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Plastic Surgery

The mission of the **AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PLASTIC SURGEONS (ASPS)** is to support its members in their efforts to provide the highest quality patient care and maintain professional and ethical standards. The society supports its members through education and advocates practice support and public awareness.

Founded in 1931, the ASPS is the largest board certified plastic surgery specialty organization in the world. As an advocate for patient safety the ASPS requires its members to operate in surgical facilities, including equipment and staffing, that have passed a high-level of external review.

The ASPS represents more than 90 percent of the board certified plastic surgeons presently (more than 8,000 members) practicing in the U.S., a handful of whom are located in Jacksonville. Their names are listed here.

- Patrick Basile
- Robert Burk, III
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- Mark Clayman
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For more info about the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, visit plasticsurgery.org

The AMERICAN BOARD OF FACIAL PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY (ABFPRS) was established in 1986 to improve the quality of medical and surgical treatment available to the public by examining for professional expertise in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery. To carry out this mission, the Board has established a mechanism for the education, qualification, training, review, and certification of surgeons specializing in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery.

There are approximately 10 ABFPRS members practicing in Northeast Florida.

- Zeechan Aziz
- Juan Garcia
- Roberto Garcia
- Deidre Leake
- Jason Meier
- David Pearson

- Saswata Roy
- Scott Scharer
- Scott Trimas
- Jeffrey Wachholz
- Eric Weiss

For more info, visit abjprs.org.

Cosmetic Dentistry

The **AMERICAN ACADEMY OF COSMETIC DENTISTRY (AACD)** is dedicated to advancing excellence in the art and science of cosmetic dentistry and encouraging the highest standards of ethical conduct and responsible patient care.

From a small gathering in 1984, the AACD has matured into the world's largest organization for cosmetic dental professionals. The group continues to grow and now includes more than 6,000 practitioners, educators, researchers and laboratory technicians from 70 countries. This global perspective allows AACD members to gather information from the international field of cosmetic dentistry.

The AACD's fundamental principle is to promote education, and it is the only organization of its kind to offer a postgraduate certificate by application, presentation and review. Once they begin the process, candidates have five years to complete all the requirements. Following Accreditation, the highest level of distinction offered by the AACD is Fellowship. A select group of accredited members pursue Fellowship each year, which further proves a member's dedication to the art and science of cosmetic dentistry.

Presently there are about 25 AACD members practicing in Northeast Florida.

- John Bibb
- Joshua Bierenholz
- Keith Blankenship
- Eric Burgess
- Ronald Elinoff
- Atosa Khan
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MEDICAL MARIJUANA LEAVES FLORIDA LAWMAKERS DAZED AND CONFUSED

In November, Florida voters overwhelmingly voted to allow patients access to medical marijuana. Now it seems our elected officials tasked with legislating that request are, well, in a bit of a daze over what to do.

Currently, there are seven licensed dispensaries in the state which cultivate, process and dispense medical marijuana. The House version of the Amendment Two bill wants to increase the number of dispensaries by granting ten additional licenses by 2018, while the Senate's version would grant five. Both plans call for future licenses given as dictated by the number of registered patients in the state.

To make matters more complicated, neither governing body can agree on how many retail locations each dispensary should be allowed to operate. The House caps it at 100. The Senate says 10 is enough. Last May, the debate over this number led to an eleven-hour quarrel in Tallahassee with no resolution, leaving many to wonder what all the fuss is about.

According to attorney John Morgan, often regarded as the state's leading medical marijuana advocate, the issue comes down to money. Recently, his social media accounts have been lambasting legislators and industry stakeholders for keeping the product out of the hands of those who need it, accusing them of keeping profit on a higher pedestal than patient wellness.

The regulations stem over marketplace competition, where some say more dispensaries equates to higher competition and lower numbers would allow certain stakeholders to dominate the entire industry. The counterargument is that a cap on retail locations allows all to stay competitive—so one large provider cannot put the smaller operations out of business—such as is advocated by the Senate. Further, both branches have yet to determine at what level they will tax dispensaries. Whether or not Florida patients will have easier access to medical marijuana products is a cloudy proposition at present and one that is unlikely to be cleared up any time soon. *

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Prior to dentistry, Dr. Vanover worked for GE as a power-plant controls engineer. He says, “Engineering and dentistry both focus on identifying problems and finding creative, viable solutions. However, in dentistry, the rewards of helping others and realizing the results are much more personal.”

Dr. Vanover remains dedicated to continuing education and training in advanced dental procedures to stay current in an ever-changing field. It enables him to offer the best, modern, and proven-successful dental care to his patients. He also actively supports numerous local charities and schools. Recently, Dr. Vanover received the Best Dentists Award (2016), Top Dentists Award (2010-2016), Best of Orange Park Award—Dentistry (2014), Angie’s List Super Service Award (2014), and Patient’s Choice Award (2015).

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