

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 18-14

INTRODUCED BY: Maryland Society of Plastic Surgeons

SUBJECT: Revision of Definition of Cosmetic Surgical Procedures

1 Whereas, patient safety is of utmost importance to the membership of Med Chi; and
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3 Whereas, the state of Maryland has already made significant progress in ensuring the safety of patients seeking
4 cosmetic surgical procedures; and
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6 Whereas, there are more steps that can be taken to protect patients, especially when a procedure is particularly
7 invasive, requires a significant amount of time to complete or when multiple procedures are done at once; and
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9 Whereas, the longer a surgical procedure takes to complete, the greater the risk of complications; and
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11 Whereas, it is currently legal in Maryland to perform invasive, complex cosmetic surgical procedures, either singly
12 or several at a time, in an unaccredited setting under local anesthesia or mild sedation; and
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14 Whereas, there are invasive, complex surgical procedures being performed under local anesthesia or mild sedation
15 in unregulated, unlicensed MedSpas and offices; and
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17 Whereas, there have been severe injuries and even deaths in states as a result of this phenomenon. Excessive doses
18 of local anesthesia and lengthy surgeries done in an unaccredited facility not appropriately prepared for
19 emergencies can be life-threatening; therefore be it
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21 Resolved, that Med Chi support legislation that would alter the definition of cosmetic surgical procedures to require
22 that all cosmetic surgical procedures lasting greater than 45 minutes, except small volume liposuction of less than
23 1000cc, regardless of level of anesthesia or sedation, be performed in an accredited facility.
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26 As referred to the Board of Trustees by the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 27, 2014.