



COSMETIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE EXPERTISE  
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## CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH GRANT – BOARD-DIRECTED RESEARCH

### ***What is ASDS Board-directed research?***

ASDS has taken a proactive approach to positively affecting the future of our specialty in recommending research on strategic topics such as those listed below. The intended result of Board-directed research is data that will promote the value of care delivered by dermatologic surgeons, the quality of life benefits from dermatologic procedures, the cost effectiveness of care, and data supporting ASDSA positions on patient safety and regulatory issues, etc. By selecting a Board-directed topic to study, you can play an integral role in advancing our specialty.

Benefits for researchers may include fostering collaboration with other institutions or across disciplines, national recognition for your work and contributing to the advancement of the specialty of dermatologic surgery beyond proof of an individual thesis on a single procedure or technique.

For applications on Board-directed research topics, you will be required to indicate:

*How the overall specialty of dermatologic surgery will benefit from the research results (e.g. positioning dermatologic surgeons as innovators and/or experts, supporting patient safety or regulatory positions).*

ASDS reserves the right to unrestricted use of all data and results related to studies for which Cutting Edge Research Grants for Board-directed topics are awarded.

### **Board-directed topics:**

- **Safety of cosmetic procedures**  
Examples: Impact of practitioner's level of credentials; Impact of physician oversight; As performed in accredited vs. non-accredited facilities; Physician vs. non-physician providers; Impact of physician specialty.
- **Demonstration of patient satisfaction of dermatologic surgery care/dermatologic surgeon care**  
Examples: Demonstration of patient satisfaction levels following treatments for skin cancer or cosmetic issues; Demonstration of patient satisfaction levels following treatments for skin cancer or cosmetic issues by dermatologists vs. other medical specialties.
- **Cost-effectiveness of procedures**  
Examples: As performed by dermatologic surgeons in office-based facilities; E&M services in office settings vs. outpatient hospital departments; Cost-effectiveness of outpatient hospital vs. outpatient ambulatory surgery center.
- **Quality outcomes**  
Examples: Comparing Treatments for cosmetic concerns; Appropriateness of skin cancer treatment in elderly patients.

- **Efficacy of screenings in diagnosing skin cancer**  
Examples: Evidence-based outcomes of cancer cure/life span/quality of life in screened patients versus un-screened patients.
- **Examination of the extent of dermatologic surgery complications being treated in the ER due to lack of coordination of care**  
Example: Patients on coagulants treated in the ER.
- **Mohs Surgery – Data gaps in Appropriate Use Criteria**
- **Impact of Affordable Care Act (ACA) on dermatologic surgeons**
- **Scientific validity of American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association (ASDSA) position statements**
- **Patient preference for being treated in an outpatient setting**