CHECKLIST FOR COMPARING COSMETIC SURGEONS

	Dr. 1	Dr. 2	Dr. 3
SURGEON'S CREDENTIALS		√ Check if YES	
Is the surgeon certified by the American Board of Cosmetic Surgery (ABCS)?			
Does the surgeon have hospital privileges?			
Did the surgeon complete a fellowship in cosmetic surgery?			
SURGEON'S EXPERIENCE IN THE PROCEDURE YOU WANT			
Does the surgeon have experience in the procedure you are considering?			
How many times have they performed this procedure? ENTER NUMBER:			
Does the surgeon have generally positive patient testimonials & reviews?			
Does this surgeon stay current with advanced techniques (i.e. completes continuing medical courses)?			
SURGEON'S AESTHETICS			
Do the surgeon's results for the procedure you want appeal to you personally?			
Has the surgeon performed procedures on patients with similar concerns?			
Are the surgeon's results consistent from patient to patient?			
YOUR EMOTIONAL CONNECTION WITH THE SURGEON			
Do I like spending time with this surgeon?			
Do I feel like I can trust this surgeon to recommend what's safe and right for me?			
Do I feel comfortable asking the surgeon any questions I might have throughout the process?			
Do I feel comfortable disclosing my full medical history and habits to this surgeon?			
SAFETY & THE OPERATING FACILITY			
Is the surgical facility AAAASF, AAAHC, JCAHO or IMQ accredited?			
If undergoing general anesthesia, will it be administered by a Board Certified Anesthesiologist or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthestist?			
After my surgery, will there be an RN or MD available on call 24/7?			
OFFICE STAFF & CUSTOMER SERVICE			
Is the staff friendly and helpful?			
Was the wait time reasonable?			
Do I get helpful materials that fully prepare me for the risks and realities of surgery and recovery?			
Are fees all-inclusive and clearly stated?			
When I contact the practice, do I receive a prompt reply?			
Will I receive written post-op instructions?			
Is follow-up care after the surgery included?			
Total:			

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