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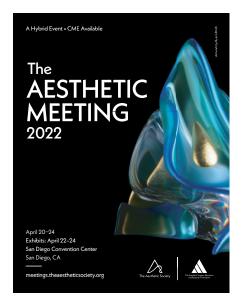
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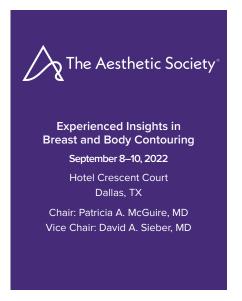
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#### The Aesthetic Cruise 2022 July 9–21, 2022

The Baltic

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https://indieaestheticsurgerysummit.com

#### Non-Surgical Symposium

Organized by the Australasian Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons

June 2-5, 2022

Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia aestheticplasticsurgeons.org.au/events

# Anatomical Dissection and Cosmetic Procedures Workshop

Organized by the Australasian Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons

June 6, 2022

MERF Brisbane, Queensland, Australia aestheticplasticsurgeons.org.au/events

# Melbourne Advanced Facial Anatomy Course (MAFAC)

Organized by the Australasian Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons

13-14 October 2022

RACS Melbourne, Australia https://aestheticplasticsurgeons.org.au/

#### ASAPS Annual Conference

Organized by the Australasian Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons

#### 14-16 October 2022

Hotel Chadstone Melbourne, Australia https://aestheticplasticsurgeons.org.au/events

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



#### The Aesthetic Meeting San Diego 2022—It's LIVE and It's FULL THROTTLE!

By William P. Adams Jr., MD

As my year comes to a close I want to quickly highlight some of the themes in my quarterly presidential messages including:

- It's NOT about the Destination, but rather the Journey; What is important is to Enjoy the Ride!
- Life Balance—it's something only you can make for yourself
- Our "WHY" is WE EDUCATE and Mentorship the Golden Pathway of the Surgeon

These are great things to reflect upon frequently as they are keys to a fulfilling life and career. Another epiphany that became evident to me recently as I attended one of our Aesthetic Society "Vitamins" the Face and Rhinoplasty Symposium in Las Vegas (January 2022) as well as the 56th Baker Gordon Symposium in Miami (February 2022) was that there is nothing like a Live Meeting.

Surgeons have sorely missed the magic of the *Live Meeting* with the past couple years of virtual meetings and symposia most of us have longed to get back to doing *Live Meetings*. Now let me be clear, our education team has found some real nuggets in some of the virtual offerings that were developed through the pandemic and we will continue to offer these in their own forms; however, *Live Meetings* are KING and offer so much more. The unique interactions between educators/ attendees/Industry is something that just cannot occur in a virtual setting.

Luckily there is a *cure to this malady* and it's right around the corner: *The Aesthetic Meeting 2022 in San Diego*. Held at one of my absolute favorite locations for a meeting, the 2022 annual meeting will be a *can't miss* 

#### HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Date: April 21–24—The meeting start has been moved one day earlier so it does not bleed into the next week.
  - Pre-symposia and Cadaver labs including the ever-popular Hot Topics will be on Thursday April 21
  - Main Meeting will begins Friday April 22 and ends Sunday April 24
  - ► Friday night—Dress like your Favorite 80s or 90s Rocker at New and Improved Battle of the Bands Welcome Reception



Dr. G. Jackie Yee presents to a packed house in Las Vegas at the Facial and Rhinoplasty Symposium.



Back to Live at the 56th Baker Gordon Symposium. From left: James Stuzin, MD; David Hildalgo, MD, Bradley Calobrace, MD, William P. Adams Jr., MD, and Rod Rohrich, MD.

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   including any teaching courses that you
   wish to attend
- Bring your staff to experience Our New Aesthetic Care Team program—customized to provide staff education at the meeting and throughout the year
- Plenty of cleansing ales and social time with your friends



Don't forget your Righteous 80s or 90s attire for the Battle of the Bands Welcome Reception in San Diego.

#### **JOIN US IN SAN DIEGO!**

It LIVE and it's FULL THROTTLE— Keep that Way! See you soon!

William P. Adams Jr., MD, is an aesthetic plastic surgeon practicing in Dallas, TX, and is the current president of The Aesthetic Society.

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April 20-24

Exhibits: April 22-24

San Diego Convention Center

San Diego, CA

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#### The Aesthetic Meeting 2022—Together Again in San Diego!

By Nolan S. Karp, MD

As Program Chair, it gives me great pleasure to invite you to The Aesthetic Meeting 2022 in sunny San Diego, California!

Many of you have already registered for the meeting, and for that, we thank you. For those who have not, there's still time! Many travel restrictions have been lifted and we are excited to reconnect with our US and International colleagues.

Of course, these highlights are but the tip of The Aesthetic Meeting iceberg! Visit meetings.theaestheticsociety.org for complete information. I look forward to seeing you all in San Diego, or virtually, as we celebrate the return of The Aesthetic Meeting!

# EXPLORE THE AESTHETIC MEETING

#### The Aesthetic Arena

This stage located in The Aesthetic Marketplace will be filled with educational content from sunrise to sunset. Grab a cup of coffee and listen to the Opening Keynote Lectures—short 30-minute presentations from the experts—to kick off your morning. While you are visiting the exhibitors in The Aesthetic Marketplace throughout the day, make sure to stop by the Arena to catch the Scientific Paper Presentations, Industry Presentations, and Margaritaville on Friday (rapid-fire case studies, yes, with actual margaritas)!

#### **Expanded Education Opportunities**

Looking for a deep dive into the latest in cutting-edge procedures? Make sure to come to San Diego early to register for a full day of optional education offerings on Thursday, April 21. These sessions are designed both for surgeons and their staff. Highlights include:

- · Four Options for Cadaver Labs
  - Nurse Cadaver Lab
     Co-Chairs: Dino Elyassnia, MD; Jason
     Roostaeian, MD and David Sieber, MD
  - ► Composite Facelifts Simplified Chair: Bryan Mendelson, MD
  - Endoscopic and Minimally Invasive Techniques for Face Chair: Grady B. Core, MD
  - Modern Techniques in Rhinoplasty Chair: Joe Gryskiewicz, MD
- Masterclass: Facelift—Planning and Technique

Chair: Timothy Marten, MD

- Residents and Fellows Forum
   Chair: Kye Higdon, MD
   Vice Chair: Al Cohn, MD
- Medical Life Drawing and Sculpture:
   The Human Figure
   Co-Chairs: Grant R. Fairbanks, MD, and Grant A. Fairbanks. MD
- The Ritz-Carlton Leadership Center
   Presents: Brand Differentiating Service

- Premier Global Hot Topics
   Moderators: Jamil Ahmad, MD; Tiffany
   McCormack, MD and Simeon Wall, Jr., MD
- The Aesthetic Society/ISAPS Gluteal Symposium
   Co-Chairs: Ashkan Ghavami, MD and
- Rhinoplasty Symposium 2022
   Co-Chairs: Jamil Ahmad, MD and Jay Calvert, MD

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#### **ALL-INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**

This year, Main Sessions, Sunrise Sessions and all Intensive Courses are included with your one registration fee! Attend any of the 55 Intensive Courses offered over Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at no extra charge. With deep dives into the hottest topics from gender confirmation surgery to BBL, and even practice management, there is something for every practice and every staff member. Even these six Mini Symposia are included for true in-depth training in a short amount of time!

 Skincare: Chairs Troy Pittman, MD and Susan Wells, RN. You and your office staff will not want to miss this deep-dive focus on what makes skincare work for you, your patients and your practice. Friday, April 22, 9:30am—12:30pm.

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# **Enhance Your Practice With Updated Products!**

We've worked hard to reimagine our products to align with our beautiful new brand. Expertise is everything; put it on display with these stylish and functional products.









#### **Reimagined Products Include:**

Procedure Brochures, Membership Certificates, Membership Plaques, Consultation Folders, and more!

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#### The Aesthetic Meeting 2022—Together Again in San Diego!

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- ISAPS—International Symposium: Chair Ozan Sozer, MD. Attend this symposium to learn what our International colleagues have to share about many topics of the specialty. April 22, 2:00pm—4:00pm.
- Facial Rejuvenation: Chairs Christopher Surek, DO and Oren Tepper, MD will deliver an overview of key facial rejuvenation techniques that you can put into practice to deliver improved patient results and satisfaction. Saturday, April 23, 9:30am— 12:00pm.
- Aesthetic Breast Reconstruction: Chairs
   Allen Gabriel, MD and Steven Sigalove, MD
   have delivered a program full of exciting
   point/counterpoint debates on some of the
   hottest topics in breast reconstruction,
   including Dual Plane vs Prepectoral Breast,
   Options in Soft Tissue Support in
   Reconstruction, and more! Saturday,
   April 23, 2:30pm—5:00pm.
- Body Contouring: Chairs David Sieber, MD and Humberto Morelli, MD have organized a stellar faculty for these growing procedures. Stay ahead of your peers by attending this informative mini symposium. Sunday, April 24, 9:30am–12:00pm.
- Aesthetic Breast Surgery: Chairs Kristi
  Hustak, MD and Jacob Unger, MD will bring
  you the latest in implant selection, including
  the use of ADM and how to manage the
  over-dissected pocket, while allowing

plenty of time for questions surrounding their most challenging cases. You won't want to miss it! Sunday, April 24, 2:30pm—5:00pm.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR AESTHETIC CARE TEAM AFFILIATES

With three full days (Friday–Sunday) of The Aesthetic Care Team Session included with your registration, this meeting is ideal for you and your office staff and will ensure your team returns home with an array of ideas which can help your practice evolve and grow. To supplement, plan on arriving early to attend one of Thursday's Expanded Education Opportunities (additional fee). Options include Cosmetic Medicine, Skills for Successful Patient Coordinators with Karen Zupko, and practice management courses.

# WOMEN AESTHETIC SURGEONS' SYMPOSIUM

This special symposium will be held offsite on Wednesday, April 20, 12:30pm–5:00pm at UC San Diego Adventure Course. The program will utilize various ground based activities and a team development course to have fun, create community, offer opportunities for personal development as well as support your group dynamic skills. Attendees must pre-register.

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# AESTHETIC MEETING APP

The Aesthetic Meeting 2022 will be utilizing a

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# ASERF SILENT AUCTION

Bid to win an exciting array of products, services, and educational experiences, with all

proceeds going to ASERF (The Aesthetic Surgery Education and Research Foundation). Held during The Aesthetic Meeting 2022, the auction includes the opportunity to bid electronically, so that even those who cannot be on-site can take advantage of some terrific offers and help our specialty in the process.

Go to https://events.handbid.com/auctions/aserf-auction-2022 for details.

# PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME CELEBRATION

Join us for a full-throttle Battle of the Bands featuring The Bone Tones and Help the Doctor. Friday, April 22, 6:30pm–9:00pm at the Convention Center, Hall E. Voting for your favorite band will benefit ASERF. Rock your favorite band look and don't forget your meeting badge for "full access."

#### **HYBRID EXPERIENCE**

Unable to join us in person? We invite you to attend from the comfort of your home. Like many of our recent educational offerings, The Aesthetic Meeting 2022 is a hybrid event. Participate from home in selected events and experience the live program. Pitch your questions to our expert panelists and faculty in real time as you share insights with aesthetic plastic surgeons from around the globe.

One benefit of the hybrid meeting is that selected education streamed virtually will also be recorded. All attendees, whether in-person or virtual, will be able to access those recordings, free of charge after the meeting. Now you can earn CME for Annual Meeting education that you weren't able to view live!



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In-Person Attendance: The American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (The Aesthetic Society) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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Nolan S. Karp, MD is an aesthetic plastic surgeon practicing in New York, NY and serves as the Chair of The Aesthetic Society Program Committee.

#### Industry Symposia and Lunch & Learn Industry Forums

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While in San Diego plan to attend evening Corporate Satellite Symposia and daytime Industry Forums! Please see each company's registration information below and look for additional details in upcoming email blasts and on The Aesthetic Meeting App.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Industry Symposium

#### **ENDO AESTHETICS, LLC**

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6:30pm—Cocktails and Appetizers

7:00pm—Program

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- · Johnny Franco, MD, FACS
- · David Weir, MSN, APRN, NP-C

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#### FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Lunch & Learn Industry Forum

#### **GALDERMA**

GAIN Business focus on Practice Growth Drivers

#### 12:30 - 1:30pm

San Diego Convention Center Level 2, Room 23

Speaker: Younghoon Cho, MD, PhD, MBA

Attendees will gain a foundational understanding of the Galderma growth drivers for aesthetic practices. Dr. Younghoon Cho will share insights pulling from his experience building a successful multi-specialty practice.

To Register: https://cvent.me/N9P18n

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Lunch & Learn Industry Forum

#### MTF BIOLOGICS

Renuva Live Injector Training—a new adipose matrix for volume correction

#### 12:30 - 1:30pm

San Diego Convention Center, Level 2, Room 22

This training will include a didactic presentation followed by facial and body application assessment and planning on a live model.

The session will be conducted by Nima Naghshineh, MD, FACS, who practices in Beverly Hills, CA

Please RSVP to Education@mtf.org

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 23

**Industry Symposium** 

#### **SIENTRA**

Crafting the Art of Plastic Surgery

#### 6:30pm

House of Blues

See Sientra innovation and partnership while enjoying the art of craft cocktails, SoCal-inspired culinary experiences, and live music.

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Celebrate ASJ and ASJ Open Forum by visiting its editorial team in our booth! They would love to chat with you about article and video ideas. Come grab the latest volume and learn all about the newly launched ASJ and ASJ Open Forum Podcast Series.

#### **BID TO WIN**



The ASERF Silent Auction is a terrific way to support the Foundation in raising funds for research, while getting a chance to win and save big on a wide array of products and services.

Visit the ASERF auction inside The Aesthetic Society booth #2017 to bid onsite, Friday, April 22 – Sunday, April 24.

Bidding can also be done via the Handbid app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store or online at: https://handbid.app.link/ASERF2022 beginning Friday, April 1. Auction closes at 2:00 pm Pacific on Sunday, April 24, 2022.

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#### **MEMBERSHIP**



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#### **UPDATE YOUR HEADSHOT**



With our recently-launched docuseries, "Beyond the Before & After" driving traffic to your Public Profile on our new website, now is the perfect time to freshen up your headshot! Photos will be made available for personal use as well.

# "BEYOND THE BEFORE & AFTER" VIEWING LOUNGE



Speaking of our new docuseries, have you seen it yet? Visit our viewing lounge, supported by Allergan Aesthetics, an Abbvie company, just outside the Aesthetic Marketplace main entrance, under the escalators, for a (semi) private screening! Experience these uplifting stories of aesthetic plastic surgery patients, many of them just like yours. Free gourmet popcorn is included!

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12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
San Diego Convention Center
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#### FRIDAY, APRIL 22-SUNDAY, APRIL 24

The ASERF Silent Auction is a terrific way to support the Foundation in raising funds for research, while getting a chance to win and save big on a wide array of products and services. See page 14 for ways to bid.

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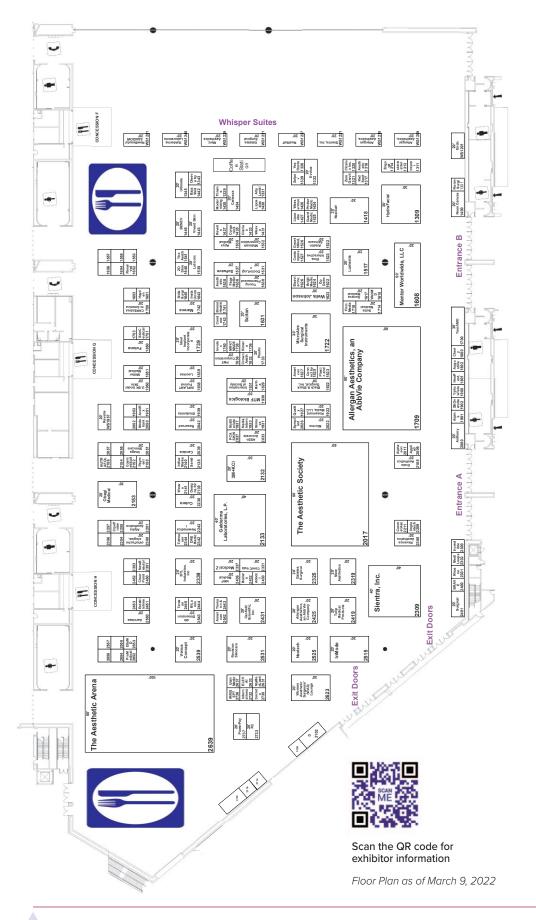
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2019 International: Safe Gluteal Fat Graft Avoiding a Vascular or Nervous Injury: An Anatomical Study in Cadavers, Filiberto Alejandro Alvarez-Alvarez, MD; Hiram O. González-Gutiérrez, MD; and César Felipe Ploneda-Valencia, MD **2020 Domestic:** Int Decision Making in Preservation Rhinoplasty: A 100 Case Series with One-Year Follow Up, Aaron M. Kosins, MD, Rollin K. Daniel, MD

2020 International: A Consensus on Minimizing the Risk of Hyaluronic Acid Embolic Visual Loss and Suggestions for Immediate Bedside Management, Greg J. Goodman, FACD; Mark R. Magnusson, MBBS, FRACS; Peter Callan, MBBS, FRACS, MBA; Stefania Roberts, MA, MBBS, FRACP; Sarah Hart, MBChB, NZSCM; Cara B. McDonald, MBBS, FACD; Michael Clague, BSc; Alice Rudd, MBBS, FACD; Philip S. Bekhor, MBBS, FACD; Steven Liew, MBBS, FRACS

Managing Patients With Systemic Symptoms and Breast Implants, Patricia A. McGuire, MD; Daniel J. Clauw, MD; Jason Hammer, MD; Melinda J. Haws, MD; William P. Adams, Jr., MD 2021 International: Aspiration Before Tissue Filler—An Exercise in Futility and Unsafe Practice, Greg J. Goodman, MBBS, FACD; GradDipClinEpi, MD; Mark R. Magnusson, MBBS, FRACS; Peter Callan, MBBS, FRACS, MBA; Stefania Roberts, MA, MBBS, FRACP; Sarah Hart, MBChB, NZSCM; Frank Lin, MBBS, FRACS; Eqram Rahman, MBBS, MS, PhD; Cara B. McDonald, MBBS, FACD; Steven Liew, MBBS, FRACS; Cath Porter, MBBS; Niamh Corduff, FRACS; Michael Claque, BA

# BEST AESTHETIC SURGERY JOURNAL RESEARCH PAPER

This award is for the best aesthetic surgery research paper published in *The Aesthetic Surgery Journal*.

**2019:** Venous Thromboembolism in Aesthetic Surgery: Risk Optimization in the Preoperative, Intraoperative, and Postoperative Settings, Christopher J. Pannucci, MD

2020: Histological Evaluation of the Skin After Fat Grafting: A Blinded, Randomized, Controlled Clinical Study, Juan PBR Maricevich, MD; Marcel FMB Lima, MD; Ana Carolina Maricevich, MD; Marco ABR Maricevich, MD; Larissa FJ Silva, MD 2021: Safety Considerations of Fat Grafting in Buttock Augmentation, Rebecca C. O'Neill, MD; Summer E. Hanson, MD, PhD, FACS; Edward Reece, MD, MBA, FACS; Sebastian Winocour, MD, MSc, FACS

# BEST AESTHETIC SURGERY JOURNAL OPEN FORUM PAPER

This award is for the best paper published in the Aesthetic Surgery Journal Open Forum.

2019: Management of Asymptomatic Patients With Textured Surface Breast Implants, Patricia A. McGuire, MD; Anand K. Deva, BSc (Med), MBBS, MS, FRACS (Plast); Caroline A. Glicksman, MD, MSJ; William P. Adams Jr, MD; Melinda J. Haws, MD

**2020:** Tranexamic Acid in Aesthetic Facial Plastic Surgery: A Systematic Review of Evidence, Applications, and Outcomes, Garrett D. Locketz, MD; Kirkland N. Lozada, MD; Jason D. Bloom, MD, FACS

**2021:** Breast Implant Illness: An Expert-Panel Discussion on Current Research, Jeffrey M, Kenkel, MD, FACS; Caroline A. Glicksman, MD, MSJ; Patricia A. McGuire, MD; Luis M. Rios Jr., MD, William P. Adams Jr., MD

#### BEST AESTHETIC SURGERY JOURNAL OPEN FORUM INTERNATIONAL PAPER

This award is for the best International paper published in the Aesthetic Surgery Journal Open Forum.

2021: The Usefulness of Magnetic Resonance Angiography to Analyze the Variable Arterial Facial Anatomy in an Effort to Reduce Filler-Associated Blindness: Anatomical Study and Visualization Through an Augmented Reality Application, Marc Mespreuve, MD, PhD; Karl Waked, MD; Barbara Collard, MD; Joris De Ranter, MD; Francis Vanneste, MD; Benoit Hendrickx, MD, PhD

#### BEST AESTHETIC SURGERY JOURNAL OPEN FORUM RESEARCH PAPER

This award is for the best paper published in the Aesthetic Surgery Journal Open Forum.

2021: The Combined Effect of Intravenous and Topical Tranexamic Acid in Liposuction: A Randomized Double-Blinded Controlled Trial, Nicolas M. Abboud, MD; Ayush K. Kapila, MBBS, MD, MRCS; Sofie Abboud, Elie Yaacoub, MD; Marwan H. Abboud, MD

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#### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This award is presented to members of the Society whose dedication, service, and/or contributions to the development, wellbeing, and success of the Society have been demonstrated over many years and have exemplified action above and beyond the expected or ordinary. The award is a Tiffany crystal trapezoid.

James M. Grotting, MD	2018
Laurie A. Casas, MD	2019
Leo R. McCafferty, MD	2021

# JEROME R. KLINGBEIL AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

The Jerome R. Klingbeil Award for teaching excellence was established in 1988 to recognize the efforts and the achievements of outstanding Teaching Course instructors and as a memorial to Jerome R. Klingbeil, MD, CAE, (1918-1988). This award was named in honor of Dr. Klingbeil's faithful and dedicated service to the Society. Dr. Klingbeil served this organization and its membership in numerous capacities, including 1973 Local Arrangements Chairman, Chairman of the Convention Planning and Coordination Committee (1974-1984) and as its first Executive Director (1981–1985). In keeping with the high degree of emphasis Jerry placed upon quality education and professional development, this award is conferred upon Teaching Course instructors who have donated their time and expertise to furnish significant and long-term contributions to the Society and the specialty. Mary L. Jewel, RPT 2019 Geoffrey R. Keyes, MD 2020 Joe M. Gryskiewicz, MD 2020 Z. Paul Lorenc, MD 2020

# ASERF CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2022

2019

2022

Barry E. DiBernardo, MD

Robert Singer, MD

Sherrell J. Aston, MD

This award honors an esteemed plastic surgeon recognizing their significant contributions and distinguished career; dedication and commitment to aesthetic surgery training and patient safety. This award is funded by donations in his/her name from the surgeons that know him/her best and thankfully recognize his/her powerful influence on our careers and lives.

Scott Spear, MD 2018 (posthumous)

#### **LEADERSHIP AWARD**

This award is presented to an Aesthetic Society member who shows exemplary leadership, service, creativity, and dedication to the subspecialty of Aesthetic Surgery, advancing the organization in the pursuit of its stated mission. The Award is presented at the discretion of the Board of Directors to recognize a superior contribution.

Leo R. McCafferty, MD	2017
James C. Grotting, MD	2020
Michael C. Edwards, MD	2021

#### **SPECIAL MERIT**

The Award of Special Merit commemorates the paramount contributions to the success and wellbeing of the Society which, in the judgment of the Society, was above and beyond the expected and ordinary. The recipient need not be a member of the Society. This award was originally in the form of a document suitable for framing. In 1987, an engraved silver bowl was adopted as this award.

Robert Singer, MD	2018
Daniel C. Mills, MD	2019
Richard J. Warren, MD	2019
Kevin Charles	2021

#### **SPECIAL AWARD**

William P. Adams Jr., MD	2019
Melinda J. Haws, MD	2019
Tracy M. Pfeifer, MD	2020
Jamil Ahmad, MD	2021
Michael A. Bogdan, MD, MBA	2021
James Fernau, MD	2021
Nolan S. Karp, MD,	2021
Kathleen McClemmy	2021

#### **SCOTT SPEAR AWARD**

The Scott Spear Award honors the Best Breast Presentation at The Aesthetic Meeting.

M. Bradley Calobrace, MD; New York, NY 2018
Roy de Vita, MD; New Orleans, LA 2019
Steven R. Sigalove, MD; Miami Beach, FL 2021

# IN CHUL SONG AWARD FOR PHILANTHROPIC SERVICE

This award is made possible by a generous contribution to The Aesthetic Surgery Education and Research Foundation by Sharadkumar Dicksheet, MD. This award is bestowed upon a plastic surgeon whose philanthropic plastic surgery efforts best exemplifies humanitarian service.

Julio L. Garcia, MD	2011
Larry Weinstein, MD	2012
Raj N. Lalla, MD	2013

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Tolbert Wilkinson, MD	2009
Gang Tattoo Removal Program of Texas	
Jack E. Demos, MD	2013
Founder, Surgicorps, International	
Joe M. Gryskiewicz, MD	2015
Volunteer Services to the Children of Ed	cuador

#### **GASPAR W. ANASTASI AWARD**

The Gaspar W. Anastasi Award is presented to the highest rated resident and/or fellow scientific papers at the Residents & Fellows Forum during the annual meeting of the Society. The award consists of a check for \$250 and the opportunity to present the paper to the full Scientific Session of the annual meeting.

Jennifer Baker, MD; New York, NY	2018
Kevin Shultz, MD; New York, NY	2018
Christodoulos Kaoutzanis, MD;	2019
New Orleans, LA	
Nneamaka Nwubah, MD;	2019
New Orleans, LA	
Justin Bellamy, MD; Miami Beach, FL	2021
Shirley Shue, MD; Miami Beach, FL	2021

#### **ASERF RESEARCH AWARD**

The ASERF (Aesthetic Surgery Education & Research Foundation) Research Award is conferred in those extraordinary circumstances when the results of research projects have a profound and monumental effect upon the specialty of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery and the quality of service provided to our patients.

V. Leroy Young, MD 2004

Vancouver, B.C. Canada

# TED LOCKWOOD AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN BODY CONTOURING

This award was created to recognize Dr.Ted Lockwood's visionary contributions to aesthetic body contouring. The recipient of this award is a plastic surgeon who demonstrates a dedication to research, clinical excellence, patient safety and peer education in all aspects of body contouring as demonstrated by publication in scientific journals, clinical presentations, and by ongoing innovation in body contouring techniques.

Osvaldo Saldanha, MD; Boston, MA	2011
Alfredo E. Hoyos, MD; New York, NY	2018
Daniel A. Del Vecchio, MD;	2019
New Orleans, LA	
Douglas S. Steinbrech, MD;	2021
Miami Reach Fl	

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#### 2020 Education Awards

# THE AESTHETIC MEETING 20/20 @HOME

#### **Best Breast Presentation**

Steven R. Sigalove, MD

Coordination with My Breast Surgeon to make Pre-pectoral Breast Reconstruction a Reality

#### **Best Body Presentation**

Michele A. Shermak, MD

Addressing the Extremities After Massive Weight Loss: Thighplasty

#### Best Face Presentation

Michael R. Lee, MD

Platysmaplasty: Medial, Lateral or Both?

#### **Best Buttock Presentation**

Douglas S. Steinbrech, MD

Donor Site Considerations: Why I Use What I Use and How I Use It: 5mm Basket High-Definition Liposuction

#### **Best Teaching Course**

William P. Adams Jr., MD, Carolyn A. Glicksman, MD, MSJ, and Patricia A. McGuire, MD Integrating High Resolution Ultrasound into Your Practice

# THE AESTHETIC SERIES VIRTUAL SYMPOSIA

## Best Presentation from Experienced Insights in Breast and Body

Simeon H. Wall Jr., MD

Optimizing Abdominoplasty

## Best Presentation from Premier Global Hot Topics

Barry E. DiBernardo, MD and Jason Pozner, MD Hot New Tech and Innovations: What's Here and What's on the Horizon

## Best Presentation from Nuances and Techniques in Injectables

David Funt, MD

Current Protocols in Filler Complications

#### Best Presentation from Practical and Effective Approaches to Facial Rejuvenation

Dino Elyassnia, MD

Subplatysmal Surgery: What Lies Beneath?

#### Best Presentation from Practical and Effective Approaches to Nasal Surgery

Aaron M. Kosins, MD

Approaches to Dorsal Preservation

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# THE AESTHETIC CRUISE 2022

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Vice Chair: Tim Papadopoulos, MD

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- 🕹 Riga, Latvia
- & Copenhagen, Denmark





#### Three Full Days of Education for Your Team at The Aesthetic Meeting 2022

The Aesthetic Meeting has long been known as the pinnacle of education for aesthetic plastic surgeons. But a great aesthetic practice requires more than an exceptional surgeon, it takes an entire team that goes beyond. That's why the meeting is now the go-to destination for a surgeon's entire staff. Included with registration are three full days of aesthetic care team education, provided by the foremost experts in the practice management arena.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 22

#### 9:30am - 11:00am

Transitioning Your Practice—Mergers and Acquisitions

Karen Zupko

#### 11:00am - 12:30pm

Transitioning Your Practice—"I've Walked Down this Road"

Karen Zupko

#### 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Transitioning Your Practice—How to Find Your Match
Amy Anderson

#### 3:30pm - 4:00pm

**End of Career Transition** 

Enrique Fernandez, MD

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 23

#### 9:30am - 10:30am

Opening a Medi-Spa in Your Practice— Making the Plan

Daniel Gould, MD and Alex Thiersch

#### 10:30am - 11:15am

Maintaining a Med-Spa in Your Practice— Making it Work for You

Bradley Calobrace, MD

#### 11:15am - 12:00pm

Teamwork! Spa/Skincare/Physician Suzanne Rogers-Hauck, RN

#### An Afternoon of ISPAN Programing

Geri Obi, MSN, ARNP, RN, CPSN, ISPAN – F Kathy Morti, RN BSN, CANS, CPSN, ISPAN – F

#### 2:00pm - 3:00pm

"Is this Device Safe?"—Are You Using Safe and Effective Products That Have Been Registered or Cleared by the FDA?

#### 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Hot Topic—"Microstamping and Micro-Injections"—A Review of Techniques and Devices Available

#### 4:00pm - 4:30pm

Break

#### 4:30pm - 5:30pm

"The Certified Aesthetic Nurse Specialist Exam" Why You Should Become CANS Certified, What You Need to Know, and What Resources are Available to Help You

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 24**

#### 9:30am - 10:00am

Promoting the Specialty—Media Alternatives
Troy Pitman, MD

#### 10:00am - 10:30am

Social Media—What Makes It Special Daniel Gould, MD and Erica Crawford

#### 10:30am - 11:00am

Employment Models and Compensation First Brad Attado, Esq.

#### 11:00am - 11:45am

Navigating the Job Market

Matthew Vukovich

#### 11:45am - 12:30pm

Sales—The Life Blood of Every Successful Business Terri Ross

#### 2:30pm - 3:00pm

Making ANN and Aesthetic One Work for You—Data is King Kyndra Lee

#### 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Building Your Dream Team—Onboarding and Developing Employees for Success Amy Anderson and Tommi Winter

#### 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Culture and Leadership: How to Prevent Employee Turnover Terri Ross

Program subject to change

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# **SOCIETY NEWS**

## The Aesthetic Society 2022–2023 Members To Vote on Slate of Candidates



Active members of The Aesthetic Society will hear reports on Society business and elect new officers for 2022–2023 during The Aesthetic Society/ASERF Annual Business Luncheon.

All Active Members are invited to attend on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 12 noon during The Aesthetic Meeting 2022 in San Diego, CA.



PRESIDENT (automatic from President-Elect) Jennifer L. Walden, MD, FACS Austin, TX

Private Practice, Clinical Assistant Professor, UT Southwestern Medic

Assistant Professor, UT Southwestern Medical Center

Current Board Position: President-Elect
Current Aesthetic Society /ASERF Committee
Work: The Aesthetic Society Executive
Committee, Conflict of Interest Committee,
Finance & Investment Committee, Industry
Policy Committee, Industry Support Committee
(Chair), ANN Committee (Vice Chair), Aesthetic
Training Committee, Patient App Task Force,
Traveling Professor Program, and Aesthetic
Surgery Journal Editorial Board Social Media
Ambassador

National Affiliations: The Aesthetic Society, ASERF, ASPS, ISAPS, AAPS, AAAASF, and AWS

**Training:** University of Texas, Medical Branch; Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital

ABPS Certification: 2005



PRESIDENT-ELECT
(1 year term)
Melinda J. Haws, MD
Nashville, TN
Private Practice
Current Board Position: Vice
President

Current Aesthetic Society/ASERF Committee Work: The Aesthetic Society Executive Committee, Conflict of Interest Committee, Communications Commissioner, Finance & Investment Committee, BIA-ALCL Task Force, Breast Implant Illness Task Force (Chair), Informed Consent Task Force, Continuing Medical Education Committee, International Fellowship Program, Program Committee, and Inclusion & Diversity Committee

**National Affiliations:** The Aesthetic Society, ASERF, ASPS, AAPS and ACS

Training: Southern Illinois University, General Surgery; Southern Illinois University, Plastic Surgery; Nashville Plastic Surgery, Aesthetic Fellowship

ABPS Certification: 1999



VICE PRESIDENT
(1 year term)

Kiya Movassaghi, MD, DMD, FACS

Treasurer

Current Aesthetic Society /ASERF Committee Work:

The Aesthetic Society Executive Committee, Finance & Investment Committee (Chair), Industry Policy Committee, Industry Support Committee (Vice Chair), Aesthetic Training Committee (Chair), Publications Committee, Application Review Committee (Vice Chair), and Inclusion & Diversity Committee

National Affiliations: The Aesthetic Society, ASERF, ASPS, NWSPS and OSPS

Training: Harvard Medical School, Harvard Dental School, General Surgery: Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Massachusetts General Hospital at Harvard Medical School: Harvard Combined Plastic Surgery Program

ABPS Certification: 2003



TREASURER (1 year term) Tracy M. Pfeifer, MD New York, NY Private Practice Current Board Position: Secretary

Current Aesthetic Society /ASERF Committee Work: The Aesthetic Society Executive Committee, Industry Relations Committee (Chair), Finance & Investment Committee, Website Committee, Limitless Leaders Steering Committee

National Affiliations: The Aesthetic Society, ASERF, ACS, AAPS, ASPS, and ISAPS

**Training:** New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery-NYU Medical Center, Plastic Surgery of the Breast, Atlanta Plastic Surgery

ABPS Certification: 2001



SECRETARY
(1 year term)

Jamil Ahmad, MD

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Private Practice; Assistant

Professor, Department of
Surgery, University of

Toronto; Director, Education Program in Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, University of Toronto

Current Board Position: Member-at-Large

The Aesthetic Society /ASERF Committee Work: The Aesthetic Society Board of Directors, Education Commissioner, Industry Policy Committee, Continuing Medical Education Committee, Finance & Investment Committee, Inclusion & Diversity Committee, ASERF Innovative Procedures Committee (Co-Chair), ASJ Editorial Board, ASJ Social Media Ambassador, ASJ Open Forum Editorial Board

National Affiliations: The Aesthetic Society, ASERF, CSAPS, CSPS, ISAPS, and The Rhinoplasty Society

Training: Medical School, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland; Integrated Plastic Surgery, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center; Breast Reconstruction Fellowship, University of Toronto

**Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons:** 2010

#### **MEMBERS-AT-LARGE**

(3-year terms)



M. Bradley Calobrace, MD

Louisville, KY Private Practice; Gratis Clinical Faculty, University of Louisville; Gratis Clinical Faculty, University of Kentucky

Current Aesthetic Society/ASERF Committee Work: Aesthetic Training Committee, Inclusion & Diversity Committee, Informed Consent Task Force, Traveling Professor Program, BIA-ALCL Task Force (Chair), ASJ Editorial Board, Aesthetic Fellowship Program (Director)

National Affiliations: The Aesthetic Society, ASPS, ACS, ISAPS, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society, SSPS

**Training:** Indiana University Medical School;

ABPS Certification: 1999, 2008

#### **MEMBERS-AT-LARGE**

(3-year terms)

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Committee

Trent D. Douglas, MD
Greenbrae, CA
Private Practice
Current Board Position:
Member-at-Large
Current Aesthetic Society

Committee Work: The
Aesthetic Society Board of Directors,
Membership Commissioner, Membership Task
Force, Finance & Investment Committee,
Continuing Medical Education Committee,
Industry Exhibits Committee, Program

**National Affiliations:** The Aesthetic Society, ASPS, and CSPS

Training: Emory University School of Medicine, Plastic Surgery 2003-06; Naval Medical Center San Diego, General Surgery 1999-2003

ABPS Certification: 2007, 2017



Lorne K. Rosenfield, MD Burlingame, CA Private Practice, Professor UCSF, Stanford and Duke University

Current Board Positions: Member-at-Large

Aesthetic Society/ASERF Committee Work: The Aesthetic Society Board of Directors, Industry Support Committee, Patient Safety Committee, Symposium Committee, ASJ Editorial Board, ASERF Research Committee

National Affiliations: The Aesthetic Society, ASPS, AAPA, ISAPS, AAAASF, and ABPS

Training: University of Manitoba, Canada, St. Mary's Hospital, San Francisco, Baylor College of Medicine, Texas, Anderson Hospital, Texas ABPS Certifications: 1987



TRUSTEE (3-year term) Mark L. Jewel, MD Eugene, OR

#### APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

(3-year terms)



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**Al B. Cohn, MD** Vestavia Hills, AL (Southeast)



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JUDICIAL COUNCIL (3-year term) Francisco "Paco" L. Canales, MD Santa Rosa, CA (Far West)

Those continuing in positions: MEMBERS-AT-LARGE



**R. Brannon Claytor, MD** (until 2024) Bryn Mawr, PA



**Grady B. Core, MD** (until 2024) Birmingham, AL



Luis M. Rios Jr, MD (until 2023) Edinburg, TX



Douglas S. Steinbrech, MD, FACS (until 2023) New York, NY



Marissa J. Tenenbaum, MD (until 2024) St. Louis, MO



Steven G. Wallach, MD, FACS (until 2023) New York, NY

# **FOUNDATION NEWS**

#### ASERF 2022-2023 Members To Vote on Slate of Candidates



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**PRESIDENT** (automatic from President-Elect) Bruce W. Van Natta, MD Indianapolis, IN Private Practice, Clinical Associate Professor of Plastic

Surgery, Indiana University School of Medicine Current ASERF Board Position: President-

Current Aesthetic Society/ASERF Committee Work: ASERF Executive Committee, ASERF Finance & Investment Task Force (Co-Chair), and BIA-ALCL Committee

National Affiliations: The Aesthetic Society, ASERF, ABPS, and ACS

Training: Indiana University School of Medicine, Indiana University Hospital

ABPS Certification: 1991



PRESIDENT-ELECT (1 year term) Caroline A. Glicksman, MD, MSJ Sea Girt. NJ Private Practice; Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery,

Current ASERF Board Position: Secretary

Current Aesthetic Society/ASERF Committee Work: ASERF Executive Committee, Traveling Professor Program, ASJ Editorial Board, ASJ Open Forum Editorial Board, ASERF Finance & Investment Task Force, Informed Consent Task Force (Co-Chair), ASERF Scientific Research Committee (Co-Chair), Aesthetic One App Task Force, RADAR Resource Editorial Committee, and ASERF Membership Committee (Chair)

National Affiliations: The Aesthetic Society, ASERF, ASPS, ISAPS, AAAASF

Training: Mount Sinai Hospital: NY General Surgery; Plastic Surgery: New York Hospital, Cornell Medical Center, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Aesthetic Fellowship Massachusetts General Hospital, and Newton Wellesley Hospital

ABPS Certification: 1994



VICE PRESIDENT (1 year term) Onelio Garcia Jr., MD Miami, FL Private Practice; Vol. A. Professor. Division of Plastic Surgery, University of Miami,

Miller School of Medicine

Current ASERF Board Position: Treasurer Current Aesthetic Society/ASERF Committee Work: ASERF Executive Committee, ASERF Finance & Investment Task Force (Co-Chair), Application Review Committee, and Gluteal Fat Grafting Task Force

National Affiliations: The Aesthetic Society, ASERF, ASPS, ISAPS, SESPRS, and FSPS

Training: University Hospital, Jacksonville, University of Florida

ABPS Certification: 1986



**TREASURER** (2 year term) Patricia A. McGuire, MD St. Louis, MO Private Practice Current ASERF Board Position: Director

Current Aesthetic Society/ASERF Committee Work: ASERF Board of Directors, Ethics Committee, BII Task Force, Informed Consent Task Force, Traveling Professor Program, and ASERF Scientific Research Committee

National Affiliations: The Aesthetic Society, ASERF, AMWA, ASPS, and AWS

Training: St. Louis University, University of Missouri, Kansas City; Washington University; St. Louis University

ABPS Certification: 1993



**SECRETARY** (1 year term) Gabriele C. Miotto, MD Atlanta, GA Private Practice; Adjunct Assistant Professor of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery,

**Emory University** 

Current ASERF Board Position: Director Current Aesthetic Society/ASERF Committee Work: ASERF Board of Directors, RADAR Resource Editorial Committee (Editor), ASJ Editorial Board

National Affiliations: The Aesthetic Society, ASERF. ISAPS

Training: Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA; University of Illinois at Urbana, Champaign, IL.

Brazilian Medical Board: 2001 Completing term vacated by Dr. Glicksman



**DIRECTOR** (1 year term) Rafael A. Couto, MD San Juan, PR Private Practice **Current Aesthetic** Society/ASERF Committee

Work: Program Committee, Inclusion & Diversity Committee, Young Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons Committee

National Affiliations: The Aesthetic Society (Candidate), ASERF, ASPS (Candidate), PRSPS, Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society

Training: Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Aesthetic Society endorsed Aesthetic Surgery Fellowship, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

ABPS Certification: 2021

Completing term vacated by Dr. Pat McGuire

# **FOUNDATION NEWS**

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**DIRECTORS** 

(2 year terms)



Thomas G. S. Fiala, MD, MBA

Altamonte Springs, FL Private Practice; Voluntary Faculty, College of Medicine, University of Central Florida

**Current Aesthetic** 

**Society/ASERF Committee Work:** Leadership Development Committee, Finance &

Investment Committee, Patient Safety Committee, ASJ Clinical Editor

National Affiliations: The Aesthetic Society, ASERF, ASPS, ACS, Royal College

Training: University of Michigan,

Massachusetts General Hospital, University of

Massachusetts, Amherst

ABPS Certification: 1999, 2009, 2019 Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of

Canada: 1997



Allen Gabriel, MD

Vancouver, WA
Private Practice
National Affiliations: The

Aesthetic Society, ASERF, ASPS, ACS, CSPS

Training: Loma Linda

University Medical Center, University of Nevada School of Medicine

ABPS Certification: 2009



David M. Turer, MD

Montclair, NJ

Private Practice; Assistant Professor of Plastic Surgery, University of Pittsburgh

Current Aesthetic Society/ ASERF Committee Work:

Patient Safety Committee, Program Committee, Breast Implant Illness Task Force, ASERF SETA Task Force, ASERF Scientific Research Committee, ASERF Aesthetic Research Community Task Force

National Affiliations: The Aesthetic Society, ASERF. ASPS

**Training:** University of Michigan; University of Pittsburgh; Aesthetic Fellowship UT Southwestern

ABPS Certification: Board Eligible



Salvatore J. Pacella, MD

San Diego, CA Private Practice

Current Aesthetic Society/ ASERF Committee Work: ASJ Clinical Editor, ASJ Open Forum Clinical Editor, ASERF

Aesthetic Research Community Task Force

National Affiliations: The Aesthetic Society,

ASERF, ISAPS, ASPS, CSPS

**Training:** University of Michigan Health

System: Ann Arbor, Michigan ABPS Certification: 2009



TRUSTEE (2 year term)

Joe Gryskiewicz, MD Burnsville, MN

# Those Continuing Their Terms: DIRECTORS



Nolan S. Karp, MD (until 2023)

New York, NY



David A. Sieber, MD (until 2023) San Francisco, CA

# Thank You ASERF President's Circle Members!

William P. Adams Jr., MD
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# **SOCIETY NEWS**

#### A Conversation on BII and Its Breaking Research



Melinda J. Haws, MD Interviewer



Patricia A. McGuire, MD Interviewee



Caroline A. Glicksman, MD, MSJ Interviewee

Caroline, for joining me today! I'd love to talk to you about the 'big paper,' the one that you two spearheaded and I was lucky enough just to contribute patients to. Let's start from the beginning. What's the background? Why did you decide now is the time we needed a breast implant illness paper, in particular a prospective data paper?

PM: I started seeing increasing numbers of patients around 2016, right when BIA-ALCL was recognized by the WHO as the fourth form of anaplastic large cell lymphoma. They weren't just concerned about ALCL, they were also concerned about a variety of symptoms they had developed since they had implants placed. Increasingly they had specific requests for en-bloc removal for non-malignancy. They wanted pictures of the implants, pictures of the capsules, and they wanted pictures of the pocket to be sure the entire capsule had been removed. I was skeptical, but then after explanation, many of them got better. At the device hearings in March of 2019, we heard some very compelling testimony from these women. They had real symptoms and some of them got better when their implants were removed, so I started thinking 'what are we missing?' They say it's the most studied medical device of all time, but then why do we still see this much distrust and concern?

That concern worried me too. I was worried about increasing distrust of plastic surgeons, especially when I started to hear about some surgeons taking advantage of patients, having them spend incredible amounts of money, and saying that only select surgeons could perform capsulectomies correctly.

CG: The next step was to design a study that would be prospective, blinded and include two cohorts of patients with breast implants, one that self-reported systemic symptoms that they attributed to their implants and a second cohort that had implants and systemic symptoms that they did not attribute to their implants as well as a control group that never had any implanted medical device. The study design included run in two parts. We wanted to look at biospecimens which included the capsules for the presence of bacteria, pathology, and to identify any heavy metals. We also took blood from all three cohorts on the day of surgery. For the second part of the study, we included a detailed psychosocial investigation. Many of the reported symptoms included anxiety, depression, cognitive impairment, sleep disturbances—that have not been fully studied prospectively. We also needed to collect enough specimens to be statistically significant. We knew this was required to answer questions the FDA, patients, and surgeons. Our first question was whether the type of capsulectomy performed at the time of implant removal made a difference in symptom improvement.

PM® Yes, I want to emphasize that point. The previous papers have been retrospective, had few case studies, had no control groups, and had no long-term follow-up. There was one that got a lot of press, but 48% of the patients were followed for less than 30 days and there was no control group. Our study is the first prospective, blinded study with controls

Why wasn't there a group where there was no capsule taken at all? I have heard it asked 'well why is it just partial capsulectomy or total capsulectomy?'

We really needed to collect specimens on all the patients as the capsule tissue was necessary for pathology, heavy metals testing, and testing of microbes. We needed enough specimens to be able to obtain statistically significant data, so we did not have a group of patients with no capsulectomy.

PM: More than just a tiny biopsy was required in order to do the heavy metals testing. The lab required approximately 10 grams of tissue to perform the metals analysis. Some of the capsules were very thin, so even the partial capsulectomy resulted in more than just a small piece of tissue removed, and was why all patients were at least a partial capsulectomy.

You have presented this data in a lot of different formats to a lot of plastic surgeons. What are the biggest questions or comments that are you're getting?

CG: The Aesthetic Society's and ASERF's presidents just came out with a joint position statement, an alert, reiterating the findings of this study which is that the type of capsulectomy makes no difference in symptom improvement. I've received a great deal of feedback from plastic surgeons, both in the United States and around the world, who had been waiting for data to address these issues with some surgeons in their communities who may be taking advantage of these women. What I'm hearing so far is an appreciation for this data so they can inform patients that they may not need such aggressive procedures to feel better. Now, we don't yet completely understand why some patients get better, but they do not appear to need so much surgery that they're left with unnecessary serious complications.

whether there were enough patients to achieve statistical significance. Before we started, we knew these biospecimen analyses were going to be expensive: we did peripheral blood for CBC, thyroid function, vitamin D levels, we looked at 12 different cytokines, CRP, heavy metals testing, routine pathology, next-generation DNA sequencing... it was going to be expensive! So we needed

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to know the minimum number that we could analyze and reach statistical significance.

Prior to beginning the study we talked to an experienced biostatistician who told us with 50 subjects in each cohort we could achieve statistical significance, According to our statistician, this does reach statistical significance, even with multivariate analysis, the p-value could have been raised and we still would have reached statistical significance.

Let's talk about the funding, too, because unlike nearly every other big study done on breast implants, this had no industry funding. How did you get funding?

This is an issue primarily for aesthetic plastic surgeons, largely in private practice. We need to make sure that our patients trust us. Our first thought when designing the study and creating the budget was to approach ASERF. When we submitted the grant application, the Scientific Research Committee came back asking us to include further analysis and offered even more funds which was really exciting. This was the largest grant ASERF ever awarded! We were so happy to complete this study, especially during a COVID year, thanks especially to all of our collaborating surgeons around the country. And remember, many laboratories had shut down to divert research to COVID. It's very hard for private practice plastic surgeons to collect this level of data but we have the full support of the aesthetic community.

We went back for additional funding to do an analysis that was beyond reproach. We used the statistician who's been used on FDA studies, who knew what they were looking for, and that was not cheap to do. But it wasn't just about the funding, it was about the support, encouragement, and ideas that pushed us across the finish line.

big bombshell that, number one, the patients do feel better after implant removal, and number two, it doesn't matter what kind of capsulectomy, total or partial, is done. Give us an idea of what we can look forward to as this research progresses.

PM: The second paper will be on the heavy metals analysis of the capsule, which is one I believe everyone is looking forward to, and we're in the process of writing. For example, we found heavy metals in the capsules, but we also found metals in breast tissue of women who never had any implanted medical device. So it will analyze the differences and potential sources and consequences of metals in tissue.

We tracked everything from diets, to smoking, to tattoos, to cities for sources of drinking water. You have to remember that when we have a metals discussion we don't live in a bubble, we have environmental toxins that we are exposed to over time, which is why we also took normal breast tissue from women who were never exposed to any medical device to compare whether or not heavy metals are present in the breast and how they got there.

The third paper will look at the capsule histology, the patient's cytokines, and all of the peripheral blood work that was taken in the three cohorts. Specimens were also sent to Johns Hopkins for enterotoxin analysis looking to see if there is any evidence of possible superantigens. We tried to conduct a study that would address all past and recent theories related to the potential systemic effects of breast implants.

MH: I've heard about how multidisciplinary the analysis is in the upcoming papers. Could you talk a bit about who was included?

PhD toxicologist, who's as experienced as anybody with medical devices and potential toxicity. Dr Marshall Kadin is the pathologist who described cutaneous ALCL. He's done a lot of work with breast implant-associated ALCL. He had theories on what he thought might be going on with these patients. He was the one who got us involved with Dr. Robert Hamilton who is a PhD immunologist at Johns Hopkins, which is where we sent the enterotoxin studies. Dr. James Sung, who's a pathologist at Brown University, didn't know a lot about breast implant illness, but now he's completely fascinated by it and is excited to

have been included. Also included was Jill Newby in New South Wales, who's a clinical psychologist for our patient-reported outcome data from the PROMIS surveys. We're not psychologists and we really needed someone with a PhD in psychology to interpret the data.

That's such good information, and a lot to digest! But I'm sure you have more on the horizon. Future studies: where do you see yourselves going from here?

PM® Of course there's more! The next thing we'd like to study is removing implants without any capsulectomy to see if we have the same symptom improvement.

designed on the Aesthetic Society's SETA platform which will be able to collect prospective breast implant data and Patient Reported Outcome Measures. We have the funding and are just putting the pieces in place. This study will collect data over a couple of years, looking at possible symptoms before and after surgery.

PM: One thing that also requires more study is the fact that we found significantly more anxiety and depression in our BII cohorts than our control groups, and it poses a chicken or egg question.

How about the angle of saline implants? At least in the patients that I enrolled, there was a higher percentage of saline implants which, I believe, make up less than ten percent of total implants placed nationally. Yet saline implants seemed to be disproportionately represented in BII cases.

PM: 60% of our BII patients had saline implants and 90% were smooth, but what we have seen around the world is that the most common implant involved is the most common implant used in any geographical location. It's important we saw predominantly saline implant patients and this shows it was not a dose response to silicone, which would have been higher in silicone gel implants. Also, the length of time the implants were in place was statistically the same between the BII and non-BII implant cohorts.

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Were there any interesting findings in demographic data? I think I've heard you talk about smoking between BII and non-BII, or body surface area of tattoos, or any other specific things?

Yes, the BII patients had statistically lower educational levels, were more likely to smoke tobacco or smoke marijuana, they were more likely to take non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents, anti-anxiety and anti-depression medications.

The patients in the BII cohort were seven times more likely to be on a gluten-free diet, which is predominantly rice-based with potentially considerable arsenic content. They also took more nutritional supplements. Some of these confounders may be in part due to the fact that we conducted our study during the COVID pandemic while patients were taking more supplements, like zinc for instance. Patients in the BII cohort also had a statistically higher number of tattoos. We looked at the colors of the tattoos because some have cadmium, chromium, zinc, arsenic, lead, and mercury in tattoos. Also, the non-BII cohort had a lower BMI than the other two cohorts.

**MH** Anything I've missed? I think we've covered a lot of fascinating ground.

PM: The bottom line is that these women have real symptoms, they are not hypochondriacs, and their symptoms get better when their implants are removed. We don't know why yet, but that's why we're continuing with this research.

"Impact of Capsulectomy Type on Post-Explantation Systemic Symptom Improvement: Findings From the ASERF Systemic Symptoms in Women-Biospecimen Analysis Study: Part 1" can be found in the December 2021 Aesthetic Surgery Journal.

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# **SOCIETY NEWS**



#### Commentary on Related Research

Kent K. Higdon, MD, FACS

Capsulectomy can be performed for a variety of reasons after implant-based breast surgery. The heightened public attention around Breast Implant Illness (BII) has raised awareness of and increased the rates of capsulectomy in the US. Yet the literature around the safety of capsulectomies is quite limited. My fellow authors and I utilized the CosmetAssure<sup>™</sup> database, a robust and powerful prospective dataset tool, to analyze the safety of the capsulectomy procedure among board-certified and board-eligible plastic surgeons from all types of plastic surgery practices and across all regions of the US over a 21/2 year period, which included 76,128 patients in all. Our study defined major complications as those that required hospital admission, takeback to the OR, or ER visits within 45 days of the incident surgery.

We found capsulectomy, as compared to all other procedures, to have a higher rate of major complications. In fact, 2.8% of patients in this dataset undergoing capsulectomy had at least one major complication. Compared to patients who underwent only implant replacement without capsulectomy, the patients who had capsulectomy had a higher rate of any major complication (2.8% vs 1.9%, P<0.05), as well as nearly double the risk of a hematoma (1.6% vs 0.9%, p<0.05). A majority of the hematomas occurred on postoperative day 1 and 0 (46.9% vs 38.1%).

Complications within the capsulectomy group were found to be in descending order: hematoma, infection, suspected or confirmed VTE, and pulmonary dysfunction. ASA Classes III and IV predicted risk for any type of complication. Body Mass Indices (BMI) over 30, as well as procedures performed in Office-Based Surgical Suites, as compared to Ambulatory Surgery Centers and Hospitals, had a higher risk for major infectious complications.

In order to make an assessment of the possible influence of social media on

capsulectomy rates, our study chose to compare capsulectomies performed before and after January 6, 2019—a date from Google and Twitter trend analyses performed by Adidharma et al. These authors found a spike in Google searches and trends for breast implant illness during the week of January 6, 2019, coinciding with a YouTube® influencer's public interview sharing her experience with breast implant illness. Similarly, within the CosmetAssure™ database, capsulectomy rates significantly rose and nearly doubled from an average of 2.7/day to 5.2/day from that January 6. 2019 date. A similar peak in Google trends for BII was observed the week of February 3, 2019 following an FDA letter raising awareness of BIA-ALCL. Unfortunately, some of the public appear to associate the two entities of BII and BIA-ALCL.

We are grateful to share our data on the safety of capsulectomy. When performed by board-certified/board-eligible plastic surgeons, the absolute rate of complications is relatively low. But severe complications can and do occur. Our data demonstrates the relative risk of complications is higher than other cosmetic procedures. As capsulectomies continue to increase, the overall incidence of complications can be expected to also increase, underscoring the importance of understanding and sharing the risks of capsulectomy so that patients can make a truly informed decision for treatment.

"Incidence and Preoperative Risk Factors for Major Complications After Capsulectomy: Analysis of 3,048 Patients" can be found in the January 2022 Aesthetic Surgery Journal.

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# **SOCIETY NEWS**



#### Bylaws Modernization—Thank you for Responding

Jeffrey M. Kenkel, MD—Chair, Bylaws Committee

Active Members, thank you for voting on the Bylaws updates, which were approved!

Modernization of Bylaws paves the way for a bright future for our Society.

We received a few questions about the changes, which warrant a response:

#### Q: WHY REMOVE THE MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT WHEN WE NOW HAVE A LIVE-STREAMING VIRTUAL OPTION?

A: Hybrid meetings are expensive, and it has not been determined that the Society will extend the option indefinitely. Unlike years ago, we recognize that aesthetic surgery education is available from a variety of sources today, so we are committed to ensuring our

educational offerings are the gold standard. That quality will drive the desire to attend as CME is required for state licensure.

#### Q: HOW WILL ACTIVE MEMBERS STILL HAVE A VOICE WHEN IT COMES TO VOTING IN NEW MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY?

A: Active Members will be solicited to provide comments on all who apply for membership. These comments are critical to the Application Review Committee as they evaluate each individual. Over the years, it has become clear that this is the most crucial step where our member's voice is heard, and the Committee responds. Only those who meet the highest standards will be recommended to the Board for membership.

#### Q: WHY SHOULD THE SOCIETY REQUIRE ME TO REGISTER BREAST IMPLANT DEVICES WITH THE MANUFACTURER?

A: Much like the Society's requirement that all members operate in an accredited facility, this aligns with our mission of patient safety. Members will be asked to annually attest on their dues statement when their payment is provided. No additional work is required on the part of members as device registration with the manufacturer should already be part of the practice workflow. The Society is not requiring that members participate in a registry.

To view the full version of the Bylaws, visit our new website, theaestheticsociety.org, and click on "About The Aesthetic Society" at the bottom of the home page.

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## **FOUNDATION NEWS**



Update on ASERF

By Louis L. Strock, MD



As my term as President of ASERF comes to an end, I am thankful for my fellow Board members and our members and donors who have all been pivotal in helping us achieve new goals for The Foundation. I would like to highlight several achievements of ASERF over the past year...

The first is the introduction of SETA (Survey, Execution, Transformation, and Analysis), the Foundation's electronic data capture system, first proposed by my predecessor Luis Rios. This technology is in development for the first study to utilize its unique capabilities, a prospective study on Breast Implant Illness. SETA will allow ASERF to develop and maintain multiple clinical studies and expand its research efforts, including offering CRO services to industry. For ASERF member surgeons, clinical researchers, and industry partners, this technology will be a game changer for aesthetic research. And, many

thanks to Mentor for their generous funding in support of SETA!

Another remarkable event for ASERF this year is the ongoing work of Drs. Caroline Glicksman and Patricia McGuire on their ASERF-funded study, "Systemic Symptoms: Biospecimen Analysis Study," with the first of four planned papers published in Aesthetic Surgery Journal, and in January, an alert from Aesthetic Society President, Dr. Bill Adams, and me, that was emailed to membership regarding the impactful results of this study. Most notably, this research has shown that, in self-reported symptomatic BII patients, symptom relief is based on device removal with no relationship to the type or degree of capsuletomy that was performed. This has confirmed that there is no benefit to what some call an "en bloc" capsulectomy. I encourage you to read the entire article in ASJ titled "Part 1: Impact of Capsulectomy

Type on Post-Explantation Systemic Symptom Improvement: Findings From the ASERF Systemic Symptoms in Women-Biospecimen Analysis Study". As the title suggests, this article is just the first of more articles to come resulting from this landmark study.

I am also happy to report that Camille Cash, MD has recently accepted the appointment to serve as Chair of the ASERF Externship Program Task Force. Dr. Cash and her colleagues will build an innovative project that is expected to meet the needs of students who do not otherwise have access to plastic surgery training at their respective colleges. The program is experiential in nature and will provide exposure and access to plastic surgeons in both private practice and the university settings. Externships are expected to enhance both ASERF and The Aesthetic

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# COMING SOON SETA



The Aesthetic Surgery Education and Research Foundation

### In 2022, ASERF Will Introduce SETA, A New Electronic Data Capture (EDC) System

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#### Update on ASERF

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Society membership pipelines by exposing medical students to research opportunities, offering free registration to the Annual Meeting, and the chance to find mentors in our members. ASERF has committed \$10,000 to launch the program and is discussing the concept with several industry representatives who have shown interest.

Dr. Bill Adams and I have met with the FDA on multiple occasions to discuss the expanded use of Aesthetic One to register breast implants. We continue to advocate for this technology as a seamless way for surgeons to register their placed implants with manufacturers and provide patients with a digital implant record and operation summary. It is important for the FDA to recognize Aesthetic One and the efforts of both The Aesthetic Society and ASERF to develop and refine this tool for both surgeons and patients to have immediate access to breast implant

registration information and a checklist procedure note, all in a digital form to improve access for future needs.

I have had the good fortune of having a great group of colleagues who have served on the Board of Directors this year and appreciate their hard work and enthusiasm as we have all worked to build upon the work of my predecessors who have served as ASERF President, I appreciate the close working relationship and collaboration of my longtime friend and Aesthetic Society President Bill Adams, helping make this year both enjoyable and productive, with a very close alignment of ASERF with The Aesthetic Society. I also very much appreciate our staff, most notably Courtney Muehlebach, Tom Purcell, and Sue Dykema for their hard work and dedication to ASERF.

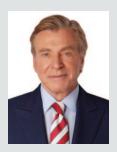
I am also happy to report that everyone has worked together to help ASERF to evolve,

with the ongoing development of new benefits for our members and new projects that serve its Mission. The Foundation has awarded just under \$28,000 in funding for grants this past year. The Foundation will also continue to support member surgeons, residents, and fellows interested in aesthetic surgery research by providing research grant funding, our most active program.

I would like to thank all of you for the honor of serving as ASERF President over this past year. ASERF will be in great hands under the leadership of my longtime friend and colleague, ASERF's next President, Bruce Van Natta.

Louis L. Strock, MD is an aesthetic plastic surgeon practicing in Fort Worth, Texas, and serves as President of ASERF.

### Engage With ASERF at The Aesthetic Meeting 2022



## ASERF CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD SHERRELL J. ASTON, MD

Well-known surgeon, educator, mentor, and member, Sherrell J. Aston, MD, will be receiving the ASERF Career Achievement Award during The Society and Foundation Annual Member Business Meeting Saturday, April 23, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM at the San Diego Convention Center. Honor his contributions to our specialty by donating to ASERF at aserf.org/awarddonate.

### ASERF PREMIER GLOBAL HOT TOPICS (#S14)

Recognized as a "must-see" program each year, Premier Global Hot Topics is expected to draw in the crowds again in San Diego with Co-Chairs Drs. Jamil Ahmad, Tiffany McCormack, and Simeon Wall Jr. Challenged with limited time, world-renowned surgeons advocate for or against new technologies and surgical procedures which shape the future of the specialty. Ticket required for this optional education on Thursday, April 21, from 1:30pm – 6:30pm.

#### ASERF SILENT AUCTION— BID TO WIN!



Bid on unique products and services in support of aesthetic research at the 9th annual auction! A full list of donors can be found in this issue of

ASN on page 13. Online bidding opens Friday, April 1, and onsite bidding at The Aesthetic Meeting 2022 begins Friday, April 22. All bidding concludes at 2:00 PM Pacific on Sunday, April 24. Download the Handbid app, use the website http://events.handbid.com/auctions/aserf-auction-2022, or visit Handbid representatives at The Aesthetic Society booth #2017 to bid. Thank you to the

companies and surgeons who have donated to the auction and made it a success for so long.

### ASERF SPOTLIGHT ON RESEARCH

Get the latest information on research projects funded through the ASERF grant program, which is made possible through dues and donations to The Foundation. Watch your peers present their current progress or results on Friday, April 22, from 12:45pm – 3:15pm in The Aesthetic Arena, led by our Scientific Research Committee Co-Chairs, Drs. Caroline Glicksman and David Sieber. A ticket is not required.

#### **VISIT US IN SAN DIEGO**

Stop by the ASERF lounge located within The Aesthetic Society booth #2017. Learn more about our recently funded projects, ask about available funding for you and your patients, inquire about SETA, and if you are a member, pick up your FREE thank you gift!

## Caroline A. Glicksman, MD, MSJ, and Patricia A. McGuire, MD Inducted to ASERF's Prestigious President's Circle



The Aesthetic Surgery Education and Research Foundation

ouis L. Strock, MD, ASERF President, is pleased to announce Caroline A. Glicksman, MD, MSJ of New Jersey and Patricia A. McGuire, MD of Missouri are the latest members to be recognized for their individual \$50,000 gifts to become the newest members of ASERF's President's Circle.

These donations demonstrate their commitment to ASERF's mission "to identify and pursue those issues relevant to advancing the safety and effectiveness of aesthetic medicine through independent, unbiased, directed research and groundbreaking education."

#### CAROLINE A. GLICKSMAN, MD, MSJ

Caroline Glicksman, MD, MSJ currently serves on the ASERF Board as Secretary and chairs the Scientific Research Committee. Participating on numerous committees throughout the last two decades, she has advocated for increased oversight of grant funds. As Chair of the Scientific Research Committee, she helped introduce policies and procedures

that fast-track the grant application process and the awarding of research funds. Grants are conferred quarterly producing a quick turnaround for investigators and higher quality research all for the purpose of improving aesthetic surgery research outcomes.

"I belong to and am active in many professional, philanthropic, and charitable organizations; however, as someone who has been immersed in both laboratory and clinical research for over 30 years, ASERF has become a passion project. I volunteer



"I enjoy being a part of the ASERF community and especially my role as Chair of the Scientific Research Committee. Both experienced researchers and young aspiring plastic surgeons are wanting to make a difference

through novel research. Knowing that I am a part of the grant review process and helping them reach their goals is rewarding. With four kid's college tuitions behind me, and their post-graduate education almost complete, I felt it was a good time to support The Aesthetic Society and ASERF. By donating to ASERF I can support The Foundation, invest in my profession, and ensure ASERF continues to fund novel physician-initiated research through their grant process."

#### PATRICIA A. MCGUIRE, MD

Patricia McGuire, MD has been actively involved with both The Aesthetic Society and ASERF serving as a member of the Ethics Committee, an ASJ editorial Board Member, a Traveling Professor, Informed Consent Task Force member and most recently Vice Chair of the BII Task Force and an ASERF Board member. Her decision to

donate was based on ASERF's fiscally sound financial practices and her firsthand account of having had a grant funded by the organization.

"Like my colleagues, I am asked to make donations all the time. From local charities to my medical school to my current hospital affiliations. However, at this point in my life and career, I opted to make a significant donation to ASERF."

"Strong scientific data is needed to support or refute current practices, improve patient safety and quality of care for our aesthetic patients. As a volunteer Board



Member, and recent grant recipient I can attest to ASERF's rigorous standards. ASERF funds research that affects our practices, bringing actual science into the aesthetic surgery realm. The Scientific Research Committee carefully reviews each grant application funding only the best and ensures funds are used responsibly, research is appropriately performed

as well as documented."

"Dr. Glicksman and I recently published a Breast Implant Illness paper which was funded through an ASERF research grant. The first-ever prospective blinded study with control groups studying women with systemic symptoms they attribute to breast implants. This paper, unlike other papers on the subject was prospective, with control groups and has long term follow up, which set this study apart. So far, the response has been amazing the world over. This is what I mean when I say ASERF is bringing Science into the aesthetic surgery realm."

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## **SOCIETY NEWS**



#### Beyond the Before & After Launches to your Potential Patients

By Laura Leatherberry









The Aesthetic Society recently launched Beyond the Before & After, a four-part film series that documents the transformative journey and life after plastic surgery. This docuseries aims to tell unique patient stories from real people who have undergone aesthetic plastic surgery. Whether for breast reconstruction, surgery post weight-loss or a total transformation, people seek plastic surgery to make positive changes in their lives and empower confidence in themselves.

The debut series seeks to provoke a new understanding of how aesthetic plastic surgery positively impacts people's lives, beyond the superficial. In this series, The Aesthetic Society gives patients the platform to tell their untold stories of how plastic surgery helped transform their lives, not just physically but emotionally as well—with the goal of helping others feel more empowered in their own lives.

#### BE PART OF THE STORY

We are promoting the series to consumers via a partnership with NewBeauty and support from Allergan Aesthetics, an AbbVie Company, and will be driving potential patients to your profile.

Your prospective patient could be a film away and you don't want to miss the opportunity! Be prepared and update your public profile on our newly launched website, TheAestheticSociety.org.

Laura Leatherberry is a branding consultant who has worked with The Aesthetic Society for three years, rebranding the organization. Her latest contributions include creating the "Beyond" creative campaign, writing content for the new website, and producing the "Beyond The Before & After" docuseries.

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# Managing finances in the digital world.

Now more than ever, practices and patients are shifting to digital standards to streamline safe and efficient healthcare. Digital solutions can offer both patient satisfaction and increased continuity of care for practices committed to their patients. In many instances, digital options have now become expected, and financing is one example.

Patients want a payment solution that works wherever they are. The CareCredit health, wellness and beauty credit card can streamline the financial process for both practices and patients searching for a seamless digital payment solution. At practices that accept the CareCredit credit card, patients have an easy way to learn about CareCredit, apply and pay for their care over time.\*

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## It's not only a solution patients love, it's: Reliable

Patients can count on CareCredit to offer a convenient way to pay for cosmetic care they want or need that insurance doesn't cover. This includes everything from:

- Plastic surgery including prescriptions
- Non-invasive procedures
- Skincare products
- And more!

#### **Flexible**

Though enthusiastic about pursuing a treatment, sticker shock may prevent patients from pursuing your complete recommendation. CareCredit makes paying for aesthetic aspirations more attainable with convenient monthly payments that may fit more comfortably into a patient's budget. Patients can take advantage of promotional financing on purchases of \$200 or more.

#### Contactless

With CareCredit, patients can independently access their complete financing experience anytime, anywhere from their smart device. This means a more empowering experience for patients and greater efficiency for practice staff. Contactless payment options allow your staff to spend less time and energy on payment so they can focus on what matters: patient care.

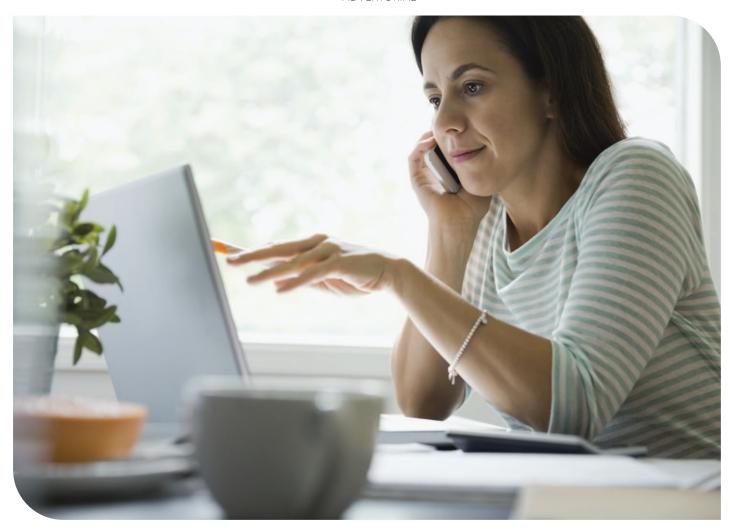
CareCredit cardholders have a **6.6X** higher average ticket than spending on a typical general purpose credit card.<sup>2</sup>

## CareCredit offers digital ways to help your patients and practice.

- Online Payment Calculator allows you to share estimated monthly payments and disclosures with patients.
   Understanding how a procedure will fit into their budget can help patients feel more confident moving forward with the treatment you recommend.
- **Digital marketing tools & resources** such as patientconversation scripts and ready-to-use templates help your practice and staff easily and efficiently engage with patients digitally.
- **Social media support** offers ready-to-use posts, tweets and videos to help educate patients on flexible ways to pay for care.
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- **Get paid quickly & easily.** With CareCredit, you get paid in 2 business days.

**77%** overall provider satisfaction from the Provider Satisfaction Report.<sup>3</sup>

#### **ADVERTORIAL**



CareCredit provides many digital tools and resources that greatly benefit both patients and practices. By making access to dermatologic care more convenient through digital tools, like those provided by CareCredit, patients are able to become more engaged in their treatment plans.

This can have long-term benefits for patients and your practice as a whole. Learn more about how to give patients an easy, digital way to learn, apply and pay for the aesthetic care they want or need.

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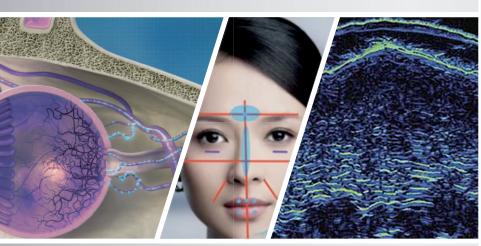
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## **SOCIETY NEWS**





#### ASJ and ASJ Open Forum

Read the April issue of *ASJ* is live here: https://academic.oup.com/asj/issue/42/3

#### ASJ AND ASJ OPEN FORUM ANNUAL RETREAT



ASJ Editorial Board Members and ASJ Open Forum Contributing Editors met in Las Vegas to review past accomplishments and plan for the years ahead.

The editors, leadership, and editorial staff of both journals met in Las Vegas to review past accomplishments and plan for the years ahead. The group discussed innovations and strategy that will help grow our family of journals. We also formally announced that Dr. Jeffrey M. Kenkel will succeed Dr. Foad Nahai as Editor in Chief of Aesthetic Surgery Journal in January 2024 when his term is completed. Congratulations, Dr. Kenkel!



#### ASJ OPEN FORUM: VOLUME 4 (2022)

Now that the Journal has implemented a continuous publication model, you can read Volume 4

throughout 2022 as new articles publish. Through the developing countries initiative, authors in developing nations can take advantage of discounted publication fees which in some cases may be free. Right now, we are offering a 50% discount on the publication fees for brand new submissions to ASJ Open Forum (does not include submissions cascaded from ASJ). Submit to ASJ Open Forum in the next 30 days to take advantage of a 50% discount. Simply mention the code FIFTYOFF in your cover letter and it will be applied prior to publication.



ASJ's Editor in Chief Dr. Foad Nahai presented at the Atlanta Breast Symposium in February on chemosis avoidance and management.



A WARM WELCOME

Team *ASJ* welcomes a new Assistant Managing Editor, Anastasia Cyzewski.

#### **ASJ GEMS**

If you missed a recent ASJ GEMS webinar, use these links to watch them at your leisure on RADAR Resource at the links below. You can register for all ASJ webinars by writing to: anastasia@theaestheticsociety.org. If you're interested in participating as a guest lecturer, write to: phaedra@theaestheticsociety.org.

- An expert panel of Latino rhinoplasty surgeons led by Dr. Hector Duran discussed Rhinoplasty in Latinos by Latino American Surgeons: https://bit.ly/3rzY4SU
- Dr. Louis Strock lectured on Transaxillary Breast Augmentation: How to Maintain Technical Control from a Remote Incision: https://bit.ly/3Jg9zon
- Dr. Amaka Nwubah and Dr. Roy Kim discussed Post-Pandemic Social Media in Plastic Surgery: What We Can't Live Without: https://bit.ly/3HCaFut
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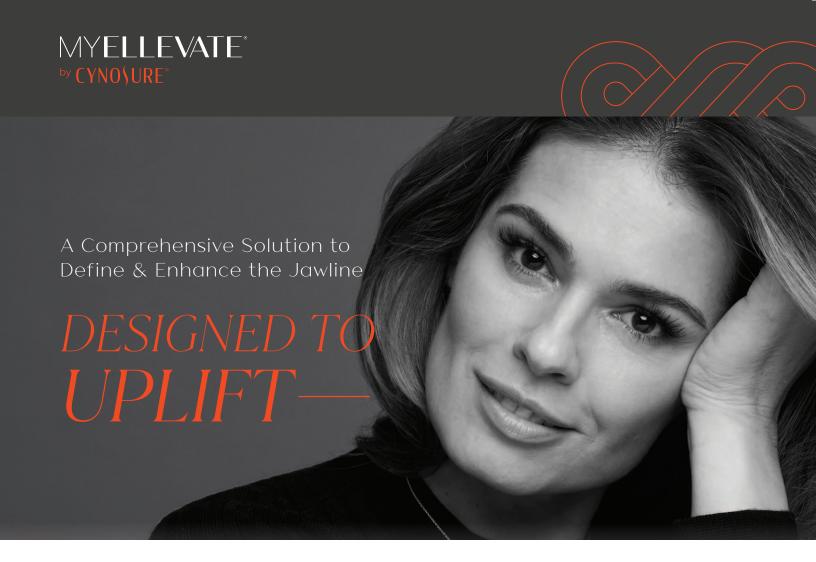
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Stay tuned for details about the next *ASJ* Journal Club on Tuesday, April 12. You can register for all *ASJ* webinars by writing to: anastasia@theaestheticsociety.org. If you're interested in participating as an author lecturer or guest discussant, write to: phaedra@theaestheticsociety.org.

#### **ASJ OPEN FORUM PODCASTERS**

We are excited to introduce our new team of podcasters who will conduct interviews promoting articles published in the Journal. We welcome four new hosts, Dr. Mark Albert, Dr. Deniz Sarhaddi, Dr. Ryan Austin, and Dr. Maryam Zamani. Look for new episodes regularly here: https://bit.ly/3CaueYQ.





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Apply for Active Membership Application Deadlines are January 5 and July 1



#### Membership FAQs

What questions about The Aesthetic Society or membership do you have? What myths can we help dispel? If you have questions about anything related to our Society, simply email membership@theaestheticsociety.org and you'll get an answer to your question!

### HOW MANY SPONSORS WILL I NEED?

You will need at least two (2) sponsors.
U.S. and Canadian applicants must have one sponsor that is in your geographical location while the other can be any Aesthetic Society Active/Life Member that knows you well.
Each sponsor will need to complete the sponsorship form on your behalf. International applicants must have one Aesthetic Society Active/International Active or Life Member sponsor, and the other must be a member in a national plastic surgery society acceptable to The Aesthetic Society, or from an ISAPS member in their country.

### WHO MAY SPONSOR ME FOR MEMBERSHIP?

Any Active or Life Member of The Aesthetic Society, who is not a family member, an associate and/or partner in the same practice may sponsor you for Active membership. Sponsorship forms are included within the application.

## WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION?

The two deadlines are January 5 and July 1.

### HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR MY APPLICATION TO BE REVIEWED?

Applicants who submit materials for the July 1 deadline are eligible for election at the end of the year. Applications submitted by the January 5 deadline are eligible for election in the Spring.

### WHAT ARE THE FEES AND WHEN SHOULD THEY BE PAID?

There is a \$250 Application Fee that must be paid along with your completed application. Once voted in, you will be required to pay your annual membership dues:

- Membership dues for Active Members are \$1,275
- Membership dues for International Active Members are \$545

For information on the full application process, visit the Medical Professionals section of theaestheticsociety.org/membership.

For additional information/questions, please contact our Membership Manager, Marissa Simpson via email membership@theaestheticsociety.org or at 562.799.2356.

#### DO I HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF ASPS TO BE A MEMBER OF THE AESTHETIC SOCIETY?

No. Membership in ASPS is NOT required to be an Aesthetic Society member.

### Membership Myth-Busters

Myth: One must attend an Aesthetic Society meeting to become a member.

Fact: This used to be the case. However, in order to streamline the application process, this requirement was recently removed!

Myth: One must be a Candidate for Membership in order to apply for Active Membership in The Aesthetic Society.

Fact: As long as a surgeon meets our application requirements, they can apply for Active Membership immediately.

Myth: One must be a member of ASPS to be a member of The Aesthetic Society.

Fact: Many Society leaders and members are not members of ASPS. The Aesthetic Society is the premier aesthetic society, dedicated solely to aesthetic education, and we don't require membership in any other in order to become an Aesthetic Society member. As long as you meet our requirements, you can apply for membership today!

Myth: The Aesthetic Society's streamlined application process means that we are somehow lowering our membership standards.

Fact: Our Society will continue to accept only the best and brightest surgeons, with a major focus on aesthetic surgery and cosmetic medicine. We want the best trained people, and those high standards will never change. That is how we differentiate ourselves from the crowd, only the process has been streamlined.

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## **SOCIETY NEWS**



## 4th Norwegian-American Aesthetic Surgery Hybrid Meeting and ISAPS Symposium

By Amin Kalaaji, MD, PhD, Meeting Chair





Dear friends and colleagues,

The 4th Norwegian-American Aesthetic Surgery meeting and ISAPS symposium (NAAM4) on October 29, 2021, was phenomenally successful: more than 170 attendees participated from 25 countries and 5 continents! Happily, this turnout was more than expected in these complicated times.

After the success of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Norwegian-American Aesthetic Surgery meetings in Oslo, in 2015, 2017, and 2019, the Norwegian Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (NSAPS) and The Aesthetic Society were pleased to invite you to the 4th Norwegian-American Aesthetic Surgery Meeting. This time, we combined NAAM4 with the 1st Norway ISAPS Symposium (International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, or ISAPS). Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we held this joint meeting in hybrid format.

We are astonished that we were able to adapt and ultimately succeed in delivering a genuine hybrid meeting with worldwide participation. We should never forsake education and should adjust to the here and now, this time, when traveling was hindered. We should not let that deter us for any reason. One thing is for sure, this hybrid form will be a new standard for our meetings as much as possible. As something new for this meeting, we shared a link in separate correspondence after the meeting to highlight the exhibitors' activity, as some exhibitors participated virtually.

We are proud to announce that we assembled 13 distinguished colleagues for the faculty:

William P. Adams Jr., USA; Timothy Marten, USA; Nazim Cerkes, Turkey; Elisabeth Hall-Findlay, Canada; Francisco Gomez Bravo, Spain; Mark Jewell, USA; Ruth Graf, Brazil; Kent K. Higdon, USA; Amin Kalaaji, Norway; Kjersti Ausen, Norway; Gudjon Gunnarsson, Norway; Mary Jewell, USA; and Bjørn Tvedt, Norway

Many lectures and courses were presented at this educational meeting, starting Friday at 08:30 CEST and finishing the same day in the late afternoon. As in the past, we divided the program into seven sessions:

- Rhinoplasty
- Breast 1, including the latest on breast implant illness
- · Patient Safety and Practice Management
- Breast 2, including the latest on ALCL and updates on recent innovations
- Regenerative Surgery and Fat Grafting in Body Contouring, including BBL
- Face: Face Lift, Neck Lift, Fat Grafting, and Ancillary Procedures
- Intimate Surgery

The preliminary program was published online at www.naam.no. There, you can scroll down to view the program.

Rather than simply presenting a limited number of topics, we covered as many aspects of aesthetic surgery as possible within these seven sessions. This time, using a compact continuous format, we had various topics and numerous lectures on the faculty's related

topics. We believe, as does the faculty, this enhanced critical thought stimulated discussion, allowing our colleagues to reflect on the discussions and discover new ways of thinking.

The in-person fees were low, and the virtual fees were reduced further for all members of the IASPS, the NSAPS, and The Aesthetic Society, as well as for select other societies.

Even in the hybrid format, for those who preferred to travel to Oslo, the beautiful capital of Norway, with its fjords and natural surroundings, the weather was partially sunny and chilly, about 16° C (60° F).

I thank all of you—faculty, moderators, exhibitors, and delegates—for your support and participation.

Remember to pencil in the date for the 5th Norwegian American Aesthetic Surgery and ISAPS Meeting (NAAM5) October 27, 2023. Follow the updates at www.naam.no.



The Norwegian Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery recently published a free digital book outlining its history! We invite you to read it, and hope you will find it interesting and educational. Click or scan the code to read.



### Have You Mistakenly Unsubscribed from Aesthetic Society Emails?

The Aesthetic Society has recently become aware that some members and colleagues have mistakenly clicked "Unsubscribe" on our emails, which removes a person entirely from all Aesthetic Society email communication. Typically, a person may think that they are unsubscribing from only that particular

symposium promotion, for example, but in reality they are unsubscribing from all Society emails. The Aesthetic Society makes every effort to ensure that the emails we send are relevant to you, with important Society information, educational opportunities, and member offerings. Please be assured that we never loan or sell our email lists.

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#### Media Notes and Quotes

#### **ALLURE**

#### Inside the Rise of Misleading Plastic Surgery Before-and-After Photos

Excerpt: Less common is Kate's poor outcome. A 2018 retrospective published in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery looked at over 26,000 outpatient plastic surgeries between 1995 and 2017, and found that complications occurred in less than 1 percent of cases. The most common issue? Hematomas, which are essentially very bad bruises. There still isn't great data on minimally invasive treatments as a whole, which include injectables and lasers, but a 2013 review published in the "Aesthetic Surgery Journal" estimated that the incidence of severe complications after soft-tissue filler injections is .0001 percent, for example.

#### **INSTYLE**

### Everything You Need to Know About "Baby" Brazilian Butt Lifts, the New Plastic Surgery Trend Taking Over Behinds Everywhere

**Excerpt:** According to The Aesthetic Society's president, Dr. William P. Adams, the Brazilian butt lift procedure, otherwise known as BBLs, has seen a whopping uptick of 90.3% from 2015 to 2019, likely due to social media and celebrities (secretly) getting the surgery done. While the cosmetic procedure—which involves using liposuction to harvest fat from other areas of the body to be transferred to the buttocks, hips, or thighs—may seem to be appealing to many, not everyone is a candidate, especially those with low BMI. The fat, after all, has to come from somewhere.

"We are all accustomed to signing consents and releases, whether to enroll in an exercise class or to update the operating system on our phones.... (this checklist) will help patients make more informed decisions, but the reality is that no one inclined to get an implant chooses not to do so when you show them the paperwork," he says. "Most patients getting implants today have extensively researched implants online, and by the time they are ready to sign the consent, they have already made up their mind." But here's where patient and doctor relationships become more important: "What patients pay attention to is how the doctor explains each of the issues in their own words. A patient is probably inclined to trust the perspective (though which) their chosen surgeon describes the issues."

#### **NEWBEAUTY**

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### Here's What Top Plastic Surgeons Want You to Know About the New FDA Breast Implants Guidance

**Excerpt:** While La Jolla, CA plastic surgeon Robert Singer, MD explains that professional surgical societies such as The Aesthetic Society, Aesthetic Surgery Education and Research Foundation and the American Society of Plastic Surgeons gave testimony at prior FDA hearings that led up to this draft guidance document, it didn't deliver any significant new information "except modification of recommendation of ongoing screening of patients with gel implants and the role and frequency of ultrasound and MRIs."

"All of these societies represent fully trained, ethical plastic surgeons who are concerned about the safety and welfare of our patients," Dr. Singer stresses. "And they have all advocated fully informed consent—which includes not only the benefits, but potential problems of the surgical procedures as well."





Meet the Staff: Joceline Barron

have been working at the Aesthetic Society as the Digital Marketing Specialist for a year now, and I have been so grateful to be a part of a fantastic team. In that time I have been managing our social media platforms like Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter. If you have seen our socials, gotten a comment, or a like on your posts, you have seen my work!

Working in social media had always caught my eye, but I never thought it would be my career. I attended California State University, Northridge, becoming the first in my family to attend college and obtain a degree. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism, because I love to write, and a minor in Central American Studies, as a way to learn more about my ancestors, so social media was not something I had intended to do. I had internships writing scripts for news anchors and writing articles for the local newspaper, so I had my mindset on being a journalist through most of my years in college. However, my mind changed when I landed an internship doing social media and realized how fun it could be.

Once out of college, I worked in social media for different industries like entertainment, e-commerce, lifestyle, and high-end home decor. Designing, using, and learning about all the platforms has been a learning experience, making it a never dull journey. In my free time in previous years, I did some tutoring at my local high school in partnership with UCLA.

I am a Los Angeles native, and I love that I grew up in a city diverse in people and scenery. And being a Latina here, it is never a dull moment with my family and friends, and of course, I could never forget the fantastic foods I have grown up with, like tamales and flan.

In my spare time, other than spending it with family and friends, I love to play video games, read books, learn about astronomy, and write poetry. I also have a massive love of coffee and love to try new ways to make it or venture out to a new coffee shop!

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#### Industry Partners Support The Aesthetic Society's Mission

The Aesthetic Society is pleased to partner with industry in support of The Society's mission to advance the science, art, and safe practice of aesthetic plastic surgery and aesthetic medicine among qualified plastic surgeons.

"The Aesthetic Society's ongoing partnership with industry is vital to the advancement of aesthetic plastic surgery. The Aesthetic Society especially acknowledges industry's support during the very trying time of COVID. Ultimately, industry support helps The Aesthetic Society unleash the power of science and education to advance outcomes and safety for our patients."—Dr. Tracy Pfeifer, Industry Relations Chair.

We'd like to thank and acknowledge our newest industry partners, Premier Partner NewBeauty and Alliance partner Skinuva for their support.

The Aesthetic Society values our industry partners and we thank all our partners for their meaningful contributions.



### **NEWBEAUTY**

#### **NEW PREMIER PARTNER**

NewBeauty Continues to Remain at the Forefront of Relevant Industry Topics

Since its inception, NewBeauty has been the only magazine committed to educating millions of readers on making the best beauty decisions with in-depth, trusted information that is vetted by a panel of top experts in their respective fields. Throughout its 17-year history, the media brand's primary goal has been to deliver the most trusted, scientifically accurate information and research on health, wellness, beauty, and cosmetic enhancement treatments and procedures.

In the past year, their editors, Brain Trust members, and top doctor partners made up of the "Core Four" specialists and experts, have helped create engaging and informative content on the latest trends, important surgical

safety findings, and the importance of choosing a board-certified specialist with the proper qualifications.

Leading the way as The Beauty Authority, NewBeauty recently partnered with its esteemed network of board-certified plastic surgeons—using data obtained from the Aesthetic Neural Network and The Aesthetic Society—to help pinpoint projected trends for the upcoming year.

"Due to our incredible relationships with individual plastic surgeons and the most prestigious societies in the country, NewBeauty is the most credible consumer resource for all things when it comes to aesthetic enhancement," says chief brand and content officer, Steffanie Attenberg. "It only makes sense that we would most accurately predict the trends before they happen."

NewBeauty's commitment to reader education extends to the relationships it has with trusted top doctor partners. As the aesthetic field continues to grow and expand, it's more important than ever to have a trusted voice that remains steadfast in delivering the right information to make informed and educated decisions.



## SKINUVA®

#### **NEW ALLIANCE PARTNER**

Introducing The Aesthetic Society's Newest Alliance Partner, Skinuva

The Skinuva line of solutions-driven products was founded by Dr. Christopher Zoumalan, an Oculoplastic Surgeon. Inspired by his passion for science and medicine, he has dedicated the past several years to researching wound-healing, hyperpigmentation, and other top aesthetic issues to develop the most advanced skin care products for his patients and physician colleagues.

"Since the introduction of silicone cream in the late 1990s, there have been limited advancements in topical scar creams. Clinical studies evaluating such formulations were also lacking, while the cost of purchasing scar creams to provide to my patients continued to rise. As a physician-scientist, I wanted to develop the most advanced scar cream using science-backed ingredients, and clinically tested to the highest standards."

—Christopher Zoumalan MD, Founder & CEO Skinuva® Scar was developed out of a desire to find a scar treatment clinically superior to ordinary silicone-based products. Backed by 5 published clinical studies and clinically proven to be more effective than regular silicone cream, Skinuva Scar contains not only silicone but also ingredients like synthetic Growth Factors, Centella Asiatica, Hyaluronic Acid, Vitamin C, and Aloe Vera.

"We are thrilled to share our clinical findings on Skinuva Scar with the Aesthetic Society community's members and their patients. Our goal is to provide better patient outcomes through advanced solutions-driven products backed by science. We can't wait to get Skinuva Scar into the hands of more patients around the country."

—Josh Carter, COO

The Skinuva brand grew in 2020 with the launch of our second product, Skinuva® Brite. Brite is a non-hydroquinone (HQ) formulation for hyperpigmentation that uses synthetic growth factors and other medically backed ingredients such as Tranexamic Acid. Not only is it safe for long-term, daily use but Skinuva Brite was also clinically studied and proven more effective than HQ4% in treating hyperpigmentation in a recently published clinical study.

Our Skinuva team is adding to our innovation pipeline with new products launching throughout 2022. Stay tuned to skinuva.com and our social media outlets to keep up to date all on the latest Skinuva news.

For more information on Skinuva products, visit www.skinuva.com.

## Thank you Industry Partners!



#### Contemplating Fee Increases? Read This First!

By Karen Zupko

Just because Chanel increased the price of their small classic flap bag three times in 2021 doesn't mean you should.

According to a recent article in the *Wall Street Journal*, the bag went from \$5,200 in 2019 to \$8,200 in November of 2021 (a 57.7% increase). It is said that luxury companies have been taking big advantage of "surging demand."

We are in an inflationary environment unlike anything the US consumer has experienced since the 1980s. In such environments, wages and other costs increase. Companies across the board, from luxury retailers such as Chanel to consumer package goods companies must deal with cost increases to maintain margins. Some, like Chanel, pass cost increases along to customers. Others hold nominal pricing stable and use other means (such as reducing portion size) to offset increased costs.

Many sellers take advantage of the wage-price spiral to increase prices until



Quality outcomes are paramount in surgery. The value of successful surgery that achieves expected outcomes is inestimable. Price is a common proxy for quality. Therefore, from a marketing perspective, commanding a premium price can translate into the commanding heights of perceived quality.

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2:00pm - 4:00pm

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**APRIL 23, 2022** 

Course 308 Relationship Marketing: What It Means and How to Put It in Action 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Course 408 Staff: Your Biggest Expense or Your Biggest Asset? 4:30pm – 6:30pm what economists call the price elasticity of demand reduces volume. Once they reach the limit of their pricing power, they roll back prices or at least leave them unchanged from higher levels.

What should you do?

In part, it depends on your patient base and how they view your services. Another economic concept comes into play: Veblen goods.

Named after American economist Thorstein Veblen, these are goods for which demand paradoxically increases as the price increases. Veblen goods are status symbols wherein scarcity and unobtainability confer status on the select few. The Chanel brand is a perfect example—their customers are willing to spend their precious dollars *on* their purse rather than tucking them safely away *in* their purse.

Are your services Veblen goods? Can you raise prices by 60% without adding value? Arguably not, but some less dramatic fee increases are indicated.

However, like money, price talks. Fees communicate the quality the buyer expects. Customers expect high-priced goods and services to provide exceptional value.

Quality outcomes are paramount in surgery. The value of successful surgery that achieves expected outcomes is inestimable. Price is a common proxy for quality. Therefore, from a marketing perspective, commanding a premium

price can translate into the commanding heights of perceived quality. In addition, pricing commensurate with your high-quality services is prerequisite to delivery. Value pricing enables you to hire the staff and invest in the many goods and services it takes to provide safe, effective care. Savvy customers know this and are willing to pay the price for quality care.

The fee influences what patients expect, perceive, and—most importantly—experience. They're not just buying a more youthful face or larger breasts—they are buying an experience. So, if your practice hasn't been asking patients to rate their total experience, I would urge you to do so before raising fees.

In a conversation with one client, I asked "After you raise your surgery fees by 15% what are you going to do to elevate the patient's experience?" Silence. No thought had been given to how service, scheduling, or results might be improved. Staff training was not on the agenda. No amenity—such as complimentary lymphatic drainage pre and post op for facial rejuvenation patients—had been contemplated.

Let's look at a few other areas where a tune up might be useful in your practice.

• Free consults should stop. When surgeons are booked out for months, why would you

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offer a free consult? In fact, some practices have discovered that by increasing consultation fees, they have achieved a better patient acceptance rate for surgical procedures (aka conversion rate). The more serious patients weren't put off by the \$175 fee. Scheduling fewer "shoppers," frees surgeons to spend more quality time with "buyers."

This is also an area where you can add value. For example, one surgeon added an ultrasound exam to his breast practice consult to gain insight into the anticipated scope of the procedure. Not only does this enable better fee estimates, but it also helps impart a sense of urgency in certain situations that improves patient acceptance.

- Coach your staff on how to handle fee changes. Remember, many of them hired amidst the pandemic may lack experience dealing with fee increases.
- Incremental price increases are far easier to implement than jarring, double digit

hikes. Remember, many referred patients come into a consult with an expectation of a certain price level they have heard from a friend.

 Consider bundling certain aspects of your services—a global fee leaves the patient with one easy decision rather than opening multiple negotiations on each separate line item.

The bottom line? As in most important business decisions, there is no one size fits all solution, any more than there is a generic surgical treatment plan for all patients. Your practice is unique. So, before you raise prices, do your homework, and lay the groundwork. Get input from your team. Gather intel about your competitive landscape. What are your peers doing? Gauge the state of your local economy. Is your patient base prospering? That may dampen their price sensitivity. Conversely, hard times create hard bargainers.

Given the stakes for your practice, it may make sense to make your decision with the

benefit of experienced, expert, objective counsel with insight into similar practices nationwide.

Whatever you decide, it's usually best to test the waters. Start with incremental adjustments to a limited number of service fees. Depending on the receptiveness of your patient base and the impact on patient volume, failure to schedule, and cancellations, proceed accordingly. A data-driven approach will ensure that you maximize revenue, patient lifetime value, and referrals—not just price.

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#### Delivering Your Brand's Voice With Omnichannel Digital Campaigns

By Peter Houtz, Vice President of Sales at Plastic Surgery Studios

As technology advances, so do people's expectations and desires. Now, men and women want customized experiences in everything they do, including their digital searches. And, as digital marketing is the cornerstone of most aesthetic practices' marketing strategies, adapting with the times is essential to staying relevant in such a competitive industry.

Gone are the days when customers would spend hours actively searching you out. Today, people visit many different online platforms (including various social media platforms). They rely on these channels to help them make informed decisions on purchases, such as aesthetic and plastic surgery treatments.

There are a lot of touchpoints in the marketing funnel, and depending on one strategy (such as your website) isn't enough anymore. Because of this, you need to take advantage of multiple channels to reach your preferred target audience. This may include digital outreach, social media campaigns, Google Ads, and video marketing to deliver a consistent and identifiable brand voice.

### UNDERSTANDING OMNICHANNEL DIGITAL MARKETING STRATEGIES

Omnichannel marketing strategies create a cohesive, consistent, and integrated brand experience across multiple channels. This allencompassing, personally curated marketing strategy helps identify potential consumers and guides them through the sales funnel, making it easier and more likely for them to make a conversion.

The goal of omnichannel marketing is to enhance the user experience by creating a seamless transition between all of their various channels and platforms (web, social, email, etc.).

## MULTI-CHANNEL VS. OMNICHANNEL: HOW ARE THEY DIFFERENT?

For years, many companies have incorporated multi-channel digital marketing tactics, and while the multi-channel approach has some similarities to the new omnichannel model, it also presents limitations.

A multi-channel marketing approach advertises on two or more channels—such as a website and social media (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, TikTok, etc.) While a company/practice is using various channels to reach a broader audience, these platforms (and the information provided on them) are not related. Instead, each channel functions as its own entity, not communicating with other platforms.

Omnichannel marketing takes this up a notch by connecting and sharing all the information collected between various channels. This allows for a more cohesive approach that listens and reacts to consumers' interests and goals.

For instance, with an omnichannel marketing strategy, if someone interacts with a social media post regarding breast augmentation, they will then see a social media ad about breast augmentation. If they click on that ad, they will then be directed to your website's breast augmentation page. With this type of campaign, that first engagement puts an entire personalized marketing strategy into motion.

With omnichannel marketing, everything is linked, and information is automatically shared between platforms. Here, customers create what is essentially an online profile of their interests without knowing that they are doing so. This allows for a more targeted advertising approach and enables a better user experience.

## HOW IS OMNICHANNEL MARKETING BOOSTING A BETTER USER EXPERIENCE?

Consumers are bombarded with advertisements constantly (on their email, phone, social media, etc.). It's easy for consumers to become overwhelmed with all of these messages, particularly when they do not apply to them (or their interests) specifically.

Omnichannel strategies offer a consumercentric approach. It allows the consumer to guide what types of ads and information they want to see, tailored to their interests.

Because this approach builds on previous interactions, it helps consumers to better

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Course 208 Ten Steps to Online Marketing Success 4:30pm – 6:30pm navigate through the sales funnel. This makes the entire process simpler for the consumer, and studies show that the easier it is for a person to find the information they need, the more likely they will be to convert.

#### **CONSISTENCY IS KEY**

Omnichannel practices are all about creating a seamless, cohesive brand strategy across your channels. This starts with creating a consistent and easily identifiable voice, tone, and look that is carried throughout all platforms. You need to ensure that your consumers know exactly who you are and have this messaging presented continuously.

#### **KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE**

A large part of a successful omnichannel approach is knowing who your target audience is. While you may only have one specific target audience, you may more likely have several (based on age, gender, or your geographical locations).

As plastic surgeons, you can likely relate to this. You know firsthand that the target age demographic for facelift or brow lift surgery may be vastly different from the audience looking at certain non-surgical medspa services.

Omnichannel strategies allow you to target these specific niches of your target audience with curated ads and messages. This customization helps put the consumer first— and that is exactly where the consumer wants to be.

#### REAP MORE FROM YOUR DIGITAL MARKETING WITH AN OMNICHANNEL APPROACH

Technology is becoming increasingly integrated into our daily lives. Because of this, the advancements in technology cannot be forgotten about in your marketing approach.

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#### Advanced Call Tracking With Dynamic Number Insertion— Journey from Click to Call

By Keith C. Humes, CEO Rosemont Media

ou've invested significant capital into digital marketing services and it seems to be paying off—that's the eighth prospective patient to call and schedule a consultation this month. But how are these people finding you? Are your social media and Google Ads campaigns initiating contact or are organic search results driving all eventual phone calls? And once a visitor reaches your site, did they place their call without navigating elsewhere or did they end their browsing session and return at a later time or date before dialing your number?

In the past, we've discussed how UTM parameters (URL tracking codes) can be used to help answer some of these questions by tracking information about click-throughs to your website. Today, we're revealing how to take things a bit further with an innovative call tracking feature called Dynamic Number Insertion.

### WHAT IS DYNAMIC NUMBER INSERTION?

Dynamic Number Insertion, or DNI, is a component of call tracking that displays a unique phone number to people visiting your website based on the source from which they originally came (e.g. Facebook, Google Ads, Google organic search, etc.).

So, for example, let's say you're running a Google Ads campaign targeting the term "Plastic Surgeon Philadelphia." Once a patient clicks through to your site, the DNI feature of your call tracking service will assign a distinctive phone number—different from your practice's main number—to the ad for "Plastic Surgeon Philadelphia" when it appears in someone's search results.

Now let's say a prospective patient types this targeted keyword phrase into their Google search bar and sees your ad at the top of the results page. Should they click on your listing, they will be directed to the landing page of your website linked to the ad, but instead of seeing your practice's main telephone number, the unique number generated by DNI will appear on their screen (in the same location(s) your number normally appears).

### WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT A UNIQUE PHONE NUMBER?

The beauty of DNI is that once someone visits your website via a search result, Facebook post, Google Ads, etc., the distinctive phone number assigned to the source they initially clicked on will remain the same for that



Phone calls are the best leads coming into the practice. and 99% of the time, they considerably outpace email leads. If you're tracking the origin of the phone call leads, it gives you a much better understanding of your total marketing efforts and how to allocate your precious marketing budget.

individual throughout their consumer journey. When a patient first accesses your site from one device and then ultimately uses a different device to take action (e.g., make a purchase, schedule a consultation, or contact the practice with a question), it is called crossdevice conversion. It can be tricky to keep track of these types of patients, but DNI can be a helpful tool when it comes to monitoring cross-device conversions. In the event a patient who found you online eventually calls your practice, you'll know the exact source that originally led them to you-regardless of whether they call immediately upon reaching your website, navigate away from and back to your site numerous times, use a different device to take action, or go dark for several days before finally calling. What's more, you'll be able to see how many times they visited your website before placing a call, view which specific pages they accessed while browsing, and actually listen to a recording of the conversation they had with whomever answered your phone.

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—Keith Humes, Rosemont Media CEO

## HOW IS TRACKING A PATIENT'S CONSUMER JOURNEY BENEFICIAL TO ME?

In short, the ability to pinpoint the origin of a patient's journey—beginning with a click and ending with a call to your practice—enables

you to identify the channels that bring you the most conversions, as well as evaluate the overall success of various endeavors making up your online marketing strategy. (For instance, if you are interested in measuring social media marketing ROI, you can view the number of calls made by people who initially clicked through to your website from your Facebook page to better quantify the efficacy of your social efforts.)

Ultimately, with the information made available by DNI, you can better fine-tune your online marketing strategy to more aggressively target what's currently working—as well as improve what's not—to put your practice in the best position for success.

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#### The Social Side of Aesthetic Surgery: Staying on Brand

By Wendy Lewis

### WILL THE METAVERSE HYPE CHANGE THE WAY YOU PRACTICE?

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"Social media has created a disruption in how plastic surgeons interact with their patients and potential clients. You cannot have your head in the sand when it comes to these online interactions. It is critical that your business reflects who you are and your mission. In today's world that is done through social media channels," says La Jolla based Steven R. Cohen.

Karen Horton in San Francisco agrees. "If you're not on social media, patients are not finding you. They are finding your colleagues however, who may not be Board Certified Plastic Surgeons! You need to 'play the game' to stay relevant. Not everyone will attempt or master the latest social media platforms, but find one that you feel comfortable posting on daily, sharing what makes YOU unique."

According to Ashley Gordon in Austin, TX, "Like it or not, social media is how many potential patients are finding their plastic surgeons. Using the platform to educate patients about what you do and what makes you unique can be very helpful in connecting with your 'ideal' patient. And you don't need a ton of followers for it to have an impact on your practice. I personally think this is an activity that shouldn't be outsourced. You must be in control of the content and you'll get

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much more engagement when your account has an authentic voice."

Some plastic surgeons get stuck because they aren't sure what kind of content they should post. In that case, play it safe and write on what you are most passionate about. "Talk about interesting topics in plastic surgery. Educate and explain why your followers need to know what you are talking about. Be respectful of your patients, and, of course, pretend the Ethics Committee of The Aesthetic Society is following your account," says Dr. Gordon.

Patients and potential patients want to connect in a more convenient way, says Dr. Pittman in Washington DC. "Studies have shown that people don't even want to read texts anymore. Social media helps to engage potential patients in a way that fits into their daily routine. Everything from before and after photos to "I wonder what my surgeon is having for dinner," are ways to engage patients and keep your practice at the top of their mind," he adds.

Social media success also means different things to every surgeon and every practice. Avoid feeling the pressure to be everywhere and try whatever you see others doing. Rather, choose the platforms and formats that fall into your personal comfort zone and ace those first. First, consider who your target audience is. For example, if you want to do more face and necklifts, your desired patients probably don't live on TikTok right now. They are more likely to be on Facebook and Instagram primarily. Dr. Pittman relates, "My 70 year old mother is calling me and asking if I saw the latest plastic surgery reel on Facebook. Everyone is a content consumer now."

Drs. Horton and Gordon are not on TikTok (yet) and neither am I, although I talk and write about it frequently. I see many dermatologists, nurses and aestheticians promoting skincare and non-invasive treatments and seem to be enjoying the lighter, more fun-loving quality to the channel. More than any popular channel today, TikTok users demand authenticity, which can be tricky for busy plastic surgeons

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who spend hours in the OR. Don't even try to recycle Instagram Reels snippets to TikTok. TikTok has a tone of its own and your content needs to follow suit.

The ability to connect with the surgeon and the practice on a deeper level has a lot of prospective patients flocking to social channels, particularly Instagram which has long been the place to be for aesthetic treatments. Dr. Horton shares that her most popular posts are personal; "Images of me with my twin daughters, training with my office team for Symplast software, my excitement for my new office operating room were recently top posts. I don't mind sharing images of what I do outside of surgery, and patients appreciate getting to know me as a real person even before their consultation."

It is important to maintain consistency between what you post online and what you deliver in your practice. For example, if you promote your brand as offering optimal luxury and 5-star service, and you fall short in real life, your followers may call you out on it. Dr. Pittman adds, "The challenge for all of us is creating a strong brand with a powerful 'why' and then sharing it across multiple platforms. Once you nail your brand story, it will be easier to apply those principles to any medium. First find your voice and then promote it."

"Potential patients are very interested in the 'journey' aspect of procedures. They love to see the before picture, the actual treatment or surgery being performed, and then progression photos from early post-op to final result," Dr. Gordon says. The best ways to treat patient photos will be a hot topic of discussion as well. We are fortunate in the

US to be able to post images of before and after results, whereas some countries restrict physicians, which puts them at a supreme disadvantage. Patients today want to see examples of your results before scheduling a consult.

We have all learned by making mistakes along the way, especially as a newbie trying to find your way through the social media maze. If you're taking a leap into a new platform or trying out a different form of content, you may need some pro advice to guide you. If you do make a blunder, you can delete the content or image, but chances are that some of your followers will have already seen it.

Dr. Horton adds, "Don't post when you're tired, annoyed or not feeling your best. Think about what your biggest skeptic would think about your posts. Remember that even deleted posts can be screenshotted or recovered, and that "the internet is written in ink."

Join us at The Aesthetic Meeting on Saturday, April 23, 2–4 pm PST for: Course #309, Insider Tips from 6 Socially Savvy Plastic Surgeons, featuring Drs. Steve Cohen, Ashley Gordon, Karen Horton, Troy Pittman, Alfredo Hoyos, Jay Calvert and me. Hope to see you there!

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insurance companies to help determine their profitability. The ratio is calculated by taking the total of both losses and expenses and then dividing them by the premium. To make it a bit easier to understand, all you really need to know is that a ratio below 100 percent indicates the company is making an underwriting profit while a ratio above 100 percent means the company is paying out more in claims than the premiums it is accumulating. Policyholder surplus is the difference between an insurance company's assets and its liabilities. In the simplest of terms, it's an insurance company's net worth.

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#### Marketing Trends Affecting You

By Catherine Maley, MBA

f what you're doing to grow your cosmetic practice is not working anymore or working as well as it used to, you're not alone.

The world of consumer demand, technology and marketing continues to change so it behooves you to adapt.

The following are marketing trends affecting your efforts to build your presence and brand, while attracting more quality cosmetic patients to your practice.

#### TREND: SEO IS POPULAR AGAIN

For a while we were hearing SEO is dead because Google was giving the top spots to big authority websites such as The Aesthetic Society, ASPS, WebMD, etc.

And now that Google answers popular questions on the first page of search rankings, that makes it less likely for consumers to click to your website.

The bottom line is Google will continue to make it more difficult for you to be found organically (aka—Free) so you have to get more creative to be found online.

At least, be sure your Google My Business profile is complete and updated, and good consistent content still works so keep reading.

#### TREND: CONTENT MARKETING

Create valuable, relevant and consistent content that attracts the right audience who cares about cosmetic rejuvenation. The good news is you have limitless built-in content just by being a plastic surgeon.

For example, you have patient stories from their first consultation with you, pre-surgical patients excited about their upcoming surgery, surgical patients recuperating, post-op surgical patients returning for their follow-up appointments, and ecstatic patients fully recovered and loving their results.

Each patient has a different story at each phase of their journey. That's a lot of content!

The secret is to distribute that content on numerous different social media platforms prospective patients frequent.

#### TREND: PRIVACY RULES INCREASE ADVERTISING COSTS BY 30-80%

Privacy issues are killing your plans for attracting new patients to your practice.

So much is happening behind the scenes with Apple, Google and FB trying to dominate consumer data capture, so they are no longer sharing data with each other or advertisers like before.

This is going to make it difficult for you to attract new PREFERRED patients when you can no longer target specifically to certain audiences. And that means ad results will become incomplete and inaccurate because you now have only 10% of the data that used to be 100% available.

So that will force you to increase your advertising budget substantially and HOPE the broader, less targeted audience is interested in cosmetic rejuvenation.

#### TREND: SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS ARE STRANGLING YOUR AUDIENCE

Social Media has become the most influential virtual space available today to help you grow your practice.

However, you are only renting those followers from the social media platforms, so they are, in essence, your landlord.

That means they can raise the rent, kick you out and close down your account at a push of a button, so you lose your data you've spent years collecting.

They also decide who sees your organic content. These platforms continually strangle your list to force you to "pay to play" by buying more advertising.

The latest stats show only 5.2% of your followers actually see your organic content so

you have this false sense of security thinking you're reaching your followers when, in fact, it's drying up right before your eyes. Yikes!

#### TREND: ACQUIRE YOUR OWN DATA!

Take back your power by owning your audience data! You can no longer trust that audiences you have built on social media platforms will be or stay available to you in the future.

You want to build up your own list of anyone who is or could be interested in cosmetic rejuvenation.

So, use landing pages to capture your followers' name, email and cell phone so you can stay in touch with these would-be patients no matter what happens.

#### TREND: USER GENERATED CONTENT (UGC)

This is currently the holy grail of social media marketing.

Your greatest asset is enthusiastic patients willing to rave about you online and share your content with their own followers as well as yours.

This not only provides credible social proof for your services, but it is also a great way to boost your SEO.

For example, asking questions, conducting surveys, and running contests are great ways to go back and forth with your audience.

#### TREND: INFLUENCER MARKETING

It's human nature for prospective patients to do what they see others do, especially experts, friends, celebrities, and influencers.

There are plenty of influencer marketing platforms (just Google it). However, be very clear what they will do for you to market your practice and what they expect back in return. And be sure they and their followers match your brand and values.

Your next best influencers are your own patients with a strong social media following. Encourage them to do a Q&A session with you and you both can post it on your multiple platforms.

#### TREND: PERSONALITY MARKETING IS HOT

You can no longer hide behind a surgical mask and only be the surgeon. That's a great start but you also need to be seen as a human

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#### Tax Diversification: Is it Missing from Your Long-Term Financial Plan?

By David B. Mandell, JD, MBA and Carole C. Foos, CPA

Consider the question: What tax rates will be in place during your retirement, which may last ten to thirty years or more? Obviously, you do not know, even if you are already retired, and neither do we. Because nobody knows what the tax rates, rules on deductions, and other tax-related laws will be in the future, it is essential for holistic wealth management to include a long-term tax diversification strategy.

#### TAX DIVERSIFICATION DEFINED

Tax diversification means building up wealth in three "buckets," assets subject to ordinary income tax rates upon distribution in retirement, assets subject to capital gains rates, and assets not subject to any tax upon distribution. While many physicians have heard of asset class diversification in the context of investing, we believe it is fundamental to direct additional attention to diversifying your wealth according to tax rate exposure.

The visual above may help you to see the value of having differently taxed "buckets" to draw on when you reach retirement. As the retirement/wealth distribution phase may last for many years, or even multiple decades, being diversified across three tax buckets puts you in a position of strength and gives you options for withdrawing income depending on the tax rates then in effect.

In the diagram above, we assume a marginal top tax bracket since many physicians will be in the top two or three tax brackets in retirement and the current rate of 37% is not close to an all-time high. We also assume a 6.6% state income tax, although many states, such as California and New York, have rates far exceeding this.

The benefit of being well-diversified from a tax perspective is that, once in retirement, one can examine tax rates each year and pull from

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the appropriate "bucket" to maximize after-tax income. If, at the beginning of a physician's retirement, income tax rates are high and capital gains taxes are relatively low, then it may be best to draw from Bucket #2 (orange). If the opposite is true, Bucket #1 (green) may be targeted for "overweight" distributions. Bucket #3 (blue) provides the highest level of flexibility, as it can be accessed in any tax environment. An ideal retirement plan calls or physicians to have a significant percentage of their wealth in each bucket; yet in our experience, most physicians have too little wealth in Bucket #3.

## CASE STUDY: AESTHETIC PLASTIC SURGEON ANNE AND GASTROENTEROLOGIST GARY

Let's look at the examples of aesthetic plastic surgeon Anne and gastroenterologist Gary. Anne, Gary and their spouses are all 45 years old and plan on retiring at age 65. At this point, both couples have a joint life expectancy of age 91, meaning that, according to the actuaries, at least one spouse in each couple should live until age 91. With a planned retirement age of 65, these couples will need to rely on their assets and other sources of income (for example, social security) to provide them with income for 26 years.

While numerous financial, investment and planning factors are essential for Anne and Gary, let's concentrate on just the tax planning issue here. Both couples will begin drawing down assets in 20 years and stop doing so 46 years from now. During that period of time, tax

rates may be very different than they are today and may change several times.

Let's assume that Anne and Gary have the same overall net worth, but their asset mix is very different. Anne has her net worth in all three buckets—some in a qualified retirement plan (QRP), some in after-tax brokerage accounts and real estate, and some in a Roth IRA and a permanent life insurance policy. Gary has nearly all his net worth in his home and 401(k) QRP. They both qualify for social security.

Anne is much better positioned than Gary to maximize her post-tax retirement income. Most of Gary's retirement income will come from his QRP and social security, both of which are subject to ordinary federal and state income tax. If income tax rates are high, Gary has little flexibility to take income from other sources unless he is willing to sell his home, which he may be reluctant to do. (Also, he can't sell only part of his home, like Anne can do with her brokerage accounts, and it may be difficult for him to get favorable loans against his home equity in retirement when he will have no income.)

Anne, on the other hand, is well positioned if income tax rates are high. She can draw down her brokerage account if capital gains taxes have remained lower than income taxes. Moreover, she can take income from her Roth IRA or access life insurance cash values, both completely tax free.

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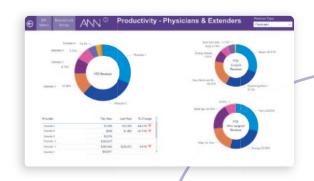
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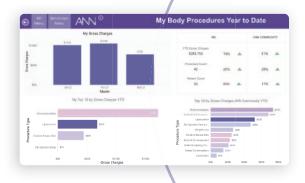
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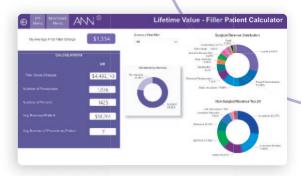




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#### Tax Diversification

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Regardless of the planning tools a physician employs to save for retirement, one of the fundamental pillars of any retirement plan should be flexibility to withstand changes in tax rates, income, market performance, and personal health.

Anne is much better positioned to alter her income plan if tax rates change during her retirement, while Gary does not have this flexibility. It is not difficult to understand that, despite their equal net worth, Anne may net out significantly more after-tax retirement income than Gary. Because of tax diversification in her long-term planning, Anne is in a more secure position in her retirement.

#### LONG TERM PLANNING REQUIRES FLEXIBILITY

Regardless of the planning tools a physician employs to save for retirement, one of the fundamental pillars of any retirement plan should be flexibility to withstand changes in tax rates, income, market performance, and personal health. Here, we focused only on flexibility with regard to taxes and the importance of tax diversification. While always an important concept, tax diversification is especially relevant today, as many aesthetic plastic surgeons are seeking ways to minimize the negative impact of potential tax increases in 2022 and beyond.

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## TREND: THERE ARE NO MORE SILVER BULLETS, ONLY MARGINAL GAINS.

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#### Shifting "Upselling" to "Upping-Results" The Importance of Treatment Plans and Why they Matter!

By Terri Ross, Terri Ross Consulting

have taught my sales training course to thousands of plastic surgery practices across the country both onsite and virtually. Time and time again, one of the biggest areas of missed opportunity for revenue is failure to develop long-term treatment plans for clients.

Surgeons typically have the mindset that the consultation should focus on the surgery itself. Oftentimes, they do not focus on the pre-op and post-op and have someone else discuss this with the patient—instead of taking a few moments to develop a comprehensive treatment plan.

As a patient, I come to you, the surgeon, to be educated on everything you think I need to achieve the best outcome versus breaking the continuity of care and having someone else tell me.

Treatment plans help build long-term retention and increase the lifetime value of the client. They provide clients with solutions, options, and possibilities to yield the best results.

What I hear a lot from surgeons is they don't want to appear pushy, salesy or feel uncomfortable about the "upsell," so they focus only on the problem the client specifically comes in for. Most often, it is our own bias getting in the way. I've heard excuses such as, "Patients won't spend the extra money." Or "They are not going to buy it; It is not what

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they came here for. Or, "They can't afford that." Or "I just pass them to my aesthetician or nurse, and they'll do it."

That is not up to you to judge or decide. Your only obligation is to inform the client of all their options and possibilities for best outcomes. It is up to THEM to decide. If we don't see and believe in the value of what we recommend, how will they?

I want to encourage you to shift your mindset away from "Upselling" to "Upping Results." Here's why:

- · Short-term and symptom-focused treatments may work but won't build longterm patient retention.
- · Combining different modalities over multiple visits provides the patient with a better outcome and strengthens the relationship and trust with the provider (or in the case of plastic surgery, pre-op preparations and post-op care).
- · You'll gain opportunities to cross promote by using combination treatments, which will yield more revenue (revenue for skincare is typically at 100% markup).

When patients have their skincare built into their treatment plan, they will:

- · Use the best products for their skin that you know will yield the best possible outcomes.
- Be more likely to practice home care compliance.
- Experience increased convenience as they can purchase them at the same time as they book their treatment appointments
- · Be delighted by experiencing something new (How many of you have patients who come to you as an expert and ask, "What's new?"), so pairing your new products with procedures is a solid strategy.

Did you know the amount spent on skincare is 3x more compared to services or procedures? Every procedure should have a product and additional procedures to augment. With this revenue strategy, retail should be 20% of your total revenue.

Example: Full Facelift (\$20,000) + Laser Resurfacing pre-op (\$1,500) + Retinol and Antioxidant (\$200) + post-op Vascular laser (\$75) + HydraFacial (\$250) = \$22,025More than 10% Increase in revenue

When a surgeon builds skincare and or other treatment modalities into their treatment plan (pre-op and post-op care), they will experience these benefits:

- · Volume. Comprehensive treatment packages increase sales
- · Margins. Comprehensive treatment packages can lower the cost of goods sold and increase your profit margins
- Exposure. Comprehensive treatment packages offer new opportunities and exposure to additional services and treatments

#### HOW MUCH REVENUE ARE YOU **LEAVING ON THE TABLE?**

According to a recent survey by the New York Post, the average female consumer spends \$313 per month on products for her face and men spend \$244. The survey states that 82% of men now are using skincare. If even 20 patients spent that on your products you recommend versus buying over-thecounter products, that would be an extra \$6260 per month of revenue generated by women and \$4880 for men.

Let's take a little deeper dive into patient expectations versus reality.

- 86% of patients expect physicians to recommend a pre-treatment skincare regimen yet only 14% of patients were recommended at home care.
- 91% of patients expect physicians to recommend a post-care skincare regimen, yet only 30% of patients were prescribed post-care products.

So, you can see the clear gaps in the industry and how comprehensive treatment plans can increase your revenue opportunities and create better results for your patients.

#### WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE TREATMENT PLAN?

When developing your treatment plan, it is best to keep it simple and clear in terms of the procedures/services and products you recommend. Include a short description about what each procedure does, the cost, the downtime, products you recommend, a stepby-step plan on their regimen to follow as well as any personalized notes. I recommend having your treatment plan template branded to match the branding of your practice.

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#### No Surprises Act

By Bob Aicher, Esq.

hy It's The Law. "The No Surprises Act provides Federal protections against surprise billing and limits out-of-network cost sharing under many of the circumstances in which surprise bills arise most frequently. Surprise billing occurs when an individual receives an unexpected medical bill from a health care provider or facility after receiving medical services from a provider or facility that, usually unknown to the participant, beneficiary, or enrollee, is a nonparticipating provider or facility with respect to the individual's coverage" (page 55981). Since the No Surprises Act impacts four separate federal departments, the best single source for the actual regulations is the Federal Register.1

Aesthetics Aren't The Problem. Aesthetic procedures were not the impetus for the No Surprises Act. The Act states that 39% of emergency department visits resulted in an out-of-network bill, often from non-contracted, private equity-owned anesthesiology, emergency medicine, family practice, and dermatology physician groups (page 54046). Pathology, radiology, behavioral health/psychiatry, and cardiovascular specialties, plus air ambulances, were additionally identified as significant out-of-network billers.

Why Does the NSA Include Aesthetics? They shouldn't have been, because our members use written contracts where all third-party costs are typically included. A written contract takes precedence over an estimate, but CMS wanted even the uninsured/self-pay patient to be able to "shop for the care that is best for them and increase competition in the health care market."<sup>2</sup>

Fighting the NSA. If you're feeling defiant, arguments on your side are that the words, "aesthetic" and "cosmetic" do not appear in the Act. Instead, there are 36 references to "medically necessary" services; the Act cites a February 18, 2021, article in *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery* which used CPT codes for calculating the number of monthly

patients (estimated at 4,297,850) receiving "nonemergency elective procedures;" and Good Faith Estimates request diagnosis codes using CPT, HCPCS, DRG, NDC or ICD code sets, none of which exist for purely aesthetic procedures.

In The Meantime, You're Still Stuck. The Act was worded broadly, so, until clarifying language has been enacted, the Act will apply to all your patients, whether in-network, out-of-network, or aesthetic. Some commentators have suggested the Act doesn't apply to aesthetic procedures performed in the office, because one's office doesn't meet the definition of "facility" in the Act, i.e., it is neither a hospital nor a licensed ASC. I believe offices weren't discussed because offices don't generate independent surprise billings, but physicians do, so performing services in your office won't save you from the Act.

#### THREE WAYS YOUR PRACTICE IS AFFECTED.

First, with respect to in-network insurance work, you will be required to send your prices to the carriers, which the carriers will then provide to the patient, typically in their advanced explanation of benefits. Enforcement of this portion of the Act is being deferred, however, until the Departments have established standards for the data transfer between providers and facilities as well as the necessary infrastructure to do so. That means your in-network insured patients are not entitled to Good Faith Estimates from you, because they will receive your pricing as part of their yearly Explanation of Benefits.

Second, your out-of-network patients will be entitled to Good Faith Estimates, and your prices will be presumptively reduced to the median price paid for in-network patients. However, non-emergency patients can consent in writing to pay more, provided they are mentally competent, medically stable, you disclose your precise cost, and the patients have a provider option besides you.

A Good Faith Estimate for all costs and services by you and any coproviders must be provided within 3 days for unscheduled procedures (patients who are price shopping); within 1 day for procedures scheduled at least 3 days out; and within 3 days for procedures scheduled at least 10 days out. Third, uninsured patients (those who don't have insurance for the procedure) or self-pay patients (those who have coverage but are choosing to not make a claim) will be entitled to Good Faith Estimates. This would include your aesthetic patients as well as anyone else who simply wants to pay cash.

Required Notices. You will need to post 2 notices on your wall and your website: Your Rights and Protections Against Surprise Medical Bills<sup>3</sup> and You have the right to receive a "Good Faith Estimate" explaining how much your health care will cost.<sup>4</sup> CMS also provides an online-fillable Good Faith Estimate template.<sup>5</sup>

Good Faith Estimate Form. Any template provided by your EMR provider will likely not satisfy CMS. The required details are set forth verbatim from the Act (pages 56018-56019). Note that providers are required to obtain from co-providers the same information about their expected charges, so that the patient may know all charges they can expect to receive. The template also requires extensive explanations of patient rights, as well as disclaimers, including that there may be additional charges not included in the GFE, that it is only an estimate, that patients have the right to initiate a federal Individual Dispute Resolution arbitration, and that the GFE is not binding and patients may receive services wherever they wish. Best to use the form provided by CMS so you can prove you provided the mandated language.

How quickly must GFEs be provided?

A Good Faith Estimate for all costs and services by you and any co-providers must be provided within 3 days for unscheduled procedures (patients who are price shopping); within 1 day for procedures scheduled at least 3 days out; and within 3 days for procedures scheduled at least 10 days out. Any patient discussion about price is deemed a request for a Good Faith Estimate. Walk-ins may be treated without providing a Good Faith Estimate. Additionally, those scheduling for the next day and the next day after that may also be treated without providing a Good Faith

**Using the GFE Against You.** To avoid the Act being weaponized, be certain to note on the Good Faith Estimate any qualifications to

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Hopefully all of you are using some form of a Cosmetic Interest Questionnaire (CIQ) that can help spark discussion around other areas of interest to them. Here is a sample script for those who may be uncomfortable or unsure how to bring a treatment plan up during a consultation:

Hi Pam. My name is Dr. Smith. Thank you so much for coming in today. Our consultation will be around 30–45 minutes where my goal is to get to know you, focus on understanding your needs, and discuss all the viable surgical and non-surgical options, along with the best skin care regime that will help you achieve the best results.

Based on my assessment, to get you the outcome you are looking for, I am going to recommend the following:

- Facelift
- Pre-op HydraFacial to clean your skin and pores to prep for surgery
- Laser skin resurfacing to help with overall pigmentation and texture
- · Retinol and Antioxidants
- · Post-op recovery kit
- Vbeam

To recap, treatment plans increase the lifetime value of your clients, help clients to achieve better results, increase revenue, and improve patient retention.

If this is an area you need help with, I invite you to schedule a discovery call with our team so we can learn more about you, and show you how APX Platform can help increase operational and employee efficiency as well as profitability for your aesthetics practice, visit apxplatform.com/demo

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your price, such as the absence of medical records, lab work, or required clearances from other specialties, and if the patient circles back and requests yet another Good Faith Estimate, be certain to note all medical changes and any different patient requests since the last visit. The Good Faith Estimate includes a disclaimer that it is not a contract, but there will be patients who will insist it creates enforceable expectations, so make sure your Good Faith Estimate reads exactly as your defense counsel would hope. Ideally, your final contract price should be lower than or equal to the Good Faith Estimate. If it isn't, make sure your contract identifies the services which match the Good Faith Estimate, then include another section for "Additional services not included in the Good Faith Estimate "

IDR Process. The Federal independent dispute resolution (IDR) process has two aspects: insurer/provider arbitrations to set rates, and provider/patient arbitrations to settle billing disputes where the patient bill is at least \$400 higher than the Good Faith Estimate. Parties will initially be expected to attempt a voluntary resolution, and if not, then they will submit their settlement offers to a certified IDR entity, through a yet-to-be-developed CMS portal.

Emergency services furnished by nonparticipating providers or facilities, and non-emergency services furnished by nonparticipating providers at certain participating facilities, must be priced based upon the All-Payer Model Agreement under Social Security, or if none, then based on state law, and if none, then the qualifying payment amount (QPA), which is the median contracted rate paid to in-network providers and facilities. IDR arbitrators are prohibited from considering "usual and customary rates" or public payer rates, such as Medicare or Medicaid. The winner will be whoever's settlement offer is closest to the formula above (called "baseballstyle" arbitration). The lawsuits below believe the QPA will always be the median contracted rate paid by health plans for in-network medically necessary services (page 56011).

The IDR process is not well-suited for resolving aesthetic service complaints. Even where patients have received a Good Faith Estimate, they will have signed a contract, and

non-existent CPT codes cannot form the basis for arbitrating the price of an aesthetic procedure.

Legal Challenges. So far, there have been six federal lawsuits, all challenging the IDR process. For example, On December 8, 2021, the AMA and AHA, along with two health plans and two MDs filed suit in the Federal District of Columbia, combined with a second case by the AAMS filed in the same court, challenging the IDR process for relying exclusively upon the QPA. Plaintiffs quote the drafting legislators, which stated arbitrators could consider all relevant price factors, not simply the QPA. Both parties filed motions for summary judgment in January. All cases are expected to proceed rapidly.<sup>6</sup>

Next Steps. Although 5 lawsuits are challenging the IDR process, only 1 lawsuit is challenging the very constitutionality of the entire NSA. The IDR process may be tweaked, but Good Faith Estimates are likely here to stay, so post your notices, figure out a system to streamline handing out Good Faith Estimates, and prepare for price transparency advertising from your colleagues.

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#### The Straight & Narrow

By Joe Gryskiewicz, MD

Have an ethics question for Dr. Joe? Email ethics@theaestheticsociety.org

#### Question

Pear Dr. Joe,
First of all, Happy New
Year! I have a question
regarding an ethical issue
that I am involved with and
would like your opinion.

I was asked by a local hospital credentialing

committee to review the application for plastic surgery privileges by a provider not certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery. The provider is certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology but is requesting to have privileges to do breast surgery, body contouring, body contouring including brachioplasty, and abdominoplasty. The applicant completed a transgender surgery fellowship in which he claims he performed these operations as a basis for his credentialing. The provider claims that he competed a "fellowship" with the local plastic surgeon and is certified by the American Board of Cosmetic Surgery, American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, and the American Board of Otolaryngology. His request is supported by a local board-certified plastic surgeon with whom he is in practice in our local community and with whom he claims to have completed a "cosmetic breast and body surgery fellowship." The local plastic surgeon supports his application stating that he observed the applicant competently performing the requested procedures in his office and that this should serve as validation for his credentials.

Is the advocacy by a board-certified plastic surgeon for a non-plastic surgery certified surgeon a violation of the ethics of the American Board of Plastic Surgery or American Society of Plastic Surgery? I appreciate your opinion on this and would also look forward to talking over the phone regarding this.

#### Answer

ersonally, I would stay out of it (take a "pass") or I would simply vote no. You could also truthfully say that you feel uncomfortable making a decision because you don't have the observational data to make a valid judgment.

Your situation has been plaguing The Society for 25 years. At one of our annual meetings decades ago, when we were criticizing the ABPS for merely observing the incursion of non-ABPS providers into the plastic surgery space, Simon Fredericks complained, with theatrical understatement, "I feel like I'm drowning, and I don't even know how I got into the water."

ABPS credentialing and endorsed aesthetic fellowships may well be regarded as the gold standard of plastic surgical education, but our own members recognize, even if reluctantly, that surgical expertise exists within other specialties. On occasion, we even invite them to participate in scientific panels and to provide teaching courses. To your immediate question, not only is it ethical for plastic surgeons to promote non-plastic surgeons, but we would be remiss as a Society if we excluded from consideration non-ABPS educators when they offer superior training.

We also have seen harm befall patients at the hands of our members, even death, requiring us to admit that ABPS certification is not a guarantee of surgical success. Rather than focus upon a hospital privileges applicant's credentials, or perceived lack thereof, the goal should be to preserve patient safety.

An applicant's education and training are critical considerations to this inquiry, but so too are his/her experience and results, when confirmed by trusted sources, and claims history. Other members of your credentialing committee may feel augmentations are out of scope for an ABFPRS diplomate, yet every MD's certificate says "Physician and Surgeon," so it is all the legal practice of medicine.

To avoid a claim of "certification bias," your committee will have to look behind the framed certificates and diplomas to determine what skills and personal values the surgeon actually brings to your hospital, and whether s/he, to a reasonable certainty, will "do no harm." If every aspect of your evaluation is driven by patient safety, your ultimate decision will be unassailable, thereby protecting you and your hospital from claims of professional prejudice or competitive protectionism.

Margaret Mitchell's 1936 Gone with the Wind was rejected by 40 publishers before it became a Pulitzer Prize winning novel in 1937. I suggest you present simultaneously an impartial and scrutinizing, yet appreciative demeanor, just in case you have a non-ABPS patient safety winner on your hands.

I hope this helps.

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## Putting Patient Safety First Benefits Everyone

The Aesthetic Society's Patient Safety Committee would like to remind you that an increased focus on patient safety leads to enhanced surgical performance and efficiency which ultimately impact your bottom line.



## SAFETY MATTERS





#### Lower Lid Blepharoplasty: The Minefield of the Face

By Grady B. Core, MD and James Fernau, MD, FACS



One of the things I learned in my early experience with lower blepharoplasty was that lid malposition was a dreaded complication that was easily noticed and very hard to fix. I have since termed the lower lid the "minefield" of the face since the degree of problems it causes for the patient, both functional, social, and work related, cannot be underestimated.

A full treatise on lower lid surgery, patient selection, and complications are beyond the scope of this article so we will try to summarize current risks and highlight aspects of techniques which may help surgeons stay in the safe zone. Complications of lower eyelid blepharoplasty other than lid malposition, which ranges from mild scleral show to severe ectropion, include injury to the lid margin, canthal laxity, webbing, corneal abrasion, dry eyes, chemosis, hematoma, infection, as well as injury to the inferior oblique or the globe itself. All of these are less common than lid malposition issues.

While current literature in plastic surgery mostly attributes central lamellar cicatrix as the root cause of lower lid malposition, this has been questioned and others suggest that the primary cause is due to scarring affecting multiple lamellar layers. Our experience corroborates this since only the middle lamella (septum) is breached in our preferred method, and we have not had scleral show since adopting it in 2007 (Plast Reconstr Surg. 2013 Oct;132(4):843-844). In addition to cicatrix, excessive skin removal, as well as resection of supportive orbicularis muscle, can be contributing factors. While older concepts involved subtractive techniques, assuming the problem was excess skin and/or fat, we now know the issue to be varying degrees of contour irregularities, skin quality issues, volume deficiencies, laxity, and anatomic variations all of which considered together determine patient selection and procedure selection



Based on the benefits of muscle lifting and the downside risks of transgressing functional muscle in the anterior and posterior approaches, our preferred approach is a "lateral access only" approach (LAO), performed through a small lateral (2.5 cm) incision extending only short distance medially past the canthus.

(FIG 1)

Fat pad resection, while still commonly performed, has been challenged by concepts that tend to preserve and recontour or even add fat, thus blending the lid cheek junction. While fat grafting seems attractive and some early results encouraging, and we have used it in certain cases where vascularized fat has been removed prior, transposing viable vascularized fat into areas of needed volume would seem more reliable rather than introducing a graft where the eventual take and volume may be variable. Fat grafting has been shown to have the risk of vascular occlusion, the same as injectable filler, and there is always the possibility of fat necrosis and nodules in a very unforgiving area. Necrotic fat can also cause a desmoplastic reaction affecting adjacent untraumatized tissues and worsen surrounding cicatrix.

Current transconjunctival techniques, although most commonly subtractive in regards to fat, have also been combined with fat transposition techniques. Both subperiosteal and supra periosteal fat repositioning have been described for recontouring methods via the transconjunctival approach, and both seem to give good results. The transconjunctival approach can also be somewhat restrictive for fat transposition methods due to the overlying lid margin since it prevents the wider field of view offered by the more open anterior approach.

Key points for those surgeons who prefer the transconjunctival approach are that they need to use corneal shields, insulated Desmarre retractors, use accurate incision placement between the fornix and the tarsus, minimize retractor division, avoid the internal oblique, and not over resect fat. Meticulous technique, with complete hemostasis is critical.

Key points for the skin muscle flap approach with a subciliary incision are, keeping the skin incision high under the lashes so as to be inconspicuous, leaving a 3mm strip of muscle on the tarsus before transecting orbicularis, and not resecting too much skin or muscle, as well as good hemostasis and avoiding inferior oblique injury. The decision regarding fat removal versus translocation is based on the individual situation.

The concept of muscle lifting for lower lid support and recontouring for the anterior approach was introduced in 1972 by Hinderer and gained popularity along with canthal

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support with 30% of surgeons using canthal support routinely. Muscle lifting techniques over and above canthal support techniques are attractive due to the powerful impact on lower lid contour and support resuspending the orbicularis as well as helping to improve the midface. Indications for canthal support are based on laxity of the lateral canthal ligament and lid laxity, and may need to be modified based on regional anatomic variations such as malar hypoplasia, prominent or deepset eyes, and age. Canthopexy versus formal canthoplasty with lid shortening are also determined based on the above issues.

Based on the benefits of muscle lifting and the downside risks of transgressing functional muscle in the anterior and posterior approaches, our preferred approach is a "lateral access only" approach (LAO), performed through a small lateral (2.5 cm) incision extending only short distance medially past the canthus. Thus there is no cutting at all of anterior or posterior functional muscle in the central lid area. We feel this is critical in preventing anterior and posterior lamellar cicatrix. After entering the avascular sub orbicularis space laterally, we perform a bloodless dissection opening the space, and using 4.5 X loupes and a head light, we visualize and release the orbitomalar ligament and the orbicularis retaining ligament along with some of the medial nasal attachment of the orbicularis to create space for fat transposition. We then release vascularized post septal fat and transpose the intact fat pads one at a time beginning medially over the orbital rim for blending with the mid-face fat. Only where there is a large excess of fat is partial resection required. Once transposed over the orbital rim (Fig 1), it is held in place in the nasojugal groove and upper central midface with transcutaneous sutures of 6-0 nylon for 7 days. The lateral fat pad is also transposed if prominent but is secured internally with 5-0 vicryl. After fat recontouring is completed, canthal support and muscle lifting is performed, if indicated, in that order. Canthopexy is performed using a single 6-0 pds suture lifting the lateral canthus to the orbital rim periosteum just above the horizontal midline of the orbit in normal vector patients. Variations in local anatomy and vectors may impact this position of fixation. The muscle lift is done by creating an orbicularis muscle flap pedicle from lateral to medial 3mm wide which is medially based and connected to the

#### LATERAL ACCESS ONLY LOWER BLEPHAROPLASTY (FIG 2)



Incisions shown, Left side completed. Right side ready for muscle lift. Transcutaneous sutures holding fat pads shown



Muscle lift completed through upper lateral lid incision with recontouring of lower eyelid.

#### (FIG 3)



Preoperative 55 year-old with lower lid contour deformity.



Post Operative 2 Years Lateral access only recontouring with canthpexy and muscle lift.

orbicularis at the level of the lateral canthus. The entire skin muscle flap is then lifted vertically and slightly lateral with this pedicle and it is sutured to the lateral temporal fascia just posterior to the orbital rim and secured with 6-0 pds suture through the lateral upper lid incision before it is closed (Fig 2).

This approach allows for complete recontouring of the lid with filling of the nasojugal folds, minimal or no skin resection, and also avoids the long subciliary scar and provides excellent support (Fig 3).

In summary, proper patient selection, meticulous technique with atraumatic dissection, familiarity with the anatomy, regardless of preferred method, will protect most patients from the dreaded minefield of facial aesthetic surgery.

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Important Safety Information: MENTOR® MemoryGel® Breast Implants are indicated for breast augmentation in women at least 22 years old or for breast reconstruction. Breast implant surgery should Important Sately Information: MENIOR\* MemoryGel\* Breast Implants are indicated for breast augmentation in women at least 22 years old or for breast reconstruction. Breast implant surgery should not be performed in women with active infection anywhere in their body, with existing cancer or pre-cancer of their breast who have not received adequate treatment for those conditions or are pregnant or nursing. Breast implants are not lifetime devices and breast implantation is not necessarily a one-time surgery. The chance of developing complications increases over time. The most common complications with the MemoryGel\* Breast Implants include reoperation, capsular contracture, asymmetry, and breast pain. A lower risk of complication is rupture. The health consequences of a ruptured silicone gel-filled breast implant have not been fully established. MRI screenings are recommended three years after initial implant surgery and then every two years offer to detect silent rupture. Breast implants or associated with the risk of breast implant-associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma (BIA-ALCL), an uncommon type of lymphoma. An individual's risk of developing BIA-ALCL with MENTOR\* Breast Implants is low based on the incidence of worldwide cases. Patients should receive a copy of Important Information Patients about MENTOR\* MemoryGel\* Silicone Gel-Filled Breast Implants. You patient needs to read and understand the information regarding the risks and benefits of breast implants, with an opportunity to consult with you prior to deciding on surgery. For detailed indications, contraindications, warning and precautions associated with the use of MemoryGel\* Breast Implants. Please refer to the Instructions for Use (IFU) provided with each product, or online at www.mentorwwllc.com.