process.

Once you schedule your procedure date, we will be able to advise you of your appointment times, so that you can make your necessary travel arrangements, whether you are planning on flying or driving to our facility. Once your surgical fee is received, your hotel reservations will be made and all essential paperwork, confirmations, and receipts will be mailed to you.

Most patients can schedule and have their surgery within 4 weeks of having their medical information reviewed by our physicians. To minimize the amount of time you are required to spend here, your preoperative consultation will be scheduled the day prior to your surgery date. You will need to be at our office at the time given to you one (1) week before surgery. The morning following your tubal reversal surgery you will come into the office for your postoperative appointment, with Dr. Greene or Dr. Turner, prior to your returning home.

When coming to our facility for your Tubal Reversal surgery, you must be accompanied by a responsible adult over the age of 18. They must stay with you at the facility during your surgery and at the hotel following your discharge from the surgery center.

Surgical Fees

Below are the surgical fees:

1. Standard Tubal Reversal surgical fee is \$7,500.00.
2. Essure Reversal surgical fee is \$8,500.00.
3. Essure Removal surgical fee is \$7,500.00.

****A small percentage of patients will have certain conditions (scar tissue, as an example) that require us to use a different fee schedule. This extra expense will be explained in detail during the consultation phone call before they decide to use our facility****

An initial deposit of \$1500.00 is required to hold your surgery date, this is non- refundable.

Surgical fees are subject to change. Please call our office for current surgical fees.

All three fee options include the following:

- Initial Record Review & Consultation
- Physician's Fee
- Anesthesia Fee
- Preoperative Lab Work
- Preoperative Consultation & Exam
- Operating Room Charges & Facility Fees
- Preoperative & Postoperative Medications
- Operative Supplies
- Postoperative Appointment
- Hotel Stay

Included in Reversal Procedures:

Dye testing of the repaired tubes to make sure they are open. Our physicians do this, most don't. We feel that it is important to make sure that you have the best result.

Multiple layer repair of fallopian tubes. There are three layers to the fallopian tubes; Dr. Greene and Dr. Turner have found that the dye tests much better when closing the tube in separate layers. It's a matter of not just sewing the tubes together but *also sewing them open*.

Rescheduling Fee / Cancellations

Patients who have scheduled their procedure and have to reschedule their surgery will require a \$500 rescheduling fee.

Cancellation of your surgical procedure outside of 14 days will result in a 50% cancellation fee, minus the initial deposit which is non-refundable. Cancellation of your procedure within 14 days of the date of surgery, regardless of reason, will result in a 100% forfeiture of the entire surgical fee. Refunds may take up to 45 days to process.

Payment Methods

Payment can be made by cashier's check, money order, Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. Personal checks are NOT accepted. Patients who have F.L.E.X. (HSA or FSA) spending accounts through their employer will need to discuss using this payment method with their Patient Coordinator to see what options are available for your individual plan.

Financing Your Surgical Procedure

At this time, we are using United Credit and Care Credit to help you finance your surgical procedure. Please discuss with your Patient Coordinator which company best suits your financial situation. Also, please keep in mind that both financing companies have a policy that that you must have your surgical procedure within a certain time frame once you are approved for financing with either company. Therefore, we recommend that you do not apply until you have been approved for surgery at our facility. Please note, that the \$1,500.00 non-refundable scheduling deposit is NOT financeable. Also, if not approved for the full financeable portion of your fees, the remaining fee is due in full two weeks prior to your surgical procedure date.

Please note, a \$500.00 administrative fee is required for ALL financed surgeries. This fee is non-refundable and must be paid at the time of scheduling your surgical procedure.

Pre-Payment Plan

We do offer patients a pre-payment plan that allows you to pre-pay your surgical fee in installments without interest or fees prior to your coming to our facility for your Tubal Reversal surgery. You can take advantage of this option, after our physicians have reviewed your medical information and have approved you for surgery. You can speak with a Patient Coordinator to set this up and discuss payment options.

Once you make your initial \$500.00 nonrefundable payment to open your Pre-Payment Plan account we require a minimum of \$100.00 to be paid each month. Accounts are considered inactive if payments are not received for a 12 month period or more. In that case, patients are no longer locked into the fees that were in place at the time they began the Pre-Payment Plan and current surgical fees will apply.

Pre-Payment Plan accounts must be funded in full within three (3) years of initial payment.

No refunds issued for pre-payment plans that have been established over a one (1) year period.

Insurance

If you currently have health insurance and are interested to see if your insurance company will pay any or your entire Tubal Reversal surgical fee, we advise you to call the insurance company and speak to the "Benefits Coordinator" to verify benefits in your individual policy. If your insurance company states they will cover some or your entire surgical fee, you are still responsible for paying the complete surgical fee prior to your Tubal Reversal surgery. We are a fee for service practice and do not accept payments from insurance companies.

Any pre-certification or pre-authorization that may be required by your insurance company under your policy are the responsibility of the patient. These pre-certifications must be completed **PRIOR** to your Tubal Reversal surgery and you **MUST** advise your Patient Coordinator that you need to be pre-certified. Since all of our surgical fees are all-inclusive, we do not provide cost breakdown to insurance companies.

The insurance code (ICD-10) for Bilateral Tubal Occlusion is N97.1. The procedure code (CPT) for Tubotubal Anastomosis is 58750.

We are, unfortunately, unable to provide you with every bit of information that you will need and answer every question that you may have in this packet. We hope that we have covered most areas of interest to you. If you would still like to read more about our facility, Physicians and Tubal Reversal surgery, please visit our website at www.PregnantAgain.com and also call our office and speak with a Patient Coordinator who will be able to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to speaking to you soon.

Thank you,

Lakeshore Tubal Reversal Center