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Dear Medical Board

I believe cosmetic surgery is an unethical practice that should be strongly condemned by the medical board. A doctor's role is to treat illness. Wrinkles, small breasts or a desire to have a different shaped nose do not represent surgical pathology. While these patients may have psychological issues related to their body image, surgery is not the correct way to address this issue. Given that all surgery carries risks it is unacceptable that operations are carried out to alter normal variations of healthy human anatomy. The community invests considerable expense in the training of doctors and it is disappointing to see qualified doctors abuse their training to engage in lucrative cosmetic surgery, when there is a large unmet demand for surgery for genuine indications.

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