

Know the Difference

8-12 more years

Only those who have completed an additional 8-12 years of training beyond their medical degree, including AMC accredited specialist surgical training, can lawfully use the title Plastic Surgeon.

100%

of ASAPS members are recognised by AHPRA, the AMC and Medicare as specialists in plastic surgery, and have 8-12 years of specialist surgical training beyond their degree.

93%

of Australians agree that it would be easier for patients to differentiate between surgeons and doctors, if all practitioners were to go by their official AHPRA title.*

~60%

of cosmetic surgery patients would have chosen differently if they knew their doctors were not qualified plastic surgeons.†

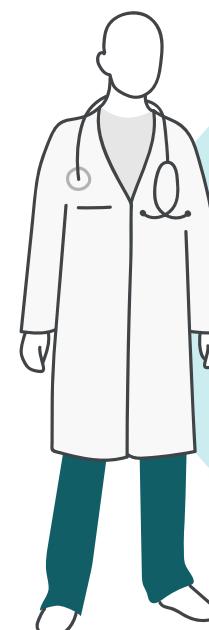
86%

of Australians agree that any doctor without any surgical training who is using the title 'surgeon' is wrong.*

AHPRA REGISTERED SPECIALIST PLASTIC SURGEON



VS



UNREGISTERED "COSMETIC" SURGEON

Practitioners who are not registered, specialist health practitioners must not falsely claim to be so. Individuals and bodies found guilty of false claims, can be fined up to \$120,000, 3 years imprisonment or both.

Check your surgeon: www.aestheticplasticsurgeons.org.au/your-safety

Training & experience

Consumers often conclude that a cosmetic surgeon is best qualified to undertake a cosmetic procedure without recognising the gap in experience and training between a cosmetic surgeon and a registered specialist plastic surgeon.

Risk of harm

Some of these 'cosmetic surgeons' hold elementary medical degrees, which exposes consumers to a greater risk of harm or negative outcome.

92%

of Australians believe that a patient's safety is put at risk when a doctor performs surgery without surgical training.*

77%

of Australians agree that banning the term "cosmetic surgeon" would help patients to separate the doctors from the surgeons.*

81%

of Australians agree that the title of 'Cosmetic Surgeon' implies that a doctor is a registered specialist.*

90%

of cosmetic surgery patients choose non-accredited surgeons because they believe they are less expensive and have visible online and social media profiles.†

Uninformed decisions

There is a critical need for consumers to become better informed on the correct titles and levels of expertise, in order to make informed decisions that result in the best, possible outcomes.