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If informed consent is to be worthwhile, the patient has to know whether the 'surgeon' is really a trained surgeon or not. They also need to know that if they develop a complication they will have access to hospital care from their Surgeon. If they are not in possession of this information how are they able to assess the degree of risk?

The printed material given to the patient at the first consultation should therefore state clearly that Dr XYZ is /is not a fully trained Specialist Surgeon, is /is not a Fellow of the RACS. [noting that a FRACS involves 5 years of supervised Hospital training] is /is not recognised by Medicare as a Specialist Surgeon and does have/does not have access to a Hospital/ Day surgery unit to perform the procedure and a Hospital to deal with post op complications.

To audit this, Medical Practitioners should be notified routinely at the time of their annual registration, that if they perform cosmetic surgery they must submit a copy of their patient information brochure for perusal by AHPRA along with their Hospital accreditation information if any.

Yours faithfully

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