

# LYNN A DAMITZ, MD, FACS

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Education

#### **Fellowships:**

Nashville Plastic Surgery  
January 2000 to June 2000  
Breast and Aesthetic Fellowship

Charlotte Plastic Surgery, Charlotte NC  
July 1999 to December 31, 1999  
General Plastic Surgery Fellowship-Focus on Breast and Aesthetics

#### **Residencies:**

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill NC  
July 1997 to June 1999  
Plastic Surgery Residency

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill NC  
June 1993 to June 1997  
General Surgery Residency

#### **Medical School:**

M.D.  
Hahnemann University School of Medicine, Philadelphia Pennsylvania  
August 1989 to May 1993

#### **College:**

B. S. Science Pre-Professional  
The University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame Indiana  
August 1985 to May 1989

**Certification/Licensure:** Candela Instructional Course/Certification Use of Lasers  
February 17, 2009

Executing Micropigmentation Procedures Extended Course,  
November 14-16, 2003

Advanced Cardiac Life Support-Experienced Provider 5/29/09-5/29/11  
Basic Life Support

Plastic Surgery Written Boards September 15, 1999-PASS

Board Certified in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery September 2001

Recertification in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery July 2009 -2021

North Carolina License 99-00811

DEA License# BD6329949

### Professional Experience-Employment History

#### **Academic:**

Division of Plastic Surgery, University of North Carolina School of  
Medicine, Chapel Hill NC

Director of Aesthetic Services  
2004-present

Division of Plastic Surgery, University of North Carolina School of  
Medicine, Chapel Hill NC  
Assistant Professor  
2000-2009

Division of Plastic Surgery, University of North Carolina School of  
Medicine, Chapel Hill, NC  
Associate Professor  
2009-present

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill NC  
General Surgery and Plastic Surgery Housestaff  
June 1993 to June 1999

## **Honors and Awards**

Selection as a Fellow in the Academy of Educators of the UNC School  
of Medicine March 31, 2010

The Plastic Surgery Resident Teaching Award for 2009 – 2010

Invited to be an Oral Board Examiner for the American Board of  
Plastic Surgery November 12-14, 2009

Graduated from the American Society of Plastic Surgeons Pathways to  
Leadership Program November 3, 2008

Recipient of Patient's Choice Award 2008

Elected Board Member of Notre Dame Alumni Club of Eastern NC  
(August 2006 to August 2009)

UNC-CH Department of Surgery Teaching Award, July 2003

Hahnemann Hospital Association Award for Overall Academic  
Excellence May 1993

Honors in Medical Genetics Course and Honors in Surgery, Pediatrics  
and Psychiatry clinical rotations

Elected co-president of The Notre Dame Professional Society  
(1988 to 1989)

Secretary of Notre Dame Pre-professional Society  
(1986 to 1987 and 1987 to 1988)

Member of the Outstanding College Students of America Association

Performed research Junior and Senior years with faculty of Indiana University School of Medicine, Notre Dame satellite campus

Dean's list 1989

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

### **Refereed Publications:**

Hultman CS, McPhail L, Klauber-DeMore N, **Damitz L**, Lee C, Ollila DW, Meyers MO, Calvo BF, Kim HJ, Meyer AA. Skin-sparing mastectomy flap complications following breast reconstruction: Risk factors, effect on adjuvant therapies, and impact on recurrence. Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery 2006; 118(4supplement):158.

Klauber-Demore N, Calvo B, Kim HJ, Meyers M, Hultman, CS, **Damitz L**, Frank J, Sartor CI, Ollila, DW. Staged Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy Prior to Mastectomy Facilitates Surgical Planning for Breast Cancer Patients. Am J Surg 2005; 190:595-597.

Hultman CS, Lee CN, Van Aalst J, **Damitz L**, Losken W, Sloan G. Producing Competent Plastic Surgeons: Longitudinal Analysis of Resident Case Volume, Performance on the In-Service Examination, and Board Certification. Plast Reconstr Surg 2005; 116(3 supplement):187-188.

Hultman CS, **Damitz L**, Daiza S, Ollila D, Klauber-Demore N, Cance W, Meyer AA, Calvo B, Kim HJ. Skin-Sparing Mastectomy Flap Complications Following Breast Reconstruction: Incidence, Risk Factors, and Effect on Adjuvant Therapies. Plastic Surgical Forum 2002;XXV:225-226.

“Perioperative Care of the Breast Reconstruction Patient”, Breast Disease, An International Journal, Volume 16, 2002.

Sadiq TS. Burns WW 3rd. Taber DJ. **Damitz L**. Ollila DW. Blue urticaria: a previously unreported adverse event associated with isosulfan blue. Archives of Surgery. 136(12):1433-5, 2001 Dec.

### **Peer-Reviewed Abstracts:**

Hultman CS, McPhail L, Klauber-DeMore N, **Damitz L**, Lee C, Ollila DW, Meyers MO, Calvo BF, Kim HJ, Meyer AA. Skin-sparing mastectomy flap complications following breast reconstruction: Risk

factors, effect on adjuvant therapies, and impact on recurrence. To be presented at the Poster Session of the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, San Francisco, CA, October 2006.

Hultman CS, **Damitz L**, Lee CN, Losken HW, Sloan GM, van Aalst JA. "Producing Competent Plastic Surgeons: Longitudinal Analysis of Resident Case Volume, Performance on the In-Service Examination, and Board Certification," displayed at the Poster Session of the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, Chicago IL, September 24-28, 2005.

McPhail L, Hultman CS, **Damitz L**, Eron J, Pratt, Mizuguchi N. "HIV-associated lipodysptrophy of the head and neck: Preliminary experience with UAL and SAL," presented at the Womack Surgical Society, Chapel Hill, NC, June 2004.

Hultman CS, **Damitz L**, Daiza S, Ollila D, Klauber-deMore N, Cance W, Calvo B, Kim HJ, Meyer AA, "Skin-Sparing Mastectomy Flap Complications Following Breast Reconstruction: Incidence, Risk Factors, and Effect on Adjuvant Therapies," presented at 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, San Antonio, TX, November 2-6, 2002.

#### **Paper Presentations:**

C. Scott Hultman, MD, **Lynn Damitz, MD**, Sumer Daiza, MD, David Ollila, MD, Nancy Klauber-Demore, MD, William Cance, MD, Anthony Meyer, MD, PhD, Benjamin Calvo, MD, "Skin-Sparing Mastectomy Flap Complications Following Breast Reconstruction: Incidence, Risk Factors, and Effect on Adjuvant Therapies," presented at the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual ASPS/PSEF/ASMS Scientific Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 2-6, 2002.

#### **Posters:**

Hultman CS, McPhail L, Klauber-DeMore N, **Damitz L**, Lee C, Ollila DW, Meyers MO, Calvo BF, Kim HJ, Meyer AA. Skin-sparing mastectomy flap complications following breast reconstruction: Risk factors, effect on adjuvant therapies, and impact on recurrence. To be displayed at the Poster Session of the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, San Francisco, CA, October 2006.

Charles S. Hultman, MD, **Lynn Damitz, MD**, Clara N. Lee, MD, Wolfgang Losken, MD, Gerald Sloan, MD, John van Aalst, MD. "Producing Competent Plastic Surgeons: Longitudinal Analysis of Resident Case Volume, Performance on the In-Service Examination, and Board Certification," displayed at the Poster

## **TEACHING RECORD**

### **Teaching Responsibilities:**

Weekly medical student tutorial (4 students per 8 week rotation) 2000-2004

Medical student lectures (2 per 8 week rotation)

Resident Supervision, Plastic Surgery: operating room, in-patient wards, intensive care unit, outpatient clinics

Educational Conferences:

Pre-operative/Indications and Post-operative Conferences

Morbidity and Mortality:

Attended/Participated	6/8/11
Attended/Participated	5/11/11
Attended/Participated	4/13/11
Attended/Participated	3-8-11
Attended/Participated	2-8-11
Attended/Participated	1-5--11
Attended/Participated	12-14-10
Attended/Participated	11-9-10
Attended/Participated	10-12-10
Attended/Participated	9-15-10
Attended/Participated	8-25-10
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Attended/Participated	6-1-07
Attended/Participated	5-4-07
Attended/Participated	3-2-07
Attended/Participated	2-9-07
Attended/Participated	12-1-06
Attended/Participated	9-1-06
Attended/Participated	8-4-06
Attended/Participated	7-14-06
Attended/Participated	5-2-06
Attended/Participated	4-11-06

Journal Club (monthly): Organize and Directs Journal Club

Topic: June PRS articles	6-15-11
Topic: July PRS articles	7-27-10
Topic: July PRS articles	7-20-10
Topic: May PRS articles	5/28/10
Topic: January PRS articles	1-26-10
Topic: September PRS articles	9-22-09
Topic: April PRS articles	4-20-09
Topic: March PRS articles	3-16-09
Topic: January PRS articles	1-13-09
Topic: November PRS articles	11-17-08
Topic: August PRS articles	8-19-08
Topic: July PRS articles	7-15-08
Topic: June PRS articles	6-17-08
Topic: May PRS articles	5-20-08
Topic: April PRS articles	4-15-08
Topic: March PRS articles	3-18-08
Topic: February PRS articles	2-19-08
Topic: January PRS articles	1-22-08
Topic: November PRS articles	11-13-07
Topic: September PRS articles	10-16-07
Topic: August PRS articles	8-13-07 (Organized only)
Topic: July PRS articles	7-18-07 (Organized only)
Topic: June PRS articles	6-20-07
Topic: April PRS articles	4-18-07
Topic: March PRS articles	3-28-07
Topic: February PRS articles	2-21-07
Topic: January PRS articles	1-17-07
Topic: November PRS articles	11-15-06
Topic: October PRS Articles	10-18-06 (Organized only)
Topic: September PRS Articles	9-26-06

Topic: August PRS Articles	8-30-06
Topic: July PRS Articles	7-19-06
Topic: June PRS Articles	6-21-06
Topic: May PRS Articles	5-17-06
Topic: April PRS Articles	4-19-06
Topic: March PRS Articles	3-22-06
Topic: February PRS Articles	2-15-06
Topic: January PRS Articles	1-25-06

Plastic Surgery Selected Reading Conference: Residents

Title: Breast Reconstruction with prosthetic devices/ Implants and Latissimus dorsi Flap reconstruction	3-8-11
Title: Breast Reduction: Inverted T – Technique; Vertical Reduction	2-15-11
Title: Augmentation and Mastopexy	2-8-11
Title: Abdominoplasty & Lower Truncal Circumferential Body Contouring, Liposuction	1-25-11
Title: Blepharoplasty & Browlift	1-13-11
Title: Botox & Injectable Fillers	1-3-11
Title: Breast Reduction: Inverted T –Technique; Vertical Reduction Mammoplasty	2-17-10
Title: Augmentation Mammoplasty and Its Complications; Mastopexy and Mastopexy Augumentation	2-10-10
Title: Facial Skeletal Augmentation with Implants; Osseous Genioplasty	2-3-10
Title: Abdominoplasty & Lower Truncal Circumferential Body Contouring, Liposuction	1-27-10
Title: Rhinoplasty	1-22-10
Title: Blepharoplasty, Forehead Lift	1-11-10
Title: Structural Fat Grafting, Filler Materials, Botulinum Toxin	1-4-10
Title: Cutaneous Resurfacing: Chemical Peeling, Dermabrasion, Laser	12-30-09
Title: Body Contouring & Liposuction	4-20-09
Title: Breast Augmentation	3-23-09
Title: Rhinoplasty	1-21-09
Title: Blepharoplasty, Browlift	1-21-09
Title: Body Contouring & Liposuction	4-20-09
Title: Rhinoplasty	1-27-09
Title: Rhytidectomy	12-8-08
Title: Blepharoplasty	11-17-08
Title: Hand	8-25-08
Title: Facial Fractures	7-29-08
Title: Augmentation Mammoplasty	3-25-08

Title: Blepharoplasty & Browlift	11-19-07
Title: Hand IV	8-27-07
Title: Facial Fractures Part II	7-31-07
Title: Facial Nerve Disorders	4-30-07
Title: Body Contouring	4-9-07
Title: Reduction Mammoplasty	3-19-07
Title: Breast Cancer....	3-5-07
Title: Hand III	2-5-07
Title: Blepharoplasty & Browlift	12-11-06
Title: Facial Fractures	10-30-06
Title: Lip, Cheek, & Scalp Recon.	10-16-06
Title: Nasal Reconstruction	10-2-06
Title: Head & Neck: Part II	8-28-06
Title: Skin Tumors Part I	8-7-06
Title: Burns & Post Burns Recon.	7-31-06
Title: Aesthetics	6-5-06
Title: Hand III	5-1-06
Title: Aesthetics	4-10-06
Title: Facial Fractures II	3-6-06
Title: Aesthetics	2-13-06
Title: Cleft Lip I	1-2-06

#### Plastic Surgery Indications Conference

Indications Conference Leader	6/1/11
Title: Preop/Indications	5/4/11
Title: Preop/Indications	4/6/11
Title: Preop/Indications	1-5-11
Indications Conference Leader	5-21-10
Title: Preop/Indications	5-14-10
Title: Preop/Indications	12-18-09
Title: Various Topics	12-12-08
Title: Pre-op/Indications	7-18-08
Title: Various Topics	5-23-08
Title: Various Topics	8-17-07
Title: Various Topics	4-27-07
Title: Various Topics	12-8-06
Title: Various Topics	8-18-06

#### Plastic Surgery Grand Rounds

Facelift & Blepharoplasty	1/25/11
Facelift: Principles & Techniques	12-29-10
Regional Anesthesia/Peripheral Nerve Blocks	7-28-10
Facial Asymmetry	6-22-10

#### Plastic Surgery Walk Rounds

3-16-09
4-29-09
6-3-09
7-15-09
8-26-09

10-21-09  
12-2-09

**Mentor:**

Mentor for 1<sup>st</sup> Year Medical Students 2006-Present

**Preceptor:**

Preceptor for Sendia Kim 2008-2011  
(Plastic Surgery Resident)  
Preceptor for Stephanie Beidler 2009-2011  
(Plastic Surgery Resident)  
Preceptor for Winnie Tong 2009-2011  
(Plastic Surgery Resident)  
Preceptor for John Clayton 2010-2011  
(Plastic Surgery Resident)  
Preceptor for Cindy Wu 2010-2011  
(Plastic Surgery Resident)  
Preceptor for Emily Fontenot 2007-2008  
(General Surgery Resident)

**Interviews:**

Plastic Surgery Resident Interviews 3-4-11  
General Surgery Resident Interviews 1-7-11  
General Surgery Resident Interviews 11-19-10  
Plastic Surgery Resident Interviews 3-5-10  
General Surgery Resident Interviews 12-11-09  
Plastic Surgery Resident Interviews 3-7-09  
General Surgery Resident Interviews 12-12-08  
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General Surgery Resident Interviews 12-7-07  
Plastic Surgery Resident Interviews 3-24-07  
Plastic Surgery Resident Interviews 2-24-07  
General Surgery Interviews 12-8-06  
Plastic Surgery Resident Interviews 3-18-06  
Plastic Surgery Resident Interviews 3-11-06  
General Surgery Resident Interviews 1-20-06

**Medical Student Lectures:**

“Suturing Principles” 1-4-11  
“Suturing Principles” 11-25-10  
“Suturing Principles” 3-8-10  
“Wound Healing” 2-2-10  
“Suturing Principles” 1-5-10  
“Suturing Principles” 7-6-09  
“Suturing Principles” 5-4-09  
“Suturing Principles” 3-9-09  
“Suturing Principles” 1-5-09  
“Suturing Principles” 10-27-08

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“Suturing Principles”	10-23-06
“Suturing Principles”	5-1-06
“Suturing Principles”	3-7-06
“Suturing Principles”	1-3-06
“Wound Healing”	7-28-05
“Suturing Principles”	6-27-05
“Wound Healing”	3-10-05
“Suturing Principles”	3-8-05
“Wound Healing”	1-6-05
“Suturing Principles”	1-3-05
“Wound Healing”	10-28-04
“Suturing Principles”	10-25-04

**Recent Presentations/Lectures:**

National Youth Leadership Forum: Medicine “What’s Your Specialty?” UNC Chapel Hill Campus	June 23, 2011
Capstone 4 <sup>th</sup> year Medical Student Course Breast Module	March 1, 2011
The Carolina Regional Course in Facial Plastic Surgery: Blepharoplasty & Browlift Lecture and Cadaver Lab Wake Forest University, Winston Salem NC	February 25, 2011
The Sixth Annual UNC Conference on Melanoma: Aesthetic Concepts in Reconstruction of Facial Melanoma Defects	February 24, 2011
AORN Workshop Post Bariatric Surgery Body Contouring Chapel Hill, NC	October 16, 2010
UNC Dept of Surgery Intern Boot Camp Suturing Principles, OR Etiquette, Instrumentation	June 21, 2010
Capstone 4 <sup>th</sup> year Medical Student Course: Breast Module	March 4, 2010

UNC General Surgery Intern Boot Camp Suturing Course and Lab	June 17, 2009
20 <sup>th</sup> Annual PACU and Ambulatory Surgery Conference Chapel Hill NC Sponsored by UNC-CH School of Nursing Center for Lifelong Learning Aesthetic Surgery: An Overview	March 28, 2009
Carolina Course in Facial Plastic Surgery Wake Forest University Winston Salem NC Facelift Lecture	February 21, 2009
The Doctor Is In University of North Carolina Chapel Hill: Carolina Club Myths vs Reality of Aesthetic Procedures	January 28, 2009
Post Gastric Bypass Body Contouring with a Focus on Abdominoplasty/Panniculectomy GI Surgery Bariatric Patient Group	October 21, 2008
Post Bariatric Body Contouring with a Focus on Abdominoplasty vs Panniculectomy	October 18, 2008
AORN (Association of OR Nurses Friday Center Chapel Hill NC	
Breast Reconstruction 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual NC American Association of Professional Coders Coding Conference Cary NC	October 3, 2008
Pathways to Leadership Final Project Presentation to Ethics Committee	July 12, 2008
UNC Dept of Dermatology Aesthetic Lecture	June 25, 2008
2008 UNC-CH Dept of Surgery Intern "Boot Camp" Suture Course	June 16, 2008
UNC Surgery Grand Rounds	July 25, 2007
2007 UNC-CH Dept of Surgery Intern Suture Course	June 19, 2007
Carolina Course in Sinus Surgery and Facial Plastic Surgery Savannah GA Endobrowlift Lecture and Cadaver Dissection Lab	April 14, 2007
2007 UNC-CH Dept of Surgery Intern Boot Camp	June 21, 2007

Surgery Grand Rounds Wake Med Aesthetic Surgery: An Overview	October 28, 2006
Socratic Discussion Focused on Breast Cancer and Reconstruction	October 25, 2006
Girls Night In-Center for Women's Health Research at UNC	July 27, 2006
Gastric Bypass Support Group-Post Bariatric Body Contouring	May 16, 2006
UNC Healthcare Wellness Center Expo	April 8, 2006
Plastic Surgery Grand Rounds Blephs & Brows	April 1, 2006
Carolina Course in Sinus Surgery and Facial Plastic Surgery Cadaver Dissection Lab	April 1, 2006
Meadowmont Skin Cancer Screenings	July 18, 2005
Surgery Grand Rounds UNC-CH Aesthetic Surgery: An Overview	June 1, 2005
Meadowmont Wellness Center Chapel Hill NC Aesthetic Surgery: An Overview	May 1, 2005
Carolina Course in Sinus Surgery and Facial Plastic Surgery Browlift Lecture	April 5, 2005
UNC Rex Wellness Health Fair Aesthetic Surgery: An Overview Lecture	October 30, 2004
Seriously Speaking with Shantal Show Discussion Topic: Aesthetic Surgery	September 29, 2004
Carolina Course in Sinus Surgery and Facial Plastic Surgery Endobrowlift Lecture and Cadaver Dissection Lab	April 3, 2004
Regional Meeting of NC Association of Radiation Technologist Breast Reconstruction Lecture	February 7, 2004
Carolina Course in Sinus Surgery	April 2003

and Facial Plastic Surgery  
Facelift Lecture and Cadaver Dissection Lab

ENT Facial Plastics Lecture Series  
Blepharoplasty April 2002

Surgery Grand Rounds UNC-CH  
Reconstructive Surgery for the Breast February 2003

Breast Reconstruction Seminar  
Cornucopia House Chapel Hill May 2002

Carolina Course in Sinus Surgery  
and Facial Plastic Surgery April 2002

Eyelid Anatomy and Basic Blepharoplasty Techniques  
with Cadaver Dissection Lab

AORN  
Breast Reconstruction/Reduction March 2002

Breast Cancer Advisory Board  
Breast Reconstruction February 2002

AHEC Lecture  
Diabetic Foot Wound/Wound Management June 2001

Surgery Grand Rounds UNC-CH  
Ultrasound Assisted Lipoplasty (Liposuction) August 2000

**National and Regional Meetings:**

ASPS Winter Board Meeting March 11-13, 2011	Tucson, AZ
2010 ASPS Annual Meeting October 1-5, 2010	Toronto, ON Canada
2010 ASPS Committee Meetings Government Affairs Committee Women Plastic Surgeons Steering Committee Health Policy Committee Patient Safety Committee September 30-October 1, 2010	Toronto, ON Canada
2010 ASPS Summer Board Meeting July 16-18, 2010	Chicago, IL
2010 The Aesthetic Meeting ASAPS April 22-27, 2010	Washington, DC
2009 Annual Scientific Meeting ASPSP/PSEF	Seattle, WA

October 23-27, 2009

2009 Joint Surgical Advocacy Conference Sponsored by ACS & ASPS March 22-24, 2009	Washington, DC
NCSPS Delegate to NC Medical Society- Specialty Society Meeting March 6, 2009	Greensboro, NC
2008 Annual Scientific Meeting ASPSP/PSEF October 31-November 4, 2008	Chicago, IL
NC Medical Society Annual Meeting NCSPS Representative Delegate October 18-19, 2008	Charlotte, NC
2008 NCSPS Meeting September 26-28, 2008	Chapel Hill, NC
2008 ASPS Federal Advocacy Meeting September 16-17, 2008	Washington, DC
2008 Breast Surgery & Body Contouring Symposium & Comprehensive Microsurgical Breast Reconstruction August 13-17, 2008	Santa Fe, NM
ASPS Pathways to Leadership July 13-14, 2008	Chicago, IL
ASPS/PSEF Summer Board Meeting Patient Safety & Quality and Performance Measurement Committees July 11-12, 2008	Chicago, IL
ASPS Pathways to Leadership May 16-18, 2008	Phoenix, AZ
NCSPS Delegate to NC Medical Society- Specialty Society Meeting April 4, 2008	Greensboro, NC
ASPS Pathways to Leadership January 24-27, 2008	Chicago, IL
ASPS/PSEF Patient Safety Committee October 24, 2007	Baltimore, MD
NCSPS Delegate to NC Medical Society Annual Mtg	Charlotte, NC

October 19-21, 2007	
ASPS/PSEF Summer Board Meeting July 13-26, 2007	Chicago, IL
2007 ASAPS Annual Meeting April 19-26, 2007	New York, NY
NOVO: National Council of Leaders in Breast Aesthetics March 29 - April 1, 2007	Newport Beach, CA
ASPS/PSEF Winter Board meeting March 8-11, 2007	
ASPS/PSEF Patient Safety Committee March 9, 2007	
75th Annual Scientific Meeting ASPSP/PSEF/ASMS October 6-11, 2006	San Francisco, CA
2006 ASAPS Annual Meeting April 20-26, 2006	Orlando, FL
NCSPS 2005 Annual Scientific Meeting October 20-23, 2005.	Charleston, SC
74th Annual Scientific Meeting ASPSP/PSEF/ASMS September 24-26, 2005	Chicago, IL
2005 ASAPS Annual Meeting April 27-May 5, 2005	New Orleans, LA
2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Maui Plastic Surgery Workshop January 8-16, 2005	Maui, HI
2004 ASAPS Annual Meeting April 15-21, 2004	Vancouver, BC Canada
Inamed: Breakthroughs in Facial Rejuvenation January 10, 2004	Cancun, Mexico
Innovations in Facial Shaping: Adjuncts to Cosmetic Surgery-The Role of Botulinum Toxin and New Injectable Fillers October 25, 2003	San Diego, CA
72 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting ASPSP/PSEF/ASMS October 25-29, 2003	San Diego, CA
71st Annual Scientific Meeting ASPSP/PSEF/ASMS November 1-6, 2002	San Antonio, TX

18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Breast Surgery Symposium January 25-27, 2002	Atlanta, GA
70 <sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting ASPS/PSEF/ASMS November 3-7, 2001	Orlando, FL
ASPS CPT & ICD-9 Coding Course December 1-3, 2001	Chicago, IL
17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Breast Surgery Symposium January 19-21, 2001	Atlanta, GA
69 <sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting ASPS/PSEF/ASMS October 14-18, 2000	Los Angeles, CA
Core Curriculum Course August 1999	Chicago, IL
16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Breast Surgery Symposium January 14-16, 2000	Atlanta, GA
15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Breast Surgery Symposium January 21-23, 1999	Atlanta, GA
67 <sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting ASPRS/PSEF/ASMS October 3-7, 1998	Boston, MA
Global Summit on Aesthetic Surgery May 1998	Los Angeles, CA
Basic Maxillofacial Principles & Techniques Course July 1997	Washington, DC

**Courses:**

Cutera Lasers On-site Workshop; Montclair, NJ	December 3, 2010
Obagi Medical Systems Seminar	September 16, 2010
Obagi Medical Systems Seminar	May 27, 2010
Obagi Training Seminar	May 27, 2010
Overcoming Apathy and Creating Excitement In the Classroom	May 18, 2010
Mentor Memorygel Device Access Education	December 11, 2009
Candela Instructional Course/Certification Use of Lasers	February 17, 2009
Differentiating Hyaluronic Acid Fillers	October 14, 2008
Evolence STAR Faculty Member Certification	August 8, 2008
Ageless Beauty Seminar	May 13, 2008
Radiesse Seminar	April 14, 2008
Radiesse Seminar	March 11, 2008
Hair Transplantation Course	November 2007
Sculptra Course	May 23, 2007
Allergan Academy	April 20, 2007
Physioderm Course	August 2005

Tec Medical Inc: Laser Training Seminar (cynosure, Q-switched, Alexandrite, Laser scope Aura, Pulsed Dye, Vascular)	June 2005
LifeCell (Alloderm) Course	June 2005
Inamed Academy	April 2005
Permark Training School: Micropigmentation Course	November 2003
Breast & Body Contouring Symposium	November 2002
LifeCell (Alloderm) Course	September 2002
Obagi Skin Care Course	March 2002
Coherent Laser Course/Seminar	December 2000
Obagi Skin Care Course	August 2000

## **GRANTS**

### **Research:**

Damitz (sesec investigator) Clinical Protocol LFC 2007.02-01 A  
Multi-center Prospective Observational Evaluation of Repair of Infected  
or Contaminated Hernias using LTM. LifeCell Corporation 2008-present

Damitz (PI) McGhan Silicone Filled Breast Implant Adjunct Clinical  
Study. IRB # 03-Surg-85. McGhan Medical Corporation/Allergan  
2007-present

Damitz L (PI), Hultman CS (co-PI). McGhan Clinical Adjunct  
Study of the Safety and Efficacy of Gel-Filled Breast Implants in  
Breast Reconstruction, 2004-2008. Amount awarded: no direct  
funding.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **National Committees:**

ASPS Patient Safety Committee Member	March 2006-present
ASPS Government Affairs Committee	2009 to present
ASPS Health Policy Committee	2009 to present
ASPS Women Plastic Surgeons Steering Committee	2009 to present
ASPS Pathways to Leadership Alumni	2009 to present
ASPS Board Member	March 2006-present
Plasty-PAC, Board of Governors	OCT 2010 - present

### **UNC Committees:**

Director UNC Aesthetic Surgery Project	October 2004-2006
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JCAHO Advisory Board Member March 2002  
Clinical Management Committee Member October 2001-2005  
Physician Liaison 5 East UNC Hospital September 2001

**Other:**

AAAASF Medicare Surveyor/Inspector  
Dallas, TX July 19, 2010  
Reviewer – “Analysis of Eyelid Fat Pad Changes with Aging”  
For Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery September 2010  
Medical Director Aria Skin & Laser Spa  
Chapel Hill NC December 17, 2008 to present  
Chosen Mentor for ASPS Senior Resident Mentoring Program March 2006-2007  
Unit clerk/manager at The Hospital Center at Orange, Orange, NJ during  
summers and semester breaks Summer 1986 to Winter 1990/1991  
Dormitory hall clerk at The University of Notre Dame twelve hours per  
Week August 1988 to May 1989

**Professional Societies:**

Fellow of the American College of Surgeons  
Candidate member ASAPS  
American Society of Plastic Surgeons  
NC Society of Plastic Surgeons  
Association of Academic Chairman

**REFERENCES**

Excellent references upon request

## **REFLECTIVE STATEMENT**

"To teach is to touch lives forever". I have heard this statement and seen it expressed on various items for years. Although somewhat of a commercialized sentiment, I feel it truly captures the essence of education and why I personally am drawn to an academic career.

As a child, I wanted to grow up to be a teacher. I would often "play school" by lining up my friends, toys and pets for me to teach them lessons, give lectures and distribute tests in a very organized manner. Looking back, my favorite part was giving feedback, in particular, giving out stickers for a job well done. My mother was an elementary school teacher so from an early age, I had a solid understanding of what it meant to be an educator. It was not only teaching lessons in a classroom, but also taking the time to lend a listening ear and for teaching life lessons by example. Once I had realized in my undergraduate years that a career in medicine was my goal, it occurred to me that one could continue in an academic track and enjoy the best of both worlds. In college, I would routinely return home for semester breaks and substitute teach at my previous elementary school as well as work as a unit clerk in a nearby hospital ICU truly because I enjoyed both experiences. As I completed medical school as well my surgical residencies, I was impressed by my experiences not only in a university setting but also in an affiliated health care systems and community programs. In the last year of my plastic surgery residency, I had decided to pursue a career in private practice. To reach this end, I planned two private practice fellowships in breast and aesthetic surgery at two of the most successful and prestigious plastic surgery practices in the Southeast. During these fellowships however, for the first time in my education, I realized that a number of the goals and the focus was quite different from the academic world; a world I had truly never accurately known. Although optimal patient care and experiences as well as efficiency and outcomes continued to be the goal, there was less of the "magic" of plastic surgery-the larger, more complex cases, the intellectual curiosity, the excitement of planning a case and celebrating a successful outcome, the willingness of others to teach and explain due to other constraints. It was at this time that it became clear to me that only a career in academic surgery would allow me to fulfill my personal and professional goals.

In 2000, I was fortunate to be recruited back to UNC to work with those who had been my educators and mentors. In the past eight years on faculty, it has been an honor and a privilege to have been involved in the education and shaping of careers not only of our plastic surgery residents, but also for general surgery residents whom I have mentored, medical students and the new faculty whom we have recruited. Throughout this time, I have also maintained a busy clinical practice in general plastic surgery with a focus on reconstruction of oncologic defects such as in breast, melanoma, abdominal, extremity and perineal reconstruction, as well as continuing to provide a focus on aesthetic surgery. This focus serves not only to provide the complete plastic surgery experience for our patients, but also to provide quality patient care to allow the residents

to learn not only to perform such procedures but also how best to approach this subset of patients with a focus on safety, indications and outcomes. Although I truly am honored each day that patients place their lives and futures in my hands, the most gratifying part of my career by far has been in educating the future of medicine. Plastic surgery is somewhat unique in that our field covers such a vast number of sub specialties and truly is responsible for addressing issues of the entire body. Our challenge therefore, is not only in teaching residents and students indications for procedures and how to perform them technically but, more importantly, to teach them how to approach problems, how to evaluate and think through an algorithm and utilize principles and techniques to accomplish the desired goal. In this way, the goal is to teach and inspire others not only how to function as surgeons but also to become innovators, a quality that has allowed plastic surgery to evolve to the specialty it is today. Education is a dynamic process and the challenge for us is to keep learning, keep evaluating and bettering ourselves. It is in this way that residents and students both past and present have kept me excited about my career decision. Whether it is in the operating room, on the wards or during the at least monthly calls and emails I receive from previous residents who are in practice elsewhere, it is the process of evaluating a particular defect or concern, analyzing the issue and formulating a procedure or plan, discussing options and alternative courses and helping to establish a comprehensive treatment plan that continues to be an intellectually challenging and satisfying part of my continuing role as an educator.

I have recently completed an ASPS sponsored Pathways to Leadership Program over the past 6 months during which one of the exercises was to complete a Myers Briggs Personality Inventory. Based on my scores, it was determined that I was a "catalyst", a person who wants to help others fulfill their potential; helps facilitate others and provide inspiring leadership.

As I reflect on my career thus far, I look forward to continuing to be an educator, a clinician, an example, a mentor and a catalyst for the future generations of medicine. It is in this way that I may continue to touch lives forever.