

## How to Choose Your Plastic Surgeon



### Education and Training

- 1. Where did your doctor attend medical school?**  
After earning his Bachelor of Science degree with honors at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Dr. Law attended Emory University, graduating magna cum laude, second in his class of over 100 physicians.
- 2. Was it a top tier medical school?**  
Yes. Emory University is one of the foremost private facilities for medical education in the Southeast, approved by the Council on Education of the American Medical Association (AMA), now the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals.
- 3. Did your plastic surgeon receive training from a prominent medical university?**  
Dr. Law elected to pursue a rigorous, 10 year training program that includes general surgery residency at the University of Southern California (USC) and a plastic surgery fellowship at USC.
- 4. How many years of formal surgical training did they receive?**  
The minimum requirement for board-certified plastic surgeons is five years of surgical training. Dr. Law's ten years of training following medical school amount to twice that of some plastic surgeons.

### Certifications and Memberships

- 1. Is your doctor Board Certified?**  
Dr. Law is certified with The American Board of Plastic Surgery. The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. was given the status of a major specialty board in May 1941 by action of the Advisory Board for Medical Specialties as approved by the American Medical Association.
- 2. Is your doctor a member of national associations of societies in his/her specialty?**  
Dr. Law is an active member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. Since 2004, his North Carolina practice and medical spa have been featured on the cover of Plastic Surgery News, the official news journal of the ASPS.

### Before and After Photos

- 1. Does your plastic surgeon have a number of quality photographs of the procedure you are considering from three different perspectives?**
- 2. Are all of the photos of work performed by your surgeon?**  
All before and after photographs on <http://michaellawmd.com> have been performed by Dr. Law.
- 3. Do all photos have consistent lighting, cropping, and position?**
- 4. Does your surgeon have previous surgical patients you can speak to?**

### **Surgical Facility**

- 1. Does a board certified anesthesiologist administer anesthesia care during surgery?**  
Yes
- 2. Is surgery performed in an accredited facility?**  
The Plastic Surgery Center is dually accredited by The Joint Commission and AAASF.
- 3. How is my privacy protected on the day of surgery?**  
At The Plastic Surgery Center, a private, first floor entrance and exit to both the office and surgery center eliminate the possibility of being in a public lobby or elevator after your surgical procedure.
- 4. What other medical professionals are part of the surgical team?**  
In addition to a Board Certified Plastic Surgeon and a Board Certified Anesthesiologist, your surgical team includes an ACLS certified Registered Nurse, a Certified Surgical Technologist, and a Certified Sterile Processing Technician.
- 5. At what local hospitals does your doctor have privileges to practice?**  
Wake Med North Hospital (0.9 miles from office)  
Rex Wakefield Hospital (4.7 miles from office)  
Duke Raleigh Hospital (6.9 miles from office)  
North Carolina Specialty Hospital (24.3 miles from office)

### **Additional Questions**

- 1. Does your surgeon really listen to you and understand your goals?**
- 2. Do you feel comfortable and confident with your surgeon's staff?**
- 3. After a consultation did you feel pressured in any way to schedule surgery?**
- 4. What is included in the price of surgery?**  
All physician fees, operative fees, anesthesia fees, pre-operative and post-operative visits, garments, implants, and laser treatment(s) to accelerate healing.