

**Letter to the Editor – *New Beauty*
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Dear Editor,

The American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS) requests a retraction / clarification in the next issue regarding the "Dermatologists" definition within the provider breakdown of the winter 2022 print issue's, "Top Doctors Expert Guide," as well as a permanent update to any future articles to accurately reflect dermatologists' scope of work, expertise and extent of patient care.

Dermatologists are recognized as part of the Core Four specialties that are involved in the science, practice and teaching of aesthetic surgery. The definition in bold is not accurate and is disparaging to many board certified dermatologists who have a minimum of seven years of medical and surgical training. The "Who They Are" section contradicts its bolded nonsurgical description by stating in the same sentence that dermatologists perform skin cancer surgery. Additionally, the "Education" section fails mention the other types of postgraduate fellowship opportunities for Mohs surgery and procedural dermatology, as well as ongoing continuing education throughout their careers.

We encourage you to have the four sitting ASDS members of the [New Beauty Medical Advisory Board](#), who are board certified dermatologists and highly respected experts on aesthetic and cosmetic procedures, to help develop this content. Additionally, there are 20 ASDS members listed in the top doctor section of this article. These dermatologists' surgical skills are far beyond the classification of nonsurgical skin savers.

Let's work together to uphold your mission of providing trusted information to your readers based in scientific integrity with accurate professional classification.



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