

Is Your Plastic Surgeon Really A Gynecologist?

(NAPSA)—Over 10 million Americans will get cosmetic treatments in 2004—some of them by doctors not even trained in cosmetic care and some by individuals who are not even doctors.

America's Cosmetic Doctors and Dentists

Consumer Guide



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Poor results in cosmetic treatments are due to a lack of training. Screen doctors carefully.

Most Americans don't realize that licensed doctors can practice in any specialty they choose—even if they are not trained in that specialty.

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In the cosmetic field, the result can be unhappy patients—or worse—disfigured ones. Plastic surgery experts claim the number of botched jobs cosmetic surgeons have to fix has grown 20 to 30 percent in the last five years.

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Complications and poor results are often due to a lack of proper training, says Dr. John J. Connolly, publisher and co-author of America's Cosmetic Doctors and Dentists (Castle Connolly, \$29.95), which contains a list of expert physicians. He recommends people do some research so they can be sure they are getting an expert in the cosmetic procedure they desire. The book can be found in stores, online or by calling 1-800-399-DOCS.