

Why Aesthetic Surgeons Are the Michelangelos of Plastic Surgery

If you were going to commission a mural for your home, you wouldn't consider hiring anyone but a qualified professional. But there's still a big difference between a house painter and a true artist.

It's become common for many non-specialists such as OB/GYNs, dermatologists and beauty spas to offer minimally invasive aesthetic treatments like Botox. Some even offer liposuction and other cosmetic surgeries. You may be tempted to go to one of these for two reasons:

- 1) *Convenience*. Since you've already built a relationship with this doctor, you won't need to take the time to look for a plastic surgeon. After all, any doctor can perform aesthetic procedures... right?
- 2) *Cost*. Often non-specialists may offer cosmetic treatments and surgeries at a discounted price. And saving money is always good... right?

However, the answer to both of these questions is — *wrong!* The costs of choosing a less-qualified doctor may end up being higher than you anticipated. And you may be surprised to find that the difference in price isn't as extreme as you think.

All plastic surgeons who are [members of ISAPS](#) have received certification (or the professional equivalent) in their respective countries, and have undergone years of specialized education and training in the field of aesthetic plastic surgery. They are held to the highest international standards of ethics and professionalism. Any surgeon you trust to perform your aesthetic surgery should:

- Hold a degree from an accredited medical school and have completed residency training.
- Participate in continuing medical education (including membership in professional organizations, conferences and medical literature).
- Practice in an accredited facility.
- Adhere to the highest standards of ethics and professionalism.

These are the basic requirements which ensure that plastic surgeons are up-to-date on the latest developments and technology in the field. Aesthetic specialists pursue even further education and training to focus on specific areas of the face and body. You are much more likely to get results you'll be satisfied with for a long time, when you entrust your face and/or body to a top-quality aesthetic specialist.

Other doctors who advertise low-cost aesthetic services might be able to do so only by cutting overhead costs in other areas. There may be a greater chance that the practice is operating without insurance or indemnity, or that the staff

have not received proper training, or that the equipment or materials are not up-to-date. There may also be hidden costs that add up to a much higher total (for example, the price advertised may not include the facility, anesthetic, materials or other “extras”).

Even if non-specialized physicians who offer plastic surgery are skilled and reputable, they have not undergone the advanced level of training or met the same professional requirements that board-certified aesthetic plastic surgeons have, and the chances are greater that you may end up dissatisfied with their work. In rare cases, complications can arise during surgery or the post-surgery recovery period (such as allergic reactions, infections or discomfort). Choosing the wrong doctor for the wrong reasons also increases the likelihood that you will need revision surgery at some point. It's well worth the investment of a bit of extra time and money to achieve the best results possible.

Of course, many plastic surgeons offer discounts and special promotions from time to time. There's certainly nothing wrong with a bargain — as long as it really *is* a bargain. It's rare to find a Michelangelo plastic surgeon offering housepainter prices, but not at all uncommon to find the reverse. Do your homework, take your time, and above all, choose professional quality over thrifty price. You may be pleased to find it's very possible to have both.