

## **TOP QUESTIONS to Ask When Selecting a Surgeon**

- **Are you certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery?**  
To become certified in plastic surgery, a physician must be certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery and complete additional training as specified by the Member Board.
- **Are you a member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons?**  
When you choose a doctor who is a member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS®), you are assured your surgeon is qualified. Find your surgeon's listing on [find.plasticsurgery.org](http://find.plasticsurgery.org).
- **Were you trained specifically in the field of plastic surgery?**  
Per ABPS member regulations, your surgeon must have completed at least five years of surgical training with a minimum of three years in plastic surgery. Additional experience is required in all plastic surgery procedures, including breast, body, face and reconstruction.
- **How many years of plastic surgery training have you had?**  
Properly trained and certified surgeons must have completed at least five years of ABPS approved surgical training with a minimum of three years in plastic surgery.
- **Do you have hospital privileges to perform this procedure? If so, at which hospitals?**  
Our surgeons have privileges to perform the same procedure at a hospital located within 30 miles of their surgical suite and have the ability to admit patients to that hospital in the event of an emergency.
- **Is the office-based surgical facility accredited by a nationally- or state-recognized accrediting agency?**  
ASPS requires that member surgeons use surgical facilities that meet established standards for quality and safety. You can verify the accreditation status by contacting AAAASF at 888-545-5222 or [aaaasf.org](http://aaaasf.org).
- **Who administers the anesthesia?**  
At our facility, anesthesia is administered by a board-certified or board-eligible anesthesiologist or certified nurse anesthetist. The person providing anesthesia should have no responsibilities during the procedure other than to administer anesthesia and monitor the patient.