

Dr. Russell F. Sassani is certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgeons. He is university trained in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and has additional specialized fellowship training.

After graduating with Highest Honors from Rutgers University, he obtained his medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, where he was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society.

His residency training in General Surgery and Plastic Surgery was at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He then went on to complete post-residency fellowships. These included a Hand Surgery Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania, a Craniomaxillofacial Surgery Fellowship at the University of Miami, and a Cosmetic Surgery Fellowship with the renowned Drs. Baker, Gordon and Stuzin in Miami.

During the course of his extensive training, Dr. Sassani has engaged in several areas of research, authored and presented a number of scientific papers at both the regional and national levels. He is also active locally in the education of medical students and residents.

Dr. Sassani's particular areas of interest and expertise are cosmetic surgery of the face, plastic surgery of the breast (enlargement, reduction and reconstruction) body contour surgery (liposuction and tummy tucks) and laser skin resurfacing. His reconstructive interests and expertise include reconstruction after facial trauma, reconstruction after cancer surgery, burn reconstruction, and hand surgery.

Dr. Sassani's patients come from many different walks of life, including entertainers, athletes and international clientele. He is also an active member of several plastic surgical organizations including: American Society of Plastic Surgeons and the Broward County Society of Plastic Surgeons.

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Resident Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
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Cosmetic Surgery Fellowship Plastic Surgery Associates of Miami
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Research

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Harrison Department of Surgical Research and University of Pennsylvania
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Societies	<p>****Member Florida Society of Plastic Surgeons</p> <p>****Member Broward County Society of Plastic Surgeons 1992 First Prize- Basic Science. Robert H. Ivy Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons. 37 th Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.</p>
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