

## Cosmetic-plastic gynecology (CPG): Education, research and publications

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**Aims:** Review the current state of education, research and publications in the field of cosmetic-plastic surgery

**Methods:** A review was performed using Medline, Pubmed, ACOG resources, recent reviews and presentations.

**Results:** There are no formal Gynecological residencies or fellowship programs identified offering CPG training. Several individual practitioners offer instruction on CPG techniques but there are no standard or generally "accepted" procedures. There is increasing interest in the C-P-G community but although there are an increasing number of articles there is still a paucity of evidence based studies in scientific peer reviewed journals. Inconsistent and deceptive terminology is common and causes confusion for both practitioners and patients.

**Discussion:** CPG is still in its infancy with interest shown by gynecologists, urogynecologists, general surgeons, plastic surgeons, and urologists. There are no formal training programs, standard or accepted procedures and there is a lack of consistency in terminology and practice opening the field to attack. Standardization of nomenclature, descriptive terms for procedures and better scientific based research can enhance the recognition of the field.

### Biography

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