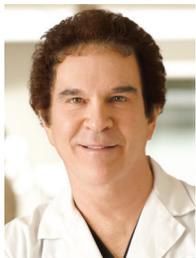




CHOOSING A COSMETIC PLASTIC SURGEON

Over last few decades, the field of cosmetic plastic surgery has experienced tremendous growth among the medical community and consumers alike. This growth has created a debate over which surgical specialty is best trained to perform cosmetic plastic surgery. In order to gain a clearer perspective, it is important to note that currently there are no residency programs in the United States devoted exclusively to the training and education of cosmetic plastic surgery. However, cosmetic surgery is a part of the residency and fellowship training for numerous core specialties. Several of these core specialty boards that have taken a lead in enhancing the scope and safety of cosmetic surgery. Two boards, however, The American Board of Cosmetic Surgery (ABCS) and The American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS), have dedicated extensive resources to the oversight, training and education of surgeons practicing cosmetic plastic surgery.

THE AMERICAN BOARD OF COSMETIC SURGERY



A board certified cosmetic surgeon, such as **Dominic A. Brandy MD**, founding medical director of The Skin Center Medical Spa, is certified exclusively in cosmetic surgery which focuses on enhancing a person's appearance through surgical and medical techniques with aesthetic improvement as the primary goal. Cosmetic surgery is practiced by doctors from a variety of medical disciplines including dermatologists, facial plastic surgeons, general surgeons, gynecologists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, ophthalmologists, otolaryngologists, plastic surgeons as well as doctors from other fields of medicine.

The specialty of cosmetic surgery is often only a small part of any residency training program, which may be a consideration in the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) decision not to include cosmetic surgery as one of its 24 core specialties. For this reason, many physicians with an existing certification and an interest in practicing cosmetic surgery often choose to become board certified by the American Board of Cosmetic Surgery. The American Board of Cosmetic Surgery is the only certifying board that exclusively tests a surgeon's knowledge and experience in cosmetic surgery. The necessary criteria and stringent requirements to become board certified by the American Board of Cosmetic Surgery can be reviewed at www.americanboardcosmeticsurgery.org.

THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PLASTIC SURGERY

Plastic surgery is a surgical specialty focused on seven areas of training and education including the reconstruction of facial and body defects due to birth disorders, trauma, burns and disease. The initial function of plastic surgery was intended to correct dysfunctional areas of the body and was reconstructive in nature. As the field of cosmetic surgery has grown, a greater portion of the residency-training program in plastic surgery has expanded to include cosmetic plastic surgery procedures making it one of the most recognizable and highly regarded boards.



Fernando Colon, MD, medical director of The Skin Center Medical Spa located in Columbus, OH, is board certified by The American Board of Plastic Surgery. With more than 15 years experience in cosmetic plastic surgery and reconstructive surgery procedures, he is one of the most sought-after facial plastic surgeons in Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Colon has been board certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery specializing in cosmetic surgery since 1995 and has been an active member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS). The ASPS is considered to be one of the more prestigious organizations representing the field of cosmetic plastic surgery.

COSMETIC PLASTIC SURGERY AT THE SKIN CENTER MEDICAL SPA



At The Skin Center Medical Spa, our surgeons represent two of the more prominent governing-boards focused on cosmetic surgery. The American Board of Cosmetic Surgery represented by Dominic Brandy, MD and The American Board of Plastic Surgery represented by Fernando Colon, MD. With exceptional surgical skills and comprehensive training in the field of aesthetic medicine and cosmetic plastic surgery, Dr. Brandy and Dr. Colon bring a dedication and passion for excellence to each and every patient. For more than 30 years, The Skin Center Medical Spa has been transforming our clients aesthetic goals into reality with lasting, natural results and minimal downtime.