

Think plastic - there really is a big difference!

Most people don't know what the difference is between a Plastic Surgeon and a Cosmetic Surgeon. Well after all, they both are kind of doing the same thing right? Yes - sort of, but it's the "sort of" that's the problem!

Not all medical practitioners performing cosmetic surgery are plastic surgeons or even practitioners with formal surgical qualifications. Indeed in Australia, any medical practitioner can call him or herself a cosmetic surgeon. There is no legal requirement for these doctors to be specifically trained in surgery.

This is pretty extraordinary when you think about it. A doctor might be a really good GP and they may have a specialisation in something like dermatology, but scarily they don't actually have to be a surgeon to practice as a cosmetic surgeon or a cosmetic physician. Remarkably they don't have to have years of training in surgical techniques and I don't want to scare you, but unless you know the difference they could end up operating on you!

Plastic surgeons on the other hand have to be highly trained specialists who spend between eight to ten years on top of their medical degree in post graduate surgical training. I might not be an expert, but this has got to count when it comes to the results you get. I mean think about it, would you really go to a GP to have your breasts augmented or have a face lift?

So, although it might sound a bit weird to the uninitiated, if you are thinking about having cosmetic surgery, then think plastic surgery. I know the word "plastic" does conjure up the images of bakelite phones, tupperware and Barbie Dolls, but that's getting things quite wrong. The original meaning of plastic relates to shaping, modeling or sculpting. And a plastic cosmetic surgeon is someone who is highly trained in using advanced surgical procedures to reshape, remodel or sculpt parts of the human body.

So if you are seriously considering any cosmetic surgery you really should find a plastic cosmetic surgeon who is a member of the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS). Medici only works with surgeons who are ASPS surgeons. They have years of training and have specialities in different areas of plastic surgery so have the most highly trained and experienced surgeon to do your procedure.

I really can't urge you enough if you are thinking about any form of cosmetic surgery, please give us a call or come in for a chat. Our consultations are free, confidential and there is no obligation. You can get all the information you need.

And don't forget, if your thinking surgery, for goodness sake, think plastic!

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