

Plastic Surgeon Job Description

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Perform invasive surgeries to correct physical deformities in patients
- Administer non-surgical treatment to enhance outward beauty
- Synthesize skin grafts from integra or obtain them from recipient/donor
- Carry out pediatric plastic surgery to treat congenital defects such as cleft palate and polydactyly in children
- Perform microsurgery to transfer tissues to reconstruction sites (head/hand) where they are missing
- Examine and diagnose patients to identify an abnormality and determine suitable course of treatment
- Ensure compliance with establishing surgical techniques during plastic surgery
- Direct and coordinate the activities of nurses, assistants and residents
- Examine operating room and medical instruments to ensure they are clean and sterile
- Confer with other plastic surgeons and medical professionals to exchange ideas
- Use photographs and verbal descriptions to identify patients' visual expectations and set a reference point
- Inject patients with botox to reduce muscle activity and temporarily lessen appearance of facial wrinkles
- Educate patients on the risks associated with a procedure as well as proffer recommendations on post-operative requirements
- Follow up on patients after surgery to track their healing process and personal adjustment to treatment
- Install prosthetic devices on patients to allow for restoration of appearance.

Plastic Surgeon Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- Education and Training: To become a plastic surgeon, you require an undergraduate degree in a relevant science discipline, then a 4-year doctorate degree in medicine or osteopathy. You are required to complete a 5-year residency program, then a 2-year fellowship program for a specialty in plastic surgery. State licensure is also required for practice
- Physical Dexterity: Plastic surgeons are able to operate a range of equipment and tools to perform cosmetic surgery
- Attention to detail: They are given to details and are able to carry out delicate processes to give patients their desired appearance
- Problem-solving Skill: They perform surgical and non-surgical procedures to meet the physical requirements of patients.