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THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR AESTHETIC PLASTIC SURGERY (ASAPS)

Year founded: 1967

Membership: Approximately 2,400 members in all categories. Plastic surgeons are elected to membership. Active Members practice in the U.S. and Canada.

Candidates: Approximately 1,200 additional plastic surgeons are currently enrolled in the ASAPS Candidate Program or the International Candidate Program. These surgeons have not yet been elected to membership.

Requirements: For election to Active Membership, a plastic surgeon must:

- Be certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery (U.S.) or certified in plastic surgery by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada
- Be in at least the third year of active practice following board certification
- Meet specified requirements for accredited cosmetic surgery Continuing Medical Education (CME)
- Meet specified requirements for documented cosmetic surgery cases performed during a 12-month period and covering a wide range of procedures
- Operate in an accredited surgical facility
- Be sponsored by two ASAPS members
- Submit current marketing/advertising materials, if any, for review
- Adhere to current ethical standards for professional conduct

ASAPS Mission:

- To advance the science and art of aesthetic plastic surgery among qualified plastic surgeons through medical education and research
- To promote ethical conduct and responsible patient care
- To serve the public by providing accurate and timely information on aesthetic plastic surgery
- To advance the medical profession and plastic surgery specialty

Publications: *Aesthetic Surgery Journal*: Bi-monthly, peer-reviewed scientific journal

Research: Sponsor of Cosmetic Surgery National Data Bank annual statistics

Referrals: Consumers may call toll-free, 888.ASAPS.11 (272.7711)

Home Page: www.surgery.org (has "Find a Surgeon" locator)

Spokespersons: ASAPS spokespersons/speakers are available by calling 212.921.0500