

We are now offering office Essure placement, a highly reliable method of permanent sterilization that requires no incision and can be done using only a local anesthetic. Of all methods of female sterilization, Essure has the lowest ten year pregnancy rate at 2.5 pregnancies per 1000 procedures and because there are no incisions there is little post-procedure pain.

The primary advantage of Essure, however, is the cost savings to patients when compared to hospital based methods of surgical sterilization. Because the procedure is done in the office, out-of-pocket cost is only the office copay for the visit instead of a deductible cost that typically is \$2000 or more.

Please read our article on sterilization for a more complete discussion of Essure and alternatives.

<http://www.acaciaobgyn-nc.com/Sterilization.pdf>