

## **BALOON SINUPLASTY**

Balloon Sinuplasty Our physicians are pleased to offer balloon sinuplasty to our patients as a surgical option. Balloon sinuplasty is a safe and effective procedure for chronic sinus patients who have not responded well to medical treatment.

With balloon sinuplasty, our physicians open inflamed sinuses in the same way that heart surgeons open up blocked arteries during heart catheterizations using a balloon. The procedure is less invasive that traditional sinus surgery and it does not require removal of bone or tissue from the nose.

In balloon sinuplasty, a small, flexible balloon catheter is introduced into the sinus cavity through the nasal passages. The balloon is then inflated with saline which expands the sinus cavity and helps facilitate sinus drainage. This procedure is typically performed under general anesthesia in an outpatient surgical setting. It is now also available to some patients as a procedure performed in our office under local anesthesia.

If you have been diagnosed with chronic sinusitis and have not responded well to antibiotics, nasal steroids, or other medications, you may be a candidate for sinus surgery. If you would like to discuss this procedure further, please contact our office to schedule an appointment to see one of our physicians by calling 601-709-7700.