

# HOW TO GET A TRULY AFFORDABLE VASECTOMY REVERSAL AND BE AT LEAST 90% SURE IT WILL WORK

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## My story

Hi, my name is David Wilson. I'd had a vasectomy and I wanted it reversed because over time I deeply regretted the vasectomy, realizing that I likely had kept a wonderful child or even a number of precious children from entering our family. I had tried to play God in limiting the number of children He gave our family. I placed that decision back in His hands with the reversal.



During the office procedure done by a general surgeon, he mentioned that I should learn the reversal operation. I didn't have any interest at the time, but my attitude changed. Nearly four years later, as a matter of conscience, I became convinced that I could no longer receive payments from insurance companies that pay for elective abortions. Four months after the decision to end the provider contracts with these companies, I had to close the doors of my nearly 10 year surgery practice.

Several months later I determined to become a vasectomy reversal surgeon and opened my reversal practice in 2005. Over 11,000 reversals have been performed in the clinic under local anesthesia. The practice is exclusively for the performance of microscopic vasectomy reversal.

## That's not the only reason for my practice

On the one hand there are all these unwanted pregnancies that are terminated and I feel very badly about that. Then on the other hand there are these people who want to have children that can't because of a previous vasectomy decision and I didn't want that decision to stand in anybody's way of having the joy of children in their lives. And that's why I do this.

## Making vasectomy reversal affordable

The practice is here for patients desiring to restore fertility. If you want reversal for some other reason, for example, post vasectomy pain or another perceived health benefit, you should see a specialist in those areas. I want to offer microsurgical reversal to any patient who wants to restore fertility but could otherwise not afford the surgery without the unique value offered through this clinic. I aim to bring excellent microsurgical vasectomy reversal economically within your reach.

## WHY VASECTOMY REVERSAL IS USUALLY SO EXPENSIVE

### Then

The doctor that performed your vasectomy likely told you, as most U.S. physicians who performed the half a million vasectomies last year did, that the vasectomy is permanent and cannot be repaired. This option for birth control seemed to be a good decision to you at the time.

## Another true story

An account is given in an ancient battle record of a king who, in the heat of battle, commanded his armies not to eat any food until evening under the penalty of death. His firstborn son did not hear his father's order and ate some honeycomb he came upon during the battle. Later that night the son's action was made known as he stood before his father the king and all the people. What seemed to be a life saving decision

earlier in the day had, in fact, placed his life in jeopardy.

## **Now**

And so, perhaps, your vasectomy seemed to be your best option. But now you see there are unforeseen results. Although the decision seemed a good one for you at the time, your convictions or the reality of your current situation have changed. Now your sterile condition is not welcome at all. It is a real burden, a road block preventing you from the possibility of having children.

## **Technology mainly solved**

Results of vasectomy reversal years ago were not very good. This contributed to the doomsday attitude of some doctors performing vasectomy toward the vasectomy reversal procedure. The truth is your type of vasectomy will not determine reversal results. That is to say, the particular way the two vas tubes were interrupted will not make or break your ability to father a child. Today the vast majority of vasectomies can be reversed by simple repair of the vasectomy site by relatively new techniques using microsurgery. A microscope is used to precisely reconnect the vas tubes with small, delicate instruments and microsuture less than a hair width in diameter.

## **High cost remains**

Most of the technology or surgery road blocks have been lifted. However, there may be another barrier for you to overcome, namely, the \$7,000-\$10,000 average price tag for total out of pocket costs for microsurgical reversals. In the U.S., the typical vasectomy reversal expert's fee is \$2,500-\$10,000, anesthesia fees are in the \$2,000-\$5,000 range and hospital or outpatient surgery center costs are \$2,000-\$5,000. These costs are simply out of reach for many folks who desire children of their own.

## **ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS**

You must certainly have questions. I would like to answer them. I explain seven crucial issues here in order to give you the truth about vasectomy reversal.

### **I. WHAT IS THE COST?**

#### **You can afford a microscopic reversal**

The truth is your total charge is \$2,800. There are no other charges outside of the \$2,800. You avoid anesthesia costs by the use of local anesthesia (injecting numbing medicine in the area with the use of a tiny needle). And, you avoid hospital costs by using an operation room in my office itself. This low fee is possible because of these efficiencies and also because of the mission of the practice to remove cost as a barrier to any man desiring to restore fertility after vasectomy with an excellent vasectomy reversal.

#### **Travel, accommodation costs**

Of course direct procedure costs are not all that must be considered. Travel costs are important to patients wanting to reach a vasectomy reversal expert. Our clinics are conveniently located in the central and northeastern U.S., and patients from all 50 states and Canada have made the journey to Oklahoma or Rhode Island for their reversals. You are only required to physically come to the clinic at the surgery appointment. Discounted motel accommodations are available for you.

#### **Lost work time**

Lost work time is an indirect cost for you to consider. Lifting over 30 pounds as well as running or vigorous activity is not recommended for 3 weeks. Most patients return to a desk job in 3 days and more active employment in 1-2 weeks.

## **II. IS THERE ANY GUARANTEE FOR THE \$2,800 REVERSAL?**

### **Here is the guarantee:**

Re-operation Guarantee: If two zero counts are found on semen tests within one year of surgery, the microscopic vasectomy reversal may be performed under local anesthesia for \$900 . You should be assured that everything will be done to make your surgery a success.

## **III. WHAT ARE THE CHANCES THE VAS RE-CONNECTION WILL WORK?**

The answer to this mainly depends on the length of time from your vasectomy. This is because the longer the time interval, the greater the chance to develop a second blockage below the vasectomy site.

### **If you are less than 3 years from vasectomy**

If your vasectomy was less than 3 years ago you have a 96% chance of return of live sperm. The pregnancy rate in the practice for this group has been 79%.

### **If you are 3-6 years from vasectomy**

If your vasectomy was more than 3 but less than 7 years from vasectomy, then you have a 91% chance of return of live sperm based on the semen analysis results in the practice. The pregnancy rate for the group overall has been 74%.

### **If you are 7- 8 years from vasectomy**

If you had the vasectomy more than 7 years ago, but less than 9 years ago, you have an 81% chance of return of live sperm and a 60% odds of pregnancy.

### **If you are 9-14 years from vasectomy**

If you are more than 9 but less than 15 years from vasectomy, then the odds in our practice are 74% for return of live sperm with a 47% pregnancy rate.

### **If you are more than 15 years from vasectomy**

If you are more than 15 years from vasectomy, there is a 72% chance of return of live sperm and the pregnancy rate for our patients in this group has been 43%.

## **IV. HOW CAN THE PRICE BE SO LOW?**

### **How we achieved our cost savings**

While a \$17,000 vasectomy reversal may be somewhat better for a very few patients for example, those having repeat vasectomy reversal, our \$2,800 reversal is as good or better for shorter intervals and depending on the comparison, may be better for longer intervals as well . It is less expensive than alternatives for several reasons including: no general anesthesia, no facility charge, we personally review office calls (cell calls after surgery) as well as emails thus saving labor costs, our offices are comfortable but not large thus saving fixed costs, high powered scheduling and patient relation software also decrease labor

costs, and finally, we are willing to accept a lower surgical fee in order to keep your costs down. You can see that none of these efficiencies have any impact on surgical quality, so the costs are lower and the quality is still excellent.

## **V. HOW MUCH PAIN WILL I HAVE?**

### **During surgery**

Over 11,000 patients have had the surgery done under local anesthetic here in the clinic. Two patients very early in the series stated they had more pain during the reversal than with their vasectomy. All the other many patients who have made the comparison have said they had less pain during the reversal than during their vasectomy. The truth is typically you will have no pain after the tiny needle injections to get the area numbed at the beginning of the surgery. We don't knock anybody out, but you may snooze some during the procedure.

### **Relaxing medicine**

Your surgery will be comfortable because of the excellent local anesthetic technique. But we do offer minimal oral sedation medication (pill form) before surgery. The medications given before surgery are not for pain control. Patients who opt to take the medication are the ones who think it will make it easier for them to lie still on the mattress table during surgery. There is no extra charge for the medication.

### **After surgery**

Pain after surgery seems to be about the same as after vasectomy in half of the patients. One fourth of the patients seem to have more pain and one fourth have less pain than after their vasectomy. The reason some patients may have more pain after surgery is because more dissection is required for the reversal than for the vasectomy itself depending on the body type or the damage from the vasectomy. The good news is there is a 75% chance you will have the same or less pain than after your vasectomy.

## **VI. DOES THE TYPE OF VASECTOMY DETERMINE REVERSAL RESULTS?**

No scientific study proves that one type of vasectomy will give better or worse results. Many different types of vasectomy are performed. The techniques include: use of cautery, cutting out sections, and clipping or staples, as well as many others. All of these are very common methods and will not determine results. Most doctors performing vasectomy tell patients the vasectomy cannot be reversed. But as seen in my practice and in surgical studies, most vasectomies can be successfully reversed.

## **VII. ISN'T GENERAL ANESTHESIA NEEDED TO KEEP PATIENTS STILL DURING MICROSURGERY?**

The truth is patient movement during reversal does not affect the success of surgery under local anesthesia. The bench mark study in vasectomy reversal (The Vasovasostomy Study Group) proved this by showing no differences in the results of surgery for patients operated with local anesthesia and those operated using general anesthesia. Most first time reversal patients in the study had the surgery under local anesthesia rather than general anesthesia. Five expert microsurgeons from five different centers operated in the study group. The results of The Reversal Clinic under local anesthesia have certainly verified that movements under local anesthesia will not decrease surgery success rates.

## **QUOTES FROM A FEW HAPPY PATIENTS**

“Thank you for your expert care of my hubby and your wonderful ministry” Jennifer – Burnsville, Minnesota.

“Thank you so much for performing the reversal on me last Wed. The original vasectomy was a horror for me, but the reversal was worlds better.” Mike – Morgan Hill, California

“We are thrilled and so glad that we chose you to perform our surgery. It was a great decision and we just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate what you do. Thank you so much and may God bless you!” David and Kelly – Green Bank, West Virginia .

“We were so pleased with your kindness, assistance, and professionalism on our visit in April, and we will be forever grateful to you for all you help.” Pali – Kailua Kona, Hawaii

“Hope you are well. Jose is doing great. Thank you for treating us so well. We will never forget you.” Gisela – Margate, Florida

“Thank you so much for a surgery gone well.” William – Enfield, Connecticut

“I can never thank you enough!” Kristin – Independence, Kansas

“We thank you...something we would not otherwise have been able to afford.” Steve and Nicole – Ringling, Oklahoma

“Thank you again for your service. We would never have been able to afford this without you.” JH - Arizona

“You have richly blessed our lives by providing an affordable reversal option.” Jeff – Newark, Texas

“Words cannot express our gratitude to you and the way that you have chosen to conduct your practice. I was too choked up at the office to express my appreciation to you, but I decided I wanted to when we were back home. What you do is truly a ministry, and we couldn’t have afforded this procedure except that you have worked diligently to keep the cost down and the success rate high.” Elizabeth - Newburgh, Indiana

“Thank you so much for offering your skills to families like ours who would otherwise be unable to fulfill this desire.” Misty – Falls Creek, Pennsylvania

## **REFERRAL LIST**

All our patients before surgery are asked to indicate on a patient form if they would be willing to speak with potential patients on the phone. All the patients that agree are placed on the referral list, so there is a list of several hundred patients from the previous three years available if you request it on the website contact form. The truth is they can confirm to you the excellence and the value of the service provided.

## **SUMMARY OF ADVANTAGES**

Benefits of The Reversal Clinic’s approach to vasectomy reversal:

- Comparatively high success rates (verifiable through patient referral list for your interval)

- Safe, comfortable local anesthesia (no general anesthesia risks)
- Personal, non-institutional patient care
- High paternity potential less than 9 years from vasectomy
- Re-operation guarantee
- Low indirect procedure costs (travel, accommodations)
- Low comprehensive cost of surgery
- Expert micro-surgeon

## **YOU CAN HAVE A SUCCESSFUL VASECTOMY REVERSAL**

Many men after vasectomy grow discontent with the fact that fathering a newborn is not within possibility and they can never be a dad again. Fairly recent microsurgery innovations have improved results with reversal surgery, but financial barriers block many from the possibility of bearing children.

The truth about vasectomy reversal is these barriers have been removed for you to a great degree because of the mission of this specialty practice to offer the potential for fertility recovery after vasectomy to you and any other man in need of it. This is in large part accomplished by avoiding general anesthesia and facility charges through the use of expert local anesthesia in a comfortable clinic setting.

### **What To Do Next**

As you see, we help families grow. Click [HERE](#) to schedule a call with our patient advisor.