Quick Facts: Highlights of the ASAPS 2008 Statistics on Cosmetic Surgery:

- There were over 10 million surgical and nonsurgical cosmetic procedures performed in the United States in 2008, as reported by the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ASAPS). Surgical procedures accounted for 17% of the total with nonsurgical procedures making up 83% of the total.

- From 2007-2008, there was over a 12 percent decrease in the total number of cosmetic procedures. Surgical procedures decreased by 15 percent, and nonsurgical procedures decreased by almost 12 percent.

- Since 1997, there has been over 162 percent increase in the total number of cosmetic procedures. Surgical procedures increased by almost 80 percent, and nonsurgical procedures increased by over 233 percent.

- The top five surgical cosmetic procedures in 2008 were: breast augmentation (355,671 procedures); liposuction (1,280,964 procedures); eyelid surgery (195,104 procedures); rhinoplasty (152,434 procedures); and abdominoplasty (147,392 procedures).

- The top five nonsurgical cosmetic procedures in 2008 were: Botox injection (2,464,123 procedures); laser hair removal (1,262,848 procedures); chemical peel (591,808 procedures); and laser skin resurfacing (570,880 procedures).

- Women had over 9.3 million cosmetic procedures, almost 92 percent of the total. The number of cosmetic procedures for women decreased over 11 percent from 2007.

- Men had over 800,000 cosmetic procedures, 8 percent of the total. The number of cosmetic procedures for men decreased over 21 percent from 2007.

- The top five surgical procedures for women were: breast augmentation, liposuction, eyelid surgery, abdominoplasty and breast reduction.

- The top five surgical procedures for men were: liposuction, rhinoplasty, eyelid surgery, breast reduction to treat enlarged male breasts, and hair transplantation.

- People age 35-50 had the most procedures – over 4.5 million and 45 percent of the total. People age 19-34 had 22 percent of procedures; age 51-64 had 26 percent; age 65-and-over had 6 percent; and age 18-and-younger had almost 2 percent.

- The most common procedures for age 18-and-under were: laser hair removal, chemical peel, microdermabrasion, rhinoplasty and IPL laser treatment.

- Racial and ethnic minorities, as of last year, had approximately 20 percent of all cosmetic procedures, a decrease of 1 percent from 2007: Hispanics, 8 percent; African-Americans, 6 percent; Asians, 4 percent; and other non-Caucasians, 2 percent.

- Of the doctors surveyed 74 percent say they do not offer “spa” services (e.g. wraps, facials, massages) in conjunction with their medical practices. 86 percent of the doctors say they do not work in conjunction with medical spas where nonsurgical procedures, such as injections and laser procedures are performed.

- Americans spent almost $11.8 billion on cosmetic procedures last year.

- Where cosmetic surgeries were performed: office facility, 53 percent; hospital 19 percent; and free-standing surgicenter, 26 percent.

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