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NASAL SURGERY CRITERIA (MEDICARE)

Nasal surgery is covered when **ONE** of the criteria is met:

- Performed to repair and improve documented and significant respiratory function; **OR**
- Repair deficits caused by trauma; **OR**
- Correct congenital anatomic abnormalities; **OR**
- Revise structural deformities produced by trauma or nasal cutaneous disease; **OR**
- Replace nasal tissue lost after tumor ablative surgery (e.g., nasal fracture, benign or malignant neoplasms, deviated nasal septum, congenital musculoskeletal deformities, nasal sinus infection or fistula).

Rhinoplasty (nose reshaping)

- When airway obstruction from deformities due to disease, congenital abnormality or trauma will not respond to septoplasty alone.