

# CHECKLIST FOR COMPARING COSMETIC SURGEONS

Use this chart to help you keep track of your consultation experiences and make a confident decision.

<b>Training &amp; Credentials</b>	Dr. _____	Dr. _____	Dr. _____
Is this surgeon board certified? (Note certifying boards)			
Do they operate in an accredited surgery center or hospital?			
Are they fellowship trained in cosmetic surgery?			

<b>Experience With My Procedure</b>			
How long has this surgeon practiced cosmetic surgery?			
How many times have they performed my procedure?			
Are their results consistent from patient to patient?			
Do the surgeon's previous results appeal to me?			
Have they operated on patients with similar concerns?			
Are patient reviews generally positive?			

<b>How Well I Connect With This Cosmetic Surgeon</b>			
Do I like being around this surgeon?			
Do I trust them to recommend what's safe and right for me?			
Am I comfortable asking all the questions I have?			
Am I comfortable disclosing my medical history & habits to them?			
Did they inform me of the risks & realities of surgery & recovery?			

<b>Safety &amp; Surgical Facility Accreditation</b>			
Is the surgical facility AAAASF, AAAHC or JCAHO accredited?			
Who administers general anesthesia? (i.e., Board Certified Anesthesiologist, Certified Nurse Anesthetist)			
Is the surgeon or an RN on call 24/7 to answer questions post-op?			
Is follow-up care included in my procedure plan?			

<b>Office &amp; Support Staff</b>			
Are the staff knowledgeable, friendly, and helpful?			
Did I receive an all-inclusive and clearly stated fee quote?			
Did I or will I receive written post-op instructions?			
When I contact the practice, do I receive a prompt reply?			