

# Checklist for Comparing Plastic Surgeons & Consults

Print this list and take it with you to each consult to help you make your choice.



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<b>Verify Credentials &amp; Experience</b>	Dr. _____	Dr. _____	Dr. _____
Board certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery?			
Hospital privileges or operating in accredited surgical suite?			
Surgical residency included plastic surgery?			

<b>Experience With My Procedure</b>			
Experienced in the procedure I'm considering?			
S/he has performed this procedure how many times?			
Are patient testimonials & reviews generally positive?			
Is this surgeon current in advanced techniques?			
Do the surgeon's previous results appeal to me?			
Has s/he performed this procedure on patients with similar concerns?			
Are results consistent from patient to patient?			

<b>How Well I Connect With This Surgeon</b>			
Do I enjoy spending time with this surgeon?			
Do I trust her/him to recommend what's safe and right for me?			
Am I comfortable asking any question that comes to mind?			
Am I comfortable sharing my full medical history with the practice?			
Did s/he inform me of the risks & realities of surgery & recovery?			

<b>Safety &amp; Surgical Facility Accreditation</b>			
Is the surgical facility AAAASF, AAAHC or JCAHO accredited?			
Who administers anesthesia? (i.e., Board Certified Anesthesiologist, Certified Nurse Anesthetist)			
Is a physician or nurse on call 24/7 to answer questions post-op?			
Is follow-up care included for at least 6 months?			

<b>Office &amp; Support Staff</b>			
Are all the staff friendly, knowledgeable, and helpful?			
Are fees all-inclusive and clearly stated?			
Will I receive written post-op instructions?			
When I contact the practice, do I receive a prompt reply?			