

Media Release

Non-Surgical Symposium 2018: The Great Debates

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The [Non-Surgical Symposium \(NSS\)](#) is about to open its doors on the Gold Coast and Scientific Convenor, [Dr Tim Papadopoulos](#), could not be more thrilled with the stellar line-up of speakers that will be gracing the stage.

“There will be [16 international speakers](#) talking on a host of different topics relating to the cosmetic medicine arena – our biggest line up to date. The theme for our 2018 program is the Great Debates with sessions to look at the points and counter-points of issues all in order to hold the industry to a higher standard and to improve patient safety.

“The Symposium starts on Thursday 14 June with our Anatomical Dissection and Live Injecting workshop, with sessions exploring the anatomy behind each part of the face to perform the best injections and combined treatments. An emphasis will be made on danger zones for toxin injections and fillers. This unique learning experience is provided by [Specialist Plastic Surgeons](#) who are all [Fellows of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons](#),” Dr Papadopoulos said.

“Given that this is Men’s Health Week the guys aren’t missing out with a good portion of the program dedicated to what’s hot in male treatments too. Genital treatments for both men and women will be analysed in detail, with a dedicated session delving into the range of methods and combined treatments to treat this intimate area,” Dr Papadopoulos said.

“There will also be sessions dedicated to uncovering and analysing the differences in cultural expectations, patient analysis and techniques in different parts of the world. Industry will present their products in the exhibition space, giving attendees the opportunity to discover the latest innovations as well as detailed product analysis sessions that will allow delegates to have a clear non-commercial update on the latest products and devices currently out on the market,” Dr Papadopoulos said.

Dr Papadopoulos said the NSS was first put on in 2011 by the Australasian Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons (ASAPS) in order to bring about a higher standard of practice in the non-surgical space, by providing first-hand educational opportunities to those interested in aesthetic medicine.

“Since that time the NSS has grown into the premier annual event for plastic surgeons, dermatologists, cosmetic physicians as well including the nurse aestheticians, dermal therapists and practice staff. The Symposium has been a sell-out event since 2015. In 2016 it was awarded the Best Conference in Australasia, and in 2017 was named a finalist in the Australian Event Awards for Best Conference,” Dr Papadopoulos said.

The NSS is held by ASAPS in partnership with the [Cosmetic Physicians College of Australasia](#) (CPCA) and the [Australasian Society of Cosmetic Dermatologists](#) (ASCD), and is endorsed by the [New Zealand Society of Cosmetic Medicine](#) (NZSCM).

Dr Papadopoulos said the primary ingredient to the success of the NSS is ensuring that those who attend are provided with an extraordinary learning experience from world-leading experts, utilising the latest technologies and techniques available.

“With so much recent attention on the cosmetic surgery sector, patient safety and improvements to its surety is at the very forefront of everything that ASAPS stands for. This is why we believe, at a minimum, people working in this space should attend our NSS to ensure they are being steered onto the right path when it comes to performing cosmetic procedures,” Dr Papadopoulos said.

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