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# Editorial

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Unlike many other medical specialties which deal with life-or-death situations, cosmetic surgery deals with issues of beauty, confidence, success and even happiness. Every woman walking into our clinics is beautiful; a cosmetic surgeon makes her even more beautiful. It is not surprising that many non-core surgeons, and even non-physicians join this 'Success' market. Big commercial companies treat plastic surgery as a commercial commodity, and are delivering retail medical spas as over-the-counter services.

As a consequence of these phenomena, we are seeing more complications and more undesirable outcomes. The recent tragedy of PAAG breast injections and the boom of some 'medical cosmetic' treatments with unproven results are vivid examples of this trend.

Shall we cosmetic surgeons be concerned with these phenomena? Shall we be concerned with the unqualified competitors who lack basic plastic surgery training? Or shall we be concerned with new machinery and treatments with unproven effects? Or shall we be concerned with patient safety?

The answer is simple: we cosmetic plastic surgeons are concerned with patient safety first. Patient safety is the keystone of our practice. We are dedicated to promote for the benefit of the public the advancement in the field of cosmetic surgery and its associated services.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the authors for their input to turn this issue into reality. In particular, Dr. Otto Au has contributed his insightful forecast on the future of plastic surgery in Hong Kong, based on his unsurpassed 40+ years' practice locally. Dr. King is practising in one of the leading centres of plastic surgery in town, and he shares with us his experience of combining fire and steel together. Dr. Francis Ho and Dr. Philip Hsieh bring to us some recent advancements in minimally invasive cosmetic procedures. Dr. CO Mok has a unique and successful practice of breast surgery, and he is kindly sharing his experience with us. And lastly, Dr. WH Wong presents his view on laser lipolysis, which is a new development in energy-assisted liposuction.

I hope readers find this issue interesting, and I wish the Hong Kong Medical Diary every success in the future.