

**Letter to the Editor – *UsMagazine.com*  
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Dear Editor,

The American Society for Dermatologic Surgery requests a correction be made to the recent article, "[CoolSculpting the Non-Surgical Alternative to Liposuction](#)." In the article, Ms. Jessica Plotnick was identified as a cosmetic dermatologist when, in fact, she is a physician assistant. A "dermatologist" is someone who has completed rigorous training in medical school as well as an internship and 3-year dermatology residency and is certified by the American Board of Dermatology.

Whether an error or misrepresentation, this is indicative of a widespread lack of understanding of "who's wearing the white coat." Board-certified dermatologists have extensive training specifically to treat the health, function and appearance of the skin. Patients deserve the opportunity to make informed decisions about from whom they receive medical and cosmetic treatments. It is important to clearly define roles for consumers to avoid misconceptions.

Please inform your readers about the differences in board-certified dermatologists versus physician assistants. More information and a referral service to board-certificated dermatologists can be found at [asds.net](http://asds.net).



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