



## GLOBAL FEES (PLEASE KEEP THIS COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS)

Austin Skeletal Trauma Specialists follows the prescribed billing procedures which are governed, throughout the health care industry, by Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT).

For many years, CPT has dictated that surgery fees be "global," or include routine post-operative follow-up care. In 1991, CPT expanded the procedures that should be billed globally to include care of fractures, repair of lacerations, simple office surgical procedures, etc.

When you are charged a "global" fee for surgery or office care of a fracture, laceration repair, excision of an ingrown toenail, etc., that fee not only includes the service on the day it is performed, but includes routine follow-up care, as well. The global period ranges from 30-90 days depending on the procedure. X-rays and supplies (such as casting or dressing materials, splints, braces, etc.) are not included in the "global" fee and a charge will be made for these items. **All other services related to complications or other conditions are not included in the global fee.**

### PLEASE NOTE:

**Some insurance plans apply a deductible to these in-office procedures since they are considered to be outpatient procedures. Please refer to your insurance policy for more information.**