

lastic Surgery is a marriage between artistry and surgical technique. It was natural for me to be drawn to this surgical specialty. Even as a young child, I had a sense of curiosity about building structures and making things. In high school, I showed an interest in architecture, but I was drawn towards the medical field. Then, in college, I worked at a local hospital assisting pathologists in the laboratory, and soon was working with the Lion's Eye Bank as an organ donor specialist, procuring donor corneas so people with visual impairments could see

My interest in medicine lay in the task-oriented field of surgery. The first few years of medical school at LSU in New Orleans were difficult and tedious -- classroom work was far removed from direct patient care. The last 2 years of clinical rotations in the hospital were exciting, and once again

confirmed to me that my interest was in surgery.

In 1992, I began a 5-year General Surgery Residency program at the University of Texas/ Hermann Hospital. During this time, I was first exposed to Plastic Surgery and realized my true calling. When I was accepted into a fellowship in Plastic Surgery at Northwestern University in Chicago in 1998, I felt that my professional path had come full circle. In 2001, during my Chief Resident year in Chicago as a clinical instructor, I began to put all of the pieces together.

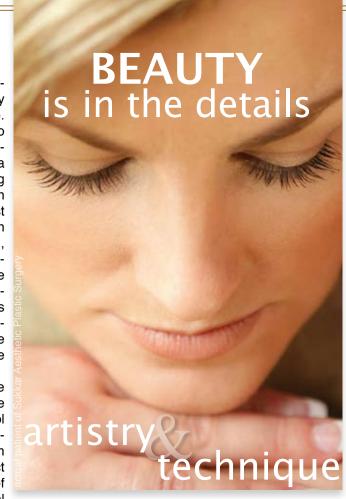
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Plastic surgeons utilize a multitude of surgical principles to solve both reconstructive and aesthetic puzzles, individualizing each case to optimize the outcome. Aesthetic plastic surgery is based on these same sound reconstructive principles. Because of my extensive reconstructive and cosmetic surgery training, I felt confident at the completion of my residency, and opened up a solo private practice back in Houston.

I earned board certification by the American Board of Plastic Surgery in 2002. As my practice grew, I decided to build my own operating room so that my busy schedule

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could be better accommodated. To optimize patient safety, certification by the AAAASF (The American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities) was obtained shortly thereafter.

My practice philosophy is simple and honest. The single most important factor in successful aesthetic plastic surgery is the selection of your plastic surgeon. I believe that the best patient is an educated

a practice based on patient referral... discreetly creating aesthetic results for patients over the last 7 years

I carry my enthusiasm for my profession wherever I go. I have been fortunate to real-

ize my dreams and truly love what I do. Because of its importance, I continue to devote time to perform reconstructive plastic surgery. My true passion, however is aesthetic plastic surgery. I believe that I have been given a gift to enhance the lives of others. With this gift comes a sense of responsibility to provide the most competent, elegant, safe, and aesthetically pleasing medical care and surgical outcome. "What you are is God's gift to you. What you become... is your gift to God."

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