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ASK DR. KIM

HOW HAS YOUR TEACHING AND LECTURING EXPERIENCE ENHANCED YOUR SKILLS AS A DOCTOR?

After teaching medical students and residents for six years, I honed my communication and motivational skills, which translate well into educating patients.

WHY ARE CONSULTATIONS SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE PATIENT EXPERIENCE?

This is when I make that critical connection with each patient—when I am able to discover the results that can fulfill my patients’ dreams.

HOW DO YOU DEFINE A SUCCESSFUL RESULT?

When an aesthetic improvement is harmonious with each patient’s features, without looking artificial or overdone, I consider it a success.

Refined rhinoplasties

Specializing in facial, head and neck surgery, Dr. Kim has found a niche for himself in rhinoplasty surgery, due to the intricacies involved and meticulous command of surgical skills required. Routinely called upon for complex revision cases, Dr. Kim—who performs everything from cosmetic and secondary rhinoplasties to reconstructive and functional procedures—has honed his approach to ensure optimal results and help patients set appropriate expectations. “We use digital imaging as a tool to promote discussion and preview expected results,” says Dr. Kim, who has appeared on Discovery Health and local television shows. Personally calling patients the night of surgery, Dr. Kim employs a high-tech, high-touch approach. “We never discharge patients from our practice or push a procedure.” Internationally known for his rhinoplasty surgeries, Dr. Kim was the course director of the Inaugural Dubai Rhinoplasty Symposium in the United Arab Emirates, December 2009.



CHIN IMPLANT

HOW DO CHIN IMPLANTS ENHANCE RESULTS ACHIEVED THROUGH RHINOPLASTY?

Oftentimes, patients requiring rhinoplasty surgery could also benefit from chin implants so as to balance the angles of their face. Because a small chin makes the nose appear larger, and since a protruding chin can make the nose appear too small in proportion to the rest of the face, it is many times beneficial to combine the two surgeries—yielding more balanced cosmetic improvements.

“my consultations are very interactive and customized”

HAVING AUTHORED OVER 50 SCIENTIFIC PAPERS, ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS IN MEDICAL LITERATURE, DR. DAVID W. KIM, THE FORMER CHIEF OF FACIAL PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO, ENJOYS CHALLENGING THE CLASSICAL VIEWS OF BEAUTY. “SURE THERE ARE TEXTBOOKS THAT PROVIDE GUIDELINES ABOUT IDEAL MEASUREMENTS, DISTANCES AND ANGLES, BUT I’VE NEVER BEEN ONE TO ADOPT A SET BELIEF SYSTEM ABOUT BEAUTY—EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO ‘COOKIE CUTTER’ FORMULA WHEN IT COMES TO THE HUMAN FORM.”

MEET THE EXPERT

Dr. David W. Kim

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American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

PROCEDURES PERFORMED

Rhinoplasty
Revision Rhinoplasty
Facelift/Necklift
Browlift
Upper and Lower Blepharoplasty
Aesthetic Injectables
Laser Resurfacing
IPL™ (Intense Pulsed Light)
Photofacial

ABOUT DR. KIM

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB?

The unveiling after a rhinoplasty—when I take the cast off and see a patient cry out of happiness—is the most fantastic feeling.

WHAT FRAMED PHOTOS ARE ON YOUR DESK?

I have a few photos on my desk, including a picture of my 4-year-old twins and 8-year-old son, and a photo of my wife.


DO YOU PERFORM ANY PRO BONO WORK?

I work with victims of domestic violence.

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