



## **CANADIAN ACADEMY OF FACIAL PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY GENERAL INFORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Canadian Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery is an international non-profit medical society incorporated under the federal laws of Canada. Its members are dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the advancement of plastic and reconstructive surgery of the head, face, and neck. Membership is open to all physicians and surgeons who are certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or its equivalent and who have training and experience in plastic surgery of this region. While most members are Canadian, any appropriately qualified physicians and surgeons in the world may join this truly international academy.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The Academy was formed on March 11, 1981 to stimulate scientific advancement in the field of facial plastic surgery and to improve the skills of that active in this practice. A prime purpose of the Academy is to foster interest in both surgeons and residents-in-training in this type of regional specialty practice. Interaction among specialists involved in this area such as otolaryngologists - head and neck surgeons, ophthalmologists, general plastic surgeons and dermatologists, is encouraged. This Academy will continue to stimulate study and research in this field of facial plastic and reconstructive surgery and its related basic sciences. Membership in the Academy will recognize those actively engaged in facial plastic surgery and will offer encouragement and direction to its Junior Members, Fellows, Members, International Members, and Honorary Members may purchase a handsome plaque on admission to the Academy.

### **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

In common with all branches of medicine, plastic and reconstructive surgery has made tremendous advances in the last few decades. During this time more plastic surgery has been performed by the regional specialist because of his thorough knowledge of the area in which he is trained. This time has also seen head and neck plastic surgery evolve into a regional specialty. Today it is considered a surgical discipline dealing with the repair of defects and deformities in the head and neck area from both a functional and a cosmetic point of view.

Many aspects of plastic and reconstructive surgery are performed by members of the Academy depending upon the training and interests of the individual surgeon. The surgery performed falls into several categories:

- A. Congenital deformities such as microtia, otoplasty, oculoplastic defects, and cleft lip and nose.
- B. Traumatic deformities, including primary and secondary repair of both soft tissue and skeletal injuries.
- C. Ablative and reconstructive tumour surgery, including all major surgical procedures for the resection and reconstruction of neoplasms in the head and neck areas.

Aesthetic procedures including blepharoplasty, forehead lift, facelift, otoplasty, rhinoplasty, dermabrasion, facial chemical peels, and removal of blemishes.



## **MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

### **FELLOWS**

A Fellow must:

1. Be a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada or its equivalent;
2. Produce evidence satisfactory to the Board of his/her good character and reputation;
3. Have training and experience in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery, as determined by the Board, and shall have been engaged in such practice;

A Fellow shall enjoy the right to vote and all other privileges, rights, duties and obligations of membership in the Academy. He/She shall pay dues and fees as established by the Board.

### **MEMBER**

A Member must:

1. Be a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or its equivalent;
2. Produce evidence satisfactory to the Board of his/her good character and reputation;
3. Have an expressed interest in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery;

A Member shall enjoy all the privileges, rights, duties, and obligations of membership, except the right to vote and hold an elective office; he may, however, serve on committees. He/She shall pay dues and fees as established by the Board.

### **INTERNATIONAL MEMBER**

An International Member must fulfill all the qualifications as for a Member except that he/she is a non-resident of Canada or United States.

### **JUNIOR MEMBER**

A Junior Member must be a physician who is in residency or fellowship training and who has not yet been certified by the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada or its equivalent, and who is interested in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery. Junior member shall enjoy all the privileges, rights, duties, and obligations of membership, except the right to vote and hold an elective office; he/she may, however, serve on committees. He/She shall pay dues and fees as established by the Board.

### **LIFE FELLOW**

Life Fellowship may be conferred by the Board upon receiving the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Board members. A Life Fellow must be a Fellow in good standing who is retired from practice and may be elected by making a request in writing to the Secretary, or at the discretion of the Board. A Life Fellow shall enjoy the right to vote and all other privileges in the Academy but shall not be required to pay any dues or fees.



## **HONOURARY FELLOW**

An Honorary Fellow can be confirmed, at the discretion of the Board, upon an individual who has contributed extensively to facial plastic surgery and has attained international repute. Honorary Fellowship may be conferred by the Board upon receiving the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Board members. An Honorary Fellow shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of membership except the right to vote, hold elective office, or serve on a committee. He/She shall not pay any fees or dues.

## **PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP**

1. An official APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP form should be obtained from the Academy office.
2. Each applicant must:
  - A. Complete the application form and all details. If any section is not completed, a written explanation must be appended.
  - B. Submit a letter indicating good standing in the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery; or if not a member, submit a detailed report of 35 operative cases of a major head and neck plastic and reconstructive nature within the preceding twelve month period. Each case report should contain the following: Name of patient, date of the operation, pre-operative diagnosis, name and address of the hospital or facility where the surgery was performed, and a description of the surgical procedure. Copies of the original operative report are acceptable if they are detailed.
  - C. Submit two letters of recommendation, one from a member of the Canadian Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. These letters should relate the applicant's surgical qualifications, standing in the community, moral conduct, general reliability and ethical standards. They should be sent directly from the references to the Academy office and be titled Confidential. All replies will remain confidential.
  - D. Enclose your Curriculum Vitae.
  - E. Attach a small recent photograph to the application form.
  - F. Enclose a cheque for \$25.00 for processing of the application. This is non-refundable.
  - G. Return the above material when complete to the Academy office at the following address:

**2996 Windjammer Road  
Mississauga, Ontario L5L 1S7**



## **MECHANICS OF PROCESSING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

1. Upon receipt of a membership application in good order, the Academy Office will:
  - A. Notify the applicant that the material has been received.
  - B. Forward the completed application to the Board for its consideration.
2. The Board will review the application, reference and recommendation letters, and the case reports when they are required. They are authorized to request further information for their deliberations if necessary.
3. Each application will be voted on by the Board of Directors. The Academy Office will notify the applicant of acceptance or rejection of the application. An applicant cannot become a member of the Academy until he/she has paid the fees as outlined within two months of acceptance for membership.
4. Unfavorable action upon application shall require a waiting period of three years before reapplication may be considered. Reapplication may be allowed once.