

Who we are

Choosing to have cosmetic surgery is a big decision. That's why it's important to do your research and know the facts.

ASAPS has been one of the peak bodies for cosmetic surgery in Australia and New Zealand for 40 years. We represent 300 comprehensively qualified Specialist Plastic Surgeons who are committed to ensuring you receive the best advice and experience world-class treatment before, during and after your surgery.

Our members are all Fellows of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons (FRACS) – the only institution accredited to train surgeons in Australia and New Zealand. Meaning, they've undertaken eight to 12 years of specialist surgical training beyond their medical training.

All ASAPS members work with anaesthetists they know and trust, and perform surgery in reputable hospitals and clinics. Each of our members is committed to helping you achieve your cosmetic goals in a safe and caring environment, every step of the way.

You can be assured that by choosing an ASAPS member you are choosing a surgeon who upholds the highest standards in the cosmetic surgery field.



**You're in safe hands
by choosing a member
of ASAPS**

Excellence in cosmetic surgery™

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Why should you choose an ASAPS member?

Today's cosmetic surgery market is complex and confusing with an overwhelming number of providers offering what, at the surface, could look like a similar service or product. But be warned, not all surgeons are the same.

In Australia and New Zealand, anyone with a six year medical degree can call themselves a cosmetic surgeon. As a consumer, this exposes you to a huge range of doctors with extremely varied surgical training and experience.

By choosing an ASAPS member you will be choosing a highly qualified, experienced and ethical Specialist Plastic Surgeon who focusses on aesthetics.

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Specialist Plastic Surgeon

Highly qualified personnel in Australia and New Zealand who have been specifically trained to perform cosmetic and plastic surgery.

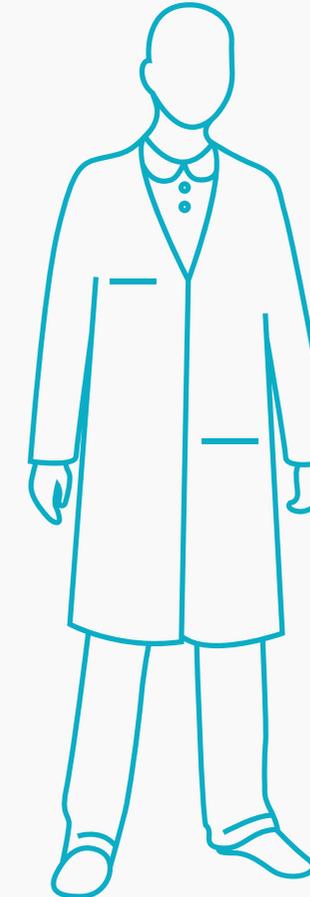
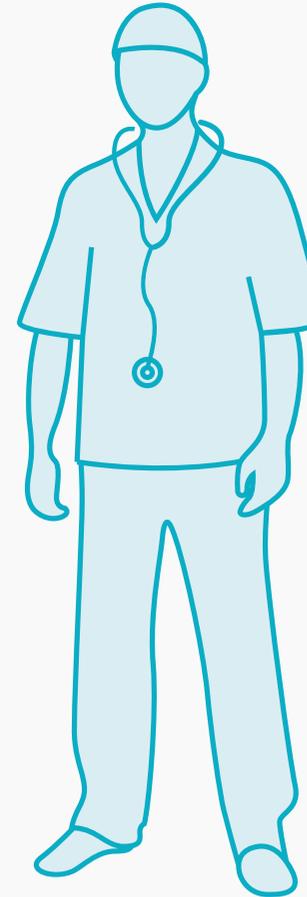
Qualifications

Six years medical training plus eight to 12 years of specialist training in surgery and reconstruction

Trained by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, the only organisation to train surgeons in the region, which means they are a FRACS qualified surgeon

Recognised by the Australian Medical Council (AMC) or the Medical Council of New Zealand as a surgical specialist

Highly skilled in reconstruction and surgery – the foundation for cosmetic surgery excellence



Cosmetic Surgeon

Any doctor in Australia with a medical degree and who has current registration can call themselves a cosmetic surgeon, physician or doctor.

Qualifications

Six years medical training

May have undertaken additional training

May or may not be recognised as a surgical specialist by the AMC or MCNZ

May or may not have obtained a FRACS