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The quality of care rendered in ambulatory ophthalmic surgical centers is subject to the standards outlined in the Health Care Financing Administration's "Outpatient Surgery Generic Quality Screen Guidelines." Ophthalmic Surgery accounts for 28.2% of all ambulatory surgery performed in the United States. Diabetes, respiratory disorders, renal failure, and hypertension are a few of the clinical problems that are handled in a nontraditional fashion in ophthalmic surgery facilities throughout the United States with excellent results and low incidence of complications. Trends in the clinical management of patients in ophthalmic surgical centers are described by data obtained in a survey conducted by the anesthesia and surgical staff of the Parris-Castoro Cataract and Laser Center in Bel Air, MD. The survey addressed the current trends in obtaining history and physicals, electrocardiograms, chest radiographs, and laboratory studies before outpatient ophthalmic surgery.