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Dr. Donn Chatham '71 named President of American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery



The American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (AAFPRS) is pleased to announce Donn R. Chatham, M.D., of Floyds Knobs, IN, as the new president of the organization. Dr Chatham, will lead the world's largest specialty association that represents over 2,700 facial plastic and reconstructive surgeons across the globe. Dr Chatham practices facial plastic surgery with offices in both Louisville, KY and New Albany, IN.

Dr Chatham graduated from Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky, in 1971. While a student there, Dr Chatham was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, alpha lambda chapter, and served as president in 1970-71.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to lead such an impressive and prominent organization like the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery," states Dr. Chatham. "The AAFPRS is made up of highly-skilled surgeons that I am proud to call my peers. I look forward to heading the organization this year with so many advances in the field and keeping our promise of quality patient care and safety."

Dr. Chatham is also an active participant in "Face to Face", the AAFPRS' non-profit organization which provides complimentary consultations, surgery, counseling and support to victims of domestic abuse who otherwise would not be able to afford reconstructive or facial plastic surgery treatment. Moreover, Dr. Chatham is with involved the organization's international programs which have enabled him to offer his medical expertise and services to patients in other countries, as well. The Academy is also exploring additional "Face to Face" programs, which will offer its members' services pro bono to additional patients who require facial reconstruction.

He recently edited a textbook from Elsevier publications, "The Difficult Patient", which led to an article in the New York Times on the same subject. Dr Chatham has also written medical textbook articles on the subject of ethics in plastic surgery.

Dr Chatham has been practicing facial plastic surgery in New Albany since 1985. He has staff privileges at Floyd Memorial Hospital, is former chairman of the Floyd County Board of Health and Floyd County Medical Society. Dr Chatham graduated from the University of Louisville Medical School in 1978. Dr Chatham is the first AAFPRS president from this area, and is a member of the Kentucky Medical Association, Indiana Medical Association, Jefferson County Medical Society, American Medical Association, and currently a Clinical Instructor at the University of Louisville Medical College, Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery in Kentucky, as well as a Senior Advisor for the American Board of Facial Plastic Surgery, and serves as an examiner for their annual certification exam in Washington, DC.

About the AAFPRS:

The AAFPRS is the world's largest association of facial plastic and reconstructive surgeons with more than 2,700 members – whose cosmetic reconstructive surgery focuses on the face, head and neck. Academy fellows are Board certified and subscribe to a code of ethics. In addition, the AAFPRS provides consumers with free information and brochures as well as a list of qualified facial plastic surgeons in their area by visiting the AAFPRS Web site, www.aafprs.org.