

# BREAST AUGMENTATION

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### FINDING THE RIGHT SURGEON

If you're considering breast augmentation, the first—and most important—step you can take is finding the right surgeon. Women around the world seek this procedure for various reasons, from achieving more proportionate body balance and symmetry to forms of reconstructive breast surgery. But in today's world, where various forms of aesthetic procedures seem to be performed everywhere, not every doctor who has earned the title of plastic surgeon or cosmetic surgeon has the same training. In order to achieve that perfect look, finding the right physician is vital.

Make sure the physician you are considering for your procedure is a member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS). The largest plastic surgery organization in the world, ASPS is made up of surgeons who are certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery or by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Founded in 1931, the organization has more than 5,000 members and comprises 94 percent of all board-certified plastic surgeons in the United States. In addition to certification, members are required to attend continuing medical and education courses, as well as to perform surgery in accredited surgical facilities.

Dallas' own Dr. Michael Whetstone is a member of the American Board of Plastic Surgery, which is officially recognized as the only board whose membership is limited to surgeons specifically trained in a rigorous and comprehensive plastic surgery program for the entire face and body. He is also a member of ASPS.

### WHAT TO EXPECT AT YOUR CONSULTATION

Once you've found an experienced, certified doctor, make sure to ask your physician thorough, clear questions about your procedure. Ask the doctor about his or her thoughts on recommended or alternative treatment options, and remember to go over the physician's medical qualifications and experience, as well as the cost and available payment policies. Be sure that you are well informed about the procedure that you are interested in and that you also understand all of the possible risks and outcomes. Dr. Whetstone discusses pre- and post-treatment recommendations, benefits and risks, and expectations following surgery so that you can make an informed decision regarding your procedure.

### PERSONAL ATTENTION TO DETAIL

As in all surgeries, attention to detail is key, and breast augmentation is no exception. In Dr. Whetstone's practice, his detailed patient attention is reflected in everything he does. First, he understands that patients want to visit with the doctor, not just the nurses or office staff, when they come in for their consultation. He spends a great amount of time with each new patient considering cosmetic surgery, making sure to answer all questions and fully explain each procedure, including information about the latest breast implant options. He also visits with his patients prior to their surgery and in the post-operative care period. Dr. Whetstone is highly knowledgeable in his specialty, due to his experience and training with Dr. Thomas Cronin, the inventor of silicone gel implants, and he incorporates surgical techniques that allow for a speedy recovery. Dr. Whetstone's goal is to achieve a very natural and balanced look while keeping in mind that each patient has her own unique needs and desires. He and his staff strive to put each patient at ease while providing an environment of personalized and attentive care to help patients look and feel their best.

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Makes the Exceptional  
Difference*

Specializing in all  
Surgical Procedures of  
Face, Breast & Body.

*With Comprehensive  
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*—Dr. Whetstone*

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