

## **20 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR SURGEON**

- 1. Where did you do your plastic surgery training?
- 2. How long have you been in private practice?
- 3. Are you board certified? Which board?
- 4. Do you participate in the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program with the Arizona Medical Board?
- 5. Are you a member of American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS)?
- 6. How long has your staff been working together as a team?
- 7. Do you have high staff turnover?
- 8. Do you have hospital admitting privileges?
- 9. Do you regularly attend plastic surgery meetings to keep up with continuing medical education and the latest techniques?
- 10. Why should I choose you to perform my operation?
- 11. After surgery, if I have a question or problem, how do I contact you? And will I speak directly with you or another physician covering for you?
- 12. Where do you perform (operation name)?
- 13. How often do you perform (operation name)?
- 14. How long does (operation name) take?
- 15. Is my operation done as an in-patient or out-patient?
- 16. What are the complications associated with my operation?
- 17. Do you use a board certified anesthesiologist for my operation?
- 18. What is the recovery time for my operation?
- 19. Am I a good candidate for (operation name)?
- 20. What medication do I need to stop taking prior to my operation?