

DOWNTOWN

ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Patron: H.R.H. The Prince of Wales



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Dr

Dear Dr

Your letter regarding Plastic Surgery Training has been passed on to me in my capacity as Chairman of the Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Training for a career in cosmetic surgery under the auspices of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons begins with two years of basic surgical training with successful completion of the Part 1 FRACS examination.

There are other essential criteria which must be fulfilled before such trainees can then apply for advanced training in Plastic and Reconstructive surgery.

I enclose a copy of a document which outlines those requirements.

Candidates then apply to a regional training centre of their choice and compete for accredited training positions in fair and open selection processes. Successful applicants then complete four years of advanced Plastic Surgery training before applying to sit for the final Part 2 examination. Candidates must have fulfilled training requirements for all sub-specialties of Plastic Surgery including aesthetic surgery.

Candidates who have completed the Part 2 FRACS and wish to obtain further sub-specialty training then proceed to fellowships in designated areas such as cosmetic surgery. Currently these post-graduate fellowships are available in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide and are arranged personally by those surgeons. The Board does not supervise post-graduate fellowships which also exist overseas.

If you require clarification of any of these matters please contact me again.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'James Katsaros'.

James KATSAROS

Chairman

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